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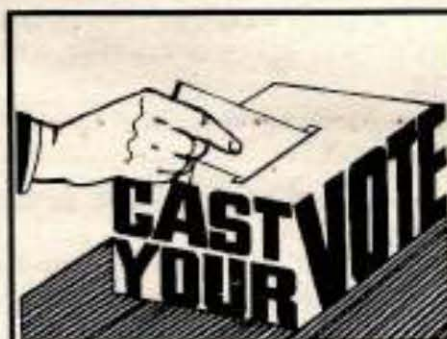
The County Planning Committee will meet at the Civic Center to consider an ordinance regarding signs and signage standards and design for the Key Peninsula. There is a need to clarify the geographical area and especially to differentiate our situation from that in more populated and urban settings.

If you are concerned about style, limitations, size, location and other standards, please plan to attend and voice your opinions. Public testimony will be taken and written comments are also welcome.

For more information contact Cathy Sala at (253) 798-6695. Copies of the entire proposed Ordinance (No. 2000-55) are available in the Office of the Pierce Co. Council, County-City Bldg., 930 Tacoma Ave. South, Rm. 1046, Tacoma, WA, 98402. Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 am-4 pm.

We Hope This Does Not Describe Our Paper

"There are not a dozen American newspapers of today with any more personality than so many sardines in a can. Certainly there should be room in every large American town for a paper with enterprise and individuality. . . . The tendency is for all papers to look alike—and when they look alike they are invariably all bad. Newspapers are steeped in a complacency that would be comic if it were not so tragic.
—The journalist (and journalism critic)
H. L. Mencken in 1927



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER
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Amanda Robles with one of her Pygmy Goats.

Who's News ??

Amanda Robles of KP 4-H

Amanda Robles of Port Orchard, daughter of Sharon Spencer, was picked recently as the 4-H Member of the Month at the Mason County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting. Amanda is 14 years old and attends Cedar Heights Middle School. This is her first year in the KP Blues 4-H club and she has already successfully completed a public presentation and helped her club with two fundraisers. She participated at the Mason County Fair with her pygmy goats and has been a teen counselor at the 4-H camp this August. She plans to take her goats to the State Fair in Puyallup this month.

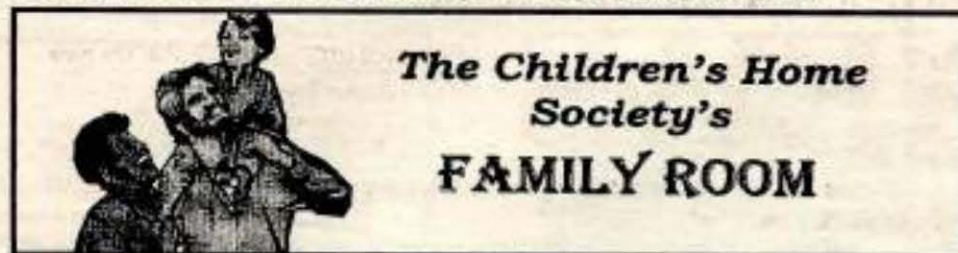
WAY TO GO, AMANDA !!

Readers will note — We have featured a number of wonderful young people in the last few Who's News? We would like suggestions from more of you about other deserving candidates for recognition, young or old. A picture is also encouraged. Let us hear from you...

Now Hear This, All You Doubters

According to Keith Stiles, veteran print and radio journalist, the Real Estate Department of the United States Postal Service has announced the awarding of a construction contract for the new Vaughn Post Office. The 3,350 square foot building will be built at the intersection of 92nd Street and Olson Road in Key Center under the terms of the contract with the winning bidders, Ocean West of Tempe, Arizona.

Construction is scheduled for completion in 210 days, which works out to be right around the first day of Spring, 2001. Not only will there be better parking than at the existing post office, but there will be handicapped accessible parking as well. The contract also provides for additional P.O. Boxes, and, for what will surely please the postmaster and other employees, the opportunity to work in a facility that has running water.



**The Children's Home
Society's
FAMILY ROOM**

Many thanks to all those who helped make this year's **Summer Fun Youth Program** one of the best ever! We especially want to thank our temporary staff: Jennifer Bayeur, Jillian Jepsen, Tami Miller, Lorina Shautler, and Linda Youngchild. They did an outstanding job of providing fun, learning and TLC to the campers. We also thank our volunteers, especially the high school Leaders and middle school Junior Leaders, who proved to be very helpful and reliable. We are also thankful to the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club for their generous donation of facilities, which helped us to keep the program fee very low and affordable. We thank our many visitors who brought wonder and great fun to our program: Pierce County Environmental Services; Mary Bridge Child Safety Team; Terra Lea Allen, storyteller, Carl Williamson, kite maker; Marty Marcus, with his Reptile Roundup; and Dale Loy and Voski Sprague, drum leaders. We also really appreciate the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's financial contribution to our program, which helped make the good snacks and fun projects possible. And lots of thanks to the children and families of the Key Peninsula for sharing the summer with us. The children were wonderful. Hope you will all come back next year!

Of course, there will be fun opportunities for children before then. Our **Little Buddies** program will begin in October again this year. This is a mentoring program which brings elementary school kids together with high school volunteers, for fun activities and friendship, once a week after school at the Civic Center. Last year we were able to provide transportation from the elementary schools to the Civic Center (thanks to the YMCA camps). If you are interested in participating, as a Little Buddy or a Big Buddy, or for more information, please call Edie Morgan at the Family Resource Center, 884-5433.

Our Wee Play Class is scheduled to start up again for the next six week session on Fridays, beginning September 22 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The age range for this class is birth to five years old. The goals are to enhance childhood development, strengthen parent/child relationships, encourage praise and positive affirmation, increase support for parents and to enhance childhood socialization skills. The Wee Play class activities are specifically designed to capture toddler's interest and encourage learning in five areas: Art, Language/Books, Fine Motor Skills, Gross Motor Skills, and Sensory Play. Classes will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club. For more information or to register you and your toddler please call Debbie Finel at 884-5433.

Thanks to the response to our call for volunteer help, our free **Clothing Closet** is open again for recipients and donations from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Parents Raising Healthy Families** will begin again on September 27 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided with advance notice. Please call Debbie Finel to register or for more information. **Indoor Park** will start up again on October 3, 2000. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Please see our calendar for times and dates of other program updates.

The staff of the
Children's Home Society of Washington
Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

Blood Bank Recognizes "Silent Heroes"

While the turnout to donate blood on Pioneer Day wasn't as great as hoped for, Cascade Regional Blood Services wants us to express appreciation to the fourteen "silent heroes" who did show up at the VFW/WIC Room to do their part in helping to save the lives of possibly 36 people. So here's a big **THANK YOU** to John Bronow, Kenneth Brown, Kim Christensen, Amy Clark, Elvin Floberg, Jessie Grigsby, John Heitman, Yolanda Heitman, Horace Kanno, Ted Lilyblade, Joseph Meshke, Cindy Middleton, Dennis Sutton and Sharon Walker.

In his "To Your Health" column on page 6, Dr. Roes discusses some of the implications of the return of trauma care to Pierce County. An important factor related to trauma care is a greater need for an adequate blood supply for the treatment of trauma patients. One serious automobile accident, for example, can require 50 units of blood to save the lives of those injured. If you weren't among the donors on Pioneer Day, you have another chance to become a "silent hero" at the Key Center Library on Saturday, October 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM, during Ciderfest.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Poetry Contest #2

Our initial local poetry contest, in which we asked people to send in original poems done in the Haiku style, brought in fourteen Haiku poems, some from people who hadn't even noticed it in the July issue of the *Key Peninsula News*. We should explain how the judging is done. No one involved in the production of the paper is involved in the judging, so regular contributors to the paper may also submit entries. The poetry judge, who shall remain anonymous, is a well-read individual who has graciously agreed to perform this task. Each poem is identified with a code number only, so the judge has no way of knowing who submitted an entry. The code number is assigned by one of the co-editors, who also are the only people who know the identity of the contest judge.

The winning entry in Poetry Contest #1 was submitted by Lori Warkocki, and here it is:

**On my car window
Quivering Rain beads shimmy
Rain dance chorus line.**

Congratulations, Lori, and a special "Thanks for Trying" mention to the following Key Peninsulans who all sent in an interesting and varied group of Haiku poems: Kristen Bottiger, Duncan and Marcie Fisher, Vicki McClung, Janice McCormick, Maureen Morlang, Heather Rogers and Ann Waldo.

For the second poetry contest, we are asking local poets to submit an original poem done in the style of a limerick. The rules are as follows: (1) the limerick has five lines; (2) lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme; (3) line 3 is shorter than the other lines and rhymes with line 4, which is also a shorter line. Limericks are also supposed to be humorous. Limericks have somewhat of a reputation for being quite risqué, but they don't have to be, and since this is a family newspaper, we won't consider any that can't be published in this paper. For any of you not familiar with the limerick type of poem, here is an example:

There once was a lady from Orleans,
Who never would deign to wear jeans.
She loved to scrub sinks
And that's why, methinks,
She became known as the Queen of Latrines.

Send your entries by regular mail only to: Poetry Contest #2, Key Peninsula News, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Entries must be received by September 20, 2000, to be considered. The winner receives a \$20 gift certificate for use at any business that advertises in the *Key Peninsula News*.

Thank You To A Great Community

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved this year with Pioneer Day! It proved to be successful as well as a lot of fun even though we had lots of competition that day! We had returning faces and some new ones and look forward to even more next year. As always we are open to suggestions and help in making a better Pioneer Day every year! Below you will find a list of sponsors and volunteers without whom we couldn't have been successful. Once again, **THANK YOU!!!**

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We apologize for anyone not listed above, however, you are appreciated!

More Public Input Needed To Solve Transportation Problems

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation was created in 1998 by the Legislature and Governor Locke. Its task is to review all transportation needs and priorities across the state and submit recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December, 2000.

The Commission has released 64 action-oriented options that could help untangle our transportation mess. There will be two public hearings on these options: September 7th, from 4-8PM in Meeting Room 1 of the Bellevue Regional Library, and September 14th in Room 420 of the Yakima County Courthouse in Yakima. Comments to the commission may be sent by phone, fax or mail until October 1st.

The 64 options produced may be viewed at the Key Center Library through the courtesy of Kristen Bottiger, or one can view and download them from the Commission's Web Site: www.brct.wa.gov. To comment by phone, call toll free: 1-888-414-2562; by fax: 206-442-4253; by mail to: BRCT, 411 University Street, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98101.

Ecology Department Seeks Reduction In Toxic Exposures

In addition to proposing new procedures for cleaning up toxic contaminated sites (see article on page 7), the State Department of Ecology has unveiled a draft of a strategy for further reducing or eliminating those long-lasting toxic chemicals that build up in humans and animals.

"As a society, We've done a lot to protect ourselves and our kids from chemicals that can cause immediate injury, but we also need to pay more attention to chemicals that pose a ticking time bomb for our long-term well-being," said Ecology Director Tom Fitzsimmons.

Because these so-called "persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic" chemicals (PBTs) take a long time to break down into safer components, they have become a part of the food chain, accumulating in the bodies of humans and animals, and posing a long-term hazard. A growing body of scientific information indicates the substances can cause behavioral changes and higher rates of disease, as well as alter blood chemistry, hamper immune systems, impair growth and development, and damage organs and nervous systems.

Ecology's strategy calls for the state to work with citizens, businesses and industries to prevent the creation and release of these chemicals to the environment. In addition, contamination should be cleaned up, where possible, to prevent exposure to humans and animals. Some PBT chemicals are created solely through a variety of human activities, while others may occur naturally in the environment. Some of the chemicals (such as those used in pesticides) may have beneficial uses for humans, while others have no known beneficial use.

Fitzsimmons noted that industrial facilities and pesticides historically have been the most significant sources of such chemicals. But activities people do every day also contribute to the problem. They include outdoor burning, automobile exhaust, leaking motor oil, and improper disposal of consumer products that contain or may generate PBT chemicals. However, "You can't put a child-proof cap on a tailpipe or a Mr. Yuck sticker on a bonfire, but those common activities do generate long-term toxics that can cause future health problems", he said.

Consumer products such as mercury thermometers, bleached papers, and used motor oil also contain or contribute to the release of PBTs, so people need to be made more aware of how they may be adding to the buildup of long-term toxics and how to avoid doing so.

Initially, the proposed strategy calls for taking action on 9 PBT chemicals that are now present in our environment due to past or current practices. They are: Aldrin/Dieldrin, benzo(a)pyrene, Chlordane, DDT (and DDD/DDE), dioxins and furans, hexachlorobenzene, mercury, PCBs, and toxaphene. Other chemicals could be added to the list for future action using a prioritizing method developed by the U.S. EPA as part of its strategy on PBT chemicals.

The *Draft Strategy to Continually Reduce Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic Chemicals in Washington State* is available at: www.wa.gov/ecology, then click on the "PBT Initiative" link in the righthand column. Printed versions may be obtained by calling Gayla Lord at 360-407-6695.

Public comments on the draft proposal will be accepted through October 30th. People may speak at one of five public meetings, such as the one at Town Hall, 1119 8th Avenue in Seattle on October 12th. There will be an informational open house at 6 PM, followed by the public meeting at 7 PM. Written comments may be sent to Mike Gallagher, Dept. of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600, or e-mail to mgal461@ecy.wa.gov.

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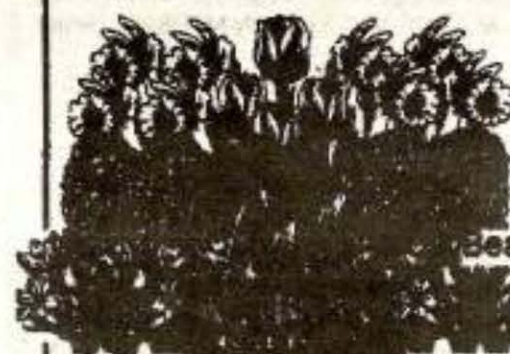
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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

In California, our main goal in conserving energy in school districts was to save money. I belonged to a group of energy managers, and we met monthly to exchange ideas and results of various energy conservation efforts.

It wasn't easy to carry out these projects, because one first had to convince administrators and school boards that your proposals were cost effective. Then you were faced with bringing about behavior changes on the part of teachers, custodians, principals and students. It's not easy to get people to change their ways of doing things such as turning off the lights when leaving the room for more than two minutes.

And then there is the problem of personnel changes. One of the larger school districts in California had two energy managers, and through their efforts they had reduced energy costs by \$750,000 per year. Then a new district superintendent entered the picture, and the first thing he did was reassign the energy managers back to classroom teaching. Not all administrators are this short-sighted, of course. Many realized that the less money we paid to the power company meant more funds for classroom and custodial supplies, and for salaries. My first year as energy conservation coordinator produced savings of \$54,000, enough to give everyone in the district a 1% salary increase.

One of the more innovative ideas was developed at an elementary school by the principal and an aide. They set up an "energy patrol" of sixth-graders who checked every classroom during recess and lunch periods. If they found the lights on when the room was empty or the thermostat set too high, they left the teacher a printed note describing their findings. Their efforts saved that one school \$8,000 a year.

While saving money is a worthwhile objective, especially if it's taxpayer's money, it's not as easy to do in Washington where electricity costs so much less than in other states. But cutting down on the amount of power used is important if we are to avoid "brown-outs" and the costs of building new power plants.

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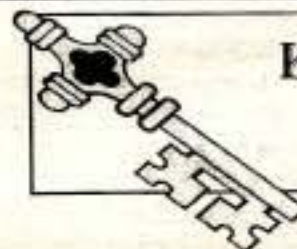
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There's a lot of energy from the sun bombarding Earth constantly, but we aren't harnessing nearly as much of it as we could. There has never been the amount of money available for research into solar and other forms of renewable energy as there has been for subsidies to the nuclear and fossil fuel industries. Let me give you one example that probably never got reported in newspapers or on the TV news. A small company in New England had an idea for improving the efficiency of solar cells, but they didn't have the capital to carry out the research, so they applied to the government for a grant. After about a year, they couldn't wait any longer for the grant, so they sold the company to a very large, well-known corporation that was involved in supplying components to power companies. That corporation then applied for the grant and it was awarded to them one month later. Of course, they really weren't interested in doing anything with solar energy, so the new idea for improving solar cell efficiency was soon buried.

The time for energy conservation through the use of more energy-efficient devices such as compact fluorescents and LED lighting, as well as the development of alternative sources of energy is now. But it won't happen unless enough people demand it.



KEY DATES

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

Amnesty International 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM Key Center Library
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**, or **857-4780**
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
Caregivers Support 2nd Tuesday - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group 1st Monday - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
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 Longbranch Improvement Club

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.
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Contact Jo Sturm - **884-1350**

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TAX TIPS



By Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP

Last month we told you about a seminar we attended on how to save money on your income tax. We now have additional information on this. Here are some of the particulars: You can have an immediate increase in your take home pay; you are guaranteed to save \$5000 in tax deductions a year or your money back; [you can get] free auditing of 3 years back of your income tax returns (you should get money back), advice on how to continue to save on your taxes, your 1040 prepared for no charge—you only pay for the additional forms; you can earn additional income (to pay off bills or purchase anything you want); [you can] receive an automobile of your choice with the payments paid for you. If you are interested to find out more, contact us at 884-3566.

Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

Mark your calendar, October 26th will be the fall social of the Historical Society. Bring your own plate, cup, silverware and something good to share. The meeting will be at the Vaughn Civic Center, 6:30 PM for dinner, followed by a short business meeting and the program will start at 7:30 PM. We will be looking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Come early and enjoy the Museum; we have added some interesting things to the collection over the summer.

If you are a collector of antiques or just old memorabilia keep a watch out for powder post beetles. The beetles like to bore small holes in old wood objects. Beetles will live in the wood for years and will slowly destroy and turn an antique into dust. If you have any old wooden antiques with small holes or see very small amounts of wood dust around your collectibles you will want to investigate for powder post beetles. For more information call Dale Skrivanich - 884-2712 or Tim Kezele - 884-4538.

The Key Peninsula Historical Society would like to thank Al Yanity for putting up the new shelves and lights in the office closet. We want to thank Caitlin Kezele and AD Skrivanich for carrying the banner in the Pioneer Day parade. Also Joyce Niemann and Barb Hanna for helping in

the museum on Pioneer Day.

Over the summer we had some interesting things added to the collection, they include a family tree from Henry Stock and a book from the Kingsbury family about Ralph Kingsbury.

If you would like to be a docent or learn more about the docent program, contact Mary Krumbein, our Vice President, 884-4783. Docents volunteer one afternoon or more a month to help out at the Museum.

Make sure you make some time this fall to come and visit the Museum.

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2000 Salmon Homecoming Forum September 6th

This event is aimed at connecting tribal and non-tribal communities for the benefit of salmon. The theme of the 8th annual forum, "Salmon Recovery Comes Full Circle," reflects the fact that the event will bring people together for a new way to connect and communicate on salmon recovery. This unique Northwest event will combine Native American talking circles with workshops and keynote speakers.

The Forum will be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center at Pier 66 in Seattle. The Salmon Homecoming Celebration, which runs from September 6th to 10th is presented by The Seattle Aquarium, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the Muckleshoot Tribe. To register for the Forum, which is an all-day event on September 6th, call (206) 386-4353, or visit Salmon Homecoming on-line at www.salmonhomecoming.org.

Obituary

Dorothy E. Fields

Dorothy Eileen Bill was born in 1906 in Clearwater, Alberta, Canada. When her sister, Elsie, was old enough to start school, the family moved to the U. S. and settled in Vaughn in 1911. She wrote poems and songs, loved to dance and sing, and played several musical instruments.

In 1923 she married Chester Van Slyke, they lived on a chicken farm in Vaughn, raised two children, Rusty and Dulcie, and were active in various church and civic organizations. In 1942, they moved to Tacoma where Dorothy worked for the YWCA and the Teamsters Union. Around 1950 they returned to Vaughn where they opened a photography studio in their new home.

Dorothy met Bob Fields at a wedding in 1959 and married him four months later. They lived near Neah Bay, then Salem, Oregon, finally moving back to Vaughn in 1975 when Bob retired. Dorothy was a very active person, playing tennis, being involved in several organizations, and playing the organ at Vaughn Community Church until the age of 90.

Dorothy died quietly in Gig Harbor on July 30th at 94 years. She leaves behind her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her sister, Elsie Olson, and nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Home Town Meeting - Sept. 7th

The next Home Town meeting will be at the Home Fire Station at 7 pm on Thursday, Sept. 7th. Everyone is welcome. The last meeting focused on water and beach access at Joe's Bay. Come and talk about your concerns for our community. We may have a guest to answer questions.

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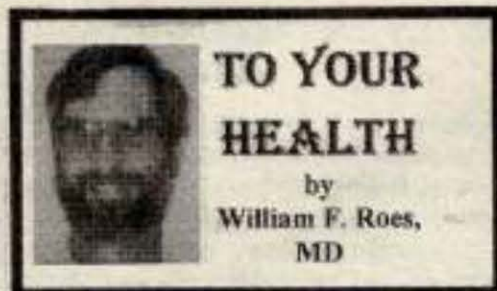
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Those of you who have followed this column know I seldom report actual news, but with this month, I'll make an exception. The institution of the Trauma System in Tacoma is news that could potentially affect anyone on our peninsula.

Back in 1995, the state instituted new guidelines for the management of trauma, establishing trauma centers, with the expectations that hospitals across the state would jump at the chance of becoming local versions of the TV show ER. That didn't happen, and for over 5 years Tacoma (and by proximity, the Key Peninsula) has not had a designated trauma center. The result of this was that seriously injured people were automatically transported to Harborview Hospital in Seattle. Now Harborview is an excellent hospital, and during the first critical hours following major trauma, the care is outstanding. It is however, 70 miles from our community, easily two to three hours by car, and very inconvenient to visit loved ones or to return to for follow up care. It has been apparent to the citizens and any medical personnel that Harborview was not the answer to handling trauma in Pierce County.

It has taken several years to work out a comprehensive trauma system locally with joint efforts of Tacoma General and St. Joseph's Hospitals, along with the donated services of numerous Tacoma surgeons who are on call for the system without compensation. The designation of trauma center alternates daily between TG and St. Joe's. There is also a core of board certified Trauma Surgeons who operate independently of, but at, both hospitals, directed by Dr. Robert Winchell.

The system is still in it's infancy, but already is exceeding its expected volume of trauma patients. There are still some bugs as limited resources (such as CT scans and operating rooms) are stretched by the expanded number of patients, but at least we have a trauma system. As the Key Peninsula's voice at local hospitals, I'd like to hear your experiences - good or bad with the new, improved, trauma system.

As a preview for next month, the manufacture of flu shots this year has run into problems, and the vaccine appears to be in short supply. We expect recommendations will be to get the shots later in the season - look for an update in the October issue of the *Key Peninsula News*.

ANGEL NOTES

by Frankie Johnson

It's that time of the year that the kids are heading back to school. We hear a collective sigh of relief from mothers. If you find it hard to afford the clothes your child needs at the department stores, be sure and come into Angel Guild Thrift Shoppe in beautiful downtown Key Center. Do we have some buys for you! Our ladies have been stocking the store with school clothes in all sizes. We do get name brands donated in perfect condition. The sweaters and jackets are being added for fall.

Again we want to thank all of you who make donations to the Angels. It is a gratifying volunteer effort to be able to participate in recycling the items back into use and funding the many needs right here in our own area. During the summer months we were able to catch up on the commitments we had made last spring. If you want to make a request for funds, now would be a good time. The way to make a request is by letter. All funding must go through an organization, not to an individual. We would like to have your letter at least 2 months before your need for the money. The way we work is that your request is reviewed by our finance committee to make sure it falls within our guidelines. Then a recommendation is taken to our general meeting. We meet once a month on the last Monday of the month at the library in the Brones Room. Our address is 9013 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Key Center, WA, 98349.

State Funds Help Restore Some Transit to Our Area

A one-time grant, with no guarantee of future grants, will help Pierce Transit restore some service cuts made when I-695 reduced 38% of the total funding for public transportation in Pierce County. Of special interest to residents of the Key Peninsula is the decision to restore weekend service to Gig Harbor, which includes the Park and Ride lot in Purdy. Later this fall, the plan is to restore service to Key Center, but with vans or other vehicles rather than with the larger 40-foot buses.

Letters to the Editor:

The Editor:

Having been a resident of the Key Peninsula for most of my life, I have seen our country atmosphere change dramatically over the years to near metropolitan proportions. The changes have been astonishing as more and more families have built new homes and moved into the far reaching woodlands. Tree covered forests have been bulldozed and logged leaving only a few areas for wildlife to take refuge. The increase in population has included family pets along with their owners. Many people moving to the country from the cities feel that now they can have room to let their dogs run. How nice for the dogs! While dog owners go off to work or to sleep at night, many of their dogs run freely, chasing and killing the deer that are struggling to survive in their own diminished habitat. The dogs that are running and killing deer are not hungry and homeless animals. They are well fed and cared for family pets. Fawns have recently been born and they will not survive the onslaught of dogs.

Pierce County has a leash law. Additionally, and unfortunately for the dogs and those who love them, some old time residents have their own age-old solution to this problem. They shoot the dogs that chase the deer. Please, please, dog owners, be responsible enough to make sure that your dogs are securely tied, penned or housed during the night and during your absence. Our diminishing wildlife population depends on it. So may the life of your pet!! DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR DOGS ARE?

A former resident, name withheld

Editor:

Thank you 8-4-00

On Aug. 3, 2000 I sure got a surprise when I walked into Purdy Costless & talked to Don Zimmerman. He made my day. Thank you, Don, for your thoughtfulness. And his staff always so friendly & kindness to their customers.

Darlene Braun

Letters to Editor

I was saddened to read the last issue of the K P News and not see a mention of the passing of Bill Adams, one of the hardest working volunteers at the local food bank and senior center. It was Bill's job to contact the 150 or so volunteers and cajole them into helping with a myriad of tasks, whether it was to man a coffee stop in the middle of the night or to be a driver to make the bread run.

He helped in many ways to make Old Timers' Day a successful event, and three years ago was given a special award of appreciation by the Board of the Key Peninsula Community Services for the countless hours he devoted to helping those on the peninsula who needed help.

Bill didn't arrive on the Key Peninsula until the late 80s, but he had already devoted over 25 years of service to the Boy Scouts back East. Bill was a crusty old coot whose bark was worse than his bite. Once you got to know him, the light shined through. Many will miss him. I know I will. God bless you, Bill Adams.

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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

August stands for PICNICS, and Peninsula Seniors enjoyed a truly sunny one on August 17th. We found our way to the "out-of-the-way" JOEMMA STATE PARK where we had a beautiful view across the water to the west. Seventeen of us ate great picnic food and basked in the warm sunshine — or sought refuge under the handy shelter.

After the picnic lunch the group split up to two tables, one to play bridge, the other, pinochle. We used part of the time to ask questions pertaining to this month's SENIOR SURVEY, the results herewith:

Among the group of five men and twelve women, a query was posed: "Have you been watching the conventions on TV? The RESULTS — NO, 8 votes, and YES, 9 votes. So it would appear that among this group of elders, interest in the political conventions was almost evenly split between "Little to None" and "Considerable." So let's watch as the campaign develops. By the way, more women than men were watching closely. (Our group consisted of the following ages: 71, one; 73, one; 76, one; 77, one; 78, two; 79, one; 81, three; 83, one; 85, two; and 89, two.) Lasting pretty well, aren't they?

Past & Present: Our first August meeting featured a brief presentation by Eric Nelsen, Assistant Fire Chief of Peninsula Fire District # 16, concerning the upcoming EMS Levy on the September primary ballot. Hardly a person in the audience had not, at some time in the past, utilized the highly professional services of the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE for either ambulance service, stroke, heart attack or some other condition requiring IMMEDIATE medical attention. Nelsen told us that passage of the Levy vote would assure Key Peninsula people of speedy Emergency Medical service (within minutes) for the next 10 years. So, we will read up on it, and then VOTE this month.

Speaking of VOTING, the Seniors organization, KEY PENINSULA SENIOR SOCIETY, will reach what used to be the minimum legal voting age (21 years) this month. And in observance, we're scheduling our 21st Anniversary Luncheon on Thursday, September 21st, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, where we have held our meetings weekly, for all the years since the group's founding in 1979. We have been staunch supporters, and rent-paying tenants of the Civic Center during all that time, and have been instrumental, over the years, in obtaining various grants and promoting financial causes and events contributing to the maintenance and well-being of the K P C C.

So, all seniors, members or not, are invited to the no-cost potluck on the 21st at 12 noon. We'd love to see you and get acquainted! We guarantee good food and lots of it, plus a special program featuring Country Singer Mary Cole, who will provide a musical treat. Please come, then, on any Thursday noon.

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Ecology Department Seeks Changes in Toxic-Cleanup Rules

In its efforts to clean up toxic contamination and restore properties for new development, the State Department of Ecology is proposing changes to state regulations that contain standards and cleanup levels. The public has until September 15th to comment on the proposed changes, either in writing or at one of two public hearings.

The cleanup regulations were first adopted in 1991 to implement the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), which was passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1988. The law created a program within Ecology dedicated to cleaning up air, land and water resources that have been contaminated with toxic wastes. Since the law took effect, Ecology has been involved in cleaning up 6,700 toxic sites. In addition to reducing the risk of toxic exposure for humans and the environment, the cleanups have made many of the sites safe for other industrial uses.

Ecology has worked on the proposed regulatory changes for five years, involving businesses, environmental groups, and a legislatively appointed advisory committee. The amendments will make the regulations easier to understand, consistent with new scientific information, and representative of agency policies. The amendments incorporate increased knowledge about how toxic chemicals react in the environment. They also provide more flexibility for making site-specific cleanup decisions and, for the first time, include specific methods for evaluating potential effects on plants and land animals. The changes take into account new economic and scientific information that will provide a greater array of choices to those cleaning up contaminated sites, while maintaining the same or better level of protectiveness as before. In addition, Ecology will soon unveil a strategy for reducing exposure to long-lasting toxic chemicals that are known to build up in the bodies of humans and animals.

The nearest public hearing on the proposed changes will be in the Pinnacle Room of the Mountaineers Building, 300 Third Avenue West, in Seattle, starting at 6 PM, on Wednesday, September 6, 2000.

Written comments can be mailed to the Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, ATTN: Trish Akana, P O Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600; faxed to 360-407-7154; or e-mailed to taka461@ecy.wa.gov.

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Vaughn First Union High School

by Elsie M. Olson

Vaughn Union High School was the first Union High School in Pierce County, organized in 1903. This district was given the #1 designation, but soon changed to #210, probably to designate it as a secondary rather than elementary school.

Four districts join to form the High School: Vaughn #35, Rocky Creek #48, Glencove #61 and South Vaughn #94. The first few years of its existence were spent in the parsonage of Vaughn Church. The first teacher and principal was William Thompson, with perhaps 14 or 15 students, including 8th graders.

The first High School was built in 1907, part of the current Key Peninsula Civic Center, and remained a High School until 1947, when Vaughn joined with Gig Harbor Union to form the Peninsula High School.

The class of 1912 was the first class to have graduates who had been in the building all four years. Members of that class were Esther Austin, Connie Condon, Agnes Gabrielson, and Howard Rodman.

An addition was built on the north side in 1916 to house students from grades 6, 7, and 8, but only used for a year or two. The addition was strongly objected to by one of the directors of Rocky Creek, but he was overruled. The high school board at that

time consisted of the chairmen of each grade school board.

By 1921 a few students from Minter attended, and a few years later were joined by more from Longbranch, Lakebay-Home and Victor.

The brick faced building was built in the late 1920s, a basement put under the old building, and an addition built around it. There may still be part of the old shower room down in the basement, now covered over.

The steeple was a prime target for basketball throwing, and many times the ball had to be retrieved by climbing on a borrowed ladder. Before too long an outdoor gym was built with a dirt floor, which didn't bother anyone much, as before that, baskets and poles had been set up on the dirt road, the same (now paved) which runs in front of the Civic Center. Later a rough, heavy, very wide board floor was put in, bleachers were built on the east side and a room added which was used for awhile as a Domestic Science room and to cook for neighborhood picnics.

A dirt tennis court was constructed, cemented some years later. This project was started by "The Mothers' Congress", who volunteered their sons and husbands for the job. The women has to feed them, though!

In 1937, with the help of the Federal Government PWA, the gymnasium was built, using much volunteer labor. The men took great pride in the workmanship. The first extra mileage was voted on for the floor (regulation sized basketball court), still in use today.

These three units (original building with additions, brick-faced annex, and gymnasium) served as the High School for ten years. The kitchen also served lunch to the grade school children. The two-story elementary school, built about 1923, and playshed were on what is now the parking lot.

In 1947, when the high school merged with Gig Harbor to form Peninsula, the grade school moved into the high school building. It was not considered safe unless much money was spent, so several years later a new elementary school was built. The playfield where the new school was built (preceding the current building on higher ground) was a neighborhood donation by the Good Roads Club, and volunteer hands and teamwork of many people. It was used as neighborhood and school athletic field before the grade school was built on it.

There was much discussion and indecision about what to do with the high school building, but tradition and the wished of

Key Peninsula residents prevailed and it was sold to the Key Peninsula Civic Center. \$500 from the sale of the old library was also contributed to the beginning of the Civic Center.

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by Hugh McMillan

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They're the Hombres MC motorcycle club and the event was sponsored by their Peninsula Chapter. They are Harley Davidson motorcycle riders and enthusiasts. Although one of them pointed out a huge machine powered by a Ford eight cylinder engine.

"We don't do alcohol or drugs," they said.

"This is our family," agreed a group of them preparing for the day's contests. They are involved in charity work and caring for those in need.

Contests, for which trophies were awarded, consisted of a variety of competitions. In one of these, "slow race", the winner is the last one out of a three aisle grid successfully negotiated without crossing the line or resorting to putting a foot down.

The barrel push contest prize went to the rider who was first to push a barrel down that same grid without crossing an aisle demarcation line.

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EMS levy.* The average cost of paramedic transport is \$700. You could save up to this amount on each transport.

The levy will generate additional revenue for items such as heart monitors and defibrillators and help to replace older ambulances. (One District ambulance has over 180,000 miles on it.)

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Rebuttal of Statements Against the EMS Levy

The Statement Against twists facts to confuse the issue.

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Over 1 in 3 homes in Pierce County report they have firearms. In fact, 75,000 of our young people under 18 live in homes with firearms. The majority of those are kept unlocked. Even if you don't have an unlocked gun in your home, your neighbors, friends, or relatives might. Homes where your children go to play or visit might have them as well.

Between 1994 and 1998, firearms were used in 284 suicides, 170 homicides, and 9 deaths from accidental discharge in Pierce County. There were even more injuries that did not result in death. Over half of teen suicides are carried out with household guns. Children are fascinated by guns and are likely to pick them up and handle them, even when they have been taught not to.


The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is encouraging firearm owners to lock their firearms and to store them so children do not have access to them. Our goals are to:

- * Prevent accidental firearm injuries to children.
- * Prevent family guns from being stolen and used in other crimes.
- * Prevent young people from taking family guns to school.
- * Reduce access to guns by depressed and impulsive teens.

What can you do? Lock up any firearms you have. Store them unloaded and locked. Make sure your neighbors, friends, and relatives have their firearms locked and inaccessible to children. Check with your day care provider and the parents of your children's friends. Become an advocate for gun safety. Educate others.

There are a number of locks and lock boxes available for sale to meet the needs of every gun owner. They range in price from about \$5.00 (for combination locks, cable locks and key locks) to \$80 and more for grip locks and lock boxes. You can find them in local stores and get discount coupons by calling, toll-free 1-877-LOK-IT-UP (1-877-565-4887).

Are you interested in learning more? We can send you a brochure and information sheet. Would you like to advocate for safe storage of firearms in your community? We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate firearm safety devices to others at the community events. If you are interested, we will provide you with training and materials. It's a fun and rewarding way to get involved! You can get more information by calling Donna Noonan at the Health Department at 798-4776.



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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

(Editor's Note: This column was written for last month's paper, but we were jammed up with material sent in and Mr. Misner was kind enough to let us put it on hold for a month. The information relative to the British Open Golf Tournament may be history by now, but the legal and ethical issues raised are of timeless validity.)

Thanks to the magic of the Internet, I am able to keep tabs on the British Open as I find myself working in the office on a Sunday morning in preparation for an upcoming trial.

Right now, Tiger is up on David Duval by six strokes heading into the fourteenth hole. Unless something really crazy happens, Tiger should win the tournament and join Gary Player, Ben Hogan, Gene Sarazen and some guy named Nicklaus as the only people to win golf's grand slam. The young man is truly amazing.

In the same tournament is another young man, Notah Begay, who has also played well. Notah is a Navaho from New Mexico and was a former teammate of Tiger's a few years ago at Stanford. You can amuse yourself the next time that you are reading a Tony Hillerman novel by picturing Notah practicing his putting as Joe Leaphorn tries catching a criminal on the Navaho reservation. Notah has won twice on the tour this year, but doesn't look as though he will catch his former teammate today.

A third teammate from that Stanford squad is a young man named Casey Martin. Casey is not at the British Open since he did not qualify. This weekend I think he is playing at the B.C. Open in upstate New York. Casey has actually had a fairly decent year, on this, his first year on the PGA tour.

Casey qualified for the PGA tour this past spring, having played successfully on the Nike Tour and accumulated sufficient winnings to gain access to a PGA tour card. The only way that this much coveted card can be taken from Casey is if he fails to fall within the top, I believe, 135 money winners on the tour this year, or if at least five of nine of the Supreme Court justices take it away from him.

You may remember that I wrote about Casey's lawsuit against the PGA in the October, 1998, edition of this paper. Casey won the case with Judge Thomas Coffin ruling that his request to use a cart was a reasonable accommodation that the PGA had to make given his circulation problems in his left leg. Judge Coffin ruled that the Americans with Disabilities Act provided a basis for Casey to claim that he was permitted to use a cart if he made the tour.

At the time I wrote the article, I mentioned that the Nike Tour and the Senior Tour have no restriction on cart usage. I am not sure, but I doubt if the LPGA has such a restriction. It is only the PGA that says that one must be able to walk the course before one can play in a PGA-sanctioned tournament.

I said then, and will say today that such a

restriction is nonsense. Casey's use of a cart gives him no more of an advantage than not using one. In fact, most golfers I know say that they play best when they walk rather than ride since they can work up a good sweat, get loose, and have a more fluid swing.

If the PGA truly wants to remove unfair advantages then it should do away with caddies and make all players carry their own bags and figure out their own club selection and distance to the hole.

Casey's golfing future depends on what our Supreme Court does with the PGA's appeal. I am not confident that he will win since this conservative court has been narrowing the application of the ADA for some time now.

If Casey loses, I am sure that Justice Thomas will, as usual, follow the lead of Justice Scalia. I just wonder if it ever crosses the mind of Justice Thomas that without the affirmative action programs that have existed in this country for the past twenty-five years, that he still might be working for his grandfather in Atlanta.

Clarence Thomas is a very bright man. Casey Martin is a very good golfer. Both men have been given the chance to excel in their respective professions because various laws in our country have tried to level the playing field so that arbitrary things such as skin color and circulatory problems, both conditions over which neither man had control, did not limit their chance to follow their calling.

Now Casey waits to see if this long putt of his drops, or rims out. I will keep you posted.

This just in from St. Andrews, Scotland — Tiger just won shooting 19 under with Ernie Els finishing second at 11 under. Start rewriting the history books.



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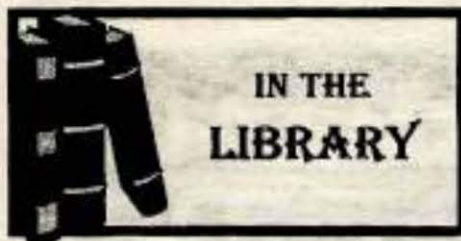
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IN THE LIBRARY

Friday, September 8, 7 PM: Meet artist Jan McLean at the opening night of her exhibit **ALL THAT JAZZ #2**. In reply to the question, how do you paint jazz, Jan said, "I listen to Ellington or any of the great jazz players or singers and try to depict in color, line, and texture the feelings they evoke." The acrylic and collage paintings of jazz inspired art is part of a body of similar works. In 1997, the Smithsonian Institution held the exhibit Seeing Jazz. The Jazz Gallery in New York is an international jazz art museum that hosts exhibits, performances, poetry, and lectures that focus on jazz. Jan McLean resides on the Key Peninsula and Westport, Connecticut. She was a founding member of the Westport Arts Center, and has exhibited widely in the Westport area. Please join us for a visual, musical, and conversational treat at this jazz opening. Refreshments will be included.

Wednesday, September 13, 7 PM: **SOMETIMES YOU EAT THE FISH, SOMETIMES THE FISH EATS YOU**, a monologue and original piece by Kieffer Denning. Created from historical documentation, interviews, and storytelling, the work explores the lives of fishing people over three hundred years. It begins with the Native Americans as they fish in their small bay awaiting the first salmon of the season. The play moves one hundred years into the future to the advent of the twentieth century when the descendants of the original fishing clan attempt to get their first salmon of the season. The show explores the changes that have transpired since the settlers have moved into the area. The piece moves to the present and we are confronted

with a series of voices that have vested interests in the fishing trade. Again it shows how the relationship between man and salmon has changed. This drama is part of a three year study called the Salmon Boy Project. It is the third piece Kieffer Denning has written about man's relationship with the water. Kieffer lives in the San Juan Islands. He says, "I have been drawn to these waters ever since I was a child, and members of my family have been commercial fishermen, sailors, and boat builders. As well as a performing artist, I am a kayak guide. In a sense the water has been to us what the field is to the farmer. What I want to evoke is the magnificent spirit of the water that slips through our islands, and to display how we are drawn to it." A free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

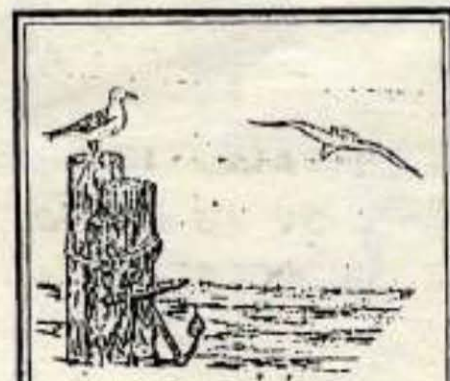
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FAMILY STORYTIMES, ages 3-5 (all ages welcome), will be held each Friday from 10:30 to 11:00 AM, September 22 through November 17. Children will enjoy stories, activities, and participating with others. Registration begins September 1st.

**Dance Classes
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New and continuing classes in Tap/Jazz and Creative Movement will again be offered at the K P Civic Center on Wednesdays starting September 13th. The teacher will be Dallas Dickens, Director of A World of Dance in Gig Harbor, and will be presented at the following times: Tap and Creative Movement for ages 5-7 from 3:45 - 4:30 PM; Tap and Jazz for ages 8-12 from 4:30-5:15 PM. Dancewear will be available for fitting dance shoes, leotards and tights at registration. For registration or informational packets call 858-7868.



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Perennial asters, Japanese anemones and tall Lobelia of several colors are in full bloom on top of their 5-6 foot stems. Gloriosa Daisies, Nasturtiums, Joe Pye weed (Eupatorium coelestinum) and Calendulas are still a delight. Dahlias are at their best. The latest and tallest of the Lilies (6-8 feet) are just topping out. Ground covers such as Ajuga, Campanula, Veronica, Dead Nettle in pink, blue and white, as well as ornamental pink blossomed Strawberries and Kennilworth ivy are at their best. The Primroses that managed to survive the summer are blooming tentatively.

The winter vegetable garden has its cabbage, cauliflower, kale, Brussel sprouts, broccoli and root crops that are now large plants readying for winter production.

The Geraniums and Fuchsias will be

happy outside for a few weeks yet, but when frost threatens, they are brought into the greenhouse off the living room to continue their bloom with the tropicals (Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, a small coffee tree and small bearing lemon tree).

Winter Heathers, Helebores, Sarcococca and Schizostylus (a gladiola-like lily) are budding for their winter show of beauty outside.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

The annual Welcome Back Tea of the Vaughn Bay Garden Club will be held at the home of Nel Blanchard on September 20th, beginning at 1 pm. Mary Hill and Joy Rakes are co-hostesses.

Rose Grant will demonstrate making a "Hen and Chicks" wreath, and members will be encouraged to create their own.

A special local garden tour is planned for September 27th.

For further information about the club, call 884-5403.

We're Literally Being Obliterated By Litter

Litter pick-up crews for the State Department of Ecology are at it again on their annual effort to remove the wintertime accumulation of litter from Washington's highway system. Now in its 25th year, the Ecology Youth Corps employs teenagers from 14 to 17 years old to pick up litter along state roadways and in public areas. The efforts of EYC, along with crews from local community groups and the Natural Resources, Transportation, Corrections and Parks and Recreation state agencies, translates into the fact that there are more people than ever working on the state's litter problem.

Despite this increased cleanup effort, which this year is projected to remove 4 million pounds (that's 2 thousand tons), a recent litter survey by Ecology showed that only 25% of the litter along the roadways is being picked up.

According to Cullen Stephenson, who manages Ecology's solid-waste program, "Crews are picking up three times as much as they used to, but the trash is piling up on the highways faster than they can pick it up. Sixteen million pounds (8,000 tons — Ed.) of junk are littered each year. With that much litter out there, we can't keep pointing a finger at the next person. We all need to start taking responsibility."

While the legislature has set a goal of zero litter through cleanup efforts alone, it's becoming obvious that this is an impossible goal. Reducing litter will involve educating the public about litter's negative social, financial and environmental effects, and also will require more enforcement of litter laws. We taxpayers spend millions each year on litter cleanup, and yet it's a problem that's relatively avoidable. Throwing trash out the car window has become equivalent to throwing out money.

The Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club, member of the Capitol District, will have its September meeting on Friday, the 15th, at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

10:00 am to 11:30: Workshop on Topiary by Doris Hoover and Doris Boudreau

12 noon: Lunch, Ann Waldo and Dolores Argabright, Hostesses

1 pm: Business Meeting and Video, "How to grow roses", by Jeff Ball

2 pm: Flower Design by Jean Humphreys

2:30 pm: Recycling and composting by Sylvia Retherford

For more information, call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.

Ashes Rummage Sale — Saturday, Oct. 14 — 9 am to 4 pm

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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Investment Clubs
Submitted by Connie R. Rose

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Regardless of which route you follow, make sure the investment representative you choose is not a member of your investment club. This could present a conflict of interest. Finally, designate one club member to serve as the liaison with the club's broker. This will help avoid confusion and miscommunication. The designated individual should ask the broker for recent information on the club's portfolio as well as for stocks being considered. Advice from the broker should be sought only after the club has done some analysis of the investments that are of interest. Information obtained from the broker in advance of meetings should be recorded and shared with the group before decisions are made.

Sound Investment Strategies:

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- * Allocate your investments among a variety of securities, industries and parts of the world. Diversification helps spread both risk and opportunity.
- * Maintain a long-term, buy-and-hold outlook. Investment clubs are not get-rich-quick schemes.

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The Labor Day Weekend, September 1 - 4, is the time for "Open Studio Tour 2000", a rare opportunity to meet some of the most prominent Northwest artists who live and work right in our area. There are 14 artists participating in this show, most of them in Gig Harbor. We are highlighting four whose studios are either on the Key Peninsula or adjacent to it. On September 2, 3, and 4, from 10 to 5 each day, you can visit their home studios, see demonstrations, and get the best selection of "new work" directly from the site where the art was created.

Sunburst Metalworks, located at 8450 Willock Road, SE, in Olalla, is the studio of Gary Jackson. Gary creates welded sculpture in a variety of forms and styles, ranging from finely finished stainless steel and bronze wildlife sculptures, furniture and signage to whimsical garden art and rusty junk assemblages.

Patricia Meras' studio at 1171 SW Lake Street, Port Orchard, is actually in the Burley area, right next to Horseshoe Lake. Her pastel landscapes are studies in light and shadow, with some things left to the imagination of the viewer. That way, they can become more fully involved, interpreting the paintings through their own experiences, emotions and memories.

Potter Christopher Mathie specializes in the time-honored tradition of Raku pottery, creating vessels that are hand-thrown and intricately carved. His motifs are inspired by natural treasures from his surroundings such as sticks, leaves, sea shells, marine life, and are depicted or even incorporated into the work. His studio is located at 18927 - 77th Street Court, KPN, in Vaughn.

The spacious studio of silk artist Beverly Pedersen is surrounded by flower gardens at 1512 Whiteman Road, KPS, in Lakebay. She creates the reflection of nature using a variety of silks. Some of her favorite subjects are iris, magnolias and roses, flowers which respond to the brilliant colors and fluidity of silk painting. Her studio showcases hand-painted silk both as framed art or wearable art — scarves, capes and open jackets.

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Emergency Medical Services In Fire District #16

While the K P News, as the voice of the non-profit Key Peninsula Civic Center, takes no position on election issues or candidates, we certainly want to encourage people to vote. We believe it is important for voters to be as well-informed as possible, and we try to provide information as clearly and objectively as possible.

The following article by Vicky McClung is based upon an interview with Fire District #16 Chief Gary Franz that took place earlier this summer.

Chief Gary Franz granted me time to answer a number of my questions regarding the medical services provided by the Fire District. The Chief spoke about the competency, viability, and integrity of the department. He is proud of the people he works with and has a real fondness for his life on the Key Peninsula.

Did you know that 75% of the calls in this district are medical related? Did you know that the average response time in a rural community, such as ours, is 20-25 minutes? Did you know that the average response time in an urban area, such as Tacoma, is 7 minutes. For comparison, Fire District 16's average response time is also 7 minutes!

All Key Peninsula property owners are aware there is now in place an EMS levy taxed at \$0.25 per thousand - with three years continuing on this existing levy. The proposed levy is at \$0.50 per thousand and would supersede the existing levy if passed. What will it cost the taxpayer? On a home valued at \$100,000 the current levy tax is \$25.00 annually. This amount would double with the proposed levy.

At the current time, when a Key Peninsula resident requires ambulance service their insurance is billed for the costs. Any amount not covered by the insurance company is billed directly to the resident/user for reimbursement to the Fire District. Why, when we already pay for EMS services via the existing levy? Chief Franz said "because the annual revenue generated from the EMS levy is not sufficient to cover the annual cost of today's comprehensive EMS program. Because it is not, the shortfall in revenue is taken from the fire-based tax revenue to cover the EMS cost deficit. This means our fire suppression service suffers - whether it be added staff, new equipment, additional equipment, etc."

Presently, the annual cost of the ambulance service is \$618,700. This includes paramedic and related salaries, overtime, and holiday pay; EMS training; ambulance replacement (currently not being replaced as often as should be); medical supplies and equipment; and contracts and repairs (this includes doctors for training to keep the District in compliance). The current annual EMS revenue is \$486,220. The revenue break

down is: EMS levy \$230,000; ambulance billing to insurance carriers and direct billings to users \$255,000; and an annual grant of \$1,200. The deficit is \$132,480.

It has been suggested that the Fire District become a "Preferred Provider." Even though it will help lower insurance costs to Mr. and Mrs. Tax-payer, they still have the bill for the "difference" to deal with. And, "Preferred Provider" status will likely produce a loss of EMS revenue to the District due to billing restrictions.

The proposed EMS levy (which will be a 10 year levy) will produce enough revenue to: (1) pay for the ENTIRE cost of current EMS service levels; (2) District residents and tax paying customers will have their bill amounts after insurance benefits deemed as paid, except for those exclusions specified by the Federal Government; and (3) ALL fire-based tax revenue will be applied to fire suppression delivery systems where it should be.

Therefore, the proposed EMS levy is expected to help in the following way:

Proposed EMS levy at \$0.50 per thousand	\$460,000
Ambulance billing (insurance only)	215,000
Grant(s)	1,200
EXPECTED ANNUAL EMS REVENUE	\$676,240
Current EMS Cost (see above)	618,700
BALANCE	\$ 57,540

This balance will cover the cost of capital EMS items, such as defibrillators, during the life of the levy. Further advantages include the assurance that the current level of EMS service would be protected for 10 years. An additional para-medical would be hired in 2001 which would allow two paramedics assigned to each shift. Passage would allow the District to purchase a new ambulance unit, or retrofit an existing ambulance unit every two years. Probably the most important advantage is the District's EMS service would be fully funded from EMS revenues for the first time in its history.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
SEPTEMBER 19TH!**

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STOP \$\$\$ EMS Levy \$\$\$\$\$\$ Vote No! \$\$\$ 

The passage of this levy would collect an estimated \$4,000,000 above current funding over the next 10 years. Are our current commissioners and administration capable of using this money wisely? The answer is **NO!**

History of poor money management

- Nov. 1992:** Voters approved \$3,800,000 general obligation bond for 4 stations.
Result: only 2 built.
- 1996:** The commissioners sold LGO bonds (non-public voted) for \$1,000,000 to finish the remaining 2 stations.
Result: only 1 more built.
- 1998:** The district passed a 6 year EMS levy at \$.25 per thousand for medical services.
Now in 2000, they're asking for \$.50 per thousand to replace that levy!
- 1999:** The commissioners voted to borrow \$155,000 (non-public voted) because the interest rate was cheap.

Last November, an informational newspaper was mailed to the public costing approximately \$3,000. The PDC fined 2 commissioners \$150, ruling it was a political advertisement **illegally funded** by the department. At the next commissioners' meeting, 2 commissioners voted to indemnify those commissioners' actions!

By KPFD16's own estimates, with this levy, their budget would jump from \$2,535,844 to approximately \$2,800,000 the first year. They estimate losing only \$40,000 to supplement insurance coverage for ambulance riders (**a program not guaranteed by this levy**). The \$269,000 surplus would fund **any and all** programs at the commissioners' discretion, including bloated administration, whether cost effective or not. 10 years is a very long time for voters to approve more **mismanagement of our tax dollars!**



VETERAN'S VOICES
By Eileen Young



VFW and Auxilliary Blue Ribbon prize winning float at Pioneer Day Parade. Riding on float are Henry Stock, May Hall, Debbie Simon and Al Simon.

September has arrived and what a glorious time we have had getting here. This heat loving writer sure enjoyed summer the way summer should be!

August, normally a slow month was anything but. Let us begin with August 5th, Pioneer Day. For the first time, VFW and Auxilliary entered a float in the parade. It was a last minute decision, therefore quite a rush, but thanks to those who did turn up for the construction, our efforts paid off with a first place BLUE RIBBON. There was good representation with the Color Guard displaying our flag in grand style, Sherlie Marietta as Grand Marshall, the folks who rode the float and our own Rhys Wood as Master of Ceremonies for the event. At the Civic Center, the Color Guard again performed the flag raising with style and the Key Singers raised their voices to enhance the occasion. All in all, quite a show.

August 14th saw approximately 65 people gather at Penrose Park for the VFW annual picnic. Chairman, Larry Bellona and Gerry Davis did an outstanding job with the steaks and chicken, while the ladies outdid themselves with many food dishes available to all. A special cake was cut in honor of Louie Aguilar who will be moving to Harbor View Manor in Tacoma, while a surprise visit from Bill and Lola Howe, who now live in California, required all present to do a great deal of "catching up". Commander Gary presented Steven and JR Simon, sons of Al and Debbie Simon, with certificates for their work in the Buddy Poppy program. As usual, a wonderful time was had by all with good food and good friends.

After that glowing report, I realize this will sound a bit on the mean side, but this writer wonders why so many folks do not turn up to their meetings every month. Your input is important to the workings of the VFW and it takes all of us working together to make this happen. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays at 7pm at the Civic Center.

August 19th saw Rhys Wood again as commentator for the logging show at Oldtimers' Day in Longbranch. After 4990 Color Guard did the honors of raising the flag to open the event, the Key Singers joined together with some lively songs and the festivities began. Thanks to all who stopped by the VFW table and added their contribution to our building fund by purchasing a "goodie".

The CARE CIRCLE this month includes Rhys Wood, Cy Young, Irene Wooldridge, Louie Aguilar and Bob Beal. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Every fourth Thursday of every month, Dea Bee Blum goes to Retsil Old Soldiers Home to help with their bingo and she needs cookies for the residents. If you can help with this by donating cookies or buying same, please call 884-9982. Your help would be appreciated.

Our Color Guard, who perform burial duties every 4th Thursday at the Tahoma Cemetery, received National honors and will receive patches reading "National Honor Guard detail". Congratulations!

Want to wear a cap with the VFW crest? Contact Gary at 884-2442. Cost—\$10. Wear it proudly.

That's about it for this month, so I will leave you with this to ponder: You can't have everything; WHERE would you put it?



**Key Peninsula Park & Recreation
District News**

by Nancy Lind

Volunteer Park

ADULT SOFTBALL is a goin' concern 'til the end of Sept. After 31 games out of a total of 80, as of Aug. 20, this is how they rank in wins.

1-2: Masters Batters, Tongue & Groove, tied; 3: KP Tigers; 4-5: Minter Vets & Bulldogs (Sit & Sip), tied; 6-7: GH Vet., Trinity Fire, tied; 8: Bulldogs II (Sit & Sip); 9-10: Wannta B's, KP Tavern, tied. Two teams did not turn in scores.

Mud softball tournament is the weekend of Sept. 9-10.

The VOLUNTEER PARK RESTAURANT is open during games and events. Call James at 884-9505. He makes good burgers and fries.

The SWAP MEETS at the Park in August were a big success. More may be planned later in the fall.

The CUB SCOUTS enjoyed the park for day camp the week of July 31 thru August 4.

The batting cage is gone from the tennis court and BASKETBALL NETS are going up on that side of the courts. Pat Medveckus is planning an adult basketball league for next summer.

The TENNIS NET is up and welcoming players. Sorry about the delay.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area

The Friends of Rocky Creek meet the first Wed. each month at the Key Center Fire Station at 2 pm.

The women from the Corrections Center cleaned up on Aug. 7 at RCCA in the morning and at Volunteer Park in the afternoon. This was the first time that RCCA was fairly clean after a month. We're very grateful for their help. Another load has been dumped since then. What a shame!

The county is starting a harvesting of timber this week [in this area], thinning and salvaging the area east of the stream and around the wetland. These were the conditions [under which] the agreement was made for the KPPRD to lease the property for ...\$1 a year. It's a good relationship and the county has been very fair. Anyone in the area should be aware of the presence of loggers for approximately a month.

October will be the second anniversary of the dedication of this park to our Key Peninsula. We will celebrate on "Make a Difference Day" with a gathering, lunch, work and camaraderie in the Trail Head site (Dedication Site) on the second or third Saturday of October. Watch for notices.

We still have motorbikes and horses going through the stream and turning the forest floor into powder that will go into the stream when the rains come. We are looking for salmon spawning this fall with the new access under the new bridge at Wight-Bliss. Look for a notice of the dedication of the bridge, November 18, when we hope the salmon are running.

TACOMA NEWCOMERS' CLUB

We feature monthly luncheons at local sites, socials, book discussions, bridge, other games, as well as outings and sightseeing out of town. COME! Meet new friends, learn about the area and enjoy good company. We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday each month.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2000; Social at 11 am, Lunch at 12 noon.
BALSANO'S Restaurant, 7011 - 27th Street West, University Place.
Call Barbara at (253)752-1009 for more information.

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Making An Impact In Domestic Violence Education

By Lori Warkocki

I.M.Pact, (Interdenominational Missions Pact) a local, non-profit, organization of benevolence, is making a significant impact in domestic violence awareness education. Though I.M.Pact has been involved in other community projects, such as the free community meal at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, it's greatest thrust currently is in the 1st step of a 5-step plan to aid victims of domestic violence—education.

Dorene Minter, chairman of I.M.Pact, states education is one of the most important phases of this plan.

"When you look at the current statistics, such as there is a 75% chance of fatality when a victim of domestic violence leaves, and that 53-74% of batterers also abuse their children, then it's crucial we get out there and educate anyone who will listen if we're to implement the rest of the plan." The breakdown of the five steps are 1. Educating the community; 2. To organize safe places; 3. To obtain a home to be used as a temporary safe house; 4. To build and staff a shelter on the Key Peninsula; 5. To build and staff a transitional housing facility where victims can also receive support, counseling and resources for jobs and education.

I.M.Pact gives domestic violence presentations to local civic groups, churches and businesses. The presentations are comprised of D.V. statistics, a history of its laws reflecting society's attitudes on the subject, the common cycles abusers and victims go through, a heart-wrenching video presentation of victim testimonies, and advice on what to say to victim and batterers. Recently they have begun implementing a role-playing activity as well. It takes the role-player through various situations and predicaments victims encounter. The presentations prove to be a valuable and powerful way of educating the public, while aiding them to empathize with the victims and understand their plight.

I.M.Pact has also networked with the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence by giving safehouse training. These training sessions are for people in the community who wish to open their homes to someone in need for immediate safety. In addition they have worked with the Domestic Violence 24-hour helpline, the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Family Violence Prevention Project and the YWCA.

I.M.Pact chairman, Dorene Minter, and Penny Gazabat, co-chair of the Gig Harbor/K.P. Family Violence Prevention Project, have taken their domestic violence education across the country giving presentations and workshops to a variety of organizations. Their workshops have taken them to Chicago, Philadelphia, and St. Paul. In November they will be in New York presenting a workshop for the Christian Community Development Association. Then in January they will be back in Chicago for a workshop being presented to a Midwinter Conference for pastors and church leaders. Minter and Gazabat have also co-written several articles on domestic violence that have been featured in the magazines *Hands On*, *Health & Development* and *In Spirit* as well as local newspapers and newsletters.

Donations for I.M.Pact can be sent to I.M.Pact Key Peninsula PO Box 58, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Moms' and Womens's Recovery Center

The Peninsula/Gig Harbor area now has affordable outpatient drug and alcohol treatment for women. Moms' & Women's Recovery Center is located at the Civic Center in the VFW Room. Some of the issues that MOMS/WRC addresses are women's specific alcohol/drug issues, affordable and accessible alcohol/drug treatment for low-income women, parent education supporting women's relationships with their children and families. Also, maternity case management, parenting class, domestic violence support, sexual assault survivors, twelve step study, mentally ill and chemically addicted support, relapse prevention, nicotine education, nutrition, vocational & health education.

MOMS/WRC has sites in Tacoma, Lakewood, Parkland, Puyallup and now Key Peninsula Civic Center. Childcare is offered at the Tacoma site. Treatment fees include medical coupons, DSHS sliding fee scale and some fees are waived. There are no fees for childcare or outreach services.

Please call (253)798-6655, TDD 798-6050 for further information.

Sandra Turner, BA, CDSIII, MHP and Counselor at Key Peninsula Civic Center site.

Tacoma Little Theatre Auditions

Tacoma Little Theatre is holding auditions for the family drama *Yes Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus*. The auditions are scheduled for September 3rd at 1PM and September 5th at 7PM. Rehearsals begin in late September and the show runs November 10th through December 9th. There are roles for 9 men and 5 women and 6 to 9 young people. For more audition information call 272-2281 ext 53.

Inspections Show Most Dairy Farmers Complying With Water Quality Laws

A dairy-manure management law signed by Governor Gary Locke in 1998 required the Department of Ecology to inspect the water quality compliance at all dairy farms before October, 2000. Before the new law, Ecology inspected farms primarily in response to complaints. By June, 2000, all 728 dairy farms in Washington had been inspected, and 73% were found to be in compliance. 27% required Ecology to take some type of compliance action.

One of the positive aspects of the inspections was that it provided an opportunity to educate some farmers about improvements they need to make to keep manure runoff from polluting lakes, streams and groundwater. All farms are now required to have an approved plan to manage dairy waste by July, 2002. By December 31, 2003, those plans must be implemented, as Ecology will continue follow-up inspections with most dairies to ensure continued compliance and to check on the need for improvements.

Whitman College Awards Academic Honors to PHS Grad

Jennifer Watt, a sophomore and a 1999 graduate of Peninsula High School, earned Academic Distinction for the 2000 spring semester. Students receive this recognition by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester, completing a minimum of 12 credits and passing all credits.

Whitman College is a private, independent, academically selective college of 1300 students. It has been cited by several evaluating publications as one of the nation's top liberal arts & sciences colleges.

Vaughn Resident Wins AAUW Scholarship

At its annual member picnic on Thursday, August 17, the Gig Harbor Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Minerva Scholarship Fund introduced the recipients of the AAUW/Minerva Scholarships for the year 2000. So we congratulate Yolanda Woltman of Vaughn who received the \$1,000 AAUW scholarship. Applicants must be adult women residents of the area who are returning to school after an absence of several years. Yolanda has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Whitworth College and is continuing her studies at City University, where she is enrolled in the Master of Education program with an emphasis in Education Technology.

Ex-UPI Reporter at Pierce College

Helen Thomas, with UPI for 57 years and a front-row regular at White House press conferences through eight presidents, will be speaking at Pierce College in Puyallup at 7PM on October 4th. Although leaving the White House press corps, she is not forsaking journalism, since she will be a columnist for the Hearst newspaper group, including the Seattle P-I.

Tickets may be purchased in room A120 at the campus, by calling 253-840-8416 or at any Ticketmaster location. The evening presentation will be followed by a book-signing and reception.

Grace Presbyterian Church

On September 3, the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church will be visiting various other small churches in the area, rather than holding their own regular worship service. In the evening, they will gather for a potluck dinner to share their worship experiences.

Pulpit Supply preachers for September include Pastor Henk Wapstra for Communion Sunday, September 10, and elder Larry Carlson.

Sunday School for children includes music, stories and crafts each week.

Worship and Sunday School begin at 10:30 am, meeting at Miracle Ranch on Horsehoe Lake. All are welcome. For more information call 857-7284.

Dog Show and Obedience Trials—Sept. 23 & 24 in Shelton

The Gig Harbor Kennel Club, Inc. presents its fourteenth and fifteenth annual American Kennel Club licensed All Breed Dogs Shows and Obedience Trials at the Mason County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. An entry of more than 1000 dogs is expected. Admission is free.

For additional information contact:
Eugene Bilden, Show Chairman, at
(253) 952-1230, or
Rick Byrd, Co-Chairman, at
(360)426-9323.

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Save the Date

Pierce County AIDS Walk 2000

Saturday, September 23

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Time To Be More Careful Around School Buses

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the most dangerous part of the school bus ride is when the bus is stopped for loading or unloading children. Most of the children killed in school bus accidents are 5 to 7 years old and are hit by motorists illegally passing the bus or by the bus itself.

Children expect vehicles to stop for them at a schoolbus designated stop, it is difficult for them to judge vehicle speed or distance, and many are too young to understand the danger of moving vehicles. They also get easily distracted and may start to cross the road without making sure it's safe to do so.

The rules for motorists are pretty much the same in all the states. If the red lights on the bus are flashing and the STOP arm is extended, vehicles traveling in either direction are required to stop until the flashing red lights are turned off and the STOP arm is returned to its normal position against the side of the bus. In Washington, buses flash their yellow lights as a signal to motorists that they are going to be flashing the red warning lights.

Parents need to stress safe procedures for both boarding and leaving the bus. One important procedure is that children should move in front of the bus far enough that they can easily see the driver's face, and be

seen by the driver, then wait for the driver to indicate to them that it is safe to cross the road. Children should continue to look in both directions even while crossing.

Children assume cars will stop; motorists assume children will exercise care before crossing. Both of these assumptions can lead to tragedy.



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Ann and Marty



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Key Peninsula Lutheran is having a Celebration to kick off our Sunday School Year.

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First Fridays Free: September 1, 2000.
Visitors can enjoy our new exhibits for free on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Sponsored by KeyBank.

W.O.W. Wee One's Wednesdays: Due to popular demand, our toddler program has been extended. Every Wednesday in September we've set aside an hour of fun for our littlest friends. From 10:00 - 11:00 AM toddlers and their parents can participate in age appropriate activities.

WOW Tunes:

September 6th & 20th: Share the joy of music with your child and join us for a rollicking good time!

WOW Takeover:

September 13th Apple Prints
September 27th Leaf Collage

Super Saturday Surprise: Come down to the Museum September 9th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and make a very special project for your grandparents. Every **Super Saturday Surprise** features a guest, activity, or workshop that explores the exhibits in new and exciting ways. **Super Saturdays Surprise** is **FREE** with admission. Call (253) 627-6031 for more details.

First Day of Autumn: All Day September 22nd come make a garden project to celebrate the season.

Tacoma Community College Classes at KP Civic Center

The following classes will be offered for the Fall, 2000, Session:

Investing Locally in NWStocks How can you invest profitably in local companies? Explore overlooked bargains, "financial Cinderellas" and undiscovered growth companies. A tour d'force of exciting opportunities. (Oct. 1, 1 session) Fee: \$29.

Beginning Tapestry How to wrap looms, basic tapestry techniques and design, yarn selection. Complete a tapestry of your own. All supplies included. (Oct. 7-28, 4 sessions) Fee: \$59.

Drawing for Kids Come and be introduced to basic lines and contour drawings, lighting and shadows, positioning of positive and negative spaces, as well as one point and two point perspectives. All supplies included. (Oct. 7-28, 4 sessions) Fee: \$59.

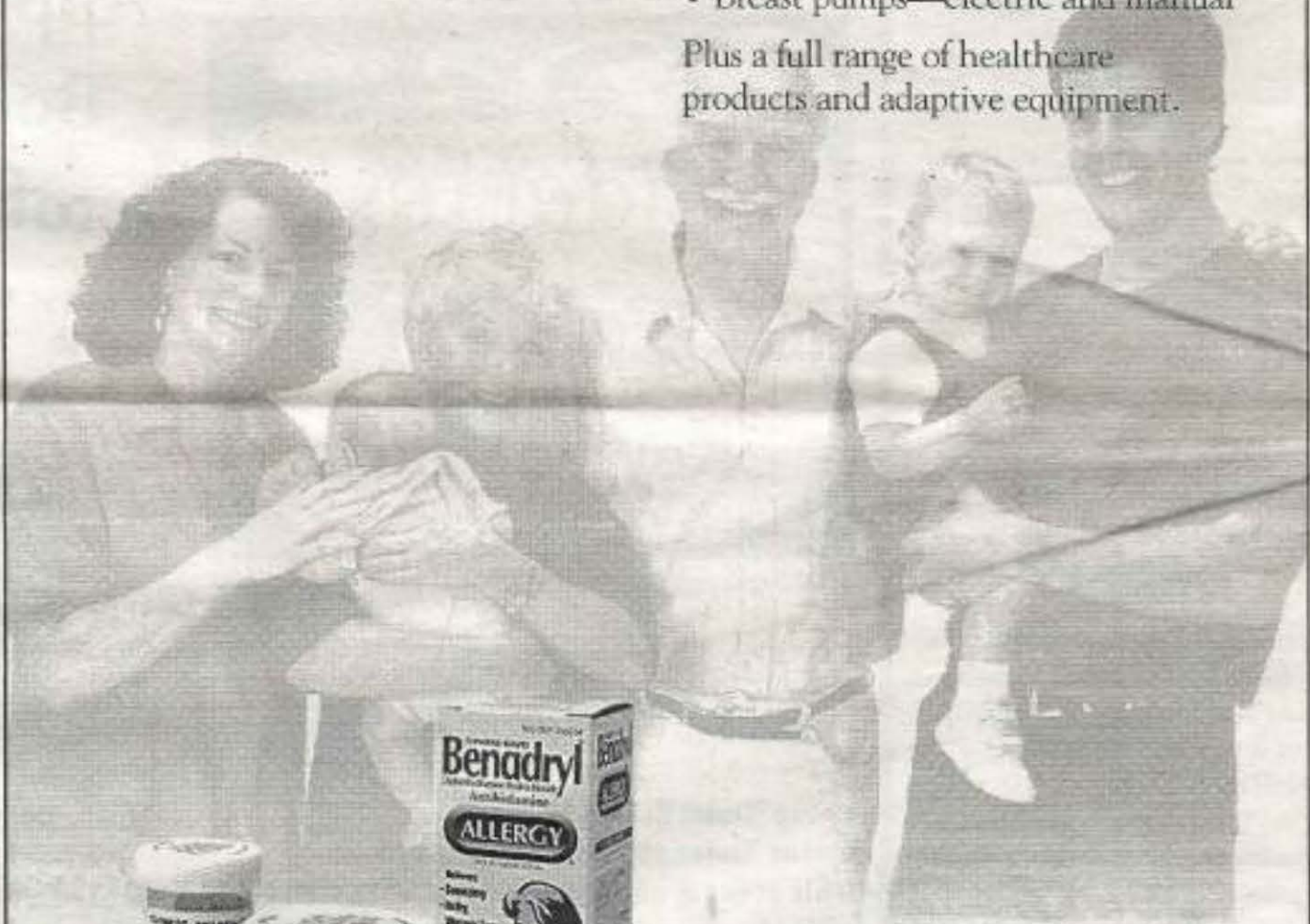
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