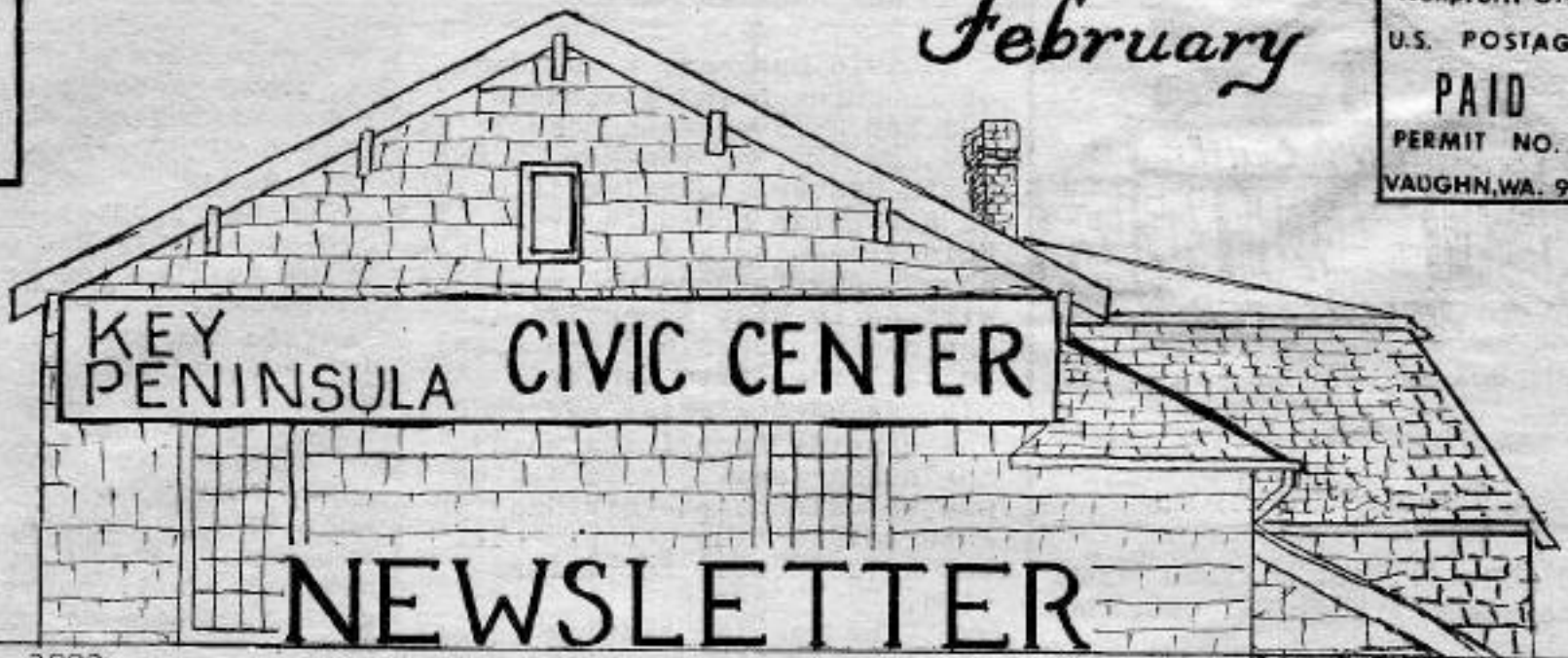


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### SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

Reduction in local school taxes is ahead, plus reduction in Peninsula School District costs for taxpayers, Dr. Richard Madison, chairman of Peninsula Citizens for Schools, reports.

The special levy request has been reduced 16% following passage of the Levy Lid Law by the 1977 legislature. State funding will increase gradually until 1981 when the maximum special levy requests will have a top of 10% of the district's funded budget.

The second cost-saving to taxpayers will be in school construction. At present, 1397 students in the Peninsula District are classified by the state as "unhoused". State funds will be available in the amount of approximately \$7 million for new school buildings in 1979. Passage of the building bond issue is required to qualify for the state funds, Dr. Madison explained.

Four new school buildings are needed to bring the Peninsula District up to state standards for the student population of 4,300. Anticipated growth based on experience and economic studies place student enrollment in 1981 at 6,000 students in the district.

A new middle school is planned for the Key Peninsula area. Another middle school is slated for the Kopachuck/Artondale community. Grade schools are proposed in the west Artondale/Rosedale area and near the new high school in Gig Harbor.

Savings, estimated at \$100,000 may be realized by a single design for the middle schools and a single design for the elementary schools. An additional saving of up to \$200,000 may be made by submitting a single bid for all four

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### CIVIC CENTER MEALS

The Civic Center will be serving brunch every second Saturday from 10:00 till 2:00, adults \$2.25, children under 10 \$1.50. Every fourth Wednesday night we will serve dinner from 5:00 till 7:00, adults \$2.50, children under 10 \$1.50.

#### MENU FOR FEBRUARY 11th BRUNCH

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#### MENU FOR FEBRUARY 22nd DINNER

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### 4-H SELLS GARDEN BOOKS

Well, The Nutty Needles 4-H is going again. Officers are, Laurie Lique, President; Tracy Brown, Vice Pres; Cheryl Ferguson, Secretary; Kandi Gilman, Treasurer and Julie Williams, reporter.

Our first meeting was on November 21. We decided on officers, dues and other little details. At our November 28th meeting, we made Christmas tree ornaments.

The Nutty Needles are selling nice hard-bound garden books for \$2. Please buy one.

4-H Reporter  
Julie Williams

The Evergreen School Parents are collecting Franco-American and Campbell soup labels until the end of March, to buy athletic equipment. You may turn in labels at the school.

### BANISHED VOTER?

Haven't voted in quite a while? You may be a registered voter who has been dropped from the Pierce County rolls.

State law allows the county auditor to drop from the rolls anyone who has not voted in an election for at least 2 1/2 years. The Pierce County Auditor's office has recently mailed more than 26,000 post cards to those who have been banished to the status of eligible but unregistered voters.

All you have to do to get back on the voter list is to re-register. You can do this locally by contacting your voting registrar, Pearlita McColley. Anyone else new to the community can receive this service also by calling 884-3396.

## Valentine's Dance

Feb. 18

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**NEW SKATING MANAGER**

David Buckner, a resident of Longbranch and a student teacher at Evergreen School, is the new skating manager at the Civic Center. Skating is held on a regular schedule every Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Any fathers who would be willing to help supervise at the skating sessions are asked to call the Civic Center.

Private parties may rent the skating facilities when not being used. It is a nice way to celebrate a birthday or entertain a club group. Call the Civic Center for information.

The regular skating schedule is as follows:

Friday: 7 to 9	Children through 6th Grade & Adults Only	75¢ and \$1.50
Friday: 9 to 11:30	7th Graders and Over	\$1.50
Sunday: 2 to 4	All Ages Skate	
	Children through 6th Grade	.75
	Adults	\$1.00

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST CALL FOR THEIR KIDS AS SOON AS THE LATE SESSION IS OVER. ON A FEW OCCASIONS, THE SKATING SUPERVISOR HAD TO STAY WITH CHILDREN WAITING FOR RIDES UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT.

**MORE POWER TO YOU**

Gene Berg of Peninsula Light Company, recently explained the construction his company is involved with here on the Key Peninsula.

A new substation at Vaughn, behind the Civic Center, is being built to be activated in mid-March. It will replace the Pearson sub-station because it is nearer to the population center where the demand for power is greater.

There are already heavy lines running along the Lackey Road to the Longbranch Highway, but from there to Home large, new poles with heavy lines are replacing smaller ones which have not been adequate to carry the increasing amount of power needed by a growing population. Although not carrying full capacity yet, the new cables are built to carry 115,000 volts in the future. They are held up by new insulators designed to withstand high winds and falling branches.

This project will stabilize power all the way down to Longbranch so power will not be diminished at the end of the line. Peninsula Light Company hooked up 1200 new homes last year, a 12% increase in demand, and added five staff people, to keep up with growth and prepare for future needs. We do appreciate the good service we get in this area.



The Civic Center Cook Books are available for sale at Lucy's Hanging Basket and at Marcia's Styling Salon in Key Center, or by calling Marilyn Nichols at 884-2783.

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SaVanne Shirley, left, and Kathie Armstrong, Vaughn school parent group members, are busy posting slogan stickers in support of the forthcoming levy & bond election on February 7.

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 schools, Dr. Madison has learned. Costs to the taxpayers will be \$7.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value payable through 1979 taxes. The levy will total \$4.91 and the building bonds \$2.57. The total is .866 less than the 1978 local school tax per \$1,000. And the cost per \$1,000 will go down as more new homes are added to the tax rolls. It is estimated the total local school tax rate in 1981 will be \$3.53 per \$1,000 when full state funding arrives.

Voters of the Peninsula District will be asked to approve a levy issue of \$2,039,000 and a building bond issue of \$9,400,000 on February 7.

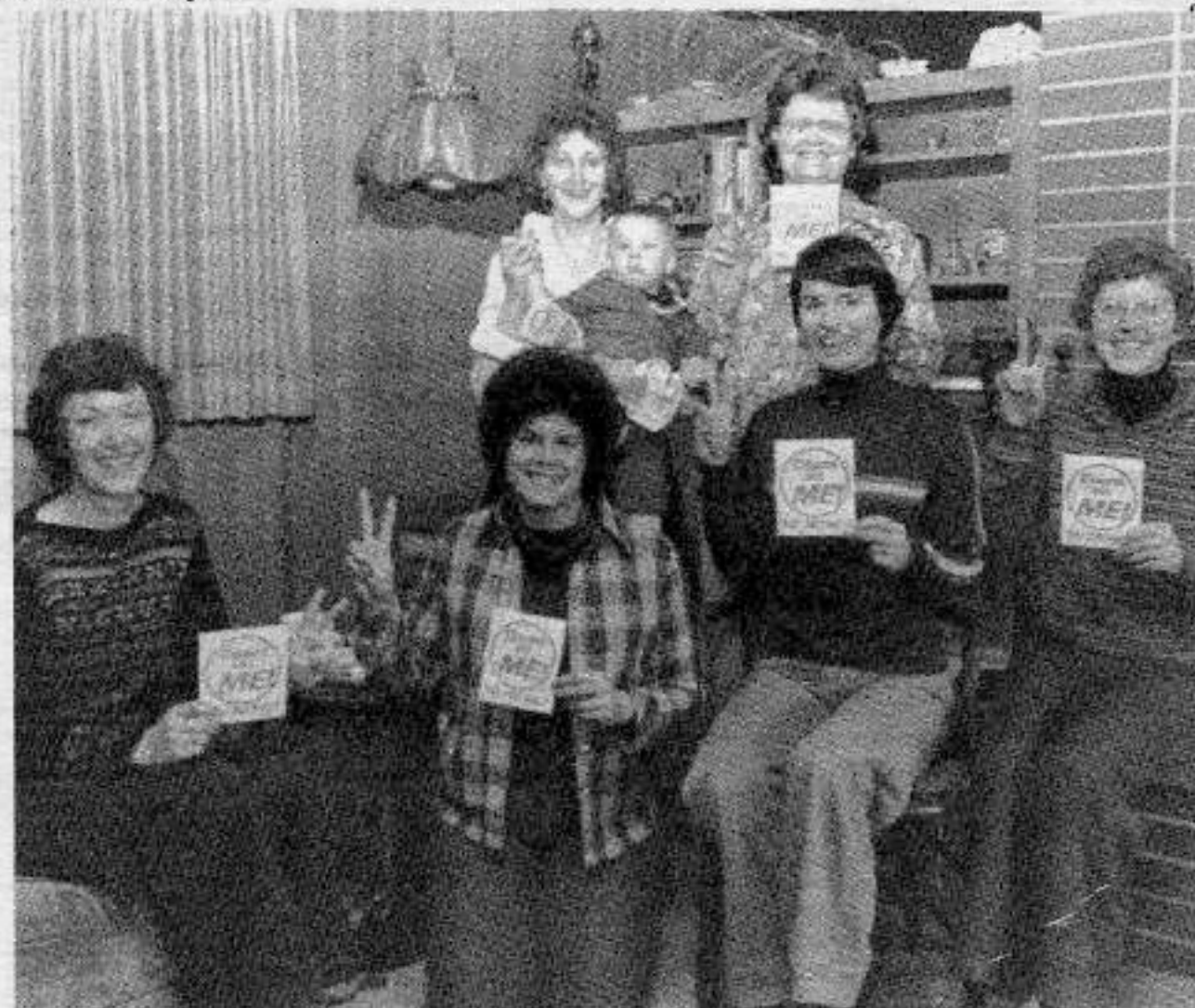
The levy is for a 12 month period. The bond issue is will be spread over a 25 year period, comparable to a home mortgage.

Levy funds will be used to continue the education program for the 1978-79 school year; buy equipment, supplies and staff for 400 new students; continue a preventative maintenance and equipment replacement program; assure compliance with recent county, state and federal codes, rules and regulations for fire, safety, environment and special education.

The levy is below the average for Pierce County and the second lowest in the district's history.

Salary increases are provided by the state and do not come from special levy funds.

"We urge Key Peninsula voters to approve the levy and the school building bonds on February 7," Dr. Madison stresses. "Our schools must keep in step with our growing community."



Shown above are members of the Evergreen school parents group supporting the levy and bond election February 7. They are, left to right: Joyce Tovey, Terry Moore, Vickie Henschel and Sharon Carr. Standing are Mildred Duchnowski and Pat Greetham.



**TWILIGHT DANCE CLUB**

This year's benefit dance for the Civic Center will be held Saturday, February 18, to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day. Join STAN BORESON and his five piece orchestra from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Civic Center. There will be door prizes and a buffet at midnight, all for \$10 per couple, \$5 for singles.

The Civic Center benefit dance is an annual affair for Twilight Dance Club Members and Key Peninsula Civic Center members and their guests only. Everyone living in Fire District #16 is a member of the Civic Center.

Stan Boreson and his group always put on a great show, so come to the dance, maybe in red for the occasion, bring your friends, and have a good time. REMEMBER: ALL PROCEEDS FOR THE KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER\*\*\*\*\*

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# Keynotes

Shirley and Don Olson are the envy of their friends after their fabulous trip to southern California in December. Highlight of the trip was watching the Huskies win the Rose Bowl Game, but "everything was beautiful," said Shirley, from the reserved seats they had for the Rose Parade to the New Year's Eve party at the Longbeach Elks Club.

They traveled with friends Ida and Bob Carpenter of Kirkland, who summer at Lakebay, and stayed at Don's sister Gail Sparks' condominium, Marina Pacifica, at Longbeach. The trip included a stop at Lake Tahoe.

Shirley's comment: "It was a great trip and we had fun, but we missed everybody at home so much, we were happy to get back."



Is anyone interested in playing party bridge? Call Bob Smith of Lakebay at 884-2067



"JACKPOT" GAME NIGHT WILL BE STARTING AGAIN SOON AT THE CIVIC CENTER. WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Pamela Coburn, Peninsula High senior, in Ecuador as an exchange student, writes home about her experiences.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Peninsula League of Women Voters is planning an interesting meeting for Friday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Peninsula Lutheran Church.

Owida Martin, executive Secretary of the Growth Policy Association will speak on the Growth Policy for Pierce County, which covers environment, energy, transportation and land use. All are welcome to attend this vital discussion. For information, call 857-2255.

## MAKEUP DEMONSTRATION

Marcia Smith of Marcia's Styling Salon at K-C Corral in Key Center announces that she will be carrying a full line of Redken cosmetics. One day this month a Redken representative will be at the salon to give free makeup demonstrations for customers. For more information, call Marcia at 884-2479.

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I left Sea-Tac January 4th and flew to Denver, then Miami, Panama, and Quito, arriving at 8 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) January 5th. Because of late planes, I had to make a very quick connection in Denver. Well, I made it, but my baggage didn't. So, my family and I spent the night in Quito and my bags arrived the next morning. On the afternoon of the 6th, we took a van to Ibarra, which was about two hours away, and here I'll stay.

The biggest difference that has affected me in this change of countries is the food. For breakfast we have tea or coffee and a small biscuit - like brown bread. I also have a hard boiled egg (they don't fry them here) or else I starve all morning! The bread is very dry, and is usually warmed in a frying pan, which dries it even more.

At lunch time we have dinner. This usually consists of rice and a vegetable mixture to put on top. The vegetable mixture is made of dry beans (like lima beans), corn, (but not sweet corn), dry peas (such as are used for pea soup), and cooked, mashed carrots. All of these vegetables are mixed with a little mayonnaise and that is the extent of the sauce. Sometimes there is hamburger or other meat. With this rice dish tea or coffee is also served, and sometimes more bread.

Then, in the late afternoon we have tea/coffee and bread, and in the early evening we have tea/coffee, bread, and a small portion of the rice/vegetable dish left over from lunch.

Another difference is the fact that very few people have cars. In Quito, the capitol city of Ecuador, the transit system is very overworked, with practically every bus crowded - standing room only, and sometimes not even room to stand.

I have yet to see a white egg, as the only ones in the store are brown! Quite the opposite of the U.S. Also, no one drinks milk...they use it in coffee, but they don't drink it plain. And, although there are refrigerators, they do not serve their drinks cold. They are always just freshly squeezed fruit juice, served unchilled.

Well, I must get this in the mail, so, ¡adiós!

Pam Coburn

PANAMA CANAL TRIP  
by  
Eleanor Stock

In September, Henry and I boarded the cruise ship Monarch Star in Seattle which was scheduled to sail at 2:00 p.m. All visitors had been ordered ashore, the dock workers were ready to remove the gangplank, passengers had confetti ready to throw, the band played Anchors Aweigh, Capt. Gregory Avdelas was busy with his two-way radio-but nothing happened. From our vantage point, we could see the anxious activities on the bridge and as the time passed everyone wondered. After 20 minutes the gangplank was removed and the excitement mounted again-but the ship remained tied to the dock. Finally, two crewmen came sauntering down the dock with their purchases, a piece of plywood was put on a fork lift and the sailors were hoisted aboard. Then we sailed, and sailed, and sailed until we landed 19 days later in Miami, Florida.

Between Seattle and Miami, we visited six different ports, and of all the exciting sights and views in those days, the most outstanding was the transit of the Panama Canal. Because of the extreme interest in this area at this time, I would like to share a publication given to each of us by the tour director of the Monarch Star.

#### HISTORY OF THE PANAMA CANAL

Ever since Balboa first gazed on the Pacific Ocean in 1513, the history of the Panamanian Isthmus has centered on its use as the gateway to the Pacific. In 1524, Charles V of Spain ordered the first survey of the proposed canal route, but more than three centuries passed before the first construction was attempted.

In the early 1800's the idea of linking the Pacific and Atlantic by train first appeared. A number of proposed railroad-canal projects

were presented to the government of New Granada, to which Panama had voluntarily annexed itself following independence from Spain, but all were rejected.

With the discovery of gold in California in January of 1848, the value of fast and safe travel across the Isthmus assumed greater importance, and in December of 1848, William Aspinwall, an astute New York businessman and financier, obtained an exclusive 49 year concession from New Granada, now Colombia, to build and operate a railroad across the Isthmus.

Early in 1855, the hemisphere's first transcontinental railroad was completed. For the next decade and a half, the Panama Railroad was a huge financial success, but in 1869 the Union Pacific opened its first transcontinental railroad in the U.S. and the Panama line almost received a death blow.

About this time a group of Frenchmen became interested in building a canal across the Isthmus. After nine years of valiant struggles and digging almost a quarter of the canal itself, the French Company fell into bankruptcy.

In 1902 the U.S. Congress gave President Theodore Roosevelt permission to buy the French company's Panama rights and property and the Panama Railroad if Colombia would give the U.S. permanent control of the Canal Zone. Colombia rejected the \$40 million offer of the United States. However, in late 1903 a group of Panamanians, with the help of French and U.S. encouragement, declared its independence. Very shortly after this, Panama and the U.S. signed a treaty which gave the U.S. permanent, exclusive use of a ten mile wide Canal Zone for the purpose of construction, operation, maintenance and defense of the Canal. In turn, the U.S. gave Panama an initial payment of \$10,000,000 plus \$250,000 annual rent and also guaranteed Panama's independence.

The construction of the canal involved major engineer-

ing problems - digging through a mountain range to make a ditch wide enough to float the largest ships of that day, constructing the largest earth dam ever built, designing and building the most massive canal locks ever conceived, constructing the biggest gates ever swung, and conquering huge landslides.

The Panama Canal was opened to commercial traffic on August 15, 1914 at a cost of \$387 million. Since that time more than 460,000 ships carrying more than 2 billion tons of cargo have gone through the 50 miles waterway.


The operation of the canal, including the civil government in the Canal Zone, is without cost to the American taxpayer. The Panama Canal Co. covers all costs of operation, pays interest charges on the U.S. investment, and repays to the U.S. Treasury the net cost of civil government, including public health and medical services.

The Panama Canal Co. operates the waterway and supporting facilities and the Canal Zone Government administers all civic functions. Both are agencies of the U.S. Government.

The Canal consists of three sets of twin locks: Miraflores, Pedro Miguel, and Gatun. Each lock chamber measures 110 feet in width and 1,000 feet in length and holds about 8,800,000 cubic feet of water, or approximately 65,800,000 gallons. No pumps are used in filling or emptying the lock chambers. The principal involved is simply that of letting water run downhill, since Gatun Lake is 85 feet above sealevel. The water flows from one level to another through 18 foot culverts located in the center and side walls of the locks.

The Panama Canal is 50 miles long from deep water in the Pacific to deep water in the Atlantic. As the crow flies it is 43 miles. The Pacific entrance at Balboa is 33.5 miles south and 27 miles east of the Atlantic entrance at Cristobal.

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# Little by LITTLE

Have you often wondered why our health care costs have skyrocketed out of proportion to other things, even considering inflation? In 1976 we Americans spent nearly \$140 billion on health needs - \$640 a piece or more than \$2500 for a family of four. Health care in all its forms soaked up more than one dollar in twelve of our national product. If you want to know exactly what is causing this scandalous condition, get a copy of the January 7th Saturday Review at the Library and read the article The Great Health Care Rip-Off, by Robert Claiborne. Only if each of us is interested in learning the facts about such things can we hope to change and improve conditions.

For some time I have meant to write about Cora Chase's last book, Poelems. If you are wondering about that title, it's a coined word, and very clever, I think, because it's so descriptive of the book. You'll have to get Poelems for further enlightenment - she explains it on the title page.

Briefly, the book, which is very small and beautifully done in calligraphy by Gail Baker, is a collection of short pieces (poems to me) covering a great variety of subjects ranging from the love and appreciation of nature and simple every day things, to protests against modern society's destructive and cruel ways. Much of the book paints a gloomy picture, but there are several pieces that look on the brighter side of humans and their affairs.



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To me they are more typical of Cora, who is a happy person, full of enthusiasm for life.

I just looked out my windows and my big cherry tree is full of tiny birds; kinglets and a few chickadees that look larger than usual in the company of the smaller kinglets. They are all very busy eating insects, and I expect my tree is much cleaner and better off than trees that are sprayed for the same pests.

There are two quilts, Jan Rogers' and Carol Foster's, in frames in the living room of Jan's home, and Wednesdays are busy days for Crazy Quilters. Such a pleasant way to spend a day!



Ruth Little Vaughn

## NEW PASTOR LONGBRANCH CHURCH

Rev. John Tyler, minister at the Longbranch Church, has retired to spend more time in writing a book. Dr. James King of the Gig Harbor peninsula will preach three Sundays and Rev. Tyler the fourth.

Dr. King grew up in Jamestown N.Y., graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and New York University with a P.H.D. He served at the First Baptist Church in Dayton and has traveled to many parts of the world; Russia, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, India, Burma, Japan, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia and Haiti.

In Africa he visited Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He was a radio preacher at WONE, Dayton. In 1964 he was given an award for outstanding civil rights work.

Dr. King, his wife, Rosalie and sons, four and six, live near the Narrows. Everyone is welcome to attend the Congregational church service, Sundays, 11 o'clock.

The church organist, Pam Coburn, is in South America for several months. If anyone can fill in for her please call Pearl Huff, 884-2521.

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### ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES START MARCH 6th

Gary Andersen, Director of Extended Education, Peninsula School District, announces that the spring session of Adult Education classes will begin on March 6. A brochure listing times, places and classes will be in the mail to all residents of the Peninsula by the middle of February.

According to Mr. Andersen, now is the time to start planning for the classes you would like to take. Many of the classes have limited enrollment, and registrations are on a first-come basis.

Two classes being offered this spring will be given on the Key Peninsula. A Monday afternoon tennis class, 1:00 to 2:30, 8 weeks, \$15 fee, with a class limit of 15, and a Tuesday evening pottery class, 7:00 to 9:00, 8 weeks, \$17 fee, limited to 15. The latter class will be at Evergreen school.

For more information on these classes, contact Mr. Gary Andersen, Peninsula School District, 857-2148.



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## Vaughn Garden Club



The February meeting of the Vaughn Garden Club will be held at Carini Nurseries, located at N. 26th and Pearl Streets, near the Westgate Shopping Center in Tacoma.

A lecture on the "Care and Feeding of Houseplants" will be presented, along with a tour of the greenhouses and an introduction to the newest varieties of house plants.

Lunch at the old fire station restaurant, Engine House #9, will follow. Members are asked to call Jan Rogers, 884-2864, or Kathy Smith, 857-4394 to make reservations for the lunch.

Prospective members are invited to come, and members are urged to bring guests, as this promises to be an interesting and enjoyable day. We will meet at the Civic Center at 10:15 a.m. to pool rides.

### ASHES

The Firemen's Auxiliary, Ashes, will hold their regular meeting February 2 from 10 a.m. until noon at Station #2, Key Center. A pot-luck lunch will follow the meeting.

Work will be done on the jackets the members are making with their names on the back. Also, plans will be made for the rummage sale to be held at the Firehouse on April 8 from 10:00 to 4:00.

New members are welcomed to join the Ashes.

### FORMAL OPENING COUNTRY HEALTH FOOD STORE

Gladys Leary announces the formal opening of her Country Health Food Store at the K-C Corral in Key Center on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February.

Come in and register for door prizes. There will be a drawing late Saturday afternoon for a yogurt maker, a 12 pound tub of honey and a Sprout-Ease sprouting tube.

Friday, February 3rd, Judy Tinney, lecturer on sugar and its effects on the body, will be at the shop from 11:00 to 5:00 to answer questions.

Saturday, herbologist Trueman Berst, who has traveled extensively and studied with Dr. Christopher, Dr. Paavo Airola and Dr. Bernard Jensen, will be there from 1:00 to 5:00 to give advice on using herbs. There will also be a representative from Bee Proud Apiary to answer questions and to give out recipes using honey.

So come to the Country Health Food Store at K-C Corral, Key Center...Feb., 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

## BRIDGE CLUB

The Mental Health Association has been selected by the American Congress of Bridge Leagues as the charity of the year. "Mental health is more than a trick - it's a grand slam" is the theme to be used during 1978.

Lt. Commander Bob James, U. S. Navy, Ret., left last month for Iran. He will act as a civilian naval advisor to the Iranian government for the next two years. Eileen (Mrs. Bob) James is the current director of the Vaughn Duplicate Bridge Club.

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Both employment service and unemployment benefits are available at the Multi-purpose building (old Joe Hoots Bldg.) in Gig Harbor on Highway 16.

The hours are 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday, according to staff person Sandy Hamilton.



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**VOLLEYBALL**

Mixed men's-women's volleyball will start Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Civic Center at 7:30. PAA rules will be used although this is not a league activity. There will be a charge of 50¢ a week per person to help pay the utilities. It is scheduled to run for eight weeks, or longer if there is sufficient interest.

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Eventually, with persistence, the motor will start with a galloping roar. Now leap into the seat, pull the spark down, adjust the throttle, ease in the clutch and slowly stop the spinning rear wheel by applying the foot brake. With everything under control and the engine idling, you lower the wheel, remove the wheel blocks, give her some throttle and stomp down on the power pedal. Away you go, with mufflers, fenders and cloth top flapping in the wind.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS**

If you are interested in having Weight Watchers meetings in Key Center, please call this toll free number: 1-800-562-6962. If we let them know we have enough interested people in this area they will hold meetings here.

**A FRIEND IN NEED**

There is a boy, Tom, at the Rocky Bay Nursing Home, who needs a friend. He is handicapped, but he is acutely aware that his family does not maintain any contact with him. Is there anyone in the community who would like to visit him one hour a week - to read, play cards or games with him? Or even someone to send him a card or a letter on a regular basis. There is a school program for him and activities at the Home, but he needs someone "just for him". Call 884-2277.

**CHARTER BUS TO KING TUT**

Jean Humphreys, tour director for Peninsula Travelers, has contacted Trailways Bus Co. to make arrangements for a direct tour to the King Tut exhibit at Seattle Center next summer. Trailways would obtain the tickets and schedule a time which would avoid hours of waiting.

The bus tours are Mondays and July 31 was requested, as the Tall Ships would be in the harbor and might be observed. If that date is not open, the next time available will be given.

There will be space for 44 passengers at a cost of approximately \$10.40 for the eight hour trip, including admission. If you are interested in seeing the King Tut exhibit, it is advisable to contact Jean at 884-3716.

Several other trips are being planned if there is sufficient interest. The trips require a minimum of 36 passengers, so if you would like more information, you may send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Jean Humphreys Rt. 1, Box 419B Longbranch, Wa. 98351

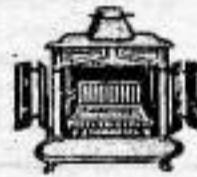


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**CLINIC PLANNING GRANT PHASES OUT**

The Key Peninsula Health Clinic Board of Directors announces that the community Task Force, which was formed to implement a Community Development Planning grant, is being dissolved. Members of the Task Force provided community viewpoints which led to the Clinic Board decision to refrain from submitting an application for HUD Community Development Block Grant funds.

About one half of the \$11,800 grant monies was withdrawn to pay for the planning program. The balance will stay with the County Office of Community Development. Planning records are available at the Clinic.

**WATCH FOR**

Coming - April 1st from 5 until 8 p.m.; a spaghetti feed put on by the Key Peninsula Health Clinic at Key Peninsula Civic Center.

**WELL CHILD CLINIC**

The Well Child Clinic sponsored by Pierce County Health Dept. will continue to be held at the Clinic on the 3rd Thur. of each month. The Well Child service focus will be on preventive care and will include immunizations, history taking, assessments, counseling, and minor screening procedures. Appointments may be made by calling the Clinic by the Wednesday afternoon just prior to the 3rd Thursday.

**REGULAR CLINIC SERVICES**

Your Clinic staff is gearing up for a five day week. Clinic hours continue to be 9:00 to 5:00 on Tues., Wed., Fri., and Sat. On Mondays limited nursing services will be available. Don't forget about the Pediatric nurse practitioner who comes to the Clinic on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Her hours are also 9 - 5. She is employed by Mary Bridge Childrens Hospital in Tacoma.

**NEW IN HOME**

**A THRIFT AND GIFT SHOP**

A Key Peninsula Health Clinic Guild is being formed to sponsor the Home Thrift & Gift Shop. The proceeds from the shop will go for support of Clinic services. The shop is located on Gig Harbor-Longbranch highway across from 9th Street in Home. It will open for business on February 17 with hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Anyone interested in joining the guild may call Shirley Olson at 884-2481 or Betty Flewelling at 884-2451.

**NEW ADDRESS NUMBERS**

During the first part of January a letter was sent out from the Post Office to all box holders in Longbranch, Lakebay and Vaughn. Those of you who have Gig Harbor addresses will be receiving them shortly.

The information that is being requested is to get the Key Peninsula tied into the county grid system of addresses. With the new numbering system, an address will be as easy to find as one in the city. First and foremost, it will enable the fire department or other emergency personnel to locate a residence quickly.

As soon as you have filled in the information, please return the letter to the post office. They will be taken to the County Building Department, where a number will be assigned and sent out to you. As soon as you get the new number, paint it on your mailbox or on a sign on the mailbox post.

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It requires approximately nine hours for the average ship to transit the Canal. Each day an average of 40 ships pass through the locks. The highest toll paid is \$43,000.00, the lowest, 35¢. The Monarch Star paid \$17,000.00.

The Monarch Star entered the Canal Zone Channel 5 miles off the port city of Balboa. She was overnight in Balboa and early the next morning she started her transit of the Canal, sailing under her own power eight miles to Miraflores Locks. Here she was raised in two steps a total of fifty four feet, to Miraflores Lake, a small artificial body of water a mile long which separates the two sets of Pacific Locks.

Upon entering the Pedro Miguel Locks, she was raised thirty one feet in a single step to reach the level of Gatun Lake, eighty five feet above sea level. She then entered the Gaillard Cut. This portion of the channel is eight miles long and was cut through solid rock most of the distance.

Shortly after leaving the Pedro Miguel Locks, the ship passed Gold Hill on the right, the highest point along the channel. It rises six hundred sixty two feet above sea level and sits right on the Continental Divide. To the left of the ship on the west bank,

opposite Gold Hill, is Contractor's Hill, which originally had an altitude of four hundred ten feet. This was reduced to three hundred seventy feet in 1954 in order to stabilize the hill. The channel in the Gaillard Cut was originally three hundred feet, but by 1971 the cut had been widened to five hundred feet to provide space for today's larger ships to pass each other.

Once through the cut, the Monarch Star started a twenty three and one half mile journey across Gatun Lake to the Gatun Locks. As the ship entered the lake, she passed Barro Colorado Island, an Island set aside by the U.S. for the study of animal life and vegetation in the tropics.

Gatun Lake is one of the largest artificial bodies of water in the world. It covers an area of one hundred sixty three square miles and was formed by an earth dam across the Chagres River, adjacent to the Gatun Locks. The two wings of the dam and the spillway have a total length of one and one half miles. The spillway is used to generate hydro-electric power for

all of the Canal Zone. As the ship passed through the three sets of locks at Gatun, she was lowered eighty five feet back down to sea level. She then entered a five hundred foot wide channel and made the six and one half mile passage out into the Atlantic Ocean.



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On December 3 the Peninsula  
Pioneers held a pot-luck awards  
dinner at the Key Peninsula  
Civic Center. Those who had  
been members for a year or more  
received their year pins.

Carrie Morlang and Julie  
Baldwin received first year  
pins; Denise Logan, second year;  
Rex Saathoff, Morgan Kappahan,  
Dianne Logan, third year; Herb  
Russell, fifth year; Bill Rus-  
sell, Curtis Russell, sixth  
year; Mark Saathoff, seventh  
year pins.

Members voted for the 1978  
officers. John Kappahan was  
elected President; Kjelene  
Scolman, Vice-President; Herb  
Russell, Secretary; Morgan  
Kappahan, Treasurer and Ba'Nai  
Hall, club reporter.

Voted Most Cooperative Mem-  
ber was Dianne Logan. Best  
Sportsmanship went to Herb  
Russell, and Best Club Record  
Book, Kjelene Scolman.

For helping at the County  
Fair Camp, the members gave  
gifts to the adult helpers.  
Mrs. Kappahan received a wig  
to cover her singed hair from  
a cooking accident. Wool sox  
went to Mrs. Scolman to ward  
off the 4:30 a.m. chill while  
she made the morning hot choc-  
olate. A 4-H jacket was given  
to Mrs. Saathoff, along with a  
megaphone to amplify directions.

Also in December the Kitsap  
County Awards Night was held in  
Poulsbo, where Peninsula Pio-  
neers won the Kitsap County  
Herdsmanship Trophy for goats.  
Denise Logan won the Secretary  
Book award and the County Small  
Animal Award for her goat pro-  
ject; the only time this was  
awarded for goats.

Morgan Kappahan and Curtis  
Russell won photography awards.

Ba'Nai Hall  
Reporter

## FIRE DIST. #16 REPORT

Fire District #16 is  
planning an addition to Sta-  
tion #1, located at 94th Ave.  
N.W. and State Highway 302.  
The area is growing rapidly,  
with this fire station receiv-  
ing the greatest percentage  
of calls.

During 1977, Fire Dist.  
#16 answered 140 fire calls  
and 111 aid calls. The Key  
Peninsula district includes  
all of Pierce County south  
of the Purdy Bridge, an area  
of 75 miles. The population  
is 7,500 and growing, accord-  
ing to District #16 Chief  
Med Schwenka.

Five stations serve the  
area; No. 1 at Wauna-Minter,  
No. 2 at Key Center, No. 3  
in Home, No. 4 in Longbranch  
and No. 5 is in the Rocky  
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by a force of 49 volunteer  
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