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The Bear Necessities

by Hugh McMillan

"It was dark and I had all the lights off when I heard the neighbor's dogs romping on my deck. They often do. So I pulled open the sliding door to clap my hands and chase them away as I always do," said Mrs. Almeda House. What confronted her was no dog. It was a big black bear!

She quickly closed the door, grabbed pot lids and banged them together while yelling. The bear went into the woods which surround the house.

The Houses' moved into the house in 1980. "It hadn't been logged all around us as it is now," she said. "We had lots of bears. The old timers told us our property was known as 'the bear crossing,'" she explained.

"I counted seven bears at one time on our garden compost pile. They never bothered us and would always go back into the woods when we came outside. I occasionally met them on the road to our mail box and they would just waddle off into the woods."

"Because I did the bird count for the state," said Mrs. House. "I have lots of bird feeders hanging on a line between trees about thirty feet from our deck. The bears never bothered them ... until two years ago.

"I got up one morning and my bird feeders were all on the ground torn to

pieces. Then I saw this big old female bear with four other bears. They came and began eating the bird food off the ground. I walked out on the deck and picked up my cat. The old bear started toward the deck and my cat growled at her. With that the old bear shook its head and started toward us, so I slowly backed into the house.

"That night, I awakened to sounds from our deck and found the bear holding the trash can which she carried down the steps. She pulled the lid off and dragged the filled liner out and went into the woods. The next morning there were bear marks all over the patio door.

"Another time I watched the old bear stand up and grab the post (four inches in diameter) on which my swallow bird house sat about thirty feet in the air. She pushed it back and forth until it snapped and fell. Then she tore up the swallow house and ate the baby birds."

Nearby neighbor and friend, deputy sheriff Brian Ward, saw the damage and called Animal Control.

"They came with a big metal cage on a trailer," said Mrs. House. "They backed it under where the bird feeders had been and baited it with sardines hanging on a rope. When the rope was pulled it would close the cage door."

"That afternoon the old mother bear

and four other bears came and when she saw the trap, she turned and ran off into the woods."

"A couple nights later, I heard a racket. They had a bear in the cage."

"I asked what they did with the bear and they said they take them to the Olympic Mountains and turn them loose."

"I hadn't seen a bear for two years. Of course, they have logged off all around us and their habitat is gone. They had never bothered the bird feeders before."

"I called Animal Control and they told me to take all the bird feeders down and to put our garbage can in the garage and if the bears began to damage and threaten me to shoot them."

If you have a bear problem, it is recommended that you contact Insight Wildlife Management, Inc. on (253) 857-5515 or 1-800-542-BEAR or email: insightcpm@earthlink.net. Bear specialist Chris Morgan, who

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THE PREZ SEZ...

While most of the people associated with the operation of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, such as the members of the Executive Committee and the Board, are volunteers, we do have several employees who perform vital functions in keeping the Civic Center and the various programs running smoothly.

And like any other organization, from time to time we have communication glitches or misunderstandings about the duties and responsibilities of various individuals, both paid and volunteer. To help resolve any concerns that may result, the Board has established a Personnel Committee to try to ameliorate any complications that may arise.

The Personnel Committee is available to hear both positive and negative comments about the operation of the Civic Center, the programs presented there, and the people involved. If you have comments, please call Betty Kelley, the head of the Personnel Committee, at 884-4126. I'm sure she will be glad to talk with you and will be helpful in resolving any difficulties.

Citizens Against Crime Elect New Officers

by Hugh McMillan

At its April meeting, Citizens Against Crime elected Allen Yanity president, Hugh McMillan vice president, Frankie Johnson secretary, Ann White treasurer, and Dani Anderson scheduler.

Other business included briefings by Pierce County Sheriff's Sgt. Ross Herberholz, who assured the group that they are highly regarded by everyone on the Sheriff's Department from the Sheriff to the deputies.

"Crime in our detachment area has witnessed a downturn. I can't say this is because of the CAC Citizens' Patrol. On the other hand, there's no way I can say that it isn't. There's just no way of knowing. But, crime has gone down some."

The group agreed to formulate a means of reimbursing volunteers for

out of pocket expenses such as gasoline costs. A plan will be presented at the May meeting for consideration and approval. "Some of our volunteers simply cannot afford to pay for gas given the miles we put on our cars," said outgoing president Jerry Davis.

All present agreed there must be something done to increase the number of volunteers committed to at least one four hour patrol each month. "We're going to burn out some of our best volunteers if we don't get more people willing to serve in this activity," said Yanity.

For information on Citizens Against Crime and the Citizens' Patrol, please call 857-3700, 884-3319, or 884-3081.



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

The Pinewood Derby was a great success! The Cub Scouts all seemed to have a great time! The kitchen was open and serving our famous "Center Burgers" and "Sausage Dogs". Mary Ramsdell, Phillis Jardin, John Rambo and myself had a great time (once we got started). Those Cubs are BIG eaters! Thanks, too, to Lethaniel Ray, Delia Darbyshire, Jackie Ray and the many others who worked so hard to put the building back in order! A special thanks to Jean Shaw, who was visiting from Maple Valley, for jumping right in to lend a hand with the clean up.

There are still spaces available for the huge Garage Sale and Swap Meet on June 5th. Call Krys Wylie at 884-4370 for the particulars. The application for the sale is in this issue.

Don't forget the special musicale being put on by Ann Waldo and

Marty Marcus on June 12th. The *Prohibition Jazz Band* will be performing for an evening of listening and dancing. There will be a no-host bar available and the tickets will be \$10. Please plan to attend!

Applications for Pioneer Day and the Pioneer Day Parade are available in this issue.

If everything goes as planned, I should be signing the final papers on my new house this month. I'm so excited! Just think, I'll have to commute to work! What a concept!

Whatever your plans are for May, please plan to include the many activities available at the Civic Center as part of those plans. Don't forget to come to the Civic Center Board meeting on May 13th and help to plan future events and policies.

See you next month!

KP Fire Department Holds Confined Space Training

by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula Fire contracted with Bates Technical College for use of its confined space training trailer from March 22 - 26. The converted tanker is specially modified for training of rescue operations personnel working in confined areas. Its interior is divided into small compartments and tunnels of diminishing diameters to enable firefighters in full protection clothing, air tanks, air masks, communications equipment, etc., to experience operating in pitch dark in tightly confined circumstances and extremely limited movement.

Just the thought of this exercise sends me into a claustrophobic panic. But as firefighter Don Blischke said, "you get over it once you realize that you're able to cope."

All KPFD personnel had an opportunity to enter into the confines in attempts to rescue a "child who had fallen into the trap and whose parents, in attempting to save the youngster, got themselves lost and trapped as well." Fortunately, those needing rescue were mannequins and not really in peril.

Capt. Tracy Lyon said, "for many, the experience of being in the cramped, dark areas was a 'gut check.'" Firefighters were tested not only in their ability to be mobile in the limited confines, but to deal with becoming entangled in loose equipment.

KPFD's firefighter Dale Heidal, a confined space rescue technician, determines if it is safe to breathe. He also provides information on recognizing hazards associated with confined space rescue and the Department's operational practices.

This training is annually mandatory under Washington State's WAC-305 standards. It has been given mainly in classroom exercises with little hands-on experience. "With the availability of the Bates trailer and a recently completed facility at the Pierce County Fire Districts' Training Campus," said Lyon, "fire personnel will become much more knowledgeable and efficient."

Fire departments may make arrangements to use the Bates' trailer by contacting Chief Rich Graeber of Bates at (253) 596-1716.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

The Vaughn Bay Garden Club will have a garden tour and potluck lunch for their May 19 meeting, beginning at 10:30 AM.

Hostess for the meeting will be Kathie DuPriest, who will also discuss native plants and wildflowers. Peggy Dervaes is co-hostess.

Visitors or prospective members are welcome. For further information, call 888-5403.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

We must be having an incredibly great time over here at the Family Resource Center, because the time is flying by unbelievably fast! This month we want to let you know about our upcoming Summer Fun program. Many of your children have participated over the past few summers, and we look forward to welcoming new families into this active and exciting program. Our Summer Fun program is a collaborative effort between Children's Home Society of Washington and the Pierce County Health Department. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, the Longbranch Improvement Club and other generous neighbors.

The Summer Fun program traditionally is developed for children from Kindergarten through 6th grade (based on the grade they will enter next fall). Activities include crafts, games, reading and language-related activities, and special presentations by community organizations on such topics as bicycle safety, nutrition, health and the environment. We also bring in special guests for musical and artistic activities to round out the program. Everything is geared toward kids, families and fun.

This year we have expanded to include the youngest family members. We have developed a special program-component to include children from birth to age 5, and their parents, in fun, interactive, developmentally appropriate activities.

The Summer Fun program will run on Mondays and Fridays at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, from June

28th through July 30th. We will also have a program at the Longbranch Improvement Club on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting June 30th and finishing July 22nd. Hours at both sites are from 9:00 AM to noon, with a nutritious snack provided mid-morning. Cost for the program is \$5 per child for each site.

We are in great need of motivated volunteers to help us make this a successful program. We would welcome middle school, high school and college students who are interested in volunteering and gaining experience, as well as parents and seniors who would like to share the experience they have already gained. Please contact us at 884-5433 if you'd like to participate.

Registration forms will be sent to the local elementary schools in mid-May, and will also be available in our office at that time. Space is limited in all segments of the Summer Fun program, so we encourage you to get the forms in as soon as possible. Our deadline is June 4th.

We also want to remind you of the **ChildReach Screening program** being held at our office in the lower level of the Civic Center on May 4th from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. A team will provide free screening for children from birth to 3 years in vision, hearing, language, motor skills and behavior. For an appointment, call them at 798-3698. Also, our **Father to Father Group** is meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 (call us at 884-5433 for details).

The staff of the Children's Home Society of Washington Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

Peninsula Community Chorus

It's May so it's time for the Peninsula Community Chorus's annual Spring Concert. This year the program is exceptional. The main chorus will be singing Schubert's Mass in G, Mozart's Regina Coela (KV 108), and Angus Die (Adagio for Strings) by Samuel Barber. The performances will be on Saturday, May 15th, 1999 at 7:30 PM and Sunday May 16th, 1999 at 3:30 PM at the Gig Harbor United Methodist church on Pioneer Way. Tickets are

\$4.00 for youth and seniors and \$7.00 for adults. These tickets are available at the Tickets and More! Kiosk at the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society, from any chorus member or call the chorus president, Sally Wax at 857-5417. Under the direction of our new director, David Campbell, and with the accompaniment by Mabel Koop and Cheryl Underwood, it promises to be an exciting and uplifting event. Please join us for a fantastic musical experience!



A View From Home

By Marty Marcus

It was nice that some whales decided recently to visit Henderson Bay, even if they did cause a traffic problem on Purdy Spit as motorists slowed to try to get a look at the whale activity. Obviously, people in this area care about whales and their survival as fellow inhabitants of our planet.

Considering the amount of newspaper space, including reportage, editorializing and letters to the editor which appeared in recent months because of the proposal by the Makah Tribe to "take" up to five gray whales, one could easily get the impression that there is really strong sentiment for protecting whales. What puzzles me, a long-time member of the Center for Marine Conservation, is the lack of public outcry over the major threats to whale survival that make the "taking" of five whales seem insignificant by comparison.

For several years now, Norway has ignored the moratorium on commercial whaling voted by the International Whaling Commission (IWC). Last year, for example, Norwegian whalers killed 671 whales, and this year plan to increase that to 753. A few years ago, when Norwegian Royalty visited Puget Sound, were they greeted by signs and petitions asking Norway to stop killing whales? If they were, it wasn't reported in the media. Maybe we weren't so concerned because the whales they were hunting were Minke whales, not "our" gray whales or "our" Orcas.

Okay, so let's look at a major threat to "our" gray whales who migrate thousands of miles each year to breed and give birth in some calm lagoons in Mexico. For many years, the Mexican government has protected several lagoons where the gray whales give birth to their calves. They have even limited tourist activities in and around these lagoons in order to give the whales some privacy. Now, for economic reasons, Mexico is considering a deal with the Japanese industrial conglomerate Mitsubishi to set up a salt extraction facility in the main lagoon used by the gray whales. They claim, of course, that this industrial activity will not adversely affect the whales, and will provide several hundred much-needed jobs. Have there been any protests in the media around here? No, for after all, Mitsubishi is a major advertiser, both in print and video media. (But not in the K P News.)

To add to the bad news for whales,

there's a new Japanese whaling ship which cost \$20 million and is going to be working in the whale sanctuary off Antarctica. Whale meat in Japanese restaurants can bring \$100 per dish, so I guess it won't take them long to pay off their twenty million dollar investment. Japan claims its whaling is "scientific research", but what they are really doing is so obvious that last year the IWC voted for them to discontinue their "scientific whaling" because the information they report is of no value to understanding the effects of whaling on whale populations. Random DNA testing of whale meat for sale in Japanese markets has revealed meat from eight different species of whales, including the endangered humpback whale.

Wait, the worst news is yet to come. The IWC has always decided policy matters by open vote. This allows the public to know how each country has voted so that people could let a country's leaders know how they felt about whaling. This month, at their May 25th meeting in Grenada, the members of the IWC are going to be faced with a proposal to have their votes done by secret ballot. That way they can vote to end the moratorium on commercial whaling, but each country's representative can say, "Oh, no, it wasn't me. I voted to keep protecting the whales."

If you're a supporter of the IWC's moratorium on commercial whaling, I'm sure you'll think of a way to let Norway and Japan know you don't like their position on whaling. I'll bet you can even think of a way to let the Mitsubishi Company know you don't want them messing around in any Mexican lagoons used by gray whales to have their calves. Since the whales don't get to vote, I guess their future is in our hands.

Reynold's Roost

by Howard Reynolds



You know you're from Key Peninsula when:

1. Asked for your I.D., you show your belt buckle.
2. The last time you mowed your lawn, you found a car.
3. You measure travel time in beers, not miles.

Baby-sitter Comes To Morning T.O.P.S.

by Mary Nelson

Our big news this month is the arrangement for child care during our morning T.O.P.S. meetings. Now people who have been held back from weight loss by preschool children can come and bring them.

Primroses and sun breaks in the clouds help the Morning T.O.P.S. #WA 1325, Lakebay group members to remember to get out and walk. Walking distances are totaled each month and award ribbons are given. Then in October of '99, at the yearly Fall Rally, people who have walked the greatest distances are recognized and get awards.

Speaking of awards, our best loser for the month was Ruth Mathews, who is also our assistant leader and our assistant weight recorder. Virginia Avery, a real encouragement to the whole group, came in second. Good going girls. We'll follow your example.

We are really looking forward to some great contests this spring. Come and join us! Try for a \$50.00 makeover.

Any man, woman or child (7 and

older) who would like some help with their weight (no matter how much or how little they have to lose) is invited to meet with us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM at the Longbranch Improvement Club, about a mile past Evergreen School on the Key Peninsula Highway. Make a commitment today and be healthier by summer.

The recipe for today is a Take-Along Salad.

1 Tortilla 12"

Salad ingredients

A large square of foil

On the foil, lay out the tortilla. Spread it with a fat-free dressing. Pile vegetables, lettuce, etc. in a pile from one edge to the other. Fold both sides of the tortilla across the pile. Turn your rolled tortilla so it lays across the foil from corner to corner. Then wrap the foil starting with a side, then the bottom and then the other side. Finally fold the top corner down and you are ready to go.

When it is time for lunch, fold back the top corner and peel away the foil as you eat.

Next month we will make chocolate cookies.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & SWAP MEET

June 5, 1999

9:00 AM to ????

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APPLICATION FOR SPACE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ # of Spaces? _____

Spaces available for \$10. each. Tables will be available for a \$5 rental fee. Sellers are responsible for set-up and clean-up of the area assigned. No firearm sales. No sales of home-made foodstuffs without proper Health Dept. Permits. Signing this application signifies your acceptance and adherence to these rules!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

Our annual rummage sale was held April 10th at the Civic Center. We had an outstanding success and we wish to thank all who helped and who came to shop. Your support makes the difference between success and failure. Also a big thank you to Irene Zimmer who put our event on the Civic center reader board and gave advice setting up and taking down. She also had the snack bar open with healthy choices for the workers and shoppers. We thank many outside our organization who transported heavy goods and made donations to our cause. We do appreciate all the effort that was put forth. Our proceeds will help to send about 20 members to our annual convention which this year is in Yakima May 21 & 22. We know that we have 2 state winners and 3 members will "graduate" on stage. Several will be on stage having lost over 50 lbs. It is such a fun time and we always look forward to a great time of inspiration, knowledge and fun.

Colleen Spezia continues to be our

shining star. Her weight loss has topped 150 lbs. Her son, James has lost 41 lbs. and is quite the handsome young man and very popular with the young ladies at our big area events. We just hug ourselves and bask in their glory. Betty Ostoyich has also made great progress in her endeavor to be at normal weight. Betty has lost over 55 lbs. Rita Koehl has reached her 1/2 way point and will soon be at her goal weight. As the weight recorder for our group, I am just thrilled to pieces to see the successes in our chapter.

If you have any questions or are considering getting help to lose weight, we invite you to come and check us out. There isn't any magic pill and we can't do it for you, but we can sure give you a lot of encouragement and good information on how to take off pounds sensibly. We meet every Tues evening at the Civic Center in the VFW room (the white building over at the side). Feel free to call 884-4102 and I will share what TOPS is all about.

May Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

A Prayer Breakfast on May 8th weekly Tuesday night Bible Study on the Beatitudes, and "Guess who's Coming to Dinner" fellowship meals on May 22nd are special events in May for Grace Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School for children and

regular worship begin 10:30 AM each Sunday.

All are welcome to attend. The church meets at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake, Sidney Road. For further information, call Pastor Jim Christianson, 857-7284.



BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

BP Business Assoc.	May 7 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	May 21 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	4 th Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
Ashes	May 6 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220	Thursdays - 6:00 PM	Civic Center
Citizens Against Crime/Citizens' Patrol	3 rd Tues., 11:00 AM and 3 rd Thurs. at 7:00 PM at the Key Center Fire Station	
Coolettes	3 rd Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	1 st Monday - 7:00 PM	KP Civic Center
KPCCA Board	2 nd Thursday - 7:30 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	May 17 - 10:00 AM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Thursday - 1:00 PM	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.	
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	KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA	Wednesday - 6:30 PM	KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30	Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appt.	

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	Second Wed. - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	May 24 - 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. & Fri. 8:00 PM, Wed. 7:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. 5:00 PM - Sat. - 9:00 AM, Women's Group, 11:00 AM, Men's Group at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home. Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 PM in the Lakebay Community Church, 11 Cornwall Road, Lakebay.	
Peninsula ALANON	King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM	
Caregivers Support	May 13 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group	May 1 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma	at 884-2205 for more information.	
T.O.P.S.-Tuesday Evening-Weigh-in	6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center	

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	May 21 - Meeting	Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Key Singers	Tuesday 7 - 9 PM	LB Comm. Church
KP Historical Society	1 st Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum.
MUSEUM OPEN	Thursday & Saturday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	
LB Improvement Club	May 21 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	May 11 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	May 6 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	May 17 - 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	May - Call 884-5403 for more information.	
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Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

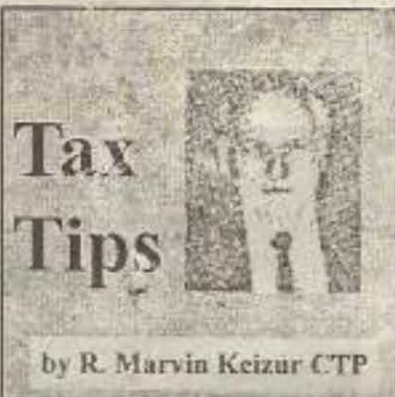
Mother Nature provided her own special effects at the Key Peninsula Historical Society's annual March meeting. She must have known that Virginia Seavy and Ross Bischoff were going to present the history of the Lakebay and German Lutheran cemeteries. The lights flickered and the power went out, but the show must go on. After finding tangles and a lantern an excellent program was enjoyed by all. The only disappointment of the evening was that the slide show prepared by John McMenamin could not be shown. Joyce Niemann brought a "What Is It" antique which aroused much interest. However no one was able to guess what it was and its use. Joyce finally told that it was used for draining the buttermilk out of the butter after churning.

President Tim Kezele gave a brief review of 1998. He thanked the Greater Tacoma Foundation and the Angel Guild for supporting the historical society in 1998. We appreciate the continuing support of these philanthropic organizations. The board would also like to thank all donors who have sent memorial gifts and all families who have chosen the Museum as the recipient of those gifts. Also the historical society received an award from the local Lion's club for supporting and contributing to the community.

We are looking for a few people to help with the continuing task of cataloging and computerizing the Museum's collection. If you are interested call Mary Krumbein at 884-4783. If cataloging and computers are not your thing then maybe gardening is more to your liking. The Historical Society is starting a new project, the clean-up of the Penrose Memorial Garden. This garden was started in 1959. Call Tim Kezele 884-4538 if you are interested in helping. It's time to pay your \$5 membership dues. Mail your check to the Key Peninsula Historical Society, P.O. Box 577, Vaughn, WA 98394.

The next general membership meeting and potluck will be Saturday, June 26, 1999 with the Longbranch Old Timer's at the Civic Center in Vaughn, 12:30 PM.

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



by R. Marvin Keizer CTP

The income tax due season is over as of 4-15-99, or is it? Not if you filed an extension, also it is not too early to be thinking of income tax for 1999.

You may ask what is the advantage to filing an extension? We have been told the later in the year you file your tax return, the less chance it may be audited. Why is that, you ask? It is because IRS is getting ready for the new filing year and has less time to examine tax returns for former years. But, if you haven't filed at all, say for 2 years back, they could possibly check you on that. If you are behind a year or more in filing your taxes, we advise you to seek out a competent tax preparer and rectify the situation.

Now is the time to start checking out legitimate deductions for 1999, such as contributions, investments, maybe a trust, proposed taxes, also watch for your interest income and if you invest in the stock market, be aware of your stocks that might be losers for '99 and sell them to offset capital gains on stocks sold for profitable income.

Maritime Gig Festival June 4-6

Free, family fun is the foundation of the 2nd annual Maritime Gig, a community festival planned June 4-6, 1999.

Many of last year's popular activities are back, including Thriftway's free pancake breakfast, the Bartell Drugs Fun Run, Chamber parade, Children's Fair, and blessing of the Fleet.

Also back are the Museum and Historical Society's Wooden Boat Building project and Round Rock contest, music and entertainment throughout the harbor, food vendors, Farmer's Market, Chrysler Car Show, regatta and salmon bake.

Last year's Art Fair has been given a complete face lift and location change. Committee chair Elva Brandt, Lavender Corner, has worked diligently with local artists to create a 20+ booth event showcasing local artists in US Bank's parking lot.

Another favorite is the black-tie (optional) ball, renamed the Whirligig and scheduled for Saturday night at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. The event is catered by Neville's, and includes a full dinner, no-host bar, souvenirs and dancing to rock-n-roll classics with Darryl & the Diptones - all for \$35 per person.

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Two Vaughn High Alumni Wed In Wild And Crazy Ceremony

Robert "Buck" Buckell and Marian Hall Niemann were wed in a commitment ceremony at the Washington Square Golf and Country Club in the palm covered vada at Hidden Valley, Arizona. The guest list read like a who's who from a Vaughn High School reunion.

Buck and Marian both lost their respective mates due to illnesses and when they again made contact with each other "the sparks began to fly", reported their friends Shirley Olson and Marge Radonich. The Bride and Groom both attended Vaughn High School in the early 40's.

It was unfortunate that the couple's immediate families were unable to attend the ceremony, however, their respective children all sent their blessings via the telephone.

The happy event provided many laughs as the 63 guests looked on. The five Old Spice Girls and Three Guys, organized by Buck's cousin Dulcie Schillinger, performed a musical medley containing the couple's favorite songs: (It's been a long, long time, It's a sin to tell a lie, For me and my gal), which exemplified the couple's whirl-wind romance. The group

managed to spend an hour or so rehearsing between several rounds of golf and games of Bocci Ball but gave their best efforts to entertain and put on a good show.

Ray Durward gave the Bride away, Shirley Olson served as Matron of Honor, Toby Torbet was the Best Man and Tammy Porter acted as Flower Girl. Buck's pal, a retired policeman from Tacoma, Ed Porter, performed the ceremony and was hilarious in his all black tuxedo, handle-bar mustache and Doc Holiday black hat. The attendants and guests were attired in shorts and warm weather clothes.

Some of the people attending from the Peninsula area were: Dulcie Schillinger, Don and Shirley Olson, Dick and Marge Radonich, Dick Lawson, Harn and Jane Van Slyke, Ray and Francis Durward, Budge and Boots Dadisman, Joe and Juanita Ward, Bruce and Marian Coles, Phyllis Anker, Harry Anker, Don and Marge Summerfelt, Roy and Laura McColley, Ty Fikse, and Bob Schillinger. The many other guests were from near-by locations and from as far away as Alberta, Canada, although all were summering in Arizona.



Newlyweds Robert "Buck" Buckell and Marian Hall Niemann.

The happy couple will split their time between their residences in Silverdale, Home, and Hidden Valley, Arizona.

For those of you who are wondering what Washington Square Golf and Country Club is all about, the explanation is as follows: Washington Square is comprised of four acres owned by Phyllis Anker and Buck Buckell. Twenty years ago, Elmer and Elise Olson bought the first acre in Hidden Valley, Arizona, and shortly thereafter Buck and Phyllis added

three more acres. In 1980 Buck and his friends built a 9 hole golf course which was affectionately dubbed "Washington Square". Then in ject the "Golf and Country Club" was added by the many who had so much fun playing golf there and the name stuck. This year the 17th tournament was held and over 39 people competed. Many more people who don't or are unable to play joined the fun as spectators and all enjoyed a pot-luck at the awards ceremony.

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Key Peninsula Firefighters Reach Out

by Hugh McMillan

In the first-ever fundraiser for its newly formed Accident Relief Fund, the Key Peninsula Firefighters Association filled the Key Peninsula Civic Center wall to wall Saturday, the 27th of March, for a spaghetti dinner and dance. Almost everyone declared it to be, "the biggest, most wonderful community get-together we've ever had."

The first recipient of the Fund's support will be Eric Kerkes who barely survived a life threatening accident on March 5. He was airlifted to Seattle's Harborview Hospital, the only top level Trauma Center in the area.

"He wasn't expected to make it," said his mom, DeeDee Kerkes, a KP Fire Department secretary. "The accident injured his head," she said, "but when I spoke to him in the hospital, he said, mom, in order to have brain damage, you've got to have a brain. That was the first sign that he was still with us and ready to fight for his life."

Recently retired Deputy Fire Chief Fred Ramsdell, characterized the Firefighters Association as the genesis of the fire department. "The association," he said, "actually started before the fire District was formed. Even before people saw a need for a fire district. They called it the KP Volunteer Firefighters Association and it wasn't until the '60s that the name was changed to KP Firefighters Association so that paid personnel could be members." He said it was in about 1952, "they met at the office of the Visell Lumber Company in Key Center and decided to form the district."

"In the beginning, the association elected the fire chief," said Ramsdell. "It wasn't until the late 60's that the fire commissioners appointed the chief and approved selection of new volunteers."

"To support the newly formed district, the association sponsored various fund raisers like fishing derbies, stage shows, and oyster feeds in order to buy equipment," said Ramsdell. The Association's first major purchase was in 1959, an ambulance which it owned and operated until 1977 when, because of taxes, it could no longer afford to run it and turned it over to



A spaghetti dinner and dance was held recently at the KP Civic Center as a fundraiser for the Accident Relief Fund by the KP Firefighters Association.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

the District. "And that was really the birth of the District's Emergency Medical Services," said Ramsdell.

Since then, the Association has been at the heart of fund raisers which made possible purchase of the District's plectron one-way radio communication system. It raised money for the first air compressor for in-house recharging of air bottles, the first LifePac 5 defibrillator, the Honoral tool (often confused with the Jaws of Life), and frequently raises funds for burned out families, burn victims, and injured citizens. "Fund raising is nothing new to the association," said Ramsdell.

The biggest fund raisers are traditionally the annual Firefighters' Ball and annual Firemen's Muster. But nothing topped Saturday's event.

Two bands, "The Good Ol' Boys" with John Schmidt, Bob Medley, Wes Wilson, and Barry Hunter, and "Herb Garden" with Dave Stoican, Jay Boiyard, Frank Kanouse, and Steve Crabtree contributed their talents to

frollicking dancers of all ages until well after midnight.

Far too many people to list came from the Firefighters Association, the Lions' Club, the boy and girl scouts and 4H clubs, the Longbranch Improvement Club, and on and on to start early morning food preparations; the cooking of Lorenzo's famous (and until Rhys Wood coaxed the recipe from him) secret spaghetti sauce; to wait until the last skater left the gym floor at 5:30 PM in order to set up tables and chairs to accommodate the mob which descended on the place before the scheduled 6:00 PM start up time. They served food and bussed tables. They rushed more tables and filled the dance floor to care for the overflow crowd. They then cleared

the floor for dancing and cleaned up the whole place and kitchen so that the Civic Center could house the next morning's church proceedings.

"It was a lot of work. It was a lot of fun. And it was the most successful event I can remember," said a teary-eyed mom, DeeDee Kerkes, "What a wonderful community. People came from everywhere. I saw people I haven't seen in years. It was just spectacular. It was wonderful!"

And if you were unable to attend but would like to help, please send your contribution to the KP Firefighters' Accident Relief Fund, 8911 Key Peninsula Highway, Lakebay, WA 98349. Questions: please call 884-2222.

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May Day Delights

by Colleen Slater

Every May 1st, memories of May baskets come to mind. Created of available paper, even grocery sacks, decorated with crayons or colored pencils, our usually cone-shaped baskets were filled with whatever flowers we were allowed to gather from the garden. Bluebells (scilla) and forget-me-nots were always included. Columbine, Kerria, flowering almond, Lily of the Valley were usually available, and occasionally a poeticus daffodil, a favorite of mine from that family.

Our children had a choice of small flowered rhododendrons, sweet woodruff, lavender and white scilla,

and invariably, the youngest always included a dandelion or two. Their baskets were of construction paper, enhanced with colored marking pens. Later still, when I carried boxes of small blooms into pre-school classes, stickers were the choice basket decoration.

Once the baskets were finished and flowers fresh from the garden or vase inserted, the excitement increased. We approached neighbors' homes from the back or side, marking out the escape route or a place to hide ourselves, keeping open ears and eyes for signs of the occupants. The basket was quietly hung on the doorknob or set near the door, a quick knock or

ring of the bell, and a race for the hiding place to catch our breath. Sometimes the lady of the house wasn't home and we missed the surprised expression on discovering our gift of posies. Best, of course, was that we were well hidden when she appeared, opened the door and discovered the basket, then said loudly, "Oh, my! I wonder who brought me this lovely little bouquet!" When she closed the door, we could emerge and continue our deliveries, giggling with secret delight. We always saved one for Grandma, and she never failed to go through the motions of surprise.

If May Day happened on a school day, we would have our baskets and

flowers ready the evening before. Last thing before going off to school, we'd put the flowers in, walk quickly, and keep them out of sight until they could be set on the teachers' desks without being seen.

This year I am encouraging my granddaughters to make a May basket for a friend or neighbor (the grandsons are either too young or "too old" for such adventures) I hope by maintaining this tradition taught us by my grandmother, the children will know the special delights of giving freely, and in the process, brighten the day of some special people in their lives.



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Angel Notes

April is the time of year that we select new officers and hold our annual luncheon meeting. Sandy Adams and Rose Malmgren headed up the committee to arrange for the party which we held at the Civic Center. Also at the celebration we had installation of the new roster of officers. Sandy and her committee decided to have more fun and it was most enjoyed by all the angels. This year we will be led by Elsie Vezzani as president. Carol Sudder will be first vice-president, Vickie Swenning 2nd vice-president, Gerry Reeder secretary, and Jeanne Seick will be treasurer.

We look forward to their able leadership. It is with great appreciation that we thank the members who have been at the helm the past year. Molly Holmes has been our leader and has done an outstanding job. Her board members included Judy McDonald, Elsie Vezzani, Vicki Swenning, Virginia Seavy, Barbara Hanna, and Bonnie Stinson. They all worked very hard to keep the shop open, stocked and manned. A special thank you to Bonnie and her family for overseeing the whole operation for us all. And often going above and beyond her duties.

We have a lot of fun seeing what comes in each week. Once you start shopping at the Angel Guild Thrift Shoppe, you are spoiled for the other thrift shops. Our sorters do an excellent job to only put the best of the donations in our store and at the same time the prices are kept very low. However, we have all volunteer help and the profits go back to the community. So we have a special situation.

Tom Lique made a request at our March meeting for the "Key Peninsula Co-op Pre-school." We made a donation to help them become self

sustaining. We also made donations for life-line monitors, Key Community Services, who need a new propane hook-up for disaster planning, the Phoenix magazine at Peninsula High School and a special donation in memory of Bertha Schmidt to the Kidney Foundation. We encourage anyone who has a four hour block of time in his or her busy schedule each month to consider being an ANGEL. Our monthly meeting is in the Brones room the 4th Monday each month at 10:00 AM. Or come by the shop to inquire. See you soon.

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Clubhouse during the tour and for your dining pleasure the Sunday Brunch will be extended until 5:00 PM or you can partake of the elegant dinner and cocktails, thereafter. The tour is open to the public.

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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS! Key Peninsula Senior Society by Jim Nolan Phone: 851-4847

by Jim Nolan

As a result of last month's KP Seniors column, we had a call from "Harry", who evinced an interest in our Senior organization and especially wanted to know if any of our members belonged to a musical group, folks who play together for the sheer joy of making music as a group, especially old standards or country western, and also how could he learn more about KPSS. We quickly referred "Harry" to Don Blakemore, our current VP and long time member (Phone 884-2720), who makes music for us every Thursday on both piano and the new organ in the Whitmore room. Also, we told Harry that he was more than welcome at our pot lucks every Thursday at noon at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, WA. (No cost and we'd be pleased to have "Harry" or other interested Seniors, as a new member.) Will report more on "Harry" and Don's meeting and its success, later.

Members' Doings

Helea Wolniewicz, a former KPSS President, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees for the Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club, effective last month.

Larry and Fern Hagen spent three days in Palm Springs recently, where Larry played golf. They rented a car and headed off to Yuma, Arizona for 4 days visiting friends who are living there for the winter. Before heading back to our rain, they drove to San Diego and spent 9 days visiting their son and daughter.

Two Falls to Report - Unhappily

Judy Wilson and Helen Kasper, both long-time members, suffered cracked hips in separate falls in March. Helen is at home doing OK at last word, and Judy is in Manor Care following surgery. She also suffered a broken arm in her tumble. Both mishaps occurred in March. We're wishing them well.

Pauline Williamson underwent her 2nd laser surgery for tongue cancer last month. She has a new surgeon as the original one retired recently. Now she finds her dentist is retiring when she needs him the most, according to husband, President Chuck. Best of luck to Pauline!

Cupcakes for the Rocky Bay Home provided last month by Bea Emil, who advises (ANOTHER ERROR CORRECTION) that her son-in-law's first name is LANNY not Larry. Sorry!!!

Shirley Roper-Witts' Airman son made a brief visit to our April 1st meeting when he brought Shirley to

the potluck. All the ladies privately commented on how handsome Jerry was and everyone thanked him and Shirley for providing the beautiful beef roast last Valentine's Day feed. By the time you read this, Jerry will probably have completed one or two more of those cross ocean flights for the Air Force.

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Next Month's Survey: Where Were You Born? (Answers like "at home", "in Hospital", "Hatched", will be disallowed.)

Your correspondent and Mary Parks spent a warm two weeks in the tropical climate of Hawaii, the Big Island.

Volcanoes, Mauna Loa, Kona coffee and all that. Complete report next month.

IS THIS FUNNY?

Why don't women over 55 have babies?

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Cheers everyone, more next month. Meantime, come for Thursday Noon potluck and meet us. We need new blood.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
William F. Roes,
MD

To continue in my series of changes seen in medicine this century, I'd like to take the opportunity to look at surgery where it has come from and where it is heading.

Although many of the basics of what we consider as modern surgical technique such as anesthesia and using sterile equipment were initiated in the 1800's, surgery in 1900 was still crude by today's standards. The mortality rates were very high, and surgery was almost always the last resort. Major operations were few, and the (morbidity resulting illness) and mortality (resulting deaths) were great. Some operations such as tonsillectomy went through periods of being in vogue, when virtually every child in the community would undergo the procedure, usually done in the doctor's office using ether dripped onto a cloth mask held over the child's face. Too much ether and the attendant fell asleep as well, and too little the child remained awake for the procedure. The development of antibiotics changed the indications for that surgery and resulted in a drastic decrease in the numbers performed. Another surgery that has had significant changes are mastectomies, or breast surgery for cancer. In the early part of the century there were no other treatments for breast cancer, and radical mastectomies were the treatment recommended. This involved taking not only the breast but also the chest muscles down to the ribcage, causing

a significant lifelong deformity if the disease was eradicated.

Probably the biggest stimulus to changes in surgery have been the wars of the twentieth century. Now injured men could be brought to the hospital still alive, and new techniques were developed which later translated into civilian usage. Limbs that were previously amputated could be saved using blood vessel grafts. This ultimately lead to grafting blood vessels on the heart, or Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting, which is now the standard of care for many cardiac patients. Another change which radically affected surgery was the development of small tubes that could be placed in body cavities and operated through. With the development of high intensity light sources came arthroscopic surgeries of the joints, laparoscopic surgeries of the abdomen, and thorascopic surgeries in the chest. The opening of the abdomen for removal of the gallbladder (cholecystectomy), which had been the staple of generations of surgeons has all but been replaced by the laparoscopic procedure.

In the future these less invasive procedures will continue to dominate the operating rooms of the US. With the advent of miniaturization of instruments, tiny cameras and computer aided surgery will make many of our common procedures obsolete. New procedures are being developed to perform cardiac bypass surgery on a beating heart through a small chest incision, resulting in faster recovery and more rapid return to full activity. We've made vast improvements in the twentieth century, but have a long ways to go. I can't help thinking of Dr. McCoy from Star Trek looking back at the surgeons of the 20th century as "butchers", and hope we might not be judged so harshly.



VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

I don't know about you but I sure enjoyed the few days of sunshine we managed. It is so good to see the spring flowers, they do brighten up one's day.

Some folks that can use a little brightness in their days are; Judy Wilson, Marguarite Bussard, Calvin Hawthorne, Jerry Davis, Vanna Robinson. While you are at it, say one for Rhys Woods' sister and Joe Barrow's dear mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.

A big welcome this month to new post members Joe Cerney, Norm Waide, Ralph Artis and Jerry Davis. Again a reminder, meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center.

The ladies of the auxiliary encourage you to participate in a yellow ribbon campaign for the three captive servicemen in the Baltics. Display it on your fence, mailbox or site of your choice. Thanks in advance.

The 7th and 8th of May will see our members out in force with our BUDDY POPPIES. The money from this effort goes into a relief fund for needy veterans, their families or any other urgency in our community. Donate and wear one proudly.

New Officers for post and auxiliary are: Commander - Cy Young, Sr.

Vice - Ron Collier, Jr. Vice - Gary Helmick. Chaplain - Rhys Wood, Quartermaster - Tim Hale, Adjutant - Jim O'Roke, Judge Advocate Myron Williams, Surgeon - Dan Robinson, 1 yr trustee - Wally Coruman, 2yr - Joe Barrow, 3 yr - George Draeger, Service officer - Louie Aguilar. For the auxiliary; President - Roxyanne Woodriddle, Sr. Vice - Katy Jo Patterson, Jr. Vice - Audrey Paul, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor - Marguarite Bussard. Treasurer - Cathy Collier, Secretary - Jane Gulliver, Conductress - Dee Bea Blum. Guard and 1 yr trustee - Marjorie Hall.

The installation of these officers will take place May 10th at 7:00 PM in the Whitmore room of the Civic Center.

General information: Flags are available, from the VFW post, sizes are 3x4, 4x6 and 5x8. For more information call 884-4551. Recommended reading, Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation" will, without a doubt, give the reader a wide range of emotions between its well written pages.

Take care until next month while you give some thought to this: The man who rows the boat generally, doesn't have time to rock it.

Spring Family Camp, May 14-16, 1999

YMCA Camp Seymour is pleased to offer its first annual Spring Family Camp May 14 - 16. Family members of all ages will have the opportunity to experience the full extent of Camp Seymour's facilities, from swimming, boating, archery, BB's, kayak trips and low ropes course. Experienced camp staff will organize campfires, skit night, arts & crafts projects, chapel service and a pickleball tournament. Special highlights include a Living History activity by Lolly Ketcham, featuring authentic costumes and food from colonial times. Spend both nights in a newly renovated cabin at beautiful YMCA Camp Seymour, and enjoy excellent meals tailored to meet your family's needs. Financial assistance is available to

those who qualify. Registration date has been extended to May 12. For registration information, contact MaryClaire Brooks, Group Programs Director at (253) 884-3392, or at mbrooks@ymcatacoma.org.

Retired And Senior Volunteer Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities:

Community and school tutors for the Sumner Family Literacy Program. All training provided.

For more information call Mildred or Joan at 253-474-1700.

Student Recognition Recital

The talents of thirteen young musicians of the Peninsula area will be showcased Friday, May 7 by the Peninsula United Music Association. Selected by audition, the winners will appear as soloists in a Student Recognition Recital beginning at 8 p.m. in Agnus Dei Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor.

Invited to audition were high school students who reside within the boundaries of the Peninsula School District. Dr. David Robbins, chair of the music department of Pacific Lutheran University, was adjudicator. Those selected are:

from Gig Harbor High School, Carl Bauer, piano; Patrick Erker, piano; Tove Hansen, violin; Jannah Lilly, voice; Kirsten Lim, piano; Kristin Mulhern, piano; Kyle Paul, oboe; Kathryn Smith, piano; Kelsie Villahermosa, piano; from Peninsula High School, Sharyl Borrowman, piano; Sara Mayo, trombone; Shiloh Nelson, voice; and home school, Erica Sharp, piano.

Music teachers whose students will be on the program are Jim Allen, Sandra Glover, Vicki Knickerbocker, Susan Luebeck, Vicki Manzo, Florence McInturff, Gail Perstein, Kathy Strickland, and Janis Upshall. Accompanists will be Andrea Bryant, Jairo Geronymo, Vicki Knickerbocker, Jan Larsen, and Eric Sheppard.

The first Student Recognition Recital for the Peninsula area was introduced by PUMA in 1998. The goals were to recognize outstanding young musicians in this area, and to inspire and encourage the study of music. The event was received with enthusiasm and some of this year's participants are making their second appearance.

Tickets priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students are on sale at Mostly Books and the Gig Harbor Historical Museum's Cultural Arts Commission kiosk, and will be available at the door.

Key Peninsula Fire Department Honors Its Finest

by Hugh McMillan

Saturday, the Key Peninsula Fire Department held its annual Firefighters Awards Dinner at the KP Civic Center in Vaught. It was an event filled with the comradery that only comes with those who share common dangers daily in service to their community.

No one seemed to take themselves seriously when their virtues were extolled. With fire folk, "that's my job, no big deal," is the pervasive attitude. But a couple of these "unaffected" heroes found it very difficult to express their gratitude without a big lump where their esophagus is supposed to be.

The food was fine, the crowd was warm and friendly, and everyone had a good time.

Each of the following awards' announcements was accompanied with

tumultuous rounds of applause:

- Rookie Firefighter of the Year - Patrick Rugh
- Volunteer Firefighter of the Year - Robert Fisher
- Rookie Medical Responder of the Year - Marcy Dalton
- Medical Responder of the Year - DeeDee Kerkes
- Resident of the Year - Michael Sammons
- Volunteer Officer of the Year - Dean Shriner
- Career Rookie Firefighter of the Year - Norbert Johnson
- Career Firefighter of the Year - Michael Riegle
- Career Officer of the Year - Paul Bosch
- Chiefs Award - Robert Bosch & Gary Way
- Outstanding Service Award - DeeDee Kerkes



DeeDee Kerkes receiving one of many honors from the KP Fire Department. Photo by Hugh McMillan

- KPFD Local Union's Award - DeeDee Kerkes
- KPFD Local Union's Bulldog Award - Paul Bosch
- Helping Hands - Bridget Fitzgerald, James Blundell, Mike Arledge,

- and the Ladies of the Ashes Commissioners' Award - Kathy Hale.

Service badges were awarded: For 5 years: Barbara and Dick Granquist, Carl and Jean Steingrebe, and Kathy Hale; for 15 years: Chuck West; 20 years: Karl Bonn; and 25 years: Gerry Marsh and Mary Ramsdell.

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Next to Walt's in Key Center

Toddler Art Program At KP Civic Center

by Hugh McMillan

Eight caring moms and 12 fascinated pre-school youngsters under the helpful eyes of Rosalyn Alber filled the Whitmore Room of the Key peninsula Civic Center last Wednesday. They were creating art. They were learning. And they were having fun being close to each other.

They were there under the auspices of The Toddler Art Program.

The Toddler Art Program is a parent and child interactive project sponsored by the Children's Home Society of Washington's Family Resource Center on the Key Peninsula. It is open to toddlers and pre-school aged children who must be accompanied by an adult.

The activities give families an opportunity to increase bonding by doing art projects together. Children learn hand-eye coordination and how to follow basic instructions from these activities.

The program was developed in response to requests from parents for a space to do art activities with their children. The activities are planned by the parents.

The group meets at 10:00 am the second Wednesday of each month at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn.

Moms Amanda Boyd, Terri



The Toddler Art Program brought in eight caring moms and 12 fascinated pre-school youngsters to the KP Civic Center recently. Photo by Hugh McMillan

Hunziker, Tami Miller, Jan Arnold, Mickie Tenney, Corianna Krelshimer, Mary Cultum, and Traci Tovey helped to make the day a successful and enjoyable experience for all.

A \$2.00 donation per family is requested to help purchase supplies. Please call Rosalyn Alber at 884-5433 to register or for answers to your questions.



Obituary

Robert Henry Gordon

Robert Henry Gordon, 90, a Longbranch resident since 1954, passed away April 3, 1999. He was born in Lanark, Illinois on December 12, 1908. Robert was a farmer most of his life and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters #621. He was a member of the Lakebay Community Church.

Family members include: his wife, Edna Gordon, Longbranch; 3 stepchildren; 4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Haven of Rest Memorial Park, Hwy 16, Gig Harbor. Remembrances may be made to Lakebay Community Church, Box 130, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Encore! Theater Company

Encore! Theater Company opens the hilarious, RUN FOR YOUR WIFE, on Friday April 23 and will play weekends through May 9th.

The play, written about a London cabbie playing musical chairs with two unsuspecting wives, is fast paced, laugh-a-minute entertainment you won't want to miss. Make reservations now. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM or Sundays at 5:00 PM.

Adults \$10, Seniors and Military \$8.

Encore! Theater performs at 6615 38th Avenue NW Gig Harbor, WA just off Highway 16 at Gig Harbor City Center exit.

Telephone: 858-ACT 2 or 851-1630.

Children's Home Society "Rhyme Time"

by Hugh McMillan

The Children's Home Society of Washington's Family Resource Center on the Key Peninsula is located in the KP Civic Center across from the offices of the Key Peninsula News. Each Friday in March it held a pilot program, "Rhyme Tyme," for one hour.

"Rhyme Tyme" is a parent/child activity ideal for increasing bonding, children's vocabularies, and in smoothing transition times from, for example, moving from an outdoor to an indoor activity or vice versa. The Center plans to offer similar programs in the future and is more than satisfied with the success of this pilot program.

"We would like to have greater participation in the program and encourage the public to become more involved," said Rosalyn Alber, the organization's family center specialist.

Almost all of the group's programs are free of charge. "A few of them are for minimum fees," said Alber.

The Children's Home Society of Washington's Family Resource Center is a non-profit organization funded by grants and private and corporate donations. The Center serves families on the Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas



Photo by Hugh McMillan

many programs for parents of toddlers.

"We encourage the interested public to contact us on 884-5433 anytime between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday," said Alber. "We will be holding a Toddler Art Class at the KP Civic Center in the Whitmore Room on May 12th between 10:00 - 11:00 AM and invite the public to drop by to see what makes this such a worthwhile program. We would appreciate it if those planning to attend would call in advance so that we can make proper arrangements to accommodate them," Alber reported.



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SCHOOL NEWS

**Minter Creek
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Are you tired of the long lines for tickets on carnival night? Well, the P.T.A. has the solution for you! Starting next week, the P.T.A. will have a pre-sale of discount tickets for games and hot dog dinners. Order forms will be coming home soon. Be sure to mark you calendar for this wonderful event.

Free Art Classes

The Tacoma Art Museum is offering parents a chance to work side by side with their child (7 years or older) to create original works of art on eight Saturday mornings. The sessions begin on April 24th and end on June 12th. Time: 10:00 - 12:00 noon. To register, please call the Children's

Home Society Family Resource Center at 884-5433.

DOLFUNDAY

Dolphin Day is Wednesday, June 16th. Each year Minter Creek students look forward to this event. However, without parent support it would not be possible. We are now in the process of enlisting parent help. Please check your child's Friday folder for the Dolphin Day flyer. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and have fun with your child at the same time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 851-4542.



It's A Boy!

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In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Pioneer Day Organization 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 Pioneer Day activities.

Entry Fee is \$2.00 if you register before July 15, 1999
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Jazz In June At The KP Civic Center

Saturday night, June 12th, from 8 til 11, the K.P. Civic Center will be jumpin' to the music of the Prohibition Jazz Band, a group of five talented professional musicians who play a wide variety of music ranging from the early roots of jazz through the blues, swing and classic rock eras.

They have been performing for five years in such diverse settings as restaurants, the Kitsap County Fair, TCI Cable's studios, First Night in Tacoma, Bumbershoot in Seattle and the Sequim Irrigation Festival.

Admission is \$10 per person, and includes nibbles at the tables, a no-host bar, and plenty of room to dance your feet off. Tickets will be available at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center and at several other locations on the Key Peninsula. State regulations require that we admit no one under the age of 21. And Pierce County has reduced the allowable number of people in the gym area by 10%, so don't wait until the last moment to get



your tickets.

If you just can't wait until June 12th to hear this super group of musicians,

they'll be playing at a variety of other locations from Olympia to Poulsbo. Call 884-2213 for additional

information about where to get tickets or where else you can see and hear them play.

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has studied and worked with bears internationally, will be happy to help.

He visited the House residence with me Friday, April 23. Following are some of his remarks:

"It's incredible to know that there are still bears roaming the south end of the Key Peninsula. The natural bottleneck and expanding human population would suggest that it's not the best bear habitat, but it just goes to show how adaptable and smart these animals are."

"There are 5 million people in Washington State. There are also

25,000 bears. Bears and humans are competing for space. Bears might become a nuisance in your backyard as with the House residence. Backyard problems begin when bears are attracted to odorous items such as food and garbage, items you wouldn't think of as bear attractants, like compost, bird feeders or outdoor refrigerators. These will keep a bear coming back for rewards until eventually the bear may cause damage."

"In the House case, the bear was probably attracted by the smell of the

bird feeders, but then discovered other goodies such as a garbage can. It wouldn't surprise me at all if the bear pays another visit to the Houses. By rearranging bird feeders and properly storing garbage, the bear will realize it's not worth hanging around."

"Make sure bird feeders are out of a bear's reach. Hang them 15 feet above ground and 5 feet from any tree trunk. That will prevent bears getting hold of them. Keep garbage in your garage if possible."

"There appear to be two hot spots for nuisance bears in Washington

State. They are Leavenworth and the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsulas. At Insight Wildlife Management we are trying to change this through our Bear Safe program which is funded by the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA). You can call their toll-free number 1-800-542-BEAR for your free Bear Safe guide. It provides information about how to prevent bears from becoming nuisance animals. Or call IWM on (253) 857-5515, or email: insightcpw@earthlink.net."

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