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### CAC Sponsors Program To Protect Our Community

Citizens Against Crime and its Citizens' Patrol is sponsoring a program to protect our community, particularly its children, from the deadly menace of garbage left along our roads, in fields and your yards, and elsewhere containing trash from methamphetamine labs. It can kill. The program is free at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Thursday, November 16. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 884-3386 or 884-3319.

### PEP-C Invite You To Explore Website

PEP-C, the Peninsulas' Emergency Preparedness Committee, invites you to explore its web site at [www.pep-c.org](http://www.pep-c.org) for advice on preparations for emergencies from earthquakes, ice storms, power outages, storm disrupted highways, and a variety of other concerns.

### Cider Fest Blood Drive Produces 18 "Silent Heroes"

Cascade Regional Blood Services announced the names of eighteen "silent heroes" who participated in the blood drive held at the Key Center Library during Cider Fest this year. Their donations helped save up to 54 lives. Those commended are Dawn Bolvin, Wanda Bowlin, Wally Cornman, Marcia Gibbons, Noelle Guenette, Beverly Haddon, Robert Harmon, Barbara Heard, Cathy Hildebrand, Ann Hovey, Claudia Loy, Dale Loy, Cheryl McCarthy, Shirley Olson, Janet Snape, William Snape, Janie Stiner and Sharon Walker.

Since three-fourths of the donors were women, one might wonder if many of the "macho" guys here on the Key Peninsula are really too "chicken" to undergo the simple procedure of donating blood.

**Don't Forget  
To VOTE  
November 7th!**



Betty Kelley and Claudia Loy begin preparations for the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair 2000.

### Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair 2000

On Saturday, November 18th, the sights and sounds of Christmas will be in the air at the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. The festivities begin at 9 am and last until 4 pm.

The Center will be decked out with all the trimmings, waiting for your arrival. Over 50 vendors will be participating — selling such items as jewelry, pottery, wreaths, crocheted tablecloths and more.

This year we will be raffling off a special designer tree at the end of the day. The tree will be completely decorated with lights, hand crafted ornaments and other unusual treats. And included, there will even be presents donated by the vendors under the tree. Tickets will cost \$2.00, and you may purchase them beforehand at the Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center or from Civic Center board members. All of your Christmas worries could be over with the purchase of just one ticket.

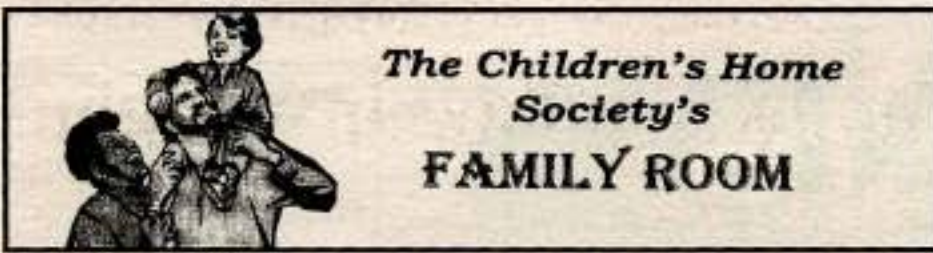
Musical entertainment by the Key Singers and the Peninsula High Jazz Club will add to the holiday spirit. And SANTA will be there too! He arrives at 11 am and will stay until 2 pm, and will be waiting to hear what the little ones have on their Christmas Wish lists. A professional photographer will be on hand to capture the moment for you. You might even bring your pet for an unusual picture.

So mark your calendar for November 18th. Join us early and stay late for a great day! The Center kitchen will be serving early morning coffee and a delicious lunch.

Hope to see you there !!!

For more information, or to inquire about vendor space, please contact co-chairs Claudia Loy, 884-3937, or Sharon Miller, 884-2536. (Vendor applications are on page 3 of this paper.)





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

Greetings! Our **Holiday Helper Program** is officially underway. As in years past, we are serving as something of a coordination site for "sponsors" who wish to brighten the holidays for children, and the families who need a bit of assistance in making the holidays special for their children. We are working in coordination with a number of holiday programs in the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula community. If you or your family or organization would like to sponsor one or more children this year, please give us a call. If you find you must choose between paying the light bill and providing holiday gifts for your children, please give us a call as soon as you can. All personal information is treated confidentially. Last year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we coordinated gifts for nearly 400 children. Due to the monumental space requirements of this program, **we cannot accept any further Clothing Bank donations until January.** We suggest you share with the Angel Guild or S.A.V.E. thrift shops.

Also, beginning November 6th, we will provide a six-week **Parent Effectiveness Leadership Training (PELT)** on Monday evenings at Key Peninsula Middle School. This is a free program, which is designed to enhance parents' leadership skills so that they can feel more confident in dealing with teachers and school administrators, and become more skillful advocates for their children. We will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Please call for more information or to sign up.

Another education related program will take place on Wednesday, November 8th. A panel of middle school and high school counselors will address the topic of **"Helping Your Teen and Pre-Teen Succeed in School."** Refreshments will be served and discussion time will follow the presentation. Childcare is available by prior arrangement. This will be held in the classroom of Fire Station 5, near the intersection of Wright-Bliss and Elgin-Clifton Roads, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Please call to sign up.

We have room for more **Little Buddies** in our Tuesday afternoon program. This is a free program that brings high school age mentors together with elementary school children for fun social and recreational activities. Currently there are more Big Buddies than Little, and we would gladly welcome more children. There is limited transportation available from Minter and Vaughn Elementaries by prior arrangement. We have a lot of fun together playing games and doing projects, so please call to sign up.

Our **Relatives Raising Children Support Group** meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month, from 1:00-2:30 PM at the Civic Center. The purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity for mutual support, education and information sharing. Childcare is available by prior arrangement.

Another monthly support group is **Parents Raising Healthy Families**, which meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:30 AM in the VFW Room at the Civic Center. Childcare is also available by prior arrangement. Please call for information about either of these groups.

The **Peninsula Teen Activities Committee** continues to seek teen input and participation. This group recently put on a successful Teen Coffee House which showcased teen artists and musicians, and is in the process of planning more activities. Please call for more information and meeting times.

There will be a **Childreach Screening** on December 5th, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM at the Civic Center. This is a free service available to parents who have questions about their child's development. Please call Childreach at 253-798-3698 for more information and to make an appointment to be seen.

The **Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center** is located in the lower level of the KP Civic Center. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Our phone number is 884-5433. We look forward to hearing from you.



*"They're so dirty and noisy! I don't know why we put up with them!"*

Liz Kassler

## Peninsula People

*People of interest, making a difference or just bringing a smile*

### The Fantastic Frisbee Trio: Swanee Swainston, Katie and Suzie



*Katie and Suzie take 5, Katie in front with pointed ears, and Suzie in back with floppy ears.*  
Photo by Lori Warkocki

If anyone can teach his dogs new tricks it's Nyle "Swanee" Swainston. It is not unusual to find Swanee and his two Border Collies, Katie and Suzie, practicing their Frisbee routines on the Civic Center lawn. Swanee cranks up the car stereo, whips out the Frisbees, and the next thing you know, Katie is running at lightening speed and leaping several feet high to catch a plastic, colored disk in mid-air. With great pride and gusto, she runs it back to Swanee and leaps into his open arms for a long ample bear hug. Love exudes between man and beast and it is touching to witness. Often times before you can say "Border Collie" kids abandon the playground and line up with their moms to cheer Katie on.

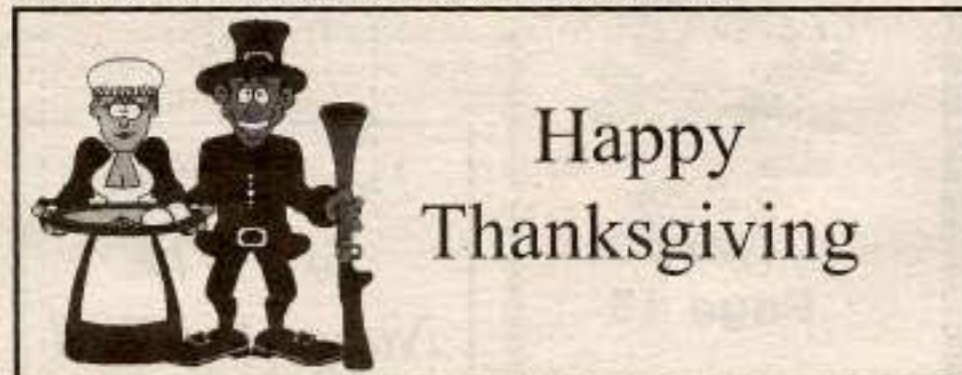
One day after a good workout, Katie was told to sit down and drink some water. It was Suzie's turn. Swanee turned on some 60's music and threw out the first one for Suzie. Suzie caught the first few and ran to Swanee's open arms for the "HUG"! Soon we spotted Katie, who was supposed to be resting, inching on her belly toward the field. Suzie has just missed a throw. Katie could stand it no longer. Up she leaped and ran out to catch Suzie's next throw, then ran to Swanee for the "HUG" she felt should only be hers. To her disappointment she was sent back to wait her turn. Swanee was patient but firm with her as she made several more attempts to creep out and show Suzie how it's done. I'm not sure what was more entertaining - watching the dogs perform, or watching Katie's jealous antics.

Swanee found Katie at just 12 weeks old. He's always wanted a Border Collie. Not long after Katie came to live with them, Swanee and his wife came home to find she had completely disemboweled the couch. "We were told later that these dogs need to have something to do, that they are working dogs," says Swanee. One day he watched some dog competitions on TV and saw a world champion throwing Frisbees with his Border Collie. "I thought, 'I can do that,'" says Swanee. So he went into the kids' room and dug out a couple of Frisbees from the toy box. "All it took was one throw, and Katie was hooked." After a year of practice they entered a local competition and won. Within a few years, Katie came in 11th in the world. "But the biggest thrill we ever had was putting on a half-time performance in front of 64,000 people at a Seahawks game," says Swanee.

While serving an organization called Border Collie Rescue, Swanee and his son Matthew were called to Vancouver to rescue an 8 month old neglected dog, "Border Collies are the number 1 abused dogs," says Swanee. For Matthew and Suzie "it was love at first sight." They took Suzie home and she became family right away. She learned the Frisbee biz too, though it's not her passion as it is Katie's. But she loves Swanee and to please him so she's learned well.

"My wife describes their personality differences as 'Katie is the hot guitar licks of Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Suzie is Bob Marley Reggae.'" One thing is clear, they're smart, hard working, loving dogs. And Swanee?...He's hard working, smart and the love of their life. And they are his.

*Swanee, Katie, and Suzie are available for half-time shows, fairs, school assemblies, and fundraisers. Call 884-9697 or emails at mrrivers@hotmail.com*





## Advertising Reps Change

We would like to thank Bob Stackhouse for the excellent job he has done over the past year as our advertising representative and wish him the best of luck as he moves on to a new venture, but one in which he's had many years of experience.

At the same time, we are pleased

to welcome Stephanie Carter back to our staff as our advertising representative. The transition has gone smoothly because Bob and Stephanie are both professionals and recognize the value of the *Key Peninsula News* to our readers, our supportive advertisers and to the Civic Center.

We again remind our readers that it is our advertisers who make it possible for us to produce this newspaper and have it delivered to you, and we hope you will continue to patronize our advertisers and to let them know that you appreciate their support of the *Key Peninsula News*.

*Marty Marcus & Ann Waldo,*  
Co-Editors

Something to think about as we enter the season of stuffing ourselves with food: two different surveys have shown that 12 out of every 100 families in the Pacific Northwest are either hungry or on the brink of hunger!

## Family Holidays in Vaughn

by Colleen Slater

Growing up in Vaughn, we had many family gatherings, especially on the holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, or when out-of-town relatives came for a visit.

We lived with our grandmother, Agnes Bill, and get-togethers there were generally in summer, when we could set up tables outside. In my memory, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations were held at D'Arcy Buckell's, Elmer and Elsie Olson's or Chester and Dorothy Van Slyke's.

Tables were set up where there was space, always heavily laden with everyone's specialties. While Grandpa Ted Buckell lived, he bought the Christmas goose. Aunt Blanche invariably had some new exotic dish to share. Grandma always provided red Jell-O with bananas, and lemon curd tarts. (Her granddaughter Joyce continues the tart tradition for special occasions.) Pies too numerous to count came from the various aunts, plus all the other necessities to complete a full meal.

The men gathered to play cards while the women put on finishing touches, arranged the table, and made sure there were enough chairs for all. Older cousins kept the younger ones occupied and out from under foot.

After the meal, when most were over-satisfied with food, the tables were cleared, put away, and games began. Uncle D'Arcy and Aunt Dorothy seemed to be the chief instigators. Charades, "Walk the Plank", and other "parlor games" delighted participants and onlookers alike. One Christmas hats were constructed of used wrapping paper and ribbons. Singing was always part of the festivities, too. We all looked forward to these parties, and left them with reluctance, adding fresh memories of family to our own special collections.

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## Have A Happy Thanksgiving Day!

### HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT FAIR 2000

November 18th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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## A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

I may have mentioned in a previous column that a former neighbor of mine, when I lived on the Monterey Peninsula, wrote a book more than fifty years ago and it's still in print. The title is *How To Lie With Statistics*. What brings it to mind now is that every time we go through election campaigns we seem to run into examples of the techniques described in the book.

Consider, for example, the recent flurry of verbiage about television, records, comic books, video games and the Internet being responsible for the rise in violent acts by teens. Yet within the last few months we were presented data that showed that youth and school violence was at its lowest level in more than ten years. That doesn't mean we shouldn't be working to reduce it still further. But is abrogating the First Amendment the best way to accomplish a lessening of violence?

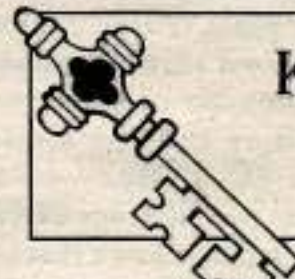
In the first place, how do we know that these materials are the cause of the problem? We don't. So the politicians and others who want to impose censorship legislation, without, of course, using that nasty, unAmerican word, make use of statistics. Here's an example, brought to my attention by Charles Levendosky, editorial page editor of the Casper, Wyoming, Star-Tribune, and who is also a nationally known authority on our rights under the First Amendment.

A recent report by the Federal Trade Commission tried to show that violence depicted in various segments of the media causes teen violence in the streets and schools. But they stopped short of actually making that claim, and instead made use of a common statistical term, "high correlation". Correlations can indicate some type of relationship between two events, but not necessarily. And a high correlation certainly doesn't prove a cause and effect relationship.

Let's look at some examples. If one were to survey one hundred people who were currently drug abusers, one would probably find that at least ninety-nine of them drank milk when they were children. That's a really high correlation, but does it mean that

drinking milk as a child leads to drug abuse as an adult? On the other hand, a recent TV program about the serious decline in the Orca population in Puget Sound showed a high correlation between the amount of chemicals known as organochlorines in the waters of the Sound and the amount of these chemicals in the tissues of dead Orcas. Based on what we know from laboratory testing, this high correlation could reasonably lead us to believe that a major cause of the decline in the Orca population is the presence of organochlorines in the waters of the Sound.

If in fact we're concerned about "family values", shouldn't parents, not politicians, be the ones determining what their children are watching and reading? Parents have at their disposal a number of ways of influencing what their children watch and read. For starters, there's the button marked "OFF". New TV sets have a built-in V-chip, and one would think if parents were really worried they would rather use that than have the government start down the slippery slope of censorship. It's a short step from censoring materials that children might see to banning materials that adults might want to use.



## KEY DATES 2000

### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

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

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

<b>KP Fire Commissioners</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
<b>KP Parks &amp; Rec.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

### SELF-HELP GROUPS

<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM	At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.
<b>Peninsula ALANON</b>	King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM	
<b>Caregivers Support</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Grandparents Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
	Contact Norma at <b>884-2205</b> for more information.	
<b>T.O.P.S.</b>	Tuesday Evening Weigh in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center	
<b>T.O.P.S.</b>	Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Longbranch Improvement Club	

### SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

<b>Bayshore Garden Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 854-2487.	Longbranch Improvement
<b>KP Historical Society</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
<b>Museum Open Thursday and Saturday</b>	from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.	
<b>LB Improvement Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
<b>Peninsula Neighbors</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Fire Station #4
<b>Lakebay Fuchsia Society</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Ruth Circle Meeting</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, lunch and
	Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.	
<b>Senior Society Luncheon</b>	Thursdays - Noon	KPCC/Whitmore Room
<b>Vaughn Bay Garden Club</b>	Call 884-5403 for more information.	
<b>Key Singers</b>	Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Longbranch Comm. Church
	Contact Jo Sturm - <b>884-1350</b>	

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## TAX TIPS



By Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP

I don't know how to state this, but for the last two months, I have tried to spark your interest in a way to save and make you money by utilizing the Income Tax laws to your advantage. It looks like no one believes me. The door is still open to the biggest opportunity to come our way in many years. Call me if you want to have additional information and I can mail or fax it to you. 884-3166

Lower capital gains tax rates arrive in 2001. Starting next year, persons in the 15% tax bracket who pay 10% on long-term capital gains will owe only 8% gains tax on assets held for more than five years. Be aware of this before selling this year.

The home office deduction with the proper business can decrease your taxes and increase your income. Worth looking at - right?

## Poetry Contest #3 Extended (and Modified)

Apparently the Quatrain didn't seem as much fun to think about as the Haiku and the Limerick, because we received very few entries for this round of the poetry contests. Maybe our explanation of the Quatrain was too limiting, because it is actually used in a lot of famous poems.

While the basic Quatrain does consist of four lines, it is possible to link Quatrains together to form other types of longer poems such as the Ballad, the Pantoum, and the Sonnet. So if anyone feels inspired enough to wax poetic with several Quatrains joined to form a longer poem, go to it. And if you want to submit several different poems, that's OK too. Remember that the rule for the Quatrain is line 1 rhymes with line 3 and line 2 rhymes with line 4. We'll save the entries received so far and add them to any others that come in by mail to P.O. Box 3 in Vaughn no later than November 20th.



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**KEY PENINSULA HEALTH CENTER**  
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by Frankie Johnson

T.O.P.S. #WA1019, Vaughn has so much good news that I have to resume our column to let the community know about our wonderful support group right here in Vaughn. We attended our Western Region Fall Rally in Bremerton on September 30, 2000. It seems like our chapter was being called on stage in every category. Colleen Spezia has lost the most weight in our region. We have very high hopes for her to be named as our state Queen at our convention next spring. She placed very high in the summer contest and was 4th place for walking over 1500 miles in the past year. Carol Bischoff was honored as our "Chapter Joy". This is voted by the members as who has been the person in your chapter always helping others in words and deeds. Colleen, Carol and Kena Henak took part in the Baggy Clothes Parade for losing more than 25 lbs. We also took first place in the publicity contest in our area. We thank this publication for their help in this department. We have placed first or second every year since 1995 and won monetary prizes.

Due to moving and other life changes, we had to hold a special election. Jena Henak is our new leader and Rita Koehl is our new treasurer. Susan Henshaw will remain as our co-leader and Pauline Longley is secretary. We appreciate these dedicated members for their time and talents in leading the chapter.

Lately many former members have returned to T.O.P.S. We welcome anyone back at anytime. Having done this myself, I realize how the strong bond and loving support of T.O.P.S. really does help in our quest for normal weight and good health. Rita Koehl gave a program on support where she examined the meanings of the word and how it is vital in the T.O.P.S. program. If you feel alone, overeating and out of control, T.O.P.S. is the place for you, too. We have no magic pill, but we sure have a strong support group if you want it. Your responsibility in the equation is to take all the information and work the plan presented to you with your attendance and your support to the other members.

One of our charter members, Bea Gomsrud, has celebrated her 15th year as a K.O.P.S. means Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly.

We meet every Tuesday evening in the VFW room at the Vaughn Civic Center. This is the building over at the side. We start weighing in at 6:00 PM the meeting is from 7:00-8:00 PM. If it is your first time, you are encouraged to come early to talk to the established members to find out more about the T.O.P.S. program. The cost to join is \$20.00 for the yearly national dues and \$5.00 local chapter dues. All contests are optional. Weigh-in is required and private.

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## To Your Health

by  
William F. Roes, M.D.

Keeping track of medication can be a difficult chore for patients, especially when many people are on multiple medications with confusing names and they all look alike. There has recently been a big push in hospitals to reduce medication errors, and I think it's time to make for a similar movement to reduce prescription errors in the home.

In days long past, there were few medications and few pharmaceutical companies, and doctors and pharmacists could recognize a patient's medicine by a description of the tablet. This is no longer the case, especially complicated by the fact that many prescriptions are filled with generic forms of the drug, and the appearance of the pill can vary from refill to refill if it is produced by a different manufacturer. Last month's little white tablet could be this month's red capsule and still be the identical blood pressure medicine you've taken for years. There are some simple things you can do to keep things straight from making potentially critical errors on your medications.

1. Leave the medicine in its original container until you take it, or place it in one of the pill holders designed to help you remember when to take your medicine. It's especially important not to mix pills together in large containers. That makes it very difficult to remember which pill is for what and how to take it.

2. Don't put new pills into the bottles from old pills, especially if there are still some old pills left. All medications deteriorate with time, often becoming ineffective and sometimes dangerous. It's important to "rotate your stock" and finish the old ones before starting the new ones - if they're all mixed up in the same bottle you won't know what's new or old.

3. Make a list of your medications and dosages and carry it with you in your wallet or purse, especially when you go to the doctor's office. Even better is bringing all your medicine to your appointment - it's amazing how often what I think you're on and what you actually are taking are different.

In summary, taking prescription medications can be confusing, and patients and health care providers need to be cautious that the drugs we prescribe are the ones you're actually taking, at the correct time and in the correct dosages.

Note: As of this writing (Oct. 17th, 2000), we're still waiting for the Flu Vaccine. We'll put up a signboard on the highway when it arrives, hopefully in early November.

## Healthy People, Healthy Communities

by Jill Smith

Restaurants throughout Pierce County will be going **smoke-free** for the day on Thursday, November 16, in celebration of the 24th annual **Great American Smokeout**. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, in collaboration with the American Cancer Society, is inviting all restaurants in Pierce County to declare their establishments **smoke-free** on November 16th.

Smoke-free dining is part of a national trend toward smoke-free workplaces. Research in the early 1990's identified both the nationwide level of harm caused by second-hand smoke and the particular problems faced by restaurant workers. In 1993, the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that 53,000 deaths a year occur from second-hand smoke, and in the same year, it was learned that waiters and waitresses have a 50-90% increased risk of lung cancer when compared with the general population.

Concerns among restaurant owners about a loss of business have proved to be unfounded. A National Restaurant Association Survey in 1993 found that more than 50% of all Americans choose a smoke-free restaurant over one that allows smoking. Following the implementation of smoke-free policies, surveys in California, New York, Wisconsin and Texas have all demonstrated that most smokers do not stop patronizing smoke-free restaurants. Restaurants and bars in both California and New York have reported increased profits following implementation of smoke-free policies. In the year following its ban on indoor smoking, California's bars reported a 6% increase in profits.

Encourage your favorite restaurants to go smoke-free for the day and show your support by dining at a participating restaurant on November 16th. For a list of participating restaurants, please call 253-798-3541 or visit our website at [www.healthdept.pierce.co.wa.us/smokeout](http://www.healthdept.pierce.co.wa.us/smokeout).

(Jill Smith, RN, is a Population-Based Public Health Nurse for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. She covers the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas and can be reached at 253-798-4715.)

### KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION 2000 COMING EVENTS

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## YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society  
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847



Jim Blundell and Bea Emil posing with the Dollhouse and Afghan items featured in the Seniors' Lottery Drawing.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Helen Kasper, our long-time member, formerly of Lake of the Woods, passed away in mid-October in her home at the Lutheran Home in Tacoma, and we bid her good-bye Oct. 21st at the Chapel. She and her husband, Dick, had lived for several years here on the Peninsula and she moved to Tacoma after his death a few years ago. We'll miss her.

Note the picture of Bea Emil and Jim Blundell posing with the two items featured in our Seniors' Lottery-Drawing. The AFGHAN held by Bea is just one of many she has made for senior benefits and other money-raisers over the past years. And the DOLL HOUSE is one constructed entirely by hand-by Jim's wife, Patricia, before her death. (She was the owner of the COUNTRY MOUSE, as some of you may remember.) So — KP Seniors will have raffle tickets available for these treasures from now through the November 18th Arts and Crafts Show at the Community Center in Vaughn. Our proceeds will benefit the Center.

Speaking of the Arts and Crafts Show, the Key Peninsula Seniors will have two tables at this event. Be sure to attend to shop for some wonderful gifts and presents for yourself or for Christmas giving. And for our members — don't forget to gather your gift items for our tables. And turn them in prior to our meeting of November 16th.

Bob Smith, of Tacoma, loyal former president of KP Seniors, was with us again for the October 12th meeting and played an afternoon of bridge with some of us. We have missed him, but he explained he'd been to the Snake River and had taken the exciting white-water raft trip through HELL'S CANYON. Seemed none the worse for wear.

Nominating Committee members Fern Hagen, Jim Blundell and Jim Nolan are searching for a ticket of candidates to run for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of KP Seniors. They will present their offerings to the club this month, and the election will be held in December so that the new officers can assume their posts in January. Anyone interested? Contact one of the above. Thanks!!

HEY THERE — Don't forget the ELECTION DAY for the state and the nation comes up NEXT TUESDAY ... November 7th. Hooray, after that, all the radio/TV/newspaper POLITICAL ADS will END. Hooray! No more personal attacks, backbiting, lies (large and small). What a relief!!! HOWEVER - We can't complain of the results if we don't VOTE. So - whatever your choice, VOTE — Now - if you have an absentee ballot. Or on Next Tuesday, if in person. But — VOTE!

### SENIOR SURVEY THIS MONTH:

Are you going to vote?? Of 26 respondents, 24 said "yes" and 2 said "no". Thanks, if you follow up, you "yes" voters. And shame on you for the "no"s.

## Senior Talent Showcase

Auditions for a senior talent showcase with emcee Dorothy Wilhelm will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 4 to 8 pm at the Lakewood Library. This will be for a benefit show for the Lakewood Players. Singers, dancers, musicians, magicians, comedy and variety acts are needed, and performers must be over 50. To sign up, call 253-588-0042.

Smoking harms not only the person smoking, but the people around the smoker. This could include you.



If you are in a restaurant where smoking is permitted, it is always best to sit in the No Smoking section.

## Danger Ahead

by Mary Nelson

Golden leaves and nippy night warn us that a dangerous season is just ahead. The feeding frenzy of the holidays is upon us and we need the helping hand that T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can give.

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the Home, WA Firehouse there is a group of dedicated people, working together to make eating sensibly a way of life. Talks, skits and guest speakers are helpful and fun and private weigh in and contests help keep us motivated.

We are honoring Joanne Gilkison as best loser this month and Kristen Johnstone came in a close second. These ladies are such an encouragement and their persistence will assure that they reach their goal.

Sugar cravings are caused by low protein levels in the body, researchers have found. Maybe you only need a hard-boiled egg or a handful of peanuts instead of that whole package of Oreos.

So keep out of the danger zone by fitting T.O.P.S. on Tuesday morning into your schedule. Learn more tips for sensible eating like the one above and move into 2001 without straining the seams in your good clothes. See You There!



### Free Community Meal Resumes at Civic Center

The free Sunday Community Meal sponsored by I.M.Pact ministries has resumed at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Every Sunday at 3:00 P.M. dinner will be served. The meals this year have expanded with more variety in the menus and with more complete meals, including dessert. In addition this year, food, clothing and household items will be available to anyone who has need. Come down and enjoy good food and good company.

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# Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

There have been so many positive remarks overheard at the Angel Guild Thrift Store. Many people come in and say how great our prices are and how clean the store is and how nice the merchandise is. Those expressions are music to our ears and make our volunteer efforts worth while. Thank you! We know there were a lot of happy little (and some big) goblins with all the costumes and other Halloween stuff that went out of the store.

Some of the recent requests that we were able to fill have sent glowing thank yous to the Angels. Among the most gratifying were from KPMS Middle School. We have been funding an activity bus for kids who stay later than regularly scheduled service. Recently requests were made for a kiln, LCD projector, science software and other equipment not in their budget. The students, teachers and parents have greatly appreciated the funding. We also have supplied the provisions for the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program at Evergreen Elementary School. As you know, all proceeds from the thrift store go back to the community. To make a request, it must be through an organization or recognized institution and not to an individual. A written request must be submitted to our group, hopefully at least two months before actually needed. If we don't have the means to grant it at the time of the request, please resubmit.

We get calls all of the time as to what we accept and when to bring donations and where to leave things. We cannot take big appliances, mattresses, overstuffed furniture, old TVs or computers. Please donate clean clothing and other items that can be washed. If you can't sell it, neither can we. So ask yourself if it is really something to donate or are you just looking for a place to dump junk? One of our biggest expenses is hauling the unusable stuff away. Furniture and anything left out in the open must be disposed of. There is a covered porch on our sorting building in back of the store. That is where to leave your good leftovers. The best time to bring your things is during the hours the volunteers are working. That is Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. On Saturday, we are open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be happy to provide a receipt for your taxes.

The next couple of months will be busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping. Watch for special decorations and a Toy display. The sales have been really good. We had

ladies jeans on sale for \$1.00 a pair. Watch for other good deals coming. We will have a special sale as we have in the past just before our annual closing to clean and refurbish over the Christmas/New Year holidays. We will tell times and dates next month.

For your requests, our address is 9013 KPHN, Key Center, WA 98349. Thank you for your support.

## November Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Pastor Henk Wapstra will preach for Communion Sunday, November 5. Pastor Ray Mansen preaches at the Thanksgiving Day service at 9:30 a.m. A special worship service of music and drama, featuring the youth and children, is planned for November 19.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is in process of interviewing candidates.

The Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts will meet on November 13 and 20 at 7 p.m., led by Colleen Slater.

Sunday School for children includes music, stories and crafts each week.

Worship and Sunday School begin at 10:30 Sunday mornings, meeting at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake. All are welcome. For more information, call 857-7284.

## Fox Island Holiday Carnival and Craft Fair

The Fox Island Community Recreation Association (FICRA) will sponsor a Holiday Carnival and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Nichols Community Center, 690 9th Ave., Fox Island. Admission is free, but we encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item for the Peninsula FISH Food Bank. Spaces are available for crafters at \$20.00 each. Santa Claus will make an appearance, so be sure to bring your cameras. There will be carnival games, prizes and live entertainment for young and old. Come and ring in the holiday season with your family and friends! For more information, or to volunteer, call 253-549-2701 or visit our website at <http://www.foxisland.net/events.htm>. We are still looking for crafters and musicians for this event.

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## MTBE — Another Problem To Worry About

MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) is a gasoline additive used in some states to oxygenate gasoline to improve combustion and thereby decrease smog-forming products of internal combustion engines. Last January, the TV program *60 Minutes* raised concerns about MTBE contamination across the whole country. Since Washington is NOT one of the states where it is used, the State Department of Ecology did not expect to find the same level of contamination by MTBE in ground water and drinking water supplies as has been found in other states such as California. Actually, for months before the TV program, our Ecology Department was already searching for evidence of contamination by MTBE. Since it produces an unpleasant odor and taste in the water, it isn't too difficult to determine its presence.

In July of 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency granted the State of Washington \$50,000 to conduct a search for this chemical which is suspected of causing cancer. Beginning last December, Ecology checked a representative sampling of 70 sites around the state where underground tanks are known to have leaked petroleum products in the past. All 70 sites have undergone or are undergoing cleanup. Petroleum was detected at 62 of the sites, and at 30 of those, MTBE was also detected. Half of the sites that showed evidence of MTBE contamination had levels higher than EPA's national drinking water advisory of 20 parts per billion (ppb).

The State Department of Health is responsible for monitoring drinking water in Washington, and they report that, so far, no MTBE has been found in public drinking water wells in the state. If members of the public have concerns about their wells or about public water systems, they can contact the Department of Health at 800-521-0323. State-certified drinking-water laboratories that test for volatile organic chemicals can screen for MTBE. They can be found in the Tacoma Yellow Pages under "Laboratories-Analytical". There are none listed in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula phone directory Yellow Pages.

Barry Rogowski, who manages underground-storage-tank cleanups for Ecology, said, "We found MTBE in ground water, but luckily not at the alarming rates or as widespread as in states like California. Even so, protecting ground water is our highest concern, and we are taking steps to lessen the threat to drinking water and the risk of human exposure." He also said that Ecology is in the process of modifying state cleanup rules to add a cleanup level of 20 ppb in ground water for MTBE, a level consistent with other state cleanup levels. The proposal also sets a cleanup level of 100 ppb in soil and requires sampling for MTBE at all leaking tank sites.

Because of confidentiality agreements with property owners, Ecology can disclose only the name of the city where MTBE contamination was found, not the precise location.

## Living and Learning on the Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

The fall meeting and social of the Historical Society was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. The membership discussed our yearly scholarship donation to Peninsula High School and the expansion of the present museum site. More on this in the December issue of the *Key Peninsula News*. We all want to thank Marge Radonich of Longbranch for her excellent program on the Longbranch Cemetery.

Christmas is right around the corner; look for our booth at the Civic Center Christmas Bazaar on November 18th. We will feature the Key Peninsula's best sellers, *Early Days of the Key Peninsula*, *Parade of the Pioneers* and *The Vaughn Library Cookbook*, plus many other museum items.

Be sure you make some time this November to come to visit the Museum. The Museum will be closed December through the end of January for yearly cleaning and rearranging.

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# THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

There you were driving your 1999 Ford Explorer down the Key Peninsula Highway when your right front Firestone/Bridgestone 15 inch Wilderness AT blew out.

You lost control of your Explorer, hit a 40 foot fir just off the road and ended up breaking your pelvis. Because of your injuries, you couldn't work for six weeks at the Gig Harbor Widget Center and you ended up losing several thousand dollars in wages.

You also found yourself in a totaled Ford and a busted up pelvic girdle. You had pain in your low back that had to rank right up there with childbirth. The Ford Motor Credit Company was the loss payee on your automobile insurance policy with Gotcha Insurance Company. However, the adjuster from Gotcha was making disturbing noises about lack of coverage since you had forgotten to make last month's premium payment on time.

Since you lost your only set of wheels you needed to replace them ASAP. Unfortunately, you only had about \$5,000 in savings. To get something safe, you ended up having to spend \$2,500 out of your nest egg and take out a loan from Out of State Out of Mind Bank. You figured OSOMB would be there for you since they gave you the loan that allowed you to buy to Explorer in the first place.

Over a cup of coffee on Sunday afternoon, you realized that as a result of the tire exploding, you were now making car payments on an old beater as opposed to your new Explorer. You were also limping around the house like Festus on Gunsmoke and you were wondering when the doctor would take you off "light duty" so you could return to work since your financial ship was beginning to take on some serious water.

Angry as all get out, your friend Earl told you to raise the devil with You Betcha Ford, the dealer in Portland where you bought the Explorer since you didn't think I-695 would pass and you knew that this was a way to save a fortune on sales tax. You called and found out that Big Red, the guy who sold the rig to you, had left the dealership two months ago to start up a new internet company selling surplus US Navy hardened ship

siding to an Arizona golf club manufacturer marketing the new 48 inch "Torpedo Crusher", driver to 34 handicap hackers trying to get a tee time at the local muni.

The 19 year old part-time coed at Portland State who was answering the phone for You Betcha on the weekend was so sorry that you had been hurt, but said there wasn't really anything they could do to be of help. She listened patiently while you ranted and then reassuringly intoned, "Please, do have a nice day, hope you get better soon." Then, just like Jack Frost sneaking slowly into town, she quietly hung up on you.

By this time old Earl had run out of ideas and you couldn't think clearly due to the pain that was starting to shoot up your back and down your legs and you were beginning to wonder if your doctor really knew whether or not Percocet shouldn't be washed down with a jigger of Jack Daniels.

As you sat there all stoved-up, you remembered the time that your dad had seen an attorney in town about a boundary line dispute that he had with the county. The lawyer had done a good job for your father, and you thought, "I may need to call that old boy and see what's going on here."

You looked at Earl, took another sip of mash and picked up the phone.

## Help Recognize Great Work

The Puget Sound Regional Council, the designated regional transportation and growth management agency for the central Puget Sound region under state and federal laws, is composed of more than 80 county, city, port, transit, tribal and state agencies. They are again seeking nominations for their annual VISION 2020 Awards, which recognize public and private activities that manage growth, improve transportation, protect the natural environment and help create great neighborhoods. Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2000.

Any person or organization can nominate a project, program or plan for an award. Nomination materials are available by contacting Anne Avery at the Regional Council, 206-587-4818, or on the council's web site, [psrc.org](http://psrc.org).

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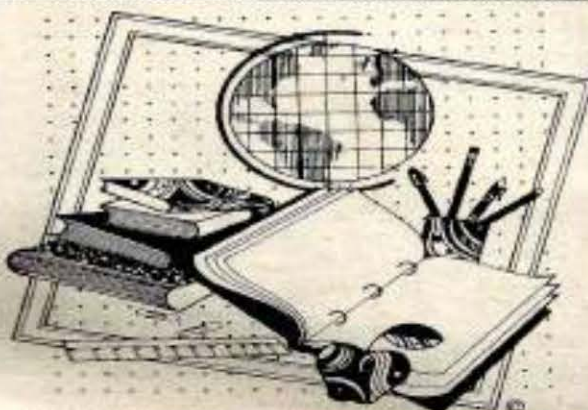
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## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

The VFW 4990 Color Guard. Pictured From Left Front: Bob Cate, Tim Hale, Jerry Davis. Back Row: Billy Smith and Gary Helmick.



I guess I must admit summer is over, but I will hope (desperately) that we see the sun before July 2001!

Now on to things more certain, like the FREE Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by VFW 4990 and Auxiliary. November 23rd, at the Civic Center, will see Jerry Davis and Larry Bellona cooking the traditional turkey and trimmings and then serving promptly at 4 pm. They request your RSVP no later than November 20th in order to cook enough food

for all. Phone either 884-0428 or 884-3386 to make your reservations. All senior couples without family, single individuals, single parents with children and anyone alone on this special day are WELCOME. If you would like to volunteer to serve, clean up, etc., do call either Jerry or Larry and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Next up is the TREES OF SHARING which will be set up in all Walts Fine Food stores, the Home Mini Mart and the Harvestime Country store. The gifts collected will go to Retsil and American Lake hospitalized veterans. Just take a card, buy the gift, wrap it and attach the card. Then return it to the store. What an easy way to thank the veterans and wish them a happy holiday season from a grateful community.

VETERANS in the CLASSROOM will again be in all schools requesting the program. It was a great success last year and we hope for an even bigger success this year.

A standing ovation for 4990 Color Guard at the State Women's Republican convention in Tukwila. Congratulations, fellas, for a job well done. 4990 is definitely on the map.

The Ladies Auxiliary said goodbye to Jean Barnes with a luncheon in her honor on October 16th. Jean has been a tireless volunteer over many years and now looks forward to time with her family in Australia. Good luck, Jean. We shall miss you.

The flags will fly (weather permitting) November 11th at the Vaughn Cemetery. With the help of members, volunteers and scouts, the Aisle of Honor will fly 174 flags, starting at 7:30 am. They will come down at 4 pm.

REMEMBER to buy or sell your tickets and get the stubs and money to Yvonne Helmick or Roxy Wooldridge before our Christmas get together for a chance on those afghans. Money raised goes to the building fund.

Our CARE CIRCLE this month includes Donald Garber, Louie Aguilar, Bob Beal, Judy Wilson, Henry Stock and Irene Wooldridge. Please take time for a small prayer on their behalf and for all the others not 100%. Thank you.

Until next month, remember, GOD gave you two ears and one mouth; so you should listen twice as much as you talk.

## Unemployment Drops in September

Washington's unemployment rate fell six-tenths of a percent in September, the largest September drop in more than 20 years, but the unemployment rate in this state is still almost 1% more than the average for the whole country. On a county by county basis, San Juan has the lowest unemployment rate at 1.9%, Columbia is the highest at 8.9%, and Pierce falls near the middle at 4.6%.

For those people who are still unemployed, or who have recently lost jobs, the state has taken another step to simplify the process of filing claims. As of October 2, unemployment-claims may be filed on the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The library in Key Center can provide access to the internet for this purpose for anyone without a PC. The web site is at [go2UI.com](http://go2UI.com). The Internet also provides access to the site [Go2worksource.com](http://Go2worksource.com), where job-hunters can search 17,000 job orders from Washington employers.



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Mary's qualifications as an appraiser are extensive: degrees in art history and French from the University of Puget Sound, professional training through the American Society of Appraisers; and advanced seminars at several museums and colleges. She has also been the associate editor for *The Appraisal of Personal Property*, and worked for many years in the Reference Department at Tacoma Public Library. Her business also conducts on-site estate sales.

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The theme of the mural should be in keeping with the Key Peninsula or the Civic Center itself. Sketches with name and phone number can be submitted to the Civic Center office or dropped into the *Key Peninsula News* drop box on the office door. Chosen artists and their work will be featured in the *Key Peninsula News*. For more information call the Civic Center office at 884-3456 or Lori Warkocki at 884-9330.

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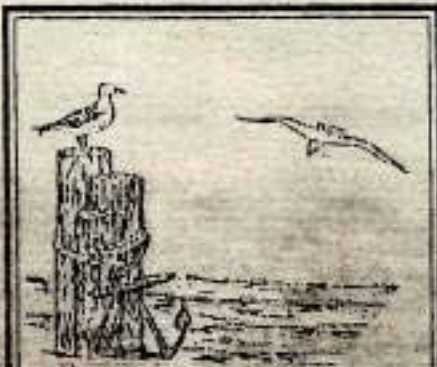
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## The Garden In November

by Sylvia Retherford  
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Be thankful the hoses and sprinklers are stored away for the season. September was dry and our first rain arrived on October 9th. Garden cleanup continues with compost accumulating to provide nutrients and humus for next year's crops.

The last of the tomatoes ripen on the window sill and thirty winter squash are stored in the basement recreation room. Apples and pears from the orchard occupy the garage and the large freezer is nearly full of summer's bountiful produce.

The growing season is never over in Puget Sound Country. Primroses that bloomed fitfully all summer have become vigorous. It is time to divide large clusters of them so they have more space for winter and early spring growth. Six feet tall Michaelmas daisies (fall aster) are deep pinks and purples. Seven feet tall monkshood (*Aconitum henryi*) have stalks with many deep blue blooms. Tulips, daffodils, snow drops, iris *reticulata* and crocuses are in place for early spring color. Other very early flowering plants such as *Limnathes douglasii* (butter and eggs) and *Doronicum cordatum* (leopard's bane) should be planted now.

Winter heathers are in full bloom: red, pink and white. They will be a joy for months to come. A frost may briefly discourage them but they make a quick recovery. Gloriosa daisies, less lovely than in summer, bloom on, making seed that will come up all over, readying for another season. Four feet tall toad lilies (*Tricyrtis macropoda*), after six weeks of their purple-spotted white blossoms, still have many buds. One plant has twenty stalks.

Dahlia blossoms are nearly gone but the tubers do not have to be dug if they are in a well-drained spot. If they need moving or rearranging, now is the time to do it. They can be stored in a cool dry basement if you wish.

Many trees have lost their leaves including the deciduous magnolias, but the evergreen *Magnolia grandiflora* is as lovely as ever. During the ice storm of 1996, we went out hourly to break the accumulated ice off its leaves. The weight would have broken down the young tree. It rewarded us by bearing ten dinner-plate sized fragrant blossoms the following spring.

The winter cole crops (cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, kale and purple cabbage) are providing much for the dinner table. Root crops are ready also. The potato patch can provide a potful any time needed. Or they can be stored in a cold basement if you wish. There are always enough overlooked tubers left in the ground for a crop next year.

Ornamental kale and cabbage roses are colorful all winter and go up to seed in the early spring. They can be eaten as decorative salads any time.

The greenhouse off the living room is abloom with pink Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Mandevilla and Geraniums. Window sills bear trays of African violets to cheer us through the gray days of winter.

## Bayshore Garden Club Meets November 17th

The next meeting will begin at 11 am at the Longbranch Improvement Club with a line design workshop. Participants should bring plant materials and containers for design practice. Critiques will follow. No-host, brown bag lunch is at 12, followed by our business meeting.

Since the club is sponsoring a Flower Show at the Pagoda (Point Defiance) in Tacoma on November 21, the meeting will then focus on related topics—Flower show entry and Horticulture education, led by Doris Boudreau. Doris will also present an example of design.

Members of the Bayshore Garden Club are meeting with students and staff of Evergreen School to begin a project of replanting the horrible mess left by logging adjacent to the school. According to county and state regulations, nothing can be done to develop the site for about 6 years!

We are proud that two of our members won significant prizes recently. Doris Boudreau was awarded a blue ribbon and \$100 for her decorated Christmas tree at the Puyallup Fair. She also won the Jo Ann Goldman Award for a Snowman of Gourds table centerpiece.

Doris Hoover won the National Table Artistry Award at the Capitol District Fall Show. She also won the National Designer's Choice Award for an abstract design on a pedestal and the Ellen Swenson Award, which is a nomination for the State Arrangement of the Year.

The show at the Pagoda mentioned above is open to the public. These shows are held monthly and sponsored on a rotating basis by garden clubs belonging to the Capitol District. Our club welcomes visitors to our meetings, which are held regularly on the third Friday of each month. Come and join us!

## Vaughn Bay Garden Club

The October meeting of the Vaughn Bay Garden Club was held at the home of Mary Krumbein. Mary served a delightful lunch featuring herb recipes, including appetizers, soups, salads and desserts.

Kathie DuPriest is chairman of our garden at the Civic Center, where over 100 new spring bulbs were planted this fall.

The November 15 meeting will be held at the home of Anne DeLaney, with Sandy Adam as co-hostess. Karen Robertson of The Ladybug Farm will present the program on Tips for Fall.

For information about the club, call 884-5403.



# Key Peninsula Civic Center

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## Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

### Don't Be A Bear Watcher

After months of cheering the stock market as it climbed to record heights, some individual investors are now taking up a new sport -- bear watching.

Some people are sure they've caught a glimpse of the bear market, but each time, it has turned out to be an unsubstantiated sighting, and the market has soon regained its losses.

Convinced, however, that the stock market's upward trend won't continue forever, and it won't, some investors are nervously anticipating the arrival of a bear market.

Unfortunately, even those who make a living trying to predict stockmarket movements are rarely accurate. History has proven that thus far every significant advance in the stock market has been followed by a correction. However, whether that correction will occur in two weeks, two months or two years, no one knows for sure.

Wise investors know that market timing is futile. Instead, they adopt a plan that offers protection in the event of a stock market decline.

This plan does not include abandoning stocks or stock mutual funds. Since the early 1950s, there have been 15 bear markets, periods when the Standard & Poor's 500 decline 15 percent or more. Certainly, the thought of watching the value of your \$10,000 portfolio fall to \$7,600 is not a pleasant one. However, history has shown that not only has the stock market fully recovered from each of these bear markets, it has gone on to reach new highs.

While no one enjoys watching the value of their investments fall, a period of eight or even 18 months is a very short span in the 20 or 30 years that most people spend investing. In addition, temporary declines in stock prices offer opportunities for investors to purchase shares of the best companies at more reasonable prices. Think of it this way, when your favorite brand of clothes go on sale, do you focus on how much you paid for them the last time? Probably not. Instead, you most likely go buy some more to take advantage of the great prices.

If you want your portfolio to be in the best shape possible to weather a market decline, make sure you own good-quality companies. While the stocks of strong companies are not immune to stock market declines, their prices typically do not fall as much as those of lesser-quality companies, and they generally rebound faster.

Stocks that are most vulnerable during market declines are those that have very high price-to-earnings ratios -- the "hot" stocks of the day. Heavy concentrations of Internet stocks, for example, should probably be reduced and replaced by stocks in more reasonably valued industries.

The value of owning good-quality stocks over long periods of time cannot be overstated. Only stocks offer the inflation protection and rising income potential you need

to ensure that you don't outlive your savings. To realize their long-term rewards, however, stock owners must live through short-term declines. During those uncomfortable periods, remember, the worst thing a bear market can do is scare you away from the investments you need most.

### Two K P Schools Get Grants

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the recipients of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants. There were 2,252 applications submitted nationwide, and only 310 grants were awarded. The grants will be used for after-school programs as well as family support, tutoring, homework assistance and recreational offerings. So we applaud Evergreen Elementary and K P Middle School for being 2 of the 310 schools in the whole country to get this award.

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## Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District News

by Nancy Lind

The Park Board meets the second Monday of each month at the Volunteer Park Annex at 7:00 PM. For information and/or scheduling, call Fred Ramsdell at 884-4834 or Pat Medveckus at 800-595-1010 (day) or 884-5097 (night). A message can be left at the park office, 884-9240.

### Volunteer Park

Activities are beginning to wind down at Volunteer park.

Adult Softball is over till next year.

Little League is over till next year.

The Swap Meets will start up again in the spring, hopefully.

I see some soccer players on the fields.

### Rocky Creek Conservation Area

"Make a Difference Day" took place Saturday, October 21. It was two years in October since the lease was signed, making RCCA the Key Peninsula's second park. Many things have been going on there and we're very pleased with our progress. We urge everyone to come out to see the area and walk the trails. We don't have the trails identified yet but that's on the agenda. Last Saturday we had a 4-H group and an Earth Service Corps group from Gig Harbor High School working on trails. We had other activities and after a couple of hours stopped for a simple lunch and some socializing. The next community event will be on Earth Day in April.

Some people have called about the logging at RCCA that appeared to be very extensive. Well, it was extensive and we were very concerned but as the lease with the county states "it is at the discretion of the county to harvest according to their schedule" and until a later date when the status of the property may change, we'll have to honor the decision of the county.

We will continue our walk-a-bouts on the last Sunday of each month, 2:00 PM. We meet at the big cedar sign on 150th and Crews Rd. off of Elgin-Clifton.

The HOME TOWN MEETING will be November 2nd, at the Home Fire Station at 7:00 PM. Come and talk about anything you want. Everyone welcome.

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# School News

## Vaughn School Happenings

Mr. Donehower's request for brown paper bags for art projects brought in enough to reach the saturation point, and then some, but free or cheap used foam core board is still needed.

PAA/Youth is looking for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8 for basketball. The number to call is 858-7678.

Balloons and flower presentations at school are causing problems with transportation and smooth-flowing classroom instructional sessions, so they have been placed on the NO-NO list.

Thanks to Paula Warren for assembling a classroom emergency phone tree system. In case of a school closure during normal school hours, volunteers will attempt to call parents at home. This system is not a substitute for radio broadcasts, nor will it be used on days school is not in session.

NOTE: When bringing in treats for classroom parties or birthdays, the Health Department requires that they be store-bought'n, NOT homemade !!

Two big THANK-YOU notes to Diana Nole for working on the volunteer process and to Patty Wilson for new shelf labels for the library.

And Patty Van's pet in the library, Bo, is going to celebrate Thanksgiving by getting fed hamsters and gerbils instead of the usual, month in, month out, diet of rats.

## Minter Creek School News

Veterans' Day is being observed on Friday, November 10th, so there is no school that day, and since Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 16, 17, 20, 21 & 22, an early dismissal schedule will be in effect on those days. There is no school on the 23rd and 24th because of the break for Thanksgiving.

An Emergency Phone Tree is being compiled by parent volunteer Beth Cordy. It is designed to be used in the event of a school closure during regular school hours, but is not intended as a substitute for the radio as a source of up-to-date information.

Volunteers are vital to the functioning of every school, and in Washington, volunteers who work directly with children have to be cleared by the State Patrol. A clearance is valid for two years, and a quick check at the school office can tell if one's clearance needs to be updated.

Girls and boys in grades 3 through 8 are eligible to participate in the PAA/Youth basketball season. The PAA hotline is 858-7678.

Planning ahead? Remember, Winter Break (no school) is December 21st - January 3rd.

## Key Peninsula Middle School PTA

On Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM the KPMS PTA is planning to have its second volunteer work party of the school year, cleaning landscaped areas of the school grounds. Snacks, beverages and school pride will be shared with the group of volunteers. Tools and materials will be provided. Just show up and be ready to get to work making KPMS a more attractive environment for the students and community. For information call the school at 884-4800 or Tim at 884-4538. Another good thing brought to you by your KPMS-PTA.

## Notice To Contributors

Please submit material to the Key Peninsula News before the 20th of each month. Hard copy and PC disk are useful and pictures are welcome.

We reserve the right to edit all material.

If you give us pictures or disks, we will have them back in the KPCC office as soon as the paper comes out. Please stop by to pick them up during office hours - 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Fri-



**With the new Key Peninsula dial-a-ride service.**

On Monday, September 18, Pierce Transit began providing a dial-a-ride service between the Key Center area and the Purdy Park & Ride.

1. Call **581-8100** to reserve a trip, one to five days in advance.
2. Arrive at your assigned pick-up point (over 50 locations along the Key Loop).
3. Board the van and pay your fare.
4. Arrive at Purdy Park & Ride—transfer to buses or SHUTTLE.



**SHUTTLE vans will operate:**

**Monday through Friday, 6am - 6pm (by reservation)  
Every two hours**

**On a schedule to connect with Pierce Transit bus service at the Purdy Park & Ride.**

Vans will stop at designated stops throughout the Key Center area. Anyone can schedule a ride to or from these stops by calling SHUTTLE customer service one to five days in advance at 581-8100. Phone lines are open seven days a week, from 8am to 5pm to take reservations. **Same day reservations will not be accepted.**

Cost of the service is the same as for Pierce Transit's regular bus service: \$1 one-way or 50cents for seniors and individuals with disabilities (with a regional reduced fare card). *Transfers are not issued or accepted on this service.*

At the Purdy Park & Ride, you can transfer, for an additional fare, to buses and SHUTTLE (if eligible) serving Gig Harbor, Downtown Tacoma, Tacoma Community College Transit Center, and other destinations. Save money by purchasing a monthly pass.

For more KEY LOOP information, please call SHUTTLE customer service at 581-8100.

**CYBER CAFE NEW???**

<http://cybercaffe.net> (884-2151)

**KEY CNTR CORRAL-11am-7pm-7DAYS**



**CARDS, INET/GAMES, L@@K**



# Children's Museum of Tacoma

**Museum Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**First Fridays Free:** Visitors can enjoy our new exhibits for free on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Sponsored by Key Bank.

**W.O.W. Wee One's Wednesdays:** Due to popular demand, our toddler program has been extended. Every Wednesday we've set aside an hour of fun for our littlest friends. From 10:00 to 11:00 AM toddlers and their parents can participate in age appropriate activities.

## Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Northwest Chapter

A monthly no-host luncheon is held for those veterans, their families and those interested in the Ardennes Campaign and the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. The luncheon is held at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in the Olympic Village, Gig Harbor, in a private dining room set aside for the group. Time is from 11 am to 1 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity for veterans and their families to visit, talk about their experiences and share their stories of the time spent fighting for their country. Call Bob Borden at (253) 857-6754 or Lois Wiek at (253) 566-7665.

The next luncheon is on Wednesday, November 1, 2000.

## SMOKERS

Have something to be thankful for on Thanksgiving.

Join the Great American Smokeout on November 16th.

**Fire District #16  
Budget Hearing  
Nov. 8, 2000  
6:00 PM  
Key Center  
Fire Station**

Public is invited.

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