

'Key Peninsula Community Fair' Set For August 23rd Unveiling...

There is a vision that embraces and directly involves our local community: it is the upcoming **Key Peninsula Community Fair!** The three day August event is underway, thanks in part to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. "The idea and motivation has to start somewhere" says Mike Salatino of the KP Civic Center. Mike, along with Claudia Loy and Fred Ramsdell, created the vision that is now being supported by the **Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District**, the **Key Peninsula Business Association** and the **Longbranch Improvement Club**. These four groups represent the core group entitled the Key Peninsula Fair Association, a non-profit Washington state corporation.

The **Key** agenda is to better unite these four groups that have historically worked independently of one another in order to collectively strengthen the quality of services and life on the Key Peninsula. Our focus is to strengthen relationships among individuals, families, neighborhoods, organizations and schools. This focus will significantly increase the opportunities for civic and community minded organizations. How are they going to accomplish this? A three day Carnival at the Volunteer park featuring rides, midway, arts and crafts, exhibits, a cultural/historical center, arena, community awareness programs, games, food court, beer garden, local civic groups, main stage shows and entertainment, arcade, car show and many, many more surprises.

We have incorporated a student contest to establish a festival title with winners receiving U.S. Savings Bonds at numerous monetary levels for all student grades and all area schools of the Key Peninsula. "One of our biggest goals is to get the local students involved in as many ways possible. It won't work without the support of many. It is so exciting to envision what we will have for our very own Key Peninsula, a community fair!"

The dates for the event are August 23rd through the 26th. Each evening has an event theme. Thursday will be our 'Youth' night with a cookout and dance to kick off the festivities. Friday night will be 'Family' night with a Bar B Q dinner and main stage shows. Saturday night's theme will be 'Senior' night highlighted with a salmon bake dinner sponsored by a local Indian Tribe with music and entertainment yet to be determined.

"This will be a colossal undertaking! We really need volunteers, lots and lots of them" says Salatino. People can already volunteer by calling: 884-4FUN. You can also visit our web site at: www.keyfair.org or www.keyfair.com.

See photo of carnival ride on page 13.

Ciscoe Morris At Key Peninsula Civic Center

Ciscoe Morris, well known gardening expert, Master Gardener and radio personality, will present a program on his favorites for the Northwest Garden on Saturday, May 5th at 2 PM.

This event is sponsored by the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild, a member of the Tacoma Orthopedic Association, and all proceeds will go the Mary Bridge Childrens Hospital.

Ciscoe is a native of Wisconsin, Wauwatosa, to be exact, thus, the distinct accent. His gardening career began when he was 10 years old and got a job as the lawnboy for his local church. He visited Seattle in the early 1970's, liked it and stayed. He has been at Seattle University for almost 20 years and has been a King County Master Gardener for almost as long. In addition, he is a certified arborist and is on several advisory boards, including Plant Amnesty, the Seattle School District and South Seattle Community College. He also teaches at Seattle University, Edmonds Community College, the University of Washington and the Center for Urban Horticulture. He has written numerous articles for different publications and is a member of the Arboretum Editorial Board.

At the present time, Ciscoe appears on KIRO radio, 710 on your dial, each Saturday from 9 AM to 12 Noon. He usually has a well known gardening guest and answers questions from listeners who call in. He has been known to extemporize on the virtues of Brussels sprouts and his dog Kokie.

If you have not seen Ciscoe in person, you are in for a great treat. He is a well informed, educated and humorous speaker. The tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be purchased in advance.

Call 884-2536 for tickets to be sure you don't miss this event. Or stop by Sunnycrest Nursery or Windermere Real Estate in Key Center. There may be some available at the door, but that is unlikely.



JAZZ in JUNE at KPCC

Prohibition Jazz Band Returns - Saturday, June 2

Plan on another wonderful evening of music for dancing and listening as the Prohibition Jazz Band returns to the Key Peninsula for their third year. This vivacious, versatile group plays a wide variety of music ranging from the early roots of jazz through the blues, big band swing and into the classic rock of the 50's. The music features great ensemble work and HOT improvisational solos and duets. It is heavily steeped in the styles of early dance combos and the New Orleans tradition. The band has its own distinct sound and plays with amazing energy, inviting you to share their fun.

The Prohibition Jazz Band was formed in March of 1994 and now consists of six very talented musicians who have gained their experience performing with a variety of bands for several years. Leader, Ron Harper, plays the plectrum banjo and guitar. Willy Peterson anchors the front line with a fiery cornet or trumpet and vocals. Jeff Anderson artistically weaves the clarinet, saxophone or harmonica, adding more excitement. Eric Lindstrom delights on the trombone, piano and corny vocals. Greg Massett, on the bass, is a big man with a big, solid sound. Mike Ernesti, the latest addition and a KP local, adds rhythmic undercurrent on the drums as well as vocals and humor.

The band performs steadily all over the Northwest. They currently have two CD's available. Performances include The North West Jazz-n-Away Festivals in Seattle, Jazz in the Olympics Festival, Aberdeen Rain or Shine Festival, Burien Strawberry Festival, Shelton Oyster Festival, Issaquah Salmon Days, Sequim Irrigation Festival (!), Kitsap County Fair, Seattle Bumbershoot, 7 Cedars Casino, Little Creek Casino, Elks, Masons, Shriners, Cannery Furniture Store and many other gigs for Jazz societies, towns and cities. And they are good !!!

The Prohibition Jazz Band will perform from 8PM to 11PM on Saturday, June 2, 2001, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. There will be an open bar for the purchase of your favorite drink or beverage. No one under 21 will be admitted!

Tickets are available at the KP Civic Center office (small building, lower floor) in Vaughn and at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. Call 884-2213 for more information.

Lakebay Fuchsia Society Plant Sale

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society will hold their sixth annual plant sale on Saturday, May 5th, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. There will be a large selection of all kinds of fuchsias - trailing, upright and hardy - as well as annuals and perennials from members' gardens. This has become a very popular event and our members look forward to talking to the public and helping them with their selections. We will have a culture sheet and the hardy list for 2001. We invite you to check out our display garden at the Civic Center. Although our hardy fuchsias will just be starting to put out new growth, there are other plants of interest in the garden. Ciscoe Morris will also be appearing at the Civic Center at 2 PM that same day, so come early, make your plant purchases and be assured of a parking place.

For more information, call Myvanwy Shirley at 884-2283 or Sharon Miller at 884-2536.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

The Value of Play

Children of all ages love to play. Even as adults we sometimes indulge in a little playful activity. Whether your child is four months old or four years old, play is the foundation for future learning. Did you know that as your child plays he/she is building a foundation for: academic skills, getting along with others and developing a sense of accomplishment and pride?

At different ages and stages you will observe that your child's play style and interests are growing and changing. As a parent there are many ways you can facilitate that growth. If your child is two or older your involvement enriches his/her play and communicates that play is important. Offer to sit with him/her and engage in imaginary play. Offering a variety of toys, household items, books and music will allow for the development of his/her motor skills and intellectual growth. If you are a parent of an infant or toddler, laughing, singing, and cooing to your little one offers early language experiences and social play.

It is through play, experimentation, manipulation, problem solving, inventing and exploring that children learn. As adults we often think how easy it is to be a kid and how much we desire to revisit this stage of our life. It is through being a kid and play that we are given the skills as adults to survive. In the near future, take a few moments and PLAY!!!

Upcoming Events:

Key Peninsula FRC will begin **Wee Play** Friday, May 4 through Friday, June 8. If you are looking for an opportunity to interact with your child and provide positive social interactions, please join us in **Wee Play**. If you are interested in further information, please feel free to contact Shawna Hawley at 884-5433. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the clothing bank, to process the donations we receive and replenish the shelves. This is an ongoing need so please feel free to call us at 884-5433.

Children's Home Society Seeks Teen Volunteers

Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center is seeking motivated teen volunteers for our **Summer Fun Youth Program**, which runs July 9th through August 9th at two sites. We would really like a couple of **TATU** members to do two tobacco-use prevention presentations during this program. In addition, we are looking for new members to replace our graduating seniors on the **Peninsula Teen Activity Committee**, which puts on the **JUMP** Coffeehouses and other events. If you like to make good things happen, and would like to earn community service hours, please contact Edie Morgan at the **Key Peninsula FRC**, 884-5433. Benefits include great recommendation letters and certificates for scholarship notebooks. And it is **FUN!!!**

New Home Country Store

by Hugh McMillan

The Home Country Store, a long time Home landmark, will soon be history. Its replacement, now under construction may open on Memorial Day weekend according to co-owner Young Namkung.

The Namkungs, Young and his wife Linda and Paul and his wife Chung, have owned the Home store since 1985. The latter couple are currently in Lakewood where they recently opened another store.

"We want to have a country style store," said Young.

"The old store is about 2,500 square feet, he said, "and the new one will be about 4,700 square feet. We will have a hot deli, more fresh vegetables, some fresh meats and expanded offerings of stock."

The new store will have a 24 door cooler with dairy products, pop, beer and the like, and a 9 door freezer with frozen foods.

"We will be closed in late April," said Young, "while the old store comes down to be replaced with a proper parking lot and we stock the new store."

The Namkungs plan a community celebration with food and non-alcoholic drink for an early June, or possibly Memorial Day Grand Opening. Questions: 884-2106.

Six Dates To Get In On Birdathon!

Tahoma Audubon's Birdathon! trips are scheduled for May 5, 6, 12, 15, 16 and 19th. This is a great opportunity to count birds with an expert who can identify all species seen while also helping raise funds for environmental conservation and education.

For more information call the TAS at 253-565-9278 or Thelma Gilmer at 253-564-8210.

Marge Adams Retires !!!

After many years of devoted service to the Key Peninsula Community Services, Marge Adams is retiring. Marge has been an integral part of the the KPSC almost from it's inception and the manager since 1987. The Community Center recently helped her celebrate her 65th birthday with a small party after Thursday's lunch. This was largely a smokescreen for the real party, a surprise retirement celebration on Saturday, April 7th.

About seventy people attended that party hosted by Marge's family and co-workers at the KPSC. The surprise element was successful as Marge was lured to the building by a 'distress' call from colleague Linda Hubbard only to find the place filled with people, balloons, banners, cake and dinner. She was given a gift certificate for the new dishwasher she needs, along with many cards and best wishes.

Marge was born and raised in the Tacoma area and spent her summers visiting relatives on the Key Peninsula. After she and Bill Adams married, the couple moved to Illinois and raised their family where Bill had family roots. They spent 30 years in the Midwest, but when Bill retired, she said it was time to return to Washington. They bought a house on the Key Peninsula and were pleasantly surprised to find that life was relatively unchanged from her youthful memories.

Marge and Bill began volunteering at the Community Service Center where she eventually became the Manager while he recruited and coordinated volunteer help. Sadly, Bill passed away last year. His absence is keenly felt at the Center, and a memorial garden is planned in his honor with a plaque commemorating his years of service.

Marge is not ready to sever her ties with the Community Center and she plans to continue volunteer service each week. She is determined to fulfill her dream of taking a cruise ship to Alaska along the Inside Passage and perhaps do some other travel by train. Her presence and contribution to the Center will not be forgotten whether she is here in the community or away traveling.

A historical note: The KPSC had humble beginnings at the Fire Station in Key Center in the early 1980's, then moved to a basement room at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Many volunteer hours were spent cleaning and renovating a space for the new agency. As services expanded, the need for more space became urgent. A larger facility was found in the old School House in Home. After extensive remodeling, again depending on uncounted hours of volunteer work and fund raising, the Key Peninsula Community Services moved to its present location in 1985. Some of the services currently offered to the community include the area food and commodities bank, free senior meals, bingo, senior transportation, emergency assistance and AA meetings.

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

Way back in 1906, my great-grandmother purchased 70 acres of forest land just north of Everett. The deed says she paid \$2,500 "in gold coin" for the land. It has always been called "the farm", even when it was just trees, animals and skunk cabbage.

The property has a year-round creek on it that annually sees the migration of chum salmon to its gravel bars to spawn. Years ago, steelhead called the creek home, but no more. There is a nice resident population of cutthroat trout that live there now and the creek is still clear and clean.

The creek still has its share of muskrat and occasionally a beaver will stake a claim to its rightful share of the waters. There used to be mink, but like the steelhead, they left long ago. The little brook still supports a few ducks, and, frequently, in the early summer, you can see a mother mallard bobbing down stream being followed by her fuzzy, yellow ducklings.

For many years, my grandfather spent every day that he could clearing the place for pasture and a home. He did all of this work when he was not working at his regular job as the Depot Master for the Great Northern Railroad in Stanwood.

In the early 1950's granddad built the home from logs he cut from the farm. The logs were all Douglas Fir, or as granddad used to say, "Doug Fir." He dug the basement out by hand and laid the foundation of concrete block with the help of his brother-in-law, Vern Jones, who was a mason. His other brother-in-law, Fred, was an electrician and he did all the wiring. Fred and Vern were my grandmother's brothers, and they all came from Winnipeg where their family had been farmers.

The house is a small log cabin, and it is snug and comfortable when the winter snows come, as they frequently do to that part of the country. Uncle Vern's brick fireplace can warm the entire house if you continue to put big chunks of cord wood into it, all of which being cut from the fir, maple and cedar stands that surround the house.

Even though the house had been wired for electricity by Uncle Fred, my grandparents had to use kerosene lamps at night, since there was no electricity available to them. Back in those days, that part of Snohomish County was pretty rural and the PUD had yet to run a line near the place that they could tap into. Electricity arrived in the 1960's and granddad discovered the "Lawrence Welk Show."

When my grandparents died in the mid-1970's, my parents moved onto the place. Dad left his job as a vice-president of an insurance company in Portland and mom left hers as an accountant with a stock brokerage firm. As kids in the 1930's my folks had grown up nearby in Stanwood where they both attended Lincoln High School. Mom was

a cheerleader, and dad was the football team's quarterback.

As high school sweethearts, they got engaged at 16 and then married at 20 when dad returned from WWII. He was a machine gunner on a torpedo bomber serving aboard the small aircraft carrier, "Petroff Bay." A year after the war, I was born, soon to be followed by my sister, Sue, and my brother, Bob. My sibs and I loved the farm as if it were a real live relative — as if it were our grandparents itself.

Mom and dad have taken good care of the place and loved every square inch of the farm for nearly 25 years now. Like granddad, they raised Hereford's, not many, and had a pony or two for their grandkids. Both of them felt as though keeping the farm in the family was a trust they owed to generations gone and yet to be born. They both planned on dying there, just as my grandparents did.

However, the years have passed and all living things must adjust to changes in their environment. Like the animals that used to live on the farm, my folks are getting ready to leave now, too. As with the steelhead, beaver, mink, and yes, even cougar that used to roam on the farm, mom and dad have been squeezed out by the crush of people.

The good news is that the farm is going to be purchased by a husband and wife who have come to love the place almost as much as our family does. The buyers are David and Melinda Gladstone and they live on Camano Island. They have created a Foundation which buys parcels of land to keep them from being developed and to preserve habitat. They plan to grant a conservancy easement to the Cascade Land Conservancy so that the farm can remain a refuge for nature's creatures forever.

Granddad used to say that the farm should always stay as it was — a sanctuary for both people and animals from the forces of development. With the sale to the Gladstones and the easement to the Cascade Conservancy, his dream will come true. It will be tough for my folks to leave, but the Gladstones are making it easier for them.

And who would have thought that I, the little red-haired kid, who, in the 1950's, was fishing for trout in the creek using a branch cut from an alder as a pole, would be the attorney putting the transaction together?

Life is truly amazing.

Thank You

The office facility of the Key Peninsula Civic Center has been upgraded, thanks to two recent donations. The Association is grateful to Fred Angus for the Konica copier and to Tom and Nancy Howard for the multipurpose machine. We truly are appreciative of these gifts to the Civic Center.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

I find it interesting the way words can change in meaning from time to time. "Power struggle" used to imply that opposing groups or individuals were trying to gain control of a political party, legislature or a big corporation.

Now we have a new definition, as we "struggle" to find ways to have enough power available to maintain a lifestyle based upon having all the cheap electricity we want whenever we want it. For those of us on the Key Peninsula it's even more of a struggle because we don't have natural gas available for heating.

Though it's really easy to blame California for our electrical woes, that not only doesn't solve the problem, it actually distracts us from discovering both the real sources of the problem and real solutions. Unfortunately, the news we get is often less than accurate.

So, let's examine the situation in some detail. To begin with, even though we've just been hit with a 27% increase in our electric bills, we still pay just over a nickel per kilowatt hour (kWh). When I left California eight years ago, we were paying twice that. Keep in mind also that their population is five times ours, so even though their climate may be warmer, it just follows that more people equates with more energy use.

Something else that hasn't appeared in most of the "news" we get is that Californians have been working on energy conservation for a long time. I can attest to that personally because from 1983 to 1988 I was the energy conservation coordinator for a school district. The most recent data available actually indicate that California has about the lowest electrical energy use **per person** in the entire U. S.

The so-called "deregulation" in California is definitely a part of the problem, but not necessarily for the reasons we're hearing. It sounds as if the major electricity suppliers in California were unfairly harmed by the "deregulation" of their industry. The fact is that they lobbied for it to be done the way it was because they figured if there really was more competition it might drive the retail price down and they wanted to be protected. So they got what is commonly referred to as a "cap", but is also a "floor". What happened is that the suppliers elsewhere jacked up the wholesale price of electric power, rather than competition driving it down, and the three major electric companies were caught in the middle. They could have provided a "safety net" reserve to protect themselves, but they didn't.

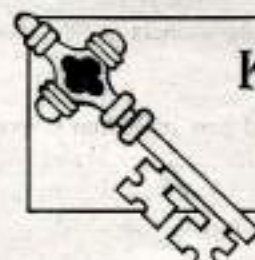
We'll explore this further next month. Stay tuned.

Plant Sales Abound

A special PLANT SALE is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Seniors on the weekend of Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th. "It's our Grand Finale," says Chuck Williamson, long time home gardener and Plant Sale chairman. Seniors are contributing all sorts of plants and starts - from strawberries, raspberries and grapes to flower and vegetable plants ready to "start" in your garden.

Rose Malmgren, chairman of the event, and her husband are hosting the 2-day affair at their residence in Lake of the Woods. (Address: 14122 136th St. Ct. KPN) That's just off Elgin-Clifton Road; take the middle exit and follow the signs. Phone 884-5052 for directions.

Come as early as 9:30AM or as late as 4:30PM, both days. Prices? The lowest in the area for these quality garden plants, according to Mrs. Malmgren.



KEY DATES 2001

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KPCS Board
KPHC Board
KP Lions Club
VFW & Auxiliary

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

1st Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.
3rd Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest.
4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

1st Thursday at 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station
Tuesday-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC Whitmore Rm.
3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
1st Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center
2nd Thursday - 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
2nd Monday - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home
4th Thursday - 7:30 PM Health Center
1st & 3rd Wed. - 6:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
2nd & 4th Mon.-7:00 PM CC/VFW Room/Wm Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
2nd Monday after 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec. 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM
At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.
Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Fire Station, Home, WA.

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

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

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It looks like we have made it through the biggest part of the Income Tax season. Some have taken advantage of the earthquake extension. But now it's back to another year of earnings and deductions for income tax due in 2002. Oh, I know you don't like to think about it, but with proper planning, the experience doesn't have to be so traumatic. First of all, if you are self employed, don't forget that estimated taxes are due April 15th, June 15th, Sept. 15th and Jan. 15th. If paid when due, then when your tax liability is figured in 2002 and you find that you have already prepaid your taxes, it helps to make the experience less painful. If you are employed by a company, ask for a W-4 and review your withholding and at least try to break even on your taxes by having the proper amount withheld from your paycheck. If we can help, let us know.

Charles Le Warne, Speaker, Home Town Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 PM at the
Home Fire Station

Charles Le Warne is a noted Washington Historian, author of "Utopias on Puget Sound, 1885-1915". He was co-author with Robert E. Ficken of "Washington, A Centennial History", commissioned by the Washington Centennial Commission. Mr. LeWarne retired in 1989 after teaching high school history for 33 years. He was the 1987 Teacher of the Year, past chair of the WA Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, vice president of Communal Studies Association, and is a member of the board of trustees of HistoryInc. He has served on many other boards, guilds, and associations and is still active in other historical and community organizations. Mr. LeWarne and his wife Pauline live in Edmonds, WA.

The Home Town Meeting meets every other month, beginning in January, at the Home Fire Station. Watch for notices of agenda. Everyone is welcome.

T.O.P.S. NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

Last month we told you we would be having our annual rummage sale. The date is not right. This year it will be May 12, 2001 at the Civic Center, in the VFW Room. This is the white building over to the side, next to the Historical Museum. We will hold the sale open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We use funds from the sale to send our honored members to the state convention which this year will be in Yakima. Again, we will have state winners to be announced next month.

Good news of JoAnn Cluver. She has reached her goal weight and is reinstated to her K.O.P.S. status. We are very proud of JoAnn. Weight to go girl!!! Other member doing very well are Marcia Nolan who is getting close to goal and Rosalie Busz, also close. New members joined us this past month and already show great progress. Carol M. and her mom Mary Z. are on their way to better health. We are happy to have many visitors and invite them to become members of the chapter. Anyone out there reading these columns and are curious about T.O.P.S., please come and see for yourselves what goes on at a typical meeting. If it doesn't seem like something you would care for, come again because it is different every time. Also there are many chapters in the area so you can choose the time and location that is best for you. Naturally, we are partial to our chapter here in Vaughn. We know we have successful members and have fun together. You are welcome any Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

What's Happening In Our Election System?

Ralph Munro, recently retired after serving as Washington's Secretary of State for twenty years, will be speaking about our election system at 12 noon on Thursday, May 3rd, at the Moore Branch Library, 56th and Pacific in Tacoma, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Tacoma/Pierce County. For more information call the LWV office at 253-272-1495.

Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

It looks like spring has finally sprung. We love it when the days are bright and warm. We can leave our doors open at the Angel Guild Thrift Store and have the fresh air circulating. A lot of folks ask about the books and magazines in the bin by the door. These are FREE!! We will even give you a bag to carry them. Some thrift stores charge for used, old magazines, but here in Key Center you will find the best bargains. I recently went to the thrift shop in Port Orchard and was appalled at the prices for chipped knick-knacks. Also the books they were selling were priced by value and date of publishing. As many of you know, our book prices are extremely fair. A paperback (even the latest) will cost you 25 cents. A hard cover will be 50 cents. The children's books may be bundled for 50 cents or individually soft covers are 15 cents and hard covers are 25 cents. You really can't beat that. Your donations and your support plus the fact that we are volunteers make these bargains possible. Thus in turn we are able to pass the proceeds on to the community. Remember, if you have a need for the Angel Guild to help with funds, please submit a brief letter to us in care of our finance chairman and either mail it to Angel Guild, 9013 Key Peninsula Hwy N or drop it by

the shop. It must be through a formal organization and not to an individual.

Our big news for this month was our annual luncheon meeting and fashion show. This year was even better with Joy Rakes providing music for our models. All Angels were invited to show off either clothing or precious items all purchased from the shop. This was after a delicious potluck meal and was the intermission before dessert. Also at this annual meeting is when we install our new officers for the year. This year we will be led by Frankie Johnson, president, Betty Barkubein 1st vice-president, Mary Krumbein 2nd vice-president, Anne Erwin treasurer, Nancy Korseck as secretary and Bonnie Stinson will stay on as our coordinator. Acting in an advisory capacity our past president, Elsie Vezzani, will help the board as needed.

One of our Angels was nominated for Citizen of the Year. Virginia Seavy richly deserved the honor of the nomination. She is a charter member of the Angel Guild and has held office and continues to spend many volunteer hours every week. She is a tireless worker not only for our group but the historical society and her church also reap the benefits of her efforts. Congratulations, Virginia!

Happy shopping, happy spring. Come in soon.

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SPRING - A Time For New Beginnings



(Left to Right): Lucille O'Doughty, Mary Nelson, Ruth Matthews, Dotty Ohnstad, Joanne Gilkison.

Spring is the time of new beginnings. Bulbs bloom, trees bud and the Morning T.O.P.S. Group, #WA 1325, Lakebay, elects new officers: **Ruth Matthews** - Leader, **Dorothy Ohnstad** - Co-Leader, **Lucille O'Doughty** - Secretary, **Mary Nelson** - Treasurer, **Joanne Gilkison** - Weight Recorder, and **Laurie Frayne** - Assnt. Weight Recorder and Awards Chairman.

This spring might be the time when you would like to make a new beginning in your weight loss program. Whatever food plan your doctor advises can be backed up by the support of a T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group. There you will find friends, contests and informative programs all aimed at encouraging you to stay on the path to your weight loss goals. Our group meets every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 at the Home Fire Station on the Key Peninsula Highway in Home.

We are proud to have two successful members this month as our best losers: **Brad Bradford** came in first. He is fairly new to our group and his loss is an encouragement to his wife and the rest of us. In second place was **Marj James**, a long time TOPS member who is nearing her goal.

If you would like to meet these people and hear their success stories, or if you would like information about our group or the other groups around the area, call Ruth - 884-6386 or Dotty - 884-1721.

Obituary of Lucille Stock



Lucille Stock

Lucille Stock passed away February 12 this year. She was best known in our area as the Barber on Highway 302 and Stock Road.

Lucille was born March 18, 1915 in Hamilton, WA. She married Harry D. Wright in 1931. They lived in Sedro Wooley, Index and Everett until Harry was lost and died on a hunting trip in 1947.

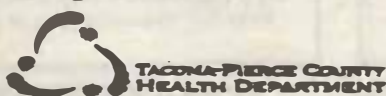
She moved to Bremerton and met Bill Stock at the Pearl Meyers Dance Hall there. They were married May 15, 1953 and came to live at his home in Rocky Bay (the old Stock family winery) where they lived for over 20 years. They built a small house nearby to which they added a Barber Shop where Lucille barbered until the late 1980's.

Lucille's husband, Bill Stock, and three brothers, Francis Hunt and Lester Hunt of Bremerton and Arthur Hunt of Swillhome, Oregon, preceded her in death. Nieces and nephews throughout the country survive her.

At her request there was no service. Memorials may be made as contributions to the Cottesmore Nursing Home, 2902 14th Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

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Library Sculpture Project

by Keith Stiles

The Friends of the Key Center Library, long known for their activities in support of both the library's materials collection and physical facilities for library patrons have a new, exciting, and outstanding project that is just now getting underway.

Inspired by an original suggestion made by member Mollie Holmes, The Friends Group has decided to provide the Key Center Library with two bronze life size figures of children, a boy and a girl, each with their library books, greeting library visitors from their designated positions in the library front garden.

Each of the figures will be an original design by Vaughn sculptor John Jewell, whose sculpture "Getting Dizzy" won him both First Place at last year's Puyallup Fair and the Fair's "The People's Choice Award". As his contribution to the community and to the local library John Jewell is contributing both his designs and the actual castings of the two figures.

With the artist donating both his designs and the actual production of the sculptures, the project has been budgeted for approximately \$13,000.00 for materials and casting. While The Friends Group has already raised almost \$6,000.00 of this total sum, a funding drive will be necessary to provide the balance of about \$7,000.00. Right now it is planned that the formal funding drive will be kicked off in early May, and if all goes well the two sculptures could be in place in front of the library by May of 2002. Representatives of The Friends will be making presentations before community groups and civic organizations, as well as conducting a personal appeal drive to area individuals. Members of The Friends of the Library Sculpture Project include Dick Bates, Richard Cole, Molly Holmes and David Till.

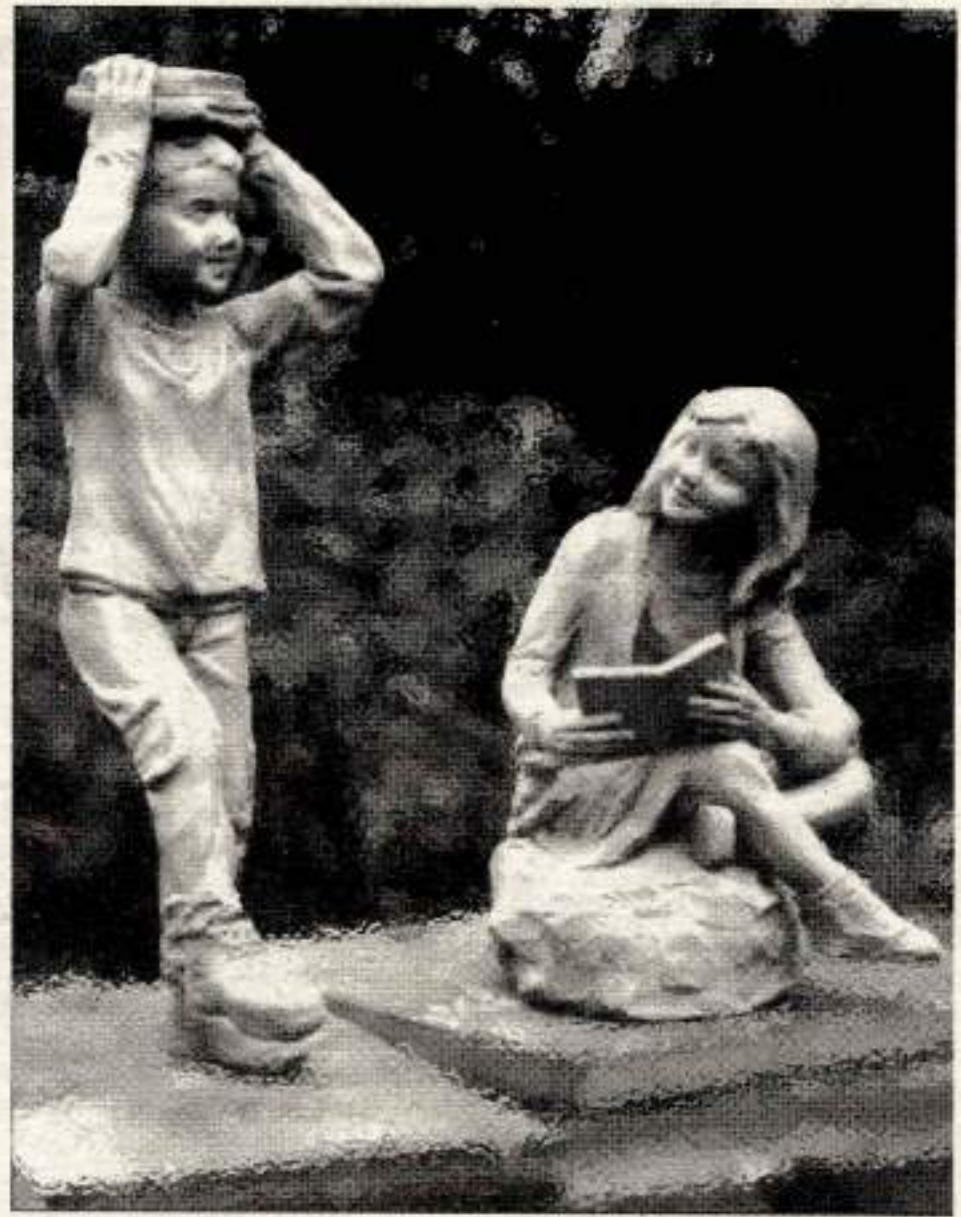


Photo of clay models by artist John Jewell for "Balancing the Books", a bronze sculpture planned for the front of the Key Center Library. The finished sculpture will be life-sized.

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To Your Health

by
William F. Roes, M.D.

Medicine in the new millenium is my theme for 2001, and this month's topic is high frequency hearing loss. This topic was suggested when my friendly local audiologist (along with my family and staff) confirmed that at the tender age of 50, I already have some hearing loss. The futurist aspect of this topic is that we're probably going to see a lot more hearing loss in younger populations, predominantly due to excessive noise.

The most common cause of hearing loss is termed NIHL, or noise induced hearing loss. It used to be that most noise exposure occurred at work in factories, farms and mills, but now that seems to be shifting to recreational activities. The damage from noise is a cumulative experience, and what used to be a common problem of working men in their 60's is now showing up in 30 and 40 year olds. It's estimated that rock concerts have been measured at sound levels of 120 decibels (dB), and stereo headphones are typically at 115 dB - both levels that can cause permanent damage. Based on government safety standards, headphones set at 115 dB should be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per day. There's even evidence suggesting that listening to loud music on headphones while you exercise increases the noise damage to your ears.

As I found out from the experts, there is still not much they can do except amplify the sound in those regions of hearing loss. Digital, computer assisted hearing aids of today are vastly superior to the old ones, but they still can't match what was lost. Prevention is the key: avoid excess volume on your music and protect your hearing with ear protectors (a good Mother's Day or Father's Day present). Take care of your hearing, because the ability of medicine to replace what's missing is still a long way off. Oh, and when you talk to me at the office, remember, my right ear is the good one.

Tracy Manning - Citizen of the Year

The Key Peninsula Lions' Club recently honored Tracy Manning as Citizen of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the community and her assistance to so many of its citizens. Her activities have included collecting donations for families in need, sponsoring softball teams, providing Christmas baskets for 35 families, taking in stray animals and finding homes for them, sponsoring an Iditarod dog team, encouraging donations to the Make A Wish Foundation, and in many ways enriching other lives.

When she sees a need, she mobilizes her cohorts and takes care of it. As one of our locals says, "Volunteers say they don't deserve ... recognition", and Manning, typically, immediately began naming all the people who help her. She wants her plaque to read "Manning and family", because she considers the community 'her family'.



A tearful Citizen of the Year, Tracy Manning, accepts congratulations from Austin Miller, President of KP Lion's Club.

Next Lark at the Mountain Concert May 12th

Lizabeth McLaughlin will present a sampling of historical instruments, original songs and traditional music at the Nisqually Lodge in Ashford at 8 p.m. on May 12th. Using keyboards, banjo, mountain dulcimer, hurdy-gurdy and recorder, Lizabeth has entertained audiences of all ages across the Northwest.

The concert will be preceded by wine tasting of the products of a Northwest winery. The concert is free, but there is a nominal charge for the wine tasting. For concert reservations and information, call 1-877-617-9951. The concert is sponsored by the Mount Rainier Visitor Association.

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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

LAST MONTH: Despite the CRAZY weather - Rain, Shine, Cold, Mild - the Seniors enjoyed a month of good meetings and fellowship. Pinochle, Bridge, Rummy, etc., each Thursday following our usual tasty potluck lunches. Our "Party" day was in the Easter Theme, but was a few days afterward. April 19th saw our members turn out with flowery hats and dresses and handsome haberdashery to enjoy the ham dinner (luncheon, really) and all the fixin's.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? Well, no, but soon there'll be a DR. in Jim Blundell's family and he'll be in Fairbanks, Alaska, to see it happen. His daughter, Gail, will receive her Doctorate from the U. of Alaska on May 13th, and Jim will be there, busting his buttons with pride, as she becomes a "Doctor of Wildlife Biology". Jim will get to spend a few days celebrating with her before returning home to the Key Peninsula.

SPOTLIGHTING AN UNUSUAL COUPLE OF SENIORS: We want you to meet a Most Unusual couple - long time members of our Senior Group. See if you can guess their names as you read about them. HE was born in Chinook, Washington, in 1911. SHE was born in Refdik, Norway, a few years later. He and his parents returned to Norway when he was 4, and his parents died when he was 6. She, family name, Broback, and her 3 sisters and brother left Norway to join her father and another brother in Tacoma where Father B. soon got his citizenship, thus making all the children US citizens. Eventually the family operated a dry-cleaning shop in University Place. She went to business college in Portland and met Norm, who was also in dry-cleaning. He was 30 and quite impressed with 21 year old Marie. He had said he didn't want to marry a foreigner, but she was a citizen by naturalization, so they were married in 1941 and became Mr. and Mrs. Norman STORSET. After some boat-building, Norm settled back into the dry-cleaning business, and in some 21 years he claims he missed only 1/2 day of work! The couple raised 5 boys and a girl and eventually built a home on the Key Peninsula near Carney Lake, where they now live.

Norm and his son are flying to Norway soon to spend 2 weeks seeing where Marie lived, where his folks lived, and to celebrate his 90th birthday with relatives there. Marie will meanwhile join a sister to travel to Oregon and attend a family shower there. We know they'll both have a great time and we want to wish them both a 'Bon Voyage' or however they say it in Norwegian.

A Wonderful Couple - We Love 'Em Both!!

Our meeting of April 26th was enlivened by the presentation of SENIOR OF THE MONTH honor to Rose Malmgren, recognized also as "Secretary of the Year". Rose has been our KPSS Secretary for the past 3 years. In addition, she has been our "Party Chairman". In addition, she and her husband will be hosting our Plant Sale on Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6. Our salute and THANKS to Rose.

SENIOR SURVEY: How many KP Seniors are worried and/or concerned about the possible/probable ASTRONOMICAL rise in Electric Rates later this year? RESULTS:

Unanimous - every single senior participating indicated serious concern about new and Higher electric rates!!

CALLING ALL SENIOR MOTHERS! As this is Mothers' Day Month, you are invited to join us on Thursday, May 13th, for our Mothers' Day Party. We'll honor you, welcome you and feed you at the potluck. Please come - 12 noon - or any Thursday at 12 noon, come to think of it. Phone us for more information at 851-847 for more information.

FINAL PASSING SHOT: Little LeRoy wanted a bike Very badly and had written to Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and other personages requesting one, but to No avail. Now his birthday is coming up. LeRoy, leaving the church one day before he was 11, picked up a small statue of the Virgin Mary, tucked it under his coat and took it home to hide under his bed. Then he sat down and wrote this brief note: Dear God ...I've Got Your Mama. If You Want To See Her Again, Send The Bike. Signed: You Know Who.

Cheers - See you the first of June !!!

Vaughn Elementary School Receives Gates Foundation Grant

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently recognized 14 Washington state schools with the announcement of more than \$3.2 million in grants. The grants are for the purpose of allowing the selected schools to accelerate their efforts to become high achievement models through improved teaching and learning and enhanced access to technology.

This is the second round of school grants given in the state. The grants recognize Washington state schools that have excelled at and are committed to helping all students achieve. Grants are provided to create high-achievement, technology-enriched learning models that reflect: a common focus, high expectations, personalized learning environments, respect and responsibility, time to collaborate, performance-based assessments and employing technology as a tool. Schools also will emphasize relationships - between students and their work, between students and their teachers and the relationships among staff.

Vaughn Elementary School received a grant of \$206,800 from the Foundation and is required to provide a budget match of at least 20% of the grant. According to Principal, Craig Shurick, "The school will be under-going a 3-year restructuring and will be working closely with the Gates Foundation in this process." The Vaughn staff is deeply committed to helping its students overcome adverse economic conditions by providing an excellent education. Vaughn School will use its grant for computers and training so that its students will have a strong foundation in the technical skills which are the key to preparing young people for today's economy.

(Ed: Congratulations to the Vaughn staff, parents and students who have worked for this grant !)

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Veterans' Voices

By Eileen Young

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First things first, a complete list of activities for May so you can mark your calendar and not miss any of the important events:

May 11-12: BUDDY POPPY DAYS...WEAR IT PROUDLY

May 19-20: Yard Sale at Harvest Time from 9AM to 4PM. If you have a contribution, please call 884-9156 for pick-up. See you all there. Money goes to our building fund.

The Armed Forces Day parade will also be on the 19th in Bremerton.

May 14: JOINT INSTALLATION AT THE CIVIC CENTER. 7PM.

May 27: AISLE OF HONOR. Guest speaker and service. 1PM at the Vaughn Cemetery. 179 flags will fly this year. The AFFIFFI Pipe & Drum Band from Olympia will participate in the services.

May 28: Our own Color Guard and Honor Guard are tentatively scheduled to perform at Bremerton and Poulsbo.

May 30: A rifle salute and lowering of the flag ceremony will take place at the Purdy Veterans Memorial. 10AM.

While we are on the subject of the Purdy Memorial, a young man going for his Eagle badge, along with other members of his Scout troop, will do a beautification of the grounds at the flag poles. We would like to thank you, Aaron Broderson and Troop 252, and we look forward to seeing the finished project.

CARE CIRCLE: Prayers and good wishes go out to Jeff Broderson, Andy Anderson, David Rice, Judy Wilson, Nat Knox, Kathy Jo Patterson and Yvonne Helmick. To Norman Wade on the loss of his wife, our sincere condolences. For Larry Bellona, we report his pace-maker is working just fine.

Congratulations to Louie Aguilar and his new wife, Jeanne, who is also now a member of 4990 Ladies Auxiliary.

Congratulations to Gary and Yvonne Helmick on the birth of a new granddaughter. There it is for another month; mark your calendars, attend your meetings and the event is listed - remember, it is YOUR VFW and it takes ALL of us to make it a success.

Have a good month and remember, it's amazing how much you can hear when no one is saying anything!

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May 5th

T.O.P.S. Rummage Sale

May 12th

Prohibition Jazz Dance

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June 30th

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November 22nd

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Living and Learning on the Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

Spring is the time everyone pays taxes and annual dues for the Key Peninsula Historical Society. If you didn't pay your dues at the March Annual meeting, please use the form in the yearly newsletter, make the check (\$5.00 per person) out to the KP Historical Society and mail to P.O. Box 577, Vaughn, WA, 98394. Additional contributions toward our operating expenses and improvements are always welcome.

There has been a change - the Thursday, May 3rd, monthly Board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 PM. We want to encourage all our members to attend the Home Town Meeting at the Home Fire Station on Thursday, May 15th at 7PM. Historian Charles Le Warne, author of *Utopias on Puget Sound*, will be the guest speaker.

Mark your calendar - Saturday, June 30th. The Old Timers Social will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center beginning at noon. The program will be the history of the Old Timers Picnic. If you have information to share, please call Dale at 884-2712 or Tim at 884-4538.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret to announce the death of Donna McCardle of Longbranch after a brief illness. Donations may be made to the Bill McCardle Account at Telco Key Center to help defray the families medical expenses.



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Vaughn Elementary Scores Again With 2nd Annual Auction

by Hugh McMillan

On the last day of March, Vaughn Elementary School held "Imagine That!, Vaughn Auction 2001." It raised over \$36,000!

Its goal: to build an outdoor covered play area on the Vaughn campus.

To illustrate the point, Vaughn kids created a video movie humorously depicting recesses in the rain and "cruel" principal Craig Shurick stopping them yelling, "there are five minutes more," when they try to return to their classes - and no rain.

A lot of hard work by Vaughn teacher Marc Ross, co-chairs (and VPTA members) Lesley Iacolucci and Jill Neumeister, and Karoline Sly, Shannon Fairbanks and Julie Shipley, transformed the Key Peninsula Civic Center into a magical place for the event.

Funds raised fall short of the anticipated \$50,000 cost of the project. The auction committee advises that donations may be made to VPTA (Auction Building Fund) at Vaughn Elementary School, 17521 Hall Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394 and that building materials or construction services may be donated by contacting Marc Ross at 884-5700.

The committee thanks all parents who helped with the auction and staff members and children of Vaughn who provided some great auction items they made themselves. Because of them and the many supporters attending the event, Vaughn's auction was again one of the most successful ever held in the Peninsula School District.

2nd Annual Celebration for Women's Luncheon - May 12

"Old Things Have Become New" is this year's theme for the annual Celebration for Women's Luncheon on Saturday, May 12, at 11 AM at the Lakebay Community Church. Women from the Key Peninsula are invited to come and enjoy wonderful food and a program that will inspire you, including music, a fashion show that you may participate in, and an inspiring message from Linda Anderson from Lakebay.

We encourage you to enter our fashion show/contest. Entrants will wear fashions they purchased at thrift stores, yard sales, etc. It will be fun and amazing to see what beautiful and fashionable outfits you gals have been able to get for just a fraction of the cost of new clothing.

Please call the Church at 884-3899 if you will be attending and if you wish to participate in the fashion show or for directions. The cost is \$5.00 each. No extra cost to be a model. Come and see *old things become new*.

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Questions & Answers Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Diversification Can Be A Life Saver

Edward Noble was one of those people who understood that variety is the spice of life. In 1913, he approached Clarence Crane, the inventor of the peppermint Life Saver, with the idea of producing the candy in a variety of flavors. Crane didn't want any part of this plan, so he sold Noble all rights to the candy for \$2,900.

Today, Life Savers is a billion-dollar business, and the reason Noble became owner of it — and not Crane — was because he knew the value of diversification. He didn't base his success on the sales of just one flavor of candy. He knew that by offering a variety of flavors, he could appeal to more people. At the same time, he protected his business should anyone flavor fall from grace with the public.

Like Edward Noble, smart investors understand the value of variety. They know that variety is the foundation of a good investment plan. Whether you call it diversification, asset allocation, or simply "not putting all your eggs in one basket," the benefits of spreading your dollars among a variety of investments cannot be overstated.

One of the main benefits of choosing a variety of investments is that you have some protection should one of those investments experience a downturn. No single investment performs well under all conditions. In fact, different types of investments sometimes go in opposite directions. For example, when the stock market declines, bonds generally perform well and vice versa.

Owning both types of investments will benefit you in nearly any economic environment.

Diversification also protects against loss of purchasing power. Having all your money in fixed-income investments, such as bonds and CDs, will not allow you to keep up with inflation. Why is this important? Consider for a moment what has happened to the price of bread over the past 50 years.

Year 1950, \$1 would buy: Nearly five loaves of bread (Bread cost 22 cents per loaf.)

Year 1970, \$1 would buy: Three loaves of bread (Bread cost 33 cents per loaf.)

Year 1990, \$1 would buy: One loaf of bread (Bread cost 89 cents per loaf.)

Year 2000, \$1 would buy: Not even one loaf of many brands of bread.

So, although you usually know exactly how much a fixed-income investment will return at maturity, what you don't know is how much purchasing power that money will retain. Placing a portion of your assets in growth investments, however, has historically allowed you to outpace inflation.

Another benefit of diversification is that it offers the potential for better returns. Consider the example of two individuals, each with \$10,000 to invest. Investor A uses the entire amount to purchase U.S. government bonds paying 5.25 percent. Twenty-five years later, his investment is worth more than \$54,000.

Investor B, however, decides to spread his nest egg among five different types of investments. The first three turn out to be good choices. He places \$2,000 in an international growth fund that averages a 15 percent annual return, \$2,000 in a growth-and-income fund that averages 10 percent annually, and \$2,000 in a tax-free municipal bond paying 5 percent.

His other two investments are not as successful. One breaks even, and the other is completely lost. How badly do these two investments hurt his return? At the end of 25 years, Investor B has more than \$96,000, roughly 44 percent more than Investor A.

This example illustrates the importance of diversifying by type of investment. Investor B's portfolio included a growth investment, a growth-and-income investment and a fixed-income investment. It's also important to choose a variety of investments within each category.

For example, with growth and growth-and-income investments, such as stocks and stock mutual funds, many investors concentrate too much of their money in companies that are familiar, such as consumer goods and utilities. Others lean too heavily on what's hot, like technology stocks. Stocks and stock mutual funds should represent a variety of companies and industries. Diversifying that way could protect you from negative events in any one company or industry.

You can also diversify the fixed-income portion of your portfolio. These investments could include bonds with short-, intermediate- and long-term interest-rate fluctuations. When interest rates fall, you have money to invest at those higher rates.

The specific mix of investments that's right for you depends on your needs for safety and return. Ask a professional to review your investments to make sure they're adequately diversified. The few minutes you spend evaluating your portfolio can be a priceless investment. As Edward Noble discovered, diversification can be a life saver.

It's Getting More Crowded !!

Did you notice the Census reports lately? Gig Harbor is the 142nd largest city in the state and has 6,485 people according to Washington state census figures released on March 23rd. That's almost a 100% increase in 10 years.

And, unincorporated Key Peninsula has 15,883 people living in Wauna, Longbranch, Lakebay, Home, Vaughn, Herron Island and Key Center.

The population from the Purdy Spit to the Tacoma Narrows, not including the City of Gig Harbor is another 31,799 people.

And the total population in Pierce County west of the Bridge is 54,167.

Are you still wondering about the traffic???

Scam-Jam 2001 Offered by BBB on May 19th

Each year millions of Americans fall victim to marketplace fraud. Since education and prevention are the key to stopping con artists, the Better Business Bureau is hosting a free one-day seminar and trade show offering the tools consumers need to protect themselves. *Scam-Jam 2001* will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19th at the Tukwila Community Center, and will feature a presentation by TV's Herb Weisbaum, followed by an "Ask the Pro" panel of popular media personalities who will share details of some of the scams they've uncovered.

Break-off seminars will be held to educate consumers on how to avoid being scammed in six areas of specific concern: telemarketing and mail fraud; investment and finance; identity theft; elder care fraud; Internet scams; and home contractor fraud. These seminars are being presented by such agencies as the Washington State Attorney General's Office, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Social and Health Services, AARP, and others.

Throughout the day consumers can browse the trade show hall with dozens of exhibitor booths offering free consumer protection information, giveaways and helpful hints to being a smart consumer. Free snacks and refreshments will also be available during the day. This is a free event and open to the public, but reservations are required and space is limited. Consumers can make reservations by calling 206-340-7039.

Local Students on Washington Scholars List

Three high school seniors from each legislative district in the state were selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability and community service, for a total of 147 for the state. The three from the 26th district are Megan Doty of Peninsula High School, Joel Seaton of Gig Harbor High School, and Chelsea Wells of South Kitsap High School. Congratulations!

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Light Company Ups Low-Income Aid

Effective April 1, 2001, Peninsula Light Company (PLC) has increased the discount available to eligible low-income seniors and disabled members from 10% to 25%. "For many years PLC has had a financial assistance program to help low-income seniors and disabled members pay their power bills," said Rob Orton, PLC's CEO. Since electric rates went up in April, the company has been concerned about the impact that will have on fixed-income members. "Raising our discount to 25% takes some of the sting out of the rate increase for them."

Another program which may impact our community even more is Project Help, a partnership with Key Peninsula Community Services that helps low-income families pay their winter heating bills. Through this project, members can contribute to a fund that is matched dollar for dollar by PLC. Because no costs for administration are deducted, every donation goes directly into the fund. Since 1998, total contributions to Project Help have exceeded \$135,000.

PLC members who want more information about low-income eligibility requirements, or who wish to apply for assistance, should call the Customer Service Department at 857-1510.

PLC is a member-owned electric and water cooperative, serving the people of the Grig Harbor and Key Peninsulas since 1925. As of January 1, 2001, the meter count was 26,800.

The Gov Issues A Proclamation

Because of the positive impact on children who are being raised by relatives, on April 5th, 2001, Governor Gary Locke proclaimed **May 16, 2001, as Relatives Raising Children Day.**

Suicide Prevention Week is May 6 - May 12. How much do you know about suicide? Would you know what to do if you thought a friend, relative, or child was thinking about committing suicide? Test your knowledge, then learn what to look for and how you can help.

True or False:

1. Depression is the main cause of suicide.
2. It doesn't help to talk about suicide to a person who is depressed.
3. Youth have the highest rates of suicide.
4. Having a gun in the home increases the chance a teen will commit suicide.
5. A person might seem happier and calmer right before s/he commits suicide.

Answers:

1. True. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide. Depression is a chemical imbalance that distorts thinking; it can be treated. Recognizing and treating depression early can save lives.
2. False. It helps to ask about suicide if you suspect someone is thinking about it. Show concern and take it seriously. Most people don't want to kill themselves, even if they feel suicidal.
3. False. People over 65 have the highest rates of suicide. Depression in older adults often goes unrecognized and untreated.
4. True. People living in homes where guns are kept have a 5 times higher risk of suicide than those in homes without guns.
5. True. The risk of suicide is greatest just as depression lifts because the suicidal person may regain the energy it takes to carry out a suicide plan.

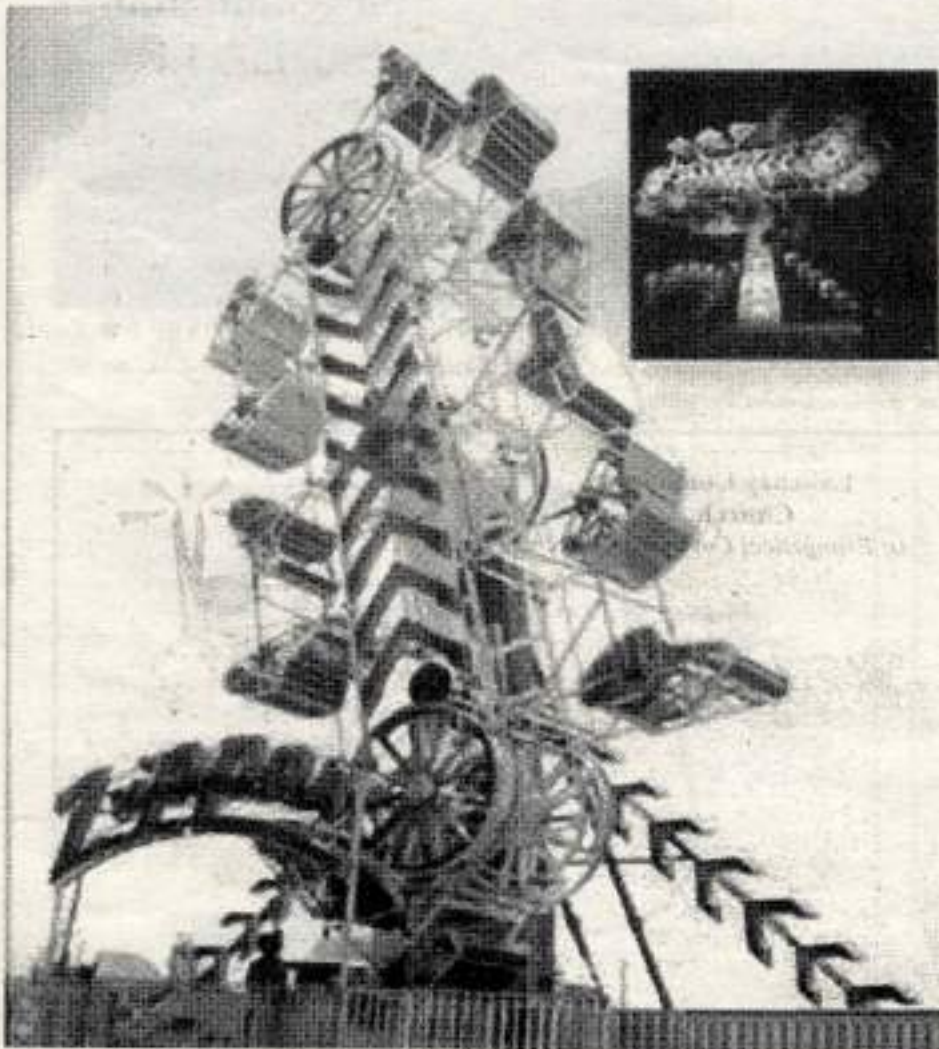
Some danger signs of suicide:

- (Talking about suicide.
- (Making statements of hopelessness, helplessness, or worthlessness.
- (Being preoccupied with death.
- (Suddenly acting happier, calmer.
- (Losing interest in things one cares about.
- (Visiting or calling people one cares about.
- (Organizing things, setting affairs in order.
- (Giving things away.
- (Getting a gun or stockpiling pills.

What can you do if you think someone is depressed or suicidal? These 3 steps can help prevent suicide:

1. Show you care
2. Ask if they are thinking about suicide
3. Get help

Take a person seriously if they talk about suicide, even if they appear to be joking. Let them know you care. Suicide can be prevented! If you need help for yourself or for someone you know, call the Pierce County Crisis Line at 1-800-576-7764.



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Longbranch Couple Sailing Their "Round The World Dream"

by Keith Stiles

More than 30 years ago Jeff Hartjoy dreamed a dream of sailing around the world in his own boat, powered by the wind and exploring new places on his own schedule. Now Jeff and his wife, Debbie, former residents of the Key Peninsula, are living that dream, nearly two years into a projected 15-year voyage around this planet in their 40-foot sailing vessel, "Sailor's Run".

After selling their Whiteman Cove home, the Hartjoys left the Longbranch Marina on July 28, 1999, and sailed down the Pacific Coast to San Diego, where they spent some time in the Cabrillo Marina, and then set out on a 3-leg, 800-mile race with 140 other boats, headed for Cabo San Lucas in an event called the "Baha-Ha-Ha". After many adventures at sea, including sailing for a period of time in exactly the wrong direction, they arrived in Cabo San Lucas to find that they were the winners in their 15-boat division and also took "The Soul Sailor Award" for their sailing performance. (Debbie was also given "The Chataholic Award" for the amount of time that she spent on the radio during the race.)

Christmas found the "Sailor's Run" decorated for the holiday in Puerto Vallarta, with Debbie baking cookies on her gimbaled on-board stove and Jeff cooking the turkey. (A "gimbaled" stove is mounted on two rings on bearings so that when the boat rolls the stove stays more or less level.) The Christmas weather there was a sunny 80 degrees while the Hartjoys remembered our cold and wet.

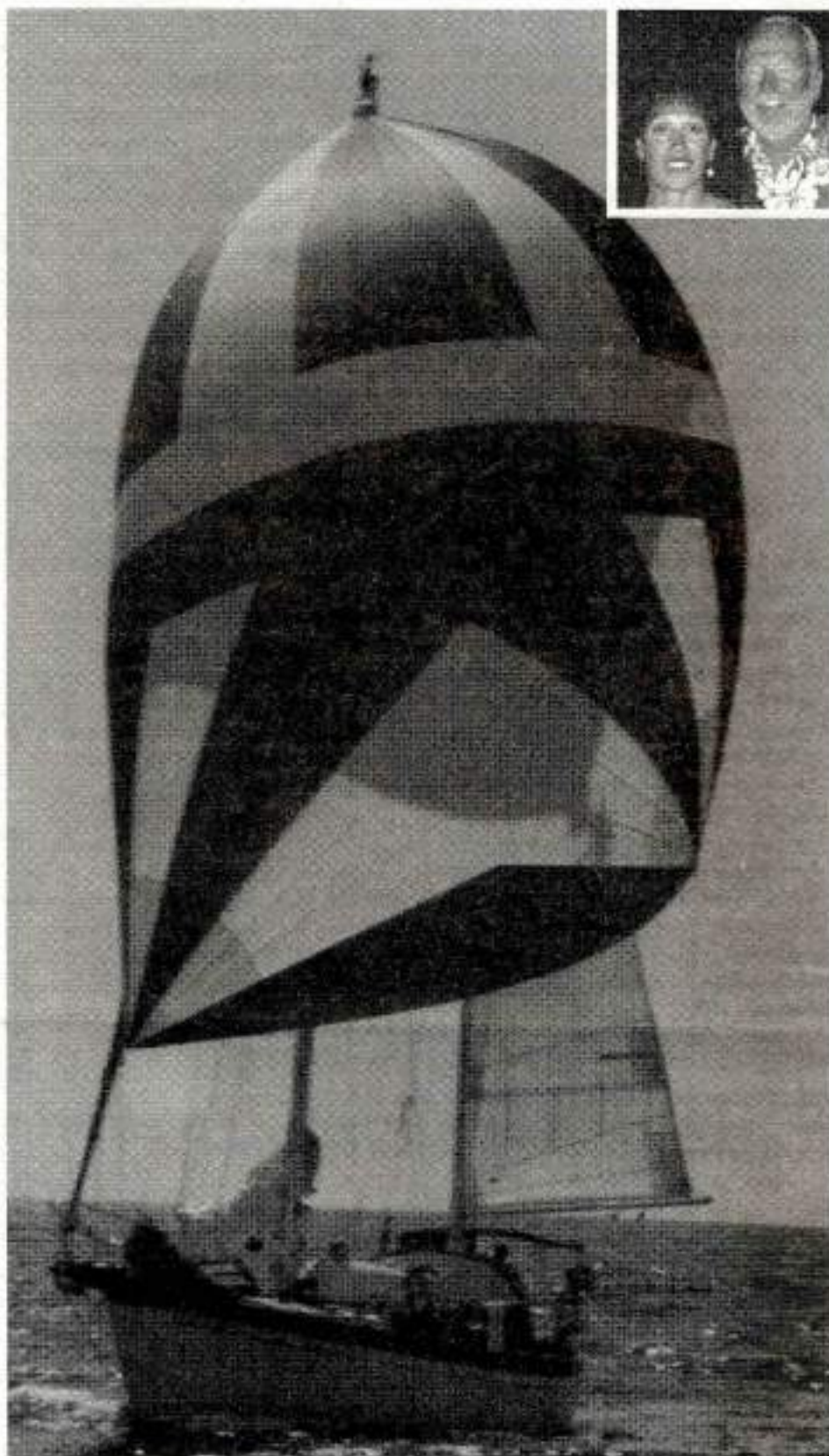
The Millennium (New Year's 2000) was celebrated in Puerto Vallarta with a fantastic fireworks show, then the couple set off on a five-day, 250-mile trip into the Mexican interior to Guadalajara, home to an enormous population of about six million. Everywhere Jeff and Debbie found notable bargains in food, entertainment, various beverages, and consumer products of all types. There were also tales about sailing parties on other boats that had suffered various accidents and problems including three boats that were apparently swarmed by what appeared to be killer bees.

The summer months brought the heart-breaking news of the death of the couple's daughter, Rachel, in a fire in Texas, a loss that took a heavy toll on their lives. Now, almost a year later, Jeff and Debbie have resumed their journey, leaving Puerto Vallarta on March 15, 2001, on an open-ocean sail of about 2700 miles to the Marquesas Islands, a stopping point on the way to Polynesia, where they plan to wait out the hurricane season in the South Pacific Ocean. If all goes well they plan on spending about five years in the South Pacific, then it will be on to Australia, Thailand, the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal, some Mediterranean Sea port in Western Europe and then probably back across the Atlantic to someplace in the USA. Will "Home" in another 12 years be the Pacific Northwest? Maybe, but that's not clear yet... Jeff and Debbie seem to be enjoying all that sunshine!

Adventures along the way included picking up a traveling companion, a 24-foot Greenfish that swam along under the boat for quite a distance, a strike on their fishing line that both took away the bait and broke a 300-pound test line, and various experiences with a type of flying fish that came zooming over the boat and could have caused serious injury if either Jeff or Debbie had been hit.

Now they are safely anchored at the French Polynesian town of Hava Oa, which they describe as "unbelievably beautiful" even if the island paradise does breed notable mosquitos and there is the risk of contracting elephantiasis, for which there now seems to be a pill. Jeff says that even though the Marquesans were one of the last group of cannibals in the world that era now seems to be a bit past as the island folks move around on "nice Toyota trucks or Jeeps, or on motorized scooters". The odds are against a rash of would-be new residents, however, because the French administrators make certain that any person coming ashore immediately posts a bond that assures that that person has the money to go back home — in other words, immigration is a no-no.

As of this time Debbie and Jeff Hartjoy seem pretty happy with their 15-year plan to sail around the world as they continue to adapt their lives to people and places so very far removed from their previous home in Longbranch. To their many friends they have sent their greetings "Bonjour and Koaha".



Debbie and Jeff Hartjoy (Insert), and their 40-foot sailing vessel, "Sailor's Run" on a 15-year voyage around the world.

New To This Area?

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KPPRD and RCCA

by Nancy Lind

You may be wondering why our new park in the **KEY PENINSULA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT** is called **ROCKY CREEK CONSERVATION AREA** when it's so far from Rocky Creek Road and Rocky Bay. This park contains the east fork of the four forks of Rocky Creek and is called Muck Fork on the map. Not so attractive a name, Muck Fork, hence our choice. This park is 224 acres just west of Lake Holiday. The gravel pit is not part of the park and is off limits to recreational activities. Since October '98 we have accomplished a lot with volunteers and donated materials.

The board consists of 8 people who meet regularly at KC Fire Station, 2:00 PM, 2nd Thursday. The number of people calling who want to work is heartening and greatly appreciated. The regularly scheduled events are **Martin Luther King Day** (a service day) in January, **Earth Day** in April, **Make-a-Difference Day** in October, **Walk-a-Bouts** the last Sunday of each month, 2:00 PM and garbage pickup, WCCW, once a month. The newsletter comes out twice a year, with an occasional postcard announcement of an event. If you want the Newsletter, call Jan Piercey, 884-2496.

If interested in becoming a supporter of RCCA, call Nancy Lind, 884-3347.

Volunteer Park:

Little League games are in full swing. Come to the park, grab a hamburger, watch the kids play.

Adult Softball is playing now with 6 men's and 4 women's teams. Adult baseball league games start in May.

Horseshoes is still a great game. Get involved, folks. Call James at 884-9240.

Swap Meets are in the planning stage.

Farmer's Market will be starting up on Wednesday, May 23, noon to 6:30 PM. You can count on Washington grown products. If you have agricultural produce to sell, call Jan Piercey at 884-2496.

The **Tennis Court** is available and a wonderful summer event sport.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

On May 16th, the Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet at the home of Kathie DuPriest at 12:30 PM. Sandy Adam is co-hostess. Kathie will lead a tour of her perennial garden and share information on perennials, common and not so common.

In April, club members gathered in Joyce Niemann's barn and made hypertufa baskets. They mixed sand, cement and peat moss with water and molded it into containers. A few creative people also made birds and animals from the leftover mix.

For information about the club, call 884-5403.

Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club will meet on Friday, May 18, at 10:00 AM at the Longbranch Improvement Club and proceed for a field trip to Raft Island Roses, at 7201 Rosedale Street NW, Gig Harbor (phone 853-7900) to tour their property. A no-host lunch will follow at a local restaurant.

Officers for the next year will be installed at approximately 2:00 PM.

Plans for the July Flower Show may be reviewed.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Stella Retherford (884-2487).

Peninsula Light Workshops

The following workshops are scheduled for May at the Peninsula Light Headquarters on Goodnough Drive in Purdy. To register, call 857-1530. Leave your name, address, zip code, phone number and the number of people attending. Your reservation will be confirmed.

May 12: **Septic Sense, Scents and Cents.** Supreme insight into the fearless flush. Jim Hoyle, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

May 17: **Native Plants:** Water Conservation Series. Dennis Bottmiller, WW Seymour Botanical Garden. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

May 23: **How to Care for Your Individual Well.** Evan Reames, PLC Water Department. 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

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The Garden In May 2001

by Sylvia Retherford
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The summer and fall tomato crop is planned and the plants are growing on window sills and in the greenhouses. They should be ready for setting out by late May or early June. Many plants will be available at the May 18 meeting of the Bayshore Garden Club. Most are non-hybrids from German, Amish and Austrian heirloom seed chosen by the Hoovers who are our local tomato experts.

This is bearded iris blooming time. More varieties appear each year and some bloom both spring and fall. Protection from slugs may be necessary.

Russell lupines are budded and some blooming. These originated from New Zealand near snow-capped Mt. Cook. They do not grow quite as tall here as in their native land but thrive and are a joy in our climate.

Delphiniums are into the first of their three blooming periods. July and September will follow before they die back for their winter rest.

Columbines and their relatives, *Thalictrum* and *Aconitum* (monkshood), are showing their colors. If you like tall flowers, try *Impatiens oliveri*, Scotch thistle, *Allium Macleanii* (a very large onion), sun flowers and *Aconitum*. These will top six feet usually, and the thistle thrust its silver white spiny beauty well beyond the roof last year. Some of these will also be available at the Garden Club meeting.

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W.O.W. WEE ONES WEEKLY: Join
us each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00
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TUNES: May 1st & 2nd, May 15th &
16th, May 29th & 30th.

W.O.W. PROGRAMMING THEMES

May 8th & 9th Mother's Day Handprints

May 22nd & 23rd May Flowers

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urday, May 5th 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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May 1st-5th, May Baskets

Make a lovely basket to share garden
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May 8th-12th, Up, Up and Away

May 12th is Kite Day. Come and learn
about kites and make one too. Watch out
for kite eating trees!

May 15th-19th, The Big Top

May 19th is Circus Day. We'll celebrate
this zany holiday with circus activities and
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**May 22nd-26th, National Backyard
Games Week**

Learn a few new games to enjoy with your
family in the great outdoors.

May 29th-June 2nd, Beautiful Blooms

May is National Flower Month. You can
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ers.

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urday May 12, 2001 9:00-10:30AM**

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