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Winter Visuals 1999



It's time again for a wonderful adventure!

The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) presents "Winter Visuals 1999", Saturday, February 6th, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, 10710 South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, Washington. The Key Peninsula Civic Center will provide the concession as a fund-raising program for the Center. Admission for adults is by donation. Children, students, and nursing home residents are admitted free. "Please bring children and the elderly. This will be an experience the whole family will enjoy," said Shirley Tomasi, CAC Executive Director.

"Winter Visuals is the fourth of the Four Seasons annual programs. Spring Sing showcases singing groups, Summer Dance, cultural dances, Autumn Sounds is a concentration on the musical instrument, and Winter Visuals focuses on the visual arts and the how-to process," offered Tomasi. "Last year over 900 residents enjoyed Winter Visuals! To hear the children say 'I didn't know this was art' is a joy. They tried tapestry on looms and watched artists create computer art, wearable fashions and watercolors," said Tomasi.

Artists in the 1999 Winter Visuals program will discuss their processes when creating stained and blown glass, pottery, metal and wood sculptures, watercolors, quilts, rolled porcelains, pastels, photography, basket weavings, and so much more. Antique carousel horse restoration and carousel carvings in process will be presented. Making baskets from cedar bark and root will also be demonstrated by Mary Slaughter, the great-great-great-granddaughter of Chief Seattle.

Kati Wright will display her Beanie Baby collection. "She readily accepted my invitation to join us when I noted that, although she didn't create the Beanie Babies, they do 'draw' the children and that I especially want the children to see the art, and hear how the artists conceive ideas, select materials, and market their wares. Kati auctioned a 'retired Beanie Baby' at her recent Beanie Baby exhibit, then gave the proceeds to another young lady with limited funds who needed medical attention. We are proud to have this fine young lady take part in our program."

Colleen Slater, a Vaughn resident and a celebrated poet, will also participate. One of Colleen's poems has been selected to be etched in cement along Ruston Way. She



Winter Visuals 1997 a huge success



Photos by Hugh McMillan

will discuss her process of developing a poem.

Another unique part of "Winter Visuals" is the joining of both the visual and performing artists. Among the entertainers are Alex Fordyce, a classic pianist. "Alex was kind enough to play classical piano in CAC's first Autumn Sounds program", Tomasi said. "He was then about ten years of age. Now at twelve, he continues to surprise me. This year, in addition to the piano, Alex may play a Scottish Bagpipe in full Scottish regalia. He is to decide his program, but it

would be a delight to have him stride that beautiful Scottish stride as he plays. Karen and Paul Pew will play flute and piano. Karen is the program coordinator for the Peninsula Youth Orchestra."

"There was so much electricity in the room last year", said Tomasi. "Those attending were excited with the presentations, and the artists were thrilled the guests were so interested in their work. This year we will have approximately thirty-five artists. Please bring the family."

For questions, please call Shirley at 851-9462.





UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

Happy New Year! Well, here we go again, another whole year to work with! So much to look forward to, and 365 chances to improve ourselves! It can present quite a project!

The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission is again putting on the Winter Visuals program here at the Center. Many local artists will be displaying their creations and will be here in person to answer questions about their work. Last year's program was a smashing success! We had over 900 people come through the building to see the artists and their art. Do plan to be here on February 6th, from noon until 5:00 PM. The kitchen will be open to serve coffee and snacks.

The Firefighter's Ball will be held here at the Center on February 13th. Tickets will be available at the Key Center Fire Station. Call 884-2222 for more information.

Construction is proceeding slowly, but things are finally coming together. We have doors on the bathrooms now!

Friday Night Skate is starting up on January 8th, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. There will also be a Family Skate on the first and third Sunday of each month, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, until May.

Thanks go to Wally Cornman who brought me copies of the *Key Peninsula News* from the early 70's and 80's for our archives. An over zealous previous editor had cut articles and pictures out of some of the older copies of the news, ruining them. Sadly, we only have single copies of the older newspapers. Now we can replace them. Thanks, Wally!

To all of you, who have generously given your time and money to support the Civic Center, **THANK YOU!**

See you next month.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 12, 1998

President Marty Marcus called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. The minutes of October were accepted as corrected, and it was MSC to accept the Treasurer's report. Nominations were opened on the floor until it was time to vote.

We received two letters from the VFW letting the Board know how happy they were with Irene's work, and all her help throughout the years. The donation letter that went out has so far brought in \$5015. It was decided that the treasurer would always have a report whether present or not.

Program/Group Review

Reno Night's attendance was up, but due to the amount of free items for the volunteers, and the cost of mailings, profits were not.

Historical Society is closing for the winter.

Halloween went very well, and attendance was great.

Christmas Bazaar is almost here, and so far we are about half full.

Lakebay Fuschia Society will be planting some shrubs and bulbs in the next few weeks.

Children's Home Society hasn't any heat, but the Holiday helper program is starting, and Little Buddies too. Mike Ryan has resigned, and Eedy Morgan will be the next meeting representative.

Skating has received a check from Angel Guild to buy new skates.

Old Business

Terminex will be laying roofing tiles to fix the problem on the walkway.

Nominations were made for new board members. The following people were voted onto the regular board: Sharon Miller, Mary Ramsdell, Gary Gebo, Phil Bauer, Cathy Bauer, Dave Stratford, Kristen Bottiger and Betty Kelley. The following members were nominated to run for office: President, Marty Marcus, unopposed; 1st Vice President, Vicky McClung, unopposed; 2nd Vice President, Shirley Olson unopposed; Treasurer, Kathy Hale, unopposed; Secretary, Krys Wylie, Kristen Bottiger; At Large #1: Ann Waldo, Dave Stratford; At Large #2: Al Yanity, Betty Kelley. Nominations were closed at this time, and voting commenced. The new 1999 Executive Committee Members are: Marty Marcus; President, Vicky McClung, 1st Vice, Shirley Olson, 2nd Vice President, Kathy Hale, Treasurer, Kristen Bottiger, Secretary, Dave Stratford, 1st At Large, and Betty Kelley, 2nd At Large. Congratulations everyone, and thank you to those who have served.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Krys Wylie
Secretary



THE FAMILY ROOM

The staff at the Children's Home Society Family Resource Center would like to give a huge round of applause to all the individuals and organizations that contributed gifts for our Holiday Gift Program. We will have more information about the number of families helped, etc. in the next issue.

Now that the holidays are over and the daylight hours are limited, families may be confined to their homes for extended periods of time. The result of being "cooped up" can wear on the nerves of all members and put an enormous strain on the family.

The Family Resource Center has a number of activities going on that are free and open to all families in the community.

Little Buddies: Is your grade-schooler looking for a fun, safe activity after school? Or are you in high school and want to be a mentor/friend to a younger child in your community? Our Little Buddies program involves high school students as mentors for elementary students. They meet every Tuesday from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. for recreation and social interaction. A snack is provided. This program is currently seeking more big and little buddies.

Healthy Families: This social and educational group activity is for families and their children from birth to 3 years. Topics deal with parenting and child development. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Childcare is available at no charge on a limited basis.

1,2,3,4 Parenting Class: This is a discussion group for parents with children from birth to 5 years old who want more information and support. Some of the areas covered are using different discipline methods and taking time for self-care. This parent-driven class will help encourage a more loving, happier bond between parents and their children. The group will meet every Friday between January 29th and February 26th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Childcare is available at no charge and is limited.

Parent Aide: As a parent, do you sometimes feel stressed out, not knowing where to turn? Sometimes a good listener can be very helpful. Talking about the parent's concern may be what the family needs to begin solving problems. The Parent Aide Program screens and trains volunteers to act as support people for parents. The volunteers provide parent education, encouragement, and connection with community resources.

Indoor Park: Now that it's cold and rainy outside, are your kids bursting with energy? Indoor Park is set up in the gym of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. It's a warm, dry, safe place for your bundle of joy to take off. Riding-toys for various ages are provided. Indoor Park is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM for children from birth to 5 years. Parental supervision is a must. The cost is \$1.00 per child.

Fathers' Group: Should men intuitively know what it takes to be a good father in today's world? Where does a father go these days if he has questions and would like to improve his fathering skills? The Father's Group meets every Thursday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM here at the Family Resource Center. There is no cost.

Stampin' Fun! This children's group does rubber-stamping fun, techniques, and idea-sharing. The class size is limited to 12, and meets on Monday, January 4th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Call Marla at 884-3097 to reserve a space.

Family Night: This family evening will be starting again in January. Contact Vaughn Elementary School or the Family Resource Center for the date.

Clothes Closet: The Family Resource Center has a bank of free clothing for children. We also have limited quantities of adult-size items. The open hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

For more information on any of our programs or to sign up, please call us at 884-5433.

Firefighters' Ball

Key Peninsula's firefighters ask you to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 13th for the annual *Firefighters' Ball*. It will be at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served until 8:00 PM, and until 9:00 PM, "there will be raffles, silent auctions and firefighters' stuff," according to D. D. Kerkes, a member of the dance committee. Ball committee chair Marcy Dalton is "almost certain," music of the '40's - '70's by the popular Marvelles will set folk to dancing at 9:00 PM. Call 884-2222 Monday through Friday for ticket information.

Y'all come!

Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

At the start of a brand-new year, the Angel Guild again wishes to thank all the patrons of the Angel Guild Shoppe. Your support with your discards as well as your continued patronage is the backbone of our existence. Those of you in the community who would like to be Angels are invited to attend the January meeting to be held the 4th Monday of the month at the library in the Brones room at 10:00 AM.

It was very busy during the month of December as a lot of you took advantage of the many sales in the store. As this went to press, we were anticipating the \$3.00 bag sale. We hope it was a big sale and a lot of fun for all. We had several 50 cent sales on blouses, slacks, Christmas items and just a bunch of really neat stuff.

Judy McDonald hosted our annual

Christmas party. Thank you, Judy, for a nice day. The potluck luncheon was delicious as always.

We have been asked how the Angel Guild determines where our donations go. We ask that you write to our finance chairman, Barbara Hanna, with the request. No funds are given to private individuals. If you are in need of help, we will provide assistance through the community house in Home. Clothing and household items can be provided. The Angel Guild Thrift Shoppe is located in K C Corral at 9013 Key Peninsula Highway North in beautiful downtown Key Center. We are open Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information, you may call the store at 884-0333.



A View From Home

By Marty Marcus

Maintaining as much forested land around the world as possible has a positive effect on reducing the amount of global warming caused by carbon dioxide. But the fact still remains that the major source (75%) of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by human activities today is the burning of fossil fuels. Whether they are used for transportation, producing electricity or heating, gasoline (and diesel fuel), coal and natural gas are converted to carbon dioxide when burned. Even the production and transporting of these fuels releases tremendous amounts of carbon dioxide.

One encouraging step being taken toward slowing global warming is that a number of major corporations that once opposed any efforts to reduce these emissions are now coming up with ideas for beneficial changes in their operations. Both British Petroleum and Shell, for example, have set goals for significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions from their refining and distribution processes.

But the big problem, especially as far as our nation is concerned, is still that our love affair with the automobile continues to lead us down the path toward more global warming. Short of outlawing private use of autos, there are, however, lots of steps that can reduce the carbon dioxide output from what one author calls "The Immoral Machine".

I've been in several states where road departments find it's cheaper to put up a sign that says "Rough Road Ahead" than to repair the road properly. Frequent driving over this type of roadway can affect the front wheel alignment of a vehicle. This can decrease the "rolling efficiency" of the car or truck and

thereby cause more fuel to be used to propel the vehicle. An even bigger problem is under-inflated tires. Low tire pressure wastes more than two million gallons of gasoline in the U.S. every day! Each gallon of gasoline is converted to at least eight pounds of carbon dioxide when burned, so the two million gallons of wasted gasoline become eight thousand tons of carbon dioxide dumped needlessly into our atmosphere daily!

What really reduces carbon dioxide emissions is, of course, reducing the number of single-occupant vehicles on the road. This means more carpooling and use of vanpools and appropriately scheduled public transit. I'm encouraged by the number of cars I see locally at various "park and ride" lots, including those at restaurants, gas stations and churches, but there are still too many cars on the road.

There are economic inducements that could lead to fewer vehicles on the roads, and a new one goes into effect this month. Employees will be able to receive tax-free transit passes, ride-sharing reimbursement and other commuter benefits in lieu of taxable compensation. This can reduce commuting costs by 25% to 35%, and thus encourage car-driving commuters to take advantage of other ways of getting to and from work. This then leads to less traffic congestion, less carbon dioxide spewed into the air and more net pay for employees, but only if their employers agree to participate.

1998 has gone into the record books as the warmest year since records were kept. Can we reverse this trend before it's too late? For the sake of my grandchildren and everyone else's, I hope we will.

Firefighter's Ball

Melt away the winter with a warm, fun-filled time at the 1999 Firefighter's Ball! Just in time for Valentine's Day, this year's Firefighter's Ball promises to be the hottest ticket in town. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 13th. A delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Come prepared to make your choice of either lasagna or chicken, which will be served with various vegetables, salads, and topped off with a tasty dessert. Enjoyable live music will begin at 8:00 PM and can be danced and listened to 'til the midnight hour. Bob Medley and his group will play soft southern rock 'n

roll and a bit of country, many of which are his own originals. Throughout the evening, raffles and prizes will abound, and a professional magician.

Your donation of \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 for singles will help the association in our efforts to support the emergency services of Pierce County Fire District 16, scholarship funds, and a wide variety of community functions.

Come join us at the Key Peninsula Civic Center for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, February 13th from 6:30 PM to midnight. You won't want to miss it!

Your Key Peninsula
Firefighter's Association

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KPCCA Board Member Honored By Tahoma Audubon Society

The Tahoma Audubon Society has initiated a new series in their newspaper, The Towhee, honoring current members of their Board of Directors. The first one to be so honored is none other than our KPCCA Board member, Loyd Miller. Loyd has been an Audubon member for twenty years, chaired the Field Trip Committee, led numerous bird-watching trips, written articles for their paper and supervised Ameri-Corps crews on projects at the Morse Preserve.

At the Civic Center, Loyd has run the annual fireworks display and sale, done many fix-it jobs around the buildings and grounds, served as a Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee of the Board and on the Newspaper Committee of the *Key Peninsula News*. Congratulations, Loyd, and many thanks from your Key Peninsula neighbors.

On December 5th, we had an exploratory walk on the west side of Rocky Creek and the walk revealed considerable garbage dumping and the use of 4 X 4's which have denuded the land creating deep gullies running off into the stream. We had good publicity from the reporter who was with us and it got peoples' attention. On Saturday, December 19th, we are going back and we're asking 4 by's and others to join us in helping to restore the area.

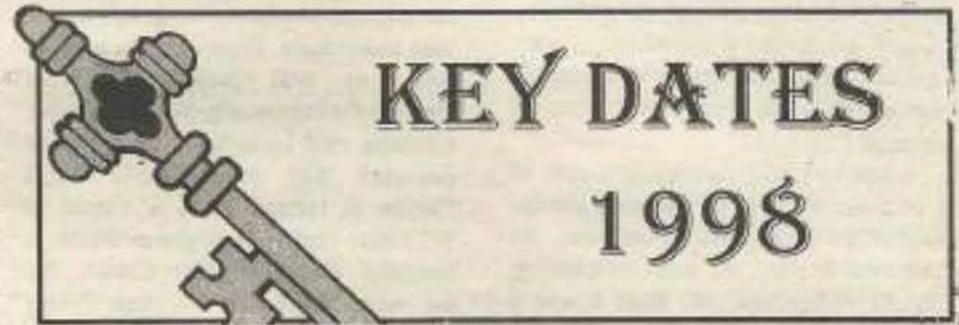
Saturday, December 12th, Larry Outhout of Peninsula Citizen's Salmon Council brought a dozen scouts and parents to the 'staging' area and they carried several hundred pounds of frozen salmon carcasses to the stream. The salmon were returned to their habitat in the stream to restore the biological life of this beautiful stream. There is great anticipation that this healthier stream will be full of fish next fall after a culvert replacement on Wright-Bliss Road takes place next year.

On January 18th, Martin Luther King Day, Jason Medeiros from the YMCA

Camp Seymour, is putting together a trail-making operation for students and any one else who wants to join in. Contact Jason at 884-3392 if you would like to participate or want more information.

Thank you again to every one voting for the levy and to those who are giving us support and interest. For more information call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

Rocky Creek Natural Area Update



BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Jan. 8 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Jan. 15 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Jan. 27 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
Ashes	Jan. 7 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220	Thursdays - 6:00 PM	KPCCA VFW Rm.
Cootiettes	3 rd Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board	Jan. 11 - 7:30 PM	Civic Center
KPCCA Board	Jan. 14 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	2 nd Monday - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	4 th Thursday - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:00 PM	CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
 Angel Guild - Jan. 18 - 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 Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 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 Har.
 Key Center Library 884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 5 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM

KP Baptist Bible Study	Wednesday - 7:00PM	KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA	Wednesday - 6:30 PM	KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network	Jan. 5, 12, 19 - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Positive Fathering	Thursdays - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30	Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Calls 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appt.	

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	Jan. 13 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	Jan. 25 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	2 nd Monday - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home
 Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
 Caregivers Support - Jan. 14 - 7:00 PM - Brones Rm./KC Library
 Grandparents Group - Jan. 2 - 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	Jan. 15 - Meeting	Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
KP Historical Society	1 st Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
MUSEUM OPEN Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM		
LB Improvement Club	Jan. 15 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	Jan. 12 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	Jan. 7 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Kuth Circle Meeting	Jan. 18 - 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	Jan. - Call 884-5403 for more information.	

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The Great Escape

By Hugh McMillan & Marty Marcus

On a November Friday morning, Sara Rozell came to school aboard a huge red fire engine. Its lights were flashing. As it pulled into the school's parking area it was greeted by a crowd of just about every student at Evergreen Elementary School.

Sara's beaming mom, Theresa Rozell, Evergreen's Principal Gary Culbertson, Sara's proud teacher, Mrs. Proctor, and lots of teachers, staff and other parents were cheering as if they were welcoming astronauts back from space.

Sara is the winner of the Key Peninsula Fire Department-sponsored "Great Escape" contest. The contest, designed and distributed by the National Fire Prevention Association, melds into KPPFD's Fire Prevention Week activities. It requires students to draw up a home fire escape plan indicating two ways out of each room and a designated family meeting place.

The contest involved almost 1,500 of the 1,765 students in Key Peninsula's three k-5 schools and Key Peninsula's 6-8 Middle School. From these, 325 surveys were returned of which 161 completed entry forms, and 110 participated in a home fire escape exercise. The child with the best entry from each classroom received a coupon for free food items from participating businesses or free skating at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

In 1996, part of the Home Centennial Celebration included a student essay contest on why this is such a great place to live. Sara's essay was a winner in that competition, too.

Sara also cares about animals. The pets at her house include a dog, two cats, a guinea pig and a Box Turtle named Virgil, whom she exhibited last May at the Nature Center at Snake Lake in Tacoma as part of a


reptile and amphibian show organized by the Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society. And if any of you ever have a need for learning the correct way to hold a Ball Python, Sara is the person to ask for a demonstration.

Of these winners, the one with the best entry from each school will receive a ride to school on a fire engine. The single best entry is being sent to NFPA headquarters to be entered into the national grand prize drawing for a family trip for four to Disney World. Sara, an Evergreen 5th grader, has had her entry submitted for the grand prize.

Other winners of a ride to school on in a fire engine are Kizell Teague, Key Peninsula Middle School, Chelsea Oughton, Minter Creek Elementary, and Travis Clark, Vaughn Elementary.

**Reynold's
Roost**

by Howard Reynolds




One day I walked up behind my wife of 25 years and whispered in her ear, "I love you". Without saying a word, she went over and marked it on the calendar.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Close to Home



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Mon. - Thurs., 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Fri. - 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
 Sat. - 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 Sun. - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Next to Walt's in Key Center



VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 1999 be good to you and yours and may it find the world a better place for man and beast.

At this time thanks are in order for Louie Aguiar and Cathy Collier for chairing the "Trees of Sharing". Again, the community went above and beyond in giving. The folks of the Peninsula guaranteed that the veterans in Retsil and American Lake were not forgotten. Thanks to all who gave so generously!

Three needy families were given food baskets thanks to VFW Post #4990 and its Ladies Auxiliary. To Ray Kiser of Pacific Northwest Terminals for supplying the turkeys and to the Children's Home Society Family Resource Center for pitching in with clothes and gifts, many thanks! All in all, tummies were filled and hearts were much lighter during this season of giving. It's a very good feeling!

Our annual VFW Christmas party was well attended and a great time was had by all in attendance. Irene Zimmer did an outstanding job of catering the delicious dinner. The beautiful tables and decorations were the work of

Roxyanne Wooldridge and Margarite Bussard plus various members of the post and auxiliary. A truly wonderful and enjoyable evening for everyone!

The month of January is quiet time for VFW activities, except for the meetings on January 11th and 25th at 7:00 PM for both the Post and Auxiliary.

There is a new revised form out from the Family Emergency Preparedness Planners. It is Form Number ADSV.60360, # 4. You may obtain the latest FREE copy with a simple phone call to 1-800-562-6108 and ask for one to be sent your way.

The VFW is looking for two imitation Christmas trees. One tree, 4 1/2 to 5 feet high, will be used in the "Trees of Sharing" program. The second tree is for us to use for the Christmas party so we don't have to borrow Dee Bee Blum's tree. It can be a larger one, 7 to 8 feet tall. If anyone in the community can help us with this request, please call Eileen Young at 253-884-4551.

See you next month and remember: the gift of happiness belongs to those who unwrap it.

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Music by Mozart

Music by Mozart will be the subject of the Peninsula United Music Association's concert on Thursday, January 28th. Scheduled for 7:30 PM in Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, the event will present the Tomasini String quartet, with Bill McColl, clarinet.

Members of the quartet are Mary Manning, violin, of Gig Harbor, Sandra Schwarz, violin, Meg Bernand, cello, and Laurie Wells, viola. The Northwest's only period instrument string quartet, the Tomasini String Quartet was founded in 1990 and specialized in the playing of classical era repertoire on instruments from that period. Its members perform widely with other renowned early music groups, including the Seattle Baroque Orchestra, Portland Baroque Orchestra, and the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in San Francisco. William

McColl is Professor of clarinet at the University of Washington and a founding member of the Soni Ventorum Wind Quintet. On period clarinet he has performed with the Handel and Haydn Society Orchestra in Boston and the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in San Francisco.

Honoring Mozart's birthday of January 27, 1756, the program will feature two of his quartets and his Quintet in A major for strings and clarinet.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale January 11th at Mostly Books and the CAC Kiosk in the Historical Museum in Gig Harbor. Tickets will also be available at the door. Prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. For further information call 549-2175.



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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
William F. Roes, MD

The beginning of a New Year is often associated with resolutions to improve your health. One of the most important health risks Americans face is obesity, but knowing what your weight should be for your age and height was difficult to find out without one of those life insurance charts. Physicians are now using a newer tool to define obesity, and it's something you can use to set your own goal, or at least know what your optimal weight should be.

The tool is called the Body Mass Index (or BMI). It takes into account your height and weight in the formula of dividing your weight (in kilograms) by the square of your height (in meters). For those of you who don't like the metric system that translates into your weight in pounds multiplied by 704.5

divided by the square of your height in inches, or for those who visualize things mathematically:

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{(\text{weight}) \times 704.5}{(\text{height})^2}$$

A normal BMI is 19-26, moderately obese is 27.25, and over 35 is considered morbidly obese.

Medical researchers have used the BMI in a number of studies to predict risks of developing medical conditions as well as estimate the reduction of risk by bringing the BMI into normal range. For example, women with a BMI over 29 are at twice the risk of developing colon cancer as those with a BMI of less than 21. Your risk of diabetes increases by 25% for each unit of elevation of the BMI over 22, but if you are obese, a drop of two BMI units over a long term decreases your risk of osteoarthritis by 50%. Knowing your BMI won't make you thin, but it will at least give you a starting point to compare with what you should weigh.

Good luck on all your resolutions, and the best of 1999.

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Integrative Yoga Therapy Classes are held at the **Key Peninsula Civic Center** in Vaughn, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Wednesday, January 6th to February 10th. The instructor is Diane DeMars and the cost is \$48.00.

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Tax Tips



by **R. Marvin Keizur CTP**

There is a new IRS hotline for complicated tax problems.

The IRS has set up a new toll-free telephone hotline specially designed for people who have tax problems that they haven't been able to resolve through normal IRS channels, in spite of having made attempts to do so. Call the "hot line for help" at 877-777-4778. The hotline is open from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday. It will be open 24 hours a day starting in January until the end of the tax-filing season.

Humorous sign on a man standing on street corner with cup in hand asking for money. "Reported everything to the IRS". Actually this is still the best way to go. Report all legitimate income and expense.

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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

As the New Year begins, many people will be making New Year's resolutions. A great many will resolve to drop a few pounds this year. We welcome, with open arms and hearts, new members and all their enthusiasm and determination to become healthier and trimmer. Weight is such a personal battle and one person's struggle is totally different from another's. No matter if you only have a couple of pounds that are bugging

you or if your doctor has made an order for you to get off many extra pounds, T.O.P.S. will give you support in your endeavor. Obesity has rapidly become one of the major problems of the American population. Men, women and children all share in the great fat explosion that has crept up on us in the past years. There are big businesses out there ready to take your hard-earned cash with the idea that if you pay big bucks, you will try harder to take off

the pounds. If you or any of your friends and family have experience with the expensive weight loss programs, you know first hand that the money you spend won't guarantee that you will keep the weight off. T.O.P.S. is very proud of the statistics of pounds lost and members that have maintained a healthy goal weight. T.O.P.S. has a maintenance program in place to help you keep those pounds off. We call it K.O.P.S. (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) and those members who achieve their goal weight graduate into the elite group who are "In Leeway", that is staying 3 pounds over goal weight or 7 pounds under goal weight. The "Leeway" is a 10-pound range. You and your doctor decide as to what is a healthy weight for you. T.O.P.S. does not have a one diet fits all regime. What T.O.P.S. does do, is give you guidelines and incentives to succeed in your personal quest for normal, healthy, weight. At a T.O.P.S. meeting you will be weighed in privacy every week. Part of T.O.P.S. success is the accountability to the scale. Then there is a roll call where you

say if you are up or down from the week before. No one tells what they weigh, only the up or down. Those who are up in weight are encouraged to do better. Those who have lost weight are cheered. You are welcome to attend and see this for yourself.

This past year as a group we have a net loss of approximately 400 pounds. Our stars are Colleen Spezia, who has gone down very close to 100 pounds. Her son, James has lost over 40 pounds. Betty Ostoyich also has dropped 40 pounds and Linda Sutterfield is in that group. Eva Roths reached her goal after losing 32 pounds. Pauline Longley lost over 20 pounds to achieve her goal. Rosalie Busz, JoAnne Cluver, Bea Gomsrud, Mary Nixon, Sarah Nixon and Mary Seideman have reached goal and are staying in their "Leeway". We are very proud of all of our winners.

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In a related move, the Army Recruiting Command also announced re-

visions to its enlistment bonus program. Effective immediately, qualified applicants are eligible for a \$3,000 sign-up bonus, if they report to training between now and May 31st, 1999. In the past, Army bonus incentives were targeted to specific critical specialties. These targeted bonus programs will remain in effect, offering up to \$12,000.

In some cases, applicants may be able

to combine this new \$3,000 sign-up bonus with an existing enlistment bonus that targets a specific specialty. However, the total bonus amount cannot exceed \$6,000 for a three-year enlistment or \$12,000 for four or more years.

During the last recruiting year, more than 11,000 young men and women who entered the Army qualified for and selected the Army College Fund. These

young soldiers will earn a potential of over 375 million dollars in money for college or vocational training.

Both these programs recognize the Army's commitment to attract the best and the brightest from America's youth population. Any young person or parent who would like to know more about these enlistment incentives should contact the local Army recruiter for more details.

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