



## JAZZ in JUNE

### SECOND ANNUAL EVENING with PROHIBITION JAZZ BAND— JUNE 3, 2000

For another evening of marvelous musical entertainment, come to the KP Civic Center to enjoy the fun with the Prohibition Jazz Band. Last year we had a wonderful time—dancing, listening, swinging and toe-tapping to their joyous music.

The Prohibition Jazz Band, formed in March of 1994, consists of five professional musicians who have gained their experience performing in a variety of bands for several years. Ron Harper, the leader, plays the plectrum banjo and guitar. Willy Petersen plays a fiery cornet. Jeff Anderson artistically weaves the clarinet, sax or harmonica, adding excitement to the music. Eric Lindstrom is a delight to hear on trombone, piano and you'll enjoy his singing, too. Greg Massett adds a big sound and a solid bottom on the bass.

The band has been performing steadily and is often booked a year or more in advance. Five studio videotapes have been cut and aired on TCI Cablevision. Performance references include Pierce County Arts Commission for First Night Pierce County, the Kitsap County Fair, the Cannery Furniture Store in Sumner, the Elks, Eagles, Shriners and Masons. Festivals include the Northwest Jazz-n-away Festival in Seattle, the Burien Strawberry Festival, the Sequim Irrigation Festival (*Ed. Really!*), Shelton Oyster Festival, Issaquah Salmon Days and Bumbershoot. Concerts have been performed in the cities of Steilacoom, Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Shelton, Milton, Puyallup, as well as at 7 Cedars Casino in Sequim and for Jazz societies in Sequim, Olympia, Seattle and Portland.

The Prohibition Jazz Band will perform from 8pm to 11pm on Saturday, June 3, 2000. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. There will be an open bar for the purchase of your favorite drink or beverage. No one under 21 will be admitted!

Tickets are available at the KP Civic Center office in Vaughn, at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center and at the Home Country Store in Home.



Skate Night volunteers and their helpers who came for an extra time to the Potluck/Thank you on April 8th: Butch, Julie, Derek & Dylan Roberts; Carol & Leisha Ferris; Jane, Sheena, Briana & Keely Guilliver; Joel & Josh Overly; Carol Overly-Rootvik; Kizell Teague; Annie Garrison; Anthony & Anthony M. Skeen; Lila & RoseMarie Garrison; Kelly, Jessalyn & Calley Wood.

## WHO'S NEWS ?

### Skate Night Volunteers

This month we'd like to recognize all the people who have made the Skate Nights this year such a success. In addition to those mentioned in the Potluck picture, the following should be given a big "Thank You": Ed Czebator, John Garrison, Kimberly Wood, Richard & Joan Heriot, Sam Dodge, Katie Chakos, Thomas Valley, Bob Clawson, Dwayne Barrett, Steve & Carla Lawson, John & Wendy Glennon Jr., Connie Silva, Kristen Bottiger and Don Streiff. And to all their "helpers"—Good Show!

What keeps it all running, of course, are the staff members: Lila Garrison, manager, Shawn & Leslie Etheredge, running the kitchen, Jessica Livingood-Nelsen, new DJ, and alternate, Joanna Miller.

Our Editorial Comment: This has been a wonderful activity for parents and children. Although the last Skate Night will be on May 26th for this season, we sincerely hope it will be continued in the Fall.

And, remember, Teen Skate Night will be beginning soon. Watch for our announcements!!

## Youth Summit A Success

by Hugh McMillan

Tuesday, April 4, about 300 attendees including almost 200 students from the Peninsula's three high schools flooded Gig Harbor's Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church's rooms and corridors to successfully carry out a long planned, day long, first ever Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Youth Summit.

Asked what made this happen, Peninsula Schools' staffer, Janice Turnow, said, "This is a youth developed Forum. The students made it happen."

Kickoff speaker Nichole Lindquist, a junior at Gig Harbor High, introduced student speakers from Peninsula, Gig Harbor, and Henderson Bay High schools who developed the agenda for the summit. Their remarks were punctuated with short video glimpses of the tragedy at Colorado's Columbine High.

Peninsula Schools' Gail Brandt, reporting on the views of the student organizers of the Summit, noted their perception that, "Our Peninsula Schools District is very much like Columbine." They encouraged their peers to make personal goals to, talk with people we don't know. The students were shocked at how much we are like Columbine, and counseled that, "Tomorrow, change your attitude through eye contact - and smile."

The assembly broke into smaller groups of ten to twenty isolating themselves from one another throughout the huge building and worked to develop and follow through on an action plan and strategies to resolve tough issues.

Many talked of developing activities for teens. "They feel as though they are the third

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## KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER

## FROM THE OFFICE

By Vicky McClung

In January, the Angel Guild made a wonderful donation to the Civic Center. They knew our plans include refinishing the gym floor and graciously donated \$3,000 toward this effort (the total cost of the refinishing has been bid at nearly \$12,000). With the Angel Guild check we opened a CD account at Telco specifically earmarked for the funding of this project. We can't thank the Angel Guild enough for all they do for the Civic Center! Should any of you wish to make a donation toward this

particular project — or any other project we have on the planning table — the funds would be restricted to the specific project. If you would like further information, we would be happy to provide you with a list of the projects.

As you will see on the calendar, the Spring Festival and Plant Sale is on Saturday, May 6th. Don't miss it! Also, save June 3rd for dancing at the Civic Center's Prohibition Jazz Dance. Those who attended

this event last year had such a good time that we received many requests for a return engagement of the Prohibition Jazz Band. Hope to see you there!

## SPECIAL NOTE

A special thank you to all the volunteers who arrived to work at the Pride of Civic Center workday.

The grounds look great!

## TIME, TREASURE, TALENT

The past three months have been busy ones at the Civic Center. Due to the tenacious efforts of Loyd Miller and his crew, the security apartment is completed and inhabited by Lori Warkocki, our new security resident. There were 186 hours of dedication put into this project since January and our gratitude goes to the following people who have donated their time and talent to this project: Dave Stratford, Phil Bauer, Betty Kelly, Gary Gebo, Ken Richards, Claudia Loy, Jacqueline Hickey, Rose Grant, Lance Englund, and special applause to Loyd Miller.

Thank you to the Budget Committee and those who volunteered to help in the office or on various cleaning projects: Kristen Bottiger, Betty Kelley, Vicky McClung, Gina Liebergesell, Sylvia Haase, Marty Marcus, Rose Grant, Sharon Miller, and Mike Salatino. And a special thank you to Frank Ingels for the donation of the convection oven.

The Fuchsia Society members Rose Grant, Sharon Miller, Pat Kaylor, Larry and Evelyn Billona, Ginnie Aardahl, George Yates, Myvanwy Shirley, Earl Forsyth, Nancy Rehusch, Don Aimick, Gina Kendahl, Jim and Jan Kesterson, and Historical Society president Tim Kezele have been pruning and preparing the gardens. They have done so much to improve and brighten the grounds of the Civic Center.

On February 5, the Senior Society manned the kitchen for Winter Visuals. We truly appreciate the time and effort volunteered by Chuck and Pauline Williamson, Evelyn Stinson, Rose Malmgren, Virginia Adkisson, and James Blundell.

There is another group of people whom we would like to thank for their constant dedication to the betterment of not only the Civic Center, but of our community. The Angels of the Angel Guild have done so much to assist various organizations and individuals, and a mere "thank you" seems so inadequate. We at the Civic Center appreciate your generous gift of \$3000 to initiate the drive for the refinishing of the gymnasium floor. The 14 pair of skates and roller blades for the skating program is also deeply appreciated and they are in service! We thank you, Angels, for your continued support and efforts on behalf of our community.

The Civic Center is always in need of volunteers, and if you have time and talent to donate, we would love to hear from you!

## Letters To The Editor

Editor:

Connie Brinkerhoff, News Tribune and NY Times delivery person for much of the Key Peninsula, was involved in a serious accident on Monday, April 10. While delivering papers she hit a ditch, her car flipped over, pinning her arm underneath the car. She was air-evacuated to Harbor View Hospital where her arm was amputated.

Those who know Connie are aware that she is a super conscientious newspaper carrier, and a kind person. This is very sad for Connie, her husband, Jack, (who runs Brinkerhoff Tax Service next to the Windermere Realty office) and all who know her. Delivering papers is hard work and many of us depend on Connie. Now she needs you. Please keep Connie in your thoughts and prayers, let her know you care, be patient with your paper delivery, and give Jack your support.

Thanks.

Richard and Lori Brudvik-Lindner  
Loyal customers of Connie



The Children's Home  
Society's  
FAMILY ROOM

We're sure that you are enjoying the wonderful spring weather as much as we are here (hope it's not raining as you read this column). Along with the new season, we have some new programs to tell you about:

Our next **Three Thursday Parenting Series** begins on **May 4th**. Our speaker that evening will be Laurie Dils, Community Educator from Planned Parenthood of Pierce County. Her topic is "Parent Talk: Talking with Your Kids about Love, Sex and Growing Up." This is a relaxed presentation on ways to communicate your beliefs and values, and factual information with your children, as well as how to learn more about what your children are thinking and experiencing. On **May 11th** the most "Current Issues and Legislation on 'Relative Families'" will be addressed by Edith Owen of the Pierce County Relatives Raising Children program at the Family Counseling Service in Tacoma. If you are a grandparent or relative raising children, this program will be very informative and helpful. Our third presenter in this series, on **May 18th**, will be Maureen Peterson, M.A., from the Family Counseling/Child Guidance Clinic in Tacoma. She will be teaching "Anger Management and De-escalation Techniques That Really Work." If anger is a dynamic in your family or work life, increase your coping methods with these effective temper tantrum tools. All the parenting workshops are FREE and run from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Room of the KP Civic Center.

Another great way to greet spring is our **Mother-Daughter Tea**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 20th, 2-3:30 p.m.** in the Whitmore Room. This will be a delightful opportunity to celebrate your relationships as mothers and daughters. There will be musical entertainment by Dianne Everson, a well-known and very talented local pianist. There is no charge to attend, but we do ask that you call to sign up by Friday, May 12th.

One of our staff members recently became the chair of the Civic Center's **High School Skate Night Committee**, with plans to put on a monthly activity (skate night, dances, coffee houses, etc.) for the high school students of our area. If you are a high school student, parent, or community member who would like to serve on the committee or assist with these teen events, please contact Edie Morgan at the Family Resource Center, 884-5433. The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m. at the Resource Center. Please seriously consider this—it does take our entire village to raise our kids all the way through adolescence. At the recent **Youth Summit** held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church on April 4th, our local teens eloquently and constructively expressed their need for safe places to go and fun things to do, as ways to make this community a safer and more positive place to grow up. Let's do something to support them now.

Speaking of fun things to do, we are also in the midst of planning our annual **Summer Fun Youth Program**. We hope to offer it again at both the KP Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club. We plan to run the program from July 10th through August 10th. We will be offering the **Kindercamp** program for children, ages 1 through 5, with parent participation, as well as our regular programming for children who will be in grades 1 through 5 in the Fall. Spaces are limited. Registration will begin May 22nd. Forms will be sent home through the local elementary schools and will be available at our KP Family Resource Center. We will be needing parent volunteers, and we're hoping for a repeat of last year's incredible teen volunteer participation. Watch this space or call for more information.

Our **Healthy Families** program, for parents of children ages birth to 5 years, will meet on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 10-11:30 a.m.** in the Whitmore Room. The topic this month is "Active Listening." And there is still room in the last **Toddler Art** session of the year on **Wednesday, May 31st**. For more information or to sign up, please call us.

Our **Little Buddies** program will end for this school year on the last Tuesday of May. We really want to thank all the wonderful **BIG BUDDIES** who participated this year. These were student volunteers from all three local high schools, who donated their time and energy to younger students in our community. We also want to thank both YMCA Camp Colman and Camp Seymour staff for their valuable collaboration in providing transportation from the elementary schools to the Civic Center.

For information on any of these programs, or for information on community resources that are available for families in need, give us a call at the **Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, 884-5433**. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Key Peninsula Author Soars

by Hugh McMillan

Almost anyone has to look up to Samara. Not only is she a stately, attractive six foot two inch energy-charged blond lady whose mere presence grabs your attention, she is, to the best of my knowledge, the only author - let alone, Key Peninsula author - simultaneously to publish two books receiving national attention.

She is Samara C. Kezele Fritchman, CEAP, CMHC, NCC, JD, and her books are *Joshua Worthington Eagle - A Story of Worth, Transformation and Balance* and *The Tale of Three Minds - The Chronicles of Will, Soul and Heart*.

The books debuted at a book signing at Mostly Books in Gig Harbor March 3. Both will be released nationwide May 1 and Samara will have another book signing at Borders Books on 38th St. near the Tacoma Mall on May 21st at 4:00pm. "There will be more," Fritchman said.

The February 23rd issue of the Peninsula Gateway noted that Samara was born "Baby-Bubnich" at Tacoma General Hospital and was adopted by the Bakers then living at Tacoma's Titlow Beach. Right out of high school, she married Phil Kezele, older brother of Key Peninsula Historical Society's Tim Kezele. The marriage didn't last but the 'Kezele' name did.

She was known as Claudia during her childhood which became her "early training ground for human potential," she said.



Author, Samara C. Kezele Fritchman

"Life is full of tragedies and opportunities," and, "Everyone has defining moments in their life that help see things differently and learn to make different choices."

In 1990 she became Samara, "and that," she says, "is a whole other story." In 1991 she added 'Fritchman' when she married George.

She has worked in the Employee Assistance Profession for almost twenty years with experience in business consultations, counseling, interventions and adult education. She is a public speaker with workshop leadership skills. "Inspirational books are a doorway for many," she says, "the beginning of a personal journey; a glimpse into a life viewed differently." She adds, "Inspirational books are the fastest growing sector of the publishing industry with liter-

ally millions buying books on the theme."

Fritchman feels, "*Joshua Worthington Eagle* will endear himself to a new generation of readers who will walk with him, soar with him, and see their own lives with a new vision," and that, "*The Tale of Three Minds* provides the reader with thought-provoking concepts to the co-existence of opposing natures within."

She asks you to look for these titles at your favorite bookstore and visit her Web site at [www.balancinglife.com](http://www.balancinglife.com).

## Antique and Collector Enthusiasts Sought For Fundraising Event

Individuals interested in having an antique and collectables sale here on the Key Peninsula are encouraged to contact the Civic Center Office at 884-3456 for information. This fundraising event is scheduled to coincide with the Key Peninsula Business Association's "Cider Fest" held in October. Professional and amateur collectors are being solicited to fill the confines of the Civic Center for an exciting two day sale.

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**Key Peninsula Civic Center  
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## JAZZ IN JUNE

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*Prohibition*  
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June 3, 2000 8-11 PM

Key Peninsula Civic Center  
Vaughn, Wa.

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# A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

After writing a number of columns about various environmental problems both here and abroad, I thought that writing last month's column citing two positive situations, the continuing validation of the "dolphin safe" label on cans of tuna and the offer by a number of trucking companies to haul donated food to food banks at no charge would probably be the last of the good news for awhile. I really was not looking forward to being the bearer of bad news again.

However, two pieces of good news, which most likely won't show up in the general media, came my way and sharing them with my readers is a way of reinvigorating the optimist hiding within me.

The first item concerns the gray whales which migrate along our coast down to Mexico in the winter and back up to the far north in the spring. A very large multinational corporation, whose name I won't mention here, changed its mind. This is a company that sells cars, large-screen TV's, other electronics, and wooden chopsticks, among other products.

This company was negotiating with the Mexican government to build a large salt recovery operation at one of the lagoons along the Pacific coast of Mexico. But not just any lagoon. No, they wanted it to be at the main lagoon used by the gray whales for giving birth. Of course, the company's PR department worked overtime reassuring the world that their salt recovery operations would not bother the whales. But I guess they weren't too convincing. After they received more than a million cards and letters against their proposal, and after several organizations were poised to announce a boycott of the company's products, they decided not to go ahead with the salt recovery plan. The reason you probably won't see this in any other newspaper or on the TV news is because the company does a lot of advertising.

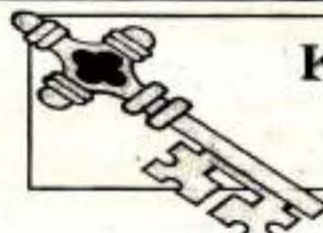
The other good news comes from Colombia, South America. Usually the news from Colombia is related to drug wars, murders, assassinations and U.S. military aid. To some

of us involved in herpetoculture, Colombia is the origin of a common subspecies of Red-tail Boa Constrictor. And to some people, Colombia means good coffee.

The news from Colombia I find most welcome concerns an ecologically significant 2,057 acres of land near the northern tip of the country. In the area known as the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, this parcel of land is a rich tropical rain forest bounding the headwaters of the Santa Clara River. Working with two local organizations in Colombia, the Nature Conservancy was able to help in having this land acquired under the Indigenous Land Acquisition Program, a project that works to return lands to the original inhabitants, the indigenous people of the region. Studies have shown that land returned to indigenous ownership has made significant ecological recovery.

Under indigenous control, the land will be allowed to revert to its native tropical state of palms, cacti, dry forest, sub-alpine vegetation, and potable water not only for nearby communities, but also for animal species such as pumas, jaguars and the Santa Marta parakeet. And maybe the best of all, it means the people from whom the land was taken will be able to go home again.

## KEY DATES 2000



### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Amnesty International	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM	Key Center Library
Ashes	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220	Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	KPCC Whitmore Rm.
Coutiettes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM	Civic Center
KPCCA Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. - 7:00 PM	CC/VFW Room/WF Rm.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes -	Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center	Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call 884-5433
Food Bank	Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon	Community House - Home
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call	884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780
Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at	Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.
The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic at the office of Dr. Roes every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.	
Key Center Library 884-2242 - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday, 1 - 6 PM, Saturday, Noon - 4 PM.	
KP Baptist Bible Study	Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM	Comm. House, Home
There is Hope 12-Step Christian Support Group Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Lakebay Christian Assembly Church - 253-884-3659.	
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Civic Center, in the VFW Room, Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.		
T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM		Civic Center
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Longbranch Improvement Club		

### SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.	Longbranch Improvement
KP Historical Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
Museum Open Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.		
LB Improvement Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Fire Station
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, lunch and Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.
Senior Society Luncheon	Thursdays - Noon	KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club	Call 884-5403 for more information.	
Key Singers	Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Longbranch Comm. Church
Contact Jo Sturm - 884-1350		

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## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizer CTP

Well, it appears another Income Tax season is over. How did you fare with your taxes? We hate to remind you that all tax preparer's are equal, but now is the time to start preparing for your year 2000 tax return. Some things to note:

1. Have you filed a new W-4 with your employer? This can rectify if your refund was too big or if your withholding was not enough to cover your taxes due. Now is the time to start to consider allowable deductions such as contributions which are most generally 100% deductible, Real Estate taxes, Excise tax on vehicles, L & I deductions from your paycheck. Also check out your mortgage interest. If you have high interest credit card debt with the high interest rate consider refinancing to lower your payments, and the mortgage interest is deductible. Check this column out each month for valuable information.

### Contest #4 Winner

Contest #4 in the March issue of the KP News was won by Sharon Cavanaugh of Lakebay. She selected a gift certificate for the restaurant at Horseshoe Lake as her prize. Congratulations, Sharon.

## KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2000

The meeting was called to order by the President @ 7:00 PM.  
The following motions were seconded and carried.

- To accept the March board meeting minutes as written.
- To accept the Treasurer's report.
- To issue 10 passes to KPMS for skate night, to be used by the end of this skate season 2000.
- To accept CAC's use of the Center for a High School Summer Dance "Battle of the Bands" under certain conditions.
- To reimburse Scouts \$142.87 for shelves put up in storeroom.
- To reimburse newspaper \$1400 from last year.
- To table approval of user fees until next meeting.
- To approve \$7,500 expenditure for Reno Night.
- To approve \$ 1200 expenditure for Jazz Night.

### Managers Report

Vicky McClung reported that the CAC (Cultural Arts Commission) will have a kiosk at the entrance to the Center for selling tickets and more from 10 am till 1pm Thursdays through Saturdays. The Health Department will be renting space at the Center on Mondays and Wednesdays for Moms, a program dealing with alcohol and drug problems.

### Newspaper Report

Ads continue to be healthy. Had a profit last month. Would like to increase coverage on Civic Center events, however, they need help on getting information from Chairpersons.

**Tops-** Phyllis Tieman and Jena Henak reported they have 6 volunteers signed up for Reno night and also for Jazz Dance.

**Reno Night-** Ed Taylor needs 50 volunteers, 20 dealers. There will be a meeting on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00.

**Grant Committee-** Sylvia Haase reported that the Angel Guild donated \$3,000 to maintain the Gym floor. They also applied for a HUD grant for the renovation of the restrooms in the CHS office.

**Building & Grounds-** Loyd Miller reported that the convection oven has been repaired and the pump in the annex froze up and needs to be repaired. The riding lawn mower needs a tune-up and the storeroom will be completed soon.

**Announcements-** The Center will host a "Pride @ Civic Center Day" on April 22. New board members may be nominated and voted in at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Kristen Bottiger, Secretary

## Trekking in Nepal At Peninsula Library

On Thursday, May 4th, at 7:00 PM, the Friends of the Peninsula Library will sponsor a free program in the library's meeting room. The presenter is Rosemary Schuster, her topic: Trekking in Nepal, A Woman's Experience Alone. The library is at 4424 Pt. Fosdick Drive, NW. For additional information, please call 851-3793.

From Summit Page 1  
wheel, they don't quite fit in, and there's nothing or them to do," said Safe Streets' Aneke Conner.

Summit attendee Bronson Jones, a Peninsula High Sophomore, can vass his peers at school for their wish list after the summit and learned they'd like a teen night club, drive in movie, go kart track, ice rink, lazer tag, bowling alley, better beaches, video arcade, miniature golf range, a field park, and a dirt bike shop. Jones' phone is 884-2054.

Lindquist, one of the organizers of the summit said, "I'm hoping that everyone leaves the event with a better understanding of tolerance, that the youth feel empowered to make changes and to prevent violence. Hopefully, it will also make everyone feel more like part of the community."

Sheila Jones, a student at Tacoma's Wilson High School, who attended as an observer for Mothers Against Violence, said, "It's important for us to know that our parents and other adults are there for information and guidance, but the action of stopping violence takes place with the student. Interaction between students is what makes the message stronger."

The summit was sponsored by members of the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Safe Communities Coalition. Sponsors included: the Peninsula School District, the Commission on Children, Youth and their families, the Safe Streets Campaign, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, Gig Harbor Key Peninsula area Chamber of Commerce, Key Peninsula Partnership Against Violence Project, and the Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution.

They are grateful to Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church for use of its facilities, to the transportation and food services of Peninsula School District, and to all the students and community leaders who attended the summit. For further information, call Anneke Conners at Safe Streets: 272-6824.

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## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

The deadline for this column is the 20th of each month, so sometimes the news is not quite up to date or has not happened. I try to up-date the following month; such will be the case on our Loyalty Day celebration. To be held the 29th of April, preparations are now in the "full speed ahead mode" and we are hoping to have a GRAND day. Will let you know how it all turns out in the June column.

The Ladies Auxiliary has selected and elected their new officers, they are: President - Roxanne Wooldridge; Senior Vice - Cathy Collier; Junior Vice - Dee Bea Blum; Treasurer - Debbie Simon; Secretary - Jane Gulliver; Chaplain - Marguerite Bussard; Conductress - Mickey Shreve; Guard - Kathy Jo Patterson; Trustees are: Jean Christoffersen, Yvonne Helmick and Trula Knudson.

Congratulations ladies, may you all have a wonderful year. The Post will have their elections May 24th with State convention scheduled for June 22nd through the 24th in Yakima. A CORRECTION on the date of installation for Post and Auxiliary should have read May 8th in the Civic Center.

Post and Auxiliary 4990 will have their annual BUDDY POPPY days starting May 12th and 13th. Call Irene Wooldridge if you can spare a few hours to help. Remember, all money raised goes for the Relief Fund which helps veterans, their families and the needy folks in our community. Poppy money stays here on the Peninsula, so DONATE AND WEAR A POPPY PROUDLY.

The people in our CARE CIRCLE are all very special so we report when one of our friends or neighbors needs some special help. This month we would like to report that Bob Beal, who underwent open heart surgery (a five way by-pass, replacement of a mitre valve and a patch on the heart wall),

is doing very well, is up walking and taking semi-solid food. Still in St Josephs Hospital, we wish him a very speedy recovery. Others in our Circle who could use our love and prayers are Lillian Montaney, Louie Aguilar, Irene Wooldridge, Yvonne Helmick, David Rice and Calvin and Maryanne Hawthorne. Just had a news flash which tells me our District #4 president, Betty Hickman fell and broke her arm and will have surgery. Hang in there Betty, we want you to very soon be 100%.

VFW will be involved with the "SPRING INTO SUMMER" celebration May 20th and 21st at the Harvestime Store at Lake Kathryn. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a stand with craft items for sale, help you register to vote or become a VFW member. There will be a collection of canned or non perishable food for the area food bank so do drop by and participate in the fun. If perhaps you would like to help man the VFW stand, please call 884-4407.

Until next month remember: The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention.

### Pioneer Day Celebration Set For August 5th

It's not too early to start planning for this year's Pioneer Day celebration. This annual event is an end of the summer celebration for the entire K.P. community. Anyone wishing to help with any aspect of the event is encouraged to contact the Civic Center Business Office at 884-3456. The day-long celebration starts off with a parade winding from Key Center to the Civic Center. The day at the Center is a culmination of vendors, entertainment and sights. We are currently looking for parade entrants, artisans, entertainers, children's event coordinator and financial sponsors. Don't delay, get involved today!

## Non-Traditional Mortgage Lending—"A through D"

by Michael Coffin

What was once a small segment of residential lending is now 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, foreclosures 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 to 24 months.

### Income Ratios

Besides credit considerations, non-traditional lenders review the capacity of the borrowers to repay the mortgage obligation. Lenders calculate a ratio (debt 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 (including housing expenses and other consumer debt) of \$2,000, the debt ratio would be 33 percent. 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 lower.

### 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 statement 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 Qualifier."

Lenders will assess a lower grade on loans when little or no documentation is provided to substantiate the borrower'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 loan-to-value ratio. In cases where a borrower has a low credit grade and/or little income documentation, lenders may reduce the loan amount they offer.

### 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 Ad-

justable 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.

Michael Coffin is branch manager of Horizon Mortgage. Direct your questions or comments to: [mikec@horizonmortgage.com](mailto:mikec@horizonmortgage.com).

### More Area Students On U W Dean's List

The following students attained a GPA of at least 3.5 (out of 4.0) and have been named to the Dean's

List for the Winter Quarter 2000:

From Allyn, Karina Vladimirovna Gordievich;

From Vaughn, Samantha Lane Bellona, Susan Elaine Combs, and Carole Aileen Schaub.

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## Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula Key Peninsula Historical Society

All those attending the annual meeting of the Key Peninsula Historical Society enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. President Tim Kezele gave a brief overview of the accomplishments of the past year. The Museum Project has now completed its 5th year. The quantity of the artifacts has greatly increased. He thanked the many groups and individuals who have helped over this past year. Those included the Angel Guild, The Morris Foundation, Orville Stout and the KPHS Board. The Board would also like to thank all donors who have sent memorial gifts and the families who have chosen the Museum as the recipient of these gifts. The slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was unanimously passed. The new officers for 2000 are President Tim Kezele, Vice President - Mary Krumbein, Secretary - Dale Skrivanich, and Treasurer - Barb Hanna. The proposed Budget for 2000 was also accepted. Barb Hanna reminded everyone that their annual dues of \$5 are due in March. Please mail them to Key Peninsula Historical Society, P.O. Box 577, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Our speaker for the evening was Ed Nolan, Curator of Special Collections for the Washington State Historical Museum. He described himself as "an archivist with a zeal about preserving the past." His specialty is paper artifacts. He told some very interesting stories about collecting artifacts and the importance of old diaries, manuscripts and photographs.

Mark your calendar for June 24, Saturday, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. This will be the Old Timers Potluck and next general meeting of the Key Peninsula Historical Society. The potluck will start at noon followed by a short business meeting and program.

REMEMBER THE MUSEUM IS OPEN THURSDAY AND SATURDAY FROM 1-4 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT. CALL 884-4538.

## Lions Clubs White Cane Days May 5 - 6

Lions Clubs in the Northwest will be conducting their annual White Cane Days on May 5th and 6th to raise funds for treating children and adults with sight impairments, and also to support their Health Screening Unit which provides free screening not only for vision but also for hearing, glaucoma, diabetes and blood pressure.

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## Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

Every year in April the Angel Guild holds a special luncheon for all members. It is the time to pay our \$1.00 dues to rejoin. We also have our installation at that time. This year all officers except the first vice-president remained in office for a second term. Carol Sudder retired and Frankie Johnson became the new first vice-president. Elsie Vezzani will serve as president, Vicki Swenning, second vice-president, Mary Krumbein, secretary, and Jeanne Seick is treasurer. We looked forward to another busy and successful year. The luncheon was a bit different this year as we decided to have a fun fashion show with members modeling outfits they have purchased from our thrift shop. If they did not want to model, they could carry and present any item they had gotten from the store. It proved to be a lot of fun. We just might do it again. Our luncheon is a potluck and we know we can rival any other organization on the Peninsula as to the best cooks around.

We are behind in the requests that have been granted as we have to wait until the funds are available.

However, we were able to provide funds for a new defibrillator for the Home fire station. Virginia Seavy, Barbara Hanna, Vicki Swenning and Shirley Olson represented the Angel Guild to make the presentation to Capt. Tom Lique.

Remember we are open Wed through Fri. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sat. 11:00am to 3:00 pm. Your discards are greatly appreciated

## Bumper Crop Of Applicants Means More Volunteer Crews Needed

The Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful program of Associated Ministries usually gets about 200 applications from low-income seniors and low-income disabled homeowners. This year they have received 350! Now they need to sign up more volunteer crews to do the painting.

This will be the sixteenth year for this program, during which 938 homes have been painted. Last summer some 2000 volunteers painted 103 homes. Crews come from churches, service clubs, unions, businesses, local government offices, local military bases and individuals. The program furnishes the materials, the volunteer crews do the painting.

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**TO YOUR  
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by  
William F. Roes,  
MD

Recently, a patient of mine became ill as a combination of three things we often don't link together: hepatitis, alcohol, and Tylenol (acetaminophen). While discussing the case with his wife, she suggested I write about it in my column, as there are probably others out there at risk. It sounded like a good topic to me as well.

Any one of the above three can cause liver failure, but the combination is especially damaging. Hepatitis is a viral infection of the liver. The most common types are A (infectious), B (Serum), and C. A is transmitted by oral contact with the virus, and is usually a short self limited disease. B and C are transmitted by body fluids and are much more likely to cause permanent damage to the liver. People with chronic liver disease often function very well, provided there are no other insults to the liver. In fact patients often don't even know they've had hepatitis C until a blood test to check the liver's function is performed. Those who have had a viral hepatitis are much more likely to develop liver failure when the liver is additionally exposed to toxins like alcohol, Tylenol, and other drugs.

Most people recognize that excessive alcohol can damage the liver, but patients with an already impaired liver are much more susceptible to even small doses of alcohol. My recommendations to patients with a history of hepatitis is to avoid alcohol altogether. Obviously not everyone takes their doctor's advice, but they are putting themselves at extreme risk when they add drugs that are toxic to the liver on top of the alcohol and hepatitis. Acetaminophen is such a drug. It's one of the safest medications around for most people, and can be used in low doses in patients with either hepatitis or those who use alcohol. Notice that's an "or" in the previous sentence, not an "and". Other over the counter pain medications such as aspirin and ibuprofen can also cause problems for these patients, so if you've had hepatitis and use alcohol, you should check with your doctor to see what is safe for you to use.

## Local Mystery Still Unsolved

In the March issue we reported that some person or persons unknown had knocked down Mr. Wetzel's Recycling sign, and that he would like some details about how it happened. He still has not heard from anyone, so if anyone reading this knows anything about it, Mr. Wetzel would appreciate hearing from you at 884-2772.



## Surgeon General Reports on Mental Health

Dr. David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala recently released a major report on the status of mental health in our country. Here are some of the major points of that report.

Mental illnesses account for about 15% of all causes of disease in the United States. Nearly 1 in every 5 Americans experiences a mental disorder in the course of a year. This proportion, 21%, is about the same for children and adults. Yet fewer than one-third of adults with a diagnosable mental disorder utilize mental health services to receive treatment within a year.

There are many barriers that stand between people with mental illnesses and their receiving treatment. The stigma our society attaches to the concept of mental illness discourages people from even seeking treatment. In many cases there are not only substantial gaps in the availability of state-of-the-art mental health services, but also barriers to their accessibility such as transportation, lack of funds and organizational fragmentation among health, social welfare, housing, criminal justice and education.

The Surgeon General has proposed a "Vision for the Future" which includes the following steps:

- 1) Continue to build upon the knowledge we have regarding biological and genetic, as well as social and cultural factors which contribute to mental illness.
- 2) Overcome stigma.
- 3) Improve public awareness of effective treatment.
- 4) Ensure the supply of mental health services and providers.
- 5) Ensure delivery of state-of-the-art treatments.
- 6) Tailor treatment to age, gender, race and culture.
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# The Critter Corner

by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

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A. You are describing what is commonly called a "reverse sneeze". The technical term is an entrapped epiglottis. The epiglottis is a flap of cartilage that closes off the windpipe in the opening of the windpipe. When this occurs the dog must inhale through a very small opening into the windpipe and against a much higher resistance. In order to do this, the dog must inspire with a greater effort which causes the symptoms you are seeing. It is not a dangerous condition in most instances and requires no specific treatment unless it had been triggered by an inflamed larynx or an upper respiratory condition. In extreme cases when the dog demonstrates frequently recurrent signs, surgery can be done to alter the size of the epiglottis in an effort to keep from becoming entrapped.

When the "reverse sneezes" occur you can sometimes stop it by gently but firmly compressing the pet's chest, much like you would a bellows which forces air out of the windpipe releasing the epiglottis. In most instances however, you don't have to do anything since the epiglottis does spontaneously release within a few seconds.

## Old Vaughn Union High School Reunion, June 16, 2000

We are starting off the year 2000 with a reunion for all Alumni, former students of Vaughn High School and spouses. Invitations are out to all we have addresses for who attended Vaughn High School up to 1947, when it was closed as a High School. If you know of anyone who did not receive a flyer, would you please notify Chet Dadisman, phone no. (253) 858-3260 or Joyce Olson Niemann, phone no. (252) 884-3702.

The Reunion will take place at our old school, now the Key Peninsula Civic Center, on Friday, June 16th, starting at 3:00 p.m. There will be a catered dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Following dinner, the Key Singers will sing us some of the golden oldies and lead us all with our school song, "We are Loyal to You Vaughn Hi". Remember that one.??? There are supposed to be three old Cheerleaders leading us with a school yell. They don't promise to get more than one foot off the ground at a time. Following this, a "Square Dancing" presentation will be featured.

Former teachers will be honored guests of the Alumni.

The Key Peninsula Historical Museum, located in the old school Library, will be open for all to review memories of our past...

A brief history of the school will be read and prizes given the oldest, who came the most miles away, etc.

Please save June 16 for this important occasion and have a great reunion with old friends. Get the word out to all former students.

## Key Peninsula Parks And Recreation District News

by Nancy Lind

The Park Board met at 7:00 PM, April 10 at Volunteer Park Annex. Commissioners Fred Ramsdell, chair, Marilyn Tagert, Pat Medveckus, Nancy Lind present. Jan Piercy, Farmer's Market organizer, asked if there might be space at Volunteer Park for a community garden to provide vegetables for a food bank. Discussion.

### Volunteer Park

- Pat Medveckus said that Little League is planning a fund-raiser on June 24.
- Thanks to Angel Guild for \$661.50 for lighting in concession stand to comply to code.
- The weekly Farmer's Market at Volunteer Park starts in May, Wed., at 2-6:00 PM.
- The batting cage owners have decided not to operate this year. Anyone interested?
- Softball teams are being lined up. Playground equipment will be installed soon.
- The concession stand is open. Drop in for some good food.
- L. Huddleston's Cub Scouts are looking for conservation projects from Jul 31 thru Aug 4
- Come to the park for a family picnic, company picnic, wedding, etc. Call 884-9240.

### Rocky Creek Conservation Area

The first Key Peninsula Children's Water Festival will be Fri., May 19 and May 21. On Fri., several 4th and 5th graders will tour the Salmon Hatchery, Historic Museum, Rocky Creek Conservation Area, and do hands on projects at Camp Seymour. On Sun. Camp Seymour will host the day for families to enjoy music, lunch, games, prizes, educational booths and all aspects of our water related environment.

### Home Town Meeting

On Thurs, May 4, 7:00 PM, the Home Town Meeting will be held at the Home Fire Station. It will be the yearly meeting of the Home Social Club and the discussion will be the documentation of historic Home. While this isn't strictly park related, we will be considering whether the Park District could be helpful in making secure certain aspects of this historic site.

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## Spring Gardening With Morning T.O.P.S.

by Mary Nelson

This is the season for planting. Flower seeds will be brightly colored flowers in a few months. Vegetable seeds will produce vines and plants for food. And planting some T.O.P.S. seeds will bring weight losses before the summer is out and better health to enjoy the rest of your planting and harvesting.

Each Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM, a happy group of T.O.P.S. members gather at the Home Fire Station to be weighed (in private), have a short business meeting, honor the best loser, and enjoy a program designed to help them in whatever diet program their doctor has recommended. T.O.P.S. is open to people of all ages, male or female -- that includes teenagers. For more information call Ruth at 884-9606. You are welcome to tap into the personal support that we are sharing.

Lois Crandall, will be representing our group at our K.O.P.S. State Recognition Day, in Spokane. Lois has maintained her goal weight for over a year. She is a K.O.P.S., (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly), and is an example of what T.O.P.S. can do.

Lisa Locke was our best loser for the month of March. We appreciate her leadership and smiling face, along with her encouraging words reminding us to never give up. Lucille O'Doughty and Dotty Ohmstad were our second best losers. You are doing great, girls. Keep up the good work!

Come and visit us at the Home Fire Station and see if we can help you do some T.O.P.S. planting.

## T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

We had another great rummage sale and we wish to thank all of our loyal fans that come year after year. It has become a tradition in the area to watch for and attend the TOPS annual sale. Again as chairman of the event I am overwhelmed at the response from our chapter for all the willing help they give to any activity that we as a group take on. There were 21 helping to set up the night before and another 9 helping the day of the sale. Considering that our membership is about 35, that is a fantastic % of membership involvement. However, that is what TOPS is all about. People helping each other in whatever their needs should be. We are truly a support group!

We had a good turnout for volunteers from the chapter to help put on the Reno Night. We do at least 100 hours of volunteer work for the Civic Center every year. At the present time we are well over 1/2 of our commitment.

For the month of March, the best of our people who lost weight was Misty Gablehouse. Misty lost a whopping 9 lbs for the month. We are so happy for her. Misty was a member several years ago and had dropped out. It is always a thrill to have someone come back and realize how good the TOPS program is and be successful for the second or even 3rd or more times. TOPS members do not judge anyone on how they face their personal struggle to achieve normal and healthy weight. Charal Cowser

was in 2nd place and also has had her problems, but has recently got on track to have a good loss. So far this year, we have had a net loss of 137 lbs as a group.

Many of you have been tracking the progress of our mother and son team of Colleen and James Spezia. James reached his ideal weight goal on March 21. He lost a total of 80 lbs to goal. It took 2 years and near perfect attendance. Colleen has 3 lbs to her goal and she has lost over 200 lbs in the 2 years she has been in TOPS. Colleen gave her first program where she shared what has worked for her. It was one of the best programs we have ever had. Colleen is

a good speaker and was well prepared to share her experience. She is an inspiration to us all. It just proves that if you follow the plan and work it you will be successful.

You are welcome to come and visit any Tuesday evening at the Civic Center in the white building over at the side. We start weighing at 6:00 pm. and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 o'clock. We end right at 8:00 pm. Feel free to call 884-4102 if you have questions.



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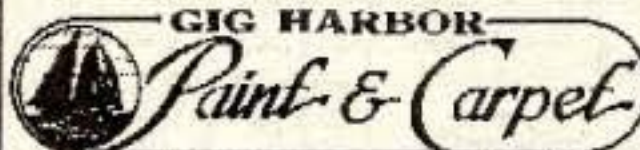
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**People News**

Arminda and Vic Doggett, recently of Vaughn, have headed south to their former home in North Hollywood, CA, for a month, and in mid-June will go to Lake Pend Orielle in North Idaho for the summer. They

brought a rummy type of game to our group the past year and "I BUY" became popular with our 'rummy' types. The Doggets hope to return to see us in September.

Among the 15 South Kitsap High students who traveled to Minneapolis last month to compete at the national level for awards of cash and scholarships, was Bea Emil's grandson TRISTAN JOHNSON, son of Sylvia who had the beauty shop at Key Center. BEA is mighty proud, we can tell you. She sold candy bars to support Tristan and his group!

Also plenty proud is member STELLA BRENNAN of the Lakebay area. Her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Brennan, has been honored for her years of volunteer leadership to the local 4-H horse club. She helps in horse meetings, camps, fund-raisers and has been instrumental in the growth of the club, with her guidance, teaching and leadership. Atta girl, Marilyn!

It was nice to see again, LUCKY and Teresa Pomerleau of Lake Minterbrook. Lucky is recuperating from by-pass surgery and is looking good. The Pomerleaus were members of our senior group for several years. Viva Lucky!

Helen Hendrix is in California visiting a daughter and daughter-in-law through Mother's Day.

Word from former members Chuck and Hella Snazelle of Orlando, Florida. They're leaving June 21st for a month in Europe and Germany. **Winners!!!**

Henry Stock constructed an attractive wooden flower basket - hanging type - which he contributed for a Senior's money raising event. The drawing was held April 20th in conjunction with our April Brunch Party, and the winner was Helen Wolniewicz of Vaughn. Congrats! And thanks Henry!

**SENIOR SONG SURVEY...**taken in April, 21 Seniors participating: What is your FAVORITE song or tune? One answer per Senior allowed: How do these results compare with yours? Beer Barrel Polka - 2 votes, all the following, one vote each: Deep Purple, Fascination, Bali Hai, You Are My Sunshine, Linda, Jalisco, To Each His Own, Please Release Me, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, Red River Valley, Put Your Head On My Shoulder, Blue Shirt Waltz, I Can't Live Without You, Baby, Yellow Rose of Texas, I'll Be Home For Christmas, Lara's Theme, Always, Somewhere Over The Rainbow, and Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind? Those were our final answers! Sort of dates us, eh?

Remember the Plant and Yard Sale - May 13th and 14th.

Our Special Event For May:

Once each month KP Seniors try to have a Special Lunch Meeting from 12 Noon at the Civic Center. No charge - it's potluck. For May, the date is May 11th, and the thing that'll make it special is your attendance

and Mother's Day Observance. We'll see you then - or at any regular weekly lunch - won't we??

**Vaughn Bay  
Garden Club**

Elsie Olson, only charter and continuous member of the Vaughn Bay Garden Club, was honored at the April meeting with a gift. This was the beginning of the 72nd year of the club. Joyce Niemann, Elsie's daughter, shared some history of Elsie's life and the club beginnings, noting that Elsie's mother, Agnes Bill, was the first president. Phyllis Anker, another daughter of Elsie, shared that Elsie was the first and only mayor of Key Center, and her bouquet was of skunk cabbages. Elsie was the third club president.

Officers elected to serve next year are Joy Rakes, president, Sandy Adam, vice-president, Colleen Slater, treasurer, and Kathie Du Priest, treasurer.

The May 17th meeting will be a tour of Bainbridge Gardens & Nursery, with a stop at Valley Nursery. Those going will meet at the Civic Center at 9 a.m.

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

**Spring Book Sale**

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The new rule is based upon some basic facts that actually have been known for a long time. Outdoor burning emits fine particles, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons into the air. These pollutants are especially harmful to pregnant women, young children, the elderly, people with heart and respiratory illnesses

and people who exert themselves outdoors where these emissions are present. Microscopic particles, too small to even make the air look smoky, may lodge deep in the lungs and damage the delicate air sacs.

According to Mary Burg, manager of Ecology's air quality program, state law essentially says that burning is out of place in our growing communities, and that as our urban areas expand and population densities increase, new opportunities become available to dispose of yard clippings and other vegetative debris. Currently, state and

local agencies receive more than 27,000 citizen complaints each year related to the effects of outdoor burning. About 4,700 outdoor fires get out of control annually, causing more than \$10 million in property damage, and costing fire districts nearly \$2 million to respond to these fires.

The phasing out of residential and land-clearing burning started in 1991, initially in areas with air-quality problems. By December 31, 2000, the phase-out extends to all cities with a population over 10,000 and to urban-growth areas of cities with populations over 5,000. Under the new rule, land-clearing burning will also be prohibited by the same deadline in any adjacent

areas with a population density of 1,000 or more per square mile. Also, by the end of this year areas must be identified where a reasonable alternative to outdoor burning exists. And by year-end in 2006, the ban on residential and land-clearing burning will extend to all remaining urban growth areas. Land-clearing burning will be a no-no in all areas with a population density of more than 1,000 or more per square mile.

The revised rule is 173-425 WAC, titled "Outdoor Burning", and can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/leg/activity/wac173425.html>.

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# The Garden In May

by Sylvia Retherford  
(253) 884-2487



A few tomatoes have set in the greenhouse and their plants will be put out when fruit is about golf ball size. They will ripen in late May - with a little luck. Other tomato plants are blossoming. All are non-hybrids from German, Amish and Austrian heirloom seed chosen by the Hoovers, tomato experts in Longbranch. Tomatoes do not cross pollinate naturally, only when arranged by a hybridizer. Thus varieties remain relatively pure over hundreds of years. The Hoovers prefer these very old varieties for their flavor and growth habits. They have shared their expertise and seed with us.

May is bearded iris month. More varieties become available each year. They bloom over a six week period and there are some that bloom again in the fall. Slug bait seems necessary to protect them. Lupines are inter-planted to extend the beauty of the area. Also, lupines are legumes that bear bacterial colonies on their roots and fix nitrogen from the air for plant use.

The Russell lupines are budded and some in bloom. A row of seedlings are making good progress. Russell lupines originated in the far south of New Zealand's south island near 15,000 ft. Mt. Cook. They do not seem to grow as tall here as in their native land but they are a pleasure in our area.

Delphiniums are blooming in the first of their three blossom periods of the year. Late May is followed by a mid-summer bloom and then early fall. Seed stalks must be removed after each bloom period. Shades of blue from very dark to pale are the common colors but pinks and white are available. A damp rich soil is favorable for their best showing.

Wall flowers (Erysimum, Bowles Mauve) has bloomed a little all winter but it is in full glory now. Old fashioned wall flowers, also Erysimum, came out first in February and are still a long row of red, yellow and purple. They seed themselves profusely.

Medow rue (Thalictrum aquilegifolium), a relative of columbine, is in fluffy lavender and white bloom. There are new varieties appearing each year in nurseries. Another in the same family as columbine (Ranunculaceae - buttercup family) is monks hood (Ac-

onitum). This is native in our mountain valleys and some domestic varieties produce stalks of deep blue blossoms often 6-8 feet tall. Blossom stalks are now tall with many swelling buds.

A neighbor threw out a few "black lilies" last fall and with permission, I rescued some from the brush. With some research, we found them to be a black relative of skunk cabbage (Lysichiton camishatcense) called Dracunculus vulgaris. They are taller than our wild skunk cabbage and have one foot long deep purple or black "petal" or spathe surrounding a long finger-like flower spike or spadix. The plant is about 18 inches tall when mature. Stalks have black blotches. Immature blooms now.

### The Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club, member of the Capitol District, will meet on May 19, 2000. At the Longbranch Improvement Club. Coffee and tea will be provided. For further information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.

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## Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Mother's Day  
Submitted by Connie R. Rose

### A Mother's Day Message:

## Give Yourself the Gift of Financial Security

During this Mother's Day season, we think fondly of the many wonderful things that our own mothers, and the other ones we know, have done for all of us.

As we reflect on these matters, it's important to keep in mind the sacrifices that all mothers have made. For example, women are still far more likely than men to make career concessions in order to raise their families. Furthermore, even women who work full-time still earn less than men, on average. While we have made some strides toward achieving fairness in pay, we're not there yet.

In short, if you're a woman -- whether you have children or not -- you are going to have special financial considerations, especially in the area of saving for retirement. Consider these factors:

\* More than 80 percent of all women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives -- mostly as they get older.

\* On average, men collect \$10,450 in retirement income, from all sources, compared to just \$6,020 for women.

\* Because women live an average of seven years longer than men, they're more likely to outlive their assets.

\* Only 50 percent of working women have pensions. Women are more likely to work in smaller businesses that do not offer pension plans.

You get the picture. You simply must take significant action on your own behalf if you are going to enjoy a comfortable financial future. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take. Here are just a few.

#### Pay Yourself First

Every time you get paid, turn around and write out a check to whatever savings or investment vehicle you have chosen -- before you pay any other bills. Better yet, take advantage of payroll deduction, bank authorization or systematic investment plans so that your money is automatically invested before you even receive it.

#### Invest for Growth

To achieve your retirement goals, you will need to put a good percentage of your investment dollars into "growth" vehicles, such as stocks or stock-based mutual funds. Historically, stocks have appreciated more than other types of investments. More importantly, other types of investments, such as CDs or Treasury bills, may not even keep up with inflation, so you could end up losing purchasing power if your portfolio is not well-diversified.

#### Take Full Advantage of Available Retirement Plans

Save on a pre-tax basis through your employer's 401(k) or by making IRA contributions. If you can't deduct an IRA contribution, consider a Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible, but a Roth does offer tax free income at retirement under certain circumstances. If you are self-employed, a SEP or other qualified retirement plan may offer you a business tax deduction.

#### You're In Control...

By following the steps described above, along with any others that make sense for your individual situation, you can take charge of your own financial future. It will take some time and effort -- but the ultimate goal is well worth it.

## Key Peninsula Water Festival *Water is the Keyneccion*

A two day festival is being planned for Friday, May 19th and Sunday, May 21st to celebrate and educate citizens on the Key Peninsula about our local water resources. On May 19th, fourth and fifth grade students from Evergreen, Vaughn and Minter Schools will participate in educational activities at YMCA Camp Seymour and will attend field trips to the Minter Fish Hatchery, Rocky Creek, and the Key Peninsula Historical Museum. The students will learn about the value of water from a variety of perspectives -- Puget Sound marine life, aquatic organisms found in Peninsula streams, threatened salmon species, and our own drinking and household water consumption.

On May 21st the Key Peninsula community is invited to attend the festival from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Camp Seymour. Exhibitors from state and local agencies, businesses, and environmental groups will have information and advice on how to protect our local water resources with proper septic system maintenance, wellhead protection, landscaping practices, a community vision for parks, and land trusts. Camp Seymour will open their aquarium and provide opportunities to canoe or kayak around Glen Cove. In addition to the educational activities, there will be good music, food, games, and a drawing to give away prizes including a truck load of compost, native landscaping plants, and a worm bin.

Funding for the water festival is being provided by the Washington State Department of Ecology, Pierce County Environmental Services, Washington Water Company, and Peninsula Light Company.

Citizens and representatives from YMCA Camp Seymour, the Friends of Rocky Creek, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group, Pierce County, Steilacoom Beach Rangers, Peninsula Heritage Land Trust, Pacific Coast Oyster Growers Association, Peninsula School District, Pierce Conservation District, and the KGI Watershed Committee are coordinating the event. But more help is needed, if you would like to become involved, please contact Mary Knackstedt at 253-798-4660.



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## Air Pollution Decreasing While Water Quality Going Down the Drain

A recent report from the Washington Department of Ecology indicated that because our air is cleaner today than it was in 1980, we are saving more than \$2 billion in health costs each year. And that means fewer people are dying prematurely and we're averting more than a 100 cases of chronic asthma and more than 300 cases of chronic bronchitis. About 700 hospital admissions for respiratory and cardiovascular illness are avoided, as well as more than 61,000 days of lost work.

However, let's not get too complacent about our air quality. While it's true that in the early 1990s we failed to meet federal air-quality standards once every seven days and now we fail to meet the standards about six times a year, we meet the standards by very narrow margins. And the more vehicles we put on the road, especially the gas guzzlers, the harder it's going to be to meet those standards.

But at least we've made progress in improving air quality. The water picture, especially around Puget Sound, is not something to brag about. The legislature asked the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team for a report, and it shows that despite efforts to improve water quality, symptoms of poor health persist. The report focuses on 17 signs used to track the success of attempts to keep hazardous materials out of the marine waters of the Sound. Their report of two years ago showed more problems than successes, and this year's report isn't much different.

A major part of the problem most likely has to do with the influx of new residents to the area. The total population of the 12 counties that border the Sound is growing by 50,000 people a year. The report does not suggest limiting growth, but expresses concern about how we can continue the growth without adding to the pollution of the water.

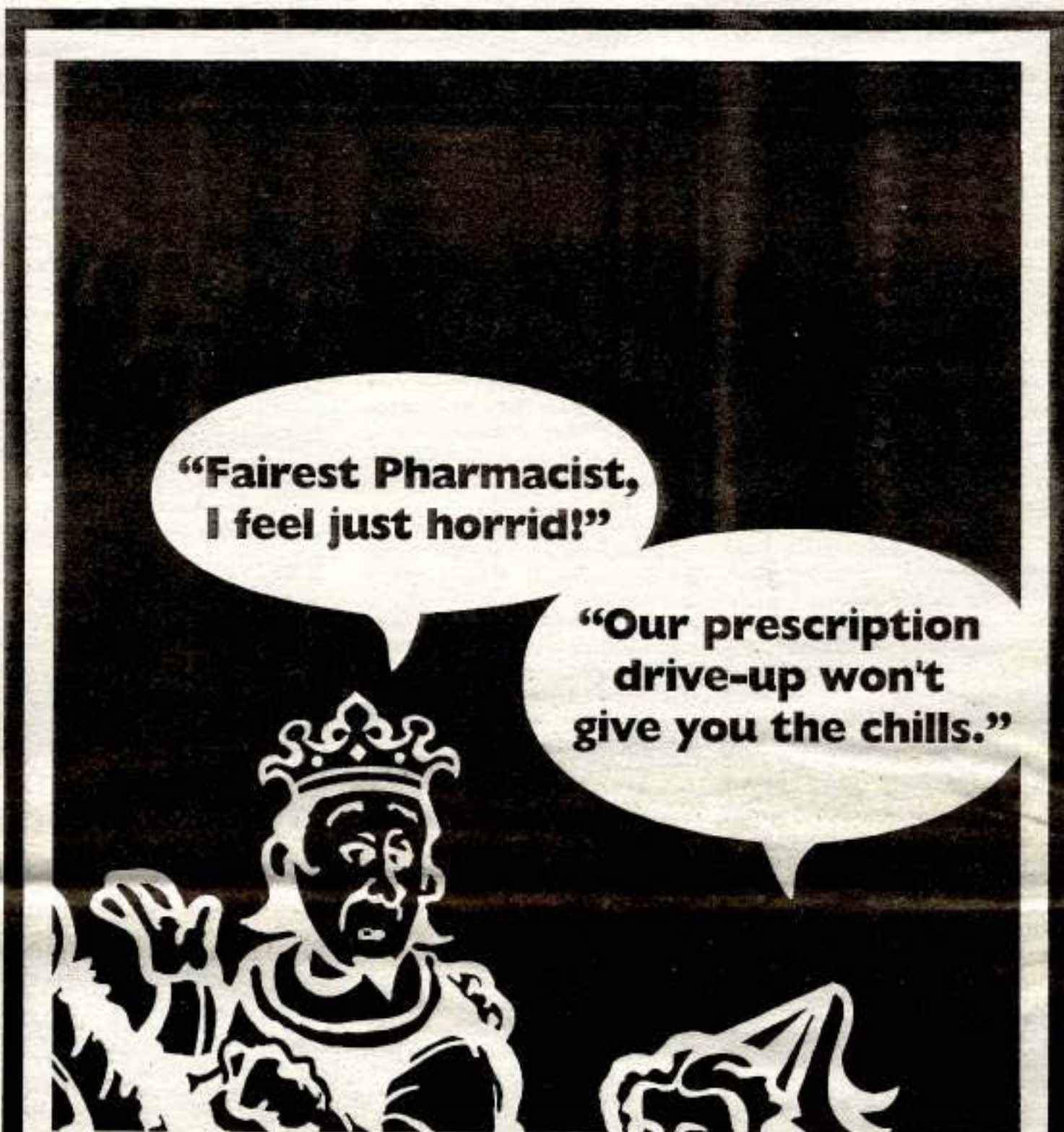
While the incidence of liver lesions in fish in Elliott Bay has doubled, Commencement Bay in Tacoma does not seem to be getting worse. Here on the Key Peninsula we seem to have a problem again with Burley Lagoon. Cleaned up a few years ago, it's become too dirty for oysters again. Probably the most successful program has been the effort to control the spread of *Spartina*, an invasive marsh grass, as fewer acres of shoreline are now dominated by it.

### Special May Worship at Grace Presbyterian Church

Have you ever heard a djembe calling you to worship? Slaves in the South did, and so shall the congregation of Grace church on Sunday, May 7th. Focusing on the theme "Communion of Saints and Re-union of Saints," the choir will offer encouragement in the Body of Christ through God's Word, songs, narration, Kids' Choir, and personal testimonies.

Kay Christianson's teaching on the Seven Churches of Revelation continues at 7 p.m. on May 8, 15 and 22nd.

A reception for Pastor Jim and wife Kay will be held following his final worship service with the church on May 28th.



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