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New Year's Eve Means Noise

Eric Pakala trying the "gong".



The noisemakers we used to hold in our hands and twirl around seem to have gone out of style. Now it's hands with their amplifiers turned up to full volume, air horns on cars, trucks and ferry boats, and fireworks. Not so much the colorful display fireworks of the Fourth of July variety, but the loud, really loud exploding types that are heard both in noisy urban centers and quiet rural areas such as the Key Peninsula.

This year the Key Peninsula will have at least one other source of noise. At a residence on the east side a large circular portable iron fire pit is hung from a branch on a cedar tree. When struck with a rubber mallet it produces a loud gong-type sound. If you're anywhere near the community of Home this New Year's Eve, you may get to hear it.

"A New Beginning"

by Anne LaCroix

Here we are, the beginning of the new millenium and most of us are probably still working hard on our New Year's resolutions. For some, our resolutions are big enough to match the coming of the 21st century. This is the ultimate clean slate. Even the year says 00. No tally, no points for or against us, no score whatsoever. I find it inspiring and overwhelming all at the same time. I wonder if I will look back and say "I wish I had done _____ for the new millenium".

Looking back over the past couple decades, it seems that we have put ourselves in a position of isolation from those around us. Part of my resolution is to get back in touch with the community around me. For those of us with computers, we can stay home at night, surfing the net alone. Some people have begun telecommuting, something that can be a very solitary venture. People in the bigger cities can have groceries delivered to their house and not mingle with others at the grocery store. Postage is available over the internet, books come to our door, even pet toys can be delivered. It is easy to stay cooped up in the gray Seattle winter and not get out much.

For those without computers it is still easy to become somewhat isolated. When we do run errands, everything is made for convenience and fast service so we can hurry home or on to the next errand.

I am definitely not against convenience and I do love to be in my cozy house rather than on the roads but I am realizing that it is taking me away from what I love most, the company of others. When I go into Walt's, I notice that sometimes things move at a little more relaxed pace. I often have

time to talk to the person behind the counter. Occasionally I'll stop in to the Key Center Tavern where I've discovered some of the most friendly, talkative people around. Just the other day, I was out in the yard cutting up some wood when a neighbor walked by and offered to bring his chainsaw over and help. What a great place to live.

This is only part of the beauty of getting involved. The other part comes in being able to give something back to the place where we live. Reading through this paper on any given month, you can find opportunities to get involved. It isn't always about money or things, either. There probably isn't an organization on the Peninsula that couldn't use an hour of someone's time for any sort of help. If every person on Key Peninsula gave one hour each month to any group, imagine how many hours of time would be contributed. Also, in that one hour, you may meet someone that you might never have crossed paths with otherwise. You might find someone who shares your hobby or passion.

If you are looking for ideas or your group would benefit from some help, turn to this paper. It is a great place to advertise your needs as a group and it is a great place to get to know more about the community that awaits your interaction.

This year I hope to meet more people around the area. I hope to give back to the Peninsula some of the friendliness it has given me. That is my resolution. I love thinking of the new millenium as a time to get back in touch with one another despite all the technology that makes it easier not to.

Notes From The Editor

New Year's Greetings from all of us! As you can see, we still are playing musical chairs with staffing. It seems to be the right season for changes and new beginnings.

Lori Deacon found a great, real job in Seattle, complete with long commuting hours, so Marty Marcus and I will be acting as co-editors. Hugh McMillan is off basking in Mexico, but will return next month. Anne LaCroix is joining our staff with some writing and other assistance. Bob Stackhouse is continuing to do a bang-up job involving advertisers. Alice Tramil finished her demanding classes so, luckily, she will continue to do the serious work of putting everything together.

We want to continue bringing you information about the many activities and events at the Civic Center and on the Key Peninsula and to encourage your participation in them. We may seem to lead a quiet life in the woods out here, but there is a lot really going on. We welcome contributions and suggestions. At times space becomes limited, so shorter items are appreciated. The deadline for submitting all material is the 20th of the previous month.

Meanwhile — Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Prosperous Year!

Ann R. Waldo



Mary Ramsdell Retires

Mary Retires

After years of dedicated service, Mary Ramsdell is retiring from the Key Peninsula Fire Department. Mary's career started as a volunteer some 26 years ago. She went onto dispatching the 911 calls, then working as the District's receptionist and billing secretary, and will retire as the District's Account Secretary, all the while still volunteering and responding on emergency calls.

Please join us as we honor Mary for her years of dedication at a gathering/party/roast, January 29th, 2000, 6:00 PM, at the Jackson Lake Club. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes dinner and a present for Mary. For more information and RSVP, contact 884-2222.

The Center News

by Sandy McFarlane
and Vicky McClung

We are heading into the new millennium! We hope this holiday season has been wonderful for each of you and that you are anticipating a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

At the December 9th Christmas Dinner and Board Meeting the newly elected officers took the helm of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. Last year's Executive Committee has done an excellent job and several members carried over to the new Executive Committee to continue their work. We look forward to working with each of them as they lead us into a fruitful and prosperous year at the Civic Center. The Board of Directors welcomes any new members of the community. The meetings are on the second Thursday of each month.

Renovation continues on both the apartment and the new storeroom - hopefully, the end is in sight. Recently, our volunteers were joined by a great group of young people from Americorps*NCCC for the hanging of sheet rock in the new storeroom. We hope they had such a great time they will want to come back!

If you are not familiar with Americorps*NCCC, come to the office and see their poster and pick up an information card. The *NCCC stands for National Civilian Community Corps - a type of Peace Corp in the United States. Young people just out of high school or college (or in college) can join for one year and see new places, meet new people, improve the environment, and help out kids and families. In our area, they come and work at Camp Easter Seal and Camp Seymour. For this one year of service, the young people receive a living allowance, lodging and meals, health care, and gain career skills while earning almost \$5,000 for continuing their education. This \$5,000 can even be applied to existing student loans!!

Talking about money. We are always open to new fund raising ideas here at the Civic

Center. One we have come up with is to collect pop cans. Our plan is to have one Saturday during March, April, and May where pop cans can be delivered to the Civic Center. Save your cans and bring them to us on the scheduled dates. We will have more about this as the time gets closer.

During the long, rainy months of winter families can always use a way to entertain the children. We have the answer! Come to the Civic Center for Family Skate on the first and third Sunday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and all skate together! It is great fun for everyone. Come on down and join us!

Contest Number Three

The Reverend J. F. Doescher of the German Evangelical Church in Tacoma played an important role in the early days of one of the Key Peninsula's communities. What did he do?

Send your answer to: Contest, K P News, P. O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. The first correct response received gets the sender a \$20 gift certificate good at any business which advertises in the K P News. Responses must be sent by U.S. Mail, not e-mail, fax, phone, Western Union, Fed Ex, carrier pigeon, or hand delivery.

The contest in the December issue, about the elevation of the Civic Center's sidewalk, was won by Tim Kezele, who was aware of a U.S. Geological Survey benchmark which is embedded in the sidewalk near the steps to the VFW Room and Museum. The correct answer was 34 feet. Congratulations, Tim!

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The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Children's Home Society Family Resource Center at the Key Peninsula Civic Center is proud to introduce the Wee Play Parent-Toddler Class. The mission of this class is to provide enrichment activities for families in the community that have children ages 1-3.

The goals for the Wee Play Class are to enhance childhood development, strengthen parent/child relationships, encourage praise and positive affirmation, increase support for parents and to enhance childhood socialization skills.

The Wee Play class activities are specifically designed to capture toddlers' interest and encourage learning in five areas: Art, Language/Books, Fine Motor Skills, Gross Motor Skills, and Sensory Play. Classes will be on Fridays beginning January 21, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Classes will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Wee Play Classes will run three sessions a year for eight classes a session. For more information or to register you and your

toddler for Wee Play Classes please contact Michele Blanchette at 884-5433. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

We also have other new programs which include **Relatives Raising Children** which meets at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and **Parents of Teens** which meets at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Our free **Clothing Closet** will reopen in January. Continuing programs include **Indoor Park, Toddler Art, Little Buddies and Parents Raising Healthy Families.** (Please see calendar for additional times and dates.) Children's Home Society Family Resource Center at the Key Peninsula would also like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the sponsors for the Holiday Helper Program. Thanks to you, many children in our community had a wonderful holiday season! (More on Holiday Helper program next month.)

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

There Is Help For The Homeless!!

by Vicky McClung

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council gives support needed to turn a life around

A piece of cardboard arrived in the mail the other day. It came from a lady named Peggy. Peggy had lived in a discarded refrigerator box on the corner of Santa Fe and 7th Streets, located on skid row in downtown Los Angeles. She sent the piece of cardboard because she doesn't need it anymore. Five years ago she was homeless and addicted to drugs. Her son, Andrew, had been taken from her, she was inside her cardboard box 5 months pregnant and hemorrhaging. She wanted to die. Her daughter was born the next day with very serious heart and lung problems. The prognosis was not good. She wanted help for her baby and to change her life. The National Health Care for the Homeless gave her the support she needed!

Today Peggy is sober, her baby is healthy, her son lives with her. She is married and a 4.0 student at El Camino College majoring in Respiratory Therapy. Tonight there is one less cardboard box on the streets. With more help for the homeless there can be even fewer.

You Count So We Count January 7th and 8th

On January 7th and 8th a survey of homeless people will be conducted throughout Pierce County by the Coalition for the Homeless and the Pierce County Continuum of Care. Several sites have been se-

lected here on the Key Peninsula for collecting the information needed for this survey. Watch for posters on bulletin boards at the various community centers for information. Should you know of any people who may be homeless please tell them about this survey.

Did you know that a person doesn't actually have to be living on the street to be considered homeless? Temporarily living in another person's home, or "doubling up", also qualifies. The results of this count will bring funds for homeless services to Pierce County so that we can help homeless families and individuals to obtain jobs, services, and permanent housing.

The survey maintains strict confidentiality of homeless individuals while obtaining vital information. Names are not required - only the person's initials and the last four digits of their social security number, needed to make sure each person is counted only once.

New Service for the Homeless

Homeless individuals on the Key Peninsula can now access health care! Once a week a van will be transporting the homeless to health clinics in Tacoma and to various other services as needed. Current schedules are posted at the food bank in Lakebay and at the Civic Center. If you know of any homeless people in need of this service please tell them about it!

The Healthcare for the Homeless van driver will also be able to assist with needs such as employment and housing. Please contact Ed Trobaugh at 253-208-3752 for more information and current schedules.



A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

Well, Washington (this one) certainly made the national and international news lately with the WTO meeting in Seattle. Unfortunately, the important stuff was ignored by most of the media in favor of the exciting photos and stories of street violence.

I have the feeling that some readers are already thinking that since this newspaper is supposed to be about the Key Peninsula, why am I writing about the WTO meeting in Seattle? In general, it's hard to think of anything that would be bad for the rest of the country that wouldn't also be bad for the Key Peninsula. But it's easy to come up with specifics, so here we go.

A group within the WTO has for several years now been meeting secretly in Europe to draw up for adoption by the whole WTO a document known as the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI). There wasn't much, if any, mention of it in the stories from Seattle, but some of us know what it's about. So here's an example of how it could affect a small piece of the world such as our lovely Key Peninsula.

Suppose some big corporation in some other country (pick any one you want, there are 134 of them in the WTO) decided to buy about 100 acres on the Key Peninsula. After they've acquired it, they tell us that they're going to clear-cut it and set up a hog raising factory farm, like some of the ones in Iowa and North Carolina, with capacity for 10,000 pigs at a time. That many pigs would certainly produce a lot of ham, bacon and pork chops, but along the way

they would also produce thousands of tons of waste which would be stored in specially built lagoons. Of course, if some of that stuff leached into our underground aquifer, or in a heavy storm overflowed into Henderson Bay or Vaughn Bay, residents probably wouldn't be very happy.

Ah, but we don't have to worry about something like that happening here because Pierce County wouldn't give them a permit for that type of operation. Well, you'd better read the fine print in the MAI. If they are denied a permit, they could go to court and sue Pierce County for the millions of dollars that their investors could have made.

Yes, you say, but no court in this country would deny Pierce County the right to enforce its zoning laws. Better go back again to the fine print in the MAI. They don't have to sue in a U.S. court, they can pick any court in any of the 134 countries in the WTO. Any doubts that they'd be able to find a judge somewhere who would be sympathetic to their cause? And there's no right of appeal except to a secret group within the WTO.

I'm delighted that there were so many thousands of peaceful demonstrators gathered in Seattle who care about preserving our rights to have laws that protect our environment; that allow our children to go to school instead of having to work in sweatshops; and that allow working people to earn a fair wage for their efforts. Isn't it better to raise the standard of living in other countries than to lower ours down to theirs?

"Key Peninsula Historical Society Looking Forward To Rewarding Times"

by Tim Kezele, President KPHS

The Key Peninsula Historical Society looks back on a very rewarding year. We continue to focus on our mission of preserving and displaying the history of the local area for all to learn and enjoy. This past year we received generous support from the Angel Guild Thrift Shop. With their help we will be adding new lighting to our displays for better viewing for our visitors. Also with their help we will be increasing the protection of documents and photos. Generous support also came to us from Orville Stout. Orville helped us tremendously with the production of "Early Days of the Key Peninsula". We would also like to thank the efforts of the Key Peninsula Civic Center for their continued help as well. When I came to them five years ago, they saw the vision of a great project. Also, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of the volunteers who have helped shape our organization into what it is today.

The Museum will be closing Nov. 27th for the Holiday season and will re-open Feb. 3rd, 2000. During the closed time we

will be remodeling and changing the collection. The best to you and yours over the Holiday Seasons and Happy New Millennium.

Notice Of Meeting - PEP-C

Monday, January 3rd, 2000 Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Fire Dist 5; 6:00 PM; 5:30 for Board of Directors at 10222 Bujacich Rd. NW; Gig Harbor. Directions: (North Rosedale exit; follow signs toward Corrections Center, EOC is on your right just after you turn left off of Sehmel onto Bujacich, 2nd driveway).

Mark your calendars for future meetings: March 6th at Key Center Fire Station and June 5, 2000 for the annual membership meeting back at the EOC.

The agenda will be plans for activities for coming year - bring your calendars, signups for participants, State of the Committee Report and a short information program on the possible effects of solar maximums expected this spring. For more information call JoAnne Gray, 253-265-8510.

KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes December 9th, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40 pm.

The following motions were seconded and carried.

- * To accept the November board meeting minutes as written.

- * To accept the Treasurer's report as given.

- * To delete fees for Scouts but increase service to 200 hours.

- * To recommend proposed rate increase to users except for Scouts.

- * To allow no fee for use of CC for Vaughn Bay Union High School class reunion.

- * To not be a sponsor for Scouts.

- * To accept new positions and personnel in paper.

- * To move \$1000 from storage room budget to apartment renovation.

- * To approve (w/adjustments) proposed quarterly budget.

Manager's Report

Everything going nicely; the calendar is continuing to get filled up. Procedures manual coming into place.

Newspaper Report

Bob Stackhouse is doing a great job with ads. Thanks Bob! Lori Deacon will be leav-

ing as editor of the KP paper. Ann Waldo & Marty Marcus will be taking over Editor of paper until further notice. Ann Waldo will be new chairperson of newspaper committee.

Lakebay Fuchsia Society. They would like a contract to establish a vote on the Board.

T.O.P.S. Jena Henak reported that they will be having their Christmas party on Tuesday night December 14th.

Children's Home Society. Edie Morgan discussed the need for sponsors for Holiday Helper. This year they have 130 families, over 300 children that need clothing and gifts. They need volunteers, cash donations or gift certificates from Fred Meyer. Please contact Edie for more information.

VEW. Cy Young thanked the Board for the use of the Center on Thanksgiving; 60 some people were served. They would like to have the Board form a committee to discuss who will and who will not be charged to use the Center. They also want to know how Civic Center was purchased. Decided to table until next Executive meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Kristen Bottiger, Secretary

Key Center Plaza Open Early Y2K

The first phase of construction of the Key Central Plaza business and retail facility should be complete in January. The project has been in the planning and permitting process for over 12 years and is now hand-somely rising "above ground".

The site is zoned RNC (Rural Neighborhood Center) under Pierce County Growth Management codes and provides for a variety of uses typically deemed frequent necessities for residents in the area. There are very few undeveloped parcels under the RNC and RAC zones on the entire Key Peninsula. These are the only zones commercially developable.

Reconfiguration of the Key Peninsula Highway frontage at the project site will incorporate deceleration and two-way center turn lanes into the frontage, providing safe and convenient access to the center. Construction on the Highway will begin soon and may delay some travel but will be completed quickly.

Key Central Plaza is designed as a campus-type development. Safety, convenience and aesthetics have been paramount considerations in the design and engineering. Extensive planting and landscaping is planned. There is even an onsite nursery rearing natural and ornamental trees and shruberies for permanent planting later.

The Phase I portion of the project is a 24,000 square foot building which has been condominiumized into individual business units which can be purchased by the business operators or by investors who can then lease the space to an operator. This allows business operators and investors the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of real property ownership in addition to business operations.

Phase II of the project, potentially available in late Y2K, will most likely be a two-story structure of around 24,000 square feet again designed to enhance the campus-type appeal. There are even plans (though not firm yet) to connect the Key Central Plaza campus with the existing gas, deli and rental store to the North via frontage road so passage among the various businesses in the vicinity could be accomplished without going back out onto the Key Peninsula Highway.

Business already slated to open at Key Central Plaza include: a Chinese restaurant; a mailroom post office box store; a large modern video rental store; a laundromat and dry-cleaning drop/pickup with onsite alterations and repair; a sandwich, soups and salads-type café & deli with take-out as well as eat-in service; a specialty grocery and upscale convenience-type retail store with full-service pharmacy; a professional office section with a real estate appraisal company, attorneys, engineers, and office services and property management companies.

Our community has a growing need for local availability of quality goods and services. Key Central Plaza should provide a safe and pleasant environment for businesses serving the needs of our community as well as providing some much-needed community-based employment opportunities. We would all like to reduce the number of trips across those bridges!

For pictures and update info on Key Central Plaza go on the Internet at www.rolandandroland.com.

T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Isn't that wild, to be in the year 2000. Many years ago I would day dream about what I would be doing at this time. To just be alive and healthy was my wish. That has come true and with a happy association with WA #1019, Vaughn chapter of TOPS. My personal weight has gone up and down as so many of us with the condition of obesity have in common. That is the beauty of TOPS. Our peers are there to encourage us and not criticize. As the new year starts, many people will make the important decision to do something about being overweight. We welcome you to our chapter which meets every Tuesday evening at the Civic Center in Vaughn over at the side building in the VFW room. The room has been renovated and is a very comfortable meeting space. We start weighing -in at 6:00PM and it is a private and confidential moment. A time of fellowship to see your old friends and meet new ones goes on during the hour until our meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM. Every meeting has a purpose to help us achieve and maintain our normal weight.

We are very proud of our chapter for past honors that our members have reached. We look forward to another year of healthy weight losses. Our best TOPS members are

given recognition each month on the first Tuesday. Last month we saluted Colleen Spezia as our # 1, Cindy Brewer was #2. Our entire group lost 72 whopping pounds. It will be exciting to see how the statistics for the year turn out. As I write this, we still have one more week of 1999 to lose the weight we strive for.

TOPS has a new plan to encourage young persons to join. Any preteen or teen who joins with a parent, will have free membership. We have new members Toni Tortorot and her daughter, Sarah, taking advantage of this wonderful offer. Our preteens and teens have special contests. Your personal doctor helps set your goal weight and for the kids a growth plan is in place so the goal is raised as they get taller.

Watch for our bragging next month. I am really looking forward to reporting how we have done for the year. Call me at 884-4102 for more information.



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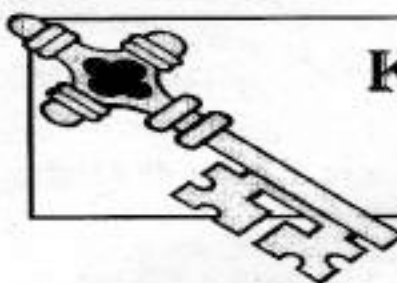
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Happy New Year!
from the
Key Peninsula News Staff



KEY DATES 1999

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

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

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor

Angel Guild 4th Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library

Cancer Support Group 3rd Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call 884-5433

Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home

Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Community House - Home

Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.

Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.

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 at the Civic Center, in the VFW Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	2 nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	Jan. 24 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	2 nd Monday - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. 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

Caregivers Support Jan. 9 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Grandparents Group Jan. 1 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Contact Norma at 884-2295 for more information.

T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club 3rd Thursday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487 Longbranch Improvement

Cancer Support Group 3rd Tuesday - 1 to 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

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 Friday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement

Peninsula Neighbors 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Fire Station

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.

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

Well, Dave and I finally joined the electronic revolution. My partner and I are now online with an Internet address and soon we will have a web page. How things have changed since those days when I first started working in this profession.

In my first year of law school at Gonzaga all of us were required to take a legal research class. It was an important class and served as the basis upon which your research skills were built. A lawyer who cannot research a case is of no value whatsoever to the client. Our professor drummed research skills into our heads by the hour.

As a consequence, many times, late at night, my classmates and I would meet around the old coffee machine in the boiler room of the law school where we used to fantasize about how the tedium of research could be eliminated. This was 1971 and while we knew about computers, they were still the stuff of science fiction. Nevertheless, we tried to imagine what a computer could do to the drudgery of tracking down legal precedents. Even our wildest imaginations could not have prepared us for what modern computer technology has made available.

With the Internet, I can now do all of my research from my office. I no longer need to go to the county law library to read books that I don't have in my own library. I can find a decision in any state in the country without leaving my chair. I can also see if the case has been cited as precedent in any other jurisdiction without leaving my desk. Once I find the case, I can print it for fur-

ther review, or can "cut and paste" it right into the brief that I am preparing. Amazing.

There is a benefit to clients in all of this. Abraham Lincoln once said, "A lawyer's time and advice are his stock in trade." That is very true. With the advent of computer technology, the time that a lawyer needs to spend preparing materials will be reduced. Consequently, fees and expenses will likewise be lower.

I would urge all clients to be sure that their lawyer is computer literate and that his or her office is fully networked internally and with the Internet. The electronic lawyer will always have an advantage over the attorney who disavows ever learning how to use a computer. It is an amazing new world in the practice of law and it is exciting to be a part of it.



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Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Did you know that more than 100,000 refund checks for 1998 tax returns, totaling \$72 million are still being held by the IRS after being returned by the Post Office. If you haven't received your 1998 refund, call the IRS automated fund information phone number listed in the 1040 instructions or call 800-829-1040.

It isn't too early to start putting your information together for your income tax return. Set up a file and as your information comes in from various sources put the information papers in this file; then when you are sure all the information is in - call and make an appointment with your tax preparer as early as possible. The sooner you get it done, the better.



Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

If you haven't had a chance to get into the Angel Guild Thrift Shoppe, you are in for a treat! Over the holidays, our angels and angel husbands did a lot of remodeling with most of the suggestions coming from our coordinator, Bonnie Stinson. Bonnie's 5 main objectives were to create more space where none existed, make the environment as safe as possible, paint and clean to a fair-thee-well, and just generally spruce things up. We also had the carpeting replaced. Just before all of this work, Fred Ramsdell did some work on our sorting shed porch. He changed the opening so the rain doesn't blow in on the donations. George White put up new lights for the sorters so the can see what they are doing better. We really thank both of these men plus all the many who helped with all the changes and cleaning.

The shoppe had a very good year enabling the guild to support many worthwhile projects in our area. It is gratifying to be a volunteer in this group knowing that our efforts really do make a difference.

We thank all of you dedicated shoppers who come in for the great bargains. Our end of the year bag sale was a huge success. So look for all new items in the store, since that was the big clean-out and everything was restocked to reopen in January. We look forward to another great year of community support and your good donations that keep us in business.

Moreland and Sons Automotive

Eric Moreland standing with his son Jeremy in front of their business in Key Center. Not pictured is Manuela, who is Eric's wife and business partner.



by Anne LaCroix

Moreland and Sons Automotive began business in Key Center on October 15th, 1999. The business is owned by Eric Moreland, a Vaughn Bay native. He has 14 years experience in the automotive repair business and is excited to bring it to Key Peninsula customers. His reasons for taking over the familiar Key Center repair center stem from familiarity with the area and a desire to run his own business.

One of the most important things he wants to convey to customers is his expansion of the parts and service department. Eric will be able to work on cars that previously were out of the automotive center's focus. He will also be carrying chains this winter along with studded tires. If he doesn't have the exact tires in stock that day, he can have them the next day without a problem. All inventory in general will be expanding to cover a wider variety of vehicles.

Moreland and Sons has also been running specials. The January special will probably be batteries. Oil changes start at \$21.95 and can usually be done in thirty minutes. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eric is ASE certified.

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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

HAPPY 2000 - We sincerely hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year is a joy to you and yours.

Before we go into the new years news, let me finish up with 1999. First, a big thank you to the VFW post and auxiliary for the help with the Thanksgiving dinner. Approximately 60 folks had dinner and I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. A special thank you to Jerry Davis for his expertise with the turkeys, to the folks from the community who did the vast majority of the wash up and to the Civic Center for the use of the building.

Another round of applause goes to Larry Beloma, Jane Gulliver and Kathy Collier who were in charge of the "The Trees of Sharing". Gifts were distributed and many hospitalized veterans were made very happy thanks to the generosity of the public and Walts stores for the space to display the trees.

The post and auxiliary handed out baskets to needy families for Christmas with the help of food donated by VFW, S&S Produce, The Home Food Bank and Childrens Home Society. Thanks to all who helped in this worthwhile community project.

VFW post 4990 wishes to thank the Home Food Bank for the use of their building for the memorial service for veteran and mem-

ber of the community Bill Crabtree. We really appreciate your generosity.

Our Christmas party, held December 13th, was a huge success and the dinner, cooked by Irene Zimmer, was a work of art. Thank you to Kathy Hale and Tim for your contribution also.

At this time we are proud to announce the winners of the Essay contest put into our local schools by chairwoman Dea Bee Blum.

For grade three - 1st - Crystelle Pullen - Vaughn. 2nd - Stormi Crow - Vaughn. 3rd - Cindell Stacy - Vaughn.

For grade four - 1st - Shayna Dobbins - Vaughn. 2nd - Dylan Tinne - Minter Creek. 3rd - Flynn McGilvery - Minter Creek.

For grade five - 1st - Aaron Hill - Minter Creek. 2nd - Lindsay Somon - Minter Creek. 3rd - Elizabeth Soule - Minter Creek.

For grade 7 - 1st - Michelle Boyer - Kuntux Ekkol. Heke Campfire Club.

The winner of the "Young Volunteer of the Year" award was Melissa Boyet- who has put in 138 volunteer hours in school activities, Civic Center charities, work with veterans and Vaughn Habitate. Congratulations to ALL WINNERS.

The ceremony for awards will be held at the Kitsap Community Resource Bldg.,

1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton at 1pm, January 9, 2000. Contact Dea Bee at 884-9982 for information. **DEADLINE FOR PATRIOTIC ART COMPETITION** is January 3rd, 2000, again, call Dea Bee Blum. District meeting for January will be at Post 239 in Bremerton with 4990 auxiliary hosting lunch which is at 12 noon with meetings starting at 1pm. Hope to see MORE or you there. **JAN. 2nd.**

A proposal is in the works for a Veterans Memorial to be erected at the twin flag poles in Purdy. This columnist thinks its a grand idea and sincerely hopes it comes to pass. Will definitely keep you posted. Please include the following folks in your CARE circle.

Lillian Montaney, Rhys Wood, Jane Gulliver, Maryanne Hawthorne and Commander Cy.

Until next month remember; Good character, like good soup, is usually homemade.



Cheers!

WA Recycling Goal Still Off In The Distance

In 1989, The Waste Not Washington Act set a recycling goal of 50% for our state. The closest we've come to it is 39.3% in 1995. The latest figures show an improvement from 1997 to 1998, but still, at 34.1%, not as good as 1995.

Part of the problem is the variation in market value of the recycled materials. As the market rises, collectors, often non-profit groups such as the Scouts and Lions Clubs, seem to put more effort into getting the public involved in recycling. Access to recycling facilities and education about what and where to recycle seem to be major factors in getting citizens to recycle.

A Recycling Assessment Panel was convened by the Department of Ecology in September, and they are expected to issue recommendations to the state legislature in February on the best ways to educate the public about re-use, recycling and buying more recycled products.



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by
William F. Roes,
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It seems we just end the flu shot season when we're into the flu season itself. Hopefully you were immunized back in October, but if you weren't, there are still things you can do to prevent the flu and protect yourself. Influenza is a viral disease like the common cold but distinctly different from a cold, or upper respiratory illness. The hallmark symptoms of the flu are fever and body aches. Often people will have headaches, muscle aches, and frequently a dry cough, nausea, and other respiratory and gastrointestinal symptoms. The virus spreads from person to person by both direct contact (by touching contaminated hands or surfaces) and airborne (sneezing and coughing). Obviously one way to avoid the flu is to avoid those people who have it. Also handwashing plays an important role in preventing the spread.

There are also now available several antiviral medications that are effective against the common influenza virus. The studies show that the medication can both prevent the flu and reduce the severity and duration of the infection if you happen to catch it, but they must be started very early in the disease process. At this stage we have not seen any definite cases of influenza, but you can monitor its presence in the community by accessing the web page of the Pierce County Health Department at

<http://www.healthdept.co.pierce.wa.us> and clicking on the "public health alerts". If when the flu hits the community and you think you've got it, it's worth a call to your health care provider to see if there is something that can help.

One of the most difficult things for me to do each month is to come up with a topic for this column. If you have any health related questions you'd like to see me discuss in this forum let me know by calling my office at 884-9221 or dropping me a line at either the Key Peninsula News or my office at 15610 89 St., Lakebay, 98349.

Newcomers Club of Greater Tacoma

The newcomers club of Greater Tacoma welcomes you to the Tacoma area. We extend an invitation to you to get acquainted with other newcomers and to participate in our numerous activities. We also hold monthly luncheon meetings with timely programs at various restaurants in the surrounding area.

Let us send you a complimentary issue of our monthly newsletter. Please contact our membership chairman: Barbara at (253) 752-1009.

Next meeting: Jan. 13, 2000—Social at 11 am, Lunch at 12, Fife City Bar and Grill, Pacific Hwy. E. (between Fife & Port of Tacoma exits off I-5.)

State Says WA Is Y2K Ready

The third and final report of the Washington State Year 2000 Office was released the end of November. It covers the following major service sectors.

* Financial Services: No serious Y2K problems anticipated.

* Health Care: 98% of pharmacies and all hospitals are or will be ready.

* Electricity: All major electricity providers are ready.

* Communications: Call processing for both voice and data not expected to be adversely affected. Broadcast and cable TV expect no problems.

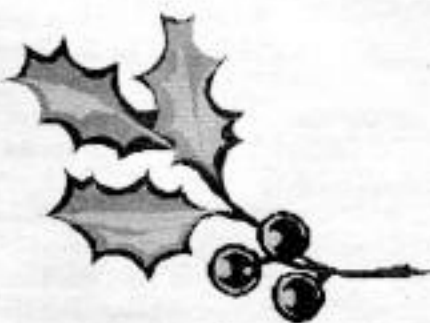
* Petroleum and Natural Gas: Nationally, 94% were ready in October. All WA companies expect to be ready on or before December 31.

* Government Services: All federal agencies OK by October. The only possible problem here in Washington seems to be in the commercial fish license system and extra help was provided in October to clear any problems. The Health Department has developed and tested a back-up plan in case of any problems in the Newborn Screening system.

There are copies of these reports at all libraries, on-line and a limited number free by mail by calling (360) 586-4204.

Another Home And Garden Show

The 8th Annual Puyallup Home and Garden Show will be taking place on January 7th, 8th and 9th indoors at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. There will be floral and other exhibits, landscaping advice and seminars by experts as well as home and garden products. Admission is \$6 for adults, children under 12 are admitted free, and there's lots of free parking.



Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club will meet at 12 noon for lunch on January 21st. Robert Ehrhart, Master Gardener, will present a talk on Native Plants at 1:30. Location is the Longbranch Improvement Club. Public is welcome.

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Seen Any Wildlife (Non-Human Variety) Lately?

by Marty Marcus

A recent news release from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has some possible implications for those of us who reside or work on the Key Peninsula. It seems that watching wildlife has joined Lewis and Clark memorabilia, winery tours, tulips, sweet onions and daffodils as a promoter of tourism in Washington.

Walla Walla now has a four day Fall Festival of Foliage and Feather, Leavenworth has the Wenatchee River Salmon Festival, Othello has a Sandhill Crane Festival, Grays Harbor, a Shorebird Festival, and the communities of Concrete, Rockport and Marblemount have the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival.

What's amazing is the financial impact these events have had on the local communities. Walla Walla estimates that at least \$200,000 is spent in their area by visitors on such items as lodging, meals, shopping and other travel expenses. Leavenworth's salmon festival draws more than 8,000 visitors who pump about \$300,000 into the local economy. The Sandhill Crane Festival in Othello is too new to evaluate financially yet, but about 80% of the attendees so far have been out-of-towners.

On a statewide basis, the numbers are almost unbelievable. According to the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, more than \$1.7 billion is spent in Washington on wildlife-watching activities every year, mostly in small communities and rural areas. The money spent by visitors on food, lodging, transportation and equipment supports more than 21,000 jobs, equivalent to \$426.9 million in job income, and generates \$56.9 million in state taxes.

Looking at it another way, while the biggest agricultural commodity in Washington is apples, wildlife-watching creates nearly double the boost to the state's economy as the cash crop value of apples. As a matter of fact, Washington is third, behind California and Florida, in watchable wildlife spending, for the country as a whole. At last count (1995), the total for the country was \$29 billion.

So where does this leave the Key Peninsula? We probably wouldn't draw big crowds for slug, mole or crow watching. Do we want three or four thousand people trying to drive down the Key Peninsula Highway? What if they wanted to stay overnight, where would we house them? Anyone with ideas out there? Or is the Key Peninsula destined to sit this one out as other small communities ride the wildlife-watching train to fame and fortune?

January Recipe

by Anne La Croix

Feta Cheese is a delicious Greek cheese. Many of you may be familiar with it but for those of you who are not, it is definitely worth a try. It has a rich, tangy flavor and is great in salads or cooked dishes. Traditionally it is made with goat or sheep's milk although some large producers make it with cow's milk. This recipe is a great way to use feta, which is available at most stores.

- 1 bag rotini pasta (looks like corkscrews)
- 4 ounces feta cheese
- 1 carrot
- 1 red onion
- 1 cucumber
- 1 tomato
- 5-6 white mushrooms
- 1 jar marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 small can chopped black olives

Boil water to cook pasta in. While water is heating and pasta is cooking, chop all ingredients into small pieces. Carrot can be sliced into thin rounds, cucumber can be quartered and the red onion and tomato diced. Combine all veggies in a bowl and toss with vinaigrette recipe below. Crumble feta cheese with fingers or fork and mix into veggies. Let this stand for a few minutes. When the pasta is cooked, rinse well with cold water until the pasta is cool and toss with a little olive oil to keep it from sticking together. Add in bowl of marinated veggies and enjoy. The great thing about this recipe is that it gets better every day and the above ingredients can be added to or changed to suit your taste.

Vinaigrette

(I like vinaigrettes to be nice and tart. Reduce the vinegar if you like less tartness in yours.)

- 1/4 Cup red wine vinegar
 - 3/4 cup olive oil
 - 1 TBS dried oregano
 - 1 TBS dried basil
 - salt to taste
 - freshly ground black pepper to taste
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Vaughn Auction 2000: March 25, 2000

by Marc Ross

Vaughn Auction 2000 Committee Chair and PE Teacher at Vaughn Elementary School

Vaughn Parent Teacher Association and Vaughn Elementary will be having a fundraiser, The Vaughn Auction 2000, sponsored by Outback Steakhouse, on Saturday, March 25, 2000. It is to be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale January 24, 2000.

The goal is to raise enough money to replace the old books that are on the shelves in the Vaughn Library. "There are books in the library that came from the original Vaughn Elementary," says Vaughn's librarian Patty VanValkenburg, "and they need to be replaced with books written by today's authors."

New computers for the library are also needed. Currently the library does not have any computers available for students' use. These computers would also be made available for community use. Communities in Schools runs after-school programs twice a week and these new computers could be used for after-school programs and adult education classes.

A second goal for the Vaughn Auction 2000 is to purchase new software and equipment for the computer lab that is used daily by the students of Vaughn.

Technology is needed at every school to prepare the kids for the future and it is not cheap. The goal for this auction is to raise up to \$15,000 so that the Vaughn staff will have the materials and hardware to best prepare their students for the 21st Century.

Many different businesses, organizations and individuals have contributed special items to auction; many have made cash donations. Items include overnight stays at the Inn at Gig Harbor and the Seattle Marriot. Theme dinners provided by teachers from Vaughn have been donated. Each classroom is making an item to be auctioned off along with a special kite that symbolizes our children soaring into the new millennium.

The stage at Key Peninsula Civic Center will be filled with antiques that have been donated by the Café International in Poulsbo.

If you would like to participate in the auction by providing a cash donation or an item to be auctioned off, you can call Marc Ross at 858-6272. He will provide you with the information you would need.

Tickets for the auction will go on sale January 24, 2000. The cost is \$20 per ticket. To purchase your ticket you can call Cheryl Mitchell at 884-9306. Tables can be reserved for your group of 10 friends.

We also want to thank the Outback Steakhouse of Tacoma for donating the

time, personnel and food to the auction. They are doing this at no cost so that the Vaughn Auction 2000 will reach its goals for the students of Vaughn Elementary.

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Minter Creek Elementary News

News From The Music Room

The Fife School District, Discovery Elementary in Milton, and Purdy Elementary have been wonderful to share their Orff instruments with our school. Now during music, every student has their own xylophone, metallophone or glockenspiel on which to play melodies and accompaniment patterns. We have been learning about the C pentatonic scale and have been improvising.

On Friday, January 7th, at 2:50 PM, Mrs. Rindo will have some classes demonstrate the music they have been doing on these Orff instruments. We invite parents and friends to attend this special assembly in our gym.

Reflections!

The last chance to tune in Reflections entries is January 7th. It is a fun project to work on during the winter break. We have had many beautiful creations turned in so far. If there are any writers, photographers or musicians out there, we would love to see your work (as well as visual artists, of course)! We are short in those categories. So remember, January 7th, 2000 is the Reflections deadline. Prizes for everyone. Questions? Call Laura at 857-7182.

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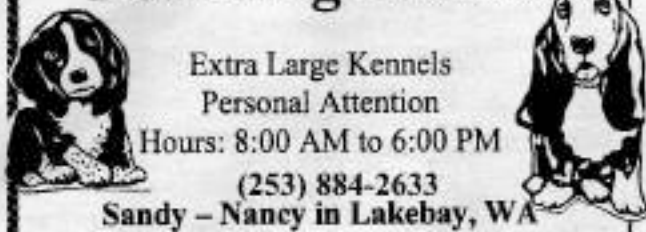
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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan
Phone: 851-4847

New Officers for Senior Society

A new slate of officers to direct society activities in the year 2000 has been elected and will be installed at the first meeting of this year, on January 6th. The new President is Virginia Adkisson, who lived in the area with her parents when she was young, now living in Silverdale. She has had a great deal of experience in the affairs of The Seniors over the past several years. She will be assisted by the rest of the newly elected Board of Officers: First Vice President - Jim Blundell; 2nd Vice President - Helen Wolniewicz; Secretary - Rose Malmgren, Re-Elected; Treasurer - Chuck Williamson, Last Years President; Corresponding Secretary - Jim Nolan, Re-Elected; and Board Members: Larry Hagen, Evie Stinson and Erma Dunn.

All will serve for one year. Potluck meetings are every Thursday at 12:00 Noon at the Civic Center in Vaughn.

Afghan Winner! Jolliffe!

A lovely afghan contributed by Henry Stock was awarded to the winner of the Pre-Christmas Lottery, conducted by the seniors organization. The drawing was held at the December 16th meeting and the lucky ticket drawn belonged to Kris Jolliffe of Lakebay. The ticket was purchased when

Kris and her mother, from California, went Pre-Christmas looking at the Craft Show. According to Kris' husband, Doug, the afghan will be sent to his mother-in-law in California, or donated to a person here in need of a warm covering for winter. Congratulations to Kris Jolliffe.

Our long-time member, Bea Emil, wished to thank all her friends, The Key Peninsula Sportsmens Club, The Duplicate Bridge Club at the Key Center Library, The K.P. Senior Society and others who sent cards, letters, make phone calls and visits, following the death of her son, Harry Emil, on his 52nd Birthday, November 16th, 1999. Harry slipped and fell to his death while inspecting his property near John Day, Oregon, accompanied by his dog. Our hearts go out to Bea for a son who will be sorely missed.

An Invitation To Join Us!!

The Key Peninsula Senior Society consists of and is open to any resident of the peninsula area who is 55 years of age or older.

Our purpose is to enjoy the sociability of others our age and when possible, be of service to the community and our fellows. We invite any and all, men and women, married or single, to join with us. We meet ev-

ery Thursday noon for a potluck luncheon, followed by Bridge, Pinochle, or other games of your choice, at the community Civic Center in Vaughn.

We provide cupcakes for the Rocky Bay Home once a month. We assist in support of the Civic Center in Vaughn. Last month we made a contribution of \$50 to The American Red Cross, and another \$50 for The Community House Food Bank.

So, come on! Set aside Thursdays... have fun with us. Phone 884-5052 or 851-4847.

The Best Christmas Gift?

Nine days before Christmas we conducted our monthly poll of the Key Peninsula Seniors as they ate a scrumptious meal of ham and all that goes with it. So, everyone was in a good mood to answer the survey question: "If you could have anything you wish, what would you want to have for Christmas?"

So let's see what each wanted - no guarantee that these answers were what each senior actually received. The most votes were for "Good Health" - 5; Just be well - 1; My wife cured of cancer - 1; Walk without pain - 1. Some were family oriented: To have a family reunion - 1; Get all my family together - 1; My kids to have a happy Christmas - 1. Some had to do with money: A million dollars tax free - 1; Interest on a million - 1; Win a 6 million dollar lottery - 1. Others wanted a vehicle: A new silver Taurus - 1; A new car - 1; or, a new leg and a new Jaguar - 1. Travel: A trip - 1; A trip to Hawaii - 1. And finally, maybe a couple of impossibilities: To be 16 again - 1; and a good woman - 1.

Do you think Senior Citizens Christmas wishes are a lot different from those of other folks?

Our Presidents' New Companion

There's a new resident at Virginia Adkisson's house. No guessing - we'll tell you; it's 'Belle', a 2-year-old Toy Manches-

ter dog, who is providing welcome new company for Virginia. Belle is learning to chase a ball. Virginia is learning to throw it, when told.

WA State PTA Scholarship Foundation To Award \$55,000 In Scholarships

The Washington State PTA, through its Scholarship Foundation, will award \$55,000 in college scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be given to recipients entering four-year, post-secondary institutions. Five hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded for community colleges, voc-tech schools or other accredited institutions.

A scholarship applicant must be a graduate of a Washington State public high school. These individuals need not be current graduates. Graduates from prior years may apply as long as they are entering their freshman year. The financial need of the applicant shall be the primary consideration.

The entire scholarship program is financed through a unique statewide volunteer recognition program. Local PTA units throughout the state identify and honor volunteers in the community who have significantly worked for the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth. Donations made in the honoree's name provide the funds for the program.

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Did you know that today's largest drug problems are related to alcohol and tobacco use? Alcohol use is the major factor contributing to all of the leading causes of death in the US for the first 50 years of a person's life. Here are some facts to consider when you are making out your holiday shopping list.

- * Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death related to substance use. Forty-five percent of all crashes are associated with alcohol use.

- * The total cost of alcohol related crashes amounts to about \$1.09 per drink.

- * For every auto death related to alcohol use, 27 other individuals are injured.

- * If you added up all the costs related to drug and alcohol use, it is alcohol that accounts for 60% of the total.

Most of these alcohol-related deaths and serious injuries are attributed to moderate drinkers, NOT people addicted to alcohol. The heaviest drinkers are at highest risk for traffic problems. However, there are so many people who drink in moderate amounts that the result is more death and injury.

When you prepare your celebrations here are some things to consider so that you have a very happy holiday season:

- * Appoint a designated driver.
- * If you are a host, watch how much your friends drink and stop serving someone who

is intoxicated.

- * Take away the car keys from a guest who is intoxicated and plans to drive.

- * Serve less alcohol and more food at your party. You will save money too.

- * Make sure that teenage parties are well supervised and there is a no drinking policy.

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Scotland Sojourn

by Colleen Slater

Our arrival into York was much later than planned due to train delays. Out in the middle of nowhere, we visited, played cards, and indulged in the free coffee, tea or soft drinks provided while we waited for another engine. The British rail system has been privatized, and seems less efficient than it used to be. Printed schedules of one company are difficult to obtain when in a station operated by another line. Once into York, we had time to find a hotel, locate food, and walk along the wide city wall as we ate. Although atop the wall was breezy, yellowjackets were soon there in large numbers to snatch bites of chicken. Frank carried the food and lagged behind enough that we weren't bothered by the critters, but we needed to walk briskly to stay ahead.

At dusk, we gathered at The King's Arms Pub for the "Original Ghost Walk of York." The hour and a half walking tour of historic places was led by a Yorkshire history researcher, who told interesting and amusing tales of ghostly events in the city's past. He claimed he didn't tell a story if he hadn't checked it out as authentic. At one point he asked some children to go down a covered alley first, then he dashed around to startle them at the other end. A bit of drama and much laughter made it a delightful evening.

Our guest house hostess in Edinburgh was a young woman from Peru, who provided an "English Fried" breakfast including

eggs, ham, sausage, mushrooms, tomatoes and baked beans. There was one bathroom for 8 people, so one had to rise early to be assured of a hot shower.

A tour of Edinburgh Castle was a must, plus strolling Princes Street to check out shops and lovely gardens. The boys looked for Claymores, but the grandparents were relieved that what was available was much beyond their budget. Roses Street, with mosaics at each intersection, was a new "find" with many small eateries.

We saw little of Glasgow this trip, as our host cousins lived in Helensburgh, some distance beyond. They have part of a tall Victorian style mansion built about 1927. The story is that a lady wanted revenge on the schoolmaster who'd jilted her, so had a terrace of buildings constructed which faced uphill and blocked his view of the River Clyde. Ten foot ceilings with an open stairwell, 3 rooms on the lower level, and other rooms separated by partial flights of stairs, the house presents an interesting style of architecture.

Richard had promised a boatripe on the Clyde, and although the day was misty, we boarded the "Second Snark", a small cruise ferry headed to the Isle of Bute. When the rain didn't let up, we disembarked at Largs and walked to Nardini's for lunch and ice cream. Exotic ice cream dishes are their specialty and we all indulged, but hot soup hit the spot on a damp gray day. We caught

the ferry on the way back, with taped Scottish music to keep us cheerful.

South to Ayr, where the weather was sunny and warmer, and we settled into 2 en-suite rooms, complete with wash cloths (a rarity in Europe), biscuits (cookies) and toilets that flushed easily, an uncommon occurrence on this trip. Two blocks from the beach, with lovely parks and gardens on the route, we quickly learned the town layout as we located places to eat, shop, and do laundry.

My brother Arnold took us touring: Robert Burns country - the Brig-o-Doon, auld kirk, and modern gift shop; Dunure pier and castle, stronghold of the Kennedy clan; the electric brae, an optical illusion when the car "coasts" uphill.

An International Flower Show had been held the previous week, and gardens, planters and hanging containers were still in peak performance. The September celebration was in full swing, with ceilidh music and dancing all over town. We watched the dancers line up and perform what they hoped was the "Biggest Gay Gordon" ever, a partner dance up and down a blocked off street, with many townspeople joining in.

My first cousins, children and grandchildren gathered for a first O'Hara family reunion in Ayrshire, with over 70 present. A young cousin and I had our birthdays celebrated there with special cakes - fruitcake being the traditional birthday cake. A typi-

cal Scots party with solos, recitations, group singing, and games, a nice finale to our time in Scotland.

Next month: Across to the Continent

Next Blood Drive January 22nd

Eight Key Peninsula residents donated blood at the recent Winter Crafts Bazaar at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, which has the potential of saving the lives of 24 hospital patients. But the need for blood not only doesn't let up over the holidays, it actually increases because of increased partying and bad weather contributing to more accidents. So Cascade Regional Blood Services will be at the Key Center Fire Station on Saturday, January 22, from 10 AM to 3PM to accept your donation of a pint of blood. Those wonderful people who donated at Ciderfest in October and who have not donated since then will be welcome on the 22nd.

A great way to start off the new year (century, millenium, whatever) would be for everyone who donated in October to donate again on the 22nd and bring one more person with you. The smiles on the faces of the Blood Bank workers would be like a ray of sunshine on what might otherwise be a rather gray day.

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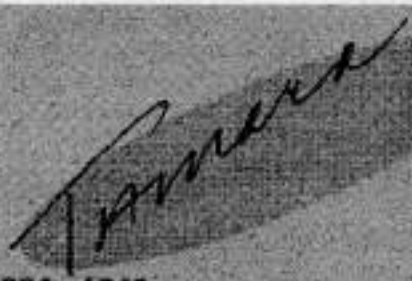
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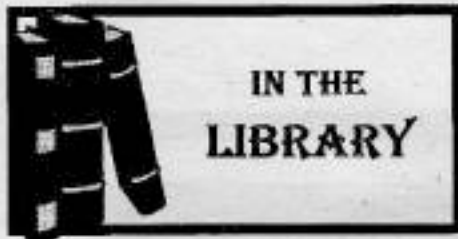
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This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. If you wish to be a member of the Friends' support group for the library, please send a \$3.00 membership fee to the Key Center Library, 8905 KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349.

One of the Friends' current projects is the silk screen reproduction of one of the stained glass windows designed and created by Ruth Brockmann for the Key Center Library. The "salmon" window is now available as a tote/book bag for \$10.00.

FAMILY STORYTIMES, for ages 3-5, will be held each Friday, January 28th through March 24th, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM. However, as a change from previous storytime series, all ages will be welcome. Registration begins January 4th. Please register at the library or by calling 884-2242. This can be a wholesome experience for the little ones, learning and taking part in books, the library, songs and activities in a group setting.

WA Unemployment Dips To Lowest Rate Since 1966

Washington's unemployment rate dipped to 4.0% in November, the lowest November rate since 1966, according to a mid-December news release from the Employment Security

Department. Unemployment rates for the different counties around the state varied from a high of 13.0% in Columbia County to a low of 1.4% in Whitman County. Pierce County was just under the state average rate at 3.8%.

Like most state and federal unemployment figures, one can't tell how many people are employed only part-time, how many are working full-time at the minimum wage level, and how many have become so discouraged about finding a job they've given up even trying.

The Garden In January

by Sylvia Retherford

Year around gardens in our Puget Sound climate are a reality. Shrubs in bloom include pink dawn (*Viburnum bodnantense*), winter jasmine (*Jasmine nudiflorum*), Camellia sasanqua and witch hazels (*Hamelis virginiana*). Winter jasmine shows bright yellow flowers without the usual jasmine fragrance. Sasanqua camellias are double or single usually pinks or white. The sweet gum (*Liquid-amber*), finally lost its beautifully colored leaves in late December as did the delightful sour wood (*Oxydendron*).

Primroses and snow drops (*Galanthus*) bloom before the crocuses. Iris reticulata is showing and usually blooms before the end of January. The spring narcissus are showing their positions with inch high leaves. Lenten roses (*Helleborus*) will continue with their variety of attractive colors (white through to pinks and purples) well into

spring. Winter blooming bergenia (*Bergenia crassifolia*) has large leaves and large clusters of red or pink flowers. It will continue to bloom until March or April.

Slugs and insects have temporarily retreated, weed growth has slowed but broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, kale and radicchio are in use. Ornamental kale is quite edible and like red radicchio remains colorful all winter and can be used as a salad or pieces used to beautify a green salad. The seed rows that were planted last June must always be thinned.

If it should snow, most plants will not be damaged. A hard freeze is a rarity and it puts much of the garden on hold, however the cole crops can be harvested when frozen and cooked with success.

With planning any garden can pass the test of gray days in January with flying colors.

Issues That Could Directly Affect Key Peninsula

There are at least 5 important issues to be considered by the Legislature that could impact the Key Peninsula. A recent news release from the Department of Ecology highlights the first of these issues, shoreline management.

In 1971, voters approved a Shoreline Management Act (SMA). The Ecology Department was given the responsibility for developing guidelines to assure local compliance with the SMA.

When the first set of Guidelines was adopted in 1972, there was so much pressure brought on

Ecology that they kept putting off revisions for more than twenty years! Under a 1995 law, they

have until July 23, 2000, to adopt new Guidelines. In April they will present a formal proposal,

and there will be a public comment period beginning in May.

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Children's Museum of Tacoma

January Programs At The CMT

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

Super Saturday Surprise: This new program on the 2nd Saturday of each month features a guest, activity, or workshop that explores our exhibits in a new and exciting way. On **January 8th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** we will be exploring the painting technique of Pointillism. Visitors can see a demonstration of how Pointillism works and then paint their own dotted winter scenes in Becka's Studio.

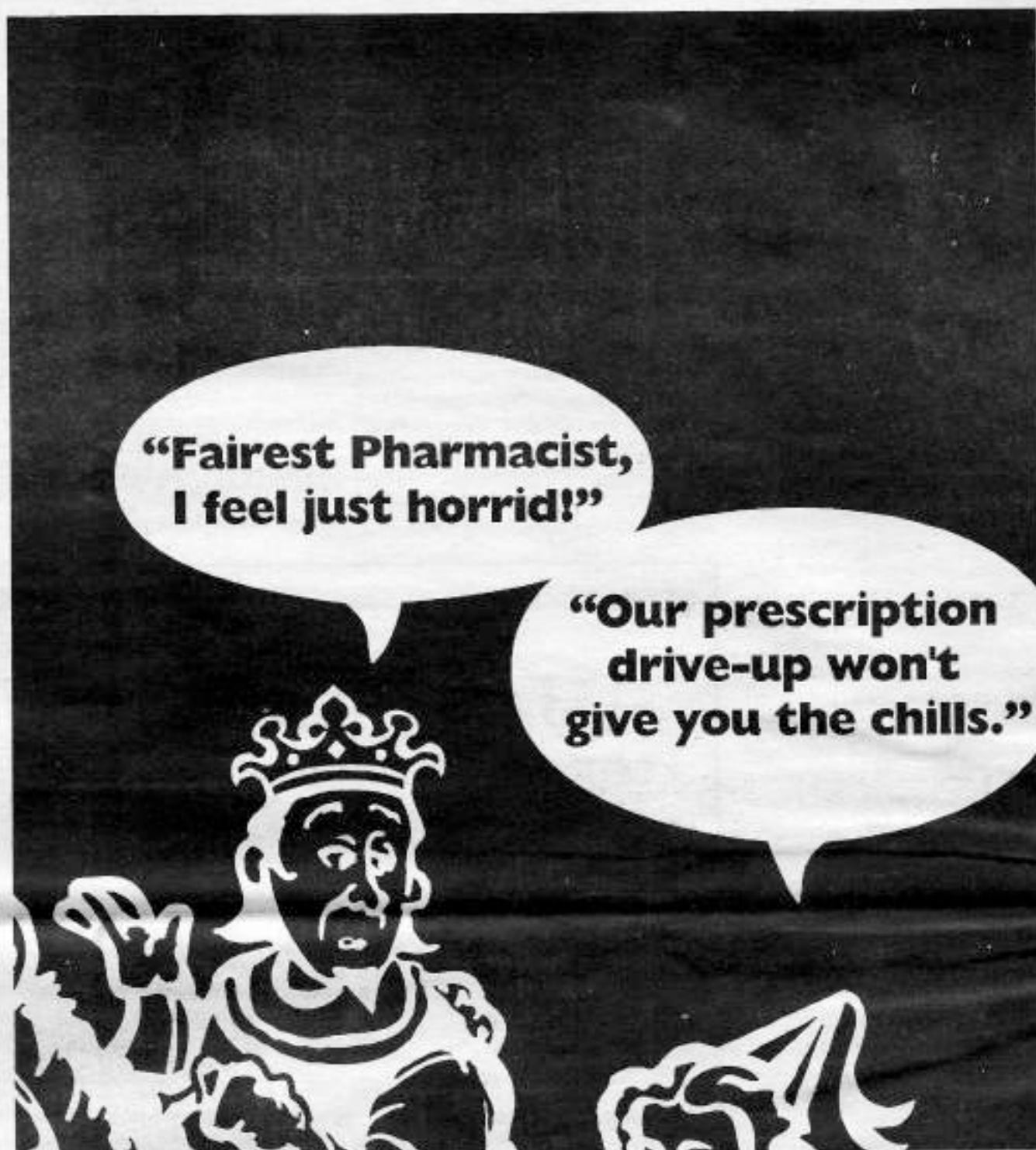
Toddler Tunes: On **Wednesday January 12, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM**, toddlers can experience a rousing songfest at the CMT. Toddlers and parents will meet upstairs in the Museum for some playtime, then move downstairs to our "Fish Bowl" room for the songfest.

After School Story Time: From 3:30 to 4:30 PM on **January 20th**, children and parents visiting the Museum will be delighted when we gather a group of visitors and read aloud some of our favorite stories.

No Sitter Saturdays: The CMT and the Tacoma Actors Guild have teamed up to make enjoying the arts downtown easier than ever. Parents can now attend select TAG matinees or just rest up without the worry of finding a sitter. Children are dropped off **January 22nd at 1:30 PM** and picked up at 4:30 PM. The price is \$9 for the first child and \$7 for additional children in the same family. Reservations must be made with the Museum 48 hours in advance. Show tickets can be purchased through TAG's Box Office by calling 272-2145.

Toddler Takeover: Toddlers are taking over the Museum at new times. The CMT has set aside times especially for toddlers to participate in age appropriate activities. **Wednesday, January 26th, from 10:00 to 1:00 AM** and **Saturday, January 24th from 10:00 to 11:00 AM**.

Super Bowl Sunday at the CMT: On **January 30th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** parents and kids can come to the Museum and let off some steam before the game. We'll make some Super Bowl projects that the kids can use to cheer on their team.



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