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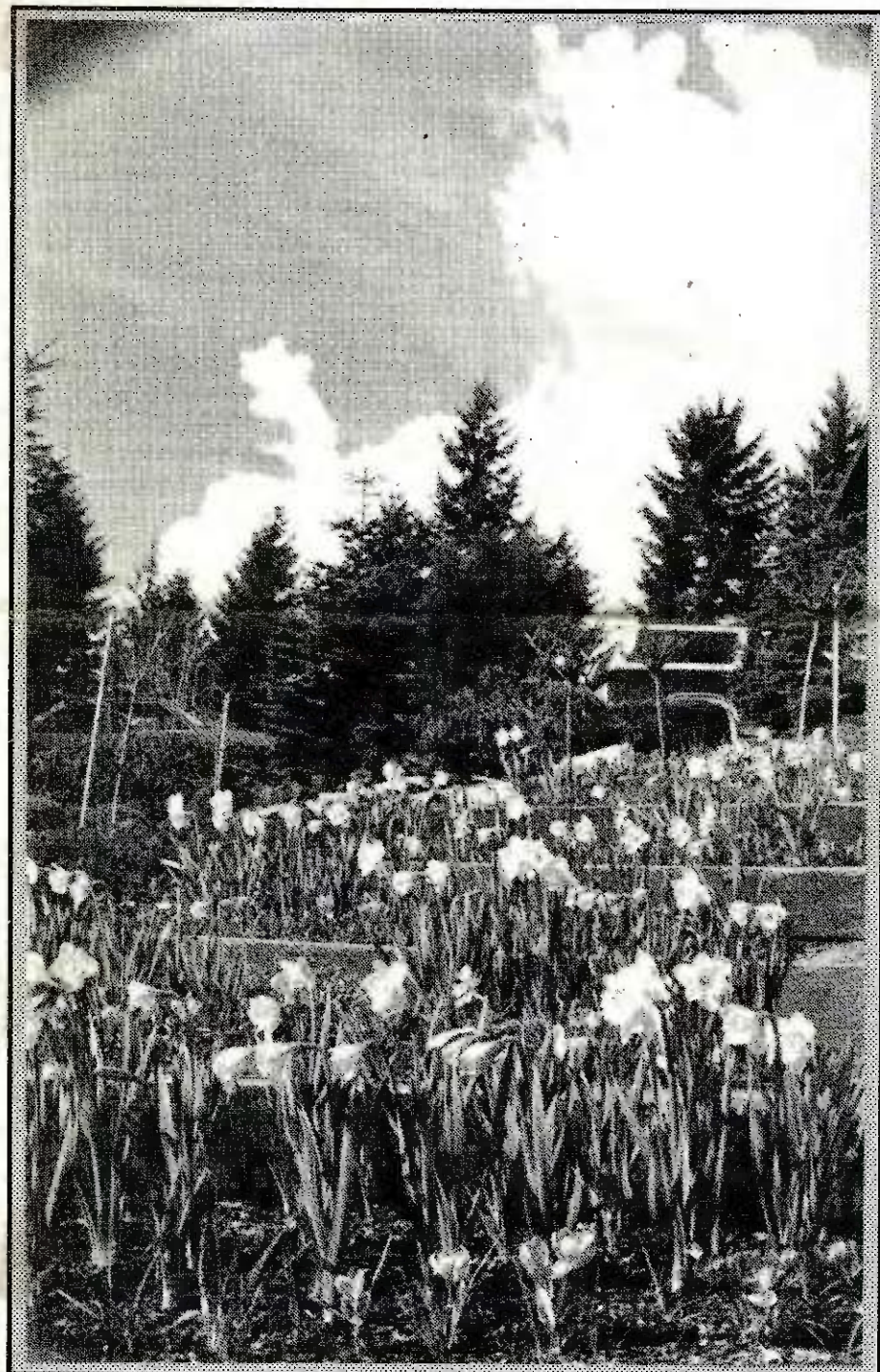
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Come rain, come shine, spring marches on



KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

Daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses at the home of Mick and Betty Beckwith march bravely up their terraced beds to greet the spring.

Playing Ball At Volunteer Park? Join the crowd.

Key Peninsula Park District Commissioners heard at their regular meeting that the park is having a record year for baseball in 1990. Commissioner Tim Kezele reported that between the Peninsula School Districts varsity and junior varsity girls softball, the Kitsap County Pony Colt League, the PAA adult teams and the newly formed Little League, the three fields at Volunteer Park are booked solidly through mid-July.

Revenue from the tournaments helps to pay the maintenance on the fields and the Civic Center building.

Home is now an historic district

by Stella Retherford

On March 6 the Pierce County Council passed an ordinance sponsored by Paul Cyr placing Home on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places. This is the culmination of two years' work by Historic Preservation Planner, Carolyn Gallacci, with the help of Home residents.

Quoting from the County Council document, "The founders developed a fundamental principle for the community based on tolerance and independence. What one did on or with his own property was a person's own business, provided it didn't hurt the neighbors.

The Mutual Home Association was formed in 1898 to apportion land to settlers attracted to this philosophy of individualism. Each one could secure land from the Association and would be expected to pay the property taxes on it. Land ownership, however was retained by the Association.

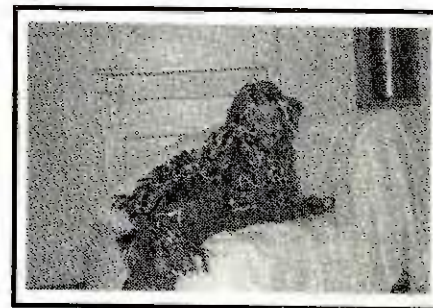
When the Association platted Home in 1901, the 26 acres had expanded to 217 acres. Settlers were encouraged to select one acre of land for their homesite and a second (adjacent) to farm.

This unique approach to land allotment makes Home one of the first planned communities in the Puget Sound region. The economic philosophy inherent in it survives in the still extant 1901 plat and street system.

As a utopian community in Washington State it lasted longer than others which were attempted. The community that remains is a reflection of one of the most interesting settlements attempted in Pierce County and a unique experiment in community planning."

Application will subsequently be made to have Home placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Theater group to form



KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

Lori Leavitt as Toe-Doe the dog in last year's Civic Center production of the Wizard of Oz.

Because of the success of last year's production of the Wizard of Oz, the members of the Civic Center Association have voted to promote and support the organization of an ongoing theater group.

The Association is ready to act as a producer and has already begun gathering design and cost information on updating the stage so that it can be used more easily for live productions.

A real opportunity exists for an ongoing community theater. Children who want to act, get your parents to the kick-off meeting on March 28 at 7:30 pm in the Whitmore(Gold) room at the Civic Center. All those with an interest in stage or costume design, in acting, or with other talents should not miss this meeting either. The first meeting is crucial because the number of people present will be used by the Association to help them define their own commitment.

An established theater group would offer a creative outlet and easily accessible opportunity to see live theater. In addition, what is usually the very greatest obstacle, money, is available through the other fund raising activities of the association.

Only people, with their creativity, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm, are needed so don't miss the March 28 meeting if you would like to see a community theater.

Don't miss the next issue!

Every year around the first of April a certain date occurs which celebrates the lighter side of life. Janice McMillan, our restaurant reviewer, always reviews a very unusual restaurant, and this year, rather than leave her by herself, the NEWS staff decided to get with the spirit of things. Cecil Paul and others will be making special contributions too, and there will be a slightly 'different' front page, so don't miss it. As Cecil says, "See you in the funnies!"

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To The Editor

To wonderful Key Peninsula friends and neighbors:

I want to thank each and every one of you for the calls and support I have received during Jim's recent stroke. He is improving slowly, but each day is better.

My sincere appreciation to the many who have called and written on my election as the "Citizen of the Year". That is indeed an honor to have won when so many of you were nominated.

I grew up in a small town where we helped our neighbors. Nursing is caring and helping. And to live on the Key Peninsula is continuing what I was taught - be there when you are needed.

Thank you one and all.

Ruth Bramhall.

Dear Editor:

I would like to add my voice to that of Laurie Peltiers' letter in To The Editor printed in the March 5 edition.

I too look forward to reading a newspaper that does not dedicate itself to the latest rise in crime and every sort of disaster that has caused loss of life, rather a newspaper that is interesting, humorous, educational and just plain enjoyable.

For example, as was reported several years ago in "Ponderings," Key Peninsula was a big production area for blackberry wine during the prohibition era. You see my grandfather had a 13 acre homestead on the south end of Long Lake in Kitsap County when I was 12. He told me he used to travel to Key Peninsula to "pick blackberries for your grandmother's pies, but I always had to get 'special permission' from the land owners." Now I know why. If he was still alive we'd both joke about it!

ps. Please continue with your humorous, historical, as well as just plain enjoyable articles about our area.

Roger L. Stevens

Last year, they drove 235,000 miles . . . Peninsula Sheriff's Detachment releases annual report

by Megan Aprile

The Peninsula detachment of the Pierce County sheriff's office recently released its annual report for 1989. The Gig Harbor Peninsula and Key Peninsula communities, which have populations of 38,500 and 16,500 respectively, make up district 13 Peninsula detachment.

Last year, Peninsula detachment sheriffs spent nearly half of their man hours patrolling, for a total of 235,362 miles. About 30% of manhours were spent on investigations, with a vastly improved rate in 1989 for clearing cases.

Deputy John Hendrickson attributed this increase to two factors; increased citizenry involvement and more deputies. The detachment now has eleven deputies,

Civic Center News

A message from the prez ...

Spring is just around the corner and with spring comes fresh ideas. The KP Civic Center Association has made a request to the Park District to become a user group of the civic center facilities. With this change the Park Board will have full management of volunteer park and the civic center building and this will leave association members able to concentrate their efforts on producing more and better programs for the community.

Presently the KPCCA sponsors Friday night roller skating for all ages, with parents skating free. Sessions are 6 to 7:30 and 8 to 9:30 pm. and will be continued on a weekly basis during the summer providing the attendance is good. Bingo is held on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for those of you who like to tempt lady luck.

An Easter egg hunt on April 15 will be manned by association members and is free to all children under 12. August 4 is the date set for Pioneer Days with a parade, games, food, animal shows, etc. This celebration is put on with the help of many other organizations in the community.

The Flavor of Fall dinner and auction is scheduled for October 6. Last year this

elegant event netted \$5400 to help pay for a new furnace for the civic center building. With the help of the LDS church the Association held a very successful Halloween party for the children of the community last year, and plans are to have a great party again this year.

On November 24 the Arts and Crafts fair is scheduled. This gives our local folks a chance to sell their beautiful craft wares and for others a chance to buy or get new ideas.

And last but not least is the New Year's Eve dance. For those of you who want to stay close, the Civic Center is an ideal place to go. Great fun is always had by all. In March a Reno night was organized in order to generate funds to put on these programs.

The newspaper you are now reading is published by the association and, by being free to the community, is another service of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

We are always looking for new ideas, particularly concerning children after school. A theater group is being looked into and public input will be appreciated.

As I sit here writing this, I am looking out of the window at my horses frolicking in the fields and know that another spring is about to unfold. S.Z.

KPPCA meeting report

At its regular meeting held March 8, members of the Association considered holding skating sessions during the summer months because of the excellent attendance.

Members also voted to accept the goals adopted during the recent retreat. Goals identified were to: maintain existing programs, sponsor new programs, encourage new membership, maintain a positive working relationship with the Park Board, support the upcoming Park District levy, and proceed with the preliminary information on a theater group and stage remodeling.

This year's contract proposal to the Park District was approved and it will be presented to the district at its next meeting.

Money was appropriated for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held April 15, Easter Sunday.

Collegiate Athletic Scholarships

Over 100,000 Collegiate Athletic Scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes.

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 thru 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, 612A Willow Dr., PO Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

up from the previous seven, creating more time for what Deputy Hendrickson termed "proactive" police work. Career criminals can now be actively pursued, and there is more time for surveillance and undercover work. If there is a problem of vandalism or theft in the neighborhood, "we go out and try to get a handle on it", said Deputy Hendrickson.

He attributed much of the improvement to the involvement of Citizens Against Crime. "Mostly due to CAC getting involved, people know our needs better and we are better able to respond." He added that the detachment was also helped by people calling and giving the deputies tips and clues.

Pioneer Days Meeting

Early risers, rejoice. Some meetings are held at your best time of day. The Pioneer Days committee will meet at 7 am on March 22 at the Huckleberry Inn. You needn't be a member of the Civic Center Association to become involved in this unique community event.

Caregiver training

Training will be offered by Julia Moore at the March 21 meeting of the Care Givers Support Group at the Key Center Library Brones Room from 7-9 pm. She will give instructions on how to lift and transfer persons from a bed, wheel chair or commode chair.

Comic coming to Longbranch

Chris Alpine, winner of the 1986 Seattle International Comedy Competition, will perform a special program at the meeting of the Longbranch Improvement Club Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm. His high energy and good-natured observations have established him as a favorite with audiences across the nation. In addition to his work in night clubs, on college campuses and at conventions, he has appeared in a number of television shows and commercials, and has opened for a number of headline acts such as Willie Nelson, Crystal Gayle, Dolly Parton and Ray Charles.

While there is no admission charge for this unusual entertainment, contributions to help meet the cost of bringing Chris Alpine to Longbranch will be welcomed. Because some of the material will likely be "adult" in nature, it is asked that children not come to the performance.

Regular membership in the Longbranch Improvement Club is open to all residents of Key Peninsula South and associate membership is open to those living in other areas of the Peninsula. For further information about membership, call Joe Gilfillan (884-9230) or any member of the Board of Directors. 1990 officers include President Randy Carr, Vice-president Vernon Merrill and Treasurer Addie McMenamin. Other members of the Board include Gerry Carlstrom, Dorothy Rome, Earl Stanley, Ralf Twedt and past president Kay Harvey.



KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

Pauline Longley and Gail Bond stand beside the new color television and VCR donated to the respite care program in memory of Bill Short.

Beaches closed to protect shellfish

Conservation regulation have gone into effect at four Hood Canal locations. The Washington Department of Fisheries announced the following beach closures, effective immediately:

Bywater Bay State Park Tidelands(northern Hood Canal): Until further notice, closed to both clam and oyster harvesting.

Pt. Whitney(Dabob Bay): Until further notice, closed to clam digging.

Eagle Creek(north of Hoodport): Until further notice, closed to clam digging.

Twanoh State Park: A phased closure on clam harvesting - beginning with partial closure until the end of June and changing to total closure on July 1. This two-step closure is as follows: Clam

harvesting open only on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through June 30, 1990. Beginning July 1 and extending through December 31, 1990, clam digging is banned.

Conservation actions were prompted by the results of test fisheries showing decreased clam and oyster populations in these Hood Canal locations.

As previously announced there is a phased closure in effect for oyster harvesting on all state tidelands at Twanoh State Park. Currently and through June 30, oyster harvesting is permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Beginning July 1 and extending through December 31, 1990, no oyster harvesting will be allowed in the Twanoh State Park tidelands.

Wauna post office then and now

by Jean Humphries

On Thursday, March 8 the Peninsula Historical Club is meeting for a 6 pm potluck at the Longbranch Church. A Program will be given by Mar Hoey White and Ann White of the history of the W.E. White Flour, Feed and Grocery and its post office. Originally known as

Springfield, the community of Wauna had its first home and store, "Wauna Lodge" built on the uphill side of the road, to accomodate steamer travelers. The new store, built in 1906, fronted on the dock sitting sideways to the shore road.

Mrs. White was asked to choose a name for the post office. She chose "Wauna", an Indian name meaning "mighty waters". When the highway was built, the store was pivoted a quarter-turn to face the shore road. Now the post office will be moving to Lake Kathryn. You are cordially invited to come to see pictures, hear more of the history of the first grocery and post office at Wauna.

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

Caregivers	Mar. 21: 7 pm	KC Library, Brones room
KPBA	Apr. 6: 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn

childrens organizations:

Brownies, Cadettes, Jr. Girl Scouts		see Civic Center Calendar
Cub Scouts & Webelos, Pack 213		
Cub Scouts, Pack 252	Mar. 20,27, Apr. 3: 4 pm	home of Janice Lodholm
Webelos, Pack 252	Mar. 21,28, Apr. 4: 4 pm	Minter Crk. Hatchery
Boy Scouts, Troop 252	Mar. 21,28, Apr. 4: 6-7 pm	LDS church

civic organizations:

Angel Guild	Mar. 26: 10 am	KC Library, Brones room
Burley Library Assn.	Apr. 4: 7:30 pm	Burley Comm. Hall
Cootiettes	Mar. 20	visit Retsil Vet. Home
	Mar. 27	visit Naval Hosp.

meet at noon in Key Center to carpool

KP Health Ctr. Bd.	Mar. 29: 7:30 pm	KC Library, Brones room
Lions Club	Mar. 21, Apr 4: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn
Longbranch Imp. Club	Mar. 21: 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Hall

church/community groups:

KP Historical Soc.	Mar. 22: 6 pm potluck program, "Wauna Post Office"	Longbranch Church
Theater Group	Mar. 28: 7:30 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Ruth Circle	Mar. 19: noon lunch & meeting	Longbranch Church Hall hostess - Evelyn Carlson

community services:

free CPR class	Apr. 5: 7-10 pm	884-2222 for res.
hot lunch for seniors	Mar. 21,28, Apr. 4: noon	Community Center, Home
respite care	Mar. 21,28, Apr. 4: 9 am-3 pm	KC Library, Brones room
sewing classes	Mar. 20,27, Apr. 3: 1-4 pm	KC library
VITA income tax assist.	Mar. 21,28, Apr. 4: 10 am-noon	Key Center Fire Station

public meetings:

KP Fire Com.	Mar. 26: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
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self-help groups:

Al-Anon	Mar. 19,26, Apr. 2: 7pm	Lakebay Community Church
Nutrition Day	Mar. 26: noon potluck	Longbranch Church
TOPS	Mar. 19,26, Apr. 2: weigh-in 6:15, mtg. 7-8 pm	home of Shirley Frame 884-4864

social/hobby groups:

Gig Harbor Twirlers	Mar. 19,26, Apr. 2: 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Square dance lessons, Burley, next to P.O.
KP Senior Society board meeting	Mar. 22,29: 11 am-4 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Upper Sound Grange	Apr. 2: 7 - 10 pm	KPCC
Vaughn Garden Club	Mar. 21: 10:30 am	home of Aline Anderson Gig Harbor

program "Potpourri" by Margaret Whittlesey - co-hostesses Lee Stiles & Helen Kasper

events:

Watercolor scenes of Puerto Rico by Ricole Schotiland displayed during March		The Key Dining Room KC Corral - Key Center
Chris Alpine, comedy	Mar. 21: 7:30 pm	Longbranch Improvement Club, call 884-9230
Little League breakfast	postponed to April	

Key Peninsula Middle School band plays with Evergreen Brass

by Megan Aprile

It is Tuesday, January 23 at 9:20 am. The band room at Key Peninsula Middle School is noisy, as kids stream in for second period. Soon, musical noise is added to kid noise as flute players, drummers and players of just about every instrument you can think of, start tuning, playing or just fooling around with their instrument. Their teacher, Meg Mansfield, climbs up on a wooden box in the front of the room and without a word begins to lead them in playing scales. There are smiles as they begin (discordantly) up and down, following her direc-

tion, slowly at first ascending scales, then quickly going down scales. but in five minutes they have changed from the exuberant chaos of junior high schoolers to a focused group, each member concentrating on his or her instrument.



Today's practice is typical, but not ordinary, for the band members are going to be practicing the music they will play with the Evergreen Brass Quintet, a well-known Northwest-based professional group, brought to KPMS through a matching funds program of the Pierce County Arts Commission.

Miss Mansfield starts teaching; "Somebody is very, very sharp," she calls out to the tuba players. Tubas, trombones and trumpets are coached on a troublesome set of quarter notes in measure 19 of the piece. "Once again," she tells them, "your whole part is still not very clean." She sings the notes and the rhythm the way she wants them to play it. "Much better," she tells them, after they play through it.

As the students play through the music, she asks them to make it "shorter" or "cleaner" or "more bounce". They understand her well. She has everybody sing with her the rhythm she wants from a particular passage; then she tells everybody to listen while she sings with the tuba so they "can hear how it fits." As they slog through a difficult passage, she tells them encouragingly "six measures to work out and we can play the entire piece from beginning to end." They play through a section and then playfully go on with a sort of musical quacking. By 9:45 am they are all working together to play the whole piece and members listen and watch intently to whatever she says or does.



At 10:10, looking at her watch, she takes them to the last practice section of another piece. She sings the rhythm for them first, telling them "that's what you need to think when you're playing it." 10:15 am: "We'll work on it again tomorrow," she tells them, as they begin to stream out the door towards their next class.

February 5 at 9:20 am. The Evergreen Brass members and the band are practicing in the central commons area today, where the concert will be played. The previous Friday, Miss Mansfield had arranged a band overnighiter at the school. Members of the Evergreen Brass were also there to practice with the kids.

The concert will be an adaptation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, HMS Pinafore. Rex Turner, tuba player with the Evergreen Brass, put together the concert which is a combination of narration, staging with the characters played by members of the Brass and the KPMS band, and arrangements of some of the musical numbers from the operetta. Having al-

ready worked together, the band members laugh as the kids crouch around "Sir Joseph."

They work on where the "pick-up" or cue lines are. They are reminded by Miss Mansfield that all the after beats must be softer than the downs. After the playfulness of the first number, the Evergreen Brass trumpet player has a solo on the love song, which is played with a poignant mix of humour and affection. They all work together on a passage where the band comes in. The kids clap after the trumpet passage. There is a brief conference between Meg and Rex about staging, with much glancing at clocks. They decide to keep the staging and brass players an extra period, so that all the music can be rehearsed now. "Let's work on that again," Meg says, after an uncertain run-through. The sound is better the second time, but still rough in places. The next section sounds almost flawless as the band hits all their "pick-ups" perfectly, and all the after beats are softer than the downs.



The finale is rushed, probably by the fact that the period is nearly over. "Let's do it over again," says Miss Mansfield. "We'll be late!" someone cries. Miss Mansfield replies, "if you're late, we'll take care of it. Let's start right at measure 64." Kids start running by on their way to their next class as the band plays one more time through 64.

After the rehearsal Liz Ward, the french horn player for the Evergreen Brass, helps one of the KPMS french horn players adjust the valves of her horn with a screwdriver. As the business manager of the group, she handles all of the grants applications. The group spends a lot of time working with young musicians in schools. "They sounded pretty good today", she says, "they just need a little more work."

The concert was originally scheduled for February 12, and all the next week, kids in the band were calling their mothers after school to let them know they were "staying after" to work on their part. The weather did not cooperate, and the concert was snowed out. The band continued to work on the music until the concert was finally held March 13 in the KPMS gym, which was packed with appreciative parents and friends.

All of the time and energy invested for so many weeks was apparent in the performance, and at the end of the show, the band, the Evergreen Brass and Miss Mansfield received a standing ovation from the audience.

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Your deputy reports

by John Hendrickson

On March 1 a burglary arrest was made in the 8100 block of Key Peninsula Highway. A white male, 27, was arrested after residents awoke at 12:30 am to find the suspect standing in their kitchen eating food. The suspect was apprehended in the area by the four sheriff's units that responded. Also on that date there was a vandalism report in the 14100 block of 32 St KPS where a 1971 Ford T-Bird was shot full of holes.

On March 2 there was a theft in the 5500 block Key Peninsula Hwy KPN where \$1.00 was taken. Charges are pending at Remann Hall on a white male of 13 years. On March 4 there was a burglary at 8th Ave. KPN and Key Peninsula Highway KPN in which food items and change were taken. On that same date there was a neighbor dispute in the 6100 block of 174 Ave. KPS. This was settled by officer negotiation.

On March 7 a 14 year-old white female was assaulted by a 14 year-old white male on the school bus between Key Peninsula Middle School and Key Center. The case is under investigation. On that same day there was vandalism in the 9200 block of Key Peninsula Highway South. The house, yard and car were pelted with eggs.

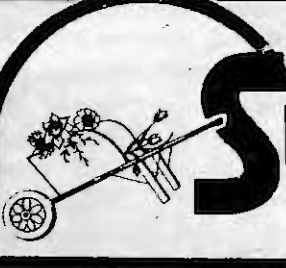
On March 8 a domestic violence case in the 14100 block of Hollyburn Lane KPN was reported. An ex-husband was harassing and threatening both the subject

and other residents. On the same date in the 11800 block of SR302 there was a theft of \$300 in videos. Also on that day, Deputy J. Hendrickson received information from a reliable informant that a white male subject, 30 years of age, 5'5", 135 lbs., red hair, was in the Key Center area. The subject was wanted on a \$50,000 armed robbery warrant out of Salt Lake City, an escape warrant from the State Penitentiary in Deer Lodge, Montana, a probation violation warrant out of Ephrata, WA, and multiple traffic warrants out of Mason County. The subject was spotted in the a local tavern and apprehended without incident at 6:15 pm that day.

On March 9 a white female, 16, was arrested in the 9100 block of 144th St. Ct. NW for assault on a 17 year old white female.

On March 10 there was a theft from a vehicle in the 13700 block of Easy St. KPN. Tools and coveralls valued at \$1400 were taken. The same day there was an attempted arson to a '76 Dodge Aspen at the Bay Lake State Fishing access road. That day there was also a theft of a 10-foot aluminum boat, Larson brand, valued at \$500 from Taylor Bay Estates Community beach.

On March 12 two white males 14 and 15 years of age were arrested for minor possession and consumption of alcohol at 94th Ave. and Hwy 302.



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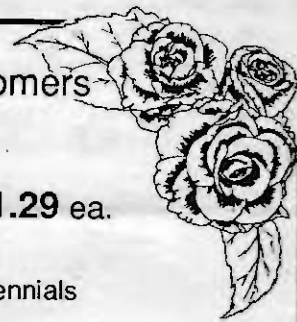
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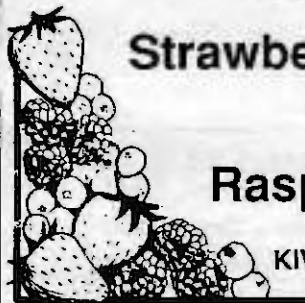
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Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

Here are a few ways to reduce your taxes — Deduct all real estate taxes you paid last year. Deduct charitable contributions that were paid in cash or by check, contributions of property to charity (did you give clothing, books, toys, or old furniture to a charity and what was the value?). Deduct out-of-pocket expenses

in connection with volunteer work for charity, including travel, transportation, telephone costs, etc. If you used your own car, deduct either the IRS mileage rate of 12 cents a mile or your actual out-of-pocket expenses. Deduct charitable contributions that were withheld from your pay. Deduct points paid to get a mortgage if you bought or improved your residence in 1989. Deduct interest on up to \$100,000 of home equity borrowing. Add up your miscellaneous itemized expenses

to see if they exceed 20% of your Adjusted Gross Income. You can deduct anything above that amount.

The IRS audit rate is going down fast. For the first time in history, less than 1% of all income tax returns will be audited in 1990, as the result of an IRS budgetary crisis. That could jeopardize the agency's ability to manage the nation's tax system. The IRS budget is so tight that it is even suffering shortages of office supplies, such as paper and pens.



Your Park Board Reports

by Daphne Daus

All of us have been busy laying the groundwork for our most successful year ever. Commissioners Tim Kezele and Scott Marcus are reviewing the applications we have been receiving for the grounds keeper position at Volunteer Park. They have also done a remarkable job scheduling the fields at the Park.

More people will be using the fields than ever before. Volunteer Park will be the center of many sports events this year, including our Key Peninsula Little League, Peninsula Athletic Association, South Kitsap Pony Colt League and teams from Peninsula High School.

We will also be looking into the feasibility of moving and expanding the playground equipment available at the Park. More and more people are utilizing Volunteer Park for birthday parties and family picnics, so we want to provide a safe and fun place for the children. We still have the \$1,000 donation from the Angel Guild with which to purchase more playground equipment. Any ideas?

Commissioner Salatino has been negotiating interagency agreements with the Fire and School Districts. Under this agreement the School District will once again refinish the gym floor at no cost. We are also working with the School District to acquire a tri-plex to help us keep the fields at Volunteer Park in top shape.

One of the most tedious and time consuming jobs on the board is that of Treasurer. Max Marlow continues to do an excellent job preparing the paper work required by the County as well as keeping us informed of our financial position.

We are also gearing up for Summer Fun '90. Last years program was a huge success with attendance in excess of 1,100 children from the ages of five to eleven. Once again I have submitted a proposal to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for joint sponsorship of the program. If approved, the Commission will provide a college intern and pay a portion of their salary. More on this as we draw closer to summer.

We encourage all residents to attend our Park District meetings. They are held at the Civic Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Come share your ideas! We were happy to grant a request from the community to use the gym for walking from 8 to 10 am Tuesday through Thursday.

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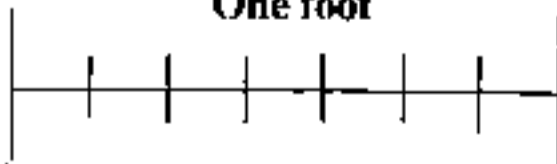


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He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Gig Harbor; son, H. Curtis, of Hawaii; daughters, Silvia Holden of Tacoma and Irene Rodman of Hillsboro, Oregon; eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.



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House Bill 2330 protects special "junior" taxing districts against automatic budget cuts when the combined rate of property taxes approved by local voters exceeds a certain level. These budget cuts have closed down cemetery districts, undermined efforts to build libraries and made budget planning for many public hospitals and fire departments impossible, said Rep. Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island, the bill's sponsor and chair of the House Local Government Committee.

Under current law, junior taxing districts are first in line for budget cuts when local property taxes, including those by cities and counties, exceed \$5.55 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Haugen's bill would raise that ceiling to \$5.90, giving junior service districts some relief. The bill, which Haugen has pushed for five years, has been sent to the governor to be signed into law.

Fish enhancement bill approved by State House and Senate

Senate Bill 6310 which would improve salmon runs statewide has been approved by the state Legislature and only needs the governor's signature to become law. The money to fund 12 regional enhancement groups statewide would come from \$1 surcharges on recreational salmon fishing licenses and \$100 surcharges on commercial licenses and charter boat operators.

Update on schools for the 21st century

Washington's "Schools for the 21st Century" program was created by Governor Booth Gardner in 1987. The idea was to focus on getting results, as opposed to forcing educational programs to stay in compliance with rules and regulations.

The program, for example, allows participating schools to waive state statutes and administrative rules, local school district rules, and union contract provisions to allow increased decision-making at the local level.

Another program, being pursued by College Place Middle School in Edmonds, provided five days of intensive outcome-based education training to the faculty. They developed an instruction and grading program based on the philosophy that all children can learn, and they were given funds to pay teachers to extend the school year for the students who needed a few extra weeks to complete the program.

In all, 21 projects were funded in the "Schools for the 21st Century" program at a cost of just under \$2 million the first year. Grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$200,000 per year are going to the schools and school districts participating in the program. The funding goes primarily toward extending teachers' contracts for 10 days so that they are paid for the time they spend on their projects.

"Teachers need the time to develop and plan new approaches to learning," said Gardner. "And once they have dedicated their time and energy, that only increases their commitment to making their innovations succeed."

The Association of Cataract and Laser Surgeons of Pierce County was formed recently to provide area residents with information they need to make these personal decisions about medical eye care and surgery. Members of this non profit group are board certified ophthalmologists who live and practice in Pierce County. Ophthalmologists are medical doctors with special training in diagnosing and treating eye health and vision problems.

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<p>25</p>	<p>26 Webelos Fox</p>	<p>27 Wolf Den 3 Karate N.A. 7 - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts KPCC Inventory 7 pm</p>	<p>28 Wolf Den 2 Fun Night Theater group kick-off meeting 7:30 pm (see article - page 1)</p>	<p>29 Seniors 11-4 pm Brownies 3:15-5 pm Karate Webelos 7 pm NA 7 pm</p>	<p>30 Skating 6-7:30 pm/8-9:30 pm AA</p>	<p>31</p>
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Mayo Cove Committee

by Stella Retherford

On March 7 the Mayo Cove Protection Committee met with Jim Hoyle and Susan Alotricho of the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. The goal of the committee is to aid the Penrose Point Recreational Shellfish Protection Project develop a management plan for water quality on the watershed and in the bay.

Funding is through a \$120,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to study threats to southern Puget Sound shellfish. Mayo Cove was chosen as a sample intensive study area because Penrose Point State Park provides recreational shellfish gathering.

Non-point source pollution was discussed. Storm water carries sediments and pollutants from construction sites, farm animals, road maintenance, roadside spraying, fertilizer runoff and careless disposal of toxic materials.

Recreational boats overnighing at the park are considered a particularly serious hazard to water quality in Mayo Cove. One member counted 125 boats on a summer weekend, each one presumably with a toilet. Another member remarked, "Sewage disposal sites are provided for land recreational vehicles, why not for water recreational vehicles? Home owners are not allowed to put sewage in Puget Sound; why should boat owners do it?"

Most boats have holding tanks but there are very few pump-out stations available. The State Parks and Recreation Commission has proposed new state grants for marine pump-out stations. The program would provide 100% funding for purchase and installation of such facilities at marinas. The move is long overdue because of so many boats and permanent live-aboards.

Recommendations of the committee have been recorded and directed to the responsible agencies. The next meeting of the committee will be at Key Center Library on April 4 at 7 pm. Key Peninsula residents are invited to participate.

Mobile homes can become "real estate"

Owners of manufactured homes can look forward to some new options when it comes to registering their homes.

As of March 1, 1990, owners will have the choice of recording their manufactured home with their land as real property, similar to the recording process performed on site-built homes.

For those landowners who intend to affix a manufactured home to their property, the bill provides a statutory process in which a manufactured home can be treated as real property, resulting in expanded financing opportunities.

Besides opting to register their homes as real property, owners can still choose to title their homes, much like a vehicle, as they have done in the past.

Whichever process is chosen, owners can obtain the appropriate forms from their local vehicle licensing agency.

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