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Ban enacted on live sea life collections

By Karen Lovett, KP News

A ban was put into effect May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wild Life will be extended from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. "No Harvest of Unclassified Marine Invertebrates."

Over-harvesting of some species has reduced native populations at an alarming rate.

The ban affects gastropods, chitons, starfish, sea cucumbers, sand dollars, unclassified crab species and any other invertebrates. Classified bivalves: clams, mussels and oysters may be harvested with a permit according to bag limit restrictions listed in the Sportfishing Regulations Pamphlet.

All oyster shells must be left on the beach. This applies to freshwater invertebrates as well. No snails, mussels or clams may be taken from rivers or streams. No seaweed may be harvested without a seaweed permit.

This regulation applies to live animals only. Dead

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Photo courtesy of Linda Schmelzer and Pacific Northwest Shell Club (www.PNWSC.com)

Sea stars and other sea animals cannot be removed from their beach homes, even when they are on private property. A special collector's license is needed in order to take any live animal from the beach.

Farmers Market opens on Key Peninsula

By Marsha Hart and Karen Lovett, KP News

When Jerry Davis, owner of Drive Thru Feed, heard that the Gig Harbor Farmers Market at Key Center would not open this season, he decided to offer a market on his property.

With plenty of acreage Davis said there is potential for 50 vendors on the main grounds, and below could fit about 200.

"We've got the lower four acres of grass that if we had to move there could fit 200," he said. "A lot of my customers were vendors (at the farmers market) and I heard complaint after complaint about the cost and control of selling stuff."

Davis said he is offering the space for free and doesn't have any rules about what vendors can sell.

"We don't have to worry about permits because we're not controlling what they're selling and it's free for them," Davis said. "For food vendors, they have to get permits from the county and have to be on commercial property."

Vendors must have their own tent, tables and chairs.

"I'm hoping to give a chance for young people and kids to do things, to have a space that is safe, a place for animals to be sold and kids programs," he said.

As a former law enforcement officer, Davis warned against yard sales. He said people are putting their homes at risk. Potential burglars sometimes pose as shoppers to case the homes, he said. "This is a safe alternative," he said.

His only rule for vendors is items have to be legal, so no medical marijuana, he said.

There is no official opening season, he said, vendors are welcome to come set up whenever they are ready.

"Farmers are my people, just trying to give an outlet to people without a charge," he said.

Market hours are Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A public restroom and hand washing facilities are on site. Vendors must clean up litter at the end of the day.

For more information call 884-3386.

New day, new way for Fire District 16

By Peter Ruble, KP News

The Key Peninsula Fire District is committed to making some major changes in how it conducts its business. The commissioners and staff plan to change how they interact with each other and the public. They also plan to update equipment to protect employees from biohazards and continue with the plan to expand the Key Center fire station workout room.

Now that Chief Tom Lique is back in action following a bout with an epiglottitis infection, he says he feels like a different person. "You will have to decide whether you like me or not. Fear won't get in the way," said Lique in regards to the department's goals and visions.

Commenting on his recent surgery and month-long hospitalization, he said it was interesting to experience what it is like to "be on the other side." "I got to play the victim

role," said Lique. "We don't want to play the victim role."

With 27 years experience as fire chief under his belt, Lique said he is sensing a new attitude within the organization that he hadn't seen in the past. "I think employees are happier now," he said. "There's more of an air of fun with people enjoying their work."

Lique said he feels that this new attitude will positively affect how the fire department interacts with the community.

"We are more committed to working together," said Commissioner Sheila Hunt. "We used to have commissioners denigrating the department and we even had an assault with a coffee cup."

A "Rules of Respectful Engagement" agreement was signed by all five commissioners at the April 12 meeting. It includes meeting decorum to ensure that time is spent wisely and action plans are in place before the end of each meeting. It also calls for mutual

respect, which requires members to avoid talking negatively about team members in public or behind their backs. The agreement also stated, "We take action instead of whining, positively work to inspire other group members, encourage others towards success and avoid any 'us vs. them' language."

Besides expanding the building the district is considering an expenditure of \$3,000 to put in a device to clean the ductwork within their stations. Duct work cleaning generally refers to the cleaning of forced air systems. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, air systems become contaminated with dust and pollens that can cause allergies if ducts are not cleaned.

If moisture is present there can be an increase in mold growth that can cause more allergies.

There has been evidence of mold in Station 47, the Home Station.

"We have stuffed that station to human

capacity. We need to put in an air purifier to kill mold and spores so people stop breathing mold and viruses," Lique said.

Currently, the medic units already have a built-in air filtration system that has been proven and tested. They plan to hold off on adding portable devices to the medic units until they've monitored the air filtration system for a six month period.

The district also plans to survey the public with 50 questions over the phone with a goal of receiving 400 responses. "It's a huge tool for us to use before making a commitment," said Commissioner Raymond Lamoreux. Lique commented that the polling will not involve solicitations; it will just be used to "hear what you have to say."

Lamoreux is also utilizing social media to further engage the community. "I like to update our Facebook page three to four times a day. I always like adding inspiring quotes," said Lamoreux.



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School District Participates in Prestigious Chinese Program

In April, Peninsula School District welcomed the principal and an English teacher from Mudanjiang No. 1 High School in the Chinese province of Heilongjiang. The Chinese team visited the school district to discuss the possibility of a partnership among students, staff and administration at Mudanjiang No. 1 High School with Peninsula and Gig Harbor high schools.

The school district recently became selected as a member of the Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network, which made this partnership possible. The Confucius Classrooms Network is a cooperative group of K-12 schools in 23 states and the District of

Columbia committed to strong and sustainable Chinese language programs as part of a larger agenda to foster the global competence of their students.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to broaden and deepen our program, and it gives us funds to do programming for students and the community," said Heidi Steele, PSD's Chinese language teacher, who applied for the program and is also the adviser of the joint Gig Harbor-Peninsula High Chinese Club.

In addition to being matched up with schools in China, the network members receive grants of \$10,000 per year during their three-year partnership. Only a total of 100 programs nationwide are being selected for the honor.

The grant funds may be used for programming such as performances as well as for professional development

opportunities. The school district is considering activities such as cultural events open to the public, Chinese language camps and virtual projects with partner schools in China.

Following their visit to the Gig Harbor area, the Chinese delegation as well as a two-person PSD team traveled together to San Francisco to serve as

representatives at the National Chinese Language Conference. The three-day event included teacher and administrator workshops, presentations on the ways in which technology and innovation are transforming the teaching and learning of Chinese in U.S. schools, and

networking with representatives across the Confucius Classrooms Network and in the field.



Principal Bu Xianglin (right) and English teacher Zhu Fuksan (left) from Mudanjiang No. 1 High School visit the Wharf while attending the National Chinese Language Conference in San Francisco.

Kindergarten Registration 2011-2012

We are pleased to be able to continue our 4-day all-day tuition free program for the Class of 2024. Kindergarten Registration is ongoing at your neighborhood elementary school Monday-Friday during regular office hours, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registering early helps the District prepare for staffing. We are looking forward to assisting you.

May Events

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- 3 Parent Council Meeting
9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
District Office Rooms 4 & 5
- 11 Students and Alumni of Distinction
6:30 p.m. at Chapel Hill
- 26 School Board Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m. at District Office
- 30 Memorial Day—No school

Volunteering: Classrooms, Field Trips and Field Day

Are you going to volunteer in your child's classroom or chaperone a field trip? First, be sure to check your volunteer clearance status. Once cleared (through thumb-printing), your clearance is good for two years. If you are new to the district or you do not remember the last time you filled out a form, please inquire at your school. Clearance is required if you want to volunteer at school, participate in school events such as field day or chaperone a field trip.

Reading is Fundamental at Evergreen Elementary

"Reading With Me Under The Sea" was the theme for the Reading Is Fundamental Day at Evergreen Elementary. Last month, every child at the school received a book to add to their own personal libraries! Kids were able to choose from many books and then read with community and parent volunteers. A very special thanks goes to the teachers, staff, parents and community volunteers who worked hard to put on this event. Betty McCord and Robin Roe were the staff leaders who organized this event for our kids. A grant from Reading Is Fundamental and a donation from the Key Peninsula Veteran's Association helped fund this great event for our kids!

Empty Homes: Fighting Foreclosure

Editor's Note: This is the third in a four-part series on foreclosure and its effects on KP residents. The January and March installments are available online at keypennews.com.

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The best way to avoid foreclosure is to make contractual payments on time. For some this may not be possible in a bad economy, especially when jobs are lost and homes are worth less than what is owed.

Buyers will not pay more than the house is worth (the appraised value), so selling a house that is "under water" is not a practical option.

Over the past several years, federal and state laws have been passed to encourage lenders to restructure existing mortgages to help borrowers stay in their homes.

When homeowners finally realize that there is no way to keep their home, lenders might allow the borrower to "walk away" from the home in return for a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure.

Lenders might also allow a "short sale" where the home is sold for less than what is owed, with the bank suffering the loss.

These and other methods to avoid foreclosure are discussed in forums offered monthly by South Sound Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to sustainable independent living, which is funded primarily through grants from the Washington State Housing Commission and United Way. South Sound serves residents of Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties offering free counseling services for Social Security, DSHS, income tax, and housing issues. They coordinate with

Key Peninsula's Mustard Seed Project.

Teresa Seceley is a Housing Counselor with South Sound Outreach and works with homeowners.

"Our class tries to make it possible for the homeowner to work with the lenders," Seceley said. "We explain the processes involved. We help the homeowner compile all the necessary information and complete the required documents and applications. If necessary, we will contact and negotiate with the lender ourselves. There is no charge for our services."

If a home is already in foreclosure, Seceley said South Sound Outreach will help the family with the next step.

"If it goes to foreclosure, we will help postpone the foreclosure sale. If the home is lost, we will help find a place for the family to live," she said. "The most important thing is for the homeowner to not have their head stuck in the sand. You need to act if something doesn't feel quite right. We are here to help you."

If the lender starts the foreclosure process, the first document seen is the Notice of Default, which details the failures to comply with the mortgage documents. The Notice of Default is followed 30 days later by the Notice of Foreclosure and Notice of Trustee's sale, which sets a sale date 90 days later.

If the homeowner wants to contest the foreclosure, Washington law requires that the owner do so before the sale date, otherwise the owner waives his challenge.

If valid grounds exist, the court can grant a restraining order to stop the sale until the date of the sale, but Washington law also requires that the homeowner post a bond before the restraining order

goes into effect, usually in the amount of the mortgage payments due during the term of the restraint.

If homeowners want to challenge the foreclosure, it is important that they do so early in the process, not wait until the last minute.

Lorelei Faber is a case manager for bankruptcy and foreclosure defense cases at the Law Office of John Sterbick in Tacoma.

"Filing bankruptcy can stop the foreclosure process temporarily, but the lender still has the right to collect against the secured debt," Faber said. "In 90 percent of bankruptcies, the house is still lost. In the other 10 percent the homeowners are able to either make up the payments or work with the lender to re-write the mortgage."

Jeff Barnes, an attorney with law offices in Florida and California has received a lot of press attention for his wins against big banks and their securitized mortgages, she said.

"We have signed on Barnes as an associate with this law firm, and are beginning to receive favorable court rulings here as well. These services are not cheap at \$375 per hour plus costs, which includes first-class airfare every time Barnes has to appear for a hearing," Faber said. "But we are very happy to now have a heavy hitter available in our state to fight the good battle."

Barnes conducts an extensive audit of the mortgage documents and a securitization audit to determine how the mortgage was put into a security and determine who, if anyone, is still an identifiable beneficiary.

Two local businesses that do foreclosure audits and securitization audits were identified. One gentleman who operates out of Lakebay declined comment and did not want his name to be released fearing harassment from the big banks.

A Fircrest business owner who does these audits also feared retaliation should her name be printed. This business owner said, "A regular forensic audit which only audits predatory lending, and RE-SPA and TILA violations is insufficient because statutes of limitation which measure from the date of the loan would have expired.

Securitization audits are most important to identify where the Note and Deed of Trust have been split, thereby turning a secured mortgage into an unsecured investment. Allstate and others who purchased a lot of what they thought were secured investments have filed large lawsuits against the banks, because the banks had failed to record assignments of deeds of trust, which resulted in the mortgages becoming unsecured (no longer tied to the real property)."

Homes are frequently lost and become vacant simply because the homeowner cannot afford the high cost of legal representation.

For more information on South Sound Outreach visit www.southsoundoutreach.com, or phone 253-593-2111.

Barnes' website, www.foreclosure-defense.com, details some of his successes, including where the mortgages had been quieted (extinguished).

Part four of this series will cover what happens to displaced families after their homes are lost.

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(beached) shells are defined as "relic shells". There is a five-pound per day bag limit on those.

Studies have not been done on many of the regulated species, but rather than wait until it was too late to save endangered wildlife, the current director of WDFW instigated the policy across the board.

Craig Bartlett, public information officer and spokesman for WDFW said, "This regulation applies to all private beaches as well as public beaches and land. We don't have enough manpower to patrol all the private beaches, but the regulation still applies. We expect private landowners to follow the rules."

It is important that clam diggers fill in the holes and return rocks to their original position. Bartlett said, "Private land owners should report open holes after harvest to the tribe as well as to WDFW. You can pick up a live shell to look at or take a picture, but you must put it back where you found it."

Absolutely no Pinto Abalone *Haliotis kamschatkana* may be harvested anywhere in the state of Washington. This sea snail is an endangered species. The population has fallen too low for them to reproduce in the wild successfully. In March the largest release ever, after being reared in Mukilteo and Port Gamble, sent 2,500 into the San Juan archipelago. This was the culmination of eight years of work.

No unclassified live shells may be collected without a scientific collector's permit (SCP).

"The Pacific Northwest Shell Club has a collector's permit. We have a 500 shell total limit for all our members for the year," said Linda Schroeder, secretary for PNWSC.

"The Dredgings?" Pacific Northwest Shell Club Newsletter for July-August 2010 states:

"To be included in this permit, you must be a member of the club in good standing and your name must be added to the 'sub-permittee list'. This requires your name and date of birth and then you are entitled to collect under the SCP as a PNWSC member. When collecting live invertebrates in the field you must keep a copy of the SCP on your person."

This regulation may be modified in time as collection data becomes available, but for now it is the current law.

Poachers continue to threaten the giant goosdick clam, *Panopea generosa*. The future of this long-lived species that has thrived in the shallow waters of Puget Sound remains uncertain.

For more information about the Pinto abalone visit pintoabalone.org.

For more information about Pacific Northwest Shell Club contact Linda Schroeder at PNWSC@comcast.net.

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Peninsula Views

EDITORIAL

Neighbors are among the best crime prevention tools

Key Peninsula neighborhoods have experienced an escalation of burglaries in recent months. The crimes have put everyone on alert, and the emails that have been sent, copied and forwarded warn of the ways these people have assimilated into the area. Sometimes the thieves have gone unnoticed until after a home invasion has happened, and then it's too late.

Faking a broken down car in the middle of a neighborhood in order to case the homes is just one example of the tricks they have used to track who is home and who is out, and who has what.

Citizens Against Crime has become even more active and held a meeting for residents in the vicinity of Herron Road, where some of the crimes happened. CAC has a new set of signs that are being placed throughout the Key Peninsula. The group was able to copy the eyes of Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist, and the signs are ominous.

Though these signs are a warning to any would-be thieves and vandals, the real eyes of Key Peninsula residents are truly on alert. Many are forming a neighborhood watch.

While the Key Peninsula is a quiet, tranquil place to live for the most part, our lives are busy. Most of us aren't just sitting around, and the busier we get the more complacent we can become.

Some of us may not be sure who our neighbors are, and couldn't be certain if the person we saw hanging around the home next door is a stranger or a neighbor.

The best crime prevention is to get to know your neighbors. Once you know them, you can set up your own neighborhood watch system.

Always report any suspicious person or activity to the Sheriff's Department. If it is a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. If it's after the fact, call the non-emergency number 798-4940.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pet treat hunt well supported

Thank you to the community for supporting the Third Annual Pet Easter Treat Hunt on April 2. A special thanks to our sponsors: PETCO, Brookside Veterinary Hospital, and The Gig Harbor Kennel Club. Thank you to our event photographers, Stacia Weber and Maxine Mroczkowski.

Key Pen Parks

Ferry noise not a problem

In RE: "Ferry neighbors unhappy with engine noise," Key Peninsula News, April 2011, page 9.

Herron Island's current ferry today is no more noisy than when it was first put into operation, in or about 1989. Isn't it odd that only mainlanders have complained about noise? Strangely, none of us living on the island within earshot can hear any difference. Meanwhile, what about all those mainland fireworks I can hear for WEEKS before and after every Fourth of July? If the mainlanders don't like the sound of our ferry, the solution is simple: The mainlanders can build and pay for a bridge with electronic gates. Long pause. Oh, I guess the ferry is now "charming" once again.

*Merry A. Kogut
Herron Island*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Key Peninsula News is committed to bringing you the news and information you need in order to make good decisions for yourself and your families.

We strive to cover all aspects of the community, including the news, the great things your neighbors are doing, and events that are happening around the Key.

In talking to people along the way, we've heard that you want to have even more information about what the fire department is doing. You've also told us you want to see a list of crimes on the Key Peninsula.

We've listened, and beginning with this edition we will include a fire and police log each month.

It is a timely decision, since our community has seen an increase in home burglaries in recent months. The Key Peninsula News attended the community meeting in Home that focused on burglaries in that

area, and we are also staying on top of the news from Fire District 16.

You will find the story about local crimes on page 9, the PC Sheriff's

Department responses to calls on page 17, the fire district story on page 2, and the fire/medical call log on page 16.

We welcome your input and suggestions for other ways we can better inform you about what is happening in our community. Please send comments and suggestions to us at news@keypennews.com.



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News

Free HOA workshop

Pierce County Surface Water Management Division of Public Works and Utilities is conducting a free Home Owner Association workshop June 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr. N.W.

Learn why maintenance is an important part of your asset management plan, and basic storm water system maintenance, and the basics of HOA operational needs and strategies for a successful HOA.

For more information and to register call Rosie Strom at (253) 798-2485. The first 100 HOAs to call will receive a free 8 x 11 inch "Dogs Can't Flush" metal sign to post in their neighborhood.

Kilmer bill to help veterans signed into law

Olympia — Legislation sponsored by Derek Kilmer (D-Gig Harbor) in the Senate and by House Rep. Christine Rolfes passed 46-0 that will eliminate unnecessary training for military veterans seeking civilian employment.

House Bill 1418, sponsored by Rolfes, would apply to: notaries public, on-site wastewater designers, private investigators, professional athletes, real estate brokers, salespersons and land development representatives, real estate appraisers, security guards, tattooing and body piercing licensees, timeshare salespersons, architects, auctioneers, bail bond agents and recovery agents, camping resort salespersons, cosmetologists, court reporters, driver training instructors, engineers, funeral directors and embalmers, geologists, home inspectors and landscape architects. Identical legislation was sponsored in the Senate by Kilmer, and as both bills advanced in their respective chambers Rolfes and Kilmer opted to go with Rolfes' version. Conversely, both lawmakers sponsored companion bills that apply a similar process when military veterans seek employment and licensing in a range of private-sector health professions.



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Rollover accident, no injuries

A 1999 Isuzu Trooper traveling northbound in the Wauna curves on April 7 crashed and rolled over onto the passenger side during a hailstorm. The accident happened at 64th St. KPN at about 12:30 p.m. The driver reported to FD 16 responders that the vehicle began to fishtail when an unexpected hailstorm hit the area and caused the roadway to become slippery. While trying to negotiate the curve the SUV lost control, hit a dirt bank and spun and flipped onto the passenger side in the brush. There were no injuries reported.

In that case, Kilmer and Rolfes went with Kilmer's version, Senate Bill 5307. That measure passed both the Senate and House and is scheduled to be signed into law by Gov. Chris Gregoire.

HB 1418 was amended in the Senate and must be reconciled in the House before it can go on to the governor. "This is pretty significant policy, for a couple of reasons," Kilmer said of the package of bills. "First, returning veterans face a higher rate of unemployment. Second,

this bill starts moving us toward a process that acknowledges experience rather than seat time. "These are folks who served their country and had our backs. It's only fair that we have their backs when they return." Under the earlier bill, SB 5307, veterans' relevant military training would be considered toward satisfying licensing requirements in a variety of health professions: denturists; dispensing opticians; ophthalmologists; pharmacy assistants; physician assistants; osteopathic physician assis-

tants; emergency medical technicians; radiologic technologists; nursing assistants; respiratory care practitioners; health care assistants; surgical technologists; dental assistants; expanded function dental auxiliaries; physical therapists; and physical therapy assistants.

For more information visit <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1418&year=2011>

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5307&year=2011>.

Burglaries increase on KP, one suspect in custody

By Patricia Johnson, KP News

Concerned residents of the Key Peninsula packed the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on April 14 to express their views and get more information on the distressing issue of how to protect themselves and their families from crime. Herron Road property owners appeared in large numbers in response to postcards mailed to them from The Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime.

Lt. Jerry Lawrence of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Peninsula Detachment addressed the crowd and reported what many have suspected for a few months now:

"The incidents of burglaries have risen in recent months on the Key Peninsula," Lawrence said.

As of press time, two suspects were in custody. Haley Babare, 25, of Gig Harbor and Cody Moore, 26, of Tacoma have been arrested in connection with burglaries on the Key Peninsula, and an arrest warrant has been issued for Austin Hohbein, 24, of Lakebay.

"If the individuals are found guilty, the length of any sentence may range from no time at all to several years, depending on any prior criminal history," he said.

Lawrence advised residents to be aware of suspicious behavior and report those incidents always and immediately to 9-1-1 or the non-emergency phone line for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (253) 798-4940. He was available after the meeting to address individual concerns.

Lawrence took command of the Peninsula Detachment in July and during that brief time has realized that Key Peninsula residents are committed to, and conscientious about, keeping their homes safe and secure.

According to Lawrence, "the sense of community is very strong here and most of the officers assigned to the Peninsula Detachment are also residents who care about the community on a personal level."

Confirming that strong sense of community was Mike Baum, President of the Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime. He believes that "prevention of crime is our duty as aware and concerned citizens."

In existence since the late 1980s, the group advocates a proactive though non-confrontational approach to crime prevention. To that end Baum received a generous grant of



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News
Pierce County Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lawrence fields a question from one of the 86 attendees at Citizens Against Crime's Crime Watch forum.

\$2,000 from The Angel Guild Thrift Shop to purchase surveillance cameras soon to be mounted above strategic locations throughout the Key Peninsula.

In addition, the Citizens Against Crime group has placed signs in prominent locations warning all individuals that the Key Peninsula CAC is strong and determined to

guard against crime.

Also present at the meeting was Lakebay resident and Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime Vice President, Dee Starr. Several years ago Starr was living in New York and visited the Key Peninsula while on vacation. She envisioned settling amongst the rural, picturesque and peaceful surroundings, she

said. Starr is a true believer that citizen involvement in crime prevention is integral to maintaining a safe and secure community. Starr said she realized real results after working hand in hand with the Sheriff's office in reporting and persistently pursuing a just result when her dog was maulled and attacked at her Lakebay home. Starr advises, "All of you are the eyes and ears of the Peninsula."

During the meeting, Baum acknowledged Cindy Willis, Assistant to Pierce County Councilman Stan Flemming and respectfully requested that funds be earmarked specifically for a deputy to patrol neighborhoods in the Key Peninsula.

Another concerned resident expressed the need for current and detailed information on the locations of crimes and the frequency in which they occur in order to target law enforcement resources effectively. Baum said he encourages all residents to use the Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime website kpcitizensagainstcrime.org as a valuable resource covering all issues of crime prevention and to attend monthly meetings held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station in Home.

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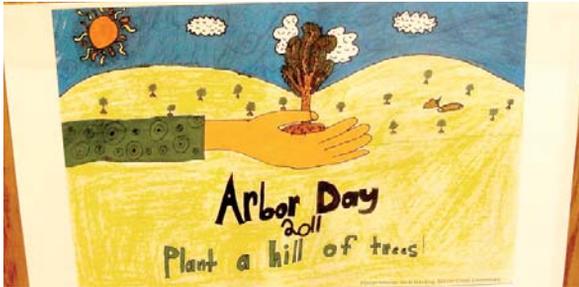
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KP photographer, young artist winners in Arbor Day contest

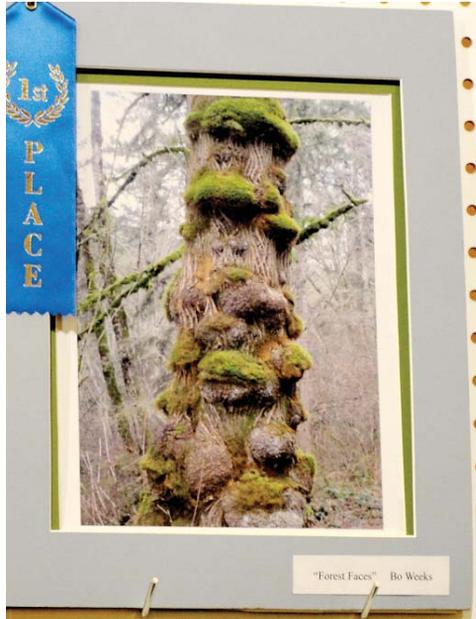
The Arbor Day Photo Contest netted a First Place winner on the Key Peninsula. Vaughn resident Bo Weeks took the winning photo on the Key Peninsula between Key Center and Home. It's of an old tree trunk with many burls covered in moss. When you study it you can see faces in the contorted trunk.

Weeks named it "Forest Faces" and it will be on display at the Arbor Day Celebration at the Gig Harbor City Hall and

Civic Center. Weeks received the \$100 cash prize. Nikki Harding, a fifth grade student at Minter Creek Elementary School took First Place in the annual Arbor Day poster contest. She will also receive a \$100 cash prize. Her teacher Mr. Jeff Stafki won the education Ellen Fay award in March.

This is the 11th year for the event in Gig Harbor and is funded from contributions.

Winners of all four Arbor Day contests are on the website at gigharbor.com.



Far left: Nikki Harding was the winner of the poster contest. She is a fifth-grade student at Minter Creek.

Near left: Bo Weeks took this photo between Key Center and Home as he wandered down a road to see what was there. He took first place in the photo contest.

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KP business helps feed a community

By Faith Rhodes, Special to the KP News

El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant in Key Center recently showed their support for the Food Backpacks 4 Kids program by raising money for this worthy and needy cause.

Owners Pablo & Cathy de la Cruz heard about the Food Backpacks 4 Kids program through their church in Port Orchard, where they also have another restaurant run by Pablo's brothers. They have found the Backpack program a great opportunity to get involved and to give something back to our local community.

"Supporting families in these challenging times, especially when school aged children are involved, truly touched our hearts. This is a great program and our involvement was most rewarding," says Cathy.

Karen Jorgensen, Backpack program supervisor, was Cathy's initial contact and was excited to be involved with the opportunity to do something together. So a fundraiser was set into place, donating 10



Photo by Faith Rhodes, for the KP News

Outline info goes here ... El Sombrero Mexican restaurant in Key Center, hosted a fundraiser for the Backpacks 4 Kids program. Owners Pablo and Cathy de la Cruz said they want to support local families.

percent of the total sales while asking patrons if they wished to make an extra contribution going directly to the program

for this one daylong event. El Sombrero continued to accept donations throughout the weekend.

"As owners of a business in this community it felt awesome to play a part in something so critical. It was exciting as our servers truly embraced the heartbeat of this purpose," says Cathy. "This was our first attempt at participating in a fundraiser and we considered this a big success. We plan on doing this again along with other opportunities within our community."

Much of the support came from area church members already involved in the Backpack program. These members perform much of the physical labor involved in the successful performance and outcome the program provides.

After purchasing the restaurant in September of 2007, formerly the Huckleberry Inn, they performed a three-month renovation before opening in December that same year. Once again El Sombrero's has upgraded their physical appearance as they continue to embed themselves into the Key Peninsula community with integrity and great cuisine.

The de la Cruz's add they have "found a home here and wish to thank the entire community for being so warm and welcoming to us personally. We wish to serve you all for many years to come."

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COMMUNITY WORKS

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Now Adult education

Key Peninsula residents are able to 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 on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. are available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. For information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

Now Mentors needed Communities In Schools of Peninsula

(CISP) needs mentors at Peninsula High School for freshman Algebra during regular classroom times. Help mentor local students to success; it is rewarding to both students and mentors. 884-5733 or www.peninsula.ciswa.org.

May String camp

Peninsula Youth Orchestra's String Camp applications, for experienced string students 9-19 years old, are being accepted now. String Camp 2011 will be Aug. 15-19 and includes a free public Friday concert. 253-534-5384, info@harborpyo.org or www.harborpyo.org to download an application.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bloodmobile dates

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

May 4, 11, 18 Yard care help

Free Natural Yard Care Workshops will be held at the Peninsula Light Headquarters from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 4 is Sustainable Gardening; May 11 is Gar-

den Pest Management; May 18 is Natural Lawn Care. Space is limited. Contact Geoff Rinehart at 253-798-4587 or grinehart@tpchd.org for reservations.

May 4 T-ball deadline

Register by 4 p.m. today for pee-wee T-ball skills clinic for ages 3-5. Clinic will be held on Thursday evenings, May 12-June 16, at Volunteer Park. Fee is \$43, which includes a T-shirt, certificate and group picture. Scaled down equipment is used to ensure success for all. Adult involvement is required. Chad@keypenparks.com or 884-9240.

May 4, 11, 18, 25 Friends' night

Lakebay Community Church hosts children from grades K-6 to Friends' Night from 6:30-8 p.m. Kids experience games, projects, snacks, music, and activities based on a weekly Bible story. 884-3899.

May 5 Fuchsia club

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Our annual plant sale is Saturday, May 7, held in conjunction with the Livable Communities Fair at the Civic Center. Ginnie, 884-9744.

May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 Zumba

Zumba for ages 16+ is held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 9-10 a.m. on Saturdays in the VFW room at the KP Civic Center. Key Pen Parks, 884-9240.

May 6, 13, 20, 27 Friday skate nights

Skate night is held from 6-9 p.m. for elementary and middle school-aged students at the KP Civic Center. Ad-

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 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

mission is \$5, which includes skates and all the games in the Whitmore Room; there's a special \$2.50 admission on May 27 only. Refreshments are available for purchase. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

May 7 Plant sale

The BayShore Garden Club hosts their annual plant and yard art sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Charboneau's on Hwy 302. Find Mom's Day gifts, glass flowers, bee houses, and seeds for flowers, vegetables and plants. A raffle is held for Peninsula HS scholarships, art work, and a bird house hotel. Contact Francine, 884-5792.

May 7 Fair activities

As part of the Livable Community Fair at the Civic Center, children may explore the world of trucks and emergency vehicles from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. by climbing, honking, touching. Event t-shirts will be sold. Talk with the drivers for a chance to win the drawing to be held at 2:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult to touch the trucks.

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society holds its annual plant sale featuring over 100 flowering fuchsia hanging baskets and varieties of ground-hard and tender fuchsia starts, geranium baskets and bedding plants, annuals, perennials, and vegetable starts. Other fair activities include an open house for area non-profits and other Key Peninsula organizations, KP Historical Society

Museum tours and Heritage plant sale, youth art show, trout pond and kids' craft area and local entertainment plus concessions. This event is sponsored by Key Pen Parks and the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Contact 884-3456 or www.kpciviccenter.org for registration and exhibitor booths.

May 8 Opera

Attend "The Magic Flute" at the Seattle Opera House on Mother's Day. A group will take free transportation to and from Seattle leaving from the KC Library at 11 a.m. and returning to the library about 6 p.m. Call 884-1214 or 253-370-0694 for information and reservations for the opera.

May 10 & 26 Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts voluntarily knit and crochet chemo hats, baby items and blankets for non-profits in the community. They meet from 1-3 p.m. at the WayPoint Church, 12719 - 134th Ave KPN. They also meet on Thursday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m. Yarn donations are always welcome. lovingheartsonkp@aol.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

May 12 Election changes

Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson will lead an informative discussion regarding the "Changing World of Elections in Pierce County" at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. prior to the monthly KPCCA Board meeting.

May 12 Friends' general meeting

The Friends of the Key Center Library hold the annual potluck and

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general meeting beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Featured speaker is Sandy Campbell, who will speak about teaching writing at the Correction Center for Women. All Friends are invited and needed for input. 884-2242.

May 13 Food handling class

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department is offering a Food Handler Card class at 1p.m at McColley Hall, Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. \$10 permit fee, cash only. 884-3312 to reserve a space.

May 14 Spring concert

Two Waters Arts Alliance hosts Bottom Line Duo, an internationally touring, Pacific Northwest based, bass and cello duo which has been performing since 1996. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$15. www.twowaters.org

May 14 Disc golf

Enjoy an introduction to Disc Golf with pro disc golfer and course designer, Paul Wright, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Cost is \$5/person. Key Pen Parks, 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com.

May 14 Second Saturday

Second Saturday at the Library features living history with local historian Tames Alan. Families will enjoy stories, songs and folk dancing at 2 p.m. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Donations to the food bank are appreciated. 884-2242.

May 21 Lyme group

The Lyme Support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Patients and families dealing with any chronic illness, including MS and ALS, are encouraged to join in to share not only information and positive emotional reinforcement but also ideas to face the daily challenges together. Tick-borne

infections are now estimated, nationally, to be at four times the rate of HIV infections. Education makes it easy to prevent these diseases. The group holds "scent-free" meetings for the comfort of those with sensitivities to perfume.

May 22 Talent auditions

The Key's Got Talent Try-outs will be held for all types of performers at 2 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Finalists will perform at KeyFest in July. www.keyfest.org or 253-444-3547.

May 26 Band practice

The Down HomeBand resumes practice at 7:30 p.m. at the Key Medical Center in Key Center. The band is open to anyone who plays a band instrument or did play one and would like to try again. There are members from 8 to 80 in the group and new musicians are always needed. The band plays at the Gig Harbor Cancer Run, Old Timers' Day, and other venues during the summer. If you are interested, just show up with your instrument, or call Dr. Roes at 884-9221.

May 29 Cemetery clean up

The Longbranch Cemetery Association is holding their annual clean up from 9 a.m.-noon followed by a potluck and annual meeting. Bring a pair of gloves and garden tools to help with the cemetery clean up. Betty Watkinson, 884-2790.

May 31 Teen program

Teen Time for kids 12-18 is held from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Join friends for gaming, crafting, and snacks. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 884-2242.

June 3 Boating class

A boating safety meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the recreation hall at Camp Stand By Me (Camp Easter Seal, Vaughn, Wash.). Representatives from the Pierce County Sheriff Marine Unit and the Power Squadron will be there to provide information about safe boating practices, laws, rules and regulations for safely enjoying local waters. Judy Mills, 884-2511 or djmills@centurytel.net.

OFF THE KEY

May 4 Luncheon

The Gig Harbor Welcome Club hosts a monthly luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. presented by Head Chef Joe Baugous of Harbor Place at Cottesmore, 1016 29th St NW. Music is provided by the Tale Draggers, a men's quartet of pilots. Contact Joan, www.gigharborwelcomeclub.com for reservations.

May 6 Special blood drive

A blood drive is held in tribute to the Pierce County Fallen Officers and current officers from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Civic Center at 3510 Grandview Road. This is the Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial Department Blood Drive.

May 7 Bake sale

The Allyn Historic Community Church hosts the annual bake and plant sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Allyn Historic Community Church on Hwy 3 in Allyn. Get some famous freshly made cinnamon rolls and tour the church.

May 12 PYO open house

The Peninsula Youth Orchestra hosts an open house from 4-6 p.m. at the Harbor Covenant Church in Gig Harbor. The PYO is an educational and recreational opportunity for students in grades 3-12, including beginners. Some scholarships are available. Early registrations and auditions for the 2011/12 season will be on June 9. 253-534-5384; www.harborpyo.org or info@harborpyo.org.

May 12 Readings presented

Plicata Press of Gig Harbor presents readings by four authors from their recent books 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Morso Wine Bar in Gig Harbor. Authors and their books are: Erne Lewis, An Act of Self-Defense, Jan Walker, A Farm in the South Pacific Sea, Kathleen O'Brian, A Light in the Heart, and Colleen Slater, Blue Deer: Four Generations of Poetry. The time is to be announced. www.plicatapress.com

May 14 Garden sale

Bay Shore Garden Club and 14 clubs from the peninsula area host a sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Donkey Creek Park on Harborview Drive in Gig Harbor. Plants, vegetables, yard art, shoe planting for

kids, educational booths, used garden tools and more are available.

June 4 and 5 Tractor Show

Olympic Peninsula Antique Tractor and Engine Association Antique Tractor and Engine Show, Tractor Pull and Swap Meet June 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Port Orchard Airport on Sydney Road. Lots of Spectator Fun Golf cart games. Tractor Pulling begins at 11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade at Noon each day Kiddie train and tractor games throughout the day Admission \$2 per person / \$5 per family: Richard Hay (253) 857-5203 opateventchair@opatea.org or Pete Britton (360) 479-5799 opatpresident@opatea.org.

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MAY PUBLIC MEETINGS

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May 3, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; www.keyfair.org.

KP Metro Parks

May 9, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex.

Fire District 16

May 10 & 24, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station.

Key Peninsula Community Council

May 11, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

Peninsula School District Board

May 12, 6 p.m. regular meeting at Goodman Middle School Commons; May 26, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office.

KP Civic Center Board

May 12, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room, KPCC.

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Regular dessert meeting, May 18, 6:30 p.m. at Longbranch Improvement Club.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays TOPS #1325

Take-Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 a.m. at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Free child care, fun and support are provided. 884-2554.

Thursdays Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet from 8-9 a.m. at the Key Center Library. Join the fun and improve your speaking ability.

Thursdays Senior Society

The Key Peninsula Senior Society, aka Yesterday's Teenagers, meet at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck, fellowship and games at the Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

Thursdays Lakebay writers

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

Saturdays Writers' guild

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



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KP Civic Center readies to celebrate 'Livable Community Fair'

The 10th Annual KP Livable Community Fair hosted by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, will be held May 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the civic center, 17010 South Vaughn Rd., K.P.N., Vaughn, WA. 98394.

More than 40 different non-profits and service organizations serving the Key Peninsula will be sharing information and resources in the gymnasium. Guests will be treated to performances by local musician, Mike Skweedler, Steel Impressions, the Minter Creek Elementary Marimba Band and Choir, and a jazz ensemble from the Key Peninsula Middle School.

Outside, the Lakebay Fuchsia Society will host its annual plant sale, Key Pen Parks' third annual Touch a Truck display will delight the young and old alike with Army vehicles, tow trucks, Peninsula Light trucks, vintage tractors and more.

The Key Peninsula History Museum will be open for tours and will be offering heritage plants for sale. A favorite among families, the trout fishing pond will round out the outdoor activities. This year's event is generously sponsored by Aspen



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Pierce Conservation District is one of the vendors at the annual Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

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FD 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for April 4 to 10

Fire and Medic crews responded to 34 alarms for the week April 4, 2011 through April 10, 2011.

Medical Aid Calls - 29

Fires / Service - 4

Other - 1

April 4

Medics responded to 158th Street NW for a woman who fell down a flight of stairs and was unconscious. The patient was treated at the scene and rushed to a local hospital for further care.

April 5

Medics responded to an elderly male that fell from standing and required assistance at his 115th Street Ct, KPN residence. He was found to be uninjured and was not transported.

April 6

Medics were called to the 113th Street KPN home of an elderly female after she died following a long-term illness. A funeral home transported the patient.

April 7

Medics responded to a Lackey road

home for an elderly female suffering from an illness causing her to nearly pass out. She was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

April 8

Firefighters and medics were called to a head-on vehicle crash on Key Peninsula Hwy, KPN. They arrived to find a small pickup and passenger car had collided. Two of the three people involved were transported to a local hospital for evaluation of their injuries.

April 9

Medics were called to a 147th Avenue KPN home for an elderly female suffering from severe breathing problems. She was treated at the scene and rushed to a local hospital for additional treatment.

April 10

Medics and firefighters responded to a single vehicle crash on SR-302 near Goldman drive NW. WSP and Pierce County Sheriff's were on the scene when crews arrived. One patient was transported to a local hospital for further care.

Prevent water pollution during spring chores

As the weather warms, residents start thinking about spring "to do" lists. Some of the projects, such as car washing, fertilizing the lawn, and driveway cleaning can pollute our local waterways and harm fish.

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* Sweep your driveway, sidewalk, and patios and put the debris in your trash. Hosing it down with water sends debris and pollutants into our local waterways.

* Pick up pet waste, bag it and place it in the trash. Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses, and parasites that harm people and fish.

* Encourage rain to soak into the ground by redirecting roof downspouts to drain rain into a rain barrel or rain garden.

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Source: Pierce County

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for April 4 to 10

April 1

15900 block of 1258th St. KPN – Vehicle theft -Ford F 350 and two Skill power saws.
2900 block of 174th Ave. KPN – Burglary - theft of power tools, safe containing handguns, locked case with two rifles and one handgun, theft of Nintendo Wii System and jewels.

April 2

7700 block of Crescent Beach Road – Vehicle theft- 2004 Toyota Tacoma, theft of 46" Vizio flat screen TV.
2100 block of 186th Ave. KPN – Burglary- theft of black AMD computer tower.

April 3

10300 block of SR 302 NW – Traffic stop- driving on suspended license, switched plates.
12600 Wright Bliss Road - Accident – collision, non-injury
14700 block of Parkdale Dr. KPN – Burglary, forced entry – theft of hand and

power tools.

18800 block of 76th St. Ct. KPS – Burglary, forced entry of a residence, theft of Nikon camera, Sony camcorder, backpack, head lamps, goggles, hydration pack and ice crampons, jewelry, checks

April 4

18800 block of 76th St. Ct. KPS – Attempted burglary, forced entry of a residence.
1700 block of 197th Ave. KPS - Assault of police officer during arrest.

April 5

No address available - Burglary via unlocked window of residence, theft of jewelry.

April 6

1200 block of 132nd St. KPN – Suspicious vehicle and occupants. One occupant arrested, warrants.
No address available- Burglary, entry of

residence by unsecured bedroom window. Theft of Toshiba laptop computer, Wii and X-box gaming consoles and over 100 DVD movies, jewelry.

900 block of Yew Blvd KPN - Vandalism of property, Foul toxic odor sprayed inside shelter.

KP Hwy and 64th St. KPN – Accident, weather related.

April 7

17800 block of 82nd- Theft from motor vehicle, vehicle prowl of motor home, theft of siphoned 60 to 70 gallons of gas.
6600 block of Whiteman Rd KPS – Burglary, no forced entry, unlocked window. Theft of jewelry.
13800 block of 97th Ave. NW – removal of delivered package from front porch, pranks involving garbage cans and back gate.

April 8

00 block of Cornwall Rd. KPS- Forced

entry, no theft.

April 11

19600 block of 21st St. KPS - Burglary of mobile home by forced entry. Theft of portable CD player, DVD player.
14500 block of 93rd Ave. NW – Burglary of residence, entry by broken window, suspects present, apprehended.
9500 block of SR 302 NW – Traffic stop, driving on suspended license.
KP Hwy N and 56th St. KPN – Accident, collision of two vehicles, one crossing center line.
9400 block of KP Hwy N – Vandalism of property, reckless endangerment. Victims were driving while suspects threw rocks.

April 13

6200 block of KP Hwy S - Theft on residential land of building supplies, roof flashing, several pallets of rebar, angle iron and aluminum window frames.



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The Mystery Church Member

Last month's puzzle – Luke 23:39-43

One thief went to paradise with Jesus. At that time, all the Godly were in Abraham's bosom (paradise) Eph. 4:7-10 Christ and the thief descended 1st to paradise, and Jesus led all in Abraham's bosom out and into Heaven.

Some think we die and go to Heaven, not true. If we 1st believe in Christ and die we sleep in Christ. 1st Cor. 15:51-57 and 1st Thess. 4:13-18. It is like last night we went to sleep and woke up this morning, the same when we die IF we believe that Jesus died and rose again....

So then also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
1st Thess. 4:13-18 v. 8

Puzzle Solved:
The thief was maybe the last Old Testament man saved and the 1st New Testament man saved.
See Eph. 2:8 Saved by grace through faith.

Now can you solve this puzzle?
What is Filthy Lucre? 1st Tim3:3, Titus 1:7-11, 1st Pet. 5:2 (and what makes it filthy?)

It is a good time to buy again

"Yah, yah, all you real estate people are alike. You sugar-coat the facts just to make a sale." If I had a nickel every time someone said that to me I'd be paying cash for half a dozen houses right now. I will admit there may be some truth in that statement. After four years of being hammered in a down market we Realtors believe there has to be a glimmer of good news about the real estate market somewhere. Local trends indicate that somewhere might be in your own backyard. And let me tell you with a straight face and honest optimism... it is a good time to buy again and I can back that statement up with facts.

Interest rates are still unbelievably low. You can still find a fixed mortgage rate under five percent! Industry experts predict interest rates will slowly rise by the end of the year. No one is predicting they will go down again so it is to your benefit to take advantage of these historic rates.

Today there are 32 percent fewer homes for sale on the Key Peninsula in 2011 than during the same month one year ago. That's a significant drop in available inventory, especially when you consider the first-time homebuyer

and move-up homebuyer incentives expired in June, 2010. And the number of pending (under contract) homes was 30.4 percent higher in March 2011 than the same period one year ago. While this trend is actually more encouraging for sellers, buyers must understand that there are more and more multiple offer situations cropping up on a home. One year ago a buyer could afford to wait for the price to drop or submit a low-ball offer and expect the seller to accept it. Today, there may be as many as eight offers submitted on one home and the selling price is often at or above the listed sale price.

The number of months of inventory has also dropped from 9.4 to 8.2. We are creeping closer to what is considered a normal market time of 6 months.

Homes are now selling within a few thousand dollars of the asking price. If you submit a low-ball offer to a seller in this market you risk offending that seller so much they will not even respond, ruining any negotia-

Tracy Butzko Tracy's Real Estate Tips



tion chances you might have had. Housing prices have adjusted to a much more realistic level with the average price per square foot dropping from \$118 to \$112 per square foot.

Lower interest rates, realistic home prices, a reduction in inventory, and oh by the way, did I mention an increased demand for rentals is driving up monthly rental rates? There are so many people looking for rentals that monthly rental rates are almost higher than a mortgage. In many cases it may be cheaper to own a home than to rent one these days. For example, a 1,600 square foot house may rent for close to \$1,400 per month. That same house, purchased at \$199,000 with 3.5 percent down at 4.75 percent will run approximately \$1,357 dollars a month. That includes principal and interest payment, taxes, insurance and

PMI payments. I understand, that's hardly a solid argument for buying, as the monthly rate is almost identical...but consider this... Over a period of seven years the net cost to rent the same house would cost you \$143,364 while the cost of ownership for the same home after deductions and costs is \$58,248. The difference is calculated from appreciation (estimated at 2.28 percent per year) coupled with \$11,000 tax deductions (over seven years) declared on income tax returns. The bottom line is buying a home will cost you approximately \$85,000 less than renting! That's a huge number.

Smart investors are finding the current housing market has created some very good buys for them, too. Investors are often purchasing homes at 50 percent less than the home might have been listed for two or three years ago. They then turn around and rent the homes to qualified renters who have a steady income yet need to rent for a year or two to repair their credit scores or save for a down payment before buying their next home.

Whether you are a first time home buyer, a move up buyer or investor, if you want to know what's going on in your own backyard, don't listen to national news, ask a local Realtor to tell you. They will tell you it's once again a good time to purchase real estate on the Key Pen.

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Give dogs a park, social time

Last month Chris Fitzgerald proposed a dog park on the KP. Most places I've lived have not had dog parks. Since I've been exposed to them here, I see many advantages and no real disadvantages.

Now I know some folks are just against dog parks. I've heard things like "Waste of land!" and even "What is it, just a bunch of dog crap?" But think about this: If you don't like dogs, then what better way to see fewer of them than have them all go to one place that you don't go to? And, if you have dogs and you haven't been to a dog park, they are much more than they seem. In places with no dog parks, you either walk your dog on a leash or find someplace to run off-leash and hope you don't run into a person who is afraid of dogs because you know if you do your dog will bark even though they never bark and then jump on the person and make their pants dirty and the person will scowl at you as they stomp away and you'll be a Bad Citizen. At least that's what you worry about anyway. On a leash, nobody gets much exercise, and dogs can't socialize except maybe for a quick sniff from another passing dog. I've always found it frustrating to watch dogs struggle to socialize through their isolated lives, much like our children do – or any of us for that matter.

When we moved here I started hitting dog parks to see how they worked. The one I've settled into is Bandix Park, just east of 16 off of SE Burley Olalla Road. This is a 29-acre park on top of an old landfill. It has a cleared center area ringed first by low shrubs and trees and then by wooded trails. There's no running water (people bring plastic jugs and recycle them), but there is a clean port-a-potty the humans can use. Right away, I noticed a major difference in my dog's behavior. Watching her play off-leash with other dogs, I could see that she was happier than I'd ever seen her before. It's pretty amazing to watch 10 or 20 dogs all hang out, run, play, and just have fun together. It makes you relax and lowers your blood

pressure. You can walk on the trails and get some pretty good exercise. Or, if you can't walk too much or want to sit, the open center area is perfect for that, and there are donated chairs and tables. Because this ain't just for dogs. People start to make friends here and many socialize outside the dog park. It's another outlet for people to talk about events, share interests, make friends, and expand support groups. People walk around in little packs of bipeds and quadrupeds, talk for an hour or so, then head out. Some folks just like to walk by themselves, and that works fine too.

Socialized dogs are more confident and happy. They're better around children and people in general. These dogs look forward to going to the park. When they get there they seek out their dog friends and tear it up just like kids at a playground,

and you'll see aspects of your dog's personality you've never seen before. Aggressive dogs are not tolerated, so it's peaceful. Volunteers step up to maintain the park, but really there's not much to maintain, especially with larger parks. The dogs chase each other through the shrubs and trees. Fields, trails, or patches of dirt form based on the patterns of use. Another place on the KP that brings people (and dogs) together improves our quality of life, helps boost our property values, and strengthens our overall community. And all you have to do is to bend over and pick up your dog's poop with a plastic bag – hey man, that's a good deal!

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There will be over 100 blooming hanging baskets "ready to go" for Mother's Day.

More than 100 varieties of both hardy and tender fuchsia plants will be on sale. Most will be 4-inch starts, but a few gallons will be there for early shoppers.

The club also has annuals and perennials, for both sun and shade, as well as a variety of popular ones from commercial nurseries. Petunias, impatiens, cosmos, snapdragons, and begonias are included on the list.

Some vegetable starts, larger annuals and perennials, herbs, and even shrubs will be available.

Knowledgeable club members and other experts will be on site for questions and recommendations.

The hardy fuchsias they sell have been tested in their garden at the civic center.

Booklets about growing hardy fuchsias, with color photos, will be on sale.

Sign up for the free drawing for one of the beautiful hanging fuchsia baskets.

The club welcomes new members or interested visitors to their regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Library. Call 884-2283 for more information.



A wide variety of plants were available at last year's sale.

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KP author publishes book of poems, spans four generations

By Marsha Hart, KP News

As a child Colleen Slater had a gift for composing poems. She began writing as soon as she could put sentences together, and at age six wrote her first poem. Though that poem is lost, she kept the others over the years and recently decided to compile them for her family.

"Blue Deer" is a 100-page book of poems that span four generations. She included poems written by her father, her son and her grandchildren. Her granddaughter, Sarah Slater, designed the book cover.

Slater's father James McCort O'Hara was born and raised in Scotland. He had a gift for rhymes, she said. The first poem in the book is his, written in his native dialect.

"I have always called myself a rhymester more than a poet," Slater said. "I was

"My son calls them shape poems, so they are set up on the page to have a certain shape, and getting them to fit on the page and getting everything to come out right was a real challenge."

Colleen Slater
on her book, "Blue Deer"

raised on nursery rhymes and music. My dad sang and recited things to me, my grandmother recited all those nursery rhymes."

Maybe it was listening to the rhymes and the way words were paired, or maybe

(See Book, Page 22)



Photo courtesy of Colleen Slater

Colleen Slater has published a book of poetry that spans four generations of her family.

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(From Book, Page 21)

Slater just has a natural love for writing. "Sometimes I just sit down and dash something off, and sometimes in rhyme, and sometimes it didn't come out that way," she said.

"Blue Deer" has several themes, including childhood, nature, relationships and special forms.

"The hardest part of the whole thing was formatting it," she said. "My son calls them shape poems, so they are set up on the page to have a certain shape, and getting them to fit on the page and getting everything to come out right was a real challenge."

It was such a challenge, Slater declared she will never compile another poetry book.

"I can help someone who needs it,

but I said once is enough of that."

Having the poems already written and collected, Slater said she thought she would have the project finished in no time. She planned to have the book ready before Christmas. Instead it took six months.

Plicata Press in Gig Harbor, a cooperative publishing company, published the book.

Slater will be reading from the book at Moreso Wine Bar in Gig Harbor on May 12. Her nephew, Ken O'Hara, who lives in Scotland, recorded her father's poem and she will play the recording at the reading.

"Blue Deer" is available at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center, Mostly Books in Gig Harbor and copies can also be purchased from Slater.

For more information visit colleen-aslater.com.

Picnics at Carney Lake

By Joyce Niemann, KPHS

The Key Peninsula Historical Society Museum has their new exhibit now open – "Picnics, Parties and Ice Cream Socials of the Past." One of the favorite picnic spots was Carney Lake.

The road to Carney Lake started at what was called Cherry Tree Corners or Morgans Corner in the past (now the intersection of Wright Bliss with Elgin-Clifton Road).

On the left side of the road was a large old cherry tree planted by one of the pioneers. It stood there until Peninsula Light Company put in their substation years ago and chopped the tree down. If the community had known the tree was going down, there probably would have been a "tree hugging ring of people" around it for protection.

Davidson Brothers Logging Company

was logging the salvage during 1923-25. It was a difficult area to log because of the steep hills and canyons.

It was an adventure just for the drive up to Carney Lake after automobiles came on the scene. At the top of the steep hill you were to honk the horn before going over, and also a honk before coming back up the hill. The road had lots of ups and downs like a roller coaster.

The road ended at Carney Lake, and only after World War II did it go on to Port Orchard.

About the same time, the road was widened and the hills and dales graded down.

Many family picnics were held at Carney Lake. The water was warmer for swimming than the bay and it was a wonderful treat to spend an afternoon at the lake "in olden times." It didn't take too much to make us happy in those days.

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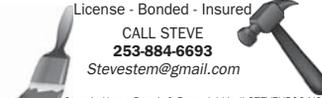
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Alayna Piwonski, a Harbor Premiere Soccer Club player, in a hard-fought game against Newport Soccer Club of Bellevue. Score was 0-0.



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April 16 was Parks Appreciation Day on the Key Peninsula. Peninsula School Board member Matt Wilkinson and his wife Kari, Claudia Jensen and Sunny Quintero and KP Park Board member Greg Anglemeyer volunteered to remove non-native plant life from the roadway at the newly acquired 360-acre park off power line road.

KP News 'Where in the World'



Photo courtesy of Leziann Moselle

Leziann Moselle of Longbranch took her copy of the KP News with her when she visited Ohio. She is standing at McKinley National Memorial.



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Trilliums are in bloom on the Key Peninsula.