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Safe and restored in the compassionate arms of members of Fire Department 16, Phelan Cox, 10, of Orcas Island, heads for a routine check-up at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital after being overcome by heat while participating in the Martial Arts Championships at the Civic Center on Saturday, May 9. Later in the afternoon, four unidentified members of the same department appeared as "The Jelly Bellies" at Ladies Appreciation Day at the fire station in Key Center. (Please see two related stories elsewhere in the NEWS.)

A Vote for Levy Could Mean More Sheriffs!

by Keith Siles

Pierce County officials, Fire District Commissioners, and heads of other groups pooled their talents last week and came up with a revised way to provide funding for additional sheriff's deputies that the County needs.

Under the new plan, which will probably go to the voters on September 15, Pierce County voters will be asked to approve a road levy increase that would generate about \$3.6 million in calendar year 1988. This amount, if approved, is expected to allow the county to hire approximately 45 additional sheriff's deputies, and would cost the owner of an \$80,000 home about \$34 per year.

Pierce County has historically had an extremely low tax base, and ranks 38th among the 39 Washington counties in the amount of property taxes collected per capita for general government. Because of this, the county has an exceedingly low ratio of sheriff's deputies, a total of 174, or amounting to only about .56 deputy for every one thousand citizens in the unincorporated areas. These 174 deputies serve approximately 320,000 county citizens, while the city of Tacoma has a police force of nearly 300 to serve 160,000 residents.

One of the purposes of placing the levy in the road fund is that state law requires that that money be used for a dedicated purpose (the sheriff's department), and government officials will not be able to redirect the levy money to other purposes.

The compromise between the various agencies has been struck so that any levy funds that may be voted on September 15 will not endanger Fire District Funds, such as here in Fire District 16. Fire Commissioner Duane Fleming, when questioned by the NEWS, indicated that he "felt Fire District 16 would be in the clear, at least through 1988". Lakewood Fire Chief Tom Kanno has been quoted in the press as stating that the county's fire chiefs and commissioners support the proposed tax increase, and will back it.

In a conversation with the NEWS, Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini indicated that if the September 15 levy is approved by the voters, the sheriff's office in Purdy (which handles our area, north of the Narrows Bridge) might receive another 4 to 5 officers, which would be a significant increase.



Fire District 16 Says, "Thank You, Ladies!"

by Lotta Dust

Fire District 16 Firefighters held their Annual Ladies Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 9, honoring wives and mothers of firefighters and "Ladies with the Fire Department....in their hearts".

About 150 invited guests attended the function, which included warm-up games and a social time, all preceding a delicious dinner of Steak 'n Seafood, served by Department members at about 4:30 in the afternoon. Later, there was "Lady Bingo", a raffle, and a bunch of door prizes, with many, many winners.

Highlight of the afternoon was the entertainment part, consisting of an unknown foursome of whistling, dancing stomachs, some of which might have looked familiar, and others of which may never have been seen before. (Please see picture on Page One.)

Numbers "performed" by the Dancing Stomachs (The Jelly Bellies) included

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VFW Post 4990 Marks Memorial Day

The members of Vaughn VFW Post 4990 will be marking Memorial Day with two major activities this year. On Sunday, May 24, a special Memorial Service will be conducted within regular services at the Longbranch Church, starting at 11 am. In addition to honoring our nation's dead from the wars of years past, Post officers will read out the names of members of the local Post who have passed away since Memorial Day last year.

On Saturday, May 23, Post

members and the Auxiliary will be cleaning the gravesites of veterans in our four local cemeteries and placing American flags on them. The cemeteries to be decorated will be Longbranch, Lakebay, Vaughn, and the German cemetery (located at Longbranch).

Gordon Detieane is Commander of Post 4990, and officers of the Auxiliary are Sally Cornman, President; Helen Helm, Secretary; Irene Wooldridge, Treasurer, and Alice Palmer, Chaplain.

The Annual Meeting of
the Key Peninsula Health
Clinic will be held at the
Health Center at 7:30 pm,
May 28. The meeting is open
to the public.

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Betty Pedersen (above, left) cuts the cake at the Firefighters "Ladies Appreciation Day" celebration. Betty was honored as one of the Department's "Special Ladies." At the right, Chief Horace Kanno wanted to make sure there was a men's Door Prize Drawing, so there was and Wayne Gay won the Door Prize it was a door!

Say "No" Max!

Say No, Max, a delightful audience participation play for elementary school children which teaches about drugs, alcohol and peer pressure, will be presented by Seattle's Taproot Theatre Company on Monday, May 18. Students will be bussed from Evergreen to Vaughn to view the play in the morning. The Theatre Company will move to Minter for a performance in the afternoon.

In the play, children will be able to laugh, boo and cheer Max along his journey as the new kid in town. To be "in" with the kids on the block, he needs to learn to take a couple of puffs and a few drinks. The balloon man comes to take Max on an imaginary trip to the Sweet Land of Delusion, where "feelin' good" is the kingdom rule. When Max is captured by the fiery dragon that terrorizes the land, he depends on the children in the audience to help him learn the magic word, "No", that will set him free. Back on the block, Max uses his new magic word and convinces the kids there are other ways to have fun.

Say No, Max and transportation of the Evergreen students is being sponsored through the combined efforts of the Key Peninsula Lions Club, the Angel Guild, Vaughn PTO, Evergreen PTO and Minter PTO.

The play was brought to Key Peninsula Lions Club's attention at the 1986 Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition's Convention. They felt the message of Say No, Max was so important that they secured the assistance of the Angel Guild and the three PTO's in bringing the play to our children.



Martial Arts Event at Civic Center

Approximately 200 competitors and another 150 spectators gathered at the Civic Center on May 9 to take part in, or witness, the Key Peninsula Martial Arts Championships in Kata and Kumite. The event was sponsored by Key Peninsula Isshinryu, the Karate group which meets regularly for training at the Civic Center.

Competition was planned for eleven different size, weight, mens and women's

events, and a large number of trophies were won and awarded. Competitors and spectators came mostly from Western Washington, Vancouver to the south, and Orcas Island to the north. The outstanding Dojo Award was given to Sensei Warren Kinyon from Orcas Island, recognizing both the large group of participants that he brought to the local event and the fine showing that they made.

Local participants winning recognition in the championships were: Aaron Dukeshire, who took 2nd place in the PeeWee Kata Forms; Daniel Orme,

taking 2nd place in the Junior Kata Forms; John Heidal (who is the High Belt in the local class) who was 3rd in the Brown Belt Weapons (Sai), also 3rd in the Brown Belt (Kata) forms, and Belt in the local class) who was 3rd in the Brown Belt Weapons (Sai), also 3rd in the Brown Belt (Kata) forms, and received First Place in the Brown Belt Kumite (fighting), and Shane Olmstead, who took 2nd place in the Mens White Belt Kumite.

The Key Peninsula (local) school presented an evening demonstration, involving all of its members, in various Kata forms.

The Auction Is Coming!

By Ann Larson

The Civic Center's second annual auction will be held August 8 in conjunction with Pioneer Days. If you missed last year's auction, then you missed some great buys and a lot of fun! The auction raised \$1,169.00 to support our Civic Center in 1986. We are going to try to double that amount in '87!

We Need Your Help!

Merchandise, services, gift certificates, or ???, are needed for auction items. We will list the items and the donors in each issue of the Key Peninsula NEWS. All donations are tax-deductible if they are itemized.

Early donors are:

- Vicki Henschel - 1 year's aerobic classes.
- Sandy Newhouse - a painting.
- Sunnycrest Nursery - unspecified donation.
- Words Galore - an afghan made

by Shirley Frame.
Lakebay Day Care, Estella Gumbs, 1 week of child care for a child aged 2 or older.

Won't you add your name or your company's name to this list? Call Ann Larson, Auction Chairman, 884-3562; Vicki Henschel, President, Civic Center, 884-3642; or Civic Center, 884-3456.



Letters - Letters, We Get Letters

To Editor

Enclosed is \$7.00 check #2120 in payment of the Key Peninsula News.

I sure enjoy every edition and especially Ponderings by Cecil Paul and wife Margaret. I'm interested in Home news! My family were the first settlers in Home and I have many wonderful memories of the place and my many friends!

Thank you for the joy your paper has given me. A friend - Margie Yaworski, 80 Harris Road, Salem, Conn. 06415

Editors Note:

A little while ago it came to our attention that volunteer members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department must put in their time, at least first, "on the other side of the bridge." We asked the Sheriff to explain this aspect of the reserve program to us, and received the following reply:

To Editor

"In response to your recent inquiry about our Reserve Deputy Program I would like to provide you with the following information and thank you for your interest and concern.

In brief, the Reserve Program is administered by a Patrol Lieutenant and a Patrol Sergeant. There are approximately thirty Reserve deputies currently active in the Program. A general meeting is held on a monthly basis with all Reserve deputies in attendance.

Reserve deputies are assigned to the Sheriff's West Precinct and report to the West Side Sergeant for duty. Unlike regular deputies the Reserve deputies do not work a specific Patrol District. Under normal conditions a two-officer reserve car is assigned to West Side coverage and another two-officer car for the East Side coverage. The West Side reserve car additionally supports the Harbor/Peninsula deputy when requested. The point is that Reserve deputies are not assigned based upon where they reside in Pierce County. The Reserves are primarily assigned based upon need for support. On evenings when more than two reserve cars are in service, it is often possible to designate a car for a Detachment such as Gig Harbor/Peninsula area. During the busy summer months this concept has been utilized with good results.

If I may be of further assistance or answer any additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Chief Charles Robbins, Chief of Operations.."

To Editor

A big "thank you" to the community for the great turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Civic Center. I hope all the "egg-hunters" had fun,

I want to thank, also, all those special people who generously contributed in one way or another to this successful event. Thank you, Vicki Henschel, Pauline Finn, Kay Harvey, Jenny Worth, Girl Scout Troop 213 and their leaders Ruth Dudley and Bev Mello,

and Club Scout Troop 213 and leader Joyce Oho, the Loy family, Ann Larson, Donna Smith Dailey, Mary Seidelman, Brian Nichols, Denise Backlund, Debbie Wayno, Barbara Trotter, Gail Mitchell, Jerry Benoit, Janne Dukeshire, and The Huckleberry Inn for their "Free" ice cream cones.

Sincerely, Tammy Nichols

Dear Editor:

I wish to thank the two firemen from the Key Center station who so kindly helped retrieve my keys after I had locked them in my car last Wednesday morning.

I am sorry I did not get their names.
Mary Vincent

To Editor

Thank you, Lions, friends, and community, for your support! It was a surprise and honor to be one of the recipients of this year's Citizen of the Year Award.

During this past week I have been congratulated, hugged, kissed and touched by many people and friends, and it has reminded me why I am living on the Peninsula. I have lived here for 10-1/2 years, during which my life has changed immensely. I have met many wonderful people and have made so many friends. During the time of my husband's death 9-1/2 years ago, the people in our community opened their hearts and arms and welcomed me and my sons. At that time I decided that this was our home and wanted to raise my boys in this type of environment.

Needless to say, I have tried to show my gratitude and thanks by giving my time to helping make our community a better place. Thank you, again!

Vicki Henschel

Dear Editor

To those in the community who are responsible for bestowing upon me this great honor, I thank you. When I find out who you are, I'll "getcha", for I feel there are many who deserve it much more than I do.

If, through the years, I've helped to make our community a more pleasant place in which to live, and have instilled in some of you a better and deeper understanding of God and all He gave us, what more can a person ask?

To those of you who need a shoulder to lean on, I'm here.

Involve yourself in God, family and country. The help you give will return to you many times over; if nothing else, in knowing you have helped someone or something to a better life.

Thank you, again. I'm so glad to share this honor with Vicki Henschel. We each represent a community center and I find this very satisfying. I work at "Key Peninsula Community Services", Home, WA, and Vicki is at "Key Peninsula Civic Center", Vaughn, WA. Come on in and visit us.

Lauretta Jaggi

Roy Madsen Reports On Arena Talks

Roy Madsen, President of the Park Board, reports that he has been having discussions with the Washington Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation with regard to a possible grant for partial funding for an animal arena and facility at the Volunteer Park property.

Roy advises that first indications are that the State agency will not be able to discuss funding a closed arena, but that some possibility exists for funding of an open corral, animal loading and unloading facilities, sheltered picnic tables, and restroom facilities.

In addition, Roy has a meeting

scheduled with representatives of Pierce County to discuss obtaining permission from the Pierce County Public Works Department for the use of approximately 73 acres of property adjoining Volunteer Park for riding trails.

PHS Presents "The Miracle Worker"

Drama students at Peninsula High School are presenting the play "The Miracle Worker" on May 14, 15, and 16, in the Milt Boyd Auditorium at the High School.

Curtain time is 8 pm on all dates, and tickets are \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for students and seniors. This will be the last stage production at PHS before teacher and director Milt Boyd retires after a long and highly successful teaching career.



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May has been celebrated as "Older Americans Month", a tribute to all older citizens of our country who can now take time to reflect a little over their working years, and, hopefully, enjoy the possibilities of retirement. The NEWS therefore, takes this opportunity to join both Pierce County and the nation in recognition of "Older Americans Month", and salutes this fine and rapidly growing segment of the American scene.

For seniors new to our area there are at least four major activities specifically designed to meet various social and interest needs. These include, (listed without any special order):



A Nutrition and Fellowship program meeting at the Longbranch Church and, at times, at the home of Jean Humphreys for lunch and fellowship. The program meets once a month, October through June, and normally has three hostesses (or hosts), each of whom provides either the main dish, the salad, or the dessert. Approximately 20-25 seniors usually gather and a small charge covers the use of the building and luncheon incidentals. The next meeting is May 19, and more information can be obtained from Jean Humphreys at 884-3716 or Marguerite Bussard at 884-3771.

Seniors also meet weekly at the Civic Center on Thursday at noon for a potluck lunch, business meeting and entertainment and specific other events. The group frequently has a speaker on interesting topics, and members may meet for an afternoon of card-playing after the program.

Community House, located on the Longbranch Highway just south of the Home bridge, offers Senior Activities Tuesday through Friday, together with free hot soup and dessert potluck every Wednesday. Also included is Senior Legal Assistance and Emergency Transportation. For more information, call 884-4440, Tuesday through Friday.

The Key Peninsula Health Center Offers Respite Care on Wednesday, from 9 am to 2 pm, an "adult day-care program", whereby the Health Center provides a service to offer a "day-off" for family members who may have the 24-

Pen High Seniors Say "Bon Voyage"

by Sandy Newhouse

"Bon Voyage" is the theme for the 1987 Senior Class Bash for Peninsula High School graduating seniors. It is a drug and alcohol free alternative to other celebrations. The graduates will be bussed from the commencement at PLU to a pizza dinner (surprise location) and then to Pac West where they will have the use of all facilities until 4 am, they will then be bussed to Peninsula High for a big breakfast sponsored by Key Peninsula Lions Club.

Many prizes have been donated by community businesses and individuals, and will be given out in drawings throughout the night. The party-goers will swim, dance, watch movies and a senior-class videotape, play tennis, racquetball, wallyball, volleyball, basketball, use the weight room, the jacuzzi and sauna, and eat submarine sandwiches at midnight.

The price for the party is \$19.87 through May 29, when a drawing will be held of purchased tickets for 87 silver dollars donated by PSNB. Ticket price will rise to \$25 after the 29th. For the price of the ticket, students will also receive a senior autographed T-shirt.

Community support of this project has been tremendous. Service groups have donated many times the amounts expected, or many hours of time. Businesses, school parent groups, seniors' parents and interested others have donated time and a wide variety of prizes beyond expectations. Because of this support, students who cannot afford the party can see their school counselor for financial help for a ticket.

The parents of some 11th graders are on the party committee to guarantee a smooth transition to next year's party. Anyone interested in giving a prize, a financial donation, or time, can contact Ann Larson (884-3562) or Sandy Newhouse (884-2779).

hour care of "borderline" elderly patients. Frankie Johnson operates this service for the Health Center, assisted by volunteers Eloise Paul, Pauline Long, George Parrott, Betty Ogden, Ruth Ziemer, and others. About 5-7 adults are currently provided for, and there may be room for about three more persons in the program. You may call the Health Center for further information.

Home on Joe's Bay Burns

Fire essentially destroyed an older two-story cedar house at 1120 KPN in the late afternoon of Wednesday, May 6. The building is located just west of the Home bridge on the south side of Joe's Bay, and the blaze was easily visible to persons driving on the Longbranch highway.

The fire was thought to have started from an unattended burn barrel and quickly ignited a wall and the roof of the house. Fire District 16 responded with a number of units, including four tanker trucks, and the blaze was under control within about 20 minutes. No injuries were reported, and no damage estimate was immediately available.



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Tribute To Courage

by Julienne Field Coldeen

Since May 5, 1866, when the citizens of Waterloo, New York, honored those lost to them in the Civil War, Americans have been remembering their departed loved ones ceremoniously. Traditionally, Memorial Day honors those sacrificed in war. We suffer the mixed emotions of mourning and pride as we lay wreaths, fly flags, and strike up bands to commemorate their courage.

What then are we memorializing? What is true courage? Perhaps the most courageous of us are those who choose to swim against the current or to make a stand mid-stream. The poets and philosophers, the radical or innovative thinkers share a quiet kind of courage that may be difficult for us to appreciate. It can be easy to march with the troops. Where does one find the courage to step out, to march to that different drummer? With a little self-examination we may find that courage, that belief in our own convictions, in each of us.

This year, as the wreath is placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, let's remember, too, the ranks of the unknown or unsung who marched out of step. Let's honor courage wherever we find it.

Angel Guild Announces Gift

Nita Glass, President of Key Peninsula Angel Guild, has announced that the group has made a donation of \$1500 to Peninsula High School Scholarship Fund, and a second donation of \$100

towards the band that is to appear at the 1987 "Bon Voyage" party, the senior class bash, sponsored by class parents and various organizations of the community.



Gitta Woods, Alpine Hut owner, shows Vince Tilotta, Purdy Branch Manager, an imported covered dish.


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ested in quilting - beginner or experienced. There will be no meetings in July and August.

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KPBA News

by Mary Ann Huntington

Representatives from the Key Peninsula Fire Department were guest speakers at our May 1 meeting. Chuck West spoke on the fireworks fund and the Chaplains program. The Sheriff's department will patrol the fireworks area for crowd control and a concession stand will be operating to raise funds. The Scouts have agreed to clean up on July 5. The Chaplains program will really help our community. It will provide a stress relief program and disaster help for families in need. Tim Lemon told about the Life Pack for heart attack patients at a cost of \$10,000 and a Jaws of Life for \$10,000 purchased with monies raised by the Fire Department. Funds not used go into a general fund. A generator, sump pump, water vac and miscellaneous equipment have been purchased to help the public. The department is in the process of developing new maps to help firemen overcome the problems they have had since the county changed the addresses. The new map books and wall maps are due out in two or three months and will be updated every two years.

Exciting plans are being formulated for Pioneer Day. Some of the ideas we are working on are an information booth at the Civic Center, a float, and sponsorship of parade trophies.

Washington is getting all fired up to celebrate its 100th birthday, November 11, 1989. Our guest speaker June 19 will be Caroline Gallacci, Pierce County Centennial Committee Chair. One KPBA project we hope to accomplish

BUSINESS NEWS



When Pat Blundell moved into her new shop in Lake Kathryn Village, she found that it was sometimes a "heavy experience". Her County Mouse store, previously located in the Red Barn just south of Key Center, is now fully open for business.

Shirley Frame, of Lake Holiday, is opening a new Word Processing business in her home under the name of "Words Galore".

She will be doing professional-quality resume type-setting and printing, mailing labels, and "Mail Merge". She

will be the creation of a Key Peninsula Park at Wauna. Your ideas are always welcome. Have breakfast with the most progressive group on the Peninsula on the first and third Fridays of the month at the Eatery.

will also be able to offer a variety of certificates and testimonials, as well as customized (computerized) banners.

You may reach Shirley at her new business at 884-4864.

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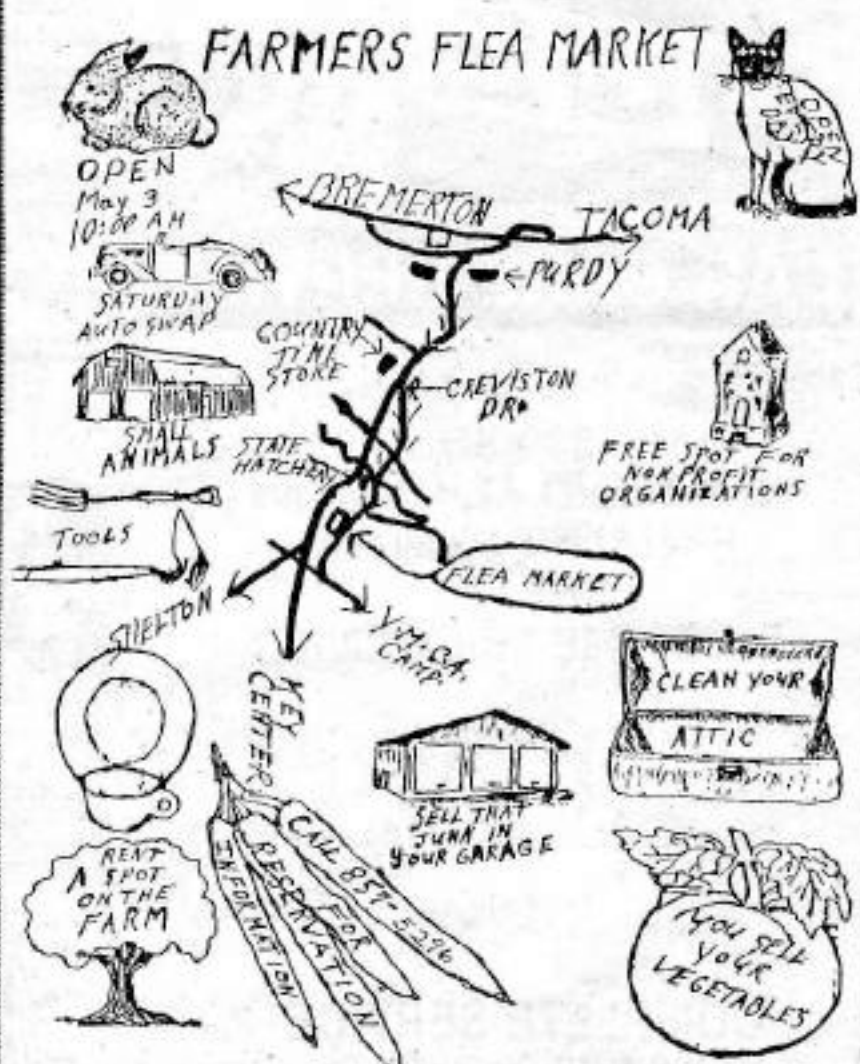
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Key Peninsula Social Club Meets

by Stella Retherford

Lee Stiles, president, called the meeting to order after dinner on May 5. Program Manager Sally Hicks of Washington State Department of Fisheries, and Conservation Corps Manager Randy McIntosh showed slides of their activities throughout the state. Of special interest was the project which cleared Home Creek of broken concrete sections of an old bridge abutment. This was part of a two-year effort by our organization, in conjunction with the Fisheries Department, to enhance Home Creek's environment for salmon spawning. The creek has been planted to chum and coho salmon fingerlings for two years and the first returning fish are due this November/December. Thanks to Randy and his Conservation Corps, the fish can now ascend the creek to spawn.

The Conservation Corps involves inner-city young people in environmental projects throughout the state for which they are paid a minimum wage. Randy remarked that it was satisfying to observe a number of young men and women who choose a job in the out-of-doors in preference to life on the streets of a large city.

Historically, Home Creek has been a spawning area for chum salmon, as the water levels drop too low in summer to carry over the coho fingerlings which

take two years to ready themselves for salt-water life. Chum enter the bay after one winter/spring season in fresh water.

There is much our organization and the community can do to further enhance Home Creek for salmon spawning. It needs more gravel beds and pools created by logs and rocks in the stream. A chum egg-hatching box could be a project involving school children. Vandalism of egg boxes in creeks is a major problem so the Fisheries Department aids in establishing classroom aquaria, in which the eggs hatch under the watchful eyes of students. The fingerlings are then planted in the creek.

The second subject under discussion was the Fourth-of-July fireworks display on the Home waterfront. Chuck West and Tim Lemon of the Fire Department proposed the expansion of our annual fireworks display. Opinions were expressed by the membership on the need for much more stringent law enforcement presence and control. In previous years crowded parking, illegal drinking and dangerous use of fireworks has been a problem. The decision as to whether Peninsula Social Club will favor this display was put off until the June 2 meeting when Chuck West and Tim Lemon will return with information as to how the Sheriff's Department will control parking and crowds along the waterfront. The possible sale of the Social Club's waterfront on A street in Home will also be under discussion at the next meeting.

Residents are invited to the meeting at the Longbranch Church on June 2 at 6:30 pm for pot-luck dinner followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm.

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"Thank You, Ladies!"

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again", "The Bridge on The River Kwai", and "Tip-toe Through the Tulips". It seems safe to say that these songs have never been performed in exactly the same way before.

During the program, the Firefighters gave special recognition to the ladies of the Angel Guild, the Ashes (Fire Department Auxiliary), and the Minter Emblem Club for their support. The Angel Guild presented the firefighters with a check for \$750, the Ashes made a gift of \$700, and the Minter Emblem Club had made a gift of \$500. The money will be used by the firefighters for special equipment and related services for the ambulance and fire services.

Also honored as "special ladies" were Betty Pedersen and Maxine Wilson for their steady work on department-related activities—they were awarded coconut dogs. Chief Kanno also had gifts for Mary Ramsdell and Bev Pedersen, who serve the department in the office of the Headquarter's station.

Chief Kanno indicated that the Department wishes to extend its thanks to the Mustard Seed (Gig Harbor); Barbara Pike, Longbranch Mercantile; Home Feed and Grocery, and D.J.'s Mini-Mart for gifts of prizes and supplies used in the Ladies Appreciation Day celebration.



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Community Center News

by Stella Retherford

Community Center's Volunteer of the Month for May is Jeanne Doyle. She has been active in the clothing bank, medical transportation, and is the crochet teacher.

The paving of the parking lot is in the permit process. A grant was received and the bids came in higher than the grant provided for, so it had to be renegotiated. Once through the permit process it will be 45 days to completion of the job. The county handles bidding and awarding of the contract. All of that grant money was absorbed by the parking lot; therefore, it will be necessary to seek new funding for the bathroom remodeling and carpeting.

The year-end financial statement has been received from the certified public accountant and is open to review by anyone who wishes to see it.

Pete Borchert, our neighbor, is starting a new business so it is requested that persons do not use his driveway from Hoff Road to reach the Center, but, instead, use the entry off Key Peninsula Highway.

Jean Boadsack teaches creative writing at 10 am Saturdays. Senior aerobics are on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am. Spanish, crocheting, knitting, wood carving and weaving are on-going classes. If you desire a class in some other field, ask about it. The phone number is 884-4440 and hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 3 pm.

KP Lions Install New Officers

The Key Peninsula Lions Club has announced plans for its Annual Installation Dinner, to be held at the Civic Center in Vaughn on Saturday evening, June 13.

New Lions officers for the year 1987-88 will be installed at that time, and there will be an opportunity to look back over the year which has passed.

Co-chairmen for the event will be Bill Detmering and Hank Schmidt. Hank has served as club president for the year just ending, and Bill is to be the incoming president.

Community House Honors Volunteers

The Board of Directors of Community House sponsored a potluck dinner to honor their volunteers on Friday evening, May 8. About 30 Board members and volunteers enjoyed the excellent food and a strictly social evening. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Sharon Billups, and entertainment was provided by Jennifer Worley's songs. The whole thing was organized by Loretta Jaggi and April Hoff, with the assistance of many others.

Community House is the home of Key Peninsula Community Services, and is located at the corner of the Longbranch Highway and Hoff road.



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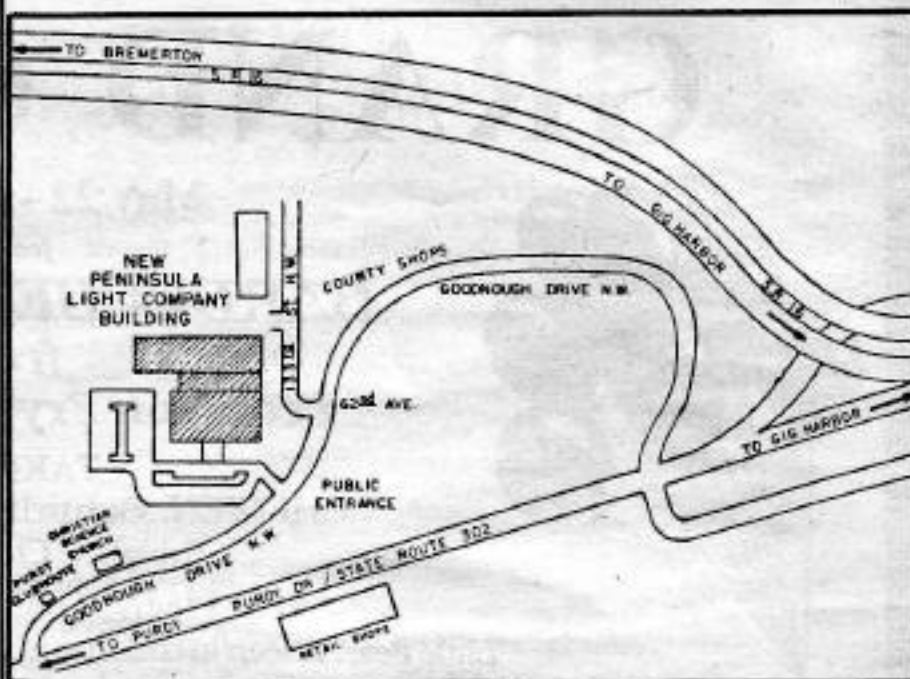
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Longbranch Improvement Club

The Longbranch Improvement Club is kicking off its regular dance season with a May 23 Memorial Day session with music by "The Oasis." Dancing starts at 9 pm and will go on until 1 am. It will be a BYOB affair, with ice, mixers, and other refreshments available at the Club. Boaters anchored in the Longbranch Marina for the big Memorial Day weekend will find it easy to attend the dance as the Club will be providing free shuttle service back and forth. Donation for members and guests will be \$5.

This is the first of the summer dances at the Longbranch Improvement Club, with others scheduled to fill out activities until the Labor Day weekend. Following the Memorial Day dance, the Black River Falls Band will play on June 13 in a "Close-to-Mid-Summer" event, then "The Oasis" will be back to play again at the July Fourth Independence Day dance. On July 25 the Summer Festival Dance will be held, with band to be announced, and on August 15 there will be a Special Family Night dance (no liquor to be present), with the Black River Falls Band back for another engagement. The Summer Dance schedule will then end with the traditional big Labor Day weekend dance, with a band to be announced.

Del Mikelson heads up the dance committee at the Longbranch Improvement Center this year, and everyone is invited to attend and have a good time. For those who may be new to the area, the Improvement Center is located on the Longbranch Highway about four miles south of the Lakebay Post Office in Home.

Longbranch Church Annual Meeting

by Jean Humphreys

The yearly May Annual Business meeting met Sunday, May 3, following church. The following officers and Board members were elected:

John Petersen, President; Marjorie Anderson, Vice President; Jean Humphreys, Secretary; Charles Carlsson, Finance Officer. Trustees: Donald Fifer, Marjorie Radonich, David Ahrens, and

Joe House. Diaconate: Clancy Pritchett, Ruth Guintoli, Oliver Coldeen and Carol Edwards, alternate. Missions: Marguerite Bussard, Chairman; members Nancy Ahrens and Kris Suter. Education: Julie Coldeen Chairman; members Betty Fifer and Barbara Burns. Music, Joyce Case. Pastoral Relations, LuVerne Petersen. Dr. David Suter celebrated his first year as Pastor of Longbranch Church on this date.

Annual Salad Luncheon

Longbranch Church Ruth Circle will hold its Salad Luncheon, Saturday, May 30 at 12 pm. The theme is "Dolls", and after lunch there will be a display in the church sanctuary of many cherished dolls. Darlene Kaclin and her daughter, Sharen Rikansrud, make hand-made porcelain dolls of all types. They have over 100 doll-head molds, and will demonstrate the procedure. Both have toured Europe studying the dolls of England, France and Italy, and learning the technique of doll making. Maxine Wilson's talents lie in the dressing of the dolls. The public is invited and the \$3.00 lunch donation may be paid at the door, or tickets purchased from Ruth Circle members. There will also be door prizes.

Who Won The Donuts?

Last issue, at the first of May, we ran a little contest to see who the first reader would be who could find all of the rabbits that were here and there in the NEWS. The prize for the first one with the right answer was two dozen delicious donuts from Red Dogs Convenience Store in Key Center.

We had lots and lots of calls with lots and lots of answers, but Nick Stencil was the very first one with the right answer, which was 21, so we sent him a certificate to go in and collect his winnings.

Thanks to all of those who counted and called, and our thanks to Red Dogs for making it all possible. Watch for more contests



Tim Noah Coming to Gig Harbor KPCC Caretaker Position Opening Up

Tim Noah, well known for his work as a recording artist, song writer, and star of stage and television, will be appearing in concert at Nadeau's "Celebrations" on Peacock Hill in Gig Harbor, on July 19.

This will be a fundraiser for the Children's Museum of Tacoma, and money raised will be used for the construction of permanent exhibits at the Museum. It is an outdoor concert, and, as July 19 is a Sunday, a picnic lunch and a blanket will be in order.

"Celebrations" is located at the top of Peacock Hill in Gig Harbor, and is also the site of the outdoor theatre presentations of the Performance Circle group.

Tickets are available by mail from the Children's Museum of Tacoma, or at the Bubblegum Closet and Mostly Books, in Gig Harbor. Watch the next issue of the NEWS for further information on this concert.

Concert Organist to Perform at Gig Harbor United Methodist

by Becky Howson

Gig Harbor United Methodist Church is extending an invitation to everyone to attend an organ concert and dedication on May 31 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm with refreshments following.

Roy Madsen, President of the Park Board, has announced that Brian and Tammy Nichols have submitted their resignation as caretakers at the Civic Center, effective June 8. They are understood to be moving to the Okanogan area of Central Washington.

Roy indicated that the Park Board would undoubtedly be seeking another couple to serve as caretakers for the building and grounds, and an announcement with regard to the submittal of applications would be forthcoming soon.

The Longbranch Mercantile Store will be celebrating its Grand Re-opening on Memorial Day weekend with free balloons and other items, and a chance to win an inflatable canoe in a drawing. "Little Pete, the Chick", will also be appearing, promoting the sale of delicious Bar-B-Que'd chicken which will be a feature of the weekend in the re-opening promotion.

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A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch

Mother's Day has always been a special day in our family. When I was a child, we used to make Mom those horrible "breakfasts in bed" that only a dedicated mother could survive. As we got older, the "breakfast-in-bed" routine gave way to flowers and buffet luncheons. I guess Mother's Day has always been special to us simply because our Mother has always been special to us, and we like to use this day as an excuse to stop time for a little while and celebrate Mother. This year we had a nice buffet luncheon with all of the family present. Everyone was pleasant and friendly so the day should have made a nice, warm memory to tuck away, but it didn't. Something definitely went sour for me.

As I meditate on that day, and try to confront my uneasiness, I realize that this seedling of fear began with a remark that my mother made to me while we were alone in the bedroom, admiring her new dress. I expressed my approval of her dress and remarked, further, that it was a dress that would serve her well through all of the future weddings looming on the horizon. She looked at me with a quiet, calm stare and with an expressionless voice told me, just as though she were telling me that she was going to take a nap, that she probably wouldn't be here for any future weddings.

I was stunned, but now I'm angry! How dare she announce her planned demise with the same demeanor that she uses to tell me that she wants a cup of tea - and with about as much regret! She almost acts as though she wants to leave us and go off on some new adventure. Could she possibly be that bored with life? Where is her fighting spirit and her will to live? She doesn't have perfect health, I know, but she does have some choices and some options. She can improve her health and give herself some more life. Why doesn't she choose to? I think she wants the easy way out. She'll just breeze out of life and leave us behind to bleed. What about us? Who will be there when we need to talk or make a decision? Who will give us advice or worry about our rest? Who will love us when we are totally unloveable, and where will we go for Mother's Day?

She has some responsibility to us as her family. She must take up the fight and survive. She only needs to change a few things - more exercise, better diet, and stay away from those stupid cigarettes! A mother's responsibilities doesn't end just because her family grows up.

Why did she have to say those words to me now? I'm not ready to deal with this - but I can't get the words out of my head or out of my heart. I know that no one lives forever, but we're not talking about just anyone here, we're talking about my mother. Not now. Not for a long time!

Mother's Day would never be the same.

Chaplaincy For Key Peninsula

by Chuck West, Fire District 16

The Key Peninsula Fire Department, with vision for a need, has instituted a Chaplaincy Program that serves all denominations in the area. The need is being filled by three area ministers who have been training specifically for this effort. At present a fourth minister, Ken Lindgren from Home Chapel, is training with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. He will be serving this area and working as a back-up for the Gig Harbor area.

Fire Department chaplains will be Chuck Altig from Vaughn Community Church, Vern Wiggers of Lakebay Community Church and David Suter, Pastor of Longbranch Community Church.

Both programs will be working together to serve the people of the Key Peninsula in times of crisis. The Chaplains will begin fire department orientation this month and the program will be activated by summer.

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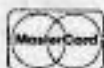
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