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BRIDGE STUDY MONEY DEFEATED; LONGBRANCH LEADS THE ATTACK

A flurry of opposition from hundreds of Peninsula residents, and the active work of their State Senator and Representatives defeated still another "study" of a proposed bridge from the Peninsula to McNeil Island Prison. Victory for the anti-bridge forces came only at the very last moment of the Special Session of the Legislature, and was achieved when Senator Barbara Granlund, and Representatives Carolyn Powers and Bill Smitherman combined forces to delete an item of \$100,000.00 from the Washington capital spending budget for the coming biennium.

Citing environmental, health, and safety hazards that might result from the possible flow of McNeil Island prison traffic travelling through the Peninsula, the citizens lobby against the bridge proposal was led by Bob Rodine, President of the Longbranch Improvement Club, and his hard-working wife, Pat. The group formed "telephone trees" to urge other residents to contact various members of the Legislature both directly and through the Olympia "Hot Line". Pat Rodine also got up a petition, on which she hurriedly gathered many names, and rushed it off to Olympia, where Representative Powers duplicated it and handed it around to other members of the Legislature.

Senator Granlund has responded to the petition that she received, with a complete explanation of her strong opposition to the bridge and any further study of it, and her letter to Peninsula residents will be published in next month's NEWSLETTER.

An elated Pat Rodine told the NEWSLETTER that the victory gained in stopping further consideration of the Longbranch-McNeil Island bridge shows that citizens lobby groups can be effective when they work together, and when they are fortunate enough to have the active and able support of their direct representatives. "Also," she said, "We want to thank everyone who wrote letters, got on the telephone, and helped in all other ways".

FUN, FOOD AND GAMES AT KPCC RENO NIGHT

You say you want to go to Reno? You say you want to see the dice roll, the ball go around and around, the big wheel turn, and an ace and jack come up in your hand at "21"? You say you are feeling lucky, but don't want to drive all those miles or chance the big one in an airplane? In that case, your problem is solved!! Mark down Saturday, June the 4th on your calendar for the Key Peninsula Civic Center "Reno Night", where you can come and play Blackjack, High-Dice, Chuck-a-Luck, and "Wheel of Fortune" for real, taking your chances against the dice, the wheel, and the cards.

FIREWORK SALE

The Fourth of July is coming fast, the Civic Center is again making plans for its Annual Fireworks Stand, located as before at the parking lot next to Wait's Pine Foods in Key Center.

The stand will open on June 27th, and will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily until July 4th. The sale of fireworks at the Civic Center stand raises more money than any other single event for the benefit of the Center's operating budget, and it is hoped that all Peninsula residents will remember to patronize our local stand rather than travel elsewhere.

The fireworks sale will be headed this year by Shirley Olson, who is actively seeking volunteers to sell the fireworks over the counter. She is also asking for volunteers who will be willing to sleep over the nighttime hours at the stand in order to protect and safeguard the merchandise. If you can assist with either of these duties, please contact Shirley at 884-2481, or Claudia Loy at the Civic Center, 884-3456

PHS CHOIR FIRST

On May 11th, the 73 members of the Peninsula High School Concert Choral Choir with Mr. Dean Neel, director, traveled to the University of Portland to compete at the "BEST IN THE NORTHWEST CHOIR FESTIVAL" for small high schools. The choir placed 1st in the final judging with the 2nd place going to Mt. St. Helens High School from Oregon.

Reno Night is an annual and highly popular fund-raiser for the Civic Center, where the thrills of taking a chance on winning in an authorized fund-raising gambling event are available to Peninsula residents and their guests. It all starts at noon on Saturday, and will continue until mid-night. In addition to the gaming tables, the Civic Center will be serving refreshments from an adult bar, and the kitchen will be open to provide various snacks such as hamburgers, potato salad, desserts, and soft drinks. As alcohol will be served during the event, no one under 21 years of age will be admitted.

Co-chairmen for the Reno Night will be Steve Lawson, and Duane Fleming, who are working hard to make the entire day a success for everyone concerned. They are currently asking for more volunteer help to assist with Reno Night and need card dealers, card shufflers, drink servers, and guards who have a gun permit. All volunteers will be asked to attend a training and orientation session on Friday, June the 3rd, and those who have previously helped with this major event are particularly asked to offer their services again. Most of the games are easy to run and several people are still needed, as there will be three shifts of Reno Night workers. If you can help, please call Steve or Duane or the Civic Center.

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SPEAK YOUR MIND

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently the ladies auxillary of the Gig Harbor Eagles, was ask by our National Organization to contact our local schools and ask for their co-operation with the National Art Contest.

The contest was for children grades three thru sixth. The children were to make posters, stating what they liked best about their home town.

First prize winner was to be awarded a \$500.00 savings bond, along with other prizes. The winning posters were to be displayed at National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in July this year.

We Eagle members were eager to take part in this contest.

The ladies auxillary of the Gig Harbor Eagles have worked hard for the thirty three years to support the schools and their programs. Now for the first time we ask for something which we felt beneficial to the community from the schools. But to our sad dismay we found the schools most uncooperative. I think it most unfortunate that the children of Gig Harbor were denied this opportunity.

We were told the teachers were to busy and did not wish to get involved. I say to my fellow Auxillary members and Aerie brothers, that the next program the School District wishes our help with. We should think well before we get involved.

Sincerely:
Joan Davis
Youth Chairman
Ladies Auxillary Gig
Harbor Eagles

TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to the Newsletter and advertisers for offering a drawing for tickets to opening night with the Tacoma Tigers. It was a very enjoyable evening watching the game, skydivers and fireworks, and the free tickets are an excellent way to encourage fans to attend the games.

John and Elsie
Mc Ilhenny

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank the Key Peninsula Fire District Firefighters, Longbranch Improvement Club, Longbranch Ladies Aid, Ruth Circle, Key Peninsula Historical Society, V.F.W. and Auxillary, Pierce County Community Action Center, Ashes, Mr. Ed Paine, Joyce Case, Organist, Peninsula Light Crew, and everyone who expressed their sympathy and emotional support when we lost our beloved husband and father, Ramon "Pete" Bussard. A special thanks goes to Rev. Harry Soloas, and to all who donated food, and money to the various memorial funds.

Marguerite Bussard
and
Dinah Hildebrandt

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a copy of a letter sent to Macon Bacon regarding their ad in the May Newsletter headed "Who Are We?"

I moved out to the Lonbranch Peninsula seeking a rural atmosphere. By definition, a "rural atmosphere" does not include all the conveniences of Tacoma or even Gig Harbor.

Your ad inquires wheather we are individuals or neighbors-- as if these are mutually exclusive. Few people resent being called an "Individual that can stand alone."

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Sincerely,
Dianne Rebsamen
Lakebay, Wash.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir;

On March 17 Senators Henry M. Jackson and Slade Gorton introduced S.837, the Washington State Wilderness Act of 1983. Thus began a process that could result in as many as 2.5 million acres of wilderness in our state - or none.

Conservationists applaud the senators for taking this action to move a wilderness bill through Congress. One of the areas under consideration is a strip on the eastern boundary of the Olympic National Park now one of the few International Conservation areas. Clear cutting has already decimated many ridges even though salmon and steelhead spawning streams must be protected from siltation if their populations are to thrive.

From Seattle and Tacoma it is about two hours driving time to these lovely valleys and ridges near the Greywolf, Duckabush, Hama Hama, Skokomish, and Dosewallips Rivers. Thousands use them. These low valleys and lesser peaks are favorite haunts of retirees as they can be walked while the snow still lies deep in the high country.

Contact Senator Jackson, Senator Gorton, or Rep. Norm Dicks with the benefit of your thoughts on this subject. Addresses: Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 or House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515.

Sincerely,
Sylvia E. Rutherford

THE KEY PENINSULA HOMEMAKER'S

The Key Peninsula Homemaker's Extention Club will tour the Glen-cove Hotel on June 13th. Following the tour a salad luncheon will be held at the home of Lois Bailey. Meet at the Key Center Library at 10:00 for car pooling and directions. For more information about the tour and the Homemaker's Extention Club contact:

Helen Wade, 884-3401
Diane Wright, 857-7532

Don't miss "Reno Night" on June 4th, come to the Civic Center for action, fun, food, and good times.

GARDEN CLINIC NOW AVAILABLE

By Sylvia Daughters

Slugs and bugs already at work give promise of a busy gardening season. Without any real winter cold to kill off the pest, many seem to have continued their destructive work right on through the winter.

The Master Gardener Clinic, opened the season at the Key Center Library on Thursday, April 7, and will continue every Thursday from 1 to 4 P.M. through September 8th.

They are prepared with reams of literature to advise you on the accepted remedies for your garden problems. No one has all the answers on the tip of his tongue, but can usually provide them, given a little time, either from the literature on hand, or from the experts in Tacoma, Seattle, or Puyallup. It always helps if you bring a good specimen of your problem plant.

Key Center is very fortunate in having a rose expert, Ralph Taylor, on its all volunteer staff. Although he is not at the clinic every week, he has graciously consented to answer your questions about rose culture over the phone between times. His phone number is 857-2414, and the days he will be in the clinic are June 2 and 9 and September 1 and 8.

Ralph is a member of the American Rose Society, a consulting rosarian, and has been a rose judge for the past 18 years. He is also chairman of the Rose Show to be held July 2nd and 3rd at the First Baptist Church at 9th and Market, Tacoma.

Like the rest of us Ralph has his problems with bugs in his garden but has evidently worked out a system to control them. And, as for the slugs, he has a solution for them too, his white Peking ducks which gobble them up as fast as they appear.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE A SUCCESS

Despite a rainy Saturday, the Annual Plant and Used Book Sale of the Friends of the Library of the Key Center Library came off as a complete success on Saturday, May 7th.

According to Donna Dailey, who headed the sale this year, the group raised over \$400.00 by the sale of donated plants and used books. Funds raised by the group through the annual sale and other fund-raising events, are used to provide extra materials to the Key Center branch of the Pierce County Library. In recent times, the group has donated stained-glass windows, a copy machine, magazine subscriptions, a magazine and newspaper rack, and many new books on a variety of subjects. The group is headed by President David Till, and meets monthly in the Kenneth Brones Room of the Library, September through May.

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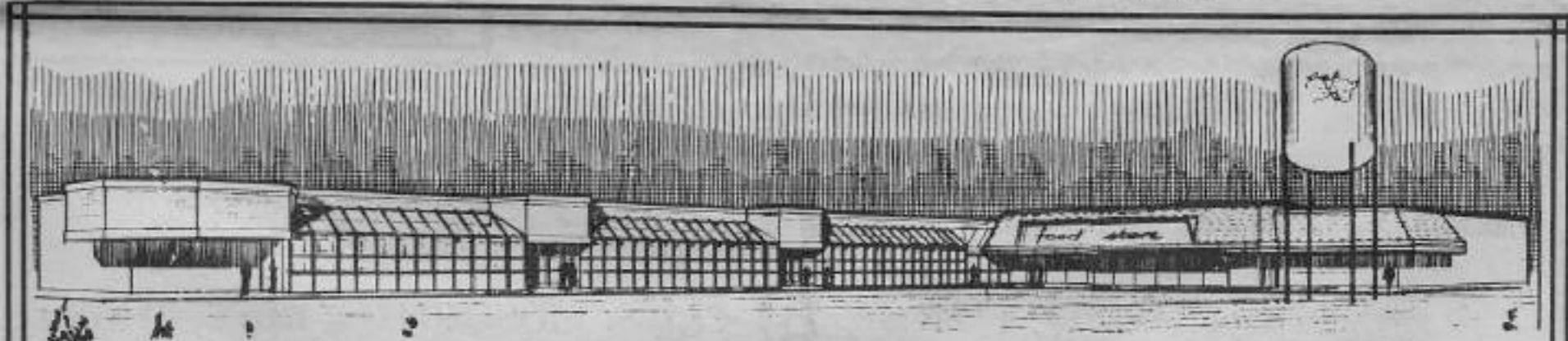
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There were a couple of people who did not claim their tickets to attend the ballgame with the Tacoma Tigers last month.

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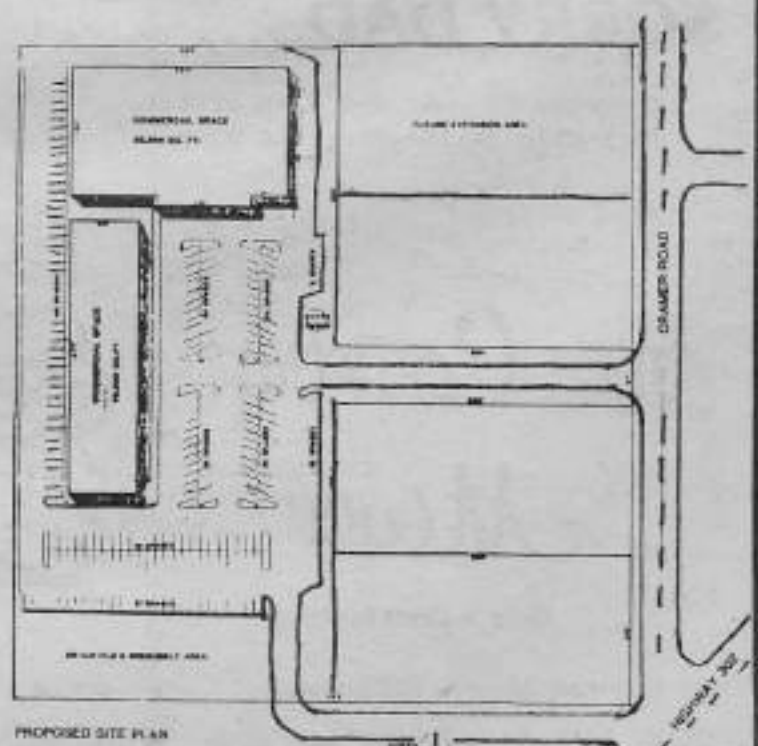
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Thank you!

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Restaurant Guide

by Janice McMillan

Robert's Restaurant on the golf course at Lake Land Village, Allyn, Washington, is a delightful place to have lunch or dinner. It is 11 miles from Key Center. Its large windows overlook a little lake complete with resident ducks, big fir trees, rustic fence and rolling green vistas of the surrounding golf course. The simple tasteful decor is set off with etched glass dividing the restaurant from a small, comfortable bar. This beautiful etched glass is made locally in Belfair.

The menu at Robert's changes daily and the day we lunched there the menu had six items and the dinner menu had seven. All food is cooked to order and most ingredients are fresh. The Chef obviously cares about how his food looks and garnishes it attractively with orange curls, cucumber flowers, etc. Luncheon prices range from \$3.00 to \$4.75. At \$3.00 my companion had half a turkey sandwich and a cup of homemade chicken noodle soup with good size chunks of chicken and fresh vegetables. I had a hamburger with French Fries. The hamburger was made of fine beef with no filler or gristle and must have been about 1/3 of a pound. The French fries were freshly prepared with the skins left on and were very good. The cost was \$3.75. A three salad luncheon plate of shrimp salad, chicken salad

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and potato salad was the most expensive item on the lunch menu. The dinner menu had some very interesting sounding things on it; Shrimp Newburg, Roast Pork with natural gravy, Oysters Almondine, and Fillet Mignon. Complete dinners range from \$6.25 to \$11.95 and included soup or salad, vegetables, potatoes (or noodles), and bread.

The new owner said that several people had mentioned that the Fillet seemed expensive at \$11.95, but he noticed that after ordering it they would come back and have it again. The steak is the best beef available with very little fat, no bone, and weighs about 11 ounces. About a week after our lunch visit we had dinner at Robert's (previously known as Enrico's which featured Italian food). My companion had the roast sirloin of beef with duchess potatoes and natural gravy and I had chicken breast Milanese with noodles. The tossed mixed salad with a choice of several salad dressings (they didn't have a house dressing) was good and had lots of different vegetables in it. Bread was a nice surprise of warm blueberry muffins. The only thing that I did not care for was the vegetable which was a strange choice of canned peas with pickled onions! My chicken was a very generous portion that had been perfectly cooked with a glaze of Parmesan cheese and was served with noodles in butter sauce, chives, and parsley. Cost \$9.95. My companion said the sirloin roast was excellent and the

natural gravy was not made of "funny brown stuff" from a bottle but from real meat drippings slightly thickened. Cost \$6.75. This is the only place I can think of where beef is cheaper than chicken.

Conclusions: The American style cooking is interesting and well prepared, generous servings; the atmosphere is very pleasant and slightly European in feeling; The small cozy bar has superior mixed drinks. The wine list is imaginative and reasonably priced and fresh flowers on the table add a nice touch. The staff is friendly and efficient. Open 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. week-days and 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. Saturday and Sunday.

KEY PENINSULA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4: Card Party 7:30 P.M.
- June 9: Meeting and Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- June 12: Social Sunday 1:00 P.M.
- June 24: Potluck dinner and Fun Nite 6:30 P.M.
- June 27: Pierce County Sports Council 8:00 P.M.

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Square Dance News

Skirts-N-Flirts Square Dance Club was very busy this past month visiting several club all around Washington.

On April 29 they visited the Issaquahs and Braves in Issaquah and enjoyed dancing to the calling of Wayne Easton and Steve Noseck.

On May 7 several couples traveled to Ocean Shores and spent an enjoyable day roaming the beaches and traveled back to Hoquiam that evening and danced with the Harbor Haylofters and their caller Ray Lindenau.

May 14 we went to Tacoma and visited the Swinging Squares for their 21st Birthday. Our caller John and Kay Beck did a guest tip at each of these dances.

The class workshops on Monday nights at the Civic Center will end June 13. We will resume lessons on September 12 for anyone interested in learning to square dance.

The regular club dance on the third Saturday of June, the 18th, has been cancelled. Several club couples are attending the International Dance in Victoria, B.C. and some are going to the State Festival in Spokane.

The next club dance will be July 16 with strawberry shortcake for refreshments.

Legislative Update

By Eleanor Stock

You are no doubt aware the International Monetary Fund (IMF) lends money at low interest to "lesser developed countries." So far this year, Congress has given the IMF \$13.6 billion; but now they want more, and action has begun to give an additional \$8.5 billion. This amount was endorsed on March 15 by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The House and Senate Banking Committee are scheduled to mark up their respective legislation (H.R. 1907 and S695) very soon and will then begin debate.

Most of the constituency that demands funding for the IMF comes from banking and corporate communities. The individuals who are totally ignored are the average American working people who would like to earn a living, soon for the future, and be left alone. They are the ones who will be taxed to repay the IMF and will suffer the consequences of inflation.

Not everyone in Congress likes the idea of "bailing out" the IMF. Last year, when countries that couldn't make payments on their loans get new ones from the IMF, with their old obligations rescheduled (delayed), many congressmen were outraged. But they need strong public support.

To date, the socialist, marxist and third world nations owe \$706 billion to Western Institutions (banks).

The IMF owns a board of gold recently valued at \$47.3 billion. A good question to ask is; Why don't they sell off this gold and use that money for their loans, instead of

coming back to the hard-pressed american tax payer year after year for more and more money to pay off the bad loans they made in the first place?

Time is short to get this message to Congress. The legislation can be defeated if enough of us act today, right now.

VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB

The June meeting of the Vaughn Garden Club will be held June 15th. This will be a noon pot luck at the Jackson Lake Club House with hostess Florence Jones. She will be assisted by Stella Brennan.

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LONGBRANCH CALENDAR

CHURCH: 35th Anniversary, 1st Church, Penrose Hall built 75 years ago. Chaplain Soloos will give the service and the Choir will have special music. Following the Service new members of the year will be honored. June 5th

LADIES AID: June 7th

PENINSULA NEIGHBORS: 10 AM at Fellowship Hall. June 8th

BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB: Tour of perennial garden at the home of Mrs. Ruby Glasser, No Hostess luncheon. June 10th

CHURCH: June 12th, Reverend Ralph Smith. Mrs. Kathlene Smith will have the Nursery at the 11 AM Service at the Parsonage.

NUTRITION: Potluck Picnic noon, at home of Jean and Hugh Humphrey, June 21st.

PENINSULA SOCIAL CLUB: Potluck at 6 PM, Fellowship Hall. Program: Slides on Australia by the Retherfords. Last meeting until September. June 14th.

CHURCH: June 19th, Fathers Day Service by Chaplain Soloos. Nursery available.

OLD TIMERS' PICNIC: 12:30 at the Longbranch Improvement Hall. Coffee, Tea, Punch provided. Bring your own table service with your potluck dish. June 25th.

CHURCH: June 26th, Chaplain Tom Fukuyama. Nursery available.

DANCE: Improvement Hall, 9 PM to 1:30 AM. Obtain tickets from members or at the Dock or at the Longbranch Store. JULY 2.

OBITUARY

ROMAINE WM. WARNER

Romaine Wm. Warner, 89 years old. Passed away in a Seattle rest home in April. He had been a resident in the Lakebay area for 21 years.

EDWARD P. LEVICK

Edward P. Levick, 85 a resident of Lakebay. Passed away on May 6th.

Mr. Levick was born in Seneca, Kansas.

He is a retired district manager for the Victory Life Insurance Co. of Topeka, Kansas.

MERLE KUPKA

(delayed) Merle Kupka, 69, a resident of the Vaughn area for 56 years, passed away on March 25th. He was a retired Operating Engineer for the Pierce County Road District, where he had served for 16 years.

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FIREWORKS FUND SUCCESSFUL; EXPERTS READY; VOTE ON FUND USE REQUESTED

By Hugh McMillan

Congratulations Key Peninsula. You did it! The drive for funds for this year's fireworks' show on Joe's Bay (Von Geldern Cove) is a success. We are definitely going to have our spectacular Independence Day Extravaganza. As noted in the last issue of the Newsletter, we had already accumulated more than the \$500 we needed in matching funds to meet our anonymous donor's gift of \$1000. At this writing we have \$610 for that part of our commitment. Your Firefighters' Association will now vote on just what the money will be expended on for firefighting or medical aid equipment.

Now we've proven to those donors that we also will support our (hopeful; u amia) Birth of the Nation day fireworks' show. They put up \$1,500 for the show. We had to match that with our contribution of \$1,000. If we failed to do so, the donor's money would be transferred to another recipient. Well Key Peninsula, we did it. We had in our coffers as of 18 May 1983 a total contribution from us of \$1,106.28.

Your Firefighters' Association would like you to call, write, or drop in to the Headquarters' Station in Key Center to vote; let us know if you prefer that the fireworks' funds

which are more than our needed \$1,000 in matching funds should be spent on more fireworks or if we may divert them to purchases of firefighting and medical aid equipment.

Last month, inadvertance cut short the story of the secret learned about the volunteer firefighters who served last year and will do so again this year to put on our fireworks' show. Herewith the secret: Rick Stout, Jim Latteri, and Rick Olsen, each a firefighter and EMT, put in an enormous number of their free hours to receive the training that ultimately qualified them as licensed pyrotechnicians. We appreciate that but, frankly, we've come to expect that sort of performance from our volunteers.

What we didn't know was that, to protect our community from liability charges and the horrendous charges inherent in same, during the performance of the fireworks show, these volunteers must be paid employees of the firm which provides the material and the insurance for the spectacle. Their pay is ten per cent of the total cost of the fireworks show. Last year, they were paid \$200, or ten per cent of the total amount donated by our anonymous donors for the show. The three volunteers, however, donated that pay in advance to the community to insure that we

got our full \$2,000 worth of fireworks for that fantastic performance they staged in 1982. This year, because two of the volunteers have taken additional training and testing and have qualified under new State laws, the firm will pay them \$500. They are entitled to that money, they have and will earn it. But they are volunteers of your Key Peninsula Fire Department and, again, they are giving that hard-earned money to you in the form of another great Independence Day fireworks show. That strikes this writer as pretty special stuff. Thank you, Rick, Jim, and Rick. You are a real credit to your community. (Sorry, guys, I couldn't keep it to myself any longer.)

COOK'S CORNER

SWEDISH APPLE PIE

-by Dorothy Lewis

Beat one egg in bowl, add 3/4 cup sugar and beat well; add 1/2 cup flour and 1 tsp. baking powder (sifted together) plus a pinch of salt. Add 1/4 tsp. vanilla.

Mix all the above - it is stiff. Add 1 cup chopped apple and 1/2 cup chopped nut meats. Place in a greased pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees 35-40 minutes.

Top with whipped cream. This is good either hot or cold.

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"Published By The School Children of Vaughn, Home, Lakebay, and Longbranch." Edited by Arthur Ericson, Gordon Breckenbach, and Lillian Buracker. Others were Florence Holman, Juanita Porter, Winifred Young, Karl Shand and Edna Kimball. How many are still with us? I do not know.

The Mirror is neatly edited with few if any errors. News items bring memories. "Vaughn P.T.A. was formed just before the beginning of school." Mesdames J.H. Jensen, President; Charles Jacoby, Vice President; T.H. Vogler, Secretary; W.H. Kincaid, Treasurer. A picture of Vaughn High students includes just 22: Names are Hazel Wolcott, Sarah Pederson, Dorothy Hill, Bertha Lonning, Florence Holman, Estelle Brechenbach, Mrs. Mary Sagel, Edna Kendall, Evert Soldin, Karl Shand, Grace Jones, Irene Palmer,

Dorothy Campbell, Anna Stock, Juanita Porter, Mr. E.J. Bjerquist, Arthur Ericson, Eldred Murer, Russell Jensen, Orven Kendall, Louis Linderman, and Calvin Nichols.

The Longbranch Mirror staff were Janet Reeves, Irene Thompson, Everett Reeves, Viola Alan, Francis Creviston, and Bertha Hannas. Home won a baseball game with Longbranch 17 to 15. "It was a good game."

A "Home Lakebay P.T.A. Vaudeville Show included Mesdames Cottrell, Densmore, Alt, Pearl Leiman, Govan, Fisher, and Fox. "Bus driver Mr. Edmonds and teacher Miss Still aided in producing the show. There is far too much in the Mirrors 24 pages to list here. Some of the ads will bring back memories to many readers however.

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SILVER THREADS

On April 19, a group of us attended a C.P.R. instruction class at the Key Center Fire Station given by Tim Lemon. It lasted 3 hours and was very instructive.

On April 22 a bus load of Senior went to the opening of the Tacoma Dome. We had lunch at Denny's then walked thru the hundreds of displays put up by local business people.

On one of our recent meetings we were thrilled by visit of former members Mary Joy and John Entwistle, they are living in California and attend our meetings frequently when they are in the area.

A Flea Market was held on April 16 and was a profitable one for our group. It was a nice day and a large turn out helped to sell our items.

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NEWSLETTER SURVEY OF KP OPINION ON QUALITY OF SCHOOLS

Editors Note: Within the last month, the President's Commission on Excellence in Education has released a very disturbing report on the status of American education of its children. Among its more alarming conclusions are that education in this country is mediocre at best, (and getting worse), and that the national position in world affairs is seriously endangered by this situation. In this issue, the NEWSLETTER has made an attempt to "bring all of this home", with Ruth Little, our President of the School Board Walt Smith (a peninsula resident), and Faith Ford, another resident, who teaches in another high school district, all sharing their thoughts on the status of the educational process today. We wish to thank each of these contributors for the time and effort spent in preparing and submitting their material on this important issue.

Because this is such an important issue, and because we all pay a large percentage of our taxes for the educational process (hoping that it is doing the job for our children), you, our readers in the district, are invited to tell us "How you see it". In the box on this page, you are invited to give us your evaluation of our schools and their success in preparing our young people for participation in today's world. Please merely complete the blank, and send it in to THE NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, Washington 98394. Results will be tabulated and presented in the July issue of the paper. Your name and address are optional, and your "comments" are solicited, and we hope to print representative samples of your opinion.

NO UNIFORM TESTING CONFUSES COMPARISONS OF SCHOOLS

by Faith Ford

Reaction in this state to the recent report by the National Commission on Excellence in Education has been swift, reports the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Concerned citizens want to know if our schools are among those "drowning in the tide of mediocrity" that has "devastated public education in this nation". They demand to know what is being done in this state to address the issues brought to their attention by the commission's report.

According to statistics provided by the Superintendent, Washington ranks favorably in most comparisons of student performance on standardized national achievement tests. For
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LOCAL SCHOOLS ALERT TO AVOID MEDIOCRITY

Special to THE NEWSLETTER by Walt Smith, School Board President

Recently the report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education entitled "A Nation at Risk" was released. I am in agreement with many recommendations of that report. The commission studied public schools nationally and heard testimony from parents, teachers, and students in many places throughout the country. The report states that schools have "served up a liberal smorgasbord" of elective classes. This has occurred, of course, during a period of time when individual choice and diversity was felt to be important in society, as well as in the curriculum. However, in many cases we have diluted our basic program. The commission felt that too much choice and diversity, that is too many electives, have been created when what is needed is more competency and more rigor in basic education. Any business organization must start with a solid foundation. There are no short-cuts; learning is hard work. We can improve upon our educational techniques and increase our proficiency through new technology, but all these systems require a basic level of knowledge and learning skills.

The report indicates that the current generation is the first one that has not educationally surpassed its predecessor. I don't think this is the main point. The important question is simply, "Are we providing a high quality educational opportunity for all our children?" The national commission says the answer is no. In my opinion, there is always room for improvement, and it is now more important than ever to insure strong leadership in the years ahead at the School Board and administrative levels. After all, we are entrusted with the chief responsibility of educating our children.

It is oftentimes too easy to assume that what a national report says is also true of a local situation. I am proud to announce that your school district has already formulated positive steps to provide a high quality educational program for all our children.

First, the district formed a citizens advisory committee in late 1982 made up of your neighbors. They were charged with the critical task of examining our district and making recommendations. Second, the School Board, together with district administrative staff, has also critically examined where they have been and what should be done. Both these reports have been finalized, and even though they preceded the national report, they are all basically in agreement with it.

The School Board and administrative staff are in the process of setting higher curriculum standards and performance levels. We further recognize that the learning process must encompass the ability to practically apply this knowledge to our everyday lives.

I feel it is equally important to develop a monitoring process that will evaluate both the students' and the teachers' performances. Too often we hear the argument that the teacher will only teach to the test.
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READER SURVEY

GIVE US YOUR OPINION ON OUR SCHOOLS

How well do our schools prepare students to go directly to work?

On to College?.....

To participate in society?.....

How do we compare with other school districts that you know (near or far)?.....

How do you rate school discipline?.....

Should there be more homework?.....

Should there be longer school hours?.....

Should graduation requirements be raised and tightened?.....

Do you favor passage of mandatory Achievement Tests before advancement or graduation?.....

Your comments (optional).....

Name and address (optional).....

Thank you for participating in our Reader Survey. Please mail to the NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, Wash. 98394, by June 14th.

Little by Little

by Ruth Little

For years I've promised to write about schools; now that education is in the news so much, I can't put it off any longer.

Everyone has something to say about schools (just bring up the subject with anyone if you don't believe me.) The fact that they spent twelve years (more or less) in schools seems to make them think they know all about them.

I thought with my background -- reared in a family of teachers, having experienced teaching in every type of school from two-room country school, small town schools and many years in city schools that ranged from ghetto to very exclusive schools in the wealthy North Shore districts in Chicago, surely I'm qualified to say I know something about schools. But I don't know much about our modern schools except the fact that they are being attacked on all sides - by almost everyone.

Something has gone wrong. It has crept up gradually and is much more serious in large cities than in rural communities such as ours.

There is a real problem and it isn't lack of money. It's what is and isn't being taught and who is doing the teaching -- and much more.

Putting the nation's brightest and most talented people in the classroom would improve our schools as nothing else could. This, however, is impossible to do with our present system of education. The nation's 1300 teachers' colleges whose survival depends on the premise that public school teachers must endure their mind-numbing "professional education" courses before they can receive their credentials to qualify them to teach, are mainly to blame.

One college president has said, "By and large, the country over, teachers' colleges are the weak sisters of the educational profession. The bright students will not enter teachers' colleges..."

At present the education courses in any college are a joke - the student learns how to teach a subject. Practically nothing is required in knowledge of subject matter. They are certainly not mentally challenging -- A's are easy to get.

The first step toward getting the brightest and most talented people teaching in America's schools would be to do away with teachers' colleges as they are now -- drastically revamp the entrance requirements (upgrade them) and change the curricula -- throw out all those stupid educational courses and substitute subject matter courses with some real meat to them. Then there would be no shortage of math and science teachers which we now have. In short, make it harder to get into the Schools of Education and much harder to get

out with a degree. The School of Education requirements would be the stiffest in the whole college or university -- if not the stiffest, at least on a par with medicine, law, engineering, etc. The cream of the crop would be in Education. Imagine, what a shock that would be! Just the opposite of what it is now. This will take years - it must be done.

So much for item one on my list of what to do to improve schools. I've used up my space and I've not touched on discipline, merit pay, music or rather I mean lack of music in the grade schools and many other things which will have to be covered next time.

I must add that I'm very sympathetic with the many good teachers struggling against great odds in our present school systems. They work hard (it's not an easy job) and the pay isn't that great -- compared to pay in other fields with the same

or less training. They deserve gratitude and sympathy and they get mostly criticism from parents of children who are doing poor work (and often little support from principals.) Remember I'm not writing about local schools.

A teacher whom I've known and respected for years recently told me that he didn't like his work any more. "It's not the pleasant rewarding work these days that it was ten years ago."

"Why," I asked.

He paused a long moment before replying, then he said, "It's hard to answer that briefly but if I had to choose one word that best describes the attitudes of pupils, teachers, principals and parents it would have to be apathy."

We've become used to mediocrity -- we accept it in all phases of our society -- poor workmanship, poor English, poor moral standards. I could go on but you get the idea.

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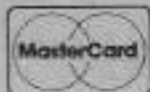
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Cat Tracks

By Ronda Misenar

Key Peninsula Middle School has been real busy getting ready for the 8th grade graduation dance on June 3rd.

We had a car wash May 21st at Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center to make money for the dance. Thanks to all of those who came and those who helped.

On Monday, May 23rd, a skating party was held at Skate King in Tacoma for the entire school. The proceeds were to benefit the music department.

The yearbook is completed and is being printed at the Peninsula High School print shop. They are starting to sell out, so those who have not ordered one better hurry. The cost is \$4.50 with A.S.B. and \$5.00 without. You can order it at the student store.

In the State of Washington we are holding the Imagination Celebration. Our school is celebrating it by having two contests. One is a Super Structure Contest where entrants try to build something out of 30 popsicle sticks that will hold weight. The second contest a Creative Writing Event, which entrants can write a poem or story.

The Donkey Basketball game was a success. Mrs. Avon Gay of the parents group organized the event and the school made a \$300 profit which went to the Key Peninsula Community Action Food Bank. (We apologize for the error in the last issue stating that F.I.S.H. was to receive the proceeds).



KP FOOD BANK TO MOVE

The Key Peninsula Food Bank will shortly be moving from its location in the old library room in the Civic Center at Vaughn into the Scout Room in the basement in the rear of the main Civic Center Building. The Scouts will be exchanging space with the Food Bank.

The offices of Key Peninsula Community Services and Pierce County Community Action Agency will be located in the same rooms with the Food Bank. Community Services will continue to assist the needy with clothing, household items, and furniture. The offices will also be processing applications for fuel assistance for low income families who qualify. Employers are also needed for the unemployed.

Community Services organized and conducted the Spring Flea Market and Craft Sale which was a great success. Proceeds went to the Key

Peninsula Food Bank and to the Civic Center.

Key Peninsula Middle School's Donkey Baseball was also a "hit" for the Food Bank, with both food and money donated to Community Services operations.

Community Services will be holding a "Super Sale" in July to raise funds towards purchase of a pickup truck or van to transport food and numerous items with which Community Services is concerned. Donations of good-condition household items, furniture, tools, or whatever are welcomed. Shirley Sorenson, Manager says, "We will even accept a van or pickup." Donations are tax-deductible. Call Community Services at 884-4440 between 10 AM and 2 PM weekdays.

In error, the May issue of the Newsletter reported that proceeds from the Spring Flea and Crafts Sale and also Key Peninsula Middle School Donkey Baseball were donated to the Kitsap Peninsula Food Bank and FISH. The story should have read Key Peninsula Food Bank.

Curt Brewer, of Lake Holiday, has won a pair of general admission tickets, good for any regular season game of the Tacoma Tigers. Tickets may be claimed by calling Claudia Loy at the NEWSLETTER, 884-3456, by June 10th. Tickets are courtesy of the Civic Center, The Tacoma Tigers, and our advertisers. Watch your NEWSLETTER for more good things!!!!

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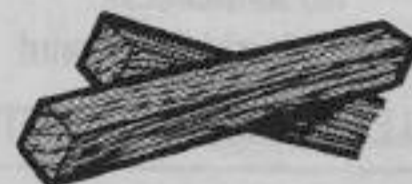
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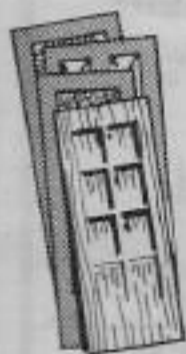
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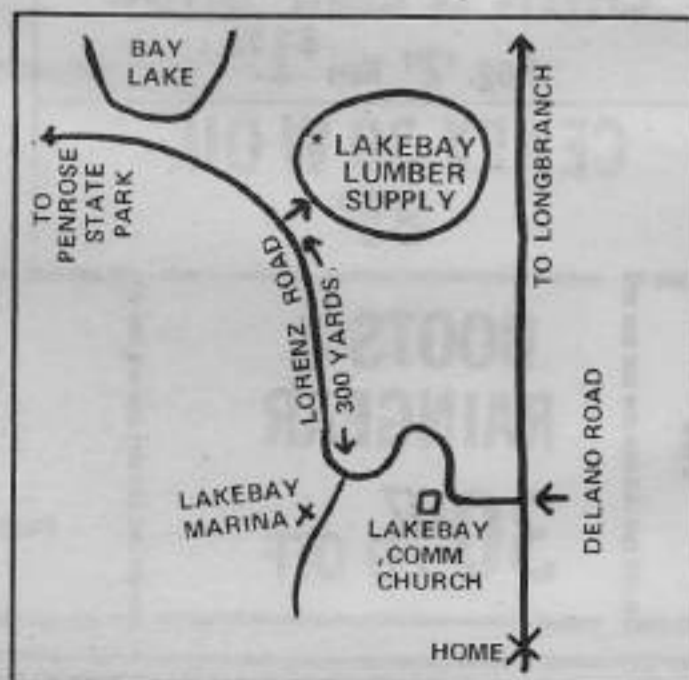
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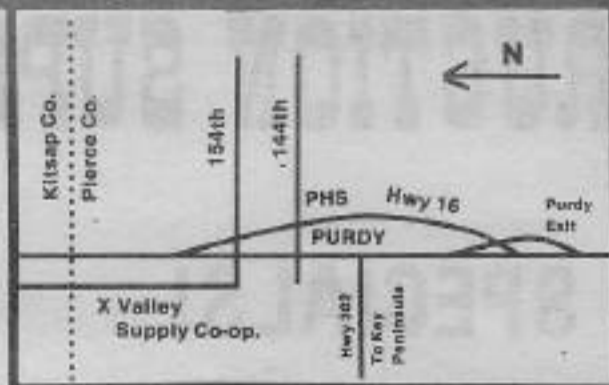


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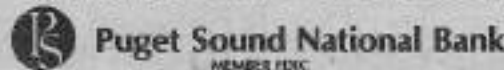


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FATHER'S DAY QUANDRY

By
PAT BLUNDELL

JUNE
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June brings us summer vacations, graduations, an inordinate number of weddings, and Father's Day. Joyous occasions, every one, but the last one carries a tinge of dread. What will I get them for Father's Day? Pop, who put up with me, my husband who helped me cling to my sanity as we raised our children--they deserve some fitting token. But, what?

If the budget ran to sports cars and speedboats I'd have no problem, but I was thinking of something smaller. Much smaller.

Mothers are easy, you can always give them a gimcrack that they can set on a shelf and dust forevermore, or a bouquet, most of us learned that when we presented our first handful of wilted dandelions. When it comes to gifts, fathers can be a real problem. Even the card companies are a little perplexed by them. Any stationery store will have 30 or 40 cards for Mother's Day, but only a few for Fathers, and they never seem to fit anyone I know.

The first thing to cross off the list is the Father's Day tie: that's become the butt of so many jokes that it's hard to say it

without a snicker. It does no good to ask. The usual answer from my two is, "I don't know." and, if I insist on an answer, I'll hear, "Oh, a shirt." or "I need some socks." How's that for excitement? A shirt is only a little better than a tie and as for socks, they have a valid point. Every since clotheslines were abandoned in favor of electric dryers, socks have been an endangered species. The mechanical monster eats them. I've accepted that but I've never understood why they only eat one of each pair. Still, replacing socks hardly seems an appropriate gift for a father.

It would help if they had hobbies; hobbies breed an endless list of accessories but mine like reading and television.

If you think I'm leading you

toward some helpful conclusion, forget it, I'm still trying to find a good idea. When all else fails, and it usually does, I wind up at the hardware store adding to their tool collections. My only question when using a tool for a gift is one of etiquette. How long must I wait, in all propriety, before I ask him to make a household repair with his new gift?

This month we are pleased to introduce NEWSLETTER readers to the cartoon work of a most accomplished young Peninsula resident, 14-year old Eric Johanson of Burley. Eric has already attracted local attention with his work, including a recently-developed cartoon strip titled "The Adventures of Corky Gourmet". Eric is the son of Thomas and Susan Johanson of Burley, and attends the Vaughn Christian School as an eighth-grader. We are pleased to welcome his contributions to THE NEWSLETTER, and look forward to his future work.



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Soon school will be out and we must be extra careful.

Lumber for repairing parts of the clubhouse and bath house has been ordered and work will start soon. Contact Norman Vaughan if you can be of assistance.

Also the lake has been restocked with fish. Remember our facilities are for residents of our community only.

The golf course is looking real good and is very inviting to amateur golfers, also the playground is all spruced up with new paint and the ball field will soon have bases.

The Lake Bay Cable T.V. Company announces a delay in the arrival of some of their equipment but production should start soon.

With the coming of school vacation and nice weather dog owners are warned to keep their pets off the playground and from around the lake.

Plan now to buy your fireworks at the Civic Center Fireworks Stand in Key Center, June 27 thru July 4!

TENNIS COURT REFURBISHING

Tennis anyone? If you like to bat the ball around, and have trouble getting to the courts at the park, there is another court coming up for your playing needs. The Key Peninsula Park and Recreational District and the Civic Center have reached an agreement to share \$8000.00 in cost to rebuild and refurbish the tennis courts just south of the Civic Center for open play by all residents. The work will include adding eight feet to the length of the playing surface, turning the axis of the courts around to take advantage of the greater length, new posts, and a new outside fence to keep the tennis balls in.

Mike Salatino of the Civic Center Board is in charge of the rebuilding and refurbishment program, and he hopes that the work can be completed by some time in July of this year.

Cootiettes Pennants #609

April 21st was our meeting. Our Grand Grayback, Judy Wilson was escorted into the meeting room and was presented a lovely mobile of rainbow hearts.

Plans were made to make Corsages for Mother's Day at Cottesmore nursing home also corsages for BelAir nursing home in Tacoma.

April 29th a work party gathered at the home of Jane Van Slyke. Sixteen members attended. One hundred and ten corsages were made. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

May 10th was the regular visiting day to Cottesmore by our club. They presented the gifts to patients, also passed out cookies and helped the group in their art work. Judy brought a beautiful Thank You cake which was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

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FIRE DEPT. COMPARES BIDS

By Hugh McMillan

Following State of Washington regulations, the Key Peninsula Fire Department advertised for a prescribed period of time in appropriate publications its requirements for a new fire truck. On May 11 at a regularly scheduled Board of Fire Commissioners open meeting, bids from ten different firms were opened and, in synopsis form, read to those present. The Department had prepared in advance sixteen pages of specifications for the triple-combination pumper which it intends to purchase. Since the opening of the very complicated bids, the Department's Fire Apparatus Specifications Team has been evaluating the various equipment packages which were submitted. We believe that the next edition of the Newsletter will contain details of the final decision of the Department. We will keep you posted.

TWILITE DANCE CLUB

Remember!! This month is our dance featuring Stan Boreson, also honoring Nick Boquist's 75th Birthday.

Date: June 25th

Time: 9:00 - 1:00

Since this is the club's regular dance, no reservations will be taken. Guest will be \$5.00 per person.

Nick requests no gifts.

This should be a very enjoyable evening-- a Buffet will also be served.

Hope to see many of his friends there.

Fire District 16 reports that for the period of February 1 through May 15th, they responded to 107 calls for aid and 44 fire calls. As summer nears, be extra careful with outside fires!!

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By Dr. Marc Cohen, Minter Veterinary Clinic

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Most of the stock that is raised in the area is of the ruminant variety. What that means, is animals that chew their cud and have a 4 compartment stomach. All these animals (cows, sheep, goats, even camels) need roughage to survive. This roughage is converted in the animals rumen to protein by bacteria. Good quality grass hay mixed with some alfalfa is your best bet when the animals can't be pastured. If you are lucky enough to have a pasture make sure that it is good quality grass free of weeds, especially Tansy. You'll need about 2 acres of pasture to support a full grown cow.

If you have young animals still nursing have some hay available for them to nibble on. This will help their rumen to function earlier and will help when it is time to wean them.

In addition to hay you should have a salt block available. This should provide the animals with all the minerals they need. If possible it is a good idea to obtain blocks that contain selenium, an important mineral lacking in most grass hay.

Aside from the problem of how to get water to your animals (5 gallon pails get heavy!) water is the easy part. Just make sure it's clean and fresh. DON'T use water with algae growing on top. Many types of algae



Dr. Marc Cohen

will kill livestock. Let your stock drink as much as they like. Most animals regulate their water intake well and will not overdrink.

The only caution is animals that have not had water for 12 or more hours, should not be given very cold water in hot weather. Cold water can lead to Colic and in extreme cases destruction of red blood cells causing red looking urine.

Next month I'll discuss grain and supplements.

Don't forget to send in your entry for the drawing for free family trips to Northwest Trek (Page 22)

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How about taking the kids to a wonderful day at Northwest Trek this summer? Sounds good, you say.. Then how about WINNING A FREE ADMISSION FOR THE FAMILY to make that dandy trip? You can, and this month! Through the assistance of Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, and NEWSLETTER advertisers, the NEWSLETTER will have a drawing and award three family passes, for a North West Trek visit at a time of your convenience this summer. It's easy to enter--just fill out the attached coupon, and mail it in to the NEWSLETTER so that we receive it not later than June 14th...then wait for the phone to ring!

Entries received after the date of June 14th will not be in the drawing. Enter now!!

Almost everyone has heard about Mount St. Helens, the Olympic Rain Forest and Lake Chelan. But chances are you're not familiar with Moose Swamp, Bear Overlook, Goat Ridge, Mink Marsh, Buffalo Prairie or Elk Meadow - places that sound like they came straight out of a Michener novel.

Actually they're scenic locations named after the animals that inhabit Northwest Trek, a 600-acre wildlife preserve tucked in the shadow of Mount Rainier.

The park, a maze of lakes, forests, meadows, ponds, and ravines, is home to over 40 species of native North American animals. It's open to the public everyday from mid-February through the end of October and on weekends and during certain holiday periods in winter.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and \$2.00 for

youths 5-17. Children under five are admitted free.

Northwest Trek is located on State Route 161 six miles north of Eatonville. It's about a 35 minute drive from Tacoma. The park is open from 10 AM until 90 minutes after the departure of the last tram (gate closes after departure of the last tram). The last tram departs at 4 PM weekdays and 5 PM weekends through May 27th. From May 28th through September 5th, the last trams depart at 6 PM.

Every season offers special attractions for visitors at Trek. But in the summer there's always a fascinating parade of young and newborn animals usually within easy photographing distance of the Trek tram.

The full admission price includes a ticket for this 5½ mile narrated tram tour through forest and meadowlands where herds of bison, moose, elk, caribou, and other animals roam free.

By mid-July big horn sheep, blacktail deer, bison, and elk offspring begin appearing in the park. And a pair of whistling swans are frequently visible as they search for food near their nesting site at Horseshoe Lake. Forest birds, wild turkeys, geese and ducks are also abundant at Northwest Trek.

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Dinner, on both nights, are served at 6 PM and reservations are required. A special tram tour for dinner guests, included in the price of the meal, departs at 7 PM

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NO UNIFORM TESTING CONFUSES COMPARISONS

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instance, Washington students rank third in a comparison of median scores achieved by the more than ten percent who take the Scholastic Aptitude Test in preparation for applying at universities outside the state. That is to say, they rank third compared to other states testing ten percent or more of their total student population. The test, of its nature, attracts our college-bound students wishing to apply at some of the most prestigious universities in the land.

Unfortunately, no comparison with other states can be made of college-bound students taking the Washington Pre-College Test, which is required for admittance to Washington state universities. This achievement test is peculiar to Washington; thus, it is not nationally normed. Current statistics were not available at press time, for the test is administered in the Spring of a student's junior year. However, in past years a "healthy" percentage of the students taking the test meet or exceed normative scores in all subject areas, including math, science, and language arts, according to the Superintendent. These indicators do not, of course, apply to all of Washington's students, since the tests are optional and mostly college bound scholars take them. Except for test results on the California Aptitude Test, which is given to all students at the fourth grade level, there are no indicators which apply to the entire state. According to Ted Hagen, Director of Testing for the Federal Way School District, Washington state students rank in the seventy-third percentile, and Peninsula students ranked in the sixty-second percentile, and Prosser students in the fifty-sixth to fifty-seventh percentile. Thus, it may be seen that results vary from school district to school district. The highest scores came from students living in close proximity to universities and in districts where residents earn above average incomes.

Aside from the statewide testing at the fourth grade level, there is no uniformity in testing procedures from district to district. State law requires that districts administer achievement test at grades five, eight, and eleven, according to Principal Gunnerson, at Peninsula High School. Peninsula schools use the California Achievement Test. Gunnerson reports that last year's juniors at his school performed well. "Over forty percent of them scored at twelfth year ninth month or above, and this while they were in the eleventh year of school," he added.

Responding to the question of how many Peninsula High graduates go on to college, Gunnerson said, "We don't have much feedback from colleges, but I can tell you that forty percent of our seniors make application."

SCHOOLS TO AVOID MEDIOCRITY

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The public will need evidence that we are capable of providing greater educational value for their dollars. In fact, it is my belief that when we demonstrate that we are in fact doing a better job, the public in general will be more supportive. Too often we, who are in a position of responsibility, let our own emotional exuberance supersede our good rational judgement and therefore fail to properly communicate to the citizens we are elected to serve.

We have a good school district with a good staff. Together we can build an outstanding district. It will take all of our unswerving commitment.

How many students complete their high school education? Gunnerson observed, "In the nine years I've been at Peninsula High my impression is that the drop-out rate has been dropping steadily. Less than two percent of our student body drop out of high school."

A recent trend in Western Washington especially has been for school district to require that their graduates pass satisfactorily a minimum competency test in language arts and math. The School Board of Peninsula School District decided that such would not be the case for its high school students, so there is no statistical evidence to indicate that graduates have, in fact, achieved minimal skills in these subject areas.

Another trend in Western Washington school districts has been to provide advanced placement courses for the talented students and remedial classes for students who need them. A bill is presently before State Legislators to allocate funds for the upgrading of math and science classroom instruction. A recent ruling by Judge Doren

mandates that several courses must be included in each district's basic education. Remedial education is included. The State has one year to act on this decision. The State Superintendent is presently "looking into" the possibility of raising the existing requirement for graduation.

So, despite the present diversity of course offering and requirements for graduation, the problem of there being little uniformity is addressed. Peninsula High School does test at either or both the ninth and eleventh grade level; thus, it has a basis for determining any weakness, if any, in its basic instruction. It has offered advanced placement classes in English. When there are sufficient students, it offers advanced placement classes in both calculus and foreign languages, reported Gunnerson. This year twenty-six students will be taking the A.P. examination in English, which allows talented students to earn college credits while attending high school, he noted.

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At Home on the Range

by Janice McMillan

I lived in India for many years and learned to love "curry", which is a blend of different herbs and spices made into a sauce or seasoning for either meats or vegetables. Some curries are hot and some are mild, some are saucy and some are "dry". A curry can be dark brown, red or yellow or any shade in between. The curry that I have chosen for this month's recipe is a "saucy" chicken that is not too hot. The Indians usually grind the different herbs, spices, and sometimes vegetables together, saute them in oil to bring out the flavor of the spices and add meats and/or vegetables which are usually lightly browned and then cooked slowly with the addition of liquid. Except for the spices it is not unlike an American stew. Of course there are many variations on this simple method that I have described. This recipe is not "hot", but pleasantly spiced and compares with mild Mexican food in "hotness". Please note that starred(*) items are usually available at Safeway.

CHICKEN WITH TOMATO SAUCE AND BUTTER

Serves: 6

- 8 pieces chicken legs or thighs
- 2 chicken breast, cut in 1/2's
- 2 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, chopped
- * 1 piece fresh ginger, 1"x 2", peeled, coarsely chopped
- * 1 stick cinnamon, 3" long, broken up
- * seeds from 6 whole cardamon pods
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 Tsp. black peppercorns
- 2 bay leaves, crumbled
- 1 hot dried red pepper (or 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper) crumbled
- 6 T. Salad Oil
- 2 C. tomato sauce (16oz.)
- 1 Tsp. salt
- 4T. butter

Remove all skin from chicken, pat dry and set aside. In electric blender combine onions, garlic, ginger, cinnamon, cardamon seeds, cloves, peppercorns, bay leaves, red pepper and 3 T. water. Blend until smooth paste. Heat oil in dutch-oven or casserole-type pot over high heat. Add chicken about 4-5 at a time and brown quickly. Be sure to do in several batches so the chicken browns in about 2 minutes. Set browned chicken aside. Lower heat to medium and pour in mixture from blender (watch out for splatters). Stir and fry paste for 5 minutes, scraping as it fries. Add tomato sauce, 3/4 C. water and salt. Bring to boil, cover. Turn heat very low and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring often. Add chicken pieces (and any collected juices). Bring to a boil, cover, simmer for 30 minutes, stirring

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PENINSULA MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS!!!

by Judy Jaggi

We should be very proud of all our young people who are enrolled in the Peninsula Middle and High school choirs.

On May 4th I had the pleasure of attending the Pierce County AA League Choir Contest held at Gig Harbor High School, where they competed with other schools from Pierce County. The Peninsula school choirs represented their schools by receiving high scores from the three visiting judges.

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carefully about every 10 minutes. Cut butter into four pieces. Remove chicken to serving dish or use casserole in which it was prepared and drop in pieces of butter and stir in gently. Serve with fluffy rice, green beans with a touch of ginger, and a special condiment called a raita which is simply a couple of T of plain yoghurt, a T. of chopped green onion, a T. of chopped parsley, a T. of finely chopped tomato and salt and pepper. This is an Indian style relish and can be made without the yoghurt with a little lemon juice added to the vegetables.

WINNERS OFF TO VICTORIA

It's "Off to Victoria" for Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Fitzgerald of Gig Harbor, who were the winners in the Grand Prize at the Key Peninsula Health Center Fun Feed, held on May 14th at the Civic Center. Theirs was the lucky ticket which was drawn from among the hundreds sold, entitling them to a trip to Victoria, B.C., aboard the Princess Marguerite, a visit to Buchart Gardens, accommodations at a hotel of their choice, and an English breakfast.

Approximately 450 persons enjoyed the spaghetti dinner, with salad, garlic bread, and dozens of home made pies, all served by busy group of volunteers.

Second prize in the ticket drawing went to Merle Edmunds, of Lakebay, and consisted of \$150.00 worth of beef from Al's Meats, in Walts Fine Foods, in Key Center.

Entertainment for the evening was supplied by Sherman Hayes and his "No-Name" band, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Proceeds from the dinner and drawing will be earmarked by Key Peninsula Health Center to help pay for the X-ray machine.



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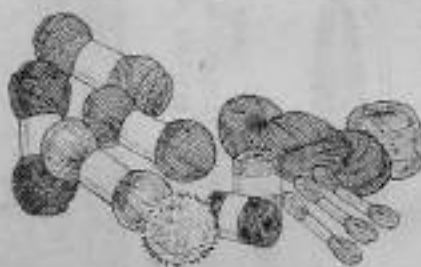
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MINUTES OF THE KPCC BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by the president, Tom Van Slyke. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with reading the minutes of the April meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Steve Larson, co-chairman for Reno Night, invited anyone wanting to help with the event to come to a training session on May 16 at 7 p.m.

Advertising for Reno Night will be in the Gateway and the Newsletter, and posters will be distributed in the Gig Harbor and Peninsula areas.

Shirley Olson will chair the Fireworks Sale this year. Sleeping facilities will be provided, but volunteers are needed to be "sleepers" at the stand. Volunteers are needed to sign up for shifts at the stand.

Rhys reported we will have the Barbeque for Pioneer Days. Instead of having one chairman for this event, several people will help organize the festivities. Don Palmer will secure a band for the Saturday night Dance.

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to have someone from the Newsletter meet with the Executive Committee to discuss advertising rates and make a decision on increasing them. Advertisers will also be wel-

come to attend this meeting. Inquiry has been made by the editor in regard to a word processor, which he feels would be more profitable than buying another typewriter at this time. Suggestion was made that possibly a computer with a printer might be better. This will be explored further before reaching a decision.

The management agreement with the Community Services has been signed and that organization is in the process of moving into the basement room. It has been brought to our attention there are no electrical outlets in this room, so estimates will be presented to the Park Board at their next meeting.

The chairs have not been repaired, so bids will be obtained and presented at the next Board Meeting.

At the last Park Board meeting, they approved financing for 50% of the cost of refurbishing our tennis courts, but not to pay more than \$4500. The Executive Committee recommended we ask the Park Board to pay for the paving of the courts. It was moved, seconded, and carried to ask the Park Board to pay this expense, but for us to go ahead with the work on the courts.

The caretakers reported we have a pay phone in the hall by the kitchen.

The phone is here on a trial basis only, but if it is used enough, the phone company will leave it here. The Loys have asked that people do not ring the buzzer to summon them. Please knock on their door. Also, the floor is not being cleaned properly after the Monday night square dance lessons.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to spend \$1200 to hire the same band for the New Year's Dance as we had last year.

Sally Cornman broke her ankle recently, so she will not be able to handle the kitchen for Bingo. The seniors group have volunteered to handle the kitchen for the balance of May if the Board would supply the food. It was moved, seconded, and carried to buy a gift and card for Sally.

Mary Seidelman will be in charge of the kitchen concession for Reno Night. Volunteers to help and supply food would be appreciated.

June 3 has been tentatively set for fumigating the Center. Skating will be cancelled that night. The Park Board has been agreed to pay for this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, Secretary

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Gerald Kilmer, of Goodrich Dr. N.W. has won a pair of general admission tickets good for any regular season game of the Tacoma Tigers. Tickets may be claimed by calling Claudia Loy at the Newsletter, 884-3456, by June 10th. Tickets are courtesy of the Civic Center, the Tacoma Tigers, and our advertisers. Watch your NEWSLETTER for more good things!!!!



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