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FD 16 part of First Responder celebration

FD 16 has participated in the Honoring First Responders event at Gig Harbor United Methodist Church since the event began in 2009. Attendance has grown each year, and was estimated at 2,000, up from 800 last year.

By Peter Ruble, KP News

First responders from the Key Peninsula Fire, Gig Harbor Fire, and Gig Harbor Police departments were honored at the Gig Harbor United Methodist church on Sept. 17. The event

featured prominent local businesses as well as a KPFD fire truck, a Pierce County SWAT team vehicle, and a Gig Harbor Police Department patrol boat. Children and adults alike were treated to free food and drinks from local Gig Harbor restaurants as well as photo opportunities with prominent police and fire department officials alongside their vehicles and equipment.

This date marked the third anniversary of the event, which was organized this year by chairman Ken Roberts. Roberts, who formerly worked in a New York office that was destroyed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, said the event drew a crowd of

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Simple steps avert falls

By Peter Ruble, KP News

The Key Peninsula Fire Departments is coordinating with Franciscan Health System medical services provider for the second year to address the risk of injuries and deaths from falling accidents among older independent adults and people with chronic medical conditions. According to the National Safety Council, more than one million Americans experience a significant falling accident each year and approximately 17,000 of them are fatal.

Kaci Sun of the KPFD is one of the department's paramedics. She has responded to incidents involving falls from rooftops, ladders and buckling knees. Loss of balance due to a lack of exercise, dehydration and alcohol are some of the leading causes of falling injuries, she said.

To help paramedics respond more quickly to falling accidents, Franciscan Health System offers its Philips Lifeline necklace. The necklace has a button that

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Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

A watchful eye

This little ringed plover stopped in Glen Cove and seemed to sense it was being watched.

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approximately 2,000 people, an increase from the 800 who attended last year.

"The local government doesn't offer enough support for the first responders," said Roberts. "We've had police officers from Seattle come here specifically because of the support they get from the local community here."

After people had a chance to mingle at the business display booths and first responder equipment, a full fledged bagpipe band led the crowd inside the church where they were greeted by an official military salute.

Then, they had a chance to see some of the highest ranking first responders in the Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula region receive awards of recognition.

Among those honored and awarded were Key Peninsula Fire District 16 Chiefs Tom Lique and Chuck West. Lique is a 25-year veteran first responder who said he was hooked by the excitement of the job right after high school. Lique credits both the financial and non-financial support received from the community.

"We are entirely dependant on tax payer dollars," said Lique. "Without them we wouldn't be able to operate. It's not just the financial support, it's the handshakes and smiles we get. There's a lot of positive energy."

Lique said he was initially motivated by first responder calls, but is now more focused on a leadership role and sharing information with other first responders and the community.

"It's great. It gives us the opportunity to work with other agencies," said KPFD



Fire Chief Tom Lique took part in the ceremonies honoring first responders that was hosted at Gig Harbor United methodist Church.

Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Chief West, commenting on the event. "We also like to give people a chance to recognize what we do. A lot of people are surprised to find that we do a lot more than respond to fires."

West advises young aspiring first responders to work on all aspects of their education and keep physically fit. "You have to be a jack of all trades to be a first responder."

Heinz Malon, one of the honorary

awards presenters, credited Fire District 16 for responding to a fire at his home. "Thanks to Fire District 16, I still have a house," said Malon.

Attendee Lee Greenawalt cited another act of heroism by local first responders. Greenawalt, who is a professional caregiver, said that one of the caregivers working for him has a son who experienced a major motorcycle accident. Greenawalt said the young man would have surely died

had it not been for the quickness and efficiency of the first responders who airlifted him to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Miss Washington, Angelina Kayyalaynen, credited first responders for their poise in the face of emergency. "It actually amuses me how they are able to have a smile on their face while responding to an incident that would cause me to be physically ill," said Kayyalaynen.

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Call for KP News columnist submissions

If you've got something to say, we're looking for you to become part of the Voice of the Key Peninsula. The Key Peninsula News is looking for guest columnists to contribute columns on a rotating basis in 2012.

The columns may be entertaining, informative, humorous or serious and must pertain to topics relevant to Key Peninsula readers. Previous published work is not a requirement for this position, which is unpaid.

To be considered, please submit the following: a one-paragraph biography or background summary, a one-paragraph proposal outlining your column ideas and potential topics, and at least two proposed columns of 500 to 600 words or less.

Submissions must be emailed to news@keypennews.com. We do not accept handwritten or postal mailed copies. All columnists are required to submit their work through email, and so must have access

to a computer to accommodate the electronic production of the KP News.

If you have questions, call us at 884-4699. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 1. The finalists will be selected in November, and those selected will be announced in our December edition. The first rotation will begin in January.

KP News wants your feedback

We recently held our staff retreat and looked at ways to better serve our readers. While we came up with a few of our own ideas, we'd really like to hear yours. Please send us your suggestions for "Fresh Content in 2012," to our email address: news@keypennews.com. You can always give us a call at 884-4699, or leave a comment on our Facebook page at facebook.com/pages/Key-Peninsula-News.

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can instantly notify paramedics in the event of a fall.

"Even if they don't press the button, it measures speed of movement and has a 30 second timer," said Carmen Helle of the Franciscan Health System. "If there's no movement within 30 seconds emergency services are instantly notified."

Franciscan Lifeline, which is part of the Franciscan Health System, has a checklist for fall prevention. It recommends removing rugs, magazines and books from the floor. It also recommends having an electrician put in a light switch at the top and bottom of the stairs. Non-slip rubber mats or self-stick strips should be placed on the floor of the tub or shower.

It's also a good idea to have a handyman or a carpenter put in grab bars next to and inside the tub and next to the toilet. Sturdy shoes with thin, non-slip soles and uniform lighting in the home are recommended. At-risk individuals should review medications with their doctor or pharmacist and exercise regularly.

Ian Warren, a pharmacist at Cost Less Pharmacy in Wauna, said medications for anxiety, anti-depressants, and over the

counter drugs have some of the most risky side effects in terms of affecting someone's coordination and balance.

"You need to ask yourself if the benefit of the medication outweighs the risk of falling," said Warren.

Good balance and strong muscles can help keep us steady as we age.

"The number one fall prevention is exercise," said Helle. "Falling isn't part of the normal aging process." Some of the recommended exercises are simply sitting down on a chair and then standing up repeatedly, as well as trying to maintain balance while placing one foot directly in front of the other. Any exercise that strengthens the muscles around the knees can help prevent falling injuries.

Wellness Dietitian Robin Beeson says that falls related to dizziness caused by low hydration and blood sugar can be prevented by a proper intake of water, as well as avoiding caffeine and alcohol.

"People don't realize how much water affects energy," said Beeson. "People should drink one half of their body weight in ounces each day."

For people who want more flavor she recommends herbal teas and decaffeinated coffee.

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Location: VFW Room, KPCC
 Date/Time: Saturdays 9-10 am
 Tues. 9:15-10:15 am
 Fee: \$53 for punch card of 6 classes

Indoor Soccer

Ages: 4-7
 Location: KP Middle School Gym
 Day/Date: Saturdays, 10/1-11/5
 (age 6-7) 10-10:50 am
 (age 4-5) 11-11:50 am
 Fee: \$45
 Min/Max: 10/20 per age group

3rd Annual All-Hallows Harvest Celebration

Fun for the whole family! Join us for music, entertainment, pumpkin judging & costume contest. (see below) Music entertainment w/Billy Farmer and storytelling by the fire w/Karen Haas. Bring flashlights for the goodie hunt & roasting sticks for S'mores! Rain or shine.

Location: Volunteer Park
 Day/Date: Saturday 10/15
 Time: 6-8 pm
 Cost: Free

Note: \$ donation or can of food for the food bank would be appreciated

Judging Contests

Adults (16 & Up) Pumpkin Carving Contest (carve pumpkins ahead of time and bring to event.)

Youth (15 & under) Come in costume for a chance to win a prize! Judging begins at 6 pm & runs until 7:30. Winner announced at 7:45

Breakfast with Santa

Create a new family tradition w/lots of happy memories. Enjoy a pancake breakfast w/Father Christmas. Includes breakfast, holiday arts & crafts, music, & photo w/Santa Claus. Breakfast w/ Santa made possible by Key Peninsula Fire Department & Key Pen Parks. Registrations day of event will be

accepted on space available basis.

Location: Key Center Fire Station
 Day/Date: Saturday, December 3
 Time: 9 am-11 am
 Cost: Pre-Reg \$4/person
 \$6 day of event

Note: Register by November 29

Winter Camp

It may be cold and dreary, but inside Winter Break Camp things are just heating up! Something for everyone w/activities including games, arts & crafts, sports & fitness, & more! Reunite with your old friends, or make some new ones. Bring a sack lunch & drink daily. Afternoon snack provided.

Grades: K-6
 Location: Civic Center
 Day/Date: 12/19-22
 Fee: \$85 all 4 days
 \$29/day drop in rate on space available
 Time: 9 am-4 pm
 Min/Max: 10/20

Pacific Science Center Trip

Want to learn something new over break in a fun way? Sign up for this trip to visit the Pacific Science Center in Seattle! Participants must bring a sack lunch & drink.

Grades: K-6
 Date: 12/27
 Location: Trip departs from and returns to Vol. Pk
 Fee: \$39
 Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 Min/Max: 8/10

Snowshoe Trip

Want to get some extra snow time this winter? Sign up for this trip to get involved in a different kind of winter sport at Mt. Rainier! Bring a sack lunch & drink.

Age: 8-13
 Date: 12/28
 Location: Trip departs from and returns to Vol. Pk
 Fee: \$39
 Time: 8 am-4 pm
 Min/Max: 8/10

Note: Deadline to register for Winter Camp and trips 12/16

2012 Budget Hearings

Key Pen Parks will hold a second public meeting to discuss Key Pen Parks 2012 Budget as required by RCW 84.52.020 on Monday October 24 at Volunteer Park Annex beginning at 7:00 pm.

Get ready for the holiday season at the...

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Type of Chili: Beef Chicken Pork Veggie

Entry fee is \$8 (to be pooled and awarded as prize money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.)

Judging will begin at 12:00pm in the Whimsies Room. Please bring your chili in a crock pot, to keep warm, no earlier than 11am, and no later than 11:45am. There may be two rounds, depending upon the number of entries. You can expect 3-5 judges per round. There will be no public sampling of chili entries due to TPCHD regulations. Mail application and payment to: KPCCA, PO Box 81, Vaughn, WA 98294.

BRIEFS

Community

Flu shots available on the Key Peninsula

This year's influenza vaccine will be available to all adults in the community. It is recommended for all adults, especially those over 65. Medicare typically pays for this vaccine. Through special arrangements with the Key Peninsula Health Center, the vaccine will also be available at these clinics to community members without insurance on a donation basis.

Saturday-Oct. 15—Key Medical Center in Key Center- 15610 89th St. From 9 a.m. to noon

Monday-Oct. 17 Herron Island at the Fire Station at 4 p.m.

Wednesday-Oct. 19 at the Senior Center at noon.

If there is sufficient demand another clinic will be set up in early November.

Friday Night Skate volunteers ready

Friday Night Skate is the longest running youth program on the Key Peninsula. This year 39 high school aged kids participated in the mandatory Skate Night Orientation Program. Program Manager Troy Milles started the volunteer orientation program last year to help focus the teens on job responsibilities at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, and to the Skate Night program.

Teens who complete this four-hour orientation have also volunteered for other community events, such as the Crab Feed

and Parks Appreciation Day.

Friday Night Skate resumed in September, and will continue through June 15. The program has four paid and four volunteer adult staff members who mentor the high school students who staff Skate Night. The teens help in all aspects of the program, including front and back office work.

Milles has implemented some changes and this year Skate Night is offering Birthday Party packages.

Skate Night is for Kindergarten through 8th grade only. Children can skate, dance in the designated dance area, play games in the game room that includes guitar hero, board games, puzzles and other activities. The balcony area, where parents and guardians may observe, is now open for seating away from the activity below. Pizza is sold whole or by the slice, hamburgers, nachos and corn dogs are also available.

For more information, call 884-3456.

Ribbon cutting for Key Center traffic signals

A ribbon cutting celebration is planned on Oct. 31 for the Key Center intersection and its new traffic signals. The honorable flashing light will be relieved from its duties after over a half century of service. The flashing light has a "Handle with Care" designation for the inspector and contractor. The County Engineer plans to give the flashing light to the Key Peninsula Historical Society's museum.

KPCCA Seeks Board Members, Officers

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA) is seeking new Board Members and Officers to help guide the organization in 2012. If you would like to assist with special events, work on the Emergency Shelter project, and get involved with this great organization, we welcome you to join the Board!

Our annual elections will be held on November 10th. Please contact our business office before October 13th to indicate your interest in joining the Board.

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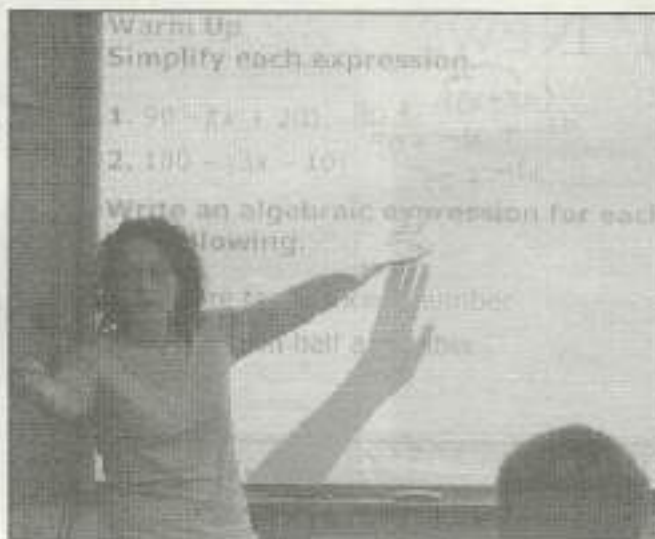
PSD Students Score Well on New End of Course Math Assessments

Recently released results from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction show that Peninsula School District high school students scored well above state average on the new end-of-year math exams.

The assessments have replaced the math high school proficiency exams and are specific to algebra or geometry. They are taken by all students in grades 7-12 who are enrolled in algebra-1 and geometry classes.

Preliminary results show 80 percent of PSD students passing algebra and 80.8 passing geometry, compared to 62.4 percent and 72.9 percent state averages, respectively.

"We're very pleased," said Director of Assessment Amy Nelson. "I'm proud of our students and teachers. Their hard work is evident in these results." Peninsula High School Principal Tim Winter said last year's focus on improving math scores has paid off.



Peninsula High School math teacher Kim Demantio uses a SMARTBoard for a warmup exercise at the beginning of a class.

"Math teachers worked very hard on the state standards to prepare their students for success on the EOC," he said.

Kelly Indahl, Gig Harbor High School math teacher, said it was exciting to see the results of the assessments.

"I believe we still have plenty of room for improvement, but it is exciting to see how much our scores have improved over the previous year," she said.

She said several factors contributed to the improvement, including a more intentional focus on student learning, teacher team work and the adoption of new curriculum that is aligned with state standards and provides instruction continuity.

"Through the gift of collaboration time, teachers are able to work closely together to ensure that the learning in the classroom is guiding students toward success in meeting and exceeding state standards," she said. "We work as a team to support each other and inspire each other to enhance our teaching practices so that the focus truly is on student learning."

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying

The District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, volunteers and patrons, from harassment, intimidation or bullying. "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080(3), (race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristics, when the act: Physically harms a student or damages the student's property; Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. Policy 3207 and Procedure 3207p plus an Incident Reporting Form are prominently posted to all building websites and the District site: www.psd401.net

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PSEF Annual Fundraiser Breakfast October 6

Peninsula Schools Education Foundation is an independent non-profit community organization which provides additional sources of funding for educational projects in the Peninsula School District and works to enhance educational opportunities within the district. Annual Fundraiser Breakfast October 6, 2011, at 7:30 a.m. at Canterwood.

Key Note Speaker:

University of Washington President
Michael K. Young

District Refinances Bonds

PSD tax payers will save \$1.27 million in the next eight years after the district refinanced its 2003 and 2004 bonds. The district refinanced in order to take advantage of lower interest rates.

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Peninsula Views

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Community support is the driving force behind KP News

Dear Readers,

It is that time of year again, when KP News includes a donation envelope between the pages. Each year we ask for your support, and year after year the staff of the KP News is humbled by your response to our fund drive. It is with your generous donations and commitment to this newspaper that we are able to publish each month. We rely on our advertising partners and our readers. Without both of those components the Key Peninsula News would not survive as it is today.

Key Peninsula News has been published for more than three decades. It was originally created as the Key Peninsula Newsletter as a voice for the KP Civic Center. The monthly non-profit, community newspaper operates with part-time staff and dozens of volunteers, including volunteer writers and photographers.

KP News is owned by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, with an independent Newspaper Publishing Board acting as the publisher. KP News is distributed free to every household within its circulation area, which encompasses Key Peninsula and immediately adjacent areas within Fire District 16 service. Approximately 9,200 issues are distributed to every mailbox and P.O. box holder as well as some to various Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor and Kitsap businesses and locations, including local grocery stores, gas stations, libraries, Peninsula Light, banks and other centers.

The newspaper was re-launched in February 2003, after a five-month shutdown, and has been a thriving publication since. It is well supported by the community and by readers and has established a reputation as a quality community publication. KP News has grown in paid subscriptions (offered outside circulation area), page count, news coverage, and advertiser support.

The mission of the paper is "To support and create community by reporting news and features and providing a forum for local information."

Your donations allow us to continue to bring you a newspaper filled with important information about your community. We are a non-profit, but are as relevant as our for-profit counterparts.

We listen to you, our readers. Our commitment is to deliver news that is important to our community, and information that directly impacts your lives.

We love what we do here at the Key Peninsula News, and we appreciate your support.

On behalf of the staff of the KP News, thank you!

Marsha Hart, Executive Editor

Danna Webster, Assistant Editor



Marsha Hart, editor



Danna Webster, assistant editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Medical marijuana bad medicine

There have been a couple of articles in this paper over the past several months talking around and about the "legitimacy" and what a "public service" the medical marijuana dispensary in Key Center is. Just to set the record straight, I hear what they are trying to sell and I ain't buying it - the story or the product.

This is a very small community. While I'm sure there are some people who would not normally smoke pot under any other circumstances and are truly served by the convenience of this business, there are others who enjoy it because they smoke pot recreationally and this establishment makes it easier to acquire. The latter is the case whether directly sold by the store or it acts as an exchange, simply by its existence, putting suppliers together with re-sellers and/or users.

Anyone who lives on the Peninsula and cares about its reputation already has to spend too much time defending it as not being a place where the woods are teeming with meth labs and the residents are either consumers or victims of (meth) consumers. This is a nice place to live, pretty safe and has an exaggerated reputation when it comes to both drugs and crime.

The last thing any community needs are drug shops masquerading as medical dispensaries and/or growing supplies businesses. They are embarrassing, portray a bad image and attract both people and crime we all need less, not more, of.

You can put all the lipstick you want to on a pig. In the end, it still is what it is.

Michael Hays, Longbranch

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers and care

On Aug. 1, our husband and father, Don Olson, passed away. And now we want to thank everyone who helped us make Don's services something the family will remember forever.

Don's last ride through Key Center was amazing. Special thanks to the Fire Department leading the procession and having the last call, Pastor Bill Ketts' sermon and beautiful voice, and Dave Stocan's care and craftsmanship making the pine coffin.

Also, thank you all who came to the celebration of Don's life at the Civic Center in Vaughn. It was overwhelming. Having the Lions and Elks there to participate was special, and Cousin Cindl Walter's beautiful voice made our hearts swell. All of the contributed desserts were just fantastic, too.

We appreciated all of the wonderful and heartfelt cards and donations. They warmed our hearts.

Finally a big thank you to Dr. Roes and his staff for taking care of Don these many years, and St. Anthony for the last week of his care. This is such a great community, and we know why we wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Thank you all again.

Shirley Olson and family

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Lakebay resident embraces year in China

Editor's Note: Michael Silk is a Lakebay resident studying in Hong Kong, China for a year. Look for his column each month as he writes about his experiences there.

By Michael Silk
Special to the KP News

Hong Kong is truly a city of contrasts. It is where east meets west, the ancient meets modern-day, and crushing poverty meets immense wealth. Although the People's Republic of China technically governs it, it is considered to be one of the freest markets in the world. I live in a village that is 500 years old, in an apartment building that is only five years old. I've walked through villages and seen multi-million dollar mansions in the hillside looking down upon squatter shacks. The dichotomies of the place are evident everywhere.

Every day when I leave my apartment I walk through the village to be greeted

by a myriad of sights, smells, and experiences. The first thing that hits you when you leave the apartment is the weather. It, like most things here, is very different from my home in Lakebay. Most days it's in the 90s with the humidity somewhere near 80 percent. My walk to the university brings me past several small Mom-and-Pop groceries, the old men gambling playing Mahjong, the Buddhist temple, and the Chinese medicine shop.

Since I have been here, I have had the opportunity to go to some of the popular tourist sites and some of the less popular sites. One of the more typical places to visit in Hong Kong is Victoria Peak. There is a tram that takes you up the side of the mountain to a scenic view point of Hong Kong. The thing that strikes you when you look down on Hong Kong is the sheer size of it. As far as the eye can see there are skyscrapers. Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated areas of the world and you can see why. Almost

all-flat land is covered by skyscrapers. The city sometimes seems to be a long, interconnected series of apartment buildings, corporate buildings, and shopping malls. The immense urban sprawl really makes you appreciate even more the natural beauty of the Peninsula back home.

In the last few days, we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival. It is a sort of harvest festival that coincides with the harvest moon; it follows the Chinese lunar calendar and so is on a different day each year. It is a time for people to come together and celebrate the rewards of the labor of the year. The people of Hong Kong have been very open and accepting. I had the fortune of being able to attend a few different festival celebrations. Despite a large lack of English speakers here the people have made me feel welcome and are excited to share their culture with me.

The food has been one wonderful way

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to explore the native culture. I was surprised to learn how different the food is in the different regions of China. In the North the food typically consists of more noodles and is spicier, the food in the South is less spicy and contains more rice. I've had octopus tentacles, beef lung, pig intestines, coconut milk, and that was just in one night. You have to be adventurous sometimes but rarely does a sense of adventure result in disappointment.

Michael Silk has completed all four exams for his CPA, has a Bachelor's in Accountancy, and is pursuing a Masters of Science in International Banking and Finance at Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

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Right: Buddhist temples are part of the many colorful sights in Hong Kong.



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Now GED classes

Key Peninsula residents may complete a basic skills education for college entrance, employment skills, or a GED. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes (6 to 8 p.m.) are available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. Fall quarter began September 19. For detailed class information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

Now Swim times set

The following swim times have been set for the Camp Stand by Me Easter Seals Pool on Vaughn Road. Monday, Wednesday, Friday water aerobics, \$4.25/swim paid monthly, from 10-11 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday open swim, \$4.25/swim paid monthly, from 8-9 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday water aerobics, \$4.25/swim paid monthly, from 9:20-10:20 a.m.; register with Donna, 884-4473. Camp Stand by Me Easter Seals will have evening open swims on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and family swim on Wednesday

To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please e-mail news@keypennews.com or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98384. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

from 5-6 p.m. (children under two swim for free); \$4.25/swim or 10 swims with a punch card available for \$40. Swim lessons for levels 1, 2 and 3 will be offered in October. Call 884-2722 or email estone@wa.easterseals.com to register.

Saturdays & Tuesdays Zumba class

Zumba for ages 16+ is offered on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. and Tuesdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the VFW Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Fee is \$53 for a punch card, which is good for 2 months after purchase date. 884-9240.

Tuesdays & Thursdays Preschool play time

The Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center gym. Children play in a non-structured environment with age-appropriate toys. Parents must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome; stay for as long as you can. A \$1 donation per child is suggested. Call Tami, 884-5433 (work) or 853-4430 (home).

Oct. 1 Farms and fibers

"Threads through Time" will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. as part of the Fiber Arts Tour. The Farm Tour will include the following farms: Blue Willow Lavender Farm, the Bee Lady and Barefoot Boys Garden, Creviston Valley Farms, Bea's Flowers, Gentle Giant Meadows

Ranch, and Trillium Creek Winery. 884-9157.

Oct. 1 CPR training

CPR/First Aid training is taught from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Sign up at 884-2222.

Oct. 1 Indoor soccer begins

Boys and girls, ages 3-8, play indoor soccer from Oct. 1-Nov. 5 at the KP Middle School. Classes are held by ages: 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years and adult involvement is encouraged during sessions. Participants use scaled-down equipment and drills and games appropriate for their age and skill levels. There are 10-20 children per age group. Cost is \$45 which includes a t-shirt. Chad, 884-9240 or Chad@keypenpaths.com.

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Bloodmobile dates

The bloodmobile will be at Albertson's from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Story times at library

Baby story time at 10:15 a.m. will be followed by story play time at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Family story times

Family story times for toddlers will be held at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 6 Fuchsia club

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society meets at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Ginie, 884-9744.

Oct. 6 Earthquakes and Volcanoes

The Longbranch Improvement Club will sponsor a talk on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest" at 7 p.m. at the LIC Clubhouse. Research by Dr. Jeff Tepper, University of Puget Sound, has centered on the dynamics of the molten rock (magma) that lies under the earth's crust, and how this helps generate both earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. This free event is open to the public. 884-1384.

Oct. 6-7 Emergency training

The Key to Cooperation Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop, taught by certified instructors, is held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the KP Lutheran Church. To register, email keypen884@live.com or call 884-2222.

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Skate nights

Skate night for elementary and middle school students is from 6-9 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Entry is \$5 which includes skate rental and games. Fresh concessions are available. A parent observation area is now available. Halloween theme night is on the 28th. 884-3456.

Oct. 8 Second Saturday

The Friends of the Key Center Library present "Mask Making" at 11 a.m. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 10 Instrument fun

"Symphony on Wheels: Instrument Exploration" for ages 4 and up is presented at 11 a.m. at the Key Center

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Library. Learn about or play real instruments from a symphony orchestra. Free; no registration required. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 11 Friends meet

The Friends of the Key Center Library meet at 5 p.m. at the library. All Friends are welcome.

Oct. 11 T'ai Chi for seniors

A T'ai Chi class for seniors begins Oct. 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. at KP Community Services Senior Center in Home. The class will run for 10 weeks. 884-4440.

Oct. 11 & 27 Knit or Crochet

Loving Hearts meet from 1-3 p.m. at WayPoint Church to knit and crochet items for non-profits in the community. They meet from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 27. Yarn donations welcome. Virginia, 884-9619.

Oct. 13 Teen night

Teen time and origami is held at 5 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 13 Dr. Roes speaks

Dr. William Roes, a longtime physician on the Key Peninsula, speaks about his life and work at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This free event is spon-

sored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Donations for the local food bank are appreciated. 253-548-3309.

Oct. 15-16 Sitter class

A Safe Sitter class is offered from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Sign up at 884-2222.

Oct. 15 & Oct. 29 Mushroom workshop held

Ranger Dan Christian will hold his annual mushroom identification workshops from 1-3 p.m. at Penrose Point State Park. He will show participants the characteristics of mushrooms helpful for identification and try to key out mushrooms. This class will be

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays TOPS #1325

TOPS meets at 9 a.m. at the KP Lutheran Church. Free child care is provided. 884-2554.

Tuesdays Key Singers

The Key Singers, the KP community chorus, meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the KP Lutheran Church sanctuary. 884-5615.

Wednesdays Lakebay Writers

The Lakebay Writers meet from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-3931.

Watermark Writers

The Watermark Writers host a free

writer's workshop from 5-8 p.m. in Vaughn. Call 253-778-6559.

Thursdays Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet from 8-9 a.m. at the Key Center Library.

Thursdays Senior Potluck

The KP Senior Society meets at 11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center for a potluck and fellowship followed by games. 884-4981.

Saturdays Writers' Guild

The Writers' Guild meets from 9-11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-6455.

OFF THE KEY

Oct. 2 Scarecrow festival

PenMet Parks hosts a fun family-friendly event at Schmel Homestead Park. www.penmetparks.org

Oct. 8 Chum festival

Learn about salmon and their connection to the area, eat salmon burgers, salmon art and kayak races at the Donkey Creek Chum Festival. Be sure to visit the Harbor WildWatch touch tanks. www.gigharborguide.com.

Oct. 11, 18, & 25 Rug hooking class

Come and learn to rug hook on Tuesdays for three 2-hour sessions either from 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. \$60 kit includes 16x16 pattern, hook and recycled wool; class fee is \$75. Reserve with Catie, 206-351-7739.

Oct. 12, 19, & 26 Rug hookers gather

Bring your unfinished rug and meet new rug hookers on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. at the Purdy Art Center,

14307-67th Ave NW, Gig Harbor. Start a new project or get help on one. Utility fee is \$5. Reserve with Catie, 206-351-7739.

Oct. 14-15 Quilt festival

Beautiful quilt exhibits, auctions and classes will be held in Gig Harbor to support breast cancer research. www.gigharborquiltfestival.com.

Oct. 15-16 Film festival

Gig Harbor hosts an independent film festival with well-known celebrity guests. Gigharbortilmfestival.com.

Oct. 28 Pumpkin carving

Uptown Gig Harbor presents Giant Pumpkin Carving.

Oct. 31 Trick or treat

Trick or treat the merchants on Harborview and enjoy the WildWatch touch tanks at Jerisich Dock. www.ghbwa.org

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Community Fair Association

Oct. 4, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse VIP room. www.keyfair.org.

Key Pen Parks

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. in Volunteer Park Annex.

Oct. 24, 7 p.m. second budget meeting in Volunteer Park Annex.

Fire District 16

Oct. 11 & 25, 6 p.m. in meeting room at Key Center Fire Station.

Key Peninsula Council

Oct. 12, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

Peninsula School District Board

Oct. 13, 6 p.m. regular meeting at Voyager Elementary.

Oct. 27, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office.

KP Civic Center Board

Oct. 13, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room of KPCC.

LIC

Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. regular potluck at Longbranch Improvement Club.

KP Citizens Against Crime

Oct. 20, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station.

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GIG HARBOR \$225,000
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253-857-3304 #221741

Thru September 2011 Key Peninsula Real Estate MARKET REPORT

NON-WATERFRONT HOMES REPORT

Homes for Sale	150
Average List Price	\$233,976
(price per sq ft)	\$123
Average Days on Market	176
Homes Sold (ytd)	128
Average Sold Price	\$155,032
(price per sq ft)	\$98
Average Days on Market	140
Properties Pending	47

WATERFRONT REPORT

Homes for Sale	38
Average List Price	\$439,050
(price per sq ft)	\$225
Average Days on Market	184
Homes Sold (ytd)	17
Average Sold Price	\$434,882
(price per sq ft)	\$218
Average Days on Market	174
Properties Pending	7

LAND REPORT

Land for Sale	229
Average List Price	\$99,794
(price per acre)	\$76,220
Average Days on Market	454
Land Sold (ytd)	18
Average Sold Price	\$73,775
(price per acre)	\$71,506
Average Days on Market	255
Properties Pending	4

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The State of Key Peninsula Real Estate

Each month the Key Peninsula Monthly Real Estate Market Report provides a snapshot of what's happening in your backyard. Last month a reader called asking for clarification of a few numbers. That phone call prompted me to think that perhaps other readers are thinking the same thing—while it is nice to see the monthly figures what do these numbers really mean overall? How is 2011 comparing to 2010? Good questions, so this month I present to you a "State of Real Estate Report" which will hopefully give meaning to all these numbers.

The Monthly Real Estate Report is broken down into three categories: (1) Non-Waterfront Homes Report, (2) Waterfront Homes Report, and (3) Land Report (combined waterfront and non-waterfront) on the Key Peninsula only. Monthly and/or year-to-date averages are included in the reports (for example, this month year-to-date averages include Jan. 1 thru Sept. 10). A closer look at the three categories reveals some interesting facts.

NON-WATERFRONT HOMES REPORT

For starters, list prices in 2011 are \$30,000 lower than 2010. Homes are selling on average \$50,000 lower in 2011 than 2010. Buyers are still shopping by price. In 2010, 50 percent of sales were bank owned or short sales while in 2011 that number increased to 58 percent. Distressed properties continue to drive down

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home prices. Surprisingly, time on market for active listings increased year over year from 136 days to 176 days.

Now for the good news: There are 20 percent fewer non-waterfront homes on the market today compared to the same period one year ago. Ten more homes sold year-to-date compared to the same time period one year ago. The sold price per square foot remained virtually unchanged, and the average time on market from active to sold dropped to 140 days. Comparing month-to-month, year-over-year there has been a 55 percent increase in the number of sold homes and a 50 percent increase in the number of pending homes. These are good numbers.

WATERFRONT HOMES REPORT

There are 25 percent fewer waterfront homes on the market today compared to the same period last year. The average list price today is \$50,000 lower than 2010, yet homes are selling at an average of \$60,000 higher in 2011 compared to 2010. To put this into perspective, the average list price in 2010 was \$489,000 with the average sold price of \$381,000 while in 2011 the average list price is \$439,000 with an average sold price of \$435,000. Homes are selling within 95 to 100 percent of

list price compared to a more volatile 80 to 103 percent experienced last year. Waterfront buyers are no longer shopping by price alone. A mixture of lower and higher priced waterfront homes are selling, therefore increasing the price per square foot from a low \$146 in 2010 to \$218 in 2011. That's a significant increase. And while the number of sold waterfront homes in 2010 and 2011 is 17 per year, the even number of sales makes for excellent comparison.

More good news, Average days on market plummeted more than 50 percent from a whopping 391 days in 2010 to 174 in 2011. Are sellers pricing properties to sell? Or are buyers taking advantage of lower interest rates and reasonable pricing? Yes and Yes.

LAND REPORT

There are 10 percent fewer vacant land properties on the market today (229) compared to the same period in 2010 (254). The average list price is \$21,000 lower, yet land is selling on average \$22,000 higher in 2011 than 2010. Translation, the average list price in 2010 was \$121,000 with the average selling price of \$57,000. In 2011 the average list price is \$100,000 with an average selling price of \$74,000.

Only 18 vacant properties sold in 2011 compared to 26 during the same time period in 2010. Consequently, the average number of days on market increased to a whopping 454 days compared to 155 days in 2010. Vacant land financing is difficult to obtain, making land contracts a good option.

It's a lot to digest but hopefully this "State of Real Estate Report" has provided you with year-over-year comparison of Key Peninsula real estate. Buried within these numbers is discouraging news and positive emerging trends. So next time you hear a real estate pundit citing national figures of doom and gloom, turn down the volume. Remember, real estate is local and each market offers new challenges and ways to achieve the American Dream.

Ideas? Suggestions? Comments? Call, email or text Tracy Butzko, RE/ALTOR® ABR®, John L. Scott, Gig Harbor @ 253-617-9670 or tracybutzko@johnlscott.com.

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outside under a picnic shelter. Bring fresh mushrooms for identification, if desired. The first 15 people who call to register will be taken for the class. No charge, but there is a \$10 fee to enter the park unless you have a \$30 annual pass. To register, call Dan at 884-2514.

Oct. 15 Lyme group

The Lyme Support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

Oct. 15 Harvest celebration

Enjoy a family fun evening at the 3rd annual All-Hallows Harvest from 6-8 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Key Pen Parks offers a free evening of music by Billy Farmer, pumpkin judging, costume judging and story-telling (7-8 p.m.) by Karen Haas. A "goody hunt" for children happens from 7:20-8. Bring lawn chairs and roasting sticks for S'mores. A dollar donation or a can of food for the

food bank is appreciated. Judging rules: Adults (16 and up) carve pumpkins at home; judging will be from 6-7:30 p.m. with winner announced at 7:45. Youth (15 and under) Come in costume; judging will be from 6-7:30 with winner announced at 7:45.

Oct. 20 Candidates Forum

The commissioner candidates for fire, parks and schools will present an open panel discussion focusing on serving the Key Peninsula. The League of Women Voters document analyzing the 2011 ballot initiatives and resolutions will be available to guests who attend the Forum. The Forum is Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Whitmore Room of the Civic Center. The Forum is a cooperative presentation by the Key Peninsula Business Association, Civic Center, Community Council and the KP News. 884-3456.

Oct. 22 Monster bash

The KP Civic Center hosts a Monster Bash Halloween costume extravaganza

for 21+ folks. Mr. Tadpole will be rocking the house starting at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. Cash prizes for best costume. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; price includes an October Fest dinner - bratwurst & sides - and a no-host bar. Tickets are available at Sunnycrest Nursery and the KP Civic Center. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

Oct. 22 Croptoberfest

An album-making scrapbooking extravaganza takes place from 12-10 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center. Register at least 3 people (including self) and get a gift. Early registration is \$35 (until 10/8) then it's \$40. Registration includes dinner, goody bag, mini-workshops, 8 feet of work space, etc. Register at kpciviccenter.org. For more information call Carla at 884-9697.

Oct. 24 Park budget hearing

Key Pen Parks will hold its second public meeting to discuss Key Pen Parks 2012 Budget as required by RCW 84.52.020.

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Be at Peace

On Sunday, September 11, I preached a sermon based on Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers." It was a call to Christ-followers to be peacemakers in our world, to live peaceably toward our neighbor, our land, our country, and even our enemies. It was a reminder that we are expected to practice forgiveness and mercy toward those who offend us.

The next day, as I was driving through Home enjoying the late summer weather, I was passed by a large pickup full of teenagers.

They roared by at twice the legal limit (at least), taunting me as they continued recklessly on their way. I confess - in a moment, all thoughts of peacemaking went out the window. I wasn't considering forgiveness or mercy at that particular moment. What I was thinking, I probably shouldn't say in this space.

This is the tough reality: we live with ideals, seeking to practice healthy ways of living and thinking, while at the same

time our feet are firmly planted in the mud and grime of a broken world. We want peace and freedom to pursue happiness, yet our paths intersect with people who seem to have other ideas. Whether from idiots driving recklessly down the highway or terrorists attacking our homeland, our peace and contentment are threatened on a daily basis.

Paul wrote about this to the early Christians in Rome. He said, "As much as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Paul understood human nature. He knew that sometimes all our efforts at being good neighbors are for naught. He recognized that, even when we try to live peaceably and peacefully in the world, there will always be others who choose anger, abuse, or attack.

Sometimes it is easy to be naïve. We assume that this is going to be easy. If I just



Dan Whitmarsh
Writing by Faith

use my soothing voice and reconciliation skills, my neighbor will suddenly become my friend. If I'm a considerate driver, I'll never have to deal with nimrods running me off the road. Or, more seriously, if we're just nice people, we'll never have enemies who seek to destroy us.

By this point in my life, I've learned it doesn't work that way. People have attacked me in spite of my good intentions. People have ignored my apologies when I've done wrong. People have taken advantage of my unwillingness to fight back. People have treated me unfairly. That's reality.

The words of Jesus and of Paul, how-

ever, make clear that our response isn't contingent on the actions of others. We're called to be peacemakers. While others may not reciprocate, our call is still to "live at peace with everyone."

In the end, I had to let the pickup go, choosing to lay aside the anger I felt. The choice to live peaceably is proven in exactly these moments. Nothing is gained by seeking revenge or acting out of anger. Besides, the day was still beautiful and my family was waiting at home. I could do nothing about the pickup, but I could choose to be at peace in my heart, and that was the best reward.

(Post-script: I still harbor concern, knowing just what a danger these drivers can be. To that end, I hope our friendly neighborhood officer catches them sometime soon and, by means of a hefty ticket, teaches them to drive in a safer manner.)

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FIRE DISTRICT 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for Aug. 15 to Sept. 15

The following is a partial list of reports for Fire District 16 from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15. For a complete list, go to www.keypennews.com.

Total Calls: 163
EMS: 103
Fire/service: 49
Other: 11

Sept. 3

While riding a bicycle in her Wauna neighborhood, a 62-year-old woman fell from her bike when she went over a speed bump. The woman received minor injuries and was treated and transported to St Anthony hospital.

Sept. 4

A 4-year-old Vaughn girl sustained a nasty cut on the top of her foot after tripping and falling over a dog food dish at home. Firefighters bandaged the wound before family members drove her to a local emergency room for follow up care.

Sept. 6

A 57-year-old man called 9-1-1 from a gas station's pay phone to complain of leg cramps. Firefighters treated the man for his alleged pain, but the man's story caused them to suspect the man's real intent was to receive a ride to Tacoma. Instead, he was transported from Rocky Bay to a Gig Harbor hospital. Once inside the hospital, the man got up and walked out. He was last seen heading towards Tacoma. Nursing staff advised the firefighters the man did the same the day before.

Sept. 7

A woman fell down several stairs over two weeks ago and was taken by her family to a local hospital for stitches to her head. For the last couple of days, her hip had been aching and was suspected to be related to her earlier fall. The 62-year-old called 9-1-1 after she was no longer able to bear weight. Key Peninsula Medic One transported her to a Gig Harbor hospital

for additional evaluation and treatment.

Sept. 8

Specially trained KP Firefighters were deployed to Goldendale to help with a Wildland fire. Two "red carded" off-duty career firefighters and one of the volunteers left mid-afternoon to assist state DNR crews with the 4,300 acre Monastery Complex fire. The two Strike Team Leaders spent four days helping with structural protection before returning.

Sept. 9

A Wauna man performing wheelies on his bicycle lost control and fell backward with the bike landing on his leg and ankle. He heard a popping noise and felt great pain in his ankle. Key Peninsula Medic One responded and splinted the 21-year-old man's injury before transporting him to a local hospital for further treatment.

Sept. 10

A small brush fire in Longbranch ignited a horse trailer in an early morning fire. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Sept. 11

On this solemn day KP fire crews were kept busy responding to 13 calls for assistance. Six people were transported by ambulance to area hospitals, while two motor vehicle accidents were non-injury, four automatic fire alarms proved false and someone managed to open a fire hydrant in Key Center.

Sept. 14

A two-acre Wildland fire overwhelmed the resources of Key Peninsula fire requiring assistance from Gig Harbor firefighters. The morning fire off Tea Creston Rd KPS kept firefighters busy for most of the day with follow-up visits the next day for hot spots.

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SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for Aug. 19 through Sept. 21

The following is a partial list of reports for Pierce County Sheriff's Department from Aug. 19 to Sept. 21. For a complete list, go to www.keypennews.com.

Sept. 12

16600 block of 40th St. Ct KPN, Lakebay: Arrest. A man was arrested on suspicion of marijuana producing. Medium to large planted plants in planter containers were confiscated. While investigating a violation of court order, officers discovered a marijuana grow at residence for medicinal purposes.

Sept. 13

13900 block of 97th Ave N.W. KPN: Burglary—no force entry. Stolen electronic games TV, Games Xbox Wii Playstation, computer, monitor LCD, battery pack charger, cell phone, PDA. After family returned from trip to Las Vegas they noticed some items missing. Victims did not find any unsecured doors or window and has

no idea how the subjects may have entered the home. Numerous other items of value left undisturbed. No recoverable evidence at the scene.

11600 block of 122nd Ave. KPN: Fraud credit card ATM ID theft. A victim phoned to report the use of his Columbia Bank credit card for two withdrawals from two ATM machines in California totaling \$1000. There was no suspect information.

Sept. 14

13900 block of 142nd Ave. KPN 98329: Fraud credit card ATM ID theft. Victim reported notification from Columbia Bank on 9-7-2011 and learned her debit card was used for three online purchases. Victim said she was still in possession of her card and it required a pin. No suspect information.

Sept. 16

20100 block of 21st St. KPN, Lakebay: Harassment, verbal threats only. While

delivering phone books for CenturyLink, a victim saw the suspect's dog outside by itself. He set the phone book on the front porch and left. When he drove back the dog was still standing in the driveway. He went home and a little while later the suspect 1 showed up at his house to ask him if he had her dog. She said she called CenturyLink and asked who was delivering phone books in her neighborhood. The victim offered to show Suspect 1 around his house and property to look for her dog, so she would know he didn't have her dog. Suspect 1 left on good terms and about an hour later Suspect 2 showed up yelling and screaming at him. Suspect 1 said the dog is chipped and we know it is here so you better give her back. The victim said, "I am sorry I don't have your dog and if it is chipped you should call the company it is chipped with to find her location." Suspect 1 didn't like what he said and told him, "If I find my dog here, I am going to bash heads" and left in a 1989 (and later) green

Jeep Cherokee with orange flame on hood.

Traffic DUI/ traffic accident collision, non-fatal injury, 92nd St/Olson Dr. At 3:28 p.m. a grey Ford Explorer went down a bank below the road into a large growth of blackberry bushes. The driver and her 21-month-old baby were outside the vehicle waiting for help. Fire staff carried the baby up the hill and the deputy helped the driver up the hill. The driver exhibited signs of being under the influence while she fixed her shoe, which she thought had caused the accident. One firefighter who responded to the scene, told the deputy he saw the same Ford Explorer traveling on KP Highway prior to the accident. The travel was very erratic, crossing center lines and fog lines. He said the car pulled into a driveway cutting off another vehicle causing the vehicle to avoid the Explorer. Then it backed back into traffic nearly hitting another vehicle. The deputy asked the driver,

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while she was sitting in the ambulance, what happened. She told him that her daughter had gotten out of her car seat and grabbed the steering wheel causing her to go down the embankment. The deputy asked her to explain. She told him she was not very nice to her and threw her back into the seat and got three out of the four straps on her before they went down the bank. The driver told the deputy her daughter has wrecked their car into the side of their garage prior to today. The deputy asked the driver if she had been drinking and she replied no. She said she took prescription meds, a small dose of clonopin at 5:30 and she had breakfast. A test revealed no signs of intoxicants and a DRE was requested. Another deputy agreed to meet the driver at TG when she arrived. The driver said she would not be going to the hospital due to her self-examination. The deputy was able to convince her to go. Mr. View towing pulled the vehicle out of the blackberries. The damage to the vehicle was consistent with the marks on the telephone pole and warning sign that was broken.

Sept. 17

Arrest: Pierce County deputy assisted Kitsap County detectives with search warrant at a home in the 14000 block of 97th Ave. NW. Methamphetamine was found and a large amount of drugs, firearms and stolen property was recovered. Suspect was taken into custody.

Unknown persons used a tow strap and snapped a telephone pole in the 15700 block of 94th Ave. NW. The unknown suspects then cut and coiled up 1000 ft. of copper communication wiring.

1200 block of Tiedman Rd. KPS, Lakebay: Stolen car. Unknown persons removed the victim's vehicle from his driveway. Victim followed suspects for about 10 minutes then called 9-1-1 to file the report. The dispatcher told him to pull over and wait to be contacted by a deputy. The victim said he last saw the vehicle heading northbound on Kramer Rd. KPN at KP Highway N.

Sept. 18

Key Center Transfer Station: Theft, vandalism. Suspect(s) broke into the office and a nearby storage container taking a small safe, portable generator and leaf blower. The business's wheelbarrow was found

in the woods and appeared to have been used to move the stolen items to a waiting vehicle. There are no suspects in this case.

Sept. 19

15200 block of 118th Ave. NW: Burglary. While resident was gone, suspect(s) pried open locked sliding glass door of his bedroom and went into the house taking things from every room including flat screen TV, computer, safe, a lot of collectable type items, and about \$1,000 in cash that was hidden in bathroom. There was no suspect information or recoverable evidence.

Sept. 20

Home Shell station: A witness saw an early 2000s model silver Honda Civic parked at corner of 2nd and B Streets. Three subjects got out of the car wearing dark clothes and backpacks, the driver stayed in the car. The three walked to the gas station and later ran back to the car as the business alarm went off. The car sped off eastbound on B Street. The victim reported Marlboro cigarettes and four cases of Busch beer stolen. Due to hoodie sweatshirts all subjects were unidentifiable.

At Key Peninsula Highway N and Ol-

son Drive Officer ran license plate on gray Dodge Neon and found tabs expired and vehicle had been sold in Jan 2010. The driver said the vehicle was his parent's and his license was DWLS for unpaid tickets. The car was parked legally in a parking lot so driver walked home.

Sept. 21



15600 84th St. KPN, Lakebay: A southbound vehicle at Key Center construction site swerved onto the shoulder and struck construction cones getting them stuck under the vehicle. Officer followed vehicle onto westbound 84th St. KPN and found two cones and skid marks in freshly damaged brush. The vehicle was located in back of property in the 15600 block of 84th St. and after a short search the driver and two other suspects were found hiding. The driver was told he was being arrested on Kitsap County charges. The driver then asked the officer to get new shoes from the vehicle. He said his feet smelled so bad that he didn't want to be taken into jail like that. When Officer retrieved the shoes he found baggies with marijuana and methamphetamine and a clear glass pipe. All three suspects were taken into custody without incident.



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KP high school athlete dreaming of college play

By John Gizzi, Special to the KP News

There are opportunities in challenges, as the old saw goes, and 15-year-old softballer Alayna Piwonski of Lake Minterwood understands this. Piwonski, primarily a catcher, played junior softball this summer in the Key Peninsula Little League (KPLL), and, along with several league mates, was good enough to make an all-star team. If only there was an all-star team. It turns out there weren't enough KPLL junior leaguers to fill out a complete team. Enter that cliché from two paragraphs ago: an opportunity presented itself, in the form of the Gig Harbor Little League (GHLL) all-star team. Gig Harbor's coach, Scott Cantu, was familiar with Piwonski, having coached her on a select softball team, The Lady Gators, and coached against her when she played for KP. Asking her to join the GHLL all-star team was a no-brainer. "Alayna is a very special person and player," Cantu said via email. "She is powerful, fast, smart, and an overall gifted athlete." Perhaps an understatement, since Piwonski also used to play volleyball and track; due to conflicts with softball and soccer she had to

give them up. "I knew what kind of player she was when I got her, but what I didn't know was just how great a person this young lady is," Cantu added. "She is always smiling and happy, all her teammates love her, she is quiet but makes a loud bang once she steps on the field."

Unfortunately Cantu couldn't invite all the qualified players from KPLL, so for Piwonski it was both hard and easy to accept his offer. "There were at least five or six other girls that deserved to make it too," she said. "I felt bad because nobody else got chosen, but it was fun representing my league." And represent she did, chubbing a grand slam and helping the GHLL team claim the District 2 championship against Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap in a best-of-three series in July. The team later finished fourth in the state championships in Oak Harbor. While Piwonski enjoys playing for any team at any level - she also plays catcher for her high school team, Peninsula High, where she's a sophomore - the all-star team was a different experience. Not only were the players better in general ("It was nice to be able to throw the ball to anyone and know



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Alayna Piwonski's coaches say she can play anywhere on the field. She has dreams of college fields.

they could catch it," she said), but also the coaching style was also different. "My mom and step-dad have always coached me," Piwonski said. "It was a big step up to play with the Gig Harbor team, because there

were coaches who really loved the sport and wanted to coach. If you messed up with my mom or step-dad, they would say 'it's OK,' but on this team it was not OK. You can't just be making mistakes - you'd get pulled out if you messed up really bad." If that sounds like Piwonski is endorsing a "tiger coach" mentality, it's partly because it's true. But only partly. "I adapt well to that kind of coaching. If you mess up they'll tell you. But they'll also tell you if you do well," she added. From what Cantu had to say about her, it doesn't sound like she needs tiger coaching. "Alayna can play anywhere on the field, but in my mind there is no other catcher at this age in our area that can play the position like Alayna," he said. "She is the best I've coached at that position."

It's not just her natural talent, either. It's her intangibles, those things you can't coach, those things batting average and grand slams and RBIs can't measure. "You can't teach a player to have heart, but that is exactly what Alayna has," Cantu said. "She hustles on every single play and never gives

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up no matter what the score is. Whether she is running the bases, sliding hard into the fielder, catching the tough balls or just slamming another game-winning hit, Alayna is a player any coach wants on their team." If that coach also has, say, a soccer team on the side? Even better. Piwonski plays on her high school team, too. All the while maintaining an excellent GPA. When she's not practicing or studying, she's babysitting her six-year-old sister, Miris. Or reading Harry Potter. Or listening to music. (Drake and Kenny Chesney are her favorites.) Typical teenage stuff, in other words.

And what of her twin athletic loves, softball and soccer? "I like soccer and softball equally," she said. "I want to play them both in college." College already? And isn't going to college challenging enough on its own, let alone being a two-sport student-athlete while doing it? "I like Stanford and UCLA," she said, "but I really want to go to UW so I can play soccer and softball in this area. I don't want to have to choose one or the other." Consider that another challenge for Piwonski - and an opportunity the University of Washington would be foolish to pass up.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Danny Welstad starts on one of his six touchdown runs while Kyle Morgan (76), a KP resident, blocks out the opposing player.

Peninsula High School takes bowl, rights to fish stories

The Tides had won 18 of the previous Fish Bowl contests and the Seabawks only 14, including being drabbed last year by their cross-town foes. This year would turn out different, however when the two teams met Sept. 2 for another battle.

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The Pedersons of Purdy

By Colleen Slater KP News

The town of Purdy, platted and officially dedicated in 1885, is where Hans Pederson of Norway chose to live in 1892. He married Louise at Wright's Park in Tacoma in 1903. She arrived in 1901 to attend cooking school but they knew each other in Norway.

Pederson purchased the first home built in the area—a small cabin—from Horace Knapp, and they raised their family there: Harold, Walter, Pearl and Evelyn. That building was taken down in 1920.

Hans's brother Lars arrived in Purdy in 1902 and sent for his wife-to-be, Kristine. Their children were Peder (called Louie), Alf, Henry, Gudren, and Bernice.

Hans and Lars, farmers and fishermen in Norway, moved into new professions in this area, although they continued to fish in Alaska and farm in Purdy. Both were fish trap foremen at a cannery in Ketchikan, AK in 1930.

Lars worked with cement on various building projects in Crescent Valley, and on the third Purdy Bridge.

Many landmarks around Purdy can be traced back to the Pedersons.

Harold Pederson's home still stands on the north side of the bridge. The other houses were rentals.

Harold and wife Ruby operated a store, once called Pederson Brothers and later Sunset Market, on the south side.

At one time, so many Pedersons (not all related) received mail in Purdy, the post office asked some to change their names. Henry (Hank) opted for Pedersen. Louie, whose home became the site of Peninsula High School, chose Edison, a family name.

Hans and Louise's later home is the house above the highway, visible from the bridge.

Lars' huge barn stood where the Peninsula High School athletic field was later built. The Administration building occupies the location of his first home, and his sons later built another for their parents where the swimming pool now is.

Lars' son Henry opened the first service station in Purdy in 1938. He bought the old store where the SAVE Thrift Store now stands. The living quarters occupied the floor above, and the daylight basement became the garage.

Hank operated a wrecker for the gas station. One time a truck hit the gas pump, and the family had to evacuate the house.

Hans' daughters Pearl and Evelyn became the best known of the family when they built a new restaurant in Purdy. Pearl previously cooked in logging camps, and

with the rolling pin given to her mother as a wedding gift, she perfected pies, later the trademark of Pearl's By The Sea.

She cooked in a converted railroad car called The Diner for several years before the restaurant was built. Pearl vacated the dining car in 1952 for a new building with windows on Henderson Bay. Her sister Evelyn became hostess and manager, while Pearl ran the kitchen. Their children and spouses often worked there, too.

The old railroad car ended its days underground when the lagoon was filled in to expand the business area on the north side of the bridge.

With the advent of World War II, Harold and Walter had the option of logging, essential to the war effort, or being drafted. They chose logging near Quilcene.

All of the second generation of Pedersons remained in the Purdy/Gig Harbor area except Walter, son of Hans, who stayed in Quilcene and built a large restaurant there.

Lois Barney, Harold's daughter, still lives in Purdy. Jan Coen, daughter of Hank, is on the Key Peninsula and Evelyn's daughters, Joann Record and Judith Ammerman, live in Gig Harbor.

Names changed, but the family continues to make marks on this area.



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Louise and Hans Pederson at home in Purdy in their later years.

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Karina Wisniewski, KP News

Larry Wingard and his wife own Shiloh Farm. Their pumpkin patch is ready for the season.

Where in the World...



Andy Sullivan and his wife Jennifer took their copy of the KP News with them to Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa. "We were there to bring home our adopted son. After waiting over three years to bring him home, that was a joyful week!" said Jennifer.

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Left: The YMCA engaged staff and students at Evergreen during a 5210 celebration. The program is designed to encourage a healthier lifestyle to combat childhood obesity. Five more fruits and vegetables, two hours less recreational screen time, one hour or more of physical activity and zero sugary drinks, more water and low fat milk.

Hugh McMillan, KP News

Right: Under the direction of conductor Stuart Hake rehearsing for up-coming performances, 6th through 11th grade members of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra who hail from Peninsula High School, Gig Harbor High School, St. Nicholas' Catholic School, Tacoma's School of the Arts, Charles Wright Academy, Annie Wright Seminary or are home schooled are left to right, front to back, Kristine Vander Poel, Chris Hake, Max Beers, Suzie Beller, Patrick Johnson, Natasha Dietzler, Aurora Hake, Matthew Collins, Steven Perszyk, Dawn Brown, Amy Beller, and Luke Vander Poel.



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