



Workers putting new roof on Civic Center.

Civic Center Receives New Roof

The "grande dame" of Vaughn is receiving a make-over! Thanks to the generous \$30,000 grant from the Ben Cheney Foundation, the roof of the main building of the Civic Center was replaced in February. Last October, a \$16,000 grant from the Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Foundation funded the new roof and painting of the smaller building. The Russell Family Foundation and the Angel Guild have also contributed to the renovation efforts. The Civic Center Board hopes to have funding in place soon for the painting of the main building. We are truly grateful to these charitable organizations for the wonderful support which makes capital improvements at the Civic Center possible.

With the exterior projects completed, the Board's next task is to undertake the renovation of the gymnasium. We will be seeking funding to paint the interior, replace the ceiling and renovate the stage and entryway. The Angel Guild has already commenced the funding drive for the new ceiling with a \$3,000 contribution.

The Renovation Committee would like to invite interested local citizens to participate and join us in this ad-hoc group. Please call Sylvia at 884-3603 or Vicky at 884-1940 if you would like to contribute your ideas to these projects. We are especially in need of someone who has experience in stage/sound design. Please know that we welcome all citizen input.

The Connection Between Your Home and Shellfish

by Frank DiBiase, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Do you know where the wastewater from your home goes? "That's easy," you may think, "into my septic system." But are you sure? It's all too common to have a leak in your system or a failure in your drainfield and not know it. If this is the case, the answer to the question would then be, "My wastewater goes into a creek, drainage ditch or the Sound." If so, the result is a health risk to your family and your neighbors from direct contact with bacteria-contaminated shellfish from the beach.

To help prevent this health risk and to keep our valuable water resources clean, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is partnering with the Key Peninsula-Gig Harbor-Islands (KGI) Watershed Council. The approach includes checking septic systems to see that they are operating properly and providing information on ways to ensure your system is well maintained in order to prevent a failure and to save you money.

The Health Department and KGI Watershed Council plan to work with the residents of Dutchers Cove, Filucy Bay and Vaughn Bay because water sampling tells us these areas have a water quality problem and a major cause appears to be failing septic systems.

The thought of a failing septic system is a frightening one for many people because of the potential expense required to repair or replace the system. However, if it is found that your system is "failing" a complete replacement is often unnecessary. In some cases it may be as simple as fixing a broken transfer line.

To learn more about what you can do to help protect your health and water quality and to hear what the Health Department and KGI Watershed Council can do to assist you, a public meeting is being held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in the Whitmore Room on Thursday, April 26th, beginning at 7 PM. For more information about the meeting or to learn more about this project please contact Chris Matter at the Health Department by calling (253) 798-4460.

Earthquake Assistance

CALL 1-800-462-9029

If you suffered earthquake damage you have until April 28 to register for disaster assistance. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) may help pay for basic needs not covered under insurance policies. Some disaster aid does not have to be paid back, while other help may be in the form of low interest loans. FEMA representatives will explain the details when called on the toll-free registration number listed above and you can file for help by phone.

If you would rather meet face to face with a FEMA representative, they are located at their new Tacoma Disaster Recovery Center at 3639 South Pine St. (the former Costco building). Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This Center is closed on Sundays. Representatives from FEMA, SBA, the American Red Cross, Pierce County Emergency Management and the City of Tacoma are all at the Center. Information is also available from the Internal Revenue Service, Housing and Urban Development, legal services and Washington State Employment Security.

State and federal officials continue to urge disaster victims to call the registration number, 1-800-462-9029. Eight counties, including Pierce, King, Kitsap and Mason, have been declared federal disaster areas and are eligible for Individual Assistance and are being considered for Public Assistance. Persons covered by insurance may receive assistance from the government for areas not covered by the insurance.

Auction For Russian Orphans

Four Russian orphans are soon joining three Key Peninsula families. Here is how you can help.

You can provide donations of goods or services for the auction.

Also, you can attend the auction on Saturday, April 14, 1:00, at Vaughn Community Church, (across from Vaughn Elementary School.) Auction items will be on view Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM.

Some of the items and services already donated are: 2 Snake River excursions, a load of driveway rock, 10 horse riding lessons, 2 cords of wood, sports cards, a rose arbor, \$500 certificate towards a cruise, two pigs and much more. Many merchants are donating a variety of items. There will also be a concession stand and bake sale available.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift, or want more information, call 884-2269.

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 14TH

Scout Troop 220 will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14th, this year so that more families in the community may participate. They will be assisted by Brownie Troop 50 and Brownie Troop 175. The fun begins at 12:00 Noon at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Please contact Scoutmaster, Bill Macaras, for additional information. 884-3133.



Citizen Of The Year Nominees Selected



Lori Deacon



Eve Pettigrew



Tim Kezele



Bill Stovner



Mary Lea Stovner



Nancy Dahm



James "Jim" Blundell



Glen Miller



Henry Ramsdell



Janice Piercy



Richard "Dick" Day



Sam Livingston

Two dozen residents of the Key Peninsula will be honored April 14th at the annual K P Lions Club awards program, to be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club starting at 6 PM.

Alvin "Buzz" Simon and his wife Debbie from Lake Holiday are both active in scouting programs and in VFW Post 4990 and its Ladies' Auxiliary, where Debbie is treasurer.

Lori Deacon is a Board member of Communities in Schools, active in the K P Business Association, and spearheaded the 1996 Centennial Celebration of the community of Home.

Cathy Oberts is an active volunteer at Evergreen School and played a major role in the school's most successful auction.

Eve Pettigrew is an active volunteer in our schools, co-chaired the recent Evergreen auction, and has been involved with the Evergreen Parent Teacher Association.

Virginia Seavy, a charter member of the Angel Guild, works both sorting and clerking, has served

in all its offices including president and is the group's historian.

Tim Kezele is president of the K P Historical Society, has served as president of the K P Civic Center, and is always willing to help wherever and whenever help is needed.

Mary Lea and **Bill Stovner** of Lake Holiday have been active in caring for the Rocky Creek Conservation Area and are active in the CAC Citizens' Patrol and seeing to the needs of the residents of their community.

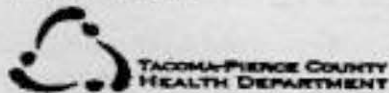
Nancy Dahm is active in Peninsula High's Scholarship Program, calling potential donors, arranging appointments, and working in the scholarship office every Wednesday from February through April.

James "Jim" Blundell, a retired teacher, has served as a volunteer firefighter and is now a volunteer reader at Vaughn School, as well as being active in other community events.

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Citizen Of The Year Nominees Selected



Rick Doty



Mary Jackson



Tracy Manning



Hellen Saxer



Maureen Morlang



Edie Morgan



John Biggs



Howard Johnson



Penny Gazabat

Mary Jackson is an officer of the Peninsula High School Scholarship Committee, constantly seeking donors for that worthy cause, from February through April she is in the office on Mondays and Fridays.

Tracy Manning sponsors a softball team and helps the Children's Home Society obtain gifts for children during the holiday season. She raised more than \$2000 last year for a home for abused children.

Hellen Saxer is on the Board of the K P Community Services/Food Bank, helps with lunches for seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays, and helps organize Old Timers' Day annually.

Maureen Morlang of Gambrel Farm has been taking in foster children for many years. More than 75 children have benefited from being a part of this healthy home and farm environment. She currently has five foster children at K P Middle School.

Edie Morgan, in her role at the K P Children's Home Society, has each year created new and has expanded ongoing programs to help more families on the Key Peninsula, and has been especially successful during the holiday season in getting contributions for families in need.

John Biggs is an active supporter of school activities, is president of the Longbranch Improvement Club, a member of the K P Business Association, and has involved various officials in efforts to improve protection of students.

Howard Johnson has also been nominated for Volunteer of the Year at the K P Community House/Food Bank, doing, among other things, the bread runs and food collections from local stores.

Penny Gazabat has been Vaughn School's PTA president and carnival coordinator, has spearheaded the Stop Violence-Start Now program for the whole Peninsula School District, and now coordinates the After Hours program at K P Middle School.

Glen Miller, involved for many years with the Longbranch Improvement Club, is the dock master at the Club's dock, and is also the web master of the Web site dockrat.com. He is known to yachters from all over for his friendly smile and helpful ways.

Henry Ramsdell, a K P native and great source of peninsula history, volunteers at the K P Community Services/Food Bank and also at Volunteer Park.

Janice Piercy manages the several seasonal Farmers' Markets and is active in the Friends of Rocky Creek Conservation Area.

Richard "Dick" Day of Vaughn works with the Young Life group at Peninsula High School and he and his wife, Julie, are both involved with Habitat for Humanity projects.

Sam Livingston and his wife, Marvel, are active Volksmarchers, and Sam has become the "trail boss" at Rocky Creek Conservation Area, clearing and marking trails.

Rick Doty is president of the Palmer Lake Beach Club and has been helpful to new residents who sometimes arrive in need of food and clothing.

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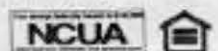
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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

The Riders are coming! The Riders are coming! No, not Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. Not the Riders of the Purple Sage. Not even the Ghost Riders in the Sky. I'm talking about the ones that really spell trouble with a capital T, the ones emanating from the halls of Congress in the other Washington.

It's not that we haven't had riders on federal laws before. But in the "good old days" they were used mostly for "pork-barrel" projects. Basically, a rider is a provision attached usually to an appropriation bill. The problem with riders is that they often get tacked onto the main bill the night before it comes up for a vote and there's no time to discuss it or for public input. Spending bills go through a lot of negotiating before a final version is voted on, and the vote is usually on a "take-it-or-leave-it" basis, with no further amending. So if a member of Congress wants to get something through that probably wouldn't make it on its own merits, the object of the rider is to ride through on the coattails of the important spending bill.

A big change in the use of riders took place in 1995. They became an effective tool for getting rid of various environmental regulations. For example, a senator offered a rider to prevent any new additions to the Endangered Species Act. A representative from the Detroit area has three times introduced a rider to prevent federal agencies from doing anything to decrease the emission of "greenhouse gases". So he has effectively undermined implementation of a global agreement involving more than 100 countries and thousands of scientists. And the public doesn't even know this is happening.

The only effective way to stop these riders up to now has been for the president to veto or threaten to veto a bill that has one or more of these riders attached. Clinton, from 1995 to 2000, blocked more than 75 anti-environmental riders. One of them would have eliminated tax incentives for renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency programs.

How will the new president deal with these riders? Hang on to your hats, the environment of our planet could be in for a wild ride.

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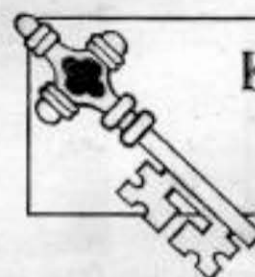
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Normanna Male Chorus Concert

The Normanna Male Chorus is returning to Key Peninsula Lutheran Church Monday, April 30th, at 7:30PM. They will present a concert of a variety of songs under the direction of Dr. Jon Malmin. This is their third appearance at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. The group of over fifty members is now in its 11th year and is much in demand.

The concert is free and open to anyone from the community — invite your friends, neighbors and family to join you for this evening of songs. Key Peninsula Lutheran Church is located at Key Peninsula Hiway North and Lackey Road. If you need further information call 884-3312 or Jack Piercy at 884-4907.



KEY DATES 2001

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc. 1st Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.
3rd Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc. 4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Ashes 1st Thursday at 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220 Tuesday-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC Whitmore Rm.
Cootiettes 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Comm. 1st Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center
KPCCA Board 2nd Thursday - 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board 2nd Monday - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board 4th Thursday - 7:30 PM Health Center
KP Lions Club 1st & 3rd Wed. - 6:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary 2nd & 4th Mon.-7:00 PM CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild 4th Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call 884-5433
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Community House - Home
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440,
884-4514.

Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.

The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic at the office of Dr. Roes every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

Key Center Library 884-2242 - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM,
Thursday & Friday, 1 - 6 PM, Saturday, Noon - 4 PM.

KP Baptist Bible Study Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church

Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House, Home
There Is Hope 12-Step Christian Support Group Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Lakebay
Christian Assembly Church - 253-884-3659.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Civic Center, in the VFW Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
2nd Monday after 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec. 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM
At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.

Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.

T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Fire Station, Home, WA

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club 3rd Friday of each month, for more information call
Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487, Longbranch Improvement

KP Historical Society 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum
Museum Open Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

LB Improvement Club 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors 2nd Tuesday - 10:00 AM Longbranch Fire Station #4

Lakebay Fuchsia Society 1st Thursday - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting 3rd Monday - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and
Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.

Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club Call 884-5403 for more information.

Key Singers Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM Longbranch Comm. Church
Contact Jo Sturm - 884-1350

Notice: If your organization is listed in our Key Notes 2001, please check to be sure the time and location are correct, so we can bring it up to date.

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TAX TIPS

By
Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP

Well, Income Tax time is just about over for another year. How many of you have not brought your income tax information to your preparer? At this late date this could mean filing an extension until August 15, 2001. But beware, this only takes care of the late filing fee, not the tax due payment which would still be subject to penalties and interest. Of course, if you have a refund then you should be alright.

Always file your tax return on time; this includes extension time. We will tell you to file even if your cannot pay the tax due at that time. Fill out an installment agreement to pay so much a month; then if IRS accepts it you will only pay what is due plus interest. [That] is better than letting several years accumulate and then try to catch up - bad practice.

Fishermen's Breakfast April 29th

You don't have to put on your hip waders or get a license from DF&G to attend the great annual Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club's Annual Fishermen's Breakfast on Sunday, April 29th from 7:30 AM until 12:30 PM. The clubhouse is located at 3503 Jackson Lake Road, KPN. If you get lost on the way there, you can call 884-5348 for directions. Breakfast is \$4 for adults and children 6 and under eat free. For info or tickets call 857-5184 or 884-9948. There will also be a garage sale and raffle going on at the same time and location.

Camp Colman Community Breakfast

A free breakfast will be offered at Camp Colman between 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 14th, as a 'Thank you' to the community for its support. The buffet will feature a full breakfast with a wide variety of items. There will also be a door prize/raffle and craft projects to enjoy.

The Camp is located off Bay Road next to Joemma State Park. Although the breakfast is free and all are welcome, please make a reservation by calling Kandice Fuller at 884-5772 or 884-3844 so they can anticipate the numbers.

History of Home at the Home Town Meeting

Historian Charles LeWarne, author of *Utopias on Puget Sound*, will be the speaker at the Home Town Meeting at the Home Fire Station on Thursday, May 3rd, at 7 PM. Mr LeWarne has written extensively about the history of the Town of Home. You don't have to be a resident of Home to attend, everyone is welcome.

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Angel Notes by Frankie Johnson

Easter is almost here and the bunnies have literally been "flying" out of the shop. We have had some really cute ones plus other Easter decorative items. It is always fun to see what is new in our Angel Guild thrift store. To be one of the Angels working for our own community is very gratifying. This past month we have made significant donations to Children's Home Society, Vaughn School's auction for their covered play area, a new sculpture to go in front of our library, and Volunteer Park needed funds for repairs. If you know of a need, please submit a request in writing through an organization for our consideration. We are more than happy to help any worthy cause for the benefit of the Key Peninsula area. Your continued support by donations and patronage of the shop make this possible. Last month, Jim Laughin, who is the statewide fund development director of Children's Home Society of Washington, spoke to us regarding their needs. We made a donation to be used here on the Peninsula only. There are an amazing number of programs going on

over at the Civic Center with this group. You would find it very interesting to drop in to observe.

April brings us to the time when our officers change. Elections were held at our March general meeting. Installation will be held during our annual meeting and luncheon to be held at the Civic Center April 23rd. All Angels and guests are urged to attend. It is, as always, pot luck and with the Angels you can plan on a "Heavenly" meal.

We are asking for more donations, especially knick-knacks, housewares, and anything you might wish to donate that has a value to someone else. Our ladies do restock the store every day or evening. Saturdays have become a favorite shopping day. Our coordinator comes in every night to make sure that the store is clean and well stocked for the next day. The sorters are on duty nearly every day. Our reputation as one of the best thrift stores with the best prices and values is well deserved. It is definitely a group effort to make it so.

Our outgoing officers deserve most of the credit for this extremely well-run organization. They are Elsie Vezzani, president, Frankie Johnson, 1st Vice-president, Vickie Swenning, 2nd vice-president (financial chairman), Mary Krumbein, secretary, Jeanne Seick, treasurer, and Bonnie


Stinson, store coordinator. Then, all the "department" heads, a corps of ladies who are responsible for the various types of merchandise we get in the store, need a big round of applause. Not to forget the 27 ladies who do the clerking. Thank you all for all your many hours of dedicated work.

Poetry Contest #5 Winner

It's been fun reading the entries in our poetry contests, and our judge has enjoyed them as well, but it's time to move on to other things. Sometime in the not too distant future, when we have resolved some of the other problems in keeping this paper afloat, we'd like to be able to give all you aspiring (perspiring?) poets here on the Key Peninsula another opportunity to express your ideas poetically. In the meantime, don't stop writing poems. Record them in a journal, either on paper or on a floppy disk.

The winner of Contest #5 has asked to remain anonymous, and we are obligated to respect that request. Here is the winning entry, written in the style of a limerick:

*There was an old fellow from Home
Whose hair didn't need a good comb.
He gave it a brush
But then in the rush
Drove off and left it at home.*



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To Your Health

by
William F. Roes, M.D.



To continue my theme this year of the future of medicine in the new millenium, I'd like to spend a little time looking at robotic surgery. I'm not talking about R2-D2 at the operating table, but real live doctors using real live computerized robotic techniques to operate on real live patients.

One of the breakthroughs in surgery over the past two decades has been the development of endoscopic surgery - surgical procedures done through a small incision using long tubes with either a light source or operating instruments on their tips. This has allowed the laparoscopic removal of the gallbladder, arthroscopic repair of the injured meniscus of the knee, and scores of other "minimally invasive" procedures. The end result is a smaller surgical wound that heals faster and a shorter recovery time for the patient.

The next logical step has been the development of computer guided surgical instruments directed by a surgeon sitting at a computer console instead of at the patient's side. The surgeon uses a 3 dimensional computer-generated image of the affected organs, and, using robotic effector instruments (think of an extremely sophisticated joystick), operates inside the patient. Theoretically the surgeon doesn't have to be in the same building as the patient, but there has to be someone on site who can take care of the patient in case something goes wrong. That means there has to be a surgeon in the patient's area who could open up the patient and conclude the operation the old fashioned way if necessary.

Robotic surgery is in use in Europe and is being tested in the United States. Over 60 closed chest coronary artery bypass graft surgeries have been performed, and this looks to be one of the primary uses in the future. Don't look for C3P0 in our Key Center office soon, but his cousin may be working at Tacoma General or St. Joseph's Hospital soon.

TOPS NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

The sunny days make us all feel so good and the desire to get outside to enjoy the nice sunshine is greatly upon us. How will you feel in shorts and/or a (gasp!) bathing suit? Do you need help? I think even those with perfect bodies are reluctant to bare all when the days get warm. However, TOPS is here for you, ready, willing and able to help you lose those extra pounds to lift your self-esteem so you will be confident in your clothing.

Here in Vaughn, we are so proud of our small but mighty chapter. Many of our members have reached their goal weight and realized local and state honors. We held our chapter award ceremony March 13th. Awards are by divisions established by your weight and age when you start each year. A member must have a loss of 10 pounds or more to qualify and have attended a meeting in December. For the year 2000 in division #4 Peggy Gablehouse had 1st place honors with a 15 1/4 pound loss. Colleen Spezia was #2 with a loss of 13 1/2 pounds. In division #3 Cindy Middleton took 1st place with a loss of 25 pounds. Marcia Nolan secured 2nd place with 13 1/2 pounds off. Colleen Spezia was named our chapter Queen having reached and maintained her weight loss of 208 total pounds. Colleen is now in contention for Washington state queen and the international queen. These royalty honors are announced at our state convention (SRD) to be held in late May in Yakima and our international recognition days to be held this year in Seattle in late July. We also gave special certificates to those who have done service to the chapter. Marcia Nolan was honored for her consistent weight losses with no gains for 6 months. A highlight of our award ceremony was when 8 year old Ian McNight sang to our Queen Colleen "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". Ian has been singing since he was 2 years old and is a very accomplished entertainer.

Our annual rummage sale will be April 21st at the Civic Center. This is our major fundraiser to send our delegates to the conventions. They must attend to be awarded any honors. We appreciate your support in the past and hope to see you this year.

We held elections the first of the month. Installation was March 27th. Watch next month for the outcome of the election.

Have A Happy Easter, April 15th

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The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Spring is here...thank goodness! It is a time to renew our hopes and dreams for the future. That may be difficult to do in the face of continued violence in the world and in our own schools. A few lines from *Desiderata* may help a little. "Keep interested in your career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; everywhere life is full of heroism. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams; it is still a beautiful world."

Other news from The Family Resource Center:

We are recruiting teens for the Peninsula Teen Activities Committee, which meets Tuesdays from 5:30PM-7PM, to plan and put on monthly teen events such as the Coffee House and dances. The search is just beginning for motivated teen volunteers for our Summer Fun Youth Programs, which will run from July 9th through August 9th. These activities are good for community service credit, job references, and scholarship notebooks. And they're fun! For more information, please call Edie at 884-5433.

The Passion Project is a year-round program that works with school age children to develop their talents and career goals. We are seeking donations for a new or used clarinet, drafting supplies, computer supplies and funds to purchase other program supplies. If you can help, call Dennis at 884-5433.

The Second Step Training at Evergreen Elementary School will be Tuesday, April 24th, and Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17. Call Evergreen at 884-3393 to register.

Reminder: The Relatives Raising Chil

dren Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 1:00PM at the KP Civic Center.

New staff! We welcome Shawna Hawley and Sue Power to our Family Center team. Shawna will be the Family Support Worker for Healthy Families. She comes to us all the way from Utah where she was a Family Advocate for the Early Head Start Program. Sue is a native of the peninsula and will be our Family Center Assistant. She has been a secretary at the University of Puget Sound for nine years and is excited about working

locally. We are fortunate to have found two highly qualified people. Welcome!

The Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center is located in the lower level of the Civic Center. We can be reached at 884-5433 between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM Monday through Friday.

Celebrate Passover April 8th!

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Veterans' Voices

By Eileen Young

Hello once again - you have survived March with an earthquake replacing winds, so now we can expect April showers or maybe another surprise! Meanwhile

Last month I mentioned our Voice of Democracy winner being nominated for the Patrick Henry Award. Good news, she was one of the four recipients from the State of Washington. Our sincere congratulations to Nicole Lindquist.

At this time VFW Post and Auxiliary wish to say a big thank you to ALL who purchased tickets or in any way contributed to the success of our fund raising spaghetti dinner. A good time was had by those attending, thanks in part to a group of members who paraded as their favorite celebrities and were "auctioned" to the highest bidder as dinner "guests". A contribution to the building fund for this "privilege" brought good natured comments and laughs. Thanks to those who worked long and hard on the wonderful dinner; it was delicious.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY: For specialized ventilation of your barn using only the finest shotgun, contact this writer for details! Condolences to Mr. Possum.

Gift certificates for fireworks, redeemable when our stand opens, are now available from Gary Helmick. Call 884-2442 to purchase this \$20.00 certificate for birthdays, etc., and let the kids pick out what pleases them (and MOM).

CARE CIRCLE: Darlene Brown doing well after surgery, Bob Beal, Tim Hale, Jeff Broderson and Mary Wiler could all do with our prayers and good thoughts. To anyone I missed, get well soon. We Care.

Welcome to new member, L.C. "Lucky" Hove (Post) and wife, Pat (Auxiliary). Are YOU eligible? We would love to have you join us. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays - Civic Center - 7 PM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: April 9th, Post and Auxiliary elections. **TURN OUT AND VOTE**

April 14th our own Color Guard will present the colors at St. Martins College for the State Team and Youth conference. Quite an honor; we are proud of you guys!

COMING EVENTS:

May 6th - 4990 Auxiliary hosts District 4 at Bremerton Post 239. Time - 1 PM.

See the next issue for more May events.

That is it for another month, folks, but remember - You must speak up to be heard, but sometimes you need to shut up to be appreciated!



YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY —

Our Irish party occurred 2 days before the 17th of March ... so actually we gave this year's observance a good sendoff on Thursday, the 15th, at our meeting at noon in the Civic Center at Vaughn. Green was the color of the day of course - topped off by Chuck Williamson's GREEN straw hat. Nearly everyone wore something green and sipped some of the GREEN punch provided by the "party" arrangers, led by Rose Malmgren. Chuck, as usual, was in charge of preparing the CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE, and he had it ready, piping hot, with his own home-made horseradish sauce. Plates were filled and refilled before it was time for a variety of desserts to accompany GREEN ice-cream. We K.P. Seniors had a great time and so, we hope, did our numerous guests.

SENIOR SURVEY — (also on the 15th of March)

As promised last month, we surveyed our membership regarding the number of descendants (grandchildren and great-grandchildren). Total seniors voting: 22.

Total grandchildren: 121

No. with 6 grandkids: 5

No. with 7 grandkids: 3

No. with 9 grandkids: 2

No. with 15 grandkids: 1

No. with 18 grandkids: 1

Total great-grandchildren: 95

No. with 6 great-grandkids: 1

No. with 7 great-grandkids: 3

No. with 8 great-grandkids: 2

No. with 9 great-grandkids: 1

No. with 20 great-grandkids: 1

One Senior Lady was the CHAMP! She surpassed everyone with a Grand Total of 30 descendants !!

What else do you want to know about the Senior group? Watch next month.

FUN TIME — Why did the scientist install a knocker on his front door? Answer: He wanted to win the Nobel Prize. OR — Why did Dorothy get lost in the forest of Oz? Answer: She had 3 men advising her.

KPCC ASSOCIATION 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt April 14th

Tops Rummage Sale April 28th

Orthopedic Guild/Fuchsia Society Event May 5th

Prohibition Jazz Dance June 2nd

Old Timers' Picnic June 30th

Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale November 17th

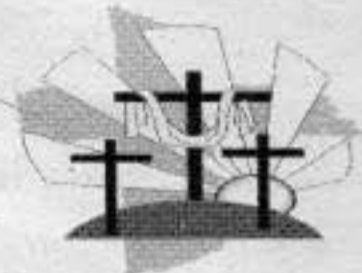
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by Mary Nelson

"If you've started out in pursuit of your goal

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Nearly everyone who has a weight problem has made promises and set goals for losing that weight. Most of those people have, at one time or another, worked toward their goal. But it is a difficult road and each person's needs are different.

"When you've tried your best to do what you should

And you thought this time you surely would

But once again you didn't do good...

START OVER."

T. O. P. S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) was founded by a woman, Esther Manz, who wanted some friends to help her reach her weight goal, and in turn, she was willing to do what she could to help them. That was 50 years ago and now T.O.P.S. is an international organization, helping hundreds of thousands of people. Our T.O.P.S. group meets on **Tuesday mornings at the Home Fire Station at 9:00AM.** You are

welcome to come for a visit, see what we are doing, and make some friends. Members of T.O.P.S. can be male or female of any age from 7 to 100+. For more information call **Ruth at 884-9606** or **Dotty at 884-1721.**

"When you've told your friends what you planned to do

And trusted them to help you through,

But soon discovered it's up to you—

START OVER."

Two of our newest members have relied on their TOPS friends, changed some of their eating habits and have been especially successful this last month. **Tania Allen** was our best loser. She is really getting off to a great start. **Kristen Johnstone** was our second best loser. Good job, Kristen! We're behind you 100%, gals. Victory is ahead. Keep up the good work.

If you want this spring to be the beginning of your success, no matter what weight-loss program you want to follow, get the support you need to be successful this time.

"To start again means a victory's been won.

And starting over again means a race well-run.

Starting over again proves it can be done.

So don't just sit there...

START OVER."

(Excerpts from START OVER, a poem by Leroy Wion [60+ pounds lost])

See you at T.O.P.S. (there are meetings all over the area, just call.)

55 Alive Mature Driving Classes

In case you missed the recent class on the Key Peninsula, additional AARP 55 Alive classes are scheduled at the following locations in the area:

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Port Orchard	Givens Center	April 19 & 20	360-337-5743

Cost is \$10 per student. Please call the above phone numbers for information and enrollment.

Living and Learning on the Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

SPRING is here on the Key Peninsula! The Historical Society enjoyed a wonderful program by Chet Dadisman on his pioneer family and the interesting early days in Home, WA. Thank you, Chet, for all the interesting stories and information about those times.

April is the time you plant your peas and pay your annual dues. If you didn't pay your dues at the March 22 meeting, please use the form in your annual newsletter. Make out the check (\$5.00 per person) to the Key Peninsula Historical Society and mail it to P.O. 577, Vaughn, WA 98394. Additional contributions toward our operating expenses and improvements are always welcome.

If you contribute volunteer hours to any Civic Center project, we would appreciate it if you would credit a portion of those hours to the Historical Society to help us meet our yearly quota.

Mark your calendar — **June 30th**, Saturday at the Key Peninsula Civic Center will be the Old Timers' Social. Don't be late - it starts at noon. Look for more information in the May edition of the Key Peninsula News.

Finally, the Historical Society would like to extend a large and hardy **THANK YOU** to the KP Civic Center for the wonderful new paint job! The Museum looks great!

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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

The IRA: Your Power Tool For Retirement

For home improvement professionals, gone are the days of plain old hammers and screwdrivers. For speed and convenience, they rely on power tools.

Americans saving for retirement should take a cue from home improvement pros. Why use taxable investments or low-interest savings accounts when you can plug into the power of an IRA?

IRAs are a tremendous gift from our federal government. Being able to accumulate savings without paying taxes on them each year increases the amount of money you have to grow and compound. You can add even more power to your IRA through two time-tested strategies: reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

The Power of Reinvestment

If you're not yet eligible to take distributions from your IRA, your earnings are automatically reinvested. But if you are eligible to take distributions, why not reinvest them instead?

To illustrate the power of reinvestment, consider a one-time \$2,000 investment in the Standard & Poor's 500 on January 1, 1989. If you took your dividends each year, after 10 years your investment would be worth \$8,852. But with dividends reinvested, your account would have grown to \$11,575 — a difference of \$2,723. And that's just for a one-time \$2,000 contribution. Imagine the potential for added growth if you contribute and reinvest every year. Now, that's powerful!

The Power of Dollar Cost Averaging

If your IRA is invested in stocks, you may be concerned about identifying the right time during the year to make your contribution. But instead of trying to time your investment, tap into the power of dollar cost averaging.

Dollar cost averaging means investing a set amount each month. In this way, you buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when they're high. Many investment firms offer dollar cost averaging into stocks and other investments. This strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, but it does ensure you won't invest all your money at the market high, and it lowers your average cost over time.

IRAs are a powerful savings tool, and these time-tested strategies can give your IRA an extra power surge. Talk to your financial professional to learn how you can take advantage of dividend reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

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Little League Big Time at Volunteer Park

by Nancy Lind

This is the time of the year that Volunteer Park is alive with young people trying out for a spot on a Little League team. When you drive by you will see the fields full of activity, just the way it should be. Little League has been a prime user of Volunteer Park for 11 years. Linda Hacker did the research for bringing LL here and John Dierck was the first organizer. Girls Softball used to be part of the program. The program is divided into T-ball for 5-6 year olds (4 can play if their birthday is before August 1st); coach pitch is for 7-8 year olds; minors are 9-12; juniors are 13-14; and seniors are 15-18. At the end of the season, the all-stars compete in district and regional meets. The LL world series is the final play. Last year the minors went to state. The average number of kids playing each year is around 350. Pat Medveckus has been in charge of LL for 4 years.

James Dennis, the new park manager, is working to increase the use of the park, which increases income from fees. The park is also looking for a part-time groundskeeper to work in conjunction with Don Porter. Call James at 884-9240 if you are interested in this position and/or volunteering at Volunteer Park or Rocky Creek Conservation Area.

Activities at Volunteer Park: Little League opening day is Saturday, April 7th, including a silent auction and a Hit-a-Thon.

There is still time to sign up for Adult Baseball and Softball. Opening day is April 17th. Call the park at 884-9240 to sign up.

Horseshoes: Anyone interested in a league or just getting together, call James at 884-9240.

Swap meets will be coming to your local park soon, we hope.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area activities include Walk-a-Bouts the last Sunday of each month at 2PM. We meet at the big cedar entrance sign on 150th and Crews Road, off Elgin-Clifton Road.

Earth Day is Saturday, April 21st. From 10 AM on come join us for several activities such as trail clearing, tree planting, building an overlook, clean-up, sign installation and lunch. For more information, call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

Motorbikes are swarming over the park. We are not saving this open space to become a motorbike park. Walkers, horseback riders and salmon streams simply don't mix with motorbikes. We're working on a solution to this problem.

Happy Easter April 15th!

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The Garden In April 2001

by Sylvia Retherford
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Tomato seeds are germinating in the window sill pots and will be ready to set out in late May. Many gardeners save their own seed by choosing those tomatoes that have characteristics that please them. Tomatoes come true to type because each flower has both male and female parts and bees do not visit to bring other pollen. Gently dribble seeds onto a paper towel and allow to dry and eat the rest of the fruit.

Tomatoes like sandy, well drained soil, but appreciate watering during dry weather. Do not sprinkle or get water on the leaves. To extend their season in the late summer and early fall, arrange a sheet of clear plastic supported by sticks and held down on its edge by rocks. On sunny days, remove it during the warm part of the day and replace it at night. This system may prevent tomato wilt that often causes early death of the plant.

Red or green pepper seeds can be used from a mature grocery store fruit and started in window sill pots a week or so later than tomatoes. They go into the garden in June. They like well drained warm soil and benefit from water and fertilizer.

Root crops such as turnips, rutabagas, beets, leeks and onion sets can be planted now. Hold off until late June to plant carrot seed if carrot root worm is a threat in your area. The tiny fly that lays the eggs around each seedling has come and gone. Most varieties of carrots will provide food all winter long when planted late.

This is flower season for many perennials, shrubs and bulbs. Wild flowers such as Trillium, checker lilies (Fritillaria), dog toothed violet (Erythronium), and camas (Camassia) are in full bloom, while false Solomon's Seal (Smilacina), fairy bells (Disporum) and wild irises are in bud.

OBITUARIES



**MARIE BAARSLAG
BROWN WRIGHT**

was born in Emporia, Kansas, on August 12, 1919.

She married Norman Wade and they enjoyed a life in the Navy seeing the world, followed by a long and happy life in their home on the hill. Helen is survived by Norman, her husband of 61 years; two sons in Orting; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister, Edna and her brother, Percy, both in Colorado.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff of Cottesmore and to their many friends and neighbors. Remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 12721 - 30th Avenue NE, Suite 101, Seattle, WA 98125.

Marie Baarslag Brown Wright was born on Bastille Day, July 14, 1915 in Canada to Maaike and Hendrik Baarslag. They had migrated from Holland a few years earlier and then moved to Seattle. She died in Home on March 8, 2001.

Marie and her brothers, Hank and Jasper grew up on a beautiful farm in Federal Way. She attended the University of Washington, earning B.A. and M.A. Degrees. She taught art until her retirement. She bought the Edmonds home on the waterfront and moved to Home. Her family had been well known to Home people as they had visited and vacationed here frequently.

Marie had two daughters, Sara and Tracey, and a son, Ross. They and their children, as well as Marie's husband, Howard Wright, and his daughters, helped to care for her in her final days.

The community, friends and relatives miss Marie's gentle, academic, yet fun-loving presence. A memorial was held in Home on March 17th and there will be another meeting in Seattle on April 1st.

HELEN WADE

Helen Wade, 81, a resident of Vaughn since 1953, passed away on March 18, 2001, with her family gathered around. She

The monthly meeting of the Lakebay Fuchsia Society will be held on Thursday, April 5th, at 7 PM in the Key Center Library. The program will feature Claudia Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery. She will show us the new companion plants the nursery will offer for hanging fuchsia baskets and also hardy plants for the garden. Come with your questions. Visitors are welcome. Plant Sale at KPCC on Saturday, May 5th. Watch for announcement in next month's issue.

Contact person: Ginnie Aardal at 884-9744

VAUGHN BAY GARDEN CLUB

The Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet at the home of Joyce Nieman on Wednesday, April 18th. Phyllis Anker and Peggy Dervaes are co-hostesses.

Joyce and Peggy will demonstrate and supervise making hypertufa baskets. Dress is casual, as this project will take place in the barn.

A plant sale is also on the agenda, with members bringing their extras in to share.

For information, call 884-5403.

BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB

The Bayshore Garden Club will meet on Friday, April 20th, at 12 noon at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Hostesses are Ruby Hatch and Liz Fore. Planning for the July Flower Show and other committee reports will follow.

The featured speaker is Gracie Baker, an authority on Roses, which is this year's club theme.

A flower design project will be presented by Dolores Argabright and another club member will present research on a horticulture/conservation topic.

Visitors are welcome. For information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.

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Peninsula Light Company Workshops

Healthy Soils for Healthy Lawn & Garden

April 4 — 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Anna Thurston, Tacoma Water

—How to make your soil healthier, how soils work, the benefits of organic amendments and reduction of harmful chemicals which can wash out and pollute streams and ponds.

Celebrate Arbor Day - Plant a "Friendly" Tree

April 11 — 12:30 PM

Vegetation Management Team

—Demonstration planting and information about utility-friendly trees and their care; discussion of pruning young trees for structure and health by Staff Arborist, Peter Carris.

Energy Efficient Lighting

April 25 — 6:30 to 8:30

Jonathan White, PLC Products & Services Coordinator

—Lighting technology and strategies for residential and small commercial buildings.

These workshops will be held at Peninsula Light Company Headquarters on Goodnough Drive in Purdy. For more information or to register, call 857-1530 and leave your name, address, zip code, phone number and number of people attending. You can also email your registration to www.penlight.org. Space may be limited but we will confirm your reservation.

Minter Creek Elementary School Auction For The Arts

Auctions are a dime a dozen and that's why Minter Creek has created an auction worth a million!

"Imagine the Possibilities" is the theme for this auction, scheduled for April 28th 2001 at the Best Western Wesley Inn in Gig Harbor. It is special for several reasons.

First, the majority of items to be auctioned are works of art by Minter Creek students themselves. Each classroom has created an art item to donate to the auction - everything from beautiful hand painted furniture to quilts and birdhouses. In addition, under the direction of Art Instructor, Bobbi Frankel, several artistic Minter Creek students have created one-of-a-kind clay masks to be auctioned.

Additional art related items are being sought to add to the donation inventory. Several local artists as well as Minter Creek parents and staff have donated interesting and beautiful works for the event.

The second unique aspect of the auction is that all the proceeds will be used for arts and literature development at the school. The proceeds will benefit the art, music and library programs and will be used to purchase new equipment, books and musical instruments and to take relevant field trips.

"This is the first time Minter Creek has done an auction," says Volunteer Chair Laureen Lund, "and we wanted it to be a little different than all the other auctions in the community. We wanted our guests to 'imagine the possibilities' at Minter Creek."

If you have art items you would like to donate to the event, or would like to purchase a ticket to attend, contact Minter Creek Elementary School or Laureen Lund at 253-857-6617.

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