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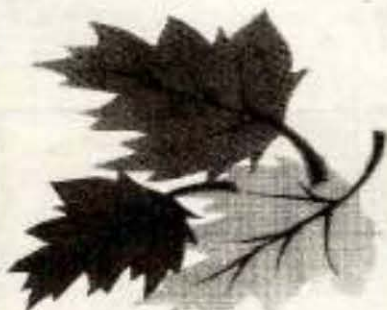
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OLD FASHIONED COMMUNITY FAIR A SUCCESS !!!!

Despite the deluge the days previous and the threat of rain with a few sprinkles, the first Annual KEY PENINSULA COMMUNITY FAIR opened on Thursday, August 23rd, complete with carnival, midway, food and enthusiastic youthful entertainment. The months of hard work by the four community organizations and their volunteers — their inspiration and cooperation, as well as the financial support of corporate sponsors, began to come together as a reality.

Then we had three days of glorious warm sunny weather with an occasional breeze or cloud to cool us off. It was perfect for wandering among the booths or the carney attractions in the upper field, to sit and enjoy some music or to explore the displays farther down.

There was a potpourri of offerings everywhere: a barbecue-hot dog stand, jewelry, hanging baskets and roses, artistic wood-burning plaques, African art and crafts, henna decorating, The Gateway, Windermere Realty, an Arthritis Foundation raffle, energy saving construction, reptiles for looking and handling, a good humor stand, teriyaki food, bottled water, dolls and videos, kettle corn and homemade pies, candied roasted nuts, Target, funnel cakes, wireless cell phones, decorated china vases, Mexican food, snow cones and other frozen goodies, espresso, elephant ears, children's books, Pierce County Health Department - on water pollution and trash problems, Communities in Schools, Key Bank, Christmas (!) candy houses, sunrooms and remodeling, Nepalese ethnic bags, a wine club, candy, Peninsula Light, sun glasses, Iditarod sponsoring, Puka shell necklaces and bracelets, satellite dishes, more jewelry, crocheting and crafts, Homestead Park, paintings, Australian hats, cosmetics, garden wares, stuffed bunnies, angel halos, beanie babies, a car raffle, jam and dips, stained glass mobiles, and hand crafted bird feeders.

Larger showings on the lower level included Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Historical Societies, 4-H displays, Fuchsia Society, two car clubs - The Classical Glass Corvette Club on Saturday and Gig Harbor Cruisers on Sunday, children's games, RV-boat - car displays, a petting zoo from The Farm starring a beautiful white calf with black ears and a black nose.

Entertainment on the stages was almost non-stop, with a wide variety of artists: Native American Music, Marty's reptiles, Chazz, Terra Tales, The Kite Man, Valentine's Performing Pigs, Jim Valley and the Rainbow Planet, Native American Dancers, Filucy Hootchie Kootchie Band, Peninsula Jammers, and Explosion. There was, of course, the Beer Garden with music by Wickline, Jeff and the RFs or Pat McCann and the Southlanders and others for dancing or listening. And a great barbecue dinner was offered both Saturday and Sunday nights.



Lots to choose from at the carney!

In conjunction with the Fair, there were several special activities in Key Center on Saturday morning. At 7:00 AM the firefighters were offering breakfast. Starting at 8:00 AM the Bloodmobile from Cascade Regional Blood Services was there to allow people to help save lives by becoming blood donors, and 24 individuals availed themselves of the opportunity, thereafter to be recognized as "Silent Heroes." At 9:00 AM there was a parade. There were 17 entries, some of them, such as the Little League, with numerous participants. One of the more unusual entries was a 1923 Wurlitzer organ. This was without a doubt the Biggest Little Parade ever in Key Center!

What a weekend !!! 9:00 AM to 10:PM — In some cases, 7:00 AM to 12:00 M. Some of us are quite exhausted. And some of the volunteers were still at work as of Monday. But that's what it takes; and that's why it worked. Lots of people, probably 300 volunteers, about 100 exhibitors and vendors, a professional carnival, corporate sponsors who provided about \$30,000 in cash and in-kind seed money. Overall attendance was about 7,000. Not bad for the boondocks of the Key Peninsula!

There is a good feeling in the air. One of the professional vendors said, "It's got a family feeling. Just like the old country fairs." That's what the Key Peninsula Fair Association — The Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation, The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, The Longbranch Improvement Club and The Key Peninsula Business Association had in mind. And according to Chairman Mike Salatino, the KPFA is looking forward to beginning plans soon for next year's **Second Annual Key Peninsula Fair**.

Bacterial Contamination Hits Filucy Bay

Just as we were about to go to press we were informed that additional limits were to be placed on commercial shellfish harvest in part of Filucy Bay (near Longbranch) due to bacterial contamination in the water. The State Department of Health announced its intent to downgrade the commercial shellfish area classification of seven acres on Filucy Bay from "conditionally approved" to "restricted", effective as of late August.

The classification downgrade to "restricted" means that commercially harvested shellfish from the "restricted" area will have to be transplanted to an "approved" shellfish area and held for a period of time before they can be harvested for direct sale. The "conditionally approved" section of Filucy Bay is **closed to shellfish harvest for a period of 5 days following a half inch or more of rainfall in a 24-hour period.**

This downgrade will result in the formation of a closure response group which will include representatives from Pierce County, the Pierce Conservation District, the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, the shellfish industry, and the state departments of Health and Ecology. The role of this group will be to develop and implement a closure response strategy to **find and correct** the source(s) of pollution that led to the downgrade.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Seems impossible, but it's time to make the transition from Summer to Fall. Around here, that means wrapping up the Summer Fun program by saying **THANK YOU!!** to all the great folks who helped make it a success. We want to thank the KP Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club for providing sites for our programs. We also thank Communities in Schools, the Pierce County Health Department, Windermere Realty of Key Center, Pierce County Parks and Recreation, and Pierce County Environmental Services for their kind contributions. Visitors who shared their talents and time include Dianne Everson and helpers, Marty Marcus, Carl Williamson, Terra Lea Allen, Dale Loy, Voski Sprague and Diana Gregy.

We save the largest thank you for the staff and volunteers who spent five weeks of their summer leading songs and games and activities with the children of our community. These people include: Tami Miller, Patricia Mauldin, Linda Youngchild, Becki Newhart, Megan Doty, Jillian Jepson, Eddie Czebator, and Heather Lee. It is very important to note that the Summer Fun program was kept alive this summer by the teens of this community, some of whom were staff, and others who volunteered many hours. We had one parent volunteer, Ada Breithaupt, and eight high school volunteers: Andria Gano, Marc Managhan, Megan Miller, Mackenzie Nugent, Alex Rennecamp, Richie Roncevich, Nick Schank, and Heather Wright. And we were assisted by four middle school students: Mariah Pope, Katie Wolfe, Brittney Wylie, and Nater Youngchild. You see, it really does take an entire village to raise our children. And the older children can be very helpful in raising the younger. Thanks to our great campers, too, for being so much fun.

And **ON WE GO: Indoor Park** will resume in the Civic Center gym on Tuesday, September 11th. This parent-toddler program will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It provides a great opportunity for warm, dry and level large motor play and parent-child interaction, as well as a chance to meet other parents and children in the community. **Toddler Art** and **Wee Play** will resume a little later in the Fall.

In related news, we are sorry to say goodbye to Shawna Stice-Hawley, who has been our staff person working with Birth to Five families and programs. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

The next **Love & Logic Parenting Class** is scheduled for two Saturdays, October 6th and 20th, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The registration deadline is September 28th. The class is free, with a workbook fee of \$7.00 due by September 28th. Free child care is available for up to 25 children. Please call 884-5433 for more information, or to register.

Teens can earn Community Service hours for school requirements through a couple of options here at Children's Home Society. Our **Little Buddies** mentoring program will resume in October, and the need for Big Buddies is always high. **J.U.M.P.!!** (Juveniles United through Music and Poetry) continues to seek additional teen committee members to help plan and carry out youth activities here on the Peninsula, such as coffeehouse nights, battles of the bands, improv nights, whatever the group decides. Call Edie at 884-5433 for more information about these possibilities. It's not only fun, it's great for scholarship notebooks and job references, too.

Donations of new school supplies and like-new clothing for children and teens are currently being welcomed here for our **free Clothing Bank**. Please do not leave things after hours, but give us a call if you have items to donate. **We continue in great need of clothing bank volunteers.** If there are any community organizations or individuals who would like to adopt our clothing bank as a worthy project, please give us a call. Your efforts would be hugely appreciated.

Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center is located in the lower level of the KP Civic Center. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our telephone number is **884-5433**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Key Peninsula Community Services

The Key Peninsula Community Services has successfully completed another Old Timers' Day. This is our annual local fund-raising event held at the Longbranch Improvement Club, featuring loggers from around Western Washington.

This loud, rough and tumble exhibition of the traditional skills of our logging heritage demonstrates the hard work and unique culture of the woods that opened up this region. As in past Old Timers' Day celebrations, many folks spent a fun and informative day eating hamburgers and popcorn, browsing the flea market and watching loggers do what they do best - cut up wood in various ways.

Old Timers' Day helps fund the Food Bank run by the Community House, as well as the other services offered by the KPCS. Nearly 400 people are helped by the Food Bank each month, and the numbers keep growing.

Thank you, Key Peninsula, for supporting the KPCS throughout the year. We appreciate our many volunteers and the citizens of the Peninsula who regularly support us by donations of cash or goods. If you are interested in learning more about the Key Peninsula Community Services, please call **884-4440**.



Candy Apple Delights at the Fair

Photo by Scott Turner

Old and New Delights at the K P Civic Center

By Lori Warkocki

It's hard to miss. The beautiful gray-and-blue-painted building on South Vaughn Road bearing the giant letters, Key Peninsula Civic Center is a refreshing delight to the community it serves. The recent face-lift on the historic old building now colors the neighborhood where it resides. The colors say "life" and "welcome". It joyfully beckons K P citizens to come and enjoy, for there are many years to come.

Enter and find your way to the Whitmore Room where you will walk upon a shining spectacle — the newly revamped flooring. Recently, the damaged floor-covering was mended with new flooring strips, then carefully washed and waxed to better-than-new status. Betty Kelley and Loyd Miller spent many hours cleaning and stripping with a machine that glided with a mind of its own. But the job got done. Betty then spent nearly two days spreading layers of shining wax. *Voila*, a beautiful new room!

Meander back outdoors to the west side of the museum and follow the heady fragrances wafting from the luscious fuchsia garden. Though the garden has been around a few years it's always a breathtaking surprise. The Fuchsia Society spends many hours a week lovingly and diligently tending this sensory delight.

Follow the gravel path slowly and drink in all that the senses will hold. The fuchsias are in full bloom with startling colors and scents. The garden is graced with numerous varieties of fuchsias accented with a variety of perennials. At one point the gravel path will end and you will find yourself on a soft barked path that leads to the little bridge that spans the rocky pseudo-creekbed and ends on a brick patio complete with a garden bench. Sit and feast on the sights, smells and sounds of the color-bursting garden. Bring a sketch pad and spend a quiet afternoon recreating this small Eden across from Vaughn Bay.

Another old delight awaits you every Thursday and Saturday. Come for an historic afternoon and learn the history of the Key Peninsula, its people from the past, and about the Civic Center itself, which once housed Vaughn High School. This tiny museum has enough historic exhibits to bring you back a second and even third time.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center belongs to all of us. Whether it's a wedding reception, skate party, community meeting, civic group activity or just an afternoon of browsing the museum and walking the garden, it awaits with old and new delights to serve you, the Key Peninsula community.

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Skate Nighters say "Save Our Civic Center"

On August 13, a group of eight very young people decided that they wanted to contribute to the "saving of the Civic Center" because that is where they go to roller skate. They hoped that the Civic Center could remain open for them to continue to participate in the popular "Skate Night". With the assistance of several adults, they baked cookies and set up a lemonade stand in front of the Vaughn Post Office. Adults entering were then solicited for money by these young entrepreneurs.

While we appreciate the efforts of these young people and commend them for their community spirit, we want the community to know that their actions were neither sponsored by nor endorsed by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board. The Board solicits only via direct letter or via the Key Peninsula News.

Many thanks to our benefactors - to those of you who donated the \$75.35 and to Robert, Charlotte, Marsha and Lauren Solmsen, Anna Beck, Paige Martin, Kathryn Bronstad and Katherine Welker for their community oriented enthusiasm. We would like to have them on the Board in a few years !!!

Obituaries

Roland L. Nease, 75, a resident of the Key Peninsula near Home, died August 4th. A native of Tennessee, he attended schools in Mississippi and Missouri and graduated from Missouri Southern College. He served aboard the submarine Blackfin in WWII. After the war he began a 43-year career in Industrial Security, starting at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and ending with his retirement as chief of security at the Port of Seattle in 1990. He was active in Citizens Against Crime on the Key Peninsula, supported training programs for firefighters, and served as a Commissioner for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

He is survived by Betty, his wife of 53 years, four children, George, Linda, Michael and Gary, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, August 9th, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Donations may be made to the KP Firefighters Association, 8911 KP Hiway N, Lakebay, WA 98349.

(Information provided by Hugh McMillan)

John (Jack) Thomsen of Vaughn passed away on August 11th in Gig Harbor. Jack was 88, and leaves Sue, his wife of 60 years, of the family home on Vaughn Bay. Jack was a Navy veteran of WWII, and joined the Federal Air Traffic Control Service after the end of the war, serving for many years at McChord Air Force Base.

During his training in the Navy Jack became interested in radio communications, which he carried on in his private life through Amateur Radio, with the Advanced Operator License call KF7P. He made many, many "on-air" friends throughout the world, and will join the amateur radio final group known as the "Silent Keys." Jack was also a member of the Parkland-Lakewood Masonic Lodge #299.

Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the Franciscan Hospice (Tacoma), or to the American Cancer Society, Tacoma. 73's es SK, Jack!

(By Keith Stiles)

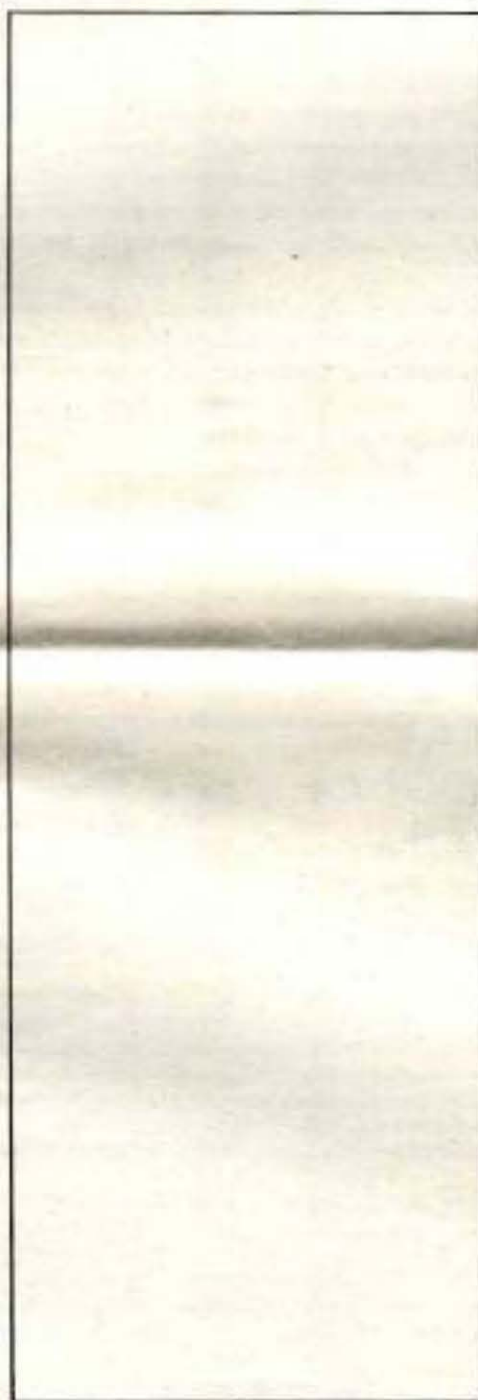
Volunteers Needed To Help Salmon Watch

The Key Peninsula-Gig Harbor-Islands Watershed Interim Council's Fish & Wildlife Committee is looking for people who can visit area streams and look for salmon. We would like to find out what type of salmon are using our streams and how many. All volunteers will be trained to spot salmon and salmon nests (redds). If you have a stream in your backyard, great! If not, we'll help you find one to watch. Call Barbara Ann Smolko at 253-798-6156 or e-mail her at bsmolko@co.pierce.wa.us if you'd like to volunteer.



DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK

A contest for teens



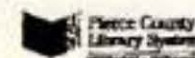
Help celebrate Teen Read Week at your library. Design a bookmark using the theme "Read for the Fun of It."

1. You must be in 7th-12th grade to enter.
2. You may enter only once.
3. Make your design using black pen or marker.
4. Bring your design to your local branch by 9:00 p.m., September 25th.

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Winners will be selected in two categories: grades 7th-9th, and grades 10th-12th. Winning entries will be distributed at the library.



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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

As elections creep up on us again, some of us are thinking more about the process than about the candidates. We're probably pretty lucky here in Washington, even though there's bickering about when or whether to have a primary, or whether we have to declare a preference for a particular political party. And the recent case of Party A helping to get a candidate from Party C on the ballot to split the vote of Party B is kind of a funny way to attempt to influence the outcome of the election.

To be sure, in some parts of our state, such as here in Pierce County, making people vote by mail has stirred up no end of arguments. But compared to what goes on in some other states, we're in fairly good shape from a democratic (small "d") point of view.

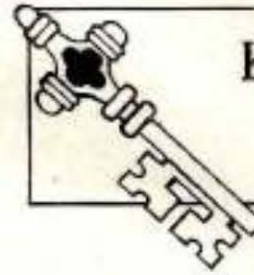
Actually, our U.S. Constitution, adopted in 1787, made it quite clear that not everyone was entitled to vote. One had to be not only 21 years of age, but a white male. The word "white" was not dropped until the ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868, 81 years later. The two Senators from each state were not elected by a vote of the people, but by the legislature of each state. The election of U.S. Senators by popular vote didn't happen until after the 17th Amendment was ratified in 1913. And half the population, women, didn't get the right to vote until the 19th Amendment was ratified August 26th, 1920.

Even though the Constitution provided for the election of members of the House by the voters of each state, the states were allowed to set the qualifications for the right to vote, and many of the states required a voter to be a property owner, and in some states, to also pay a poll tax. Poll taxes were prohibited finally by the 24th Amendment, ratified in 1964.

In spite of all the Constitutional Amendments to give more people the right to vote, in the major election of the year 2000, millions of people in this country were denied the opportunity to cast their ballots. Washington was not one of the states where many voters, mostly minorities or low-income, were prevented from voting by such tactics as being stopped by the state patrol, asked why they were there, and required to show an ID card as well as their voter registration card. We were also not one of the states where thousands of names were removed from the voter registration list by a private company which tried to match voter names against a list of those convicted of a felony. About 8000

Florida residents were dropped this way, without having been notified, although their convictions were for misdemeanors in Texas, not for felonies.

I doubt that in any of our precincts, voters were asked to interpret a section of the Constitution to prove they had adequate language skills to vote. It's good that these violations of voters' rights didn't happen here, but it's sad that they happened anywhere to keep citizens from exercising their patriotic duty to vote. Will Congress fix our election process so these basic rights of our citizens will no longer be violated in any state? Don't hold your breath.



KEY DATES 2001

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| KP Business Assoc. | 1 st Friday - 7:30 AM | Home Port Rest. |
| | 3 rd Friday - Noon | Horseshoe Lake Rest. |
| Fire Fighters Assoc. | 4 th Wednesday - 7:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS | | |
| Ashes | 1 st Thursday at 10:30 AM | Key Center Fire Station |
| Boy Scout Troop #220 | Tuesday-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | - KPCC Whitmore Rm. |
| Cootiettes | 3 rd Thursday at 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCCA Exec. Comm. | 1 st Monday - 7:00 PM | Civic Center |
| KPCCA Board | 2 nd Thursday - 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCS Board | 2 nd Monday - 10:00 AM | Comm. House - Home |
| KPHC Board | 4 th Thursday - 7:30 PM | Health Center |
| KP Lions Club | 1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 6:30 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| VFW & Auxillary | 2 nd & 4 th Mon.-7:00 PM | CC/VFW Room/WM Rm. |
| CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS | | |
| COMMUNITY SERVICES | | |
| Adult Literacy Classes | Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor | |
| Angel Guild | 4 th 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 and Fridays at Noon | |
| Community House - Home | Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440. | |
| 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 11 AM - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday, 11 AM - 6 PM, Saturday, 11 AM - 5 PM. | |
| KP Baptist Bible Study | Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | KP Civic Center |
| Overeaters Anonymous | Wednesday - 7:30 PM | St. Nicholas Church |
| 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 | 2 nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| | 2 nd Monday after 2 nd Wednesday at 4:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| KP Parks & Rec. | 2 nd Monday - 7:00 PM | Volunteer Park Annex |
| SELF-HELP GROUPS | | |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | - Wed. at 7:00 PM and Fri. at 8:00 PM | |
| At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home. | | |
| Peninsula ALANON | - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM. Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information. | |
| T.O.P.S. | Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center | |
| T.O.P.S. | Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Fire Station, Home, WA | |
| SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS | | |
| Bayshore Garden Club | 3 rd Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487. Longbranch Improvement | |
| KP Historical Society | 1 st Thursday - 7:30 PM | KP Historical Museum |
| Museum Open Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. | | |
| LB Improvement Club | 3 rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM | Longbranch Improvement |
| Peninsula Neighbors | 2 nd Tuesday - 10:00 AM | Longbranch Fire Station #4 |
| Lakebay Fuchsia Society | 1 st Thursday - 7:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Ruth Circle Meeting | 3 rd Monday - 10:00 AM | Bible Study, lunch and Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church. |
| Senior Society Luncheon | Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room | |
| Vaughn Bay Garden Club | Call 884-5403 for more information. | |
| Key Singers | Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Longbranch Comm. Church |
| | Contact Jo Sturm - 884-1350 | |

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

A couple of Father's Days ago, my two sons took me to Lakeland Village for a round of golf. While they don't have the passion for the game that I do, they nevertheless enjoy a round every now and then, and besides, I'm sure they felt that getting the old man to a golf course might loosen me up for a couple of \$20's before they went back to college.

The round began on Generation III, the newest side to the course and a very enjoyable 9 holes it is. When we finished that side, I was somewhere in the 40's and the boys were in the 50's, so life had already assumed its usual pattern.

When we got to the eleventh hole on the backside, some two holes into Generation II, things sort of went downhill in a hurry. Generation II has its fairways lined with lovely homes and, sometimes, those homes and golf balls don't mix, especially when one of the players is a high-handicapper with absolutely no control over his tee shots.

I was the first to hit off #11 and I proceeded to launch a screaming, snarling, snapping, duck hook some 150 yards out from the tee box. This shot of mine is as predictable as rain. Everyone from John the Baptist to Lee Trevino knows that somewhere during my round this thing is going to jump out of my bag and usually cost me at least a snowman (that's an 8 to you non-golfers), and there is nothing good about snowmen. What is not known, by anyone, including the aforementioned John and Lee, is exactly when this low-flying obscenity will rear its ugly head.

The azimuth of my Titleist, Tour Distance, 90 compression golf ball ascended a nice row of arbor vitae and then in a downward arc it disappeared from view, its last true bearing being noted somewhere around 290 degrees and closing fast on some poor guy's patio. As the ball shot out of sight, I stood frozen on the tee box with my 9.5 degree lofted Callaway knock-off Titanium driver still in my hands with everything but smoke coming out of its barrel.

Back when I was in the submarine service, the sonar guys would note a direct hit upon an enemy ship by detecting "breaking up noises." That usually meant the sounds of boilers exploding, decking collapsing and shipboard munitions detonating. Those same sounds now echoed over the quiet of hole #11 as my golf ball slammed into the glass-topped picnic table of a retired LA police sergeant just as he and his family were sitting down to his Father's Day Dinner.

Now cops and lawyers have an uneasy truce at best. When a lawyer blasts a Titleist into the cop's potato salad, there is no truce — in fact there could be a war. The good news for me is that Sarge was a good guy and very understanding and I apologized and very

politely gave him the name of my insurance agent so he could file a claim under my homeowner's policy. He told me that if I would pay him right away for the cost of replacing the table top that he would take that check and not file the claim. In a couple of days he gave me the estimate and I wrote the check. We parted company as friends. All's well that ends well.

Now my boys have had a lot of fun with me over the years regarding this incident. As the sons of an attorney they obviously wanted to know the law that applied. I told them what my old law school dean told a bunch of us hackers back in law school, "Liability follows the ball." In other words, you hit it, you break it, you pay for it.

A few weeks ago I was back at #11 and I hit a very nice drive, right in the middle of the fairway. As I was walking toward my ball, I heard a voice yell, "Is that you, Mike?" I turned and there was Sarge waving at me with a big grin on his face, eating a sandwich.

I yelled "Hello" and waved back and then suddenly found myself wondering if I could hit his pastrami and rye from where I was standing with my 7-iron.

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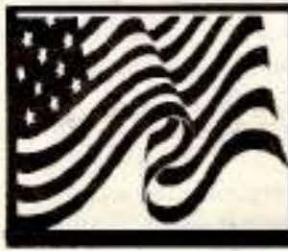
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Veterans' Voices

By Eileen Young

Here we are again, looking autumn in the eye, but summer this year was a beautiful memory for those of us who love the sunshine.

Our VFW has been very busy. The annual picnic was, as usual, a success. Good food, good friends and plenty of both. Rhys Wood was given a beautiful tribute from the Simon boys in their good natured competition during the annual Poppy drive. Certificates of appreciation were presented and special recognition from chairman Buzz Simon which made the picnic even more enjoyable for all.

The flag was raised by Commander Cy and President Roxy with respect and dignity while the Key Singers added their voices to open Old Timers' Day at Longbranch on August 18th. The "garage sale", put on with the hard work of chairperson Debbie Simon, who collects, sorts and stores the contributions, was declared a success. Thanks to the community for stopping by, to the folks who donated the goods and to the folks who manned the sales as well as the VFW trailer. We could not have done it without you. All in all, another great day.

September will see the Voice of Democracy, sponsored by Post 4990, put into the high schools and the Junior Essay program, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, introduced into the grade schools. Both of these programs are well worth the time and effort to enter, with the VOD program offering the winning high school student a chance at a large scholarship and a trip to Washington, DC. This program is open to students in grades 10, 11, 12 and home school students. For information call Larry Bellona at 884-9428. For information on the Essay programs, also open to home schoolers, call 884-4407.

The CARE CIRCLE for this month: in need of prayers and good thoughts are the Bob Beal family, the David Till family and the Bill Sorsdahl family. We are happy to report Debbie Simon is "hobbling" around quite well after foot surgery. Louie Aguilar is having surgery on August 30th and we wish him love and luck. Keep in touch Jeanne; we care. To all the friends who sent cards, made calls and helped me cope with the sudden passing of my beloved only sister - my family and I thank you.

To Marj Adams, new auxiliary member, welcome!

Plans for the "bike rodeo" and the blood drive are still alive and a report will be forthcoming. Another 55 Alive Driving refresher course is also in the works. We will announce time, dates and places as soon as plans are finalized.

That brings things up to date for now, so in closing, think about this: THERE ARE NO DEGREES OF HONESTY.

HEAR AND THEIR ON OUR KEY PENINSULA

by Keith Stiles

Busy days on our Key Peninsula as our Summer (What Summer?) faded into Fall and "Back to School or Back to Whatever?"

The Pierce County Health Department folks made some headway on their review of pollution sources on Vaughn Bay, with Ray Hannowell of the Department reporting that septic system testing was completed on 41 properties around the Bay and no problems found so far. Those were the properties of the folks who agreed to the dye-testing at the start of the program, and letters will now go out to the remaining 60 or so property owners, again requesting their cooperation with the County. Ray said that a second round of testing will follow for those responding to these second letters; those still not responding to the testing program will get a third and fourth letter. No response by the fourth letter will probably result in the issuance of an "Administrative Search Warrant" to bring the property into the dye-test program. Property owners with failing systems will be required to bring their septic arrangements up to code (within different circumstances) according to Hannowell. The entire program is expected to be completed by Spring, 2002.

Commissioner and Chairperson Ruth Bramwell led Fire District 16 Commissioners Fred Ramsdell and James Bosch through a relatively quiet regular meeting on August 20, with much of the discussion having to do with the procurement and scheduling of new ambulance equipment for the Department. Our ambulances are getting many, many road miles very rapidly with frequent runs into Tacoma, a 60 mile roundtrip. Far too many deaths and injuries on S/R 302 and the Key Peninsula Highway recently, one death being that of colorful local motorcyclist Kenneth J. Kreig, known as "Ootie" frequently seen around town on his three-wheel bike. Another person was killed on August 18 about one mile south of Key Center with three persons injured in that same accident flown to Harbor View Hospital in Seattle for treatment and four other injured transported to Tacoma facilities. Fire fighters of District 16 [also] responded to a house fire on Herron Island on the afternoon of August 20 with two engines and a tender travelling over on the Herron Island ferry to join volunteers at Station 6 (Herron Island).

Annual events in the waning portion of our summer included the Longbranch Church Salmon Bake on July 28 where 412 persons enjoyed good things cooked by Oliver Coldeen, now chef at The Inn at Gig Harbor. John Peterson was in charge of the whole affair which Marlies Van Cise pronounced to be "a Total Success". Entertainment there by The Key Singers. Raffle winners included Dorothy Davis, Tony Lopez and Lulu Smith of "The Home Port" restaurant.

The good folks at Community House put on a successful "Old Timers' Day" on August 18th at the Longbranch Improvement Club with the Logging Show, et. al. Lucky folks winning in the raffle there were Sherill Holdaas, Pat Moore and Tricia DeLuna.

Short shorts: Friends of the Key Center Library President Dick Bates says that the fund drive for the new statuary for the library garden has come along amazingly well; look for that new piece of art to get into place next Spring...Lake Minterwood folks struggling with Pierce County officialdom to get leaks in their dam plugged up before their water all runs out...JoAnn Clark, Postmaster at Vaughn, tells us to expect a formal opening celebration at the P.O.'s new home in Key Center "one month after we get the place open"...Tim Kezele and KP Historical Society helps put on a great picnic/historical visit on Frenchman's Point last month. Many, many stories of that piece of waterfront, including one about an old time property owner with a big bell on his front gate that warned him to put on some clothes because he had visitors bearing down on him...Sad to say "Good-bye" last month to two fine local men, both veterans of World War II, Roland Nease and Jack Thomson. Truly a "Generation Passing By", marching to a well-deserved rest after highly honorable and contributing lives.

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STRONG WOMEN, STRONG VOICES: PERFORMANCE POETRY by Leah Mueller, Carajane Houlberg and Zoreh Goddard, Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM.

Leah Mueller is a tarot reader, a mother and a poet (though not necessarily in that order). She is one of the founders of the informal, now legendary spoken word group, Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, which currently performs on Monday nights at The Offbeat in Tacoma. Leah's work melds metaphysical imagery with slam style poetry in a unique and often hilarious manner.

Carajane Houlberg is 19 years young and lives in Tacoma, but grew up in Haines, Alaska. She writes, "I met my muse after chaos and silence birthed beauty." She traveled the coast Kerouac-style after leaving home at 17 and "ended up near water with a pen, a voice and eyes to see."

Zoreh Goddard is from a world of vying dualities — from the Montana Prairie to the Iranian Mountains. She began writing poetry at the age of seven as a means for understanding her bad dreams. She resides in Bremerton where she owns and runs a store called Perfect World, "where the old world meets new age."

****Open mike if folks from the audience want to read their poetry.****

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FAMILY STORY TIMES for all ages will be held on **Wednesdays at 2:00 PM**, September 26 through October 14. Registration begins September 1.

CLOSURES: The Pierce County Library and all of its branches will be closed on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day and on Friday, September 21 for an in service staff day.



Be A Winning Loser at T.O.P.S.



Lois Crandell

by Mary Nelson

This month T.O.P.S. #WA 1325, of Lakebay celebrated with **Lois Crandell** as she reached her third year as a K.O.P.S. (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly). Lois symbolizes what TOPS is all about and that is keeping the weight off once we have achieved our goal.

She received a KOPS three-year pin, three lovely yellow roses and a specially designed card signed by all. She also received the loving appreciation of her fellow group members for the fine example she has set for us. This was emphasized by four members who made a commitment to reach their goal weights by next year.

THANK YOU LOIS !! Keep up the good work.

Two other successful members to watch are **Lena Bradford** who was our best loser this month and **Tania Allen** who captured second place. We are proud of your hard work. Good going, Gals.

Congratulations to **Colleen Spezia** of TOPS #WA 1019, Vaughn (our local evening group) for her 208 pound weight loss. After winning Washington honors in early July, she went on to capture the crown as International Queen in Seattle a few weeks ago.

No doubt you are wondering how you can be a "winning loser" like these special people. To become part of this beneficial program, just drop by for a visit. You will see that we are a friendly group of dedicated people, working together to make eating sensibly a way of life. Talks, skits and guest speakers are helpful and fun with private weigh-ins and contests to help keep us motivated.

You can find us every **Tuesday morning** from 9:00 to 10:30 or 11:00 at the **Home Fire Station** Whether you have a little or a lot to lose, ages 9 to 90+, everyone is welcome. Call **Ruth 884-9606** or **Dottie 884-1721** for further information. Or just stop by !!!

Sneak A Peek on Sept. 7th

Be among the first to "peek" behind the scenes at a museum designed for you and the 21st century at 6:00 PM on September 7th at the **Museum of Glass**, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma. To be included, RSVP to **396-1768**, or check out www.museumofglass.org for event details.

T.O.P.S. NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

Looking at the date, it is hard to believe that it is actually fall. Back to school and Christmas are right around the corner. Many of you, including me, dread the holidays because we are overweight and we will be seeing the relatives. Oh Drat! I meant to lose weight this year, but once again I will be the biggest one at all the festivities. My fancy clothes don't fit and I really don't want to go. Does this picture fit you? If so, maybe this is the time to come to TOPS. Our chapter has had many great successes with the support of a self help group. We don't offer any magic pill or bullet, only common sense support at a low cost, so anyone can take advantage of the benefits that TOPS offers. Our incentives also help. The past six weeks have brought us 8 new members. Two of them are men as part of a couples team. Some are return members, who we are always so happy to have come back. Manny Almeda, one of our new members, has dominated in the best loser category. Men will do this as they can lose weight faster than women — that is a documented fact.

Our big news this month is that we had a **BLACK** weigh in. This means that no one had a gain for the week. A gain is marked with a red pen. Black pen means a loss or staying the same. We had a loss of a total of 33 pounds that week.

Our best of the TOPS were Dei Horowitz. She lost 12 pounds. Phyllis was runner-up, with a 3 pound loss.

We have given our support to the Community Fair by planning to pick up the trash.

*Some folks faint
When asked to paint
A picture on a wall.*

*Some folks curse
If asked to rehearse
A smile for a curtain call.*

*You're always a whiz
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Happy Birthday!

TAX TIPS
By **Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP**

The IRS warns small businesses about failing to withhold tax from wages. An increasingly popular scam is based on convincing small businesses that employees are exempt from withholding on their wages by citing various technical sounding arguments. Warning - the IRS has just issued a special notice that there are no legal grounds for not withholding employment taxes. Businesses that fail to do so may face steep penalties. Those that have already failed to do so should pay overdue taxes promptly and file corrected returns.

We are still excited about some money solving information that helps save on taxes and can contribute to better use of your money in order to give you more benefits on your income. Feel free to contact us for more information at **884-3566**.

'98 PHS Grad To Army

Sean Hawkins has enlisted in the U S Army Reserve as an Administrative Specialist and recently left for basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. After his basic and Advanced Individual Training, he will be a member of the 2122nd Garrison Support Unit at Fort Lewis. Sean, the son of Jerry and Donna Hawkins, is a 1998 graduate of Peninsula High School.

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To Your Health

by
William F. Roes, M.D.

August marked a bit of an anniversary for me, but I was too busy to think about it. It's been twenty years since I started practicing on the Key Peninsula, and it seems like an appropriate time to stop and look at how things are going and have gone. A lot of things have changed and some remain the same, but it's still a challenge and a lot of fun.

When I started with the Key Peninsula Health Center, my youngest daughter had not been born, and now she's off to her sophomore year in college. AIDS was an obscure disease you read about in the medical journals, and most of the drugs I now prescribe hadn't been invented. Gall bladder surgery required a 4-day hospitalization and left a huge scar, and my hair was black. I was a new physician and made my share of new physician mistakes; I just can't use that excuse anymore.

When I came to the Key Peninsula, it was considered a Health Manpower Shortage Area, and I was its only practicing physician. It still is and I still am. When I came it was to join Nurse Practitioner Dean Shriner and Medical Assistant Sue Wold, and I still get to work with them (although neither one has achieved the amount of gray hair I have). We enjoyed working with the various volunteer groups, the Key Peninsula Health Center and Fire District 16, and none of that has changed either. We have moved a couple of times, but we've been in our "new" building for 8 years, and Karen at the Health Center tells me that the number of patients coming to the KPHC looking for me has been dropping off. I've stopped delivering babies, I've stopped doing much surgery, but I still make it to the hospitals most days, and I still tell my colleagues how hard I'm working as the "Boon Doc".

All in all, it's been a lot of fun, and I look forward to the future in our "new building". I don't know if I'm going to make another 20 years, but I'll make a dent in it. I would like to thank the community and my patients for their loyal support, and my wonderful staff that makes coming to work a joy (most days).

ANGEL NOTES

by Frankie Johnson

All the BIG stores are having Back to School sales. In fact, Walmart had back to school in June before the summer vacation started. It was suggested that the Angel Guild have a special area for school stuff, but we have such good bargains all year long, that it was not a factor. We had a mother come in recently to shop for her kids to go back to school. It was a lot of fun to ring up a huge pile of nice clothes, many name brands, for \$25. As you know, one pair of jeans can be that amount. Our kids' shirts go for 50 cents and jeans are \$1.00. Adult jeans sell at \$3.00. There are always bargains at the Angel Guild thrift store.

An ongoing problem is that a number of our residents use us as a dump. This is so exasperating to our volunteers. We spend many hours sorting the donations to make sure only the best is offered in our shop. This is a direct connection as to how much money can go back to our area to help our own community. It is really a shame that we have to spend so much on hauling trash away. We do recycle plastic and paper goods. The other big problem is those who think they can shop from our donation porch. This is incredible! However, we have used a video camera and actually taped people removing bags and boxes from our porch! This is a theft. We are filming license plates as well as the persons [present] and issuing warnings that a repeat will force us to call the sheriff and present the proof. As part of this ongoing dilemma, we have installed a gate on the porch. Big thank you to Dick Johnson for his time and talent in helping us find it and put it in place. Dick has also repaired our magazine/book bin for the freebies outside our door.

The New Fair asked for help in several ways. First of all they needed money for the teen night. Then we got a request for toys that the Baptist Church from the Civic Center needed to have prizes. Jeanne Seick took small plastic toys home to wash in her dishwasher and the stuffed cuddly toys went into her dryer with the new clean drying method. They came out in pristine condition. Thank you, Jeanne.

Carol Sudder and Elsie Vezzani organized and directed the Angels with their halos intact for the annual fall parade.

We welcome two new members this month. Beverly Jacobs and Janyce Milasich have been learning the ropes in sorting and clerking.

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Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

From The Elder Citizen's Viewpoint: Omigosh! While we weren't paying close attention, the summer went. The grandkids visited, the rains stopped [and came again], the family reunions were attended, picnics happened, some friends passed away, KP Community Fair was held, trips were taken, flowers bloomed, lawns dried up, Mariners baseball was watched - avidly, and life went rushing by as it has these past three-score-and-ten years. Yes, doggone it - summer is almost over and we're left with a few more memories to add to our cherished list of recollections. Now - get ready for FALL !!!

Norman Storset is still talking about his summer trip back to Norway - enthusiastically. So much that he has already booked himself for another such jaunt for next year. (No one recognized the lady who visited our Thursday pot-luck back in June until someone guessed it was Norman - complete with wig, hat, skirt and all. We have a picture in our Senior album to prove it.)

Chuck Williamson has volunteered to head up the Senior group for the craft & hobby sale to be held in November at the Civic Center. We've already reserved a table for KPSS and Chuck will take over from there. Seniors - get busy on your crafts and hobby items!

The Two Jims - Blundell and Nolan are charged with selling tickets for our lottery on TWO beautiful crocheted table cloths made by Pres. Virginia Adkisson. The chances are a dollar each or 6 for \$5. See either Jim, or tell Virginia you want a table cloth.

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KP Seniors Picnic recently was successful, well attended and enjoyed. Fried chicken and all the other picnic foods were consumed and we had fun. You could have been there - any senior is invited to our potlucks. Every Thursday noon at the Civic Center in Vaughn. No charge, just bring yourself and your smile. We'd like to get to know you. Phone 851-4847 if you want to know more or need a ride.

One Sunday morning the DEVIL appeared at the local church, in front of the aisle, frightening the congregation with his smoking breath, fiery eyes and forked tail, not to mention his red clothing.

The townsfolk screamed as they jumped from the pews and rushed outside as fast as they could. That is, except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew. Satan, a bit confused, walked up to the man and asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me, like all you friends?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

That's it from KP Seniors until next month - Join us September 20th for our 22nd Anniversary Potluck LuncheonPlease!

McNeil Island & Its Wildlife

Public Program - Wednesday, September 19th, 7:00 PM,
Longbranch Improvement Club.

Speaker - Richard Kessler, Wildlife Manager, McNeil Island

The September meeting of the Longbranch Improvement Club will feature the first in a series of programs on Longbranch and the Key Peninsula as part of the South Sound Environment and will focus on McNeil Island's natural environment. Richard Kessler, Wildlife Manager of McNeil Island will speak on "McNeil Island and Its Flora and Fauna". The public is invited to attend and to join in asking Mr. Kessler questions regarding McNeil and other state wildlife areas in the South Sound.

McNeil Island is widely known in the news as the site of the the Washington State McNeil Island Correctional Center, but the Correctional Center, originally a Federal Penitentiary, only covers a small portion of this beautiful island. The island was originally homesteaded by white settlers in the nineteenth century and Still Harbor, on the north shore, is still one of the most important seal breeding grounds in Puget Sound.

Mr. Kessler, of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, is the Wildlife Area Manager for all state owned lands in Pierce and Thurston Counties. He manages about 12,000 acres on Gertrude and Pitt Islands, the South Puget Sound Urban Wildlife Area in Lakewood, the Nisqually Reach, the Skookumchuck Wildlife Area and the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area. Among the wild species he works with regularly are Bald Eagles, Harbor Seals, Black-tail Deer, Purple Martins, Western Bluebirds, endangered Western Pond Turtles, endangered butterflies and Great Blue Herons. He has also been involved in restoring native prairie habitats in the South Sound area.

Following the program there will be a brief ceremony to honor some special members and cake and coffee for everyone.

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Yes, We Still Have A Drought

Although we have just experienced a significant rainfall, and a lot of brown lawns may turn green again, most of the major problems caused by the drought are still with us. The recent rains really won't do much for most streams because at this time of the year most of our streams are fed by groundwater. Low flows in major streams have had and continue to have disastrous effects on fish, for example.

While water level fluctuations caused by dam operations were much less than in previous years, their effect upon fish is magnified when the overall level of water in streams is low. For the past two years a 17 mile stretch of the Columbia below Priest Rapids Dam has been monitored for salmon fry mortality. This spring at least 1.6 million wild chinook salmon fry died in that area after being stranded in the gravel, a number about 16 times greater than in the previous two years. How this will affect the number of returning adults in a few years remains to be seen. This particular section of the Columbia is part of the Hanford Reach, which normally supports the largest wild fall chinook population in the main stem of the river and is a primary contributor to sport, commercial and tribal fisheries.

Droughts sometimes go on for several years, so if you've been conserving water, keep on doing so. If you haven't started yet, start now. Don't let a few rain showers lull you into a false sense of security is the word from the experts.

K P Historical Society Members Live a Bit of Their History

By Hugh McMillan

63 members and guests of the K P Historical Society enjoyed a Saturday afternoon at the home of Robert and Sally Snyder on the edge of Mayo Cove overlooking Von Geldern Cove near Home. The home, built in 1905 by Henri Cuisinier, was the inspiration for an afternoon filled with many stories of the four French families who occupied its approximately 85 acres. Tim Kezele, president of the Historical Society, said, "This wonderful property is one of few still left in the original style." It is beautifully preserved.

Special guests included 94 year old Ernest Falk of Yakima who was born in Home. He explained that he was born Falkoff, but his dad decided to Americanize the name. At age 13, Falk entered the University of Washington and was graduated with honors. He became an attorney and has practiced law in this state for most of his life. Falk had a teacher named Sylvia Allen who became the mother of Sylvia Retherford who still lives in Home with her husband Ken and writes the Gardening column for the *Key Peninsula News*.

Other special guests at the afternoon event were Charles LeWarne, author of *Utopias on Puget Sound*, and George Snyder, who purchased the property in 1948 and his worked to keep the home in authentic shape.





Members and guests of the KP Historical Society at the "Frencheman's Point" home of Rob and Sally Snyder.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

Golf Ball Report

Our thanks to Dave Wiltfong who confessed to shooting golfballs into Joe's Bay. But there are more of you out there. Because we live around the point on the northern side—and there is no way that the ocean currents can move those balls that far. So, 'fess up. Who are you?

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They're Our Kids

By Dr. Federico Cruz-Urbe,
Director, Tacoma-Pierce County
Health Department

I spent the day in juvenile court, just to observe the process. I watched a seemingly endless parade of kids going through their required appearance before a judge. One image, however, continues to haunt me: Standing in front of the magistrate was a skinny little boy. There was nothing menacing or dangerous in his appearance. He did need a haircut, and his clothes, which were clean, didn't fit well. In his back pocket, I could see the outline of a chewing tobacco can. So soft of voice, he had to be asked to speak up three times by the judge. He finally answered loudly enough to be heard by all that he had been suspended from school three times and on the fourth violation, he was expelled.

"Why aren't you going to school?" asked the judge. Boy: "Well, I want to go to school but they say I can't bring tobacco. . . and I chew." Judge: "You mean you were suspended each time because you brought tobacco to school?" Boy: "Yes, sir." Judge: "Why do you bring it, if it is against the rules?" Boy: "Well, I really like to chew." Judge: "Son, do you know that chewing tobacco is highly addictive?" Silence. "Son, have you talked to anyone about your addiction to tobacco?" Silence.

A little boy in front of a judge facing sanctions. He didn't rob a store or assault someone in the park. How did it come about that we needed a judge, a deputy prosecutor, a defense attorney and a probation officer all there to handle this case? For this child — for all our children — this is the criminal justice system we have in Pierce County. My reaction? Let's see. Do the words efficient, sensitive, and pro-active come to mind? Not in our world! Try: reactionary. Try: cumbersome. Try: cookie cutter (one size fits all). **WE ARE MISSING THE BOAT WITH OUR KIDS.**

Today's juvenile justice system has been influenced way too much by the adult system with its emphasis on punishment and incarceration. The image of the little boy with the can of chewing tobacco in his back pocket keeps coming back to me. We can do better.

Our adult system is spending \$72 million on a new jail, one that will be full the day it is opened. Not to be left out, the juvenile system has a new detention center (a kid's jail). That is always full. They could add another wing tomorrow and fill it. My head always hurts when I think about this because a jail full of kids seems wrong. Why not invest that \$72 million in **PREVENTION**? Approaches that work? Approaches that keep kids out of court and out of detention? Approaches that would have helped this kid avoid taking up tobacco in the first place?

And when prevention doesn't help everybody — there will always be cracks to slip through — we need direct and intentional support. We ought to be able to assess any child in trouble, connect them to community-based services, and give constant attention to them and their family. The support — starting with an appraisal so we know the real struggles — is a simple but

trick and it works. It builds bridges. It uses community strengths. It creates lasting solutions. So why don't we do it, provide that support? I think we have a reluctance to step outside the familiar, to take risks, to hazard an elected official appearing to be soft on crime. Outmoded thinking also contributes but the critical ingredient missing has been courage to make the right policy decision and to weather whatever storm builds as a result.

There is hope, however. Some folks get it. Five years ago I was at a meeting with many of the leaders in the criminal justice system and we were talking about what to do about the increasing amount of trouble from youth gangs. Quickly the group seized on a model using a gang suppression unit. Terms like "taking the kids down" and "overpowering the youth" flew around the table. I squirmed in my chair and had visions of police with black ski masks and silenced pistols staring at a group of nine-year-olds. But I felt too uncomfortable to confront the group. I am not an expert and the sentiment seemed so strong that this was the answer. Suddenly the man sitting next to me stood up and in not so polite but in very clear terms called this approach "horse pucky" and exclaimed: "These are our children! You are talking about taking them down. What is going on? This will not solve the problem." I don't think I was ever prouder of a public official than I was of this person. This was true leadership. The person was Steve Johnson who was the administrator for the detention center system. From his challenge came a new approach that partnered the juvenile court with public health nurses at the health department. We serve about 500 kids a year who normally would be in the court system. Four years of data show improved school performance, less truancy and many fewer arrests. We can make a difference, but it's not enough. We have a proven program but it only serves 500 kids a year. It needs to serve 1000. Or more.

We as a community need to make the tough decisions. When the current Court Administrator goes in front of the County and City Councils, asking for more investment on the front end, please listen. The same old, same old approaches that penalize the kids after a series of problems don't work. Prevent early. Support effectively. Help wisely. These are our kids.

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Parks ! How Many ? How Big ? How Soon ?

by Nancy Lind

Ten years ago I was asked by Tim Kezele to join a group who represented many organizations in our GH/KP communities. A Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan was hammered out with Drago and Associates, consultants from Portland, and the Pierce County Council ratified that plan in 1993. This group became the PARCS COUNCIL, an acronym for Park and Recreation Council, plural, an umbrella group of all of us who live and breathe and need public places to recreate. Our meetings are at 7:00 PM, the first Monday of every month at the Women's Correction Center in Purdy. We have no office, no staff, no money, no election costs, no burnouts and no axe to grind. We are simply volunteers working to implement the recommendations of the Drago plan. The Rocky Creek Conservation Area, the first leg of the Head-to-Trail under the Cushman Power Line, the Schmel Homestead Park, the Recreation Coordinator idea, dialogue between the various park entities and several ongoing projects are what we have done and are doing.

I believe in parks. State parks, ballparks, waterfront parks, open space parks, neighborhood parks and parks of all kinds. Parks in a community are neat. They bring a community together like nothing else can because they are the only things that belong to the whole community (if they are public) and should be the pride of that community. Parks can be terribly frustrating and abundantly satisfying. There are those who take and trash and those who give and clean up. It will always be that way. My hope is that there are always going to be more of the latter than the former and my experience at Rocky Creek Conservation Area is proving that.

It's hard to imagine a community without a park. When we travel we always look for the parks to rest in and have lunch. We hope that the neighbors to those parks have long since stopped fretting about how awful that park is in their backyard. We hope that they are feeling good about a place for a traveler to enjoy their town.

"Meet me in the park", "Run barefoot in the park", "Have lunch in the park", "Play ball in the park", "Enjoy a waterfront park", "Play with the kids in the park", "Sit under a tree in the park" — these are lovely sounds to me. There's no other place in the community where you can say those things.

How many parks can this peninsula support? How much land should be saved for parks in the future? How many ball fields will be needed in 20 years? How many boat launches will be needed? How much open space? What about trails? How much upgrading does the Drago Plan need? These are a few of the questions that will be considered when a long overdue County Comprehensive Key Peninsula Plan is finally taken up. The KP Business Association is getting geared up to begin taking on the project of pressing the county to get going on doing this plan. We hope it will be sooner than later.



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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Boost College Savings with a 529 Plan

College costs are high - and they're going up. So if you're a parent with young children, when should you start saving?

How about today?

It's never too soon to start saving for college. Consider the numbers. For the 2000-2001 school year, the average cost for tuition, fees, room and board at a four-year private college is \$22,541 per year, according to the College Board. For a four-year public college the corresponding cost is \$8,470 per year. If college costs rise just 4 percent a year for the next 18 years, today's newborns will face a four-year bill of about \$194,000 for an average private college and \$73,000 for an average public college.

Those are big numbers. But you can make them more manageable if you start saving early. And one of the better savings vehicles you have available is a Section 529 plan, named after a portion of the IRS code authorizing these accounts.

You can establish a 529 plan for your children or grandchildren. And there are two types of plans.

Prepaid tuition programs — In a prepaid plan, you buy future tuition credit - at today's prices - at an in-state public college.

Savings plans — Under these plans, your earnings are not taxed as they accumulate. If assets are withdrawn after January 1, 2002, distribution will be federally income tax free.

Of the two arrangements, the savings plan is far more popular because it doesn't restrict students to certain colleges in specific states, as does the prepaid tuition plan. In other words, you can invest in any state's plan. Also, you'll receive several other significant benefits, including the following:

* You can contribute varying dollar amounts. Generally, you can contribute as little as \$15 per month or, in many cases, up to \$200,000 over the lifetime of the 529 plan, although contributions vary by state. You may want to consider the applicable gift tax rules.

* You control withdrawals. If you're the account owner of the 529 plan, you'll manage all withdrawals for the life of the account. The student doesn't automatically take control of the assets at the age of majority. You can even change beneficiaries, if you choose.

* You'll minimize the impact on financial aid awards. Because the money in a 529 plan is held in your name, it won't significantly jeopardize any financial aid packages your child or grandchild may receive. Colleges generally require students to contribute 35 percent of their assets to pay for school, compared to less than 6 percent for parents.

The 529 plan offers some important benefits. But make sure you use your plan strictly for college. If you make a withdrawal for anything other than higher education expenses, you may have to pay taxes

and a 10 percent penalty on the earnings. Also, keep in mind that different state plans choose different money managers - so you might want to research the organization that's investing your money.

But if you're satisfied that you've found a good 529 plan, give it some careful consideration - it can help you cope with the high costs of higher education.



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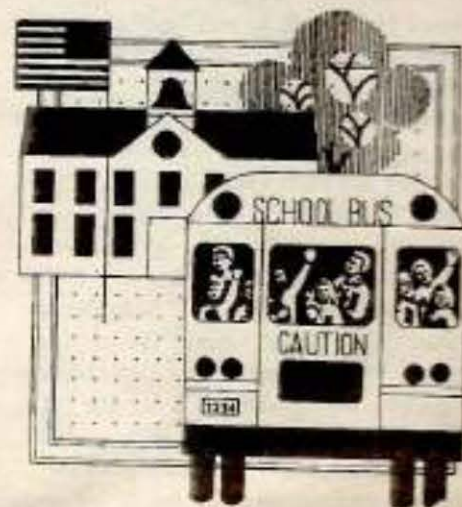
Uninsured Washington women found to have breast or cervical cancer will now be assured of the medical treatments they need, thanks to a new law passed by the 2001 Legislature and signed by the governor. The Department of Health and the Department of Social and Health Services will work with a private cancer-fighting foundation to make sure both the detection program and medical coverage are available to low-income women who lack health insurance.

Prior to this law, many of these women who were screened and diagnosed with cancer found they had very few options for treatment. This program relies upon generous support from private sources to make sure that medical coverage will be there through Medicaid when it is needed. Washington is one of the first states in the country to set up this kind of arrangement in which everyone, including the patient, will benefit. The Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program (WBCHP) had its roots in a 2000 federal law that established the new coverage group for participating states. The Washington state law allows the state to take advantage of the federal law.

This program is supported by a \$400,000 donation to the state by the Puget Sound affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which supports education and research in the field of cancers among women. The private funds from the foun-

ation will be used by the state to match with federal funds so that Medicaid can afford to cover medical treatment when cancers are found.

Beginning immediately, women can receive full-scope Medicaid coverage if they are screened by the WBCHP and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, require treatment and don't have health insurance coverage. Women who want to find out more about Washington state early cancer detection programs may call the Department of Health's WBCHP at 1-888-438-2247 (toll-free).



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Welcome back! And Thank you - This a needed resource for our community!

Photos by Hugh McMillan



In the Angel Notes column on page 8 Frankie commented on the ongoing problem of people using the Angel Guild as a dump. Here's her photo illustrating the problem.

Ice Cream Cone, Anyone?

Vendors Ross & Joyce Bischoff offered yummy ice cream and homemade pies at their Fair booth. photo by Scott Turner



What's So Special About The U N Special Session On Children?

(Editorial comment by Co-Editor Marty Marcus)

September 19-21 will mark the first time in more than 10 years since world leaders met at the World Summit for Children, signed the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and adopted a Plan of Action to achieve a set of goals to improve children's lives.

A lot has happened in those years that made the world a better place for children. Millions more children are now in school; millions of children's lives have been saved by vaccines; and millions of children have been saved from blindness and mental disabilities by the addition of micronutrients such as Vitamin A and iodine to their diets. But much more needs to be done. And that is the purpose of this special UN Session on Children this September 19-21. Presidents, Prime Ministers and others will review what has been accomplished since the last such session in 1990 and adopt a new action plan for the future, called "A World Fit For Children."

If you want to let these world leaders know where you stand on these issues, mark the ballot below, cut it out and mail it to the address at the bottom.

Indicate which 3 of the items listed below you feel are the most urgent issues affecting children in the USA.

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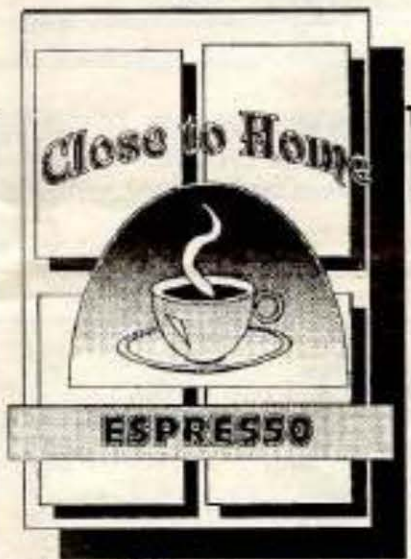
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Rene' Skaggs can be reached at 253-845-9770 for more information about the contents of the workshop. To reserve a space for this workshop or to get directions, call Peninsula Light at 253-857-1530.



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Living and Learning on the Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

The Key Peninsula Historical Society has had a very busy summer. We started off in June with the Old Timers' Picnic held at the K P Civic Center on a sunny Saturday afternoon. There were many attending who had gone to school at the Civic Center when it was Vaughn High School.

In August we learned about "Frenchman's Point" and the families who had settled that area of the peninsula. Tim Kezele read some amusing journal entries from the collection of Chet Dadisman. The highlight of the program was listening to Ernest Falkoff who lived in Home around 1910. Charles LeWarne, author of *Utopias on Puget Sound*, also spoke on early Home and the importance of the on-going research and work done by the Historical Society on Home.

Rob Snyder presented a very interesting program on the history of his family's house and on Henri Cuisiner, a Frenchman who was the builder of the house. The K P Historical Society would especially like to thank Rob and Sally Snyder for the use of their wonderful home. To complete the summer's activities, the museum put together an exhibit for their booth at the K P Community Fair.

Check your calendar and mark Thursday, October 26th, for the fall social for members and guests at the K P Civic Center. The social starts at 6:30 followed by the business meeting and program at 7:30. There will be more information on the program in the October issue of the *Key Peninsula News*.

If you would like to become a member of the Historical Society or volunteer at the museum please call Barb at 884-4399 or Shirley at 884-2481. The public is also invited to attend the monthly board meetings. They are held on the first Thursday of the month at the museum.

The Museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4, or by appointment by calling 884-4538.

[Ed. For more on the event at "Frenchman's Point", see the article and photo by Hugh McMillan.]

Another Contest

We announced this one in the August issue of the *K P News*, but we didn't actually use the word "contest", so maybe some of you creative readers who like to enter contests overlooked it.

We're looking for some good cartoon ideas for our paper. If you have an idea for a cartoon, send it to us at P O Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. If we select your suggestion, our staff cartoonist, Liz Kassler, will draw your idea, we'll print it in the paper, and you get a \$20 gift certificate for use at any business that advertises in the *Key Peninsula News*. That might not be a very big financial reward, but think of the fame of having your name and cartoon idea published in the paper. This paper is read by people in New Jersey, Los Angeles, Miami, the Bay Area and even Seattle.



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The Garden In SEPTEMBER 2001

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September is both harvesting and planting time for giant garlic which takes about a year to produce a crop. When the stalks are yellow, they and the bulbs should be dug for storage. After a short drying period the stalks can be pulled off and the 3" to 4" bulbs stored in a dry, cool basement. They keep perfectly all winter. Divide some of the smaller bulbs into cloves and plant now for next year's crop. Plant cloves 3 inches deep and about 4 inches apart. When rains come they will produce leaves and continue to grow slowly until spring. Added fertilizing and water during summer dry spells will produce larger bulbs.

Fall activities are not limited to clean up and composting. There are many colorful flowers that decorate the garden, such as Kaffir lily (*Schizostylis coccinea*) and autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnalis*). Many of the ground covers, such as *Ajuga reptans*, some *Companulas*, *Veronica pedicularis* (speedwell) and *Lamium maculatum* (dead nettle) are in full pink, yellow or white bloom. Ornamental pink-flowered strawberries with green and white leaves are particularly lovely, as well as Kennilworth ivy. The August lilies still have a few blossoms atop their 6 foot stalks.

Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club meets on Friday, September 21, at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Lunch at 12 Noon will be presented by hostesses Ruby Hatch and Edith Pinder. A Business meeting will follow, including Committee Reports. Doris Boudreau will display a design and Ruby Hatch will share tips on the propagation of Perennials.

All meetings are open to anyone interested in growing plants - flowers, vegetables - indoors or outdoors - in this wonderful area. Our theme this year is 'Perennials' (which practically includes everything you can think of) and we have a wealth of information to share with you. We usually have plants and bulbs for sale at a nominal donation to the Club, culled from our members' gardens. Our lunches and potlucks are outstanding. We also arrange field trips to visit other gardens in the area and have plant related craft workshops and visiting guest speakers.

For more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

The Vaughn Bay Garden Club will hold their Welcome Back meeting on September 19 at the homes of neighbors Nancy Howard and Mary Hill. This event will be a Barbeque beginning at noon rather than the usual Tea.

Joyce Niemann will present a program on Gardening Tips.

For information about the club, call 884-1527.

KPCC ASSOCIATION 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Holiday Arts &
Crafts Sale
November 17th**

**VFW Thanksgiving
Dinner
November 22nd**

**Salatino Christmas
Dinner
December 25th**

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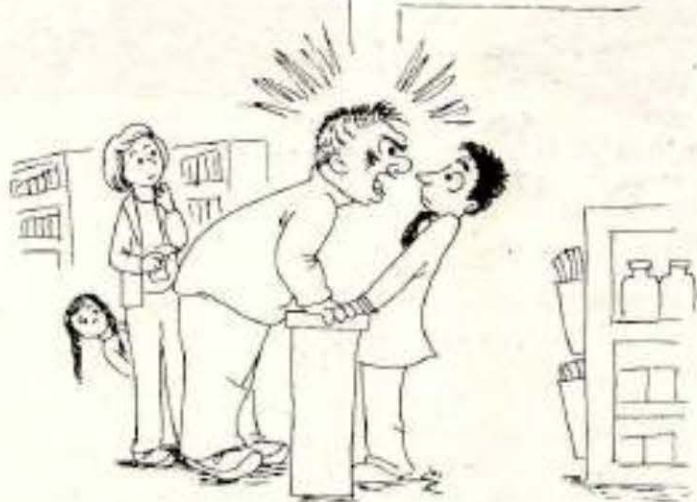
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MUSEUM HOURS:
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The Children's Museum of Tacoma will close for two weeks beginning Sunday, September 2nd and re-opening Saturday, September 15th. Exciting exhibit enhancements will sweep through the CMT during this time, giving us a fresh look and providing visitors with fun new experiences for the coming year. Almost every area of the Museum will get a minor face lift and several exhibits will undergo significant renovation.

FARMER'S MARKET

Look for fun activities at the Tacoma Farmer's Market Thursday September 6th and 13th while the museum is closed for exhibit and facility enhancements.

W.O.W. WEE ONES WEEKLY: Join us each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM for some toddler fun!

W.O.W. PROGRAMMING THEMES
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September 18th & 19th

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SUPER SATURDAY SURPRISE: Select Saturdays, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Join on Saturdays in September for fun family activities!

September 1st - Harvest Printing

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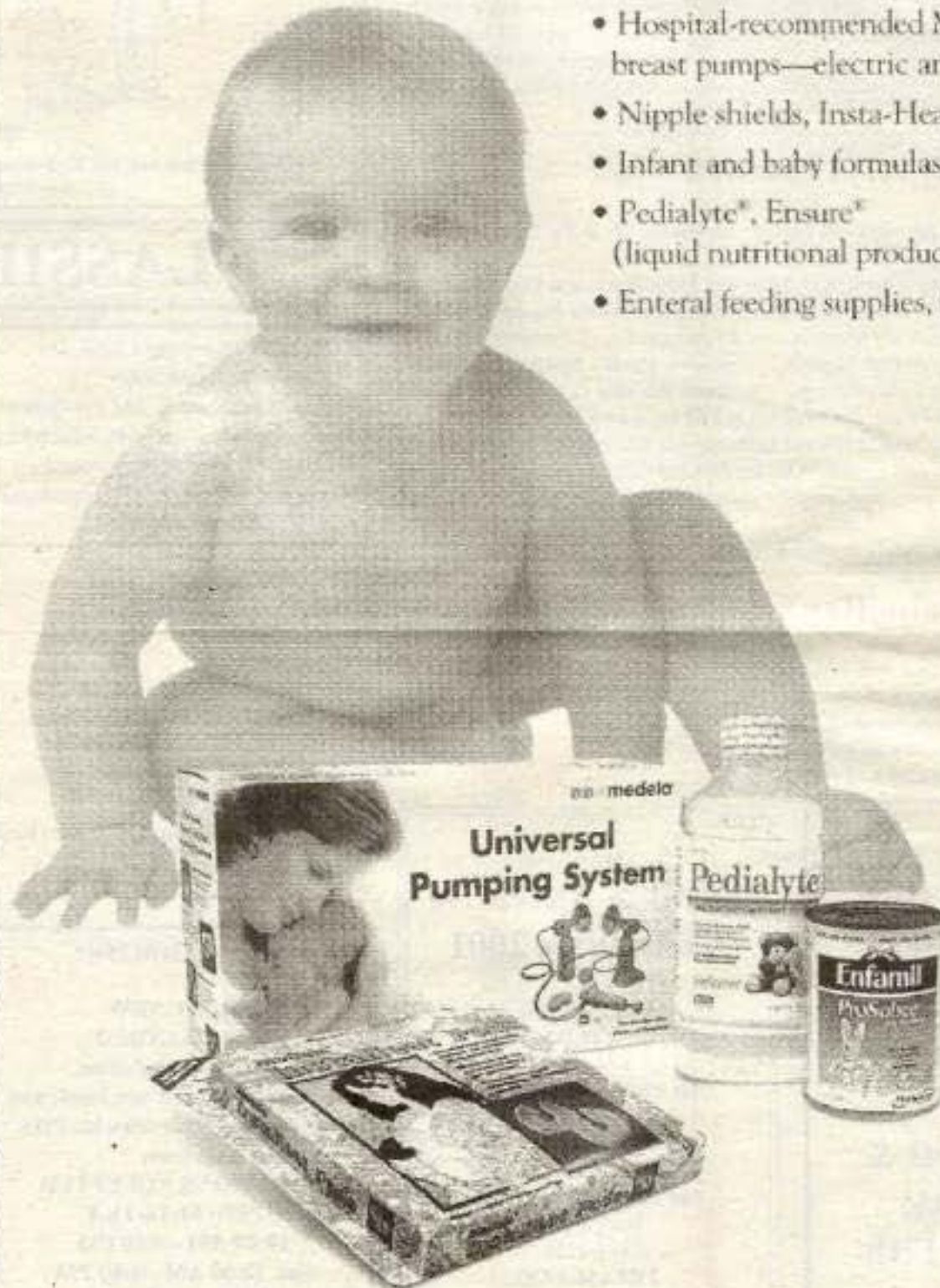
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