



Award winner, Melissa Boyer and her proud mother, Debbie Langley-Boyer.

WHO'S NEWS ??

Melissa Boyer is "News". She was recently named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Washington VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Division. The award was presented on June 23rd, including a medal and a \$1,000 US Savings Bond. It is for "outstanding volunteer service to the community from Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 1999 by individuals aged 12 to 15."

During that year, Melissa served at least 138 hours of volunteer activities, mainly in her involvement in the Campfire Girls. She has actually been active in volunteering since 1991, with the support of her busy family. She says "Volunteering is a big part of my life. I am a volunteer because I offer a helping hand where I can and try to make the Earth a better place." She frequently chooses activities that have to do with younger children, such as helping in a third grade class at Vaughn School, or being a Junior Counselor at Niwana Campfire Camp or, now, planning to organize a Brownies (Campfire) troop for Kindergarten-age children. She likes baby-sitting, teaching baby-sitting or doing other things with younger children "because kids are funny and can teach you a lot."

Melissa is also aiming for a Wohelo award (comparable to an Eagle Scout award) which means planning and executing a major project involving people. Meanwhile, she graduated as an Honor Student from KP Middle School with a 4.0 grade average, is preparing for Honors classes in High School next year by "doing homework" this summer, and continuing her piano practice.

WOW !!! We have some remarkable kids around here ! Congratulations and Good Luck, Melissa !!

EDITORS' NOTES

We are pleased that some of our readers are sending articles and letters to us. We hope that continues. Two notes of caution, however. We do want to focus on local, Key Peninsula events and we cannot print anonymous material. We can omit mentioning your name if you request it, but we must be able to identify our sources, and possibly contact you for clarification. We'd like to suggest including a picture to go with your contribution, as this makes it more interesting to our readers.

(We did receive an unsigned comment about roaming dogs, and hope the writer will step forward so we can use it.)

Space is always a consideration, of course, and this month we are full of information about Pioneer Day at the Civic Center and many other timely summer events.

We ask, "Which little paper you'd choose
To print the community's news?"

Send us column or ad

And make us so glad.

That's our own Key Peninsula News.



Don't Forget Key Peninsula Pioneer Day August 5th, 2000

Parade starts at 10:00 AM in "Beautiful Key Center"
Activities start at 11:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Civic
Center

(Please see our centerfold for the schedule and location of events)

Something for everyone At Pioneer Day

This year's Pioneer Day Parade Grand Marshall
will be non other than our own Shirley Marietta!
Rhys Wood will announce the Parade. Parade
participants will wind their way through Key Center
ending at the Civic Center. The day's activities will
feature food, fun and entertainment for the whole
family. We look forward to seeing you there!



Blood Bank Coming To Pioneer Day Again

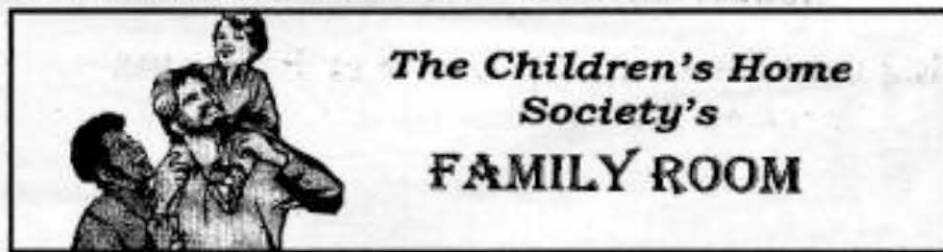
by Marty Marcus

1999 was the first year the Cascade Regional Blood Services Unit came to Pioneer Day, set up in the VFW/WIC room next to the museum, and had thirty-three people present themselves as donors. This year we'd like to better that by having at least fifty people take advantage of this great opportunity to help save lives by donating blood. Now that trauma cases are again being treated in Tacoma, there is an even greater need for an adequate local supply of blood. For example, one serious auto accident can result in a need for 50 units of blood.

Keep in mind that you CANNOT get hepatitis or AIDS or any other disease from donating blood. But you can not only help people who have been in serious accidents, but also people who need major surgery, and people who may have genetic blood deficiencies, such as children with leukemia. Each unit of blood can be separated into different fractions, so it's possible for one unit (about one pint) to actually help three people.

You have to be at least sixteen years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have been a donor for at least 56 days before donating at Pioneer Day on August 5th. It doesn't take much time, maybe 45 minutes for registration, interview, donation (about 10 minutes), and snack. And it makes you feel real good for a long time afterwards because you've helped save other people's lives.

If you have questions or concerns about donating, you can call me at 884-2213, or look for me at the reptile exhibit in back of the fish pond on Pioneer Day. I've already donated more than 6 gallons of blood, and I'm still around to tell the tale, so it can't really be a bad experience.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Hope the summer is going well for all of you. We are having a great time in our **Summer Fun Youth Program**. We still have room to add a few children, so if you would like information about our program, please call our office, 884-5433. The last day of our Summer Program is August 10th.

Last month we said our goodbyes to departing staff. This month we would like to greet our **two new staff members, Dennis Taylor and Debbie Finel**. Dennis is our new Readiness to Learn person. He has lived on the Key Peninsula since 1992. Most recently he worked as the director of Sustainable Pierce County, an environmental education program. Debbie is our new Healthy Families staffer, who will be working with families with children ages birth to 3 years. She lives in Gig Harbor, and has been working as an Employment and Family Development Specialist in Federal Way. We are really glad to welcome them to our office, and we know you'll enjoy working with them, too.

We are **still seeking a team of motivated Clothing Bank volunteers**, and will be unable to accept clothing donations until we have that team in place. With the new school year fast approaching, we hope you will consider whether you have a couple of hours a week to help us out, so that we can get our free clothing bank running smoothly again. Please call for more information if you are interested.

The following are some ideas from the "Summer Home Learning Recipes" pamphlets sent to us by the U.S. Department of Education. You can call them for more information on other publications as well at 1-800-USA-LEARN.

Possible reading activities for parents and children grades K-3: Ask your child to look for letters of the alphabet on boxes and cans of food and household supplies. Start with easy-to-find letters and build up to harder-to-find ones. Then have your children write the letters on paper or point out the letters on the boxes and cans. Another idea: Use comic strips to help with writing. Cut apart the segments of a comic strip and ask your child to arrange them in order. Then ask your child to fill in the words of the characters (orally or in writing).

Possible reading activities for parents and children grades 4-5: Connect current events to TV viewing. Post a world map next to the TV set. Watch the TV news with your children and have them locate world news spots. Keep reference books such as dictionaries and the world almanac close by. In this way, children find answers to questions when their curiosity is high. Another idea: Turn a large calendar—commercial or homemade—into a personalized family communication center. Have your children fill in the blanks with morning messages, weather reports, birthdays, special activities, or notes to the family.

Possible reading activities for parents and children grades 6-8: Introduce your child to the many kinds of information in the daily newspaper. Ask your child to find the pages containing news about government leaders, editor's opinions, weather reports, car sales, house and apartment rentals, and want ads. Discuss how to use this information. Another idea: Help your children improve their thinking and writing skills by looking carefully at newspapers, magazines, and TV advertisements. What is the main point of the ad? What details does it use to communicate its message? For example, a strong, handsome man holding a soft drink in an expensive car with a beautiful woman at his side is telling us something about the soft drink.

A Know Yourself activity for parents and children grades 9-12: Think together, for example, about what makes people angry. Everyone gets angry for different reasons. Some people get angry when others take something from them; others get angry when people don't listen. Ask yourselves: What do we do when we get angry? Some people try to cool off before they speak. Others start fights. Some people scream. Some people don't say anything. What do you do? Talk about it together.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! See you next month, same place. Or come by our office in the lower level of the Civic Center. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Time, Treasure, Talent

The fireworks stand in Key Center was manned by many local citizens and board members, whom we wish to thank for their contribution of time: Dave Stratford, Tom and Nancy Howard, Gary Gebo, Rose Buralli, Loyd and Sharon Miller, Chuck Williamson, Betty Kelley, Vicky McClung, Dale and Claudia Loy, Marty Marcus, Ann Waldo, Gina Liebergesell, Sylvia Haase, Mike Sheilton, Helen Sheilton, Ann Larson, Ed Taylor, Pat Heaven, Lori Warkocki, Teri Wooldridge, Jim Beck, Laura Mosley, Jim Blundell, Don Blischke, Shirley Olson, Rose Grant, Sandy McFarlane, John Garrison, Paula and Mike DeMoss, Jim Nolan, Phil and Kathy Bauer, and Tim Kezele. We also thank all of you who purchased fireworks to support your Civic Center.

We are also appreciative of the efforts of Lila Garrison and Butch Roberts who have repaired, renovated and taken inventory of all of the skates. We thank Boy Scout Troop 220 for all their help at the Center, and again, we appreciate the advice and counsel of State Representative Patricia Lantz and attorney Paul Alvestad. There are many who donate their time and talent at the Center, and if you wish to be among those listed here, we would like to hear from you!

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER

FROM THE OFFICE

By Vicky McClung

As usual, August is a quiet month at the Civic Center. Our regular groups will be meeting as usual, but other than a few wedding receptions, and of course the Pioneer Day Celebration on August 5, we will be focusing on building and grounds maintenance.

Loyd Miller, Kristen Bottiger, and Betty Kelley just finished the wall texturing in the new storeroom this past week. All that's left to do is the painting!

A group of volunteers, headed by Mike Salatino, will be refinishing the gym floor the latter part of the month. The gym will be out of commission for a total of ten days. This project begins on August 19th.

August is also vacation time for the staff. As a result, the office will be open on a limited basis. Please call before coming to the Civic Center if you need to speak or meet with someone. Telephone calls will be answered as timely as possible.

Don't forget Pioneer Day on August 5th. I've listened in on the committee meetings Tim Kezele and Kristen Bottiger (the co-chairmen) have had planning this event and know it's going to be a great day.

Hope you all have a wonderful August! See you in September!

YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

COMING EVENTS:

August Party Day for the Key Peninsula Seniors Society is Thursday, August 17th, and will be a **PICNIC** at Joemma Beach State Park on the Key Peninsula, at 12 noon. A typical picnic with chips, hot dogs, salads and a bring what you want potluck. All seniors, members of KPSS or not, are invited. In case of rain, we'll still picnic, but indoors at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The September Party Day will be on the 21st, the perfect time to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Key Peninsula Seniors as an organization. There will be Western and Old-Time songs and a variety of other entertainment, so mark your calendars for September 21st. As usual, all seniors are invited, just as for our regular Thursday noon get-togethers.

We decided not to do a Senior Survey to report on for this issue, but watch for a vitally interesting survey report in the September issue of the K P News.

Lots of goings and comings this summer, some only to Parkland, but some to North Dakota. Lois Conn of Lakebay had a visit from her son in Tucson, Arizona. (If I lived in Tucson, I'd want to visit Lakebay in the summer, also. The temperature in Tucson was 113 degrees recently. —Ed.)

Mavis Zacek, a long time KPSS member, has moved to Tacoma from her Lake Minterwood home. We're missing her, but pleased that she's adjusting to her new location.

Chuck Williamson, Jim Blundell and Jim Nolan helped out at the Civic Center's Fireworks stand in Key Center.

CRIBBAGE, ANYONE?? All six kids, plus in-laws and other relatives took part in a recent Cribbage Tournament at the Storset's home in the woods at Carney Lake. This family tourney is an affair of some fifteen years standing. Five birthdays, Mothers Day and Fathers Day were all celebrated at the day-long event. There were 14 expert Cribbage players entered, and the winner was the Storset's grand-daughter's husband, John. He gets to keep the trophy for a year, but he has the responsibility for getting his name engraved on it. **GOOD HOSTING, STORSETS!!**

The best way to find out about all the comings, goings and doings of our seniors is to join us for our gatherings every Thursday at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

SUMMER DREAMING

The 29th Annual Senior Citizens' Awareness Day at Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall, Wed., Aug. 23, 2000
10 AM to 4 PM, Free Admission,
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KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes**July 13, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by the President @ 7:00 PM.

The following motions were seconded and carried.

- * To accept the June Board meeting minutes.
- * To accept the Treasurer's report.
- * To replicate New Years Eve Party with a \$5K budget if a chairperson is established.
- * To accept the proposal from Mathew Macaras of Troop 220 to build 4 picnic tables for the Civic Center.

Newspaper Report- Marty reported that anyone wanting to submit articles written about their event should have them turned in before the 20th of the month. Still having printing problems with paper due to Gateway's printing press.

Teen Dance- Edie Morgan reported that the dance scheduled for June 17th at the Civic Center had about 17 teens come and dance, skate, play ping pong, eat and generally hang out! Teen volunteers are still needed to help plan future "Teen Nights". Please contact Edie through Children's Home Society. (884-5433)

CHS- Edie Morgan reported two new staff members have come aboard, Dennis Taylor and Debbie Finel. They still have lots of openings for their summer fun program at the Civic Center as well as Longbranch Improvement Club. Call Edie for more details. (884-5433)

Pioneer Days- Tim Kezele (chairperson) said things are under way. We have lots of vendors this year, as well as good entertainment. Any one interested in booth space, volunteering or wanting to participate should contact Tim @ 884-4538, Kristen Bottiger @ 884-5420 or the Civic Center 884-3456.

Scouts- Bill Macaras said Scouts would be available to help out on Pioneer Day. Bill's son Mathew's proposal for the four picnic tables was well received as well as supported by the Board. Any one interested in donating funds or materials please contact Mathew @ 884-3133.

Vaughn High School Reunion- Shirley Olson brought a check \$573.67 donated from the reunion. **THANK YOU!**

Fireworks- Dave Stratford will have a final financial report next month. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered.

Past Presidents meeting scheduled for August 9th @ 7:00 PM. Please call Mike Salatino to RSVP. The meeting will be held at Tom Van Slyke's home.

Meeting adjourned.

Kristen Bottiger, Secretary

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

The annual scholarship given by the Key Peninsula Historical Society was awarded to Clinton N. Brewer, a senior at Peninsula High School. He plans to attend Tacoma Community College. Clinton is the son of Edward and Linda Brewer of the Minter Creek area.

The Key Peninsula Historical Society and the Museum are getting ready for Pioneer Day. The Museum will have special hours for this year's celebration. It will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:30/5:00 PM, (closed during the parade) Saturday, August 5th.

If you would like to be a docent or learn more about the docent program, contact Mary Krumbien, our Vice President at 884-4783. Docents volunteer one afternoon or more a month to help out at the Museum.

Make sure you make some time this summer to come and visit the Museum.

REMEMBER THE MUSEUM IS OPEN THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, FROM 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT. CALL 884-4538.

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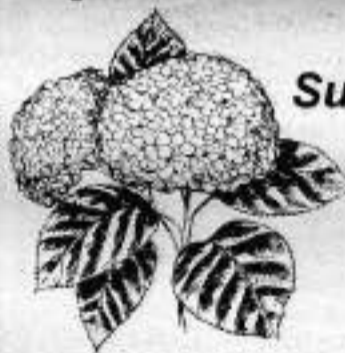
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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

As someone noted for outlandish misuse of the language is reputed to have said, "It's *deja vu* all over again." I'm referring, of course, to the latest "crisis" in the electrical power supply, especially as it applies to the Pacific Northwest. I'm enough of an optimist to believe that this time we won't be suckered into ordering the construction of five nuclear power plants, however.

The list of reasons for the shortage of power seems to grow faster than the weeds in our garden. If it isn't because we're trying to save salmon, it's because some of the Southwest doesn't have enough water. Maybe Palm Springs wasn't meant to be a Mecca for golfers. Maybe there are many places where we're using more electricity than we really need to. (Been to Las Vegas recently?) Maybe there are places where renewable sources of energy are not being tapped. Maybe if so many hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars hadn't gone into subsidies for the few corporations making nuclear power plant equipment, but instead had gone into research to develop low-cost photovoltaic devices, we'd have all the electrical energy we need at reasonable prices.

As I recall, it wasn't all that long ago that we were being told that with deregulation of the electrical power industry, competition would drive the price of electricity down, and we might find ourselves stuck with high price contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration. It looks as if the shoe is on the other foot now. Users of large amounts of electric power who were paying \$20 per megawatt hour are now paying \$1,000. One of the reasons being given for the "shortage" of power is that some generating plants are "off-line" now. The skeptic in me wonders if these plants are off-line for maintenance purposes or to create a shortage so that under deregulation the price can be boosted fifty-fold. Never underestimate the power of money.

We were also being told not long ago that alternative, renewable energy sources just wouldn't be able to compete with the "cheap" power from gas-fired generators of the big energy giants such as Enron. And as for conservation, nobody who was anybody even wanted to bother considering that. But as Bob Dylan wrote and sang some years ago, "The Times, They Are A'Changin'." According to a recent article in the News Tribune, even Steve Johnson, executive director of the Washington Public Utility District Association, said, "Maybe it's time to get more serious about conservation."

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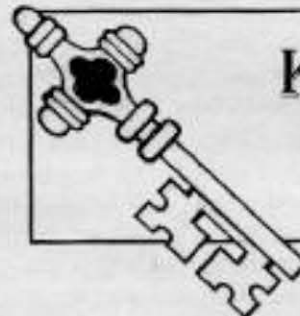
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Electrical energy conservation has always been a "hard sell" here in Washington because rates are so low compared to other parts of the country. California residents get a much lower property tax bill than we Washingtonians do, but they pay twice as much for electricity. Having spent the better part of five years as the energy conservation coordinator for a school district in California, I'm sold on conservation as the way to go. Next month we'll look at some of the ways people have found to get by with using less electricity.

Drollery Revisited

We haven't heard any cackling from Reynolds Roost for several months, so we thought we'd start up another opportunity for reader input. If you'd like to see your name in the paper, send us a short bit of humor. We don't promise to use anything sent in, but we might. Something like this might get printed.

Question: What's the shortest time interval detectable by the human brain? Answer: The time between when the light turns green and the driver behind you blows his horn.



KEY DATES



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| BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS | |
| KP Business Assoc. | 1 st Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.
3 rd Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest.
4 th Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta. |
| Fire Fighters Assoc. | |
| CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS | |
| Amnesty International | 2 nd Thursday at 7:00 PM Key Center Library |
| Ashes | 1 st Monday 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. - 5:30 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, or 857-4780. |
| Immunizations (FREE) | Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care , Gig Harbor. |
| The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic | at the office of Dr. Roes every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. |
| Key Center Library 884-2242 | - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday, 1 - 6 PM, Saturday, Noon - 4 PM. |
| KP Baptist Bible Study | Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center. |
| Overeaters Anonymous | Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church |
| Seniors Exercise Program | Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House, Home |
| There is Hope 12-Step Christian Support Group | Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Lakebay Christian Assembly Church - 253-884-3659. |
| WIC (Women, Infants & Children) | Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Civic Center, in the VFW Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment. |
| PUBLIC MEETINGS | |
| KP Fire Commissioners | 2 nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
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| KP Parks & Rec. | 2 nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex |
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| Grandparents Group | 1 st Monday - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information. |
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| SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS | |
| Bayshore Garden Club | 3 rd Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487. Longbranch Improvement |
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TAX TIPS



By Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP

We recently attended a seminar on how to save big money on your income taxes. Why are we looking into this? Because we want to help the people on the Key Peninsula and beyond to pay only what is necessary to the IRS and nothing more. We will keep you informed how this will work and our part in assisting you tax-wise.

We have also discovered that having a friend or relative make out your tax return to save you money could instead cost you money because they are not properly informed on tax law. We recently had a return brought to us, and when we reworked it we saved them \$1,000 in taxes. This meant they received a much larger refund. Going to an experienced tax preparer could save you big money.

Healthy People, Healthy Neighborhoods

"Liquor is quicker on the water." What does that actually mean? The effects of alcohol are 2 to 3 times greater when you're on the water than when you're drinking on land. That's true.

In fact, you can have the slowed reactions of a person who is legally drunk after just 4 hours on the water - without having taken a drink! The noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind, and other motion on the water causes a "boater's hypnosis" or fatigue that slows reaction time. Add alcohol, and you can be impaired before you know it. Alcohol affects your balance, your judgment, your vision, and your ability to react quickly.

Would you go to the store, load up the cooler with snacks and beer, and then take off for a day of drinking and driving? Probably not. But according to Officer Kelly Bussey of the Gig Harbor Police Department, that's common behavior on the water. Boaters will often head out for a day of drinking and boating. It's a dangerous combination.

One half of all boating fatalities involve alcohol. It's time to get the message that drinking and boating don't mix. Pierce County (with Skagit and Snohomish counties) has had the highest number of boating fatalities over the past 5 years.

What kinds of accidents occur? Falling overboard and drowning happen in one of four accidents. Here's the scenario: have a drink, add the motion of the boat and the stress of being on the water, misjudge your balance, your visual perception, and your sense of control, and fall overboard. Alcohol lowers your body's ability to protect you from the cold. Within minutes you might not be able to call for help, swim to a float, or reach the boat. Alcohol also increases disorientation when water enters your ear. A person under the influence of alcohol can get confused and swim down into the water instead of swimming toward the surface.

Capsizing, colliding, sinking and swamping are other causes of boating deaths. Drinking alcohol on the water makes any bad situation worse. Alcohol can also make you think you are performing better than when you were sober. Your performance is actually worse and your judgement is impaired too. It can cause you to take risks you wouldn't otherwise take.

How can you have fun on the water and be safe? Leave the beer (and wine and liquor) in the cooler until you have moored for the night. If you choose to drink alcohol while boating, have one or less per hour. Eat first. Sip your drink. Have a non-drinker operate the boat. Take a friend seriously if he calls for help while swimming.

Enjoy the beautiful waters that surround us. But please, for your sake, for your family's, and for other boaters, don't mix drinking with boating.

For more information and materials on boating safety, call the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, Boating Programs Officer at 360-902-8551.

Stormwater in Western and Eastern Washington Will Be Managed Differently

Because pollution from stormwater runoff in Western Washington is different from that in Eastern Washington, the Department of Ecology has agreed to develop two manuals to help communities control stormwater. The one for Western Washington should be ready by this December; the one for Eastern Washington won't be ready until December, 2002. Stormwater runoff accumulates dirt, bacteria, chemicals and other contaminants which often end up in streams, lakes, estuaries and ground water. This makes the water unhealthy for drinking, swimming, boating and as habitat for fish and shellfish.

The public is supposed to have an opportunity to comment on the final draft of the technical stormwater manual for Western Washington this month.

Performance Garage Workshop Begins August 3rd

Tacoma Little Theatre will inaugurate a new, ongoing performance workshop for adult actors, directors and other theatre enthusiasts. The Performance Garage will take place every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Tacoma Little Theatre lobby.

A one-time membership fee of \$5 is due the first time you attend. Each subsequent workshop is \$1. Attend the initial workshop on Thursday, August 3rd and automatically become a Founding Member.

The workshop is available to all skill levels. Workshop participants will work together to discover, develop and expand knowledge and skills as actors, directors, designers and playwrights through practices, scene study and collective work. Anyone interested should wear comfortable clothes and bring a notebook and pencil.

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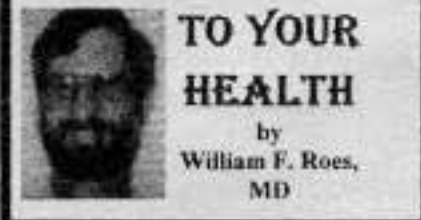
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TO YOUR HEALTH
by
William F. Roes, MD

One of the most common and confusing gastrointestinal disorders we deal with on a daily basis are hiatal hernias. A patient asked me to write about them, and I agreed it was a useful topic.

The concept of a hernia is sometimes difficult to grasp, as it's essentially a hole that shouldn't be there allowing something to slip through that ends up where it shouldn't belong. Now that I've made that perfectly clear, let me explain. The internal organs are generally encased with connective tissue and surrounded by a muscular layer, such as the muscles of the abdominal wall, or the muscle that divides the chest cavity from the abdomen, the diaphragm. If a weakness develops in the muscles, internal organs can protrude through that weakened area forming a bulge called a hernia. This can be easy to see as in the case of an inguinal (groin) hernia, or anterior abdominal wall hernia. In the case of the hiatal hernia, the weakness is in the diaphragm, and the stomach bulges into the thoracic cavity. There is nothing abnormal to observe from the outside examination of the patient, the problems are all interior.

In the case of a hiatal hernia, the presence of the stomach in the thoracic cavity

negates the effectiveness of the sphincter (think one way valve) between the stomach and the esophagus (food tube). This allows both acid and partially digested food to back up into the esophagus and cause severe heartburn and sometimes significant damage to the esophagus. There are many treatments for this, starting with position. Keeping the esophagus above the stomach decreases this reflux of gastric contents, so avoiding bending over after a meal and elevating the head of your bed 4 inches can help prevent symptoms. Anything that decreases acidity can also help, so antacids (especially liquid antacids) and other over the counter medications like Zantac (R) and Tagamet (R) will be beneficial. When these measures fail, there are stronger medications and surgery that can actually cure the condition. The symptoms of the hiatal hernia can mimic more serious conditions, so if the simple remedies don't alleviate your heartburn or reflux problem it's best to see your physician.

It's also your last chance to beat the back to school physical rush so call your child's doctor, or bring them to the Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic at our office on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Thank You to Mike Misner from the KP News and KP Civic Center for Legal Counsel.

Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District News

by Nancy Lind

The Park Board meets at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Volunteer Park Annex. Everyone is welcome. For information and/or scheduling, call Fred Ramsdell at 884-4834 or Pat Medveckus at 800-595-1010 (days) or 884-5097 (evenings). A message can be left at the park office at 884-9240.

Volunteer Park

Adult Co-Ed softball has started and games are being played every Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The Boy Scouts will be having their day camp in the park from July 31st to August 4th. Skycamp (Skyhawks) is scheduled for August 7th through August 11th.

Special tournaments in August:

- Clean 'n Sober Tournament, August 5-6.
- Gig Harbor Realty Softball, August 19th.
- Minter Veterinary Tournament, August 20th.
- Gig Harbor Adult Church Softball, August 26-27.

Bob Jewett is going to the World Horseshoe Championship Tournament in Bismarck, North Dakota, which started July 30th and lasts for two weeks. Bob uses the park pits regularly and throws 200 shoes a day. Congratulations, Bob! (And good luck!)

Don Porter, the park groundskeeper, is doing a great job. The colored flyers he has put out on various bulletin boards about the park are his creation. He really appreciates the natural beauties of the place.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area

The Friends of Rocky Creek meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Key Center Fire Station at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us and participate.

Monday, July 17, the WCCW crew picked up three pickup loads of smelly, disgusting, gross and pathetic garbage on the east and west sides of the stream under the powerlines on 144th. It is such a travesty to dump one's household garbage out on the ground anywhere. Some names and addresses were recovered by City Light and an investigation is going on.

I reported last month that Tacoma City Light had put up good berms, tank traps and signs reading "NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES, NO SHOOTING, NO DUMPING" under their powerlines. There is still some shooting and an awful lot of garbage, but the motorized traffic has been reduced considerably. City Light has an enforcement officer who patrols the area, a deputy sheriff will be building a house adjacent to 144th, and Citizens' Patrol checks the area often. It requires a constant vigil to get these guys.

The cedar entrance sign is on Crews Road (off 150th) and looking very beautiful. Fred Ramsdell provided the cedar and Lu Winsor built, routed and painted it. Hope you saw it pictured in The Gateway. Some day we will have a sign up on Elgin-Clifton Road.

The monthly walk-about in the park will be Sunday, August 27th, at 2:00 PM. Meet at the new entrance sign on the Lake Holiday Entrance Road (150th) off of Elgin-Clifton Road (SR 302).

Many people are walking in the new park and someone is picking up a considerable amount of litter. Thank you, whoever you are.

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Talking Justice

(Editor's note: Since the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were in the news so much around the 4th of July, we thought this column was still appropriate at this time. Our regular Law Column will be back next month.)

When it comes to protecting your rights, juries give YOU the final word.
Adapted from an article by Janet Rice, Past President of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association.

In America, regardless of your wealth or rank, you have the power to hold corporations, governments or people more powerful than yourself accountable for wrongful misconduct. The right to a jury trial is your Seventh Amendment right and it gives you the power to enforce all of your other constitutional rights.

If someone tramples on your right to free speech, your right to be free from unlawful search and seizures, your right to exist free from inflicted injury, you are guaranteed a right to a trial by a jury of your peers.

Unlike Congress or the State Legislature, no amount of campaign contributions or lobbying efforts can touch a jury. A jury is you. The right to a jury trial is rooted in the Bill of Rights and 49 of the nation's 50 state constitutions. (Colorado is the exception).

Oregon's state Supreme Court ruled last year that caps on civil damage awards are unconstitutional, and an effort to overturn this decision was defeated by voters by a 3 to 1 margin. Six state supreme courts, including Washington's, have struck down laws that capped jury awards. But there are powerful groups, both in and out of the government, that continue to press for eliminating a jury's ability to determine an appropriate verdict. This approach takes the just out of justice, for it implies that all cases are the same, regardless of the circumstances or the conduct of the defendants.

A recently released survey of our nation's trial court judges found most judges think the jury system needs only minor tinkering at best. The survey was conducted by the Dallas Morning News and Southern Methodist University School of Law. The survey also found that 98% of the judges said that juries do their job at least "moderately well" in reaching a just and fair verdict. And 96% said they agree with jury verdicts most of or all of the time. In Seattle, Judge William Dwyer told the Dallas Morning News he believes the system is working. "Those who are asking for wholesale changes in the jury system are usually law professors and insurance company executives," he said. "They usually haven't had any real trial experience. They haven't seen how well it actually works."

Reputable legal scholars share Dwyer's sentiments. Florida State University released a study earlier this year which further debunked all of the hyped hysteria regarding the phantom litigation "explosion." They concluded there is an explosion of rhetoric from corporate-funded think tanks. Florida professors found that insurance companies were hit hard by massive claims from recent disasters of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods in the South — not trial lawyers.

Here in Washington, lawsuits are down, not up, and represent a minuscule percentage of all civil court filings. A total of 11,674 personal injury lawsuits were filed in 1999, a drop of 616 lawsuits from 1998. These lawsuits represent a grand total of 4% of all civil

court filings in Washington.

Our court system encourages companies to make decisions which put safety first. Companies which put people before profits will have the edge in the market place. Take away the accountability, there's no incentive to do the right thing. One of the large auto manufacturers thought it would be cheaper to pay burned victims than fix its exploding gas tanks. Thankfully, in the end, a jury made sure it cost them more for putting safety second.

Don't give your power away. Trust yourself, trust juries.

Ralph Kingsburys 80th Birthday Party

Ralph and Hazel Kingsbury's sons and wives thought their Dad should have a party. They rented the Civic Center for June 25th, as the relatives have been growing in numbers.

Being there was an age difference, from 1 year old to 90, we decided to use the skating facilities also. What fun everyone had. The older ones watched while enjoying their coffee and cake. The groups skating were from the ages of 3 to 55. The parents and children skated together.

The sons, Larry, Wayne and Ron decided their Dad should start taping some of his early years about 2 years ago. He did and Wayne was the pusher and kept at him. Because of Wayne's persistence and taking the tapes home and compiling them on the computer, a book was printed. They surprised Dad by showing the finished product on "his day". They had collected pictures of Vaughn, family and the ship he was on in the war. They had printed enough books for all the family members and one for the Museum in Vaughn as he was born and raised here.

We want to thank our family for all the work and effort that was put into such a wonderful birthday party.

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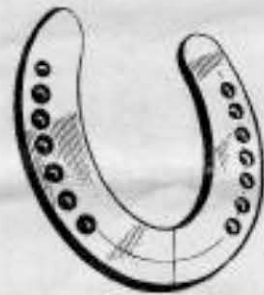
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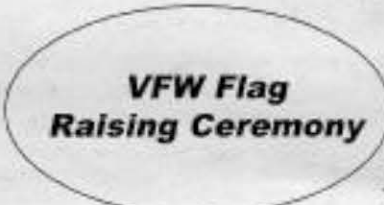
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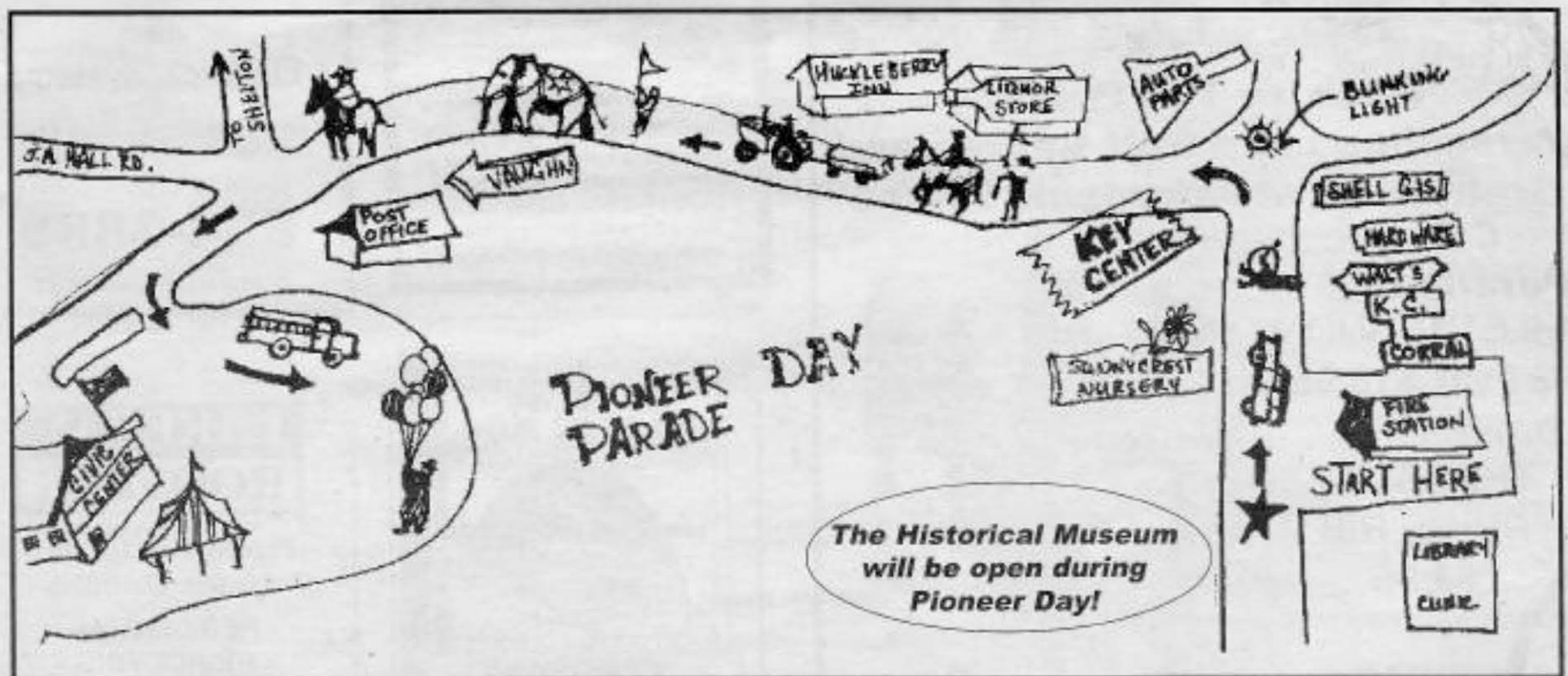
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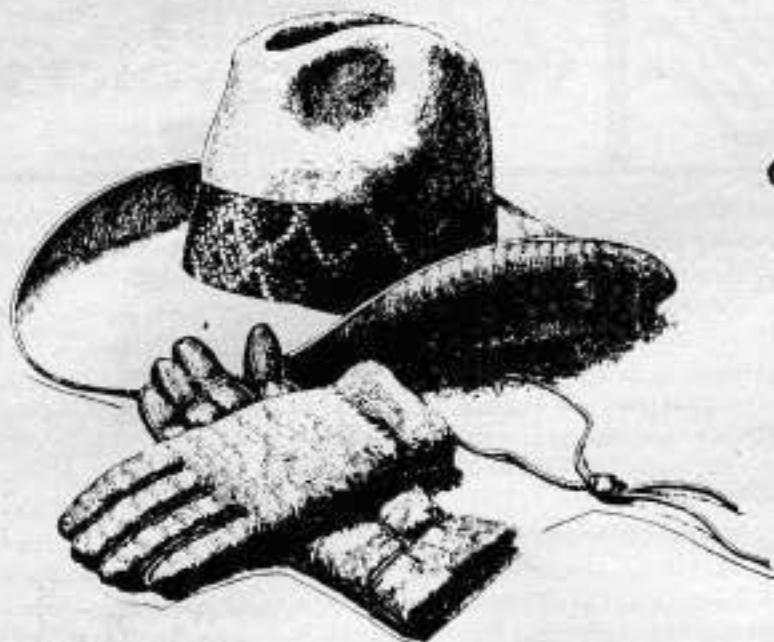
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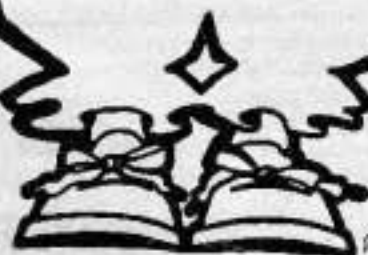


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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Who ever said life slows down as you get older has it all wrong. Life goes at the same hectic pace, we slow down! Here it is August so I shall start with an update. June 28th to July 4th was our annual fireworks fund raiser and thanks to the generosity of our community we are assured of being able to continue our many projects for another year. A special thanks to chairman Ron Collier, wife Kathy and co-chairman Jerry Davis plus ALL who worked the stand. Our sincere gratitude to Walt Schmidt and Don Zimmerman for the use of the Lake Kathryn parking lot and a huge thank you to the fine folks on the Peninsula.

The School of Instruction, held in Wenatchee, was attended by our new commander Gary Helmick. You can never get too much knowledge!

Great honor for the Color Guard and Officer of the Day Bob Cate takes place on October 7th at the State Republican Womens Convention in Tukwila. They have been asked to present the colors at this event while putting 4990 on the map.

Our float in the Pioneer Day Parade will take place through the generosity of the flat bed donated by Glen Erickson and the truck donated and driven by our own Jean Christoffersen. Yours truly created the design and with the help of members will watch with pride as it goes down the street. Thanks to all involved.

A new project for 4990 members is providing a full military detail for funerals at the Tahoma National Cemetery. Once a month, starting August 27th, they will provide Color Guard, pall bearers and our Rifle team will fire the final salute for our

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Our **CARE CIRCLE** this month includes Russell Van Arsdale, Rhys Wood, Louie Aguilar and Cy Young. Keep them in your daily prayers and think good thought for all our members and their families.

A big welcome to new members of the post: Dale Spitler, James Whitman, transfers Fon Lloyd, Ted Glass and Russell Van Arsdale. For the Auxiliary: a welcome to Dorothy Till, Pam Smith and congratulations to new Life Member Jane Gulliver.

Till next month remember: The greatest gift we can give to others is a good example.

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VFW Post 4990 Busy In July

by Yvonne D. Helmick

The month started with a 4th of July Independence Day/ Korean War Commemorative program at the new Parade/Memorial area at the Purdy Spit. The program was choreographed by Bud Natucci and included a presentation/proclamation by Gary Helmick and Jim O'Roke's reading of a poem written by a Korean War vet. After an introduction of honored guests, the 4990 Honor Guard performed some intricate drill movements and closed the program with a 21 volley rifle salute.

A team from Post 4990 presented the National Colors at the Peninsula Light Company's 75th anniversary celebration on July 13th. The team did an outstanding job as evidenced by the enthusiastic response of the audience.

Two days later they were busy again, this time presenting the colors at a special ceremony in Bremerton, where the Consul General of Korea presented Korean War Service Medals to some 60 veterans who served our country and theirs in that conflict.

Thanks, members of Post #4990 for caring and thanks for a job well done, we are proud of you.

Task Force To Work On Future Of Ferries

State Senator Bob Oke has been appointed to serve on a task force that has to find solutions to filling the ferry-funding hole created by I-695. For the time being, that is, one year, the state general fund will cover the shortfall, but the task force has to recommend what happens after that. It's pretty obvious that for many of us on the west side of the Sound, especially in Bremerton and Port Orchard, the ferries are really our roads.

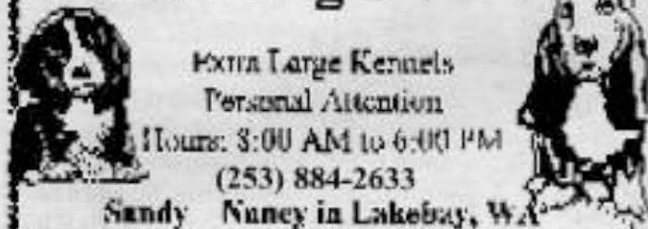
The task force will be considering a number of options, such as fare increases, privatization, service reductions, combining vehicle and passenger service, eliminating passenger-only ferries, and partnerships with the private sector or between state and local governments.



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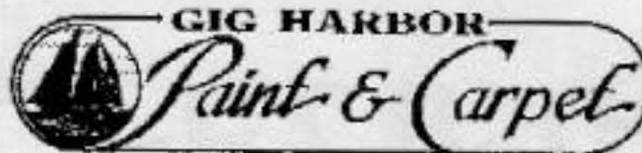


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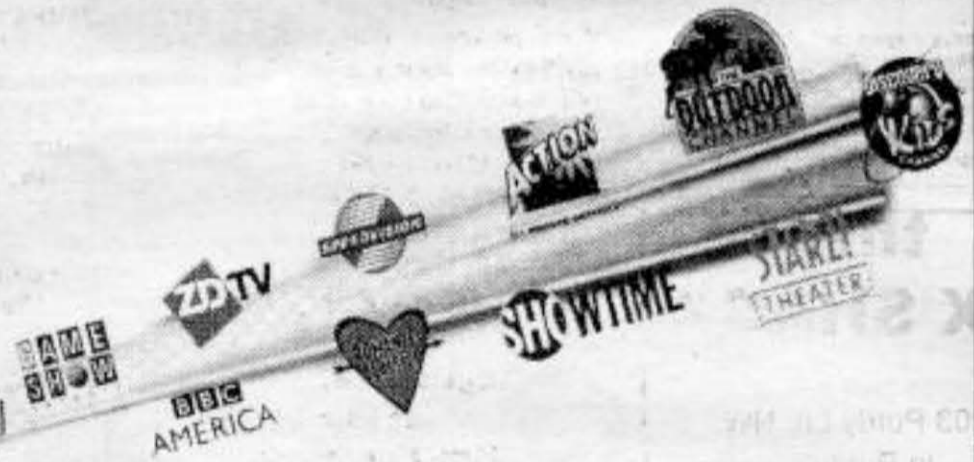
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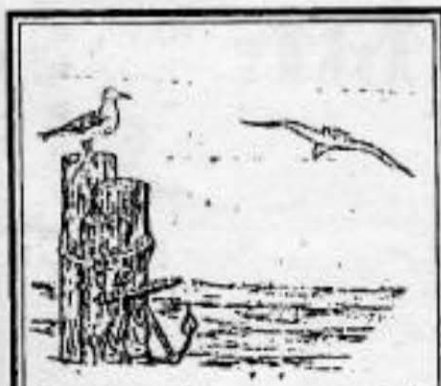
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A Missions Sunday will be held on August 27th. Speakers will include Dave Williams, with Salaam International, and students Kasey Griffin, Jon and Peter Mansen, reporting on a trip to Mexico. Music will be varied ethnic from different parts of the world. Our youth will be involved with the worship service. A Bake Sale will be held after worship to help support Home of the Harvest Orphanage in Lebanon.

Summer Bible Study, Daniel by the Deep, continued on Thursday evenings, meeting in private homes. The classed are at 7:00 PM and meet through August 17th.

A church picnic will be held following worship service on Sunday, August 20th. Directions will be available at the service.

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The Garden In August

by Sylvia Retherford
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Each month has some clean-up, trim and compost time but August seems to have the most. Late bloomers such as the 6 to 10 foot tall lilies, scarlet Crocosmia, Campanula, dahlias, gladiolas, asters and dinner-plate sized purple artichoke blossoms should have their uncluttered time to show off.

In pulling the plants that are through blooming, consider next year's garden by leaving some plants for seed. Where they scatter, young plants will appear in fall or spring. Some that are dependable are Calendula, Cereinthe, Columbine, Corydalis, Joe Pye Weed (Eupatorium), Limnanthes (butter and eggs), Lychnis Arkwrightii, (Maltese cross), Godetia, Thalictrum and Poppies, both the double Somniferum and Shirley varieties. Limnanthes gives some the earliest masses of golden bloom in the spring along with the crocuses and tulips. They germinate in the late fall and live over winter ready for spring bloom.

Mid August finds the winter garden well on its way. Small broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, radicchio, kale and cauliflower plants will be ready for transplanting to neighbors' gardens from the seed row. Those left in the row remain to grow into our vegetable source for October to April use. Presently the corn, tomatoes, red sweet peppers, summer squash, carrots and new potatoes are plentiful.

Bayshore Garden Club

August 18th, 2000 meeting will be a noon brown bag lunch at Longbranch Improvement Club so we can prepare for Old Timers' Day. Call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487 for more information.

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION 2000 COMING EVENTS

PIONEER DAY	August 5th
ROADSIDE ANTIQUE SHOW	October 14th & 15th
HALLOWEEN PARTY	October 31st
HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW	November 18th
VFW THANKSGIVING DINNER	November 23rd
SALATINO'S CHRISTMAS DINNER	December 25th

Bike Rodeo August 19th

The Key Peninsula Fire Department, in cooperation with State Farm Insurance and Cub Scouts Pack 222, will be holding its annual Bicycle Rodeo on August 19, 2000. The event will be held at the Key Center Fire Station from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The rodeo educates kids of all ages on fundamental bicycle safety and traffic laws, and a bicycle safety inspection will be performed. The participants will ride through a series of obstacles to demonstrate bicycle control. The \$6.00 entry fee includes the safety inspection, obstacle course, a new custom-fit bicycle helmet, and a Polaroid picture of the bike with the serial number on it. For additional information, contact K.P.F.D. at 884-2222.



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This free weekend of admissions is sponsored by US West and KBTC-TV, a division of Bates Technical College. Contact Franclyn Heinecke, at (253)596-1607, for more information.

More Student Awards

Senior, **Carole Aileen Schaub**, of Vaughn was named to the Dean's List at the University of Washington for the Spring Quarter. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the quarter.

Jacob Jezek, representing Peninsula High School, was the year 2000 recipient of the \$1,500 Ross E. Lelli Memorial Scholarship award. **Nanako Tamaru**, of Gig Harbor High School, also received an award. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of grade point average, community and school involvement, financial need, letter of recommendation and verbal presentation. This year's topic was, "My involvement in school and/or community, and the difference I have made."

Key Peninsula Civic Center

AUGUST 2000

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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Investment Clubs
Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Investment Clubs Offer Education And Fun

For many individual investors, investment clubs are an excellent way to increase their financial knowledge and form new friendships. Truly adventurous investors may even form their own investing clubs, an endeavor not to be undertaken lightly.

Getting Started

The first step in forming an investment club is to identify prospective members. In all probability, you'll find more than enough people intrigued by the club concept. The organizer's goal is to clearly communicate to all would-be members what club membership entails. That way, those individuals who accept an invitation to a meeting are more likely to join and become productive members. To succeed, members of an investment club must be able to function as a team. For this reason, investment-club members often know each other already.

In addition to compatibility, club organizers generally should seek individuals who are committed to the same investment philosophy as other members. A club cannot succeed if its membership is split between long-term investors and short-term traders, who constantly move in and out of the market.

The group should be small enough to keep everyone involved and interested yet large enough to ensure that club responsibilities don't become burdensome for any one particular member. The ideal number of members tends to be 15.

Secrets To Succeed

Some common characteristics for successful investment clubs include:

- * Following a structured yet flexible agenda;
- * Setting long- and short-term goals and measuring your performance toward reaching those goals;
- * Expecting and, indeed, requiring involvement of all members;
- * Rewarding member participation;
- * Supporting the continuing education of all members;
- * Using available tools, such as computers, videotapes and slides to facilitate member participation and understanding;
- * Maintaining disciplined stock study, selection and portfolio management procedures;
- * Thinking creatively and promoting a spirit of enthusiasm, excitement and enjoyment.

Next month we'll look at some of the keys to having a successful Investment Club.

New Use For High School Transcripts

According to Don Brunell, President of the Association of Washington Business, in an effort to find the best employees, employers are now making use of high school transcripts to make lists of which students were serious about school. Transcripts tell a prospective employer if a student had a good attendance record, took difficult courses and showed an interest in a variety of subjects. Students who demonstrate such commitment, enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity in school are likely to become excellent employees.

This is part of an effort by Washington's Partnership for Learning to make high school transcripts a worthwhile document to which students pay attention. When students discover that prospective employers will review their transcripts, their attitude toward learning and their behavior in school often undergoes a dramatic change. A good student is willing to learn, dependable, sticks with a project to completion and can work as part of a team. These are also the attributes of a good employee.

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Vaughn Union High Reunion

Alumni of Vaughn High gathered together at their old stomping grounds (the Key Peninsula Civic Center) on June 16th to reminisce with old classmates and friends. About 170 attended the celebration. Lloyd Tachell won the prize for coming the furthest distance, Oklahoma, but also Alaska, Arizona, California and Montana were in the running. Elsie Bill Olson represented the oldest class present, 1921, also the eldest Alumni, 96, and Ernest Müller (the last Principal of Vaughn Hi), the oldest man, 95. Lois Foster Sanders was awarded the prize for the Alumnus with the most children, (7). Virginia Froehlich Kovack and her husband, Charles Kovack, won for the longest married couple, 63 years.

The Museum was open for all the alumni to view articles from the early years of the Peninsula. Class pictures hanging on the walls through 1947 when Vaughn High closed its doors were the most popular items, along with the old Tattlers and scrapbooks. Thanks to Tim Kezele and Dale Skrivanich for keeping open the Museum for those special hours. The Museum is in the room which was the high school library. We were very happy than Mrs. Dorothy Bouvia attended as she was the English teacher and Librarian the last two years of the High School. She still looks as young as she did back in 1947.

A catered dinner was served and everyone ate and talked at the same time. After dinner, the Key-Peninsula Singers, sang songs of yesteryear which brought back very nice memories. And, yes, the old Cheerleaders were able to jump with both feet off the floor and lead the Vaughn Eagles in cheers and the famous school song, "We are Loyal to You Vaughn High".

Once you have soared as a Vaughn Eagle, you are always a true and dedicated Vaughn Alumni.

The committee members for the Reunion were Chet Dadisman, Mildred Summerfelt Neimann, Sherm Edwards, Harn and Jane Bradley Van Slyke, Bill Hipp, Frances Metzler Kinkaid, Shirley Rickert Olson, Marge Rickert Radonich and Joyce Olson Niemann. A special thanks to Muriel Dadisman and Jane Hipp for passing out the name tags at the door throughout the afternoon.

At the last committee meeting, after paying all the expenses, the Alumni were able to donate \$573 to the Civic Center, \$100 to the Museum and \$100 to the Key-Peninsula Singers. Discussion was had for the next reunion to be held in three years, 2003.

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August Activities at The Children's Museum of Tacoma

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W.O.W. Wee One's Wednesdays: Due to popular demand, our toddler program has been extended. Every Wednesday in August we've set aside an hour of fun for our littlest friends. From 10-11AM toddlers and their parents can participate in age-appropriate activities.

WOW Tunes: August 2nd & 23rd. Share the joy of music with your child and join us for a rollicking good time!

WOW Takeover:

August 9th: Beautiful Butterflies — We'll practice our fine motor skills as little friends paint with sponges onto butterfly shapes.

August 16th: Playful Puppies — We'll have lots of fun when we collage faux fur onto dog shapes.

August 30th: Festive Fish — Our little artists will use paint daubers on fish shapes to create bright, colorful works of art. If you can't make it on the 30th, Festive Fish will also occur on **Saturday, August 26th!**

Super Saturday Surprise: Come down to the Museum **August 19th from 11AM - 2PM**, for "Pet Party".

We'll have a special visitor from the Humane Society to teach about pet care and safety. Make a fun project, too. Every **Super Saturday Surprise** features a guest, activity, or workshop that explores the exhibits in new and exciting ways. **Super Saturday Surprise** is **FREE** with admission. Call (253) 627-6031 for more details. **Please see the Museum Madness story on Page 14.**

Public Hearing on Changes in Graduation Requirements

On August 23, at the Lake Washington School District Administrative Center, 16250 N.E. 74th Street, Redmond, the State Board of Education will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the current state minimum high school graduation requirements. Public testimony will be taken on that day, and the Board expects to act on the proposed rules on August 25th. The proposed language is available on the State Board website at: www.k12.wa.us/sbe. Click on "Proposed Changes to Graduation Requirements" under the heading **CURRENT ISSUES**.

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