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## ALS service to begin in June

by Megan Aprile

Tony Brentin, Fire District 16 Captain, confirmed that, pending physical exams, three firefighter/medics have been hired as temporary employees. The men were given the firefighter classification to ensure that they would be able to work in all emergency situations.

Nine resumes were received for the three available positions. The Firefighters' Union has gone on record in written form that they would not oppose the hiring of such employees on a temporary basis. The new paramedics will sign contracts specifying that the positions are temporary. If the funding of the ALS

(Advanced Life Support) program is supported by the voters, the positions will become permanent and all applicants will complete the regular hiring process, rather than the interview process which was used for the temporary employees.

Captain Brentin stated that the ambulances are ready, the medications are ready, and paramedic service is slated to begin on June 21. Thanks to the past generous support of the Angel Guild, both our ambulances are already equipped with most of the equipment that is needed to provide ALS service. Fire District 16 will become the first provider of ALS and transport in Pierce County.

## Pioneer Day shapes up for Centennial

by Rick Oldenburg



"You had a great parade and celebration last year, I really liked the way it was organized and laid out. But could you put more 'pioneer' into the program?" That was one of the comments we heard many times about last year's celebration. This year's 19-member Pioneer Day Committee is answering that question with an unqualified YES!

As a special treat this year, the Civic Center Association has arranged for the Pioneer Farm in Ohop Valley to visit with eight large exhibit sectionals and over 25 hands-on activities for all ages. You'll see such things as Indian clothing and artifacts and a salmon life-cycle exhibit. You'll be invited to try on pioneer clothes, make cider in a cider press and participate in the hollowing of a log for a dugout canoe. It's a great show underwritten by the Angel Guild - but that's not all!

We are starting off the morning of August 5 with a Fun Run to benefit the Peninsula Scholarship Fund. Both a regulation 10K run and concurrent 2-mile run have been introduced this year to give our

area runners an opportunity to show their stuff at home.

Then the parade! Sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association, it will begin at 10:30 am and wind through downtown Key Center and along Hwy 302 to the Civic Center in historic Vaughn. (Contact Shirley Frame at 884-4864 for entry form.)

The newly paved Civic Center parking lot will give concessionaires and exhibitors added space in which to display their wares and nearly double the usable area for this special Centennial Celebration.

The adult beer tent will return to the tennis courts along with suitable entertainment and bingo. Family entertainment will be presented non-stop from the stage in front of the Civic Center. (Quality acts are invited to audition for the family entertainment segments. Contact Jerry Benoit at 884-3228.)

Children's games for all ages will be presented in the Puget Sound Bank Arena on the grass play area next to the Civic



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*KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile*

Center. The animal exhibition and judging will follow the games. Watch for entry blanks in future issues of the KP NEWS, one of this year's official co-sponsors, to learn how you can participate in these events.

The ever-popular fish pond returns with bigger trout and more of them. Each year kids of all ages have caught most of the fish before the end of the day. They love it because they do it themselves.

Finally, don't forget to support those who are making this celebration possible by purchasing a raffle ticket from any Civic Center Board member or participating civic organization.

First prize is a trip for two to Disney-World in Orlando including airfare, rental car and passes to DisneyWorld, Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center and much more. Do you feel lucky? You should!

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## KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on June 26. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, June 19.

## KP Senior Society picnic

June 15 is picnic day for the Senior Society. Penrose State Park is the place. The time is noon. Bring a potluck dish and remember to invite a friend. All senior residents of the area are welcome - this is a perfect time to come out and get acquainted with your neighbors. Those who play cards will enjoy a good game after lunch.

This is a regular Thursday meeting day, so if it should be cold or rainy, the group will meet at the Civic Center as usual.

## To the Editor

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This letter is not intended to cast a shadow on all contractors, however, I feel it would be a good idea to warn homeowners that this is the time of year that fly-by-night or scam artists begin to appear.

I'm referring to a mobile home roof (coating) job I agreed to have done, by what appeared to be an experienced contractor. As it turned out, he was experienced in cheating and lying only. Not only was the incorrect material applied,

the roof surface was prepared incorrectly - resulting in the material "flaking off" in 6 to 8 inch pieces (in 12 hours!) and blowing all over my yard and clogging the gutters. In addition to this, the "worker" stepped in between the roof beams, causing the thin metal roof to cave in as well as causing all seams to open.

The \$150 coating job is going to cost me over \$1,000 to repair! Somehow the worker's older brother, who seemed to be an honest man, got wind of what his little brother had done (with his equipment) and he voluntarily drove all the way up here from White City, Oregon, so that he could repay me the \$150. He also agreed

to pay for all repairs (the work to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor of my choice). I understand he has been "making good" on his little brother's actions for the last 5 or 6 years.

Perhaps you could tell me, what ever happened to times when you could take a man's word and handshake for a firm agreement? Today you have to have a written contract, and if the work isn't any good you have to run to a lawyer to set things right!

If this is considered "advanced civilization," well, as for me - I'll take the good old days any time.

Roger L. Stevens

## Fireworks time is almost here!

**Saturn Batteries. Ten-ball Roman Candles. Pop-its.** These are some of the sounds of the Fourth of July. The fireworks display at Von Geldern Cove is wonderful, but there is something about setting off your own that makes backyard fireworks a classic part of the Fourth of July.

Al Champlain, who will run the joint VFW/KPCCA fireworks booth this year, bought all the fireworks last August. He

had to make the decision back then about how much to order and what kinds, but since it is the third year for this joint fund raising and community service project, he already knew what items would be popular. Demand was so high last year that the stand had to be closed early but this year the plan is to stay open from 10 am 'til 10 pm from June 28 right through the Fourth and a couple of days after. The booth is run by volunteers, lots of them. Al is there

at the beginning of every shift, keeping things organized. He jokingly says that he "enjoys keeping everybody busy."

The money raised is split between the VFW and the KP Civic Center Association. The VFW money goes to the Special Olympics, Cub Scouts and other programs for the disabled. The Civic Center Association share goes to Civic Center needs - either for programs or maintenance.

## Hwy 302 improvements update

by Megan Aprile

Ron Meyers, District Representative to the State Legislature and a member of the legislative transportation committee, stated that the planned improvements to Hwy 302 will go forward as planned, even though no increase in the gas tax was passed. "We all thought it was a foregone conclusion that some form of new gas tax would be passed," said Meyers and added that most projects in progress will not be affected by the lost revenue. The only possible problem would be a cost overrun in some other road improvement project.

In that case, funds are made up from other projects on a case by case basis.

The transportation committee recently completed a survey of all 36,000 miles of road in Washington, and set priorities on the most needed improvements. Priorities for improvements were the mortality rates, the number of injury producing accidents and the number of vehicles using the road. The dollar amount of improvements and maintenance to the year 2010 was 36 billion dollars, or 14 billion dollars short of the state budgeted amount of 28 billion dollars.

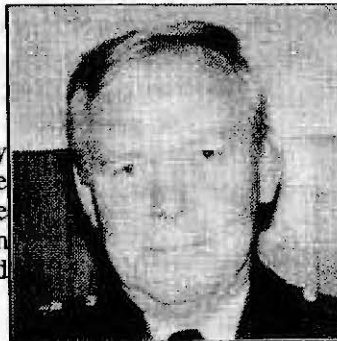
## New pastor at KP Lutheran Church

Pastor Richard Brandt will become the pastor of Key Peninsula Lutheran Church with his first service on June 25 at 10:30 am. Pastor Brandt recently retired from the Army as Chief of Ministry and Pastoral Care at Madigan Hospital. He is especially skilled in counselling and dealing with family problems.

Pastor and Mrs. Brandt (Gail) have four children: Ross, Amy, Kari and Jonathan. For now they will continue to live in Tacoma where they have lived for the past several years. Pastor Brandt spent part of his childhood in Gig Harbor, where his father was a pastor. Mrs. Brandt's hobbies are needlework with special emphasis on Hardanger and tatting. There will be a reception in his honor following the service on the 25th.

The congregation has been served well during the vacancy by the retired pastors who live in the area and are members of the congregation: LaVerne Nelsen, Edward Wagner, Richard Ellingson and Knute Lee. We look forward to getting acquainted with Pastor Brandt and hope that the Key Peninsula Community will welcome him as well.

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## Conservation Farmer of the Year nominations sought

The Pierce County Conservation District and the Orting Lions are again working together to select and honor a Pierce County "Conservation Farmer of the Year."

As in past years, the candidate must be actively engaged in farming in Pierce County. This year, the farming category is "dairy farmer."

So that we will be able to present this

award to the most deserving person, we are asking you and your organization to take an active part in helping us select candidates by sending us your nomination. Previous winners are not eligible. We would greatly appreciate receiving your nomination no later than June 29, 1989. On that date, the board of supervisors for the District will meet and select three nominees as finalists.

## Temporary paramedics selected

by Keith Stiles

Chief Horrace Kanno stated that the three new paramedics have been selected and have all passed their physical examinations for the position. These paramedics have been hired on a temporary basis, generally understood to be through January, 1990. Continuance of the program beyond that point will depend on the outcome of either a levy or bond issue at the polls this Fall.

The new paramedics are Eric Nelson, Bob Shaw and Ron Wasmund. They will serve on rotating shifts and will be provided with proper ALS equipment and supplies to meet the needs of Advanced Life Support medical emergencies.

## Estate planning forum presented

The Area Agency on Aging and Neighbor to Neighbor present the second in a series of information forums for seniors and family members. This forum will be held on Monday, June 19, from 10 am to noon in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library.

What is estate planning? Is it important? What should you do with your real estate and your investments? How is your family involved? Hank Hibbard, specialist in estate planning, will try to answer your questions on this subject and other legal aid questions you may have. The meeting is free and open to the public.

## Volkswalk coming soon

by Don Tjossem

July 8 and 9 are the big days of the Burley Lagoon Volkswalk!

This event, the first Volkswalk to be put on by the KP Lions Volkssport Club, is open to all people who would like to have a fun day just walking (6.2 miles) and will probably bring many people to the area who have not seen it before. There is no cost and no age requirements - it is fun for the whole family. The only cost to the participants will be if they choose to purchase an event award or hatpin. There is also a small fee if they wish their participation recorded in their personal record book.

The Volkswalk is non-competitive and you may start any time between 8 am and 1 pm. If a person has not completed

the course by 4 pm they will be assisted by our very own "Sweeper," Rhys C. Wood, III. Participants may enjoy a swim, picnic or just plain sightseeing at the Purdy Spit during the event since it is not timed.

Pre-registration forms may be picked up at Puget Sound National Bank, Key Center, or from most KP Lions. It is to your advantage to pre-register for this event if you wish to have the original Volkswalk award medal on the day of the event. To be eligible to receive your event award medal on the day of the Volkswalk you must be among the first 100 to pre-order the event award. Cost for the award if you pre-register is \$4 and \$5 if you buy

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a variety of dishes and cooking styles featuring local produce, meats, fish and seafood. The Towrys moved here recently and look forward to living in a small town again. Dale is from Monmouth, Oregon, and Marcy is from Prosser, Washington.

GH Altrusa will hold their annual Installation Dinner on June 27 at Neville's Shoreline, Gig Harbor. The festivities will center around the evening's theme, "Sowing the Seeds of Success." The Board for 1989-1990 will consist of: Daphne Daus, President; Carol Dahlstrom, First Vice President; Connie Leonard, Second Vice President; and Pat Jones, Treasurer.

## Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Monday, June 12 ...

Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room 7 to 8:30 pm.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.  
VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

Tuesday, June 13 ...

Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.  
Cootiettes 609 visit Cottesmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.  
Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
Vaughn PTO meets at the school at 7 pm.  
KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 14 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.  
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.  
Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10 am at Longbranch Church.  
KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, June 15 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.  
Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families - KP Health Center at 7 pm.  
Cootiettes 609 regular meeting, KPCC, 7 pm.

Friday, June 16 ...

KP Business Assn. meets at Huckleberry Inn, 7:30 am.  
Bayshore Garden Club meets at 1 pm, Longbranch Improvement Hall.  
Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Saturday, June 17 ...

Twilite Dance Club, 9 pm to 1 am.

Sunday, June 18 ... Father's Day

Monday, June 19 ...

Ruth Circle has lunch and meeting at noon in Longbranch Church Hall.  
Evergreen Eagle Boosters meet at 7 pm at school.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.  
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.  
KP Land Use Committee meets at 7:30 pm, Gold Room, KPCC.

Tuesday, June 20 ...

Cootiettes 609 visit Reitsil Veterans Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.  
Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Wednesday, June 21 ...

Respite Care meets in the Brones Room from 9 am to 4 pm.  
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.  
Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.  
Caregivers' Group meets from 7 to 9 pm in Brones Room.

Thursday, June 22 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.  
Vaughn Garden Club has potluck lunch at Elsie Olson's at noon.  
Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
KP Historical Society meets at Longbranch Church at 7:30 pm.  
KP Health Center Board meets at 7:30 pm.

Friday, June 23 ...

Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Saturday, June 24 ...

Gig Harbor Twirlers Square Dance meets at Harbor Heights School.  
KPCC summer dance to "Happy Daze."

Sunday, June 25 ...

Old Timers and Historical Society potluck, Jackson Lake Club House, 1 pm.

Monday, June 26 ...

Angel Guild meets in the Brones Room, KP Health Center at 10 am.  
Bayshore Garden Club Flower Show.  
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.  
Paul Cyr Community Forum at KPCC at 7 pm.

Tuesday, June 27 ...

Nutrition Day noon lunch for seniors at Longbranch Church Hall.  
Cootiettes 609 visit Naval Hospital, Bremerton. Meet at Key Center to carpool.  
Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at 6 pm.

Wednesday, June 28 ...

Respite Care meets in the Brones Room from 9 am to 4 pm.  
Community Center, Home will have hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Thursday, June 29 ...

Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

June 18 ... Father's Day

June 24 ... KPCC summer dance to "Happy Daze."

July 8 & 9 ... Volkssport

August 5 ... Pioneer Day

# In the Library

Favorite mystery titles recommended by Barbara Cobean, staff, Key Center Library: Cold Red Sunrise, by Stuart Kaminsky. Setting is Siberia. 1988 Edgar winner. Glimpses of the Moon, by Edmund Crispin. One of the best mysteries and funniest books ever. Flowers of Evil, by John Sherwood. Gardening takes on a strong role in this series. J. Alfred Prufrock Murders, by Corinne Holt Sawyer. Spirited and gutsy characters plus a clever plot. Skeleton in the Grass, by Robert Barnard. Lively, interesting, humor and easy to read. Suspect, by L. R. Wright. Excellent writing. Takes place in Sechelt, a small town on Vancouver Island. Undercurrents, by Ridley Pearson. Reminiscent of Joseph Wambaugh. Locale is Seattle, action is the search for a serial killer.

## Dioxin production alternatives

Sweden leads the world in dioxin research and alternatives to chlorine-based technology. The Swedish Minister for Environment and Energy has announced a national target of eliminating the discharge of chlorine. The nation wants all household paper products dioxin-free by 1990.

Televerket, the Swedish national telephone company, requires that its paper suppliers provide information on bleaching methods used and the amount of chlorinated emissions from the bleachery.

The Miljöförbundet (Environmental Union) and the Swedish Society for the Protection of Nature recommend using paper produced without chlorine bleach and, next best, paper produced by low-chlorine processes.

A Swedish grocery chain labels as unnecessary super-white paper for products like toilet tissue and diapers and offers chlorine-free, "environment-positive" products, identifying them for the consumers with an asterix.

The US Environmental Protection Agency has stated the goal of eliminating the presence of dioxin in discharges from pulp and paper mills. Predicts paper industry consultant Rodney Young, "If the industry doesn't do it on its own, I think the government will ban within the next two or three years the use of elemental chlorine in chemical pulping mills."

In Canada, the dairy industry has promised to stop using chlorine-bleached milk cartons by 1990. The decision came last year when a Canadian government study showed dioxins were leaching into milk from the cartons.

So although the dioxin problem pervades the world, steps can be taken at every level to solve it: 1) Call on federal and state governments to implement standards that regulate the discharge of dioxins and other organochlorines from industry; 2) Call on consumers to demand unbleached paper products or products bleached without chlorine. We don't

need the brightest pulps for tissue products, coffee filters, food packaging or office paper.

Consumers should express their demands at the store, to local paper distributors and in the workplace to create new markets for chlorine-free goods. By following the example of Sweden, who is moving to reduce the amount of organochlorines produced, and by fighting establishment of mills like Wesley Vale that increase dioxin proliferation, we can bring one major source of the dioxin problem under control.

Ultimately, we will need to examine all uses of chlorine in our societies, determining which uses are easily replaced with other processes and which will take research and effort to replace.

(From the *Journal of Pesticide Reform*)

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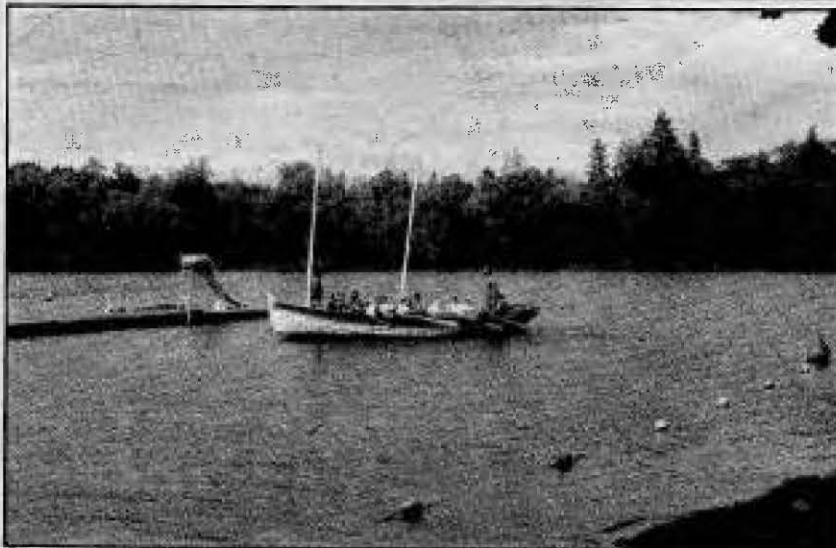
**AND THATS THE BOTTOM LINE**

# Spotlight on camps

by Megan Aprile

Camp Colman began in 1914, in sort of an unofficial way. The Colman family brought children from the Fauntleroy community of Seattle to their home on Horsehead Bay for a camping experience. The tradition continued and in 1935 the Fauntleroy Center, a non-profit organization, was formed to own and manage Camp Colman. In 1966 the present site, with its saltwater lagoon, near RFK Park was purchased.

The camp is open ten months a year and is available for lease to any non-profit

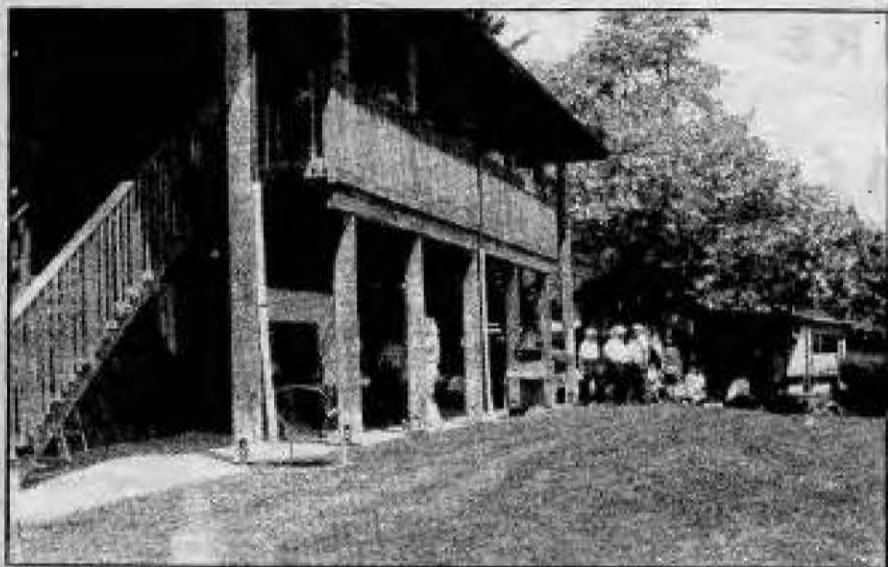


Artondale fifth graders row the Gig Harbor Centennial "Gig" to the dock at Camp Colman. KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

The current camp was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Granberg, who gave half of the 9.5 acres they purchased in 1978 to the South Puget Sound Churches of Christ. Church volunteers built the new lodge and cabins. When asked why he had donated the land, Mr. Granberg smiled, opened his arms and said, "This is what it's made for!"

The camp is run by 13 United Church of Christ congregations. For information on camp schedules, call Al Robison in Tacoma, 531-8808.

(Look for more "Spotlight on camps" in issues to come.)



The Delano Day Celebration, held annually at Camp Delano to commemorate the Delano family, is the official opening of the summer camping season.

KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

organization. Most Peninsula schools lease the camp for three days for the fifth grade class to attend.

The Seattle YMCA leases the camp for much of the summer, and arrangements to attend camp can be made through them at the Seattle number, 937-1000. There are mini-camps and mini-gymnastics camps of three days for first through third graders. There is a karate camp, a young international camp (an exchange program with visitors from Tokai, Japan, and a young adventurer camp (classic camp experience) for third through seventh graders. There are canoe camps and an international camp for older children.

Delano Bay Christian Camp is also situated near Penrose State Park. It is on a site originally owned by the Delano family after whom the bay was named.

In the 1920s, Delano Bay was an exclusive 400-acre tourist resort. A brochure of the time rhapsodized that "guests have their choice of one of the artistic, electrically lighted cabins." Some of the cabins are still there, and the current lodge is built on the site of the original three-story hotel. There was also a 2,800 square foot dance floor and tennis courts.

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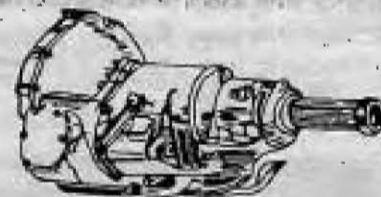
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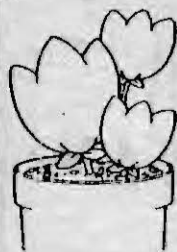
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# Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

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A Keogh retirement account can be pledged as security for a loan and if the

borrower defaults on the loan, the account assets can be seized by the lender. However, one still cannot borrow against an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

**Who thinks tax reform is fair?** A recent survey found that 57% of all taxpayers who earn under \$15,000 per year think the new tax system is fair, while 66% of those who earn over \$40,000 think the system is unfair.

**IRS interest charges** as of April 1, 1989 on tax underpayment is 12% and IRS pays 11% interest on tax overpayment. Both rates are up one percentage point. Rates will be adjusted again July 1.

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# Video Picks

by Megan Aprile

I recently realized when in the Harvest Time Country Store that there are videos to rent there, making eleven places on the Peninsula to rent tapes. The review this time is of the action/thriller "Five Corners" available at the Harvest Time.

"Five Corners," written by John Patrick Shanley and directed by Tony Bill, stars Jodie Foster, Tim Robbins and John Turturro. It is a sort of psychological thriller set in the gritty urban backdrop of the Bronx, New York.

The year is 1964, when our society was dealing with issues of violence: civil rights, assassinations, student protest. Each character in the movies has his or her own agenda, and each is also trying to deal with violence. Jodie Foster does one of her stock roles of tough girl survivor with an authentic "Noo Yawk" accent. She is dealing with the return from prison of Heinz, who tried to rape her. John Turturro does a great scary job as the unpredictable psychotic Heinz. Through the plot turns, Harry, another character, illustrates the difficulty of trying to be non-violent in a violent world. The police and a couple of eerie modern-day Robin Hoods also illustrate various approaches to dealing with violence.

The plot of the movie runs along very well if you don't care about symbolic messages, and has some unique treatments of the small moments in life that are suddenly special or horrible without warning. A cop on stakeout in a phone booth is singing to himself one moment - just getting himself through some dull moments by entertaining himself like we all do - and I won't tell you what happens next but I can say the movie is definitely well done and worth seeing.

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# KPCCA reports

by Megan Aprile

The replacement of the sidewalks and paving project was reported on. The paving is scheduled to be completed soon and the project will be completed for well under the budgeted amount of \$20,000. Repairs to the drainfield were also completed.

Pioneer Day planning continues. Terese Jackson will be booth chairman.

The Flavor of Fall auction dinner will be held on September 30. There will be a committee meeting on June 15. Rick Oldenburg will be helping compose a letter to businesses asking for donations. The first donation of a \$300 architect's plan for a deck or addition was donated by the firm of Snodgrass Freeman Associates.

Daphne Daus reported on the Summer Fun program for the Park Board. She stated that the program is well organized and ready to go and should be very exciting this year.

## SHIBA offers class on Medicare

SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) is offering a free class on Medicare supplements and other health care insurance questions on June 15 from 10 am to noon. The class will be at Community House and the instructor will be Sandra Davenport, SHIBA volunteer. For more information call 884-9833.

## Come dance at the Civic Center to "Happy Daze!"

The Key Peninsula Civic Center will present its summer rock 'n' roll dance on Saturday, June 24, from 9 pm to 1 am.

Keeping in pace with the Center's recent 50s and 60s dances, the group "Happy Daze" will be energizing you with its renditions of your favorite tunes. Joining Happy Daze for the evening will be Chuck Hollis, lead singer from "The Great Pretenders" and Pretenders long-time keyboard artist, Jeff Morgan.

The summer dance is open to all residents (21 and over) of Fire District 16 and their guests. Tickets are \$8 advance, which you can pick up at Sunnycrest Nursery, and \$10 at the door. Coffee and ice are free, as usual. See you there!

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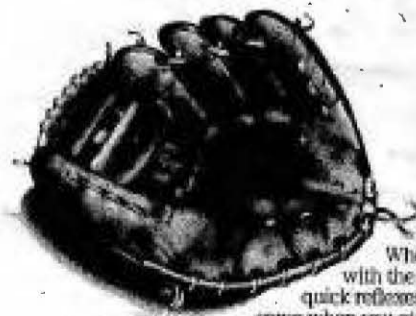
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# Your Park Board reports

by Daphne Daus



The members of the Key Peninsula Park District Board have been very busy coordinating and preparing for upcoming events at the Civic Center and Volunteer Park.

On June 21 our Summer Fun program will begin for children from five to eleven years old. The program will be held at the Civic Center and will run daily from 10 am to 2 pm. Summer Fun will be offered for ten weeks and each week will have a special theme that the activities will center around. We are very fortunate this year to have Kevin Larew, a student at Eastern Washington University, as our program coordinator. The program will cost \$5 per child per week, with scholarship money available through a generous donation from the Civic Center Association. Also, the Angel Guild has donated the money necessary to provide an afternoon snack for the children. Kevin will be visiting all the elementary schools on the Key Peninsula to meet the students and pass out applications. In order for the program to be successful we will need some parents to volunteer their time to assist with the crafts and games.

As the weather has been improving,

use of Volunteer Park has increased making it necessary to hire Al Taylor to maintain the fields. Al is also preparing the fields for the tournaments. Unfortunately, it looks as though the commissioners will once again be spending our summer working the concession stand. Any volunteers?

A committee of Civic Center Association and Park Board members will be interviewing applicants for the caretaker position at the Center shortly. They have been working over the past several months to redefine and clarify the position.

A special thank-you to Dave Freeman and Ann Larson for their extensive re-

search of the upcoming parking lot paving. They made an excellent presentation to our regular June meeting and fielded numerous questions at a special meeting one week later. Because of their diligence the Park Board voted unanimously to approve the Civic Center Association's proposal to pave the lot. It is our hope that this move will make the Center more accessible, reduce the maintenance on the gym floor and help control the water runoff problems we experience each winter because of heavy rain.

The Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Civic Center beginning at 7:30 pm. Your input and participation is always welcome!

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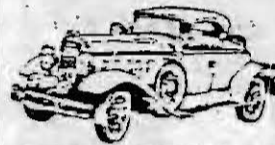
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# Where has all the garbage gone?

by Megan Aprile

**Answer: Nowhere.** All through the USA, the problem is becoming apparent; what to do with garbage? Our little corner of the world is no different. The recent collapse of part of the Lakebay transfer station nearly resulted in its closure, but eventually the county decided to repair the facility.

Although the Lakebay transfer station accepts only household garbage, there are three fifty-yard dumpsters that must be emptied twice a week. All three dumpsters were full, which means that in approximately 60 hours, 150 cubic yards of garbage had been dumped. A 150-foot

high, long and wide wall of garbage would be quite a sight. The amount of garbage produced even in our little area must be mind boggling, especially considering that many people have private garbage pickup, use the Purdy landfill or, unfortunately, dump illegally somewhere.

Some day the transfer station will close, then the only facility in our area will be the Purdy landfill, which also will close some day. Then we will face the same problem as many other communities - where to put more garbage. Our current dumping rate of \$5.50 per cubic



Two weeks worth of recyclable material for a family of four which would have been garbage.  
KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile



The recycling center at the Lakebay transfer station.  
KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

yard may seem like an incredible bargain, then.

One solution is recycling. Recycling has become more than crushing aluminum cans. Let's assume for a moment that the idea of garbage did not exist. All of the material that we use only once (formerly known as "garbage") can be sorted and re-used, if there is some practical place for it to go to be re-used. Food scraps (except meat and bones) can go into compost. Washington State has begun a program, through the Master Gardeners organization, to encourage more backyard composting. Glass bottles can be rinsed and stored together. Tin cans can be rinsed, opened and flattened, and stored together.

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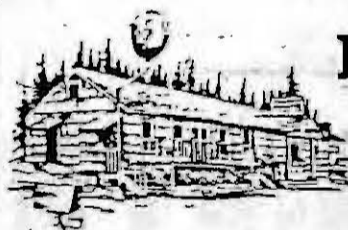
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## Garbage...

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Recycling businesses also accept many kinds of items. Aluminum cans and many other types of aluminum can be taken to recycling businesses and sold for cash, but items must be sorted correctly to get the best price. Aluminum cans, for example, fetch 30 cents a pound, if no other kinds of aluminum are mixed in, but only 4 cents a pound if mixed with other material, such as foil. They also take copper, brass and steel items including appliances like refrigerators and freezers, but the price drops if the metal isn't separated. Our local recycling business also takes plastic 1.2 liter pop bottles, bottles, tin cans, cardboard and magazines. None of these items, except for certain beer bottles, bring money and the same preparation rules (rinsing etc.) apply.

Junk mail, scrap paper, extra bags and envelopes that mail came in can all be stored together and dropped into the paper collection box near Walt's which is maintained by the Lions.

How much extra time does all this rinsing, flattening and sorting take? Well, some. A kitchen cannot be as quickly and

easily cleaned if items are not immediately disposed of, but it is all a question of tradeoff. Each of us should take some personal time now and deal with the problem in our kitchen, or we can wait until the problem becomes large enough to take a lot of our legislators' time, and trust that they will find a solution.

Financially speaking, recycling saves money in many ways. First, the amount of "garbage" is reduced. The accompanying photo is two weeks' worth of sorted recyclable material for a family of four, or four sacks of what would have been garbage. If the problem of garbage disposal is solved by governmental bodies, it will probably involve the spending of tax dollars.

Environmentally speaking, recycling saves resources. In our area, for example, there is more and more pressure on our timber. If all of us twenty thousand Peninsula residents recycled one bag of paper and cardboard per week, that would be twenty thousand bags a week of paper products. By anybody's standards, that's a lot of paper.

The owner of our local recycling business pointed out that if the markets were bigger, he could begin to pay people for items like glass and tin. As more and more towns and cities begin to recycle, markets can expand because the supply of recyclable material will be bigger and more stable. As markets expand, clever people will find ways to take advantage of the opportunity, and businesses and jobs will be created, making another American success story - all from what used to be garbage.

## Volkswalk...

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