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CIVIC CENTER NEW YEAR'S BALL TAKE CARE OF IT

as told by Claudia Loy Two hundred local people and their guests celebrated New Year's Eve at the Civic Center's New Year's Ball. Entertainment was provided by Bill Sprague's 15 piece band "Serenade in Blue", with the mellow big band sound of the 40's and 50's. It was the same band that played last year but they have added a lovely girl whose excellent singing added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The New Year's Eve Ball is an annual affair to which all peninsula residents are invited.

Much appreciation is due the organizers: Shirley Olson who handled reservations, the Twilight Dance Club who helped set up and decorate, and the Senior Society who helped serve the buffet consisting of cold cuts, cheese, and a salad bar with a selection of excellent salads furnished by members of the community. Not only was it an enjoyable evening for everyone who attended, but the Civic Center raised approximately \$1,400 for its general fund.

In planning for next year, the Civic Center hopes the same band can be obtained. Many other ideas have been offered, such as encouraging participants to come in an R. V. and park overnight in the parking lot, thus avoiding the need to drive after the party.

WORK PARTY FEB. 11

The walls in the men's room and also in the ladies's room have been broken through in many places. A firmer wall material has been obtained and will be installed on February 11.

This job requires removal of all the fixtures, putting up the new walls and reinstalling plumbing and lighting fixtures.

Volunteers are needed to form a work party for this job. We need carpenters, plumbers and electricians. If you can help; please contact the Civic Center, 884-3456.

IT'S OURS, LET'S

As citizens we own a number of things in common - public buildings, colleges, roads, fire engines - but few of these are as responsive to the many needs of the Key Peninsula as our Civic Center. For the very young there is day care and youth group meetings; for the elderly, the Senior Program. Those in need, find help at Community Services. For the athlete there is karate, volleyball, aerobics and skating. For amusement there is fun night, square dancing and dance club. For civic and social groups there are meeting rooms and halls that may be rented inexpensively for fund raisers or social events. And for all of us there is the Newsletter. There are few in this community who do not, in some way, benefit from the Civic Center.

For its first 25 years the center was supported entirely by volunteer effort, but in recent years increasing use and rising costs have forced the board to ask for levies to meet its needs. This year we did not approve the levy and the Civic Center is once more dependent on voluntary community support.

The answer is simple enough: get out your checkbook. If you wish to become a "Patron" and have your name listed in the Newsletter, make your check for \$25 (or more, of course). \$25 is too hard on the budget, any contribution will help. Donations are tax deductible; there's no doubt that this is a non-profit organization. Henry Stock, Don Olson and Neil Boger are collecting for the program, or checks may be mailed to Patronage Program 7, the Key Peninsula Civic Center, P. O. Box 3, Vaughn, Wa 98493. It's ours, let's take care of it.

BE A CIVIC CENTER PATRON

WILL THE REAL CIVIC CENTER PLEASE STAND UP by Russ Beckin

The Civic Center Association is a corporation. As such, it has all the rights and privileges of any other non-profit corporation. Civic Center officers are the officers

Center Board is the Board of Directors of the corporation.

of the corporation, and the Civic

Most corporations have a stockholders meeting once a year for election of officers, and sometimes to take up important matters like mergers, or policy changes. The Civic Center Corporation does not sell stock. It has therefore designated all the residents of the Key Peninsula as voting members or "stockholders" for the purposes of its annual meetings.

A corporation is always formed for one specific purpose and that purpose is stated in its charter or in the Articles of Incorporation. The purpose of the Civic Center -Corporation is to maintain and operate the Civic Center Facility. However, the facility belongs to the Key Peninsula Park District and the Park District is administered by the Park Commissioners, collectively known as the Park Board. The Civic Center Corporation maintains and operates the Civic Center Facility under a contract with the Park Board, and for the benefit of all the "Stockholders", that is, all the residents of the Key Peninsula.

A corporation is immune to any pressure from its own stockholders provided it does certain things. The first of these is that it must fulfill the purpose for which it was incorporated. Thus, if the Givic Center Corporation did not operate and maintain the Civic Center property , it could be taken to court and forced either to do so, or to "disincorporate -- to dissolve the corporation.

The second thing that a corporation must do is to refrain from becoming; involved in activities which clearly have no bearing on its reason for being. Therefore, the KPCC Corporation could not set up an excursion boat facility at one of the nearby coves.

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AREA REPS NEEDED FOR CIVIC CENTER

AREA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR THE CIVIC CENTER

At the Civic Center meeting on January 12, Tony Trotter was introduced as the new representative for Lake Holiday. Welcome to the Board, Tony. Representatives are still needed as follows: Wauma, two people; Glencove, two people; Key Center, one person; Horseshoe Lake. one person; and Palmer Lake, two people. If you or someone you know would be willing to join in the community effort to properly maintain and operate the Civic Center, clease contact Alice Palmer at 884-3382.

RENO NIGHT PLANS

Reno night will be April 7. Tom Van Slyke has volunteered to be chairman of the Reno Committee. He is now looking for volunteers to help make the night a success. Some new blood is needed-people who have not previously enjoyed helping in civic functions. For further information, call Tom Van Slyke at 884-3428, or the Civic Center at 884-3456.

SKIRTS & FLIRTS DANCE CLUB

Skirts-N-Flirts Square Dance Club hosted their annual Mexican Hat Dance on January 21 with lots of delicious tacc salad being served along with corn nuffins and cake for dessert.

On January 23 we had a surprise going away party for Mike Weavil who reports for Naval bootcamp in San Diego on February 2. We served up homemade clam chowder and a special submarine cake. We wish him all the best in his thosen stint with the submariners.

All square dancers are invited to our dance on Pebruary 18. Workshop begins at 8:00 PM with the dance from 8:30-11:30 PM.

BYLINE OVERSIGHT

In our January issue, we neglected to include the author's name on the article headed "LOOKING BACK." The article was submitted by Henry Stock. Our apologies, Mr. Stock.

NO BINGO

Bingo Closed February 22nd.

There will be no bingo on Wednesday, February 1st. Bingo will resume on Wedensday, February

CIVIC CENTER LISTS PATRONS

The Patronage Program recently * adopted by the Civic Center Association as a means of financing the Civic Center in lieu of a tax levy, is already well underway. Under this eprogram, citizens, businesses, or community groups who donate \$25 or more toward the Civic Center will be considered patrons and will be listed each month for a year in the Key Peninsula Newsletter.

Contributors for the Patronage Program are as follows:

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Contributions may be mailed to Patronage Program C/O Newsletter P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, Wa. 98394, or See page 6 for authorized solicitors

NEWSLETTER **GETS CAMERA**

Due to the generosity of Tom Van Slyke, the Newsletter is now in possession of a camera that will allow us to provide identifiable pictures. We think it will make the Newsletter more interesting.

Thanks Tom!

CIVIC CENTER

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Neither could it promote motorcycle
racing, rodeos, skydiving, etc., etc.
If it did any of these things, it
could be taken to court and forced
to cease and desist. These are clearly
outside its purpose for being.

(They can be done by the Park Board.)

By its very nature, a corporation is a private entity, as opposed to a public entity such as a county. Actually, a county is not an entity, but only a political subdivision based on geography. What makes the Civic Center Corporation confusing is that all the residents of a given geographical area have been designated as "stockholders." Thus it looks like a political subdivision, but the articles of incorporation belie that supposition.

All this leads to just oneconclusion-those of us who criticize the Civic Center Corporation for operating like a corporation are out of order, for it must be what it is. So, let no one criticize unless he has a better idea. Instead, let us all work together to make life on the Peninsula even better than it is now.

> Whatever the problem, the comfort comes from the knowledge that it too shall pass.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PLANS SEASON

by Christa Beebe

The January 10th meeting of the Key Peninsula Park Board and the Athletic Association was held in the V.F.W. room of the Civic Center.

Among the items discussed was the regular baseball season, which will run from May 10th through July 4th. As in the past, youth activities will take precedence over adult activities.

Also discussed was the fact that the cost per team will have to override the actual cost of using the fields. In the past, maintenance and upkeep has been roughly \$10 per field. This is to replace cinder, drag and line each field before use. Considering all available data and the failure of the M & O levy at the recent election, fees were established as follows:

The fee for field use this season will be \$25 per team, with no teams being exempt from fees this year.

The fee for the Jean Berg Tournament was discussed, and agreed upon, as \$75 per adult team.

Teams wishing to participate in regular season play should have a representative attend the schedule meeting, tentatively set for February 25th. For information about time and place, call Ann Barbee at 884-3087

The discussion turned toward lights for the upper two fields. This will allow more playing time for all teams. In the past, even with daylight savings time in effect, the upper fields got too dark for play. Games were then interrupted until the lower fields were cleared to resume play. There is enough money available to purchase lights, poles, and wire but because of budget limitations, volunteer help will be needed to install the additional lighting needed this year.

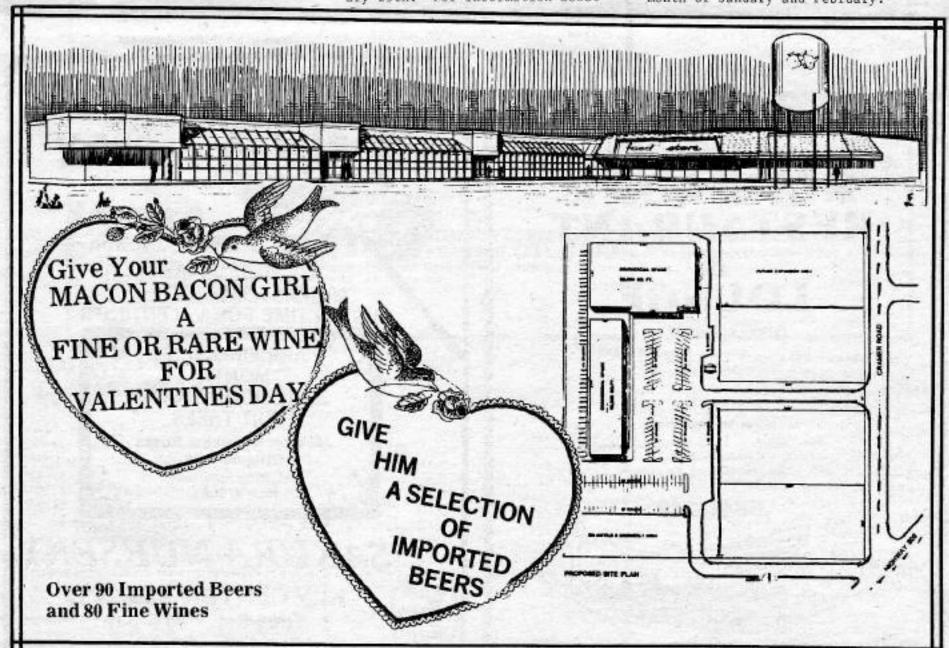
Remember the parks are here for you. Several requests were made for additional lighting and the money is available. All that is needed is the manpower for the job. If you or your children use the fields, volunteer an hour of your time to get the lighting up before the season begins.

The M & O levy will be resubmitted in the November election. Let's all vote "yes" and keep our parks alive and well!

If you wish to volunteer your time, please contact Ann Barbee at 884-3087. Thank you.

ANOTHER PATRON

The National Auto Parts in Key Center is donating to the Civic Center 5¢ from each quart of Kendall oil purchased during the month of January and February.



WHY THE PARK BOARD BUDGET CAN BE CUT

by Russ Beckim
Since we reported in the last
issue that the Park Board is cutting its budget from approximately
\$60,000 in 1983 to around
\$30,000 in 1984, the question
has been asked, how can they do
that? And if they can do it for
one year, why not every year? In
an interview with Rod Johnson,
the president of the Park Board,
your reporter was given the

following facts:

For the next year, there will be no improvements in either the Civic Center or the Sports Center. The painting that was planned for the Civic Center buildings will be deferred, as will plans to upgrade the windows to double thermal glass. At the Sports Center, efforts will be made to maintain the fields sufficiently to avoid the need for future large-scale renovation, but the parking area will no longer be swept twice a week, in fact not at all. Also, grass will not be trimmed around the fences as in the past. All maintenance that can be allowed to slide at either center will not be done.

On the revenue side, both areas will increase user fees. The Civic Center Association has already increased its fees KEY PENINSULA NEWSEETTER
as much as the traffic will
bear, and the athletic Association is in the process of
doing the same. It is predicted
that the policy of free use of
the field for resident teams
will be discontinued, and that
Key Peninsula teams will be
charged a user fee, although
not as much as is charged for
"outside teams."

The Park Board is starting out 1984 with about \$30,000. If there is no change in the present situation, they will start out 1985 with zero. To avoid empty coffers, the Park Board has tentatively scheduled a Maintenance and Opeation levy to be put before the voters at the November election

REPORT OF JAN. 5 PARK BOARD MEETING

by Russ Beckim

On behalf of the Board, Rod Johnson, president, welcomed the two newly elected members, Jo Severson and Tom Van Slyke. It was reported that the November election cost the Park District approximately \$768 for its share of election expenses. Much of this was for the Maintenance and Operation Levy, which did not pass. It was agreed to plan a new request for M & O funds at the election in November 1984. It was also agreed that a committee should be formed of interested citizens to campaign for its passage.

A joint meeting of the Park
Board and the Key Peninsula
Athletic Association was agreed
upon for the purpose of preparing
a contract between them detailing
the operation of the Volunteer Park
and Sports Center. The KPAA also
reported that there must be a new
concessionaire at the park since
the present one is leaving.

The question of an area for horse activities was brought up. The representatives of the KPAA opposed using land in the park area for this purpose because large numbers of horses together with large numbers of children is a good setup for an accident or injury. This is especially so since there is only the one entrance to the park area. It was decided that three of the park members would approach the County to determine if another piece of land could be obtained without any large expense.

NEWSLETTER ACQUIRES NEW LIGHT TABLE

The Newsletter staff offers a hearty vote of thanks to Fritz Jaggi for providing an excellent light table for use in assembling the Newsletter. Readers can look for more accurate placement of items and ads in the future.

Thanks, Fritz!





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WHY EVY ELECTIONS?

Evaluation of projected funds available from Washington State and Federal sources, has caused members of the elected Board of Directors. of the Peninsula School District to recommend a Levy Election on Tuesday, February 7. Recommended is a two-year Levy. Voters are asked to approve collection of \$2,350,000 in 1985 and \$2,375,000 in 1986. The amounts are needed to provide a strong educational program to meet the needs of the 5,530 Peninsula District students.

It's NOT a New Tax.

Despite the 1977 state legislative action to "fully fund" basic education, local levies are needed. Reduced state funding and cuts have forced the state to reduce its commitment to "fully fund" basic education. The Feb. 7 levy pays for Peninsula District's share for basic maintenance and operation for the 11 schools.

What will the Levy Pay for?

Levy money pays for 11% of the district's budget. It pays for: basic education costs not funded by the state; special education, vocational and gifted programs; extracurricular activities; maintenance of facilities; textbooks; inservice staff; energy improvements; classroom equipment; libraries and physical education. The levy is a hold-theline budget to maintain present programs.

Levy pays for Transportation.

State funding for bussing has declined from 80% to 65% Peninsula school busses provide transportation for a 100 sq. mile area daily for students.

When will Funds be paid?

The 1985 and 1986 levy tax funds are collected on a calendar year. The levy is for two years. Increased property evaluations do not affect the approved levy. The levy tax rate for 1985 is approximately \$1.91 per \$1,000 valuation. For 1986 approximately \$1.85 per \$1,000.

The District has made many cuts, levy failure would mean major reductions in instructional programs and maintenance of school facilities.

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Taxpayers interested in free tax help should bring their tax package W-2 forms, interest statements, and other pertinent tax documents to the VITA center, which will be at the Key Peninsula Fire District 16, headquarter station in Key Center every Wednesday beginning on February 8, from 9:00 - 1:00.

Legislative Update

By Eleanor Stock
Members of Congress, as of January 1, started paying Social Security taxes, under provisions of a law passed last March. This should amount to a contribution of \$2,532.60 out of their salary. However, under the provisions of a seperate law, their \$69,800 a year salaries have been increased (as of January 1) to \$72,243, an increase of \$2,500.

All new government employees, in addition to the current members of Congress, were placed within the Social Security System to shore up the shaky system. Under

the law, each employee must pay 6.7% of earned income to Social Security while the government will contribute a "matching" 7%.

Let's look at the figures: a Social Security contribution of \$2,532.60 less the \$2,500 increase in salary means membérs of congress will actually be paying \$32.60. How much can this support the "shaky system"?

Since the salary increase has received very little publicity, it would be well to let your elected represenative(senators and congressmen) know that you are aware of the raise, and that you disapprove of it.

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In The Library

by Dory Myers

There are several appealing new magazines in the Key Center Library this year. If you've never read YANKEE, you're in for a treat. A publication from and about rural New England, it will warm the hearts of those from New England and those who love country living. One of the feature articles in the January issue, "The Oldest Newspaper Columnist on Earth," is about 100-year-old Ruby Hemenway who has been writing a popular column entitled "I Remember When" for ten years. Another article features a conversation with poet Donald Hall who lives on his family fatm in New Hampshire. Still another describes the northeastern Border Patrol and discusses the thorny issue of illegal immigrants. The politics of shrimping and the problems of a diminishing resource are the subject of an article with familiar parallels in the northwest.

Regular columns include questions and answers about practical how-todo-it problems; genealogical inquiries; recipes; stories and poetry; a calendar for happenings in New England; successful small businesses and crafts; and a centerspread painting.

There's something for everyone in this picturesque and homey magazine. Biographies published as a result of the Pierce County Library's ALL MY SOMEDAYS oral history program will be on display at the library during the month of February. Many of these personal and historical recollections were written by Peninsula residents.

The Friends of the Library will be discussing the book SHABONO by Fiorinda Donner following their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting, Wednesday Pebruary 8, at the library. It is a fictional account by a young anthropologist of her experience living with a native tribe in South America. Bob Dougherty, Instructor of Anthropology at Tacoma Community College, will be at the meeting to discuss Donner's book.

Storytimes for ages 3 to 5
began January 24 at the Key Center
Library. They will continue through
February 28. Held each Tuesday from
10:30 to 11:00 a.m., the children
have an opportunity to listen to
stories as part of a group, sing
songs, learn finger plays and games,
and to meet a puppet.
Library hours are:

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MASTER PLAN FOR SCHOOLS

by Sylvia Retherford

About twice a month a group of Key Peninsula residents assemble to work on a master plan for improvement of the educational process at Evergreen Elementary School. Team facilitators Judy Cleghorn and Delores Jensen, teachers at Evergreen; and Jeanne Sagle, a parent, provide the leadership. The facilitators and the local planning team met at the school on January 4 and The two February meetings, one on the 8th and one to be announced, will complete the preparatory phase of the program. On February 15 the facilitators will attend another training session in preparation for Phase II, in which the actual plans will be drawn.

Each planning team is made up of students, parents, business persons and educators. Evergreen's planning team members are: Bob Keppler, Elaine Williams, Nancy Lind, Judy Greinke, Susan Ritchie, Crista Ritchie, Jeanette Thompson, Terry Moore, Al Taylor, Cheryl Skolman, Mike Emmons, Maxine Wilson, Pam Marra, Paul Stout, Travis Geehan, Al Carlson, David Ellingson, and Sylvia Retherford.

The goal of this on-going conference is greater involvement of the community to help identify and direct improvements toward the pursuit of excellence in the education of our children. Each planning

team member has requested five of his acquaintances to be cooperators. responding with opinions and input of innovative ideas. With 18 planning team members, each contacting five pyramid cooperators, the input of 108 community members is brought

All 11 Peninsula schools sent teams of parents, teachers and principals to facilitator training sessions at Key Peninsula High School. Dr. Gary Phillips of Indiana University, Director of the School Improvement Project, coordinated the background preparation of facilitators. Methods used in the School Improvement Process (SIP) were developed over 30 years of research by the Kettering Foundation Institute for Development of Educational Activities funded by the Lilly Endowment and the Kettering Founds-

The first year of the program will cost the Peninsula School District \$15,000 but on the five year plan, succeeding years should be less. The money pays for training of the facilitators for each of the 11 schools, for printed materials and for teacher substitutes when necess-ary. Facilitators and planning team members volunteer two evenings a

SPORTSMANS CLUB

Feb 4 Card Party 7:30 pm

Feb 9 Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm

Feb 19 Social Sunday 1:00 pm Feb 24 Potluck Dinner & Fun Nite 6:30 pm

LAKE HOLIDAY NEWS

by Barbara Trotter

JANUARY BOARD MEETING.

The increased attendance by members at the January 4 meeting of the Lake Holiday Board of Directors reflects an increasing spirit of involvement in the community. The Board announced the acquisition and planned installation of a new electronic monitoring system which will allow more efficient usage of our water pumps and provide protection from tampering. Members were reminded that their responsibility for their guests included financial responsibility for any guest-caused damage. The Board also repeated the suggestion that, in case of power outage, members should contact the power company, conserve water and turn off their water heaters. ANNUAL MEETING: PEBRUARY 18.

The annual meeting of Lake Holiday Association will be held at the Clubhouse on February 18, 1984. Members are encouraged to plan now to attend that meeting. The projects being planned for in next year's budget will be adopted or rejected at that meeting. Also, two positions on the Board will be up for election. Your vote is important in helping to guide Lake Holiday's future.

THANKS MICHELLE! Contrary to earlier reports, the Lake Holiday cont'd on page 8



Pogo, our favorite comic strip 'possum said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

That vicious northeast December wind with chill factor way below zero will be long remembered. Here at 10th and C St. in Home, we not only faced the full force of the wind, we were without power for about 16 hours, except for very short intervals. It is those intervals that this is about and where Pogo's famous statement fits the situation. When the power fails, especially during freezing weather, we are the enemy, just as Pogo said.

No electrical system is engineered to carry every electrical appliance that may be connected to it at the same time. It is presumed that the loads will be staggered, that is, not all on at the same time. Maybe my heat is on while your's is off, so the lines are not usually overloaded. Freezing weather, with a feeder line failure, changes the picture.

Whenever our electrified homes are without power, even for a short time, the house cools, the thermostats go "ON" and stay on until the house is warm again, or we turn them, (the thermostats) down or off. If the power stays off longer, all the water heaters also go "on."

Now we are set for a long, long outage. AND IT IS OUR FAULT, Maybe not yours, maybe you know better, but too many people either do not understand or, like myself, get lazy

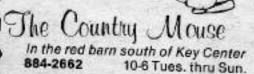
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and do not do the simple things WE CAN DO TO GET THE POWER TO STAY ON WHEN IT DOES COME BACK. IT IS EASY.

When the power goes off, especially in extreme weather, we should immediately turn off all the heavy electrical loads. These loads are: 1. Heat pulls gobs of power. TURN IT OFF. 2. Water heaters are big power eaters. Turn them off, and LEAVE THEM OFF UNTIL THE LAST THING. Water stays hot a long time. We can wait a while for that bath. 3. Turn off any big cooking loads, such as an oven. They pull lots of power. 4. Don't forget the clothes dryer. Turn it off if it was running when the power went off. For protection against low voltage power spikes," it is good to turn off motor things like refrigerators, also T.V. sets.

Now we have made it possible for the power people to put power back into our lines, but our job is not finished, it is just started. (One or two lights on will tell us when the power is back.)

DO NOT TURN EVERYTHING BACK ON RIGHT AWAY!! This is extremely important. Can we get along with heat in just one room for an hour? Can we heat a teakettle to wash our hands, instead of turning on that 4000-watt water heater? Let the clothes lie in the dryer for awhile instead of turning on that powereating machine. Wait as long as possible before putting any heavy load back on the line. For all our sakes, please.

Local residents here walked the local power lines, found the outage and reported it in full detail to the light company. We had power within 30 minutes! Because the power people DID NOT HAVE TO HUNT FOR THE PROBLEM. A circuit breaker had opened because we had the line overloaded when they attempted to return our power several hours before. Finding the problem saved them some time but it would have been better to have prevented it in the first place.

So the next time the power goes off let's remember little 'ole Pogo. "We have met the enemy and he is

Question: What restuarant serves a BLT (Bacon Lettuce & Tomato) sandwich with 4 yes four slices of thick bacon? Answer on page 24.

BeSt CONSTRUCTION

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sewers



Bruce Stiner 857-2554

Lanny Bergrud 862-0583

cont'd from page 7 New Year's Eye Party was the product

of Michelle Flintoff's almost singlehanded, always tireless, efforts. Thanks for a wonderful party!

NOTES FROM ACC. The Architectural Control Committee is continuing to develop it's Block groups, which will assist the committee in carrying out it's various activities. The committee will begin this month to enforce the rule regarding display of signs in the community. The covenants regarding land use provide that no sign shall be displayed without prior written consent of the committee.

GEORGE ZIMMER

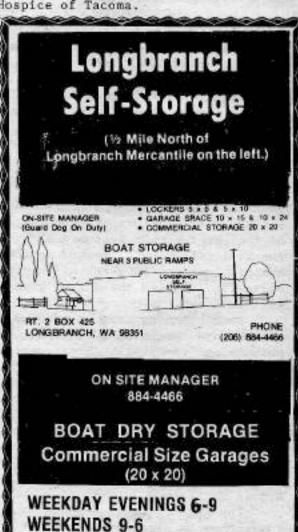
George W. Zimmer, 79, of Gig Harbor, died on December 31, 1983.

Born in New Zealand, Zimmer lived in Port Angeles for 25 years before moving to Gig Harbor 14 years ago. He worked for the Clallam County Highway Department.

He was a member of Vaughn Community Church and a former member of the Port Angeles Eagles Lodge.

Surviving Zimmer are his wife, Edna; sons, Donald of Seattle, Howard of Okanogan, Nike of Port Angeles and Don Schmidt of Fircrest; daughters, Mary Granberg of Butte, Montana, Gladys Clark of Bakersfield, California, Pauline Smith of Scattle and Patricia Peoroso of Bonney Lake: brother, Edwin of New Zealand; sisters, Alvaretta Harvey and Elma Johnson of New Zealand and Nell Sutter of Port Angeles; 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Remembrances may be sent to Hospice of Tacoma.



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WEDNESDAY

HEALTH CENTER HAPPENINGS

by Dr. Roes

PRESENTATION OF RESPITE CARE SCHEDULED

Over the past few months we've been talking about a project the Health Center has been planning for senior citizens. If you are interested in helping others and have a few extra hours a week, on February 23 at 7:30 pm you'll get a chance to help us help the community.

A day care program for the elderly infirm is being organized at the Key Peninsula Health Center. Its purpose will be to assist families who need a safe and comfortable environment to leave an older person on a regular or intermittent basis.

These frail or handicapped individuals need caring people to watch over them during this respite time for their families. This can be a special time for them as well .to socialize, participate in planned activities and maintain certain aspects of daily living. The key to this program will be the volunteer support people. It is a real "neighbor helping neighbor" project.

If you are interested in this project or would like to find out how it works in other communities, there will be a presentation on Respite Care at the Health Center on Feb 23, at 7:30 pm, by Kathy Frances, who has established similiar programs in the Federal Way and Scattle areas. For more information call Dean Shriner at

We would also like to remind the community of other services available at the Center. One of our concerns is care of the abused or battered child, and special funds are available for this from the Angel Guild. A counselor specializing in this type of therapy, Tara Hollander, will be here on Tuesday afternoons. Tara works through Comprehensive Mental Health in Tacoma and has done extensive work with physically, sexually and mentally abused children. If you have any questions in this area, please call us at the Center.

KP HOMEMAKERS

Tired of the same old thing for dinner? A demonstration of Mexican cooking will be shown at the February 13th meeting of the Key Peninsula Homemaker's Extension Club. The meeting will be at Diane Wright's home at 7 pm. Phone 851-4116 for information and directions. Come make friends, meet your neighbors and enjoy some fantastic

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VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Members of the Vaughn Garden Club will meet Wedensday, February 15th, at the home of Kelly Babcock. Cohostesses will be Sue Thomsen and Helen Helm.

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PLANTING A NEW FOREST

by Terry Legg

The success of your planting will depend primarily on how the seedlings are handled before you get them in the ground. STORAGE:

Store the bags/trees in a cold moist area with ample air circulation. The ideal temperature is about 34° F, but anything above freezing and below 40° F is okay. The higher the temperature and length of time stored, the greater the risk that the trees will already be dead before you plant them.

GROUND PREPARATION:

By far the most critical element over the next two years for your newly planted seedlings will be water. Established vegetation will compete with the seedlings for moisture . Grass is especially effective in robbing all the moisture from the ground. Indeed, grass has the natural abil-ity to "die" (turn brown) during a drought and to come back as healthy as ever as soon as water again becomes available. A Douglas-fir cannot "shut down" like this and merely dries up and dies. Consequently, the ground around the seedling should be fairly free of vegetation for about a 10-inch radius. Remember, too much slash will encourage the kinds of critters (mountain beaver and rabbits) that like to eat young trees. SPACING:

The accepted spacing for general planting is 8 X 8 feet, although for some purposes wider spacing has proven to give an adequate stocking. In Christmas tree plantations, more complete utilization of the area will be accomplished by 5 X 5 foot spacing, especially if a thinning cut is planned.

The following tables may assist you in determining proper quantities of trees per acre.

Spacing between trees
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6 X 8 910
8 X 8 680
10 X 10 430
12 X 12 300
PLANTING:

Make sure that the roots stay moist until the seedling is safely in the ground. Take only enough trees out of the bundle for about 3 or 4 hours of planting. Trees should be carried in a pail or planting bag filled with moist burlap, sawdust, or moss. Any roots that are allowed to dry out can be considered dead. The hair sized roots are the most important to the tree in providing water; if too many of these dry out, the seedling will have a difficult time making it through the summer. Only one tree at a time can be planted, so only remove one at a time from the container.

Plant the trees to a point approximately halfway between the first branch on the stem and the point where the roots start to divide. Make sure all roots are in the ground and pointed downward. Spread the roots like a fan to

enable the tree to get as much water from the soil as possible. Soil should be packed firmly around the roots. If possible, plant the trees on the shade side (north) of stumps, logs, or small brush clumps. The planting hoe and planting bar are satisfactory for planting small seedlings (up to 18 inches); but use a shovel or planting spade for large trees. The tool shown in the illustrations is a planting hoe with about a 12-inch blade.

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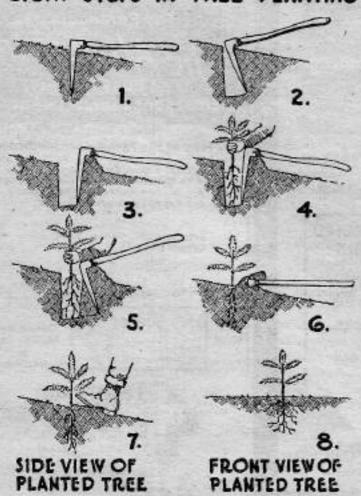
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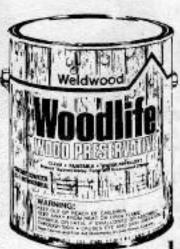
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OUR CREDIT UNION — AN UPDATE

by Neal Boger

One month has passed since the first article introducing the community credit union idea. Since that time, several Key Peninsula constituents have called or written offering help on a study group. Many more have indicated interest and are anticipating the successful establishment of the credit union.

Part of the organizational procedure is to survey the community to establish a more realistic view of need and potential commitment. The following form may be filled out and dropped off at Minter Veterinary Clinic, Key Western Building Center, Huckleberry Inn, or Home Port Restaurant. Or mail them to 16418 Olson Dr., KPN, Gig Harbor, Wa 98335.

A good return on these survey forms is vital. The statistics collected from the survey will play an important role in the granting of credit union charter.

Please understand that these serveys, while being confidential, are not commitments of funds to which anyone will later be held! The responses will help the study group prove that there is a sufficient potential deposit base on our Peninsula to warrant the formation of a community credit union.

The sooner we receive these survey forms the sooner we will be able to complete the formalities for charter.

Thank you so very much for your cooperation and support. The Key Peninsula Federal Credit Union (KPFCU) will soon be a reality ... with your help. Please submit this portion

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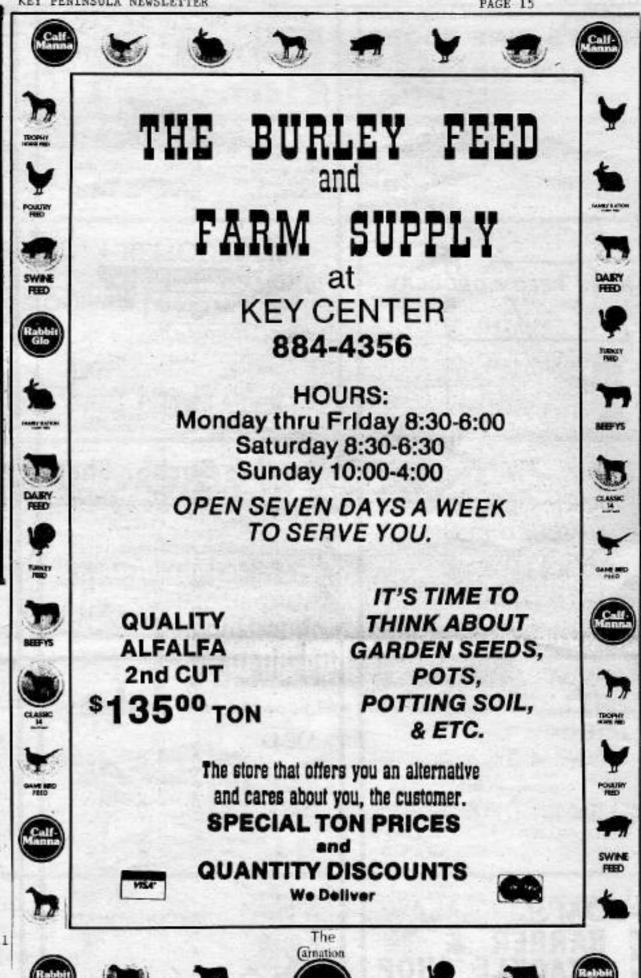
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We have a beautiful new middle school with a well equipped computer room, photography room, wood and metal shop, home economics room, art room, and gym. If you would be interested in taking or teaching a class in computers, Chinese cooking, pottery, batiks, sewing, photography, wood-shop, etc. then PLEASE call Lois Sweany at Peninsula schools 884-4660 or 857-6171, ext 222, or fill in the form below and mail it to Lois Sweany Community Education, 4905 Rosedale N.W., Gig Harbor 98335.

Don't wait. Spring classes are being planned NOW.

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I would be interested in taking a community education class at the Key Peninsula Middle School. My interests are:

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SAVE THE DAY

Saturday, March 10th, the Key Peninsula will have a benefit spaghetti dinner at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. The fee will be \$3.75 for adults and \$2.00 for children. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Reserve that date.

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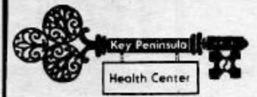
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At Home on the Range by Janice McMillan

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This recipe is from Marie Schwenda, and Med says these candies are hard to resist.

1 lb. vanilla almund bark, cut up (available at most large supermarkets, recently on sale at Payless)

1 lb. Nestle chocolate chips
(about 2 cups)

6 cups Spanish red-skinned peanuts

Melt first two ingredients together, add peanuts, stir and drop by teaspoonsful onto wax paper and let cool. Store in covered container in refrigerator. Makes more than three pounds.

AUNT BILL'S BROWN CANDY

This recipe is from Eve Fiegel and her friend Ed says that it is a great candy. The recipe is from the 1937 Oklahoma Times Cooking School Cook Book. Eve's original recipe has lots of quaint directions and comments from Aunt Bill.

6 c. sugar 2 c. whole milk 1/4 lb. butter 1/4 tsp. soda 1 tsp vanilla 1 lb. nutmeats

Pour 2 c. sugar into heavy iron skillet and put on low heat, stir with wooden spoon constantly to prevent scorching. It will take approximately :30 min. to completely melt sugar and avoid scorching (do not let it smoke or turn dark). Cook until light brown. Pour remaining sugar and milk into large, deep, heavy kettle; cook over low heat while sugar is melting. When sugar is melted pour into hot, near boiling milk-sugar mixture. Keep on low heat, stirring constantly. The real secret is to pour a very thin stream of melted sugar into the milk mixture, stirring all the while. Continue until it forms a firm ball (245 deg.). After firm ball is reached turn off the heat and add soda, stir vigorously as it foams. Add butter and take off the stove, set in a cool place for 20 min. Then, add vanilla and begin to beat the mixture with a wooden spoon until it is thick,

heavy, and dull in appearance.
Add the chopped nuts. Turn into
a pan at least I inch deep and
spread evenly and cut into squares.
It keeps indefinitely and makes
more than 3 lbs of candy.

I hope that you will try the recipe for your sweetic and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

LINDA SCHMIDT

Linda Anne Schmidt, 16, died on January 8 in a Tacoma hospital as the result of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Born in Indianapolis, Ind., Schmidt had lived in the Gig Harbor area for five years.

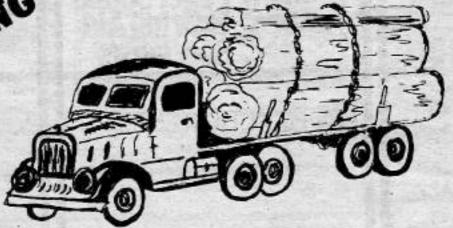
She was a member of First Christian Church in Tacoma, Peninsula High School's Symphonic Band and Honor Society and was a student trainer in the school's athletic department. She also was a volunteer at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt of the home; brother, William of the home; sister, Kathryn of the home; and grandparents, Mrs. W.R. Schmidt of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burdsall of Elnoro, Ind.

The family suggests remembrances be made to the Peninsula High School Band or First Christian Church in Tacoma.

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by Larry Melsness, Guest Reviewer

The Home Port Restaurant is located in the middle of Home and has a nautical theme, which relates to the nearby Joe's Bay. Their large selection of dinners include steaks, seafoods, fish and chips, veal, halibut, salmon and a salad

Recently, while at the Home Port for dinner with a friend, I ordered the fresh breaded yeal cutlets with white cream sauce. The baked potato was on the cold side, the veal was of average quality but well prepared. My friend enjoyed the golden, deep fried prawns which were jumbo in size, along with french fries. The dinners included the salad bar which had Jfresh greens, various vegies to add, cottage cheese with fruit, a good homemade potato salad, four homemade dressings and several condiments.

For lunch, I would recommend their piping hot soups, fish and chips, hamburgers and homemade pies pies.

The lounge has been enlarged and redocorated in blue to carry out the nautical atmosphere. The drinks are reasonably priced. The Home Port is open from 7:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday to serve breakfast to hungry fishermen and

commuters (open at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday). Closing hours for dinner are: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday 8:30 p.m. The lounge is open until 11:00 p.m. on week nights and 12:00 p.m. on weekends.

CONCLUSIONS: The service at the Home Port is excellent and very friendly and I would not hesitate to go back there. I know from once being in the restaurant business myself that, with support and honest criticism from the local residents, a "cozy" restaurant with excellent service and reasonable prices such as at Home Port will survive.

RECOMMENDATION: It would be nice to serve some hot dinner rolls or sourdough bread with the dinners. Also, crispy, stir-fried vegetables instead of fruit garnishes would be a plus for the dinners.

NEW NURSERY CLASS

Connie Silva, President of the Longbranch Cooperative Nursery School announced that the school has added a new class for two to three year old children. This is in addition to the established class for four to five year olds. The new class will be taught by Maggie Oldenbury.

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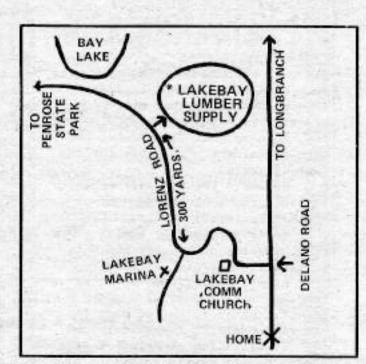
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TO HEAR OR NOT TO HEAR



JESSE WILLIAMS and TIMMY TRIPLETT taking the hearing test

The Lions Club held a free hearing test in their mobile testing center the 7th and 14th of January.

As a mother of four children, I was concerned about my 4 year old's hearing. The last six months have been very trying. We have wondered what and how much he can actually hear. Some nights, when he is supposed to be asleep, we will hear him ask-"Who has the candy bar?" We are always surprised since the T.V. or radio is usually on pretty loud. I really began to question his hearing this last fall, so my neighbor and I decided to do spot checks on it.

My neighbor, Kathy, was driving up the street while Jesse was
in the middle of it on his tricycle.
She pulled up, noticing he was not
moving out of her way. I saw her
wave at him, and then start honking
the car horn. She pulled up about
ten feet away and stopped honking.
I yelled at him to look behind him.
He did and jumped about a mile.
Kathy commented to me later that
his face went white when he turned
and saw her.

We began watching him closer and decided that, with the exception of the car incident, he was hearing selectively. I was still worried however, and when I heard about the Lions hearing test I decided to take him. Kathy, her daughter, myself, and Jesse all went to have our hearing checked. We arrived at the Hearing Test Center and there was a line, even with the cold wind. People stood patiently waiting their turn. We went in and took the test, which lasted sever minutes, divided equally between both ears. The traffic cutside occasionally interfered, but we all made it through. Near the end of the test on my right ear I was sure I had a great hearing loss. I could barely hear the tones and distinguish them from the ringing in my ears. They told me my hearing was fine, but that they wanted to retest Jesse. They weren't sure he had understood their directions. I wasn't sure either since his left hand had kept appearing around the corner of my booth during the test, followed by his smiling face

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and earphones. I tried explaining to him what to do, which ended up with him telling me what to do. He gives real good directions, so I left him alone for the next test, hoping he wouldn't dismantle the booth. I watched the chart they were making of his hearing from outside the door. He was doing better this test, but his high frequency hearing was still in question. I asked the attendant if this had any relation to the previous incident with the car, and he told me it could. High frequency hearing is usually the first to go.

The attendant also told me that most people who suspect they have a hearing problem wait about 'five years before having it checked, by which time it could be too late to correct. I will be taking Jesse in to Mary Bridge Hearing Center for further testing. I really don't want to take a chance with his ears.

The Liona Hearing Mobile checked 29 pairs of ears on the 7th and another 44 on the 14th. It is hoped that they will return to do it again. They were very excited about the response they had in this area. I would like to personally thank them for the time and care they spent with each person they checked.

OBITUARIES

BEN RAMSDELL

Life-long Lakebay resident Ben Ramsdell died on December 28, 1983. He was 70 years old.

Born on Fox Island, Ramsdell was a retired logger and a veteran of the Army.

He was a member of the Forty & Eight Chapter 25 of Portland, Oregon and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Crescent City, California.

He is survived by four brothers, Ross of Tacoma, Clare of Vancouver, Chester of Cosmopolis, and Richard of Hoquiam; and a sister, Alice Caparas of San Diego, California.

Graveside services were held at DelNorte County Veterans Cemetery in Crescent City, California.

Buckley-King at Haven of Rest in Gig Harbor was in charge of arrangements.

RAYMOND DE ROCHER
Long-time Lakebay resident
Raymond Louis DeRocher died on
December 29, 1983, at the age of 93.
Born in Monroe, DeRocher had

been a resident of Lakebay for the past 45 years.

He was a retired self-employed mechanic and a charter member of the Key Peninsula Sportsman Club.

He is survived by two stepsons, F. J. Hawkins of Lakebay and C.L. Hawkins of Yoncalla, Oregon.

At his request, no services were held.

Remembrances may be made to the Fire District 16 medical fund.

Buckley-King at Haven of Rest in Gig Harbor was in charge of arrangements.

LONGBRANCH

LONGBRANCH CALENDAR

February 1 - Ladies Aid, noon, Longbranch Church

February 3 - Choir, 9:00 AM, Bell Ringers, 11:00 AM practice.

February 5 - Chaplain Harry Soloos Service Longbranch Church.

February 7 - VOTE - Improvement Hall.

February 8 - Peninsula Neighbors, 10:30 AM, Longbranch Church

February 10 - Choir, 9:00 AM, Bell Ringers, 11:00 AM.

February 11 - Valentine Potluck, 5:00 PM, Grand Canyon Slides by Charles Snyder.

February 12 - Chaplain Soloos, service Lincoln's Birthday.

February 14 - Nutrition, Valentine lunch, noon, Longbranch Church.

February 16 - Thursday, Choir 9:00 AM, Bell Ringers practice.

February 17 - Bayshore Garden Club invites you. Berta Deming will speak on "Texture, Color Year Around in the Yard." 1:00 PM at the Longbranch Church. Bring a friend.

February 19 - Reverend Ralph Smith, 11:00 AM service. Longbranch Church.

February 24 - Choir 9:00 AM, Bell Ringers 11:00 AM.

February 26 - Chaplain Tom Fukuyama 11:00 AM service, Longbranch Church.

February 29 - Ruth Circle, 7:30 PM Longbranch Church.

MILO CROOKS

Milo Alvaro Crocks of Lakebay died on December 31, 1983 at the age of 59. He lived in the Lakebay area for the past 20 years.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy, and a retired maintenance mechanic for Boeing.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; sons, Mark of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Milo II of Seattle; daughters, Kitten of Eugene, Oregon, Jana of Houston, Texas, and Teresa of Federal Way; mother, Gloria Sloat of Lakebay; and six grandchildren.

At his request, no services were held.

Remembrances may be sent to the Key Peninsula Action Agency, Fire District 16 and the Key Peninsula Health Clinic.

If the roses haven't been pruned do it quickly before they start to grow.



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THOUGHTS OF YOU



LUNCHTIME YET?

by Russ Beckim

BY Christa Beebe

If it is noon, it is lunchtime for Rising in the morning, most of us. But if you happen to be a fireman and at noon you are fighting a fire out on Herron Road, lunchtime comes when you get the fire out

If you are trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resusitation) and at noon you are just leaving with a patient in an ambulance for Tacoma, lunchtime comes when you get back.

If one group gets back at 3:00 pm and another at 4 pm, lunch is at 3 pm for one group and at 4 pm for the other.

Likewise, bedtime comes for a fireman when his job is done. Many a time that is at 3, 4, or 5 in the morning when the firemen returns, grubby and soot-blackened, too boneweary to hang up their gear or jump in the shower until they have just sat for awhile, perhaps sipping a Coke or a cup of coffee while strengh and vigor returns.

The food and refreshments consumed at the fire station is paid for by the firemen themselves, not by tax dollars.

My very worst friend from beginning to end was myself.

Kipling

sweeping the sandman away. I draw the drapes, gaze out the window, at the freshness of and are once again back at the station Grateful to be alive, living with,

the spirit within you. I am thankful to my Maker,

that dreams can oft come true.

I release my love within the house, and let it filter through to you.

It slips around the corners, in and out, up and down.

Can you feel it, as it flows through the walls, without a sound?

I wonder as I watch you lying there, deep in your sleep.

Can you feel my heart gain warmth, looking at you tenderly?

They set aside a day each year, for lovers to show.

Affection for each other, in a sense of tenderness.

A simple card for you won't do, it can't express the care.

I feel for you this special way, each day throughout the year!

Wisdom is patient with ignorance even as the teacher is patient with the child, knowing that maturity will come.

KURTIS V. GJERSTAD JEFFREY SWEET

A memorial service was held at 8:00 PM January 5, 1984 in the Peninsula High School auditorium for Kurtis V. Gjerstad and Jeffrey S. Sweet, who were killed in an automobile accident on December 31,

Gjerstad, 15, was born in Kelso and lived most of his life in Tacoma before moving to Longbranch three months ago. He was a freshman at Peninsula High School, active in the football and basketball teams.

He was a member of the Tacona Eastside Boys' Club, Lakebay Community Church and the Lakebay Community Youth Group.

He is survived by parents, Gary V. Gjerstad of Tacoma and Harold and Elaine Forch of Longbranch; brother, Devin of Longbranch; sister, Kristian of Tacoma; stepbrother, Hal Forch of the Army in Germany; stepsister, Susannah Forch of Tacoma; grandparents, Jack and Henrietta Ritts of Shelton, Charles and Shirley Payton of Tacoma, Gil Wilber of Tacoma and Vernon and Marcia Gjerstad of Tacoma; and great-grandparents, Ernie Payton and Clara Groff, both

Graveside services were held at Mt. View Memorial Park.

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FIRE DISTRICT 3rd IN STATE



FIREMAN JOHN SCHNIDT HOLDING THIRD PLACE TROPHY by Hugh McMillan

At the Awards Banquet of the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association on 21 October 1983, your Key Peninsula Fire Department was declared third best for excellence in class A fire districts throughout the state. That is a very substantial honor and serves to demonstrate to the whole state what we citizens of Key Peninsula have long been confident of: we have a great Fire Department. Of particular interest is the fact that only one quarter of one point separated the first place from the third place award winners in the annual competition. Last year, your Department received the fourth place honor.

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There are 411 Fire Districts in the State, all of which are eligible to compete for the trophies. The Districts are rated as Class A (those which provide protection to properties assessed at \$175 million or more), Class B (those below \$175 million, but greater than \$50 million), and class C (those of \$50 million or less). The 48 volunteers and six paid staff members of Key Peninsula Fire Department provide protection to more than \$271 million of assessed property valuation, which puts our Department in Class A. Winning districts are evaluated on their responsiveness to their community needs via Department sponsored fire prevention programs fire suppression, emergency medical services, the Department's training programs, its conduct of public relations, and a variety of other methods through which the Department is involved in community support.

Other winning Districts were:

Class A: 1. Vancouver

2. Kitsap County District 15, Bremerton

*3. Key Peninsula

4. Silverlake (Everett)

5. Gig Harbor

That puts our Key Peninsula Fire Department in with some very fine company. The Department wants to thank everyone in our community for the tremendous support you've given us. Without that, our receipt of this honor would not have been possible.

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Sweet, 17, was born in Lakewood and lived in Longbranch for the past nine years. The Peninsula High School senior was involved with the school's symphonic and jazz bands.

He was a missionary in Spain during the summer of 1982 with Teen Missions and worked part-time as a busboy for the Home Port Restaurant.

He was a member of the Lakebay Community Church, a participant with Boys' State in June 1983 and is listed in "Who's Who in American High School Students."

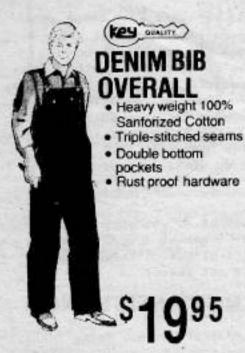
He is survived by his parents. Steve and D. Lynne Sweet; sister, Tanya; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Sweet and Pastor and Mrs. David Stewart, both of Lakewood; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sweet of Lakewood and Myrtle Slining of Puyallup.

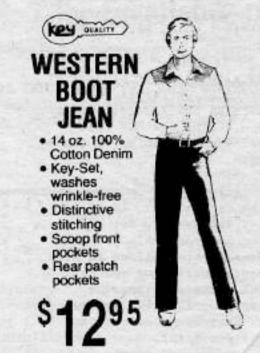
The families suggest remembrances be made to the Lakebay Community Church building fund.

Mt. View Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

The editor likes to get letters from the readers, so write to us.

Due to space limitation, we ask that all letters be no longer than 200 words. Letters in excess of 200 words will be edited.

All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number so authorship can be verified.

The Editor

To The Editor:

I was appalled to read the Philosophy Corner in the January issue of the Newsletter. I rece-ved several phone calls from persons who were offended and who knew that I was on the Civic Center Board. I believe the philosopher has a right to his opinion but I do not feel that this has a place in our paper. If you wish to speak on philosophy, please keep to issues like truth, justice, etc. I also do not think it wise to have such a column when it is written without the author's name - are you ashamed of your views? I think it only right for persons who disagree that they have a right to know with whom they are speaking. Please see to

it in the future that you keep out

which are not a part of our personal

of religion and stick to subjects

I quote from your story (and I use that word in its strictest sense), "The basis for that assumtion (your spelling!) was the exclamation of a drunken wine master." Nowhere does it say that in the Bible and it is only an assumption on your part. Jesus did not invoke a power from outside -- He had the power as the Son of God to do such things. The Bible does not always present things in a logical form for us to be able to logically prove all the things by our finite minds.

Mrs. Edward Wagner

To the Editor:

life in such a way.

The last thing this area needs is a group of people trying to make their new-found home exclusively the way they want it. A'lot of recent residents of this peninsula found it to be a beautiful place to live and they would like to have it rezoned so that no one else can do as they did. The prospect of them being successful in this endeavor is, at the very best, years away, and more probably, nonexistent. Nothing can happen without going through the county council and executive branch, and nothing will happen because of that.

The rezoning proposed is designed to arrest growth, to attempt to exclude any other persons from joining our community, except at great expense. That in itself is KEY PENINSULA NEWSLETTER

discriminatory and fodder for the courts, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. More importantly, any property owner or group of owners would have the right to sue everyone involved for triple damages caused to them from any rezoning. The rest of the county simply could not afford that.

Clarke M. White Macon Bacon

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

During the week preceding Christmas and the week preceding New Years when most families were decorating homes for the holidays and when women were baking endless trays and pans of cookies and fruitcake, two faithful women, Shirley Sorenson and Margot Wend-olsky, spent their private hours, even over weekends, unloading, storing and distributing frozen turkeys and groceries to the jobless and disadvantaged people of the Key Peninsula.

Freezing weather and slippery roads and driveways kept all but a few volunteers from coming to the aid of Shirley and Margot at the Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank, who also took delivery of an entire truckload of government commodities, unloading the cheese and powdered milk and butter in icy temperatures. They both discovered in the process that skin on the hands tends to stick to frozen wrappers when the temperature hovers around 15 degrees!

Besides Shirley and Margot, volunteers Marguerite Buggard, Sean Taylor, Allen Taylor, Fred Moon, Clem Kurz, Barbara Nimrick, Linda Hubbard, Robert Schultz, Rosemarie Arnold, Mary Workman,

Rhys Wood, and Tom Karnis also helped with the huge project of preparing 67 Christmas baskets and signing out federal commodities - during weather that typically makes Peninsula roads a hazard.

Thank you all for your unselfish dedication. Thank you, Shirley and Margot, for completing an impossible job under sub-freezing conditions in time to ensure nourishing and delicious dinners during the holidays for families in real need. What would we ever do without you both?

> Joyce Case Secretary, Key Peninsula Community Services

Answer: Blundell's Longbranch Chowder House. The Eacon is twice as thick as most grocery store bacon. FEBRUARI 190

ACTION VALENTINE

by Julienne Field Coldeen

The greeting card publishers and monthly magazines are quick to remind us that February is the month for lovers. We're showered with images of romantic love and the "proper" ways to express our feelings to our spouse/lover. I'm a romantic by nature, among the first to jump at any chance (calendarcreated or otherwise) to show my husband I love him. What a great excuse for a candlelight dinner! But romentic or spousal or boy/girl or whatever-you-want-to-call -it, love isn't the only expression of love. We have other relationships that could use a little interjection of love, too. You know: caring, concern, putting others before yourself.

Why don't we make February 1984
the month of "action Valentines?"
Look around you at the people, the
characters on your life stage. With
some consideration, you ought to be
able to come up with things you can
do for those you interact withan Action Valentine. These Valentines
could be as simple an act as leaving
a "Thanks a Lot" note for the mail
carrier to involving as much commitment as babysitting for your neighbor
every Friday night.

What makes an Action Valentine work is the thought you put into it. What does the person you have in mind really want or need? You have to get to know a person to do this. You have to listen, to be aware of what they're feeling rather than just trying to make yourself heard.

This may take some mental and maybe even some emotional gymnastics. All I can say is, "Don't knock it til' you've tried it." Getting outside yourself, pouring a little love into the lives of those you rub up against each day is wonderful exercise. You may be surprised to discover you have more love than you know what to do with. You have to give it away.

So, what do you say? Three cheers for the "month of love." I expect to see a lot of Action Valentines in progress out there!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Applications now being taken for low-income households in the county. Call in advance for appointments at 884-4440 between 10 am and 2 pm. Apply soon: We can help only as long as funding lasts.

Government surplus food also will be distributed the last Wednesday of each month at the Civic Center in Vaughn by the Key Peninsula Community Services.

MORE LETTERS

Dear Mrs. McMillant

You don't know us at all, but we wanted to tell you how sorry we were to read about your husband's terrible accident in the Key Peninsula Newsletter. We hope, with your help, that he recovers soon. Please tell him he's in our prayers.

I'd been meaning to write and thank you for your contribution to the paper. We've only been in this area five years and have had problems finding pleasant dining spots so you've helped us. Also we want to try the Amtrack trip but this kind of weather doesn't lend itself to looking out train windows or going for long walks down at that wonderfulsounding hotel.

We certainly agree with your thoughts on the "Harvester".

If you ever write on restaurants in Tacoma, try Grazie, down near the waterfront. Delightful.

Thanks again.

Lee & Jack Moore

DEAR EDITOR:

In the January issue I enjoyed
Marie Brown's "Graphoanalysis"
and "Looking Back: by ? I think
Hugh McMillan"s " Survival Underwater" is very valuable. I know,
also, that my husband enjoyed reading the profiles of the new KPCC
Association Officers. Keep up the
good work!

Julienne Field Coldeen

Editors Note: The "Looking Back:"
item was by Henry Stock. We inadvertently omitted the credit.

Dear Mr. Beckim:

I agree entirely with the letter of Jeanine and Peter Johnson regarding the 100 year commemorative sign of the Lakebay Post Office which is situated within the confines of Home. It is extremely confusing to anyone trying to find Home, much less, Lakebay. Yet this incongruous fact remains.

In answer to the question raised by the Johnsons, as to "how much longer do we have to tolerate that sign guaranteed to confuse visitors?" let me say this would be a good time for Home people to write their views on the matter to Mr. David H. Scheels, MSC Director, Customer Service, UnitedStates Post Office, 4001 South Pine, Tacoma, Wa. 98405. because in about four months enlarging and remodeling of the Post Office will begin. Someone to coordinate the movement for the relocation of a commemorative sign and/or possible a new home for the Post Office would be very useful.

The intrusion of the name Lakebay in the community of Home has gone far enough; it has been a continuing effort to destroy the heritage of this historic community.

Madeleine Bruenner

The only real authority is truth. Don't teach as truth that which you cannot prove to be truth.

MINUTES OF THE KPCC BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Civic Center Board was called to order at 7:30 PM by president Mike Salatino. Thirty-seven persons were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report was accepted. The new area representative from Lake Holiday, Tony Trotter, was introduced. It was noted that the February meeting will have as a priority to choose reps from areas which are vacant.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that the new rules for skating have brought few complaints from the young people but there was considerable objections to some by members of the Board. They are to bring their complaints to the managers and the committee will consider them. Lenore reported that Bingo has lost money in the past quarter but noted that it usually picks up during the summer and hopes to continue since we have materials to do so. The executive committee will consider this at their February meeting and bring a recommendation to the Board.

There was a request for all kinds of help from the Newsletter and it was noted that we are able to pay some obligations to the Center. The Upper Sound Grange requested a clarification of their rate schedule for this new year and were satisfied with the explanation given them. In this regard, it was noted that all groups which have membership in the Center are required to have a fund raiser during the year and that this is to be arranged with the Executive Committee. For this reason, it is important for

groups to have their reps at Board meetings so that they know what is going on and the problems faced by the Board.

The New Year's Eve Dance cleared over \$1,000. Next year it is planned to have a 14 piece band and Don. Palmer is negotiating with them on the contract. The rest rooms will have the walls completely done in a new product. The Park Board will be asked to provide the materials and we will have a work party. There was a motion to hire a carpenter to do the work but the motion was defeated as it was pointed out that we would also have to hire an electrician and a plumber and the cost would be prohibitive. February 11 is tentatively set for a work party to do the job and it is hoped that anyone with skills in the above fields would contact either Mike Salatino or Neil Boger.

Reno night is scheduled for April 7 and Tom Van Slyke is the chairman. All who would like to participate are asked to call him. Henry and Eleanor Stock will be in charge of the raffle and will have a half beef. It was noted that the patron program had netted the Center over \$1,000 with many contributions still coming in. There will be further publicity in the Newsletter. Pioneer Days will be August 11 and 12. Don Palmer is in charge of finding a band for the dance; Rhys Wood is in charge of the dinner which will be baron of beef; and the Stocks emphasized that there will be both old favorites and new items for all who

attend.

NEW BUSINESS: The recommendation of the Executive Committee that we search for a concessionaire for events such as Bingo and possibly others was tabled until the next meeting when we will know more about what will happen to Bingo.

The recommendation of the executive committee that we create the position of public relations director to see that items are properly publicized and that letters and brochures be sent to groups in the surrounding areas, telling them of our facilities and the availability for rental for group functions, was passed.

Fund raising ideas were discussed and it was noted that if anyone in the community has any new ideas for fundraising for the Center to take the place of the loss of revenue from the failure of the M & O levy, they should give the idea to any Board member.

It was MSC to authorize \$75 for an ad in the special Gateway bridal edition. It was noted that there is a possibility in the change of the fireworks law and all are to keep abreast of this as it is a money-maker for the Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30

Marian Wagner, Acting Secretary

Everyone is responsible for his own actions, and he should be held to it. WHEN Mother Nature's cantankerous elves huff, puff and dump snow on the area, it causes inconveniences, damage and creates many dangerous conditions. We are undoubtedly going to experience more storms in the days ahead.

Following are safety precautions to keep in mind when lines are downed, trees blown across wires and other unforseen conditions arise.

Remember: Electricity brings many conveniences to Peninsula homes. And electricity can also kill.

Beware of Downed Wires

PLEASE take the following precautions:

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REPORT the specific location of downed wires and poles. Be brief. Give street, house number or identifiable landmark (near school, church, road intersection, etc.). Repair crews will be dispatched.

STAND BY and enlist assistance to keep others away from downed wires. Stress the danger. Downed wires can carry up to 12,500 volts, and can kill.

DO NOT go near or try to move wires. A wire on the ground may carry sufficient voltage to cause death. Leave the handling of downed wire to experienced crews.

BE PATIENT. Keep children inside. Keep pets tied up or in the house.

DOWNED WIRES are deceitful—they may be "hot" or they may be dead. Do not experiment. It requires technical experience, knowledgeability of the system, to determine safety.

■ EDUCATE CHILDREN as to the hidden dangers of downed electrical wires.

CONTROL YOUR CURIOSITY and do not explore the neighborhood to see the storm damage. The safety of your home is a good place to stay.

LISTEN to your battery-operated radio for news of the storm damage.

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DO NOT roll up downed wires.

DO NOT cut trees away from wires.

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EARLY BUSINESS IN HOME

by Slyvia Retherford

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Five newspapers were published in Home beginning in March 1897 with the "New Era," edited and published by O.A. Verity, one of Home's founders. A new arrival, Charles Govan, took it over and with the name changed to "Discontent, Mother of Progress," published until taken to court for inciting to disobey the law. " Discontent" was ordered out of print by the court so Govan began publication of its offspring, "The Demonstrator," in 1904. Following the squelching of that inflamatory publication, Jay Fox edited and printed the "Agitator" in 1911. All of these papers carried some local news but primarily consisted of editorial comment on the philosophy of social unrest, the progress of the utopian experiment of Home and news of social ferment in the United States and other parts of the world. These people were intellectuals and their writing was persuasive. In the 30's after Home's exciting days were over, Mr. Ely, a printer, moved his presses into Haiman's Barbershop's back room where he published a local paper for a number of years. No copies of it are available and its title has been forgotten. Files of the earlier publications are available in the archives of University of Washington Library.

On February 21, 1901, Home was granted a post office and it was given a small room in the King house with E.C. Miles as postmaster. About a year later, Mattie Penhallow Burns became postmistress, transferring the office to her home at 5th and A Streets (now Workman's) on the waterfront.

The postal department was under pressure to stop Home's mailing of its publications carrying the message nationwide of social unrest, political dissidence and "free thinking" philosophies of religion and sex. Mrs. Waisbrooker, a women's rights agitator from Chicago, was arrested following the mailing of her publication "Clothed With The Sun," containing an article on avoidance of venereal disease. She and the postmistress, Mattie, were tried in Federal Court in Tacoma for sending "obscene materials" through the mails. Mrs. Waisbrooker, over 70 years old, was convicted and the judge reluctantly fined her \$100 while Mrs. Penhallow-Burns' fine was waived.

On September 6, 1901, President McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, an affirmed anarchist. Home's anarchists were strictly nonviolent individualists and

although they did not approve of McKinley's policies, they condemned his assassination as "wanton and useless" having no sympathy with the crime. However, Tacona Ledger editors and some ministers from their pulpits drew public conclusions that Czolgosz had some connection with Home. This was proved false in the subsequent trial; however, the damage had been done. Following all this lurid publicity, feelings ran high, so when an editorial in the Ledger further inflamed Tacomans against Home's residents, it was an easy matter to decide that Home did not deserve a post office. On April 30, 1903, the Federal Postal Authorities closed the Home Post Office on trumped-up charges. Thus a whole community was punished for the supposed acts of a few. In 1953 the Lakebay Post Office was moved to Home without changing its name.

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