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From one week... to the next



KP NEWS photos by Joe Aprile

The Key Peninsula seemed to speed through seasons in the last few weeks as we went directly from snow to sunny spring warmth. Shown top left, Timmy Jacobsen, 5, has fun in the snow. His brother Mathew was the target for the snowball. Center left, snow laces bare trees. Bottom left, "Dr. Snowman" in front of the Key Peninsula Health Center. Right, glorious spring as reflected on the water at the Home bridge.

Peninsula teachers walk out

by Megan Aprile

On Thursday, March 1 Peninsula school district teachers staged a one-day walkout. The school board had met in an earlier session and decided to close school on March 1, and make up that day on March 16 which had been scheduled as a day off school. The teachers are concerned about three main issues.

The one which has been most publicized is salary. A Peninsula district teacher's average starting salary is \$18,000. A teacher with fourteen years' experience and a PhD can receive the maximum salary of around \$40,000. Washington ranks twenty-first in teacher salaries. The ranking in 1981 was fourth.

The second issue is class size. Under the current teacher contract, class size is set at a maximum of 28 pupils for the primary grades and 32 pupils for grades four through six. Washington ranks 47th

in the nation in class size.

The last issue is generally described as quality of education. Many teachers apparently are disturbed by what they see as lack of support at the state level. In prior years, according to teachers, the state has said it was unable to increase school funding because of budgetary constraints, while this year with a budget surplus, the message is still the same. Teachers, who are looking at a situation they feel will lead to a teacher shortage, and ever larger class sizes, feel that they are "seeing the handwriting on the wall" and feel it is important to press for a better situation now.

Some parents who were not in support of the teacher walk-out were angry that school schedules had been changed, and that their children had been involved in a dispute which they see as between the

teachers and the state. For example, at a recent press conference Governor Gardner was asked,

"What if you were a parent and all of a sudden you've got to figure out what to do with your kid for a day in the middle of the week because a whole bunch of teachers want to make a big public display out of it. Wouldn't that make you kind of unhappy?"

Governor Gardner replied, "Yes, it would and it would force me to focus on why my kid is home from school, and why the teachers are going down to Olympia to protest... the whole issue of education. So, in that sense it might be constructive that they're doing this." Governor Gardner has continued to maintain that none of the budget surplus can be used for teacher salary increases. Some parents also had concerns about tax increases.

Little League comes to the Peninsula

by Megan Aprile

A short article by Art Mikelsen, the administrator of district 2 of Little League, recently appeared in another local paper. Mr. Mikelsen commented on the fact that people from the Key Peninsula who had called about organizing Little League were among the few who actually followed through, held the meetings and organized teams. The people who gave became involved have spent the last few weeks in a whirlwind of meetings, registration dates, recruitment of players, coaches and team sponsors and the results are impressive. Peninsula Little League has a full board of directors,

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To The Editor

Dear editor:

Thanks to the Angel Guild and the labor of Don Greetham, the cluttered field behind the K.C. Corral is once more free of debris - this has been a gift to our community - not our responsibility and we request the citizenry of our area to no longer use the area for their dumping ground. Similarly, the garbage containers behind the corral are paid for by those occupying the premises and are not for public use.

Nita Glass, Angel Guild secretary

Dear editor:

To my friends and neighbors: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many lovely cards, flowers and prayers during my recent illness. I'm sure they all contributed to my recovery. I would also like to express my appreciation to all those who chauffeured me, cleaned my house, cooked and laundered. Many thanks, we will never forget any of you. Love!

Linda Ramsdell

Dear Editor:

In the process of M.C.ing the Sixth Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year, I neglected to pay proper public thanks to Marie Schwenka who cut from her own plant, nurtured, delivered, and arranged the beautiful fresh camilia table decorations for the event. Many people took the cuttings home - as they were supposed to - and they should know to whom they owe their gratitude.

Hugh McMillan, Key Peninsula Lions

Dear editor:

I was saddened to read the letter printed in last week's issue from Cecil Paul, also representing Margaret, last name withheld. I've missed "the Old Days" section a great deal. You see, I take my old copies to my mother in Tacoma, who enjoys them also, as it returns her to her own childhood. She can no longer leave her home due to health, and she looks forward to reading a paper that does not dedicate itself to the latest rise in crime rates alone. I also enjoyed reading the early history to my sons during our reading time before bed. I find I'm educating them on their area's history. They recognize names or places mentioned in the articles, besides they're just fun to read aloud! Please consider making space again for these fine writers, along with many others in the Key Peninsula News.

p.s. Margaret and Cecil, keep it up, keep sending those articles in!!!

Laurie Peltier, Longbranch

Dear editor:

This letter is a long time in the writing and for that, I am sorry because it is to express my thanks to our Key Peninsula Fire Department. In December we had the need to dial 911. The crew was at the house within five minutes. Both paramedics and fire department personnel were courteous, professional and caring. The trip was as easy as they could make it. I was so very scared and their caring manner made me relax. We of the Key Peninsula area should be very glad to have this service. I know that my husband and I are, and we express our grateful thanks to them.

Ruth Updike, Gig Harbor

Dear editor:

I wish to comment on the Key Peninsula Business Association's item and questionnaire regarding addresses on Key Peninsula.

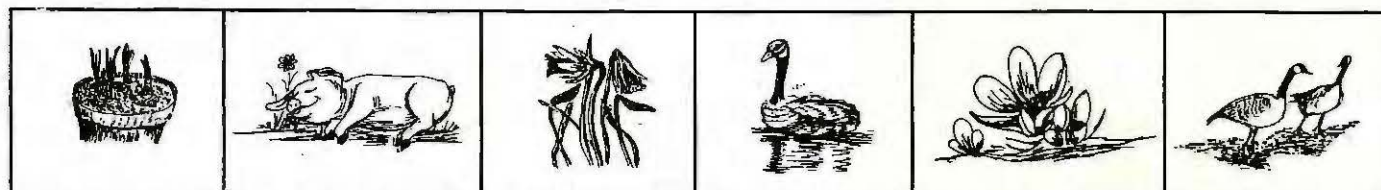
There are several misleading statements in this article. First, it implies that all the Key Peninsula mail gets sorted at Gig Harbor. Only a small number of Key Center organizations and residents have their mail sorted at Gig Harbor. The rest have a Lakebay address and have their mail, along with Vaughn, Longbranch and Lakebay, sorted at Tacoma, because of manpower and automation considerations.

If the few people around Key Center who have a Gig Harbor address and an identity crisis wish to have their address changed, let them direct their efforts to the postal authorities. But please leave the rest of us on Key Peninsula out of it. We at Lakebay have worked diligently in the last few years to retain that name at our post office. The Lakebay post office was founded in 1882 and in 1982 we celebrated its 100th birthday.

I am tired of postal service bashing. I get next-day service within the local area and two-day service to the midwest and points east. I call that efficient! I have always found the service at our post office to be extremely courteous and helpful.

Finally as a member of an organization (Angel Guild) that belongs to the KPBA, I don't think it should be the business of the association to try to affect changes of addresses of all Key Peninsula residents. Instead the association should concentrate on fostering good business practices and good community relations which will benefit all residents.

Annabelle Evans, Lakebay



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Civic Center News

President's report

Volunteerism

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association executive board held a retreat two weeks ago and produced a positive plan concerning the path the Association would like to take. The full board will be asked to vote on the course of action at its next regular meeting on Thursday, March 8, 1990.

The composition of the community is changing. The original founders of the CCA, and backbone for many years, are growing older and younger adults are needed to take over the reins. However, new people in the community seem to have little time or inclination to volunteer and take over these responsibilities. Many are young families in which both

partners are needed in the work force in order to make ends meet, thereby leaving less time for other activities.

Every organization on the Key Peninsula needs help. If each adult joined one group of his or her choice it would probably mean only ten hours of their time per year. Everyone has an ability that can be cultivated, be it typing, telephoning, digging post holes, delivering meals, etc., or maybe learning something new. Won't you take five minutes of your time to call Stephanie Zampini, president of KPCCA, and learn what the Association has to offer.

Civic Center Association will sponsor programs

The Civic Center Association is looking for programs to sponsor. Last year Sue Leavitt came to us with a proposal for a children's play; the result was the Civic Center production of the "Wizard of Oz". We would like to have an ongoing theater group at the Civic Center, but we need people with ideas and the expertise and desire to create such a

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group. There are many other possible programs that could happen at the Civic Center, and they need the same ingredients. The Civic Center Association can provide funding for materials and equipment or other costs for any program run as a volunteer effort which the membership votes to support.

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Caregivers offer training in lifting

Helpful training will be offered at the March 21 meeting of the Caregivers Support Group meeting at the Brones room of the Key Center Library from 7 to 9 pm.

Julia Moore, Occupational Therapist with Associated Home Health Hospice of Tacoma will be the speaker. She will instruct caregivers on how to lift and transfer persons from a bed, a wheel chair or commode chair, with explanations on correct body mechanics and demonstrations in correct lifting and transfer.

Everyone interested is invited to attend and there is no charge. The support group is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Health Center and R.E.A.P. (Respected Elders Assist Program), formerly Neighbor to Neighbor.

Tax help

Each Wednesday until April 11 a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer will be at the Key Center Fire Station during the hours of 10 am til noon, offering free assistance to low income and elderly people in preparing income tax forms.

VITA tax assistance is also available in Gig Harbor at the Security Pacific Bank on Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm until April 11. Another location for this assistance is the Pierce County Library at 4817 Point Fosdick Drive NW, to be held each Saturday from 11 am until 2 pm through April 14.

Taxpayers should bring a copy of their 1988 tax return, the 1989 IRS tax package and forms 1099.

Meditation class

Sant Thakar Singh authorized representatives will give free public talks and introduction to Science of Inner Light and Sound Meditation on Sunday, March 11, at 1 pm at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. For further information: 759-4870.

Senior Society Flea Market planned

The Key Peninsula Senior Society is working toward their Flea Market on May 12, 1990. This is for all persons, not just seniors. Calls for tables and space are starting to come in so don't be too slow. Call Williamson 857-3029 or Kruger 884-4191.

Have you been busy on craft work this winter? Did Aunt Elvira send you one of those "things" that won't quite fit in? Have you remodeled your kitchen or rearranged your garage or the kids' room? Spring cleaning will turn up some surprises.

Don't trash those good things. You probably have just what someone is looking for at the flea market.

To reserve your table or space, just call. Charges will be: \$10 for a six foot table; \$14 for an eight foot table; \$18 for a large 4x8 foot table. For articles that cannot be brought indoors, spaces will be rented in the parking area for \$10.

Food will be available in the kitchen, this is an opportunity for a group to make money. Call early to be sure.

Hours will be from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday, May 12, 1990.

Local Scouts win trophy

Boy Scout troop #252 junior patrol recently traveled to Ensign Ranch at Snoqualamie Pass where they participated in the Klondike Derby and won the traveling trophy.

The boys participated in a number of events all oriented toward cold weather survival, including first aid, starting a fire with a flint and steel and log sawing. Their time of 1 minute 16 seconds in the snowshow race was the fastest in the event's history.



KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

Pictured l. to r. patrol leaders Paul Beckstead and Pat Williamson, scouts Joe Ellingson, David Beckstead, Chris Williamson, David Foster, Ezra Johnson, Will West, Ian Foster and James Otto. Patrol members not pictured; Lance Davidson, Chris Hibbs, Donald & Vince Nelson and Jeremy Kincer

Cootiettes News

The Cootiettes #609 regular meeting on February 15 was postponed to February 22 due to weather. New members nominated for the coming year are: chief grayback, Linda Reed; lady louse, Michelle Rikensrud; baby louse, Ellen Daily; and shekel keeper, Evelyn Stinson.

On March 13, the group will be visiting Cottesmore with ten dozen cookies. One of the members plays organ and many patients who are able join in singing along. On March 20 the Cootiettes will visit the Retsil Veterans home, where the residents enjoy bingo.

Considering a supplemental policy?

New instructions will be available to persons interested in purchasing supplementary health insurance policies at the next SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) meeting to be held at the Key Peninsula Community Services building from 10 am to noon, March 15.

Newly printed standards, listings of companies approved by the State Insurance Commissioner to sell such policies, and costs will be discussed. All interested are welcome to attend.

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

Aitusa	Mar. 13: noon	Shoreline Restaurant
Caregivers	Mar. 21: 7 pm	KC Library, Brones room

childrens organizations:

Brownies, Cadettes, Jr. Girl Scouts		see Civic Center Calendar
Cub Scouts & Webelos, Pack 213		"
Cub Scouts, Pack 252	Mar. 6,13,20: 4 pm	home of Janice Lodholm
Webelos, Pack 252	Mar. 7,14,21: 4 pm	Minter Crk. Hatchery
Boy Scouts, Troop 252	Mar. 7,14,21: 6-7 pm	LDS church

civic organizations:

Burley Library Assn.	Mar. 7: 7:30 pm	Burley Comm. Hall
Cootiettes	Mar. 13	visit Cottesmore
	Mar. 20	visit Retsil Vet. Home

	meet at noon in Key Center	to carpool
Dr. Penrose Guild	Mar. 8: luncheon mtg.	home of Beverly Anthony
KP Civic Center Assoc.	Mar. 8: 7:30 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
KPCS BOD	Mar. 13: 7:30 pm	KPCS building
Lions BOD	Mar. 12: 7 pm	KPCS
Lions Club	Mar. 7, 21: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn
Longbranch Imp. Club	Mar. 21: 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Hall
VFW & Aux.	Mar. 12: 7:30 pm	KPCC

church/community groups:

Friends of the Library	Mar. 8: 1 pm	KC Library, Brones room
Ruth Circle	Mar. 19: noon lunch & meeting	Longbranch Church Hall hostess - Evelyn Carlson

community services:

hot lunch for seniors	Mar. 7,14,21: noon	Community Center, Home
respite care	Mar. 7,14,21: 9 am-3 pm	KC Library, Brones room
sewing classes	Mar. 6,13,20: 1-4 pm	KC library
VITA income tax assist.	Mar. 7,14,21:10 am-noon	Key Center Fire Station

of interest to parents:

Peninsula School Board	Mar. 8: 7:30 pm	Educational Serv. Ctr.
Vaughn parent group	Mar. 13: 7 pm	Vaughn Elementary

public meetings:

KP Park Board	Mar. 14: 7:30 pm	KPCC
KP Fire Com.	Mar. 14: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station

self-help groups:

Al Anon	Mar. 5,12,19: 7pm	Lakebay Community Church
Survivors Group	Mar. 8: 2-3:30 pm	KC Library, Brones room
TOPS	Mar. 5,12,19	home of Shirley Frame 884-4864

social/hobby groups:

Gig Harbor Twirlers,	Mar. 5,12,19: 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Square dance lessons, Burley, next to P.O.
KP Senior Society	Mar. 8,15: 11 am-4 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Peninsula Neighbors	Mar. 14: 10 am	Longbranch Church
Upper Sound Grange	Mar. 5: 6:30 - 10 pm	KPCC
Vaughn Garden Club	Mar. 21: 10:30 am	home of Aline Anderson Gig Harbor

program "Pompouri" by Margaret Whitlsey - co-hostesses Lee Stiles & Helen Kasper

events:

KPCS/American Legion breakfast	Mar. 18: 8 am-1 pm	KPCS building
"Paint Your Wagon" PHS production	Mar. 8,9,10,16,17,18 7:30 pm	PHS auditorium
Vaughn Carnival Capers	Mar. 10: 11 am - 3 pm	Vaughn elementary

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At Home On the Range

by Janice McMillan

This is a just-for-fun recipe to make for kids (made the honor roll, did well in sports, just a great kid) or even an older young-at-heart friend. I got the recipe from a dear, long-time friend in Reston, Virginia. A local friend said she had judged the same recipe at a 4-H event. I have a feeling that it is one of those underground recipes being passed around all over the country. It's a fun thing to make.

Dirt Cake Recipe

1/2 cup softened butter

1 - 8 oz. softened cream cheese
1-1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
3-1/2 cups milk
2 - 3-1/2 oz. packages instant pudding (vanilla, or your choice)
12 oz. partially thawed frozen whipped topping

1 - 7" flower pot or 10 small flower pots
1 - 20 oz. package crushed Oreo™ cookies

In medium size bowl mix butter, cream cheese and sugar with electric mixer. In second medium bowl, mix milk and pudding. Add whipped topping to pudding; combine the two mixtures. Cover bottom of flower pot with foil, plastic wrap or plastic lid. Layer cookie crumbs and pudding mixture, making several layers and end with Oreos™ on top. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for several hours. Decorate as desired (see notes from Reston, below) and serve with a clean trowel. Strew Gummy Bear™ worms on top of "dirt". Serves 8-10.

Dirt Cake was invented by Trevor Briggs, 14, of Brechenridge, MI.

Notes from Reston, VA: Can use Oreos™ for black dirt or vanilla wafers for sand. Serve either in plastic or clay flowerpot, or in a sand bucket with appropriate server. Can use as a centerpiece - "plant" real or artificial flowers in it. Kids enjoy Gummy worms™ in/on it also. Can be frozen - something like Cookies'n Cream™ ice cream. When using clay pot, rinse with clean water and sterilize in 350 degree oven for 20 min. Cool before using. Wrap stems of flowers in plastic wrap. Crush cookies in blender to make "white stuff" disappear. If crushing with rolling pin scrape "white stuff" off first. The crumbs will be finer. (Recipe doesn't say what to do with "white stuff" but I suppose you can mix it with cream cheese mixture (or discard it to reduce calories!).



Pa and luck

Pa had his good and bad days when it came to luck. He would say he was not lucky, but when the plusses and minuses were all added up, it was hard to see all his luck as bad. I am thinking of his trip to Seward, Alaska in about 1906.

Pa had signed up to work in Seward through the winter. The deal was, the company paid the fare up there, but the man had to earn his way back. Reaching Seward, Pa went sightseeing around town. He saw telephone poles that had blaze marks several feet up from the ground which bothered him some, so he asked a native about it. The man said "Oh, those are survey marks the engineers made last winter when the snow was about six feet deep." Pa lost interest in his job right then and started figuring how to escape.

Fortunately, he had stashed a small roll of bills in a money belt just in case of such an emergency. Shortly before the next ship was due to sail, Pa became J. W. Kendall. Under that name he brought a fare back to Seattle, then kept out of sight until the ship was starting to leave the deck. He jumped aboard and disappeared for a while and barely breathed until they were well out in the channel. He was not challenged and heaved a sigh as the miles slipped beneath the keel of the rusty old steamer.

That ship sank on it's next voyage to Alaska. The ship that he had traveled from Seattle on sank on its second trip. Pa had mentioned that the ship was loaded with railroad steel. It must have gone down like a rock.

On the unlucky side: Pa meant to pour water in the tea kettle one morning and poured it in the stove instead. Naughtly words, Pa.

Joel Wood wins scholarship

Joel Wood, a senior at Peninsula High School, won the Voice of Democracy Script Writing Scholarship program sponsored by VFW Post 4990 and the ladies of the auxiliary. The topic of the speech this year was, "Why I am Proud of America."

Joel maintains a 3.8 grade point average and is editor of the PHS paper "Outlook". He plans to go on to college and major in journalism or computer technology.

VFW Post 4990 and auxiliary thanks the principal of Peninsula High School, Dale Gunnerson, and faculty members Marsha William, Ellen Griffin, Germaine Jarvie and Cathy Schnieder for their help this year and in the past.

PHS presents "Paint Your Wagon"

Peninsula High School's winter musical, "Paint Your Wagon," will be playing in March in the Milton S. Boyd Performing Arts Auditorium at the high school. "Paint Your Wagon" is a romantic comedy by Lerner and Lowe. The play features a man by the name of Ben Rumson who strikes it rich in gold while he is burying his friend. He then builds a city for miners, and in this collection of 400 men there is only one woman - Jennifer Rumson, Ben's daughter. To keep his daughter out of trouble with the men, Ben sends Jennifer east to school. From there on the hilarity continues with scenes such as when the "famdingos" arrive and the town slowly goes broke.

Well-known songs such as, "They Call the Wind Maria," are performed by PHS students during this musical and all choreography is done by Christy Sanders who choreographed last year's musical, "Anything Goes."

"Paint Your Wagon" runs two weekends, beginning Thursday, March 8, 9 and 10 and continuing Friday, March 16 and 17. Curtain time is 7:30 pm each night. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and students without ASB cards, and \$3.50 for children and students with Associated Student Body cards. For seat reservations call the school at 857-6171 and 857-3541.

In the library

"Why Organic Food?" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Pat Labine, faculty member of Evergreen State College, Thursday, March 8, 1 pm, in a special afternoon program at the Key Center Library. Dr. Labine will discuss organic food from the perspective of the grower and the consumer.

As coordinator of the ecological agriculture program at Evergreen State College, Dr. Labine teaches that subject, plus introductory and advanced environmental studies, and political ecology. She also supervises the 13 acre organic farm on the college campus.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. A business meeting of the Friends will follow the program at 2:30pm.

Ashes rummage sale

Spring is house-cleaning time (or sheds and garages) so whatever you find that is clean, wearable and usable, bring it to the Fire Hall in Key Center on Friday, April 27 - set-up day for the Ashes rummage sale. Sale starts April 28, 9 am to 4 pm. If you need help in bringing things in, call Marie Schwenka at 884-2221 or Alice Palmer at 884-3882.

Cholesterol Night

by Janice McMillan


Monday, March 26th, the Key Peninsula Health Center will feature a special evening of cholesterol information. Come to Dr. Roes' offices between 6 pm and 7:15 pm to have your cholesterol level checked. The cost of \$7.00 goes to

support the Respite Care program.

At 7:30 pm in the Brones Room at the Health Center/Library Building, Verma Bergmann will give a free lecture and slide show about cholesterol. Bergmann is a registered dietician in private practice in Gig Harbor. A year ago the Key Peninsula Health Center Board of Directors

sponsored a lecture by her and at the request of many in our community this excellent lecturer will return with the latest information and a slide show. Free printed information will also be available. Don't miss this opportunity to get important health information. Sponsored by the KPHC.

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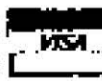
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**Little League,
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and 226 boys and girls have signed up for one of the six major league, six minor league, four T-ball or two senior teams. Sponsors have committed themselves to providing the uniforms and equipment for a team, and some cash donations have also been received.

The recent letter sent to Little League parents says, "We feel that Key Peninsula Little League will be one of the finest Little League organizations in Western Washington and take great pride in the fact that this is made possible through your interest and the cooperation of the people here on the Key Peninsula. The playing fields and the equipment available to our youngsters is made possible only through the hard work of our parents and the civic pride of those merchants who sponsor our teams."

Peninsula organizations and businesses, as usual, have been generous with their support. Those who have committed themselves to sponsorship as of press time are Charboneau Construction for sponsorship of both a major and minor league team, R & M Electric, Lakebay Chevron, Lakebay Lumber, Walt Schmidt (Walt's Fine Foods), the Key Peninsula Volunteer Firefighter's Association, the businesses of the KC Corral, Tacoma Telco and Northwest Auto Clinic. Puget Sound Bank has made a contribution to the organization. Indi-



Pictured above are most of the Board of Directors; back row, l. to r. is John Dierck, president, Debby Oslin, Frank Jeffries, Sheryl Brown and Danny Hacker. Frontrow, l. to r. is Linda Nimrick, Pedro Lay, Vicki Miller and Linda Hacker. Board members not shown are David Pappas, vice-president, Marcia Edwards and Steve Grimm.

viduals or businesses who wish to contribute or sponsor teams are welcome to do so by calling John Dierck, 884-4524.

Like Scouting organizations, the Little League organization (50 years old last year) provides lots of support for the volunteers who run the program. Policies and administrative structure are clearly spelled out. Little League coaches, like Scout leaders, are expected to be role models. Coach candidates were interviewed by a panel of board members who first explained the expectations and responsibilities of the position; each candidate was asked the same questions about his or her attitude and qualifications. Kids, too, are given expectations. The Little League pledge reads as follows: "I trust in God, I love my country, and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win, but win or lose, I will always do my best."

Practices will start in April; all teams are co-ed as decided by Little League. Individual coaches will determine the number of practices; Little League rules call for two games a week to be played in the majors, and one game per week for T-ballers and minor leaguers. The season runs from May through June with inter-league playoffs in July. Playoff teams are made up of all-star players selected by the kids. Games will be played at Volunteer Park for the present. Often Little League organizations receive a donation of property so that fields can be built to Little League specifications. There are still a few openings left in the senior (ages 13-15) division.

The Little League organization will also be holding a breakfast on March 31 from 9 to 11 am at the Civic Center. The menu will be scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes, orange juice and coffee; \$3 for

adults and \$1.50 for children. All proceeds will go towards equipment and uniforms for the teams.

The League president, John Dierck, has been working steadily on the thousand details of organizing a new League. He first attended the second Little League informational meeting "to see what it was about." John, having been a T-ball coach, was pointed out by other parents as a potential board member, ("he'd be good"). When asked to be president, John decided to make the commitment to build the organization so that all our Peninsula kids now have the opportunity, like Carl Yastrzemski and Nolan Ryan did, to play Little League baseball.

Using a garbage collection service?

The expansion of curbside recycling to Gig Harbor brings an advantage to Peninsula residents using garbage collection service. You can now request recycling bins from your franchised garbage hauler and use them either to haul your recyclables to the nearest collection site, or, even better, take them to a buy-back site, where you will be paid for some of your items. You will also receive a sticker for your garbage collector. When you put the sticker on your bill, you will receive a credit, thus saving two ways; first by reducing the amount of garbage you have to pay to have removed, and secondly by receiving a discount on the remaining bill.

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Valentines winner

The winner of our KP NEWS Valentine's Day drawing was Marguerite Bussard. She received a giant two pound box of Valentine's chocolates. We would like to thank everyone who entered.

Ruth Bramhall is citizen of the year

Ruth Bramhall, a twenty year resident of the Key Peninsula, was selected by the Key Peninsula Lions' Club as the Citizen of the Year. Ruth's career and personal life have been oriented towards service. She was a pediatric nurse and still works for Mary Bridge Hospital on a contract basis. She was president of the International Association of Operating Room Nurses. Since her retirement from full-time nursing, Ruth has been on the Health Center Board, as well as other area organizations.

Ruth says "I've always been involved; perhaps it was because I grew up in a very small town (Victor, Montana), where everybody helps everybody else...Just bawl me out or tell me what to do", she added laughingly.

Ruth and her husband Jim live in the Glencove area.

Tax Tips

Some of you who might be wondering why you never received a card with your name sticker on it instead of a 1040 tax packet with forms. If you received a card, it was because you had your tax return prepared by a tax preparer so IRS figured to save about a million dollars by letting the tax preparer furnish the forms. IRS plans to expand this program to other tax forms in the future.

The IRS admits that its uncollected receivables now total more than \$61 billion, a figure equal to about half of the federal budget deficit. The IRS says, though, that it did collect about \$1 trillion last year.

If you haven't filed your tax return yet, take a little time to get your information together for your tax preparer or yourself. Make sure you have all of your W-2's from all the employers you worked for during the year. Check over your 1099 information returns for accuracy (social security number, dollar figure right, and be sure non-taxable income has not been included by mistake). Put together your deductions: medical, taxes, interest, contributions, casualty losses and miscellaneous. See the instruction book for a list of miscellaneous deductions. Get each category totaled and let's get those returns in early.

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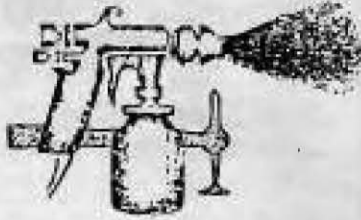


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KPFD Awards' Banquet

by Hugh McMillan



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Scott Marcus receives the rookie of the year award. He was also given "Reaction to Action" honors.

Key Peninsula Fire Department members, families, and guests gathered at the Civic Center on February 10 to honor those whose performance was voted to be outstanding in 1989.

Dee Dee Kerkes received Firefighter of the Year honors to the cheers of all present. Jim Blundell accepted the "Sustained Superior Performance Award," Chuck West received the "Commissioners' Award," Tracy Lyon and Scott Marcus were each awarded the "Reaction to Action" honors, Chris Lunde was named "Officer of the Year," and Scott Marcus was also declared "Rookie of the Year."

Miniature firefighter badges denoting 10 years of volunteer service went to Linda Orme and Dean Shriner.

The special "Helping Hand Award" went to members of the committee which saw the successful passage of the ALS levy last September, Don Mastro, Mel Oliver, Walt Schmidt, Bob Phair, and Marty Pedersen; Don Tjossem and Keith Stiles who also served the committee, were unable to attend.

The Science Corner

by Joe Aprile

- Cancer

Cancer is a disease in which the cells that make up a particular tissue in the body begin to divide out of control of the organism. This abnormal growth of cells usually results in a malignant tumor. What makes a malignant growth different from a benign tumor, such as a wart, is that a cancerous tumor has the insidious capacity to spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body. Cancerous cells also are more primitive than the tissue from which they were derived. For example, cancerous cells from the stomach lose the properties of stomach tissue. Such changed cells are said to be transformed. Although the human organism is plagued with many types of cancer, they all share these common properties.

Much of the impetus for cancer research has been an attempt to understand just how normal cells are transformed into cancerous ones. A complete understanding of this process would bring us much closer to possible cures. Very recently, a breakthrough in the understanding of the cancerous process has been made which involves the discovery of what are referred to as oncogenes, or genes responsible for causing cancer.

It has long been suspected that since the growth and development of cells and tissue is under the control of genes, the loss of control of cell growth so evident in cancers is the result of some disturbance

in the normal function of certain genes. Oncogenes are, in fact, those genes normally responsible for the direction and control of cell growth and which for some reason begin to malfunction. Many oncogenes have been discovered and described and have been found in human cancer.

There is a cancer found in chickens known as Rous Sarcoma, caused by the Rous Sacroma Virus. It has now been established that this virus carries an oncogene which has clearly been shown to be responsible for the onset of the cancer. The finding is of great importance in that it shows one possible mechanism by which an oncogene can be introduced into a normal cell. There are many other ways in which a normal gene might be transformed into an oncogene, such as exposure to cancer inducing chemicals (carcinogens) or exposure to radiation or radioactive elements such as radioactive iodine.

Although the cancer causing process is a complex one and progress in research in this area is slow, significant breakthroughs have been and still are being made. It is difficult to predict just how or when this new understanding will be translated into more effective treatments and possible cures. Success or failure rests with future progress and development and ultimately with human curiosity and inventiveness.

Baby boy born at home in Home

Pat and Lily Osmon of Home are the parents of a boy born at home. Rowan Wolf Osmon was born at 11:59 pm on February 26, 1990. Rowan weighed in at 10 pounds, and was delivered by his father. Fire district 16 paramedics were called and checked that mother and baby were fine. Pat and Lily had not planned a home birth, but evidently Rowan had.

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Business briefs

Longbranch gets its own song and dance: Steve and Kristi Nebel, Peninsula residents and owners of Penguin Record company, have released "Longbranch," the album. The songs were written by Arnie "Birdman of Longbranch" and Red "The Pie Lady" Phillips. Tapes are available at Longbranch Mercantile and the Home Feed and Grocery Store. If you want to sing along, here is the first verse of the Longbranch Shuffle; Bob met Sue at the Improvement Club/They caught a bad case of true love/Now Bob has a peg leg, Sue has ruffles/Together they do the Longbranch Shuffle. Ann Phillips gives the directions for the Longbranch shuffle as follows: step 1; facing your partner, down, up, knees together; step 2; down, up knees apart; step 3; repeat steps 1 and 2. "No need to move your feet," says Ms. Phillips; "just make sure your knees don't meet." Red adds, "this dance can be done in three-quarter time and is then the "Longbranch Waltz." Another number, called, "When You're in Longbranch, You're Not Far From Home," features a musical saw. Peninsula frogs, seagulls and cows also sing back-up on some selections.

Pamphlets on small business are available from the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The series of 24 pamphlets covers a variety of topics of interest to the small business owner and are available for a nominal charge. Call 851-6865 for more information.

David Dein of Cascade Cablevision was recognized by the Key Peninsula Lions Club at the recent Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet for his support of non-profit organizations. Cascade Cablevision carries a special "Key" channel, Channel 12. Any non-profit group can have public service announcements read at no charge.

Over at the **Key Center Trading Post**, Don Fegley recently sold a turn-of-the-century parlor stove to Hybrid Productions of California for use in a film of the Jack London story "White Fang." The movie will be filmed in Hanes, Alaska and will be released around Christmas.

An unoccupied single-story structure located on a 50-acre tract managed for an investment firm by **Roland and Roland Realtors** was made available by the realtors to the Key Peninsula Fire Department for training purposes. From January 2 to February 23, the Department conducted "live fire" training of volunteer and career firefighters.

"It couldn't have happened at a better time," said Lt. Tim Lemon, KPF's Training Officer. "We have a dozen new volunteer recruits and our three new paramedics who are undergoing firefighter training to qualify as Paramedic-firefighters, and the availability of this structure saved the district the very substantial expense of sending these people through the Washington Fire Service Academy at North Bend."

Small business public policy agenda set: 450 small business owners participated in the Governor's Conference on Small Business. The most important concerns identified were tax reform and the cost of employee benefits. Also on the list of the twenty top priorities was the simplification of environmental regulation procedures and a request that the state improve its relations with business.

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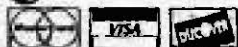
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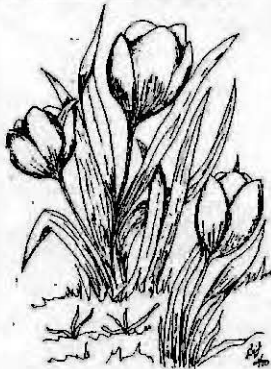
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5 Webelos 6:30 - 8:00 pm Fox Patrol	6 Wolf Den 3 3:30-5 pm Karate 6:30 - 8 pm Junior Girl Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm NA 7 - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 - 8:30 pm Open basketball 8 - 10 pm	7 Wolf Den 2 3:30 - 5:00 pm Brownies 3:15-5 pm Fun Night 6:30 - 10 pm	8 Seniors 11 - 4 pm Brownies 3:15 - 5 pm Karate 6:30 - 8 pm Webelos 7 - 8:30 pm Hawk Patrol NA 7 - 8:30 pm KPCCA 7:30 pm	9 Skating New Times all ages 6-7:30 pm/8-9:30 pm AA 8 - 9:30 pm	10 
11 Free meditation class 1-4 pm	12 Webelos Fox VFW & Aux. 7:30-10 pm	13 Wolf Den 3 Karate N.A. 7 - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts Open basketball Demo Caucus 8 pm	14 Wolf Den 2 Fun Night KP Park Board	15 Seniors 11-4 pm Brownies 3:15-5 pm Cadettes 3:15 - 5 pm Karate Webelos 7 pm NA 7 pm Cootiettes 6:30-10 pm	16 Skating 6-7:30 pm/8-9:30 pm AA	17 Twilite Dance 8 pm-1 am 
18 	19 Webelos Fox Patrol	20 Wolf Den 3 Karate Boy Scouts Open basketball NA	21 Wolf Den 2 Brownies Fun Night			

Peninsula classes

The Peninsula school district's spring session of community education classes begins March 5. Classes vary in length from one to eight weeks. Most classes meet one night a week.

Community education brochures have been mailed to Peninsula residents. If you have not received a brochure or need additional information, call the community education office at 857-3511 weekdays from 8 am to 3:30 pm.

Democratic caucus locations

March 13 is the date for Democratic caucuses. You may caucus at the following locations: Peninsula High School, rooms 110,112; Vaughn Elementary School, first room, old wing; Evergreen Elementary and the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we report the death of a Peninsula friend and neighbor...

Betty Matthewson, 78, died February 14, 1990. Born October 19, 1911 in Rodon Jamland, Sweden, she moved to the Key Peninsula area in 1963. She was a homemaker, was active in the Key Peninsula Senior Society, the Twilite Dance Club, Jackson Lake Sportsman Club and the Ladies Auxialary #2809 of

the F.O.E.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Jerome and Alma Tramill of Vaughn, her grandchildren, Tammy, Georgene and Tyrel Tramill of Vaughn, her sister Adelia Miller of Bainbridge Island and her brother Eric Jacobsen of Bainbridge Island.

Memorial services were held Saturday March 3 at the Jackson Lake Sportsman Club. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Key Peninsula Senior Society, care of the Civic Center, Vaughn, WA 98394.

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