

Down It Comes!

On Friday, June 22, the wrecking crew began the true demolition of the Old Home Country Store, making way for finishing up the site of the New Country Store. As the Namkungs continued to clear the trash, the big equipment moved in to tear into the roof and workers stomped down the inner ceiling. By noon, one could see skylight through the rafters and by 4 PM, at least half of the building was collapsed, with the rafters sitting on the ground.

A larger parking area is planned at the site to provide safer access at the busy corner. And we all hope the new store will open !!!

Photos by Ann Waldo

**Key Peninsula Fair
Association Student Awards**

Chairman Mike Salatino presents the awards to winners in the Key Peninsula Fair Association contest Name or Draw the Fair: left to right, Lisa Mudford, Skyler Surrat, Jasmine Schaefer and Dana Champlin.

KPFA announced the student winners in the Name the Fair contest. Most of the entrants chose to use an artistic presentation to represent their idea of a perfect country fair. The winning entry, by Lisa Mudford, was a 3-D construction featuring an octopus-roller coaster ride, a cotton candy booth, a Ferris wheel and long slide — all made of colored pipe cleaners.

The following top winners were named and awarded Savings Bonds:

First Place Overall: Lisa Mudford (Evergreen School) \$200

Second Place Overall: Dana Champlin (Peninsula High School) \$100

Third Place Overall: Jasmin Schaefer and Skyler Surrat (Evergreen School) \$50 each

First Place Winner's Teacher: Mrs. Michelle Proctor (Evergreen School)

The school winners each receiving a \$50 Savings Bond are:

Stephanie Fogel Purdy Elementary

Kristen Ostus Minter Creek Elementary

Mackenzie Johnson Vaughn Elementary

Lisa Mudford Evergreen Elementary

Amanda Milburn Key Peninsula Middle School

Dana Champlin Peninsula High School

Congratulations to all the winners !!

Other KP Fair activities are coming together and volunteers, vendors and exhibits are still needed. For more information, call 884-4FUN or visit the Web Site @ www.keyfair.com.

**Key Peninsula Fireworks
Stand Opens**

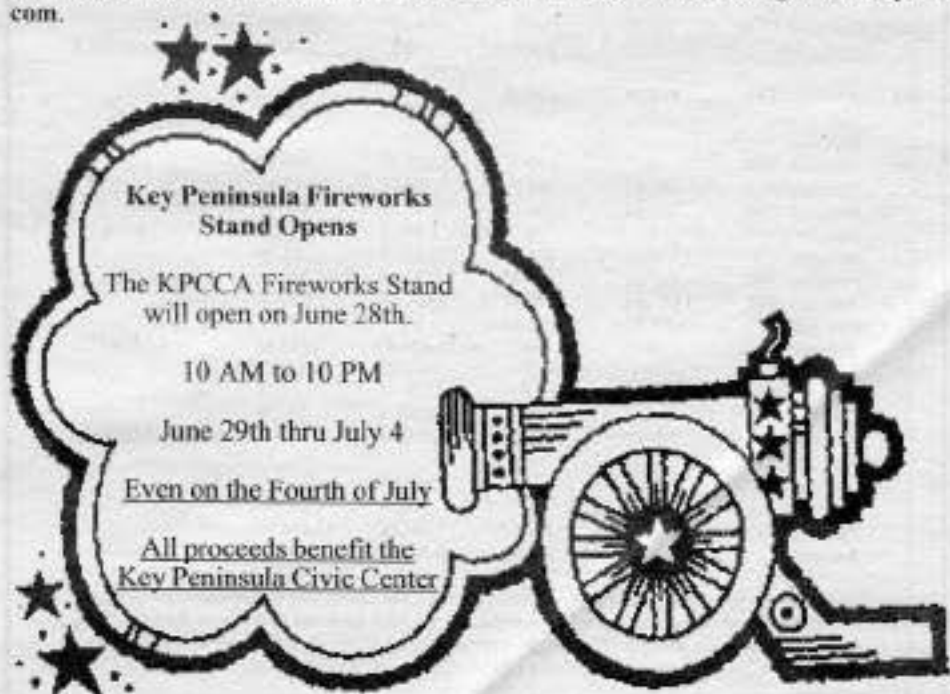
The KPCCA Fireworks Stand
will open on June 28th.

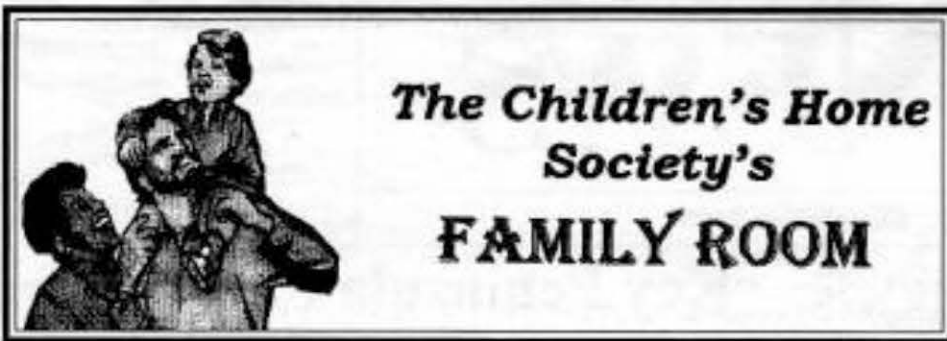
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**The Children's Home
Society's
FAMILY ROOM**

July is here already and summer is in full swing. This is a good time to remind ourselves of some summer safety tips.

1. Never leave children unattended in or near water. Use US Coast Guard approved life vests on boats, docks and around deep or swift water.
2. Protect children from excessive exposure to the sun - especially from 10AM-4PM - and use sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher.
3. Minimize the risk of bee and insect stings by having children wear shoes and light colored clothing. Use insect repellent sparingly on older kids and never on infants.
4. Know the plants in your yard and teach your child not to pick or eat anything without first checking with an adult. Call the Poison Control Center 800-732-6985 if you suspect a poisoning has occurred or to receive a list of poisonous plants.
5. Strap children in a properly fitted seat belt or booster seat when traveling by car or airplane.
6. ABOVE ALL HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!!

Our **Summer Fun Youth Program** begins July 9th. We still have room in our elementary school age program; and we will continue to accept new registrations as long as we have room available. Please call our office for information, 884-5433.

We want to thank the great high school volunteers, from both Peninsula and Gig Harbor High Schools, who participated in our Little Buddies program this year. They were very much appreciated by the younger children and our staff.

We would like give a big thanks to **Community In Schools, YMCA Camp Seymour and Camp Coleman** for providing scholarships so 15 children are able to attend summer camp this year.

Relatives Raising Children will not be meeting in July and are planning a potluck for August. This support group meets on the second Monday of the month from 1:00-2:30PM. Call Dennis Taylor at 884-5433 if you would like more information or are interested in attending.

Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center is located in the lower level of the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-4PM. Our telephone number is 884-5433.

Best wishes from the staff of the Children's Home Society of Washington Key Peninsula Family Resource Center.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS RESPOND TO TAX CRISIS
AT THE KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER**

We thank you - one and all - for your gracious support!!

The Civic Center is fortunate to live in a community where the members pull together in a time of need. Donations have been received to help offset the tax burden.

Board Treasurer, Virginia Liebergesell, has established a "Property Tax Account" for these donations. In addition to anonymous donations of \$1,455.00, the following community members have made donations to the cause: Bill Pearson, Elsie and Robert Vezzani, Joseph and Marjorie Kremes, Gerry Brown, Linda Owen, Marya Ross, Anita Lynn Reaves, and Paul and Molly Holmes. Also...the bartenders at the Prohibition Jazz Dance donated all the tips!

Note the entry below (***) which indicates these monies have been used to pay a total of \$1,192.17 on Parcel 1-100. This restricted Property Tax Account has a current balance of \$827.83. As soon as this account builds to \$3,407.43 (plus additional penalties that may have been assessed) we can pay the 1999 taxes and penalties on Parcel 1-100.

PROPERTY TAX YEAR		Parcel 1-102	Parcel 1-101	Parcel 1-100	Parcel 1-800	BALANCE
1998	Assessed 1998	848.36	454.50	-0-	-0-	
	Paid	-0-	-0-			
	Balance					1,075.61
1999	Assessed 1998	-0-	-0-	3,202.42	493.22	
	Penalties 1998	296.93	59.09	1,202.85	118.37	
	Assessed 1999	727.92	390.14	2,746.28	422.98	
	Paid 1999	-0-	-0-	-0-	<823.08>	
	Balance	1,873.21	676.48	7,151.55	211.49	2,912.73
2000	Penalties 1999	167.42	89.74	631.64	29.61	
	Assessed 2000	1,017.08	544.88	3,625.88	926.70	
	Paid 2000	<3057.71>	<1,311.10>	-0-	-0-	
	Balance	-0-	-0-	11,409.07	1,167.80	12,576.87
2001	Penalties 1998	-0-	-0-	302.29	-0-	
	Penalties 1999	-0-	-0-	329.56	25.38	
	Penalties 2000	-0-	-0-	820.15	169.89	
	Assessed 2001	976.46	523.14	2,047.54	953.4	
	**Paid 6/12/2001					
	1 st half 2001			1,087.21		
	1 st half fees			104.96		
	Paid 2001 (to date)	<488.23>	<261.57>	<4,707.56>	<1,839.78>	
	Balance	488.23	261.57	9,113.84	476.71	9,835.59

Please Note: In addition to the balance owing of \$9,835.59, the Civic Center was forced to transfer monies from a CD established for emergency repairs and maintenance to pay the 1998 taxes and penalties on Parcel 1-100 to stave off foreclosure and sale of the building. This was the payment of \$4,707.56. Hopefully, the donations we are receiving will allow us to restore this amount to the CD. At this time we do not have any unrestricted funds to deal with emergencies.

**UPDATE ON PARALYTIC
SHELLFISH POISON PROBLEM**

On page 2 of the June issue of the *Key Peninsula News* we ran an article by Ray Hanowell on the so-called "Red Tide" and Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP). If you missed that article, you can pick one up at our office at the K P Civic Center or give us a call at 884-2213 and we'll send it to you.

We now update that article with the following information: **there is currently a PSP closure in the Carr Inlet/Henderson Bay area on the recreational harvest of shellfish. The closure boundaries are from Point Fosdick to Burley Lagoon and then all the way down to Devil's Head at the tip of the Key Peninsula.**

The major recreational shellfish beaches on the Key Peninsula are usually posted when a PSP closure occurs, but signs shouldn't be relied upon to determine if harvesting is safe. The only way to determine if PSP is a problem in a certain area at a certain time is to call the state's Biotoxin Hotline phone number, 1-800-562-5632. There is a recorded message accessible 24 hours a day. PSP information is also available on the Washington State Department of Health's Website, at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/biotoxin.htm>.

**Did You Miss The Hazardous Waste
Collection In Key Center?**

Just a reminder that if you didn't make it to any of the six collection days for hazardous waste during the last half of June, you can bring this type of material to the Household Hazardous Waste turn-in facility at the Tacoma landfill. For more information or directions, call 1-800-287-6429.

**Key Peninsula
Civic Center Association**

June 15, 2001

Dear Neighbor:

Recent articles in the *Key Peninsula News* and the *Gateway* have fully explained the crisis facing the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The problem occurred in 1992 when the contract with individual class instructors was written. The Board believed it was in full compliance with the Department of Revenue's regulations, however, the Board's understanding of the disbursement of fees collected was in error. Late and incomplete renewal filings in 1998 and 1999 brought the Civic Center to the attention of the Board of Revenue and led to the loss of the Civic Center's property tax exempt status for 1998, 1999, and 2000. (PLEASE NOTE that the loss of the property tax exemption has not affected our 501(C) 3 non-profit status.) On April 10, 2001 the Board appealed the loss of the property tax exemption to the Board of Tax Appeals in Olympia and was denied. On April 26, 2001 the Board used reserve funds to stave off foreclosure by Pierce County. We therefore are seeking financial support from local citizens to help pay the tax lien and avoid tax foreclosure.

Please know that as soon as the current Board was made aware of this problem, actions were taken to correct the situation. The board is truly dedicated to keeping the Civic Center a focal point of all citizens of our community. Its future as such is threatened.

Please assist us with a tax deductible donation to enable us to pay the tax debt. Your support is truly needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER

Virginia Liebergesell
Treasurer

ENCLOSED IS MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO ASSIST THE KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER IN MEETING THE TAX OBLIGATION.

Name _____

Address _____

May we thank you publicly in the *Key Peninsula News*?
Yes ___ No ___ Anonymous ___

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**Living and Learning
on the Key Peninsula**
Key Peninsula Historical Society

**Mark Your Calendar -
August 4th for the Historical
Society's Summer Social**

Look in your July mail for the flyer on our August 4th Summer Social. The Summer Social is going to be held at the home of Rob and Sally Snyder. The board is putting together an excellent program for this event. For more information call Tim Kezele at 884-4538.

On June 16th the Shelton Car Club visited the Museum. Approximately 40 members of the club enjoyed our exhibits. This was one of the many sites they visited while touring the unique Key Peninsula.

Congratulations to Jessica Walters who received the Key Peninsula Historical Society Scholarship for 2001. She plans to go to Tacoma Community College. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Walters of the Key Peninsula area.

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

**Key Peninsula
Community Services**

The Key Peninsula Community Services has a new manager. Vicki Husted Biggs took the position after Marge Adams retired in May. Marge ran the Community House for 13 years.

Vicki first came to the Community Center while doing volunteer work in a program at Evergreen State College. She graduated from Evergreen in June of 2000 and worked in a social services outreach program before deciding she would rather do more on the Key Peninsula. "I love being able to work and live in the same community," she said when taking the job here. "My husband and I are both very involved in the life of the Key Peninsula."

The KPSC brings a variety of services to the community, including a commodities and food bank, emergency energy assistance, senior meals twice a week and senior transportation. The facility is also used by the Girl Scouts, AA and the Cootiettes.

Improvements to the building and grounds are ongoing. Vicki hopes to host an open house at the Center later this summer, inviting the public to become reacquainted with the staff, building and the services offered to the Peninsula.

If you are interested in getting more information about these programs or if you are interested in volunteering some help, please call 884-4440.

**Friends of Library Plan Auction
to Help Fund Statuary Project**

by Keith Stiles

The new statuary planned for the front garden of the Key Center Library has moved closer to reality during this last month as interested citizens and organizations have donated more funds to the project. The statuary, consisting of the lifelike figures of two children and their books, will be the work of Vaughn artist John Jewell, who will be donating his design and the actual construction of the pieces. The cost of the materials and some of the related construction work has been estimated at approximately \$13,000, of which the Friends have currently raised somewhat more than one-half.

The next major move in fund raising, according to Molly Holmes of the Friends, will be an art auction sometime this summer. It will feature a beautiful hand-made quilt by Donna Dailey, and paintings by local artists Reni Moriarity and Tweed Meyer.

"We still have a ways to go to meet our goal," said FOL president Dick Bates, "and we will welcome all contributions, both large and small, that will help us complete this project." Contributions to the fund to make the statuary of the children become a reality may be made to the Friends of The Key Center Library and sent to Librarian Dory Meyers at the Key Center Branch.

Key Peninsula Fair Parade

Get out your drums, old cars, marching shoes and what ever. The Key Peninsula Community Fair parade is coming to Key Center on August 25.

To reach the parade staging area from Key Peninsula Highway turn east on 92nd St. and go up the hill past the sausage building and turn right. There will be signs and arrows to direct you to the location.

Staging starts at 8:30 AM or before, the parade starts promptly at 9:00 AM and proceeds on the route. The route this year is shorter. Parade starts just south of the fire station and goes north to the caution light, turns left and stays on 92nd St. and goes up the hill and ends at Niemann's field.

Get your application in.

Grant to Key Peninsula Civic Center

The Key Peninsula Civic Center has received a grant of \$8,000 from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. This grant will enable the KPCCA Board to paint the exterior of the large building. The KPCCA is deeply grateful to the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation for its support.

Have A Safe 4th of JULY!

KEY PENINSULA FAIR PARADE

**IN KEY CENTER
APPLICATION
AUGUST 25, 2001**

NAME OF ENTRY: _____ SPONSOR: _____

PERSON-IN-CHARGE: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please check appropriate description of entry.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLOAT - Length _____ Width _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> BAND - (Attach Description) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAN - Walking, Mounted, Motorized | <input type="checkbox"/> COLOR GUARD - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORIZED VEHICLE - (Antique (30 Yrs. plus), Decorated, Truck Size, Other - (Attach Description)) | <input type="checkbox"/> MARCHING / WALKING - Military, Baton, Drill Team, Other - (Attach Description) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROYALTY - (Attach Description) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOVELTY - (Attach Description) |

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL PARADE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Signature: _____

We reserve the right to re-classify entries into other categories. Categories listed may be sub-divided for judging purposes.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Key Peninsula Fair Asso. as well as all officers, employees and agents of those organizations, from any injury, damage or loss arising out of the applicant's participation in Key Peninsula Fair Parade.

MAIL ENTRY TO: Key Peninsula Civic Center P.O. Box 52, Vaughn, WA 98394 or Fred Ramedell, 17410 24th St. KPN, Lakeway WA 98349 884-4834

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

The local mainstream press and electronic media have been giving quite a bit of coverage to the problems of energy and water shortages, but like the mainstream media around the country, some aspects of the situation are being totally ignored.

At Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California, the department of sociology in the School of Social Sciences has for the past 25 years managed an investigative sociology project dedicated to freedom of information throughout the U.S. Entitled Project Censored, it publishes each year a book of the most under-reported important stories of the previous year.

Their latest publication, *Censored 2001*, directly involved 175 people: faculty members, students, community experts, research interns, funders, and a group of distinguished individuals from around the nation who served as judges needed to select the top 25 news stories, since many more were actually investigated.

I would be remiss as an advocate of freedom of information if I did not encourage you to read *Censored 2001*, but I'm enough of a realist to know that most of you, for one reason or another, won't, so I'd like to report on at least one of the 25 stories that is on a topic quite important to most Washingtonians right now—WATER.

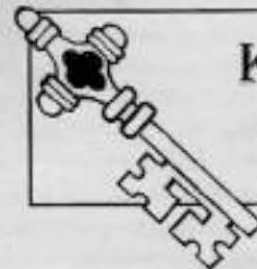
Here, our main water concerns relate to the production of cheap hydropower, the protection of salmon runs, and in Eastern Washington, crop irrigation. However, so far, we haven't reached the point of worrying about what we, our pets and other livestock and our plants are going to have to drink. But that's a big problem in many other parts of the world. Right now, global consumption of water is doubling every 20 years, more than twice the rate of population growth. According to the U.N., more than 1 billion people already lack access to adequate levels of fresh drinking water. At this rate, by 2025 the demand for fresh water will be more than one-and-a-half times as much as it is today.

So, what is this leading to? Well, when a commodity is in short supply, the price usually goes up. Wait a minute, is water a commodity? Under the terms of the NAFTA and WTO agreements, yes, water can be traded just as any other commodity. This is leading to transnational companies such as Monsanto and Bechtel, helped by the World Bank,

trying to get control of water systems and supplies around the world.

Let's look at just one example. Bolivia is the poorest country in South America. In order for them to borrow money from the World Bank, they had to agree to privatize their water systems. So they contracted with Bechtel to manage the water system in Cochabamba, a city of more than 100,000 people. When Bechtel **doubled** the price of water, the entire city went on a general strike. After four months of unrest, the Bolivian government made Bechtel get out of Cochabamba. But that's not the end of the story. Bechtel is now suing Bolivia for \$20 million.

As you have probably surmised by now, there is another tie-in to the Key Peninsula in this story. This is the same Bechtel that Washington contracted with to build the new Narrows Bridge for \$350 million that now looks as if it's going to cost more than \$800 million.



KEY DATES 2001

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Adult Literacy Classes	Call for Appointment 851-6552	Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	4 th 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.		
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 nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
2 nd Monday after 2 nd Wednesday at 4:00 PM		Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	2 nd Monday - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM	At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.
Peninsula ALANON	King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM	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 rd Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487.	Longbranch Improvement
KP Historical Society	1 st Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
Museum Open Thursday and Saturday	from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.	
LB Improvement Club	3 rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	2 nd Tuesday - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Fire Station #4
Lakebay Fuchsja Society	1 st Thursday - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	3 rd 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		

Notice: If your organization is listed in our Key Notes 2001, please check to be sure the time and location are correct, so we can bring it up to date.

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL THE INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO: KEY DATES, KEY PENINSULA NEWS, P.O. BOX 3, VAUGHN, WA 98394, OR FAX IT TO US AT: 884-4053.

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UNMASKED . . . and Back on the Ground !!

We have learned that our Masked Man in the air is Bill Meyer of the Key Peninsula, a 72 year old who has "always wanted to fly". He took up this latest flying hobby, flying a powered parachute, which he says, "is very safe". His is rainbow-hued, with a maximum speed of about 25 mph, and is powered by a Rotax gas engine. A friend of his, Bill Webb, in his red, white and blue machine sometimes cruises over our area and sometimes you may see both of them.

Meyer says he spends about 6 months a year in Mexico "flying around and taking pictures. The people wave and it's great fun." He recently donated some flying time to the raffle for the Cancer Society's "Walk for Life."

Next time you see either of them, **give a wave !!** They'd like that, and so do the kids on the ground.

PHS Seniors Share More Than \$200,000.00 In College Help Funds

by Keith Stiles

The Peninsula High School Class of 2001 is now on it's way out into the world, but not before receiving a large boost of community support for further education in this rapidly changing world. The Peninsula High School Scholarship Fund Society raised more than \$200,000.00 in funds to assist graduating seniors with college and trade school costs, and shared those funds among approximately 160 students.

The funds came from a large group of donors including the following businesses, organizations, and/or individuals with specific Key Peninsula connections: The "SAVE" Thrift Store, the JoAnn Churchward Memorial, the Myron Knudson Scholarship Trust Fund, The Marshall McMillan Quest for Excellence Scholarship, the Evergreen Elementary PTA, the Angel Guild of Key Peninsula, the Arthur Skurdall Scholarship, the Key Peninsula Lions/Brandon Reid Memorial, Capitol Lumber of Lakebay, the Key Peninsula Business Association, Evergreen Encouragement, Active Construction, the SAVE Avon Gay Founders Scholarship, Windermere/Key Realty, Coffee Brake Pride in Peninsula Kids, SaVanne W. Shirley Memorial, the Vaughn Parent Teacher Association, the Wauna Social Club, the Harold O. McKinney Memorial, the Longbranch Improvement Club, Holland Pump, the Key Peninsula Firefighters Association, Minter Creek Elementary Alumni Scholarship, the PHS Boosters, and the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum. (My apologies if I have missed a donor).

About two-thirds of the graduating class received scholarship funds of varying amounts, which were awarded by an independent Selection Committee based upon Scholarship Notebooks which were completed by each participating senior student and turned into the Committee in March.

Do You Want To Help Pierce Co. Prevent Youth Violence?

Each year, Pierce County allocates about \$1 million in County tax monies to prevent violence among and against children, youth and their families. To assist in the allocation of those funds, the Department of Community Services (DCS) is creating a new citizens advisory committee to review, evaluate and select activities to receive these funds. We are seeking between 9 and 15 residents from **unincorporated** Pierce County for membership on this committee.

To be eligible to serve on this important new committee you must be a legal resident of **unincorporated** Pierce County, 18 or older, and capable of reading and comprehending complex funding applications. Based on those written applications and oral testimony provided by applicants, you and your colleagues will recommend to the County Executive and Council how those funds should be used. The approved recommendations will be incorporated in the County's annual budget.

The committee will meet approximately 6 times between August and October each year. Meetings will be held at DCS's offices at 8815 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood, probably in the early evening. Specific times and dates have not yet been set. Interested individuals should contact David Shirer at DCS, phone **253-798-7205** for additional information or to request an application form. Completed applications must be submitted to DCS **no later than** July 17, 2001.



THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

I got a call the other day from an old client in Grays Harbor asking for my assistance in an immigration case. I told her that in my 27 years of practice I had never handled such a matter and that she would do best to have another attorney get involved. She persisted, and now, here I am learning immigration law. I don't have it all down yet, to be sure, but I have some thoughts.

First, above all else, immigration law is about people - especially poor people - especially poor hardworking people - especially poor, hardworking non-white people. The law that pertains to these folks is an unfamiliar lens for anyone living on this side of the Narrows Bridge to look through.

My client is presently in the county jail in Montesano on an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) hold. In other words, he is an illegal alien awaiting deportation. Someone caught working in the US who crossed the border from Mexico without permission. Why did he do that?

Well, for one thing, in El Norte he can provide for his family. In Mexico he could not. Within days of his arrival, he got a job working on a local Christmas tree farm outside of Shelton for \$8.50 per hour as a laborer. He works a minimum of 10 hours a day. He has no health insurance. He has done this for four years and has provided for his wife and two children with his earnings. His cousin from back home lives with him and splits the expenses.

I have been in his home. It is neat, clean and very tidy. It has pictures of his family on all of the walls. The kids have soccer pictures on the window sill of the living room. I was told by his wife that the boys are the best players on their teams. Each room has a crucifix and there is a picture of the Virgin Mary on the wall between the kitchen and the living room.

There is no meth, no crack, no guns, no black tar heroin, no dice games, no prostitution and no hungry kids with dirty clothes living on welfare. It is a working-class family of immigrants - plain and simple.

Interestingly, none, and I mean none, of the other laborers at his job are Anglo. His employer, who happens to be paying my fee, has said that he cannot get the locals to work for him, and those who do can't put in the hard work that the job entails. This employer, a fixture in the Chamber of Commerce and the local service clubs for years used to despise wetbacks - his term, not mine.

Talk to him now. He will tell you that the people who work for him are loyal to a fault. That they only ask for a chance to make a living and that he would trust them with anything. They drive his company's trucks, operate his tractors, repair his machinery and when in town, pick up his groceries.

He will tell you that he doesn't view them as just a cheap source of labor. He views them as people for whom he will go to the mat to get them a break to stay in this country. He's talked to Congressmen, local politicians and bureaucrats until he is hoarse. His friends at the Chamber and clubs act a little distant these days, but he doesn't care. From his past life of looking down on folks such as my client, he is working hard with me trying to get the INS to let my client return to his job and his family.

It ain't going to happen.

My client is going to be deported back to Mexico - probably by the end of summer. He will have a difficult time getting back into the US. Meanwhile, his wife and kids have a tough choice ahead of them. Stay in the land of opportunity, or go home and take their chances. His wife is already making plans to head south. The family will stay together no matter what.

So here is my dilemma. How do I watch a man get kicked out of my country because he cut corners getting the right papers, when I had a grandfather who came here from Norway in the 1920's not knowing a word of English and only able to find a job working in the woods north of Everett?

Is it because granddad had the right pieces of paper, or is it something else? Did granddad get to come here because he "looked like us" and that the visas and passports and all of the papers that he had, and that only Kafka could appreciate, were just cover for our government for something else that was going on?

As I said earlier, I don't have all the answers about immigration law, but I am pretty sure it is about people. Now the issue is really, which people, us or them?

State Honors Best Waste Reducers and Recyclers

The Department of Ecology has honored three businesses and three government entities for their efforts to reduce and recycle waste. The award for best small business program (under 100 employees) went this year to A-1 Builders, Inc. The best large-business award went to Albertson's, which recycles thirteen different categories of items. On a national scale, Albertson's recycled 318,000 tons of cardboard, thereby saving \$27 million in disposal costs and generating \$30 million in recycling revenue.

Kitsap County's Solid Waste Division received an award for best large-government program and the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island for the best federal facility in Washington. King County's Solid-Waste Division and Radiance Herbs and Massage of Olympia were given special-recognition awards for achievement in areas related to waste-prevention, reduction and recycling that are not addressed by the other categories.



Veterans' Voices

By Elleen Young

Here I am once again; I enjoyed my brief vacation, but it is now time to catch up on past and present.

First on the agenda is to thank all the volunteers and especially the community for the most successful Buddy Poppy Days. Chairman Buzz Simon and co-chair, Dale Spittler, did an outstanding job in keeping everyone supplied with poppies while the good folks of the Key Peninsula kept right on donating.

While the 183 flags flew at the Vaughn Cemetery, our own Bill Smith and Jeff Broderson presented the colors accompanied by the Afifi Pipe and Drum Band to begin the impressive Memorial Day services. A good turnout, no rain, a tearjerking speech, music by the Gig Harbor High School Band and taps by Matt Henrickson and Jon Nugent completed the day. Hope you were there to enjoy the event.

Please take time for good thoughts for those in our midst who are not 100%: Riley Barth, Amber Collier, Mary Wiler, Nat Knox, Judy Wilson, Jeanne Aguilar, Buzz Simon, Jeff Broderson, Kathy Jo Patterson and Maryanne Hawthorne.

Convention in Yakima, June 21st thru 23rd, is a time of new officers and renewing old acquaintances. Update in the next issue of Veterans' Voices.

At this writing, I will prematurely thank all who have volunteered to staff the VFW fireworks stand at Lake Kathryn. As you know, all the money derived from the sale of these fireworks stays in the community to help the folks of the Key Peninsula.

In August, we will have our annual pot-luck picnic at Penrose Point and will present several activities on August 18 at the Old Timers' Day in Longbranch, including a "yard sale" and the flag raising ceremony. More details next month.

While on the subject of yard sales, the Ladies Auxiliary wishes to say thanks to all who stopped and shopped at their booth at the Harvest Time Spring into Summer event. Money earned was for our building fund.

Remember, your meeting nights are the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 PM at the Civic Center.

Until next month, something to think about:

When YOU know more about what's wrong, YOU can work harder to make it right!

Letters To The Editor

I would like to thank Michele at Walt's Key Center for finding my purse with everything in it okay. Thank the good Lord for honest people. She saved me from having a heart attack or nervous breakdown.

Darlene Brown, Longbranch

The first Key Peninsula Fair will be held August 23 through 26 at Volunteer Park. The Fair is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Fair Association. The Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District, the Key Peninsula Business Association, the Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club are members of the Fair Association.

The fair will be a defining event for the Key Peninsula. Historically, Vaughn, Key Center, Home and Longbranch have tended to develop separate social activities. This has continued to occur even though each of these organizations has reached out to the Key Peninsula in general. With this Fair, these four organizations have come together and focused on the greater good of the Peninsula as opposed to one club's particular agenda.

I encourage you to support this effort. This will be a great Fair and a lot of fun. In addition, and perhaps most important, we are coming together and working together to achieve common goals and objectives. We are working well together. We invite you to join us as a volunteer worker and as a Fair visitor. We are optimistic about the Fair and we are optimistic about the future of our Key Peninsula.

Mike Salatino, Wauna
President, K P Fair Association

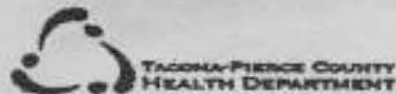
As you may know, Windermere Real Estate agents set aside one day a year for a Community Service Day — to do a service project for the community. This year, as our project, Windermere Key Realty in Key Center chose to clean up the corner as you enter town and erect a sign saying Welcome to Key Center. In researching the project, we got tremendous enthusiasm from everyone and we also got specific support from many of the local businesses. We would like to thank those people. First to Traei Manning from the Key Center Saloon for allowing us to use the space; Phil Radcliffe of Grader Services for site prep; to Capitol Lumber for donating the railroad ties, cement, rebar and sign posts; to Jeff Charboneau for the bark dust and topsoil; to Glen Hill from Minter Sign for donating his labor to the sign; and to Eric and his staff from Moreland & Sons Automotive for donating landscape cloth and gravel.

We definitely feel that Key Center deserves a name identification and we hope that this will give us a sense of pride as we enter the center of the Key Peninsula — Key Center.

Thank you all,
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IN THE LIBRARY

Special Announcement: The Key Center Library will be closed on Saturday, July 14, for roof repairs if it doesn't rain that weekend. Sudden, unexpected closures the following weekends may be necessary if good weather does not prevail. Call 884-2242 for updated information.

Buggy About Books Summer Reading for children is in full swing; come to the library for booklet, stickers, contests and prizes. Programs in July will include:

Insect Safari, Thursday, July 12 at 2:00 PM. Examine over 1500 preserved specimens from entomologist Don Ehlen's exotic and beautiful collection from around the world, including giant tropical beetles and colorful butterflies. See live bugs too from the speaker's friendly insect zoo. Ages 6 and up. The program is designed for school age children, but all ages are welcome.

The Puppet Theater Presents Favorite Tales Old and New — *The Gunnwolf and Jack and the Beanstock*, Thursday, July 19 at 1:30 PM. All ages are welcome — preschoolers with adults, please.

A Buzzing in Your Ear, Wednesday, July 25 at 11: AM. Laugh at pesky tales of buzzing bugs and other critters with master storyteller Elizabeth Lord. Ages 6 and up. The program is designed for school age children, but all ages are welcome.

Notice: The Pierce County Library and all of it branches will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

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Longbranch Community Church Salmon Bake

The Longbranch Community Church, organized more than 100 years ago, is now planning a community event that we hope will include everyone, not only in the Longbranch area but the whole Key Peninsula and beyond — a salmon bake to be held on July 28th at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

At the center of the bake is Chef Oliver Coldeen, who operated Oliver's Restaurant in Key Center for many years. His delicious menu will include baked salmon, corn on the cob, potato salad and strawberry shortcake. Beverages will include coffee, iced and hot tea and freshly squeezed lemonade. Soft drinks will be available for an additional cost. For those kids who don't like salmon, Oliver will provide hot dogs in a bun. Also planned is entertainment and games and prizes for the kids, making it an event for the whole family.

Tickets are \$10 for adults if purchased in advance or \$12 at the door; \$4 for children ages 6-10, and children under 5, no charge. Tickets may be obtained from church members or at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center, The Home Country Store, Longbranch Mercantile, Longbranch Marina and Coast to Coast Hardware in Lake Kathryn Village. For more information call Marlise or Dick Van Cise at 884-5608 or the Longbranch Community Church at 884-9339.

Interested In Tobacco Prevention & Control?

Utilizing funds provided through the State Tobacco Settlement, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is seeking people to propose work in support of state efforts in the following three areas of concern:

*** Cessation services promoting quitting among adults and youth;

*** Eliminate exposure to environmental tobacco smoke;

*** Youth mobilization, leadership development and coordination, including Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU).

Anyone interested in proposing some idea for work in one or more of these three areas needs to get an official Request For Proposal (RFP) form and return it with your proposal to Bruce Rytkonen, Grants and

Contracts Specialist, Tobacco Prevention Program, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, 3629 South D Street, MS 126, Tacoma, WA 98418-6813.

It is anticipated that the RFPs will be available in July and that those proposals accepted will be authorized to begin work in August or September. For more details, you may call 253-798-3492, or FAX 253-798-4787, or E-Mail brytkonen@tpchd.org

Have A Safe 4th of July!



TAX TIPS
By
Marv & Myrtle Keizer, CTP

There has been a lot of information floating around in regard to the recent tax changes signed into law by President Bush. People are all excited about receiving a check in the mail from the IRS — \$300 for single filers, \$500 for Head of Household and \$600 for couples. Unfortunately, these amounts are the maximum amounts to be received, the actual amounts depend upon the amount of tax paid in the year 2000. Also, did you know that the amount you receive must be declared as income on your 2001 income tax return? Big deal!

Parents should check the improved Education IRAs to benefit your children's college expenses. Also check 529's for education benefits. Check with your tax expert for details. Visit our Web page to review material mentioned in this article, at www.MYR-MARACCOUNTING.com.

Home Town Meeting

The Home Town Meeting will be July 19, 7:00 PM at the Home Fire Station in Home. Speaker: still in the planning stage. Everyone is invited.

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To Your Health

by
William F. Roes, M.D.

Last month I dove into the deep end of the gene pool, and opened up the topic of the genetic revolution, proposing to explain more about the promise and problems of this accomplishment in future articles. The human genetic code has been described by some as being the "periodic table" of biology, referring to the chart of the elements that is the basis for the science of chemistry. As we discussed last month, genes are bits of information found in each cell that are the codes for the building of future cells. Scientists this year have completed the "mapping" of the human gene structure, estimated at more than 3 billion bits of information, and now we are exploring what this means. This month I'd like to look at some of the diagnostic implications of our newfound knowledge, and next month look at the therapies promised.

Using genes or DNA to predict disease or even diagnose disorders is not totally new. For years we have tested all newborns in the state for congenital hypothyroidism (low levels of thyroid hormone), sickle cell anemia, and a few other diseases that are relatively common and whose course can be changed with existing treatments. The doors are opening up to a whole new spectrum of genetic tests, some of which are available locally and some through university centers. Usually a blood sample is sent to a lab to be checked for a specific gene known to cause a specific disorder. For example, a gene called HER2, located on chromosome number 17, is a marker for uncontrolled growth in breast tissue. Women with this gene are at much higher risk for developing breast cancer, often multiple cancers. This tends to run in families, and has led to specific treatments. Other genes are suspected of playing a role in Alzheimer's disease, other cancers, and even the risk of developing heart disease or having a stroke.

It's understandable that the patient and physician of the future will find this information useful, but it's not without its cost. Already there are stories about insurance companies dropping patients whose genetic makeup shows them at a higher risk for breast cancer or other costly treatments. There are laws in more than 40 states forbidding this, but there are equally as many loopholes. There are also cases of employers doing genetic

testing on employees and job applicants, refusing promotions and failing to hire if the genes show health risks that the company considers to be potentially expensive or not in keeping with the company's interests. Considering that much of this information is billed through insurance companies and government insurances (Medicare and Medicaid), the government may also have access to many facets of our existence we would wish to keep private.

They say a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, but we're talking about a whole lot of knowledge about our individual "biological" futures — potentially knowledge on everything from how soon we're likely to lose our hair to when we are likely to become demented. I'm not sure we as individuals or as a society are ready for that type of information, but the cat's already out of the box. As I said last month, it may be Pandora's box that it's escaping from.

Some Unexpected Results In Statewide Library Survey

A recent statewide survey conducted by Moore Information of Portland yielded some-times-surprising results about library use among Washington residents. For one thing, the results show that while the increase of the use of the Internet has decreased library visits for some online computer users, overall use of libraries is holding steady because the number of people using the library less is about the same as the number using the library more.

In some cases, the Internet may be increasing library usage, as retooled libraries become part of the "information-at-your-fingertips" network brought about by the Internet revolution. "This survey shows that Internet-savvy people understand the valuable partnership libraries have established with the Internet in finding reliable information," said Rhona Klein, of the Washington State Library. "Ten years ago most people went to the library for books. Today a sizeable group goes to the library to do online research — for homework, employment searches, medical questions and news. We, of course, still have the books, we just have so many more ways to get at them."

Other results of the survey show that the most frequent users of libraries are the college educated; that women age 18-44 have increased their usage; that seniors are the group most likely to have reduced their usage; and that Western Washingtonians are more likely to use the library than Eastern Washington residents, probably because of travel distances.

Libraries may be modernizing, but there is still a large group of individuals who enjoy the ambience and quiet atmosphere offered at most public libraries. Twenty-nine percent of the people surveyed go to check out books or to read at the library.

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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

Greetings to all! From Key Peninsula Seniors, who meet every Thursday at the KP Civic Center for a pot luck and would be happy to welcome you. So - COME. (We play cards, too.)

On June 14, we had a great time celebrating Father's Day by eating PIZZA and great desserts and by listening to some fabulous music by the "PENINSULA JAM SESSION", about whom you'll hear more later in this column.

— We also took a poll -- Our Senior Survey of preferences, habits, opinions of our members, all oldsters, of course. This month "What (or where) is your favorite place to shop?" Results herewith:

Fred Meyer - 5, K-Mart - 3, Walt's - 3, Any Mall - 2, Others (Any Hardware Store, Nowhere, Safeway, Market Place, Any Quilt Shop, Thriftway, Any Place, By Mail), All-1. Some of the responses can definitely be spotted as coming from a man or woman. (It appears, anyway.)

— We hope you plan to buy your FIREWORKS for the 4th at the KPCC or VFW stands. Price is good and quality is Tops. Look for some of us KP Seniors manning the booths from time to time. We're nice folks and we'll treat you right. And your kids and grandkids too. HAVE A SAFE FOURTH !!!

— If you've not met, we'd like to introduce 8 folks who play some great music, and did so for us last month. They're members of the Peninsula Jam Session - a combination of instruments and vocals that make you think you're hearing a Big Professional Band. Harry Haynes, a couple of years back, was looking to start up a "blue-grass" musical group. And he ended up with this motley crew. Harry plays guitar and sings; so does Andy Fenton, who lives in Gig Harbor. Geoff Baillie has a business in Gig Harbor, but lives in Lakebay and does wonders with his set of amplified harmonicas. He's also the new member of the Peninsula School Board. Dottie Luedke, of Jackson Lake, plays keyboard, and Joe Metcalf has an electrified ukelele as well as his vocal chores. Three guitar men are Len Hawkins of Lakebay, Donn Allard of Home and Jim Johnson of Gig Harbor, and all sing as well as syncopate. For 'toe-tappin', 'hum-along' music appealing to everybody, try to catch this JAM SESSION group. If you're interested in getting them to play for you, call Harry Haynes at 884-2304 or Len Hawkins at 884-4472. We can HIGHLY recommend them, and their Western, Old-time, Blue-grass and Standard-pop music for all ages.

— The new CEO was doing a plant inspection, intent on impressing the work ethic on his crew. He accosted one man, lounging against a wall, obviously not working, and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" The fellow replied, "Two hundred dollars". The CEO pulled out his wallet, extracted 2 \$100 bills, and, stuffing them into the man's hand, shouted, "Now here's your last weeks pay - get out of here and don't come back!"

Feeling good about his first firing, the CEO asked, "Who wants to tell me what that slacker did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the workers mumbled, "Pizza delivery guy."

Dance Program Offered at K P Civic Center

Dallas Dickens, Director of A World of Dance in Gig Harbor, has also been teaching dance classes in Tap/Jazz and Creative Movement at the K P Civic Center for the past year. Students participated in a "Parent Program" for family and friends which was held at the K P Civic Center.

The K P Civic Center Association is pleased to announce a six week "Summer Dance Program" which will run from July 11th through August 15th. Registration for these classes will be held on Saturday, July 7th from 10 Am to 12 noon. Leotards, tights and dance shoes will be available also. This is a wonderful activity and an excellent time for your child to try a class.

Emphasis for these classes is on dance basics, music and rhythm appreciation, song and dance routines and floor combinations. Dance and movement are direct influences for building self-confidence and self-esteem and are largely responsible for important development of motor skills, balance and agility. **For registration and/or informational packets call Emily at 253-884-3456.**

New and continuing classes will be offered on Wednesday mornings at the following times:

Tap and Creative Movement	4-5 years old	Weds: 10:00 AM
Tap and Jazz	6-9 years old	Weds: 10:45 AM
Tap and Jazz	10-13 years old	Weds: 11:30 AM

Key Peninsula students joined with those from Dallas' Gig Harbor studio in their 2001 annual recital, "The Past, Present and Future", which was held on June 22nd at Curtis High School in University Place.

Key Peninsula students who participated in the recital are: Michaela Crown, Bridgette Dickinson, Caitlin Dougherty, Aubree Fries, Keely Gootkin, Jackie-Marie Luckenbill, Claire Shaw, Margo Skipworth, Phoebe and Zoya Stoican, Julie Sutherland, Hannah and Ashley Wade, Abby Walla, Sara Williams and Jessie Wood.

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"Miss Key Peninsula" Contest Up and Running

Working with but separate from the K P Fair Association and the K P Community Fair, a committee is developing a "Miss Key Peninsula" contest focusing on school and community involvement, leadership skills and demonstration of educational goals beyond high school. In addition to preliminary interviews, a major factor in the selection of the six finalists on August 8th is the degree of success they have in demonstrating determination, desire to succeed and leadership skills, as measured by their ability to get their sales teams to sell a large number of raffle tickets. This experience also allows them to interact with the public, build self-confidence and develop communication skills.

The pageant to select Miss Key Peninsula will be held at the K P Civic Center August 18th from 7 to 9 PM. The winner will receive a \$1500 scholarship and the two runners-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship. The committee hopes that donations from the community will enable them to offer even larger scholarships in subsequent years. Donations may be made to the K P Fair Association, Miss Key Peninsula Contest Fund.

The Miss Key Peninsula Court will not only represent the Key Peninsula throughout the Key Peninsula Fair on August 23 - 26, but will also participate in a variety of events and parades throughout their year in office. Please help us support these young women.

For more information contact the KPFA at 884-4FUN or www.keyfair.org.

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HEAR AND THEIR on our Key Peninsula

by Keith Stiles

The recent Scholarship Awards Assembly at Peninsula High School, celebrating the culmination of public school life for our Senior Class of 2001, was a scene in which all of our residents could take pride. The PHS Scholarship Committee raised more than \$200,000.00 to help our young people on into college and professional life in which they join the rest of us as adult citizen tax-payers. (Please see related story on awards.)

Almost unmentioned were the members of the PHS Scholarship Society who actually did the work of the fundraising and setting up the process of fairly determining who would receive college help, and in what amount. If my count is correct, this is the 13th year of the Scholarship program, which was originated through the efforts of the late Avon Gay, Vaughn's Sandy Newhouse, and several other PHS parents back in the late 1980's...Sorry to see The Brookside Restaurant close down; lots of folks have enjoyed eating there, not impossible that someone will be able to re-open it...In downtown Key Center not only is there that new Deli scheduled to open in July, but someone keeps saying that there will be a new pizza establishment before long...The new "Vaughn" post office, located in Key Center, seems to be moving right along; they have built a retaining wall that looks like Fort Knox on the east side of the PO, possibly to keep the building from sliding over to the bar at The Huck for a late-evening snort...Speaking of the P.O., postmaster Joanne Clark is on a high these days, not only because she sees the possibility of actual running water in her establishment, but because her son got drafted into the world of baseball last month, being picked up on the 14th round by the Arizona Diamondbacks; He will start out with the Yakima Bears, but check with JoAnne for tickets to the World Series in about 2005... Word from the Hartjoys, Taylor Bay's couple who are sailing around the world in 15 years, says that French Polynesia is great but sometimes the natives (they used to be headhunters) can get a little too friendly. Seems as if several boating parties went ashore for a native goat-roasting and coconut milk party one evening, and as the night wore on and the coconut milk (and???) went down, the native guys began to look REAL CLOSELY at the boat-party girls--it was "BACK TO THE BOATS, FOLKS" before things really got out of hand...I'm told that the Fire District 16 ambulance had an unexpected customer for a ride into Tacoma last month when Commish Jim Bosch attempted major surgery on his arm with his chainsaw; later it seemed as if his hobby might become more epidemic...Two fatalities in the last few weeks up near Lake Kathryn emphasize that there is still nothing safe about our highway S/R 302; PC Sheriffs and State Highway Patrol are doing a lot of radar checking! all the way to Longbranch; now you're warned!...Key Peninsula Lions will have folks Volksmarching around Penrose Point State Park on July 7 and 8; jump in if you would like the exercise--it's much more fun than cutting the lawn!

Drought Update

The Department of Ecology has been issuing a weekly update on Washington's drought, with some comparisons between the situation now and what happened in 1977. In '77, storms during the first three weeks of May increased the amount of stream flow. This year, warm weather has resulted in much of the snow pack melting about a month earlier than usual, thus increasing the amount of water in streams, but most river flows still remain far below normal.

One of the consequences of the drought we often don't think about is an increase in air pollution from dust and smoke. Given dry forests, range lands and soil, it's not unreasonable to think about wildfires and dust storms affecting air quality. People should help prevent wildfires, put off dusty backyard projects and land clearing, and slow down on unpaved roads. The Ecology Department maintains a drought hotline at 1-800-468-0261, and a Web site: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/drought/droughthome.html>, if you want more information.

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Key Singers perform at annual program

Key Singers Present Varied Program

The annual program recently presented by the Key Singers included a wide range of musical selections. It is clear that their hard work, with many practice hours, as well as frequent community performances is helping their "fine-tuning". They entertained with Broadway show tunes and some good, old oldies, a number of fine solos and some unusual ensemble works. Percussionist Mike Carroll assisted in the first part of the program and Anne Craven accompanied them on the piano. Some very complex arrangements added spice to ordinary tunes. Featuring a "Men's" Chorus and a Women's Chorus added special interest. The "Sabbath Prayer" from "Fiddler on the Roof" was especially beautiful.

The surprise appearance of Kathy Herold, quick change artist, in a tap dance arrangement, and the rousing finale brought the audience to their feet for a big, thank you, standing ovation.

U W Graduate From Vaughn

Congratulations are in order for Carole Aileen Schaub of Vaughn who just graduated from the University of Washington with two degrees, a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education.

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(Ed.: For those of you who don't know where Montesano is, it's just a short distance before Aberdeen. It takes about an hour and a half to get there from the Key Peninsula.)



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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Take Advantage of Tax Advantages

You may be aware that if you filed a 2000 tax return this past April, the federal government late this summer will send you a tax rebate check equivalent to 5 percent of your 2000 taxable income, up to \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a couple filing jointly.

But these rebate checks are just the beginning. The Tax Relief Act of 2001 includes provisions that could impact your financial security, from college savings to retirement planning.

The act provides many tax benefits to individuals, including:

- * education savings incentives
- * tax rate reductions
- * increased contribution limits on 401 (k)s and other employer-sponsored retirement plans
- * increased child tax credit
- * marriage penalty relief
- * reduced estate tax rates

Retirement Planning

For the first time since 1981, the contribution limit to an individual retirement account (IRA) is changing. Beginning in 2002, you can make a \$3,000 contribution (up from \$2,000) to your Roth or traditional IRA. That figure will increase incrementally until 2008, when the annual IRA contribution will be \$5,000. After 2008, IRA contributions will be adjusted in \$500 increments annually for inflation.

And if you are 50 years old or older, you may be able to make catch-up contributions to your IRA. Increasing contributions now means more security during retirement. An eligible married couple could contribute \$7,000 in 2002.

The new legislation also will increase the contribution limits on your 401 (k) and other employer-sponsored retirement plans.

College Savings

Education IRAs have a new name — Coverdell education savings accounts — and a new annual contribution limit of \$2,000, up from \$500. By maximizing your annual contribution, you'll make that college savings fund grow faster.

Qualified state tuition plans or 529 plans have become very popular, and that popularity just may grow. They offer tax-deferred growth and significant contribution amounts. And as a result of this new legislation, earnings that were previously taxed can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for higher education expenses beginning in 2002.

Small Business Owners

Another provision in this sweeping legislation is the incentives given to small business owners looking to start retirement plans for their employees. Business owners with 100 or fewer employees or less can receive a tax credit of up to \$500 — during each of the plan's first three years — when establishing a new qualified retirement plan.

Additionally, the \$1.35 billion tax-cut bill offers an increase in the child credit, provides marriage penalty relief, eliminates the death tax by 2010, and provides for both short- and long-term economic growth.

To briefly recap, this new legislation helps Americans plan better for today and tomorrow. So remember to take advantage of all the available tax advantages this new plan offers.

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T.O.P.S. NEWS

Key Peninsula Park District Doing Well

by Nancy Lind

I went to a 4 hour Park Summit in Gig Harbor June 8 and those attending were representatives from the county, the school district, the City of Gig Harbor, the Peninsula Park District, the Key Peninsula Park District and Bainbridge Island Park District. Three of us from the KP Park District gave similar reports that this KP park district is alive and very well. We were given a few pats on the back about our healthy park district. Volunteer Park is making money with a full schedule, has an active board, park manager, groundskeeper, volunteers, and compliments about how nice the park looks. Rocky Creek Conservation Area has been a big asset and many things are happening up there.

The Peninsula Park District encompasses everything outside the city limits of Gig Harbor to the Purdy Bridge. They desperately need to pass a levy and provide an income producing park. The Homestead Park (the Sehmel property) may provide that in time. But it's been a struggle for years to get a viable district going that can pay the huge debt they owe. The county is being asked to contribute more of our tax dollars earmarked for parks (like the zoo tax) to upgrade fields, help in providing management for our parks and just plain return some park money to this side of the bridge. There are dollars available, question is where will they be going?

The City of Gig Harbor feels that parks inside the city limits are what the city needs and they are not of a mind to join together with the PPRD to form a single district for the Gig Harbor Peninsula.

Dave Lewis, Director of Bainbridge Island Park & Rec. District was asked to come down to tell the story of how Bainbridge Island got to it's very successful park district. It is providing all kinds of recreational services to B.I. and it is impressive.

VOLUNTEER PARK: (Call James Dennis, 884-9240 for information, scheduling, to volunteer)

KP Community Fair contest winners were awarded at Volunteer Park, Friday, June 8, 1st place, Lisa Mudford, Evergreen, \$250, 2nd place, Dana Champlin, Peninsula High, \$100, and 3rd place, Jasmin Schaffer and Skyler Suratt, Evergreen, \$50. Congratulations ladies. For an application for a booth, be a sponsor or volunteer, call 884-4FUN. Also visit www.keyfair.com or www.keyfair.org.

Co-ed Softball will be starting around July 9.

New Playground Equipment is getting very close to being installed, according to Pat Medveckus, park commissioner. Also she has someone ready to roof the dugouts and if there is someone out there to volunteer to paint the dugouts, call James.

Swap Meets will be in July, cost of a spot will be \$20.

ROCKY CREEK CONSERVATION AREA (Call Nancy Lind at 884-3347)

Memorial bench to Kathie Erikson, provided by KGI Watershed members and Discovery Elementary School donations, is a beautiful addition to RCCA.

Richard Matthies, a sign painter has painted a great sign for the Highway entrance to RCCA and **Fred Ramsdell** did the woodwork. We thank them a lot.

Sunday Walk-a-Bout, 2 PM, last Sunday of the month. Meet at the Dedication Site on Crews Road (3/4 of way up road).



State Queen Colleen Spezia before and after photos.

by Frankie Johnson

There is BIG news in Vaughn! TOPS # WA 1019, Vaughn, proudly presents the State Queen for the year 2000, Colleen Spezia! Colleen has taken off 208 pounds and has maintained her loss. We recently traveled to Yakima where the state recognition days were held. Colleen was in competition with all the other members of TOPS in the state of Washington. By earning this honor, Colleen will be competing with all the state queens from the United States, Canada and foreign countries that are in the TOPS organization. The winner will be announced at the international recognition days to be held later this month in Seattle. Many of our members will be attending to cheer on Colleen. It will be a fun three days with workshops and classes and lots of recognition. It is especially gratifying that this little rural area can have this success.

You may remember that five years ago Vaughn had the state queen, also. That was Laural Johnson who lost 107 pounds and it was the best that year. We think that we have a really great group that truly works at supporting our members to do their best. Colleen takes an active part in helping come up with ideas for contests and incentives. She has been our own visual aid as she has lost those many pounds right before our eyes. We are truly blessed to have her in our chapter.

Last month, a new member, Del Horwitz, was the best for the month with a 9 pound loss. She is off to a great start. Carol Bischoff was #2 with a 5 3/4 pound loss. Carol has been one of the backbones of our chapter with her steady losses (over 60 pounds now) and her constant cheerful work to bring new ways to do our contests and other jobs in the group.

We welcome you to come and see just what we do at a TOPS meeting. We do have fun and try not to be too serious about this weight loss project. Jena Henak, our leader, makes every meeting fun and informative. There is always a program planned to help you stay focused. We meet every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM. You are urged to attend at no charge for the first visit. Then it is \$20 to join with \$5 monthly dues.

ANGEL NOTES

by Frankie Johnson

We are so happy to have the nice summertime weather here at last. We can have our doors open for fresh air. That is pretty important when our shop is full of shoppers! This is not a sometime event. The customers line up to get in, especially on Wednesday morning. It is fun to see and stand back so as not to be trampled. However, since we do stock daily there are bargains and new merchandise every day. Not everyone is looking for the same type of buys, so everyday is a good day to shop. Just a reminder, our hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. Saturday from 10 to 3. Due to the fact that we are having theft of donations from our sorting shed porch, we encourage you to bring your donations during our open hours. If you are leaving something of particularly high value, please bring it to the notice of any Angel on duty. This is a very sad problem since all of our profit goes back to benefit all the residents of the Key Peninsula.

You can get a receipt for your charitable donation (good for tax purposes) either in the shop or from any volunteer working in the shed. As I have stated in the past, we support many services in the community including the WIC program, High School scholarships, reading programs at the elementary schools, the after school activity bus for the middle school, plus many other worthwhile needs of Key Peninsula residents.

There is also a problem of items left that we cannot sell. Please don't leave couches, big chairs, old huge television sets, mattresses and large appliances. We have to pay to dispose of these, thereby taking funds away from the amount of money available to give back to the community.

A while back we made some policy changes. One of which is that no one is allowed to shop in our sorting shed. Only members of the Angel Guild are allowed in the back shed. We occasionally have large items that are kept in back. These are listed on our sale board and can be seen with an Angel in attendance. Other policies are cash only and everything is sold AS IS, no returns, and we can't change prices at the register. It is uncomfortable if you ask our volunteers to break our rules. Basically, most of our loyal customers know and adhere to the policies. We totally appreciate your support!

A big thank you again to Fred Ramsdell. He has once again put his carpentry skills to use. This time he enclosed a shelf in our store restroom. We really appreciate your talent and time, Fred.

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An Eagle Court of Honor



Scoutmaster Bill Macaras and Eagle Scout Chris Burkart at the Eagle Court of Honor

by Hugh McMillan

Saturday, at the Boy Scouts of America's Pacific Harbors' Council in Tacoma, an Eagle Court of Honor was held for Christopher "Chris" Burkart, of Purdy. He is the first Scout to rise through the ranks of BSA Troop 220 which was chartered by the Key Peninsula Lions Club in June 1996 under the leadership of Lion and Scoutmaster Bill Macaras.

Chris' proud parents, Chuck and Kate Burkart, his two younger brothers Kevin and Ken, also of Troop 220, several fellow Scouts, adult leaders, parents, friends and relatives from his troop, and several area scouting dignitaries attended the moving ceremony.

Burkart, 17, started scouting in the second grade, has been a Scout over 10 years and is a founding member of Troop 220.

"With the help of my brothers and several other scouts from Troop 220," said Chris, "my Eagle Project was designing and building temporary emergency shelters at Minter Creek Elementary School," his alma mater.

"I contacted principal Steve Leitz, and asked about planting trees or something similar," he said. Leitz said what they, "really needed were some kind of emergency shelters."

"My Dad, Mr. Leitz, and I decided to use existing playground structures and tarps. There are two large swing sets near fences and a wall ball court. It was fairly straightforward to measure these and figure out what tarps we needed. I researched tarps over the Internet and came up with an estimate that I took to Mr. Leitz. The school had some grant money I was able to use to purchase tarps, ropes, poles, stakes and other items.

"I organized Scouts to help me set up these shelters. Then I put together a 'how to' booklet for the staff," he said. "In a disaster, if the building must be evacuated, they can consult the booklet and set up the shelters. In May, at a practice session, staff set up two of the shelters while I supervised. They did very well and plan to do it again to be ready in a real emergency.

"It's nice to see one of the first members of our troop make Eagle," said Scoutmaster Macaras. "Chris has worked very hard and diligently to earn this high honor."

Chris said, "My family has been contacted by Artondale and Discovery Elementaries asking us to build shelters for them. Another Scout has looked at my project so he can get some idea of how to do the same thing for Voyager. In light of the recent earthquakes this is a very good and helpful project.

On receipt of the Eagle award from Scoutmaster Macaras, Chris said, "There are many things I would like to do, climb Mount Rainier or travel to Europe, especially Germany where I can try out my German. I plan to go to college, I'm not sure where. I haven't yet decided what I want to do for a career. I like literature and writing and am considering majoring in English. Or I might like to be a paramedic in a small community where I can get to know people and feel a part of it. I would like to be a Scoutmaster and pass my knowledge on to new Scouts. I have joined an Explorer Search and Rescue group and imagine I will continue this for many years. I want to help people and maybe make a difference in someone's life."

Camp Seymour Opens Pool to Residents

YMCA's Camp Seymour will open its heated outdoor pool to the Key Peninsula Community July 9th through August 17th, Monday through Friday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Entrance is \$1 per person.

For more information call 884-3392.

CUSTODIAN POSITION OPEN

The KPCC is now looking for someone to fill the custodial position. For more information call 884-3456.

Your First Goal - Movement

One of the greatest things about summer is that you can exercise outside. However, that doesn't help those who live a sedentary lifestyle. Is this YOU?

+ The majority of your time is spent in **low-energy activities** such as watching TV, reading, playing on the computer.

+ You have a desk job where you sit most of the working day.

+ Work around the house is not particularly strenuous. You hire someone to do the hard work.

+ You walk, swim, dance or play sports very seldom.

Does this sound familiar? Don't Panic! The word for you is **MOVEMENT**, not exercise. Become mindful of the things you already do and try to add more movement to them.

+ While standing at the sink or stove, raise up on tiptoe five times. If that doesn't hurt add another five. If it does, stick with five and add more as you get stronger.

+ When walking through the house, add just a little speed to your step. And when you are out, take a few stairs instead of the ramp.

+ Don't just vacuum. Add a few dance steps.

+ Park by a cart collection stand a little farther from the store than usual. Grab one of the carts and lean on it at first, if you need to. And when you get back with your cart, full of groceries, you can leave it at the stand if you are tired.

Look at your life with **MOVEMENT** in mind and add a little at a time until you no longer qualify for the sedentary life style. You will look and feel a lot better.

Another move that would be wise is to join T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). The morning group meets each Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM at the Home Fire Station, just a few blocks north of the new Home Grocery. There are many groups in the area. For more information call **Ruth at 884-9606** or **Dotty at 884-1721**.

Our best loser for May was Janet Schleif, one of our newer members. We are very proud of the work Janet is doing. Our second best loser was Joanne Gilkison. In spite of travel and company she continues to lose. Good job girls!! These faithful T.O.P.S. members are proof that T.O.P.S. is working for them. Good Work!!

Let T.O.P.S. work for you, too.

BBB Consumer Ed Video Series Now Available Through Local Libraries

Better Business Bureaus across the country have joined forces with public library systems to provide a new video series that addresses the most troubling issues faced by the BBB and consumers. Some of the titles in this series are: Buying an RV; Corrective Eye Surgery—reading between the lines; kNOw Fraud, don't be a victim; Opportunists Knock—fraud against the elderly; and Self Defense for Car Expense.

These videos are created to respond to needs expressed by consumers, so the BBB wants people to let them know about consumer issues that are a problem. If the library doesn't have a video dealing with the specific issue of concern, the BBB will be alerted that a video on that topic is needed. These videos are in the Pierce County Library system, so the Key Center Library can request any one of them for you.

WORRIED ABOUT WATER QUALITY ?

A water quality expert from Washington State University will provide a presentation on low impact development techniques used to reduce environmental damage. The date is Thursday, July 26th; the location is the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 South Vaughn Rd., Vaughn; the time is 7 - 9 pm; the sponsors are the Peninsula Neighborhood Association and Washington State University; and the audience should include you.

For more details call the PNA Office at 253-858-3400.

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The Garden In JULY 2001

by Sylvia Retherford
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If your garden includes autumn Crocus (*Colchicum*) also called saffron, the sheaves of ten inch long leaves that appeared in spring have died back and they are dormant. Now is the time to dig them and thin them or plant the corms for fall bloom. Their purple, lavender, pink or white blossoms will appear in September and are larger and more showy than the spring crocus. In fact, they are not really crocuses, although both belong to the lily family.

The winter garden seed planted in June should now have made rows of tiny seedlings, needing regular care until the fall rains come. Plants are rarely available now in nurseries, but the rows of seedlings usually need thinning so knowing someone who sows them can be helpful. This winter garden usually includes cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kale, ornamental kale or cabbage and radicchio. The ornamental varieties are both beautiful and edible. Root crops such as carrots, turnips, beets and salsify, etc. do not transplant well, so sow your own seed for these.

Dahlias are beginning to show their spectacular blossoms and will continue well into the fall. It is not necessary to dig and store their tubers in this climate, but they can be dug in early winter for dividing. Wild tiger lilies (*Lilium parviflorum* and *L. pardalinum*) are in bloom along some roadsides and in home wild gardens. Seed pods gathered in the fall are a source of plants without disturbing wild bulbs. It takes at least two years for them to mature into a blooming bulb.

Bearded iris are through blooming so it is time to clip the flowering stalks. Lupines fill in some of the gaps. Attention is now turned to the lily garden that is a marvel all summer, as different varieties show. The largest lilies bloom in August, often 8 to 10 feet tall in maturity, bearing 10 to 20 blossoms on top of their thick stalks.

Blueberry (*Vaccinium*) bushes have blossomed well and now bear ripening fruit. There are many varieties that differ in ripening time, flavor and fruit size. The largest berries, up to an inch in diameter, are produced by the variety called Darrow. Blueberries are a multiple joy with spring flowering, summer fruit and brilliant red leaves in the fall. Some researchers claim great nutritional values for all *Vaccinium* fruit.

A New Way To Bash Mailboxes?

Bashing roadside mailboxes with a baseball bat or other blunt instrument out in rural areas such as the Key Peninsula seems to be a favorite sport around graduation time. But a newer version is maybe carrying this a bit too far. On the weekend of June 16th-17th, someone used a powerful enough explosive material to demolish the receiving mail box in front of the Vaughn post office. If there was any mail in the box at the time, too bad. This is one time the post office can't be blamed for the mail not getting delivered.

ANOTHER VIEW

by Liz Kassler



"It should be called an S.U.G. -- 'Sucks Up Gas!'"

www.lizkassler.com

Cartoon Ideas, Anyone?

Last month, in the process of having to make some major last-minute changes in the paper to accommodate an after-the-deadline request for space, we inadvertently dropped the name of our staff cartoonist, Liz Kassler, from her cartoon. Liz has not only accepted our apology, but has offered to go along with a new idea we'd like to try.

If any of you have an idea for a cartoon, send it to the *KP News* at P O Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. If we decide to use it, Liz will draw it and we'll publish it, giving credit to the person who suggested the topic.

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June 30th

Holiday Arts &
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November 17th

VFW Thanksgiving
Dinner
November 22nd

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December 25th

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Cruise the Narrows Car Show

The Gig Harbor Cruisers Automotive Club has announced the 5th Annual Cruise the Narrows Car Show at the Tacoma Narrows Airport. Cars, trucks, motorcycles and even tractors - all makes, years and models are welcome. The entry fee is \$10 per vehicle and the proceeds go to the Cruisers Student Scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors and other community service projects.

The Cruisers Club is a registered non-profit service organization. It was formed in 1997 to provide a local Gig Harbor Key Peninsula area car club for individuals and families who are interested in the sport of classic, collectable and special interest vehicles of all types. The current membership is over 100 individuals and families representing 300 specialty vehicles.

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2001 **Time:** 9 AM to 3 PM **Spectators admitted Free**

Habitat for Humanity Informational Meetings

The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Chapter of HFH is seeking families in this area to involve in their program of cooperative home building. Two informational meetings are planned this month at the Key Center Library:

Wednesday, July 11th at 1:30 PM

Thursday, July 12th at 7:00 PM

If you are interested in their program as a participant or volunteer, please plan to attend. For additional information, you may also call 627-5626.

17th Annual G H Art Festival

On Saturday, July 21st and Sunday, July 22nd, downtown Gig Harbor's Judson Street will be the locale for more than 140 artists from throughout the Northwest to display their work. The festival includes a wide variety of crafts and fine art, including sculptures of clay, wood and metal, art glass, basketry and other media. All art displayed is for sale. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm, admission is free.

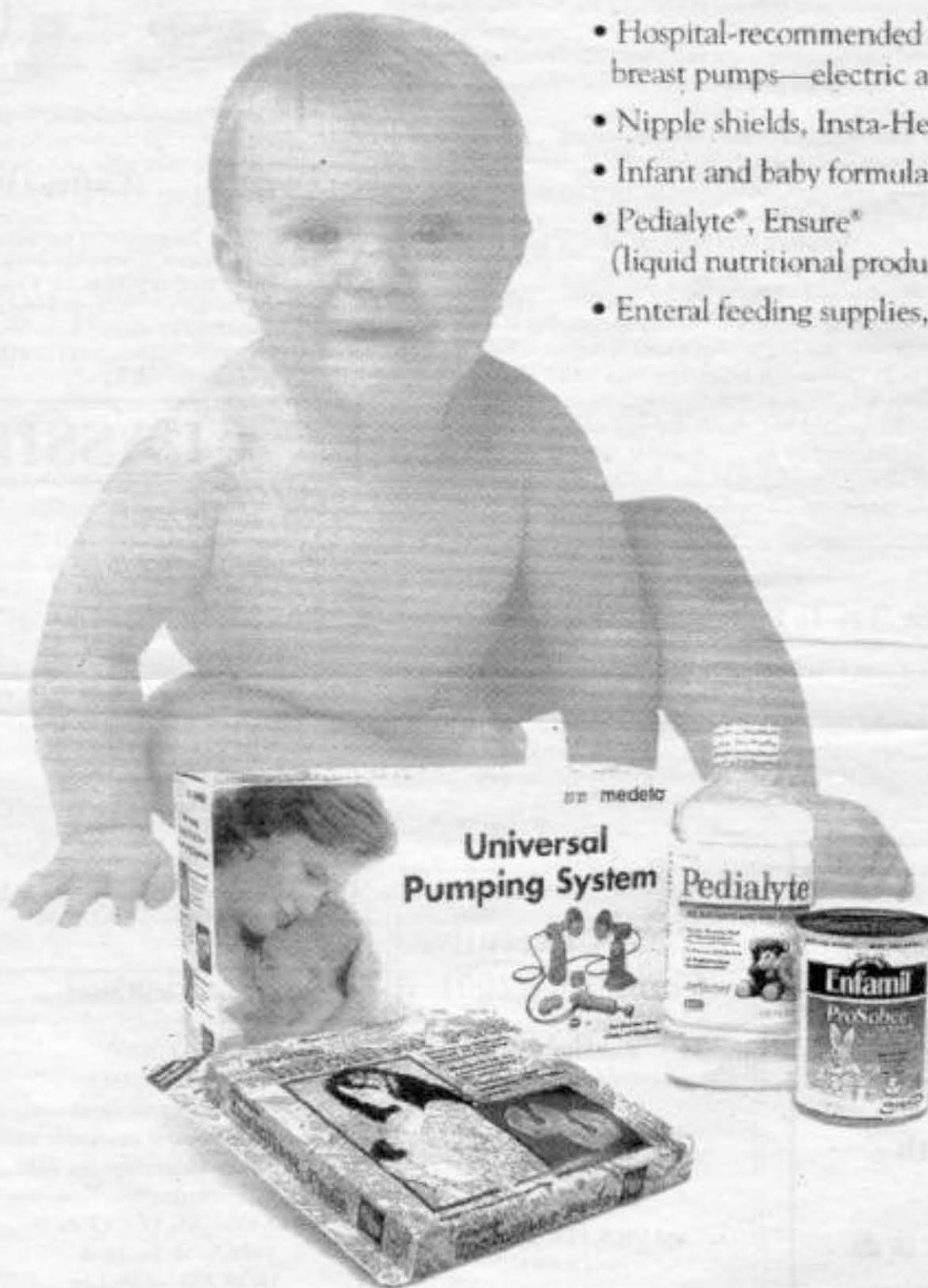
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