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It's 'Fair' time again.

More on the Key Peninsula Community Fair on pages 8, 9 & 12.



L to R: KPPD firefighters Heidi Whittermore, Todd Van Scoyk, and Ryan Williams giving fire safety pointers to the Key Peninsula Children's Home Society "Happy 2-C-U" class outdoors in the sunshine at Evergreen Elementary School, Friday, July 12.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula News To Close Temporarily

by Dave Stratford, KPCC Assn. President

This August issue of the *KP News* will be the last issue while the Key Peninsula Civic Center Board looks at restructuring the paper.

Civic Center Board Members are aware of the importance of the monthly issues and have appointed a team of local volunteers, with previous publishing and journalistic experience to form a team to turn the paper into a self supporting paper.

At a recent meeting the Key Peninsula Civic Center Board voted to cease publication and to reorganize the *KP News*. Rising costs of insurance, taxes and mailing have forced the Civic Center to look at all expenses. The first priority is to keep the Civic Center open and available to all community members. The Civic Center is not in the newspaper publishing business but has funded, sought grants and managed the *KP News*. The Board feels it is time to find a means for making the newspaper support itself and restructuring is necessary.

Marty Marcus and Ann Waldo have given an incredible amount of time, energy and their own resources to the *KP News*. The community is indebted to their work and dedication over the years.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Board has agreed to work quickly to resolve issues hindering the paper and to once again publish a monthly newspaper.

Old Timers Day Is Back August 17th At Longbranch Improvement Club

It's that time of the year again folks! Yes indeed, it's Old Timers Day with our annual Loggers Show and Competition. What a show these guys put on, and this year they once again are bringing the world's fastest chainsaw, Dale Boquist's "Hot saw", a 350ci Chevy Motor chain saw. Watch metal cut wood like a warm knife slices through butter and the ease with which the process is performed.

Then there's the "Bud Arledge Memorial Horseshoe Tournament." Though Bud has left physically, in spirit he will always be a part of Old Timers Day.

Kids' Games will start at 1:00 PM with ribbons being awarded. Community vendors will have booths with wonderful information and goodies for all. If you are interested in having a booth, please call us at 884-4440 as we have room for more. Our country fair is showcasing community talent, a flea market with great finds, the talented Key Singers, music by Brad Chrysler of "Sound Entertainment" all day, with dancing later in the afternoon and food from hamburgers and hot dogs to ice cream from the Schwann man.

Of course if you're feeling lucky, you should buy a raffle ticket for \$1.00 a chance to win first prize — an Orlando vacation for two including round trip airfare, 5 days and 4 nights accommodations, and a pass for two to the theme park of your choice!! Second prize is 3 days and 2 nights stay in a condo of your choice in a variety of selected areas. Third prize is a handmade queen size quilt made by Tina Zeller.

So many wonderful experiences to be had and an opportunity to share them with family, friends and neighbors.

Saturday, August 17th, Flag Raising and opening ceremonies begin at 10:00 AM, with activities until 6:00 PM.

All proceeds benefit the Key Peninsula Community Services, Food Bank and Senior Center. Come and help us to make this yet another wonderful family event.

KPPD At Evergreen Elementary

by Hugh McMillan

A beautiful, warm, sun-swept Friday was a busy one for kids on the Key Peninsula.

At Evergreen Elementary, KPPD firefighters Heidi Whittermore, Todd Van Scoyk, and Ryan Williams brought a big red fire engine and an equally red ambulance to set the scene for giving fire safety pointers to a Key Peninsula Children's Home Society "Happy 2-C-U" outdoor class.

The youngsters, sitting attentively on the grass, were engrossed, absorbed, serious, responsive; and filled with really intelligent questions. One such, following the firefighter Ryan Williams' instructions to, "always establish a place to assemble family members in the event of an emergency so you'll all know you're safe and together," was: "What if I'm home alone?"

As a standard part of the presentation, a firefighter, Whittermore in this case, donned full turnout gear; that is, boots, bunker trousers, bunker jacket, head wrap, face mask, breathing apparatus, and helmet. She responded to questions from the kids and comments by her fellow firefighters in the tinny voice that emits through the face mask while breathing from her positive pressure air supply. In this way, the kids learn that this creature from an H. G. Wells' War of the Worlds movie is not a monster but is a friend. Better to learn this before an emergency.

The children got to crawl around the fire engine and ambulance under the guidance of the firefighters whose lessons they sponged up. The really big thrill came with being able to handle the fire hose, toss water around, and understand just how much power is in a stream of that wet stuff.

About 30 children were there to consume these important lessons. They were under the guidance of Children's Home Society leaders, helpers, and parents, Edie Morgan, Vicki Biggs, Linda Youngchild, Sue Surratt, Megan Doty, Luella Hudson, Rika Addington, Lorina Shauflov, and Olga MacDonald who were assisted by Peninsula High School volunteers, Christy Macaras and Winter Shauflov, and KP Middle School volunteers Nater Youngchild, Skyler Surratt, Gibson Starkweather, Callie Shirley, Tara Parr, Laura Stevens, and Brittany Wylie.

An exciting day of hands-on learning.

KP Firefighters & Auxiliary Offer Bargains & Breakfast

ASHES — the Key Peninsula Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary — will be holding their annual rummage sale at the Key Center Fire Station on Saturday, August 24th, from 9 AM to 4 PM, and on Sunday, August 25th, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Donations may be dropped off at the Key Center Fire Station on Friday, August 23rd, or you may call Marguerite at 884-3771 or Mary at 884-4834 to arrange for something to be picked up.

The Key Peninsula Firefighters Association will be serving a pancake breakfast both days, starting at 7:30 AM.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Don't forget we have lots to offer at the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center:

1. *Healthy Families/Parent Connection* meets the second Thursday of every month from 10-11:30AM in the VFW Room. On August 8th, a representative from the Pierce County Library will be our guest speaker on early brain development.

2. The *Parent Support Group* meets the third Friday of every month at 7:00PM in the VFW Room.

3. *Relatives Raising Children* meets the second Monday of every month from 1-2:30PM in the Whitmore Room. We've scheduled a family law attorney as guest speaker for the August 12th meeting which will begin at noon (this date only). Please call in advance to schedule childcare!

4. *INDOOR PARK* will resume the second week in September on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30AM in the Civic Center gym.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to offer a most sincere THANK YOU to the many individuals and organizations that helped us throughout the year and most recently: Lakebay Fuchsia Society, Windermere Real Estate/Gig Harbor, Windermere Real Estate/Key Peninsula, and Carol W (anonymous) for their on-going support; our clerical volunteers, Arlene Williams, Jonn Ryan and Louise Parsons; the Clothing Bank volunteers, Eletha Littrell, Sharon Collier and Tami Miller; and at Indoor Park, Jenny Hanson and Tami Miller. And as another successful Summer Fun Program comes to an end, we can't forget: Program Staff, Megan Doty, Olga McDonald, Sue Surratt, Kelli Wilson and Linda Youngchild; Middle School Volunteers, Brittney, Callie, Gibson, Hannah, Jeffrey, Nater, Skyler and Tara; Teen Volunteers, Ashley, Christie, Eddie, Heather, Joseph, MacKenzie, Marc and Winter; Contributors: Fire District 16's Staff and Supervisors (fire truck visit/demonstration), "Big Al" Hazelquist (accordion), Marty Marcus (reptiles), Olga McDonald (KinderCamp), Lorina Schaufler (stepping stones), Janice Zales (sign language), and Penny Clapp; our generous collaborators: After Ours Program, Community House (van), Evergreen Elementary and the Key Peninsula Civic Center; and all the wonderful children and families who participated! *Our sincere apologies to anyone we may have omitted.*

And finally, to all of our community members for your generosity throughout the year—THANK YOU!

For information on any of our programs or services, please call the Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center at 884-5433. Our office is in the lower level of the KP Civic Center and we're open 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday.

The Latest Hot News From The Fire Department

by Ruth Bramhall

It's LEVY TIME again! The Levy committee has been established and has been meeting. Different people have volunteered to write the required information that will appear in the voter pamphlet that will be sent to you.

Maintenance & Operations Levies are the ones used to replace worn equipment and/or to obtain new items. Our Jaws of Life that are used to help remove people from bad wrecks are almost 20 years old and repair parts will soon not be available.

Our Fire Engines are on the road responding to calls more frequently, and as the mileage increases, so does the wear and tear. The population of the Key Peninsula has increased and is still growing. To continue the high level of service for this population, our Fire Fighters need the proper equipment, so the replacement of Fire Engines from time to time is a must.

The LEVY which will be on the November ballot is a one year LEVY. Members of the LEVY committee are preparing to attend public meetings to present information and to answer questions. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

On another safety note, some of you have already purchased the NEW map books of the Key Peninsula. They are available and for sale at the Key Center Fire Station. This is the same book that is in every Fire Engine and other vehicles used to find you when you call for help. Whether you are new to the community or an "old-timer," it is a good source of information to have in your possession.

Key Peninsula News Reconstitution

by Bill Trandum

Key Peninsula resident Bill Trandum, former publisher of the *Pierce County Herald*, has agreed to serve as chairman of the *KP News* Reconstitution Committee. The committee was created to determine the future of the *Key Peninsula News*.

If you would like to offer your suggestions or comments regarding the new life of the *KP News*, please contact Bill. The best way is to send an e-mail to kpnews@earthlink.net Bill can also be reached by phone at 253-884-4113 evenings or 253-798-5825 days.

The committee's goal is to have a reconstitution plan for review by the Executive Committee of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association in time for its September 2002 meeting.

TO OUR READERS

For the past four months we have been having discussions with representatives of our publishers, the Board of the K P Civic Center, about their proposal for "revamping/reorganizing" the format of the *Key Peninsula News*. One of the primary purposes of this reorganization is to make the paper self-supporting financially.

While the Board has agreed that the *KP News* is and should continue to be a community newspaper, and we have already implemented some of the format changes they requested, it became apparent to us that further discussions related to the role of the editor and columnists would not be productive.

So, in order to give the Board as much opportunity as possible to implement their reorganization of the paper with as little interruption in service as possible, we notified them at their July meeting that this issue of the *KP News* would be the last for us in the position of volunteer co-editors. We sincerely regret having had to make this decision.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the community, columnists and staff these past two and a half years, and we hope the "new" *KP News* continues to serve you as a true community newspaper.

When you visit the Key Peninsula Fair later this month, stop by the booth of the Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society—we'll be there a lot of the time, and you might even get to do what the little girl in the picture was doing at last year's fair.

Marty Marcus & Ann Waldo



Key Peninsula Business Association

by Nancy Lind

Karen Biskey, Pierce County Council Member, was the speaker at the noon luncheon of the KPBA on Friday, July 19th. Ms. Biskey has sent out a mailer asking the question, "What if Gig Harbor / Key Peninsulas and Islands joined Kitsap County?" Many citizens have asked why the Peninsulas are in Pierce County and not in Kitsap County. Further questions she asks are 1) Would taxes be the same? 2) Could we expect better County services for police, road maintenance, land use, parks, etc.? 3) What would be the impact to the taxing districts that provide schools, libraries, parks, etc.? 4) Would this move make a difference to the City of Gig Harbor? Ms. Biskey plans to select a steering committee of about seven people to study a wide range of issues. Tolls on the Narrows Bridge and new legislation for funding other state transportation projects have made answers to the above questions necessary. The questionnaire also asks what issues you think should be considered in the study and are you able to volunteer on the study if needed. Ms. Biskey would like see this study completed by December, as her term limits will end her service as our representative (on the Council).

The KPBA meets at the Homeport Restaurant on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 AM for breakfast and at the Horseshoe Lake Golf Course and Restaurant on the third Friday of each month at 12:00 noon for lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend these business meetings and we encourage you to become a member.

More Federal \$\$ Coming to Washington For Marine Environment Protection

We have received two faxes from Senator Patty Murray's office with welcome information on preventing further degradation of marine habitats in our state. One announced an increase of 71% in funding for the Northwest Straits Initiative to restore and protect marine environments in North Puget Sound. Input on the use of these funds is provided by more than 100 people involved in Marine Resources Committees (MRC's) in seven counties. Local governments, tribes, conservationists, scientists and businesses are included in the makeup of these MRC's.

The second fax, which may be of special interest to those of us in the Key Peninsula-Gig Harbor-Islands (KGI) Watershed Area, came just as we were getting the paper ready to go to press, and concerns funding to protect salmon, restore habitat, and address water supply issues. Under the Energy and Water Spending Bill, \$900,000 will be available to identify the the most cost-effective habitat restoration projects in the near-shore, estuary and marine areas of Puget Sound, a vital element of salmon recovery in the basin.

Local Youth Raise Funds to Help Needy Children in Mexico

by Lori Warkocki

The lazy days of summer are non-existent for fourteen Lakebay youths. Summer has meant work parties, manual labor, car washes and putting on a fund-raising art auction. Together the youth of Lakebay Community Church labored and sweat with enthusiasm in earnest for a common goal -- to raise funds for a trip to an orphanage in Mexico and to help the children there. There they plan to build relationships with the kids of the orphanage and provide many activities for them. In addition, they plan to organize a Vacation Bible School and to donate their work clothes once again and work on the orphanage building itself to improve the facility. The trip is slated for August 12th through the 19th.

"The community has been very generous in hiring our kids for jobs," said misty-eyed Pastor Heather James with gratitude. James, the group's interim youth pastor, was instrumental in organizing the trip and all that it entails, in addition to organizing the work crews and fund raisers, with the help of some of Lakebay Community Church's parishioners. Her excitement for the trip and the youths' opportunity to serve is infectious. An organization called Genesis Expeditions is hosting the group in Mexico.

Tim Sicotte, an affable young man and one of the fourteen going on the trip, said he has done a lot of yard work to help raise funds. "It was good, though, because I worked with other kids I knew and we worked together toward a goal," said Tim. When asked about the trip to Mexico, Sicotte spoke with confident assurance, "I'm looking forward to this trip because I really want to make a difference in the lives of those kids."

One of the group's biggest fundraisers was an art auction held on July 19th at Lakebay Community Church. They auctioned off everything from homemade quilts and hand-made designer pillows to gift baskets, various handcrafts and art by local artist, Laura McClintock. Also auctioned were things like a fishing trip for two, a dinner party, a Chinese meal for four, one spa hour with facial, foot massage and more. The youth group served a sumptuous Mexican meal at the auction.

For these Key Peninsula teens, hard work, teamwork and the anticipation of serving, blessing others, has blessed everyone involved.

Quote of the Month

"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

From The Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy

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T.O.P.S. Summer News

by Jena Henak

We have a lot of CELEBRATING to do this month. Frankie and I just returned from IRD (International Recognition Days) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In attendance were about 3,000 fellow TOPS members from around the world. TOPS awarded our Area Captain, Carlene Wellington, the #1 spot for Most Growth In Membership for the past year. Great Job, Carlene!! Our second excitement was when TOPS did a special event for the top 20 Area Coordinators and our very own Area Coordinator, Nancy Marasco, was on the list. We were ecstatic and became even more so when after the list was narrowed down she was in the top 10, then the top 5, and then she went on to be awarded the #1 position of TOPS' Top Area Coordinator. Way to go, Nancy!! In September Nancy is taking a new position of Regional Director for the Northwest Area.

With summer here our members are faithful and know how important it is to be accountable during these hot summer months. Carol Bischoff ended up our #1 best loser for the month. She was surely surprised at the outcome on Awards Night. Our summer picnic was a blast! Keep exercising and drinking your water.

Our group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the VFW Room of the Civic Center. The cost is reasonable: \$20 annual membership dues and \$5 per month. If you're interested call the Civic Center for more information or stop by to see what we're all about.

Obituary: Bud Arledge



Bud (Sherman Walter) Arledge, a long-time resident of Longbranch and Lakebay, passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2002, from a sudden cardiac condition. He was the second son of Thomas and Martha (Pohl) Arledge, born October 8, 1928.

At the onset of the Great Depression of the 1930's, they moved to the family farm in Louisiana, later returning to Tacoma. Bud attended all eight grades at Ruston School. During WWII he joined the Navy and was stationed in China. After an honorable discharge, he worked briefly at Asarco. He married Helen Julia Hanson in 1949. She preceded him in death in 1993.

Bud was schooled by Remington Rand as a repairman for various types of business machines. As an enterprising and resourceful individual, he engaged in a number of private business ventures. He did things his way, with verve. He loved and served the people on the Key Peninsula and will be missed by his many friends.

His brother, Rev. Thaddeus, serves in the San Juans. Bud's son, Michael, and daughter, Tina Tyler, are local, and there are 3 grandchildren, Skipper, Tory and Chelsea.

Key Peninsula Medics and Allenmore Emergency provided excellent care. A memorial celebration was held in Lakebay on Saturday, July 13th.

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

Remember last year when our drought, coupled with a below-normal snow pack, severely limited our state's hydropower production? We had planned, and hoped, to get electricity from California, but as it turned out, they were short themselves and didn't have any for us. I guess it wasn't hard to blame them for being nasty and selfish.

With Enron's operations now getting some exposure to the light, maybe the picture is different from what we were led to believe. Under the deregulation program adopted by California, there was a cap on the price their utility companies were allowed to charge, which was set at \$250 per megawatt hour. But energy traders outside the state, like Enron, were getting \$1200. So they bought electricity from California for \$250 and sold it outside California for \$1200. Quick way to make a buck.

The only problem with this scheme was that eventually California needed that electricity, and they ended up not only with "rolling blackouts", but had to buy electricity on the open market for absurd prices that were up to ten times what they had sold power for. Of course the power companies in the state could not afford to sell power for \$250 and buy it back for \$2500, and to keep them from going bankrupt, the state stepped in and bought a bunch of power, and now the taxpayers are stuck with paying for it. The great efforts they made at conservation, which resulted in their using less energy per person than any other state, got them labeled nasty names and saddled with repaying bloated prices for power.

Now we are facing the prospect of energy deregulation being imposed upon the entire Northwest. Sure, nobody really loves regulations, but aren't there some things that really require regulation for everyone's benefit? Like having to have a driver's license before taking a car out on the highway. Or having to meet certain standards before getting a license to practice medicine. How about regulating the amount of chemicals such as cyanide and arsenic that can be dumped into our water supplies? Or one that sets limits on the number of clams that can be dug from our beaches.

Since most of us are still dependent upon electric power that comes from power companies, some of which may be out of our state, what's wrong with continuing to regulate electricity?

This is my 80th and probably final column for the *Key Peninsula News*. Thanks for reading them.

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Those marked with an * are held at the K P Civic Center
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc. 1st Friday @ 7:30 am Home Port Rest.
3rd Friday @ noon Horseshoe Lk Rest.
KP Firefighters Assoc. 4th Weds @ 7 pm Key Ctr Fire Sta.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Ashes 1st Thurs @ 10:30am Key Ctr Fire Sta.
Boy Scouts #220 Tues 6 to 8pm KPCC*
Brownies Mondays 3:30-4:30 KPCC*
Cootiettes 3rd Thurs @ 7pm KPCC*
KPCCA Exec Comm 1st Mon @ 7pm KPCC*
KPCCA Board 2nd Thurs @ 7pm KPCC*
KPCS Board 2nd Mon @ 10am Comm House-Home
KPHC Board 4th Thurs @ 7:30pm Health Ctr
KP Lions Club 1st&3rd Weds @6:30pm KPCC*
VFW & Auxiliary 2nd&4th Mon @ 7pm KPCC*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Angel Guild 4th Mon @ 10am Key Ctr Library
AWANA Weds-6:30-8:30 KPCC*
Children's Home Society
Family Resource Ctr Mon thru Fri 9-4 KPCC*
Clothing Bank Mon thru Fri 9-3 KPCC*
Healthy Families/
Parent Connection 2nd Thurs 10-11:30 KPCC*
Indoor Park Tues & Thurs 9:30-11:30 KPCC*
J.U.M.P. (Juveniles United through Music and Poetry) KPCC*
Lending Library Mon thru Fri 9-3 KPCC*
Little Buddies Tues 3:30-5 KPCC*
Weds 3-5:30 Evergreen Sch.
Parent Support Group 3rd Fri 7-8pm KPCC*
Relatives Raising Children 2nd Mon 1-2:30 KPCC*
Tea Time Thurs 4-5 Evergreen Sch.
Women's Support Group Mon 4-5 KPCC*
Citizens Against Crime/
Citizens Patrol 3rd Thurs @ 7pm Key Ctr Fire Sta.
Food Bank Tue-Wed-Thu-Fri 10-3 Community House, Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors Weds & Fri @noon Comm. House, Home
Food & Clothing Assistance Call 884-4440 for more info
Immunizations (FREE) Thur 10-4 G H Urgent Care
IMPACT Key Peninsula 1st Tues @ 9am Lakebay Comm. Church
Help for Victims of Domestic Violence - Call 884-5086
Key Ctr Library 884-2242 Tues & Weds 11-8, Thurs & Fri 11-6,
Saturday, 11-5 Key Ctr Lib.
K P Baptist Bible Study Weds 7-8:30pm KPCC*
KP Baptist Church Sun 8:30-1:00 KPCC*
K P Well Child Clinic Tues @ 9am Key Medical Ctr.
PEP-C GH/KP Emerg. Comm. 3rd Sat 10-2 Kimball Dr. Fire Sta.,GH
There Is Hope!
12-Step Christian Support Group Thurs @ 7pm Lakebay Chris. Assembly
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Tues 8-4 VFW Rm, KPCC*
Call 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2nd Weds @ 7pm Key Ctr Fire Sta.
Second Mon after the 2nd Weds @ 4pm Key Ctr Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Recr Commission 2nd Mon @ 7pm Vol Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous Tues & Thurs 7pm to 8 pm @ Lakebay Comm. Church in Home
Overeaters Anonymous Weds @ 7:30pm St. Nicholas Church, GH
Peninsula ALANON Tues @ 1:30 Lutheran Church, Purdy

T.O.P.S. Tues weigh-in @ 6:15pm, Meeting @ 7pm KPCC*
T.O.P.S. Tues @ 9am Fire Station #3, Home

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club 3rd Fri noon Longbranch Improv Club
for more info call Sylvia Retherford @ 884-2487
Karate Mon. & Thurs 7-9 PM KPCC*
Key Ctr Duplicate Bridge Club Tues eves(884-2663) Key Ctr Library
Key Singers Tues 7-9pm (Jo Sturm @ 884-1350) Longbr. Comm.Church
KP Historical Society 1st Thurs @ 7:30pm Museum @ KPCC*
Museum Open Thursday & Saturday 1-4 (and by appt - 884-4538)
Lakebay Fuchsia Society 1st Thurs @ 7pm Key Ctr Library
Longbranch Improv. Club 3rd Weds @ 7pm Longbranch Improv. Club
Peninsula Neighbors 2nd Tues @ 10am Fire Sta. #4, Longbranch
Ruth Circle Meeting 3rd Mon @ 10am Bible study, lunch & meeting
at noon Longbranch Church
Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays @ noon KPCC*
Skate Night Fridays 6:30-9pm KPCC*
Vaughn Bay Garden Club Call 884-5403 for more info
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TAX TIPS
By
Marv & Myrtle Keizur, CTP

Did you know that you can give a gift of money to a recipient of \$11,000 (each year) and it will be tax free to the recipient. Or, you and your spouse can give \$22,000, if you give it together. Of course, this is not tax deductible to you, but it can help reduce the size of your estate to help make it as tax-free as possible when it is inherited by your beneficiaries.

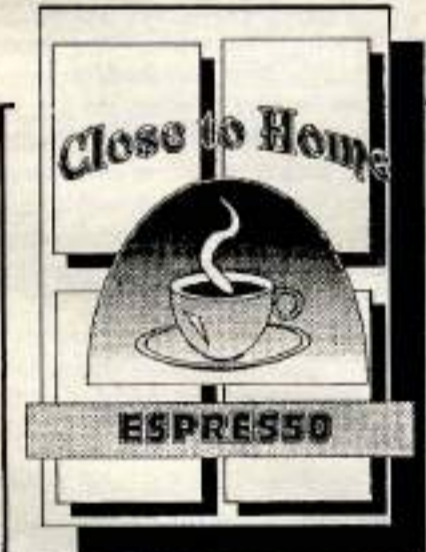
Capital gain property held until death becomes income tax free to heirs. Currently, at death, the tax basis in the property is stepped up to market value, making all appreciation in the property's value up to that date free to those who inherit it.

Gain on the sale of a house is tax free up to a maximum of \$250,000 (\$500,000 on a joint return) when you have used the home as your main residence for a least two of the prior five years. You can make a tax free sale once every two years.

It's Wildfire Season

According to the Washington Insurance Council, the roof is the most vulnerable part of your home when it comes to fires. If you can't replace a wood-shake roof with less flammable material, at least clear needles and leaves from gutters and the roof regularly and install screens on chimneys, stove-pipes and attic openings. Trim trees that overhang the house.

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August Health Hints

by Maria Bokor, MPT and Rachel Creger, SPT

First, let us explain that "MPT" means "Master of Physical Therapy" and "SPT" means "Student Physical Therapist." Maria is the therapist at the KC Corral, and Rachel is a visiting student intern from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Here are our hints for you out there for August from a physical therapy point of view:

1. Water, water, water — dehydration is the #1 cause of hospital admissions for people over the age of 65. Drink more than you think you need, especially on hot days. Drink 1/2 ounce for each pound of body weight. If you are a 300-lb guy, this means 150 ounces (6 of those huge 24-ounce big gulps). If you are a 95-lb teenager, this means about 50 ounces or six 8-ounce glasses.

2. Watch out for "weekend warrior" syndrome. If you are basically a driving maniac and desktop computer nerd most of the week, and you don't come home and walk 2 miles in the evening, it is unrealistic to go out kayaking for 6 hours on Saturday, or to go out for a 10-mile mountain-top hiking expedition on the weekend. If you do this, you will probably be sore and have trouble staying on your feet for the next few days. Multiply this problem by 50% for each decade over 40.

3. Do your yardwork and gardening with care. Better to do heavy physical labor when the sun is less than blazing — that is before 11 AM or after 5 PM. Lots of mid-day exertion in the hot sun could aggravate high blood pressure and contribute towards a stroke or other problems. Also use proper body mechanics: lift with your knees bent, posture erect and stomach muscles sucked in. This will minimize back muscle soreness.

With some common sense, you can have a great summer and stay painfree. Good luck!

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To Your Health
by William F. Roes, M.D.

One of the instructions we're often given but seldom follow is to read the fine print. This is just as important when you're taking an over-the-counter (OTC) medication as it is when signing a contract. We generally assume non-prescription drugs are safe and that's usually the case, but all people cannot take all medications.

OTC antihistamines such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl) and chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton) are great medications for allergy symptoms, but they can also cause significant problems for some people. It's included in the fine print on the bottle, but this "fine print" is often tiny and almost impossible to read. One of the most common problems I've seen with antihistamines is in elderly men with prostatic hypertrophy, a swelling of the prostate gland at the outlet of the bladder. This enlargement of the prostate tends to increase with age and it tends to decrease the rate of flow of urine or the speed that the bladder can be emptied. Almost all men over 65 have some degree of prostatic hypertrophy, and these are the ones who should be careful about using antihistamines. One of the side effects of this class of drugs is that it also causes a decrease in the ability to empty the bladder in the presence of prostatic hypertrophy, and the result is that some affected men who take antihistamines cannot void at all. This results in a trip to the emergency room in the middle of the night for a catheter placement, nobody's idea of a good time. This doesn't happen very often, but when it does occur, it makes a big impression.

Antihistamines also cause drowsiness, in fact that is why they are often present in OTC sleep remedies, but they can also affect your concentration when performing complex activities such as driving. Several states now have laws against driving while impaired, and this would include driving while using a sedating antihistamine. Also, patients with glaucoma should be cautious about taking antihistamines as they can increase the pressure in the eyes, which is the hallmark of that disease.

I don't mean to single out antihistamines as bad drugs, since they are very useful. I take one most days for my allergies, but they do have important side effects. They also are a very common ingredient in many OTC medications, including most cold remedies, so it's important to read the label and know what you are taking.

It's not too early to think about back to school physicals for your kids. Avoid the last minute rush and get them in early. Your doctor or nurse practitioner will thank you.



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Whiplash Injury

by Robert B. Campbell, D.C.

An injury caused by a rapid forward movement and subsequent backward movement of the cervical spine (neck) is commonly known as "whiplash." A severe fall or auto accident are typical examples of conditions under which whiplash occurs. In an auto accident, an impact from behind snaps the head backwards and then thrusts the head forward by the car's deceleration.

Common reactions to such an injury are stiffness, headaches, shoulder, neck or arm pain, dizziness, vision problems, nausea, vomiting, chest pain or blood pressure irregularities, to name a few. But many of these symptoms may be delayed. The symptoms of a whiplash injury may not be felt for several hours and in some cases, for years after the accident. Typically, however, the detection of irregularities occurs 12 to 14 hours after the accident.

Further compounding the problem of whiplash detection is that symptoms can show up in many different parts of the body. To the unaware victim, they appear unrelated to the neck. The science of Chiropractic is specifically directed toward the structural balance of the spine and the nervous system. Since we are familiar with problems in this part of the body, a chiropractic examination should be sought following any injury that involves the cervical spine.

Cervical X-rays taken in the diagnosis of whiplash serve a dual purpose. First, to analyze the position of the vertebrae in order to locate misalignments that cause pressure or irritation to the nerves within the spine, and secondly, to make certain that no complications exist, such as fractures, dislocations or malformations that could delay the patient's recovery. For these reasons, when visiting a Chiropractor, X-rays will most likely taken as a routine part of the examination and diagnostic process. Chiropractors properly align and improve the mobility of the spine and are trained to take direct action in cases of trauma injuries such as whiplash.

Immediate attention can deter the development of many problems later on. When the muscles and ligaments that hold the neck vertebrae in place are strained or torn, spinal derangement usually occurs. When left untreated, the eventual result is serious degeneration.

For further information, call 884-2144.

KPCC ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K P COMMUNITY FAIR (at Volunteer Park)	August 23rd - 25th
FIREFIGHTERS' BALL	September 28th
KPCC DANCE	October 26th
HARVEST CARNIVAL	October 31st
HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR	November 16th
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Emergency Preparedness for the Pet Owner

by Robert McCrossin, Bayside Animal Lodge

In areas of the country where natural emergencies often occur, it is likely that the pet owner has an emergency kit ready for pet evacuation. There are many pet owners, however, who have never put together an emergency kit for their dog or cat.

Keep this kit stocked at all times with the following basic items and have it in an easily accessible place:

- > Dry and/or canned food, dishes and water. (For canned items, don't forget a manual can opener.)
- > A collar or harness and leash for your dog or small cat carrier. (Even a pillow case or a soft-sided travel bag will work to control your cat temporarily.)
- > Litter box (a low cardboard box or lid can be used temporarily), and cat litter.
- > Towels or other comfortable bedding.
- > Veterinary and health records, including recent vaccinations.
- > Recent pictures of your pets in case they become lost or escape.
- > A pet first-aid kit.
- > Any medications your pet may be on, or a written prescription that can be filled at a pharmacy.
- > A list of pertinent telephone numbers: the veterinarian, local shelters or animal control offices, boarding facilities or other important pet numbers you use. (Consider numbers to hotel/motels that accept pets.)
- > Toys or rawhide chews to keep your pet occupied.
- > Plastic bags and paper towels for emergency clean-ups.

Place these items in a plastic carrying container labeled "Pet Emergency Kit." Hopefully you will never need it, but if a disaster forces you to leave quickly, the basic supplies to keep your four-legged family members happy and safe will be ready.

Back To School Shopping At S.A.V.E.

by Marsha Williams

Back-to-school shopping time is here. Make S.A.V.E. Thrift Store in Purdy the first stop on your list. The store features high quality clothes and shoes for all ages, as well as books, toys and housewares at very reasonable prices. Infant and toddler clothes are always a specialty, but an extra bargain on "Baby Bag Sale" Day when a big, brown shopping bag of children's clothes and shoes of your choice can be purchased for a mere \$3.00. The current baby bag sale date is Tuesday, August 6th.

Everyone gets in on the mid-month bag sale on Saturday, August 17th, when all clothing and shoes in the store are available for \$5.00 per bag. The final move-out bag sale of the month will be on Tuesday, August 27th. Shoppers can take home a bag of wearables for only \$3.00. Random discounts are given on other merchandise throughout the month. There is always something on special sale. Shop early and often for the best selection!

Proceeds from the S.A.V.E. Thrift Store benefit the activity and scholarship programs at P.H.S. Hundreds of Peninsula students have received funding toward their first year of higher education from its profits. In fact, in operation for over 15 years, the S.A.V.E. Thrift Store has become a community institution. Shoppers enjoy great value and selection, donors receive tax breaks for donations of goods, student volunteers earn community service hours and store volunteers find satisfaction serving the community.

The S.A.V.E. Thrift Store is located on Purdy Lane below Peninsula High School in Purdy. It operates daily except Wednesday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Donations are accepted during these hours as well.

If you have not yet visited the S.A.V.E. Thrift Store, put it on your to-do list. And if you don't find what you are looking for the first time, stop by again as new stock arrives daily.

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Cub Scout Camp at Volunteer Park

by Hugh McMillan

The Boy Scouts of America Pacific Harbor Council Cub Scouts and Webelos' Day Camp at Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park, was a smashing success.

Youngsters and adults wearing the Day Camp's bright red T shirts were spread all over the place engaging in teaching and learning how to tie knots, play tournament marbles, safely and accurately handle BB guns and bows and arrows, use hammers and nails to assemble boxes, and a panoply of other activities.

A high point to the week's proceedings came with the presentation of the National Accreditation flag presented early in the week by Cathy Hammil, National Director for Boy Scouts of America Day Camps. This officially acknowledges for the first time in 11 years of Day Camps at Volunteer Park, recognition of the endeavor as a Nationally Accredited Camp. The glow of pride on the faces of the many hard working adult scout leaders and volunteers was palpable. What an honor! And, in my view, long overdue.

Assistant Day Camp Director, Cherie Alegrete of KP's Pack 222, said, "we have 58 cubs, 10 boy scouts assisting as Den Chiefs, and 17 'tag-alongs' under the guidance and direction of 55 adult volunteers."

That's a total of 140 dedicated scouts and leaders. That's wonderful.

The kids were all jolly and, though bubbling with frivolity, assiduously learned the lessons of safety, cooperation, survival, craftsmanship, and what scouting offers to



photo by Hugh McMillan

prepare them for their futures.

Troop 220 scout, Bryan Wright, serving as Den Chief with a cluster of Webelo I youngsters, said, "I'm teaching them how to make a square knot, a slip knot, a bow-line, and basic things they'll need in the wilderness."

At another cluster of cubs, this time Bears of packs 222 and 252, Craft Directors for Day Camp, Diana Nole and Cheryl Chalfant, supervised building "treasure boxes" together with Camp Director, Karen Schaefer.

Scott Sherman of Pack 222, serving as Range Master, made sure cubs under his direction learned and understood the need for safety above all at the BB gun target range. And at the archery range, Pack 222 leader Michelle Morton made sure her charges got the same message.

Gig Harbor's Pack 217's Bears, Zachary Wright and Tyler Brewer, and Webelos I, Kyle Brewer, and Douglas Dunbar; Key Peninsula's Pack 222's Wolves, Jake Haines, Nathaniel Edie, T.J. Lilyblade, Jakub Morton, Hayden Crowder, Cody Hanson, Beck Williams, Bears, Jeremy McDonald, Dillan White, Austin Nole, Johnny Fury, Diego Samora, Josh Lique, Tyler Douglas, Brandon Morrison, Kevin Maltby, and Alex McDonald, Webelo I's, Kyle Culbertson, Logan Schaefer, and Chris

Barney, Webelo II's, John Morton, Joe Heitman, Adam Speer, Jan Maurins, Gakub Davies, Brandon Britten, Billy Britten, Josh Thornborough, Collin Buckell, Christian Douchett, and Chris McArdle; Pack 252's Wolves, D.J. Vogtsberger, Josh Donaldson, Gabe Lee, and Michael Riener, Bears, Braxton Decker, Kyle Morgan, Corban Rereman, Domanique Loosli, Brandon Rose and Aaron Thompson, Webelos I, Drew Renberg, Trevor Wright, Keegan Decker, Aaron Mann, Jake Donaldson, and David Lee; and Tacoma's Pack 298's Wolf, Nathan Crockett, and Bears, Nicholas Anthony, Fletcher Riches, Cameron Hess and Nathan Garduno experienced a week which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

New Graduate In The Family?

The Washington Insurance Council, a non-profit consumer education organization, says it's important that families check with their insurance companies or agents around graduation time to see how their coverage may need to change. A few minutes adjusting coverage can prevent huge headaches after this year's graduates continue down the Walk of Life.

From a Mother's Point of View: Cub Scout Camp (Is) A Wonderful Experience

from Diana Nole

Another BIG THANKS to all who made the Scout Camp at Volunteer Park ... such a success for over 57 boys and 23 little siblings! One of our camp "hoorays" also goes out to the "Lawn Dudes", as the boys called them, the two young men who maintained the fields, and let us all cool down in the sprinklers!! We all think you're "cool"!!

Our wonderful camp Director, Karen Schaefer and Cherie Alegrete, Pack 222 Assistant Pack Chairman, worked very long hours, like many, and gave their all to make this camp the best the Key Peninsula has ever seen!

The Boy Scouts of America inspected our camp, program, facility, and records, and found them to be in perfect order! Our camp was given the National Accreditation Camp Award! This is an awesome accomplishment that has yet to be met by any other camp!!

I was so proud to be a part of such a life changing experience for my sons and 55 others!

Go aheadget involved!!

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KP Community Fair Nears, Aug. 22nd-25th

If you missed it last year, don't miss it this year! Yep, it's 'Fair' time again. Already, year number two for the **Key Peninsula Community Fair** has arrived. This year's dates are August 22nd through the 25th at Volunteer Park. Once again, Thursday Aug. 22nd will be Youth Night which is put on by our youth, including food and entertainment, highlighting the fair's commitment to our youth and 'Communities in Schools' program. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 on the main stage.

Just wait until you see the entertainment we have scheduled for this year, it will knock your socks off! Friday night, Aug. 23rd-Family Night, to compliment our Salmon Dinner we are featuring two headline acts. At 6:00PM we start with Jeff Evans Interactive Magic Show. Jeff has performed for many Fortune 500 companies such as Boeing, Microsoft, Pepsi Cola, and R. E. I., just to name a few of his *repeat clients*. After Jeff we have Bob Bailey III, a comedian juggler. He holds the title for "Showtime's" Funniest Person from Washington State." Bob has opened for Jay Leno, Pat Paulsen, and Jerry Seinfeld. He has appeared everywhere from ship lines to the National Democratic Convention and now he will be here with us.

Saturday night, Aug. 24th-Senior Night, to complement our BBQ rib dinner, we have scheduled 'Castro the Magician' to begin at 6:00PM. Rabbits and doves magically appear in a humorous flash, audiences are astounded when the human box slices a volunteer into three sections before their very eyes! Next, we have Keelee Bradley & company. She is winner of the Best Contemporary Album (The Season) and Best Contemporary Song (Yes Yes) from JP Folks along with Best pop/country. She is also a regular anthem singer for our Seattle Mariners! Pre-sale dinner tickets are available for \$10, \$12.50 at the gate (call 884-4FUN). Along with our featured theme night dinner entertainment we also have Janet Rayer, the strolling stilt lady! Mesmerizing for people of all ages, Janet adds a "magical" atmosphere as she moves gracefully like a large bird and spins like a ballerina with streamers, fans, and scarves flying with a variety of costumes. She will be performing Fri., Sat. & Sunday.

Other very popular shows include (see schedule): Totem-Aires Barbershop Quartet, the Valentine's Performing Pigs, The Key Singers and the Hasini Belly Dancers, all on the

main stage free of charge! In the beer garden we have Eddie Gillan & the Cool along with the Wickerman Band. We haven't compiled all of our community stage acts, but some will include: Chazz, Calypso Steel Drums, Billy Shew's Band, Debbie Simon music, Karate Demonstrations and much more to follow. We have changed the layout of the fair to better accommodate our entertainment and dinner shows. We have a diagram showing the layout of our fair site. *Check out the web site www.keyfair.com for up to date scheduling changes and announcements. You can link onto various web sites including our wonderful sponsors, entertainment, vendors and more. See pictures from last years fair and contact us if you have questions or wish to volunteer help.*

This year we anticipate 10,000+ gate attendance and approximately 125 vendors. Everyone was extremely pleased with the fair's presence last year and the positive effect it is having on our Key Peninsula. We are creating a cultural arts/education center with hands on teachings for local children, along with various other mediums. The idea behind this is to enhance and promote cultural and educational experiences we find vital to our way of life here on the KP.

We have pre-sale tickets available for the rides. This enables anyone to buy a *session* for \$13 as opposed to individual tickets. The *sessions* are:

Thursday (Aug. 22nd)	5:00PM to 10:00PM
Friday (Aug. 23rd)	10:00AM to 4:00PM & 4:00PM to 10:00PM
Saturday (Aug. 24th)	10:00AM to 4:00PM & 4:00PM to 10:00PM
Sunday (Aug. 25th)	10:00AM to 6:00PM

You can **only** get *session* tickets before the fair opens. As with the pre-sale dinner tickets, you may call 884-4FUN or go to: Sunnycrest Nursery * Key Bank (Purdy, Gig Harbor Point Fosdick & Gig Harbor N.) * Sound Credit Union (Key Center & Gig Harbor)

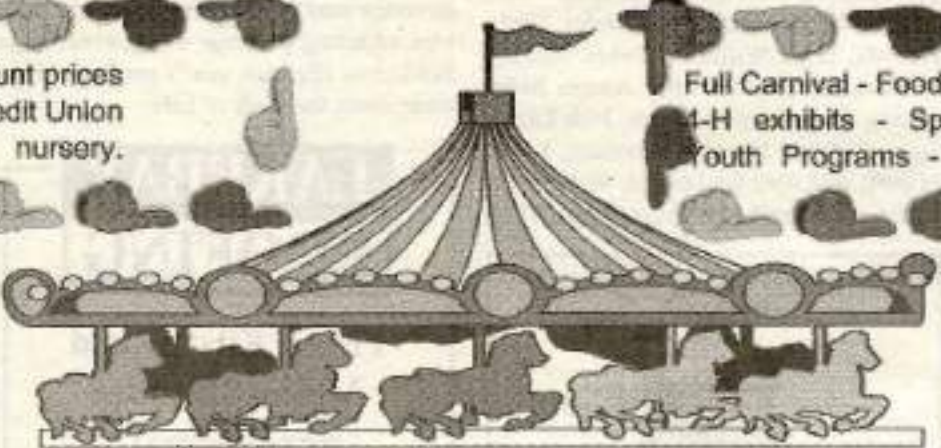
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12:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
1:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
2:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
3:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
4:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
5:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
6:00pm Dinner Show	* Jeff Evans Magic Show	- MAIN -
7:00pm Dinner Show	* Bob Bailey - Juggler	- MAIN -
8:00pm	Eddie Gillan & the Cool	Beer Garden

Saturday Aug. 24th 10:00am - Close

Time	Show	Stage
12:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
1:00pm	Valentine's Performing Pigs	- MAIN -
1:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
2:00pm	Toten-Aires Barbershop	- MAIN -
2:00pm	Debbie Simon Guitar	Community
3:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
4:00pm	Valentine's Performing Pigs	- MAIN -
4:00pm	Herbor Dance Conservatory	Community
5:00pm	Billy Show's Band	Community
6:00pm Dinner Show	* Jeff Evans Magic Show	- MAIN -
7:00pm Dinner Show	* Bob Bailey - Juggler	- MAIN -
8:00pm	Eddie Gillan & the Cool	Beer Garden

Sunday Aug. 25th 10:00am-6:00

Time	Show	Stage
12:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
1:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
2:00pm	Toten-Aires Barbershop	- MAIN -
2:00pm	Local Talent/TBA	Community
3:00pm	The 'Key Singers'	- MAIN -
3:00pm	Calypso Steel Drums	Community
4:00pm	Hairst Belly Dancers	- MAIN -
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The Garden In August 2002

by Sylvia Retherford
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Mid August finds flower gardens in full bloom. Summer squash, peas, carrots, new potatoes and lettuce are in full production. Blueberries, blackberries and late raspberries are ripe. Corn and tomatoes that were started in the greenhouse are nearly ready. Peaches, apricots, cherries, prunes, plums and early apples are appearing.

Trimming and composting time begins. In discarding and trimming, consider leaving some favored specimens to produce seed for next year. Some of the most dependable selections are calendula, cerenthe, columbine, corydalis, gloriosa daisy, Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium*), Maltese cross (*Lychnis*) and butter and eggs (*Limnanthes*). The last one will be the first to bloom in spring if you allow its seedlings that germinate in fall to live over winter.

The winter garden plants (broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale) are ready for thinning and resetting. The purple and ornamental varieties are tastier and just as easy to grow. Generally the plants that are not transplanted develop faster, but moving some with care, perhaps to a neighbor's garden, works out well. Winter garden sites should not be too wet. The right varieties properly cared for will produce food from October until April in our wonderful Puget Sound climate. The root vegetables should be up by now, but they might do well even planted this late.

Iris and some lilies can be moved now with care, but moving them after the rains of September come would be safer. Our August lilies are blooming with stems about 8 feet tall. In early July the *Cardiocrinum giganteum* lily (native to the southwest Africa mountains) produced a 3-inch diameter, 12-foot stalk topped with 13 large white blossoms decorated with inner pink stripes. Many visitors came to see and snap photos.

Bayshore Garden Club

Next meeting is Friday, August 16th at 12 noon. There will be a potluck picnic at Anita Dougherty's lakeside home. Address is 20514 S. Herron Road, Lakebay (884-2826). Visitors are welcome.



LIVING AND LEARNING ON THE KEY PENINSULA

by Dale Skrivanich

August and early fall are very busy times for the Key Peninsula Historical Society. Instead of the usual column of things that are happening for the month, I have included events for the late summer and early fall. Hope I see you at one or more of the many upcoming events.

Summer Highlights

On August 3rd, come back in time and visit the Andrew Olson homestead. Our hosts will be Joyce Olson Niemann and Nicole Niemann Carr. Bring your own table setting and drink for a potluck lunch. Plan to spend the afternoon and hear the history of this early homestead. From noon to 4 PM at 15921 92nd in Key Center. Watch for a sign on the road.

August 24th, see our exhibit, The Mosquito Fleet, from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Key Peninsula Fair at Volunteer Park, see you there! We need help staffing the booth, please call Leona Britt at 884-3272.

August 29th, visit our exhibit at the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma, celebrating Pierce County's Sesquicentennial Celebration, 150 years of history being displayed by many county communities and local museums.

Fall Events

September 5th, everyone is welcome at the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the Museum.

October 3rd, please come to the Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at the Museum, if you have any new ideas for a program or museum exhibit or would like to be a docent.

October 24th is the quarterly membership meeting at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:00 business meeting, 7:15 a program presented by David Nicandri, Executive Editor of Columbia Magazine, published by the Washington State Historical Society. The program will be: Lewis and Clark, Stories For Our Time. This is an excellent program, make sure you don't miss it.

Please check to make sure you have paid your dues and have a current membership card. If you are not paid up, please send \$5.00 to P. O. Box 577, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Call 884-6951 or 884-2712 for more information on these events or for other information about the K.P.H.S. Museum. Remember the Museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 - 4 and by appointment. Call Tim Kezele at 884-6951.

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sands of pieces of parts. The crew labored from early in the day until late in the afternoon.

Joyce Tovey said, "The experience was conducive to teaching patience and tolerance under difficult circumstances". The question is now whether Lori will be allowed to pick next year's project or not.

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Volunteer Park Hosts Second Key Peninsula Fair

by Nancy Lind

The **Second Annual Key Peninsula Community Fair** will be at Volunteer Park on August 22nd through August 25th. For those unfamiliar with the Key Peninsula, the park is located 2 miles south of Key Center on the Key Peninsula Highway. From Tacoma (or Bremerton) on Highway 16 take the Purdy/Key Center exit onto 302. Take 302, keep following signs south to Key Center and go 2 miles further. Booth set-up is on Thursday, from 10 AM to 10 PM and Friday, from 7 AM to 10 PM. Take down is Sunday, 6 PM to 10 PM, and Monday, 7 AM to 1 PM. The hours for the public are Thursday 6 to 10 PM, Friday 10 AM to 10 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 10 PM, and Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM. There will be entertainment going on each day starting at Noon. The Stilt Lady will be circulating throughout the grounds. Brochures are available for date and time of entertainment.

'YOUTH NIGHT' - Thursday, August 22 - 6 to 10 PM will be youth programs including a dance.

'FAMILY NIGHT' - Friday, August 23rd - Salmon Bake will be prepared by Pete's BarBQ & Rib. During dinner, Jeff Evans' Magic Show (6 PM) and Bob Bailly, Juggler (7 PM) will be performing on the Lower Field. Eddie Gillan & the Cool will be performing in the Beer Garden.

'SENIOR NIGHT' - Saturday, August 24th - BarBQ Ribs, prepared by Pete's BarBQ. Dinner shows will be Castro the Magician (6 PM) and Kellee Bradley Band (7 PM) on the Lower Field. The Wickerman Band will be in the Beer Garden.

'GRAND FINALE DAY' - Sunday, August 25th there will be a continuation of all the activities, vendors and entertainment. The closing ceremonies and announcements will be around 6 PM.

We will be taking applications for vendors until the last couple of days before the Fair. You can get an application off the website, www.keyfair.com or by calling (253) 884-4FUN and leaving a message. Also for more information or if you would like to volunteer for a job at the fair, call that number or visit the website.

Volunteer Park will be host to the Clean & Sober Tournament on August 10th and 11th. The Men's and Women's Softball playoffs are going on now. A new association called the **Key Peninsula Softball League Association** is being formed to organize men's and women's and co-ed softball. Their coaches' meeting was on July 22nd. Their first games will be on August 5th. Fred Olsen is the president of the association. For more information, call him at (306) 895-4032 or visit their website at www.leaguelineup.com/kpyp.

Friends of Rocky Creek (FORC) are still keeping tabs on Rocky Creek Conservation Area.

Key Peninsula Trail Systems (KPTS) has a committee that is walking and exploring possibilities.

The Key Peninsula Park Plan Committee (KPPP) is meeting to gather material for the plan.

The PARCS Council meets on the first Monday of each month at the Washington Corrections Center. For information about anything: signing up to play ball / volunteering / voicing a concern / or just want to visit, call the park at 884-9240.

Peninsula Spay/Neuter Project

by Patty Rusnak

The Peninsula Spay/Neuter Project is a grassroots non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and provide funding for low cost altering services for stray and pet cats. PSNP is an all-volunteer organization working in our communities to stop animal overpopulation. Call us at 884-1543 for information on volunteering, donations, low cost spaying and neutering or help with trapping wild cats. Look for our booth at the Key Fair.

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Key Peninsula Livable Community Project To Host Forum

A new pilot project—the Key Peninsula Livable Community Project—sponsored by Safe Streets Campaign was described at the July Home Town Meeting by coordinator, Dennis Taylor. The intent of the project is to empower citizens to ensure community safety, environmental protection and effective roles in the governance of the Key Peninsula.

Taylor cited *Indicators For A Healthy Community*: "A neighborly attitude is a cornerstone of a livable community. Caring relationships enhance the cultural and economic health; contribute to reducing crime and increasing civic participation. To sustain a livable community, citizens must care for each other, make healthy lifestyle choices and work together to solve their own problems. A commitment to these actions will result in greater citizen control over the direction and destiny of their community."

This approach is especially necessary in an area such as ours, where we are secluded from each other and spread over much larger distances than a city block, for example, and where law enforcement is inadequate for prompt response to emergencies.

A **Community Forum & Project Task Forces** is scheduled for **October 19th at the KP Civic Center**. The Keynote Speaker will be Nancy McKay, Environmental Program Manager, The Russell Family Foundation. Panel members are: Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director, Safe Streets Campaign, on Community Safety; A Local Community Council Member, TBD, on Governance; and Walt Bardsall, Director of Outdoor Environmental Education, YMCA Camp Seymour.

The **Project Task Forces** are:

Community Safety Project: Creation of an Educational Art Exhibit on Family Peace

(Lead Organizations - Two Waters Art Alliance and I.M.Pact)

Environmental Project: Creation of a Youth Organic Garden & Plant Nursery at Camp Seymour

(Lead Organizations - YMCA Camp Seymour, Master Gardeners & KP Middle School)

Governance Project: Creation of a Key Peninsula Community Council

(Lead Organizations - Safe Streets Campaign & KP Business Association)

The general public is invited to learn about Livable Community principles and to be involved in one of the projects. If you have questions or want more information, please call Dennis Taylor, 884-7899.

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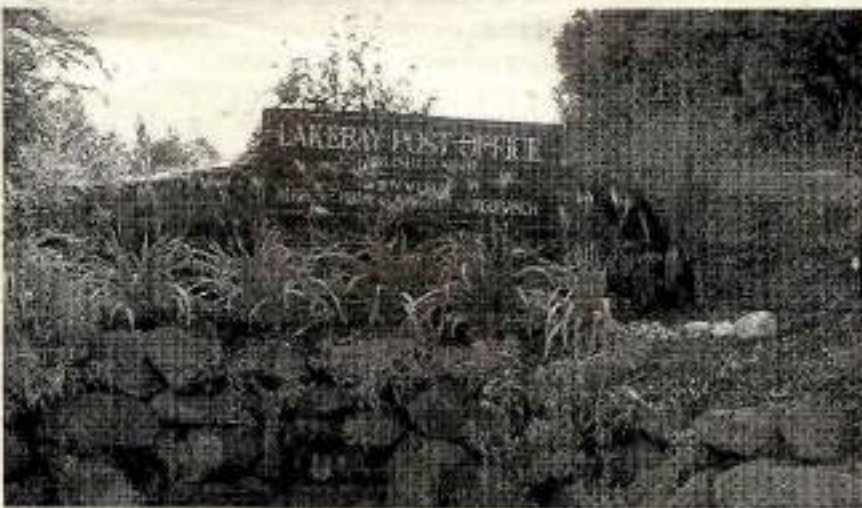
Trashing & Dumping Still A Problem

Despite efforts by individual citizens and local groups who clean up roadsides and parks, trashing and dumping continues to plague us. Some months ago, several volunteers, including the big equipment of Phil Radcliffe, cleared some wreckage off the KP Highway and had special permission to dump it, temporarily, beside 8th Ave. in Home on private property. Overnight, it was joined by other "donations", including abandoned cars, appliances and other junk. Although the county is still promising to clean up the area, as well as nearby property, **this is not a public dump!!**

(If you notice a junked or abandoned car, incidentally, you can call the Pierce County Solid Waste Division at (253) 798-4636, and employees there will respond to your call and help deal with it.)

And, the patrons of the Lakebay Post Office in Home have the good fortune to have a great postmaster, Rachel Detwiler, who is also an avid gardener and who has used her spare time and resources to add to the planting of lilies, irises and other perennials around the site. She continues to find flower heads snapped off, protective stakes and string knocked down and ignored, watering system disrupted, and lots and lots of cigarette butts and other trash which has to be cleaned up.

Please consider these public places as part of **your Home** and find the proper place to dispose of **your junk!!**



Here's Another Opportunity To Save Some Lives

If you didn't make it to the Peninsula Light Company blood drive last month, you now have another chance to save as many as three lives. The Bloodmobile will be at the Key Peninsula Fair at Volunteer Park on Friday, August 23rd, from 4 PM to 8 PM. Summertime means more accidents and therefore more need for life-saving blood. We shouldn't have to go through another September 11th-type disaster to get people to realize the importance of giving blood.

[Ed. note: Take it from a member of the 7-gallon Club, being a donor really lifts your spirits.]

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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Don't Let Accounting Scandals Send You to Investment Sidelines

If you invest in stocks, then you probably haven't had a lot of good news over the last few months — or even the past couple of years. Of course, stock performance has always been cyclical, but now, it seems, a new wrinkle has been thrown in: corporate malfeasance. And the recent wave of accounting scandals may get you thinking of getting out of the market altogether.

Before you sell all your stocks, though, you may want to put recent events in the context of the emotional side of investing. It's been said that "fear and greed drive the market" — and there's evidence that this has been true the past several years.

During the raging bull market of the 1990's, many new investors became enamored of the stars of the era — particularly the high-flying technology and Internet stocks. In fact, investors flocked to these stocks even though, in many cases, the underlying companies had little or no earnings. Clearly, people hoped to "cash in" on the phenomenal rise in stock prices. A case could be made that greed overwhelmed good judgment.

Now, more than two years after the technology "bubble" has burst, things are quite different. The current bear market, already one of the longest in decades, is being exacerbated by investors' lack of trust in the companies in which they invest. And yet, many signs point to an economy that's on the rebound — which is almost always positive for the stock market. So it appears,

once again, stock prices are being determined, in part, by emotion, except this time it's not greed — it's fear.

You can't let these emotions dictate how you should invest. Even though corporate greed and harmful accounting practices are obviously distressing, you need to look beyond the headlines and consider the hard facts. Specifically, the series of bookkeeping debacles, while serious, is not an epidemic — it's not "spreading" to other companies. That's not to say that we've seen the last of this type of problem. But thousands of companies — in fact, the vast majority of companies you could invest in — still work diligently to report their finances thoroughly and honestly.

Of course, you cannot be sure that any individual company you're interested in will be forever untainted. You may feel that you're taking a "risk" by investing anywhere. But the truth is that you're taking a bigger risk by not investing at all. If you head to the investment sidelines, you will unquestionably miss out on some good opportunities. Remember, historically bull markets have always followed bear markets.

So, instead of taking a "time out" from the market, just follow some tried-and-true investment techniques. Look for good, solid companies with competitive products, strong management and solid track records. Diversify your holdings among a wide array of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. And spread out your investment dollars over time, rather than making large lump-sum purchases. You can't control how a company behaves. But you can control how you invest. And by following the few basic guidelines we've just discussed, you can go a long way toward achieving your most important financial goals.

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Federally Funded Free Summer Meals For Poor Children Are Meeting Only A Tenth Of The Need In Washington

by Laura Strickler of the Children's Alliance

While significant reductions in red tape make the program easier to run, and this year there are 586 free meal sites statewide, an increase of 13 over last summer, hundreds of communities in our state are not taking advantage of available federal funds to offer free summer meals to children in need.

"It's especially important in a troubled economy that communities seize this opportunity to feed hungry kids and bring new federal dollars into their community," says Shelley Curtis of the Children's Alliance. If all of Washington's eligible children were served thirty meals a summer, an additional \$19 million in federal funds could be brought into local communities.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program acts as a nutrition link between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. While in school, many children rely on free school meal programs for up to 60% of their daily nutritional intake. The Summer Food Program reimburses schools, non-profit organizations and public agencies for meals served to poor children. Rural communities often encounter barriers to running the program such as transportation, funding and red tape. However, funds from the Children's Alliance and the Superintendent of Public Instruction are available to help with start-up costs.

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So here goes once and again with the KP Seniors column for August.

We meet at the Community Center in Vaughn each Thursday at noon for potluck, sociability and cards and games through the afternoon. NO CHARGE. And you are invited any week. We're giving out invitation cards like this one —

KEY PENINSULA SENIOR SOCIETY

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and invite you to keep it in your purse or wallet to remind you to come meet others of your age group. So Please Do !!

Thursday, July 11th was sort of a "Birthday Party" for a couple of well-loved ladies who've been attending for many years. First, Evvie Stinson observed birthday number 90 and has been faithful, helpful, sharing and giving for more years than we can count. Then, Stella Brennan who celebrated her birthday on the 11th with us. Evvie played her usual game of PINOCHLE and kept accurate score as usual at the 8-handed table. Stella played bridge as always and as always was enjoyable. "Many more !" That's our wish for these two fine ladies.

On July 18th, we conducted possibly our final Senior Survey among the membership. You could vote, too — all you need to do is attend the meeting !

The question put to some 20 or so Seniors was: "What ONE experience in your entire lifetime of three-score years or so would you most like to repeat ?" The results follow: When I received my first WPA Check and first Social Security card. When the first grand-child was born. Wedding Day. My 16th Birthday Party. My 10 years spent wintering in Yuma, Arizona. One last fling at sex. Go to Greece again. My first job. When I married my husband. When I got my first retirement check. Take another cruise. When I married Roy. When I first held my new baby. Marriage to my wife. My first pair of Oxblood Thom McCann shoes. My first summer in Long Beach, Washington.

Now isn't that a wide and varied list of repeatable experiences ???

Chuck Williamson, our top-notch gardener and cook showed us a photo of a white egg, larger than a goose-egg, unbroken, with a few grains of sand attached. He found it in his flower garden in perfect shape. No geese, ducks, turkeys, eagles, herons or other fowl have had access to his location. What kind of egg could it be ? Call us your guesses and we'll pass them on to Chuck.

SENIOR PICNIC - NOON - AUGUST 15th - JO-EMMA PARK.

Time and space are up. Maybe we'll be back sometime. Or maybe we'll see YOU at a Thursday SENIOR POTLUCK. OK ?????

Did You Know?

by Dick Dettrey

*Men and women who live alone are less likely to meet the Recommended Daily Allowances for vitamins and minerals than women and men who live with others.

*Between 1900 and 1995, the U.S. population went from 76 million to 263 million.

*In the last century, the leading causes of death changed from pneumonia, influenza and tuberculosis to heart disease, cancer and stroke.

* In the past decade, the percentage of overweight children between the ages of 6 and 17 jumped from 15% to 22%.

*Elderly smokers often have 20% to 30% less bone mass than non-smokers. This results in a more fragile skeleton and a greater risk of fractures.

* The human body is about 40 - 60% water. Muscles 75%, Fat 50%, Brain tissue 77%, Bones 30%.

* Between 1900 and 1995, the average life expectancy in the U.S. went from 47 to 73 years.

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Notes From Angel Guild

by Elsie Vezzani

July has been another great month thanks to all you wonderful people who support our shop. Your donations keep us in business. Speaking of donations, it would be appreciated if they could be dropped off between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Saturday. Please do not leave donations outside the fence. When filling your bags and boxes, if you could, remember not to make them too heavy. Most of us belong to the silver-haired league and have given up on weight lifting a long time ago. Thank you for your cooperation.

A special thank you to all the Angels who give way above and beyond the call of duty. We also have some husbands who are ready to donate their time when needed. There are far too many to list, so if you recognize yourself, please stand and take a bow.

Angel Guild will have a booth at the Key Peninsula Community Fair on Saturday, August 24th. Please stop by and see us. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and new faces.

Have a safe and great August and we'll see you at the Fair.

Olalla Bluegrass Festival August 17th

Nearly continuous music provided by a variety of groups, interesting arts and crafts booths, a wide range of food vendors, pony rides and an opportunity for the kids (and brave adults) to handle friendly reptiles await attendees at the famous Olalla Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, August 17th, from 11 AM until it's time to go home. This event is held annually at the Little League Ballpark on Olalla Valley Road. Take the Burley/Olalla Road exit off of Hiway 16 and follow the signs. What some of us do, to really make a big day of it, is go to Old Timers Day in Longbranch first and then head up to Olalla.

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