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Caitlin with her horse, Azi. Photo by Hugh McMillan

KPMS 6th Grader Wins "Follow A Leader" Essay Competition

By Cheryl Force and Hugh McMillan

A big round of applause is due Caitlin McCourt, a sixth grader at Key Peninsula Middle School, for being one of twenty-four students selected from over one thousand entries for the fifth annual "Follow A Leader" essay contest. This contest is sponsored by The Bon Marche, KING 5 TV and the Seattle Times. These sponsors wanted the participants to share a career choice of their dreams and tell how their education can make it possible.

The "leader" Caitlin wrote about is one of her heroes, Susan Michaels, co-founder of Pasado's Safe Haven, a sanctuary for farm animals. The successful essay won Caitlin a day with Michaels, a \$1,000 US Savings Bond and attendance, together with the other 23 winners, at an awards presentation luncheon at the Seattle Times' North Creek plant, as well as a tour of the facility.

Caitlin lives on a small farm in Lakebay with her parents, Jayne and Jerry McCourt. They know how hard she worked on this essay, noting that she spent a lot of time revising it until it was just right to her. Living on a small farm with chickens, dogs, a cat, ducks, quail, pheasants and goats no doubt nurtured her interest in animals, but what heightened her empathy for animals was receiving a horse in need of extra attention. This summer she adopted a mistreated and neglected horse named Azi. She has been learning about the care horses require from Melinda Willuweit, a trainer and riding instructor, and has recently joined Frog & Sole, a 4-H Club that focuses on horses.

Caitlin's mom said, "Caitlin is faithfully giving Azi lots of nutritious food, loving care and regular exercise. A lot of her free time is spent teaching Azi to trust people again and not be afraid of whips, sticks and long-handled tools."

Future goals for Caitlin include becoming a school teacher and teaching respect for all animals. She feels that animals are very necessary in everyone's life.

Fantasy Lights

Pierce County Parks and Recreation is again presenting Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park. This is the largest drive-through display of holiday lights in Washington, with more than 200 displays. New displays this year include Lily Pad Lane Frog and a Great Animated Pirate Ship. This fun display of lights is open every night from 5 to 9 PM, through January 2nd. Admission is \$6 per car if you buy tickets in advance at Lake Wood Mall or \$8 per car at the entrance gate.

Spanaway Park is located just west of 152nd Street and Pacific Avenue in the Parkland Spanaway community. For more info call 798-3330.

Salvation Army Helps Many

The Salvation Army is working to make the holidays a little brighter for people living in poverty in our community. Donations to the red kettles go to holiday programs and winter relief for families in this and other communities. Year round thousands of people in cities need emergency help with rent, food, heat, clothing and other basic needs. Please drop your donation into a Salvation Army kettle or mail it to P.O. Box 9219, Seattle, WA 98109.

The Prez Sez...

by Marrry Marcus

After seventeen months of being the President of the K P Civic Center Association, it's a pleasure to turn the gavel over to Dave Stratford, who, on December 9th, after the last Board meeting of the year, steps up from Board Member-at-Large to the slightly less than exalted position of President of the KPCCA. There's no doubt in my mind that the members of the Executive Committee, the Board, and the community in general will extend to him the same level of respect and cooperation that they have shown in the past.

At the time I agreed to step into the role of Board President in July of 1998, the Board was informed that I had made other commitments that probably would be affected by this decision, and indeed they were. The major publisher of books sold in the pet stores of the U.S. was launching a new national magazine to be directed at reptile hobbyists, and the editor wrote to me and asked me to write articles for them. I turned down the offer. I used to write articles that appeared in the newsletters of at least five different herpetological societies from Cleveland, Ohio, to Las Vegas. The fingers of one hand are enough to count the number of items sent them this past year, and those few went just to one society, NOAA in Cleveland. I used to do workshops for the National Science Teachers Association and the Washington Science Teachers Association, but didn't do any in 1999. I also started an art project at a local school last year, but had to drop it.

Because of the need to try to catch up on some of the things that got neglected in the past year, I also decided not to accept the position of Past President on the Executive Committee. With Dule Luy continuing to serve in that position, they should be able to keep functioning quite well. I do, however, intend to maintain my involvement with the Key Peninsula News, the Jazz in June program, and Pioneer Day. And anytime the Blood Bank is at the Civic Center you can be sure I'll be involved.

Thanks for your support of the K P Civic Center and for reading the K P News.



The Center News

by Sandy McFarlane

As we have been saying for several months, things are really moving along at the Civic Center. This round of renovations is just about finished. We should have everybody into their new home before the new millennium. We are especially looking forward to having a security person on board so that our Board Members don't have to come out at all hours of the day and night and open and close the center. They really have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

We hope that you have bought your tickets to the Millennium Party. It promises to be a great way to bring the new Millennium. The food sounds fabulous and the band is great. You can get tickets from the Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. Buy early so that you don't miss out on the fun.

For all those that are attending the Board of Directors meeting on December 9, don't forget that it starts 1 hour early so that we

may enjoy a pot luck. This might be a good meeting for those of you who are thinking about joining the Board to come and socialize. As always, we look forward to having new members join us. We work you hard but you will learn to love it.

Rentals at the Center continue to increase. Many families are finding that a skate party is a really fun way to have a birthday party. Early in the New Year we look forward to having TCC starting the first of many classes at the Center. On December 8, 1999, Bill Trandum will be holding a class designed for those who are interested in learning about investing their money. Watch for more information on this program.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish everybody a very happy holiday season and a healthy new year.

Sandy McFarlane
Vicky McClung
Facility Managers



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

During this time of year we like to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. We don't have the hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, etc. or typical weather extremes causing so much destruction as many other areas. We have a beautiful area of the world to live in. We have a good school district. We have many people around us who care. This brief list can go on and on. But one particular area of important note is that Pierce County has one of the greatest support systems around as far as resources go. Many other communities are lacking in various resources, or in coordinating them so people know how to find out what exists. Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center can help find resources for many of your needs. Please keep us in mind and give us a call at 884-5433 if you have any questions about any resources you may need. We're a friendly bunch and like to help when we can!

Children's Home Society Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula sponsors the following activities which are all free unless otherwise noted:

The **Indoor Park Program** is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. A \$1 per child donation is suggested and parental supervision is required. We have a lot of great toys for the kids age up to 5 years old to ride and climb on all over the gym at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Enjoy visiting with other parents while your kids are having a blast.

The **Little Buddies** program, beginning its 4th year, was developed to bring together high school and elementary students in a positive, enriching environment for companionship and fun. They eat snacks, play games, do crafts and other projects, and build friendships, with the guidance of a Family Resource Center staff member. Training is provided for Big Buddies, who are carefully selected for their ability, enthusiasm and reliability. The program meets throughout the school year, Tuesdays, from 3:45 - 5:00 PM, at the Civic Center. If you are interested in this free, active and enjoyable program, please call Edie Morgan at the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, 884-5433. If transportation is an obstacle, please call the Family Resource Center, as they have recently made arrangements with the local YMCA camps to provide transportation on a limited basis, from the schools to the Civic Center. Parents will still be responsible for picking up their children at 5:00 PM.

Toddler Art classes will be resuming in January. Please call Michele Blanchette to register.

The **Clothing Bank** will be closed between Thanksgiving and Christmas except for emergencies to allow us space to accommodate our Holiday Program. Also, for this reason, we are unable to accept clothing bank donations until after the holidays. We really appreciate all your generosity and would be thrilled if you could hold donations just a little bit longer until we have cleared out

some more space. However, in the event that you need to donate your items sooner, the Angel Guild is another option of an agency that serves the same community.

NEW PROGRAMS

Relatives Raising Children is a support group for families who are raising or helping to raise family member's children. These children may have experienced domestic violence, drug and alcohol exposure, neglect, abuse, or parents needing parental support. Often times, grandparents, great-grandparents, or siblings step in to help raise children in need. The intent of this group is to lend support, and provide resources and information to these families. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. They are at 1:00-2:30 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM. Child care is available upon request.

A new program for **Parents of Teens** has begun. The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for mutual support, education, and information exchange. Parenting of teens often involves new experiences and challenges, and requires a durable sense of humor. Meeting with other parents in the same situation can be beneficial for all. This program meets monthly, on the first Thursday of each month, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. We have a 1 p.m. session and a 7:00 PM session, to try to accommodate people's schedules. Childcare is available upon request. If you have any questions, please call 884-5433.

We will be starting up a new program called **Wee Play for toddlers** next year. Registration will be required for each 8 week session. Site and dates are still to be determined. We will keep you posted and advise more details in the next publication.

We have begun signing up families and sponsors for the **1999 Holiday Helper program**. This program coordinates requests for holiday assistance and donations from the community. Parents who are concerned about not being able to provide gifts for their children this year, due to financial hardship, are encouraged to call the Center at 884-5433 or stop in during our office hours, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There is a simple and confidential sign-up process. We have sponsors anxious to begin shopping to help families requesting help. Some of them are reciprocating from when they were on the receiving end.

On the other hand, if you are willing to spread some holiday cheer and make the season memorable for families in need, please give us a call. You, your family, business or civic organization can sponsor one or more children, an entire family, or several families. What a great way to celebrate! By putting joy in someone else's lives, you put joy in your own.

To find out more about these and other services, please call us at 844-5433.

We want to wish you all a happy holiday season!

From the Staff of the Children's Home Society of Washington
Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

Skating At The Key Peninsula Civic Center

December is a busy time of the year, so if you would like a few minutes without children under your hair bring them down for Friday night. We have a movie room, Free skate rental with admission. Games, and plenty of good eats!!!
Friday night skate: Time 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Cost \$3.00

(We will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and December 31st)

Just a quick reminder- Parents need to bring children inside the building before skating and come inside to pick up! Also age 7 and below need to have a parent here at all times - not a babysitter or older sibling! Age limits are age 14 and below

or 8th grade and below! (NO 9th - 12th graders and NO age 15 - 18 inside the building during Friday night skate) Please read rules before entering!

The other fun skate we offer is a Sunday Family skate!!! It's the first and third Sunday of each month, so in December it will be the 5th and 19th!!! NO AGE LIMIT! BUT PARENTS MUST BE HERE AT ALL TIMES!! Cost is \$2.50 per skater

Also there is a FREE dinner every Sunday at 5:00PM for the public!!!

If you wish to book a private skate party contact the Civic Center at 884-3456, or if you have questions,

KPCCA Executive Committee 1999

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884-4169 or 884-3937



A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

As I write this, trying to get it done before the November 20th deadline, while it's not even Thanksgiving yet, it's hard not to think about the coming holidays and the concomitant exhortations to give gifts. Our mail box has been deluged with more than 40 catalogs in a two week period, mostly from companies I've never heard of. One can easily get the feeling that some companies do a big business selling lists of names rather than selling merchandise.

Having just put up two dozen posters from Longbranch to Purdy announcing the visit of the blood bank at the KP Civic Center on November 27th, I can't help thinking that maybe giving some of one's blood is the most meaningful gift one could give. And yet, as generous as we as a nation are, no more than 5% of the population are blood donors. I believe most people understand the roles played by the various components of the blood, such as transporting oxygen and clotting to prevent bleeding from injuries. And most of us are aware that in months like December, the combination of bad weather and lots of partying can lead to serious accidents, followed by a dramatic increase in the need for replacement blood. As treatments involving chemotherapy become more common, we become more aware of their damaging effects on bone marrow, where red blood cells and platelets are pro-

duced. But the percentage of people who are donors does not seem to change.

I'm well aware that some people have physical problems or illnesses that prevent them from being donors. Someone I know in California went once to a blood bank, but she has very small and deep veins that are really hard to get the needle into. The nurse finally asked her to do them a favor and not come back again. I just met someone in Key Center who weighs less than 110 pounds, which makes her unacceptable as a donor.

Okay, so some people have valid physical excuses. But we hear a lot of excuses that are based upon a lack of correct information. With all the concern about HIV/AIDS these days, there are people who truly fear getting a disease from the procedure. But since **new, sterile, disposable needles are used for each donor**, there just is **no way to get any kind of disease from the process of donating blood.**

The purpose of this column was not to make the reader feel guilty for not being a blood donor, but to encourage people to try it. Speaking as a member of the Six Gallon Club, I can assure you that it makes one feel really good to know that in about one hour, without spending any money, you have given the gift of life to perhaps as many as three other individuals.

A Note From The Editor:

by Lori Deacon

This has really turned out to be an interesting past few months for all of us here at the Key Peninsula News.

From modifying advertising policy to budgeting and scheduling challenges, somehow, happily we've made it through another year. The biggest change to you, the reader is the paper is now being mailed to every box holder on the Key Peninsula. This totals nearly 7,300 copies bulk mailed every month. Some of you continue to pay the \$10.00 a year for your annual subscription but most of these copies are mailed outside the area.

This is an opportune time to remind you that a subscription sent to a loved one outside the area would make a great Christmas present or an otherwise thoughtful way of saying, "I'm thinking of you" or, "Wish you were here."

There are many local businesses that continue to support this paper by buying advertising on a regular basis. These ads are virtually the only revenue the paper generates to offset printing and mailing costs. There are a number of incentives available to advertisers but the best one is for the readers to actually use their business or services. Use these businesses and thank them for supporting this valuable, non-profit community asset. Do you realize you, the readers are actually the owners of this paper?

The advertisers should be aware of our newest staff member. Bob Stackhouse has taken over all advertising sales. Bob retired from a life in Health Insurance to the Longbranch area last year and if you haven't met him yet, make sure you call him at 884-4699 or he will be calling you. Again, thank you local businesses for your support.

We are all looking forward to the new-year and hoping it is a good one for the Key Peninsula News. We would also like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season.

KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes November 11, 1999

The President called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

The following motions were seconded and carried.

* To accept the October board meeting minutes as written.

* Waive fees for the use of the Whitmore Room by the Peninsula High School Choir in exchange for a performance at a later date.

* To have a blood bank at the Christmas Bazaar.

* To accept the Treasurer's report as given.

* To allow the KP News to continue as is for the next four months.

* To accept the following revised Mission Statement: The mission of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association is to provide access to information, programs, and activities that enrich our community.

Manager's Report: All the new windows purchased through the grant from Boeing have been installed and look great! We are looking at different ways to rent space at the Center during the day. TCC classes are scheduled to start in February and March. We would like to see other classes start as soon as possible.

Newspaper Report: The newspaper will continue to bulk mail the paper for the next two months.

Board Election Results: The following members were re-elected: Sharon Miller, Claudia Loy, Laura Mosley, Ed Taylor, and Cy Young.

The following were elected as Executive Committee Members for the next term: President - Dave Stratford, First Vice President - Loyd Miller, Second Vice President - Betty Kelley, Treasurer - Virginia Liebergesell, Secretary - Kristen Bottiger, Past President - Dale Loy, At Large - Shirley Olson, At Large - Sylvia Hasse.

Meeting adjourned,

Kristen Bottiger,
Secretary

Another Contest

In the KP News last July we asked what was important about the date December 3, 1979, in Key Center's history. With all the old-timers around here, we were sure someone would come up with the correct answer, but we received no responses. December 3, 1979, was the grand opening of the Health Center in Key Center, where it had just been moved from Longbranch. The library building was still under construction at that time, so the Health Center was temporarily located across the highway from its present location.

So let's try again with another question. What is the elevation, in feet above sea level, of the sidewalk adjacent to the flagpole at the Civic Center? Responses should be sent by mail (not e-mail, fax or phone) to **Contest, c/o KP News, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394.** The first correct response received will entitle the winner to a \$20 gift certificate usable at any business advertising in the KP News. In the event several correct responses are received at the same time, the winning one will be determined by a random drawing.

Time, Treasure, Talent

A big thank-you to Chairpersons Claudia Loy, Vicki McClung, Kristin Bottiger, and Betty Kelley for expending so much time and talent in organizing and presenting a successful Flavor of Fall. Thanks also to volunteers: Barbara Granquist, Britta and Norm Brones, Gary Benoit, Janet Kelly, Gary Gebo, Pat and Kristin Bottiger, Mike and Betty Kelley, Cathy Beal, Marcia Michaelson, Rose Grant, Dianna and Rob Horne, Linda and Rick Sutherland, Tim Kezele, Don and Shirley Olson, Loyd and Sharon Miller, Vicki McClung, Sabra and Dave Stratford, Dale and Claudia Loy, Brynn Rydell, Brad Bouquist, Gary Gunn, Chris Cortez, Rose Buralli and Chuck Williamson.

We appreciate the effort of guest chef Jacqui Hickey and the wonderful crew of kitchen assistants: Sandy McFarlane, Mike Hickey, Jim and Sue Beck, Gloria Saldana, Voski Sprague, Rene Moriarity, Sabenna Burgess, Lindsey Babich, Teresa Walters and Joann Carter.

We applaud the youth of our community who offered their time to serve: Venus Kelley, Britt Gudmundsen, Cassi Hickols, Magen Force, Adiann Schauers, Matt Macarus, Alex Ray, Anna Brones, Marshall Rydell, Kaitlin Kezele, Matt Baines, Justin Murphy and Josh Duke.

Mark Ambler and Lance Englund have done superb carpentry and wiring jobs in the VFW Room and security apartment. Betty Kelley, Gary Gebo, Glen Eaton, Tyler Bottiger, Kristin Bottiger, Mike Kelley, Tim Kezele, Dave Stratford, and Sharon and Loyd Miller have also contributed time and talent to various Center projects. As of this writing, over 300 hours of volunteer time have been spent in improving the Civic Center since September. One person whose name is constantly on the volunteer sign-in list is Vicki McClung; we thank her for her dedication to the Center and the community.

A big thank you to Sound Glass, especially Bob Hammer and Dan Van Epps who did such a fine job of installing the new windows, and the Boeing Company for the grant to upgrade the building.

Thank you to Krys Wylie for her work on the Halloween Party. Our appreciation goes to all the 1999 executive board members for their efforts and contributions this past year, and especially to out-going president Marty Marcus.

To all of our fellow community members, who contributed in any way to the Flavor of Fall auction, we thank you for your financial support of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. It is your contributions which keep the Civic Center operational and open to all.



Merry
Christmas!

A Halloween Thank You!

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed themselves as well as the following people who helped to set-up, run, and clean-up James Waldrom, Ron Moore, Aaron Archer, Matt Macaras, Ryan Ambler, Vanessa Peterson, Whitney Moore, Jessie Lemon, Ezra Miller, Aiden Shower, William Shower, Reese Maden, Betty Kelley, Mike Salatino, The Campfire Girls and Girl Scouts, Debra Langley-Boyer, Renee Stanfil, Melissa and Michelle Boyer, Christina and Kim Stanfil, 4H Differences, Danielle, Kevin Spring, Faith Julie and Dan Higgins, Hayley, Holly and Cheryl Wiltfong, Mary Miller, Mary, Janet and Jake Cultum, Matthew Dalton, Kaitlin Hagen and Sarah Nixon. Tops Members; Frankie Johnson, Dan and Rosale Busz, Jackie Nelson, Dee Paul, Mary Lang, Charmaine Hawke, Dick Johnson and Sara and Janet Coltum. Thank you everyone!

I would like to send a special thank you to my parents Peg and Jim Wylie for baby-sitting, and also to anyone whose name I missed. Also note that again this year we were unable to have Spook Alley which I know many people have missed, so if you know someone who would like to run it or has "haunted house" experience please contact me at 884-4370.

Thank you for a Happy Halloween!
Krys Wylie

Thank You

I wish to express gratitude to all the people in our Key Peninsula community, for the letters of support to the judicial system on Michael T. Arledge's behalf. I also want to thank each and everyone of you for all the encouragement towards me during this time. Thank you for being my community, my family.

Teri Lewellen-Arledge,
Home

A Reminder From Your Angel Tree Program

Just a quick reminder that with the Holiday season upon us we could truly use your help and support. Your Fire Departments "Angel Tree Program" with your help provides for many of our communities needy. Whether it is warm winter clothing, toys and art supplies, food or just helping with a winter power bill we are here. And it is your generosity that makes it all possible. You can participate by sponsoring a family or child or through cash donations. 100% of your donation goes directly to those in need within our community. If you are aware of a struggling family please have them contact us by calling 884-2222 and ask for Don Blischke or DeeDee Kerkes



KEY DATES 1999

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 Dec. 6 - 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220 Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC Whitmore Rm.
Coiffettes 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board 1st Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center
KPCCA Board 2nd Thursday - 7:30 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
Cancer Support Group 3rd Thursday - 1:00 PM 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 at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
 Dec. 20 - 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, Pardy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
Caregivers Support Oct. 10 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group 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

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club Dec. 12 - 12:00 AM
 Potluck Lunch Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group 3rd Tuesday - 1 to 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
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 Friday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Fire Station
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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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

At dinner the other night, a local superior Court judge asked a number of us who had joined her the following question: what job requires you to make a decision about important issues and yet prevents you from asking questions about it; prevents you from talking about it with your spouse and prevents you from doing your own research concerning the issues under discussion? The answer was Jury service. The traditional role of a juror is to passively listen to evidence in the form of testimony and to re-view exhibits.

During a trial, the judge instructs each juror that they cannot discuss the case with anyone, including themselves, until all of the testimony has been taken and the exhibits have been introduced into evidence. Once the parties have rested, the judge reads the instructions to the jury and then releases them to begin their deliberations in the jury room. A judge's instructions are his statement of the points of law that need to be applied to the facts which have been introduced into evidence.

In the jury room, the juror's work begins in earnest as they deliberate their verdict. In a criminal case, a verdict of guilty must be made by a unanimous vote. Anything less is deemed a mistrial, or a "hung jury." In a civil case, ten out of twelve or five out of six jurors have to decide in order to render a verdict.

In recent years, some judges began permitting jurors to take notes during each day of trial. As reasonable as this sounds, it had not always been the case. Additionally, some

judges are allowing jurors to ask questions of witnesses after the attorneys have finished their examinations. This can be a good thing since the lawyers may have missed examining a point that the juror feels is important.

Another new phenomenon, which is popping up around the country, is the aspect of "jury nullification." This is a practice, which concerns most attorneys and nearly all judges. Jury nullification is a decision on the part of a juror, in the privacy of the jury room, to ignore the instruction of the judge and to decide the case as they think it should be irrespective of what the law might require.

For example, in a murder trial, the defendant may allege self-defense as a reason for a killing. Self-defense is an important legal protection to being wrongfully convicted for killing someone who was really trying to kill you first. In such a case, the judge would instruct the jury as to what has to be proven to substantiate a self-defense argument. In our current system, if the defendant could not prove that he or she really thought they were about to be killed, the self-defense argument would fail and the jury would probably find them guilty of homicide.

For example, a U.S. Forest ranger who was killed by a Montana Militia member might find his killer go free if a juror, sympathetic to the Militia, felt that the ranger was a part of a corrupt government and that his death was a justified slaying by freedom fighters. This is an extreme example, but it illustrates the point. Some people think that the O.J. Simpson case was an example of jury nullifi-

cation. In their point of view, Mr. Simpson was acquitted of killing his wife not because of insufficient evidence but because Johnny Cochran played the "race card." And the Afro-American jurors nullified Judge Ito's instructions as to what elements constitute first-degree murder.

The danger in jury nullification is that it permits, literally, a single juror to take the law into his or her own hands. In such an environment, the parties would have no clue as to how their case might be decided since it would be at the mercy of an individual with an axe to grind who kept his agenda secret during the vetting process that takes place during jury selection.

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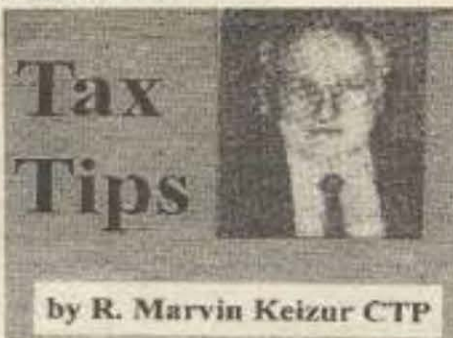
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She is currently serving as President of the Puget Sound Credit Union Executives Society. She supports her two teenage daughters, Kim - 16 and Kris - 14 by working with Lakes High School PTSA in a number of capacities. She is married to Kirk Reagan and her interests include high school sports, decorating and volunteer work.



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Having a new baby can be a time of joy and satisfaction to a family - it can also mean several different tax breaks too. You get the new dependency exemption, a savings of \$2750 from taxes in 1999. You get a child tax credit of \$500, if your income does not exceed \$110,000. On a joint return, if both parents work you can get a childcare credit for up to \$1440. You can put \$500 a year in a tax favored investment account education IRA to pay future college costs. Also you can buy education savings bonds and receive tax free income (Series EE Savings Bonds) when needed to pay college costs.

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Many members were recognized at the Mason County 4-H annual achievement program for the 98/99 year. The Differences received many awards and achievement medals. The recipients for leadership excellence were Emily Dunn, Jake Cultum, Matthew Dalton, and Janet Cultum. Excellence for gardening and horticulture awards were given to Asia Wright, Donald Axthelum, and Joe Dalton. Sarah Nixon, Hayley Wiltfong, and Elliott Hedin were awarded for excellence in visual arts. Excellence in Dogs was given to Kaitlin Dunn and Janet Cultum. Community Service award to Kevin Higgins, fashion revue award to Danielle Higgins, and personal development award to Jennifer Ludwig.

Many members also earned their year pins by completing specific requirements such as attending club meetings, giving a public presentation in their project areas, and completing their record books. Two members got their 1st year pins, three a 2nd year pin, four a 3rd, four a 4th, three a 5th, and seven a 6th year pin. Congratulations to all recipients.

December 11th will be our annual Christmas Party and presentation of awards to our members. It will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club. We would also like to thank the Improvement Club for helping to sponsor our National Congress Delegate Danielle Higgins. A special thank you to all who supported our club by donating to our bake sale and to Walt's Fine Foods for letting us use the store front for our sale. The club will be sponsoring an Angel Tree Family again this year and members are busy collecting food and shopping for presents. As the busy holiday season approaches, take time to enjoy and always be thinking of how you can make a difference in your own life, family, community and your world.

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VETERAN'S VOICES
By Eileen Young

Let me be the first to wish you all a Happy Holiday season. To each and everyone, may the year 2000 bring health and happiness and the where-with-all to remember not to write 1999 on your correspondence!

Unfortunately, we had to bow to Mother Nature and not fly our flags in the Aisle of Honor November 11th. Although disappointed, we felt the flags too valuable to take the risk of damage. We do however, wish to thank those who offered their help, especially our local boy scouts. See you all on Memorial Day.

I am sure all members of 4990 and auxiliary have received the newsletter pertaining to the Christmas get-together and dinner on December 13th. Do phone in your reservations to guarantee your dinner selection. Irene at 884-4407.

The TREES OF SHARING went up in all of Walts stores just after Thanksgiving. Chairman Larry Bellona and co chairs Kathy Collier and Jane Gulliver placed trees in Key Center, Lake Kathryn, Bridgeway and the Harvest Time Store. Cut off date for your returned, wrapped gifts is December 22nd, in time for Christmas delivery to the Veterans

hospitals. Your generosity makes the holidays much brighter for those shut-ins. Thank you.

Had the pleasure of talking to Bill Howe recently and learned he and Lola are doing just great. Bill has managed to stay injury-free and Lola is recuperating nicely from her hand operation.

Our Service Officer, Louie Aguilar, has gone to Arizona for some much needed sunshine and in his absence, Commander Cy will do double duty. If you have a question or a problem, call 884-4551.

Final notice for dues renewal. December 31st is the deadline so to keep us strong and active, pay your dues.

The post and auxiliary will be offering tickets on a hand crocheted king size afghan/bedspread. Tickets will go for \$1.00 and are available from any VFW member. Proceeds go to Cancer Research with the drawing scheduled for April 24th, 2000.

Until we meet again, remember, a man wrapped up in only himself makes a very small, insignificant bundle.

Safety In Peninsula Schools

by Hugh McMillan

Intent that no page be returned, no action untaken in its determination that Peninsula Schools shall provide a safe and fear-free educational environment, Superintendent Jim Coolican, Assistant Superintendent Marcia Harris, Peninsula Education Association President Bruce Olson, School Board President Barbara Trotter, School Board member-elect Joeline Lemke, Director of K-12 Education Dennis Nugent, Voyager Elementary PTA President Eve Graves, Harbor Heights Principal Leslie Rose, and community at large representative Hugh McMillan made an early morning flight to Spokane to explore with leaders of the Spokane School District their highly successful Strategic Planning Process.

Spokane School District Superintendent Gary Livingston, who has held the position for seven years and is currently President of the Washington Schools Administration Association generously shared his data, staff, and experience throughout the morning and afternoon.

"When I first assumed this position," said Livingston, "there was no long range plan. It was (Spokane School) Board-driven that the new superintendent develop a plan to involve the community, media, staff, and students."

He also involved the union. He noted that most initial talk revolved around the budget and its fit with District needs. An annual report to and review by the School Board was established.

Livingston noted that the District owns a local TV station and is thus able to create its own video programs with which to educate the public and provide a review of the District's accomplishments.

A prioritization document was created in which safety, fiscal management and, said Livingston, "very importantly, equity," headed the document. Each school is required to develop its own plan tailored to meet the unique needs of separate schools.

High on the list of must do's are a no harassment policy and the requirement that all complaints be investigated.

Spokane School Board director Christie Querna provided background on actions taken by their Board in support of the above planning. She noted that aggressive, well-trained teams run the system which insists on zero tolerance for harassment and is a proponent for training in diversity and accountability for "what our students are learning."

Peninsula representatives were provided copies of several documents supporting the above programs.

Superintendent Coolican will convene the team which made the Spokane visit to review and consider appropriate action as follow up on lessons learned in Spokane.

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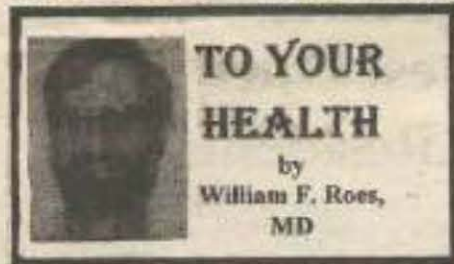
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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
William F. Roes,
MD

Through this year, I have taken the opportunity to write about some of the changes that have occurred in the practice of medicine during the Twentieth Century. As the last in this series, I'd like to look at what has changed in the education of physicians providing that care during the last 100 years.

One of the most important factors in the development of a physician is his/her medical school experience. At the turn of the century, the teaching of medicine was poorly regulated and inconsistent. That changed for students of the allopathic medical schools (traditional medical doctors), with the issuing of the report "Medical Education in the United States and Canada, prepared by Abraham Flexner in 1910." Flexner's report stated that of the 155 schools in the United States graduating physicians, only one (Johns Hopkins in Baltimore) was providing an acceptable medical education. This resulted in the closing of many medical schools, and establishing strict scientific curricula and standardized training for M.D.s.

Prior to that, many physicians learned under the tutorage of an experienced doctor after putting in a variable amount of time in what we would now term "unaccredited" medical schools. After the Flexner report the

standard of 4 years of graduate education was developed, usually after the applicant had earned an undergraduate degree. Shortly after came the development of traditional internships, the first post medical school year, which was still considered part of training, usually under the auspices of a hospital's physicians or medical school. Physicians were better trained, and also more experienced when they set out to practice.

Graduate medical education came to Washington State with graduation of the University of Washington's first medical class in 1950. UW also offered post-graduate education beyond internship for physicians wishing to specialize. In the late 1960's it was becoming apparent that even GP's needed more than a basic internship and family practice residencies were developed which consisted of a rotating first year (like the old internship) and two additional years spent working with progressing autonomy in a variety of supervised settings. In the 1990's the state recognized the importance of training of general family doctors (now called FP's) and required all new physicians practicing in the state have at least two years of post-graduate training.

After a physician completes a residency he/she is then eligible to take a standardized test of his special medical knowledge called the "Board exam", and when the exam has been passed, may now become "Boarded" in his specialty. In the late 1990's hospitals and increasingly, insurance companies, are requiring physicians to be "Boarded" to care for patients in their institution or under their coverage.

Where does it go from here? Clearly the internet and computers will play an increas-

ing role in the training and postgraduate training of physicians. The University of Washington is currently working out computer links with rural physicians, where a patient in Omak can be examined using video and audio equipment in the physicians' office, and the FP in Omak, the patient, and the specialist at the UW can have a real time on-line discussion of the options and treatments available. Maybe this will even make it out to Key Center some day.

Where does this leave the medical profession at the end of the century? Actually pretty close to the beginning in many ways. The good doctors and nurses were and are those who care about their patients, but have a scientific basis for their diagnosis and treatment proposals. Medicine will remain both a science and an art, and a challenging profession with many rewards.

In closing may you all have a happy and healthy holiday season, and the best of the new century.



New Program For Relatives Raising Children

A new program for Relatives Raising Children is beginning at the Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, located at the Civic Center in Vaughn. The purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity for mutual support, education and information sharing. Often relatives such as grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings step in to help raise children in need. Frequently these families feel a need for support, information and resources. Meeting with other families in the same situation can be beneficial for all. This free, open-ended program will meet monthly, on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, December 9th. An afternoon session, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. and an evening session, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., are planned to try to accommodate people's schedules. Childcare is available by previous arrangement. For more information please call the Family Resource Center at 884-5433, or stop by during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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T.O.P.S. NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

Here we are at the end of 1999 and on the verge of the millenium. Is this the time that you want to get into a healthier way of living? Are you ready to really get on track to be the person you were meant to be? The holidays always bring it home to me that I want to look my best and feel my best, which means being slim, trim and healthy. TOPS is here for you all year long. TOPS is not the magic bullet that we all wish for, but a support group to cheer you on to your own goal. Why not get the jump on the new year. Join now and have help through the rest of 1999? It can be done and has been by many of our members. Last month's best loser in TOPS was Julie Higgins. In order to help her fellow members, Julie came up with an idea to inspire us to lose 10 lbs over the holidays. She brought in an angel who needed feathers on her wings. For every pound we lose, we glue a feather on the angel's wings. Also Julie said she will make a special angel ornament for each one of us who does take off 10 lbs. during this time. We saw some of Julie's angels last year and it is definately worth working for.

In November our new area captain, Carlene Wellington and her husband Gary (1990 state King of TOPS) visited our chapter. It was a wonderful night of fun and a great time to get to know them and be challenged by the sucess they have both achieved. Gary came close to dying as a result of being obese. After he regained his health and lost 100 lbs., he took up mountain climbing and has been up Mt. Rainier several times. Carlene has also climbed with him and realized her goals. They are truly an inspiration. This has been a wonderful year for our chapter. The Civic Center has been remodeld, the VFW room that we meet in to the point that is a pleasure to be there. We have a nice cupboard to store our records and things that we need to conduct our meetings. We really want to thank them for all they have provided for our use. Our group as a whole has had much success in our endeavor to lose weight. As the weight recorder for our group, I personally am very pleased with the overall weight loss. Most outstanding is Colleen Spezia. Colleen has at this time lost over 175lbs. She is on her home stretch to her goal. Her son James, whom we all adore, has lost over 50 lbs. Pauline Longley reached her goal this year and has been in her leeway all year. That is one of the hardest things to accomplish, to maintain the loss at an even keel. Also new member Pat Canavan has an outstanding record of steady losses since she joined us in August. Last month our best of TOPS were Julie Higgins #1, Vickie Krause #2 and Rita Koehl and James Spezia tied for 3rd place. Marie Schwenka also had a successful month. As a group we lost net weight a total of 34 1/2 lbs. You can join us at any time or just come and check us out on any Tues night at the Civic Center in the VFW room over at the side in the smaller white building. We start our weigh-in at 6:00 PM; the meeting starts at 7:00 PM and we are done promptly at 8:00PM. Weights are confidential. The cost to join TOPS is \$20. for yearly dues and \$5, for monthly dues. TOPS is a non-profit organization and all funds are used to support the chapter and reward the members. Call 884-4102 anytime for more info.

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Vaughn area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is January 15, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Ely.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19907, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

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"We are going to create a really special atmosphere with lots of twinkling lights and special artistic touches," said the event's creative director, Margo Macdonald. Macdonald, a textile artist in Vaughn, said she has been lucky enough to recruit a number of talented local artists to work on the party decorations and environment.

Macdonald said, "We will have a lot of fun touches, like having community founder William Vaughn greet partygoers at the door." In fact the theme of our 'Celebration 2000—Your Key to the Future' party is a marriage of the Key Peninsula's historical past with visions of the future, as predicted by our nation's writers, artists, scientists, film directors and academicians. So we're going to have lots of historical photos, plus drawings, videos, and writings which depict how people from Jules Verne to Woody Allen see the future."

"And our decorations will invite partygoers to interact with them. For example, one thing we are really excited about, we will have a 30 foot long, illustrated, historical timeline which depicts key milestones over the last 100 years, and on it we want partygoers to add photos and memories of key milestones in their own personal and family history to the timeline. This could be really fun if we get lots of participation, she said. "And best of all, we are going to put the timeline into a time capsule and then donate the time capsule to the historical society's museum here at the Key Civic Center."

Party organizers Sabra Stratford and Kathy Bauer say they are energized by the enthusiastic response the celebration is getting from community members. They said they have people stopping them in the grocery store and all over town asking them about the party.

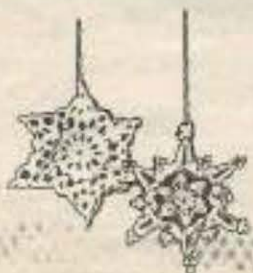
Bauer said they have worked very hard to make this a special and fun event for the community, and that she hopes it draws community members together as we approach the new millennium. "And, it is a fund-raiser for the Civic Center, so you can feel good that the profits from the party are going to support the community."

Stratford noted that the band, "Wickerman" is known for its danceable music to suit all styles and all ages and that the food, provided by Gig Harbor caterers, Local Motive, is really going to be first class. "We want to make this a party to remember she said." "We're getting word that besides friends and neighbors from Wauna, Purdy, Gig Harbor, Port Orchard, Key Center, Longbranch, Home, Herron Island, Victor and Vaughn, we have people coming from Tacoma, Seattle, New York City and Los Angeles to attend the party. "This is a crowd that is going to want to have fun."

Tickets can be purchased at Sunnycrest Nursery or by calling Shirley Olson at 884-2481.

Serve Up Some Fun And Serve Yourself Some Savings

Kitchen help is still needed for the Celebration 2000 New Years Eve Party. So if you have some time available to help make this community celebration a success, volunteer your time. Party organizers say they will make it worth your efforts by giving you a huge discount on ticket prices for those in your party. For details call Kathy Bauer at 884-9172.



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Welcome to the season of traditional eating. Many who struggle with their weight are considering giving up for a couple of months and starting their struggle again in the new year.

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You could visit our morning T.O.P.S. group and talk with people who are losing weight right now. Find out how you can be successful in your weight loss, no matter how much or how little you need to lose. We are

the **MORNING T.O.P.S. GROUP #WA 1325, Lakebay**, which meets at the Longbranch Improvement Club which is located on the Key Peninsula Highway, about a mile past Evergreen Elementary School. Come in for a visit between 9:00 - 11:00 AM any Tuesday morning. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 90+ may join for \$20 a year and \$5 a month. We begin to weigh in (all confidential) at 9:00 AM and our meeting starts at 9:30 AM. That gives us a half an hour to greet each other and welcome and introduce ourselves to any new ones. **This is where the encouragement begins!!** Call Lisa at 884-2251, or Ruth at 884-6906 for more information.

Our best loser this month is Mury Nelson, followed closely by Lila Garrison. Keep up the good work. It is a wonderful example for the rest of us. Congratulations!!!!

Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

As we approach the end of the year and the millenium, it is a time to look back and reflect on what the Angel Guild has meant to our community. Twenty years ago when the tiny shack started to sell items and raise funds for our local clinic, I doubt if any one would have ever imagined the prosperous little shoppe that we now run in Key Center. It is a wonder and a delight to see our customers surge into the store every day and especially on Wednesday, which is our first open day of the week. I often look out to see 10 or more people waiting to come in and browse and spend their good money on bargains in the shoppe. The best part of it all is that all profit goes right back to the community. It has been our pleasure to be able to help and support the many charities that make requests to us. last month we approved sizable donations to The Children's Home Society, the Christmas party at Longbranch Improvement Club, The Historical Society for lighting and paper to preserve old documents, the Community House to provide Christmas baskets for the needy, and we approved again scholarships for 3 students at Peninsula High in the coming year. All of this because YOU give donations to the guild and our members sort and get it ready and stock the store and YOU come in and buy the cast off good stuff someone else doesn't want anymore. This is grass roots help with no taxes or government interference to tell us how or if and when to act.

What a terrific idea our founders had to get this going!! We salute all those hardy souls who started the ANGEL GUILD!!!! There is a down side to report. We still get a lot of unsaleable junk dropped off. This is an expense to us as then we have to pay to dispose of it. There are signs to the effect that we don't take mattresses. Often a mattress will be dumped right under the sign. Also large pieces of furniture are placed by our back door and get rained on. We have to pay to have the junk hauled away. This cost comes right out of what would have been available to donate back for the good of all. Please, PLEASE don't leave stuff no one wants just because you don't want to take it where it really belongs. We try very hard to only bring quality merchandise into the store. We understand that Goodwill no longer picks up in this area. However that doesn't mean to junk on the Angel Guild. Those of you who do give good stuff, please keep bringing it.

This year again, Nell Blanchard will be hosting the annual holiday potluck luncheon in her home in Longbranch. We had such a good time last year and the angels are looking forward to another wonderful chance to visit in such a beautiful setting.

The store will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holiday for refurbishing. There will be a big sale just before the closing. So watch for the sale. Have a wonderful and safe and sane New Year's celebration. We look forward to an even better 2000.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will celebrate Christmas with a potluck at noon and a gift exchange on December 15th. Jean Kesterson will be hostess with Betty Arns as co-hostess for the meeting.

The Garden Club was established in 1928, with Elsie Olson the only remaining active charter member. Over the years they contributed much to the community, including the purchase of a flag for the local Girl Scouts, a flag staff for the Brownies, and tumbling mats for Explorer Scouts. A canopy for the cemetery, complete with fringe, was one of their projects. Plants were donated to the Vaughn PTA Carnival, Vaughn Cemetery, Peninsula High School, and Vaughn Elementary School.

From 1956 through the 60s, a Christmas Show was held, beginning with wreaths and holiday arrangements, and eventually becoming an annual bazaar with craft and other homemade items offered from local participating organizations.

Many contributions were made by the group to the Key Peninsula Civic Center, including refrigerators, drapes, curtains and blinds for the meeting room. They provided and maintained flower boxes at the Civic Center for many years, and in recent years put in the entry planting there.

Visitors or prospective members are welcome. For further information, call 884-3403.

Santa's 1999 Schedule

- Dec. 5th 4:00 Tree Lighting at KC Coral, Key Center
4:30 Santa Arrives by Sleigh

- Dec. 12th Longbranch Improvement Club's Community Holiday Celebration
3:30 Santa Arrives

6:00 Taylor Bay Estates
6:30 Longbranch Shores
7:30 Palmer Lake

- Dec. 13th 6:00 Jackson Lake and Jackson Lake South
7:00 Home

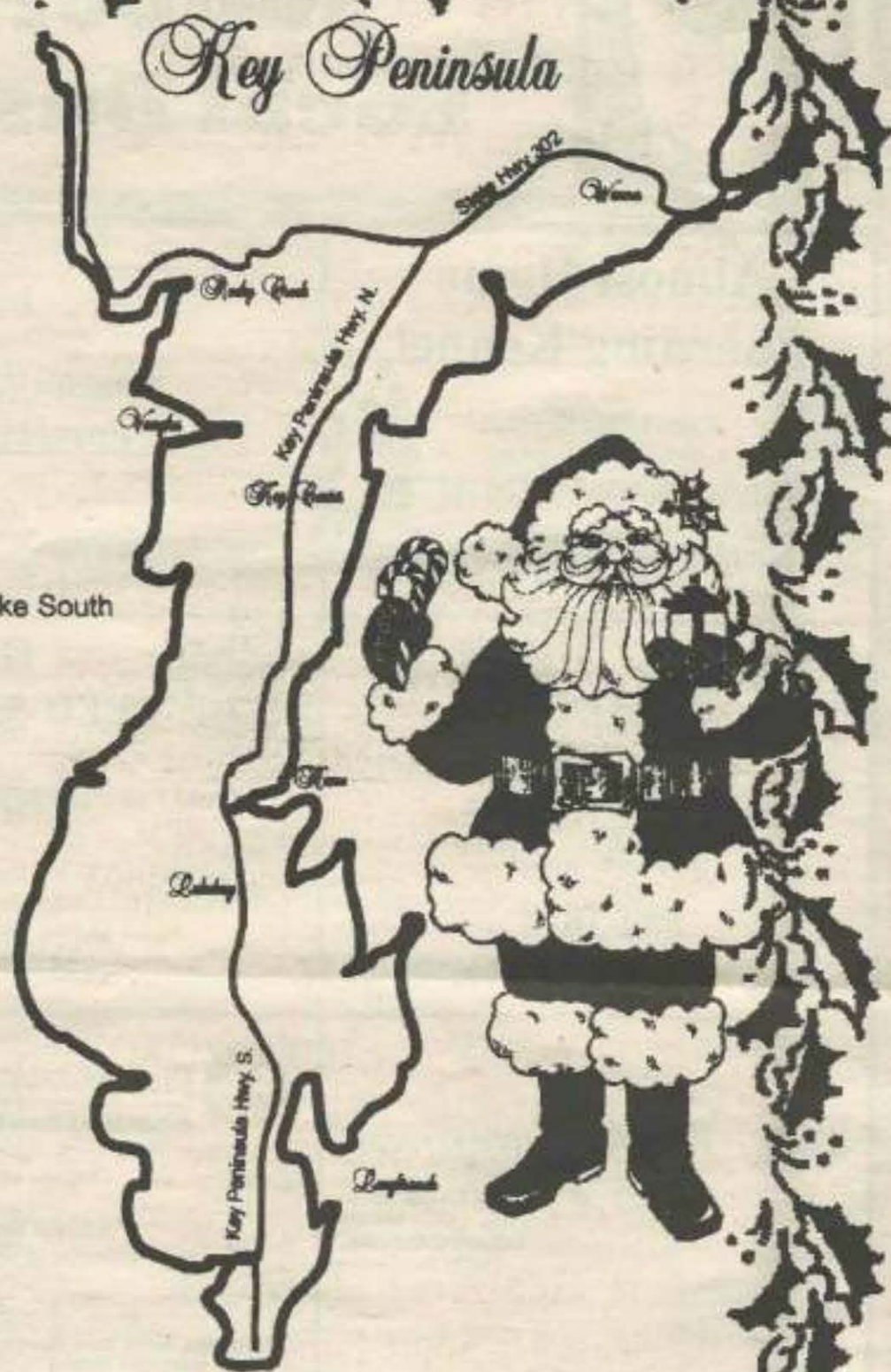
- Dec. 15th 6:00 Lake Minterwood
7:30 Kooley Addition
8:15 Key Peninsula Civic Center

- Dec. 16th 6:00 Bell Ridge
7:00 Lake Holiday

- Dec. 17th 6:00 Lake of the Woods
7:30 Lake of the Woods South

- Dec. 18th 6:00 Wind and Tides
7:00 Wauna Shores
7:30 Danforth Heights
8:00 Emerald Shores

- Dec. 19th 6:00 Minterbrook Homes
6:45 Fir Acres
7:30 Greentree
8:45 Horseshoe Lake Estates



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RIF Comes To Evergreen

by Hugh McMillan

The theme for the day was "Fall Into a Good Book." The Evergreen Elementary library was decorated with pumpkins, corn stalks, and scarecrows. Its floor was a swirl of maple and other brown, red, and yellow leaves. The door was festooned with streamers.

The occasion was RIF, or Reading Is FUNDamental day, something that repeats three times a year at Evergreen. It is a program wherein students come to the library one class at a time for an allotted fifteen minutes in which they are able to choose a book to keep as their very own. After registering their choice, they find a seat or sit on the floor to read it with an adult volunteer or with a classmate.

RIF is a major event for the youngsters. As they enter the library, wide eyed and expectant, the aura is one that even Santa Claus couldn't top.

The program's organizers said, "RIF has been going (at Evergreen) for six years. We distribute books three times a year. We distribute over 300 books each time. We have approximately 20 volunteers who help with decorating, set up, ordering books, and other attendant matters."

The program is funded by Evergreen's PTA whose every dollar is matched by the national RIF organization which operates under the aegis of HUD, the national Housing and Urban Development agency.

KP Loses Its Barber

by Hugh McMillan

A large sized disappointment will hit the many patrons of local barber, Mindy Brocenos, upon her retirement the end of November.

She said, "I'm off to finish my degree in administration of justice. I'm very excited about going back to school. I've wanted to for a very long time, but needed to wait until my kids were older."

Mindy had years of haircutting experience before she opened Cutter Bug on March 1, 1996 in the little red building by the Vaughn post office. It had no heat or air conditioning. In fact, it had no furniture she said, "the first haircut I did in that building was done on toilet, because it was the only place to sit."

"Customers went through an awful lot with me," she said. I had three break-ins, there were blackberries growing through the floor, and there were cold winters and hot summers."

"My final haircut in the little red building was done last January," Mindy said. "It was so cold that my towel was frozen to the counter top and all my combs were frozen in Barbercide. I had to set them in front of a propane heater to thaw them out so I could work. I was wearing five layers of clothes,

and gloves with the fingers cut out. I had no water thanks to frozen pipes so I brought water from home in milk jugs."

"Through everything, my customers kept coming back, and most important, they kept a sense of humor," she added.

"I've met some of the finest people I've ever known," she said. "Very loyal, and down to earth. I'm going to miss them all and want to thank each and every one of them for making my business a success."

"I'm going to have a goodbye party on December 5, the first Sunday in December," she said. "It will be at the shop in Key Center, at 12:00 noon and I'll have cake and coffee," she smiled.

"I'd like the chance to personally say goodbye to everyone," Mindy said.

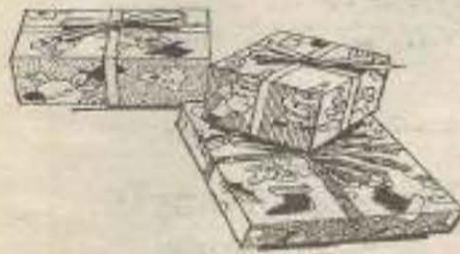
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Brian Pertl, ethnomusicologist, in five previous programs at the Key Center Library has taken us on a tour of world music: didgeridu music of three Australian Aborigines, sacred music of the Tibetan Buddhist monks, Vedic chants of India, work song traditions from Ghana, monkey chants of Indonesia, harmonic singing of Tuva, throat game songs of the Canadian Inuit, and the complex, beautiful music of the Pygmy. Brian's knowledge of his subject and his delivery is a performance in itself.

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 PM, a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

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**YESTERDAY'S
TEENAGERS!**
Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan
Phone: 851-4847

We asked some 30 Seniors at the pre-Thanksgiving day feast on Nov. 18th to answer this question: Who Would You Like To Be If Not Yourself??? So - here's a look into the minds of some of our community's respected retirees - male and female. Some wished to be animals or insects - a bee, a cat. Others voted to be real people - alive or dead - Bill Gates, 2 votes, as Seahawk Coach Holgren, 2 votes. Some seniors wanted to be, for instance: A dancer, A Lottery winner, a lady of the night, a grandmother, a house builder, an astronaut, teacher, ranger, cook and a physician. Some of the other real-life wannabees included (1 vote each) Mother Theresa, Judy Garland, Edward R. Murrow, Ray Price, Mariah Carey, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Melinda Gates, Gypsy Rose Lee, Warren Buffet, and Ray Charles. Strange??? But wait! Three of us would choose to be these imaginary characters: Betty Boop, Smokey Stover, and Tug-boat Skipper. Want an interesting conversation? Strike up one with any of our seniors!!!

Seniors At The Christmas Bazaar

Our booth/table at the Key Peninsula Christmas Bazaar was a decided success as Seniors, directed by President Chuck Williamson, took turns at various shifts of two hours each from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They met new people, sold gifts, handcraft items made or sewn by seniors, and in the process earned a bit of cash for the senior organization's treasury. Tickets were sold for chances on a large afghan donated by Henry Stock. The drawing will be held and the winner notified before Christmas. Tickets at a dollar each (6 for \$5) are still available - just call Jim Blundell, 884-2662. And thanks to all of you we met at the bazaar.

Our Goofs

Last time we reported that Helen Hendrix was doing fine after eye surgery -- and still is. But she advises her name is spelled Rix not Ricks. Sorry Helen.

We also erroneously reported on the Blakemore's problems with illnesses in their family. Don and Ruth have been spending a lot of their time at the Tacoma Hospital helping with the recovery of a grandson and granddaughter, which has been a slow process and a serious one. We're all praying that both youngsters will improve and return to good health. Our error was in reporting that the Blakemore's son and daughter were the ones who were ill. Sorry - we were wrong. It was Grandson and Granddaughter.

Chuck and Pauline Williamson's son Rick happily joined them for Thanksgiving - coming from his home in Chico, CA, where he operates a vineyard. Pauline served a scrumptious dinner to about a dozen or so, including Rick.

Dick Bates joined us in November to play bridge with our aficionados. Dick was a dentist in the Queen Anne district of Seattle, now living at Vaughn Bay. We welcome him and any others who would like to come for

potluck and to play bridge or pinochle each Thursday, 12:00 Noon at the Civic Center.

We are shocked and saddened last month to hear of the death of Marie Schwenka's husband and were happy to welcome Marie back to our meetings recently.

We've missed three long-time members recently: Helen Wolniewicz is recovering from hip surgery, but happily returned to eat Thanksgiving Dinner with us. Martha Applegate was hit with a bad cold bug and has been slowly recovering. Hope to see her before Christmas. Mavis Zacek is at home these days ... but we miss her. Same goes for Shirley Roper-Witt who hasn't been able to attend lately.

And Finally

Did you read about the fellow who drove his pickup off the pier into Puget Sound? He rolled down his window and got out safely, but the two guys in the back of the pickup drowned. Couldn't get the tailgate open.

See ya next month!

Grace Presbyterian Church Events Coming Up

Grace Presbyterian Church, at Wauna, has scheduled several events for the Christmas season.

"O Come O Come Emmanuel", an interactive celebration of Advent with scripture and song, based on Medieval antiphons, will be held during the regular worship hour on Sunday, November 28.

"Famous Last Words", a Bible Study which examines the last or near last thoughts of some important Bible characters will continue through December 14. Larry Carlson leads the class which meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

On Sunday, December 19, the regular 10:30 AM worship service will include presentations by the Sunday School children.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held at 5:00 PM on December 24.

All are welcome. The church meets at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake, Sidney Road. Regular worship and Sunday School are at 10:30 AM each Sunday. For information, call Pastor Jim Christianson, 857-7284, (360)871-6945, or call 857-4221.



Veterans In Peninsula Schools

by Hugh McMillan

November was "Veterans in the Classroom Month." It was also the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Key Peninsula's VFW Post 4990 continued the service which won it the VFW's National Outstanding Community Service Award last September by bringing Veterans in the Classroom to the Minter Creek, Vaughn, and Purdy Elementaries.

Two members of the post, chairman Gary Helmick and fellow presenter Jerry Davis, gave programs in individual classrooms and at veterans' commemorative assemblies there.

Helmick, a veteran of the US Air Force, showed and passed among the youngsters various items, including his highly shined duty boots. Davis passed along pictures of the several aircraft from which he jumped as a paratrooper of the US Army and explained

why airborne forces are vital to military operations.

They gave an all-weather 4 by 6 foot American flag to each school's principal and, while Davis led students in folding it properly, Helmick described the meaning of each fold to the general audience. And they handed out 5 by 6 inch flags to students and other members of the audiences.

One thing was crystal clear at each of these presentations: those who say patriotism is dead don't know what they're talking about. Each school pulsated pride and enthusiasm during the programs. Students robustly sang the Marine's Hymn, USAF's Off We Go, Army's Caissons Go Rolling, and Navy's Anchors Aweigh. Marching or dancing to Neil Diamond's Come to America resulted in more than one damp eye.

And thanks to Post 4990, students have a better understanding of the cost of our freedoms.

KP And GH FDs Hold Joint Live Fire Training Exercise

by Hugh McMillan

Owners Mike & Elaine Hettick who plan to build a house at 15220 94th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor, donated an existing structure, a 1500 square foot 3 bedroom rambler with a large porch added to the front, to the Key Peninsula Fire Department for a live fire training exercise on Saturday.

"It was set up to practice many disciplines," said KPFD's training officer, Captain Tracy Lyon. "These included Incident Management, Fire Combat, Search & Rescue, Pumper Operations, Exposure Control, and Decontamination," he said.

The initial fire was set at 9:30 am with subsequent fire sets following at 45 minute intervals. A total of 8 attacks were made on each fire set for a total of approximately 40 attacks.

"There were no injuries during the exercise and everyone appeared to enjoy and profit from the experience," said Lyon. The drill was completed by 2:00 pm.

Lyon said, "We were joined by two personnel from the Gig Harbor Fire Department, Lt. Steve Nixon and Firefighter Paul Hayes. Whenever we have a house burn, we attempt to include District 5 personnel so that our personnel can interact with mutual aid firefighters with whom they might be working in an actual fire incident."

"The Department wishes to convey great thanks to the Hetticks. Availability of homes for fire combat practice are becoming scarce," said Lyon, "and this is, by far, the best type of training. On the Key Peninsula, unlike, say, Tacoma, our firefighters see few structure fires, requiring the use of donated houses such as this to keep Department skills fresh and prepared."

Those participating in the training were: Captain Tracy Lyon, Drillmaster, Asst. Chief Eric Nelsen, Incident Commander, Chief Gary Franz, Exterior Safety; firefighters Gary Way, Incendiary Specialist; Ken Foss, Interior Safety; and Chance Gower, Staging & Re-Hab.

Participating personnel from KPFD included: Lts. Chuck West, Guy Allen, Christie Lyon, Robert Fisher, and Jenny Frame and firefighters Jerry Marsh, Darin Marsh, Scott Marsh, Bill Sawaya, Jesse Sorrells, Noah Falk, Todd Vanscoyk, Mike Dumas, and Patrick Rugh, and from Gig Harbor Fire Department Lt. Steve Nixon and firefighter Paul Hayes.

Support personnel included Fire Commissioner Ruth Bramhall, Shirley Frame and Heidi Whittemore.

Annual Salatino Senior Christmas Dinner

It is fast approaching Christmas 1999 and for the 22nd year we are putting on our annual Salatino Senior Christmas Dinner at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Marguerite Bussard has once again accepted the position of Peninsula area coordinator. Her job is to see that any senior citizen who does not have a place to go on Christmas Day joins us for dinner.

Every year we try to provide a family atmosphere for approximately 100 seniors. If you know of a senior who would be alone on Christmas, please call Marguerite at 884-3771 so she can issue an invitation to the party. We have a volunteer staff of about 30 people so that everyone has a good time.

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Financial Focus

Be Realistic When Investing For The New Millennium

by Connie R. Rose

As investors prepare for the new millennium, the market's performance over the past several years has led some people to expect exceptional returns in the year 2000 and beyond. The key words here are "expect" and "exceptional."

Webster's collegiate Dictionary defines expect as "to consider probable or certain." It defines exceptional as "forming an exception, rare." Obviously combining the two doesn't make sense.

If you're not convinced, let's put the market's recent performance into perspective. Over the past 70 years, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has returned about 10 percent annually. This figure includes price appreciation and dividends. Over the past 10 years, the Dow has returned 18.6 percent annually, well above the historical average. In the past four years, the Dow has posted even more impressive returns:

1995 return — 33.5 percent

1996 return — 26.01 percent

1997 return — 22.9 percent

1998 return — 18.2 percent

Obviously, the returns we've recently enjoyed are extraordinary. Thus, as we prepare for the new millennium, they should be enjoyed, not expected.

Don't be shortsighted

A strong market and its exceptional returns can result in misleading track records for individual investments. Nearly any investment, even a mediocre one, can post a strong performance in an exceptional mar-

ket. Because of this, it's especially important during times such as these to examine an investment's long-term track record before committing any money. If possible, look for companies that have track record of at least 10 years. This time frame will show how well the investment has fared in a variety of market conditions.

Even when market returns aren't exceptional, the market is a great place to be. Over the past 70 years, stocks have outperformed nearly every other kind of investment. And the market isn't as risky as many investors believe.

Over those same 70 years, if you had stayed invested in the stock market over any five-year period, you would have made money 89 percent of the time. If you had stayed in the market over any 10-year period, you would have made money 98 percent of the time, and if you had stayed in the market over any 15 year period, you would have made money period.

We've all heard the tales of investors making fortunes in very short time periods. History, however, tells a different story. Most investors make money over time, not overnight.

Instead of focusing on investments that may produce phenomenal returns from time to time, focus your efforts on building a portfolio that can stand the test of time. It's a much surer method of turning your financial dreams into reality.



Career Day 1999, PHS Students Spend A Day With KPFD

by Hugh McMillan

For Peninsula High School aspirants a day with Key Peninsula firefighters on last week's Career Day was summed up by student Alena Dahm who said, "It's been very informative and gives us a real understanding of what firefighters do."

For students Undzey Killoran, Melissa Lewis, Alena Dahm, Brian Caskin, and Forrest Treat the day started at 8:00 am with briefings at the District's Wright Bliss station. It ended at 4:00 pm at the Home station after a day learning tasks and responsibilities of firefighters, the importance of schooling, of mathematics in calculating hydraulics and medicines, of English spelling and reports writing, of biology for anatomy and physiology, and chemistry for hazardous materials and medicine.

An actual emergency call to which all five students responded with the firefighters interrupted briefings on apparatus inspections. Two students, Undzey Killoran and Alena Dahm, made the run on the ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma.

The students wore protective clothing when performing auto extrication exercises and hose evolutions. A tour of the district demonstrated routes, response times, landing sites for air evacuations, water craft launch sites for maritime rescue operations, and several other disciplines.

KP firefighters who made the day a real learning experience were Lt. Paul Bosch, and firefighters Ken Foss, Bill Sawaya, and Patrick Rugh.

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Obituary of Medric C. Schwenka

Medric C. Schwenka, 77, a Lakebay resident since 1960, passed away on October 27, 1999. He was born on December 31, 1921, in Minden, NE. Medric retired from the U.S. Army, the telephone company (Sound Telephone Company) and as Fire Chief from Pierce County Fire District # 16. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association.

Family members include: his wife, Marie Schwenka of Lakebay; sons: Gary (Mary Ann) Schwenka of Tumwater; Ronald (Patricia Ann) Schwenka of San Bernardino, CA.; and Jay Schwenka of Lakebay; daughter, Tarus Schwenka of Lakebay; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; mother, Marie W. Schwenka; sister, Judy Vaughn; and several nieces and nephews all living in Arizona. Memorial Services, were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 3rd at the Gig Harbor United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Pierce County Fire District #16 Volunteer Fire Fighter Training Fund. Arrangements by Haven of Rest Funeral Home.

Peninsula Community Chorus

The Peninsula Community Chorus invites you to its annual seasonal holiday celebration with two concerts in early December. Selections from Handel's Messiah will be performed on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 PM and again on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM, at the United Methodist Church on Pioneer Way in Gig Harbor. Tickets are \$4 for seniors and youth, and \$7 for adults and can be purchased from chorus members or at the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society Cultural Arts Commission kiosk.

The Chorus has been in existence for over forty years and offers the community two concerts yearly, one during the Christmas season and one in the spring. This year, we welcome Alden Olmsted as our choral director. He has studied music in Washington and Michigan, has sung professionally, and teaches voice. He shares the goals of the Chorus, to provide a variety of both contemporary and classical music to the community, sung by your neighbors. President Rosina Vertz is committed to offering quality musical performances locally and at reasonable costs so that parents can introduce their families to the musical performing arts.

The Peninsula Community Chorus is a member of the Cultural Arts Commission and supports other cultural events in the area

throughout the year. Its smaller group, the Peninsula Chamber Singers performs for a variety of different community events, and welcomes your inquiries. Auditions are required for the smaller group but are strictly forbidden for the larger Community Chorus, and we invite you to join us. Tickets for the December concerts are available through the Cultural Arts Commission kiosk at the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society or through the members themselves. Questions about tickets, performances, or about future activities can be directed to President Rosina Vertz at 360-876-8434, Judy Rose at 360-874-9584, or Sally Wax at 857-5417

TCC Classes Starting Winter Quarter At The Key Peninsula Civic Center

Check your calendars and register for the up-coming classes scheduled to begin in February, 2000 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. TCC is kicking off the program with several art classes for adults and children, in partnership with the Cultural Arts Commission. The classes will be taught by local artists Gary Anderson, Cecilia Blomberg, Margo Macdonald and Be Pedersen. Also, Bonnie Mora will be conducting an authentic Southwestern, New Mexico cooking demonstration.

Enrollments are limited, so register early to ensure your place in the class. For more information call the TCC Gig Harbor Center at 851-2424.

8094 Pottery for Youth, Feb. 12 - Mar 4, Saturday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. For ages 10 - 16. Fee: \$49.

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Peninsula Neighbors Bazaar

On Saturday, December 4, Peninsula Neighbors Craft Group will hold a Bazaar at the Longbranch Fire Station. Unique and original handcrafted items will be offered between the hours of 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM

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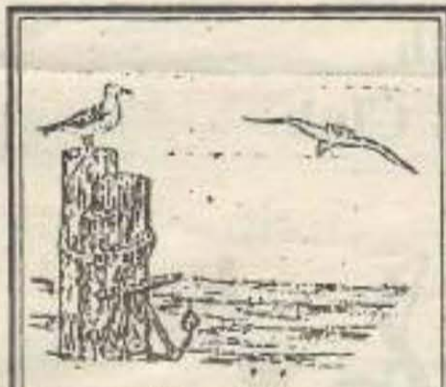
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Key Peninsula Civic Center
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phone 253-272-7700 for information

The Key Singers Are Preparing For A Busy Season

Barely into our second year, our growth rate is heartwarming. No longer can we claim our members range in age from 30's to 80's... we now have teenagers and young adults.

Our repertoire is also growing; but some of those golden oldies will be sprinkled among the new numbers.

The Second Annual Community Christmas Celebration at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 5210 Key Peninsula Highway S, will be held Sunday, December 12th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This was a big hit last year! Light brunch from 1:00 to 2:00, Key Singers and local Elementary singers from 2:00 - 4:00 PM; and Santa arrives at 4:00 PM. This is FREE.

by Colleen Slater

Norwich was our first destination north of London, to visit cousins Nigel Bill and his family. Cail and David were finally able to kick a soccer ball around for awhile. Few people their age was a shortcoming of this trip we hadn't considered. However, riding in Jason's MG convertible was an unexpected pleasure for them.

Our first day out was north to Walsingham, called England's Nazareth. In 1061, Lady Richeldis was said to have a vision of Mary, who asked her to build a holy house as a reminder of the one in Nazareth, the scene of the Annunciation. By 1538, every king of England has made a pilgrimage to visit the shrine at least once. Before the Reformation, Walsingham was one of the four major shrines in Christendom, ranked with Jerusa-

lem, Rome and Compostella. Pilgrims still walk the "holy mile", many without shoes. Two ruin walls of the 12th century Priory still stand. Crossing a quiet stream over the Packhorse Bridge, we watched a ring-tailed pheasant hen and her young scrambling for cover in a nearby field. We lunched at an outside table of Chaucer's, a restaurant inside the 14th century Bull Inn, overlooking the village square with an old pump house which once provided the villagers with drinking water.

At Well-next-the-sea on The Wash, the tide was low, with many families enjoying the pleasant weather on the beach in the waters. Farther east at Blakeney, kids and dads were catching crabs, and a small group of children were enjoying rubber raft slides down a muddy bank into the low water.

A glass-blowing demonstration at the factory in Langham intrigued us. This is a center for various crafts, including wood-turning and china painting. Passing swans and ducks in the canal, we headed back to Norwich, noting "tree tunnels" created by passing traffic below tall trees edging the country road. Nigel made a "slow down" sign light up for us, demonstrating a caution for speeding motorists.

The city of Norwich boasts both the ancient and the new. A very modern mall, constructed partly below street level, draws architects and city planners from around the world. A contrast is cobbled Elm Hill Street, with tiny individual shops carrying antiques, lace, books and other items. The Bear Shop displays Paddington bears, but no "teddies". Norwich Cathedral, with its spire rising to 315 feet, has magnificent stained glass windows and an ornamental ceiling. Standing on the Castle grounds, we surveyed the city. The cousins pointed out various church spires and said that once Norwich claimed to have a church for every Sunday. The next comment was "and a pub for every day of the week." Today's pubs often furnish great lunches, and the Briton Arms on Elm Hill Street was no exception. We climbed the stairs to a narrow terraced eating area outside. Surrounding plants made it an intimate place, with bumble bees visiting flowers next to Frank's face as we ate. Jason, an architect, explained that buildings were once taxed on the 'footprint', so upper stories were often extended and leaned outward to increase living space. Such "crooked" buildings are common in England.

Blickling Hall, famous for its carved ceiling, is 17th century Jacobean architecture. The gardens weren't as well maintained as when we previously visited, but special delights included cyclamen gone wild, colchicum, penstemon, asters and gigantic hydrangea bushes.

Thatched cottages, a windmill and St. Helen's Church at Ranworth were other sights in the Norwich vicinity. The small church has 89 curved tower steps, 2 ladders and a trap door used to ascend to the roof where visitors can view the Broadlands. A painted medieval screen, the most complete and best example in England, portrays the apostles and 15th century saints. Another treasure is an illuminated Antiphoner, a book of words and music for services, with paintings and exquisite lettering in Latin. We stood on the roof as the bells below us rang at 5:00 PM.

Volunteer Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, supported by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities:

1) Tutors for children and adults in The Family Literacy Program in Sumner, and to work with children in school peer mediation, Training provided. 2) Callers to make telephone reassurance calls in a program with terminally ill individuals and their families. Training and support are provided. 3) Drivers are needed to deliver meals with Lutheran Social Services. Mileage reimbursement is provided.

For more information call Mildred or Joan at 253-474-1700

North From London



2nd Annual Community Christmas Celebration



Come Join all the festivities.....
Sunday, December 12th
Longbranch Improvement Club



'Lite Brunch'

- * Finger Foods
- * Juices
- * Coffee
- * Cookies
- * Surprises

Times:
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

'Santa Visit'

- * Visit with Santa
- * Share 'Wish List'
- * Pictures (bring camera)
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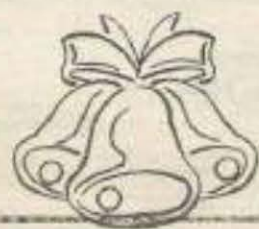
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Debbie Hanna @ 884-9621
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Free to all! Please come & join us!



The Garden In December

by Sylvia (Stella) Retherford

Even though the winter solstice comes to us on December 21st at 11:44 PM PST, our Puget Sound area gardens are not to be forgotten until spring. Rainy days are meant to groom house plants and enjoy their blooms. Geranium cuttings that were rooted in fall are beginning to show their first buds. They are quite at home in their sunny south window thus carrying over favored colors and varieties. Angel wing begonias along with other fibrous rooted begonia cuttings thrive with a little less sun. Many will bloom when planted in potting soil and gently treated with soluble fertilizer.

Outdoors, primroses are growing and making buds. Many bear blossoms now if they survived the summer well. Helleborus (Lenten roses) are budded ready to burst into their winter bloom. Colors vary from white through pinks, reds and purples. They even set seed in winter. Sasanqua camellia buds are swelling. There are many pinks and reds available, some single and some double flowered.

The first rhododendron to show will be the pink Christmas Cheer, usually in January. If you have waste milk products, dilute them and apply to roots of rhodies or other acid loving shrubs. Even the geraniums and begonias favor a weak milky drink.

Viewed across Home's Bay (VonGeldern Cove), is a sweet gum (Liquidamber) tree in a yard that colors beautifully and lastingly in December. It is in the same family as witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), that blooms red, yellow or orange in January and February. Seeing the shrub in full bloom against the snow in its native southeast U.S. is a delightful surprise. In our northwest garden it is also a winter joy.

Two shrubs of the verbena family from North Korea add color to our December gardens. One is *Callicarpa bodinieri*, a shrub bearing thick clusters of glossy purple/lavender berries that persist. *Clerodendrum trichotomum* (glory bower), a shrub, bears showy, bright pink petal-like sepals surrounding electric blue fruit. Another surprise is its odor of peanut butter when leaves are crushed.

The heaths and heathers continue to provide color and hardy cyclamen put out occasional flowers above handsomely marked leaf clusters. Even *Trillium chloropetalum* is showing 3 inch shoots but it will not bloom until March.

Perennial flower clumps benefit by dividing and respacing any time in the winter when the ground is not frozen. Give the excesses to neighbors who are new to our area. Gifts of cuttings, divisions and extra bulbs is the way we started out gardening.

Vegetables available for harvesting now and throughout the winter are: red radicchio for salads and sandwiches, green broccoli, leeks, carrots, parsnips and salsify. The freezer provides corn, green beans, peas, and summer fruits. The recently harvested apples and winter pears keep best in the cold garage.

Then there are the winter squash! These are Hubbard type but smaller varieties such as Buttercup and Sweet Mama which weigh about three pounds each. Harvested in late October and stored on the cool floor of the basement room, they improve in sugar content and remain good until next summer. They

are a superior food high in vitamins, especially Vitamin A. It is easy to produce too many for one family so there are usually some to share with the neighbors. During the depression years of the early 1930s, Home people were proud to say that no one here was hungry. Squash is easier to raise in our area than potatoes.

The Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden, member of the Capitol District, will have its December meeting on Friday the 17th at the Longbranch Improvement Club. 12 Noon Christmas party potluck luncheon, 1:00 PM exchange holiday crafts and designs. Your hostesses are Dorothy Rome and Peg Robertson. For more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.

TATU Takes Stand Against Tobacco

Peninsula High School's TATU (Teens against tobacco use) group is off to a strong start this year. Over forty students have signed up as members and half of them are working on activities for the Great American Smokeout Day, November 18th. Members of our group presented an Anti-Tobacco campaign at Evergreen Elementary School November 4th. This group is preparing to present their campaign to fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) graders through out the district, during the school year. Derek Eye is the president of this group and Wendy Coovert is their advisor. If you would like more information about our group please contact the advisor at 857-3530.

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