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



Opening day of fishing saw Key Peninsulans and visitors out in force on Bay Lake on a cold and overcast day.
KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles.

Outlook may be improving for Minter Bay-Burley Lagoon oyster beds

by Keith Stiles

Don't start to count your oysters yet, but things just **might** be looking up for the oyster beds and the general status of water quality in Minter Bay and Burley Lagoon areas. Samples were taken of the water in Minter Creek and Minter Bay last week to get an "official" view of just what the pollution levels are now that a number of upstream and bay-area programs have been put in place.

According to Phil Struck of the Kitsap County Health Department, the sampling was carried out by a team of both Kitsap County and Washington State DSHS technicians for a dual purpose; first, to find out just what the current coliform bacterial levels might be and second, to more closely identify any remaining sources of shore-based pollution, such as failing septic systems. Somewhat later, it is expected, the same group will be looking at the current conditions in Burley Creek and in the Burley Lagoon area.

According to Struck, those associated with the program to clean up the bacterial pollution in the Burely-Minter areas hope to find that the upstream changes that have been put in place have made significant impacts on the water quality in those areas. These changes have included fencing of the creeks where they pass through farms to keep animals out of the water, control of groundwater runoff into the streams and improvement programs on various septic disposal systems. He estimated that these programs have been carried out with owner cooperation on about 20 small farms and on about 30 separate septic systems.

If the current set of tests shows that the pollution situation in the two water areas is much improved, what will that mean to the oyster operations of the Minterbrook Oyster Company? Struck emphasized that it is much too early to speculate on just what might happen

"because it is up to the State to re-certify the beds for use, but good results in these tests **might** be a step towards the beginning of such a process. I'm optimistic," he said. "We have made some definite progress."

Because both Minter and Burley Creeks rise in Kitsap County and then flow into the South Sound in Pierce County, the efforts to clean up these areas has been a joint one between the counties, besides involving Washington State DSHS officials. Much of the clean-up effort and program work has been done under a grant, which this year has been given to Kitsap County to use and administer. Next year, according to Struck, the grant will go to Pierce County for similar operations. In addition to Pierce County technicians, Seventh District Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr has associated himself closely with the clean-up activities.

Chief calls for major upgrade in emergency care services

by Keith Stiles

District 16 Fire Chief Horace Kanno took a step toward the future Tuesday evening, April 26, when he submitted a proposal to the fire commissioners for a local (district 16) "Advanced Life Support System" of medical response. This program, if adopted, would add a full-time team of paramedics to the responders on the Key Peninsula. Kanno defined paramedics as emergency technicians who are licensed and certified by the state to provide advanced procedures such as the administration of IV's and drugs, the opening of airways and other procedures that EMT's now serving with the department cannot legally perform.

Kanno said the department is making the proposal to the commissioners now because of the rapidly rising number of calls for medical aid to which Fire District 16 responds. Last year there were 642 calls for medical aid. Of these, 323 people were transported to medical facilities in Tacoma and 176 cases required advanced life support services. Currently, Fire District 16 draws upon paramedic serv-

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Magic night at the Civic Center!

Internationally known illusionist Tom Gallo, "The Fantasy Man," will be bringing his unique brand of comedy and magic to the Civic Center at Vaughn on May 14 at 7 pm. This event is being sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 213, and you will see beautiful girls in dazzling illusions, animals appearing and disappearing in the twinkle of an eye, and laugh with Tom Gallo's unique brand of humor.

Tickets are \$3 each, or \$10 for a family of four, and are by pre-sale only. They can be had by contacting the co-chairpersons for the event, Bunny Letellier at 884-3132 or Megan April at 884-9470, and any Pack 213 Cub Scout.

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS
will come out on **May 16**. Please
note the deadline for notices,
articles and ads for that issue is
Monday, May 9.

Mothers Without Custody group being formed

A support group calling itself Mothers Without Custody plans to hold ongoing monthly meetings in Tacoma, and is looking for an indication of the number of interested persons. For more information and the time and place of the meetings call Patti Haydon at 845-0652 or 536-06115, or Marlys Ducharme at 272-7313. Any mother experiencing non-custodial parenting, regardless of the circumstances, is welcome to attend.

Letters from you

To the Editor

Recently a good friend and neighbor of the Minter area, Ralph Collins, died. No memorial services were held.

Ralph was a long-standing servant of the community. The Collins family served the community through Collins Service and Grocery located near Minter. One may recall hard times and extended charge accounts for much needed groceries he provided for families. During the 70s, he supplied fuel for local people so they could travel long distances to and from work. Many youth athletic teams were sponsored over the years. Ralph supported youth by providing after-school jobs for many local boys. One wonders how many people stranded, in need of help, etc. he helped through the years. Many will recall his call for neighborhood support for families in crisis or need, as well as the continuous support for the local volunteer fire department.

Our community owes Ralph Collins and family a huge thank-you for years and years of service and will remember the contribution Ralph made within our community.

Please help us remember and honor him by supporting a memorial fund in his name for the District 16 Volunteer Fire Department by sending contributions to: Ralph Collins Memorial Fund, Puget Sound Nat. Bank, 14004 Purdy Drive NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.
Stan Gauthier & family.

Civic Center Board report

by Pauline Finn

At the April 14 meeting of the KPCCA it was announced that the Park Board is still looking for a concessionaire to service Volunteer Park this summer, and anyone interested should contact Park Board President Daphne Daus or any other member of the Board. Mention was also made that it is expected an M&O levy will be piggy-backed with the Fire District levy in September in another attempt to provide funds to support the Park and the Civic Center.

Bingo continues to lose money although attendance is picking up. New manager Phyllis Olson will run the activity through the summer, after which an assessment will have to be made whether to continue with the program. Skating continues to be very successful with about 100 youngsters in attendance each Friday night. The Board voted to spend \$250 on buying new skates and parts, and a "repair" work party was planned (complete with pizza and punch) for April 29.

Key Peninsula Business Association presented KPCCA with a \$100 check for help donated by Lee Stiles and Pauline Finn in putting together the KPBA's new Key Peninsula Visitors Guide due for publication shortly.

To the Editor

The Pierce County Public Works Department will begin herbicide spraying of roadsides for control of unwanted vegetation in mid-April. This letter provides information on the chemicals to be used and methods that residents may employ to protect themselves.

The herbicides and additives that will be used in 1988 include: 1) Oust/Dupont/Methyl 1-2-sulfonyl; 2) Garlon 3A/Dow/triclopyr; 3) Weedmaster/Velsicol/2,4-D and dicamba; 4) Escort/Dupont/metsulfuron methyl; 5) Rodeo/Monsanto/glyphosate; 6) Spreader Activator R-11/Wilbur-Ellis/octyl phenoxy polyethoxy ethanol; 7) Chem-trol/Loveland/polyvinyl polymer; 8) Activator NF/Loveland/dimethylpolysiloxane; 9) The Unfoamer/Hopkins/dimethylpolysiloxane.

Warnings on the various manufacturers' labels state: keep out of reach of children; hazardous to humans and domestic animals; avoid breathing dust or spray mist; avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing; do not use on lawns, walks, driveways; keep out of lakes, streams or ponds; in case of emergency endangering life or property, call collect; avoid injurious spray drift.

To prevent spraying of the roadside adjacent to your property, obtain an "Owner Responsibility & Maintenance Agreement" from Road District No. 3 in Purdy (857-4411, Mon-Fri 7:30-4pm) and post 'NO SPRAY' signs. The agreement has to be renewed each year.

There is a new rhody in the Civic Center grounds, donated and planted by the Girl Scouts on Arbor Day as a way of saying thank-you for the use of their meeting room. **Thank you, Girl Scouts!**

The Easter Egg Hunt was reported to have been a huge success again, in spite of a somewhat muddy day about 200 kids took part.

The Mother's Day Brunch, held at the Civic Center for the past several years, has been canceled this year due to lack of a chairperson. Lots of Indians but no chief!

Plans for Pioneer Day on August 6 are going ahead, however. Mike Salatino will chair raffle sales for the event and Rick Oldenburg will be in charge of publicity. Rental for "booths" on the grounds was set at \$25, which will provide a 12 ft. x 10 ft. space with table, no roof. The auction, so successful at last year's Pioneer Day, will be held separately this year on October 1 in the Civic Center gym, Anne Larson will chair it again.

Another event a little closer on the calendar is, by popular demand, another 50's/60's dance. Sponsored by KPCCA, Don and the Good Times Band will play that great dancing music. Jerry Benoit is chairman. So mark the date on your calendar..... Saturday, July 23!

Last year, because of equipment failure in the spring, the area of Home was not sprayed until late fall following a hard freeze. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, you may want to maintain signs and roadsides throughout the year.
Dory Myers, Vaughn.

To the Editor

Bring out the brass bands, the banners and the balloons! Give three cheers for the staff and students at Evergreen Elementary School. Despite the disruptions of constructing additions and remodeling, an excellent quality of education has been maintained. Many exciting things have taken place despite cramped quarters. As a classroom volunteer, sometime substitute and retired classroom teacher, I'm impressed. Parents, too, are to be commended for their support. So - all together now - shout it out! Hip, Hip, Hooray for Evergreen Elementary School.

Eris Aasland

Antique Show May 6

Upper Sound Grange 705 will hold an antique show on May 6 from 7 to 9 pm.. There will be no potluck or business meeting that night. The show is open to everyone and a donation of \$1.00 is requested. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Special for senior citizens...

At the last meeting of the Senior Society at the Civic Center it was announced that Price Savers in Fife will hold a special "Senior Citizen Recognition Day" on Tuesday, May 10, from 9 am to 4 pm. Services for seniors will include a free buffet breakfast, free food samples, free blood pressure checks, free drawings and several other offerings. For further information call 1-922-1266.

KP Senior Society doings

"Panama Canal" is a name that evokes many memories of events we have read about. On May 19 the Senior Society will hear from two people who have lived and worked there.

Terry Fuqua went to Panama in 1954 to work as a postal clerk and marine traffic controller. He was a member of the Panama Canal Commission until his retirement in June of 1987. Mary Deheck worked in Panama high schools as a librarian with the Department of Defense Dependent's Schools. Both these people came to the United States in 1987, and will bring art and craft work typical of Panama and will show slides of the canal and surrounding areas.

The Seniors' regular potluck luncheon and meeting in the Gold Room of the Civic Center, Vaughn will follow the program. Everyone is welcome!

Anyone wishing to speak to the group should call Board president Bob Smith at 884-2067.

Citizens Against Crime

..... begin staffing Purdy Sheriff's offices

by Hugh McMillan

Peninsula Citizens Against Crime (CAC) will hold an all-community meeting in the Gold Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center at 7 pm on Thursday, May 5, to discuss the group's progress to date. Members of the organization who have been "on duty" at the Purdy Sheriff's office will share their experiences with those attending.

CAC began operations in earnest on Monday, April 25, when a volunteer started a four-hour shift at 9 am. That volunteer was relieved by another at 1 pm, and at 5 pm the last volunteer for the day's shifts took over for the final four hours ending at 9 pm.

Three volunteers will be "on duty" seven days a week from 9 am until 9 pm. Each four-hour shift will be handled by a volunteer who will have continuous immediate telecommunication access to the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) at the central dispatch offices in the County City Building in Tacoma. For each volunteer's first few hours of duty, a Sheriff's Deputy or other qualified member of the group will be on hand to offer guidance and advice.

As reported in the April 11 edition of the *Key Peninsula NEWS* the first group of 16 volunteers completed training on March 31.

On April 14, a second group of volunteers received training at the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Purdy detachment offices in procedures for handling emergency and routine telephone calls. All of the volunteers were also instructed on proper methods of recording incoming information, maintenance of files, and distribution of data.

There are still a number of openings available in CAC and interested citizens are encouraged to obtain proper application forms from the Sheriff's office in Purdy or from the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters Station in Key Center. Applications will also be available at CAC's May 5 meeting.

Those volunteers who have not yet turned in their completed application forms may do so at the meeting. However, because the background security check can take four to six weeks, it would help greatly to speed things up if the

forms were deposited either at the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters Station in Key Center or at the Sheriff's office in Purdy.

CAC encourages anyone interested in learning of the organization to attend its meeting on May 5 at 7 pm at Key Peninsula Civic Center. Attendance does not automatically involve commitment; those merely wishing to observe and learn are welcome. Questions may be directed to Sgt. Bill Seewer or Deputy John Hendrickson at 857-3700, to Mel Oliver at 857-2654, or Hugh McMillan at 884-3319.

Change in tax exemption laws for Pierce County seniors and disabled.

The Legislature of the State of Washington passed a bill on April 22, 1987 making changes relating to senior citizens and disabled persons property tax exemption laws. The new section of the law has raised the qualifying income levels as well as raising the reduction in assessed values.

Due to past legislative changes, an applicant is not required to file an annual Senior/Disabled Persons application unless there has been a change in status (change in income category or residency). However, if there is a change in status, you must file an application with the county prior to July 1 of this year.

The office to contact is Senior/Disabled Exemption Department, Pierce County Assessor's Office, 2401 S. 35th, Tacoma, WA 98409. Or you can call 591-7105 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm for more information.

This information was provided by Fire District 16 Chief Horace Kanno. He will be glad to answer questions also - 884-2222.

Please remember the LIONS bins for your used newspapers and telephone books. Your gift of your used paper products will help the LIONS help LOCAL people to hear and see.

GI Insurance article a hoax!

We learned very rapidly that the article on Veteran's insurance, printed in the last issue of KP NEWS, is a hoax that has been going on for a number of years. It was reprinted in good faith from what appeared to be "reliable sources," but was quickly de-bunked by many of our readers, some of whom called the Veteran's Administration and some of whom had been "had" in earlier years. We apologize for the misinformation.

On the plus side, it is good to know so many of you are reading us!

As a matter of interest we are reprinting below (in part) information received from the Veterans Administration:

"A false and misleading rumor sweeping the nation is plaguing us at the Veterans Administration and leading thousands of veterans such as you to write us requesting dividends on insurance that you had in force while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"Congress did not pass any new law giving veterans a dividend based on the amount of months their insurance was in force while on active duty. The information you received regarding such a dividend is a hoax." PF.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Monday, May 2 ...

Senior Society Board meeting, KPCC, 10 am.

Tuesday, May 3 ...

Peninsula Social Club - potluck 6:30, program 7 pm. Longbranch Church Hall. TOPS weigh in at 6:15, meeting at 7 pm - Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, May 4 ...

Community Center at Home will serve hot lunch to seniors, everyone welcome. Lions Club will meet at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

Thursday, May 5 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon, Gold Room, Civic Center - all are welcome. Citizens Against Crime meets at 7 pm in the Gold Room of the Civic Center. This meeting is open to all citizens.

Friday, May 6 ...

Key Peninsula Business Association meets at the Eatery, KC Corral, at 7:30 am. Upper Sound Grange 705 will hold an Antique Show from 7 to 9 pm. Open to public, Donation \$1.

Sunday, May 8 ... Mother's Day

Monday, May 9 ...

VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in the VFW Room at KP Civic Center, Vaughn.

Tuesday, May 10 ...

Altrusa Club meets at the Shoreline Restaurant at noon. Peninsula Emblem Club meets at Gig Harbor Elks on SR 16. Cootiettes 609 will visit Cottesmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to car pool. TOPS weigh in at 6:15, meeting at 7 pm at Vaughn Church. Vaughn PTO will meet at the school at 7 pm. KP Civic Center Assn. Executive Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 11 ...

Community Center at Home will serve hot lunch to seniors. Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club, 10 am Longbranch Church Hall. Key Peninsula Park Board meeting - Civic Center - 7:30 pm.

Thursday, May 12 ...

KP Senior Society potluck luncheon, Gold Room, Civic Center, Vaughn. Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Michael Tovey, noon. KP Civic Center Assn. Board meeting - 7:30 pm - Gold Room, Civic Center, Vaughn. Survivors - a bereavement support group meets at 2 pm in the Brones Room of Key Center Library.

Saturday, May 14 ...

Ruth Circle Salad Luncheon for friends and guests, 12 pm Longbranch Church Hall. Magic Night at the Civic Center, hosted by Cub Scout Pack 213. Time: 7 pm. Tickets: pre-sale only, from Cub Scouts.

Monday, May 16 ...

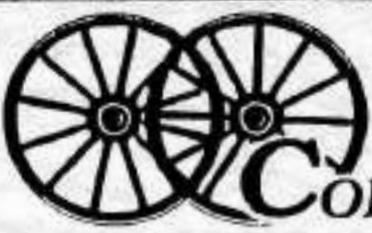
Evergreen Eagle Boosters will meet at the school at 7 pm and elect officers for the coming school year.

Dates to look forward to ... July 23 - 50s/60s Dance at the Civic Center. August 6 - Pioneer Day at the Civic Center.

KP Firefighters send out invitations

Fire District 16 firefighters got an early start on their annual Firefighters' Ball this year by getting their tickets in the mail early - during the last week of April. All Key Peninsula residents with regular mail service should have received them by now. If you didn't get yours, call the department at 884-2222. The Ball will be

held August 20 at the Civic Center, with dinner from 6 to 8 pm and dancing from 9 pm to 1 am. It will be a western theme and Jerry Andall and the Roughriders are back for another great evening. Your donation of \$15 per couple will help build the fireman's fund for very important services.



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Evergreen Elementary news

by Mary Knackstad

Work on the school is nearly finished. The carpets, cabinets and chalkboards have been installed and new furniture is stacked everywhere. It looks as though the kids will be able to move in before the end of the school year.

During the first week in May parents will have the opportunity to show their gratitude to the staff at Evergreen. A potluck luncheon and other surprises have been planned for those we depend upon so much but often neglect to thank. Dianna Sammons at 884-2956 is admini-

stering Staff Appreciation Week and needs more volunteers.

Two meetings for fifth-grade students and their parents will be held at Key Peninsula Middle School on May 3. Information on camp will be provided at 6 pm and KPMS orientation will begin at 7 pm.

The last Eagle Booster meeting of the year is scheduled for the evening of May 16. Next year's officers will be elected. Come and see if you're on the ballot!

In the Library

The Friends of the Key Center Library will have a potluck dinner Wednesday, May 11 at 6 pm. The dinner will be followed by the annual general meeting which will include discussions of 1988-1989 activities and programs. Book reviews will also be presented.

This will be an informal, enjoyable evening. The Friends adjourn for the summer months, June through August. If you would like to contribute ideas for

activities or programs for next year, this would be a good time to do so. Friends, friends of Friends and library supporters are welcome! Please call Lou Ann Vaughn at 884-4490 if you wish to attend the dinner.

LIBRARY HOURS:
 Tuesday & Wednesday 1-8:30
 Thursday & Friday 1-6
 Saturday 12-4

Cootiettes celebrate birthday

Cootiettes will celebrate their annual birthday with a party at the Belfair Cafe on May 19. The Penants #609 was chartered in 1959 and has been an on-going, hard-working, lots-of-fun group ever since. Many of the original members still

belong and are always on hand to keep the rest active.

Members of sister groups The Sly Foxes, Holiettes, Sea Gulls and Anchorettes are also expected to attend.

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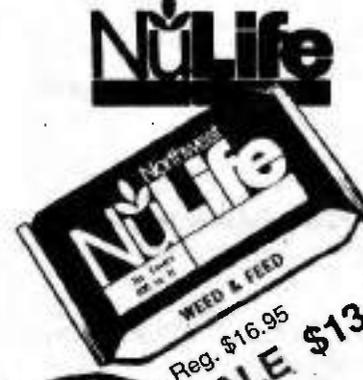


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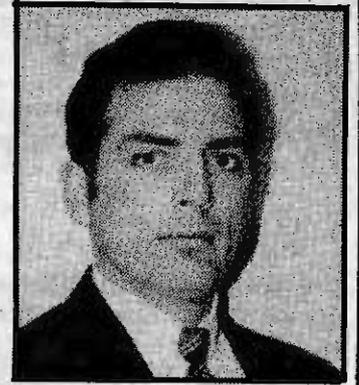
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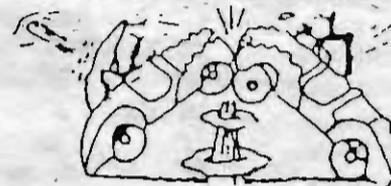
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White Cane Days ... May 6 and 7

by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula Lions' Club members will be out in force on Friday and Saturday the 6th and 7th of May handing out those little white canes again. This annual project of Lions Clubs throughout Washington and northern Idaho is the principal means of support for the Lions' Eye Bank at the University of Washington. Since its founding in 1969, the Eye Bank has provided free of charge over 6,000 corneas for transplants. We're proud to have helped to give others the priceless gift of sight.

Funds collected each year on White Cane Days go direct to the Lions' Sight Conservation Foundation (LSCF) headquarters in Bremerton which oversees the disbursement of money to support the Lions' Eye Bank, a satellite eye bank in Spokane, a piano tuning institute for the blind in Vancouver, Washington, a low vision clinic, and a financial support system for Lions' sight-related projects.

The Lions' Sight Conservation Foundation has proven to be a direct blessing to the Key Peninsula. About a year ago, a young couple was building a fence. When the husband swung his hammer at a fence stake, a piece of steel flew off and lodged in the eye of his wife, penetrating to the optic nerve. Learning this, the Key Peninsula Lions immediately contributed \$250 and advised the Gig Harbor Lions who also contributed \$250. This was augmented by an anonymous gift of \$100. Upon being notified, the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation advised our Club that it would match our contributions dollar for dollar. We now had \$1,200. The Sight Conservation Foundation also offered an interest-free loan to cover the balance of the approximately \$9,000 needed for medical expenses, or half of the needed money as an interest free loan and the other half as a grant, or all of the money as a grant. Naturally, it would be preferred if we did not take the latter option which would deplete funds to be used for other emergencies.

We contacted Donna Oiland, Executive Director of the Lions' Eye Bank at the U. of W. She knew the ophthalmological surgeon, contacted him, and within minutes had his agreement to cut his bill in half. He, in turn, advised that the anesthesiologist could be counted on the halve his bill, "if he intends to work with me again."

At last report, the young woman had regained not all, but a substantial portion of, her sight.

On White Cane Days, please help the Lions to help those in need.



Key Peninsula Lions serve dinner to the many residents who turned out for the Spaghetti Feed on April 9. Part of the proceeds from this event were donated to Peninsula High School's Razzmatazz group to help send them to the Young Americans National Invitational Choir competitions at Pasadena. Photo: Lee Stiles



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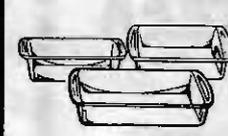


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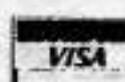


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Dancing starts at 7 pm, doors will open at 6 pm. All proceeds will go to the Crusaders for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, PO Box 432, Wauna, WA 98395.

Razz is seventh in Young Americans National Invitational competition

by Vicki Henschel

It was a week well spent for Peninsula High School Razzmatazz students when they traveled to Pasadena to represent the State of Washington and won seventh place in the Young American National Invitational Choir Festival competitions held the week of April 18. A total of twenty-four states competed, some of them having as many as 40 to 80 students in the group. Our Peninsula Razz group was the smallest with 23, so they did extremely well.

The days were filled with both fun and educational experiences. Each day started with breakfast at 7 to 8 am, then classes in dance and voice and several lectures. Trips to Disneyland, Universal

Studios, Knottsberry Farm and an afternoon at the beach were some of the highlights. Best of all were the friendships made with students from Florida, Michigan, Delaware and Hawaii to name a few. The week flew by too quickly, but the memories will last forever.

On behalf of the Razz students and parents, I thank Key Peninsulans for their support these past weeks when we have been raising money for the trip. Most of all, "thank you" Key Peninsula Lions for your support and generous donation and "thank you" Angel Guild. Without all of this support, our students would not have been able to take part in this wonderful experience.

The dilemma of legal issues for graying America

Senior citizens are often distressed by legal matters that arise and often unaware of how to get help. On Wednesday, May 4, at 1:30 pm a meeting will be held at D.E. Mall (Bldg 8), Clover Park VTI, and a discussion on Living Wills, transfer of assets, Power of Attorney and

Guardianship will be lead by Kenyon Luce, a prominent Pierce County attorney. Seniors are encouraged to attend, there is no charge.

The session is sponsored by several Lakewood groups including the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisor).

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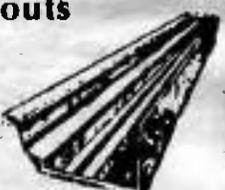
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by Dr. Wm.F.Roes



Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths. In an effort to detect breast cancer earlier and improve survival rates the American Cancer Society has long advocated yearly breast exams and mammograms for women over 50. Unfortunately, many insurance plans do not pay for these tests, and the mammogram can be fairly expensive (\$100). For this reason the Cancer Society, along with Pierce County Radiologists (x-ray doctors), are sponsoring a low-cost screening mammography program in May. It will be available to women over 35 who have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months. The costs will be \$45 and a report will be sent to your physician following the test.

A mammogram is simply a low-dose x-ray of each breast, using a special "dedicated" x-ray machine. It is estimated that mammogram can detect some cancers as early as two years before they can be felt by the patient or physician. The amount of radiation used for mammography in the past 10 years has decreased considerably and has been demonstrated to be safe in numerous studies. The earlier

breast cancer is detected the greater chance for cure, so if you are over 35, have no symptoms of breast disease, and have not had a recent mammogram, please take advantage of this program. Unfortunately this will be a somewhat limited time, so you must call before May 5 to get scheduled. The number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345.

Finally, although quite rare, breast cancer can occur in men, so if you have a lump or tenderness that persists in your breast, please see your health care provider.

Angel Guild plant sale

The home of Pat Clifford will be the scene of a plant sale and potluck luncheon attended by members of the Angel Guild on May 23 at 10:30 am. Members are urged to bring guests and plants.

Pat lives at 8623 146th Ave., KPN (Silver Bow Rd.), 884-2658. It is suggested that members meet at the Park 'n' Ride at Walt's at 10:15 am.

At the annual meeting on April 25 members toured the Narrow's Glen Retirement Complex and were served a delicious lunch in the dining room. Officers for 1988/89 were elected: President remains Anita Glass, Vice President is Gene Scott, Secretary is Annabelle Evans and Treasurer is Virginia Seavey.

Counselor vacancy at KP Health Center

by Bob Schottland

The KPHC Board of Directors has announced the need for a female child abuse counselor to replace Suzanne Dircks who recently resigned. Suzanne has been with the program for the past three years. Anyone interested in applying for this position should call Rick Kendig at the Health Center.

Rick, who is a Child and Family Therapist from the Comprehensive Mental Health Center of Tacoma-Pierce County, has counseled more than 300 residents of the Key Peninsula area over the last nine years. The service is maintained with funds generated by the Key Peninsula Health Center Corporation and

its Board of Directors. Rick will continue his counseling program at the Health Center on Mondays and Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

These services include areas of mental health, geriatrics, child abuse, welfare and social services information, individual and family counseling. At the present time, approximately 15 people, representing 50% women, 40% men and 10% children, are seen on a regular basis. Any resident of the Key Peninsula area who needs counseling, social services or related information may contact Rick Kendig at the Health Center, 884-2234.

Key Peninsula cholesterol check

The Key Peninsula Health Center in cooperation with Dr. Roes will be sponsoring a low cost cholesterol check on Thursday mornings from 9 to 10 am. A fee of \$10 will be collected. This money will go to support the Health Center's projects, such as respite care and family counseling.

Sue Wold, a member of Dr. Roes' staff, will draw a small amount of blood from your finger, run the test, and give you a copy of your total cholesterol level. Fasting before the test is optional.

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Cub Scouts name Pinewood Derby winners

Cub Scout pack 213 held its annual Pinewood Derby on March 27 at the Civic Center where a total of 59 Cubs participated. Fun was had by all, including parents and especially some highly motivated dads who also made cars and raced - just for fun. The "official" list of winners (although everyone participating received a ribbon) is as follows. Tiger Cubs: 1st - Elias Lugos, 2nd - Matthew Folden and 3rd - Jonathan Daus. For the Wolf Cubs: 1st - Cody Goodrum, 2nd - Kenny Carlson and 3rd - Brett Letellier. For the Bear Cubs: 1st - David Ross, 2nd - Keith Jones and 3rd - Joshua Krasko. For the Webelos 1st Division: 1st - Jareb Linder, 2nd - Max Sowers and 3rd - Craig Jackson. For the Webelos 2nd Division: 1st - Scott Cameron, 2nd - Bud White and 3rd - Bobby Vandall.



Tom Gallo, "The Fantasy Man," will be appearing at the Civic Center in a "magic night" on May 14 sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 213. Proceeds from the event will go into a general fund which provides money for merit badges and other Pack expenses. Dues alone are insufficient, as the aim is to keep dues low enough that no youngster is unable to become a Cub Scout because of lack of funds. Tickets are available from Scouts.

Kastles, Knights, Kids!

This venture into the world of medieval times will be the first major "theme" exhibit for the Children's Museum of Tacoma this fall. The Middle Ages has always held a fascination for youngsters of all ages with its images of knights, castles, dragons and the Crusades. From

the moment your child enters the Museum, he or she will be interested in the life and traditions of gothic times.

The exhibit will be divided into three segments: the castle, the cathedral and the town. Each part will portray the old-world architecture, decorative arts, costumes and food. Your child will be sur-

rounded by another world, even wear some of the clothing, and will sample the lifestyle of the Middle Ages.

Meantime, May is Space month in the Museum. Bring the children out to learn more about the solar system and beyond. There are rocket races, gravity games, out-of-this-world crafts and more!



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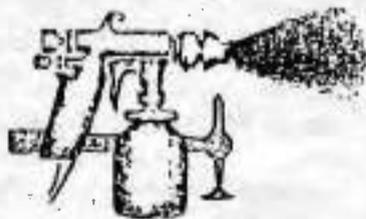
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KPFD hosts extrication training

by Hugh McMillan

The long, sweaty, fully-bunkered weekend of April 16 and 17 found firefighters from Fire Districts Mason 5 (Allyn), Pierce 5 (Gig Harbor), and Shelton being trained by O.B. Streeper of the Emergency Squad Training Institute of Chenoa, Illinois, on the finer points of emergency extrication. The training site was the Key Peninsula Fire Department. Every student found the training exhausting but immensely worthwhile.

Streeper, who is considered the number one extrication expert on the North American continent, has been in the business for 30 years and has taught throughout the US and Canada. "I'm on the road six months of the year giving courses," Streeper said. He also designs and sells extrication tools for rescue squads up to and including rescue trucks which are equipped complete to self-contained cascade/filtration equipment for on-site re-supply of SCBA breathing apparatus equipment. KPFD, which hosted a similar course in 1987, has purchased some of Streeper's equipment, "because it's better than anything else on the market," said a Key Peninsula Fire officer.

Streeper said he got into extrication work because, "30 years ago, while a superintendent of piping construction, I witnessed an accident in Hayworth, Ill., in which they hauled the car to a junkyard with two victims trapped inside in order to get them out; they didn't have any proper equipment." He yelled at the State Trooper in charge at the scene: "This is a crime!" The trooper responded, "Well, if you think you can do any better"

With that, he began designing extrication equipment and techniques for successful rescue operations. In a short time, he was called upon to teach the subject but found after a year or two that his teaching was interfering with and affecting his work. His wife suggested he take six months off and work only at, "your hobby," extrication. Streeper said, "Some six months! I've been at it ever since."

The 71 year old Streeper, "is as lithe as a snake," said a firefighter watching him curl under a steering wheel in a grotesque impersonation of an accident victim. Streeper is proud of his boundless energy and "youth" and still sky-dives and SCUBA dives for recreation.

During WWII, Streeper flew on B-24's as an aerial gunner/engineer out of North Africa and, later, Italy with the 461st Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force until, on his 87th mission, his plane was hit by flak over Southern France wounding him in the hip. "We all jumped; didn't lose a single crew member," recalled Streeper. He then spent 92 days working with different French underground groups with whom he fell in, "and I couldn't speak a word of French," he laughed. "I never stayed very long with any one group; you couldn't trust 'em - particularly after the krauts put a price on my head dead or alive."

His wife of 45 years, Esther, accompanies him as he takes his expertise throughout the country. They travel in a rescue truck. "I'd give anything to have one of those trucks in our department," said one of the student officers. They pull an Airstream trailer with the truck, "and have all the comforts of home right at the training site," said Streeper.

O.B., as he is known, is a hard-driving, blunt, outspoken, no-nonsense instructor with all the charm of a Marine Corps drill sergeant. But he leaves no room for doubt that he is the best in the business. And it is clear to this reporter that all of his students had enormously high respect for the man. I, for one, can't wait for him to come back again next year.

County-wide transportation planned

The Pierce County Strategic Planning Task Force, appointed in 1986 to form a proposed countywide transportation plan, began and completed its assignment in 1987. The 35-member Task Force identified twelve key problem issues which they felt affect the economic development of Pierce County. They developed strategies and specific objectives to address the issues and the report was presented to the Executive and County Council in November.

Continuing to move ahead with the recommendations of the Pierce County Economic Development Strategic Planning Task Force in their Twelve Point Plan, Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini is initiating a program for the development of a Transportation Plan for Pierce County. In preparation for this effort he has invited a cross section of community leaders to meet with him to establish the necessary coordination, input and insight so critical to an effective program. The planning program considered was presented on April 21, 1988 at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel.

At a recent meeting with King County Executive Tim Hill, the two county executives discussed their mutual concerns for quality transportation systems and plans. It is hoped that the parallel programs of the Pierce County Transportation Plan program and King County's Transportation Funding Strategy will demonstrate their mutual dedication to providing quality transportation services to the citizens of the region.

Don't forget—Wednesday night is BINGO night at the Civic Center. Why not drop in for an evening of fun and a chance to meet new friends? And...you might even win a whole potful of money...other people do!



Members of the Ashes, the Ladies Auxiliary of Fire District 16, hold a very successful rummage sale on April 23 at Key Center Fire Hall. Photo/Lee Stiles



Canadian health care...

Are health care costs so much cheaper in Canada than in the U.S.? Loren Harriman has mailed us some information that is interesting. It shows what we all should know ... someone has to pay, even if the immediate recipient gets off easy.

As in the U.S., there are differing opinions in Canada. Some factions would reduce the quality of care in certain cases, claiming that the elderly especially are utilizing special care facilities beyond their needs. A fair-minded person would probably see some truth in any argument made.

It seems that certain Canadian doctors overhospitalize and overdiagnose

patients due to fear of lawsuits. However, it appears that a Canadian doctor risks malpractice suits far less than his U.S. contemporary does.

There is some controversy regarding waste. It is suggested that life support systems should be used "only when a recovery is expected." A bit of thought can make that one seem scary! Food waste and overuse of emergency facilities is criticized. All the complaints of waste sound reasonable, for someone else. Having been sent home from a hernia operation the same day it was done, I have reservations on the quick in-and-out idea.

As of April 1, 1987, the B.C. medical plan cost a two-member family \$37 per month. There are premium assistance plans for low income families. Dental services are covered only when medically required to be performed in a hospital. There is a small charge for certain therapy types of care.

Family practitioners earn from \$72,400 to \$78,000. Specialists earn much more. Canadian medical care costs 8.5% of national income versus 11% for the United States.

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Arrest made in case of huge illegal tire dump

Pierce County deputies, working in cooperation with the Pierce County Fire Marshal and authorities of Fire District 16, have reportedly arrested Douglas Stansell, 22, on a charge of operating an illegal "used tire storage" operation in a remote area just off Highway 302 at 141st. The actual site of the tire dump is about 1/4 mile from Highway 302 and is not visible from the road. According to Deputy Fire Marshall Wayne Wienholz, the arrest was made on Tuesday, April 26. He stated that the young man gave an address in Southwest Olympia.

Fire District 16 spokesman Fred Ramsdell said that estimates of the number of used tires on the property, located about two miles north of Key Center, ran between 5,000 and 30,000. He added that such a large number of tires constitutes an extremely serious fire hazard in addition to environmental and dumping considerations.

According to Wienholz, the operation of a tire storage area is closely defined, controlled, limited and licensed under Pierce County law 8338. Stansell was charged with operating the storage area without a permit under that law. Whether or not he was the only person involved with the tire operation was not immediately known, but both Wienholz and Sergeant Bill Seewer of the Purdy Sheriff's Detachment indicated that the investigation was continuing. Rumors circulating in the community have alluded to "several different U-Haul trucks and vans" seen entering and leaving the property.

The future of all the used tires stored on the site was not known at press time of the NEWS. Reports indicate that Stansell will be charged in District 2 Court in Gig Harbor and that a requirement in the outcome of some similar cases has been a cleanup of the area.



Old tires dumped on property just north of Key Center.

Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

At age 70-1/2, you must begin making withdrawals from your **Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)**. The old rule was that you had to make at least a minimum withdrawal (figured from IRS life-expectancy tables) from each of your IRA accounts. Under the new rule you can figure the total required withdrawal and take it out of any account or combination of accounts. This helps if you have CDs, for example, some of which may be subject to early-withdrawal penalties.

Interest strategy. You can deduct 40% of "personal interest" in 1988, but only 20% in 1989. (Personal interest includes interest on credit cards, car loans, back taxes, student loans etc.) It's a good time to pay off these debts. If you don't have cash, consider taking out a home-equity loan. The interest on a sum up to \$100,000 is fully deductible as mortgage interest.

If you rent out your vacation home for 14 days or less during the year, and pocket the income tax-free, it does not have to be reported on your tax return. You can't take business-type deductions such as depreciation and utilities, but you can still deduct mortgage interest and property taxes.

If it has been 10 weeks since you filed your tax return and you still haven't received your refund, you can find out about its status by calling a special IRS telephone number for Automated Refund Information (ARI). The number for Washington (except Seattle) is 1-800-554-4477. When you call, have information on your Social Security number, your filing status and the amount of refund claimed ready to discuss. In other words, have your copy of your tax return in front of you.

Northwest Trek adds 3,000 plants to Cat Country

Spotting scopes and 3,000 native plants have been added to Cat Country, home to cougar, bobcat and lynx at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park near Eatonville.

Plants were chosen to represent all areas and elevations from sub-alpine fir and manzanita to Pacific wax myrtle and evergreen huckleberry. The ground cov-

ers, small perennials, shrubs and trees range from maidenhair ferns, so small they were barely visible in the dirt clumps, to 16-foot tall trees.

In the cougar area rotting logs have been set into an eroding slope. Plants have been placed between the logs so the active cats can use the logs as walkways while the plants are getting established.

The plantings not only beautify the four-acre exhibit area but also naturalize it, blending paths, fences and buildings into the surrounding landscape and screening parking lots and open fields.

Spotting scopes have been placed in each viewing area to enable you to get a closer look at the big cats.

KPS resident wins Governor's Award

Edgar Larson, a Lakebay resident of 141st Ave. KPS, was honored in Olympia on April 29 when he received the 1988 Washington Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The award was presented in Legislative chambers and was for Mr. Larson's service to the mentally handicapped where he was a visitor, a mentor, a friend and companion.



In describing his work, Mr. Larson said he is a volunteer with the Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped and that the Foundation needs volunteers to work with the mentally retarded of all ages. He also paid tribute to the work of the Foundation within the Pierce County community.

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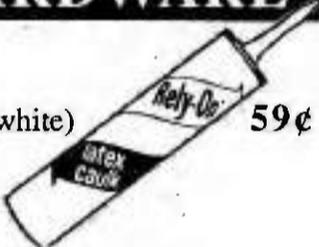
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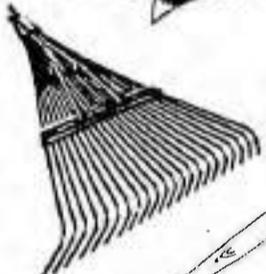
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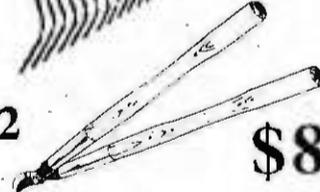
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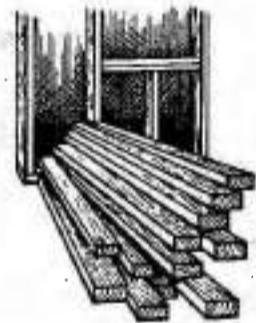
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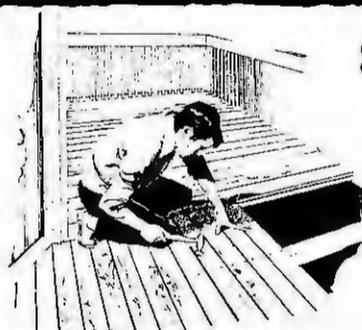
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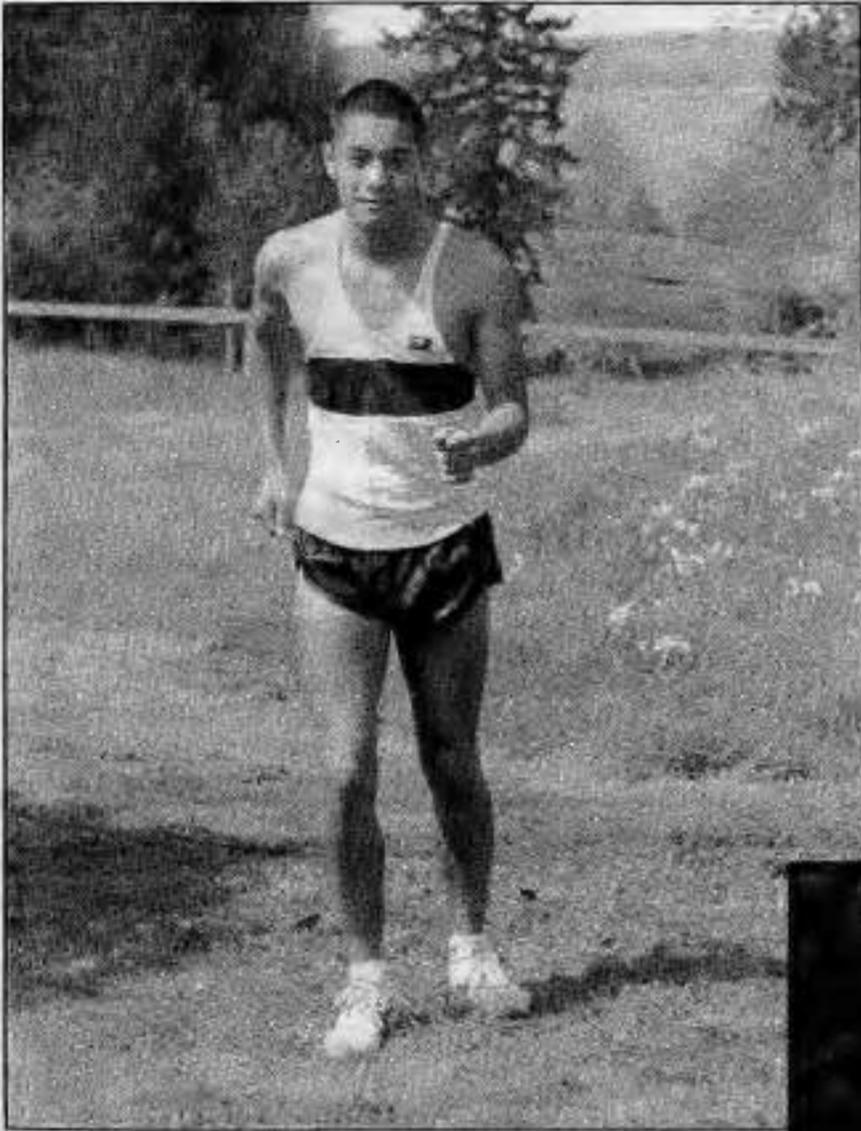
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Jay Latteri, winner of the 2-Mile event. Photo/Lee Stiles.

Purdy Fun Run draws local residents - Jay Latteri wins 2-Mile race

History does not immediately tell us just what the weather was like when Purdy was founded 103 years ago, but those taking part in the 103rd Anniversary Celebration Fun Run will testify that it was cold, windy and cloudy on April 23rd. All that aside, a lot of folks showed up for the 2-Mile and the 10K Fun Runs, including a good number of stout-hearted types from the Key Peninsula. Leading the way in the 2-Mile event was Jay Latteri of Vaughn who won it all in a time of 11 minutes, 19.68 seconds. The 10K event was won by Jon Leachtenaur, running in the 19-29 age group, who turned in a time of 34 minutes, 9.98 seconds. In the Women's Division, Lori Burkhard did the 2-Mile in 14 minutes, 59.95 seconds

and 10K Ladies' winner Monica Lindholm won in 44 minutes, 4.82 seconds.

Key Peninsula participants in the 2-Mile event also included Sean Metzger, Jim Latteri and John Carlson for the men, and Helen Carlson, Laura Council, Maureen Ellingson and Donna Dailey for the ladies. Those running in the 10K event also included Casey Pinwoski, Karsten Carlson, Jeremy Sagle, Fran DiBiase and Jeffrey Hartjoy for the men, and Debbie Hartjoy and Jeannie Sagle for the ladies.

Even with the cold wind, the Fun Run turned out to be a success for the many participants, particularly when they got inside and warm when it was all over! Happy Birthday, Purdy!

Donna Dailey, with Helen Carlson close behind, at the finish of the Purdy Fun Run. Photo/Lee Stiles



Jon Leachtenaur, winner of the 10K. Photo/Lee Stiles



Local man runs in Emerald City marathon

On another occasion, Jeff Hartjoy of Whitman Cove tried his hand at the Emerald City (Seattle) marathon on April 10 and finished the course in 3 hours 13 minutes for 217th place in a crowd of 1,700 entrants. He said the first 10 miles of the marathon are hilly, but after that it is a great course to run. The scenery was good and the crowd support fantastic. Jeff says his finish wasn't as good as he had hoped for and, come next year, he may give it another shot.

The life of Della Guse Snow, a local pioneer

By Jean Humphreys

Della was born November 30, 1896 in Oklahoma Indian Territory to Moses Laurence and Ada Daniels Graziure Laurence. Her father, a doctor, called her his "Little French girl" because of her blue eyes. She spoke often of her daddy, whom she obviously remembered with affection and admiration. In 1913 the family moved to the State of Washington where she met Emil Guse, whom she married July 2, 1914. Five children were born - Mildred in 1915, Grace Ellen in 1916, Emil Jr. in 1918, Betty in 1921 and Richard in 1925. Emil Jr. died in infancy and his father's German Lutheran heritage is reflected in the fact that, before the child's death, he baptised his son in bath water. Grace Ellen died in 1929 at the age of 13 and Della recently shared with this writer her continuing sorrow at her daughter's death.

The family moved to Longbranch in 1927, where Della became active as a Sunday School teacher in the Congregational church that was the predecessor of the present Longbranch Church. They lived in a log house at Taylor Bay, moving to Tacoma for a time during World War II. Della was president of the Ladies Aid Society, a member of the Garden Club and the choir. Her husband, Emil, died in December 1964, shortly after the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Since then, Della had lived in Tacoma and here on the Peninsula. In 1972 she married Randolph Snow, who died thirteen months later.

Della is remembered as a good mother who gave her children a good Christian upbringing and had a "strong faith." She loved the Key Peninsula and delighted in the finches that visited the bird feeder at her window. She lived a full and happy life right up until the last. She died March 9, 1988 and was put to rest at the Old German Cemetery at Longbranch Church on March 12.

From our Scrapbooks

by Margaret Paul

Peninsula Gateway, June 1960

A combined choir will present "The Seven Last Words," a cantata by Dubois, at the Vaughn Community Church on Wednesday at 8 pm. Mrs. William Case is the director and Mr. Calvin Knapp is the accompanist. Sopranos - the Misses Joann Anderson, Sharon Hatcher, Carolyn Jardeen, June Piggott, Kathy Ream, Louise Severtsen, Darlene Kinkaid and Sue Smith, and Mesdames Harold Best, Fay Fields, Lawrence Lay, R.E. Rodgers, V. Wilkinson, Cecil Curran, D.A. Elbert, Agnor Johnson, Allen

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Choking: what to do with your kids

Don't let your kid get all choked up.

Quick now. What's wrong with a young child's lunch that consists of a peanut butter sandwich, raw carrot slices, grapes and cookies? These food items are among the top 10 foods associated with fatal choking incidents of children under the age of 5, according to a survey by John Hopkins University.

The 10 most common foods associated with choking are hot dogs, round candy, peanuts, grapes, cookies, meat chunks or slices, raw carrot slices, peanut butter, apple chunks and popcorn, the survey says.

The problem young children have with these foods is not their ability to chew and swallow, but the fact that if the

child laughs, giggles, cries or is surprised suddenly, he or she will inhale with a quick deep breath. According to Jean Sanborn, a pediatric nurse at Group Health Cooperative, that sudden inhalation can send food that is in the mouth directly into a lung where it can either block off the lung or cause it to collapse.

Sanborn said that doesn't mean the foods should be on the no-no list for the under-5 age group. Children can safely eat most of these foods - but under careful adult supervision. She suggests:

- Sit down at the table with young children.
- Cut their food into small pieces.
- Insist that your children eat only while sitting in an upright position.
- Take a class in CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) so you know what to do if a child needs to be revived or is choking.

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KPBA NEWS

by Mary Ann
Huntington



Guest speaker for the April 15 meeting of the Key Peninsula Business Association was Sandy Newhouse, a member of the Peninsula Scholarship Fund Committee. Students applying for the \$100 scholarships must make a notebook, with pictures, on goals and achievements throughout their high school years. Donations are accepted all year, with the money going into a perpetual fund. The two largest contributors are the Thrift Shop (Save) and Uddenburg's Thriftway which donates 1% of your grocery receipts.

The KPBA will host its first business after-hours get-together on May 19 at Far-A-Way from 6 to 8 pm. In other communities this type of informal gathering has proven to be a great way to network with fellow business owners. Plan on attending even if you don't know anyone.

The Cub Scouts magician show will be held at the Civic Center on May 14 at 7 pm. KPBA will donate 500 logo balloons to be given away.

Business Briefs

Correction...

In our article reporting the KPBA photo contest winners, we misspelled the name of one of the honorable mentions. She is Barbara Bence (not Benson). Sorry, Barbara.

A-T-E Feed in Key Center has closed down operations at that location as of about the middle of April.

Key Western Building Center is now open on Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm to provide for the needs of those folks who must do their shopping and construction projects on the weekends. Should be of a lot of assistance to many customers!

The Pioneer Day Parade Committee is formulating its rule and entry forms, so look for an application in an upcoming edition.

Don Tjossem is working with the G.H. Chamber to gather ideas on a questionnaire for members on the economic future of the Key Peninsula.

Dates to add to your calendar include the Apple Squeezing Fall Festival, October 22, and KPBA Food Drive Month, October 22 to December 22.

Next meeting of the KPBA will be May 6 at 7:30 am at the Eatery. Y'all come!

KPBA after-hours Social

The Key Peninsula Business Association will be hosting refreshments and hors d'oeuvres on May 19, from 6 to 8 pm, at Far-A-Way, Longbranch, and all business owners and service providers in the Key Peninsula area are invited to meet and mix with the members. Far-A-Way is a beautiful estate located at 6505 Cliff Avenue on Filucy Bay and is easily reached by turning right on 72nd Avenue off Key Peninsula Highway South. Far-A-Way's signs will guide you beyond that point.

If more information is needed, please call Don Tjossem at 884-9345 or Fran Kent at 884-3862.

Lakebay Lumber celebrates first anniversary in new location

This first week in May marks the first anniversary of Lakebay Lumber in its new location on Highway 302 at Minter Village. Representing Lakebay Lumber, Tom Edwards offered the firms' appreciation for the public's reception of the new location. Information indicates that several more developments are "in the wind" at Minter Village, including the opening within the next few weeks of a day care facility in the building immediately off Highway 302.

New day care facility to open at Minter Village

A new licensed day care facility is scheduled to open "about the middle of June" in the building complex immediately along Highway 302 at Minter Village. The new facility, which will be known as the "Country Home Day Care Center," will be owned by Mark and Cindy Knisely of Longbranch. It is expected to fill a need for licensed services that has been mentioned by many working parents.

Tentative plans for operation, as provided to the NEWS, call for childcare from the hours of 6:30 am to 6 pm on

weekdays, with the possibility that special needs for some working parents can be worked out. Cindy Knisely indicated that plans in progress for an enclosed play yard and other facilities would occupy the time between the present and the date of opening. She said that the day care would "provide a licensed facility with a home quality setting." While she expects to be able to accommodate about twelve children during the summer months, she is considering enlarging the operation next September if there is sufficient need. Further information can be obtained by calling Cindy at 884-2897.

Fantasy in Flowers

Burley Galleria celebrates "Fantasy in Flowers" May 1 through May 30 with myriads of potted flowers, silk arrangements, clusters of silks and flower paintings. Silvia Parkins' wildflower watercolors and dainty silhouettes grace the walls of Burley Galleria's main exhibit hall at 14820 Bethel-Burley Road, downtown Burley (between Gig Harbor and Port Orchard).

A reception for Silvia, to be held

Sunday, May 15, from noon to 3 pm, will highlight the May exhibit. Silvia will demonstrate her skill of cutting out lacy silhouettes from black paper and marrying them to watercolored backgrounds of wildflowers. Adding to the day's festivities, Barbara Hanna will arrange silk flowers in your favorite container from home or from Burley Galleria. Arranging is complimentary if the flowers are purchased at Burley Galleria.

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by Janice McMillan



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RHUBARB ROLLS

- 2 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. margerine
- 3/4 c. milk
- 3-1/2 c. finely chopped rhubarb
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 c. water
- 2 c. sugar
- 3 tsp. margerine
- Whipped cream, vanilla ice cream, or half and half

Mix flour salt and baking powder together, cut in margerine, stir in milk until a dough forms. Do not overmix. Roll dough into a 12- by -14 inch rectangle.

Combine rhubarb with one cup sugar and cinnamon, spread evenly over dough. Roll up jelly roll fashion, starting on long

side. Cut in half, cut each half into half (making four pieces) and then cut these pieces into thirds, making twelve pieces. Place cut side down in glass baking dish 8 x 11 inches or larger.

In saucepan combine one cup water, two cups sugar and three teaspoons butter or margerine. Cook until butter melts and sugar is dissolved. Pour this syrup over the rolls and bake in 350 degree oven for 40 minutes, or a little longer until rolls are golden brown. As this dish bakes it will appear that there is too much sauce and the rolls are floating, but as the dish cools all will be well.

Serve warm or room temperature, topped with slightly sweetened whipped cream, half and half or ice cream. Tastes pretty good plain, too.

Asparagus now and later

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

Avoid tips that are open and spread out, moldy or decayed or ribbed spears (spears with up-and-down ridges, or not approximately round). Angular stalks are usually tough and stringy. These are all signs of aging and mean tough asparagus



Key Peninsula resident Marguerite Bussard was crowned VFW Loyalty Day Queen at the Civic Center, Vaughn recently. Marguerite will reign for a year and be a part of all VFW and Auxiliary parades and other public functions.

and poor flavor. Also, avoid excessively sandy asparagus because sand grains can lodge beneath the scales or in the tips of the spears and are difficult to remove in washing.

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

According to Ms. Fuste, freezing asparagus is relatively simple. Wash spears thoroughly in cold water, then lift

them out of the water to allow grit to settle to the bottom of the pan. Divide them into different groups according to the thickness of the stalk. Blanching is necessary to deactivate enzymes that cause vitamin and quality losses. Steam blanching is recommended to preserve nutrients. To blanch in steam, put one inch of water in a kettle and bring to a rolling boil. Put a small amount of asparagus in a steamer basket or colander with legs and set it in the kettle (the produce should not touch the water). Cover the kettle and blanch: small stalks 1-1/2 minutes; medium stalks 2 minutes; large stalks 3 minutes. Cool immediately in cold running water or ice water for about the same length of time used for blanching. When thoroughly cool, drain and pack. Use frozen asparagus within a year.

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Obituary

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

Memorial services were held on April 27 at "Celebrations by Nadeau" on Peacock Hill in Gig Harbor for Courtland P. Gill, 73, who died on Sunday, April 24, in Tacoma. He and his wife, Thelma, had lived for the past six years in the northern portion of the Key Peninsula and he had served on the Key Peninsula Health Center Board of Directors. He was born in Missoula, Montana, in 1913 and retired as a real estate salesman.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, including Luciann Nadeau of Gig Harbor, two sons, a sister, 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the St. Joseph Heart Center in Tacoma. Arrangements were by Haven of Rest in Gig Harbor.

Puget Sound Women's League holds flea market

The University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse will be loaded to the ceiling with furniture, garden and kitchen appliances and equipment, books, jewelry, antiques and other collectibles during the annual Flea Market on Saturday, May 7.

Billed the largest market of its kind north of San Francisco, the event will be held from 10 am to 5 pm in the Fieldhouse on North 11th Street (between Union and Lawrence Streets).

Admission is \$1 and tickets are available from the alumni office on campus, from league members and at the door.

More than 60 booths of independent merchants will offer arts and crafts and baked goods. All proceeds from the market support student scholarships at the University.

Olympic Park entrance fee program expands

Entrance fee collection begins at Olympic National Park on May 27. In addition to fee collection stations at Heart O' the Hills on Hurricane Ridge Road and Hoh Rain Forest Road (first opened last year), four additional stations have been added this year: Soleduck Valley, Elwha, Mora/Rialto Beach and Staircase.

The \$3 entrance fee covers all occupants of a private, non-commercial vehicle and is valid at all Olympic National Park entrance points for seven days from date of issue. The fee for visitors walking or bicycling in is \$1, also valid for a week.

A \$10 annual pass is also available for the Olympic National Park.

Fee collection will continue through October 1, 1988. Added revenues from expanded fee collection support park interpretation, resource management and scientific research projects.

State Park campsite fee hike

A \$1 increase in campsite fees in Washington State parks goes into effect May 15. Tent sites will cost \$7, full hook-up sites will cost \$9.50.

The Parks and Recreation Commission also approved a 50-cent increase in state park boat moorage fees. New boat moorage fees are \$4 for boats under 26 feet long and \$6 for those 26 feet and longer.

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Radio station KGHP moves ahead

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Peninsula School Board holds retreat

The Board of Directors of the Peninsula School District held their Annual Spring Retreat all day Friday, April 29, and most of Saturday, April 30, in the meeting rooms of the American Quilt Gallery in Gig Harbor.

Board retreats are held to allow the school board to hear, study and discuss major issues affecting the school district and to consider planning items for the coming year. No actions on issues were taken because, by law, all school board item actions are taken in public sessions.

Grade school children look at classical music

Recently an East Coast classical music station had some elementary school children write essays about "finer music." Here are a few quotes from the children's compositions:

- * "Caruso was at first an Italian. Then someone heard his voice and said he would go a long way. And so he came to America."
 - * "A harp is a nude piano."
 - * "Henry Purcell is a well-known composer few people have ever heard of."
 - * "Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was rather large."
- And finally...
- * "I know what a sextet is, but I'd rather not say."

(Noted by Emily Walker in the TNT)



"His Honor" Visits Locally.....Gig Harbor Mayor Don McCarty took some time out of his busy schedule on Wednesday, April 27, to explain his civic work to members of Nancy Pratt's 3/4 grade students at Vaughn Elementary School. Right now, those students are studying units of government, such as cities. This week Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr is expected to be talking to the same group of young people. (KP News photo)

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Forestry conference held at Cispus

by Stella Retherford

The Cispus Environmental Education Center near Randle was the scene of an historic conference of environmental organization representatives and National Forest Service officials from Gifford Pinchot, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Olympic National Forests on April 9 and 10.

Hosted by the Audubon Society, the intent of the conference was to establish better feeling and understanding between environmentalists and National Forest policy makers. Eighty participants listened intently as National Forest Service planner Ron Jackson outlined the organization of the Forest Service and discussed legislation relating to timber sales. He said if a timber sale is to be opposed, it is better to do it early in the complicated process leading up to the actual cut.

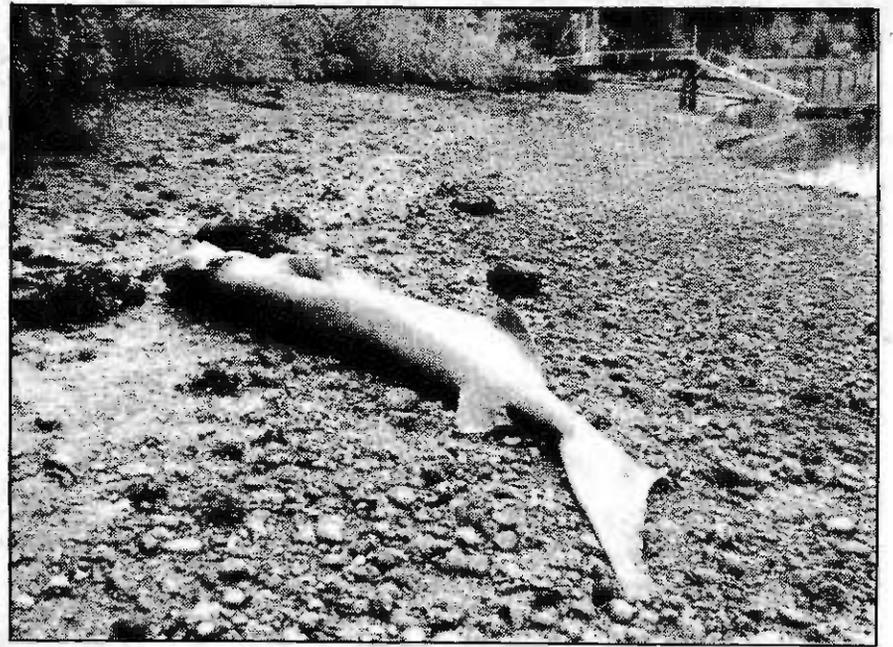
Participants from the many environmental organizations in the Pacific Northwest included several young interns serving as cartographers, lobbyists, researchers and activists sponsored and funded by Audubon. These ambitious, idealistic young people are enrolled in college and work in these fields while assembling data for master's theses. Many working and retired persons gave their precious weekend to this important seminar, also.

A long break before dinner allowed time for the participants to hike up to the

falls or to the nearby peak. After dinner Chuck Sisco led a group to a mountain valley to observe some unfavorable forest practices such as clearcutting where no corridor of trees was left along steep stream drainages. Erosion of the barren slopes had brought down much gravel which clogged the culvert and subsequent heavy rains had washed out the road. It takes thousands of tax dollars to repair such damage.

On Sunday Forest Service personnel listened to environmentalist's concerns that Forest Service policy allows far more expansive roading and clearcutting than is practical with the sustained yield policy. Forest Service personnel responded that Congress determines the total cut and the Forest Service does its best to follow that mandate. If timber is not taken from one area, it must come from another. Environmentalists feel that the few tracts of ancient timber that still stand should be preserved for future cloning, gene pool uses and as our heritage to pass on to future generations. They feel our timber resources are being used up so fast that jobs for the future are endangered. The export of logs instead of wood products also exports jobs.

Several Adopt-A-Forest groups were formed to help the Forest Service monitor timber sales areas and to further identify habitats occupied by the endangered spotted owl. The Peninsula group chose to work with the Hood Canal District of the Olympic National Forest. Chaired by Clarence and Dorothy Martin of Bremerton, the group recently met at the Hoodport Ranger Station with Timber Sales Planner Carol Channell and Forest Biologist Marilyn Stoll. Follow-



This 14-foot, 6-gill cow shark (a female) was washed up on the beach at the R.D. Wilson home on Vaughn Bay recently. It was estimated to weigh between 800 and 900 lbs. Cow sharks are common in deep water, and will attack if agitated. Tor Johannessen, biology teacher at PHS, and a group of students dissected the fish. The head is being preserved for the Wilson's son who resides in Alaska.
KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles.

ing an information session, maps were marked with proposed cuts and plans were laid for monitoring proposed sales.

More information on this project can be obtained from Clarence and Dorothy Martin at 377-8416.

Cispus is located in a densely forested area on the Cispus River with camp-style dormitories and a dining hall which serves hearty meals. Cispus was a CCC camp in the thirties and was purchased by the Washington Public School Principals' Organization for forest-related environmental studies by school groups (although it is occasionally available to others).

Gig Harbor childbirth class

A modified Lamaze childbirth class will begin in Gig Harbor on Thursday, May 26 from 7 to 9:30 pm at Gig Harbor High School, 5101 Rosedale NW. The class is taught by a state certified childbirth educator from the Childbirth Education Association of Tacoma and Bates Vocational School. Instruction includes 9 prenatal classes and one postpartum class with babies for a fee of \$35 per couple. For registration call the Bates' Home & Family Life Office at 597-7240.

More on emergency care services...

Continued from Page 1

ices from outside the area, such as Peninsula Ambulance Service in Gig Harbor, and sometimes from a service near Allyn in Mason County.

One of the things that was clearly on the Chief's mind was the response time for paramedic services to the Key Peninsula. He estimates that while district 16 ambulances with local EMT's reach the scene in an average of just over six minutes, it takes at least 18 minutes for paramedics from outside to make the same call. Citing information developed from a Tacoma study, the Chief stated that adequate paramedic response should be within 8 minutes for 90% of all calls and within 15 minutes for all others. "Obviously," he said, "we are not there that quickly and we need to find ways to improve."

Just how to fund such a program, estimated to cost about \$68,000 per year, will be one of the many considerations that the Fire Commissioners discuss at their next meeting in May. In the interim, Commissioners Fenton, Fleming and McMillan will be studying the Chief's proposal and cost and funding questions and implications.

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8 Faith Chapel (am)  <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30 pm VFW and Aux. 7:30 pm	10 Pre-school Evergreen School Aerobics 6-7 pm Karate 7-9 pm KP Exec Board	11 Pre-school Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30 pm Park Board	12 Pre-school KP Seniors Aerobics Karate Teen NA KPCC Board	13 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skating	14 Boy Scouts Gym 3-10 pm
15 Faith Chapel (am)	16 Aerobics Rocky Bay	17 Pre-school Evergreen Elementary Aerobics Karate	18 Pre-school Aerobics Rocky Bay	19 Pre-school KP Seniors Aerobics Karate Teen NA Cootiettes	20 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skating	21 Twilite Dance Club 9 pm - 1 am
22 Faith Chapel (am) Wedding Recpt. 2-6 pm	23 Aerobics Rocky Bay	24 Pre-school Evergreen Elementary Aerobics Karate	25 Pre-school Aerobics Rocky Bay	26 Pre-school KP Seniors Aerobics Karate Teen NA	27 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skating	28 Wedding Recpt. 2 pm - midnight
29 Faith Chapel (am)	30  <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Pre-school Evergreen Elementary Aerobics Karate	<h2>Happy Mother's Day!</h2>			

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