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Robert Casto stands next to his freshly cut tree at a local tree farm. He said he'd been looking for over an hour to find just the perfect tree.

Fourth of July fireworks will continue, with deputies

by Stella Retherford

Hugh McMillan and Don Tjossem representing the Key Peninsula Fire Fighters Association met with the Key Peninsula Social Club on December 4. As a result of Hugh and Don's plea and some changes in plans for crowd control, The Social Club withdrew its request for discontinuation of the Fourth-of-July fireworks celebration on Home's waterfront.

Hundreds of people stroll along or sit on Home's A Street waterfront to watch rockets burst over the bay. Previous years' shows have been as elaborate and elegant as those of large cities. However a few persons have endangered others as well as houses with illegal fireworks. Both sides of A Street are private property and thus officially "off limits". Alcoholic beverages and/or other drugs turn some

persons to irresponsible behavior.

For the 1989 display the Fire Fighters had promised porta-potties, the blocking off of A Street to vehicles for pedestrian safety and sheriff's deputy patrols. The deputies were not in evidence. Following that undisciplined and apparently unpatrolled celebration, a group of concerned citizens petitioned to have the fireworks discontinued on the Home waterfront.

Hugh McMillan reminded the Social Club of the several thousand dollars that accrue to the Fire Department each year from the rocket display. The money is spent on new equipment to improve service to Key Peninsula citizens. He asked that the Fire Fighters Association will the

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Christmas is coming

As they have for the last twelve years, *Mike Salatino and friends* will cook a special Christmas dinner for seniors who otherwise would have no place to go. Mike has the able assistance of Eleanor Stock this year and she will be in charge of the guest list and transportation arrangements. Invited guests receive a gift. Santa also visits and an entertainment program is put on. Transportation can be provided.

If you know of a senior who would otherwise be alone, please contact Eleanor Stock at 884-3739.

The *Community House Project* people are working hard to get their Christmas baskets for those in need completed. We reported last time in the NEWS that people could apply for baskets between December 1 and 8. Those dates should have been December 1 through 18. Donations of cash or non-perishable food can be made to Key Peninsula Community Services.

Citizen of the Year nominations

The Key Peninsula Lions' Club encourage all members of our community to submit the names of persons felt to qualify as candidates for the honor of being named Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year for 1989. Candidates must be residents of, or work on, the Key Peninsula. Members of the Lions' Club, sponsors of the event, are not eligible for nomination.

All persons nominated will be honored at the Sixth Annual Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year Awards' Banquet on Saturday,

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Angels, angels

The KP NEWS is pleased to announce that Dori Richards and some of her students in the coming months in a joint effort to add some illustrations to the paper. All of the angels in this issue were drawn by Dori or her students.

We chose angels because it is Christmas, and because almost all faiths recognize the existence of angels. Even

for those readers who are non-religious, angels can be taken in the same spirit as fairy godmothers and other such creatures. Anthropologists have even theorized, maybe not in complete seriousness, that fairies were originally angels whose size and power diminished over the centuries.

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Civic Center News



KP News photo by Megan Aprile

This high quality play structure, currently sited at Manitou Park in Tacoma, will soon be coming to the Civic Center grounds.

A playground at the Civic Center

by Megan Aprile

In the last issue, there was an article about getting a Big-Toy type play structure installed at the Civic Center. Thanks to readers like Lee Falk, the Civic Center Association has the opportunity to purchase a used play structure in excellent condition at a very attractive price.

Lee was reading his Key Peninsula News, and gave Ann Larson a call to tell her that he knew of a park in Tacoma with a play structure toy for sale. Ann investigated and will be recommending to the Civic Center Association that the play structure be purchased. Thank you, Lee Falk. Sometimes one person can make an enormous difference. Pending approval

and siting by the Park Board, the Civic Center will soon have its very own play structure.

However, there is still much to be done. The structure must be installed, and a ground cover put down. The structure as it is now is designed primarily for school age children, and it has no swings or preschool type features which would be very desirable and could easily be added with additional funds. The play structure project is off to such a good start that Ann doesn't see any reason to stop now. Give her a call at 884-3562 if you have an idea or can help with time or money.

Second skating session cancelled

The second skating session has been described by a Civic Center Association member as low in attendance and high in misbehavior. Broken liquor and beer bottles have been found around the grounds, and there have also been a lot of generally unruly behavior. It has been decided to take a "time out" and cancel the second session for a period of time.

There will now be one session for kids 12 and under from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Parents who accompany their children can skate free. Parents are urged not to drop off children before 6:15 pm, as there is no supervision available.

Skaters will find that there are some new skates appearing with a low-cut top and better quality wheels and frame. Eventually all of the skates will be replaced with this new low-cut type skate.

Basketball players take note; the Civic Center gym is now available for open adult basketball on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 pm for \$1.00 per person.

Marty Pedersen honored

by Hugh McMillan

Some 100 members of the Key Peninsula community and Fire Department gave their respect and gratitude to Marty Pedersen at a dinner in the Department's Headquarters' Station in Key Center on December 1st. It was a total surprise for Marty and his wife Betty who had been led to believe the event was for other purposes. Fellow firefighter Ken Borslien announced, "Everyone here knows the purpose of this gathering - everyone, that is, but Marty and Betty Pedersen."

In addition to serving the fire district as a volunteer firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician and President of the Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association, Marty has served as volunteer banquet organizer and chef the Pierce County Fire Commissioners' Association, the Key Peninsula Lions' Club-sponsored Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet, the Citizens Against Crime Awards Banquet, and countless fire district 16 functions. "He's the sort of person who is always happy to help with any worthwhile project," said Fire District 16 Chief Horace Kanno.

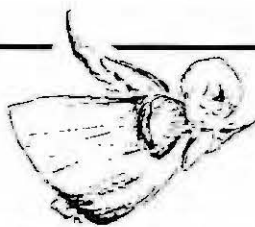
Martin Gante Pederson was born in Norway in 1924 and came with his parents to America in 1928. He lost his mother in 1930 and his father in 1932. At the age of 10, he moved to live with relatives in Seattle. As a 17 year old in 1941, unable to volunteer for the US Armed Services because he was not a US citizen, he went to Canada and volunteered for the Canadian Infantry. He tested for pilot training, graduated among the top three from the British Empire Flying Academy, and became a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force Transport Command's 47th Group. He flew in virtually all areas of the Atlantic and Middle East Commands. Discharged as an acting captain, he rushed back to the US to apply for US citizenship.

With his brother Ray, he successfully owned and operated restaurants in Seattle until retiring in 1982. It was while in Seattle that Marty met his wife Betty, a native Pacific Northwesterner from the San Juan Islands, with whom he shares 35 happy years, eight children, and 13 grandchildren.

After the couple moved to Herron Island, Marty served with the Herron Island Maintenance Board, was instrumental in developing safe ferry docks and floating docks for safe moorage of personal boats on the island's lee side. He led the way in bringing the island's water system up to state codes, and in the successful campaign to have Herron Island annexed into fire district 16 with which he has served for five years.

The KP News agrees with Borslien: "This good hearted Norwegian has touched the lives of many people on the Key Peninsula."

Holiday Calendar



Many clubs and organizations around the Peninsula are holding special Christmas meetings to celebrate the season and we are including a special calendar in this issue to supplement Key Dates.

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:30 pm on December 24.

Happy Holidays from the friends and staff of the **Key Center Library**! Pierce County Library branches will be closed December 23, 25, and January 1. Regular library days and hours are; Tuesday & Wednesday 1-8:30 pm, Thursday & Friday 1-6 pm and Saturday noon-4 pm.

PUMA, Peninsula's United Music Association, invites everyone to a special PUMA Christmas Concert on Monday, December 18, 8 pm, at Gig Harbor's First Methodist Church on Pioneer Way.

Paul Elgin will direct the large PUMA choir in a performance of Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio" as well as a variety of familiar Christmas carols. There will be no charge for this concert. Donations will be accepted gratefully.

Interested singers for future concert programs should request an application form at the door.

Members of **Upper Sound Grange 705** will meet at 4 pm on January 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fields, for a potluck meal and their monthly meeting.

Vaughn Community Church will hold its Christmas service on December 24 at 10 am.

Razz-Ma-Tazz to sing in Australia if...

by Hugh McMillan

Connie Fenton, leader of the group, promises that the "RAZ" (Razz-Ma-Tazz jazz singing group) will excite everyone with superb music during the second annual spaghetti dinner to be held this year on January 13 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Razz-Ma-Tazz receives no financial support from the school district despite the many honors it has brought to our Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor communities. "If they'd wear helmets and throw a ball, you can bet the school would find money to support them," said Lion Rhys Wood, a long time supporter of the musical wizards. "Our Lions' Club has supported Razz-Ma-Tazz as much as possible since we were first astonished with their superb, professional performances," added Wood.

It is the second year that the Key Peninsula Lions have teamed up with Peninsula High's national award winning Razz-Ma-Tazz jazz singing group to stage their second annual joint spaghetti dinner at the Civic Center.

According to Lions' President, Frances Challenger, "the meal will be a steal at the \$3.50 for adults, only \$1.50 for

those under twelve." Delicious all-you-can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, and beverage will be hot and ready, at 5:00 pm.

Lions and Razz-Ma-Tazz members will share the work and proceeds of the dinner. The Lions' portion will help support the Club's many projects serving the Key Peninsula community.

Razz-Ma-Tazz's share will help to defray the group's expenses when they travel as the only vocal jazz musical group invited to represent America in Australia in February in international musical competition. "It will be the first time the Australians have been exposed to choral jazz," said Lion Linda Reid whose son is a member of the vocal group. "That's one of the main reasons Raz' was invited," she added.

In addition to serving spaghetti with the Lions and providing entertainment, Razz-Ma-Tazz members will hold a flea market in the Whitmore room before, during, and after the dinner.

The Lions encourage everyone to help send our talented young people to Australia to win even more honors for our community.

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February 24, 1990 at the Civic Center.

The awards provide an opportunity to pay recognition to those people in our community whose volunteer work has contributed to making ours a better place in which to live, who have assisted those in need, who have provided leadership where needed, who have encouraged others to realise their full potential, who, in brief, have gone the extra mile for others.

"This is not a win or lose occasion, it is not a contest," said Lions' Club President

Frances Challenger. "We are all winners thanks to the efforts of these caring people and the banquet gives us all a chance to let them know we appreciate them," Challenger added.

Nominees names and a description of why the person making the nomination feels the person is deserving of recognition should be mailed to: Key Peninsula Lions' Club, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394. Questions may be directed to 884-3485, 857-6474, or 884-3319.

Still a few entertainment 90 books left

It's down to the last few, but you can still purchase your Entertainment 90 coupon book at the Key Center branch of Puget Sound Bank. The coupon books have what we consumers have been known to call "good deals". This annual project sponsored by the Lions Club benefits both the consumer and the community.

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

Altrusa	Jan. 9 - noon	Shoreline restaurant
Caregivers group	Jan. 17 - 7-9 pm	KC Library, Brones room
KPBA	Jan. 5, 19 - 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn

childrens organizations:

Brownie Cadettes		see Civic Center Calendar
Junior Girl Scouts		" "
Cub Scouts; bear den 4 webelos		see Civic Center calendar
Cub Scouts, Pack 252	Dec. 20,27 - 4:00 pm	home of Janice Lodholm 851-4834
Webelos, Pack 252	Jan. 3,10,17,24 - 4:00 pm	
	Dec. 6,13,20 - 4:30 pm	Minter Creek Fish Hatchery
Boy Scouts		see Civic Center Calendar
Boy Scouts, Troop 252	Dec. 20,27	LDS church
	Jan. 3,10,17,24	
	6:00 - 7:00 pm	

civic organizations:

Citizens Against Crime	Jan. 4 - 7 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
Cootiettes	Jan. 9	visit Cottesmore
	Jan. 16	visit Retsil Vet. Home
	meet at noon in Key Center to carpool	
Dr. Penrose Guild	Jan. 11 - 11:45 am	home of Pauline Finn
KP Civic Center Assoc.	Jan. 11 - 7:30 pm	KPCC
KP Com. Serv. Board	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	KPCS building
Lions Club	Jan. 3,17 - 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn
Lions BOD	Jan. 8 - 7 pm	KPCS building
Longbranch Imp. Clb.	Jan. 17 - 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club

community/church groups:

Ruth Circle	Jan. 15 - lunch mtg.	Longbranch Church Hall
hot lunch for seniors	Dec. 6,13,20 - noon	Community Center, Home
respite care	Dec. 6,13,20	
	9 am - 3 pm	KC Library, Brones room

of interest to parents:

Evergreen Eagle Boosters	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	Evergreen Elementary
Peninsula School Board	Jan. 11	Educational Service Ctr. Purdy
	7:30 pm	Vaughn Elementary
Vaughn VPO	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	

public meetings:

KP Fire Commissioners	Jan. 10 - 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire station
KP Park Board	Jan. 10 - 7:30 pm	KPCC

self - help groups:

Al-Anon	Dec. 18- 7 - 8 pm	Longbranch Improvement Club
	Jan. 8,15 "	
Survivors Group	Jan. 11 - 2 - 3:30 pm	KC Library, Brones room

social/hobby groups:

Bayshore Garden Club	Jan. 19 - 1 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Gig Harbor Twirlers	Dec. 18,	
	Jan. 8,15,22	Square dance lessons, Burley, next to P.O.
	7:30 - 9:30 pm	
KP Senior Society	Jan. 4 - 10 am	KPCC, Whitmore room
	board mtg.	
	Dec. 21,28	
	Jan. 4,11,18 - noon	KPCC, Whitmore room
Peninsula Neighbors	Jan. 10 - 10 am	Longbranch Church

events:

Family Game Night	Jan. 26 - 7:00 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
RAZZ-MA-TAZZ dinner	Jan. 13 - 5:00 pm	KPCC, Whitmore & gym

Christmas Four Ways

by Megan Aprile



KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile
Marguerite Bussard has this delightful Santa decoration (shown larger than actual size) left from her childhood Christmases. It was one of the decorations on Grandpa and Grandma Curl's tree in the front parlor.

Over time, most families develop a personal Christmas tradition and there is also a stock of Christmas memories in every family. Here are four Key Peninsula stories about Christmas; each unique, each a representation of the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Past

Marguerite (Curl) Bussard was born in Longbranch. She has an old photo of her parents and herself and her brother in her living room. Her parents are young, their faces honest and open. Marguerite is a little doll faced girl of about three or four, and the light of good natured mischievousness shines from the eyes of her little brother, Lawrence. The photograph captured an air of happiness around the little family. Marguerite's father, Henry Curl, came here from Illinois, and her mother Ida was born here in 1882, the oldest of fourteen children. Marguerite's paternal grandparents originally emigrated from Germany to Illinois, where her father was born. They homesteaded in Longbranch in 1888 when Marguerite's father was a small boy. Her father's parents lived right behind Marguerite and her family.

Marguerite's parents worked hard running their small business, the

Highway garage, now Longbranch Mini-Storage. Both Marguerite and her brother also worked in the garage as children. After getting home from school, which at that time was next to the Longbranch Improvement Club, Marguerite and Lawrence had to change from their good school outfit, carefully hang it up and change to working clothes. Marguerite and her brother swept floors, and pumped gas, or did whatever else there was to do. The 1920's style pump has a big pump with a glass bowl on top, and Marguerite recalls it was a "big deal" to go out and pump the gas up, at least at first. Tending to the rabbits and chickens was also the children's job. Marguerite's job was also to try and get her brother out of the trouble he enjoyed getting himself into. Marguerite smiled when recalling some of the many "scrapes" Lawrence got in. A typical incident was skating on thin ice, falling through and getting soaked, Marguerite trying to hide the evidence and both being sent to their rooms.

Because her grandparents lived right behind Marguerite and her family, Christmas was at Grandpa and Grandma's house. The front parlor at Grandma's was only used on special

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Aaron tackles business



KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

Key Peninsula's smallest entrepreneur with some of his toys for boys of all ages.
by Megan Aprile

Ten year old son Aaron, son of Lily and Patrick Osmond, has opened his own bait and tackle business next door to his parents' business on the corner of highway 302 and Horseshoe Lake road. I went down one recent evening to find Aaron and his godmother Julie Insley hard at work getting the store ready for the grand opening, which was December 11.

Aaron told me that he "loved fishing, and I always wanted to own my own store.

I wanted to have a steady income." Aaron told me that he planned to put half his profits back into stock, one quarter to himself, (after paying off his mom his start-up money) and one quarter to his college fund. Realizing I was not dealing with an ordinary kid, I asked Aaron exactly when he had known that he wanted his own store. "About two years ago," he began thoughtfully. Suddenly his face lit up, "It was the first time I

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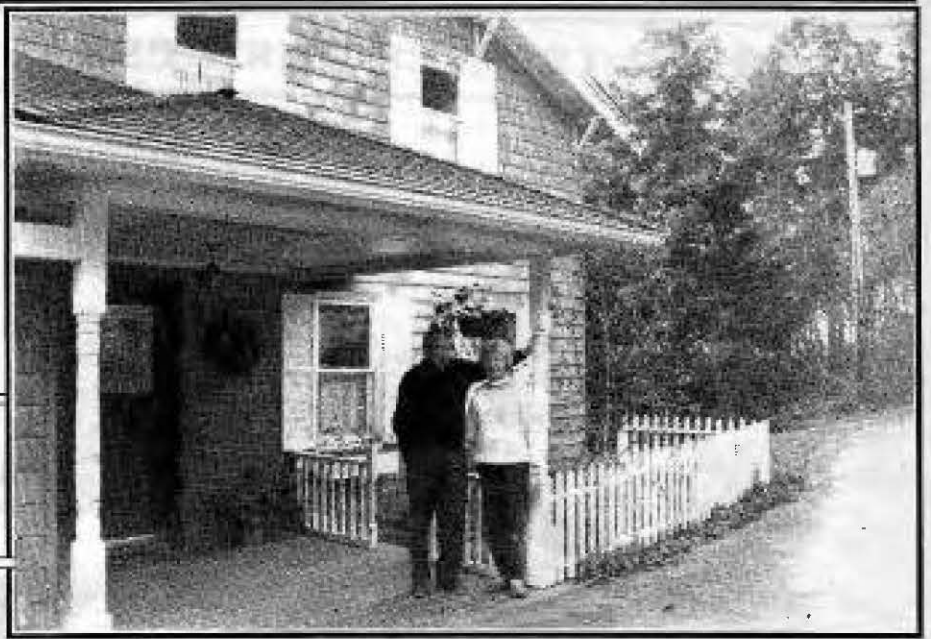


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occasions like Christmas. The Christmas tree sat in the front parlor. Marguerite and her brother were allowed to come into the parlor and sit very quietly while the candles which adorned the tree were lighted. Many of the other decorations were made like of paper, like the one in the photo. Tinsel garlands were also used as decorations. After everyone had enjoyed the brightly burning candles, they were blown out. Gifts were not the prominent part of a child's Christmas then that they are now. Gifts were not often received at

all by most children. Marguerite remembers the Christmas that she received a doll from a friend of her mothers. It was a real doll, dressed in a pretty dress with a hair wig and a soft body, eyes that opened and closed. A doll that said "mama" when it was tipped.

*KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile
Barney and Margaret Whittlesey stand
front of their lovingly restored home*



Getting the Tree

Barney and Margaret Whittlesey bought a charming old house in 1972, as a summer place. Margaret says "everybody loved it right away." The Whittlesey's now live on the Peninsula full time, and each year, assorted family and friends gather on a weekend in December for a getting the tree tradition. Joining the Whittleseys are their Turkish friends, Ali and Yasmin San. Pantip Kalvig and her husband come too. Pantip was a foreign exchange student who stayed with the family and has kept her ties with the Whittleseys. The Whittleseys daughters, Lynn, Ann, Jeanie and Barb come with their families too, adding grandchildren Jennifer, who is 11 years old, Drew 8, Lauren 6, Jordan 3, Kara 9, Will 4, Adam 16 and Carrie, who is three.

Everyone begins arriving on a mid-December weekend with cookies they have baked. Sometimes the entire group has a brunch before going for trees, and

sometimes everyone eats afterward. The main dish is usually a hearty soup or stew. Rain or shine, the outing of the day is to a local tree farm, where trees are selected and cut to be brought home. The rest of the afternoon is spent making swags from all kinds of materials, which vary each year.

Margaret always has snowberries and huckleberries, salal, cones and ribbon ready for swag making. This year she is also using a shell theme, both in her decorating and in the swag making materials. She has been working already on a wreath with shells, wooden fish and other marine things on it. She says the older grandchildren are beginning to be very seriously thinking about their decorating and how it will be done, and that all the grandchildren are always proud of the cookies they have helped to bake and decorate. At the end of the day, everyone takes their tree and swags home to enjoy for the holidays.

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organization to reconsider, promising to employ six sheriff deputies for the affair. "Deputies will tolerate no misbehavior. Arrests will be made." There will again be closure of A Street, porta-potties, garbage cans and Fire Department patrols to prevent illegal fireworks.

Home residents will welcome visitors but request they keep their fireworks, both legal and illegal, at home to make the waterfront safe for families on Fourth-of-July, 1990.



**R. Schottland in
Who's Who**

Robert M. Schottland of Vaughn, a retired teacher and counselor who does substitute teaching in the Peninsula School District, has been named to the 1989-90 edition of Who's Who in American Education.

The organization recognizes educators who have made a significant contribution to American education. Schottland began his career in 1947 as a printing instructor at Inglewood High School in California. In 1959 he became a counselor at the same high school. Upon his retirement in 1975 he moved to Rocky Bay.

"I think it's the biggest honor I could have at this point in my life," Schottland said of the award. He has held leadership positions in various community organizations, including the Key Peninsula Civic Center, the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation Board, the Peninsula Helmsmen and the Key Peninsula Health Center.

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The Christmas tree in the living room of Donn and Shirl Olson waits for the Christmas eve festivities.

Christmas with a Finnish touch

As a small child Shirley Rickert Olson, known to most as "Shirl", grew up in Longbranch with her parents George and Minnie Rickert and her brother Dave and sister Marge (Radonich). Shirl's mother, Minnie Rickert, whose original

family name was Laasko, had come from Finland, and so Shirley grew up hearing Finnish spoken and part of the family Christmas still has the Finnish touch.

As a child, the Rickert family always celebrated Christmas at a maternal aunt's farm in Rosedale, and the highlight of the Christmas eve celebration was always a visit from Santa Claus. In the Finnish tradition, a personage called Jouli Putti

(pronounced Yule-y Boo-kee), who was usually an older woman, would come calling, and when the door was answered, throw a couple of presents into the house. The Rickert family adapted the tradition by creating a visit from a person dressed as Santa Claus. After they were married Donn and Shirley Olson continued the tradition, by having the celebration at their home and they have continued that tradition for their family for the last forty years.

Every Christmas eve, after the potluck dinner, and the performance by the grandchildren of a small play or vignette, and the traditional Shirl Olson/Marge Radonich tap dance of "East Side, West Side", there is a surprise visit from Santa. Santa was Hawaiian one year (Horace Kanno), black one year (Bill Muse) and one year Shirl took Jouli Putti literally (Putti means goat in Finnish) and dressed up the family goat, Arthur, in a red satin skirt, and Santa mask and hat. No matter who plays the part, Santa's arrival every year is accompanied by

squeals of delight. Santa hands out one gift to each child, and then makes his departure, as it is a very busy evening for Santas.

Christmas of 1988 was particularly memorable because it was dedicated to honoring Shirl's mother Minnie Rickert, who is 92, and all of the food brought was Finnish. Here is Shirl's recipe for Sot suppe or sweet soup:

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*Sago is a thickening agent, like cornstarch or arrowroot. Combine ingredients and boil mixture for about one hour, or until prunes are done. Keep stirring at times so that sago will not stick to bottom. If too thick, more water may be added.

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Calls to Santa

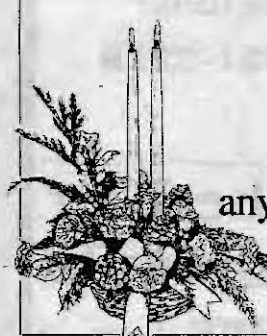
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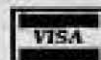


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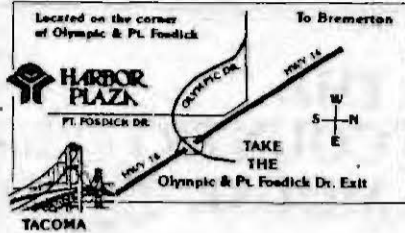
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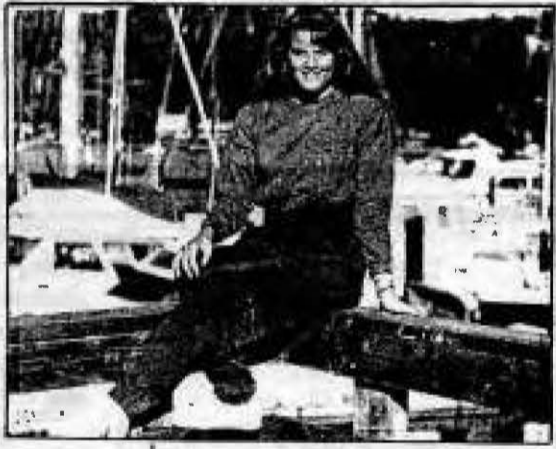


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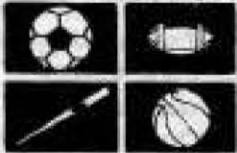
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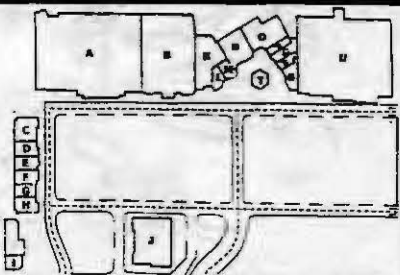


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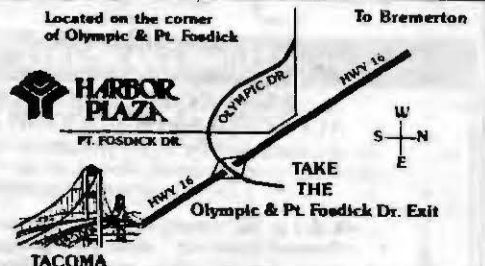
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A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch



At the last few family gatherings

at our house, I've noticed that the kids eventually gravitate to the little curio cabinet that hangs on the wall in the entrance way. It's fun to watch them carefully remove and examine each treasured object inside while they reminisce about past Christmases. The curio's treasures are the gifts we received from the children when they were very young. Some of the gifts were made at school and Sunday school. Cute little gifts like handprints,

soldiers made from dish soap bottles, paper hearts growing from aerosol can lids, poems written on covered saucers and tiny clay animals. And some were purchased with their own hard-earned Christmas money at our annual Christmas shopping expedition.

Those Christmas shopping adventures are fun memories for all of us. The kids laugh when they remember how "hard" they worked for their Christmas

money at tasks we created or scaled down to meet their age and ability level. I guess we did okay because they tell us that they want to do the same thing when they have kids. They tell us that earning their own Christmas money and doing their own shopping and wrapping really made Christmas come alive for them. They believe it was important they they were able to give too.

I never took them shopping until a couple of days before Christmas because I knew they just couldn't stand the excitement or keep their secrets any longer than that. I took them to the local variety store where they could get a gift for each family member. They picked out the gift themselves, paid the clerk and carried their own packages home. They always managed to have just a little money left to buy a treat for themselves. It amazed me how well they did and how they could find such cute little gifts for the small amount of money they had to spend. Once the shopping was done, the fun really began. All the way home they would give each other "hints" about the presents they had selected. Once home, they would retreat to their bedrooms where the ritual of the "wrapping" began. I spent the next couple of hours running from bedroom to bedroom carrying scissors, tape and bolts of wrapping paper. They would go through 36 miles of scotch tape and still not have the package completely concealed. I wish I had taken pictures of them carefully placing those precious presents under the tree because it was a sight to see. I'm sure they rearranged those presents a hundred times a day until Christmas morning. I sometimes suspected they they used that opportunity to "finger" the other gifts while they were rearranging things, but that only made it more fun to watch.

I really believe that they were as excited about the gifts they were giving as they were about the gifts they were getting - well, maybe it was a tie. But I do know that they learned some important things about giving to others during those early years. And the learning still goes on because those wonderful memories are not just fun to think about, they also served as a good foundation to build on and as a reinforcement of the principles we were teaching them.

The curio cabinet seems to become more important to us as the years go by and we move further and further from those early days because it contains some of those precious shared memories that bind all of us together and make us a family. And because those little treasures represent a lot of love.



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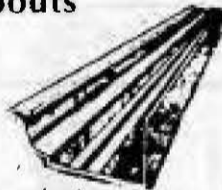
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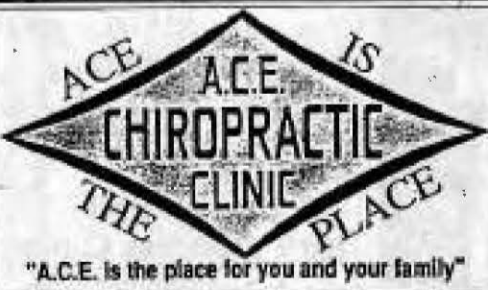
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Marge Adams, manager of Key Peninsula Community Services food bank, happily poses with some of the food brought in by Boy Scout troop 252, sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints. True to the Boy Scout spirit, the scouts didn't want their picture and names, because that "wasn't important."



In the last issue of the NEWS, we forgot one little pilgrim. That's Mike Wells, there next to Mike Fjermedal. Mike is 6, and a kindergartener in Mrs. Knisely's class.

take a pet photo

When you're taking photographs during Christmas, take some of your animals too. Animals?

Yes. We are kind of attached to them, right? So, take some full body front and side photos of your animals and keep the negatives. If your pet should ever get lost, it's a big world out there. One of the best ways for you to find your lost animal is to have a record of what it looks like. Quick print photo houses can make reprints quickly, which can go on your "lost" signs, and provide an accurate picture of your pet, so that others can help you find it.

If you should find a lost animal, notify owners quickly. By the time the owners get to a location, the animal may be gone again, or in other words, still lost. If possible, call the owners from the location, so that they can let you know if the animal can safely be taken to your home until they can come and get it.

Christmas trees

Purdy Topsoil and Gravel will again this year properly dispose of any Christmas tree that has seen the spirit of Christmas come and go, at no charge. Used trees will be accepted until January 7, 1990. Customers need to remove all wires and ornaments. There is a nominal charge for unused trees from dealers and tree lots.

Aaron tackles business, cont. from page 5

played Monopoly," he said happily. "The first time I played Monopoly, I wanted to have investments."

Gesturing towards his wall of different kinds of tackle, Aaron assured me that he would only carry "the best stuff", the stuff he had used himself and knew was good quality. I asked Aaron what kind of fishing he liked best. He told me it depended on the time of year, and said it really didn't matter, "as long as you

catch a fish." Aaron said he fishes for trout, salmon and flounder here. A true sportsman, he added that he fishes for flounder even though they don't put up much of a fight; "but they taste so good." When he visits his godmother Ms. Insley in North Carolina he concentrates on pond bass.

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Rivkah Sweedler's cedar bark fish hangs over the buffet at the Key Dining room.

Art Notes

The rural landscape of the Key Peninsula nourishes many fine local artists, some with national and international reputations. In a move to share with our community the beauty often inspired by our common surroundings we are beginning a series of art shows at the Key Restaurant in Key Center.

"Out of the Woods", the works of Walter H Barkas II and Rivkah Sweedler

are on display the month of December.

January will bring the sumi paintings of Reni Moriarty. Reni has been known locally for her fine pottery tableware. In the recent year she has been gaining national recognition for her sumi paintings.

Burley Galleria will close January 3, 1990 for spit, polish and remodel. It promises to reopen February 1 with a shining new look that incorporates many suggestions made by customers.

free drawing classes

Have you always wanted to draw or sketch but felt it was hopeless to try? Why not try taking a drawing class that is especially for people with this feeling?

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This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Enrollment will be limited to 20 persons. Please register by January 10 by calling the Key Center Library at 884-2242. Bring an 8" x 10" sketchbook (not newsprint), a #2 or #4 pencil, and an eraser to the first class. For more information, contact Betty Nease at 884-2025



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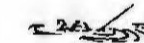
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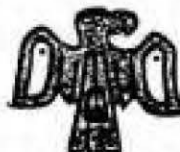
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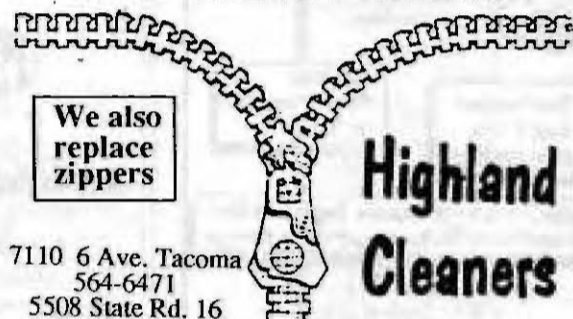
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A Homemade Christmas

Rob and Diana Home and their sons Ian, (13), Adam (12) and Murray, who is 8, have a homemade Christmas. Each year they begin preparing for Christmas about December 21 or 22 by catching the seafood they will serve for Christmas dinner. The first night they go jigging for the small squid who run in the local bays. The second and if necessary third night is reserved for mussels, oysters and clams. Mussels must be caught on the evening low tides, so the whole family goes out by lantern down to the beach. When they come home, they drink cider and hot

chocolate with cookies after the catch is cleaned. Diana's dad Jack Mauer taught her husband Rob how to clean the catch and he is in turn teaching his sons. The Homes normally buy a whole salmon to cook also, but this year they are cooking a 30 pound hook-caught tuna. All the food is cooked on Christmas eve in their enormous wood cook stove, which they bought 18 years ago off the porch of a tavern. It was originally used in a troop train, so it is very large. The cooking is one of eight year old Murray's favorite parts of the holiday, because, he said, of all the places there are to cook in in the big stove; the entire stove top, the warming ovens, and the giant oven. As the Homes talk, I can almost smell the food and how



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L. to r. Murray, Diana, Ian, Rob and Adam Home in front of their Christmas tree.

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the pans of frying oysters, calamari made with squid, the roasting turkey and fish all say it is Christmas eve at their house and that soon all of the family will be arriving for the evening of feasting and singing carols. Murray, Ian and Adam all play the recorder, hammer dulcimer and harp. Adam and Ian both say that the hammer dulcimer is their favorite.

The Home children make all their gifts, and each year they make decorations for the tree also. The tree holds gnomes made with felt and stuffed with fleece, tiny sewn five pointed felt stars in Christmas colors, white fleece

angels tied with gold cord, small knitted stockings among all the other decorations. Hanging near the window are hand dipped candles made each year for the season. Rob and Diana feel it is important that they make things for their children too. Rob made flower presses one year; another year he and Diana painted a mural in the boys' room. All of the Home family feels that the spirit of Christmas is found in the making of things, because of the commitment of time, energy and love that goes into that process.

Angels

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KPHC wants you

With the resignations of Horace Kanno, President of the Key Peninsula Health Center Board of Directors and two other Board members, vacancies are available. Ruth Bramhall, Vice-president and Janice McMillan, Immediate Past President have consented to become Co-chairmen until the end of the fiscal year, which ends in May 1990.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board may contact Ruth, Janice or Bob Schotland, Secretary. Men and women 18 years of age or older are eligible. Those people who are concerned with the maintenance of the Health Center facilities and programs which include: Family and Child Abuse Counseling, Well Child Clinic, Respite Care for the elderly and handicapped, Cholesterol Clinic and other programs are invited to attend the next Board meeting which is scheduled for January 25, 1990 at 7:30 pm in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library.

The idea that angels exist has been around as long as there have been people to write such things down. Iris and Hermes were Greek "angeli" or messengers for the Gods, and angels in the Bible were usually messengers or sometimes avengers of God. They have been seen through history as vengeful, frightening, or capricious, or as mortals who were so good that they were granted the special status of angel upon dying. In Buddhism, for example, the bodisattva is a special spirit guardian who was once a mortal and has chosen to stay and protect humans. Of course, we all know about Lucifer, the fallen angel, but at Christmas, angels are the bearers of glad tidings, and they are only here to bring us joy and happiness. They represent eternal and unchangeable beauty, goodness and love, and so are a particularly appropriate symbol of the holiday season.

We welcome Dori and students to our pages, and hope you will enjoy their work in the issues to come.

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 24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Wolf Den 3 basketball 6 - 8 pm NA	27 Wolf Den 1	28 Seniors 11-4 pm Webelos 7 pm NA 7 pm	29 Skating 6:30 - 8:30 pm AA	30 
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7 	8 Rocky Bay 12:30 - 1:30 pm Webelos 6:30 - 8 pm VFW & aux. 7:30 - 10 pm	9 Wolf Den 3 basketball 6 - 8 pm NA KPCC exec. board 7:30 pm	10 Wolf Den 1 Fun Night KP Park Board 7:30 pm	11 Seniors 11-4 pm Webelos 7 pm NA 7 pm KPCCA 7:30 pm	12 Skating 6:30 - 8:30 pm AA	13 RAZZ-MA-TAZZ Lion's Club spaghetti dinner & flea market
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last issue for awhile

This issue will be the last until January 22, 1990. We at the NEWS would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays.

Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

A couple of year-end tips: Remember the mileage rate the IRS will allow for business use of a car on 1989 income tax returns is 25 1/2 cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles (up from 24 cents in 1988). For additional business

miles, the rate stays at 11 cents per mile. Other mileage rates are unchanged from 1988 — 12 cents per mile for charitable activities and 9 cents per mile for medical and moving costs.

If you are to claim child and dependent-care credit on your 1989 return, you are required to identify the care provider (name, address, and tax-

payer ID# must be shown on IRS Form 2441.) If the correct information is not given, the credit will be denied unless the taxpayer can show that an honest attempt was made to get the information.

Check to make sure you have paid in withholding tax equivalent to 90% of your tax liability for 1989 or 100% of your tax liability for 1988.

Pay off credit card balances. The interest rate for deduction next year (1990) will be only 10%, whereas for 1989 it is 20%.

Tax tips wishes you and yours a Happy Holiday and hope that we can continue to be of service in the new year.



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