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KPCS SPRING FLEA, CRAFT MKT. APRIL 16

Tickets are available by calling 884-4440 or 884-2303. You should hurry because tickets are going fast.

The spring bash is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Community Services.

The KPCS is a non-profit volunteer corporation organized to aid the elderly, new poor, handicapped, and low income. They have a food bank and Thrift Shop. The KPCS also offers fuel assistance, free weatherization and referrals.

Proceeds from sale of tables and luncheon will go to the KPCS Food Bank and to the Civic Center to defray the cost of maintaining the office space.

This is an organization that is needed to help the community and anyone who wishes to be part of it please call the office at 884-4440.

VAUGHN SCHOOL SETS MARCH 11 CARNIVAL

Travel on our "Enchanted Journey" to your favorite fantasy. This years Vaughn School Carnival will be held March 11th from 5:30 to 8:30. The parent group invites the entire community to join in the festivities.

Wear the costume of your choice to enjoy the many enchanted fantasies.

Bring your appetite and join us for hot dogs, chili, and home-made desserts.

We will be bringing back the ever popular plant booth, Granny's Attic will offer many bargains and many of our ever popular "fun" games.

Thanks to the generosity of local merchants and residents the raffle prize list is growing-- 1st prize: Is a hindquarter of beef, 2nd. prize is a computer game, 3rd prize; a cassette recorder, and 4th prize: a portable radio.

Students are selling tickets at home and around their neighborhood. Tickets may also be purchased at the carnival. You need not be present to win.

FIRE FIGHTERS RETIRE: HONORED AT GALA CIVIC CENTER DINNER PARTY



(Left) The two retirees are greeted by Fire Chief Horace Kanno. (Right) A special dance for the retiring fire chief.

February 5 at the Civic Center was the evening of a gala retirement party for Med Schwenka and Pete Bussard. Pete had been associated with Station 4 at Longbranch since it began 25 years ago, and he was the battalion chief there. His wife, Marguerite, kept the party a secret from him so he was really surprised. In fact, he almost didn't make it because he was on an aid call the evening of the 5th and was late to his own retirement party.

Med is well-known to most of the residents of Key Peninsula as our fire chief (two times). Upon his retirement he immediately became a volunteer firefighter at Station 3 In Home. The party had very good food provided by the ladies of the Ashes and others associated with the Fire Department. The Fire Commissioners provided the liquid refreshments and Judy Jaggi made some beautiful flower arrangements and corsages for Marie Schwenka and Marguerite Bussard. The table arrangements were presented to Marie and Marguerite at the end of the party as a small

token of recognition of the part the wives play in helping their husbands who are firefighters.

The Firefighters' Association gave generous gift certificates to each retiree, plus funny hats appropriate to each man's interests, a watch, scrolls and plaques to honor the long and valuable service these two devoted men have given to our community.

The evening was highlighted by Silvia Gibson, wife of Lake Tapps Fire Chief Theron Gibson, who did an enticing belly dance especially for Med and Pete. The person behind the stage curtain who had the amusing prompt cards for the audience did not need to produce the "applause" sign when Silvia finished her performance. At the end of the party Sally Cornman finally left her work in the kitchen to come out and help with the clean-up. Chief Horace Kanno and Bev Pedersen worked very hard, along with many others, to make this a special party for two very special men and it was a memorable evening for the many who attended.



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A WORD IN

EDGEWISE

By The Editor

There are some good things to talk about this month, so let's mention the Legislature, and then get on to them...Maybe it was over-optimistic, but I really had hopes for this one; but as this is being written all that seems certain is that taxes are going up. One of the worst things about politicians is their tendency to impose more and more "temporary" taxes, which are later extended again and again until they become permanent. Then they raise them. After this Legislature has done it to us on taxes, the question will be whether they can actually move ahead on important issues such as education, crime, water, fish, employment, and the environment, or will we witness another two years of a two-party struggle for political power, with the needs of the people of the state of Washington completely forgotten in the irresponsible squabble?

Did you see "The Winds of War"? ...Assuming that we follow the pattern of the rest of the country, about 60% of us watched it, most of us for all 18 hours. It was unique to our time, as only modern television could have brought such a large and detailed story to so many millions in one week. For many, it provided a return to times when issues were much more clear, and we felt we knew where we all stood. Clarity and certainty are something we could all use these days--maybe some of it will start making a comeback.

If you have not had an opportunity to look closely at some of the changes going on in downtown Tacoma lately, take time to have a glance sometime soon. For years, the center of Tacoma reminded me of a body that had died because no one reminded it to breathe, but some encouraging things are happening. Old buildings are coming down, new ones are being built, and more offices are occupied. The

P.C. LIBRARY SETS FREE PUPPET SHOWS

The Pierce County Library Children's Department will present a series of free puppet shows at branch libraries this spring. The performances of the traditional fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin" are about 30 minutes long and are suitable for ages 6 and up.

Shows are scheduled as follows: March 7 (Monday), Bonney Lake, 4 pm. and 7 pm., March 9 (Wednesday), Orting, 3:30 pm., Wilkeson 7 pm, March 14 (Monday), Buckley, 4 & 7 pm., March 16 (Wednesday), Lakewood, 4 & 7 pm, March 19 (Saturday), Key Center, 2 pm. Shows are planned at other branches in April.

Pantages project, and the rebuilding of the old Sears facilities are both real winners, and they are bringing their surrounding areas up with them. There is no question that the nature of Tacoma is changing--away from heavy industry, and heading for service businesses of a lighter nature, with lots and lots of offices. Most of this will apparently be private industry--not government, and private industry jobs are the kind we need to help our state's employment picture. As a nation, we may finally be headed for somewhat better economic days, and our nearest large downtown area in Tacoma may be a leader in that improvement.

Finally, permit me to throw in a few words of well-deserved praise for the hardworking and dedicated folks who serve on our District #16 Fire Department ambulances and rescue vehicles. Just by chance of circumstance, I was an observer of several aspects of a most serious case just a few days ago. The speed with which the crew responded, the expertness of the aid provided, the concern of those involved, and the speed and safety of transportation of the victim were all remarkable. Living well outside of a major city as we do, we are all most fortunate to have the benefit of their help, day or night, all year long.

Speak Your Mind

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone in the Fire Department of Fire District #16 for the beautiful retirement party for my 25 years service.

The gifts, the hat and pin and the lovely watch and cape and all the flowers and the dinner, it was a night we will always remember.

-Pete, Marguerite & Dinah

My wife and I wish to express our sincere and gracious thanks to the Key Peninsula Ambulance and Fire Department for their expeditious, prompt, and courteous services rendered to us Monday, February 14, when we were involved in an auto accident.

These departments are a great asset to the community and hope all who support them and whom they support are all as appreciative as we were.

Ross and Joan
Bryan

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTED; MANY HELP DIG

By Janet McMillan

KEY PENINSULA COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board of Directors of KP Community Services meeting on February 9, voted unanimously to propose to the KP Civic Center Association an agreement which would provide operating space for its food bank, non-profit thrift shop, and other services to unemployed, elderly, handicapped and low-income families.

The Community Services proposal will be considered by the Civic Center Executive Committee at 7:30 PM on March 8 at the Civic Center office.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Center Board of Directors will hear and act on the Executive Committee's recommendations at 7:30 PM on March 10 in the Gold Room.

FIRE DISTRICT 16 RESPONERS

For the month of 1/14/ to 2/14 the firefighters answered 36 calls total.

26 were aid calls
10 were fire calls

The Annual Firefighters Awards Banquet was held at VJs Restaurant on the 26th of February. This was to honor our outstanding firefighters for their achievements in 1982. Remember, they were formally recognized at the fourth best fire department in the state.

Through the effort, time and money of several Peninsula citizens we now have a very beautiful community Christmas tree. The tree is a perfectly shaped alpine fir about thirty feet tall. Walt Schmidt of Walt's Fine Foods gave the tree a new home in Key Center when it had to be moved from the property of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMillan, who did not want to cut down this perfect tree in the middle of their view. The tree was originally given to Aline Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. Pouttu of Home. Mrs. Anderson planted it in front of the home she and her late husband built on Joe's Bay, not realizing that the tree would love its' new home so much that it would keep growing and growing to a point where it blocked the view.

Bruce Kelly contacted Machinery Components Company, of Seattle, which came out and used new equipment to remove the tree from a difficult site. As an incentive for Machinery Components work, Mr. McMillan took video tapes of the removal which Machinery Components will use in the Bellevue and Kingdome Home Show presentations. Mrs. Pouttu was on hand to take

shapshots of the long-ago gift. Lots of shoveling and man-power was given on this sunny Saturday by Key Peninsula Firefighters Rick Sutherland, Dave Oak, Richard Callahan, Jim Misener, Mike Kanno, Fred Ramsdell, Bruce Kelly and Jim Johnson, Vic Bringham and Max Jewett of Machinery Components. Chief Horace Kanno and Tony Brentin came to escort the tree on its' flat-bed trailer, donated by Bruce Kelly and Callahan's Pick-up, with flashing red lights and a proper welcome to its' new home. Phil Radcliff donated his talent and equipment to prepare the hole and home for the tree and Dale Loy gave his muscle, fertilizers and horticultural knowledge to help the tree become our community's Christmas tree for an annual tree lighting ceremony.

Give our tree lots of smiles and good thoughts as you drive by; many roots suffered during the eight hours of gentle care involved in removing it and it needs all your good wishes.

Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy the special beauty of this magnificent Alpine Fir for many Decembers in the future.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE LOWER PENINSULA

**A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE
KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, AT 2 P.M.**

This is a community project that will concern you and your property values.

(This is a paid advertisement)

Cootiettes Pennants #609

February was a busy month for us, starting out with an "eating meeting" at Alice Palmer's home. Valentines for the nursing homes were prepared and addressed and gifts for birthdays were wrapped - lots of chatter too!

A visit to Cottesmore Nursing Home was made on February 17 by Alice Palmer, Marie Schwenka, Irene McVicker, Helen Wolniewicz, Ellen Rambeck, Judy Wilson, Mavis Zacek, Cathie Schafer and Nat Knox. Valentines and cookies were taken and patients were greeted.

The regular meeting on February 17 was attended by twenty-five members. New officers elected were: Ellen Rambeck, Chief Grayback; Mary Kittleson, Lady Louse; Helen Wolniewicz, Baby Louse; Tightwads, Coretta Van Antwerp, Irma Kelly and Nat Knox; Anna Sutton, Pious Louse; Hazel Fenton, Sheckle-keeper; and Louse Hunter, Cathie Shafer.

Delegates for the Grand

Crawl in Ellensburg April 9 and 10 were selected. Those planning to attend are advised to make reservations at Holiday Inn as soon as possible. A \$10.00 deposit is requested by the motel. Our own Judy Wilson will be installed as Grand Grayback.

A new member, Lenore Jamison was initiated and welcomed into the club. Lenore bowls with the Great #609 bowling team, so we know she has a great sense of humor and we hope she will enjoy Pennants activities.

March 8 our visit to Cottesmore and Rocky Bay will meet at 11:30 AM at Walt's. We will help the staff at Cottesmore with arts and crafts for about an hour. Hopefully we will have a "helper" for each patient. So, please, come and bring bright ideas too!

Next regular meeting will be March 17, installation of officers. A potluck supper at 6:30 will be held. Let's have a big turnout in uniform.

Navy Hospital visit will be March 22 with fruit and juice for patients. Please meet at Walt's at 11:30 AM - Go Navy!

LOCAL RIDERS FORM GROUP FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE) of Washington is a group of cycle enthusiasts concerned with local riding and furthering pro-motorcycle legislation. It also promotes motorcycle safety education, public awareness programs, rider training and involves itself with such community efforts as FISH, Toys for Tots, Food Drives, and Blood Bank donations.

"ABATE is not a club, it is a neutral ground that allows every rider, within the law, to safeguard his or her rights as motorcyclists and to be individuals with different views", explained JoAnn Wood of Vaughn, their Public Relations Chairperson.

Organized in October, 1982, the Gig Harbor Chapter has approximately 30 members, holds monthly meetings and they ride their Harleys, Indians, Hondas, or what ever regularly in any weather. Members are active in legislative affairs pertaining to motorcycle riders. JoAnn Wood can be contacted at P.O. Box 354, Vaughn, Wash. 98394. Joe Mayesky is the Gig Harbor Coordinator.

DANCE CLASSES & PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

There are a few openings at Dancing for Joy Academy of Dance and Pre-school. Join now while there is still time to march in the Jr. Daffodil Parade and be in the annual dance review, which is scheduled for June.

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MINUTES OF THE KPCC BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the board was called to order at 7:30 pm. by president Tom Van Slyke. The secretary was ill so Marian Wagner was asked to be secretary pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mike Salatino and approved. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike reported on Reno night. Duane Fleming will be general chairman but we will need many other people to assure a smooth functioning operation. In order to serve mixed drinks we must get a restaurant to get the license and purchase through them or we would have to advertise that the event is for members and guests. When the papers come from the liquor board, he will take care of the problem. It was moved, seconded and carried that we allow the expenditure of \$200 for the license to hold a Reno night and also that any other license fees be allowed.

Tom reported that our attorney has to be in federal court on another case which takes precedence over the case against us so that there will be a continuance and we will find out more later.

It was noted that the phone recorder has been purchased by the Park District and will be installed next week. In the matter of the spring dance, a DJ has been engaged. It was MSC to allow the committee to raise the cost of tickets at their discretion.

There was no representative present either from Community Action Agency or from Community Services Organization as had been promised at last board meeting so we have no knowledge as to what their plans and goals are. It was MSC to write a letter to them stating that they must come to the executive committee meeting with a concrete, valid proposal with their plans, goals, and objectives. Unless this is done, the board will take appropriate action at the next meeting.

Mike is to look further into prices of coffeemakers where the water will be piped directly to the machine and he will also bring to the next meeting some sample dishes for the board's approval.

The Newsletter had revenue in January totaling \$1017.40, and expenses totaling \$1022.27 so they show a loss this month but it was noted that there were some bills that were quarterly and that a supply of envelopes for 6 months had been purchased. There is \$700. in the checking account.

It was noted that there has been a change of hours for skating and this will be publicized in the next Newsletter. There have been no major problems of late. Bingo reported a net of \$185.93 with \$300 in expenses going for a license.

The caretakers reported that they have been having difficulty in getting groups who use the Center on Monday to clean up after they are done. They are working on this problem. They are also checking on a source for paper products which would either be less expensive of which would be delivered to the Center. The coffee pots have been repaired at a cost of \$66.

It was reported that the bill for bonding any employees of the Center and will ask to have any person who is a signer of the checking account to be covered also. The Fire District was contacted in regards to a fireproof tarp to match the one currently in use by the Dance Club. It should cost about \$90. and this expenditure was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: We need to have a chairman for Pioneer Days, August 13 and 14. Some names were suggested and persons will be asked. We also need a chairman for the fireworks stand, a very concentrated effort for just a few weeks. Names for this were suggested also.

The Park District had suggested an Award Dinner to honor persons who have been active in the Civic Center over the years. The Executive Committee had considered this and felt there were too many problems in singling out someone for honors and neglecting another person who has also worked very hard. It was voted to continue to try to recognize persons as they work on a event and not to have such a dinner.

Avon Gay was present and reported that the Park Board is in the process of completing an operating agreement with the KPAA which would be somewhat like the one they have with the Civic Center. It was noted that there was an article in the Gateway recently about a traffic light at the Horseshoe Lake corner and it was moved to bring to the Park Board's attention that this is a commendable action as a community service but that, if it is not specifically provided for in the by-laws of the KPAA, this would not be an expenditure in keeping with their purpose and that we might be better served by adhering to avenues to bring this to the attention of the state highway department, in whose jurisdiction it would fall.

It was noted that some of the Board members had heard that we did not wish to have Park Board members present at our Board meeting and we wish to have it stated that our meetings are open to the public and that we specifically are happy to have Park Board members at any of our meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Marian Wagner,
Secretary Pro Tem.

SILVER THREADS

On January 20th, we had a very interesting talk on Chiropractic work by Connie Schafer of Dr. Collins office in Key Center.

On January 22nd, Clara and Klem Kurz, Pete and Marguerite Bussard, Helen and Dick Kasper and Georgia Gillis attended a luncheon at the Bicentennial Pavilion in Tacoma. The occasion was to honor all of the volunteers who have given their time to help distribute surplus foods. There were about 800 in attendance, and they were treated to short talks by County Executive Booth Gardner and Tacoma Mayor Doug Sutherland.

Our Dora Heinrich was married on January 29th to Phil Daugherty at the Lakebay Community Church.

A group of 15 of us attended an 8-hour course in defensive driving at the Civic Center on February 7th and 8th. It was very instructive.

KEY PENINSULA PARK DISTRICT NEWS

Pierce County Council deeds the Volunteer Park to the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District on February 15, 1983. The county council released 100 acres to the park district, this comprises the Sports Center, the only stipulation on the deed is if it ever stops being used for a public park it will revert to Pierce county. The council met on Tuesday at 9:00 AM. The deed was the first item on the agenda and many words of praise were said for the many volunteers and their families who gave so generously to make the park a reality for the citizens of the Key Peninsula. Councilmen Bujachih and Sortini gave many words of praise for the many hours the citizens of the Key Peninsula have given to make the park one of the best in the state of Washington. Those in attendance for the signing of the deed were commissioners Avon Gay and Bob Schottland and former park commissioners Janet Gormley, Jim Penfield and Walt Smith.

KPPRD ADDS SECOND MEETING DAY

Rod Johnson, Chairman of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Board announced that a second meeting day is needed to conduct increased Park Board business.

In addition to its regular meeting held on the first Thursday of the month, beginning on February 17, the second meeting will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

All Park Board meetings are open to the public.

CUB PACK 213 HOLDS BIG AWARDS CEREMONY, BANQUET

During the January pack meeting the following Cub Scouts received awards: Trevor Ball, Bobcat; Joshua Harvey, Silver and Gold Arrows; Jamison Kelleher, Silver and Gold Arrows; Sean Little, Bear; Brian Schmidt, Gold Arrow; Spencer Shirley Silver Arrow; and Robert Erwin, One Year Pin.

Webelos receiving awards were: Timothy Correy, Engineer, Forrester, Naturalist, Scholar, Sportsman, and Traveler. Tim also received his Two Year Pin.

Danny Haller, Webelos badge; Cliff Haskins, Webelos badge, Citizen and Engineer; Nathan Hobbs, Athlete and Engineer; Allan Hooper, Webelos badge; Rob Northey, Sportsman; Mike Patterson, Scholar and Scientist.

February was birthday month for scouting. Pack #213 celebrated with the annual Blue and Gold banquet.

The scouts are anxiously awaiting their kits for the March coming event which is Pinewood Derby.

The first person to find this mistake in this issue of the paper, and telling us about it in a card or letter to Box 3, Vaughn (no phone calls), will receive three dozen large (new) eggs for Easter breakfast. In case of ties, the staff will have a drawing, and duplicate eggs will not be awarded.

ATTEND

Easter Services

By
Sylvia
Daughters

As Eastertime approaches, the local churches are making plans to celebrate that joyous occasion.

The Lakebay community Church will begin with a Good Friday Service and Communion at 7 PM, Friday, April 1, according to Pastor Vernon Wiggins. A Sunrise Service will be held at 7 AM, Easter Sunday in the church, followed by breakfast about 8 AM. During the Easter Service at 11 AM the Cantata, "His Last Days", by Dallas Holm will be sung by the church choir. The soloists will be Sue Clark, Joe Wiggins, Rick Shelley, Bob Dunlap, Greg Baird and Steve Sweet, Directed by Brad Wiggins.

The Key Peninsula Lutheran Church at the Civic Center in Vaughn will feature a cross composed of fresh potted Easter lilies which each member will bring. The Easter Service at 10:30 AM will be preached by Pastor Ed Wagner, and there will be special Easter music. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 as usual.

The Vaughn Community Church, also known appropriately as The Chapel by the Sea, will hold its Sunrise Service about 7:30 AM, and will be followed by a Continental breakfast. Services will be held also at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Dick Bauer is the pastor.

The preceding Thursday, March

NEW LOOK FOR CIVIC CENTER

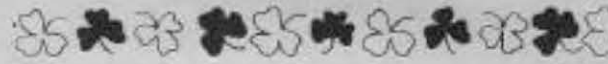
The Civic Center is getting a new look, new doors are being installed in the front and in the gym. A new entrance is being put in the south side of the building just outside the Scout Room.

The commissioners are getting a new office area ready for the Park District. This office will be used for the KPAA and Civic Center Association meetings also.

SPORTS CENTER

The Sports Center is getting ready for the baseball season which is almost on us. They are going to replace some of the sod on the fields and are also repairing the holes on the soccer fields before the season begins.

Reservations for the fields are coming in and if any of you want to schedule fields for games, please call the KPAA through Ann Barbee at 884-3087.



HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Item from the church newsletter: "The ladies of the county medical society auxiliary plan to publish a cookbook...Part of the proceeds will go to the Sacred Heart Hospital to purchase a stomach pump."

LAKE HOLIDAY NEWS

At our annual Association meeting on Saturday, February 12th, we had a nice turn out of about 50 members. They gathered to vote on a new proposal on the method of paying dues, to elect four members to the Board, and to hear about the 1983 budget and a dues increase to pay for some much needed improvements. They elected Lionel White, Jr. who was chosen as President, John Flintoff as Treasurer, Arthur Kasper as Secretary, and Cathy Best, a Board Member. Jack Stegman continued as a board member. Norman Vaughan was chosen to be General Manager. Our retiring Treasurer, Ed Bauer, deserves a vote of thanks for a job well done. The new Board is ambitious. One of our residents is contemplating the installation of a cable network for our community.

LAKE OF THE WOODS NEWS

There will be a Board of Directors meeting, Sunday March 6th at 2 pm. at Dorothy McGowan's, 260 Lake of The Woods.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Bring your questions or problems.

In the funny papers of America, Mr. and Mrs. Bumstead (Blondie and Dagwood) just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were first married in the comic strip in the depth of the Great Depression in 1933, and their children are still at home.

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31; Good Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM a cantata "Then came Sunday", will be sung by the Vaughn Community Choir, conducted by Ernie Kridler.

The Longbranch Community Church is also having a Good Friday Service, April 1st, at 7:30 PM, featuring the choir of the Longbranch Church singing the cantata, "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois, conducted by Joyce Case. The soloists will be baritone, Chaplain Harry Soloos, tenor Charles Carlsson, and other soloists Ed Paine, DeeDee Karkes, soprano Joyce Case, and Pastor Ralph Smith, who will also be the narrator. There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken to add to their fund to buy English hand bells for a hand bell choir.

On Easter Sunday they will be having a Sunrise Service, but not at the church. It will be held at the Chuck Carlsson's home at Longbranch Shores, at 8 AM. Coffee and rolls will be served afterwards. Both the 8 AM Sunrise service and the 11 AM service, which will be at the church, will be preached by Chaplain Harry Soloos.

The Assembly of God Home Chapel on McEwan Road at Home will be having Easter Services conducted by Pastor Kenneth Lindgren. The time has not as yet been set...

Restaurant Guide

-by Janice McMillan

The Brook Restaurant located on highway 302, near Minter, is a very popular place, judging from the number of cars one always sees in the parking lot. Their menu is not unusual, consisting of egg dishes, hash browns and meats for breakfast, sandwiches, clam chowder and salad bar for lunch, and steak and seafood items for dinner. They are open 8:00 AM-8:00 PM Sunday, 7:00 AM-8:00 PM weekdays and on Friday and Saturday they are open until 9:00 PM.

On a recent visit for lunch the 1/4 lb. deluxe hamburger (without fries) was very good and was also cooked to order, either charbroiled or grilled, and it had a generous addition of tomatoes, lettuce, onions, good sauce and pickles. The price was \$2.65. A bowl of chowder with the sandwich was 75¢ extra and although it did not have a lot of clams in it, the clam flavor was good, with bits of bacon, onion, potatoes and a nice creamy liquid which made it a chowder and not a stew (a pleasant change) and was a good accompaniment to the sandwich. The salad bar is a real star with a ten-item selection plus four attractive prepared salads. The cost is \$1.50 for a small serving plate, \$2.95 for an all-you-can-eat serving and \$1.25 for a one plate serving to accompany a sandwich order.

My companion had a fish sandwich which had a nice portion of fried white fish, lettuce, cheese, sauce and pickles. He said it was very good, indeed. The price was the same as the hamburger. All the seafood at The Brook is flash frozen.

Their pies are made on the premises and looked delicious. The atmosphere at The Brook is calm and pleasant, light and airy with flowering plants and greenery, large windows all around, some overlooking the brook, after which the restaurant is named. The tables are not too close together and the service is friendly and efficient.

For once my companion got his milk with his sandwich, although 85¢ did seem rather expensive for a large glass of milk. Note to Largent and Zorn: grown-up people always seem to have to remind the service person about the milk. About one time out of ten my companion gets the "moo" with the meal. Conclusions on "The Brook": the food is good, though not imaginative and perhaps a little more expensive than other places on the Peninsula, it is well prepared and always served with a smile in pleasant surroundings.

Special note to those of you who have asked: The Key Peninsula Newsletter has no money for meals for reviewers, the restaurants don't know in advance who I am (and probably wouldn't care anyway) and have never offered me so much as a free coke. The lucky bill payer is

Square Dance News

The Skirts-N-Flirts Square Dance Club enjoyed a delicious potluck with their business meeting at the home of Phyllis and Larry Nelson on February 13.

Harm and Jane VanSlyke, Ron and Mary Wright and John and Kay Beck just returned from a week of square dancing from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM for five days at the Asilomar Square Dance Institute at Monterey, California.

The club made a visitation to Square Steppers in Gorst on February 12 and had a good time dancing to the great calling of Pat Mudge.

Skirts-N-Flirts next dance will be March 19 with plus workshop at 8:00 PM and the dance from 8:30-11:30 PM. All graduate dancers are invited.

Some folks say a wedding ring stands for marriage because it cuts off your circulation.

RESTAURANT GUIDE CONTINUED.....

my dear companion who never gets to order the same thing as the reviewer. Sometimes we drag friends along and make them order different items, also. When that is not possible the reviewer is not above asking nearby diners what they thought of their meal. Suggestions of places you would like to read about would be appreciated.

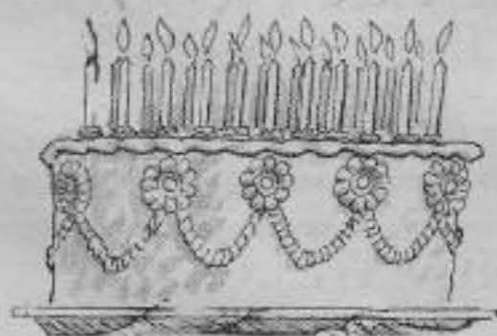
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Cat Tracks

CAT TRACKS

-by Shannon Andrews & David Roos

Key Peninsula Middle School has been preparing during the week before Valentines Day for these various activities.

The Key Peninsula Middle School Valentine's Dance took place on February 11. It was the school's first tolo. The music was provided by Apocalypse.

During the week of February 6-11 KPMS was selling Heart-O-Grams. They were 5c each. The school made about \$25.00. The Heart-O-Grams were distributed on Monday, Valentine's Day.

The KPMS Book Fair ended February 8. The school earned \$38.00 in cash and \$21.00 in books of their choice.

For Valentine's Day the school's homerooms had a door decorating contest to see who could create the most original door. Parents of some students in the school judged the contest. The homeroom winning first place door was Mr. Clausen's room. All the students in Mr. Clausen's homeroom were awarded free admission to the Valentine's Dance.

The Key Peninsula sports program has materialized. Mr. Kent and Mr. Selfors, wrestling coaches, said their first meet is with White River here on Tuesday the 15th. The volleyball coaches are Ms. McBean and Mr. Williams. Volleyball team members will have their first game on Monday the 14th at Goodman. So far, four track meets have been scheduled according to coaches Tweten and Peterson and turnout is scheduled for sometime in April.

The following 6th graders received a 4.0 grade average for the second quarter: Elayne Best, Lisa Marlow, Jeff Burg, Donna Bayeur, Kari Smith and Brian Bodge.

The following 6th graders received a grade point average of 3.2 or above: Kim Danmeier, Kari Flintoff, Michael Mills, Erik Schock, Allison Mitchell, Kristi Page, Joe McKay, Aaron Hawkins, Richard Powers, Marci Anthony, Lisa Sammons, Christine Jardin, Matt Hogan, Jeff Wood, Alisa Leaf, Tina Severson, Heather Kincaid, Devin McWhirter, Jennifer McAlpine, Dana Riebow, Alicia Lemon, Shari Wetzel, Christie Osterman, Clarissa Lasich, Keith Kepler, Rachel Carr, Michelle Jamieson, Tamara Beechler, Tasha Adamson, James Clarke, Cheryl Nelson, Karl Diedrich, Jennifer Winey, Anna Jasper, Jason McWhirter, Doug Shiner, Joseph Dobson, Darcy Strickland, Tovah Schwartz, Kari Rathbun, Julie Manning, Victoria Tumlin.

The following 7th graders received a 4.0 grade average for the second quarter: Deborah Kvamme, Lance Enger, Scott Hunter, Lynne Galloway and Joan Armstrong.

The following 7th grade students received a grade point average of 3.2 or above: Erin McDonald, Jennifer Hostetter, Eric Schmitt, David Shirley, John Taylor, Marlyn Hawkins, Sherry Spencer, Welinda Madden, Moria Larson, Aaron Lanigan, Teresa Pearson, Laura Kenison, Shannon Menchenton, Craig West, Ben Orr, Steve Standish, Tanya Sweet, Kelli Fabre, Heidi Belcher, Jason Frye, Paul Pedersen, Julie Dudley, Jodelle Lofdahl, Connie Dugger, Cindy Severson, Shelly Erwin, Kristin Fabre, Greg Davidson, Stacey Hauser, Carol Zambel, Deann Southam, Alex Ralston, Vicki Hill,

Cheree Walsh, and Sally Ritchie.

The following 8th graders received a 4.0 grade average for the second quarter: Heather McWhirter, Christi Hashimoto, Laura Arnold, Craig Francis, Julie Dugger, Mike Curtis and Cindy Borchers.

The following 8th grade students received a grade point average of 3.2 or above: Joanna Barbee, Tamara Arnold, Samantha Newhouse, Erin Keller, Brain Marlow, Jason Smith, Chrissy Binion, Melissa Gay, Lawren Hawkins, Marty Knutson, Corey Bauer, Steve Burns, Mike Standish, David Roos, Eric Edmond, Ann-Marie Lamb, Tim Flintoff, Melinda Madden, Amy Rimbach, Tina Fyhn, Shawn Caskin, Daryl Rochette, Elizabeth Glaser, Laura Hahn, Annette Barker, James McKay, Stacey Haskell, Tammy Phelps, Brian Tovey, Paul Stitt, Matt Stegman, Linda Hicks and Tonja Hartjoy.

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FOX ISLAND SCHOOL AND FRIENDS

My first three grades were at the Fox Island school. My teacher was a Mr. Alger. I have his picture somewhere. He was a nice fellow. It was probably not his fault that I could not learn to read (in those days that was the reason for going to school), so Pa, who had done some teaching, decided to help me. He sat me on his knee every evening until I had learned the alphabet and how to sound out the letters. Once I got going, I read everything I could find. Black Beauty, Robinson Crusoe, The Swiss Family Robinson followed simpler writings such as Peter Rabbit which ran in the daily newspaper for years.

One time two boys got hold of some dynamite caps. They put a cap on top of a stump, stuck a paper fuse in it, lit the fuse and ducked down. It did not go off as expected so one boy popped up for a look. Bang! It went off in his face. The tiny pieces of copper made him look like a bloody piece of hamburger. Another boy, further away, had two jagged cuts in one cheek. I have often wondered if the copper bits caused further problems for either of those boys.

I had a lot of fun on the beach those days. We would open a couple of gunny sacks, sew them together, and use them for a seine to catch the small shrimps that were along the shore where fresh water came down in small streams from the springs up the hill. One time we even caught a couple of confused poggies. Sometimes the Ramsdell boys would come along with a rowboat and a real seine. They caught perch, and at times salmon. It was fun to watch the regular beach seiners operate. They would set the net out in a big semi-circle around a presumed school of fish, then work it into the beach, with the fish flapping as the end of the world came for them. One time we bought a nice salmon, took it home and cleaned it, and its heart beat for hours, there on the split half of a huge cedar log. How something in that bit of flesh wanted to live! We often bought smelt from the seiners. Twenty-five cents for a good sized bucket full. To me, fish are only good when they are fresh right out of the saltwater. I did some fishing off the Sylvan dock. I do not actually remember catching anything, but probably

did. One time a huge eel-like fish swirled around the piling where my bait was hanging. In later years I decided it must have been a Wolf Eel. They have very strong jaws for crushing clams. Boy, how I would have liked to have hooked that one. I bet he could have bitten my arm off!

Pa and a man called Shorty did some settling to catch dogfish for fertilizer on the Tanglewood orchards. They caught some mud sharks also. Everything went into a pit with some lime, to keep the smell down I presume. One day while they were pulling the set line, the Killer Whales came through and got tangled up in the hooks. Pa said that Shorty, who was a pureblood Indian, turned pale. Regardless, that big rowboat got ashore very quickly, and Pa was rowing, scared or not. We called the whales blackfish. If we had known they were Killer Whales we would have been even more afraid of them.

One of my ventures on Fox Island was mouse trapping. I got Mom to buy me one mouse trap. I baited it with bread and set it out in the woods near the house. Next morning there was a mouse. Next morning another, day after day. Finally, I began to suspect Mom of replacing the dead mice, so I carefully hid them; but no, day after day another mouse was in the trap. There must have been hundreds of them. A stray pussycat came to our place there. She was very good at catching moles. She would sit patiently by a molehill, then with a lightning-like grab come up with another mole. Sure wish there were some cats like her around here. All our local cats do is walk on our windshields and car roofs with messy feet.

(Ed. Note: The above story is from Cecil Pauls book "Puget Sound Ponderings.")

PEN. POWER PUTS IN HEAVIER SERVICE LINE

Further strengthening of power service for Key Peninsula residents is underway in the Home-Lakebay area as Peninsula Power has undertaken two line-upgrade projects, according to Tim Macy, Chief Engineer of the utility.

In the first, heavier conductors, mounted on new, tall poles, are replacing smaller conductors on a one-mile stretch from Home to the Ira Creviston Road. This project, reportedly budgeted at \$80,000, was needed to handle the higher power loads now being drawn in Lakebay and the Peninsula to the south.

In a second, smaller project, budgeted at \$5,000, a "third phase" (line supplying power), is being added from the Home bridge westward towards Herron Island for a distance of about a mile.

According to Macy, all of the Key Peninsula area is currently served from a substation in the Vaughn area, and this will probably continue to be the case for the next few years. He further stated that current company growth models indicate a growth rate of only about 1.7% per year in power usage for Peninsula areas, while growth in and around Gig Harbor may approach 4% per year.

Macy indicated that when another substation is required, "possibly in the late '80's", that substation will probably be in the Lakebay area, and it will be powered by 115,000 volts, carried on the new tall poles that now come south along Lackey Road to Highway 302, down through Home, and are now being extended to the Ira Creviston Road.

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Friends of the Library

-by Dave Till

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The purposes of the group are to assist the library in every way we can; to arrange cultural events such as speakers, movies, art shows and book discussions and to meet and enjoy our friends and neighbors.

We recently had a speaker from the Audubon Society, and enjoyed the lecture and wonderful pictures of local birds. Also, Ted Griffith lectured and showed a film on killer whales.

In other meetings, there have been speakers concerning the Hospice movement, Peninsula gardening, and similar subjects of local interest. In another recent activity, the Evergreen Friends group sponsored a theater group that presented the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" which was enjoyed by many.

The Evergreen and Key Center Friends groups have presented the library with many gifts over the years, including stained glass windows, bulletin boards, a newspaper rack, projector table, and

a copy machine (in conjunction with the H.D. Baker Co.).

Money has also been donated to supplement the landscaping for the new library (yet to be accomplished), and a selection of special books was also purchased. One of the fund-raising activities of the group is the annual plant, rummage, and used book sale, which is scheduled for the coming mid-May at the library. In preparation for the sale, anyone wishing to donate plants, books, or other items may arrange to do so by calling 884-3429. Also, everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the Friends group, set for 8:00 PM on March 9, at the library.

TELEPHONE TAX INCREASE

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Sharon Miles, Purdy Branch assistant manager, visits with the Colony Real Estate staff, left to right: Dave Olsen, Jean Gazabat, Pat Parrish, Maryann Borchers, Joyce Tovey, owner, Richard Raschle and Chuck Hayward, broker.

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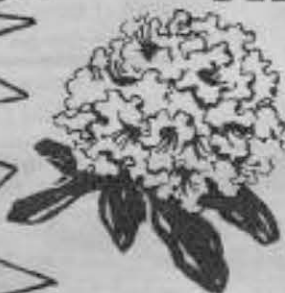
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Plans to sell State Timber located on the Key Peninsula are being developed by the Department of Natural Resources, according to Wayne Gloger, Assistant Manager of the DNR's Purdy Local Unit.

Gloger said the sales are proposed for fiscal year 1984 and would consist of a 27 acre final harvest of deciduous trees on the Maple Hollow parcel and a 250 acre thinning of Douglas Fir trees on the Horseshoe Lake parcel.

The environmental effects of the proposed sales have been evaluated, and the evaluations are documented in the SEPA Checklist on file with the Department. Gloger said that although a lot of field investigation has taken place and design concept have been developed, Department plans won't be finalized until the public has had an opportunity for input and comment.

Gloger said the purpose of harvesting the 27 acres of deciduous trees is to restock the site with Douglas fir seedlings. A Douglas fir stand will produce more useable wood from the site and will provide the University of Washington with more dollars from the increased production.

Design of the 27-acre harvest includes; Buffers along shoreline and parts of the Maple Hollow recreation site; leaving of snags for cavity nesting bird; restrictions of hours of operation to minimize noise annoyance to nearby residents; tree length yarding to make planting easier; and summertime logging and restrictions on skidders for soil protection. It is anticipated that the logging slash will provide a source of firewood for the public.

The Horseshoe thinning will include 250 acres of State land just north of 144th Street and east of 118th Avenue Northwest. The trees to be logged are approximately 45 yrs old and growing much too closely together. The thinning will increase the spacing between trees from about 10 feet to an average of 20-feet (109 trees per acre). Due to over crowding the trees only average 10-12 inches in diameter. If properly managed these same trees should be 16-18 inches. Growth on the remaining trees will increase to about 1 inch in diameter every 2-3 years.

On March 3 at 7:00 pm., Terry Legg and Wayne Gloger of the Purdy Local Unit will be available at the Key Center Fire Station to discuss the proposed logging plans with interested citizens.

Mark Twain said it... "I'm never more tickled than when I laugh at myself."



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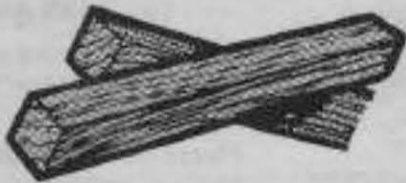
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Little by Little

by Ruth Little

It's amazing how fast news gets around. Recently, early one Saturday morning I fell, breaking my arm. I drove to the clinic at Key Center where I learned, after X-rays were taken, that I would have to go to the emergency room at Tacoma General Hospital for the cast. When I arrived there the receptionist told me two women had been there, had waited fifteen or twenty minutes but had just left before I arrived. I was puzzled - how did anyone know I had broken my arm?

The only good thing about an accident like this is the wonderful response from friends. Everyone has been so thoughtful and kind. How will I ever be able to repay them?

Last night when I was talking to Barbara Granlund she mentioned that I hadn't made it very clear in my column last month that I was criticizing our congressmen in Washington for raising their pay. In case she's right, here are the facts about our legislators in Olympia. In 1979 half of our senators made \$9,800 a year the other half made \$12,800 (don't ask me why they had such a silly arrangement) so they passed a law raising the pay of the lower half so that all of them would receive \$12,800. Also she said the pay increase did not begin until the next session of the legislature so that those voting for a raise did not benefit from it unless they were re-elected. Clear?

When I read our president's claim that the nuclear freeze movement is guided by Moscow I was curious as to where he had gotten such an idea. It seems Charles Peters, the editor of Washington Monthly magazine, was also curious. So he got busy and investigated. I will give you the result of his inquiry in his own words - "So many of Ronald Reagan's anecdotes have that 'Reader's Digest' flavor - just a little too pat to be true - that it was not surprising to learn from the White House press office that a 'Digest' article was the basis for the president's statement about Moscow being behind the nuclear freeze. The source for the 'Digest' article appears to have been John Herbert Rees, a.k.a. John O'Connor a.k.a. the Reverend John Seeley, a man characterized by an investigating committee of the New York state assembly as living "in fantasy".

The assembly got onto Rees in a course of an investigation into why New York police were maintaining thousands of files on people who were neither charged with or suspected of a crime. The source

of the information was a newsletter, 'Information Digest' published by Rees. The contents of this newsletter were prepared by 'mysterious characters unworthy of the respect and attention paid them by law enforcement authorities'. Now you know where Reagan gets those stories...."

We are never really prepared for death but when we lose an old friend very suddenly it's a traumatic experience. Bob Stratford's death was a shock to the whole community. Everyone knew and loved Bob.

When we came to Vaughn in 1945 Bob was one of the first persons we met. Put was in a boy scout troupe he led and often mentions the trip Bob took the troupe on - to the top of Mt. Eleanor.

We'll all miss Bob - always so friendly and helpful. There were times when it seemed he was spending all his time helping others; hunting for a lost boat; finding the owner of a lost boat which had washed to his beach; helping me and many others with electrical repairs; giving free advice and help on all kinds of home repairs. Bob was so very handy, capable is probably a better word. We depended on him for so much.

The last time Bob was here I discovered him up on my roof investigating a leak or something. "Hand me the hose, Ruth, and I'll wash out these gutters while I'm here." As he moved quickly across the steep roof, he seemed more like a man fifty years old - an agile fifty-year old.

Yes we'll all miss Bob Stratford in many ways.

VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB

On Wednesday, March 16, the Vaughn Garden Club will meet at 10:30 AM in the Brones room of the Key Center Library. Mrs. Vernon (Mary) Lewis of Tacoma will present a program on the growing and care of house plants. Bring a sandwich, then enjoy the refreshments served by the hostesses, Helen Helm and Sue Thomsen. Guests are welcome.

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The following armful of books will give you a glimpse into what is available:

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The Complete Vegetable Gardener's Sourcebook. Newcomb. Compares varieties and provides seed sources.

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Gardening With Kids. MacLatchie. You probably know how to do this without the advice of a book. This book is fun, encouraging, and includes projects such as growing minicantaloups, mini-carrots, minicorn, etc.

Crockett's Flower Garden. The third book by Jim Crockett based on his TV gardening series. If you like to grow flowers, you'll enjoy this book.

Please let us know if the books you want aren't on the shelf. We can notify you when they come in.

Also, for your gardening pleasure, are magazines such as Organic Gardening and Sunset.

A puppet show, Rumpelstiltskin, will be performed at the library, Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 PM.

The Friends of the Key Center Library will be discussing the book, The Coming Currency Collapse at the March meeting. Please call the library, 884-2242, for further details.

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PENINSULA SOCIAL CLUB TO MEET

The Peninsula Social Club opens its spring series of meetings on March 8th with a potluck dinner at 6:30 PM at the Longbranch Church. At 7:30 PM Don Oliver, Director of the Pierce County Health Department, will explain Burley and Minter Bay's problems with pollution which have closed them to commercial oystering. Progress there has great significance in preventing the other bays becoming polluted. There will be opportunity for questions from the floor.

The Peninsula Social Club is open to all residents of the Key Peninsula area, and its dinner meeting provide a forum for discussion of the many items of community interest that affects our area. Everyone is invited to participate by bring table service and a potluck dish of your choosing.

A strong local organization affects the direction that changes take in our community, and your involvement assures that your opinion is heard. Be seeing you!!!!

Sportsmen's Club Calendar

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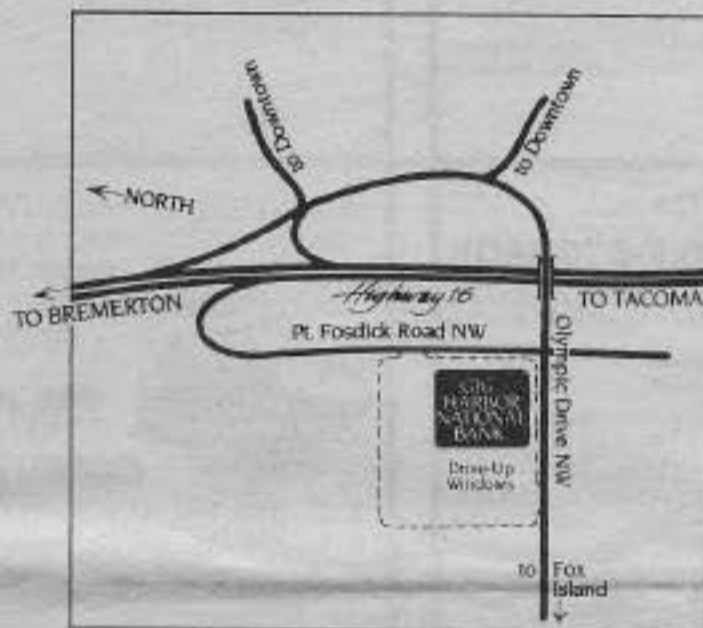
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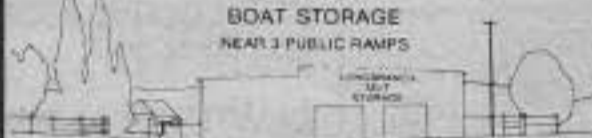
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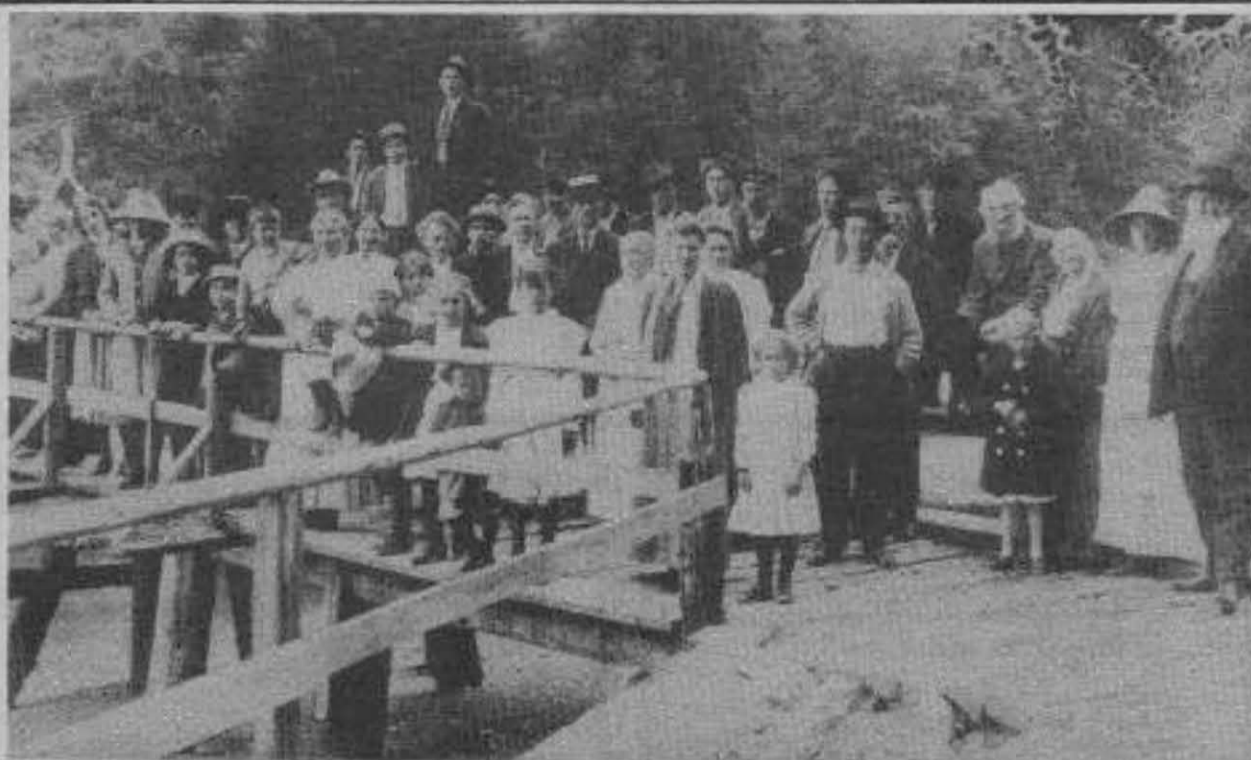
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A 1910 PICNIC AT BLANCHARD. (Now called Herron) Shown from the left, those attending have been identified as Gert and Inga, Dsgmar Hunter, Mr. Myer, Mrs. Bagnal and her 2 children (2 children in front of her, unknown, Peterson boy and Mrs. Peterson who lived on the Lacky road. Mr. Porter, Archie Burke, Grace McKay, Astrid Berg her brother, Effie McKay, Mrs. S.P. Sorenson, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Holmes, Jessie McKay, Benny Bergeson, Juanita Porter. (Then start back) Mr. S.P. Sorenson, Mrs. Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. Campen, Jake Carlson, Iver Thompson, Albert Sorenson, Mr. Gumps, Barney Sorenson, Laura Bergeson, Mr. Berg, Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Berg Lindgren, Mrs. Burke (up above), Theodore Thompson, Berg Astrids Brother, Charlie Bergeson. The photo and identification is through the courtesy of Mrs. Pearl Pouttu of Home, and the photo is date as of the last Sunday in June, 1910. The location is near the present Herron Island Ferry dock.

A Newsletter Historical Feature...

BLANCHARD RECALLED...

By Stella Retherford



On September 10, 1894, Allen W. Fish was appointed the first postmaster of a charming area situated on a small north-opening bay off Case Inlet in Puget Sound. With clear skies, the sunset view of the Olympics across the water from the few houses was spectacular. The new town, 2½ miles west of Home, was named Blanchard for George B. Blanchard, an operator of a local sawmill. Mr. Fish quartered the post office in his home as did all subsequent postmasters. Mail service was tri-weekly by boat from Tacoma.

The village grew rapidly; a general store was built followed by the erection of a fine school building. Productive orchards and berry fields were planted on the slopes above the bay. Poultry and dairy farmers built large facilities. Blanchard became home port to the gas boat, Vixen which carried mail, passengers and cargo. Before settling on Case Inlet, Mr. Blanchard had operated a sawmill in Skagit County as well as serving as postmaster from 1886 to 1891 in a town which bore his name. This is the only instance in the state where a man had two post offices named for him.

Ingebrit B. Nicholson became postmistress in 1902 and Fred Baskett succeeded her in 1904. Mr. Byers, the only resident of Byers Island, now Herron Island, rowed out to the mail boat to fetch the mail to the post office.

On June 13, 1906, Harold W. Campen became the last postmaster of Blanchard and in 1913 its name was changed to Herron to avoid the confusion of two towns of the same name. In about 1920 the Herron post-office was closed diverting the mail through Lakebay. Mr. Campen's daughter, Caroline Porter now lives in Tacoma with her daughter, Ila Porter Taylor. The Metzler family lived in the area for many years.

The character of the community has changed gradually from one of farms to one of summer and vacation homes.

WEF SCHEDULES FISH MEETING MARCH 11, 12

The Washington Environmental Foundation (WEF) in conjunction with the Washington Environmental Council Fisheries Committee will hold a conference at Seattle University on March 11th and 12th, 1983, entitled "The Wild Salmon and Trout Conference". The conference will be co-sponsored by the Northwest Steelhead and Salmon Council of Trout Unlimited, the Northwest Fly Anglers, Washington Federation of Fly Fishers, Izaak Walton League and other groups concerned with our fisheries resources. The purpose of the conference is to inform commercial and sports fishermen, as well as the general public, on the importance of natural propagation of salmon and trout.

Obituary

Harold C. Harvey, 70, a Palmer Lake resident for five years, passed away on Tuesday, February 15. He had retired from 42 years of service with the U.S. Weather Service, and had come to the Peninsula area from Boise, Idaho. The family has suggested remembrances to either the Fire District 16 Ambulance Fund, or the Lakebay Community Church Building Fund. Services were scheduled for Saturday, February 19, at the Lakebay Community Church.

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We would like to thank everyone for cards and sympathy during the recent loss of our mother and grandmother, Helen Lawson.

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PENINSULA PROFILE:

W. CORWIN CHASE

BY Laura Read

When Corwin Chase was a young man of twenty-seven, he decided that he was going to be an artist. He was interested in the process of woodblock printing, which was discovered and first practiced in China during the 7th century A.D. He devised his own method of print-making and block carving, with beautiful results.

"I do not recommend artistry as a way to make a tolerable salary," he said. "I certainly don't recommend it to anybody who wants to get rich. I'm also an architect," he added. "If I want a window in my house I put in a window. If I don't want a wall," he showed me where he had taken out a wall. "I take it out. If I want a cellar, I dig a cellar." He showed me his cellar.

Corwin is a tall spare man, with grey hair and a firm handshake. He is both soft spoken and articulate. A man of many talents, he is a writer, a weaver, and a philosopher.

Corwin was born in Seattle on September 6th, 1897. He and his wife Cora have lived in Vaughn since 1957. Their home is a treasure trove of woven wall hangings and art work, all done by Corwin. A large loom dominates the living room and

the floor is covered with braided rugs. In the space between art work are books, books, books.

I was given the honor of a personal tour through his sketch book. Many of the sketches were made on the Hawaiian Islands in the early thirties, before the advent of high rise hotels and condominiums. Other sketches were of our local lakes and mountains and the eastern Washington desert.

At the age of forty-eight Corwin met Cora and eleven days later they were married. They are outdoor people and have done a lot of hiking and exploring wilderness areas. I asked him if he and Cora at the age of eighty-five years young still went hiking? "Not too much, Cora don't like to go downhill."

"How about uphill?"
"No," he shook his head, "She don't like to go uphill either." He added that they still like to go but pick more level ground.

Corwin has written and illustrated a book titled, "Teepee Fires." It is an informative and sometimes humorous tale of his adventures living off of the land in a teepee. In it are illustrations and instructions on how to make a teepee.

The book can be ordered, for \$14.95, by contacting Corwin Chase, Rt.1, Box 119, Vaughn, Wash. 98394. Or you may pick it up in person. The Chases live at 17709 Hall Rd. in Vaughn. With each book Cora will give, free of charge, a book of her poems.

ASHES

A rummage sale, sponsored by the Ashes, will be held at the Fire Station in Key Center—Sat. April 23rd from 10am to 4 pm.

Anyone wishing to donate good clean clothing, furniture, etc. please call: Marguerite Bussard 884-3771, Alice Palmer 884-3882, Sally Cornman 884-2565 or any other member of the Ashes.

Proceeds will be used to support the ambulance.

BIG BAND SOUND

Bill Sprague's Big Band Sound will be playing at the March 26 dance of the Twilite Dance Club. Non-members who enjoyed them at the New Year's Eve dance are welcome to come as guests of a member of the club.

For more information call President, Don Palmer, 884-3882, Vice President Dorothy Barnark, Secretary Shirley Olson and Treasurer Kelly Babcock. These are also the dance club's new officers for 1983.

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by Pat Blundell

Faith and begorra (whatever that means) 'tis almost St. Patrick's Day, time for a celebration. You're not Irish? Neither was St. Patrick though no one has determined whether he was born in Wales, Scotland, England or France. Nor do the historians know when he was born, the date of his death, or why March 17 is his day. It falls very near the first day of Spring and there is a suspicion that St. Patrick's Day is a flimsy disguise for pagan festivities that could not be banished. It may be simply that March needed a celebration, an excuse to chase the winter drearies and look forward to better, brighter days.

St. Patrick's achievements are as mysterious as his origin. He was a Catholic missionary who made many converts to his faith and established schools and churches to carry on his work. There are stories about chasing all the snakes out of Ireland but how or why is not clear and, since abstinence was part of his creed, the claim that he taught the Irish to distill their "Poteen" is unlikely.

With or without the good

saint's help Poteen and its relatives have become a major part of many celebrations. Any bar that can claim the faintest trace of Irish is jammed with patrons, also claiming a faint trace of Irish, toasting the old country in green beer. Green beer? That's loyalty. In many big cities the Irish and near-Irish take over main streets in an informal parade. Wherever and however it is celebrated, St. Patrick's Day seems to be a time of comradeship and good spirits.

In a community like ours, with a strong English/Scandinavian background, it's unlikely that we'll find a green line painted down the middle of Highway 302 or a jig and step-dancing competition at the Civic Center but we can still celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The comradeship and good spirits of this community are expressed in a hundred ways. The countryside has already begun wearin' the green. Who needs parades and green beer? Just give someone a nice, friendly Irish smile.

You're not Irish? Of course you are. You're as Irish as St. Patrick himself.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

-by Eleanor Stock

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress to repeal the 1975 Metric Conversion Act (H.R. 674). Although the 97th Congress, at President Reagan's urging, shut off funding to the U.S. Metric Board in 1982, this action did not halt all of the activities by the federal government to promote or impose metric conversion.

Evidence has been cited that shows that the vast majority of American citizens disapproves of a conversion to the metric system, and there is no evidence that conversion would be beneficial to our economy.

It is time that Congress put to rest once and for all the specter of forced metrification.

If you agree that all vestiges of this misinterpreted and ill-advised law should be removed, let your congressmen know.

CHANGE IN SKATING HOURS

The Key Peninsula Civic Center want to announce that the hours of skating on Friday nights have been changed. The last session has been cancelled and the regular 7-9 session has been extended until 9:30 pm.

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Start your morning with us



open for

EASTER BREAKFAST

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

DOWNTOWN
KEY CENTER
884-3707

FREE TAX HELP

Taxpayers can get free help with their basic income tax returns through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, on March 12 and March 26 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the main fire station in Key Center. An IRS-trained volunteer will provide free assistance to taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax help, particularly those who file short forms and qualify for the Earned Income Credit.

EXCHANGED-REBUILT Cylinder Heads



Chaplin Auto Parts
Tacoma, WA
752-3456

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ADS DUE BY
15th of Month

884-3456
P. O. Box 3
Vaughn, WA 98394

FOR SALE: 3 year old registered Black Angus cow to calve in May. Allen's Pond Angus. 884-3577.

FARRIER Randy Unger 474-4348

SELLING OUT !! Romney & Corriedale bred ewes. Yearling ewes, rams, spinning fleeces cheap. Ducks and geese. Longbranch 884-3056.

WANTED: Dependable Weekly transportation into Gig Harbor for business and shopping purposes. Reasonable. 884-3118

3/4 solid Cherry, Grandfather Clock, 74" high, all brass fixtures. \$750. Might horse trade. Edwards 884-3677.

Become a Color Analyst and Beauty Consultant. Work full or part time. \$15-\$20 per hour. Established solid company. Work in wardrobe planning, personality and make-up. Kit and training required. Approx. \$500.00 investment. Quick returns. Phone Joan for appointment. 1-837-7176.

LET'S PLAY STORE! You be the customer. The Chicken Coop Gift Shop, specializing in handmade items for the whole family and home. Special orders taken. Be sure to order your EASTER BASKETS early. Come and see the original "Washington Weather Watcher" Opened Tues- Fri. 10am -9pm, Sat. & Sun. 12-5pm. Follow signs from Lakebay Post Office. 884-2419.

AEROBIC CLASSES: The Civic Center in Vaughn, held every Monday 9-10 am, 6-7 pm, Wed. 9-10 am, Thurs. 6-7 pm, Fri. & Sat. 9-10am. All ages and abilities. Babysitting available for a nominal fee. 884-3642 for more information.

BAG SALE: Thursday, March 3rd. \$1.00 per bag at the Angel Guild Thrift Shop in Key Center, 11 am to 4 pm. Regular Thrift Shop hours every Friday and Saturday 11-4 pm.

AN ESTABLISHED FOOD CO-OP accepting new members. Key Center/ Minter area. 884-4878 or 857-6078.

Keep yourself in stitches... at Carol Ann's in K.C. Corral. Reasonably priced ladies wear, alterations, custom work, Jewelry, Gifts, and Avon products on hand. 884-4484.

GARDENER'S SWAP: Have many Dahlias to trade! For other varieties of Dahlias, Gladiolus, Peonies..... Call evenings: Beverly 884-2070.

JM DOZING: Experienced, reasonable. Call for our rates. 884-2530

FLOOR COVERINGS INSTALLED: Carpet, linoleum, tile, parquet, ceramics. Orrie Moore, 884-3852.

WANTED: Old radios from the 20's and certain sets from the 30's and 40's. Any condition OK. Also parts, tubes, speakers, radio book, etc. Call 857-4687 before 3 PM.

CARPET LAYING: Repairs, restretch, etc. Call Jim Rich 857-4655

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Key Peninsula Civic Center

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ST. PATRICK'S DAY (March 17th)	1 Karate - 6: Gym Bridge - 7:30 GR Volleyball - 8:00 Gym Scouts-T213-7:15 SR	2 Aerobics 9-10AM Brownies 3:45-5:00PM Sky Room FUN NITE Gym 7:30PM	3 Park Board 7:30 office Sr. Society 12-4 Cub Scouts - 3:45 SR Aerobics - 6-7 PM Gym Karate-7-8:30 PM Gym	4 Aerobics 9-10AM Grange 7PM GR Skating - Gym 6PM 3 gr. & under 7PM ALL	5 Aerobics 9-10AM
6 Community meeting 2PM - Gym Lutheran Church Sunday School-9:30 Worship - 10:30 AM	7 Aerobics 9-10AM 6-7 PM Bluebirds 3:45PM Square Dance 7-10PM 7-10PM	8 Karate - 6:30 Gym Bridge - 7:30 GR Volleyball - 8:00 Gym Scouts-T213-7:15 SR KPCC Exec Bd- 7:30	9 Aerobics 9-10AM Brownies 3:45-5:00PM Sky Room FUN NITE Gym 7:30PM	10 Sr. Society 12-4 Cub Scouts - 3:45 Aerobics - 6-7 PM Karate-7-8:30 PM KPCC Board - 7:30	11 Aerobics 9-10AM Skating - Gym 6PM 3 gr. & under 7PM ALL	12 Aerobics 9-10AM Lake Minterwood VFW 7:30 pm
13 Lutheran Church Sunday School-9:30 Worship - 10:30 AM	14 Aerobics 9-10AM 6-7 PM Bluebirds 3:45PM Square Dance 7-10PM VFW Post-7:30 VFW VFW Aux-7:30 GR	15 Karate - 6:30 Gym Bridge - 7:30 GR Volleyball - 8:00 Gym Scouts-T213-7:15 SR	16 Aerobics 9-10AM Brownies 3:45-5:00PM Sky Room FUN NITE Gym 7:30PM	17 Park Board 7:30 office  Sr. Society 12 - 4 Cub Scouts - 3:45 SR Aerobics - 6-7 PM Gym Karate - 7-8:30 PM Gym Cootiettes- 7-11 PM GT	18 Aerobics 9-10AM Skating 6-9PM Gym	19 Lake Minterwood Gold Room 1-4 PM Skirts-N-Flirts Gym 8:00 Workshop 8:30 Dance
20 Lutheran Church Sunday School-9:30 Worship - 10:30 AM	21 Aerobics 9-10AM 6-7 PM Bluebirds 3:45PM Square Dance 7-10PM	22 Karate - 6:30 Gym Bridge - 7:30 GR Volleyball - 8:00 Gym Scouts-T213-7:15 SR	23 Aerobics 9-10AM Brownies 3:45-5:00PM Sky Room FUN NITE Gym 7:30PM	24 Sr. Society 12-4 Cub Scouts - 3:45 SR Aerobics - 6-7 PM Gym Karate-7-8:30 PM Gym	25 Aerobics 9-10AM Skating 6-9 Gym	26 Aerobics 9-10AM Twilite Dance Club 9:30PM
27 Lutheran Church Sunday School-9:30 Worship - 1-:30 AM	28 Aerobics 9-10AM 6-7 PM Bluebirds 3:45PM Square Dance 7-10PM	29 Karate - 6:30 Gym Bridge - 7:30 GR Volleyball - 8:00 Gym Scouts-T213- 7:15 SR	30 Aerobics 9-10AM Brownies 3:45-5:00 Sky Room FUN NITE Gym 7:30PM	31 Sr. Society 12 - 4 Cub Scouts - 3:45 SR Aerobics - 6-7 PM Gym Karate 7-8:30 PM Gym	GOOD FRIDAY 	