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## First Ever Family Game Night Comes to Civic Center



KP News photo by Joe Aprile

### Some of the favorite family games; bring yours to Family Game Night

Tired of TV and videos? Got some Christmas bills left to pay? Want an affordable night out with your family? Mark January 26, 7 pm, on your calendar; get your kids and neighbors together and head over to the Civic Center for a fun-filled evening.

Try a game of Sorry®, Yahtzee® or Scrabble® with your kids. Challenge your neighbors to Monopoly® or Trivial Pursuit®. Show a preschooler how to play animal dominos or Candyland®. We have many of your old favorites on hand or you can bring your own.

Admission is free but all children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

**See You there!**

## Special from the Peninsula Outlook "1,000 is company, 1,500 is a crowd"

by Joel Hilliker

The first wave of students hit Peninsula High School at 7 am and the second at 11 am.

Despite the schedule being double-shifted, for a period of two hours each day, all 1,592 students were at school at the same time. Student population of PHS was at an alarming all-time high in 1978.

"You could hardly walk through the halls," activities secretary Marilyn Dillon said.

This scenario could repeat itself soon if changes aren't made within the next few years. Population at PHS is projected to increase from the present 1,020 to 1,470 by 1995.

"There is no way I want to go through that again," said Assistant Principal Dave Wheeler about the double shifting. "It's tough on kids, it's tough on staff, and it's not very good for parents either."

"It was not educationally sound," affirmed Principal Dele Gunnerson, "but we had no other option."

In 1979, Gig Harbor High School was built, and enrollment at PHS was slashed to 650, excluding freshmen. Expansions and changes were made in the commons, the gym, the offices, the 500's building and the first level of the multi-purpose building.

The only parts of the school left untouched by the renovations were the science hall, the pool, and the performing arts center, now the Millon S. Boyd Auditorium. With the expansions, the state estimated that PHS could facilitate 1,100 students—boosted from the previous year's recommended 850.

Total enrollment this September for the Peninsula School District was 7,056. By the year 2000, this number is expected to jump to well over 10,500. This enrollment increase would require the construction of five to eight new school, most likely elementary and middle schools.

Although the state does provide a set amount of money for each student attending a school, and matches funds after the passage of a bond issue for upkeep or reconstruction of existing

## School bond and levy issue coming up

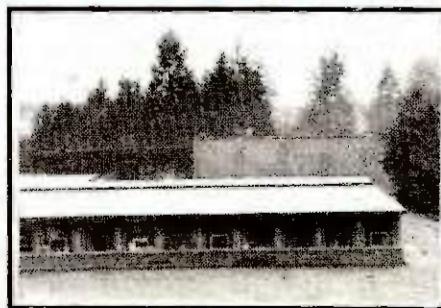


School districts receive about 80% of their funding from the state and about 12% from local tax levies. In December of 1989, the School Board approved a two year levy offering of \$5.275 million for 1991 and a \$5.525 million for 1992. According to School Board president Pete Sabin "Maintenance and operation levies are essential to fully fund basic education...They pay for programs which



are partially funded, or not funded by the state."

A bond proposal of \$37.767 million was also approved by the school board for school construction and modernization. Key Peninsula schools most affected by the bond proposal are Peninsula High School, Key Peninsula Middle School and Vaughn elementary, pictured from left to right above. The accompanying



front page article written by high school student Joel Hilliker gives the facts from a student point of view.

Work at KPMS will include the design and construction of a gym, locker rooms, commons, kitchens and educational technology areas. The extent of the work at Vaughn elementary is still

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## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

There are no words to express our very sincere appreciation of the love and support we've received from our friends during the time before and after we lost our beloved April. We feel she must have been very, very special for God to have taken her to Him so young.

Gilman and Lauretta Tank  
 Sabrina and Dennis Andring  
 Fred W. Jaggi and family  
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Dear Editor:

As we all know, this is our home and environment and I am very upset about all of the oil spills in our oceans and bays; and cutting down all of the trees. And if we keep cutting down our trees there will not be very much oxygen left for us to breathe because trees collect carbon dioxide and put out oxygen, since everything in this day and age is made out of wood such as paper, pencils, houses, cardboard. I am sure by the year 2015 that there will surely be hardly any trees, maybe none. Hopefully, the Key Peninsula will be as beautiful as it is today.

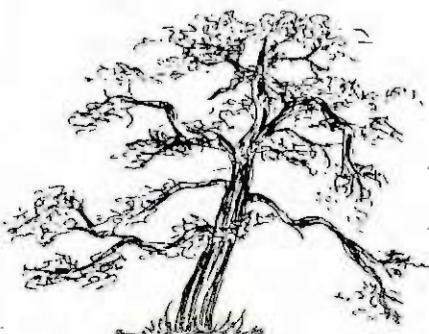
Sophia Bisceglia, age 11  
 Home

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank the staff and volunteers who work so hard to put out such a fine paper. We are wondering though, what has happened to Cecil Paul's Ponderings. There are still many old-timers living around here and we always enjoyed his column. We also enjoy Margaret's Scrapbook.

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editor's reply: I had not received any submissions from Cecil lately so I gave him a call to let him know his readers have been missing him. Look for "Ponderings" in the next issue. As part of our KP News "birthday" year, we will also be running some of Cecil's columns from past issues.



# Civic Center News

Just a short note from your President of the Civic Center Association

I want to thank all of you who have helped in the past. We are in need of new board members for this year. We want to keep all of the programs going that we have sponsored in the past.

The Association has put aside \$5,300 toward a new furnace in the Civic Center building, which is owned by the Park District. We will be designating the profits from the Flavor of Fall Dinner Auction to the furnace fund again this year.

We are starting a new program this month called Family Game Night. It is for parents and children and we will supply all types of board games to play. It will be on Friday January 26 from 7 pm on. Refreshments will be available at a nominal cost, with the kitchen run by Key Peninsula Community Services.

We are in need of a secretary for the executive board, so if you have a few hours a month to spare we will be thrilled to welcome you aboard. Call Stephanie at 884-9821.



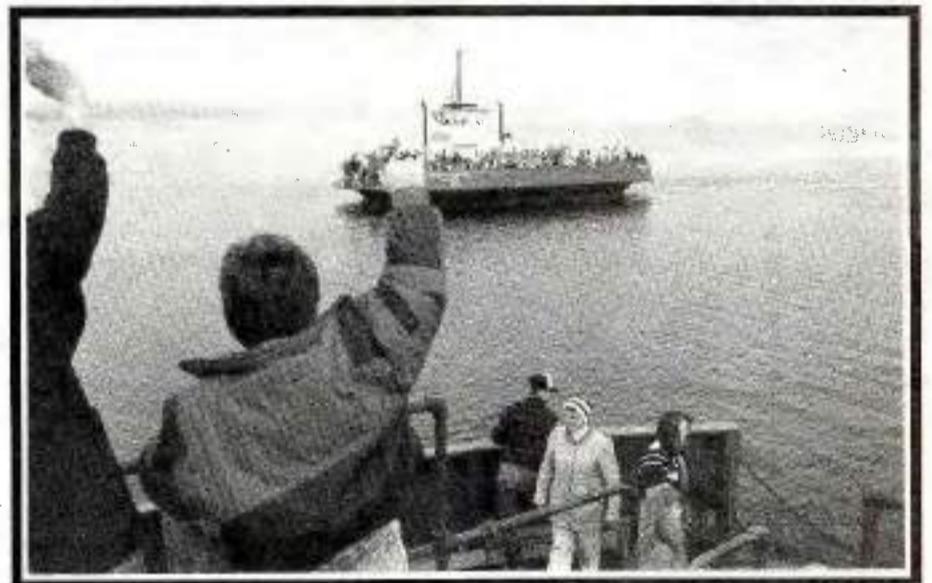
The play structure purchased from Manitou Park is going up.

## KPCCA meeting report

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association held its regular meeting on January 11. The proposed 1990 budget was reviewed. Skating was reported to be doing well, with over 100 kids attending. An inventory work party was scheduled for January 30.

Next year's program events were set as follows: Easter Egg Hunt, April 15; Pioneer Days, August 4; Flavor of Fall Dinner and Auction, October 6; Arts and Crafts Fair, November 24. The Halloween party will be held on October 31.

## Welcome Herron Islander



KP News photo by Hugh McMillan

Two young boys cheer on the new Herron Islander as it steams up to the Herron Island dock in a race with the retiring Annabelle S. (Annabelle S. won) by Hugh McMillan

Saturday, the 23rd of December 1989, the citizens of Herron Island presented themselves a \$730,000 Christmas gift and about 150 of them and their guests welcomed that gift with a christening party at the Herron Island ferry dock. The gift is the Herron Islander, a new all-metal ferry boat, built by Nichols Brothers of Whidbey Island. On December 22nd she was driven in eleven hours through patchy fog to the dock on Herron Island by her skipper, Ross McMenamin, crewman Wally Smith, and deckhand Tim Clark, the permanent employees for the ferry service.

The Annabelle S., the only remaining wooden-hulled passenger carrying vessel on Puget Sound, had been declared unsafe for passenger-carrying by the US Coast Guard and the Herron Island citizens had

a choice of buying a new boat or repairing the Annabelle S. "We voted to take the most cost-effective route," said Ruth McMenamin. "Lots of credit goes to Mary Turpin," said McMenamin, "she was the driving force in making it happen." The Herron Island residents and property owners contributed more than \$630,000.

The Annabelle S. was built in 1938; she was our very first, and only, ferry, until now," McMenamin added. The Annabelle S. will be used as a work boat by Kimbal Marine Construction in Shelton.

The Herron Islander can carry 12 vehicles, has covered seating for passengers, is operated seven days a week by a two man crew, and has her own call sign with the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

## Mayo Cove protection committee formed

by S. Retherford

About twenty residents of lower Key Peninsula met recently with Jim Hoyle and Susan Alotrigo of the Pierce County Health Department to form the Mayo Cove Protection Committee. The goal of the group is to provide local aid to the health department's Penrose Point Recreational Shellfish Protection Project, aimed at developing a comprehensive water quality program to protect and improve the surface waters and enhance the recreational shellfish area of Mayo Cove.

The fresh and marine water quality, watersheds and shellfish of Mayo Cove are being evaluated. Samples are examined for bacteria and chemical pollutants. Septic system performance will be evaluated. With the help of the citizen's committee, a management plan will be developed to address water quality issues, land use management practices and water quality monitoring. Besides providing help in sampling, the committee hopes to increase public awareness of potential water problems in this near pristine area.

Stan Shauffer was chosen chairperson with Cindy Dibiasi as alternate chair. The next meeting will be in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library on February 7 at 7 pm. The committee will consider the problem of public health impacts from non-point pollution sources. Future meetings will take up environmental impacts of sewage from recreational boats in the bay, septic systems, storm water and drainage from housing developments.

## KP Citizen of the Year nomination

The deadline for submitting the names of candidates for Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year for 1989 is February 9, 1990. Nominees must be residents of, or work on, the Key Peninsula. Members of the Lions' Club, sponsors of the annual event, are not eligible for nomination.

All persons nominated will be honored at the Sixth Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards Banquet which will be held Saturday February 24 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The awards banquet provides an opportunity to recognize those in our community whose volunteer work has contributed to making Key Peninsula such a wonderful place to live. They are the dedicated citizens who assist those in need, who provide leadership when needed, who encourage others to realize their full potential, whose only reward has been the knowledge that through their efforts someone else's life has been bettered.

"We are all winners thanks to the efforts of these caring people," said Lions' Club President Frances Challenger, "and the Citizen of the Year Banquet gives us all a chance to let them know how much they are appreciated."

## Senior Society news

by Martha Applegate

The Key Peninsula Senior Society sends thanks to all those people who purchased raffle tickets for the quilt drawing. The quilt was won by Golda Glaser, who lives near Georgia Gillis, the talented lady who made the quilt. We appreciate your participation.

1990 brings a new slate officers to the Society. Our new president is Allan Kruger, first vice-president is Harold Adkisson, and second vice president is Chuck Williamson. Mavis Zacek is recording secretary, Lee Edler is treasurer and Martha Applegate is corresponding secretary. Members at large are Don Blakemore, Virginia Adkisson and immediate past president Bob Smith.

New members are always welcome at the Senior Society luncheons every Thursday at noon. There are no dues, you don't need an invitation. Just come to the Whitmore room at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Lunch is always potluck, so bring your favorite dish, then stay afterwards for a game of bridge, cribbage, backgammon or just enjoy talking to your neighbors.

Foot care is offered once a month and nurses Nat Knox and Judy Wilson take blood pressure readings once a month. Book exchange and recycle programs are also available.

### Sewing class at Key Center Library

Sewing class will commence every Tuesday after January 9 from 1-4 pm at the Key Center Library. The class will teach all facets of sewing from beginner to advanced. For information call Sueka Eriksen at 851-2888, between 11 am and 7 pm.

## Beware the 900 poll

by Hugh McMillan

Last September, as a followup to the Supreme Court decision regarding burning of our flag, a cable TV service offered people a chance to vote their approval or disapproval of that decision by dialing one 900 number to register your "yes" vote, or another 900 number to register your "no" vote. If you did vote, you did so via a computer at the 900 number of your choice. You spoke to no one, not even to a computerized recording. You were, in fact, on the phone not much more than a milisecond. Simple, right?

This January, if you voted, you received a bill for \$5.54. You, too, probably figured that someone at the phone company had misplaced the decimal in that figure. A call to your phone company would quickly disabuse you of that notion. Such billings are not made by your phone company, they are made by MCI. Your phone company is powerless to intercede on your behalf. You must pay. Bad?

The billing agent, U.S. West Communications, advised that we got off easy. Some people have been billed as much as \$49.95 for voting via the 900 number and they, too, have to pay. Perhaps a letter to our Legislators is in order about now.

## Tacoma Youth Symphony to play at PHS

The Tacoma Youth Symphony will present the children's opera Hansel and Gretel on February 3 at 7:30 pm at Peninsula High School. Because of the young age and distractibility of the symphony performers, babies or preschoolers cannot be admitted, but free tickets for school age children will be distributed through Peninsula schools and at the door the evening of the performance. Adult tickets are \$5.00 each. Don't miss this opportunity for a nice family entertainment evening.

## New hours at Vaughn PO

Due to the requests to change the office hours, Joanne Clark, Vaughn Postmaster is happy to announce that the window hours are now 8 am to 12 noon, reopening at 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, plus Saturday window hours of 9 am to 11 am, starting January 27.

Lobby hours will be from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays.

Mail will be picked up at the same time as before, 4:15 pm Monday through Friday and 11:15 am Saturday.

## Key Dates

### business/professional groups:

Altrusa	Feb. 6 - noon	Shoreline restaurant
KPBA	Feb. 2 - 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn

### childrens organizations:

Brownie Cadettes		see Civic Center Calendar
Junior Girl Scouts		
Cub Scouts & Webelos, Pack 213		see Civic Center Calendar
Cub Scouts, Pack 252	Jan. 23,30, Feb. 6 4:00 pm	home of Janice Lodholm 851-4834
Webelos, Pack 252	Jan. 24,31, Feb. 7 4:00 pm	Minter Creek Fish Hatchery
Boy Scouts		see Civic Center Calendar
Boy Scouts, Troop 252	Jan. 24,31, Feb. 7 6:00 - 7:00 pm	LDS church

### civic organizations:

Burley Library Asn.	Feb. 7 - 7:30 pm	Burley Comm. Hall
Citizens Against Crime	Feb. 1 - 7 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Cootiettes	Jan. 23 Feb. 6	visit Naval Hosp., Brem. visit Cottesmore

meet at noon in Key Center to carpool

KP Civic Center Assoc.	Feb. 8 - 7:30 pm	KPCC
KP Com. Serv. Board	Feb. 6 - 7:30 pm	KPCS building
Lions Club	Jan. 24, Feb. 7 - 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn

### community services:

hot lunch for seniors	Jan. 24,31, Feb. 7 - noon	Community Center, Home
nutrition day	Feb. 6 - noon	Longbranch Church
respite care	Jan. 24,31, Feb. 7 9 am - 3 pm	KC Library, Brones room
sewing classes	Jan. 23,30, Feb. 6	KC library

### of interest to parents:

Evergreen Eagle Boosters	Feb. 6 - 7 pm	Evergreen Elementary
Vaughn VPO	Feb. 6 - 7 pm	Vaughn Elementary

### public meetings:

Mayo Cove Cmte.	Feb. 7 - 7 pm	KC Library, Brones room
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### self - help groups:

Al-Anon	Jan 29, Feb. 5 8 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Diabetic Support Grp.	Feb. 1 - 7 pm	KP Health Center
TOPS	Jan 29, Feb. 5 weigh-in 6:15, mtg. 7-8 pm	home of Shirley Frame 884-4864

### social/hobby groups:

Gig Harbor Twirlers,	Jan. 22,29, Feb. 5 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Square dance lessons, Burley, next to P.O.
KP Senior Society	Jan. 25, Feb. 1 11-4 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Peninsula Neighbors	Feb. 7 - 10 am	Longbranch Church

### events:

Family Game Night	Jan. 26 - 7:00 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Spaghetti & Bingo Night	Feb. 2 - 6-9 pm	Evergreen Elementary
Tacoma Youth Symphony & Children's chorus	Feb. 3 - 7:30 pm	Peninsula High School

# Dateline Olympia

Legislative hotline open to take your calls

Do you need information on proposed laws before the Legislature? Would you like to find out when and where public hearings on legislative proposals are taking place? Do you want to let your legislator know how you feel about an issue? You can get these and

other questions answered by calling the Legislature's toll-free hotline: 1-800-562-6000. Your calls will be taken between 8 am and 8 pm Monday through Friday and from 9 am to 1 pm Saturdays, while the Legislature is in session.

**Pruitt makes his calls for 1990 session**

(Wes Pruitt, 26 District representative, submitted the following information to the NEWS.) My top personal priority will be to mount an aggressive attack on air pollution in Washington. I'm drafting a bill to create

a joint House-Senate select committee to devise a comprehensive, statewide plan for combating air pollution. I believe that air pollution is the most serious long-term environmental threat facing our state.

I'm also drafting legislation to establish a formal process for evaluating state programs and gauging their effectiveness. Accountability often is an abused practice. By knowing the facts, the Legislature can properly judge the effectiveness of its actions.

Another bill I'm writing would create a state office of Citizen Service, much like an in-state VISTA or Peace Corps. I'm convinced such an office would promote greater public and private involvement in community service programs and provide every citizen, young or old, the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of his or her community.

A measure which should quickly gain momentum is growth management. The Legislature wants to make more efficient use of taxpayer money while controlling the sprawl created by uncoordinated planning.

Consider that social service caseloads are up, school enrollment is up and teachers are underpaid. County governments and law enforcement agencies may ask for as much as \$100 million, largely because of overpopulated jails and an escalating drug war.

Requests also will come for mental health programs and children and youth services. A huge request, \$450 million, has come from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition led by Dan Evans and Mike Lowry. They want the state to begin buying and preserving open spaces that are threatened by development.

You may recall that in 1989 the Legislature left untouched Washington's 18-cent gas tax. However, without new transportation revenues, the state will fall short a staggering \$14 billion to \$20 billion to bring the present road system up to standard and maintain it until the year 2000. The governor's new proposal, which would raise the gas tax 5 cents over the next three years, will be considered by the Legislature in depth and, hopefully, result in a favorable conclusion. If not, some key road projects in this district will be held up and possibly delayed indefinitely.

Many questions will be facing the 1990 session of the Legislature, but these, I think, will be the issues most talked about.

**Representative Meyers says State Highway 16 is Death trap**

Citing Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) figures, Rep. Ron Meyers, D-Gig Harbor, said 24 people have died on the 20-mile section of SR 16 since the beginning of 1980, and another 1,450 people suffered serious injuries. He said there were more than 2,165 accidents on SR 16 during that time period.

"Some places on that highway are death traps," Meyers said. "This year's death toll is the highest in at least 10 years. There simply is too much traffic to continue ignoring the condition of those intersections."

Meyers, a member of the House Transportation Committee, said one possibility for increased funding is Gov. Booth Gardner's new transportation plan. The plan would raise the gas tax by 5 cents per gallon over the next three years. That, along with increases in some other revenues, would produce a transportation improvement package worth more than \$1 billion over five years. Meyers said if the plan is approved during the 1990 legislative session, several key projects in the 26th District could be started.

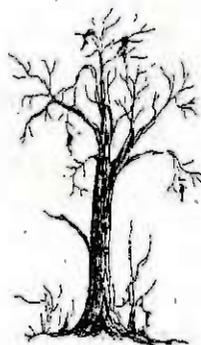
Representative Meyers is asking the DOT to re-evaluate its priority listings of two other high-traffic SR 16 intersections: Mullenix Road and the Olalla-Burley intersection. Work on the Mullenix Road intersection, located about five miles north of Purdy, is not scheduled to begin until 1992, but only if the gas tax is increased. The Olalla-Burley intersection, located about two miles south of Mullenix Road, would not be constructed for another eight years even with a gas tax, according to the DOT. Meyers said eight years is too long.

## Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

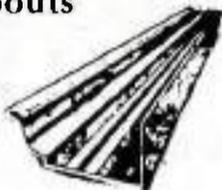
I recently attended a tax update seminar to try to keep abreast of the changes in the tax laws for you and for my accounting and tax service. The instructor informed us, "...that any person who attempted to figure his or her own tax, except maybe in the case of all income shown on W-2's, is a darn fool." I admit this is a startling statement, but I would suggest that most of you seek a competent tax preparer who is in business the year around and has a listed phone number in the telephone book. To keep up on the tax business takes a year-around effort. We are not telling you this to cast stones at anyone, but are basing this on reports from IRS and the number of mistakes found on tax returns made by so-called tax preparers.

If you still need deductions off of gross income) you have until April 16 this year to make a contribution, even if the contribution is not deductible, depending on your income and other pension coverage. But even if you don't get a tax deduction for your contribution, you should seriously consider putting money into an IRA: IRA income is tax-deferred.



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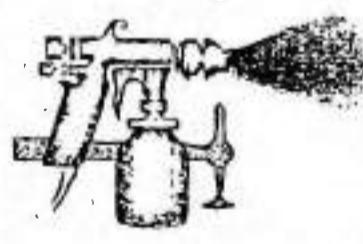
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# School News

## Legislature mandates AIDS education

Because of the gravity of the AIDS crisis, the Washington State Legislature has mandated that AIDS education be taught at least once each school year.

Both the dangers of drug abuse and the dangers of sexual intercourse must be taught. AIDS prevention education must stress that abstinence from sexual activity

is the only certain means for the prevention of the spread or contraction of AIDS virus through sexual contact.

The school district must also conduct at least one presentation for parents and guardians of students prior to teaching AIDS prevention in any classroom. No student may be required to participate if his or her parent or guardian attends the presentation and objects in writing to such participation.

## Career Day at Vaughn School

Teachers and volunteer parents at Vaughn Elementary School organized their first annual Career Day which was held Monday, January 8, 1990 from 12:45 to 3:15 pm.

All students in the school attended Career Day in the gym where they had opportunities to interview and visit with a variety of representatives of different careers and crafts in the community.



KP News photo by Hugh McMillan

Vaughn elementary kids listen to the opening address by Gig Harbor mayor Gretchen Wilbert.



KP News photo by Hugh McMillan  
Bunny Letellier talks to Vaughn students about the nursing profession.

Nurses, artists, fire fighters, environmental specialists, computer experts and more were on hand to answer questions and generate interest.

Parents and teachers believe children gained a better understanding of the importance of the skills learned in school to their future success in life.

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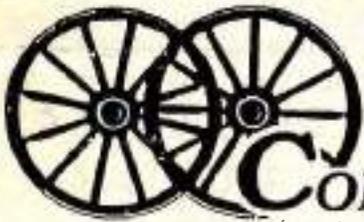
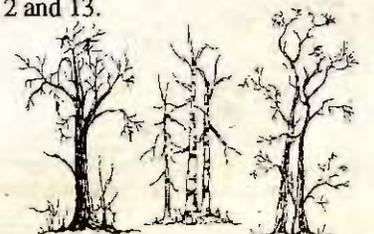
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## Evergreen's Eagle Booster News

The community is welcome at Evergreen Elementary's Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night, Friday, February 2, 6-9 pm. This family night is sponsored by Evergreen's parent group, the Eagle Boosters. The cost is \$10 for each family of 4 or more, or \$3 adult and \$2 children under 12 years. The 6pm dinner will include spaghetti, salad, bread and beverage followed by bingo until 9 pm. All funds raised by the Eagle Boosters are reinvested at Evergreen. This year's focus is new playground equipment. A sixteen foot slide was ordered last month by the parent group president, Jeanne Sagle, and principal Larry Hawkins believes he can get it installed before the school year is over.

The Eagle Boosters will have a short meeting and program, Tuesday, February 13, 7-9 pm at Evergreen Elementary. This meeting, as always, is open to all parents, staff and community. The program will be a combined presentation by Evergreen School Psychologist Dave Ellingson and Early Childhood Specialist Brint Sagle. The subject will be the needs of children living in alcoholic homes and the needs of adults who grew up in alcoholic families. Childcare and refreshments are provided. Mark your calendars and join the Evergreen Elementary community on February 2 and 13.



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# We the People

by Paul Cyr,  
Council member,  
District 7



mainly because deadlines and my heavy schedule don't mesh.

I would like to congratulate the citizens of Key Peninsula for their grass-roots efforts regarding land use requests during 1989. These land use requests consisted of designating the Burley-Minter area as a sensitive area with permanent land use regulations, and secondly, interim zoning for the Key Peninsula from the intersection of Macon Bacon to Devil's Head in the Longbranch area. Interim regulation will allow the

community time to develop a comprehensive plan between now and December 1991 for the entire Key Peninsula. I wish you well in your efforts.

The last piece on land use efforts on the Key Peninsula will be coming to the Council in early January. That final piece deals with the rezoning of the Home community. Each of these three separate actions was initiated by citizen petition from the residents of the Key Peninsula. It is truly a grass-roots effort that I hope will continue as the comprehensive plan and accompanying zoning regulations are developed.

At the start of every new year I set individual goals for myself, the District I represent, and the County as a whole. I would be interested in hearing any comments or suggestions you have in this regard. As usual, you can reach me at my toll-free number 851-9739.

Finally, my monthly forums for the past four months on the third Monday of the month have not generated any citizen participation. For that reason, I will be happy to come to any community on the Key Peninsula, but think it better to hold community forums at your request on an as-needed basis, as opposed to my practice for the past three years of monthly meetings. I want residents of the area, however, to continue to feel that I am accessible and will be more than happy to respond to your needs.

Best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 1990.

# To Your Health

by Wm F. Roes, MD



In addition to wishing you the best of the new decade, I want to take this opportunity to highlight some changes at your health center. Karen Schneider, our nurse practitioner, recently returned from a two day seminar in the use of cervical caps and will be available for fitting and prescribing them beginning this month. Cervical caps are a barrier contraceptive, more reliable than condoms and diaphragms in preventing pregnancy, and useful in many women who can't use a diaphragm. If you think this may be an appropriate form of contraception for you, talk to Karen on Fridays at the clinic.

After almost ten years Andrea Frye has decided to become a travel agent. Andrea has spent time in almost every position in the clinic, from bookkeeper to medical assistant, with stints as receptionist and clinic director along the way. Over the last few years she has worked "in back" along with Susan Mettler to help with patient care. She has been a real asset to our practice and the community as well. We already miss her and wish her the very best in her new field. Bon Voyage!

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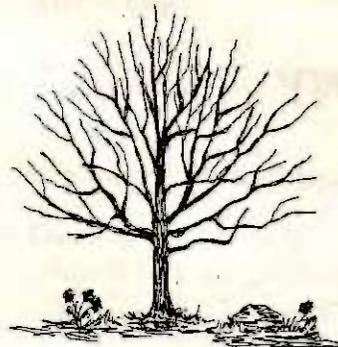
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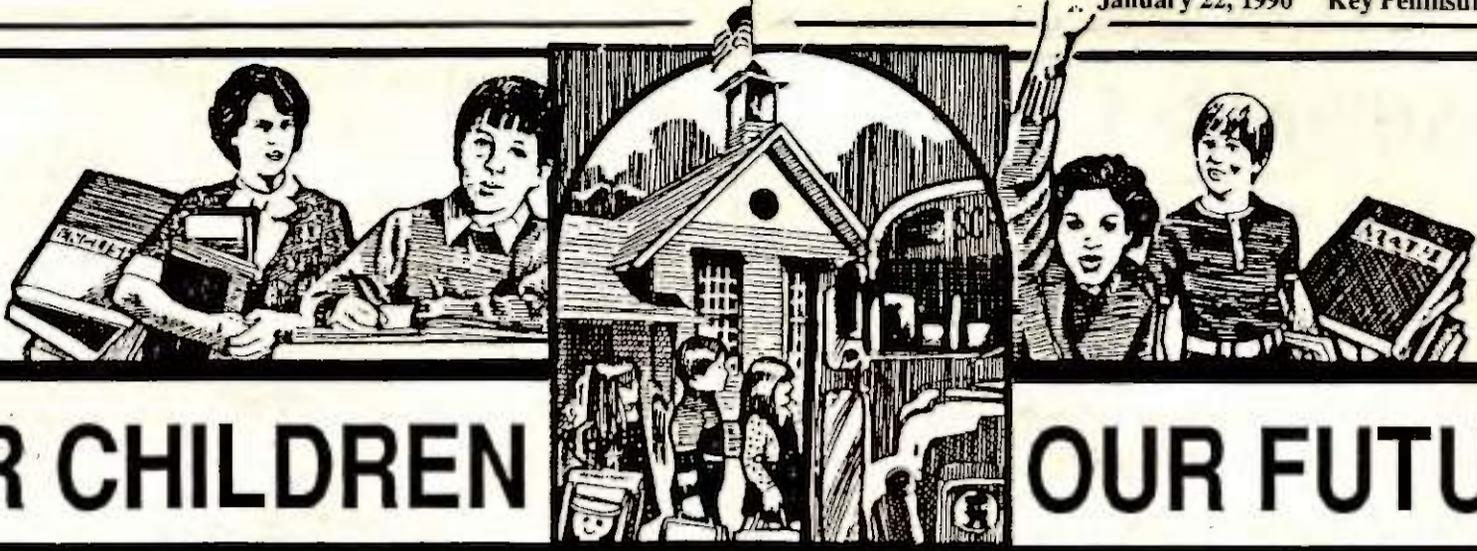
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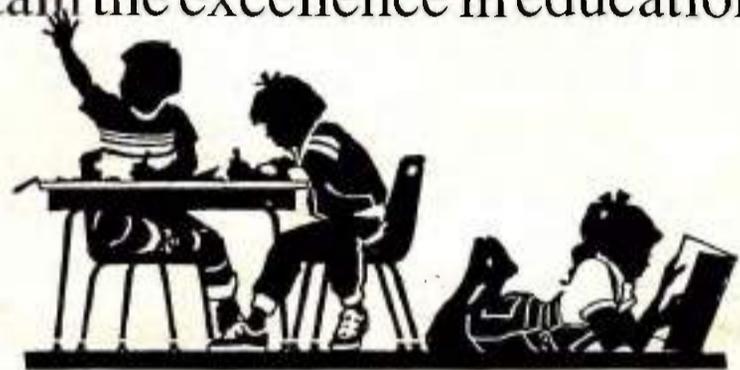
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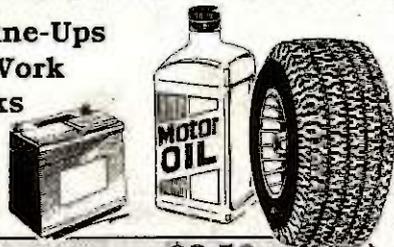
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## business briefs

To get the year in business briefs off to a good start, we invited local businesses to share their plans for the coming year with us.

Key Peninsula Tax Service is owned and operated by Kathy Hendrickson who started her own business one year ago. She and her husband John have lived on the Key Peninsula for about 8 years. They have two children, 8 and 9 years of age. She started out when friends would call and ask for advice on tax returns and then took training at H&R Block so that she could be professional in helping with tax returns.

Lakebay Lumber Supply of the Key Peninsula is pleased to announce the addition of a newly-created electrical and plumbing section, managed by Bob Lenzo. Tom Edwards, proprietor, states that Mr. Lenzo brings many years of experience in construction and building maintenance to the operation. He will serve as a technical advisor to homeowners wishing to do their own plumbing and electrical work. Product lines will include a broad range of plumbing and electrical supplies in addition to the usual offerings of building materials.

Myr Mar Accounting Service is hoping in this new year to be able to expand into a bigger office located in the business district. But until this can be accomplished we have to consider the cost and the results that can be gained by this move. In the meantime we will offer full accounting service and tax service, whether it be Federal, State, County or City, plus notary service. We wish to thank the community for the support you have shown us and we will try to merit this support by being of service in the coming years. - R.M. Keizur

Tim's Sprinkler Service is winding up their second year in business on the Key Peninsula. Owned by Tim Putnam and his wife, Robin, "Tim's" provides repair, maintenance and installation of landscape sprinkler systems. Tim is a graduate of WSU and Bellevue CC with degrees in Horticulture and Soil Science. He has over ten years' experience in landscaping and irrigation and is a Rain Bird factory-trained repair technician. Tim and Robin have lived near Key Center for five years and have a four-year-old son, Jake.

Hook, Line and Sinker of Gig Harbor, along with Retail Tackle Sales, will be expanding their services to include personalized salmon Day Charters skippered by Dr. T-ho-ke.



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# business briefs, continued

Dale and Claudia Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery are planning to put bi-annual newsletters this year, timing them for the spring and Christmas season. They are also hoping to hold more informational seminars on subjects like Bonzai, pruning and grafting, growing and maintaining and on specific plants, like rhododendrons for example.

As customary, Burley Galleria closed for the month of January for painting and redecorating. In addition to five rooms of art and fashions, the main exhibit hall features a new exhibit every month. The 1990 schedule will include one other first-time show and popular artists throughout the rest of the year.

Mike Ernesti and his wife Juli are "Goldies", (formerly 21st Century Fox), a well-known local band, but Mike has also recently started The Other Stuff specializing in boat, auto and other custom upholstery. Mike worked last winter with Tom Fifer of Key Stitch Upholstery, but his experience goes back to his college days when he worked summers at a Tacoma car upholstery shop. He and his wife Juli live in Vaughn.

Mike's plans for the coming year? "To be doing lots of work." His business has already grown into a full time one. He also wants to do more specialized custom

and orthopedic work. Having had a broken neck in 1966, he feels that he recognizes the importance of the proper support, especially for people who must drive a lot in their work.

The Key Center Tavern, which has been taken over by sisters Tracey Manning and Kriket Stephenson, has been undergoing a facelift and a change in emphasis toward making it a fun place for people. Darts and a basketball game have been added, with plans for more games and a new pool table. This summer a beer garden will be added in the back with a horseshoes and shuffleboard. In the near future, live music will be presented one or two weekends a month. Food is available until closing time. In the past year, a gong show was held and a similar fun event will be held in the future.

The gong show was part of a weekend fundraising event at the Tavern. Over \$500 was raised to provide a needy family with Christmas gifts and warm clothing. The weekend started off with a dart tournament. Prizes were donated back to the family. The gong show featured four judges and an actual gong, which apparently had to be used. Trophies were given to the winners and entry fees went toward the items purchased for the family. The event was so successful that there were some

leftover things which were donated to the Key Peninsula Fire Department, which serves as a source for families in need and had suggested the family adopted by the Tavern.



The many gifts purchased with money collected during the December weekend fundraiser for the "adoptive family" of the Key Center Tavern wait for Christmas.

Kriket and Tracey decided to adopt a family each year and hold a similar fundraiser. But they both wanted to thank the community. "Without them we couldn't do it," Kriket said, "and they were wonderful."

John and Geneve Fredeen have recently opened Purdy Pictures video store at the site of the old Collins store in Minter.

## KPFD seeks public's assist

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Fire Department is asking for assistance of citizens in updating its Community Action Resource Locator (CARL) plan's listing of equipment and talents to cope with unforeseen incidents.

The list, compiled a few years ago, contains information on locations of various items of equipment (back-hoes, bulldozers, earth-moving equipment, jack-hammers, heavy equipment moving vehicles, trucks, pumps, floodlights, electrical generators, etc.) and people with expertise in operating these items.

"We wish to catalog and obtain commitments of these resources," said Fire Chief, Horace Kanno. Recent Pacific Northwest flooding, the San Francisco Bay area earthquake, and Hurricane Hugo in the Southeast serve as warning that disaster can strike anywhere. KPFD will incorporate these data in its Disaster Preparedness Plan.

If you feel you would be able to assist KPFD in such incidents, or know of others who might assist, please call 884-2222 or write a description of equipment and talents you wish added to KPFD's list to Key Peninsula Fire Department, 8911 Key Peninsula Highway, Lakebay, Washington 98349.

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**Goin' Out**



by Janice McMillan

I would like to tell you about Cucina! Cucina!, an upscale Italian restaurant located in South Center, near the Pavillion shopping area, on the lefthand side as you approach the Pavillion. The street address would not mean much in this area; I know because I spent quite a while searching out another store and the street address was no help. Five of us had lunch at Cucina! Cucina! and we all agreed the food was wonderful if a bit pricey and the service was awful. We had to wait in the front foyer for about 10 minutes for a table, this was not unpleasant because we all had a chance to observe the waiters picking up the filled plates at the station there. Everything looked very, very good. We also watched the baker taking out the freshly baked goods from the old-fashioned brick oven.

Our first difficulty came when we were told that there were no "smoking tables" for more than four people. We were seated at a large round table right in the center of the room. The five of us (ladies on a shopping tour) were told that we could not have a separate checks. This seemed rather odd since the restaurant, by this time, was half empty. We all had only twenty dollar bills to pay our divided check (\$7.60 each) plus the tip and the waiter would only give each of us two 5s and a 10. We spent the next ten minutes borrowing dollar bills back and forth and stacking up pennies, nickels and dimes. We were determined not to leave \$10. for a \$7.60 check. To top it all off, we had to return later to retrieve the one credit card the waiter allowed us to use.

The reason that I would bother to tell you about Cucina! Cucina! is because the food was worth all the hassle. We all had a minced chicken salad. The serving was more than adequate, the dressing light and flavorful, the chicken plentiful, priced in the \$5.00 range. We all shared an order of focaccia (\$2.85) and an order of Roman bread (\$2.65). Focaccia is a flat, thin chewy bread and ours, hot from the oven, was baked with a topping of minced garlic and red peppers. It was a perfect accompaniment to the excellent salad. We also enjoyed the Roman bread, similar to a fat French loaf, but for the price we agreed we would not order it again. We saw many customers enjoying pizza and the very interesting antipasto plates. I would try Cucina! Cucina! again and hope for better service. Avoid the noon lunch hour unless you are prepared to wait in line.

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- ✓ DO NOT go near or try to move wires. A wire on the ground can carry sufficient voltage to cause death. Stay clear of fences, telephone or cable TV wires. They may be charged with electricity. Leave the handling of downed wires to experienced Peninsula Light crews.
- ✓ BE PATIENT. Keep children inside. Keep pets tied up or locked up.
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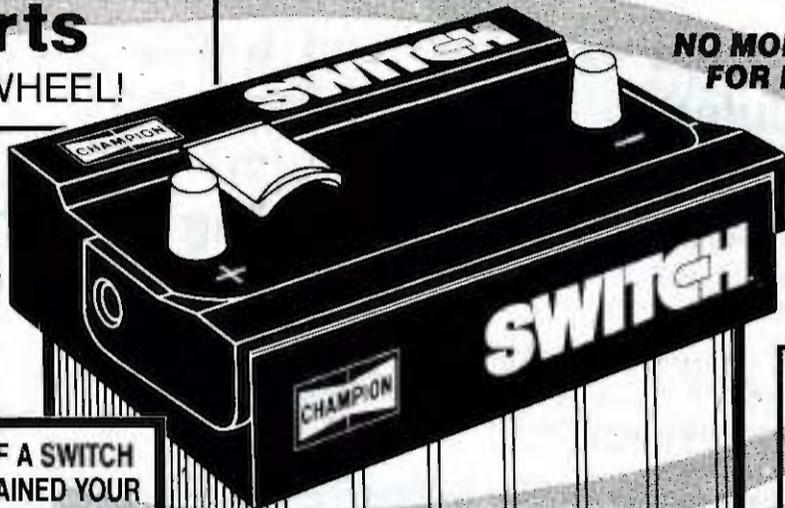
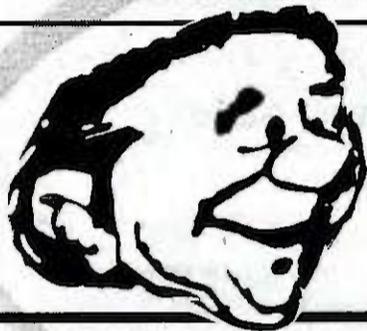
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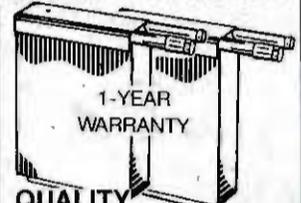
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The carved wood masks of Karen Wilkerson of Vaughn will be on display the month of February at the Key Dining Room at the KC Corral.



# In the library Obituaries

Memorial books in honor of Dennis Demetrius Daily have been purchased for the children's section of the library; Out to pasture! (a joke book), Peter Rabbit's natural foods cookbook, Little House Cookbook: frontier foods from Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic stories, Christmas Cooking Around the World and several of the Spot series books.

Dennis loved to tell jokes and to cook, and he was especially fond of the Spot stories.

Preschool Storytime will be Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am at the library, February 1 - March 22. Storytimes for children 3-5 are to enjoy, be part of a group, help build imagination, a sense of humor, a vocabulary, introduce good books and illustrations, lay a foundation for future reading, to introduce your child to the library in a friendly way.

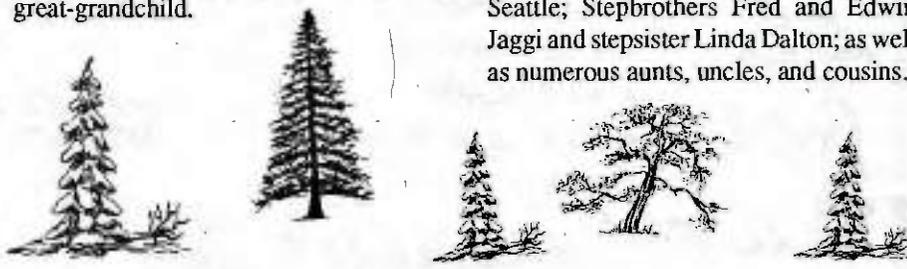
*It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of our Peninsula friends and neighbors...*

Florence (Marie) Wesserling Salatino, 75, died December 21, 1989. Born February 3, 1914, she was raised in Allyn, Washington and resided most of her adult life in Tacoma. She was a retired laundry worker from Peerless Laundry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur. Survivors include son, Michael; daughters, Alice Gahan and Nina O'Neil; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

April Gay Hoff, 48, died December 16, 1989. Born March 13, 1941, in Moline, Illinois, she had been employed as Assistant Director of Key Peninsula Community Services center at Home. She was involved in the early years of the Key Peninsula Health Services organization.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Gilman and Laretta Tank of Longbranch, stepdaughter Sabrina Hoff, Seattle; Stepbrothers Fred and Edwin Jaggi and stepsister Linda Dalton; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.



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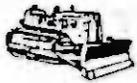
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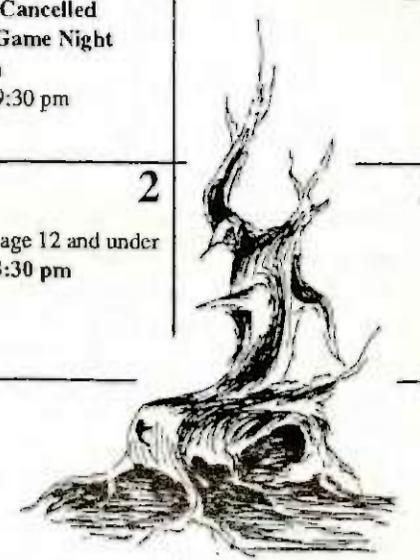
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		22 Wolf Den 3 3:30 - 5 pm Karate 6:30 - 8:00 pm Junior Girl Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm NA 7 - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 - 8:30 pm Open basketball 8 - 10 pm	23 Wolf Den 2 3:30 - 5:00 pm Fun Night 6:30 - 10 pm	24 Seniors 11 - 4 pm Brownies 3:15 - 5 pm Karate 6:30 - 8 pm Webelos 7 - 8:30 pm Hawk Patrol NA 7 - 8:30 pm	25 Skating Cancelled Family Game Night 7 pm AA 8 - 9:30 pm	26 27
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being decided; some construction monies were provided in the 1986 bond issue. The original plans called for modernization and partial rebuilding.

If the bond and levy issues are passed, the property tax rate will be about \$5.48 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 1991 and \$5.80 per thousand in 1992, as compared to the county average of \$6.96 in 1991. 3,302 voters will be needed to validate the election.

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facilities, something more is required.

Peninsula School District administrators are working toward a solution to insure PHS from a problem of that magnitude for at least the next 10 years.

Wheeler feels quite certain that if the bond issue is not passed, PHS could very easily encounter the same problems it experienced before. "One of the greatest things Peninsula has going for it is that care we're able to provide with a smaller enrollment," Wheeler said. "I'm really afraid we're going to lose that."

Planned additions to PHS include five new classrooms, a new gymnasium in place of the present north gym, a larger commons area, increased parking and

improved sports fields. Modifications will include: computer lab upgrading; library to accommodate the handicapped; auditorium refurbished. Improvements will be made to the administration area. Prep rooms, chemical storage facilities and better lab areas will be added to the science wing, and the industrial arts building will be improved to utilize more fine arts and vocational/technical programs. A therapy pool and better spectator seating will be added to the pool. The baseball field will be reoriented, the football field relighted. Also on the agenda is relocation of the track. The entry drive to the school is to be re-paved and the septic drain field improved as well.

John Armenia, assistant superintendent, said that basically the main thrust of the proposal toward PHS is to "recapture space that's really being underutilized. Before building a third high school, we want to look at every available option." This, he said, may include sending some students to other places for study available to both high schools, like Tacoma Community College, part of a day. "At this point," Armenia said, "expansion and modernization look like the most plausible alternatives."

(The Peninsula Outlook is the award-winning paper of Peninsula High School, produced by the students.)

## Welcome sign, others vandalized

by S. Retherford

Vandals uprooted Home's welcome sign on the corner of Key Peninsula Highway and McEwan Road. Mr. and Mrs. Osmond discovered the loss on the evening of December 30 and reported it immediately. In returning to the site to check for further clues, they found the sign in the brush nearby and took it for safekeeping.

The signs, one near the Home bridge and the one at McEwan road were established on May 21, 1986. About fifty residents assembled for the official placing of the signs. Paul Woodman had constructed them and he and Marie Brown painted them. Simon Greco, a commercial artist, designed the signs. Many persons helped with a post hole digger and shovels.

Plans for repainting and resetting of the sign are underway and Home citizens sincerely hope vandals will forego further damage of our community welcome sign.

Shortly before press time, the KP NEWS learned that a local business sign on the Key Peninsula highway was also removed by vandals. It is hoped that that sign will be returned.

## Your Park Board reports

by Daphne Daus



The Park Board will begin the new decade with three new commissioners: Tim Kezelle, Scott Marcus and Mike Salatino. All of us owe our outgoing commissioners a debt of gratitude for commitment to area residents. Mike Kent put in countless hours of service at Volunteer Park and the Civic Center. Kay Harvey has always been willing to assist on Park District projects from Summer Fun to contract negotiations, and Jim Penfield came on board once again to help us retain stability until new members came on board in January. Thank you all!

I expect the 90's to bring a certain degree of change to the direction of the Park District. Success of our Summer Fun program showed us the need for more athletic programs utilizing a broader range of district facilities. Our football clinic was extremely successful last summer, and perhaps we can expand that concept to include tennis and soccer. I spent some time looking into concerts that could be performed at the Civic Center and enjoyed by the entire community.

We will be looking to expand the play area and equipment at Volunteer Park during the coming year. We received a very generous gift from the Angel Guild for the purchase of playground equipment. A committee will be formed to decide how best to place the equipment for maximum use and safety.

We are scheduled to hold a maintenance and operation levy in the fall of 1990, and will be submitting our projected and actual budgets for 1989 and a statement regarding our facilities' needs.

I want to thank all who so generously gave time, talent, or resources to the KP Park and Recreation District during 1989. Without your commitment we could not have provided the programs and facilities for our residents' enjoyment and use.

## Safeplace for kids program planned

by Liz Wekell

The Key Peninsula Fire Department (KPF) has increased its community services by becoming a SafePlace site.

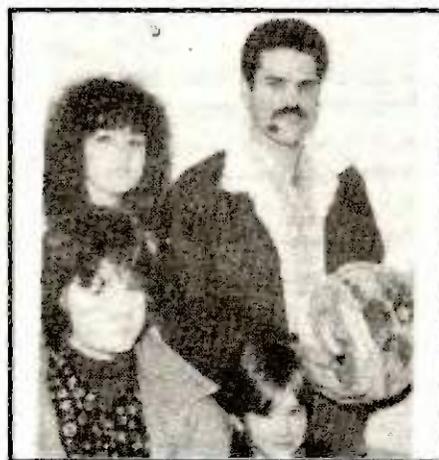
SafePlace is an innovative, nationally acclaimed program offering help to teenagers in crisis. SafePlace sites are fire stations, service clubs, or commercial locations to which teens can go to use a hotline and existing intervention and prevention services. After talking with the young person, trained volunteers decide

how SafePlace can best help. Sometimes kids are returned home. If a child is running from an abusive or unhealthy home situation, temporary housing is offered in state-licensed, private host homes. This gives youth a safe time-out for 24 hours or until long-term services can be arranged.

SafePlace is happy to have the support of KPF. It is hoped that community involvement will increase as SafePlace becomes better known on Key Peninsula.

The SafePlace program cannot open until at least six KP volunteers are trained and assigned to this site. Volunteers also are needed as temporary hosts for youth. Neither task is time consuming; each is essential.

For questions or comments on SafePlace, please call 627-4050.



KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile  
The winner of our KP NEWS Christmas turkey give-away was Randy Hook, shown here with his family. So many people entered that we gave away a second turkey. That winner was Dee Lamar.