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Jim Blundell of Blundell's Chowder House, Dale Skrivanich, J&D's Harbor Press, Don Tjossem, Puget Sound Bank, and Fran Kent, Key Accounting, test out cider press equipment to be used at the KP Business Association's Fall Festival coming up at Lake Kathryn Mall on October 22. The public is invited to bring apples for pressing, a can of food for the needy, and enjoy the festival.
KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

Residents meet on problems of Hwy 302

Highway 302, its dangers, problems and inadequacies, all got a good going-over on Thursday, October 13, when the Key Peninsula Road Interest Group "RIG" put on a public meeting at the Civic Center to discuss options and possibilities.

The meeting was co-chaired by Fire Chief Horace Kanno and Cherie Mastro of DJ's Mini-Mart, both of whom have been active in setting forth community concerns regarding the safety of those who travel 302. Fire District 16 was also represented by Fred Ramsdell and by Tony Brentin. The District provided figures to the group relating to various traffic counts that have been done along the highway. Among these was an average traffic count for August of this year of 15,746 vehicles on the road near Wauna Post Office and an increase from 2,490 vehicles per day at the Elgin-Clifton/302 intersection in 1980 to 4,782 vehicles per day now.

One of the objectives of the evening was to give citizens an opportunity to discuss specific remedies. Suggestions by various speakers included caution lights at Goodrich Drive, stop lights at the Purdy intersection, improved road shoulders, more turnout lanes and reduced speed limits with increased police patrolling and speed enforcement.

Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr then addressed the group and, together with 26th District Representative Ron Meyers, talked of the priorities that have to be established before the Washington State Department of Transportation can be approached for funding. Cyr suggested that a high priority should be given to those things that can be done immediately and with the least cost while other funding is sought for the more major improvements.

Long term "Good Roads" activist Joe Hoots then addressed the group and cautioned that any program for extensive and major improvements, such as making 302 a limited access highway, would be a job requiring citizen involvement over a period of several years. He said the road needs of the area would have to be continually presented to the State Legislature

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Park Board says "Doors will close" at Civic Center/Park if Levy fails

by Keith Stiles

The "rules of the game" became a little more clearly defined last Wednesday night when the members of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation Board voted to close the Civic Center and Volunteer Park if the Maintenance and Operation Levy fails in the General Election on November 8. Speaking with obvious regret, Park Board President Daphne Daus said that financial realities will make it necessary to send out 30-day closure notices to the Civic Center Association and to user groups at both the Civic Center and the Park. She cited the fact that the Park Board has only a very limited amount of cash left to pay for such items as caretaker wages, heat, light and other operational necessities. "I certainly hope," she stated, "that it will not be necessary to send out the notices to close but if we do not have the money to operate, the Park Board will not be able to carry out its legal obligations."

This announcement moved the ultimate decision a step nearer as to what the

fate of Volunteer Park and the Civic Center facility will be. This question has been hanging in the balance since the failure of campaigns for levy funds a year ago and on the September 20 ballot when the issue received about 57% approval - not the 60% required to put it over the top. For the past year the Civic Center Association has been contributing money for Center operation from various fundraisers and Park Board members themselves have been cutting the grass, running the concession stand and otherwise making it possible for Volunteer Park to remain open. None of these efforts, however, appear to be enough to handle the costs of insurance and caretaker wages that will be

covered by public funding if the levy passes on November 8.

At the Civic Center Association's regular monthly meeting Thursday, October 13, President Dale Loy announced that there would be a special "pass the levy" meeting for anyone wishing to help at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 20, in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library. The Board also voted to seek legal advice on the future options of the KPCCA to keep the Center open. Meanwhile, a major campaign to support the levy is being coordinated by citizen activist and former Park Board member Avon Gay.

Arts and Crafts Fair November 26

Reservations for space at the Arts and Crafts Fair are at the half-way mark. Space is limited, so if you want a table, don't wait or it may be too late! For more information call Vicki at 884-3642. Extra sign-up forms are at Sunnycrest Nursery.

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on **Nov 1**. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is **Monday, Oct 24**.

Reno Night at the Civic Center

Key Peninsula Civic Center will be the scene of a Reno Night on November 5 from 4 pm to midnight. The games will feature Black Jack, high-low dice, bingo, the Wheel and Chuck-a-Luck. There will be an open bar, and food and coffee will be available from the kitchen.

Reno Night has proved to be one of the most popular money raisers the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association puts on, and one of the most profitable. All money raised goes into the general fund of the Civic Center. Avon Gay is Chairperson of this event with Mike Salauino assisting. Anyone wishing to help out with the work should call Mike at 851-4456.

Dear Editor ...

To the Editor

Park Board Levy...

I believe it is important for all Key Peninsulans to go to the polls November 8 and vote for the Park Board Levy. This community has always supported the public services necessary for our quality of life here. We can be proud of our Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service, our schools, our library and our recreational facilities. They are all first class, due principally to broad support both financially and in volunteer efforts.

Operation of our recreational facilities, however, is usually on the brink of financial disaster because of the escalation of both insurance and maintenance costs. In order to cover these costs, user fees would have to be increased to a level which would make it impossible for many users, both individual and organizational, to enjoy the facilities.

Furthermore, the Park District which owns these facilities is a "junior-junior" taxing district. That is, all the other public services are paid for by continuing "built-in" tax income supplemented by occasional special levies. But the Park Board must go to the voters for every cent of the tax money it receives and cannot even ask for multi-year levies. Therefore, many voters probably have the impression that the operation of our Park and Recreation District is relatively expensive.

Actually it is just the opposite. A good deal of the operation and maintenance of the Civic Center is done by volunteers organized as a non-profit corporation, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA). Under its contract with the Park Board, the KPCCA may use the premises for fund raisers but all funds raised must be spent for improvements or programs at the Center.

A similar arrangement was also in effect at Volunteer Field with the Key Peninsula Athletic Association (KPAA) playing the same role there as the KPCCA does at the Center, but it failed to renew its contract with the Park Board this year. That's the reason we've seen the Park Commissioners themselves doing so much of the volunteer field work this season.

It's time we decided we need good, well-operated recreational facilities to match our good schools, fire department and library. Voting for the modest levies necessary to operate and maintain these facilities on a continuing basis will do this for a fraction of what the other public services cost.

I would like to congratulate the Park Board on publishing a budget (KPNEWS 7/18), it is the only public agency I can recall having done this. However, the published budget leaves many questions as to the operation and financing of the two facilities. I think the KPCCA should also publish its current budget and that both organizations should explain and correlate them so the public can have a full picture of the situation.

I don't like to cry wolf but, unless the financing of our recreational facilities can be stabilized, there is a real question of whether we can continue to recruit the dedicated and competent Park Commissioners necessary to keep our Park and Recreation District afloat. It should be noted that the Gig Harbor P&R District has done nothing but spin its wheels since it was inaugurated and that some years before that a Fox Island P&R District accomplished nothing before it was dissolved. I'm confident that our community can do better than that.

Jim Penfield

Halloween at the Civic Center? ...not this year

The Halloween party put on by the Horsemen's Association and the Civic Center Association at KP Civic Center for the past few years will not be held this year. The reason ... lack of bodies to do the organizing and work. There will be an all-community party at the Church of Latter Day Saints on 134th across from Macon Bacon, see story page 3.

Senior Society cancels Thanksgiving dinner

by Martha Applegate

Members of the KP Senior Society, who have held a Thanksgiving dinner at the Civic Center for many years, after much discussion and with regret, voted to discontinue it this year. The reasons ... too much work and too few workers.

The Seniors will have a regular potluck luncheon on Thursday, November 17. Only the active members are expected and no provision will be made for the general public.

To the Editor

Innocent until proven guilty? Not on the Key Peninsula. What a shocking display of cruel and thoughtless journalism to publish mug shots of one of our Peninsula neighbors as some kind of dangerous criminal ("CAC Reports" 10/3/88). It was obvious there was little if any investigation done on this case. Hugh Mc Millan, the Citizens Against Crime and the Key Peninsula News should be ashamed of this travesty. A personal, published apology is an obvious necessity here.

While an apology may return some of your credibility as a newspaper, it can never undo the damage that has been done here. The police do not want this man. This man is not dangerous. The only crime that has been committed here was by the Citizens.

To have a citizens' organization that promotes understanding between the police and the population is a good thing, but when this group turns into a vigilante force trying to do the work of the sheriff it can only promote the fear and misunderstanding that is the real threat to our community. If we want a secure and close community, we must reach out to all people regardless of economic or social status. We need to extend a hand of friendship not a finger of accusation.

The success of the "America's Most Wanted" television program mentioned in the article does not come from any concern for public safety but is motivated by the same reasons people watch soap operas. Morbid curiosity about other people's problems and shortcomings. This is not the kind of attitude we need in this community.

I would hope, after this gross embarrassment, the CAC will change their tactics. Answer phones, promote community relations, but leave police work to the police. Let's not make victims out of any more of our neighbors.

H. Oliver Coldeen

To the Editor

Peninsula High School staff, cheerleaders and mascot would like to thank Dr. Roes for his donation and Bev Peterson for her beautiful artwork on the new headpiece for our Peninsula Seahawks. It will be used and treasured for years to come. All of us at PHS

KP Health Fair ... you are invited

by Dean Shriner, Nurse Practitioner

The Key Peninsula Health Center welcomes you to the fifth annual Health Fair, October 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. This is the community's opportunity to meet members of the Health Center Board and to become acquainted with the various services the Center provides.

In addition you will be able to take advantage of free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, plus free hearing tests provided by the Lions Club. For a nominal fee cholesterol checks will be performed and this season's flu shots will be available starting Fair Day at a cost of \$7.

See you at the Fair!

Halloween fun planned

A safe alternative to traditional trick or treating is happening this Halloween at 6:30 pm. The Key Center Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting a Community Halloween Party for children of all ages in the church building at 12521 134th KPN (across from Macon Bacon).

Everyone is encouraged to come in costume (but no masks, please) and bring your goodie bags! Treats will be distributed as the children move from door to door of the classrooms. In addition, the big hall will feature apple biting and popcorn eating contests, a spook alley and many other fun events. Please come have fun with us. Any questions regarding the event can be answered by calling Lori Leavitt at 857-7042.

Park Levy Committee gearing up

The newly constituted Key Peninsula Park Levy Committee, chaired by Avon Gay, will meet in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library, October 20 at 7 pm, to plan strategy for getting the Levy passed when it comes up, yet again, at the time of the general election on November 8. Passage of this levy is vital to prevent immediate closure of Volunteer Park and the possible imminent closure of Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Angel Guild celebrates 10th Anniversary

by Marge Radonich

Members of the Angel Guild with their husbands and friends will gather at the Longbranch Church Social Room on October 21 at 6:30 pm for a potluck supper to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Guild's formal organization. The speaker will be Jean Brodsack, first nurse-practitioner at the Health Clinic at its inception. The Guild originally helped buy needed equipment for the Clinic and, due to the success of its Thrift Shop since moving to the KC Corral, it is now able to help with other community needs and has provided such things as a defibrillator and computer for the KP Fire Department, Peninsula High School scholarships and Life Line and has contributed to Community Services Center and various other community projects. More than \$50,000 has been given to the needs of the community from proceeds of the Thrift Shop.

As part of the Guild's education activities, ten members toured the facilities of Goodwill Industries and saw first hand how articles are restored and recycled. Goodwill maintains a receiving box at the back of the Thrift Shop and are prime receivers of any good rummage the Thrift Shop cannot sell.

Stan Boreson show to include dancing

by Hugh McMillan

By yumpin' yimminy! The Stan Boreson show, November 12 at the KP Civic Center, has been expanded to include dancing after the performance.

At its Board of Directors meeting on October 10, the Key Peninsula Lions Club decided to risk "taking a bath" by increasing the Club's costs for the Stan Boreson show to include this added attraction.

Ticket prices remain the same: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

"We're gonna have to sell a lot of tickets, hotdogs, popcorn and soft drinks to break even on this one," said one board member. But another board member countered, "Yeah! But think of the fun everyone will have."

As is well known, every penny the Lions earn from this gala evening goes to assist the needy in the KP community to purchase eyeglasses and hearing aids, to fight drug abuse, support the KP Food Bank and, in general, to make life a little easier for those who need help.

Club president Marvin Green said, "the doors of the KP Civic Center will open at 6 pm, Boreson and his crew will start the music at 7 pm, he will begin his crazy Skandinavian antics at 8 pm and, following the show, we'll roll back the chairs and dance until 11 pm. It should be a real ball."

Tickets can be obtained at the Key Center Branch of Puget Sound Bank, at the Huckleberry Inn, at Marty's Barber Shop in Key Center or from any member of the KP Lions Club.

For information, call Lions Frank Geary (884-4351) or Gary Ostlund (857-6474).

Ashes Rummage Sale

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Fire District 16 will have their fall rummage sale Saturday, October 22, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Fire Station in Key Center.

Donations of good, clean, useful clothing or any other saleable items will be gladly accepted. If you need help in delivering articles to the Fire Hall, feel free to call Maria Schwenka 884-2221, Irma Kelly 884-2848 or Alice Palmer 884-3882.

Proceeds from these rummage sales are donated to the Ambulance Fund.

The Angel Guild welcomes all ladies of the community who can work one day a month. The next regular meeting is October 24 at 10 am in the Brones Room of the KC Library.

Business hours at the Thrift Shop are 10 am to 4 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Monday, October 17 ...

Ruth Circle has lunch and meeting at noon in Longbranch Church Hall.

Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.

Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 18 ...

Nutrition potluck at noon at the Humphreys' home in Longbranch.

Cooiettes 609 visit Retsil Veterans Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.

Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Evergreen Eagle Boosters VPO meeting at 6 pm at school with Open House following.

TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, October 19 ...

Vaughn Garden Club meets at 10:30 am in Brones Room, KC Library.

Community Center, Home will have hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

Care-Givers Group meets in the Brones Room from 7 to 9 pm.

Longbranch Improvement Club potluck at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, October 20 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, Civic Center.

Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

KP Park Levy Committee meets in Brones Room, KC Library at 7 pm.

Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families - KP Health Center at 7 pm.

Cooiettes 609 regular meeting - Civic Center at 7 pm.

Horsemen's Association meets at the KC Library at 7:30 pm.

Friday, October 21 ...

KP Business Assn. meets at The Eatery, 7:30 am.

Bayshore Garden Club meets at Longbranch Improvement Hall at 1 pm.

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

Saturday, October 22 ...

KPBA Fall Festival, Lake Kathryn Village.

Ashes Rummage Sale, 9 am to 4 pm, at the Fire Station, Key Center

Gig Harbor Twirlers Square Dance meets at Harbor Heights School.

Monday, October 24 ...

Angel Guild meets in the Brones Room, Civic Center at 10 am.

Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.

Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.

Paul Cyr Community Forum at Civic Center at 7 pm.

Tuesday, October 25 ...

Nutrition Day noon lunch for seniors at Longbranch Church Hall.

Cooiettes 609 visit the Naval Hospital in Bremerton. Meet at Key Center to carpool.

Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at 6 pm.

TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, October 26 ...

Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Thursday, October 27 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, Civic Center.

Survivors meet at the KC Library at 2 pm.

Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Key Peninsula Historical Society potluck at Longbranch Church at 6:30 pm.

KP Health Center Board meets at 7:30 pm.

Friday, October 28 ...

Evergreen Elementary Carnival.

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

Saturday, October 29 ...

KPBA Fall Festival and Ashes Rummage Sale

LAMA dance, KPCC.

Monday, October 31 ... HALLOWEEN!

Community children Latter-day Saints Halloween party, 6:30 pm at the church.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

November 5 ... Reno Night 4 to midnight, Civic Center

November 8 ... Vote YES for KPCCA

November 12 ... Stan Boreson at KPCC

Home historical designation hearing set for October 24

The Pierce County Landmarks Commission has scheduled October 24 at 7 pm for a public hearing on the designation of Home as an historic district. The meeting will be held in the Brones Room of Key Center Library. At the hearing the Commission will take testimony on

whether the area generally designated as Home should be placed in the Pierce County Register of Historic Places. For those who can not attend but would like to provide written comment or obtain further information, assistance may be obtained by calling Caroline Gallacci, Associate Planner, at 591-7210 in Tacoma.

The Longbranch Improvement Club would like to thank the following businesses who donated prizes to our annual Salmon Derby. Your donations helped make this year's derby a success.

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Again, thank you!

Longbranch Salmon Derby

by Glen Miller

Sunny skies, soft breezes and calm water were the order of the day for this year's annual Longbranch Salmon Derby. Saturday, October 1 was the big fish day with Chuck Niemann's 11-pounder winning first prize of \$250 and Joe Mercado's 10-pound 4-ouncer looking like a sure bet for second prize. But on Sunday Erik Kepler came in with a 10-pound 4-ounce fish also - so a coin toss determined that Erik Kepler would win the second place prize of \$100. Erin Barber took the scrap fish prize of a \$50 savings bond donated by Puget Sound Bank of Key Center with his 9-pound 9-ounce dogfish.

Weight started at a 2-pound 1-ounce fish that a local realtor, who shall remain nameless (thank me, Chuck), refused to take out of the plastic bag. Kay Harvey, the official weight master, had to peek in the bag to be sure it was legal. A total of 54 fish were weighed and each "catcher" was awarded a prize, except for Joe Gilfillan who was taking a nap and missed the awards.

The fishing derby committee extends its thanks to the merchants who provided prizes and donations, to Nancy Thomas for her bodacious hamburgers which kept lots of people from starving, to Tammy and Ann Sanders who were a big help to Kay Harvey at the weigh-in and, last but not least, to the 147 fishpeople who participated. A special thanks to Lou Bainter and her crew at the Longbranch Mercantile and to Bill Holland of Red Dogs for selling the most Derby tickets.

Plans for next year's Derby are in the works and interest has been expressed for a Spring Derby. As soon as things are firmed up the news will be broadcast.

Representing Washington

Jaala Arlene Harvey, a student at Key Peninsula Middle School, will represent the state of Washington in the National Pre-Teen Pageant on November 5 in Bradenton, Florida. Along with other young ladies between the ages of 8 and 13, Jaala will compete for the crown of "Miss National Pre-Teen" in a competition based on academic achievement, poise, personality, appearance and talent.

Jaala is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Harvey of Vaughn.

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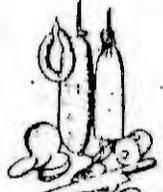
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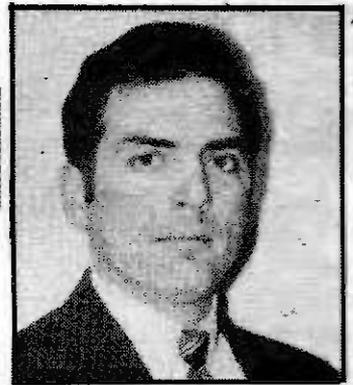
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KPBA News

by Mary Ann Huntington



Longbranch Chowder House, were gracious hosts for our quarterly "After Hours Social." Those attending enjoyed an array of delicious snacks. Claudia and Dale Loy, owners of Sunnycrest Nursery, will host our December social. Watch for the date and plan to attend. I'm sure the Loys will have the Nursery glowing with Christmas decorations.

The Park Board is asking for your "yes" vote on November 8. Everyone on the Peninsula benefits in some way from the Civic Center and Volunteer Park. These facilities need your support or will have to be shut down. Pass the word to friends, tell a neighbor, talk to strangers and be there November 8 to vote YES FOR THE PARK DISTRICT'S M&O LEVY.

Next meeting of the KPBA will be October 21, 7:30 am at The Eatery. Are you new to the area? No business is too small to belong. Join us for breakfast.

Has the smell of fall in the air made you think of apple cider, donuts and pumpkins? Come to Lake Kathryn Village from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 22, for the first annual Fall Festival put on by the Key Peninsula Business Association. Festival chairperson Dale Skrivanich has several apple presses ready for your apples. Bring the family and a can of food for the needy and enjoy an old-fashioned day of pumpkin contests, apple squeezing and donut eating.

Attention all farmers: You are welcome to take the left over pulp for your animals. Just show up with your own containers.

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the IRS will pay 10%.

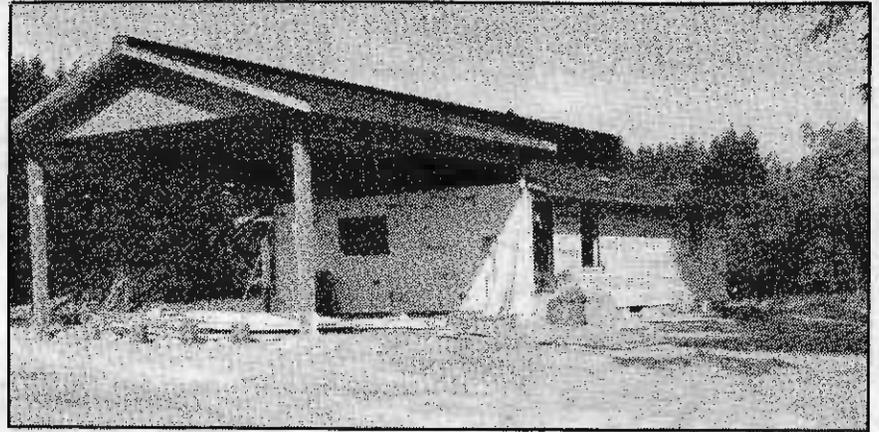
More help for taxpayers: IRS problem resolution officers have been given more power. They can now abate Form W-4 penalties (for reasonable cause), approve replacement checks for lost or stolen refunds and substantiate credits to taxpayers' accounts when the taxpayers furnish proof of payment and the IRS can't find the payments within a reasonable period of time.

Social Security tax now exceeds income tax. More than half of the workers in the United States pay more in Social

Security tax than they pay in income tax.

A deduction that is ignored is out-of-pocket expenses in connection with volunteer work for charity including travel, transportation, telephone calls etc. These are deductible if you used your own car: deduct either the IRS rate of 12 cents a mile or your actual expenses, plus tolls and parking fees in either case.

Another reminder: clear up consumer debt this year - you can take 40% of interest for 1988, it goes down to 20% in 1989.



Getting ready to go ... The new home of the Tacoma Telco Credit Union is now in the final stages of construction in uptown Key Center, just across from Fire District 16 headquarters. The Credit Union hopes that everyone will be moved into the new facility within the next two or three weeks. A formal Grand Opening is planned for a little later.

KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

Peninsula beats Washington in "mud bath"

The Peninsula Seahawks added another mark to the "Win" column last Thursday night when they turned back the Washington Patriots 9-0 in a wet and difficult game on the home field. The Seahawks got two points on a safety and then added a touchdown and a conversion to stay in contention for league honors. Scoring was held down on both sides as the field was very, very wet following almost 24 hours of steady rain. The game was heard locally on KGHP-FM, the Peninsula School District's new educational radio station (89.9 Mhz).

Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

A reminder for parents with children age 5 and older: A social security number will be needed if a child is claimed as dependent on 1988 tax returns. The IRS waived this rule previously, but only for 1987 returns.

IRS interest rates have risen 1% for the rest of 1988 effective October 1: the rate on back taxes goes to 11%, on refunds



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Child Safety and Drug Awareness; Fingerprinting

By Vince Nelson

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Remembering Summer.....This panorama picture of the many activities in and around the Lakebay Marina was taken over the Labor Day weekend, when the summer sun was still warm and our beaches, harbors and picnic facilities were overflowing with boaters, sun-lovers and picnickers. All in all, we had a busy summer season on our Peninsula and our business folks have generally reported that "things were good." Penrose Park reported a big increase in visitors in June alone, and it is thought that the summer will set a new record of use there. This might be a good picture to cut out and tuck away until January or February or so, and then pull it out to look at and assure ourselves that the sun will really shine again and it will be warm.

KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

Slade Gorton tours Key Peninsula

Washington's United States Senator Slade Gorton made a fast trip around the Key Peninsula on Thursday, October 13, stopping for lunch at Community House and appearing at a reception in the Brones Room of Key Center Library.

Between these two visits he stopped in for a question-and-answer session with about one hundred Key Peninsula Middle School students and described some of his thoughts and feelings, both about being a United States Senator and about taking part in a major campaign. Gorton, a Republican, is being opposed in his bid for re-election by Mike Lowry, Democrat, in the General Election on November 8.

Firefighters raise burn funds

Firefighters of Fire District 16 raised more than \$500 in contributions in their annual October "Boot Drive", conducted in the parking lots of our local grocery stores. According to a District spokesperson, the money raised will go to the Northwest Burn Foundation which provides financial support to patients at the Burn Centers at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma and Harborview in Seattle. The Foundation also operates a camp where badly burned children can go to learn how children with similiar problems are learning to cope with their injuries.

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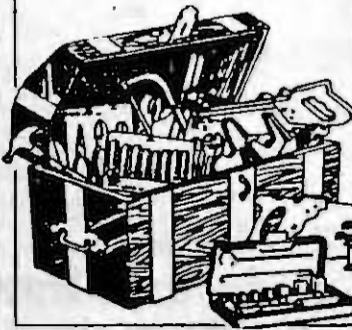
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Evergreen Open House

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"Little Women" comes to the Civic Center

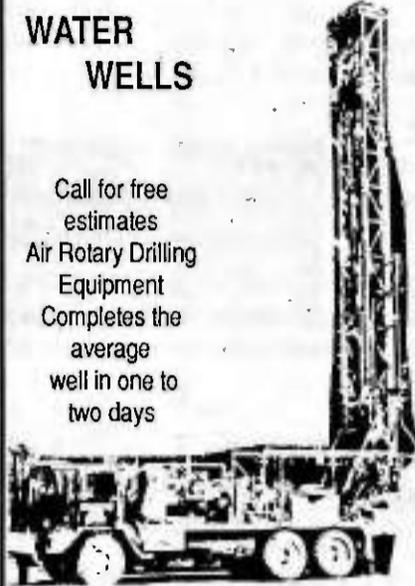
Performance Circle of Gig Harbor announced that they have received a grant from the Pierce County Arts Commission which will enable them to bring their holiday presentation of "Little Women" to the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Saturday, December 3. Tentative plans have been in the making for some time, and now that the grant has come through, details as to time and ticket price will be finalized. Watch the KP NEWS for more about this exciting addition to Key Peninsula entertainment.

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Goin' Out

by Janice McMillan



We all know they exist out there - those small, unadvertised places that serve really great food. The problem is that those in the know keep their knowledge from the rest of us for fear that their favorite place will become too crowded. A friend, who forgot about Goin' Out, mentioned just such a place to me the other week and my dear companion and I rushed off to try it out that very night.

I couldn't believe a "secret restaurant" was right in our own back yard, but the Blue Sky Restaurant has been located at the Tacoma Industrial Airport for quite some time. Food is all at this place, the decor is non-existent. However, the large picture windows allow a great view of the small planes landing and taking off. It is plain, clean and neat.

Frankly, I am not a big fan of the usual type of Italian food, but the food at the Blue Sky is not usual. All dinners begin with a tossed green salad garnished with mozzarella cheese and salami slices. The house dressing is, naturally, an Italian oil and vinegar pungent with herbs. Crunchy sourdough rolls were heated, sliced and buttered. My entree of veal parmigiano (\$9.95) was lightly breaded, tender and sauteed perfectly. Lots of cheese and sauce finished this classic dish to perfec-

tion. The serving of spaghetti with the famous red sauce, which accompanied the large serving of veal, was almost more than I could manage but somehow I did. Lightly cooked carrots and broccoli were also served. If I had an Italian mother who was a really good cook, this is the kind of food she would prepare - home cooking the way we all dream.

My companion had been advised by the snitch who told us of the Blue Sky to order the Clams Linguini. This dish was not listed on the menu or on the specials of the evening blackboard but he asked the waitress if it was available and she obligingly went to the kitchen to ask the cook, who prepared it especially for him. This dish was worth the extra few minutes wait. The clams (not out of a can, these) wine, olive oil and herbs married together to create a wonderful sauce for the perfect linguini. A little later this clam dish was added to the specials of the day board which pleased a group of acquaintances from the University Place Lions' Club who had crossed the Bridge to come to the Blue Sky especially for the clams linguini.

I noticed this same group order the very large antipasto plate (\$5.95) which looked very appetizing. Another dish on the regular menu which caught my eye was the Lemon Sauteed Chicken with red sauce and cheese (\$8.25) which I am going to try next time, unless steamed salmon (a huge portion for \$9.95) is again a special of the evening.

After all my veal and spaghetti I was unable to try the very appealing fruit pies

which, like all the food at the Blue Sky, is freshly prepared on the premises.

Conclusions: The Blue Sky is a great place to eat. It may be plain in decor but the view and happy ambiance of the many regular diners who all seem to know each other more than make up for any lack in interior design. The service was efficient and accomodating. Outside entry stairs seem to make wheelchair access difficult. While we were there a happily squealing child was tolerated with good humor (she soon became quiet, enjoying the food).

The only real difficulty at Blue Sky is the modest number of tables (I think ten, with about six counter stools), many of which are reserved. Also, the restaurant is only open for dinner on Friday and Saturday from 3 to 9 pm and for breakfast and lunch Sunday and weekdays from 7 am to 3 pm. Reservations are strongly suggested; telephone 851-2746. To get there follow directions to Tacoma Industrial Airport from Highway 16, between the Narrows Bridge and Gig Harbor. Once you are at the Airport just follow the road to the Blue Sky.

Fall razor clamming starts

For the first time since 1985 the Department of Fisheries will open fall razor clam digging - on Washington's southern coastal beaches only. Digging will be open October 21 through November 15 on odd-numbered calendar days, and only on pm tides. The area covers all ocean beaches south of Grays Harbor and includes Twin Harbors beach from Westport to North Cove and the entire Long Beach Peninsula.

Fisheries Director Joe Blum states that clam sizes are generally good on all ocean beaches except Copalis Beach where there is concern about the low clam population. That concern extends to all northern beaches from Ocean Shores to Moclips.

The gill parasite (NIX), which has plagued the razor clam population for the last five years, is at a generally low to moderate level and is not anticipated to cause winter mortality. Shellfish biologists, through their recent surveys, are encouraged about future populations on the north beaches because of indications of a good clam set this year.

Chamber group opens season

The chamber music series, First Chair Presents, will open its third season with a concert of Baroque and Classical Music at Bremerton Community Theater, 599 Lebo Blvd, on Sunday, October 16, at 3 pm.

Sponsored by the Bremerton Symphony, these concerts feature symphony

players and, occasionally, musicians from the community at large.

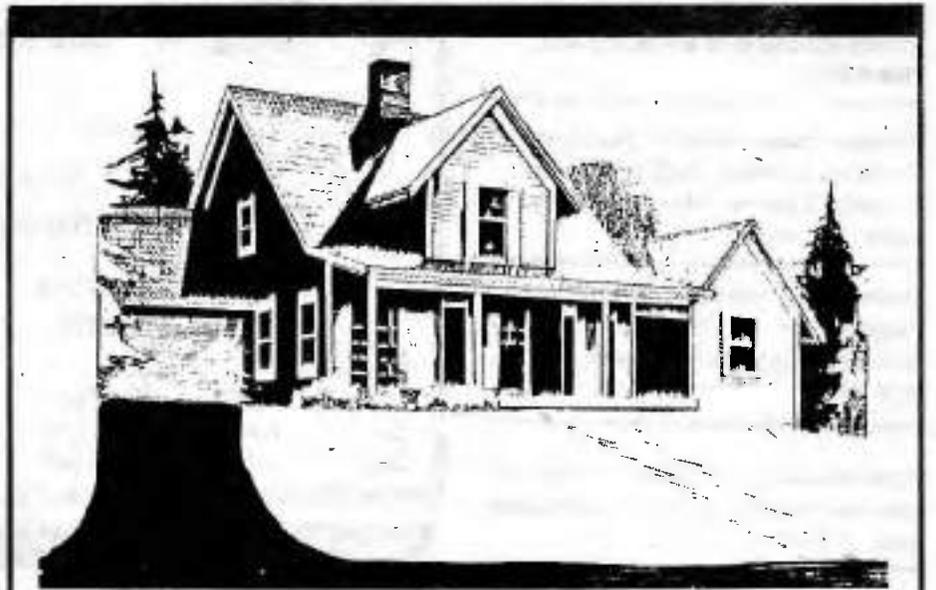
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More about roads**

"over the long haul." One of the steps would be to get state government to commit itself to a legislative study, a move that would tend to place any major road work on 302 in a priority status. Both Hoots and Lakebay resident David Till referred to a plan of several years' standing that envisions 302 replaced by a road that would cut across from Washington 16 in the vicinity of Burley, pass near Horseshoe Lake and continue on to the west, joining the present 302 somewhere in the vicinity of Victor.

Members of the Road Interest Group stated that they will bring the recommendations of those at the meeting to the attention of the Washington Department of Transportation and that further meetings and actions can be expected.

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KP Health Center elects officers

by Bob Schottland

At the annual meeting of the Key Peninsula Health Center Board of Directors, the following officers and members were elected for the 1988-89 year: President, Janice McMillan; Vice President, Ruth Bramhall; Treasurer, Joyce Bischoff and Secretary, Bob Schottland.

Newly elected members include: Paul Bosch, Margot Fleming, Marjorie Hurley, Horace Kanno and Verle Weinand. Also new to the Center staff is Gloria Iversen who is a counselor for abused children and adults. Rick Kendig continues to counsel individuals and family problems. The Board provides funds for the Respite Care program, the

Well Child Clinic and the sliding fee scale.

On Saturday, October 22, the Board is sponsoring a Health Fair and Open House. Free blood pressure checks and hearing tests will be provided. Cholesterol tests and flu shots will be available at a cost of \$7 each. For best results on the cholesterol test, it is recommended that individuals come as early as possible without eating breakfast. The Center will be open from 9 am to 3 pm. No appointment is necessary.

Representatives from various health groups will be on hand to discuss their organizations. Firefighters from District 16 will display their emergency equipment. Balloons will be given to all and refreshments will be provided.

This winter, don't get sick! Get to the Health Fair, quick!



The auctioneer in action at the Civic Center Association's Flavor of Fall Dinner/Auction on October 1. Chairperson Claudia Loy states that approximately \$4,300 was raised at this very successful event. KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

Minnie Rickert celebrates 90th!

Minnie Rickert, who moved to Longbranch in 1926 when she married the late George Rickert, celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, October 2 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Don Olson of Key Center. Helping with the festivities were daughter and son-in-law Marge and Dick Radonich, son Dave Rickert and granddaughters Donna, Claudia, Debby and Cindy.

More than eighty friends and relatives stopped in to wish Minnie a Happy Birthday. Special old-time friends attending were Manne Lind, 91, of Longbranch, Biff Otto, 88, of Longbranch and Loretta Martin, 92, of Jackson Lake.



Minnie feels very fortunate to be living in her own little house on the property George brought her to shortly after they were married. She thanks everyone who came to her party and for all the lovely cards and gifts.

Fire District 16 has busy September

Members of Fire District 16 responded to an "even 100" calls for service during September, including 54 for aid, 41 fire calls and five service calls. A total of 38 persons were transported from the district to Tacoma area hospitals, 22 of them by District 16 and 16 by other services. There were ten automobile accidents that required the assistance of District personnel, including a head-on collision between an automobile and a garbage truck - that one sent four folks to the hospital.

Among problems involving children, medicines seemed to have a big attraction, as seven kids were transported to medical facilities because they sampled pills of different types. In another case a four-year-old child fell into a fire pit at a family campout and suffered burns to his arm and back. Other injuries and/or medical problems resulted from incidents involving horses, bees, grass fires, steam, soccer and fireworks. Firemen coped with minor fire problems due to an electric smoker, a dishwasher and brush burns. In their "spare" time they herded cattle off the road and back into the pasture and fixed the fence to keep them there...another busy and varied month!

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Citizens Against Crime

by Stella Retherford

Pierce County Sheriff Chuck Robbins addressed the regular meeting of the CAC on October 6, and congratulated the volunteers on a job well done. He remarked that the Tacoma News Tribune story about the establishment of a satellite Sheriff's Deputy office in Key Center or Home was premature because the necessary funds are not presently available. Deputy Hendrickson reported he has reduced his backlog of cases thanks to volunteers manning the phone, thereby giving him more time in the field. Since the CAC program began over 4000 calls have been taken by volunteers, of which 850 were priority calls contributing substantially to 33 felony arrests. Eighteen new citizen volunteers (CV's) have recently joined CAC ranks and two training classes of about 18 each are scheduled for later in October.

Rhonda Rowan, 13, Lisa Caskins, 14, and 10 other Key Peninsula Middle School students described their newly formed organization - Teens Against Drugs (TAD). They spoke of their plans for drug-free activities, parties and outings for young persons and asked for CAC support in their fund-raising events. They received an enthusiastic round of applause.

TAD's first fund-raising activity will be a garage sale at Rhonda's home on October 22 and 23. The Rowans live on Elgin-Clifton Road across from Lake of the Woods. Rhonda says - look for the third house on the left. There will be signs.

The group discussed failure of the recent Park District levy and the various community facilities that are threatened because of the failure. Mentioned in particular was the Civic Center which houses the CAC meetings and the Key Peninsula NEWS. Lack of funds will close the Civic Center eventually. The levy will be presented to voters again on the November 8 General Election ballot.

The next meeting of CAC will be on November 3 at 7 pm in the Gold Room of Vaughn Civic Center. Speaker will be Jim Baker, principal of Henderson Bay Alternative High School.



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