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Citizens Patrol Training Begins May 2nd

by Hugh McMillan

Twenty four members of the Citizens Agamst Crime sponsored Citizens Patrol will begin Saturday, May 2^{nt}, at 9:00 AM in the Key Peninsula fire Department's Headquarters station in Key Center. Training will be conducted by Pierce County Sheriff's Department personnel and is expected to last four hours.

Trainees are those whose applications already have been processed and cleared.

Organizers of the patrol intend to expand to a minimum of 40 active members.

Those over the age of 18 interested in serving with the patrol are encouraged to call Art Gilmore at 857-5846 or Bill Howe at 884-3945 for application forms. Completed applications should be submitted to the Sheriff's Peninsula Detachment, 14315 62nd Avenue NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98322, ATTN: Citizens' Patrol.

Volunteers must agree to:

- a. a Pierce County Sheriff's Department background check.
- use their personal vehicles equipped with magnetic Citizens' Patrol door signs (supplied) while on patrol, and
- serve on patrol an average of one 4 hour shift per week.

Volunteers must have:

- a valid Washington State driver's license,
- b. a clean driving record,
- proof of Washington Staterequired automobile insurance,
- d. time and willingness to take appropriate Sheriff's Departmentprovided patrol training,
- completed first aid and CPR training (within the first six months of acceptance into the patrol), and
- f. the ability to get along with others.

Citizens Against Crime and Citizens' Patrol are strictly non-

confrontational. The patrol will serve as additional eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Department. All patrols will be with at least two members per vehicle.

Initially, patrol activities will be confined to the Key Peninsula, "until we get the bugs worked out," said CAC president, Art Gilmore.

"For starters," said CAC member Roland Nease, "patrols will cover four sectors: Purdy through Key Center, Key Center through Vaughn/Rocky Bay, Key Center to Home/Teidman/Herron, and Home to Longbranch Shores/Taylor Bay Estates."

"We're hoping to extend the patrol through Pierce County," said Sheriff Mark French. "The peninsulas were the first to start volunteer citizen activities working with the Sheriff's Department," he added, "and we're sure they'll succeed in this project as

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UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer Facility Coordinator

Spring is here! I know because the lawn mowing has begun! Now I get to ride my little mower and make sweet smelling grass clippings all summer long.

There are many people to thank this month. First and foremost, thanks to Ed Taylor for lending the "Whitmore Room Improvement Committee" his airless paint equipment. It made the job of painting the room go much more quickly. The painters were Dale and Claudia Loy, Loyd Miller, Dave Freeman and Tim Kezele. Nice job, folks! Next, a great big thank you to Bob and Wade from the Key Peninsula Baptist Church for putting new wheels on the piano. Thanks, too, to Tom Valley who donated several sets of casters to the Center to be used for the piano and the table carts in the store room. The old wheels on the piano were broken and were scarring the new floor. Now you can move the instrument with one hand! We're still waiting to get the new wheels on the table carts. If you can give us a hand on this, just let me know. Thanks to the Civic Center Board for the new vacuum! It works great! Thanks to all the folks who filled in for me so I could take a short vacation. (Much too short!) It was nice to get away for

The Spring Festival will be this Saturday, the 2nd of May. Please attend and see all the wonderful things on display! The Festival will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and yes, the kitchen will be open and serving our famous "Center Burgers"! Come and have lunch and look around.

Our next big event will be "Pioneer Day!" Why not come up with an idea for a float or unit of some sort for the parade? The theme for this year's parade is: "Volunteers - The Heartbeat of Key Peninsula". Fred Ramsdell will be in charge of the parade again this year. Get a group together and participate in the parade. It's FUN! Applications for Pioneer Day booths and the Parade will be in every issue of The Key Peninsula News starting with this issue and continuing in June and July. Pioneer Day is August 1".

I'm also looking for volunteers for the by now famous "Dunk Tank". If you know someone who you'd like to drop into a tank of COLD water, call me and I'll try and talk them into it! The more, the merrier!

We're also looking for volunteers to help man the Center's fireworks stand located at Key Center and the VFW's stand at Lake Kathryn. It's only a few hours out of your week, and it's great fun! Call if you can help.

The Civic Center Board is working to up-grade my apartment in the basement of the school building. We are looking for donations of appliances, sinks, cabinetry, (both kitchen and bathroom) a bathtub and shower, ceramic tile, floor covering, etc. If you can help, just let us know. I'm looking forward to the end results! Many thanks to Stan and Barbara Stemp for the donation of a stove, hood and dishwasher!

See you next month!

Truckosoui Wanted

by Ed Taylor

The Civic Center needs a Truckosoui (pronounced Truk-a-su-e). If you would donate a Truckosoui to us, then you might get a tax deduction and maybe even a tax refund. Your Truckosoui would be most valuable to the Civic Center and when we sold your Truckosoui, we would take the funds and put them to good use. So look around for a Truckosoui and let us know where to find your Truckosoui. We have people waiting for your call so they can come pick up the Truckosoui and deliver it to the Civic Center.

You could even designate the Truckosoui proceeds to be placed in the Civic Center Endocment Fund which is administered by the Past Presidents Committee. If the Truckosoui value is large enough maybe we can set up a separate fund known as your Truckosoui fund and you can be known throughout the area as having established a substantial Truckosoui benefit. Perhaps historians will look back in future years and write about what a difference your Truckosoui pledge meant to the community.

If you are unclear as to what a Truckosoui is, then look on the classified page of this newspaper and you will find it clarified.



THE FAMILY ROOM

Summer is approaching quickly and it's time to make plans to fill those long summer afternoons with fun family activities. The Family Resource Center, in cooperation with the Key Peninsula Civic Center, is again offering a summer activity program for area families, with children ages 5 to 12.

The program is slated to run Monday and Wednesday afternoons from noon to 3:00 PM. Activities will range from arts and crafts to noncompetitive games and will include a reading program developed by the United States Department of Education. Family Center staff, outside agency personnel, and area volunteers will work together to create and blend a unique program.

This summer's focus will be on in-

volving adult family members with their children during class activities. Although not a requirement for participating children, the Center recognizes the importance of families working together to create positive outcomes, along with the recognition that parents have valuable skills to offer the community.

The Family Resource Center is open to ideas and suggestions which will ultimately better address the wishes of the residents of the peninsula and hereby invite anyone with creative ideas, special skills, needs or concerns to drop in or call to further discuss those issues.

Families may register for Summer Fun by stopping by the Family Resource Center or simply calling us at 884-5433

Free Lunch

Come and join us as a volunteer at the American Red Cross Senior Mealsite in Gig Harbor. We are in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen, teach an aerobics class, do crafts, paper work etc. All volunteers receive lunch on the day they work as a volunteer.

We are open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM except on Wednesday, when we are open until 2:00 PM. Lunch is served at noon everyday. Lunch cost is \$2.00 for a senior 60 or older, \$4.00 for those under 60 and free for volunteers.

By the way, this is the 25th year for the Mealsite in Gig Harbor, We are one of the four original Mealsites in the county. We are located at St. Nicholas Church, 3510 Rosedule Street and just up the street from Jerisch Park.

For more information, call Stephanic Zampini at 858-8284 or 884-9821.

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Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula Health Fair

The Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Health Eair held recently at the Gig Harbor Branch of Tacoma Community College played to a packed house and offered everything from free vaccinations to live radio.

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Key Peninsula Seniors Jaunt To Portland

by J. Nolan

A dozen or so Key Peninsula seniors joined in a pre-Easter rail trip to Portland on Tuesday, April 7th, To get an early morning start, the group met at 7:00 PM at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, then carpooled to Tacoma's Amtrak station, where they boarded "the Talto" train on the Mt. Adams route. The scenic daytime trip featured many beautiful mountain and water vistas, and got the seniors to the Rose City just before mid-day.

After lunch, the group, which was led by Walt and Rose Malmgren, and included Evelyn Stinson, Chuck and Pauline Williamson, Helen Wol-niewicz, Erma Dunn, Lois Sanders, Helen Hendrix and Mildred Justice, spent the afternoon seeing the sights of Portland. At the Willamette River waterfront, a bit of shopping was on the agenda before boarding the train for the return trip to Tacoma. It was after 8:00 PM when the tired but happy group of seniors disembarked

in Tacoma, ready to car-pool to the Key Peninsula and thence to bed.

They and other members of the Key Peninsula Seniors are currently participating in a drive to increase membership and interest in the group which meets for a potluck luncheon every Thursday at 12 noon at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, Washington. Each current member carries a small card like this:

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This card is an invitation to any seniors in the peninsula area to join us on Thursdays for lunch, pinochle, bridge and other games during the afternoon. There is no requirement of membership dues and any senior is most welcome. Please call 851-4847 or 884-5052 for further information.

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Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
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KP Parks & Rec.

PUBLIC MEETINGS May 13 - 7:30 PM May 25 - 4:00 PM May 11 - 7:00 PM

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Caregivers Support May 14 - 7:00 PM Grandparents Group May 9 -1:00 to 3:00 PM Contact Norms 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

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meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room Vaughn Bay Garden Club May 20 - Garden Tour Call 884-5403 for more information. 70th Anniversary Open House May 23th at the Civic Center from

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Come celebrate with ust NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL THE INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO: DATES, KEY PENINSULA NEWS, P.O. BOX 3, VAUGHN, WA 98394, OR FAX IT TO US AT:

Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 12, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting President Dave Freeman. It was MSC to accept the February minutes as corrected as well as the Treasurer's report.

A letter was received from D.V. & Ida J. McEachern Charitable Trust declining our request for the grant that would cover renovations for the stage and roller skate repair. Joyce Nieman wrote and requested that the Vaughn Bay Garden Club be allowed the use of the Whitmore Room, free of charge, for their 75th Anniversary on May 23rd at 12:00 PM. It was MSC to grant this request

Manager's Report: The Friday before last, the Fire Department had to be called when smoke was smelled in the Center. The Department came out and inspected the premises without incident. Due to the area that the smell seemed to originate from, Irene called Flarbor Furnace and they found that the number one furnace's starter had burned out, which would account for the smell of smoke. The starter was repaired, but we are still without furnace number four, and are waiting for a back-ordered part to fix it.

Shirley Tomasi and the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission will be hosting the Summer Dance" at the Center on July 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and would like a group to run the kitchen concession. Comprehensive Mental Health will be cleaning the upstairs. this month, and hope to be installed in their new offices by April Loyd Miller repaired the broken outlets on the gym floor, which are now working fine. Joe & Denise Keehn donated restaurant receipts for the kitchen. These receipts will make keeping track of foods sold at different events. Kathy Hale has ordered numbered receipts for the Center and the KP News, and has set up a program for entering the receipting information into the computer. Thank you, Kathy! Sylvia contacted Big Vac due to the Center's vacuum cleaner dying, and found that for \$199 we can purchase a new commercial vacuum. It was MSC to grant this request. The banner for Pioneer Day will cost \$383 with a 15% discount, the letters are removable. The light company will hang as many banners as we ask, no limit. It was MSC to grant the \$383 for the banner. The Health Department cited us for a broken steam table at Reno Night, and Center Electric was called and has repaired it.

News: The paper has updated the profit and loss for printing costs. Sylvia Haase informed the Board that the News needs an additional computer. Tom Howard and Rose Grant will get together and see what they can find, and this will be tabled to the next meeting.

Program/Group Review: Chil-

dren's Home Society would like to know if they could have some space in the Center this summer from June 29th to August 7th on Tuesdays and Thursdays for their Summer Fun program. They will be cooperating with various camps and parks on the Pen-

The Historical Society reported that the book they are funding is coming along, and that they have raised \$3700 so far to defray printing costs. The book should sell for \$37 in paperback, and \$54 in hardback. The annual meeting will be on the 26th of March at the Longbranch Improvement Club and will include a potluck.

Bill McCarrus from Boy Scouts troop 220 thanked KFys Wylie for following up on the corkboard installation in the VFW room, and informed the Board that it was now installed. He also requested that the troop be allowed to store a container measuring 8 feet by 20 feet somewhere on the grounds. This container would hold all the supplies and camping gear that the troop uses, and is outdoor capable. The Board asked that he bring in a written request and picture of the proposal. The troop also has to do 6 hours of community service and wanted the Board to know that they are open to this kind of

Old Business: Whitmore Room: One of the lights needs to be fixed so the light cover can be put back on. and a new light cover needs to be bought for the remaining bare light. The molding along the kitchen door needs to be put back. Al Yanity offered to see to this. Ed Taylor has offered the use of his air painter, and the paint date has been set for March

Dump Run: Volunteers are still needed to help whittle the pile of garbage down before Pioneer Day. Those who can are encouraged to stop by and grab a load whenever time permits, and to get a receipt so the Center can reimburse them for the dump

Manager 's Apartment update: The approximate cost will be \$3000 to renovate the needed items. A donation of cupboards has already been received, as well as a stove hood and stainless steel sink, and the Center is hoping that other donations will be forthcoming. Items that are needed are; cabinetry, bath tub, ceramic tiling, sinks, counter tops, and much more. Please contact Dave Freeman if you can help. Marty Marcus suggested that items needed be listed in the News.

Construction: Dave Freeman informed the Board that unfortunately bids have been put on hold and will not go out until April 14th.

New Business: Skate Night Committee update: Sandy McFarlane reported that the meeting went well, and that the skate night volunteers were happy that the Board was taking an active interest. It was decided that the cut off for allowing kids in would be 150, and that children 7 and under need to be accompanied by

Vision Statement update: Sylvia Haase informed the Board that the next meeting will be on the 6th of May. They will be trying to breakdown the needs of the Center so that these items can be taken care of.

Sewer pipe repair: It was MSC to allot \$2000 to the review and repair of the piping system.

Lakebay Fuschia Society: It was proposed by Rose Grant that the Lakebay Fuschia Society have an area on the Center grounds to beautify them, the proposal included that the Center would provide water and a waste area. It was MSC to give the Society the area between the Museum and the street. The club will keep us informed of their progress.

Misc. Business: Nancy and Tom Howard were voted in as new Board Members

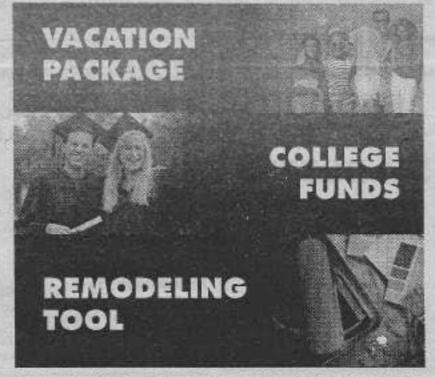
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted, Krys Wylie, Secretary

Boy Scouts To Hold Rummage Sale

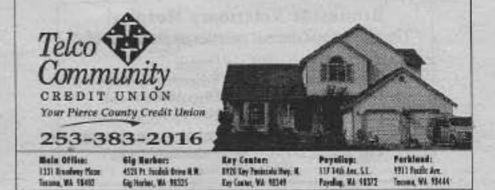
Boy Scout troop 220 will hold a rummane sale on May 23th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM and will be located in the parking lot in Lake Kathryn Village. Donations from approximately 20 families will be on sale. Clothing, tools, household furnishings and more will be on sale.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Scouts to help them pay for summer camp. The troop will also hold a car wash at the same time. So come to the rummage sale, shop at the stores and have your car washed all at the same



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Royalty At Morning T.O.P.S. Group

Annie Garrison is the best loser of all the female pre-teen T.O.P.S. members in the state of Washington. That earns her the title of "Princess" in the up-coming State Recognition Day celebrations. The T.O.P.S. morning group is honored to have state royalty in our chapter. We are so proud of our Annie!

Even though all the girls and guys are hard at work losing weight, they sometimes have a week, now and then, when they weigh in with a gain. This fact of life is recorded in red in their records. However, once in awhile there is a week when there is no weight gained by anybody and that is called a BLACKOUT. April 7th was such a day for the T.O.P.S. morning group, #WA 1325, Lakebay! We would love to help you get a healthier body and become part of our next blackout. Join us at the Key Peninsula Community House in Home on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM. Maybe you will see your name someday soon like the folks listed below!

Best loser for the month of March was Lila Garrison, Princess Annie's morn. Keep up the good work! We all want to follow your example.

Second place was twice as exciting this month since it held by TWO weight losers! Virginia Avery and

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Annie Garrison

Princess Annie Garrison. A well carned round of applause to you both!

May's activities begin with State Recognition Day, May 1" and 2" (Friday and Saturday) at the Kitsap Pavilion in Silverdale and continue every Tuesday morning with the programs that give you sensible ideas and strategies for taking off pounds. For more information, please call Virginia at 884-1514 or Delores at 884-2620.

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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

Our State Recognition Days were held in Silverdale at the Pavilion and county fairgrounds May 1st and 2nd We were very proud of our Chapter Queen, Arleen Lonning, as she was presented on stage looking absolutely beautiful in her gorgeous white evening gown. Also lovely in her long white gown was Susan Davidson as they both graduated to KOPS. It was a fantastic time and we were so happy to have 23 members from Vaughn attend the sessions. There were 13 of us in nun habits leading the sing-a-long Friday night and it was a let of fun.

March was a really big BIG month for losing pounds! As a group we lost 87 pounds net weight. Our best of all were new members Colleen Spezia, who lost 15 pounds and her son James, who lost 11. We are so proud of them. They are both doing very well. Colleen has had a loss every week since she joined. Eight of members had losses over 5 pounds in the month. We give awards on the 1st night of the month and we gave a huge amount of charms, bracelets and special awards. For our two gentlemen we gave baseball caps to put their pins and honors on display:

We want thank all who helped make our annual rummage sale a huge success. It is so great to have a wonderful community behind us and a group so willing to help. TOPS people are truly there for each other. If you need support in losing weight come join us. We have a lot of fun as well as good ideas to help you. TOPS is the least expensive weight loss group. It is \$20 to join and \$5 monthly dues. There's no weigh-in fee. Call 884-4102 for more informa-



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Sun. - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Next to Walt's In Key Center

Angel Guild

by Frankie Johnson

The Angel Guild is continuing to celebrate 20 years of service to the community with specials in the store every week. I overheard customers saying that the shop is the best place to shop in Key Center and they bring all of their company to the little store. If you do comparison shopping, you'll notice the quality and prices are very good in your hometown thrift shop. Different people have special areas that they oversee, Mary Krumbein takes care of jewelry and she has color coordinated dishes of jewelry in the front case. It looks very pretty and it is easier to show to our customers. Barbara Hanna takes care of the toys. She takes all of the stuffed toys home and washes them. Barbara sorts the small toys and bags them into really nice sets for only 60-cents a bag full. The kids love to choose a bag. Sorting is one of the big jobs and many hands put in many hours making the store always full with new merchandise everyday. It is always fun to see what has come in.

We nominated officers for the new year. Our same slate will serve another year. Molly Holmes will stay as president, Judy McDonald vicepresident, Elsie Vezzani will remain as treasurer and Vicki Swenning stays

David Till and his daughter built screen covers over the heaters in the store. We thank them for all their hard

The April meeting was held at the community center in Home for our annual potluck luncheon. Gerry Reeder and Bea Gomsrud did the decorating and set up the tables. We all appreciate their work. In May we will go back to our regular meeting place in the Brones Room at the Library the 4th Monday of the month. If you have a few hours to donate, meet us there or call Molly #: 884-9190

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

The Key Peninsula now abounds in evidence that Spring has finally sprung. From the hummingbirds at their feeders to the slugs on the dandelion flowers to the reassuring comments about the declining tree pollen count by the TV weatherman, all the signs say we've made it through another winter. And it certainly was a much easier winter than that freezing blast we managed to survive last winter.

While El Nino-related weather has ravaged other sections of our nation and parts of other countries, we have not only escaped serious damage, but the rain and warmer-than-usual weather seem to have had an invigorating effect on the both the plants and the wildlife of the area. To the great delight of our tortoises, their winter diet of Romaine lettuce, collard greens and alfalfa sprouts from the grocery store has given way to leaves and flowers of fresh-picked dandelions. It is not unusual for them to consume 75 leaves and an equal number of flowers each day. Got too many dandelions? Get a tortoise.

Unfortunately, the new crop of dandelions is also high up on the desirability list of the new crop of slugs. There have been days when I've eliminated nearly a hundred little slugs from the dandelion patch. I had hoped that the major slug-eaters, the local garter snakes, would be at work by now, but as of late April they're apparently still hibernating. Since we seem to have more dandelions than the tortoises can eat, I thought of boeing out some of them, but then I

realized that would only send the slugs over to eat the peas, lilies, tulips and daffodils.

However, the slug problem pales in significance when compared to the destruction wreaked by tornadoes, landslides, floods, drought and wildfires occurring elsewhere. One good thing about El Nino is that it has given us a handy scapegoat on which to lay the blame for all kinds of freakish weather. What are we going to do if we finally discover that global warming is the real culprit? Are we prepared for the lifestyle changes that will become necessary? Are we prepared for inconveniences such as carpooling and using public transportation? Are we prepared to the tell the power company we don't want electricity produced by burning fossil fuels even if it is cheaper than that produced by wind, solar energy or other renewable resources?

One of the lessons we seem to be slow at learning is that it costs a lot more to clean up a problem than to prevent the problem in the first place. I'm sure many of us remember when we were told that nuclear energy would be so cheap to produce that it wouldn't even pay to meter it. Now we're finding out that getting rid of the nuclear wastes is going to cost billions of dollars, if and when we finally figure out how and where to safely dispose of these wastes, some of which will remain hazardous for thousands of years. I guess this is one example of our having ignored that old caveat, "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't".

Bird Field Trip Wollochet Estuary/ Kilborn Homestead

The April issue of the Key Peninsula News announced the Wollochet Estuary field trip on May 9th to be led by Loyd Miller of the Tahoma Audubon Society. An addition has been made to the trip. Following the trek at Wollochet, those who wish may continue on to the Kilborn home. a 5 minute drive from the Gig Harbor Grange at the head of Wollochet Bay.

The Kilborns have a 40 beautiful

acres of woodlands, open fields and wetlands with over a mile of good trails. This is an opportunity to bird two largely natural areas close-in to Gig Harbor. A good variety of wildlife is to be found on the Kilborn property, including a recently sighted black bear.

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Writer's Conference

Gig Harbor's first writers' conference will be held on Saturday, May 16th at the United Methodist church of Gig Harbor. Sponsored by the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission, the writers' conference is expected to attract over 200 writers from around the Puget Sound region.

"Nulla dies sine linea" reflects the theme of the conference, "Our focus for the conference is primarily handson," says Io Nelson, author and project coordinator. "We want both new and experienced writers to leave the conference having written something and to acquire new skills in the craft of writing."

Dr. Henriette Anne Klauser, acclaimed speaker and author of the best selling books Writing on Both sides of the Brain and Put Your Heart on Paper, will be the keynote speaker Known for her humorous and candid nature, Dr. Klauser calms the inner critic while allowing the writer's creativity to emerge.

Noted author and screenwriter Hank Searls will give an hour long workshop on "plotting." Mr. Searls, a local resident, has published nineteen books including Jaws 2, Jaws: The Revenge, Altitude Zero, Overboard, and Blood Song. His books have been Literary Guild and Readers' Digest selections. Several of them have been made into movies.

Other workshop topics include poetry, publicity, children's writing, public reading, characterization, essay writing, and research. Each of the workshops will be lead by local and regional published authors.

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

As I put my briefcase in the overhead and assumed my aisle seat on the United jet to Spokane, I found myself remembering a visit I had in an old judge's office in Colville, north of Spokane, many years ago. At that time I was a young lawyer and I was settling an estate for my firm's senior partner. It was now time to get the final papers signed and my boss thought it would be good for me to drive north a bit and meet the local judge.

As I entered the Stevens County courthouse, I found it empty except for the bailiff and the judge who was just rising from his chair. His Honor motioned for me to come forward and state my business. When I announced my mission, he, with a crook of a bony index finer guided me into his chambers.

As I adjusted to my chair and fumbled with the estate's settlement papers, I noticed a sign hanging from a nail behind the judge's desk. It read, "Never say you know a man, until you split an inheritance with him." The judge caught me reading the sign, and with a smile told me that in his opinion, no truer words had ever been expressed.

We talked for a while about the incredible lengths that people would travel to best someone standing in the way of an inheritance they thought was rightfully theirs. My talk with the judge and the sign itself have stayed with me these many years. They came back with a sense of foreboding as I found mysel; preparing to fight an inheritance challenge in the very court I had received such a valuable lesson in human nature.

This time I represented the only daughter and surviving child of an old dry land farmer with a small spread a few miles out of town. The old timer had done a good job of turning rocky land into a productive farm. However, his agrarian distrust of lawyers and bankers prevented him from ever preparing a will or of maintaining good books of account. In short, his business affairs were a real mess.

Other than the farm, there wasn't much to fight about, but when had that ever made any difference? People had been fighting over much less since time began, so why not a fight over 50 acres of jack pine, especially when our opponent was my client's step-mother who had grown up dirt poor just down the road. The chance for the old farmer's new wife to inherit a fee estate, outright ownership, of this scrubby little farm was just too much to let go without a fight. Besides, she said, she had just found a will that her husband had written leaving her everything.

Next month: The battle lines are drawn and the judge springs a surprise.

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Arbor Day '98

by Hugh McMillan

Arbor Day in Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park found 33 students of Paula Tweten's Key Peninsula Middle School's Leadership Class gathered around KP Park Board Chairman Fred Ramsdell and KP Lions' Club president Mike Coffin and incoming president Alien Twidt. They were there to participate in the sixth annual KP Lions-sponsored arbor day tree planting at the park.

"The objective of the Leadership Class," said Tweten, "is to contribute to the betterment of the school and " community," The student members of the class are from the 7th and 8th grade classes.



Fred Ramsdell, Al Twidt, Mike Coffin, Paula Tweten and Key Peninsida

Middle School's Leadership Class plant trees for Arbor Day.

Photos by Hugh McMillan



CIVIC CENTER ANGELS 1998

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt A Huge Success

At least 300 youngsters, their parents, and burny helpers began gathering about noon Easter at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. They were segregated into age groups along the walls inside the gymnasium. Some carried baskets, some buckets, others paper bags. All were excited.

But none saw the Easter bunny at work before their arrival. That fluffy character had covered the grounds with plastic eggs filled with candy and other goodies. Some were right on the grass - for the wee tikes. Others, with increasingly difficult concealment for the somewhat older young folk, were placed throughout the campus.

The whole thing, "was under the direction of Ann Larson," said Stephanic Zampini, adding, "it always is. That's not to say she doesn't have a lot of help, mind you, but she's the one who makes it happen."



Photos by Hugh McMillan



Steffen Muchmure with mother, Rose

A Closer Look At ...

by Krys Wylie

The Angel Guild is the Key Peninsula's very own community based thrift store. It is run solely by volunteers. It was first established in the early 70's as part of the Key Peninsula Health Clinic, and did not actually become it's own self until 1986. Some of you may even remember it when it was a part of the Home community.

This organization supports this community like no other of its kind. Run by the volunteers of the community, they receive your donations and re-sell them to others. The money they receive from these items gets donated to the community, its events, people and civic organizations.

The Guild is run by a Board of Directors whose purpose is to decide where the money the Guild raises can best be used in our community. The Board also decides how the store itself should be run, and if it needs anything. This Board meets once every month, and recently decided on the remodeling of the store. Now bright and airy, the Guild looks wonderful and almost seems to be bigger now than it was last year!

In the many years I have been dropping in on the Angel Guild, I have found a treasure trove of items, ranging from everyday utensils to bed and bath linen to clothes for all ages. Every once in awhile I'll even find a lone piece of furniture in back that I happen to like Unfortunately this is not an item that the store can take, and when individuals drop off such items, it leaves the cost of hauling them away and dumping them to the Angel Guild, which in turn cuts into the profits that they return to the community.

I think the biggest thing that goes unrecognized in our community is the fact that this thrift store is run by a group of volunteers, people who are not paid for their time or effort. They not only have to sort through all the items donated, but bag those that are not useful to this thrift store, and stock the front store with items that are sellable. This is not a dump, and when people drop off items that are only good for the garbage can and large items that the Guild has no room for, they are technically causing the rest of the community to pay. Let's not forget all these selfless people and all the hard work they do. Let's also not forget that, like all non-profit organizations, volunteers are at a minimum and are always needed. If you have a few hours every week and would like to help the Angel Guild. stop on by and lend a hand, or come to the next Board meeting and lend a voice.

KPFD Saves A Home

by Hugh McMillan

A roof fire on March 17 in the 200 block of Ulsh Road at an older water front home was reported at 11:02 AM. Minutes later members of the Key Peninsula Fire Department had it under control and soon thereafter, out. It was confined to a bedroom, two adjoining storage areas and the roof.

Nine volunteer and eight career

firefighters responded to the call.

Seen here in action are career firefighter/paramedic Norbe Johnson, volunteer firefighter Jenny Frame, and an unidentified volunteer firefighter. There was no available information on the extent of damages but they are presumed alight.

"It was a good save, said KPFD's Dee Dee Kerkes.

Miss Washington USA

Donald Trump and CBS Television teamed up in 1997 to purchase the MISS USA, MISS TEEN USA and MISS UNIVERSE pageants. In so doing they continue a tradition in providing young ladies around the world the opportunity to compete in pageantry.

The Trump organization has, however, provided an even greater focus and purpose for the pageants. Essentially, pageants equal opportunity. Because the Trump organization and CBS Television are behind the pageants, they are committed to the ideal that pageants must provide a forum for young ladies to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals. In short, the pageants provide opportunities to meet the most interesting people, travel the country, experience one-of-a-kind mentoring and educational opportunities, and advance burganitarian causes

The MISS WASHINGTON USA and MISS WASHINGTON TEEN USA pageants will be held the weekend of June 27-28, 1998 at the Everett Performing Arts Theatre. The prizes awarded the winner include \$2,000 cash and \$6,500 in other awards. Applicants may apply by sending their photograph, name, address, phone number and date of birth to the regional headquarters at 5308 222nd Avenue NE, Redmond, WA98053.

There is no cost to apply. To compete for MISS WASHINGTON USA you must be at least 18 years old and under 27 years old as of February 1, 1999. To compete for MISS WASHINGTON TEEN USA you must be at least 15 years old and under 19 as of July 1, 1998. You may visit their web site at http://members.aol.com/usapageant/infopa

Student Recognition Concert

Recognition of the talents of fourteen young musicians is slated for Friday, May 1" at the Peninsula United Music Association. The Student Recognition Concert is scheduled for 8:00 PM in Agnus Dei Lutheran Church.

Under PUMA's chairman Bob Herrington, the auditions were held last month in Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church by Dr. Paul Schultz of the University of Puget Sound music department. Invited to apply were high school students who reside within the boundaries of the Peninsula School District.

Those selected from Gig Harbor High School are: Carl Bauer, piano; Patrick Erker, piano; Tove Hansen, violin; Kristine Mulhem, piano, Seigi Okamoto, tener saxophone; Robin Tilotta, soprano and Matthew Zook, clarinet.

Those selected from Peninsula High School are: Sharyl Borrowman, piano; Katie Brennan, barp; Nathan Davidson, piano; Siri Flesher, soprano; and Sara Mayo, trombone.

Those selected from Charles Wright Academy are: Jennifer Popochock, piano.

Those selected from Home School are: Erica Sharp, piano. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students.

Happy Birthday, Israel A Community-Wide Celebration of Israel's 50th!

On May 3rd, Tacoma's Temple Beth El joins cities around the world for a "South Sound" celebration of Israel's 50th birthday. In a festival featuring liturgical and contemporary Jewish music, a sampling of middle eastern and ethnic foods, and a variety of activities for the whole family Temple Beth El's "Little Israel On the Grass" is designed to acquaint participants with the culture, history and "flavor" of Israel. Look back in time to the mystics in T'sfat, experience the excitement of an archeological dig at Masada, challenge the obstacle course at Tel HaShomer, and see how pioneering spirit can make a desert bloom at Kibbutz Deganya.

Our celebration begins on May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. and culminates with Israeli folk-dancing and birthday cake for all at 2:00 PM. Please call Tovah Abdut at 564-7101 for more information.



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Snakes At Snake Lake Nature Center?

On Saturday, May 9th, members of the Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society will be exhibiting at least sixty different species and subspecies of reptiles and amphibians, including kingsnakes and milksnakes, boas, pythons, frogs and toads (including poison dart frogs), lizards such as bearded dragons, iguanas, geckos, and true chameleons, com snakes showing various color morphs and patterns, other types of rat snakes, and turtles and tortoises.

Some breeders will be exhibiting newly-hatched specimens, but no animals will be for sale at this exhibition.

Representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be displaying many confiscated items made from endangered animals.

For additional information call Home residents Ann Waldo or Marty Marcus at 884-2213.

Ashes

We will be having our meeting on May 7th at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a potluck held at Key Center Fire Station #16.

Please come and join us. We have lots of fun

We don't meet in the summer, so our next meeting will be on September 3rd.

See you there!

Darlene L. Brown, President

Girl Scouts Earn Awards

Cathy Oberts and Cyndy Myers, leader and co-leader of Brownie Troop #798, out of Evergreen Elementary School, held their first Court of Awards Ceremony in which Girl Scouts receive recognition's (try-its) and other insignia, on March 30th The girls have worked hard since our very first meeting in January. There was a flag ceremony and a candle lighting ceremony which helps remind people of the words and meaning of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. These were followed by the awards presentation, which our 19 Brownie girls Karis Gohrick, Keri Gordon, Amber Myers, Savana Oberts, Tori Pettigrew, Kayla Kennedy, Micaela Wakefield, Cora Thomas, Nicole Larson, Stefany Keen-Saez, Alyssa McPherson, Amanda and Brittany Melbourne, Geneve and Sarah Edic, Tiffany McCarthy, Elizabeth Russell, Kendra Schaefer and Callie Shirley attended. Each were presented with their sashes which already had all their Try-Its and patches sewn onto them. The girls also received a daffodil donated by Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. Also receiving daffodils were Gail Gobrick (our cookie mom), Carol Larson (our snack mom), Cheryl McCarthy and Janice Glenn (our committee) and Pam Gordon, Judy Edic, Chris Tornow, Mindy Milbourn, and Barb & Dave Wakefield. These parents have donated their time and help with making our troop the success it is.

Name



Some of the badges and Try-Its earned, for example, were:

Sounds of Music - The girls made musical instrumentals out of things found around the house (toilet paper rolls, coffee cans, etc.)

Point, Click, Go - We learned all' about computers and how to care for them.

Cookies Count - The girls set goals for field trips to attend with cookie money earned.

Puppets, Dolls and Plays - We

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(Front Row L to R:) Geneve, Savana. Michaela, Cora, Tori, Callie, Steffany and Kayla. (Back Row L to R.) Kendra, Brittany, Alyssa, Kerl, Karis, Amanda, Elizabeth, Tiffany, Sarah, Nicole, and Amber, Troop Leader, Kathy Oberts and Asst. Leader Cindy Myers.

made yam dolls, paper bag puppets, and marionettes.

Girl Scout Week - We decorated our meeting room, learned about Juliette Low and sold cookies.

Passport to Health and Fitness -The girls participated in various sports-learned about the food pyramid and learned about women in sports.

Also earned were patches for the Team Leaders (Karis, Keri and Amanda) and Birthday patches for those girls who have celebrated birthdays since January (Savana, Tori, Micaela, Cora, and Brittany).

We would like to extend our thanks to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary # 4990 and their president, Dea Bee Blum, for awarding our troop with being the Girl Scout Troop having sold the most boxes of cookies for Service Unit #22. We'd like to also thank Key Peninsula Lions Club for sponsoring our troop. A big thank you to Krys Wylie and Irene Zimmer, Facility Coordinator of the Key Peninsula Civic Center for inviting our girls and their families to help in stuffing the Easter eggs for their annual Easter egg hunt held April 12th. The girls who attended were: Amber Myers, Michaela Wakefield, Brittany and Amanda Milbourn, Karis Gohrick, Kendra Schaefer, Savana Oberts, Nichole Larson and Kayla Kennedy.

All of our girls would like to thank their families and friends who attended their ceremony. Their presence was greatly appreciated.

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"One Of A Kind" Myron Hase

by Maureen P. Morlang

"Hello, mom, I stayed after school for choir practice. Could you pick me up at 3:30?" "Hey mom, don't forget, I want to go to that extra dance class tonight." "Mom, are you ready? Voice lessons are at 4:00, not 4:30"

This is the life of a mom with one of the most talented kids in the area. Myron has been successfully acting and singing for the past three years. He got his start with the Longbranch players in the play, "The Foreigner", in which he played the role of Ellard Sims in a cast of only seven. At the age of thirteen, Myron defiantly presented several challenges to the director. We received more that one phone call asking us to get him to rehearse his lines or see if we could talk to him about getting more serious at rehearsals. There never was much that one could do in that regard however. On opening night it was all there. No more throwing paper and playing around. Just one great performer that stole the hearts of the entire cast.

Myron has since danced and sung his way through "Hello Dolly", "Camelof", "The Secret Garden", "Of Thee I Sing" and "The Kids of Bristol". His other leads included, Tommy in the "Music Man" and Prince Rowdy in an up scale version of "Cinderella". "Morn, rebearsal will be a little late tonight. Can you get me at the Meadow about 10:30?"

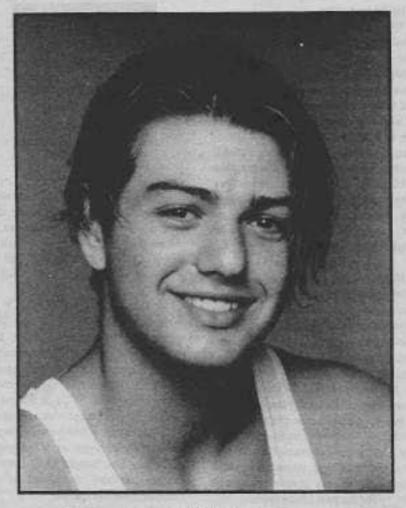
This song bird sings from morning utill night. Dean Neal, choir director at KPMS, had Myron singing solos at every concert. While only in the sixth grade, Myron went to the Auburn, Adjudicated competition. As a freshman he was the only ninth grader at the Pasco Choir Contest. He sings everything from surf tunes to Bach to the National Anthem. Now in his sophomore year at Peninsula, Myron is part of three choirs, Concert Choral, Madrigals and Razz. "Mom, I'm staying for choir Can you get me at 3:30?"

His voice career is much larger than school productions alone. It includes solos at the Festival of Trees in the Tacoma Dome, Dightman's Bible Book store, as well as the opportunity to accompany the cast of Dance Theater Northwest in the original production of "The Snow Queen" performed at Tacoma's Temple Theater. Dance Theater Northwest has also given him the privilege of singing at many area nursing homes along with the dance company performances. Gean Wright is Myron's private voice coach and this year he walked away with second Alternate to State at the Auburn Adjudicated competition against 24 other basses.

Dancing has always come so easily for Myron and it was while watching him dance all those numbers in "Hello Dolh?, directed by Kathleen McGillard, that we realized there was an untapped talent. The freedom of his dance, his willingness to try, his mastery of each new step and the way he makes it all look so easy caught the eve of directors Vickie and Jeff at Patch Theater when they east him in the juvenile lend of "The Music Man". It seemed that they could not give him too many dance numbers in that production . "Rehearsal tonight, Mom.

In order to encourage this GIFTED child of mine, we have attended several Broadway productions in Seattle. During the intermission of the show, "Les Miserables", Myron made the decision to get on with his dance career. He auditioned and was accepted as a jazz and ballet student at Dance Theater Northwest in University Place last September. His commitment to dance had a very rocky beginning. It was his sophomore year and he was preparing to play varsity football, not an easy thing to give up. There were some ups and downs for awhile. Thank you Coach Fillcons. for all your support.

He had no more than gotten settled down in dance when the wrestling season arrived. Now this is the guy that went to Minneapolis to a 28 day J. Robinson Intensive Wrestling



Myron Hase

Camp last July. Giving up a successful wrestling career that spanned 5 years was no small matter. Very tough choices if you are a 16 year old guy. Some days I didn't know if I was driving to Purdy or Tacoma.

Now after only five months with Dance Theater Northwest Myron is dancing 12 to 15 hours a week. He has just signed a contract with them and is now a paid, professional dancer. He performed publicly in that capacity for the first time March 8th, as a soloist in an original piece to the music, "Foolish Games" Melanie Kirk-Stauffer, artistic director at Dance Theater Northwest, is choreographing another new, original piece that will again feature Myron and partner as soloists accompanied by

the Company Orchestra. He will be appearing at Curtis High School in two dance numbers. Then he will appear at the Tacoma Temple Theater on Saturday, June 20th at 7:30 PM where he is already slated to dance seven numbers. "Mom are you ready? I don't want to be late."

There is talk of a possible performance at the Longbranch Improvement Club, perhaps a dinner with Dance Theater Northwest providing the entertainment. Melanie is "always looking for quality opportunities for her dancers to perform." "Mom, Mom, lets go. I told you it was at 4:00 and not 4:30."

Myron, you are truly, "One of a Kind."

1998 Tacoma Shrine Circus Announces Dates, Ticket Information And Acts

The 1998 Shrine Circus will be held on May 8th, 9th and 10th in the Tacoma Dome. Performance times are Friday at 7:30 PM, Saturday at 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM, and Sunday at 1:00 PM.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$12, and \$8 with VIP seating available. Tickets go on sale April 1st and are available at all Puget Sound area TicketMaster outlets.

The featured act is the incredible

Tahar, known as the Moroccan Lord of the Alligators. Tahar will present the most fearsome of all reptiles in a most unusual act which will amaze, thrill and chill you. Tahar was discovered while in Brazil and appeared in the long running "Splash" revue at the Rivera Hotel in Las Vegas. He has also appeared with Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey and just returned from a triumphal tour of the capitols

of Europe. Catch Tahar at this year's Shrine Circus as he cuddles his alligator charges like little babies.

The 1998 Shrine Circus will also feature traditional animal favorites such as elephants, dogs, peacocks, lions, tigers, and bears and of course, plenty of circus clowns. Thrill acts include Arturo's Wheel of Destiny working high above the crowd, the Globe of Death and an amazing knife

act. The flying trapeze will feature the Flying Family Lunas.

The show's finale will feature "Captain" Louis Munoz, America's Rocketeer, the human cannonball, Captain Munoz, the human cannonball, will fly out of a cannon shooting across the Tacoma Dome floor at the conclusion of two hours of thrills, chills and merriment at the Shrine Circus.

Non- Traditional Mortgage Lending - "A Through D"

by Mike Coffin

What was once a small segment of residential lending is now becoming one of the fastest growing areas in mortgage banking. Lenders are now providing loans to borrowers that do not meet the traditional credit criteria of secondary market investors such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC). Some issues preventing borrowers from meeting these criteria are bankruptcies, defaults, foreclesures and chronic late payments on credit obligations.

Credit Grades

Non-traditional mortgage lending is categorized into credit grade categories based upon credit and capacity to repay the mortgage loan. Those categories are A, B, C and D. The more serious the credit problems, the further the grade decreases. As the grade on loans decreases, lenders generally assess higher rates and fees.

Several factors contribute to the credit grade on non-traditional lending such as past consumer credit history and mortgage payment history. Generally, lenders review the credit history for the past 12-24 months.

Income Ratios

Besides credit considerations, nontraditional lenders review the capacity of the borrowers to repay the mortgage obligation. Lenders calculate a ratio (dept ratio) using the total monthly debts and the total monthly income. For example if a borrower has a monthly income of \$6,000 and a total monthly debt obligation



Mike Coffin

(including housing expenses and other consumer debt) of \$2,000, the debt ratio would be 33%. If a borrower has a low debt ratio, the grade will be higher. Conversely, if a borrower has a high debt ratio, the grade will be

Income Documentation

Non-traditional lenders use three approaches in documenting a borrower's income: Full documentation, easy doc/simple doc and no income.

- 1. Full Documentation: Borrowers provide pay stubs, W-2s or federal tax returns for self employed. Generally lenders require a two-year history to substantiate the borrower's income.
- 2. Easy Doc/Simple Doc: Borrowers provide bank statements to substantiate monthly income.
- 3. No Income: Lenders use the stated income from the loan application and the borrowers do not have to provide any documentation to substantiate the income. This type of loan is known as the "No Income Quali-

Lenders will assess a lower grade on loans when little or no documentation is provided to substantiate the horrower's income.

Loan-to-Value

Non-traditional lenders adjust the loan-to-value ratio as a method to reduce the risk of financial loss if a borrower defaults and there is a loan foreclosure. Most lenders believe borrowers with a low loan-to-value ratio have a lower probability of a foreclosure than a borrower with a high loanto-value ratio. In cases where a borrower has a low credit grade and/or little income documentation, lenders may reduce the loan amount.

Loan Programs There is little difference in the loan programs provided by traditional and non-traditional lenders. There are 30 and 15 year fixed mortgages, balloon mortgages, and Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARM's). Non-traditional lenders assess higher rates and fees when there is a lower credit grade, a lack of income documentation or a high loan-to-value ratio. Nevertheless. the non-traditional loans that are now available allow more potential buyers to purchase homes than ever before. As this market expands, competition in the non-traditional mortgage market is rapidly producing better rates, loan programs and terms.



Frances G. Clary

Frances G. Clary of Marysville, CA passed away March 29th, 1998. She was a long time resident of the Key Peninsula area. She was born December 5th, 1923 in Havre, Montana.

Survivors include a son, Delmar Cheeseman of Chico, CA, three grand children, two great grand children and a sister, Velma Wiggs of Shelby, Montana.

A memorial service was held on April 6th in Marysville, CA.



Did you know that commuting to a regular place of work isn't deductible? But traveling between your home and temporary work locations is. So an employee could deduct the cost of traveling between his home and various work sites not owned by his employer. He spent most of his time (75%) at these locations, but only a limited amount of time at any one of

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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Let us hope the good ol' saving about April showers and May flowers is true because I for one, am tired of showers and quite ready for sunshine

Meanwhile, back at VFW 4990, the elections are over and your new officers are as follows: for the post, Commander, Cy Young, Sr. Vice., Bill Howe, Jr. Vice., Billye Smith, Chaplain, Rhys Wood, Surgeon, Roy Glass, and Officer of the Day, Bob Gate. Quartermaster and Judge Advocate are as yet to be elected. Trustees are I year, Wally Comman, 2 year, Joe Barrow and 3 year, George Draeger and Service Officer, Louie Aguifar.

For the auxiliary, the President elect is Roxyann Wooldridge, Sr. Vice, Vanna Robinson, Jr. Vice, Peggy Taylor, Chaplain, Margarite Bussard, Secretary, Kathy Collier, Treasurer, Theresa Haase, Conductress, Audrey Paul and the trustees are Lorraine Draeger, Irene Wooldridge and Dea Bee Blum. Congratulations to all the new officers. May you have a wonderful and successful year in your service to VFW. The installation will take place May 11th at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center Whitmore Room and refreshments will follow the ceremony. These officers will take up their official duties after the State convention in June.

A REMINDER: Buddy Popples will make their appearance on a VFW member, at your local supermarket, street corner, or gas station, on May 22nd & 23rd. Wear one proudly,

MEMORIAL SERVICES Vaughn cemetery, conducted by post & auxiliary 4990, will be held at 1:00 PM May 30th, 154 flags will fly from dawn to dusk in the Aisle of Honor. The Peninsula High School band,

bagpipes from Olympia and our own Kathy Broderson will perform. Louie Aguilar, World War II, Korea and Vietnam veteran and also a former prisoner of war, will be our guest speaker. We hope you will join us for services and later have a cup of coffee while touring the Aisle.

At this point, a big welcome to new members; Tom Valley, Art Gilmore, Stanley Pszczoła, James E. Ray, Karl H. Bonn and Gary L. Osborn. Any VFW member will be happy to supply an application to any eligible veteran and YOU, too, can become a member

State convention will be held in Spokane, June 16th through June 20th. Commander Cy, President Dea Bee and Quartermaster Bob will be attending and hopefully bring accolades home for post and auxiliary.

Thanks to all the VFW folks who donated the beautiful items to be sold at the Spring Festival, May 2nd at the Civic Center. Do drop by our table and select a gift for Mother's Day or maybe something just for you.

The Patriotic Art competition, open to high school students, was won this year by Vita Lugo with second place going to Celestine P- Johnson, Congratulations to both winners. From the Jr. girls unit #389, Cristy Sharpenberg was the top winner in the cookie selling contest with 601 boxes to her credit while Troop # 798 sold 1669 boxes to receive their award.

The youth essay winner from grade 9 from Peninsula High School is Tim Griffith. His winning entry has gone on to State. All of the above awards and the cash prizes are projects of the ladies auxiliary of 4990.

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Last week The News Tribune ran an article about childhood immenization in Pierce County stating that only 57% of two-year-olds are fully immunized, a percentage that's much lower than the state average. I don't know how our peninsula stacks up with the rest of the county in those statistics, but there is an easy (if not painless) way to make sure your kid's shots are up to date, and it can be done right here in beautiful downtown Key Center. The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic has been functioning for over twenty years, serving our youngest citizens. Unfortunately, it's apparently also one of our best kept secrets, as we're seeing fewer children each month, so this article is addressing the clinic and its services.

Although the clinic is still sponsored by the Key Peninsula Health Center, it is held up at our office in the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th Street every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. It

works without appointments on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to all residents of the community, not just those seen in our practice. A \$10 donation covers the exam, history, and the required immunizations. The money is used to support the activities of the KPHC and we cannot bill insurances for this service but the fee can be waived if it cannot be paid. We cover children up to 12 years old, but special arrangements for immunizations for teenagers can be made. The shots include the injectable and the oral Polio, the new DPT, Hepatitis B, and Hacmophilus Influenza, all of which are now required for children entering kindergarten. We also can get the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine which is not yet required.

One thing that has become more confusing with the fragmentation of health care is keeping track of which shots your child has had. It is important for you to have a record at home. and we have cards to keep track of this available to anyone. It is very useful when you bring your child in to also bring their record of past immunizations so we know what to give (and your child doesn't get unnecessary immunizations). If you have any questions about the Well Child Clinic or our services for children, call Carla at 884-9221.



Peninsula Spring Camp

The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) is sponsoring the first annual Peninsula String Camp Karen Pew, Program Coordinator, approached the CAC with her vision last year. "She had our total CAC support from the out-set" says Shirley Tomasi, CAC Executive Director.

This will be a summer intensive string workshop, envisioned by musicians from the Northwest who believe that the Peninsula will be the perfect area for an all string orchestra. This camp will be a start up project to establish this program. The camp is for uges four to adult, for beginners to advanced players. It is scheduled for August 17 through August 28, 1998. A faculty recital will be presented on Thursday, August 27 at 7:30pm, and a concert will given by the students on Friday, August 28, 7:30pm. Peninsula High School is the planned site for the program.

"It is expected that the summer camp will be expanded into the Peninsula Youth Orchestra with regular relicarsals and programming" said Pew. "We are thrilled to have Violinist, Mary Manning, who is a member of the Northwest Sinfonietta, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Pacific Baroque Orchestra (in Vancouver B.C.), and is a founding member of the Scattle Baroque Orchestra, as one of our instructors. Cellist, Stuart Hake, is assistant principal for the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, and is a member of a Jazz and Improv trio based in Gig Harbor called "Three Play". Stuart also is a member of the Tacoma Opera Orchestra and freelances throughout Western Washington.

Violinist Andrea Bryant plays in the Tacoma Symphony and freelances in several chamber groups around Washington. She also plays in the Gig Harbor Spelemannslag, a Scandinavian fiddle group. She teaches Suzuki as well as traditional violin through the university of Puget Sound Community Music Program. Andrea specializes in introducing pre-school children to the string family, and teaches Viola and Violin."

Tuition is \$150.00 per student with a \$25.00 deposit due with the application. For an application or further information, please call Karen Pew, at 851-2897. Those interested in sponsoring student scholarships, donating toward facility use expense, sheet music, or instrument rental, please mail donations to "Peninsula Youth Orchestra", e/o Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission, 11107 Halistrom Dr., N.W., Gig Harbor, WA, 98332.

"The Cultural Arts Commission is very proud to aponsor this program and anticipates tremendous community support", said Tomasi.

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Reynold's Roost



by Howard Reynolds

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by Aileen Rickert Froehlich

Some of the happiest and most pleasant, along with being nerve wracking, memories are of having time. So many people lived on small and large farms. Ours was seventytwo acres. Towards the end of June or early July, driving down any country road, you could smell the wonderful aroma of new mown hay. I just close my eyes and I can remember how wonderful it was.

My dad had a team and mower so not only did he mow our hay, but also many other fields in the community. My brother and I usually had the job of bringing the horses in from the pasture lands. We had Billy Boy, an ex-circus horse, who was very aggressive and sometimes very difficult to handle. Then we had old Tom, slow, easy to handle, never got excited about anything but his oats, most of the time. This day, I being about 8 and my brother about 11, we headed out and found them in the back field. We were supposed to just herd them back, but then we figured. wouldn't it be easier to just hop on their backs and ride them back? Of course they had no bit and reins to guide them, but then they knew the way to the barn, as they came there

every day for feed. My brother boosted me up of old slow Tom, then he jumped up on Billy. Well, Billy took this as some kind of command to head for the barn at top speed. Suddenly Tom got a burst of power from somewhere and away we flew. In all sincerity, I do not believe any part of my body made contact with the horse, except my frantic clutch on that horses mane and what part of the balter I could grab. We broke all records over hill and dale until we reached the barn, then he stopped so fast, I think he gave me whip lash.

Now to the actual haying. My dad mowed the hay and then in a couple days in dry weather he would rake it into windrows. Usually weather permitting, it dried and could be put into shocks in a couple days so it would be easier to load on the sled to be taken to the barn for storage. All of this took much time and physical labor. Now came the job of hauling. My dad had a sled with a wide rack so we could haul taller, wider and bigger loads. My job was stomping and arranging the hay, also checking for dryness, as wet hay generates heat and could cause a fire.

Many barns have burned to the ground in the past due to wet hay. One day we had better than a half load when dad threw up a huge fork, full of hay, and in that hav was a snake. I had a hole in my pant leg and somehow that snake flew into that hole slithered down my leg and across my bare foot. By that time I was

screaming so loud and doing a stomp that has never been rivaled, I'm sure to this day. Before my dad really figured out what was happening, I jetted out of that load of hay and lit right in his arms. They couldn't get me back up again that day, but I did help finish getting the hay in.

The other great enjoyable happiness was sleeping in a barn full of new mown hay. When the barn was full we would have one of our friends or cousins over, take our blankets and pillows, go to the barn and snuggle out in our own special spot. We usually told horror stories to see how scared we could be and eventually fell asleep listoning to the cows, horses and wind, dreaming dreams about our

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will celebrate 70 years of existence with an Open House on May 23th at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Floral displays, a plant sale, expert gardeners to answer questions on fuschias, roses, rhododendrons and container gardening will all be included as well as a display of the club's history. There will be a door prize and refreshments will

Phyllis Anker and Joyce Niemann are third generation club members. Their mother, Elsie Olson, still a member, and her mother, Agnes Bill, were charter members of the group. Other current members who have "roots" in the organization are Peggy Dervaes, Kelly Gulseth, Evelyn Stinson, Helen Wolniewicz, and Colleen Slater

The Garden Club provided and maintains the planting at the entrance to the Civic Center parking lot.

The next meeting of the club will be a tour of several local gardens on May 20th Interested gardeners are welcome to join the club. For further information, please call 884-5403.

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State Senator Calvin Goings will be the master of ceremonies, the Rogers High School JROTC will conduct the presentation of the national and state colors, and the Puyallup High School Jazz Band and the Salvation Army Clowns will provide entertainment. As in past years, there will be good food, good company (the event has sold out at 500 guests), door prizes and volunteer awards. New this year will be a raffle and 25 vendors who will provide material to our guests.

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