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## ALS Committee Proposals

by Megan Aprile

### Key Peninsula EMS Status:

Current number of people transported per day: 1

Current percentage needing advanced life support: 50%

Current annual cost to taxpayers for fire/EMS: \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

Estimated cost of providing

Advanced Life Support Services for the remainder of 1989: \$20,000

Over one hundred people attended an April 26 public hearing called by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the current emergency medical services crisis. The overwhelming feeling expressed was that Advanced Life Support (ALS) and transport service should be provided by the district and would be supported by voters as a ballot issue.

The provider of ALS services has been Peninsula Ambulance. This company has notified the Fire Department that as of April 30 it will no longer be providing this service. If paramedics are not hired or contracted for by the district, ALS services will be requested from a Tacoma ambulance company which would meet our ambulance en route to Tacoma and transfer the injured person to their ambulance. A paramedic at the public hearing stated that the Tacoma ambulance company is often very busy and response time would vary widely, and that calls might not be answered.

The committee voted at a meeting April 27 to recommend that the fire district provide ALS services (see above for costs) until the end of 1989, with cost based on a user fee of approximately \$295 plus mileage for ambulance transport using ALS services and \$195 plus mileage for BLS (Basic Life Support) services.

If Fire District 16 Commissioners make the decision to provide paramedic services, our fire district will become the first in the State of Washington to provide BLS, ALS and transport services. Fire District 16 is currently rated as the number 1 district in Washington State. The committee's recommendations will be presented to our Fire Commissioners Duane Fleming, Arthur Fenton, Jr. and Hugh McMillan at their regular meeting May 22.



Tracy Anker (above) and Jamie Eades (right)  
KP NEWS photos by Joe Aprile

## KP Riders begin horse show season

by Megan Aprile

Horse Show season has begun and our Peninsula riders are involved in many types of shows. On March 25 many young riders took part in the schooling show at Peninsula Riding Arena in Port Orchard. A schooling show is one in which young riders receive feedback from the judge about their strong and weak points and also one where rules for dress are relaxed. Riders still receive ribbons and are ranked in each class they ride.

Our Peninsula riders were Tracy Anker, 12, riding Evening's Surprise (everyday name: Cricket). Tracy performed in nine classes and her personal best was a second place, out of seventeen in the class, for Western Pleasure Horse. Brenda Breese, 14, riding Ala Bisaat El Rhi, performed in eleven classes and her personal best was a first place in English

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## Key Peninsulan honored

Many of us know of Hugh McMillan and his involvement in our community. Hugh was twice honored this month for his contributions. He was recommended by Councilman Paul Cyr and recognized as an outstanding volunteer by Pierce County and the City of Tacoma at an event at the Tacoma Dome on April 22. He also received the Citizen of the Month award from the Gig Harbor Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Hugh said, "I'd like to be thought of as the recipient of these awards on behalf of the many volunteers and organizations who do so much work in our community. Our Lions Club has a neat expression," he added, "There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened." I've been fortunate to be able to work with hundreds of volunteers who make things happen."





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## KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will  
come out on May 15. Please note the  
deadline for notices, articles and ads  
for that issue is Monday, May 8.

### To the Editor

The Key Center Library is a wonder-  
ful resource for our community. We have  
enjoyed the children's preschool sto-  
rytime but it is limited to eight weeks  
twice a year. We have started a petition in  
some of the local businesses to increase  
the preschool activities at the Library in  
Key Center. Along with the first petition  
is a petition asking that there be some  
weekday morning library time. The hope  
of these petitions is to allow the library  
system to know the needs of this commu-  
nity. We feel, with the increase in popu-  
lation, people could better use the library  
if it had additional hours and activities.

If you don't see our petitions in local  
businesses or if you want more informa-  
tion, write to D. Boyer, 13910 126th St.  
KPN, Gig Harbor WA 98335.

Debra Langley-Boyer, Alisha Thomas,  
Brenda Kiser

## To the Editor

### To the Editor

The following letter was received  
from Peninsula Ambulance by the com-  
missioners and the committee to solve the  
commissioners' problems:

"This letter will confirm in writing my  
verbal conversation with you that Penin-  
sula Ambulance will cease all ALS activ-  
ity in FPD #16 effective April 30th, the  
last 24 hour shift of the month. In addition  
I am requesting that this company be  
removed from your dispatch cards in Fire  
Comm & Dist. 16. I have also notified the  
EMS office and have removed this com-  
pany from all mutual aid and back-up  
support activities.

This decision has been made because  
of continuing circumstances that affect  
the ability to conduct ALS service in a  
safe, effective and cost supportive man-  
ner. Opposition from citizens, local poli-  
ticians and fire department personnel  
have combined to make a sincere effort to  
provide a higher level of prehospital care  
impossible. I wish you good luck in the  
future. Sincerely, Lowell D. Haugen."

As I said in my last letter, it seemed  
the only way we would get back our own  
service is if it was the only option left open  
to them. It seems that has happened.

What now? Will our service return?  
Will we build on that service, or will the  
commissioners give us something else we  
do not want? I would hope the commis-  
sioners will use this blessing in disguise to  
restart our own ambulance service and  
build it into a service we can be as proud  
of as we once were!

Allen A. Yanity

### To the Editor

We would like to thank the commu-  
nity for its generous support of this year's  
Girl Scout cookie sale. In so doing, you  
have done more than just buy cookies.  
You participated in a hands-on learning  
activity for young girls. Through the  
cookie sale, girls learn to be responsible,  
to handle money and to talk to people.  
They work together toward a goal which  
they've set and they develop self confi-  
dence.

The annual cookie sale is the major  
source of financial support for most Girl  
Scout troops. The 13 local troops earned  
\$3,184.40 in this year's sale. Troops will  
use this money to help them carry out the  
activities which the girls have planned for  
this Spring. They'll take field trips and  
buy badges and supplies for craft projects.  
One troop is using the money which  
they've earned from the sale for food and  
other costs of a camping trip to the Peace  
Arch in Blaine, Washington, where  
they'll join members of other youth  
groups from both the US and Canada for  
the annual Hands Across the Border pro-  
gram. One troop of high school girls is  
saving their cookie sale profits for a trip to  
England which they plan to take next  
year.

In addition, girls who sell 100 boxes

of cookies or more earn "cookie credits"  
which they can use to pay all or part of  
their way to summer camp or to buy  
uniforms, handbooks and other Girl  
Scout merchandise. It takes quite a bit of  
commitment, lots of hard work and good  
parental support to achieve this. Forty-  
seven girls in our community have  
reached this goal this year and will benefit  
directly from their efforts. Every year  
local girls take advantage of this opportu-  
nity to earn their way to camp.

Through the cookie sale community  
members also support the Girl Scout  
council. The council's cookie sale profits  
are used to support the council's camping  
program and to provide financial assis-  
tance for girls who would not otherwise  
be able to participate in some of the spe-  
cial Girl Scout activities.

Thank you for your support. You've  
made an investment in the lives of the  
girls in our community.

Lenore Hogeberg, Volunteer Cookie  
Manager, Gig Harbor

### To the Editor

I am working on a story about Joe and  
Emma Smith who lived near Whitman  
Cove in the early 1920s on property that  
became known as "Joemma Beach." This  
area was later named Robert F. Kennedy  
Park (near Longbranch). Joe Smith pub-  
lished the "Joemma Bulletin," a small  
newspaper mainly devoted to his business  
of bulbs and plants that he sold and  
shipped all over the United States. There  
are indications that his newspaper ran  
from about 1918 to at least 1925, and Mr.  
Smith may have been a newspaperman in  
Seattle before coming to the Key Penin-  
sula. Mr. and Mrs. Smith apparently had  
one son, Gerald, who may have lived in  
Olympia.

Any information or even leads to in-  
formation, such as pictures, stories, cop-  
ies of the "Joemma Bulletin," or just  
about anything, would be most helpful. If  
you can shed some light, please either  
give me a call at 884-3379 or drop me a  
note at Box 510, Vaughn, WA 98394.

K.L. Stiles

### To the Editor

The current ambulance issues that  
face Fire District 16 have been highly  
emotional issues, to say the least. This has  
been the most debated issue to ever hit the  
Fire District.

When the fire commissioners decided  
to give up Basic Life Support ambulance  
service (by a 2 to 1 vote) there was an  
instant outcry from the public. I person-  
ally felt that if a decision of this magni-  
tude were to be made, one that affects all  
the tax paying citizens of the fire district,  
the commissioners should have called a  
public meeting to air the issues at hand.

The fire commissioners did finally  
hold a public meeting, however most of  
those who attended the meeting came  
away more confused and angry than when  
they arrived. Many who attended that  
meeting felt that the commissioners were  
attempting to sell us on the decision that  
had already been made and were not re-  
ally interested in what the public had to  
say. However, for reasons known only to

the commissioners, they did backpedal,  
and at a subsequent fire commissioners  
meeting they formed an action committee  
to look into and make recommendations  
regarding Basic Life Support and Ad-  
vanced Life Support ambulance service  
issues.

For those of you who are not aware of  
how this committee was formed, let me  
assure you that this is no "whitewash"  
committee. Nor is it a "bunch of good ol'  
boys" rounded up by the commissioners  
to peddle their views to the general public.  
Several names were submitted to the fire  
department. These names were submitted  
not only by the commissioners but from  
many interested persons and groups  
throughout the district. From that list of  
names the committee was chosen by the  
fire department personnel, not by the  
commissioners. The committee members  
are a very diversified group. They come  
from all areas of the fire district. They are  
a good cross section of the tax payers of  
the area.

I have attended most of the FDAC  
meetings and I am happy to report that the  
committee is working hard to address all  
of the possible problems to be faced by  
Fire District 16, not only for the near  
future, but five and ten years down the  
road.

It's unfortunate that this incident  
came about the way it did, and I think that  
if the commissioners had it to do over  
again, they would form the action com-  
mittee before they made a major decision  
such as this one. Something I think many  
of us are losing sight of is the fact that our  
fire commissioners have unselfishly  
given a combined service of over 40 years  
to this fire district. They have done an  
excellent job of bringing this district out  
of the dark ages and they have worked  
hard to make Fire District 16 one of the  
finest in the state. I don't think that one  
single issue should wipe out the recogni-  
tion they deserve for all the good things  
they have done.

Fire District 16 appears to be back on  
the right track. I think that most of us are  
working towards positive goals for the  
future of the fire department. It's time for  
the name calling and mud slinging to stop  
and for the community to once again get  
behind and support our local fire depart-  
ment in a positive manner.

John A. Hendrickson

### To the Editor

Commander Rhys Wood of Veter-  
ans of Foreign Wars Post 4990 wishes to  
thank all members of the Post Auxiliary  
who donate their time and energies work-  
ing the Bingo concession each Wednes-  
day night at the KP Civic Center under the  
watchful eye of Jim Wooldridge.

Many hours are spent each week  
buying supplies and cooking and serving  
pies, hot dogs, popcorn etc. to the hungry  
players.

Many thanks also to the players for  
their appetites!



## Longbranch pioneer church restoration campaign launched

On Sunday, April 30, the Longbranch Community Church launched a building campaign to raise \$25,000 to meet the cost of replacing the roof, upgrading the lighting and wiring, insulating and painting inside and out, and redecorating the sanctuary. The Longbranch Community

Church is one of the last remaining pioneer churches in Western Washington and has served this community for nearly one hundred years.

Almost half of the \$25,000 goal has already been pledged through generous donations from the Ruth Circle and church membership.

## Ruth Circle's Spring luncheon

The Ruth Circle is holding its annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 6, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Longbranch Community Church. This year's theme is the Washington State Centennial.

The program will feature songs of long ago and Addie McMennamin will discuss the story behind the naming of Filucy Bay. There will be displays relating to early settler life and a bake sale to tempt all with homemade goodies.

All the proceeds from this year's event will go to support the renovation of the Longbranch Community Church, one of the last remaining pioneer churches in Western Washington.

## Civic Center kids' contest

This is a reminder to all kids on the Key Peninsula about the contest the Civic Center Association has going. We want your ideas for programs for kids to be run at the Civic Center. The best idea in each of the following groups will win \$25! The groups are: 3rd to 5th grade; 6th to 8th grade; and 9th to 12th grade. This contest ends May 31 so send your ideas right away to M. Aprile, 15808 59th St. Ct. KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349.

## Razzmatazz does the 50s

Razzmatazz does the 50s - sock hop and car show from 8 to 11 pm on Saturday, May 13, at Peninsula High School gym.

Fifties music will be presented by the PHS Razzmatazz gang, the Chuck Turnbull combo and the Turnbull sisters. Bring your 50s vintage car or 'rod and get one free admission to the dance! Security will be provided at the car display area.

## New postmaster at Vaughn

On Thursday, April 20, our new postmaster, Joanne Clark, was officially sworn in with a simple oath in which she swore to uphold the US Constitution.

The transfer of accountability, which is similar to an audit, already took place and now the official recognition is made. Joining her for the official ceremony were her mother Dorothy Forstrom, her sister Linda Dillard, who is postmaster at Clallam Bay, and Joanne's two children Melissa and Joshua. Bea Wilson, our retired Vaughn postmaster, was also there. Joanne is a lifelong resident of Olalla and was the clerk at Burley before coming to Vaughn. Joanne's goals as postmaster are to make the Vaughn Post Office a place of good service and a pleasing atmosphere.

Pat Mosley, who filled in as acting postmaster when Bea retired, will be missed for her friendly service and ready smile.

## Peninsula movings and shakings.....

*Monday, May 1 ...*

Senior Society Board meeting at KP Civic Center, 10 am.

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

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

*Tuesday, May 2 ...*

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

Peninsula Social Club potluck, 6:30 pm, Longbranch Church Hall.

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

Talk by David Nicandri, "Waves: a Short History of Washington," St. Hugh Episc. Church.

*Wednesday, May 3 ...*

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.

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

Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

*Thursday, May 4 ...*

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

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

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

*Friday, May 5 ...*

KP Business Assn. meets at Huckleberry Inn, 7:30 am.

Upper Sound Grange 705 meets at 7 pm, KPCC.

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

*Saturday, May 6 ...*

Ruth Circle salad lunch at noon, Longbranch Church, Centennial/Indian theme. Friends invited.

*Monday, May 8 ...*

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

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

VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

*Tuesday, May 9 ...*

Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.

Cottettes 609 visit Cottessmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.

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

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

Vaughn PTO meets at the school at 7 pm.

KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.

*Wednesday, May 10 ...*

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.

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

Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10 am at Longbranch Church.

KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

*Thursday, May 11 ...*

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

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild meets at noon in home of Birdie Shock, Longbranch.

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

Survivors meet at 2 pm in the Brones Room of the KC Library.

KPCCA Board meeting, 7:30 pm at KPCC.

*Monday, May 15 ...*

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

Evergreen Eagle Boosters meet at 7 pm at school.

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

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

KP Land Use Committee meets at 7:30 pm, Gold Room, KPCC.

## Bayshore Garden Club show

The public is invited to a judged flower show at the Longbranch Improvement Hall on Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 4 pm. The theme of the show is "Bring May Flowers" in arrangements and horticulture. The tea table will be by Liz Fore with Jane Barnes helping. Plan to come to a truly enjoyable show!

## Grow a beard - be a winner!

How much can a beard grow in two months? Well, we hope to answer that question by August 5 during the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration.

There will be prizes given in four different categories: 1) The longest; 2) The oddest shape; 3) The best color and; 4) The ugliest. Come in and sign up at Sylvia's Staches and Lashes in the KC Corral on June 1.

Four local restaurants have donated dinners for two to the winners. They are The Huckleberry Inn, The Key Eatery (which will open May 15), The Homeport and The Longbranch Chowder House.

The contest will be judged by some of the best looking gals on the Key Peninsula and, to make this a competitive and fun event, we are looking for no less than five participants. For more information call Shirley Olson at 884-2481.

## CAC awards banquet scheduled

by Stella Retherford

The first annual Citizens Against Crime Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 15 at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center, Vaughn. All members and friends are invited.

A complete filet of sole dinner will be prepared by Marty Pedersen, a retired restaurateur and professional chef. Marty and his assistants need to know how many to prepare for, so pick up your tickets at the monthly CAC meeting on May 4. You may also reserve your tickets for this gala affair (to pick up at the door) by mailing a check for \$5 per person to

CAC, PO Box 72, Lakebay, WA 98349.

The keynote speaker will be County Councilman Paul Cyr. Nominations of candidates for awards can be made to Sgt. Bill Seewer, Deputy John Hendrickson or President Hugh McMillan. Officers of the organization are not eligible for awards.

## Asbestos risk removed from Civic Center

The Key Peninsula Civic Center was closed recently for two days so that asbestos insulating material could be removed. Air quality tests were taken after the removal and the building was given a clean bill of health.

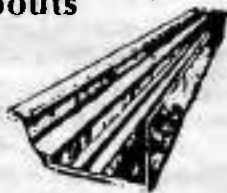




The Key Peninsula Respite Care Program celebrates its fifth anniversary. Shown seated are Galen Potter and Maryanna Johnson, two of the original group members. Standing behind them (from left to right) are Ruth Ziemer, Dr. Roes and Pauline Longley. Five years ago, Jane Vaccaro, who was then the community health nurse for our area, talked with Dr. Roes and Dean Shriner about the concept of respite care for handicapped or elderly people. Thanks to the foresight of these three people and the support of the Health Center Board, the Respite Care Program recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Although respite care is still a new idea, our program has been running longer than Tacoma respite care programs. Edie Morgan is the program's current director. KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

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Inasmuch as no one has ever before claimed the waters of the seas of this earth, this is a legitimate claim. All who read this statement will be my witnesses and shall be awarded excellent jobs, for the remainder of their lives, and shall never want for anything again. This is a promise. For further details consult my aide, Donald Trump.

Why should I claim all the waters of the seas? Have you heard the news? You should have been listening - nuclear fusion has finally been attained. One gallon of seawater will produce as much power

as 20 tons of coal, and the process is simple. Can you begin to imagine what this is going to do to the world's economy? No more oil powered machines will pollute the earth's atmosphere. No more coal smoke will blot out the sun in Pittsburgh, even! Just pure air, to inhale into our soot-caked lungs for the rest of our lives! Nuclear fusion is totally non-polluting. It is the answer to all our dreams, excepting eternal life, and maybe with all the royalty money I will have, I can hire someone to figure that one out. Although I only intend to charge one cent per gallon royalty for seawater, I still expect to have the royalty money I will have, I can hire someone to figure that one out. Although I only intend to charge one cent per gallon royalty for seawater, I still expect to have plenty of spending money, to experiment for the good of humanity. I shall be a benevolent dictator.

Now, let us all rest in peace and see what happens to nuclear fusion. I will donate seawater free if fusion developers do likewise.

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters! Must be typed or neatly written with address and telephone number for confirmation.

PO Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394

## Girl Scouts celebrate Arbor Day

Key Peninsula's Junior Girl Scout Troop 629, led by Scout Leader Ruth Dudley and Assistant Scout Leader Terry Ford, planted a purple lilac at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on April 5 in celebration of Arbor Day and Washington

State's Centennial. The girls will earn a Washington State Centennial badge for this work and for a day-long visit they made to the State Capitol the day before. The Girl Scouts thanked the KP community for its support of their annual Girl Scout Cookie sale.

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## Great Wave Welcomes



Mary Pepper, formerly of Purdy Beauty Shop. Mary offers years of experience and expertise in perming and hair cutting.

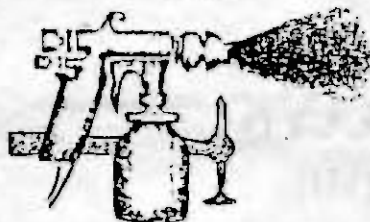
Mary will be working at Great Wave Monday (Sr. Citizen Day), Tuesday - Wednesday, Saturdays and Wednesday Evenings.



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Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), a division of the State Insurance Commissioner's Office, offers free advice to concerned seniors and special training to prepare volunteers to be teachers, advocates and insurance resource persons.

Being concerned about having enough insurance can lead to buying too much. Being baffled by the maze of state, federal and private insurance options is not unusual. To get help you can call 597-7312, Neighbor to Neighbor at 884-9833, or the commissioner's hot line at 1-800-562-6900.

Training sessions lead by Sandra Davenport, Pierce County SHIBA Red Cross trainer, and information are available at the Key Peninsula Community Services Center from 10 am to noon on May 11, June 15, July 13, August 11, September 14, October 12, November 16 and December 14. Reservations are not necessary.

Submitted by Jim Updike, VISTA, and Karen Hudson, Community organizer.

## Group to host meeting on Power of Attorney

The Neighbor to Neighbor Project, a group which serves the needs of senior citizens under the Area Agency on Aging, is holding a meeting on May 23 in the Brones Room, KCLibrary, from 10 am to noon. The speaker will be Pam McPartland, one of several attorneys in the Puget Sound Legal Foundation, who will talk about the "Power of Attorney," what it is, whether you or someone you know needs it, when and how to get it. After her talk there will be time to discuss these and other legal questions.



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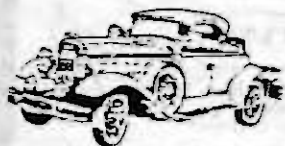
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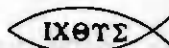


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# To Your Health

by Wm. F. Roes, MD



A recent article in the Morning News Tribune pointed out a very disturbing trend in Pierce County, the recent drop in immunization rates. The article stated that county wide, less than 50% of two year-olds are fully immunized. This is a significant change from ten years ago when they estimated that 75% of two year-olds were adequately immunized. The article suggests that the increase in cost of vaccines (due largely to the increase in insurance costs) is responsible for the decline.

We have no local statistics but I would hope the availability of the Key Peninsula Health Center's Well Child Clinic since the late 1970s has made a difference on immunization rates in our community. The clinic is every Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 am at the Health Center, and all routine immunizations are included in the

\$10 fee for children from the Key Peninsula.

The state recently modified the standard immunization schedule and now recommends the following: For a child at two months - first DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus), first OPV (oral Polio vaccine - live); at four months - second DPT, second OPV; at six months - third DPT; at 15 months - fourth DPT, third OPV, Measles, Mumps, Rubella; at four to five years - fifth DPT, fourth OPV.

Remember, these immunizations are required before your child will be allowed into kindergarten, so now is a good time to re-check their immunization status.

Finally, the Fire Department Advisory Committee is now working on its final report (regarding the ambulance issue) to the Fire Commissioners of District 16 and the public. A copy of the report will be in the Key Peninsula NEWS in June.

## Well Child Clinic

by Janice McMillan

The Well Child Clinic, supported by the Key Peninsula Health Center, is a wonderful bargain and opportunity for parents to get their children's physicals and necessary shots. Many many babies and young children in Pierce County do not get needed physical check-ups and inoculations. Because of this the Key Peninsula Health Center subsidizes the Well Child clinic for all citizens of Key Peninsula. The clinic is held on Tuesdays at 9 am on a first-come first-served basis; no appointment is necessary. The number of patients seen is limited so it is best to be

a little early. It is not necessary to be a regular patient of Dr. Roes to take advantage of this service. The fee, for this estimated value of \$40, is \$10 per patient which includes shots and physical. Please note that it is a well child clinic and is not appropriate for ill children ... including those with colds.

Physicals and/or shots are suggested for children aged 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 1 year, 15 months, 3 years and 4 to 5 years.

The Clinic is a good place to get preschool examinations and immunizations necessary for kindergarten entry. Spring and summer participation is strongly encouraged as the fall schedule "does tend to get a little crazy," according to the staff. This program is open to residents of the Key Peninsula only.

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# In the Library

The Homesman by Glendon Swarthout is a frontier story of the 1850s. The author writes about an unusual aspect of pioneer life, the women who could not cope with the hardships and rigors of that life, losing their sanity under the duress. An independent woman homesteader teams up with a drifter to accompany the women to their families in the East. The long trek against the westward flow is full of difficulties. The reader is caught up in the lives of these people and their mission. A Book of the Month Club selection with motion picture rights to Paul Newman. Recommended by Betty Beal.

Pesticide Alert by Lawrie Mott is a guide to pesticides in fruits and vegetables. Some of the facts included are: Each year 2.6 billion pounds of pesticides (including herbicides) are used in the United States. Sixty percent are used in agriculture. The FDA has detected pesticide residues in 48% of fruits and vegetables, sampling less than 1% of available produce. The EPA has identified 55 cancer-causing pesticides that may leave residues in our food. The majority of pesticides in use have not been adequately tested. The potential risks are one million cancer cases in the United States. All 105 Safeway stores in the United Kingdom sell only organic produce.

Pesticide Alert will help you to select the produce with the least amounts of residue. It also includes several suggestions for actions consumers can take to further protect themselves.

Sing a Song of Popcorn is every child's book of poems, illustrated by nine Caldecott Medal artists. It is a wonderful selection of poems and illustrations. A sample: "The Prayer of the Little Ducks"

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## Video Picks

by Megan Aprile

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Category: Classic comedy

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Peter Sellers is gone now, but he was one of those naturally funny people like Jay Leno, Bill Cosby or Michael Keaton. Maybe he isn't as well known anymore, which would be a real shame.

The Pink Panther movies (there are several) always start with animated credits using the pink panther, which is never again mentioned, but it does set the cor-

rect tone of silliness.

After that we are treated to Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau, a French detective with the most mangled French accent you can imagine and a genius for causing anybody who tries to pursue or control him a whole lot of trouble.

In "Revenge of the Pink Panther" there is an hysterical scene in which the Inspector passes himself off as a Mafia godfather. We see him putting cotton balls in his cheeks for the right effect, and he goes on to have some very funny problems with them.

Movie Magic has a nice selection of classic movies. Video tapes can be rented around the Peninsula at DJ's Mini Mart, Home Country Store, K & J Feed, Key Center Library, Longbranch Mercantile, Movie Magic, Movie Magic II, Puget Video, Red Dogs and Walt's.



The Key Peninsula Civic Center becomes a casino for a night with a great crowd. **RENO NIGHT** is an annual Key Peninsula event and, thanks to many volunteers, it was again a success. KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

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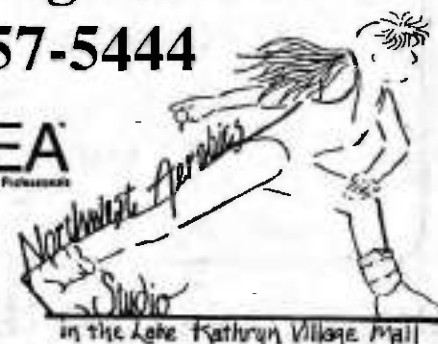
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## Here comes summer school

by Keith Stiles

If you have children in school, now is the time to give some serious thought to what they will be doing this summer and whether they will take advantage of summer school. At one time summer school was thought of only as a necessity for children who got behind due to illness or other difficulty. Now many parents realize that in addition to strengthening weak areas, summer school can provide opportunities for children to take classes they might otherwise miss and to keep in contact with more formal learning through part of the summer.

Summer school offered by the Peninsula School District will run from June 26

through July 21 for elementary grades and through July 28 for high school. Elementary classes will be held at Minter Creek Elementary and Harbor Heights Elementary (both will have day care facilities). Other classes will be at Key Peninsula High and Gig Harbor High School. Elementary classes will meet twice a week for two hours per class and high school class hours and schedules will vary. The cost for elementary classes will be \$36 and high school (credit) classes will be \$130.

Children in our local schools will be bringing summer school information home in a week or so. It will have complete information on classes and times. If yours does not arrive, please contact your nearest Peninsula School District facility and pick one up. For further information or assistance in enrolling your child, contact any school office.



Brownie Troop #802 earned money and bought a Red Oak tree and a Centennial Rhododendron to donate to Fire District 16 Headquarters. They planted the tree and the rhodo on April 13 behind the Headquarters building where they are lovingly cared for by Bev Peterson and others.

KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

## Athletic scholarships available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be All State to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through

the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For details on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to The National Sports Foundation, Box 408, Matawan, New Jersey 07747.

## Horse show season... continued from pg 1

Pleasure Horse. Brenda had participated in all three schooling shows and also received the high point award in the English and Western divisions. Jamie Eades, 11, riding Majick's Myrdden Pendragon, otherwise known as Merlin, and Ebony's Sabrina Fair, performed in thirteen classes. Her personal best was two first places, one in English Equitation and one in Saddle Seat Pleasure Horse.

Jamie Eades participated in the Tennessee Walker Horse Trainer Show held at Trail's End in Olympia the following day and received two second places riding Ebony's Sabrina Fair, one in the Trail Open Class and one in Juvenile Plantation Championship.

Apryl Graham, 17, riding Twaz Thyme, performed in Western classes. Her placings were unavailable at press time. Jane Zempel, 13, riding Truffels Whatcha Doin, performed in seven classes and her personal best was a first in Hunter Pleasure Horse.

There are many opportunities in our area to participate in horse shows. The Kitsap Saddle Club in Port Orchard has playday shows (shows held by a private club) starting May 21. There is a Horsemen's Association in Gig Harbor which also has shows.

Information about horse shows and other equestrian events is available through joining the Washington State Horsemen, Inc., PO Box 848, Kirkland, WA 98083. For more information on this organization, call 885-7757.

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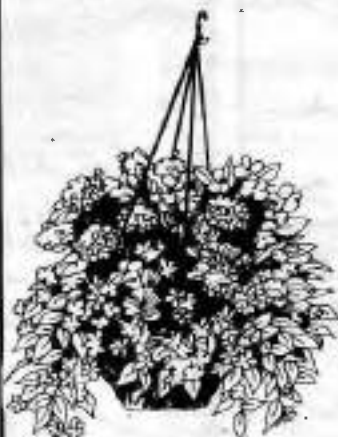
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# Volkss- what?

by Don Tjossem



**Volkssporting** is coming to the Key Peninsula for the first time ever on July 8 and 9 of this year. Events have previously been held in Gig Harbor and there will be one there in May.

Our very own Key Peninsula Lions Volkssport Club will be hosting its own event for the first time - a walk around the Burley Lagoon.

Volkssporting began in Germany when it became evident that more people wanted to walk and be non-competitive than wished to really run 10 Kilometers (6.2 miles). These events are non-competitive and are truly a family sport. Sometimes people stop to have lunch, go shopping or swim at the beach in the

middle of the event! All that is required is that you complete the allotted distance within the prescribed time - up to eight hours.

The events are sanctioned in the State of Washington by the Evergreen State Volkssport Association. Records of all walks are kept at a national headquarters called the AVA National Office in Universal City, Texas.

Anyone may walk these events for free. There is no charge. If you desire credit, a hat pin, or an award for completing the event, a nominal amount is charged for these. Most people like to have some type of memento of the event.

Remember to put July 8 and 9 on your calendar to participate in this interesting event! There will be more details and follow-up articles coming in the KP NEWS.

P.S. Most people can walk much, much farther than they think they can!

## A gift of trees

Mike Walker lives at the end of Roberts Road, down the Peninsula. He raises trees for reforestation and home use. When he heard that a group of Jackson Lake residents were starting a reforestation project to combat the effects of logging of much old growth timber, he got in touch with Arleen Lonning. He told her he had some trees he wanted to donate to the people of Jackson Lake.

Arleen took her van out to Mike Walker's house where he gave her about

five hundred hand-raised baby fir trees. Arleen spent most of a day distributing the trees. "Everyone out here is so thankful," she said. "They were really happy to get their trees." She talked about walking along the road and seeing the rich green baby trees planted everywhere, and the joy of knowing that there are people like Mike Walker. Oftentimes Peninsula people may joke about doing things "the Peninsula way." The gift of these trees is a fine example of the real meaning of that expression.

## Repairs on Hwy 302

In October 1988, when the first of a series of meetings about Highway 302 was held, no funding for improvements was available from the Department of Transportation. After citizen input and concerns were presented to the DOT by our representatives, funding was set for two projects.

Survey crews seen working recently on Highway 302 were doing the preliminary work for left turn lanes on Creviston Road and Danforth Street, rerouting on Goodrich Drive and asphalt surfacing and restoration near Elgin Clifton Road. The total cost for the project will be around two million dollars. Construction is scheduled to start in 1990. A signal at the intersection of 302 at Purdy is included in the DOT budget and preliminary design work has started. The completion date is in 1991 and the cost will be around \$195,000.

The budget for the coming year will

be voted on during the special session of the State Legislature, and all spending plans will be scrutinized as legislators struggle to reach agreement on the budget. Twenty-sixth District Representative Ron Meyers serves on the State Transportation Committee and you may contact him or Representative Wes Pruitt with concerns or for information.

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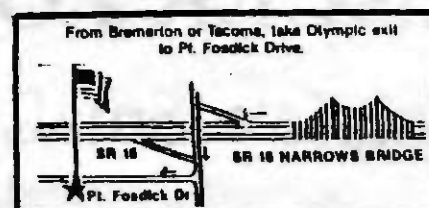
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# At Home on the Range

by Janice McMillan



I believe that spring will really arrive one of these days because my rhubarb is beginning to unfurl and grow stalks. These red and green stems are always a gardener's first sign of spring that brings thoughts of many good things to eat.

Two recipes from my collection are especially good. The cake recipe is one I got at Allied Arts in Palo Alto, California when I lived nearby:

**Rhubarb Cake** Cream together: 1-1/2 c. brown sugar and 1/2 c. butter, blending until light and fluffy. Add 1 egg and 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat well. Sift together 2 c. flour, 1 tsp. soda and 1/2 tsp. salt. Add sifted ingredients alternately to creamed mixture with 1 c. buttermilk. Mix until blended, do not overmix. Fold into batter 1-3/4 c. fresh rhubarb cut into 1" pieces. Pour into greased 9 x 13 inch pan and sprinkle top with 1/4 c. sugar mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon. Bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings.

Rhubarb marmalade is a very good way to use that bumper crop when nature seems to have gone wild with the joy of springtime:

**Rhubarb Marmalade** 2 lbs. rhubarb, 6 c. sugar, 3 lemons, thinly sliced, 4 oranges, thinly sliced. Wash, trim and coarsely chop rhubarb (about 6 c.), place in large bowl. Add sugar, lemon slices, orange slices and stir thoroughly. Cover and chill for 24 hours. Transfer mixture to 4 qt. pan and bring to boil over high heat, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat to low and simmer gently until preserves are thick, about 1-1/2 hours. Ladle hot marmalade into hot sterilized jars to within 1/8 inch of top, wipe rims with damp cloth. Place on scalded lids then screw on bands. Let jars cool completely in draft-free area. Check seals. Store in cool, dry place. Makes about 4 pints.

## Mother's Day at KPCC

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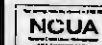


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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                              |
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|  | 1<br>Aerobics 9-10 am<br>Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p<br>Webelos 7-8:30 pm<br>NA 7-8:30 pm | 2<br>KP Seniors 10-11 am<br>Wolf Den 4 3:30-5 pm<br>Karate 7-9 pm<br>NA 7-8:30 pm | 3<br>Aerobics 9-10 am-<br>Rocky Bay<br>12:30-1:30 pm<br>Fun Night 6:30-10 pm<br>Writing Class, Old<br>meeting rm, 6:30 pm | 4<br>Senior Society 11-4 pm<br>Bear Den 3 3:30-5 pm<br>Karate 7-9 pm<br>CAC 7 pm | 5<br>Aerobics 9-10 am<br>Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p<br>Grange 7-10 pm<br>Skating<br>AA 8-9:30 pm | 6<br>Karate Tournament                |
| 7  | 8<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Webelos<br>VFW & Auxiliary 7-9 p<br>NA                 | 9<br>Wolf Den 4<br>Karate<br>NA<br>KPCCA Exec Board<br>7:30 pm                    | 10<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Fun Night<br>Park Board 7:30 pm  | 11<br>KP Seniors<br>Bear Den 3<br>Karate<br>KPCCA Board 7:30 pm                  | 12<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Skating<br>AA   | 13                                    |
| 14<br>Lions Club Mother's<br>Day Breakfast 8:30-1<br><i>Mother's Day</i> | 15<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Cooking class 6:30 p<br>Webelos<br>NA                 | 16<br>Wolf Den 4<br>Karate<br>NA<br>Road Use Com. 7:30p                           | 17<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Fun Night  | 18<br>Senior Society<br>Bear Den 3<br>Karate<br>Teen NA<br>Cootiettes            | 19<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Skating<br>AA   | 20<br>Twilite Dance Club<br>9 pm-1 am |
| 21   | 22<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Webelos<br>Paul Cyr 7 pm<br>NA                        | 23<br>Wolf Den 4<br>Karate<br>NA  | 24<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Fun Night  | 25<br>KP Seniors<br>Karate<br>Teen NA<br>Bear Den 3                              | 26<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Skating<br>AA   | 27                                    |
| 28   | 29<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Webelos<br>NA   | 30<br>Wolf Den 4<br>Karate<br>NA  | 31<br>Aerobics<br>Rocky Bay<br>Fun Night  |  |  |                                       |

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