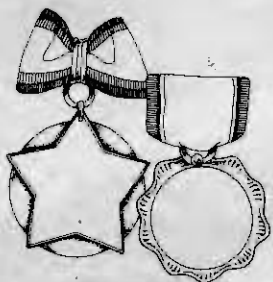


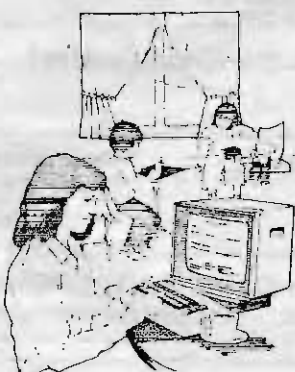
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Key Peninsula NEWS and its publisher, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, enjoy a scenic location—next to beautiful Vaughn Bay, pictured above.

Photo J.L.



Home improvement

by Joan Lawrence

When we took photos for this story, one of the men working on installation of new equipment at the Home Chevron station (Merlin, up from Longview) suggested the title "Home improvement."

A couple weeks later, owner Pete Easley told us that for a while there he wasn't sure if we were going to have a new station or a new swimming hole in Home.

What happened? What's with the big puddle?

"We ran into an old hoist that had been buried there when the station burned," Easley said. "The soil was contaminated."

After a fire in the early '70s, parts of the station—including an old hoist—were buried. That hoist was run into by the crew digging holes for insertion of new tanks.

See Home Chevron, page 15

SR 302 Open House

by Neena Bauer

The media show/open house presented by the State Department of Transportation on April 14 was well attended. Current alternatives for re-routing Route 302 and improving traffic flow over the Narrows were displayed.

Comments from those attending were: environmental concerns of building another bridge over Burley Lagoon; approval of a bridge over the lagoon at 144th; wetlands would be impacted by a new road along Pine in Kitsap; leave everything as is (302 works, why mess with new roads).

It seems that DOT's preferred route will start at a new intersection on Hwy. 16 at Burley-Olalla and feed into Pine in Kitsap County and then across to Allyn. N-S connections from 302 to the new road would be made at 118th and 94th.

The State officials said that any new road solution is long-term, 10 to 20 years. They are planning more immediate remedies such as extra lanes at Purdy to alleviate the backup to 16 and safety improvements on 302 including traffic lights at busy intersections

See SR 302, page 9

Easter egg hunt

Chairperson Kathleen LeBlanc reports that the Easter egg hunt held at the Civic Center on April 11 was a great success. More kids attended than ever before.

Helpers included Marcy Nichols, Terry Thomas, Ann Larson, Leaha and Amelia Boyles, and Cindy Marshall's children.

Over 120 candy-stuffed plastic eggs and 75 pounds of candy were distributed. The Easter Bunny gave out candy at the front door.

Before the hunt, some volunteers got together for a Mexican pot luck and egg stuffing party. Kathleen LeBlanc cooked, but everyone brought food. The pot luck lent a party atmosphere to the tedious job of filling eggs with candy.

It took 1 1/2 hours to stuff the eggs. Egg stuffers were John and Terry Thomas, Claudia Loy, Ann Larsen, Stephanie Zampini, Fay Sloan, Diane and Chuck Rose and Marcy and Nick Nichols. Let's see some new faces next year.

An unhappy note sounded at the hunt. Ann Larsen told the NEWS that from where she was (outstanding in her field) she heard some screaming and saw in the distance little pounding feet below a red van.

A car door had been slammed on a child's thumb. She was a little blonde girl, about six years old. Because of the mishap, the child missed the egg hunt, and our Easter Bunny would like to see that the injured party gets some Easter candy. If you know the identity of the child, please call the Easter Bunny at 884-2335. (She'll probably give you a piece of candy, too.)

Pioneer Day plans

COMING SOON—Pioneer Day will be on August 7 this year—not as far off as it seems. It's time to start planning for the Pioneer Day Parade. A new parade dance and drill team is forming. All ages are welcome. To join, to get more information, or to volunteer to help, contact parade organizer Fay Sloan, 884-5011.

ATTENTION—Many unclaimed ribbons from past Pioneer Parades have been found. To claim them, call 884-9574. From 1990: John Palmer, Farquart Tractor; Tom Davis; Peninsula High, Dazzlous Dance Team; Gambrel Farm Arabians; Mr. & Mrs. Stock (Henry & Eleanor?); Paul Cyr; Sons of Norway; Brent Lovick; Milt Boyd. From 1991: Royal Painting.

Ballet is here . . .

...beginning in May. Pre-registration is on May 8 at the Civic Center, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Students will be assigned according to age, including an adult class.

Memorial Editorial

Few people enjoy war—fortunately—but most intelligent, democratic people recognize its occasional necessity. I would like to think I am speaking for all of us who never have had to personally, physically defend freedom and protect democracy when I say *thank you* to those of you who have.

Do you have what it takes to be the next Cindy Crawford?

Has it always been your dream to be a model? If you are 5'7" or more, Kristi Meyers, Director of Seattle Models Guild, and Wendolyn Joy Schroeder, Fashion Editor of numerous national magazines, will be meeting with potential Peninsula High School girls and boys (date will be posted at the Career Center) to determine who has what it takes to be a model.

Afterward, all teenagers accepted by Seattle Models Guild will be featured in an article appearing in Key Peninsula NEWS. Remember to bring a snapshot of yourself to the meeting and put on your best "voguing" attitude.

Free food/nutrition program at Civic Center

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) is a program Mary Bridge Children's Hospital sponsors, which brings free food and a health program to pregnant and breastfeeding women; infants and children. WIC gives your children a healthy start for free. Call if you are pregnant or if you have a child under the age of 2. Income guidelines are generous.

WIC services are at the Civic Center in Vaughn on Tuesdays between 8:15 AM and 4 PM. Call 1-800-841-1410, 884-3845 (Tuesdays) or 851-7282 (Thursdays). Don't be afraid to call. Everybody needs help once in a while.



Skating at the Civic Center

Skating at the Civic Center is always fun—especially when you manage to stay in an upright position. Here's a picture from our archives of friends lending each other a hand up. Sessions are held Sundays for the family, from 1:30-3:30 PM (parents are required to attend) and Friday nights, 6:30-9:30. Friday nights the gym is abuzz and alight with activity. There's music and a d.j., a mirror ball, and lots of people to make friends with—or maybe you'll bump into somebody you already know.

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What is Memorial Day?

by Cy Young

Is it sitting in front of your TV watching the Indy 500—a trip to the beach—a picnic with friends or just saying, thank God for a three day weekend?

The reality of Memorial Day is standing solemnly before that black granite wall in our nation's capitol, reflecting on the sorrow inflicted—of the thousands of dead and wounded lying on the sands of Normandy on D-Day—of General Washington's troops, cold, bleeding feet wrapped in cloth and paper, crossing the icy waters of the Delaware.

Memorial Day is a time of reflection. Reflection on what individuals and family sacrifices were (and are still) being made, from our earliest conflicts to the present time.

Memorial Day is not a time of mourning but a time to remember and honor those who have given of themselves that we may take pride in and enjoy what the people of this great Nation take so much for granted . . . FREEBIX!!!

Cy Young is a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Past State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and present Commander of VFW Post 4990 in Vaughn.

Attention all veterans

The Department of Washington, Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Van will be in Key Center at Four Corners on May 13, from 9 AM to 6 PM. All veterans or service families requiring information, regarding benefits are welcome.

Memorial Day Services

VFW Post 4990 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold Memorial Day Services on May 30 at 1:30 PM at Vaughn Cemetery.

A ceremony dedicating the new Aisle of Honor, which is to honor all veterans, will be held in conjunction with the services. The public is encouraged to participate in honoring those veterans who have passed on and those who still are serving.

VFW Poppy Sale

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Key Peninsula Post 4990 will hold their annual Poppy Sale Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29.

The poppies will be on sale at Walt's in Key Center, Walt's at Lake Kathryn Village, the Bridgeway Market in Purdy, the Key Banks in the area and at 4 corners, the Texaco station on Elgin Clifton Road.

Post Commander Cy Young said the poppies, which can be had for a price of a donation, will support the VFW relief fund and needy veterans and their families in the community. There's a place near you where you can come and buy a lovely poppy. The VFW thanks you for your help.



POW Memorial Museum

Ross Perot's 1992 running mate, Medal of Honor winner Admiral James Stockdale, spent eight years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Admiral Stockdale is one of 68,000 former POWs in the U.S.

Stockdale now is working as honorary co-chairman of the national effort to construct a POW Memorial Museum in Andersonville, GA. The museum will honor Americans captured in wars, from the Persian Gulf conflict back to the Revolution of 1776.

During the Civil War, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were imprisoned at Andersonville—the largest prison camp in the Confederacy. The name "Andersonville" today still invokes feelings of sacrifice and suffering. Many thousands of those men died of

disease, malnutrition and exposure.

In 1970, an act of Congress designated Andersonville the National Memorial to all POWs.

Since the inception of the Park there has been an effort to build a Visitor Center/Museum that will serve as the primary public educational source for all Americans about the sacrifices made by POWs. In 1991 over 149,000 visitors were drawn to this somber place to walk the grounds and learn the meaning of freedom from those who lost it. For the casual visitor, visiting Andersonville is a powerfully moving experience.

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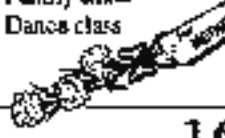
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marty at 884-3456. ***** This calendar is subject to change.						1 Gym closed for private rental
2 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30 Dance class 5-8	3 gym walk 8-11 am Grange 6 pm GED 7 pm Karate 7-9 pm ALBA TE 7:30 pm	4 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15 am - 4pm TOPS 6-8 pm AA & NA 7 pm	5 gym walk 8-11 am YWCA 12:30-2:30 KPLF 7 pm Dance class 7-8 pm	6 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Karate 7-9 pm GED 7 pm CAC 7 pm	7 gym walk 8-11 am Homeschoolers 2-3:30 Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	8 Pro registration for Ballet class, 10 am - 12 Noon 
9 KPLF Family skate Dance class 	10 gym walk Karate GED VFW & Aux 7:30 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30 pm	11 gym walk WIC TOPS AA & NA	12 gym walk YWCA KPLF Dance class	13 gym walk Seniors Karate GED KPCCA Bd Mtg 7:30 pm	14 gym walk Skating	15 Jackson Lake Homeowners Group Mtg
16 KPLF Olman Pt mtg 1PM VFW Rm Family skate Dance class	17 gym walk Karate GED	18 gym walk WIC AA & NA TOPS	19 gym walk YWCA KPLF Dance class	20 gym walk Seniors Karate GED Coolingies 6:30 pm	21 gym walk Homeschoolers Skating	22 4 H CILb 10 am - 3 pm
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30 KPLF Family skate Dance class	31 gym walk Karate GED					



Jr. Firefighters Darren Marsh and Scott Marsh and Capt. Tom Harris at training burn site. You can't see the fire, but at the time this photo was taken the roof was gone and the house was "fully engaged." Photo by Lee Stiles

Training burn

by Joan Lawrence

Occasionally, a homeowner who needs to clear an old structure from his property will ask the fire department to burn it. Choosing this means of demolition has several benefits. For one, afterward there may be only two dump truck loads of debris left for the owner to have hauled away; by regular demolition methods, there may be a dozen or more loads.

Another benefit is the valuable training firefighter recruits receive during training burns.

On Saturday, April 10, Key Peninsula firefighters burned a house located

east of Vaughn Community Church. The house had to be removed to make way for a new construction. Thirty KP firefighters participated in the burn, two-thirds of whom had never before been to a live fire, according to KP Battalion Chief Tim Lemon. The Chief told the NEWS the training burns are an excellent way for recruits to receive live fire training—perhaps the only way, since the state's fire training academy in North Bend is not receiving necessary funding. Recruits receive valuable training in search, ventilation and live fire procedures.

Before a structure is accepted for demolition by fire it is inspected. If it's accepted, the owner signs a release to ensure there are no other parties with

financial interests in the building; an inspection is done for asbestos; composition roofs are removed; petroleum-based products are removed (e.g., carpeting, linoleum). Then a permit is obtained from Puget Sound Air Pollution Control.

Sometimes the burn lasts only one day; sometimes the department has access to the structure for up to a month. The longer they have use of it, the more recruits receive training.

Firefighters—trainers and trainees—who worked on the April 10 burn are Battalion Chief Tim Lemon, Capt. Jim Blundell, Capt. Tom Harris, Capt. Scott Marcus, Lt. Tom Lique, Lt. C. Van Valkenburg, Lt. Marc Beac, and recruits and firefighters Steve Taber, Scott Marsh, Jake Frame, Kirk Lauler-mayer, Darren Marsh, Matt Gleason, Tim Knecht, Randy Duncan, Napier Wright, Mike Ketch, Eric Clement, Chance Gower, Ken Foss, Gary Way, Mike Riegle, Robert Bosch, Marc Steingrebe, Way Annie, Don Blischile, Tracy Lyon, Tony Haigh, Bob Fearnough and J. J. Frame.

YWCA employment workshop at Civic Center

The YWCA Resource Center is offering a series of workshops entitled, "Career Changes and Challenges."

Topics and dates are: May 5, job search techniques; May 12, resume writing; May 19, interviewing; May 26, applying for government jobs. Each workshop session will take place from 12 to 2:30 PM. Call the Resource Center at 272-4181 to register. All workshops are FREE.



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KPBA/GH Chamber dinner May 6

In the April issue of KPNEWS it was reported that George and Jane Russell would be featured speakers at the 7th Annual KP Business Association/GH Peninsula Chamber Dinner which will be at Easter Seal Camp on May 6.

KPNEWS has just learned that the Russells will be unable to attend this dinner, however, they will send a representative from their company. If you want to attend, call the Chamber (851-6865) for reservations. KPNEWS has not been quoted a price for the tickets, but the probable cost will be \$10 or \$12.

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Obituary

Peter Robert Erdmann

Peter Robert Erdmann of Longbranch died March 30. He was 26.

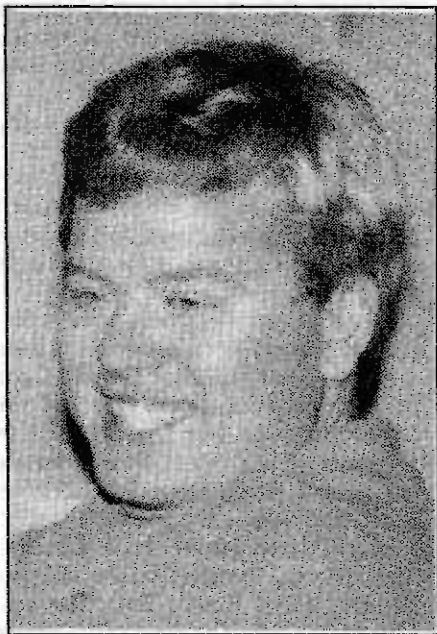
Peter was my friend, and nephew by marriage. Though we lived in the same house the two months before he died, I didn't have a chance to say goodbye to him. One reason was because none of us in the house wanted to say goodbye, and Peter didn't plan to die. Peter planned to live.

Peter R. Erdmann was born Feb. 22, 1967. He graduated from Peninsula High School in 1986, and later from Tacoma Community College and Clover Park Voc-Tech School. He served five years in the U.S. Army Reserve, and about two years in the Washington National Guard.

Peter was strong and gentle, quiet and bright, brave and sweet, one of the dearest souls I have had the honor of knowing. I miss him. A couple of days before he died, when I left for work I said, "I love you, Peter," and he managed to say, "Love you." Those words are precious to me.

In memory of Peter—friend, son, husband—I will share with you some of the words from the eulogy written by his father, Peter W. Erdmann of Seattle.—JL

PE—I am not a hero. When people think of heroes, it is usually associated with someone who does a brave act in a desperate situation. That's at least



Peter Robert Erdmann, 1967-1993

how my thoughts were until this battle my son was in. He fought his cancer until his last breath. He fought back pain, the complete indignity of his situation, blindness, and the realization that the doctors and many people in his own family had given up hope.

Peter remained undaunted through all of this.... he kept his dignity, his pride, his sense of honor. I never heard him complain about his cancer, never heard him say, 'why me?' I never heard him whine, curse or question his fate. That was my hero, my son.

Peter knew his situation better than anyone. So why endure the extra pain and suffering he went through? I've thought about this a lot, about his de-

termination, his battle. I understood.... Every second, every breath, every minute is precious if one has love in his life. He wasn't living for himself. He was living for the people he loved. He lived long enough to say to me, 'Dad, I love you.' He lived for Diane, his wife, who never gave up on him. He lived for that love, those precious seconds, that time together. For few men, no matter how old, have the opportunity to experience such a devoted loving person in their lives.

He lived those precious seconds, that little extra time so that I could learn to love Diane as a daughter and be welcomed by her family as my own. He

lived the extra days it took to resolve our love....

My son, my hero.... Thank you for being such a good man.

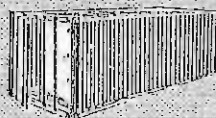
YMCA Camp Seymour Open House

The community is invited to an open house from 1 to 5 PM on Sunday, May 16 at Camp Seymour. Come and meet the staff and join other families—swimming in the pool, canoeing, boating; archery, and games for children. Camp Seymour is located at 9725 Cramer Rd KPN. For more info phone 884-3392.

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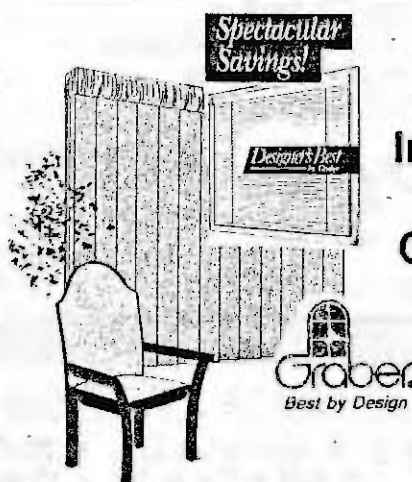
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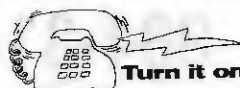
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by Joan Lawrence

D.J.'s Mini-mart has new owners

Now it's Key Center Grocery

Julius Templeton, Greg Kuske and Barney Graden have purchased D.J.'s Mini-mart. All three have previous grocery experience. From all reports, they haven't had much sit-down time since the opening. See future issues of KPNEWS for Key Center Grocery specials.

Interior design in Key Center

Suzanne Ferguson of DBS & Interiors (Designs by Suzanne) has moved her showroom from Tacoma to Key Center. Suzanne, who lives on Herron Island, is an award-winning designer who has been in the business for 20 years. Stop by and see the office, it's been transformed. DBS & Interiors is in the building with Pizza Plus and Glen Pszczola's law firm, above Red Dog's, where Marty's Clip Joint used to be. (Marty

has moved up the road to the Macon Bacon building.)

Wilson Woodworks

Sharing space with DBS & Interiors is Dan Wilson of Lakebay's Wilson Woodworks. Dan is well known around these parts—you've probably seen his tan van with his flying wings logo on the side. See Dan about the Lockwood Custom Log Homes we see go up and down, up and down, in their work area along 302. He tells us some of those log houses have gone to Japan. Not only does Dan build a beautiful house, he's an entertaining conversationalist. Ask him how to cook a rattle-snake.

KPNEWS editor sidelines

I had planned to share office space in Key Center, beginning in April, for the word processing and design service I have operated from my home since 1988. You may have seen this mentioned in Keith Stiles' column in The Peninsula Gateway. Shortly after talking with Keith I decided not to rent the space, after all. I will continue as I have been, home-based. My business (Bulldog enterprises, formerly PaperWork; and Make-a-face portraits) is a mix of temporary on-site secretarial services, editing, word processing, letterhead and logo design, and oil portraits by commission.

Call me at 884-3887 if you would like something typed with a professional look. I do things like resumes and flyers, but I don't do big jobs like newsletters anymore. Here's an alter-

native for you: former KPNEWS editor Megan Aprile also has a word processing business, and she is happy to take on large jobs. I know what a tough decision this will be for you; Megan and I are both very talented. And modest.

Michael G's is moving to Allyn

Key Center's loss is Allyn's gain. We will miss Michael G's great cooking at lunch time, but we'll have a better excuse for dinner outings.

Michael Grimsley is buying the restaurant (formerly Bellagamba's) on the Lakeland Village golf course at Allyn. It's a lovely spot on a little lake populated by hungry ducks and fish—your reporter has seen these ducks and fish fight over food. Bellagamba's always provided lots of bread so diners had extra to give the lake critters; we hope Michael continues the tradition.

Michael G is a wonderful cook and a good friend to the KPNEWS staff. We wish him every success at his new location. He will be leaving Key Center in mid- to late-May. But before he goes, he's going to put on *another fabulous buffet!*

His Easter Buffet was killer. We stuffed ourselves with everything from breakfast to dessert...it was decadent.

On Mother's Day—Sunday, May 9—you can expect similar great fare. Brunch will be from 10 AM to 3 PM. There also will be a dinner buffet. Get your reservations in early.

Kids! Michael G is sponsoring a Mother's Day contest from now through May 7. The winner will be given the Mother's Day Buffet for up to

six people (including Mom, of course). The contest is for children aged 12 and under. All you have to do is send in her picture along with an essay of 50 words or less finishing the sentence, "My mom is special because..." Send your entry or drop it off at: Michael G's Restaurant, 9013 KPHN, Lakebay 98349 (in the K C Corral). Hurry!

Northwest Auto Clinic

All the mechanics at Northwest Auto Clinic on SR 302 have studied at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence and have earned (or are working toward earning) their Master Automobile Technician titles.

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Northwest Auto, a member of the Wilderness Society, reminds you: Don't dump oil on the ground! Oil will kill plants. Protect our environment. Take the oil to Northwest Auto for recycling. They will accept up to two gallons from you.

Second-hand store at Purdy

Shirley's Reruns & Collectables is having its grand opening May 1 at the Purdy Shopping Center. Shirley has something for everyone—household items, toys, gifts, tools. Cookies and coffee will be served at the opening, and "Rainbow" the Clown will appear. Sounds like fun.

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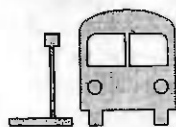
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SCHOOL NEWS

by Neena Bauer

The School Board met on April 15. A lively discussion occurred regarding Honors Classes offered at both High Schools. The board would like more information regarding the standards applied in determining the Honors designation on students' transcripts. They have asked for more specifics.

Dan Moran, Director of Finance, provided a first look at the '93-94 budget. The figures are very preliminary, however, at first glance, the district would have a negative balance for the year which would decrease their overall fund balance. The board wishes to maintain a healthy reserve (\$1 million) so that future unexpected expenditures will be covered. More number crunching will occur before finalization.

Various factors were cited that contribute to the proposed deficit including: next year's increases in state contributions are very slight, growth in population requiring additional staff and cost of providing planning time for teachers.

The tentative '93-'94 school calendar was adopted.

Cheerleading camps

Cheerleading camps are being held this summer at UPS, in July, for middle and high school students. Groups should respond by May 1. Call Universal Cheerleaders Assoc. (1-800-238-0286) or Universal Dance Assoc. (1-800-876-1672).

Seahawk Parents

The Seahawk Parent Alliance invites you to their meeting on May 26 in the PHS library. They will be showing a video presentation called "Teacher of the Year." The film is an inspirational testimony of a teacher's ability to motivate students with low self-esteem, peer pressure problems and (often) lack of family support. Come celebrate PHS's teachers with them.

Inventions

Kids are amazing. I always marvel at the inventions students create for their annual contest. (Those of us who watched the 20/20 expose should know that while the director of the program may be unscrupulous, the program itself is wonderful as it fosters creative thinking and problem solving.)

Here are some brief descriptions of the inventions that intrigued me, followed by the child's name, grade and school. Who says ingenuity is dead?

• **Two-way grater**; grates your food on both the up and down strokes!! Chris Nolte, 4th, Vaughn.

• **Bottom-squeeze**: an upside-down ketchup bottle so you no longer have to store your bottle in a coffee cup for the last little bit. I have wondered why ketchup doesn't come in a straight jar; planned waste? Matt Jorgenson, 5th, Vaughn.

• **Wind-up can opener**. This adaptation adds an easy-grip knob on the handle. Cody Supple, 3rd, Vaughn.

• **Braille art**; art which is like Braille writing—art that is felt. Interesting. Maggie MacDonald, 2nd, Vaughn.

• **Ever get too hot in your sleeping bag?** You need the "Cool Sleeper", a removable panel. Matt Mace, Minter Creek.



• **Safety brake on wheel barrow**. Great idea! Justin O'Leary, Minter Creek.

• **If you ride horses you may need this easy release stirrup** so you won't be dragged two hundred miles like in the movies. Kimmy Shlatter, Minter Creek.

• **On a dark and stormy night we could all use a light attached to our umbrellas!** 4th, Laura Malcolm & Nicole Austin, Evergreen.

• **Drawers that open with the push of a button** for people with special needs. 5th, Matt Nimrick, Evergreen.

Keep on solving our problems. We need all the help we can get.

Seismic Saturday

Volunteers are needed at any elementary school or KP Middle School Saturday, May 1, to help make all buildings more earthquake safe for our children. If you can help any time between 8:30 AM and 2 PM, come and bring tools such as electric drills, hammers, etc.



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Childfind Screening

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Staff will screen speech/language, motor, hearing/vision/health, behavior and learning areas. It is estimated that 10-15 percent of the children may have difficulties that will interfere with learning. The screening takes about an hour. Parents will receive a summary of results on the day of the screening.

Parents are asked to call the Special Services Department at 857-8104 to schedule an appointment for the next screening, which will take place in May.

Volunteer ESL tutors needed

The Peninsula Adult Learning Program (formerly called the Altrusa Adult Literacy Program) is recruiting English as a Second Language tutors.

This is volunteer tutoring, 2-4 hours weekly, in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area. Tacoma Community House provides the tutor training at no charge to the volunteer.

The program also provides one-on-one tutoring to adults with low reading levels, learning disabilities, or those who need help working toward completion of their G.E.D. Call or visit the office at 3510 Grandview, Portable 55, between 2 and 7 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays, and on Fridays between 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM (851-6552).

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Campfire volunteers needed

Campfire Boys and Girls Summer Day Camp at Kopachuck State Park, July 19-23 needs adult volunteers as counselors and specialists. Contact Debra Langley-Boyer, 884-4235, or the Campfire Office at 1-800-498-6234 for more information.

The camps provide a semi-structured environment for kids, some of whom might otherwise be home alone. Teens and adults share in this volunteer effort. Debra hopes to recruit adults from the Peninsulas rather than mainly from Tacoma as in the past. Can you help?

Angel Guild needs volunteers

The Angel Guild is a local group that manages a thrift shop in the KC Corral in Key Center. Members take in donations, sort clothes and take turns clerking. Money earned from the sale of the donations goes back into our community.

In the ten-year period between 1979 and 1989 the Angel Guild contributed \$57,502 to local charities, groups and worthy causes, including contributions to the fire department (for a defibrillator), KP Health Center, Peninsula High School, PHS's newspaper The Outlook, St. Joseph's Lifeline, the Civic Center, Friends of the Library, Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society, the Lions Club, Project Help with Peninsula Light, and Food for Cats at Burley Feed.

Regular meetings of the Angel Guild are held in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library at 10 AM on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Come, if you would like to get involved. In addition to the regular meetings, Pat Clifford has a meeting once a year in her home, a pot luck and plant exchange the members enjoy. The Angel Guild in Key Center is open Wed.-Sat., 10AM-4PM. Phone 884-9333.

Band music this summer at Volunteer Park

On Sunday, August 1, from 2 to 4 PM, there will be a free concert at Volunteer Park, put on by volunteers. It will be a real old fashioned concert in the park. Bring a picnic basket and blanket and lawn chairs. (Parking is free.)

The Tacoma Concert Band is made up of 60 pieces. Its members are all professional musicians who have volunteered their time to put together this band for fun. They play Sousa marches, '40s big band music and Broadway tunes. They give six free concerts a year—and we're lucky enough to have them this summer, thanks to the organizing efforts of Mike Salatino. Some volunteers still are needed for help with the concert—for instance, for handing out programs or cleaning up afterward. Call Salatino at 851-4556 to volunteer. The concert is receiving support from the Angel Guild.

Little League news

A wet jamboree

"It was a good night, even though it rained," said Park Board chair Tim Kezele of Little League opening night, April 16.

The evening opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by the Little League pledge (to be sportsmanlike and respect others, win or lose) and lots of intros and thank yous.

The 34 Little League teams lined up—from T-ball players (ages 6-18) to Senior slow pitchers. Coaches were introduced, sponsors announced, and a good time was had by all. The following day, Saturday, April 17, brought the first day of Little League.

Adult season starts May 1 and 2. It's slow pitch, men's and women's leagues. For info call Katie Snook, 884-2867.

To commemorate Earth Day, Little League planted four trees jointly with the Lions Club. Two of the trees were donated by Park Board commissioner Marie Rock, as a family memorial. The trees were planted on Field 1 at Volunteer Park, near the concession stand.

Speaking of the concession stand

Tim Kezele tells us the concession stand (Glenn Robare's new restaurant at Volunteer Park) will be glassed in on one side by people volunteering both labor and material.

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(these lights would encourage commuters to make the more lengthy trip north once the new road is built).

One state official admitted that maybe homeowners along the proposed route to the Burley-Olalla intersection were not sufficiently notified of the possibility of a road through their property. (Readers of KPNEWS were kept informed.)

An official stated that law enforcement would prefer that no parking be allowed on Purdy spit to help decrease accidents. DOT could not address population growth/land use issues that directly impact roads.

Many comment sheets were left for DOT to read. If you have an opinion, write to the DOT, Paula Hammond, Engineer, P.O. Box 47440, Olympia, WA 98504-7440. They would also like input on proposals for traffic improvements to SR-16. They are beginning to write the EIS on a second Narrows Bridge.

Oke to serve on KP parks and recreation planning committee

State Senator Bob Oke, R-26th District, has accepted an appointment to the Future Parks Planning Committee for the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District.

The committee, appointed by the KP Park Board, will draft a long-range plan for development of recreational areas and facilities for use by local residents.

The committee will meet May 17, 7:30 PM, at the Key Center fire station.

Win \$10 a day!

In past years, the concession stand at Volunteer Park was operated during the sports season, but this year, Little League has an exciting new fundraiser which has been successful for other Little Leagues.

Look for the Little League raffle calendar coming up in May. When you purchase a calendar for \$10 from a Little Leaguer, you receive a calendar with a raffle ticket inside. Fill out half and return to your seller and keep the other half, because daily drawings are held for prize money. The League will give away \$10 daily and \$100 on Little League World Series Day, Super Bowl day and the day the winning game is played in the World Series.

The Annual Little League Pancake Breakfast and Auction was a success, thanks to the efforts of all our volunteers and the many people who donated items or food. The Auction was held at the Civic Center in Vaughn on March 27.

Food was donated by businesses and individuals, including 11-year-old Janel McLoughlin who donated about 30 dozen eggs laid by her Rhode Island Red and White Leghorn chickens. Janel plays Little League ball on the Olympic Pharmacy team. Thanks also to Lou Padilla of Parkview Terrace Grocery, Macon Bacon, Bill Sawaya and Jerome Walker for donations of food and utensils.



Little Leaguers look on as auctioneer Jack Hanson kicks off the auction. Photo by Joe Aprile

Thanks to donors, there was everything from chain saws to bonsai tables, with a wrought iron trundle bed in-between, along with some neat baseball cards. Proceeds from the breakfast and auction go to purchase special training equipment, like pitching machines, batting cages and additional fences. Last but not least, thanks go to Tim Kessler and Vickie Miller for chairing the auction and breakfast; Jack Hanson, who served as auctioneer; and the many Little League parents who helped with these events.



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Christian stories

St. Nicholas Catholic Church is sponsoring Christian stories in a bright new musical stage adaptation by the Taproot Theatre's Road Company, May 22, 7:30 at the church.

Citizens Against Crime

CAC is sponsoring its 2nd Crime Prevention Fair, June 5 at the Eagles Hall in GH. For information on booths call 858-3319 or 884-3319.

CAC's next meeting, open to the public is on June 3. Speaker George Knudtson will be talking about his visit to Russia, the former KGB and security problems there.

Benefit concert

A benefit concert at the Civic Center is planned for the family of Robert DeKaiser on June 5 from 4 PM to midnight. Four bands are scheduled. Food, full bar. \$5 donation.

Federal debt workshop

The Pierce County Concord Coalition, a local chapter of the national, non-profit group, will host a four-hour workshop on reducing the federal budget deficit. Participants will actually work through the federal budget and make the same types of hard choices confronting our elected officials. Sat., May 22, 9 AM to 1 PM at McIntyre Hall at UPS. Registration begins 8 AM. The workshop costs \$5 to cover the cost of the materials. 272-7640.

Flowers, flowers!

Gardeners! Come enjoy the judged, "Showers of Flowers" garden show, Sat., May 22, 12 to 5 PM, and Sun., May 23, 10-4 PM, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Refreshments too.

Church Luncheon

Salad Luncheon: The Ruth Circle invites you to a luncheon on Sat., May 1, noon, at the Longbranch Church. This year's theme is "Carnival". Door prizes, a musical program by middle school students and handbells by DeLores Smith will be presented.

Land use planning

Come to a meeting on May 26 at the Civic Center and join a community group which is examining the county's land use plan. Help decide what kind of growth occurs here. 7 PM.

Family Services

Join your neighbors in trying to coordinate family services on Key Peninsula. Next meeting: May 10, Monday, 7 PM at Key Peninsula Middle School. Helping residents be aware of resources to help them be self-sufficient is what it's about.

Lions Club Meeting

Robert Wing, author of *Peter Puget* and *Joseph Baker*, will be the featured speaker at the Lions' next meeting, May 5 at Horseshoe Lake Restaurant. Join them for an interesting presentation.



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TO YOUR HEALTH

by William F. Roes, MD



There has been considerable interest recently in two relatively new types of contraception, Norplant and Depo-

Provera, and this seemed to be a good time to explain the technology.

Both the Norplant system and Depo-Provera have been in use in Europe for many years, and there is a considerable record of safety and efficiency for both. They are both methods of contraception utilizing a synthetic form of the female hormone progesterone. This works by preventing ovulation as well as thickening the cervical mucous, making it more difficult for sperm to penetrate and fertilize the egg. Although no form of contraception is failure free, the failure rate of either Norplant or Depo-Provera is around .03 pregnancies per 100 women per year, much better than the pill, condoms, diaphragms or other existing contraceptives.

The Norplant system is a series of six small plastic tubes with the hormone levonorgestrel in them. In a short office procedure under local anesthesia, they are implanted under the skin of the upper inner arm. The contraceptive effect lasts 5 years, at which time they lose effectiveness and should be removed, but can be replaced if desired.

Depo-Provera consists of an injection of the hormone medroxyprogesterone which is performed every three months. It can be used in women who are breast feeding.

Normal fertility returns following the cessation of either form.

Since both of these are progesterone type medications, the side effects are similar. Most women experience a change in their menstrual pattern, usually initially irregular bleeding and often no periods after a year or so. It is obviously very important that the woman not be pregnant when either form is started, and there are side effects which should be discussed with your doctor. It is also important to remember that while they are good at preventing pregnancy, they cannot prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

Both are also rather expensive, but roughly equal to the cost of the pill when considered over time. DSHS

(medical coupons) and a few other insurances will cover them. If you think that either Norplant or Depo-Provera may be the right form of contraception for you, contact your family doctor or gynecologist for more information.

Respite care If you are the caregiver of a loved one, or you have charge of taking care of an elderly or disabled adult, in Key Center there is a safe place to leave them for the day. The group meets in the Brones Room of Key Center Library each Wednesday from 9AM-4PM. Info, call 884-9221 or 884-9582.

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Straight Talk

by Robert B. Campbell D.C.



Neck pain

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Many of these poor sleeping postures begin during childhood, even as early as a baby in the crib until one day a patient states that his neck just "went out." In reality, the problem has probably been developing for many years.

These habits must first be corrected. Then, specific treatment must be administered to correct the dysfunction and misalignment. This advice along with many active and passive exercises done at home can do a lot for keeping your spine in proper alignment. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Kelzur CTP



Well, we just came through another income tax preparation season and the Tax Simplification Act of 1986 becomes more of a joke every year. There have been numerous forms added to our preparation of taxes since 1986. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the IRS wants to create more work or try to confuse the public about how taxes are to be levied.

Seniors: It appears that the taxable part of Social Security is going to be raised from 50% to 80%—as if it wasn't already hard enough to survive on Social Security and maybe a small pension. Do you sometimes wonder if pretty soon we will hand over all our money to the IRS and they will in turn tell us what we can live on?

I believe in marriage, but I wonder if the government does. Under the proposal by our president, as rates go up there's a greater possibility that a two-earner married couple filing a joint return will pay higher taxes than two single persons with the same combined income. Isn't it a sad state of affairs to have to consider remaining single to avoid this marriage penalty?

Perspectives

by Frank G. Tucker



It was a hot summer day. My boss Ralph and I had worked several days on a foundation for a new home. I was new in the construction business and this was my first chance to build a home from the ground up. I approached the project with a great deal of eagerness, thinking to myself of building a high quality home.

The forms were built and we began to pour concrete. My naive and idealistic images of controlled quality were shattered as the pouring began. Suddenly, concrete was cascading down the shoot. Ralph skillfully directed the concrete driver and guided the shoot, however, it still went—in, on and around the forms—not enough in some places and mounded high in others. Frantically and helplessly I did my best to bring the "mud" to grade.

My youthful idealism quickly was buried by a concrete truck. To make matters worse, in a four foot section of the forms a lower 2x8 form panel blew out. Within seconds the forms emptied and a yard-plus of concrete lay on the ground. Inside, everything was going

wrong. Following Ralph's lead we repaired the failed panel and shoveled much of the concrete back into the forms. This took precious time and as the sun beat down the concrete began to harden, soon becoming unworkable. Ralph wisely straightened the wall and we got most of the walls to an acceptable grade, however, there were a few sections that simply got away from us.

The next day we stripped the forms, revealing a marginal job, and in the places that had got away from us I spent hours chipping the high spots down with a hammer. My tired arm vibrated harshly as concrete chips flew back into my face. I began to grieve to myself, wondering if we could build on it. I vowed to myself never to let this happen again.

Over the years I made good on that vow. In the years to come I would pour many foundations, giving special attention to each, making sure they were correct in dimension, straight, parallel, square and level. Building upon those later foundations was a simple matter because they were true.

From my perspective, every endeavor of life is built upon a foundation, and the quality of your foundation will determine your ultimate success or failure. In amazement, I have observed people perplexed at their failures, blaming others or bad luck, never looking at the quality of their foundations.

That's my perspective.

Bicycle maintenance & repair workshop

On Saturday, May 1, between 12 noon and 2 PM, Jim Hansel will lead a bicycle workshop at Key Center Library. This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and Pierce County Library.

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Tim Kezele is new president of Historical Society

Our Park Board chairman, Tim Kezele, is wearing a new hat. He has become president of the Historical Society.

Our local Historical Society holds meetings four times a year. The first meeting of the year was held March 25. The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 27 at noon at Jackson Lake Sportsman's Club. It will be an Old Timer's pot luck picnic. (As of press time, no speaker had been announced.)

Kezele told the NEWS about one of the ideas he is bringing to the Society. He suggests we place signs in front of old local homesteads in Home and Longbranch, and we might hang old photos in local business establishments—like the photos you see at the Civic Center in Vaughn and at the post offices in Vaughn and Lakebay, wonderful scenes from the peninsula's past.

Kezele is hoping local businesses will contribute money in support of this project, to pay for having the photos copied and cut lines (captions) prepared.

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In the Garden

by Olive Bell Reid

Suddenly everything in the garden needs attention. Where to begin? The two most important activities this month are weeding and fertilizing. I try to pull as many weeds as possible before applying fertilizer, as I don't want to promote healthy weeds.

The best fertilizer is compost; dig in a shovelful around each plant. You can use any "complete fertilizer", that is, one having nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. A 10-10-5 fertilizer weighing 100 pounds would contain 10 lbs. nitrogen, 10 lbs. phosphorus and 5 lbs. potash (potassium). The rest is filler.

Nitrogen (ammonium nitrate, 33-0-0) produces green leaves. Too much produces rank growth that is susceptible to disease and winter kill. **Phosphorus** (ammonium phosphate, 16-20-0) is necessary for good germination and should be applied to the soil before sowing. Annuals have a great need for phosphorus. **Superphosphate** (0-20-0) can be used as a side dressing; rhodies appreciate a handful every spring. **Potash** (sulphate of potash, 0-0-52) increases resistance to disease, promotes good root systems and good yield, is necessary for photosynthesis and water intake. Apply this to chrysanthemums, etc. to harden up soft growth. Sandy soils usually lack potassium. **Potassium nitrate** is a quick acting stimulant to growth.

Never mix lime or wood ashes with manure of any kind before applying to soil, especially when manure is damp. This produces ammonia and wastes the nitrogen. Add these separately to soil when the ammonia will be absorbed by the earth before nitrogen is lost.

Two years ago I purchased a pot of pink alstroemeria (also called "Peruvian Lily") and planted them on the berm along our road. I carefully followed instructions, but only one skinny stem appeared last spring with nary a blossom. However, this spring I see eight little plants coming up. They are sometimes difficult to get started, but well worth the wait—lovely to look at and wonderful for bouquets. Sunnycrest, Pooles and Gibsons usually carry them. Special hybrids can be ordered from Dunford Farms, P.O. Box 238, Sumner, WA 98390.

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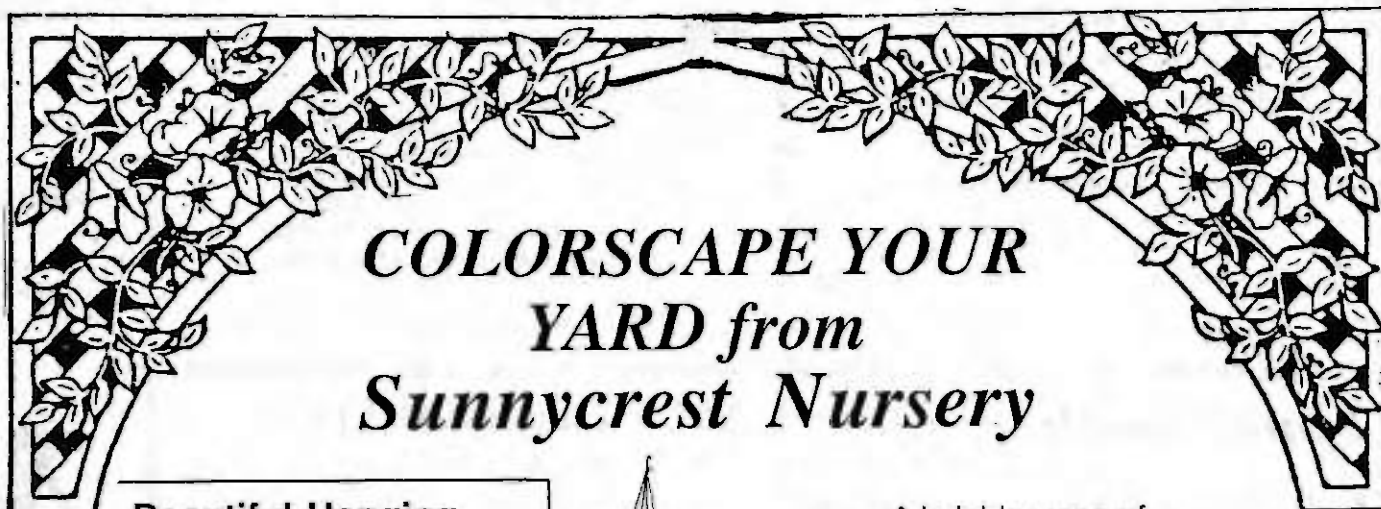
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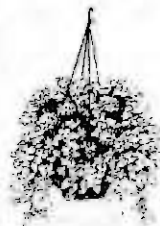
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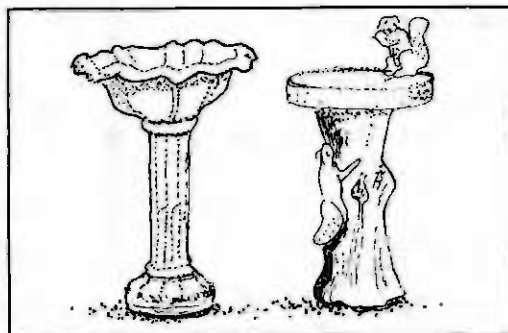


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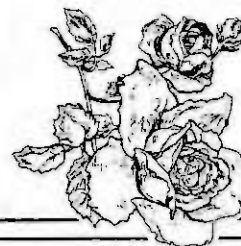
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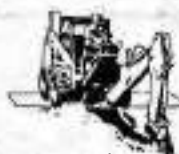
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Memorial Museum, from page 3

mind future generations of the blood, sweat and tears that went into building modern America," Admiral Stockdale said.

The Friends of Andersonville was established in 1981 to aid and support the educational and resource preservation programs of the National Park Service. Support for the museum at Andersonville has been given by former presidents Bush, Reagan, Carter, Ford and Nixon, by General Colin Powell, Rep. Newt Gingrich, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, and Ross Perot.

A touching endorsement came from the Right Honorable John Major, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, who said,

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Home Chevron, from page 1

"The soil was contaminated," Easley told us. "Then contamination from the soil leached into the ground water and contaminated it, too."

"The ground water wasn't contaminated before we dug the hole. We sent 90,000 gallons of contaminated water to Cowlitz County for treatment (Pierce and Kitsap wouldn't take it), at 23 1/2 cents a gallon. The grant money covered that, but that ate up most of the clean-up money."

"We will continue working and try to get our station back together as soon as possible. We just had to look at the financial commitments we would have to make in order to continue the project."

Easley told the NEWS the monetary consideration was persuasive, but they did not want to leave the community without fuel.

"We want to thank the community," he said, "for its support and patience through this. We'll need all the help we can get afterward, to stay on our feet."

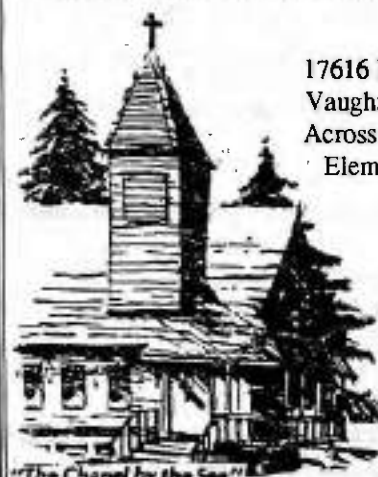
A few times during this discussion, Pete Easley punctuated a serious sentence with a laugh. We admired his attitude.

"Ah," he said, "it won't do any good to worry about it. We'll just keep on working."

Easley said he would have more to tell us next month—after the project is finished and the station's "watering holes" are not quite so ... literal.

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