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Mike Salatino, co-chairman of the 1989 Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration, starts things rolling by selling the first raffle ticket to Ryan Falk, winner of last year's raffle. Ryan's dad, Lee Falk, looks on. First prize for this year's raffle is an expense paid trip for two to Disney World. Photo courtesy of Mike Salatino

Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration underway

by Rick Oldenburg

This year, Pioneer Days will help the State of Washington commemorate its 100th Birthday and will return to the pioneer roots that settled the Key Peninsula more than four generations ago. More activities for teens are being planned this year, plus a visit from Ohop Valley's Pioneer Farm which will bring 60 activities including toys, foods, clothes you can try on, tools, crafts, canoe-making and salmon exhibits.

The Pioneer Days committee has come up with a first-class raffle prize that befits the magnitude of this year's celebration. First prize winners will visit

America's greatest family resort - Orlando, Florida, with a round-trip ticket for two, rental car while there, passport to Disney World, Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center, plus a week's worth of bonuses. It's a prize you can enter your name for right now.

Second prize is a truck-load of firewood (4-5 cords), and third prize is a beautiful new VCR. Tickets are on sale around the Key Peninsula and are available to sell as a fund-raiser by your own favorite group. Call 851-4556 for details.

All-in-all, nineteen committees are forming to make the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration this August a grand success.

Gas stations will be hard-pressed by new laws

by Keith Stiles

The business of selling gasoline for use in cars and trucks is getting more and more difficult and less profitable, and the situation is going to get worse, particularly in the outlying areas such as the Key Peninsula. That's the opinion of several station operators contacted by the NEWS when we called to discuss the new laws

that will be taking effect over the next few years.

According to the station operators, those stations that survive will have to charge considerably more for gasoline in the future as a result of expected higher taxes, both state and federal, and the cost of new required insurance and equipment to prevent leaking from underground gasoline storage tanks. New gas taxes

Fire Commissioners appoint study committee for ALS ... Department faces financial belt-tightening in next two years

by Keith Stiles

A committee study approach will help clarify the options and financial possibilities for Advanced Life Support ambulance service and provide for a wider range of public input. That's the conclusion that Fire District 16 Commissioners came to at their regular meeting February 21, as they appointed a seven-person citizens group to study the questions relating to private vs. public ALS ambulance service for the Key Peninsula. In the hope that such a move would allow better public input opportunity and a better measure of public attitudes, the Commissioners charged the group with the responsibility to investigate actual district needs, evaluate how the system is working now, consider alternative ALS systems and costs, and make a report back to the Commissioners by May 21 or sooner.

A specific duty of the committee will be to attempt to sample representative community opinion on ALS matters, with particular regard to the attitudes of area taxpayers.

In appointing the members of the committee, the Commissioners attempted to select representatives of each area of the Key Peninsula plus other representatives who could offer both business and professional medical advice. Board President Duane Fleming announced the committee appointments as follows: Mel Oliver, north end; Randy Car, south end; Bill Evans, Home; Marty Pedersen, Herron Island/Firefighters Association; Don Tjossem, Key Penin-

sula Business Association; Wayne Davis, central area/Shepard Ambulance, and the writer, representing Vaughn.

In other Fire Department business, Chief Horrace Kanno announced that updated tax projections from Pierce County have been received and that the Fire District will have about \$28,000 less to spend in this calendar year than had been hoped for. The projections also show that in calendar 1990 the Department will have to make do with about \$84,000 less. The Chief indicated that the 1989 shortfall might be handled without too much pain, but that the loss of \$84,000 in 1990 may force some difficult decisions.

Even while confronted with the loss of some hoped-for revenues, the Commissioners heard testimony about remodeling needs at the main fire station in Key Center and the increasing problems in trying to maintain facilities at aging Station 4 in Longbranch.

Also on the far horizon of Washington State politics, but perhaps headed our way, the Chief reported that a bill currently before the legislature in Olympia concerning Fire District funding might require that Pierce County consolidate its 26 fire districts into a maximum of 10. According to the Chief, this is the type of bill that would have to go to the people of the state for a vote before becoming law. But should it happen, our Fire District 16 just might end up consolidated with District 5, currently serving Gig Harbor and the surrounding area north of the Narrows Bridge.

equipment. Estimates place the cost of all of this at between \$80,000 and \$200,000 for a single station. One of the great concerns is that stations in rural areas, such as ours, do not have the volume of business to pay these costs and they would have to close. Here on the Key Peninsula there were six gasoline stations two years ago; two have closed their gas sales and observers see difficult times ahead for some of the remaining four.

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To the Editor

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I wish to call the attention of your readers to a new petition, Number RH 2493, which has been filed recently with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC. It is my understanding that, if granted, this petition would effectively stop all broadcasting of religious worship services on television and radio in the United States.

I urge the readers to become familiar with this petition, and to contact the Federal Communications Commission at 1919 H Street, Washington, DC 20054 regarding their feelings on the matter.
Stanley A. Stemp, Home.

To the Editor:

It was recently announced on the news that all paper products that are bleached white contain dioxin. Dioxin is a manufactured by-product of various processes and is considered one of the most toxic chemicals in existence. The early-on victims of dioxin were Viet Nam military personnel who were exposed to 2,4,5-T, or agent orange as it was called. Now the entire population in the United States has been exposed through bleached paper products, including milk cartons, towels, toilet paper, plates, etc., etc. The industry claims that the public will not buy brown paper products. What is your opinion?

Dory Myers.

We the People

by Paul Cyr
Council member
District 7



As a follow-up to last month's column, I am sure you have been reading about the most recent land use issues affecting the Key Peninsula area. A group of local citizens is trying to focus on developing interim guidelines to protect portions of the Peninsula currently zoned General Use. These interim measures would allow time for a more comprehensive look at land use planning. As you know, other subareas of Pierce County are looking at development of what has been termed "subarea plans." These subarea plans will necessitate support from the Planning and Natural Resources Department staff. The Summit-Waller area Subarea Plan is currently being studied by the Council's Planning and Public Works Standing Committee. This was the first subarea plan to be developed and the process has taken about 13 months to date. If Key Peninsula is to develop a

subarea plan for the entire Key Peninsula, it will need to set up a formal request to the Planning and Natural Resources Department and "get in line" behind other communities that have already requested subarea plan development. The process is complex and entails numerous public hearings within the designated area and, typically, takes 12 to 15 months to finalize.

An interim approach would seem reasonable to address the "unprotected" areas on the Key Peninsula. As small groups of local citizens develop the interim guidelines, those guidelines will receive a full public airing before any Council action takes place. This effort is a more focussed process dealing with a portion of the Key Peninsula currently zoned General Use. This is not a full subarea plan and is interim in nature until a Comprehensive Plan can be worked out.

As these plans develop, I encourage you to learn more about the interim measures. One way to do this is to attend one of my monthly forums on the fourth Monday of each month. The next community forums will be February 27 and March 27.

Ain't Earth Sweet?

(sung to tune of "Ain't She Sweet")

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Ain't Earth sweet?
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ain't Earth sweet?

Evergreen Friends, 1989

Free tax advice offered

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering information and volunteer help at the District 16 Fire Station in Key Center. VITA volunteers will be available to provide assistance every Thursday until April 13, 1989, from 9 am to 5 pm and again from 6 pm to 9:30 pm. Call 884-2222 for more information.

The VITA program is designed to help low-income, elderly, non-English speaking or handicapped taxpayers fill out their tax forms. Those requiring assistance should bring their IRS tax package, wage and earnings statements (form W-2), interest statements, a copy of last year's return if available and any other relevant information.

The AARP program "Tax Assistance for the Elderly" will also be offered free by Jackie Higbee on Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm at the fire station. Jackie can be contacted at 884-4367.

KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on Mar 13. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, Mar 6.

Join Community House's "Do it Yourself's"

At Community House in Home there is a class called "Do it Yourself" which encompasses oil painting, sketching, crocheting, calligraphy and just about anything one might want to bring and do. Mary Seidelman guides this class and invites people to come and join in on Monday from 1-4 pm. Call Mary at 884-2448 if you have any questions.

Civic Center Easter Egg Hunt



by Rick Oldenburg

Three age groups of Key Peninsula children will vie for colored eggs, prizes and candy during the annual Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 26, at 1 pm.

Children three and under, four to six, and seven to eleven will hunt for the goodies in different areas on the Civic Center grounds (no EGGS-ceptions). Hunters will gather in the Civic Center gym prior to the start and SHELL come equipped with a basket, sack or some other means of holding their booty.

The hunt will begin EGGS-exactly at 1 pm. Cookies and punch will be served by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association at the conclusion of the event.

Only a CHICKEN would miss out on the fun. Come early or the YOKE will be on you (not to mention the empty bag you'll be left holding)!

News from Scout Troop/Team 252

A Court of Honor was held February 10 at the Key Center Ward of the LDS Church on Key Peninsula. Scout Master Vince Nelson II presented awards and advancements during the ceremony to:
David Beckstead - Citizenship and Family Living skill awards, and Boy Scout and Tenderfoot badges.
Jeremy Beckstead - Communication Skill award, Citizenship in the Nation and Communication merit badges, plus advancement to Life rank.
Ryan Davidson - First Aid merit badge and advancement to 1st Class.
Christian Foster - 3-year Service Star and Attendance bar, and advancement to Star rank.
Jake Frame - 3-year Service Star and Attendance bar.
Patrick Green - 2-year Service Star and Attendance bar.
Donald Nelson - Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
Vince Nelson II - Communications Skill award, Citizenship in the Nation and Communications merit badges.

Adult leaders receiving recognition were:
Duane Foster - 3-year Service Star, **Paul Beckstead** - 4-year Service Star and **Shirley Frame** - 6-year Service Star.

A special Troop Advancement Gold Medal was presented to **Jeremy Beckstead** for having achieved the greatest amount of merit badges and advancements during the past year.

The troop meets each Wednesday at 7 pm at the LDS Church building across from Macon Bacon. All interested scouters are welcome.

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild's Dessert Theater, March 11

"Growing Pains," an absorbing play complete with heart, life, humor and tragedy, and based on actual Washington history, will be sponsored by Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild on Saturday, March 11 at 7 pm at the Civic Center, Vaughn. A great assortment of desserts will also be served.

Come and celebrate Washington's Centennial with your friends by watching a production by Solstice Performance Arts of Tacoma, which depicts the lives of stars from Washington's past: Elisha Ferry, friend of Abe Lincoln and Ulysses Grant, sent out to govern the unruly collection of pioneers that preceded us;

Emma Smith Devoe and May Arkwright Hutton, who both believed whole-heartedly in the vote for women, but on how to get it and almost everything else - fur flew between them; and John Bolander, construction foreman for the Northern Pacific Railway. The magic of their stories will entertain you mightily. Discussion with the actors/characters following the play adds a special dimension to the evening.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from a Guild member, Joyce Tovey at Colony Realty in Key Center, or call Virginia Thompson at 884-2588.

Cootiettes 609

by Mavis Zacek

Cootiettes Pen-Ants 609 have recently elected officers for 1989. They are: Lenore Jameson, Chief Gray Back; Linda Reed, Lady Louse; Michelle Rikansrud, Baby Louse; Ellen Dailey, Pious Louse; Alice Palmer, Crummy Chaser; Evelyn Stinson, Shekel Keeper; Bea Gomsrud, Louse Hunter; Mary Seidelman, Rustling Louse; Coretta Van Antwerp, Maureen Taylor and Mavis Zacek, Tightwads. Lenore Jameson was elected Chief Gray Back for a second term and as a result all general committees will remain as for 1988.

Make your own fruit tree!

A grafting workshop will be held March 11 at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center from 11 am to 1 pm to demonstrate how you can "make your own fruit tree for \$1."

Aaron Hayes from the Peninsula Fruit Club will be on hand to demonstrate the grafting process. He will also answer questions on pruning and general culture. You can graft your own fruit tree by purchasing a root stock and choosing from the several hundred varieties that Aaron will have with him. For more information call Sunnycrest at 884-3937.

The Gary Wyatt Display comes to Peninsula High

Peninsula High School's Choir and Razzmatazz invite the public to attend the Gary Wyatt Display group performing with the students in the Milton Boyd Auditorium on Sunday March 5, at 3 pm.

Gary Wyatt is a gifted musician who gave up a career with the Los Angeles Lakers to pursue his music. He will be at the High School March 1-3 working with students and teaching them some of his music, including his new release, "Continuc."

Advance ticket sales will be available at the school March 2 and 3, and at the door on the 5th. Cost is \$3.00 and proceeds will go to benefit the choirs.

Installation of officers is planned for March 16 following a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm. Guests from sister organizations around the Peninsula area are expected.

Future plans include the Spring Crawl in Ellensburg on April 8 and 9. Many members plan to attend and arrangements must be made well in advance.

Cottesmore will be visited March 14, Retsil March 21 and the Naval Hospital at Bremerton. Members carpool at Key Center, always early enough to have lunch en route.

Peninsula High presents "Any- thing Goes"

The Milton S. Boyd Auditorium of Peninsula High School will be the scene of the school's winter musical, "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter, on March 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm. Reserved tickets are \$3.50/ASB or seniors, and \$5.50 all others. Call 857-3541 to reserve seats.

Tacoma Totemaires to sing at Pantages

Tacoma Totemaires invite the public to their 1989 annual show on March 17 and 18, 8 pm, at the Pantages Centre, Tacoma. Guest quartets, "Easy Street" and "The McKenzie Touring Company," the Commencement Bay Sweet Adelines and the 1989 Daffodil Queen and her court will headline the show. Reserved seats are \$10 and \$8 and may be purchased from Ticket Master, the Pantages Centre, or by calling 752-5135 in Tacoma.

The Tacoma Chapter of the Barber-shop Harmony Society is a non-profit organization which has helped provide speech therapy for children of the area, amongst other projects.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Wednesday, March 1 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

Thursday, March 2 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.
Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families meets at KP Health Center at 7 pm.
Citizens Against Crime meet at 7 pm in the Gold Room, KPCC.
Peninsula High presents Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" at 7:30 pm. Play will run March 3, 4, 10 and 11.

Friday, March 3 ...

KP Business Assn. meets at The Eatery, 7:30 am.
Upper Sound Grange 705 Valentine potluck, 7 pm, KPCC. Guest speaker: Moores Davis, BeeKeeper.
Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Monday, March 6 ...

Senior Society Board meeting at KP Civic Center, 10 am.
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.
VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

Sunday, March 5 ...

Peninsula High Chorus and Razzmatazz together with the Gary Wyatt & Display Concert, 3 pm, Auditorium. Benefit for the choral groups.

Tuesday, March 7 ...

Peninsula Social Club Potluck, 6:30 pm, Longbranch Church Hall.
Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meet at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, March 8 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10:30 am at Longbranch Church.
Key Center Friends of the Library present "A Celtic Interval with the Shanachie" at 7 pm.
KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, March 9 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.
Survivors meet at 2 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.
Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild noon meeting at home of Virginia Thompson
KPCCA Board meeting, 7:30 pm at KPCC.

Friday, March 10 ...

Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Saturday, March 11 ...

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild's Dessert Theater presents "Growing Pains" - 7 pm, KP Civic Center.

Grafting Workshop, "Make your own fruit tree," at Sunnycrest Nursery 11 am.

Monday, March 13 ...

Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room 7 to 8:30 pm.
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, March 26 ...

Easter Egg Hunt for children at 1 pm on Civic Center grounds

In the Library

"A Celtic Interval with the Shanachie" a talk given by David McCourt, a faculty member at Everett Community College, will be presented at 7 pm, March 8, at the Key Center Library. The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and is part of "The Inquiring Mind: A Forum in the Humanities," a speakers' program available from the Washington Commission for the Humanities. In "A Celtic Interval with the Shanachie," Mr. McCourt, an American of Irish ancestry, intermixes Irish folktales, humor, ballads and songs of "resistance and rebellion," to create a modern day Shanachie, the storyteller-historian whose skills and voice are legendary.

The Washington Commission for

the Humanities is a statewide non-profit organization supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and local contributors, including Friends of the Humanities. WCH makes grants to support programs that foster public use and understanding of history, literature, ethics and other fields of the humanities.

Admission to the talk is free and open to the public. A Friends business meeting will be held at 6 pm.

**Reminder: Preschool storytime for ages 3 to 5 will continue through March 24 at the Key Center Library, each Friday at 10:30 am.

Library Hours:

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

Is your new car a lemon?

by F. Michael Misner, Atty.

In a 1984 study by the Federal Trade Commission it was concluded that 33.6% of all new cars in the United States had problems covered by the car's warranty. Given these statistics and the tremendous cost and inconvenience to the public, the Washington Legislature, in 1987, passed RCW 19.118.010-902, the new car "Lemon Law."

The Washington act is modeled after a Connecticut law which was the first such legislation in the nation. Our statute now provides protection for the consumer when dealing with the car's manufacturer, either foreign or domestic.

Your new car is a lemon if:

1. A serious, life-threatening defect was not remedied within two attempts to repair.
2. A defect which alters the use, value or safety has not been remedied within four attempts to repair;
3. Notice to the manufacturer, or its authorized representative, was made within the warranty period. The warranty period can be no less than one year or 12,000 miles from the date of purchase. Depending on the circumstances, the period may be as long as two years or 24,000 miles from the date of purchase.

If the manufacturer cannot fix the problem after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer, within forty

calendar days of the consumers's request, shall, at the option of the consumer, replace or repurchase the car. This is a tremendously powerful tool for the new car owner. If the owner decides to return the car, the manufacturer must refund the purchase price as well as other expenses incurred, such as towing charges or rental expenses incurred during the repair attempts. The manufacturer may offset these costs with a charge for reasonable use. If the manufacturer insists that the problem has been solved, the consumer may demand a hearing before an arbitration board.

The Attorney General's office indicates that the Lemon Law has proved successful and that more consumers are seeking its protection.



Members of Mrs. Freeman's class at Minter Elementary School gather round a demonstration salmon hatchery set up in the school courtyard by Washington State Fisheries representatives. Students will observe development of the young fish and eventually help release them into Minter Creek. See related story on page 12.

Photo courtesy of Ken Retherford.

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Please call if you have more questions. Also check the KP NEWS to save on exams and x-rays!

First Run

by Linda Barkas

As I become accustomed to Peninsula life it seems odd that there is so little stability when it comes to reception of TV signals. It is daily a virtual unknown what I can expect from my set, or apparently anyplace in the community, at any given time.

At first I had only rabbit ears which quickly led to an indoor system of dangling wires, coat hooks and numbered sequential diagrams drawn to indicate the best wire path for reception of various stations - that is, 4, 5, 13 and 28, which are those I receive. (Radio is just as bad, but I won't go into that.) This became old rapidly and I felt sure a roof antenna was what I needed. When purchasing and erecting one, fortunately I had the foresight to utilize a swiveling pole, having heard of other people's systems. Indeed, by using the VCR as a tuner, with the aerial and the wire, the four stations could be reliably tuned (somewhat), if the mysterious apparent discrepancy in daily signal constancy is discounted. Yet nothing could entice the elusive 7, 9 and 11 which seem to have weakened some time ago. (The non-existence of cable cannot be discussed rationally at this time.)

The mystery has not completely unfolded. Besides the unanticipated daily fluxuations, why is it that not far from here a totally different band of stations is seen? Who are the barely visible denisons of channels 2 and 8? And what can we expect from the static on channel 98?

Who is responsible for defending this technology?

The answer to lousy TV programming may lie in part with camcorders. The luxury of the camcorder, as every housewife knows, is that it allows the family to experience never a dull moment of reruns or broadcasts in questionable taste. For, after previewing the evening's TV guide, the well-equipped mother will hoist camcorder and take to the field to personally tailor 1, 2, 3 or however many hours of broadcast needed to replace unworthy scheduling so that she can be assured her family will have wholesome viewing for the evening.

Peninsula mothers might even want to initiate tape swapping through the library so every home will have a chance to view local events such as bass seeding at Jackson Lake, sock hops at the elementary schools and coming events displayed on the Civic Center marquee. In fact I would do it myself if any conscientious mothers who haven't the resources want to inquire.

Rental videos don't necessarily solve the problem, as they may be objectionable to some viewers. But nonprofessional, public activities of local origin might be entertainingly and practically recorded by anyone with a camcorder, not to mention the potential for preserving irreplaceable family memories. And if you're not interested in doing your own tapes, you can still help create a market for a private system of distribution.



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by R. Marvin Keizur

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1. Collect your tax records - W.2's and 1099 information; don't bring a shoebox full of unorganized receipts, that will waste valuable time; organize your receipts by category, organize your checks in the same way.
2. Use an organizer if available, your tax preparer should be able to furnish this.
3. Don't wait until the last minute to make an appointment with your preparer. Remember April 17 gets here fast.
4. You should feel comfortable with your preparer.
5. Familiarize yourself with the basics of

tax law so that you can understand the tax preparer's questions.

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Obituaries

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

Albert Joseph Bergstrom, 86, of Lakebay, died February 9, 1989. Mr. Bergstrom had been a machinist at the naval shipyards in Vallejo, California prior to coming to the Peninsula area and was a member of Longbranch Community Church. He is survived by sons Albert Edwin Bergstrom of Lakebay and Eric Lawrence Bergstrom of Napa, California; a brother Oscar Adolph Bergstrom of Napa, and three grandchildren also of Napa.

Services were held February 14 at Longbranch Community Church, followed by interment at Longbranch Cemetery next to his wife, Elizabeth.

Robert M. Steele, 57, died on February 19, 1989. Mr. Steele was a Lake Holiday resident, and had been a warehouseman for West Coast Grocery for 24 years. He was an army veteran of the Korean conflict, a member of Gig Harbor Eagles, a past member of the Big Brothers Association, past president of the Lake Holiday Association and active in community service for the Key Peninsula Community Center. He was also a past president of the Jessie Dyslin Boy's Ranch where he spent many childhood years.

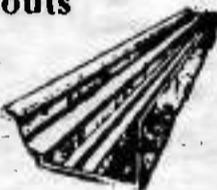
Mr. Steele leaves a wife, Marilyn, of the home; stepdaughters Cathy Young of Oregon; Sherri (Mrs. James) Smith of Puyallup and Debbie (Mrs. Ron) Simon of Lakebay, and seven grandchildren. Services were held on February 23 with arrangements by Haven of Rest. Remembrances may be made to Jessie Dyslin Boy's Ranch.

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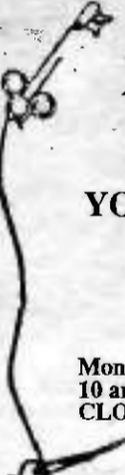
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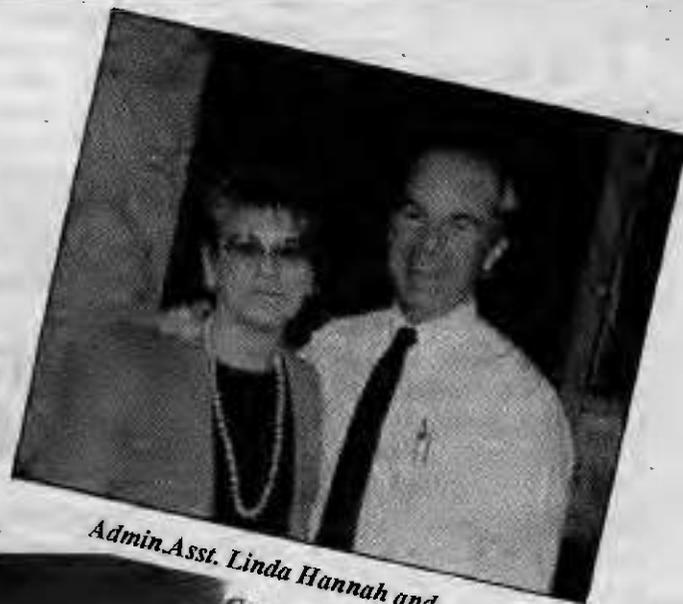


The NEWS visits our representatives in Olympia!

With the legislature in session it is a busy time for those we have elected to represent our interests, and for our friends and neighbors employed at the Capitol for the session.



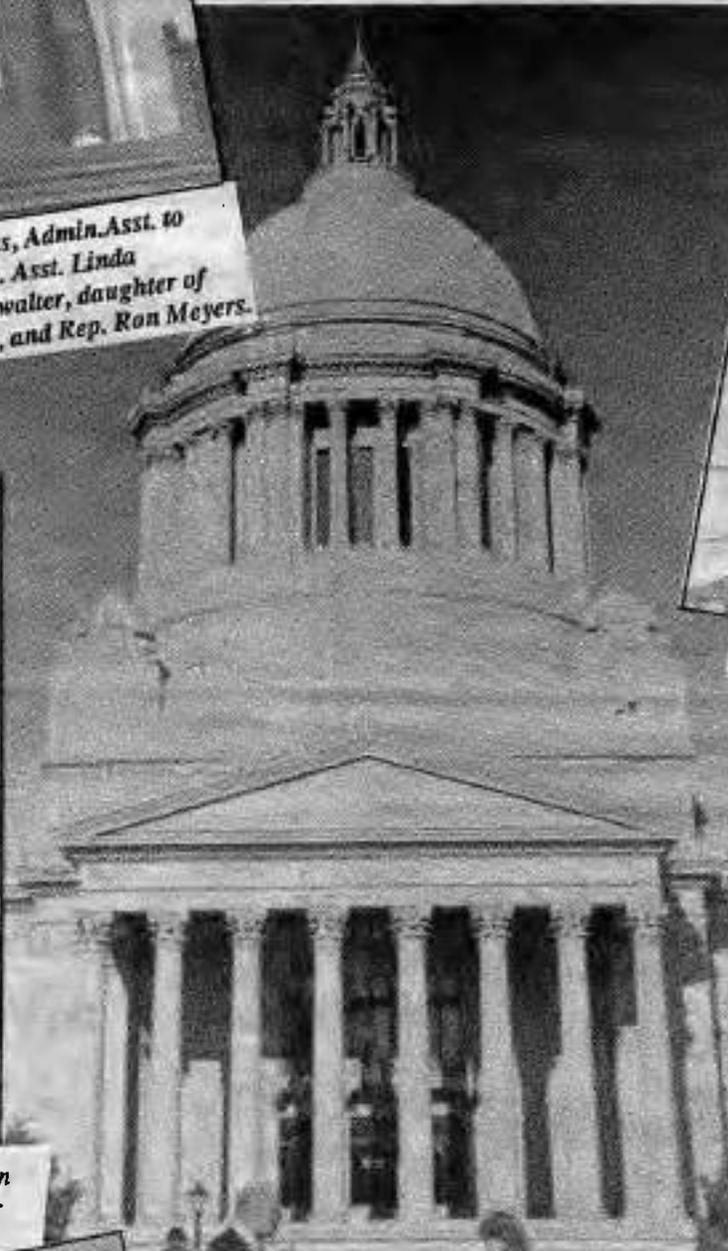
Left to right: Rep. Wes Pruitt; Daphe Daus, Admin. Asst. to Wes and KP's Park Board president; Admin. Asst. Linda Hannah of Gig Harbor; Page Gretchen Showalter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Showalter of Longbranch, and Rep. Ron Meyers.



Admin. Asst. Linda Hannah and Governor Booth Gardner



Jeanette Haynor, R. Majority Leader/Washington State Senate and Bill Smitherman, D., State Senator from 26th District.



Daphne Daus, Admin. Asst. to Wes Pruitt

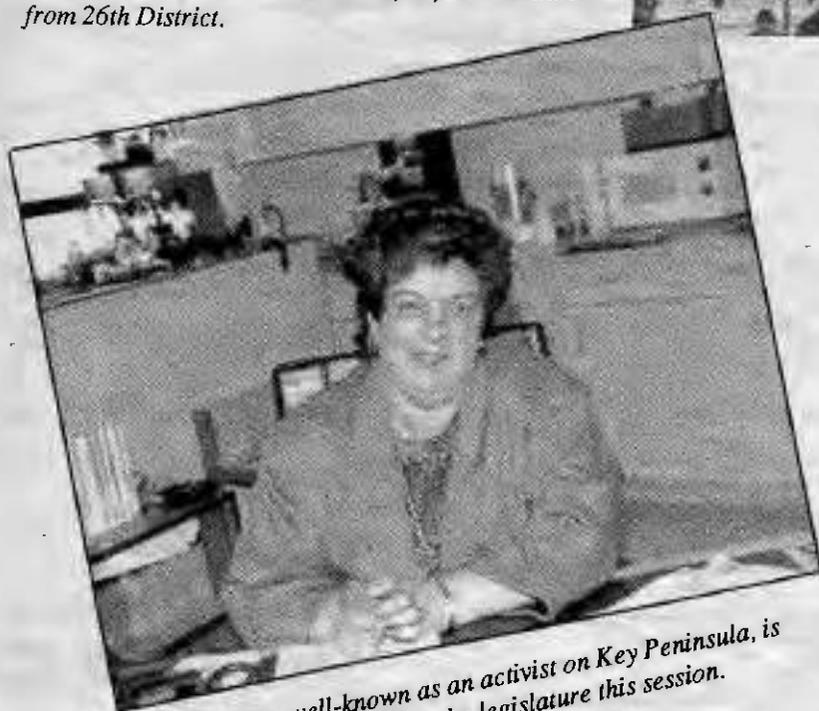


Reps. Ron Meyers and Wes Pruitt

KP NEWS photos

by

Lee Stiles



Avon Gay, well-known as an activist on Key Peninsula, is working as a receptionist for the legislature this session.



Mary Ann Huntington of Port Orchard talks to a visiting Cub Scout group at the Capitol. Mary Ann is a tour guide while the legislature is in session.

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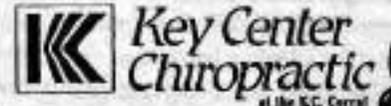
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To Your Health

by Wm.F.Roes, MD



Probably the most common call to our office during flu season is about fever; when to treat and when to bring the patient in. That is not always an easy question to answer, but some guidelines may be useful. Fever is defined as an increase in body temperature of one degree (Fahrenheit) over normal body temperature. 98.6 is accepted as a normal oral temperature, so 99.6F orally is a fever. Rectal temperatures run one degree higher and axillary (armpit) temperatures run one degree lower. The best measuring device is a glass-mercury thermometer — the back of your hand against a child's forehead is notoriously inaccurate. The new electronic thermometers are pretty good and easy to read, but the "fever strips" are not reliable. Fever is caused by the release of chemicals from the cells of the body as a response to an infection. It is part of the body's immune response and some researchers feel that it is helpful in eliminating the invading bacteria or virus. On the other hand, fever increases the patient's discomfort, causes dehydration (increased fluid loss) and in young children

causes febrile seizures. For this reason we encourage the treatment of fevers.

One of the most important treatments is hydration, making sure the patient is taking in adequate liquids. We often recommend using tepid (lukewarm) baths for young children with high fever; as the water evaporates it cools the patients, but it shouldn't be too hot or too cold. Finally, there are medications useful for the reduction of temperature. Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Panadol, Datri) is the only one recommended for small children and is considered safe for all ages. It is available in drops, liquid, chewable tablets, and tablets. Aspirin is no longer recommended for children because of the question of Reyes Syndrome, but it is effective and safe for most adults. Ibuprophen (Advil, Medipren, Motrin) is also effective as a fever reducer for adults, but it should not be given if the patient is also taking aspirin.

Most fevers are related to mild viral illnesses which resolve with time and symptomatic treatments. Fevers which are high (over 102), prolonged (over two or three days), or are associated with severe symptoms should be evaluated by your health care provider. Last and not least, don't tell your doctor you don't have a temperature. Everyone has a temperature (usually 98.6) but not everyone has a fever.



Members of the Peninsula Seahawk girls' basketball team ... left to right, Head Coach Mary Ann Stoican; #32, Lisa Colvin; #10 Chrissy Skladany; #24, Karin Johannessen; #50, Kayla Newsome; #34, Nicole Bennett; #42, Kathy Delaney; #44, Mary Christofferson; #40, Tina Duren; #30, Marla Walker; and #20, Monica Hester. The team has had a very successful year which has put them in District Finals, being played off the last weekend in February. Photo courtesy of Peninsula High School.

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Herron Inlet nominated for wetlands preservation

by Stella Retherford

Herron Inlet is being considered for preservation under the Puget Sound Water Quality Wetland Preservation program. Herron resident Mary Knackstedt has spearheaded the research and submitted the involved application forms. Ida Cox, owner of the estuary and much surrounding land, supports this move and local naturalists have accumulated the bird, animal and plant lists required. Herron Island resident Tim Clark walked upstream from salt water to the beaver ponds and did the mapping needed for the application.

The goal of wetland protection under the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan is "restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Puget Sound Basin." The first step is to identify and evaluate the swamps and ponds which the agency terms "wetlands." Those considered important will be "secured" by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) funds. If deemed ineligible the Ecology Department and DNR will provide technical assistance to local organizations to preserve the area.

Brackish wetlands such as Herron Inlet are important as sheltered spawning grounds for many fish and provide a place where native life may exist protected from residential development. Birds of many species live part or all of their lives near the waterway; herons and eagles nest in old trees or snags near their food sources; Kingfishers' nest holes can be seen along the muddy estuary shores. This wetland is unique and, within a small area, offers access to several ecosystems. Evergreen Elementary teacher Cindy DiBiase and husband, Fran, have assessed the wetlands from an educational point of view. They agree it is a learning area for all ages. Each ecosystem offers students examples of such concepts as plant and animal communities, habitats, niches and adaptations. The inlet is an excellent example of an estuarine environment. Native chum salmon swim upstream in the late fall to spawn, although a culvert blocks their passage and prevents them from using more than the

lower reaches of Herron Creek. In that short stretch of about a thousand feet, 20 to 30 salmon carcasses were counted in January. How many more have been eaten by eagles or other scavengers is anyone's guess. If the full length of the stream up to the beaver ponds was a spawning area, one wonders how many infant salmon could be hatched to swim to Puget Sound waters?

The beaver dams retain a 20-30 acre fresh water wetland. A beaver family keeps the dams in repair and raises a litter each year in the beaver lodge. A housing development surrounds the pond, but the residents have expressed a desire to retain the wild character of the land near their homes so the beaver and other wild life can survive. Herron estuary or inlet is only a part of a greater threatened ecosystem.

From our Scrapbooks

by Margaret Paul

From the Dec. 30, 1968 Tacoma News Tribune:

Bitter cold grips the city. Frozen water pipes, heavy coats and red ears and noses blossomed Monday as Tacoma shivered into the fourth day of its coldest winter in years. The overnight low at TNT's weather station dropped sharply to 7 degrees, the coldest low since 1924 and only 2 degrees off the old time record of 5 degrees set in 1893. The highest in Tacoma on Sunday -19 degrees - was 2 degrees lower than the previous low for

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From the Peninsula Gateway, February 1973:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson were awarded a heart-shaped box of candy on Valentine's Day by Mr. Walter Schmidt, proprietor of the Food Store in Key Center. The Davidsons had been married 55 years (Jan. 12, 1918). Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart were runners-up having been married 51 years. Congratulations are due both couples.

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A visit to Minter Elementary

School

by Stella Retherford

Elementary solid waste management such as garbage disposal, land fills and recycling is now a grade school subject. How does a teacher hold attention and involve 22 active nine-year olds in discussing such adult problems? Your reporter, accompanied by photographer Ken Retherford, went to Minter Elementary School to sit in on such a class and find out.

Mrs. Mary Knackstedt, visiting teacher on solid waste management, stimulated discussion and elicited responses from Mrs. Paula Kepler's third-grade class on how trash is handled in the homes of students. Many reported that they sorted for recycling - glass in one box, cans (washed and squashed) in another, aluminum in yet another, and papers bundled. More than half the students raised their hands when questioned about composting kitchen and garden wastes.

"When saturated with rain, landfills may ooze pollutants which enter bays, streams and water supplies," Mrs. Knackstedt explained. "How do you feel about pollution?" "Bad" and "Sorry" were the answers. To the question, "What should we do with trash other than put it in landfills," one student suggested dumping it in the ocean, another thought

it could be shot into outer space. After showing the inappropriateness of these solutions, Mrs. Knackstedt introduced her theme: reduce, recycle and re-use.

To her questions, "Why recycle paper," "Where does paper come from (that's right, from trees!)," "What other values do our forests have," "Why should we recycle paper in order to not cut down our forests so fast," came responses such as: forests provide jobs, recreation, homes for wild life and fish, prevent erosion, serve as watersheds, hold back water supplies in the mountains and add oxygen to the air. With some help with wording, these were the sophisticated answers Minter students gave.

Students were told that, according to local recycler John Wetzel, classroom paper can be recycled by sorting by type: art paper, writing paper and newspaper

smoothed out and placed in separate boxes. Until plastic recycling becomes practical, the use of paper cups, wrappings and bags is perhaps better. Styrofoam is particularly bad as it produces poisonous fumes when burned. When the smoke rises its compounds threaten the high elevation ozone layer that protects us all from too much ultra-violet radiation. How much of this was understood? Third-graders vary greatly in their experiences and thus their ability to comprehend complicated ideas.

Mrs. Knackstedt used a felt and velcro teaching aid which allowed students to transfer paper, aluminum, glass, kitchen waste, etc. from the trash can side of a graph to the recycling side. Section by section the trash was reduced as 81% of the material was transferred leaving only 19% to go to the landfill.

As a finale, and to hold the attention

of students who were growing restless, Mrs. Knackstedt showed a brief slide show of what boys and girls could do to reduce the amount of trash headed for the landfill, and labels for home recycling boxes were passed out.

At the beginning of this session a counselor came in to tell us that Washington State Fisheries representatives, with the help of Mrs. Freeman's class, were setting up a demonstration salmon hatchery in the courtyard. Egg development is to be observed daily and students will eventually help release the young fish into Minter Creek. Husband Ken went off to photograph that activity while the writer stayed busy with garbage, landfills and recycling.

A final note ... we noticed traditional school subject matter was written on a white board with red chalk - gone were the blackboards of our childhood!



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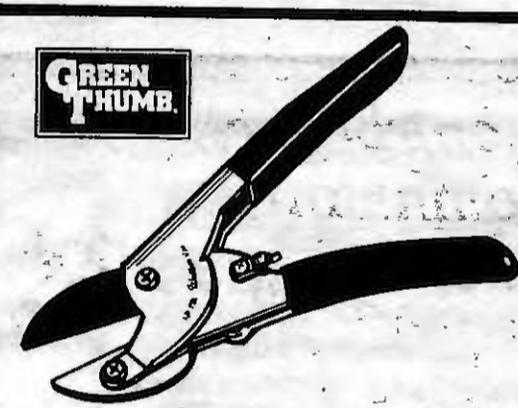


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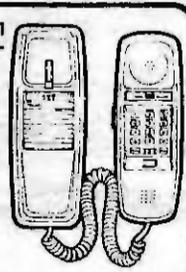
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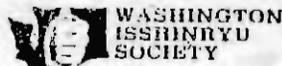
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Just after we had crossed Dewatto Creek, at the foot of a long steep hill we lost power and could not get enough gas to the carburetor to crawl up the hill in our lowest gear. It is about nine miles to the Bear Creek gas station where we might borrow a tool to take the gas line apart. So we had to do something right there or start hiking.

The brain cells were primed by thoughts of that long walk; we cut the long windshield wiper hose off and siphoned enough gas from the tank to fill a saw oil bottle. With its cork notched to make a small stream when shaken over a falling saw, it just might work to feed the air horn on top of the carburetor - if someone would lay out on the fender to operate it. We put the right half of the hood up and tied it with a piece of wire. 'Al' Simon was elected as chief engineer, to stretch out there and feed the gas.

With Al all set, I nodded my head, Al shook some gas into the air horn, I hit the starter and we were off. To our surprise, things worked very well. When I felt a lack of power I would just nod, Al would shake the bottle a little more, and the motor would dig in just fine. Except for stopping now and then to refill the oil bottle with gas, we made almost normal speed. It was a breezy ride for Alvin, but it beat walking nine miles.

At Bear Creek we borrowed a pair of pliers, cleaned the gas line and made it back to Davidson's shop at Vaughn without further problems. We had a few tools aboard the next day, for sure. Every man in the crew checked on that!



Local resident Vickie Krause demonstrates Filipino cookery at a recent "Friends of the Key Center Library" evening in the Brones Room of the KC Library. Vickie produced several delicious dishes and told her audience where to get the necessary imported products. The evening ended with everyone having a taste of all the dishes cooked. KP NEWS Photo by Lee Stiles.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dr. Penrose Guild's Dessert Theater - March 11			1 Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 pm Bingo 6:30-10 pm	2 Senior Society 11-4 pm Bear Den 3 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm CAC 7 pm Teen NA 7:30-9 pm	3 Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p Skate 6-7:45, 8-9:30p Grange 7-10 pm	4 Karate 12-4 pm Gold Room
5 Church - Gold Rm. 6-8p Men's Basketball 6:30-8:30 pm	Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p AAU 5:30-9 pm Webelos 7-8:30 pm VFW & Auxiliary 7-9 p Teen NA 7:30-9 pm PAA 6:15-8:45 pm	7 KP Seniors 10-11 am Wolf Den 4 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm KPCCA Executive Board 7:30pm	8 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay Bingo Park Board 7:30 pm	9 KP Seniors Bear Den 3 Karate Teen NA KPCCA Board 7:30 pm	10 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay Skate Night	11 10-12 am Kitchen Orthopedic Dessert Theater 7 pm. PAA 9-11:30 am
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19 Church - Gold Rm. 6-8p Men's Basketball 6:30-8:30 pm	20 Aerobics Rocky Bay AAU Webelos Teen NA	21 Wolf Den 4 Karate Road Use Com. 7:30p	22 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo	23 KP Seniors Karate Teen NA Bear Den 3	24 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night Good Friday	25 Pinewood Derby 9 am
26 Church - Gold Rm. 6-8p Men's Basketball 6:30-8:30 pm Easter Sunday	27 Aerobics Rocky Bay KPHC 7 pm AAU Webelos Paul Cyr 7 pm Teen NA	28 Wolf Den 4 Karate	29 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo	30 KP Seniors Karate Teen NA Bear Den 3	31 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	

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