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Front Row: Saul Wolverton, Breanne Trenary, Amanda Robles, Michaela Baker, Kevin Martin Top Row: Stephen Wolverton, Zack Ring  
Photo by Kathy Martin

## K.P. Blues 4-H Club Does Great At State Fair

The members of the Key Peninsula Blues 4-H Club are Brandon Baker, Michaela Baker, Kevin Martin, Zack Ring, Amanda Robles, Breanne Trenary, Saul Wolverton and Stephen Wolverton. The main club leader is Kathy Martin with Monica Wolverton as a project leader.

Most of the club members took high honors at the State Fair in Puyallup for showmanship of pygmy goats. Stephen Wolverton won the Junior Grand Champion trophy out of 19 participants. Michaela Baker won the Intermediate Reserve Champion trophy out of 18 participants. Kevin Martin won the Senior Reserve Champion trophy out of 19 participants. Amanda Robles and Saul Wolverton won 7th and 8th place in the same category.

It is very rare that so many members from one club would do so well at State Level in the Showmanship category. All of them did such a great job. Along with showmanship classes the members had to participate in Type classes (the conformation of the goat). Amanda Robles won Grand Champion for her wether. Michaela Baker won Grand Champion Junior Doe. Stephen Wolverton won Reserve Champion Junior Doe. And Kevin Martin won Reserve Champion in his class with his 6-year-old doe.

## Key Singers Celebrate The Holidays

During the Winter Holiday Season, the Key Singers are very busy. They have continued to grow and have been able to provide an even more diversified repertoire to local audiences at a variety of locales. They now include several soloists, a smashing sextet and occasionally provide some dramatic interludes.

Their next production will be on Sunday, December 9th at the Fourth Annual Christmas Celebration at the Longbranch Improvement Club. They will be joined by students from Evergreen Elementary School in a performance that begins at 2:00 PM.

The audience will be invited to participate. Coffee, juice and cookies will be available during intermission. A raffle will be held and there will be other treats for the children. Santa will arrive about 4:00 pm. This event is free to the community, with a big thank you to Debbie Hanna.

Food Bank contributions would be appreciated.

For more information, please call Debbie Hanna at 884-9621 or Jo Sturm at 884-1350.

### NEW POST OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

The Public is invited to visit our new Post Office in Key Center on Saturday, December 8th, 2001. You will be amazed at this new facility -- and it has running water!!



Photo by Hugh McMillan

## HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

by Sharon Miller

The following generous volunteers are what make the KPCC such a great place. Without the time they gave, the event could not have happened!

Set-up crew-Dave Stratford, Gary Gebo, Phil Bauer and Lance England, who is also a wonderful electrician.

Decorating- Kristin Bottiger, Nel Blanchard, Joy Rakes and Britta Brones and Lori Warkocki.

Kitchen- Leslie Englund, Harv Maxson, Terri Wooldridge, Kathy and Phil Bauer and Kristin Bottiger.

Tree raffle sales- Jena and Jessica Henak, Shirley Olson and Ruth Bramhall.

Advertising and Designer Tree- Claudia Loy and Sunnycrest nursery. Tree designer Voski Sprague and Candice McFarland.

Clean-up- Kristin, Pat and Tyler Bottiger, Vicky McClung, Dave, Sabra and Jonathan Stratford.

As Civic Center Chair for this event, I couldn't have begun to have organized this event without the help of all these people. Many hands do make a job easier and I wish to thank them all very much. Also Fred and Mary Ramsdell, the very melodious group, the Key Singers and the Peninsula High School Photo Club.

Last but not the least, my husband, Loyd Miller, who did a lot of prep-work for the Fire Marshall requirements, before he escaped for a well deserved hunting trip to Montana.

If you would like to meet all of these nice people and enjoy a wonderful Pot-Luck, please attend our next KPCC board meeting on December 13th, at 6:00 p.m. If you are new to the Key Peninsula, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet you and welcome you to our friendly community.



## Santa Is Coming To Town!

Santa will be visiting neighborhoods throughout the Key Peninsula. Look for schedules and times on **Page 9** of this issue of the *Key Peninsula News*.



## The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

### September 11, 2001: Hope Emerging From the Ashes?

by Dennis Taylor

*(The text below is partly from an email I received. The author was anonymous.)*

Prior to September 11, 2001 some of the words below were very likely true for most of us. We spend more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses but smaller families, finer houses but more broken homes. We have more information but less knowledge and wisdom. We have more food but less nutrition. We have more medicines but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions but reduced values. We have reached the moon but find it troublesome to cross the street to meet our neighbors. A time with more liberty but less responsibility.

September 11<sup>th</sup> has forced us to re-examine our priorities. Hopefully to see life as a chain of moments of enjoyment and appreciation of what we have good no matter our station in life.

#### Other news from Children's Home Society.

**The Holiday Helper Program** is well underway. This program helps ensure that all children in our community will receive something for the holidays. Parents or guardians can come to the Center and sign up their children with the program. The Children's Home Society of Washington then matches the needs of the children with sponsors in the area, and coordinates the distribution of the gifts in the weeks before Christmas. This is an exciting and fun activity for the staff and many volunteers who assist with the program. If you would like to learn more about the program please call the office.

**The Health Families Group** began November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet on December 26<sup>th</sup> but will meet again in January on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10 - 11:30AM at the KP Civic Center. There is a door prize, fun and information too!

The next **Teen Coffeehouse** is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7PM at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$2 at the door.

Due to our space limitations and the space demands of our holiday program, we **cannot accept clothing bank donations in the month of December**. Please take clothing items to the Angel Guild or SAVE during December. Please do remember us again in January with your clothing bank donations.

The Children's Home Society/Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula is located in the lower level of the Civic Center. We can be reached between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM Monday through Friday at 884-5433.

## KPBA Gets Straight Word On Wauna Curves

by Nancy Lind

At the October 19th meeting of the Key Peninsula Business Association, Randy Hain of the state DOT presented both a near term plan for "fixing" SR 302 and a long term (20 year) plan for possibly replacing it with a new route through a corridor from Burley to Highway 3 between Belfair and Allyn.

The near term plan includes a traffic signal at the 92nd or 94th Avenue NW/Lake Kathryn intersection and a left turn lane at 117th/118th Avenue NW. Both of these would be done by a private developer. The intersection at Elgin-Clifton Road would get both signals and additional turn lanes. Preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition have been funded for that project. Some funding for additional projects in the Victor area have also been funded.

So what about the accident-prone section known as the Wauna Curves? We apparently don't have enough population (or loud enough voices?) to warrant a major straightening of SR 302. [Maybe we could get it renamed "Blood Alley". Ed.] Fred Ramsdell produced a map showing where most of the accidents were occurring, and said many of them resulted from drivers not paying enough attention to road conditions.

The long term plan began with a study done in 1993, and in addition to obtaining funding, still requires preliminary engineering, obtaining environmental permits, purchase of additional property and construction by private contractors. [Don't hold your breath. Ed.]

At the November 16th meeting, Tim Payne of Pierce Transit gave a brief history of public transportation, explained how the voter-approved sales tax increase was matched by the state from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, recently deceased. These funds represented 38% of Pierce Transit's budget. The transit Board reduced services by 14% (100% in some areas), and adopted a 3-year plan using reserves to replace lost tax revenue. In 2002 fares will be increased 25%, but by 2003 the reserve fund will run out. At the current level of sales tax, service will have to be reduced about 40-45%, so the Board is considering asking the voters to approve a five-year sales tax increase of 0.3% or 0.4%.

See Wauna Curves on Page 16

## HEAR AND THEIR ON OUR KEY PENINSULA

by Keith Stiles

It is the time that we usually try to round up our activities on the Key Peninsula for the year just passing, and this will be no exception. At Thanksgiving we felt that most of us had a great deal for which to be thankful, but the national pundits are probably close to the mark when they remark that after the September 11 events some bit of our general outlook has changed for all of us. While not living in a major metropolis there is hardly a local family or household that does not have a member, relative, or friend either serving in the military, flying the suddenly nervous skies, or travelling in and through parts of this earth far away .... "The World is too much with us" ....

Locally we had some gains and some losses in 2001. The wandering compass of the U.S. Postal Service set the new "Vaughn" Post Office down in Key Center, more or less on time, now completing their unsurpassed record of never putting a new local post office in the place for which it is named. The new building is a dandy, however, and that is a gain. The loss has to go to the bottled water company that has dropped a big account as the new building has real running water. Elsewhere in the "plus" column, Evergreen Elementary received a badly-needed new gym (and multipurpose) building, and Home has a completely new and expanded store. The overall effect of the new Home Store, the "relatively new" Home bridge and the gardening and upkeep of the Home Post Office grounds has been a bonus to that community center .... more may be on the way in the year to come.

The year 2001 was not kind to all of our retail areas. The Longbranch Mercantile has closed, The Brookside Restaurant has a "For Sale" sign and the new business complex near the Shell gasoline station stands vacant after quite a while with no announcements.

On the political side of things, the November election seemed almost like a "Non-Event" as so many of us voted "Absentee" that it seemed hard to know just when the critical "day" really was. The only notable news on our local front is the election of a new Fire District Commissioner who, as a new face on the Board, will have much to say as to whether our vital Fire and Medical Service continues to move ahead or starts down the road to a shameful period of conflict and possibly costly litigation.

Pierce County politics didn't do much this year ... a shortage of funds and the high cost of the Criminal Justice System has always hovered over us. However, that new jail in Tacoma is coming along and will maybe help keep at least some of the crooks off the streets. Don't expect much new from District 13 (Sheriff) law enforcement out here though unless we either print them some money or all of us get armed and accidentally start shooting our neighbor's cows. In other Pierce County opera we can probably expect a colorful race for the District 7 seat next Summer and Fall.

Our local State Parks had a good season according to ranger Dave Roe. Possibly a few less campers, and most of them from two hours' travelling distance. Dave has a new "Ranger-in-Training" to help with things at Penrose and has a hope for some re-building of the dock at Joemma Beach "sometime in the next couple of years". Our Spring Earthquake left a few ground cracks down in the two parks ....

Too late for presstime, we left out the late Kully Movall from our "Passing Parade" last month. Kully was a long-time Home resident and a star baseball player for the Home Team in the 1926-1930 era. He served at one time as President of the Home Social Club.

We are truly taking leave of the year 2001 with some unexpected anxieties, some financial problems and some unemployment worries. There are ways that we can all help others at this time of the year, particularly through Fire District 16, The Children's Home Society, "Fish", Community House in Home, VFW Post 4990, our churches and some other groups. Just as World War started for America in 1941 Winston Churchill observed that it was a "Strange Christmas" .... but he also looked ahead to better times and wished us "in God's mercy, a Happy Christmas to you all".

## Quitting Tobacco Use For The New Year!

by Jill Smith, RN, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

With the cost of tobacco increasing on January 1st, now is a great time to think about quitting or to start planning to quit. Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States and the very best thing you can do for yourself and your family is to quit using it. No matter how long you've used tobacco, it's possible to quit. Here are some tips to help you and someone you know.

1. Take time to get ready. Make these changes before you quit:
  - Limit places where you smoke or chew
  - Give up one cigarette or chew a day
  - Get rid of all tobacco in your home, car and workplace
  - Think about why you want to quit
  - Set your quit date
  - Choose a way to quit.
2. Learn to handle stress without using tobacco. Think about what causes you to want to smoke or chew — often it's stress. Think of other ways to relax and enjoy life.
3. Get help from others. It's one of the most important things you can do.
  - Ask others who have quit how they did it
  - Talk to your doctor about quitting
  - Call Washington's Tobacco Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP for support
  - Learn about stop-smoking classes offered in the community.
4. Consider nicotine replacement products. Nicotine patches, nicotine gum, or other medicine can help.
 

Talk to your doctor or the Quit Line specialist if you have questions.
5. Set your quit date and stick to it! It's one of the best things you can do to have a healthier life. (From the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, WA Dept. of Health).



**Veterans' Voices**  
By Eileen Young

It is hard to believe the year is almost over. So much has happened to change our lives that we can only hope 2002 will bring a brighter outlook for all people. Meanwhile, VFW 4990 and Auxiliary are busy fulfilling our programs in the community and for our veteran population.

The Aisle of Honor flew 186 flags at the Vaughn cemetery for Veterans Day thanks to the VFW and Auxiliary members, Scouts, Cubs, leaders and community volunteers. Not only did these fine folks help put up and take down our precious flags, but, as the flags were wet, took them home, dried and returned them for storage. Thanks to each and everyone, with a special thanks to the Patterson family who stood "guard" all day making sure all the flags were safe. NEVER let it be said patriotism does not exist on the Key Peninsula!

While we are handing out accolades, the response for our request for help with the Christmas stocking construction has been overwhelming. From the cutting, sewing and decorating, folks have volunteered from far and wide in the area. Our veterans will indeed receive a small token of our love this Holiday season. As for the folks who helped, may your holidays be as special as you have helped make it for our hospitalized veterans, nursing home patients and retirement home occupants. THANK YOU!!

4990 Commander Bud brought an article from the Bremerton Sun, Tuesday, November 13, 2001, on the need for veterans to visit schools to relate the meaning of patriotism to our young people. President Bush has asked veterans to carry out his "Lessons in Liberty", bringing real-life war stories from America's war heroes into the schools. If you know of a school where such a program would help during this time of trouble, call VFW member Rick Stout at 884-3684 to arrange for a speaker. It's time now to educate our next generation, it's their world and their future.

Walt and John of Walt's Fine Foods have again generously donated space for our annual project, THE TREES OF SHARING. Chairpersons Cy Young and Dee Bea Blum have put up the trees in all three locations, Key Center, Lake Kathryn and Bridgeway in Purdy. Gifts gathered until December 20th will go to our veterans in Retsil and American Lake.

Our CARE CIRCLE this month includes the Till family, the Sorsdahl family, David Rice, Rhys and Ruth Wood, the Beal family, Louie and Jeanne Aguilar, Marj Adams and

Darlene Brown. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you along with the many folks involved in the disasters of our country.

The VFW (members and spouses only) Christmas get-together will be held December 10th at the Civic Center starting with "happy hour" at 6:00PM. Refreshments will be provided by the Post plus "finger food" platters from the ladies. You are requested to bring a gift for the exchange, not to exceed \$10. Couples bring a gift for a man and a woman. Questions— call 884-4407 or 884-3317. See you all there for a happy social evening.

LATE BULLETIN: The 55 Alive Driving Course, sponsored by VFW, will be held at the Longbranch Fire Station, December 18th and 19th, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Call 884-4407 to make a reservation.

Have a wonderful holiday season and remember: If you don't have a leg to stand on, you can't very well put your foot down!

**Happy & Safe Holidays for You & Your Pet**

by Robert McCrossin, Bayside Animal Lodge Ltd.

Holiday season adornments such as ornaments, foods, gifts, wrappings, ribbons, lights and plants are all curiosities for pets. A few precautions will help you avoid the holiday crowds at your veterinary hospital.

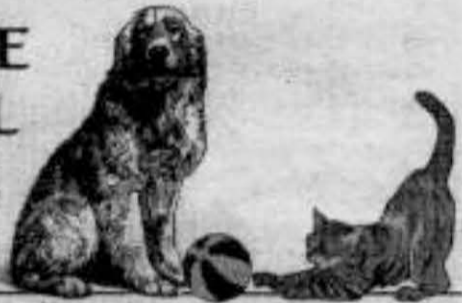
Be sure Christmas trees are secured so that your pets cannot pull them over. Omit preservatives from the tree-stand water and cover it so your pets don't drink from it. Don't hang ornaments on the lowest levels of the tree. Decorative lights and electrical wiring can cause shock or burns when chewed on, so remember to unplug holiday lights when pets are unattended. Don't leave interesting objects, such as chocolate, ribbons, or other illicit treats within your pet's reach.

Ice-melting chemicals and salt on sidewalks and roads can severely burn foot pads and should be washed off right away.

When choosing a gift for your pet, consider the pet as an individual. Cats enjoy lightweight toys they can bat around, catnip toys, scratching posts and kitty perches. Dogs like balls, chew toys and other things they can carry around. Be wary of toys with parts, such as bells, buttons, string or yarn as they can be detached and swallowed. Also, if there is more than one pet in the household, consider all the pets before buying for any one of them. A one-inch diameter toy for a cat may be fine, but a puppy in the household may swallow it and possibly require surgery to remove it.

If your pet does get sick, consult your veterinarian before giving any medications. Many of the over-the-counter drugs, such as Tylenol, can be toxic for animals, even though they are safe for us. If your veterinarian is unavailable, in the event of an emergency, one of the nearest emergency hospitals is the Animal Emergency Clinic, at 5608 S. Durango St., Tacoma. (253) 474-0791.

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## A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

Having just experienced pleasant successive visits from a dear friend who is also a former student and then a slightly longer one from a son and grandson, and having been fortunate to have enough food and heat in the house for all of us to be comfortable, I guess I have a lot to be thankful for. Unfortunately, there are far too many of our fellow citizens for whom this holiday season won't be a joyful one.

The latest report from the Washington State Employment Security Department, dated November 13th, is definitely not a document calculated to bring joy to its readers. After adjusting for seasonal changes, Washington's unemployment rate went up from 6.1% to 6.6% during October. Services such as recreation and amusements and hotels and other lodging saw nearly 8,000 jobs disappear. Even business services lost 1,300 jobs. Manufacturing jobs were down by more than 4,000; construction, 3,400. Retail jobs such as in apparel and accessory stores, automotive dealers, service stations, building materials and garden supply stores also showed job losses.

A report faxed to me on November 5th from the Children's Alliance didn't make the picture any brighter. One in three children in this great state (**more than 300,000**) cannot afford to bring a lunch from home to school and must rely on subsidized or free lunches at school. Even though research shows that eating breakfast increases children's test scores, we have **at least 20,000** children in our state who don't have access to free school breakfasts. The best news in the report is that 84% of Washington's school districts serve breakfast at one or more schools, and that 97% of our schools operate the National School Lunch Program.

"The primary goal of child nutrition is to optimize a child's learning potential through the provision of quality food in a variety of settings — breakfast, lunch and after-school snacks — year round," says George Sneller, Director of Child Nutrition Services at Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Sounds like a great idea, but with the tightening of both federal and state budgets, I'm not very optimistic about seeing improvements in nutrition and health care for children (or adults either, for that matter) in the near future.

While the unemployment rate in Washington is higher than the rate for the nation as a whole, the economic picture overall is not a very rosy one at this time. And sometimes we

aren't aware of all the consequences of a lowered standard of living. When considering the major causes of illness and premature death, most of us probably wouldn't guess that lack of money ranks right up there with heart disease, cancer and auto accidents. According to some research recently published in the *British Medical Journal*, being poor is a health hazard. A study of patterns of disease and death in modern London, comparing districts that had high death rates from lung cancer, stomach cancer and stroke when Charles Dickens was writing *A Christmas Carol* with those same districts today showed a similar pattern.

Why do the poor have more health problems? Lots of reasons: less access to health care, lack of prenatal care for pregnant women, greater exposure to various pollutants and street violence, especially in urban areas, to name a few. Would you be surprised to learn that the U.S. ranks 12th out of 13 industrialized nations in terms of health indicators such as infant mortality and life expectancy? The healthiest of the 13 is Japan, followed by Sweden, Canada and France. So what is our country doing about this? And what could they be doing?

Stay tuned for more next year.

## KEY DATES

### 2001

#### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

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

#### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

<b>Ashes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
<b>Boy Scout Troop #220</b>	Tuesday-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	- KPCC Whitmore Rm.
<b>Cottlettes</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>KPCCA Exec. Comm.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM	Civic Center
<b>KPCCA Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>KPCS Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
<b>KPHC Board</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	Health Center
<b>KP Lions Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>VFW &amp; Auxiliary</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. - 7:00 PM	CC/VFW Room/WM 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 and Fridays at Noon  
 Community House - Home  
 Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call **884-4440**.  
**Immunizations (FREE)** Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at **Urgent Care**, Gig Harbor.  
**The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic** at the office of Dr. Roes every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.  
**Key Center Library 884-2242 - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 11 AM - 5 PM, Thursday & Friday, 11 AM - 6 PM, Saturday, 11 AM - 5 PM.**  
**KP Baptist Bible Study** Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center  
**Overeaters Anonymous** Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church  
**There Is Hope 12-Step Christian Support Group** Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Lakebay Christian Assembly Church - **253-884-3659**.  
**WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Civic Center, in the VFW Room. Call: **884-3835** on Tuesdays for an appointment.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

<b>KP Fire Commissioners</b>	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.
<b>KP Parks &amp; Rec.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

#### SELF-HELP GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Wed. at 7:00 PM and Fri. at 8:00 PM  
 At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Thursday at 8:00 PM at Longbranch Community Church  
**Peninsula ALANON** - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM  
 Contact Norma at **884-2205** for more information.  
**T.O.P.S.** Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center  
**T.O.P.S.** Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Fire Station, Home, WA

#### SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

**Bayshore Garden Club** 3<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> Wednesday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement  
**Peninsula Neighbors** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10:00 AM Longbranch Fire Station #4  
**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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**IN THE LIBRARY**

**CHAMBER MUSIC** will be performed by members of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:00 PM at the Key Center Library. They will perform works by Mendelssohn, Corelli, Handel and Bach, as well as traditional English and French Christmas carols. The Peninsula Youth Orchestra was founded in 1997 under the sponsorship of the Peninsula Symphony Association. The Peninsula Symphony and the PYO maintain an artistic partnership through several collaborative events each concert season. The Peninsula Youth Orchestra was awarded the prestigious ASCAP Award for "Adventurous Programming of American Music on Foreign Tours" for their highly successful Japan tour in 1999. This past summer, a second tour to New Zealand and Australia culminated with performances in the Sydney Opera House as part of the Australian International Music Festival.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

**A science book discussion group:** If you are interested in joining a science book discussion group, please contact Margaret Campbell at 884-5426.

Library closures this month include:

The Gig Harbor Library at Pt. Fosdick, December 16th through 25th.

The Pierce County Library System and all of its branches, Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th, an early closing at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 31st, and all day Tuesday, January 1, 2002.

**T.O.P.S. NEWS**

by Frankie Johnson

Good News! Tops has a new KOPS member. Peggy Gablehouse has reached her goal weight. Peggy had a lot of determination and has been a great influence on other members. It is always a joyous occasion when our members reach the goal that they came to TOPS to achieve. There are quite a few getting close to goal. Lolly Ketchem and Jo Wickline are both very close.

The past month one of our newer members, Barbara Balinger, was the the best TOPS of the month. Mary Nixon was #2, Doc Paul was #3 and Peggy Gablehouse got the 4th place. One of our rules is that you must be present to win the honors. There were some others who had good weight loss, but they were absent.

Our leader, Jena Henak, and our weight recorder, Misty Gablehouse, have inspired us with their many ideas to motivate us to stay on track. They both really put a lot of effort into the TOPS program. We want to thank them and the many others who really make a difference. The TOPS plan is that we support each other in our endeavor to lose weight, be healthier and keep a normal weight.

As a group, we attended the Fantasy Lights in Spanaway. It was a beautiful outing enjoyed by all who went.

You still have time to get some good ideas to get through Christmas, New Year's and other holidays at this time of the year. You are welcome to come and join us on Tuesdays at the Civic Center. We start weighing in about 6 PM and the meeting is concluded by 8 PM.

**ASHES Announces New Officers**

ASHES recently chose their new officers for the year: President - Marguerite Bussard, Vice President - Gail Bonn, Treasurer - Marie Schwenka, Vice Treasurer - Gail Bonn, Secretary - Sharon Cavanaugh, Sunshine - Lois Conn, Phone Chairman - Billie Erickson and Publicity - Sharon Cavanaugh.

Sharon Cavanaugh writes: "Since I've joined the ASHES, I have seen them help in many ways—not only do they help the Fire District 16, but to name some [others], I've seen them help at a fundraiser dinner for someone in the community by serving the dinner; they also give a donation to two of the non-profit organizations on the pen-

insula around the holidays, [and] by doing this the two organizations can help others have a happier holiday.

As the year 2001 comes to an end, I'd like to thank the ASHES officers for everything they have done while serving in their position, thank you to those who will continue on, and for those who are filling a position for the first time starting in 2002."



**TAX TIPS**

By  
Marv & Myrtle  
Keizur, CTP

A hint to self employed individuals - Consider setting up a profit-sharing or other qualified retirement plan for 2001 before the end of the year. Doing so allows you to fund it up to the due date of your return. (Plus extensions.)

All of you who work for an employer should file a new W-4 form for 2002, especially due to the new tax rules for 2002 which might change your circumstances.

We are going to mention "Money Matters" again because we think it can save you money, save on taxes and also you can learn how to spend your money to give you "the most bang for the buck." This is a detailed program whereby a self examination you should know how the rich people get rich. Call us at 884-3566 or go to our webpage for "Money Matters" www.money mattersnetwork.com/?345101.




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## A Regional Park For Our Area?

At the November 12th Board meeting of the K P Parks & Recreation District, Fred Ramsdell asked the Board to OK an exploratory committee to look into a bigger piece of land (already identified) that can be used for fairs, 4-H buildings, trails, ball fields, and essentially be a regional park. Ron Cleveland, who runs the Renaissance Fair, also spoke of the need for such a park on the Key Peninsula. The Board agreed to participate in this exploration, as well as to give serious consideration to two other proposals.

One, by Ross Bischoff, would involve the Agriculture Department of WSU obtaining federal funding to set up community gardens and small demonstration farms, some possibly on Volunteer Park land. The other, presented by Vernon Young, concerns a trail system on the Key Peninsula, part of the Head-to-Toe trail plan that is identified in the KP/GH Park and Open Space Plan. That trail plan, the first leg of which will be built next summer, provides a bike and walking trail under the Cushman power lines from the Narrows Bridge to Purdy to 144th to the Rocky Creek Conservation Area and down the Peninsula to Devils Head.

The Board also approved a request by Ed Taylor, chairman of the K P Fair Committee, to use Volunteer Park again for the second annual K P Community Fair the 4th weekend in August, 2002. The Board also agreed to allow the carnival to begin setting up several days before the actual opening of the fair.

### Newsorthy Park Happenings

**At Volunteer Park.** The metal poles and equipment for field lights around the edge of Field 1 are in connection with the Eagle Scout project of Josh Dukes that is being done in collaboration with Little League. Crews from the Washington Corrections Center for Women have done several projects here as well as at the Rocky Creek Conservation Area. Their help is greatly appreciated. The Board is looking for another concessionaire to run the Concession Stand. Anyone interested should contact Board member Marilyn Tagert at 857-3660.

**At the Rocky Creek Conservation Area,** the Make-A-Difference Day on October 27th was the best ever. More than 45 people participated, including Bud Natucci who came with his tractor and cleared the other half of the Dedication Site and hauled chips; Richard Matthies who painted a great sign for the park entrance on SR 302; Fred Ramsdell who provided wood for the sign and cedar logs for the off-set fence on the trail to the creek; Bob Dieckmann from the county's KGI Watershed Program who supplied tools and skill in leading people in clearing at the Big Rock Site up on the hill; Bill Macaras and the Scouts for providing and installing a picnic table; Walt Lachnit who not only made birdhouses for the park, but helped install them as well as working on trails; the members of the Mormon Church who came for the first time and did many different tasks; and the many neighbors, students and friends of the RCCA who continue to do dozens of things for the park. All these people make a difference, and the world is better for it. Anyone interested in helping on some project at the RCCA or seeking more information should call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

The PARCS Council is focusing on the need for a regional park some place on this side of the Narrows Bridge. The need for more ballparks is going to continue to grow, especially on the Gig Harbor peninsula. This is the first year for the availability of Zoo/Trek tax money and the Council is suggesting that it be used for the acquisition and development of a regional park.



## Avoid Stress

by Dr. Robert B. Campbell, D.C.

That is easy to say, but not always easy to do, especially in today's world with events like September 11th, the economy, jobs being lost, etc., etc. Hopefully, if we have an understanding of just how stress affects us, we will try a little harder to avoid it.

The major detrimental effect of stress is that it causes glandular imbalance, which in turn causes an imbalance of the autonomic nerve system which controls your organs and glands. The adrenal gland is important in the "flight or flight" mechanism. It causes an increased blood sugar for better muscle energy and thinking power, an increased heart rate and higher blood pressure to circulate energy-giving sugar and oxygen through the body, an increased respiration and other activities to give more power and thinking ability.

We can divide stress into four basic groups, which include most types of stress: Mental, Chemical, Thermal and Physical. When the term, stress, is mentioned most people think of mental stress. This is one of the primary types, however it isn't the only type. Mental stress can have a very wide scope. Emotional stress that is met properly is usually overcome rapidly by the body. The type of emotional stress which is most problematic is that which is unrelenting, with few prospects for change. This can cause stress overload.

The next form of stress is Chemical stress, which is on the increase in our modern environment. There are three major categories. Environmental pollution, contamination and refinement of food supply and medications (both prescription and over-the-counter). These things all stress the body and create significant demands upon the stress mechanisms.

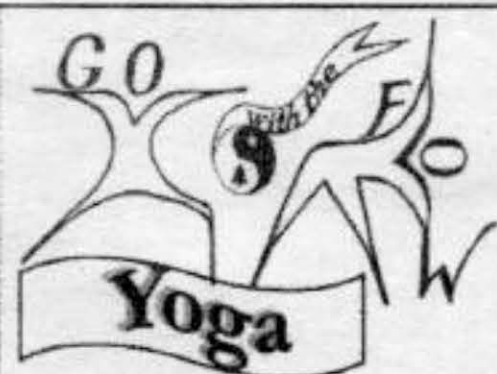
Thermal stress is when the body becomes overheated or chilled so that a stress reaction is set up to meet the demand.

Physical stress can be as simple as not getting adequate sleep or working too many hours. In other words, driving the oneself beyond the body's endurance.

Symptomatic involvement from stress is great. The problem may be seen as ulcers, severe fatigue, nervousness, moodiness or inability to think clearly. Since the autonomic nerve system, which controls the organs and glands of your body, becomes imbalanced from prolonged stress, anything controlled by that system could develop symptomatic problems and eventual disease.

What is the answer? Change the factors which you can control so that you can increase your health by decreasing stress. For further information call 884-2144.

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays and may God bless you all and keep you safe.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

The following two letters refer to November's "A View From Home" column, which Marty Marcus has been writing for the KP News for the past 6 years, and which in turn was a follow-up to his October column.

We have re-read the columns and we believe both letter-writers have misunderstood or misinterpreted what was said.

While all items that appear in the KP News are edited for typos, misspellings, libelous material, accuracy and length, they are not censored.

**The Editors, Ann Waldo & Marty Marcus**

**Letter to the Editor**

Freedom of speech is a wonderful right we Americans possess. It amazes me at the lack of common sense some can apply with a poison pen. The article written by the editor of the Key Peninsula News (November issue) contains an abundance of negative facts about our nation's history. This is an example of the senseless diatribe that may cause disunity when we need to come together. It serves no good and will not raise our morale or encourage our youth to risk their lives to preserve the freedoms this editor enjoys. Writing of the mistakes and wrong doings in the past by our government at this time can only serve to please our foes. Who among us can boast of doing no wrong and what good can come of hanging out the dirty laundry at a time of stress and fear?

If the editor of the Key Peninsula News wishes to label terrorists "Freedom Fighters", he may do so, but not without causing a great deal of anger among the loyal folks who feel terrorized. The editors words cannot pass the test of the things we should think, say, or do. 1. Is it the whole truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Bud Natucci, Vaughn**

**Dear Editor:**

I had to respond to the preposterous article written by Marty Marcus in the November 2001 issue of the Key Peninsula news. I was appalled by his lack of historical knowledge and his implication that America got what it deserved on September 11. I am a newcomer to the area, but I find it outrageous that he could be supported in position of editor by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the advertisers in this publication. First, he stated that two wrongs don't make a right in connection with the terrorist attack on September 11, implying that what happened was somehow equivalent to the policies of the American government. This is outrageous.

Even worse, Mr. Marcus implies that the people who flew those planes into the World Trade Center were "freedom fighters", when he writes "what some people consider terrorists, other people call freedom fighters."

Third, he stated that "we are the first government to have been formed as a result of a revolution." This ridiculous statement totally discredits any other historical references made in his editorial.

I certainly hope Mr. Marcus doesn't represent the views of the people on the Key Peninsula. He certainly doesn't represent mine.

**Sincerely, Brad Stephenson**

**Dear Sirs:**

This proposal is only somewhat tongue in cheek. Let's build a bridge from the Key Peninsula to McNeil Island? Wow, got your attention now.

We have one of the worst pieces of state and county highways in the state. No shoulders, bad curves, Purdy spit and bridge congestion, the Wauna curves, with traffic building each day. I could go on.

Maybe we should lobby for a Hwy 16 interchange near Burley, with a spur north of the lagoon to meet hiway 302 near Lake Kathryn and some upgrade all the way south to a connection to the Island. (Maybe it needs to be a drawbridge to help keep the convicts from walking away at night.)

A benefit in addition to a decent highway, would be Pierce Transit service down through most of the peninsula. A good many of the visitors and employees ride the bus. Also the City of Steilacoom would probably help lobby, as they would like to be out from under the prison traffic on their delicate waterfront.

I don't currently see any other better system of improvements coming to our KP hiway. Think about it. Would United Infrastructure be interested??

**Gary O. Ostlund, Wauna, WA**

**Fall Harvest Festival Fun  
For The Entire Community**

The Harvest Carnival, organized by the Key Peninsula Baptist Church, was held at the Civic Center on October 31, and was well received and supported by the community. Approximately 300 children and their families attended the event. Children of all ages enjoyed the many different activities and games at the carnival. One of the most popular areas was the Astro Jump, where the kids had a chance to burn off some of the extra calories they had consumed that evening. Also featured were a pumpkin decorating station, sensory area, button making, Reptile RoundUp, face painting, an old-fashioned box/top game by the Lions and numerous other games. Over 20,000 pieces of candy were distributed among the children by more than 50 volunteers from the community.

The Harvest Carnival could not have been such a success without the support of the community. Over forty different businesses, organizations and individuals donated resources to make the evening fun for the entire family. Scarecrow sponsors, who donated over \$100 and volunteers, or sponsored specialty areas, included the Key Peninsula Fire Fighters Association, the Lions Club, Fire & Rescue Training Coordinators, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, and Marty Marcus and Ann Waldo with the Reptile Round-up. Pumpkin sponsors who donated \$100 included Capitol Lumber, Yes Computer and Services, Sunnycrest Nursery, Westwynd Motel, Safe Streets, Communities in Schools, Dan and Lisa Radloff and Wheeler's Services. Apple sponsors donated time by volunteering to help with set-up, clean-up and everything in between. Apple sponsors included T.O.P.S. members from the Civic Center and Lakebay, the Boy Scouts Troop 220, Key Peninsula Co-Op Preschool, Children's Home Society, Dale and Claudia Loy, Sharon Miller, Phil Bauer, Mike Salatino and Allen Yanity/Citizens Against Crime. Corn sponsors who helped with advertising the event include The Key Peninsula News, Hugh McMillan/The Peninsula Gateway, Charboneau's and Roland and Roland. Little Farmer sponsors took part in the coloring contest that decorated the walls of the carnival. These sponsors were Key Medical Center, Fire & Rescue Training Coordinators and Walt's. Green Bean sponsors were those individuals, organizations or businesses who donated money, candy or prizes of less than \$100. The Green Bean sponsors were Purdy Costless, The Key Peninsula Business Association, Target, Wal-Mart, Albertson's, Key Bank, Sound Credit Union, Bartell Drugs, Johnson Bulldozing, Home Country Store, Sylvia Haase, Vicky McClung and numerous other individuals who donated anonymously.

The coloring and costume contests and food drive that took place simultaneously with the carnival also had good responses. Entries from the young artists decorated the lobby of the Civic Center, and as the evening progressed, it became difficult to find space to put all of the canned food donations. More than 20 grocery bags full of needed food were donated for local families. The costume contest was fun for contestants and spectators alike, as three age groups lined the stage and vied for the judges' attention. One of the judges later commented that her job was difficult because there were too many cute costumes. All in all, the Harvest Carnival was a good alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, and the people who attended had a lot of fun.

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We have had a very special year at Windermere/Key Realty. Also, we added four new agents: Bob and Breezi Peterson who live in Longbranch, Lori Deacon a long time Home resident, Sid Beech from Lakebay and Susan Petersen from Minter. They join Joyce Tovey, Dallas Amidon, Richard Raschle, Phil McColley, AJ Million and Laura Mosley all of whom live in this area. We have done some interior remodeling to our office. And most importantly we have enjoyed helping many of you find new homes or property in our community.

We would like to say "thank you" to the community for our excellent business. We're grateful to be a part of this very special area.

*Happy Holidays!*



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Contrary to popular belief, fall and winter are excellent times to have your property on the market. Historically, November, December and January can be very active selling months on the Key Peninsula. The more relaxed work schedule and holidays during this period give some buyers more time to look for property.

Right now, too, interest rates are the lowest they've been since the 1960's so there are many buyers seriously looking for homes or property. They can afford more house now with the lower rates.

So if you are thinking about putting your home on the market, now may be the best time!

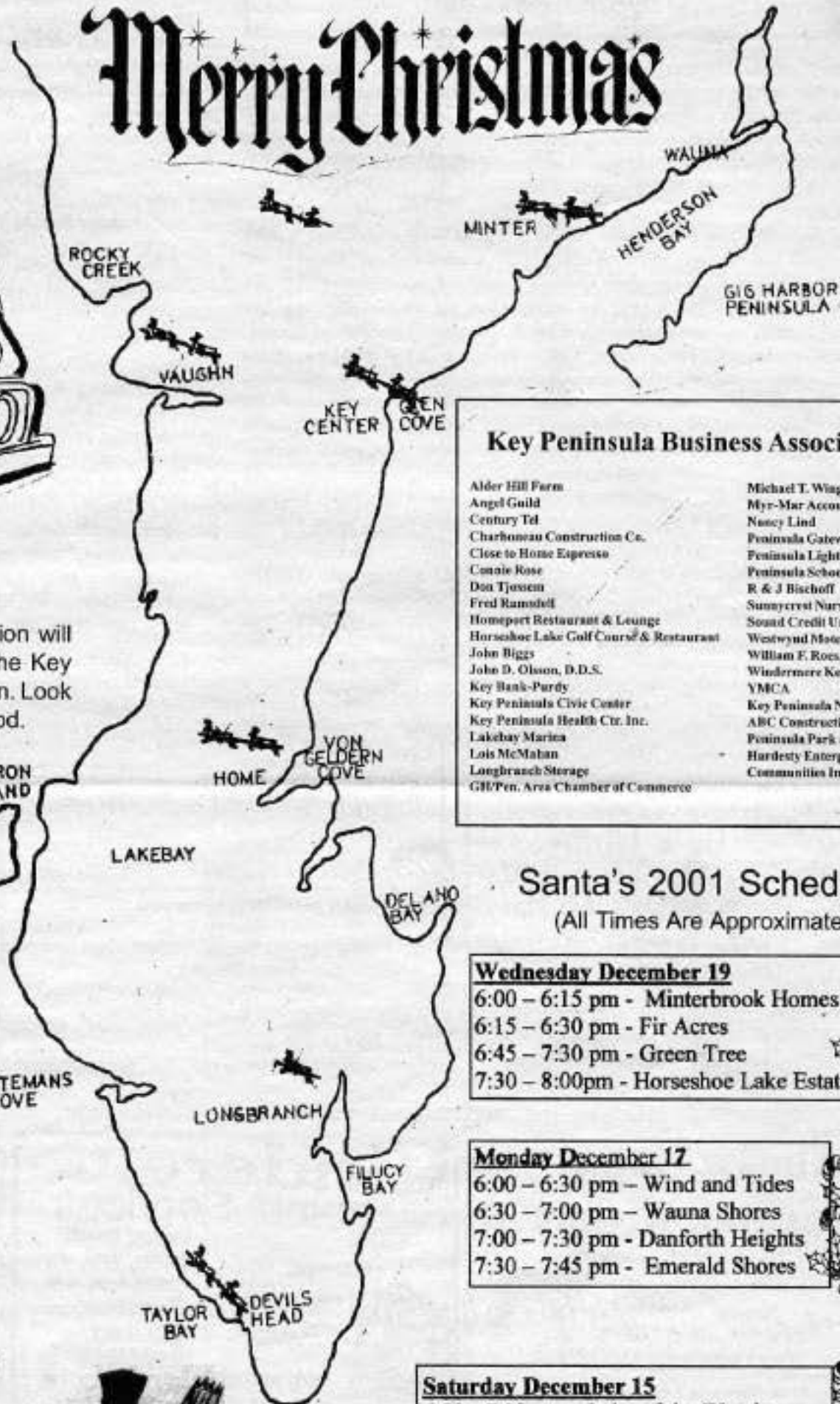




# Santa Comes To Town!



## Merry Christmas



The Key Peninsula Firefighters Association will be sponsoring Santa's visit throughout the Key Peninsula area...with candy for the children. Look at Santa's Schedule for your neighborhood.

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The Key Peninsula News Staff would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season

### Santa's 2001 Schedule (All Times Are Approximate)

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**Sunday - December 2 - 4:00 pm**  
Tree Lighting - KC Corral

**Sunday - December 9**  
6:00 - 6:30pm - Taylor Bay Estates  
6:45 - 7:30pm - Palmer Lake

**Monday - December 10**  
6:00 - 6:30pm - Jackson Lake  
6:30 - 7:00pm - Jackson Lake South  
7:00 - 7:30pm - Home Area

**Wednesday - December 12**  
6:00 - 6:30pm - Lake Minterwood  
6:30 - 7:00pm - Kooley Addition  
7:00 - 7:30pm - Key Peninsula Civic Center

**Wednesday December 19**  
6:00 - 6:15 pm - Minterbrook Homes  
6:15 - 6:30 pm - Fir Acres  
6:45 - 7:30 pm - Green Tree  
7:30 - 8:00pm - Horseshoe Lake Estates

**Monday December 17**  
6:00 - 6:30 pm - Wind and Tides  
6:30 - 7:00 pm - Wauna Shores  
7:00 - 7:30 pm - Danforth Heights  
7:30 - 7:45 pm - Emerald Shores

**Saturday December 15**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm - Lake of the Woods  
7:00 - 7:30pm - Lake of the Woods South

**Friday - December 14**  
6:00 - 6:30 - Bell Ridge  
7:00 - 7:30 - Lake Holiday





# To Your Health

by  
William F. Roes, M.D.

When we think of scanning tests that doctors will use in the future, I always think of the Tri-Corder that Dr. McCoy used to use on the Star Trek TV series. In a recent Sunday edition of the Tacoma paper there appeared a full page ad for an "entire body screening CT scan". Is this the next big step in detecting disease, or just a way for the owners of the new CT scan to make money using their new machine to drum up business? The heart of the question is whether a total body CT scan is an appropriate "screening" procedure for identifying disorders.

A screening procedure must meet several criteria before its value is accepted. It must accurately detect disease, but have low rates of both false positive and false negative test results. A CT (Computerized Tomography) scan is a specialized type of series of x-rays combined with computer enhancement of the images. Over the last two decades it has proven to be an accurate and invaluable medical test for directed evaluations of disease, but has not been recommended as a screening tool. A false positive test is one that shows a problem where none exists; and a false negative test is one that fails to detect an existing problem. CT scans are quite sensitive, and false positives are already a problem with ones done for diagnostic purposes. Small cysts or other abnormalities are frequently discovered that have no clinical significance, but once discovered often require further evaluation—more tests, scans or biopsies to prove the findings are benign.

On the other hand, plain CT's, those done without the injection of a contrast medium of the type used in "screening CTs", frequently miss problems in certain areas. For example, a CT scan of the brain without the intravenous injection of contrast material may miss certain types of brain tumors. But the contrast material itself presents a risk to some patients.

People receiving a "screening CT" will undoubtedly find things wrong with their bodies they did not know, did not need to know, and would probably be better off not know

ing. Once an abnormality is discovered it will be pursued, and the risks and cost of the subsequent tests may outweigh the benefits of knowing what the anomaly represents. On the other hand, people receiving a "screening CT" may feel they have been extensively evaluated and found free of cancer or other disease, which, due to a significant risk of false negative test results, may not be the case.

The ad for the "screening CT" includes a long list of people who they feel should have this test, a list that includes almost every adult. What they fail to mention is that their list includes only people with \$295 to spend, as no insurance will pay for this type of testing. Tri-Corders may be in our future, but the "screening CT" now proposed is not a reasonable alternative.

Finally, a very Merry Christmas and Happy Peaceful New Year to you all.

## Obituary:

### John B. Kelley, Jr.

John Kelley, 75, passed away on Monday, November 12, 2001 in Tacoma, Washington.

John was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on September 29, 1926. He is survived by two sons, Michael and James Kelley, three daughters, Katherine Ghelfi, Mary Redmond and Martha Donaldson, one brother, Jeff Kelley, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John requested that no services be held. Arrangements were made by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252.

New Jersey's been in the news a lot,  
With news that's not so good.  
Not that the weather's been too hot,  
Just that Trenton's a bad neighborhood.

It seems some letters once got mailed,  
That contained some nasty spores.  
And the sender(s) who should be jailed,  
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From Dumont town,  
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## An Exciting Visit To Vaughn School



Photo by Hugh McMillan

by Hugh McMillan

About a month ago I had the opportunity to walk in on a sort of "3-ring circus" of teaching and learning activities taking place at Vaughn Elementary. In the Commons, Cultural Affairs teacher Ernie Donehower was engaged in a two day program covering Native American games and skill learning activities at a rather substantial number of "stations" throughout the room. As I watched, students were eagerly participating, learning that the games taught such essentials as survival skills and non-violent dispute resolution. Donehower's students took to the program like ducks take to water.

The folding doors separating the two sections of the commons were opened to reveal wall to wall students seated on the floor in darkened surroundings, watching a projected program on fire safety presented by members of the Key Peninsula Fire Department. When the lights were turned on, Captain Paul Bosch and other firefighters, with the assistance of a very big Dalmatian "dog" impressed upon the combined classes what to do and what not to do in the event of an emergency.

In several classrooms, students were hard at work making personalized masks for one another using petroleum jelly, cheesecloth and a paste resembling plaster of Paris. As the masks set up on the students' faces, they could not speak because their mouths were encased in that "guck".

I'm certain the students learned a lot that day — I know I did.

# ANGEL NOTES

by Frankie Johnson

It seems like the time goes faster and faster with the holidays and the end of the year right upon us. It feels like it was two weeks ago we were going into the year 2000. Now 2002 is just around the corner. Angel Guild is very busy now with plans for freshening our shop. We will have our annual bag sale on Saturday, December 22. Then we will be closed until January 9, 2002 for painting and deep cleaning. This also gives our members some well deserved time off to celebrate with their families. Looking back over 2001, it is with great satisfaction that we have been able to help so many different organizations with our donations earned from your donations. Among the many recipients were the Key Peninsula Middle School/ Peninsula High School scholarships, our own Civic Center in Vaughn, our local Fire District 16, 4-H, elementary schools with the RIF program and other special needs and one of musical instruments. Most recently our members wanted to honor the fallen rescuers from the 9-11 disaster. Our by-laws state that all of our donations stay on the Peninsula, so we looked into how we could help through our local fire department. They needed pneumatic anti-shock trousers in each of their rescue rigs. We were able to provide funds for these items through the support of your donations. Thank you.

We have provided funds for Lifeline necklaces for several elderly adults who live alone. I had the pleasure to meet one of the ladies who has one of the units. It is good to see what our volunteer efforts actually accomplish in the community.

You still have a little time to finish your Christmas shopping and we are putting as much as possible in the shop for you. There will be more decorative things to choose also.

The Angels will be having their annual holiday party on December 17th, 2001, at the Civic Center in the Whitmore Room at 11:00 AM. This is a potluck and always a good luncheon. Nel Blanchard is chair of the event with her able committee of Sandi Adams, Rose Malmgren, Verda Lawrence and Elsie Vezzani. All past members are invited.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you will keep on shopping and donating to the Angel Guild.

### Public Affairs Forum — Thursdays @ 7:30 AM

Each week, hear from business and civic leaders on a variety of topics important to Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula residents at Madrona Links Golf Course. No reservations are necessary and the events, arranged by the Gig Harbor Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce, are open to the public. December 6 - Patricia Lantz; December 13 - Larry Claiborne, Chief, Fire District #5; December 20 - Mark Hoppen, City Manager, Gig Harbor; December 27 - Round Table Discussion.

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**Your Angel Tree Program** was born of this community to reach out and lend a hand to those less fortunate among us, particularly our children. Over the years, through your gracious sponsorships and donations, hundreds of families/children have been helped. Warm winter clothing has been provided, medications purchased, power bills paid, toys and food provided. Working in concert with other community organizations these needs have been recognized and fulfilled.

As coordinator for your Fire Department Angel Tree Program, I have had the good fortune to witness an outpouring of support in a very special way. It is the Holiday Season and another opportunity for us to look after those around us who may be in need. This year has brought many harsh realities. The needs are greater and the funding, less. **We need your help!** Many of us have given generously outside our community in the wake of September 11th. With that, it appears that a vacuum has been created in our own neighborhood. Donations and sponsors have been slow in coming. We have concerns that we will struggle to meet our local needs.

Please help us keep our children and families protected. Together we can bring a smile to a child's face this Winter Holiday Season.

Call the Fire Department at 884-2222 or Don Blischke at 884-9057 for information regarding donations and sponsorships.

## Harbor Fest Holiday Tour of Homes for Peninsula Youth Orchestra

On December 8th from 10AM to 4PM, Altrusa International of Gig Harbor Foundation is sponsoring a self-guided tour of homes highlighting an impressive selection of festively decorated homes with an assortment of architectural styles, cultural diversity and great views and holiday decorations. Proceeds provide scholarships and equipment for the Peninsula Youth Orchestra and benefit additional community projects. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained by calling 858-0088.

## Taking Care of Yourself : Exercise Matters

by Maria Bokor, MPT

With the Christmas holiday coming up, many of us put a lot of time and effort into helping our neighbors in need, as well as doing all the wonderful things that keep holidays special for our family and community. Christmas is such a magical time for children (and adults), and it is so gratifying to see the joy that our gifts of time and energy bring to others that it is very easy to forget ourselves.

Good health is a gift which many of us receive at birth. As we grow older, most of us begin to feel little aches and pains here and there, which come and go, and then sometimes hang around longer than we wish they would. In our busy, pressured world of 2001, it seems to get harder and harder to fit in the activities which can help to alleviate stress and keep our bodies young and healthy.

Strong muscles and strong bones help us to have the energy to do all the things we want to do for our families and friends. Exercise is the best insurance you can possibly invest in for a long, healthy and active life. Young or old, in shape or out of shape, active or couch-potato - all of us benefit from spending some regular time with our bodies to increase strength and aerobic capacity. Any kind of sports, bicycling, walking, swimming, weight lifting, dancing and even singing are all wonderful ways to buy this "insurance" for our bodies.

Certainly, people with heart conditions or other serious medical conditions always need to consult with their doctor before beginning any new activity. Suddenly overdoing an exercise routine after a period of inactivity can aggravate some conditions and many even result in developing musculoskeletal injuries. Starting gradually and sensibly is a good way to begin if you haven't been exercising for a while.

Physical therapists are professionally licensed health-care providers who specialize in exercise. We receive extensive training that helps us work with people to develop a safe, effective and enjoyable exercise program designed to keep them healthy and active for years, and, hopefully, free of injuries. People in wheelchairs, people who have had heart surgery, people with all sorts of health issues can benefit enormously from spending time doing whatever exercise they are capable of.

At the Key Center clinic of MVP therapy, we are excited to now offer a Wednesday morning workout geared to seniors as well as younger folks to building balance, strength and flexibility using some movements from the ancient art of T'ai Chi. Recent research shows the benefits of T'ai Chi for improving balance in the elderly, substantially reducing the risk of falling. (9:15 AM, Wednesdays. Call us at 884-0841 for more information.) The Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn also offers an array of exercise classes from karate to yoga.

Whatever your favorite exercise is, we encourage you to give yourself a gift this Christmas season - just 30 minutes three times a week of building up a sweat. If you haven't been a regular exerciser, we can almost guarantee that your mood will be calmer, your body will be happier, your friends will start complimenting you and you will know that you have given yourself and your loved ones a precious gift - longterm insurance to keep yourself healthy and active for a lifetime.

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**Questions & Answers**  
**Financial Focus**

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

**The Perfect Gift**

Shoppers anxious to get their holiday gift buying done early are beginning to line up at area stores. Many of those same people will be standing in line to exchange some of the items that they worked so hard to find.

But when you give an investment, you don't have to worry about the size or color. Investments such as mutual funds and stocks are gifts that can keep on giving for

years to come. These investments can grow to provide an attractive nest egg or down payment for a car or dream home. Gifting into a college advantage 529 plan can help finance educations.

There are advantages to investment giving such as income tax deductions and an annual gifting allowance. Consider the following example to illustrate the benefits of the annual gift allowance.

Assumptions:

\*Husband and wife both age 65 and at least one of them will reach life expectancy at age 85.

\*Husband and wife will gift \$5,000 each to their son for the next 20 years.

\*If the annual gift wasn't made, the \$10,000 hypothetically would have earned 7 percent.

\*Estate tax of the couple is 50 percent when they die.

The Calculation:

The \$10,000 annual gift for 20 years earning 7 percent would grow to \$438,651. (This is for hypothetical purposes only and does not represent any particular invest-

ment.) Again, the estate tax is 50 percent when the husband and wife die at age 85. Fifty percent of \$438,651 would be \$219,325. So, the benefit of making the \$10,000 annual gift for 20 years is \$219,325 in estate-tax savings.

Investment gifting reduces the donor's estate each year by the total amount gifted to each recipient. A person can gift up to \$10,000 (\$11,000 beginning in 2002) per individual recipient without having to file a gift return or incurring a gift-tax liability. The donor must give up control of the investment money for it to be considered a gift. This means that the recipients can do as they wish with the gifted dollars. Remember that you would pay an estate tax of \$219,325 at your death if the money remained part of your estate.

Gifts excluded from the gift allotment include:

\*Payments made directly to an educational institution providing education for the recipient.

\*Payments made directly to a medical institution providing medical care for the recipient.

Making an investment gift does not generate a deduction for the donor or income for the recipient (unless it is a charitable donation to a qualified charity). No gains or losses are realized when gifting; only the investment is sold.

There are many ways to give an investment gift. For specific questions, you

should consult a qualified tax professional. The laws concerning trust and custodial accounts can be complicated. Charitable giving and gifts to minors have different tax implications as well. Some states have incorporated a 36-month "lookback" rule that will cancel gifts made while trying to qualify for Medicaid.

If you are looking for gifts for upcoming birthdays, bar mitzvahs, graduations, weddings and special holidays, why not consider investment gifts? They may be well worth the extra care and thought that go into them.

**Regional Council Seeks Input On How To Give Them Input**

The Puget Sound Regional Council, the designated regional transportation and growth management agency for King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties, is seeking comment on its changes and additions to its public participation plan. These changes reflect new Internet technologies that are being used to communicate with the public. The public comment period on the public participation plan and the privacy policy runs through December 18th. Copies of the relevant documents are available on the agency's Web site at psrc.org, or by calling their information center at 206-464-7532. Written comments should be sent by December 18th.



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## YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society  
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

THANKSGIVING is just past, and the KP SENIORS hope that all you folks had a pleasant and satisfying Thursday with no digestive repercussions. It is GREAT to be able to spend the day, or part of it, with family and friends.

We Seniors observed the day on November 15th, just a week early, since our meeting day is Thursday, every week. So - we planned our big TURKEY dinner and were rewarded with a turn-out of 36 members and guests. That was our largest number this year for a Thursday luncheon. (Maybe we should serve turkey and trimmings every pot-luck meeting.) Want to join us? Every Thursday noon - Civic Center in Vaughn - no charge - come to eat and socialize !!

Speaking of turn-out — It was a little sparse this year at the Arts & Crafts Fair at the Center on Saturday, November 17th. But - everyone seemed to have a good time and we saw a lot of smiles on a lot of faces. Our SENIOR craft booth grossed some \$263 according to chairman Chuck Williamson, which made it all worthwhile for our volunteer members, manning the booth valiantly from 8 AM to 4 PM. Thanks to all who stopped by to see and/or to buy. Vic Doggett donated a large mounted race car which will decorate someone's mantel because it went in a silent auction for a good bid. Our proceeds will go to help maintain the CIVIC CENTER.

SENIOR SURVEY: A little opinion poll we conduct monthly among our members. The question we asked the week before Thanksgiving: "If you wished to visit friends or relatives over the holidays this year, would you — Hesitate to Fly, Refuse to Fly or Fly and Not Worry?"

Our results among 36 of us:

Fly without worries:	24
Hesitate to fly:	6
Refuse to fly:	7

So apparently, our SENIORS are not too apprehensive about our commercial airways, even with all the publicity about airport incidents. So, KEEP 'EM FLYING !!

The current KP SENIORS slate of officers consists of President - Virginia Adkisson, Vice President - Jim Blundell, Secretary - Rose Malmgren, Treasurer - Erma Dunn and Board Members - Helen Wolniewicz, Evvie Stinson, Larry Hagan. All have agreed to run again for '02, but open nominations for any office will be accepted at the next meeting. Elections are in December and new officers take office in January.

Have you heard these truisms ???  
If MOTHERHOOD was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called LABOR.

A CHILD outgrows your lap, but never outgrows your heart.  
GRANDPARENTS are like a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.  
Cheers to all — Happy Christmas shopping - We'll be back next year.

### 4-H differences Plan A Busy Year

by Emily, Kaitlin & Debbie Dunn (884-9152)

When October came, fall was in the air and the start of another 4-H year began. The 4-H Differences met on October 17th at the Home fire station and elected the new leaders for the 2001-2002 year. Holly Wiltfong is President, James Higgins is Vice-President, Janet Culum and Travis Larson are co-secretaries, Alex West is treasurer and the co-reporters are Emily and Kaitlin Dunn.

The 4-H Differences have many projects planned, including sewing, rabbits, dogs, rockets, sport fishing, riflery, performing arts and art. There is a special program being offered this year by Julie Higgins for Kindergarten, first and second grade children, teaching them about living things. Anyone interested in that program who would like more information can call Julie Higgins at 884-4442.

We're looking forward to a good year and would love to have you join us. One of the activities we always look forward to is the celebration of the Annual 4-H Achievement Program, held this year on November 3rd at Panhandle Lake. This is the occasion when we acknowledge the different members for their outstanding efforts over the past year in each program.

At this year's celebration, Elliott Hedin received the Visual Arts Award; Nicki Valley was the recipient of the Photography Award; Danielle Higgins took home the Fashion Revue Award; Hayley Wiltfong came away with both Rabbit and Lamp of Knowledge Awards; Holly Wiltfong earned both Rabbit and Citizenship Awards and Kevin Higgins took off with the Aerospace Award.

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## The Garden In DECEMBER 2001

by Sylvia Retherford  
(253) 884-2487



Puget Sound area gardens are colorful in December. One of the surprises is Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis*). They are large shrubs or small trees whose leaves turn bright colors in fall and then blossom December through March. There are three species: *H. intermedia*, *H. mollis* (both hybrids) and *H. virginiana*, a native of the central and eastern United States. Flowers are about an inch across and come in red, orange or golden yellow. They do very well in our climate.

Primroses bloom all winter. Winter heathers in red, pink and white are showing their colors. *Camellia sasanqua* in both pink and white are lovely. *Abelia grandiflora* is still colorful. *Euonymus alata*, known better as Burning Bush or winged *Euonymus* is losing its scarlet leaves but it has been brilliant for weeks. *Helleborus* (Lenten rose) is budded, ready to open soon. Their colors range from white through pinks to dark rose shades.

Winter vegetables are in full production. Radicchio, a red-leafed import from Italy, and curly endive make delightful salads. The cole crops: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage (green, purple or ornamental types), cauliflower (white or purple) and kale (green or purple) will produce until about April when they send up flower stalks.

Root crops such as leeks, parsnips, beets, carrots and turnips can be pulled any time for dinner. Their tender center leaves make good cooked "greens". The winter squashes are stored in the cool basement. All these "vegies" contribute their vitamins to improve health through the winter.

### BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB

The Baysshore Garden Club will meet on December 21 at the home of Doris Boudreau for their Christmas Potluck Party. Time is 12 Noon. Hostesses are Doris Boudreau, Peg Robertson and Doris Hoover. Members should bring fruit, books and magazines to donate to Rocky Bay Nursing Home.

For more information, please call Stella Retherford at 884-2487.

### VAUGHN BAY GARDEN CLUB

The Christmas meeting of the Vaughn Bay Garden Club will be a noon potluck on December 21 at the home of Cathlee James. Colleen Slater will be co-hostess.

A gift exchange will be the program.

For information about the club, call 884-1527.

### New Alcoholics Anonymous Group

A Long Branch of Sobriety  
AA Open Meeting  
Thursday - 6 PM

Longbranch Community Church  
16518 - 46th Street, KPS

### KPCCA Executive Committee 2001

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**Sabbath (Saturday) Services:**  
10am - Sabbath School  
11:15am - Worship Service

**We meet at:**  
Port Orchard Church of the Nazarene  
4647 Sidney Rd. SW

For driving instructions, or other information such as Davidic Dance Classes and Bible Studies we offer during the week, visit us online at:  
[www.congregationbethel.org](http://www.congregationbethel.org)

### KPCC ASSOCIATION 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Salatino  
Christmas Dinner  
December 25th

### ANOTHER VIEW

by Liz Kassler



### Leaf Wars

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Key Peninsula Sportsmen Club

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

December 1st & 2nd

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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**DEADLINE** for the KP News classifieds ads is the 20th of each month, call 884-4699 to place your ad.

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(Below Peninsula High School)

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### ANGEL GUILD THRIFT STORE

K.C. Corral

10 AM to 4 PM

Wednesday through Friday,

Saturday - 10 AM to 3 PM.

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**MUSEUM HOURS:**  
 Tuesday - Saturday  
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**CURIOSITY CORNER THEMES:**

Each week the museum's Curiosity Corner features a new theme.

**Nov. 27th - Dec. 28th - Gifts Galore**

Make gifts at the CMT for those special people on your holiday list. We'll have a selection of projects your child can create for a small fee and another gift to make this is provided by the Museum.

Curiosity Corner is FREE! With Museum admission. Call (253) 627-6031 for more details.

**SAVE THRIFT STORE - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

The SAVE Thrift Store in Purdy will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 1, from 10 AM to 4PM. The store will be decorated for the holidays and will offer many seasonal items on the sales floor. Refreshments will be provided.

The Store, which is operated year-round by the Hawks Scholarship Fund, features quality resale clothing and accessories for children and adults as well as assorted books, toys and housewares. Proceeds from thrift store sales benefit school activity groups and provide post-secondary scholarships for Peninsula High School students.

The store is located at the foot of the hill below Peninsula High School on Purdy Drive. Regular hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM every day except Wednesday and Sunday. For further information call the store at 857-2800.

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This would increase bus service and ridership, allow for more vanpools, shuttle service, bus stop shelters, park & ride facilities and complement regional road improvement projects. Under the 0.3% sales tax plan, for example, there would be a 5% increase in bus service, allowing for a 6% increase in ridership; an increase in the number of vanpools from 200 to 300; an increase in SHUTTLE ridership of 17%; 850 new park & ride spaces would be available; and the number of bus stop shelters could be doubled.

Under the 0.4% sales tax increase, ridership could go up 27%; bus service would be increased 35%; the number of vanpools could go from 200 to 340; the area served by SHUTTLE could be extended and ridership could rise 22%; and 2050 new park & ride spaces could be built. Total ridership now is 14,600,000 annual trips. Under the 0.3% sales tax increase that could go to 16,000,000; under the 0.4% sales tax increase the total ridership could increase to 19 million annual trips.

The present Key Loop service on our Peninsula requires advance reservations and ends too early in the day, making it not very conducive to easy use by Key Peninsula residents. The Transit District has been asked to modify this service to make it easier to use. As to why not use more vans instead of buses, the response was : 1) the major operational cost was for the vehicle operator, 2) There are no small vans in their fleet available at this time; 3) vans are more costly to maintain because 4) the type of vans now available don't hold up well for the kind of use a bus gets. Manufacturers are finally beginning to respond to the need for smaller buses and the Transit District will begin to replace buses with these improved models as needed.

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