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St. Nick to tour Key Peninsula

by Joan Lawrence & Q

NORTH POLE—A jolly old elf in a rumpled red suit wipes his brow in amazement as he gazes at the ever-increasing number of names on his list. Santa Claus turns to tell this reporter, "From all indications here at the North Pole, the coming Christmas season looks like it's going to break records."

Santa is so certain this will be the busiest season ever, he is making plans for the big event well in advance. The earth's population is increasing so steadily, it's hard for one old saint to keep up with it; so, Santa Claus has begun, in recent years, to make early visits to Key areas that house Very Special Children.

Key Peninsula is near the top of his list.

Because of an altruistic bond, Santa long ago began a close association with firefighters around the globe. Firefighters, because of their special concern for children, hold a special place in Santa's heart.

This concern led the jolly old fellow to join in local tours so that he might personally see as many of these children as he could make time for. These tours are sponsored by fire departments and business associations like Fire District 16 and Key Peninsula Business Association.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Santa begins his tour of the Key Peninsula at the fire station in Longbranch at 6 pm. On the 14th, he will be at Palmer Lake and Lakebay. The 15th will see Santa at the Home fire station. December 16th, a Wednesday, Santa will be at Lake Minterwood. Thursday the 17th he will be at Wauna fire station. The 18th will see him at Horseshoe Lake and Lake Kathryn Village; the 19th, Lake Holiday; the 20th, Lake of the Woods. (Please see the center spread of this issue for exact dates and times of Santa's visits.)

"I always look forward to my tour of Key Peninsula," Santa Claus told your KPNEWS reporter. "There are many places around the globe I especially enjoy, places like Albuquerque and Orlando ... Stockholm and Glasgow ... Tokyo and Florence and Corfu, oh, Corfu—I do love Greece. But the atmosphere and character of the people on the Key Peninsula are so warm, so gentle and caring, that Mrs. Claus and I have been considering buying a summer cottage on the Key Peninsula. Waterfront, preferably.... It doesn't snow there, does it?"

KPNEWS and your reporter offer a special Thanks to Santa, Fire District 16 personnel and KPBA members for this year's Santa Express. It's an equation you don't want to miss:

Santa + children = Fun!

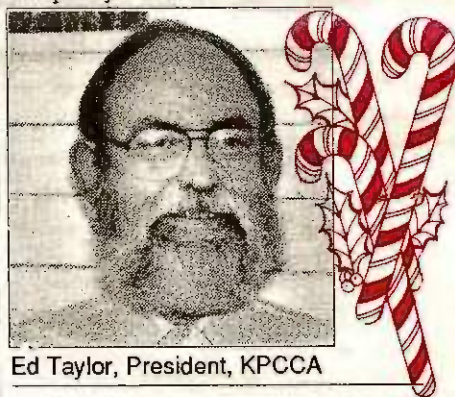


ET Anniversary

by Joan Lawrence

This month Ed Taylor (known to some of his friends as "ET") celebrates the completion of his first year as President of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

"It's been an interesting year," ET told the NEWS, followed by his unique rye smile.



Ed Taylor, President, KPCCA

Ed Taylor is a big man with a full grizzly beard and a sometimes-facitious twinkle in his eye. On our first meeting, it took your reporter all of

seven minutes to realize ET is a pussycat with an occasionally-stern façade. Often, when he says something funny he keeps a straight face while you're sitting there wondering if you should laugh or nod seriously. Then he breaks up, in a quiet, gently spasmodic, contagious laugh; and you know this is not a severe man, this is a warm, private, humorous man with much to give ... and much to keep tucked away.

ET's tenure as president "started off with the transfer of the property from the Park Board, and the concern everyone had about whether we would have community support.

"We did."

The first crisis of ET's term was the roof.

The Civic Center roof was in a state of disrepair—the newsroom had plastic sheets covering everything, to protect us from rain and strange little black specks that sifted through and complicated the lives of the staff (most memorably, Pauline Finn, for-

See Ed Taylor, page 3

Through the looking glass?

by Susan Mendenhall

Do you ever feel like Alice in Wonderland when interpreting that ambiguous intersection in front of the Vaughn post office? Does going straight ahead involve making a left turn; does making a left require turning right? Do you close your eyes when proceeding straight ahead from any direction?

If the wheels of Pierce County Public Works continue to spin during this, our rainy season, we will have a newly designed intersection by mid-December.

It was Vaughn resident Howard Reynolds who first sought to untangle the knot of arterials by suggesting a simple four-way stop. His plea for an appeal to Pierce County Public Works was supported by local residents, the Peninsula Neighborhood Association, and assorted white rabbits and mad hatters. On Nov. 6, county traffic engineer Jim Ellison met with Mr. Reynolds, KPCCA president Ed Taylor, Peninsula School District representative Roger Anderson, Vaughn postmaster Joanne Clark, and PNA area group leader Susan Mendenhall.

Possible solutions that involved recreating the entire intersection were precluded due to lack of funds. A two-way stop requiring stop signs only on Hall Rd/Olson Dr would permit higher-than-desirable speeds on the north/south corridor of Wright-Bliss Rd/South Vaughn Rd. There was insufficient area for a traffic circle, which would also be impractical for school buses and boat trailers. A consensus was easily reached that the best short term solution was the originally suggested four-way-stop. Jim Ellison enthusiastically agreed to carry our wishes to the proper authorities.

Dry weather enabled road crews to

See Vaughn intersection, page 20

Voters approve KPFD bond

by Hugh McMillan

At the general elections on Nov. 3, more than 64 percent of Key Peninsula voters approved the \$3.8 million bond issue sought by District 16's Fire Department. A companion request for a lid lift levy failed by a small margin.

"But the important thing," said Key Peninsula Fire Chief, Horace Kanno, "is that we can now move ahead with replacement of four of our fire stations."

None of these structures is judged to be earthquake proof and none meets current needs of the Department to effectively provide emergency service for the growing population of the Peninsula and its concomitant increase in road traffic with attendant projected increases in vehicular accidents.

A sampling of the views of volunteer and career firefighters confirms a

surge in morale and excitement at the prospect of all-station personnel on 24 hr duty status. "This can be expected to improve our recruitment programs for volunteer firefighters," said Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell.

Construction is expected to begin at the earliest possible time. The stations to be replaced are those near Lake Kathryn Village, in Home, Longbranch, and Wright Bliss-Elgin Clifton. Architect plans have been finalized. A single design expandable to meet the needs of each station's location as circumstances require will obviate the need for further design and engineering studies. Each will have accommodations for resident firefighters, thereby ensuring 24 hr immediate response to emergency calls as personnel availability and demands warrant.



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For those who need to leave a message or copy when we are not in, we have an answering machine and a drop-off box at our office in the Civic Center, Vaughn.



New board members

The new line-up isn't so new, with a couple of exceptions. The President and Vice Presidents remain the same (Ed Taylor is President; Howard Reynolds and Dave Freeman are Vice Presidents), but Terry Thomas retires as Secretary and has been voted an Executive Board Member at Large (along with Rich Eyrish, who doubles, or triples, as VFW and Senior rep) and Sylvia Haase will be the new Secretary. Stephanie Zampini, former president, will now be Treasurer, taking over from retiring Ann Larson. Ann says she'll be spending more time with her grandchildren, but we hope to enjoy her continued presence at board meetings.

Halloween party

About 500 children went through all the food and toys that were donated for the Halloween party. It was, according to Pat Heaven, "the most bang-up Halloween party I ever went to. It was well decorated, organized and innovative."

The power outage during set-up time—which lasted about one and a half hours—caused a slight set-back. But it didn't stop the fun.

The cost of the party came to a reasonable \$1.78 per child—approximately \$890 total. Chairperson Fay Sloan, who did an applauded great job, would like to thank everyone who participated. Fay, a true glutton for punishment, already has volunteered to do it again next year.

Reno Night

Reno Night was a huge success. It was glitzy and fun, the guys and gals looked great, and the food was terrific. Fay Sloan, wired from the Halloween party, volunteered to take over kitchen duties from Terry Thomas. As usual, Terry pitched in; but Fay was in charge.

There will be another Reno Night on March 6. Be sure to check upcoming issues of KPNEWS for information regarding dealer training.

The gym floors,

just refinished, will need to be redone again after Christmas; and then again 6 months later. It involves a day's work. Contact Nick Nichols (884-3456) or Mike Salatino (851-4556) if you would like to volunteer to help.

And last but by no means least

The roof is finished. Thanks to everyone who helped!



Ann Larson, left, is retiring as Treasurer of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. Terry Thomas, right, is exchanging duties as Secretary for a position as board member at large.
KPNEWS photo, Joan Lawrence



Fay Sloan, second from right, in the kitchen on Reno Night. Behind Fay, Terry Thomas prepares to lend a hand.
KPNEWS photo, Joan Lawrence



This community deserves thanks for its support in passing the bond issue that will build four new fire stations. The bond passed with more than the 60% required majority vote. The voters showed their continuing concern for this community. **WAY TO GO!**
Ruth Bramhall

Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA) would like to say a special thank you to everyone who participated in our November Reno fundraiser.

This was one of our most successful Reno Night events, with over \$5,000 in receipts. There were 257 people in attendance, compared with 207 in April of 1992. Sixty-five of these people were workers during the event.

Funds received are placed in the general fund of the KPCCA and are used for normal operation and maintenance. Programs at the Civic Center continue to be expanded and are very popular for the residents of the Key Peninsula community.

A special thanks is due to Walt's Food Centers and to members of Fire District 16 for their assistance. Reno Night co-chairmen Ed Taylor and Mike Salatino

Thank you for my 65th birthday party at the Longbranch Church Fellowship Hall on October 18th: my Mother, Daughter, Grandson and ladies of the Church; all the lovely food and beautiful cake, a dozen red roses and all the other gifts. Also thank you to everyone who came to my party. It was a wonderful day.
Marguerete Bussard

The Evergreen Elementary Volunteer Parent Organization (VPO) would like to thank all of the parents, friends and staff who helped make the Halloween Carnival a success. We would also like to thank these people in the community who donated to the carnival: LuLu's Homeport, Huckleberry Inn, Marty's Clip Joint, Cedar Stream Styling, Sunnycrest Nursery, Pizza Plus, Lakebay Chevron, Micheal G's, Longbranch Mercantile, Home Country Store, Key Appraisal Co., The Works, Purdy Pictures, Gig Harbor Yacht Sales, W.B. Scotts, Kelly's Toys, Barbara Mountain, Larry Hawkins, Connie Silva, Malinda Burrago, Walt's Fine Foods, Mr. & Mrs. Sagle and Monica Wolverton. Thank you all!

More Ty's on page 4

Editorial

Thanks-giving and the secret of Christmas

I had six invitations to Thanksgiving dinner—three from relatives and three from friends I've made at the Civic Center. There are some powerful-friendly people out here. I have a growing list of things to be thankful for—and not just on the last Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I have a long list of favorite things. It doesn't include raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens. It may seem, at first perusal, selfishly thought out. But while my favorite things are self-centered, they wouldn't operate without other people to bounce them off.

For example, my favorite thing is my sense of touch. It's the most important thing to me. It would be the hardest of the five senses to get along without, and a lonely sense without someone to share it with. As a child, seeing handicapped people, I wondered which of my senses I could most easily live without. I decided sight. Consider losing four senses.

Number two is humor, the most useful emotion. And, again, defeated if not shared.

Three on my list is music, carrying with it a gratitude for my hearing and for music makers.

My fourth favorite thing is the way light acts on surfaces—and along with that, a gratitude, for my sight. As an artist, surfaces are so important to me

I've been accused of being superficial.

My favorite things pleasure me, connect me with others and cause me to spend a lot of time smiling.

Those are my post-Thanksgiving thoughts. Now, my pre-Christmas thoughts. Referring back to number 3 on my list, music: the category has neatly packed subcategories. At the top is Christmas music. And lyrics. My favorite line from a Christmas song was written by ... well, I don't know who it was written by, I seem only to have a bootleg version of it (in keeping with the spirit) ... from The Secret of Christmas, sung by Bing Crosby (top of subcategory):

"So, may I suggest, the secret of Christmas is not the things you do at Christmastime, but the Christmas things you do all year through."

That's number five on my list, the Christmas things you do all year through. One more thing to be thankful for, the kindness of others.

Oh, and those six invitations? I chose to eat with Neena, the new assistant editor of KPNEWS. Neena's a sweet and talented lady with a bright and energetic family ... and she's a good cook. (Four kinds of pies, the woman made.)

In Neena I chose well ... and I'm not just talking dinner. Another thing to be thankful for.

'Tis the season! My friends, past, present and future: Many of you know me as a dichotomy, so you'll understand that despite the fact I prefer to be alone most of the time, I miss you all when I'm not with you. And I wish you Merry Christmas & Happy Chanukah.

Ed Taylor, cont'd from page 1

mer editor, who seemed sometimes to spend more time cleaning than she did editing copy).

"We needed community support, and we received hundreds of offers and help" for the completion of the roof project, Taylor said.

Other good financial news includes the grant received for completion of the heating system. We will receive the grant money soon. Early in 1992, new heat pumps were installed to heat the Whitmore Room and the NEWS office. These funds came directly from the Civic Center Association.

"The size of the Board has doubled this year," Taylor said. This "allows us to do a lot more programs for the community. We've seen an increase in use of the Center."

"Our fund raisers have been successful." Reno Night and Flavor of Fall had a tremendous response from the community.

"And not least, I'd like to mention the caretakers, Nick and Marcy Nichols, who give above and beyond the call." Nick and Marcy will be celebrating their first anniversary with us in a couple of months. "Having good caretakers makes the job of the board a lot easier," said Taylor.

"Next year I look forward to increased volunteer participation, continued support from the community, and a board in place that seeks to develop as many programs as they can from the community. The Civic Center fund raisers involve a lot more individ-

ual participation that one might think." According to Taylor, 65 people participated in the production of Reno Night (a smashing success for people on both sides of the tables).

"These are the things that keep the Center going. The fund raisers are the only source of funds for the Civic Center. We can't tax the community; all we can do is ask for help."

"And the response from the community has been exceptional."

Ed Taylor, along with wife/coworker/good guyette Pat Heaven, has been, and continues to be, a hands-on president for the Civic Center Association. Caring and interested, but not intrusive; helpful and contributive, but not bossy or argumentative. We are happy to be able to call Ed Taylor Friend.

Reynold's Roost

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the community remains and is immortal.


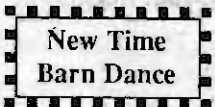
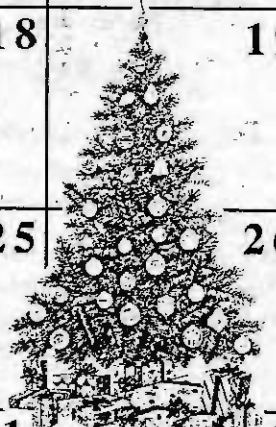
Hope is a pleasant companion but an unsafe guide.

DEADLINE



for January issue:
December 21

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - DECEMBER 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.		December 1 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8am-4pm Lakebay bb 5:30 pm TOPS 6-8 pm	2 gym walk 8-11 am Bingo 6:30 pm KPLF 7 pm	3 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Lakebay bb 6-7 pm Karate 7 pm CAC 7 pm	4 gym walk 8-11 am 2-3:30 Homeschoolers Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	5  New Time Barn Dance
6 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30	7 gym walk 8-11 am Grange 6 pm ABATE 7 pm GED 7 pm Karate 7 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30	8 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	9 gym walk Bingo KPLF	10 gym walk Seniors Lakebay bb Karate KPCCA mtg 7:30	11 gym walk Skating	12 Gym closed for private party
13 KPLF Gym closed for private party	14 gym walk Karate GED VFW & Aux 7 pm	15 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	16 gym walk Bingo KPLF	17 gym walk Seniors Lakebay basketball Karate Cootiettes	18 gym walk Homeschoolers Skating	19 
20 KPLF Gym closed for private party	21 gym walk Karate GED	22 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	23 gym walk Bingo KPLF	24	25 No skating	26
27 KPLF Family skate 1:30-4:30	28 gym walk GED Karate	29 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	30 gym walk Bingo	31 Civic Center facilities available for New Year's Eve rental	January 1	2

LETTERS

To the editor:

I'm confident I speak for every member of the Key Peninsula Fire Department—the volunteer and career firefighters, officers, staff, emergency medical providers, chiefs, and commissioners—in offering a very big thank you to all of us voters of Key Peninsula who on November third's election day made it possible for the Department to make ready for the burgeoning responsibilities of population and traffic growth with which we are and will continue to be faced as we move into the 21st Century.

Our over-64 percent yes vote for the \$3.8 million bond issue will, among other things, enable the District to build four new fire stations to replace those which no longer meet our emergency needs and which are unsafe.

We believe that these stations will greatly enhance our volunteer recruitment programs. Each station will have accommodations for resident firefighters, thus affording 24 hour response capability throughout the District. The stations were designed by locally-based architect's firm, Freeman and Snodgrass, whose inspired designs are the product of direct consultations with our firefighters, the professionals who will live in and respond from them.

I'd like to express my personal gratitude to the citizens who made up our Future Planning and Financial Advisory Committees for almost three years of very hard work compiling professional studies of District needs and for bringing the message to all of us voters: Megan Aprile, Ross Bischoff, Ruth Bramhall, Ken Buck, Bob Cole, Bob Fearnough, Dave Freeman, Jim Larsen, Mel Oliver, Gary Ostlund, Ron Quincy, Mary Ramsdell, Mike Riegle, Jim Sammons, Keith Stiles, Howard Wilson, and Al' Yanity.

In years to come, the whole community will thank you for the improvement in life and property safety your efforts have made possible.

Hugh McMillan, Chairman,
KP Board of Fire Commissioners

To the editor:

Let us be thankful that the election rhetoric has ended. We now move ahead to watching what the newcomers will do or not do to our lives. I am glad Clinton was elected mainly because I do not want Bush anymore. He had become a real embarrassment to me. His harangues at Clinton and all Democrats was demeaning to the office of President. His accusations about character were hypocritical—how truthful and moral has he been? But enough election talk.

What I really want from everyone in government is honesty. It's time to stop illegal, covert dealings on all levels from top security advisors to campaign workers. I truly believe that society in general suffers when prominent personalities make choices based on favoritism, greed or lust for power. More than finances, dishonesty trickles down to where everyone believes that whatever they can get away with is OK. All dishonesty (including such things as lawsuits regarding true accidents which were no one's fault) hurt all of

us. We look to national role models and emulate them—let's hope our heroes begin showing us the high road.

Neena Bauer

To the editor:

Well I hope all you Mike Lowry voters are happy! A recent article in a local newspaper states that Lowry intends to raise, raise, raise taxes and more taxes. All this before he gets into office. Why not wait until he and his administration give themselves time to see where effective cost cutting can be accomplished? Getting rid of some of the unneeded overpaid executives in the state capital would be a good place to start.

Don't believe one word of his "some taxes will be temporary." That is just so much political bushwa. Federal income taxation was supposed to be only temporary when it was instituted.

So, to all the Lowry voters—I told you it would happen. Looks like this state is heading the same way as Pete Wilson's California—down the tubes.

Howard Reynolds

To the editor:

Many of us have quit smoking for health reasons, yet in winter we unknowingly breathe aggravating wood smoke daily. Wood smoke is primarily composed of carbon monoxide and tiny soot particles. Carbon monoxide from wood smoke substitutes for oxygen in the blood, as does cigarette smoke, with the same results. Soot is the flammable coating in chimneys.

Use of certified wood pellet stoves is an answer. These stoves not only produce up to 98% less pollution than do uncertified stoves, but, according to Pamphlet #91-BR22 from the Department of Ecology, may be mandated within three years. This pamphlet also states that 87% of wood stove users are using uncertified stoves. These families are threatening the rights of us all.

If we don't learn to burn responsibly, we risk losing the right to burn at all. The Key Peninsula could easily find Gig Harbor's ban extended to us. Certified and pellet stoves can be expensive, yet, if the ultimate cost is the health of our children and elderly, if uncertified stoves become permanently banned, if the right to burn in any situation is taken from us, will the cost be any more acceptable?

Amy Larson



The Key Peninsula Lions Club would like to thank all who donated, large or small, to the Baby Ehra fund. Your generosity has helped a family in dire need of gasoline money to go to Seattle every day for treatment of baby Ehra. She has lost one eye to cancer and has tumors in the other one. Again, Thank You!

Frances Challenger, Sec.

In reflection of the great fun we had on Halloween, I want to thank every business and person who donated what was necessary to bring about the success of the Halloween party at the Civic Center.

I especially want to thank all the young people who worked before, during, and after. Without volunteers,

Key Dates

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS		
Allyn Comm. Ass'n	Dec 3: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg	Allyn Inn
KP Business Ass'n	Dec 4: 7:30am; Dec 18: noon	Homeport Restaurant
Caregivers support group	Dec 16: 7-10pm	Key Center fire station
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	Dec 23: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church
Angel Guild	Dec 22: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm
Xmas Potluck	Dec 17	Jackson Lake
ASHES	Dec 3: 10:30 am - potluck	Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime	Dec 3: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Cootiettes	Dec 17, 7: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm
	and Dec 8, 15, 22	Visit Veterans
	Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot	
KPCCA Board Mtg	Dec 10: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	Dec 7: 7:30 pm	
KPCS Board	Dec 8: 7:30 pm	Comm House - Home
KP Lions	Dec 2, 16: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn - KC
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Adult Literacy classes	Mon & Wed: 2-8 pm	Purdy Fire Station
sponsored by Altrusa		857-2633 - info
Food bank	Tues- Fri: 10 am-3 pm	Comm House - Home
Hot lunch for seniors	Wednesdays: noon	Comm House - Home
Free brunch	Sundays: 2-3 pm	Comm House - Home
	Also food and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4514; 857-4780	
Caregivers support group	Dec 21: 7-9 pm	GH Chamber/Commerce
Respite care	Wednesdays: 9 am-4 pm	KC Library/Brones Rm
Seniors exercise program	Tues & Thu 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home
WIC	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment	
PC Aging & Longterm Care	Dec 21: 7-9 pm	GH Chamber/Commerce
OF INTEREST TO PARENTS		
Parents network meeting	Dec 9: 7-8:30 pm	Peninsula HS library
Peninsula School Board	Dec 10: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd Rm Purdy
Greater Gig Harbor Home-school Support Assoc.	Dec 17: 7-9 pm	Purdy Elem School
KP Mid Sch Activity Night	Dec 4, 18: 7 pm	Libry of KP Middle Sch
Mothers of pre-schoolers	Dec 3, 17: 9:15-11:30 am	Lakebay Comm Church
PUBLIC MEETINGS		
KP Fire Comm.	Dec 9, 21: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	Dec 14: 7:30	Brones Rm, KC Library
SELF HELP GROUPS		
AA	Mon & Fri: 8 pm	KP Community Services,
	Sun: 6 pm	Lakebay
Narcotics Anonymous	Tues & Thurs: 7-8:30 pm	KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group	Dec 1: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge, 857-7359
TOPS	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15	KPCC/VFW Rm
	mtg 7-8 pm	
SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS		
ABATE of WA	Dec 7: 7:30 pm	KPCC
Bayshore Garden Club	Dec 18: 1-4 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club	Dec 16: potluck 7:00 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
	mtg 7:30 pm	
Peninsula Neighbors		
Craft Club	Dec 8: 10:00 am	Comm House, Home
Peninsula Social Club	Dec 3: 6:30 pm potluck	
	7:30-9 pm mtg	KP Lutheran Church
Ruth Circle	Dec 21: noon	Longbranch Church
Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	foot care and blood pressure	
Upper Sound Grange	Dec 7: 6:30-10 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Vaughn Garden Club	Dec 16: 12 noon Potluck/	Ole Warmbo's Home
	Gift Exch	
VFW & AUX	Dec 14: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm
	X-mas Potluck/No gift Exch/Bring Food Donation	

there would not have been a party. Because of the many people and businesses that participated, we regret we are unable to list each one individually. But please know each and every one of you is greatly appreciated.

Fay Sloan, Party Chairperson

I want to offer my thanks to the kitchen

helpers on Reno Night. As chairperson, I wanted the food to be nutritious, satisfying and unforgettable.

Thanks so much for your contributions.

Fay Sloan, Kitchen Chairperson

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Christmas Festival

by Joan Lawrence

The Annual Christmas Festival at the Civic Center came off Nov. 28 with its usual bang. Next month we'll have photos for you, but for now we just have time to say thank you to all the people who came—sellers and buyers, and llama cart riders.

It was another Big Event, the place was packed. I especially enjoyed the herbal aroma that emanated from some of the floral pieces.

Only my bank account limited purchases from a booth of Guatemalan imported skirts and bags. (I said limited, not prevented.)

Connie Silva offered free samples of a new candy imported from Chile called "Coquitos," which could become habit forming. They're tiny (and that means up to an inch in diameter) coconuts coated with sugar, honey and powdered cocoa. They're chewy, a little bit like brown-sugar-coated nuts, only different.

Bev Pedersen was near the door with originals and laser prints of her lovely watercolors. I got a notecard I couldn't resist. It depicts, in Bev's inimitable style, a black & white, pregnant cat (named Sue), sitting back, legs spread, in a chair. I didn't take an envelope because I won't be parting with it, I'll add it to the fat-cat collection left in the newsroom by a former staff member.

The KPLF Heritage Choir performed for us. There's nothing more beautiful than singing children.

And they performed in front of a wondrous huge tree acquired by chairperson Terry Thomas (at a generously-low price) from Dave Sims of Belfair, who has a tree lot called Frosty's Christmas Tree Farm, on 302 by the Harvest Time.

Santa was impersonated by Dan Stocian, and the elves were Lana and Jennifer Forseth. The other jolly elf spotted on the gym stage behind a camera was Mike Salatino.

The stage was decorated, in the main, by CC caretaker Marcy Nichols, who put many hours of loving work into it and climbed to dangerous-looking heights to hang those lights. Kudos to Marcy. The red velour-covered sofa

and the fireplace (complete with pseudo-fire) were homey touches.

Marcy would like to thank the Cootiettes for their best-ever kitchen job (see the T.y. column in this issue), and Stephanie Zampini and Terry Thomas for their work at the door. John Thomas sold lots of raffle tickets for the autographed Sonics basketball (see the basketball article, this issue; tickets are still available).

All in all, it was a great festival. Terry tells us the vendors were happy and she already has reservations for next year. Now, that's a sign of success. You'd better start your handiwork now so you'll be well stocked for 1993!

CAC's sign remounted

by Hugh McMillan

Mel Oliver of Wauna, one of the original members of Citizens Against Crime, was driving on SR-16 Monday, Nov. 2, when he spotted in the back of a truck what he knew to be the CAC sign which mysteriously had disappeared from the Purdy spit during this summer's re-vamping of the highway.

Oliver overtook the truck and motioned it to stop. "Where are you going with our sign?" he asked.

Jack King, the driver, explained that he is with the State Department of Transportation and that he just didn't know where to put the sign.

Within half an hour, the sign had been remounted at its former location.

Oliver said King should receive credit for being very cooperative and accommodating.

You too, Mel!

Cootiette Club

Mary Jane Hennessey, Grand Grayback Cootiette Club of Washington, paid her official visit to Penn Ants #609 at the Halloween party on Oct. 15th. It was a fun party with far-out costumes, good food and friendship.

Chief Grayback is Gayle Harri-man. She is warm, witty and possesses a most unique singing voice. She says that the club is not an organization of nurses. To be a member, a lady must be over 14 years of age, a citizen, have served in the US Armed Forces or be related to someone who has served or is currently serving.

The Cootiette Club is a patriotic and fraternal organization primarily providing service to veterans. The members visit Cottesmore Nursing Home the second Tuesday of every month with cookies and assist with a sing-a-long for the patients.

The third Tuesday, Cootiettes travel to the Washington Veterans Home at Retsil with dessert and assist in a Bingo game for veterans living at the facility.

The fourth Tuesday finds some members at the Navy Hospital in Bremerton with fruit and punch for the patients.

Penn Ants #609 welcomes anyone who is interested.

The Civic Center facilities are available for New Year's Eve rental.

Ty

We would like to thank the Cootiettes for the wonderful, incredible job they did in the kitchen during the Civic Center Christmas Festival on Nov. 28. They were the best kitchen people ever! They coordinated with us ahead of time, and their clean-up was whirlwind-perfect.

And on top of the great job they did, they donated the money they made to the Civic Center. Thank you, Cootiettes!

Also, we would like to thank our friends, Steve and Sam Nave (and son Stevie) for all the work they did helping us clear out the gym after the festival. Good friends. Thanks.

Marcy and Nick Nichols

This is a good month for thank yous! I want to add another: to Nick and Marcy Nichols, the caretakers at the Civic Center. They're good, caring people who give beyond the call. Thanks, guys; you help make the Civic Center (your home and my second) a wonderful atmosphere to work in.

Joan Lawrence, editor, KPNEWS



Brian "The PLUMBER" Taylor pictured in the Pioneer Day Parade.



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Firefighter training imperative

by Joan Lawrence

[This article first appeared in the Nov. 25 edition of The Peninsula Gateway]

"I was standing in a burning building when the floor under me collapsed. Next thing I knew I was lying on a lawn and somebody said, 'He's moving.' That meant I was going to be okay."

So says fire commissioner Hugh McMillan of one of his first experiences in firefighting over 40 years ago. He'd had little preparatory training. There was a time when if you wanted to be a firefighter, you just started working as a firefighter. Training was on-the-job.

We lost a lot of good people that way.

If your appendix bursts, you want a trained surgeon. If your house is on fire, you want trained firefighters.

You want them to know the fastest and safest way to locate your three-year-old daughter in an upstairs bedroom. You want them to know how to put out different types of fire, and what to put them out with. And you want them to make it safely back to the station.

The Academy

In a valley on the outskirts of North Bend, steep green wind-bitten mountains and a variety of buildings and blackened metal structures provide a

backdrop for the Fire Service Training Center, known to fire service people as the Academy. It is here that Washington State's firefighters go through the rigors of preparation that will qualify them for the demands of their chosen career.

During a 7-week course, recruits are put through regimental drills reminiscent of military training complete with bulldog-voiced drill sergeants. The students' acquired values and talents include discipline, dedication and technique.

One of the first things you see as you approach the Academy from the little winding road is a tall concrete, smoke-stained building. Fires are set in its rooms and students learn how to make their way through its dark, smoke-filled, maze-like passages without becoming disoriented. Temperatures in the building can reach 1,000 degrees—enough to warp a helmet, according to Lieutenant Rick Olsen of Fire District 16's headquarters' station in Key Center. Lt. Olsen, at North Bend working as an Instructor, gave us a tour of the Academy.

When asked, Olsen said, Gig Harbor Fire Department's Captains Don Lee, Chris Goodman, and Eric Pearson, and Key Peninsula's Battalion Chief, Tim Lemon, and Lt. Chuck West have also served as instructors at the Academy.

Former District 16 volunteers

On the day of our visit, students were working with flammable liquids. "Props" were set on fire and one or two students at a time put out the blazes using small extinguishers. An icy wind cut through us, carrying the smoke quickly north.

This 7-week session involved 33 students from 18 departments or districts—including three former District 16 volunteers, Kevin Sleep, Dayton Hostetler, and Matthew Czuleger, now with the departments at South Kitsap, SeaTac, and Tukwila, respectively. According to Drill Master Darrell W. Orndorff, a "retired" battalion chief with the Kent Fire Department, the Academy has provided training for "as many as 130 firefighters a day. We had 100 here two weeks ago, with Spokane, ours, and basic maritime."

"Basic maritime" is shipboard firefighting—"a whole different ballgame." The Academy has a building that looks like a ship without a hull, special for shipboard firefighting training. It's been of use but, according to Chief Orndorff, funds have not been available for the building's completion.

In fact, the Academy is underfunded to the point it may have to shut down operation, "which would be a tragic waste of the 7 or 8 million already invested here," says McMillan.



Firefighter in training at the facility located near North Bend. Photo by Hugh McMillan

See Fire Academy, cont'd page 20

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Haley Park update— Dec. 14 deadline

by Susan Mendenhall

Are you confused about a packet you received in the mail recently? Are you a supporter of the community effort to encourage Washington State Parks to open the Haley site as a natural area rather than spend potential millions "creating" a park?

Those who either signed petitions in May 1992 and/or wrote letters supporting the efforts of the Blue Heron Lagoon Community Coalition to protect the Haley site from over-development are currently on the state's mailing list. You should have received a hefty packet of information sent by John Purcell, the environmentalist for Washington State Parks. This packet contains some very important information but is pretty dry reading and may need some interpretation as well as a magnifying glass.

It is important that you return the cover letter, which is pre-stamped, in order to continue to be on their mailing list. You cared about this property enough to attend meetings, sign petitions and write letters. Please let the state know you are still interested in the future of what we hope is our newest state park. Feel free to jot down your comments before mailing. If you have misplaced your copy, or if you never received one and would like to receive

this and future information, please call Susan Mendenhall at 884-3223.

Do not feel overwhelmed by the small print. Basically, it asks you for your opinion on land classification and outlines the choices available. After careful consideration, the Coalition decided that the classification of "Natural Area" would best protect the Haley park property yet allow low density recreational use. Some classifications are very broad, as in the general "State Park" designation which would allow inappropriate development; and some are silly, like "State Launch Area" which would take an act of God, and Congress, to create.

Classification will determine the destiny of this land. If you do nothing, it may continue under the generic "state park" designation which would not adequately protect its finest features. Please take the time to request a more restrictive classification. Comments must be submitted by December 14. Please use the pre-stamped cover letter to record your views or address your correspondence to John Purcell, Environmentalist, Washington State Parks, 1602 29th St., Auburn, WA 98002. Thank you.

Dance classes at Civic Center

Sign-ups are now being taken for Ballet and Tap classes, to begin in January, ages 3 to adult. Call Fay Sloan, 884-9574.

KP Citizens of the Year deadline near

by Hugh McMillan

The Ninth Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Banquet will be held Feb. 27, 1993, in the Key Peninsula Civic Center. That sounds like a long time into the future. It is not!

Nominations for Citizens of the Year must be filed no later than Jan. 13, 1993. This is to allow time for the Key Peninsula NEWS to obtain and process photographs of the nominees, prepare synopses of nomination letters, and make ready for publication in the NEWS' February issue. Hence, the Jan. 13 deadline.

Nominees must either live, work, or own property on the Key Peninsula. Members of the Lions' Club are not eligible.

Letters of nomination should describe in 50 words or less how the nominee helped our community in volunteer service, either over the years or in one or more special contributions of time, talent, commodities, money, leadership, etc.

In addition, the nomination letter should include the nominee's name, address, phone, length of time in the area, and a description of the nominee's community volunteer activities. Include your own name, address, and phone number.

Letters should be mailed to: KP Lions' Citizens of the Year, P.O. Box 37, Wauna, WA 98395-0037.

Captain Al' Haynes, hero of United Airlines flight 232, will be the banquet's keynote speaker. Earlier this year, Charlton Heston played the part of Captain Haynes in a TV movie which depicted Haynes' courage and expertise as the pilot who saved many lives when UA 232 plunged in flames through a cornfield at the edge of the Sioux City, Iowa, airport.

This writer has seen Captain Haynes' presentation and, without equivocation, describes it as breathtakingly spell-binding.

Do plan to honor our Citizens of the Year and Captain Haynes on February 27. You'll be proud you did.

Sonics basketball: you still have time

You have about a week left to buy tickets to the raffle drawing for the autographed Sonics basketball that was donated to the Civic Center for the Christmas Festival, which took place on Nov. 28. The drawing will be held Dec. 10. Call John Thomas, 884-4685.

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•**Thursday, Dec. 3: MUSIC**-The University Jazz Band concert with guest artist Denney Goodhew, 8 pm, Great Hall, Student Union Building. FREE.

•**Friday, Dec. 4: MUSIC**-Edward Hansen presents the third annual Christmas Organ Recital and Carol Sing, 12 noon, Kilworth Chapel. FREE; The Adelpian Concert Choir and University Madrigal Singers present their traditional Christmas concert, Mason United Methodist Church, \$6/\$4 seniors. (Same concert on Dec. 5 at University Place Presbyterian Church)/**THEATER**-A Christmas play for the entire family, entitled "The Most Terrible, Awful, Horrible, No Good, Wonderful Christmas Ever!", 6 pm, Inside Theatre (also Dec 5) FREE. Pictures with Santa will be available.

•**Sat., Dec. 5: MUSIC**-Pianist Stephen Moore will perform various pieces, including a collection of jazz improvisations, 7 pm, Jacobsen Recital Hall, FREE.

•**Sun., Dec. 6: MUSIC**-University of Puget Sound/Tacoma Civic Chorus performs Handel's MESSIAH, 2 pm, Rialto Theatre, 591-5894, \$8/\$5 seniors/ **WORSHIP**-Candlelight service, music, carols, 7 pm, Kilworth Chapel.

•**Tues., Dec. 8: MUSIC**-The 75-voice University Chorale performs a Christmas Concert, 8 pm, Kilworth Chapel, FREE.

Ethnic Theater



Tacoma Little Theatre is presenting an international fundraiser for the YOUTH INITIATIVE program. Acting students perform rituals and celebrations representing different countries and religions.

The students wrote the script after speaking with international students. Authentic costumes are part of the production and help tell the story. The audience at this performance will not sit, as is traditional at the theatre. They will follow the rules of pageantry theatre and travel from room to room visiting different cultural rituals.

The fundraiser will take place on Dec. 4th at 8pm. Youth Initiative is a comprehensive program aimed at providing learning opportunities for youth ages 4-17. Students have the chance to learn the dramatic arts in the theatre as well as at schools and community centers.

The performance will take place at the 1st Congregational Church at 210 S. J. St. (one block from the theatre). Other performances are scheduled for Dec. 5th.

Christmas potluck

The Longbranch Improvement Club will hold its annual Christmas Potluck on Wed., Dec. 16, at 7 pm.

Officers and Board members for 1993 who were elected during the November meeting are: President, Dave Dahl; Vice President, Al Larsen; Secretary, Lloyd Reed; Treasurer, Vernon Merrill; Trustees, Dick Dickens, Carl Jones, Bill Knechtel, Kirk Smithee; and Past President, Randy Carr.

Call Addie McMenamin at 884-9230 for further information.

Youth Choir Sings



Key Peninsula Life Fellowship's Heritage Academy Youth Choir will be singing Christmas Carols at the following locations-- Dec. 6: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, KC Corral, 4 pm; Dec. 17: Seniors' Luncheon, KPCC; DEC. 19: Carolling in local residential areas, 4-7 pm.

KPLF will present a Christmas Musicales, *And it Came to Pass*, a light-hearted contemporary look at the true value of Christmas: Dec. 20, 7 pm, KPCC. For more information call 884-9379.

Party Time!



The Homeport Restaurant is holding a Children's Holiday Party on December 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. Santa will be there with gifts for the children. The Homeport is located in Home near the bridge.

Bazaar

There's no place like Home for the holidays...unless it's Longbranch! The Home Community Center is holding a Christmas Bazaar at the Longbranch Improvement Club on December 12 from 9-5. They will be serving Breakfast and Lunch. Tables are available for \$10. Call 884-4440 for more information.

Festival Of Trees



Sponsored by Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Dec. 3-6 will see a memorable holiday celebration at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall.

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In the library

A flute and harp concert performed by the Seattle Duo Becky Luck and Motter Forman of Cantabile, will be held at the Key Center Library, Wed., Dec. 9 at 7 pm. Their program will include several centuries of flute and harp works including Chopin, Telemann, Debussy, Mendelsohn, Corelli and McKay. Christmas carols will conclude the two portions of the performance.

The Cantabile Flute and Harp Duo was formed in 1988, and has performed to enthusiastic audiences of all ages throughout the Northwest. Becky Luck, flutist and Motter Forman, harpist have studied music extensively, and have performed as soloists and in chamber groups. Ms. Luck teaches flute privately and at North Seattle Community College. Ms. Forman teaches harp at the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University.

Cantabile also offers an educational program for children on flute and harp music around the world, and a master class for intermediate to advanced musicians.

This free concert for the community is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library, Puget Sound Bank, Walt's Fine Foods and Glen Pszczola, Attorney at Law.

Artworks by Marie "Brown" Wright and F. Howard Wright will be on exhibit at the library throughout December and January. Marie graduated and taught at the University of Washington for many years in design, drawing, crafts and art education. She also taught children's art classes and state-wide art education classes. She studied with the French painter Fernand Leger, Amadee Ozenfant and Russian sculptor Alexander Archipenko. Howard Wright graduated from the University of California at Berkley in electrical engineering. He pursued art as a hobby. Howard studied portrait and landscape painting with Pam Della and Jade Fon, San Francisco Bay Area artists, intermittently over many years.

Pierce County Library branches will be closed Dec. 24 & 25, and Jan. 1.

LITTLE LEAGUE



Players ages 6-18 may register for the 92-93 season during January at the Key Center Library. In order to register your child, you need an official state-certified birth certificate. It takes 6-8 wks to get your request processed, so think about getting it now.

Officers have been elected for the new season: President-Sheryl Brown; Vice President-Julie Johnson. Board meetings will be held monthly throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

There are also opportunities to serve on various committees. Little League serves over 400 local kids. If you can volunteer, call Sheryl Brown at 884-2118. Currently there is a need for people to serve as Player Agents, who help with records, registrations, try-outs, etc.

The annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held in March. Watch for dates in the New Year!



Pinocchio!...Live!

Many area children experienced a cultural treat this past November. Third graders and some fourth graders attended the Pantages production of Pinocchio on Nov. 18. At Evergreen it was lucky children in Mrs. Tobiasson's and Mr. & Mrs. Rosenbach's classes that were able to go. The performing artists were from California and have performed other storybook classics such as Wizard of Oz and Robin Hood.

Mrs. Tobiasson prepares her class for the event by reading fairy tales. These stories provide the opportunity to study themes, point of view and to analyze characters, motive, etc. She also has the students study the history of the Pantages, a restored theater that makes you feel like you are in a palace.

The students' observations follow. They tell of the magic of live theater. The students seemed to have stepped into a different world.

• "I liked it when the fat guy kept on making no sense. He said Pinocchio was a 'guppet, fuppet, huppet, trumpet. Oh, what do I mean?' Finally the crowd yelled out... 'A Puppet!'"—Jake Taylor

• "I liked when Pinocchio's papa got stuck in the whale and Pinocchio got him out...I liked when they told him he didn't have to go to school, wash behind his ears and eat spinach."—Rebecca Hicks

• "When I saw Pinocchio acting on stage, I thought he did a great job. I got to meet three of the characters. I had a very good time."—Michelle Grenz

• "The Pantages Theatre was remodeled in 1983...I liked the singing and dancing. The costumes were beautiful especially the Blue Fairy costume. I thought the chandelier was elegant. But the best thing of all was the crystal ball that sparkled wildly."—Elliott Hedin

• "Everything was perfect! From the chandeliers to the play! The music was wonderful...I really enjoyed shaking hands with the actors after the play...It was just plain wonderful."—Nicole Austin

• "The musical production of Pinocchio was awesome. It was interesting to see real people acting."—Jennie Moore

• "I thought the play was wonderful because it was a combination of a musical and a comedy...The Pantages Theater was very elegant. There were wonderful crystal chandeliers everywhere. The seats felt like velvet. It was all very elegant."—Laura Malcolm

Christmas Drive



Vaughn Elementary School's Annual Christmas Drive will take place from Dec. 1 through the 16th. They will be collecting non-perishable foods, toys, gifts and cash donations from school and community members. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. For more information, phone Julie Blair, 884-4363.



School Board Meets

The Peninsula School Board met in their monthly session on Nov. 12. Every meeting begins with an opportunity for citizens to address the board with their concerns. A woman spoke about communication between schools and parents. She wants to hear from teachers about problems before they escalate.

The Board discussed briefly the failed bond election and decided to set a date at which they would reconsider submitting the bond in a future election. (On Nov. 24 the Board decided to resubmit the bond probably in March. The date will be set in December.) They agreed that more information needs to be given to the voters to let them know the severity of future classroom needs.

Keith Stiles shared a telling statistic: there are now approximately 4000 housing units in the planning stage as yet unbuilt, which translates to 2000 students who will need approximately 85 classrooms. Developer impact fees, currently at \$750, were mentioned. The county government will hear proposals for future, possibly higher fees.

Goodman students showed an excellent video about middle school life which they produced. Architectural plans for a fourth middle school were shown. No site has been chosen.

The board adopted first consideration of new K-8 Social Science texts. If you are interested in looking at the texts, they are available at the administration building, next to Purdy elementary. Call first at 857-6171. If you would like to receive agendas for future meetings call the District office. The next school board meeting is Dec. 10.

Halloween Carnival

The Evergreen Elementary Volunteer Parent Organization (VPO) would like to thank all of the parents, friends and staff who helped make the Halloween Carnival a success. We would also like to thank these people in the community who donated to the carnival: LuLu's Homeport, Huckleberry Inn, Marty's Clip Joint, Cedar Stream Styling, Sunnycrest Nursery, Pizza Plus, Lakebay Chevron, Micheal G's, Longbranch Mercantile, Home Country Store, Key Appraisal Co., The Works, Purdy Pictures, Gig Harbor Yacht Sales, W.B. Scotts, Kelly's Toys, Barbara Mountain, Larry Hawkins, Connie Silva, Malinda Burrigo, Walt's Fine Foods, Mr. & Mrs. Sagle and Monica Wolverton. Thank you all!

College bound?

Highschoolers, get a Running Start to college! Julie Rudsit, Program Coordinator of the Running Start program, will be speaking to interested parents and students on Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be at Purdy Elementary School, and everyone is invited.

This event is sponsored by the Greater Gig Harbor Homeschool Support Association. For more information call Ruth at 265-2133.



Childfind Screening

The Peninsula School District will offer developmental screening for 3-5 year old children. The purpose of the screening is to identify factors that may affect a child's success in school. Staff will screen speech/language, motor, hearing/vision/health, behavior and learning areas. Although most children who are screened will have no problems in physical or mental development, it is estimated that 10-15 percent may have difficulties that will interfere with learning. These problems if identified early can frequently be corrected.

The screening takes about an hour. Parents will receive a summary of results on the day of the screening. Parents are asked to call the Special Services Department at 857-8104 to schedule an appointment.



VISTA volunteer Donna Bonfoey has been recruited to continue the expansion of the adult literacy program on the GH and Key Peninsulas. The program, sponsored by Altrusa, is held at various sites. Call Donna at 851-6552 for more information. Help someone know the joy of reading!

Activities

Enjoy an Authors Day and Holiday Party at the WA State Historical Society Museum on Dec. 5, 10-5 pm. The day includes free admission to all museum exhibits, refreshments and book signings by fourteen Northwest authors. One of the current exhibits is "Working on the Railroad," a life-like exhibit of running model trains and Northwest landscapes.

The Children's Museum in Tacoma has a new exhibit entitled Building Buildings, Architecture for Kids. The exhibit is multi-faceted. The entrance contains photos of eccentric American structures.

The historical section shows the development of architectural styles over the ages. Archiblocks allow children to build and test their own structures. In a separate area children can manipulate forms with a large crane.

In the elements area, children explore the seven basic design elements: proportion, scale, form, color, light, rhythm and pattern.

Site planning lets children learn how to fit structures into the environment while designing the parts of a city.

The technology section shows how things work through cutaways of plumbing, heating and power source systems. A street scene and architect's studio complete the exhibit.

Museum hours are M-F 10-5; Sat 10-4 and Sun 12-4. For information: 627-2436.

TO YOUR HEALTH

by William F. Roes, MD

With the recent rise in cases of active tuberculosis, it seems the Ghost of Christmas Past is coming back to haunt us. I remember studying about TB (previously called consumption) thinking it was an ancient disease, akin to the Plague, and one I'd never see. This seemed to be the case until the mid-1980s, when the number of cases in the US hit 22,000. Since that time numbers have been increasing. In Pierce County in 1985 there were 21 cases; in 1992, 42 new cases have been reported and there is no reason to expect this number won't continue to rise.

Tuberculosis is caused by a very small bacterium, *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*, and the infection almost always begins in the lungs. The body's response is to form tight nodules or "tubercles" around the infection. The germs are walled off, but can remain alive and sequestered in these tubercles for decades, sometimes re-activating and causing disease years later. This is becoming an increasing concern in nursing homes, and now stringent mandatory testing is required at the time of admission to a nursing home. Another cause for concern is the development of drug resistance in strains of TB. Traditionally we treated it with a combination of several TB antibiotics, but recently there is a decreased sensitivity to many of the traditional drugs. In many Asian countries TB is so prevalent that the common anti-TB drug Isoniazid (INH) is included in over-the-counter cough medicines. This becomes a real problem in people with

reduced immunity (such as those with AIDS) and in communities where there is crowding, poor sanitation and poor access to health care.

The symptoms of TB can mask many diseases, but classical pulmonary tuberculosis presents itself with a chronic cough, night sweats, fever, weight loss, and fatigue. The diagnosis is usually accomplished with a chest X-ray and skin tests, and confirmed with sputum tests. A history of exposure to someone with TB (even years earlier) is also helpful in alerting your physician to the possibility of TB.

As we end another year, my staff and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and the best in 1993.



by
Frank G.
Tucker

A Perspective of Christmas

My earliest memories of Christmas were of trimming the tree with my four sisters. It was an annual event: going to the attic to find the Christmas boxes, checking the strains of lights, decorating the tree together with the usual discussion of how much tinsel would be best and various other artistic questions which I willingly let my sisters decide.

One year I was delegated to go to the village country store to buy our Christmas tree for \$5.00 and bring it home on my sled. I can still recall the pride I felt at being chosen for such an honored duty. Also vivid on my mind were the annual trips to the Fillmore 5 & Dime; all of us five children sneaking around the store buying presents for each other, having a whole \$10.00 to spend on the other family members. It was a disorganized but wonderful affair; 2 or 3 of us would team together to buy a special expensive gift, the older children counting the money and giving advice to the younger.

Like all other children (from blessed American homes), Christmas meant presents, especially toys. It seemed like Christmas would never come ... endless waiting for Christmas morning. Christmas morning itself had a ritual we observed year after year. Sandy, the youngest, would wake the rest of the children and the five of us would sit around the Christmas tree wiggling and giggling with excitement until our parents were finally aroused

and came to the living room and gave the signal to begin.

As I grew older the Christmas season shortened, pleasure from the gifts decreased gradually, despite Dad's capacity and willingness to spend more on us.

By age 15 I had my own money to spend on Christmas. Dad and I had grown close over the years and my lust for getting was replaced with gratitude for what I had already received, and the special person who had provided it. Dad told me he had bought himself a 28 gauge shotgun. It was a Charles Dale over and under, now a collectors' item.

As Christmas approached I was determined to buy Dad a special gun case for his new shotgun. My older sister drove me to the gunstore. Strangely enough she made every attempt to turn my attention to other gift ideas, but it was no use; I proudly walked out with my prize for my father. On Christmas morning it seemed important to my sister that Dad and I open our presents for each other at the same time. To our great surprise, we had purchased each other identical gun cases!

Since that time, Christmas giving has replaced getting. From my perspective, the true measure of a man is not what he possesses but rather what he has given.

Fire near Glen Cove

by Hugh McMillan

Fire gutted a home in the 1200 Block of 134th Ave. in the Glen Cove area on November 7. Those living in the structure were asleep behind the closed door of the bedroom when the smell of smoke and intense heat roused them for a hasty exit via the bedroom window.

Cause of the fire was determined to be an uninsulated metal chimney located about a foot from a cedar paneled wall with no gypsum board backing. The occupants had set a fire in a wood burning stove before retiring. The heat from the chimney ignited the nearby wall and the fire moved into the attic.

Key Peninsula Firefighters were on the scene immediately after receiving the call and managed to save what was left of the by-then fully involved structure. The building sustained heat, smoke and water damage, except for the bedroom. There were no injuries.

Fire District 16 officials consider the place a total loss and estimate the cost to be \$33,000.

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by Joan Lawrence

Things are zipping in the 40-mile-an-hour zone. That's how I think of it, anyway—the 40-mile-an-hour zone stretch between Wauna and Minter Creek.

Turn right on Sidney and head toward Horseshoe Lake County Park and you'll discover a terrific new restaurant on The Horseshoe Lake Golf Course. Stop at the Harvest Time Country Store on 302 and in a little mall inside you'll find a wonderful new nursery/design shop and Guatemalan imports.

Country Gardens

Country Gardens is a new outlet for an old face... well, not that old; but she's been around the peninsula a while. Most people "in the know" are familiar with Terry Thomas, the bubbly blonde who has graced the Civic Center Executive Board as its Secretary during the past couple of years. Not only has Terry acted as Secretary to the Board, she's an energetic volunteer in function after function. Terry and husband John frequently are found in the Civic Center

kitchen during fund-raisers like Reno Night, and making pizza on skating nights. They just give give, and we appreciate three-fold as well.

Terry has just opened a shop, in the Harvest Time store complex, called Country Gardens. If you didn't already know, now you do: Terry is a skillful and talented decorator. You've seen evidence of this at Civic Center functions, where she has pooled talents with Claudia Loy, another talented VIP (Very Important Peninsular).

The Eclipse

In the same unit as Country Gardens you'll find a shop called The Eclipse, run by a gal named Jody. They feature Guatemalan imports. I had a chance to see some of them at the Christmas Festival at the Civic Center on Nov. 28, and they're stunning. I bought a heavy-duty bag of leather and (I think) jute (it's woven). I need a big bag to carry my purse and camera and notebooks and food and whatever else I might think of during the day.

The Horseshoe Lake Golf Course and Restaurant

After you stop at The Eclipse and Country Gardens, head down Sidney for lunch at The Horseshoe Lake Golf Course Restaurant. The restaurant has a peaceful, comfortable decor; good and reasonably-priced food; and lovely views of the golf course: from all the windows you can watch amateurs and pros tee-off or work the driving range.

Recently, we spoke with Rick Roland, manager and part-owner of the

restaurant; head chef Barry Rinehart (late of the Lobster Shop & Bay Co. of Tacoma); and head golf pro Craig Wilcox. Other members of the team include assistant pro Joe Sala and teaching pro Ted Wurtz. They would like you to keep in mind the fact that Horseshoe Lake Golf Course is a public course—you don't have to be a member to use it.

"Sometimes people think that all golf courses are private," says Roland. "That's not the case."

At Horseshoe, you pay a green fee and have the option of renting clubs or a driving cart. Winter green fees are \$15 on week days, and currently they are running a 2 for 1 special until March 15.

Your reporter is not a golfer, but if looks count for anything, the course is a beauty worth trying.

The restaurant, I have tried. Nothing prevents me from eating on a regular basis, and isn't eating Most Fun when you don't have to cook it yourself? Let Barry do it.

I had a recommendable, juicy cheeseburger. Give me time, I'll try the fish & chips, baked salmon, prime rib and (my mouth is watering just thinking about it), I may dash out now to check out the shrimp and mushroom fettucine. (Is anything better than fettucine? I'm talking about food, now.)

The Horseshoe Lake Golf Course, Country Club & Restaurant is owned by the Roland family, who have owned and operated Roland & Roland Real Estate for 40 years. Bob and Howard Roland began the real estate in downtown Gig Harbor, and moved it to its Purdy location in the early '60s. After a stint in the banking business (between

1971 and 1986, they operated a community bank in Port Orchard), Bob Roland had an idea to develop a golf course on the land he and brother Howard had purchased about 25 years ago. They began building the course in August 1991, and were open for business in July of '92. The Clubhouse and Restaurant opened September 16, 1992, managed by Bob's son Rick.

The restaurant has a convenient location, just off Highway 302. We have several good restaurants in the area (I will not, here, tell you the name of my favorite, but, hint: it's run by a really tall guy with a couple of wonderful waitresses named Pat and Linda), and the Horseshoe Restaurant is a welcome alternative well worth checking out (you can't eat at Michael G's every day). (Oops.)

Whether you golf or just like to sit and watch cute golf pros, try the new Horseshoe Lake restaurant.

Travel Agency

Five Stars of Scandinavia has announced the opening of its U.S. subsidiary, with offices in Gig Harbor. Managing Director will be Ingrid Shumway.

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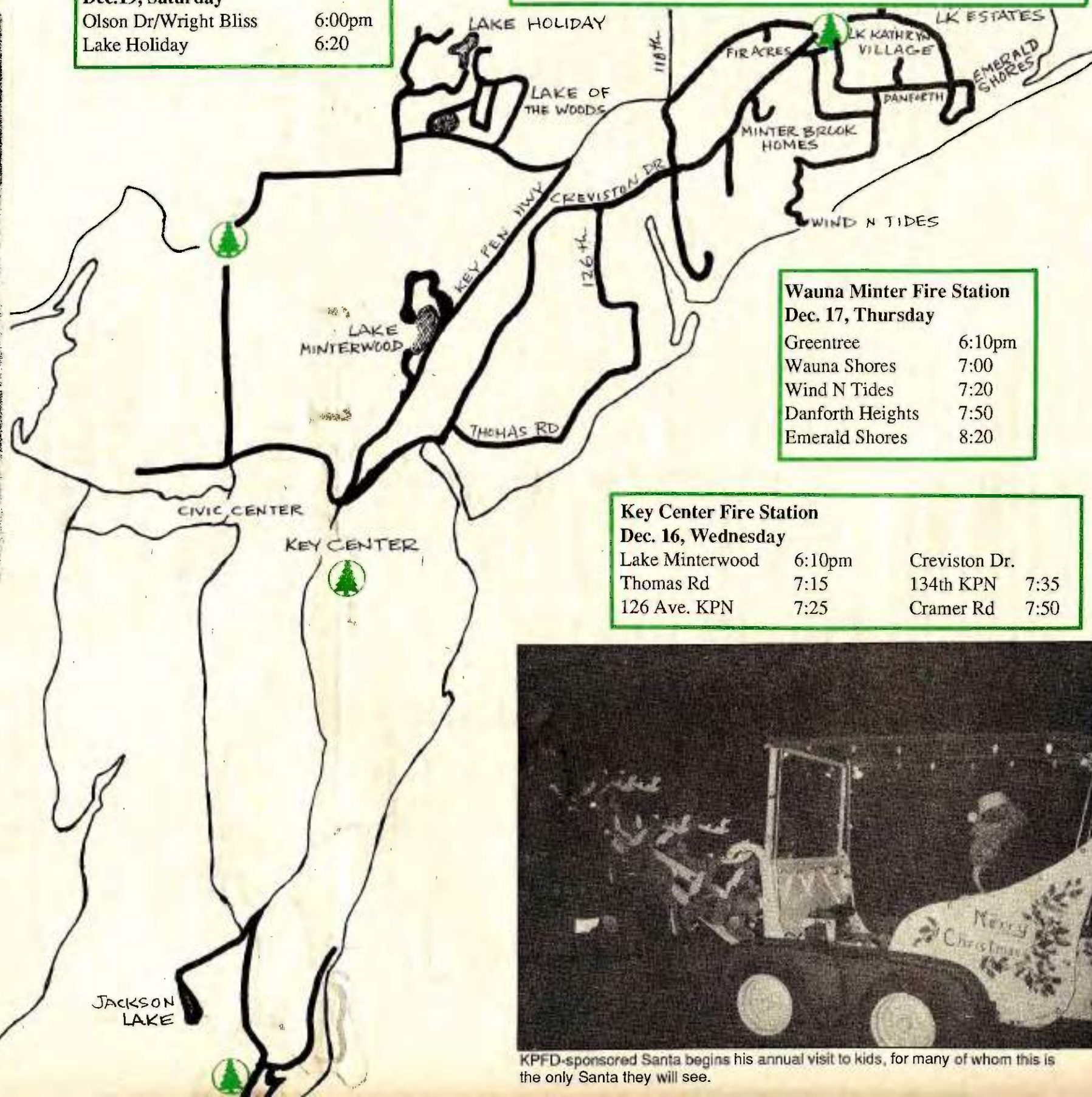
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Lake of the Woods 6:10pm

Dec. 19, Saturday
Olson Dr/Wright Bliss 6:00pm
Lake Holiday 6:20

Wauna Minter Fire Station
Dec. 18, Friday
Fir Acres 6:10pm
Minter Brook Homes 6:40
110th Ave. 7:00

Horsehoe Lake Estates 7:20
Lake Kathryn Village 8:00

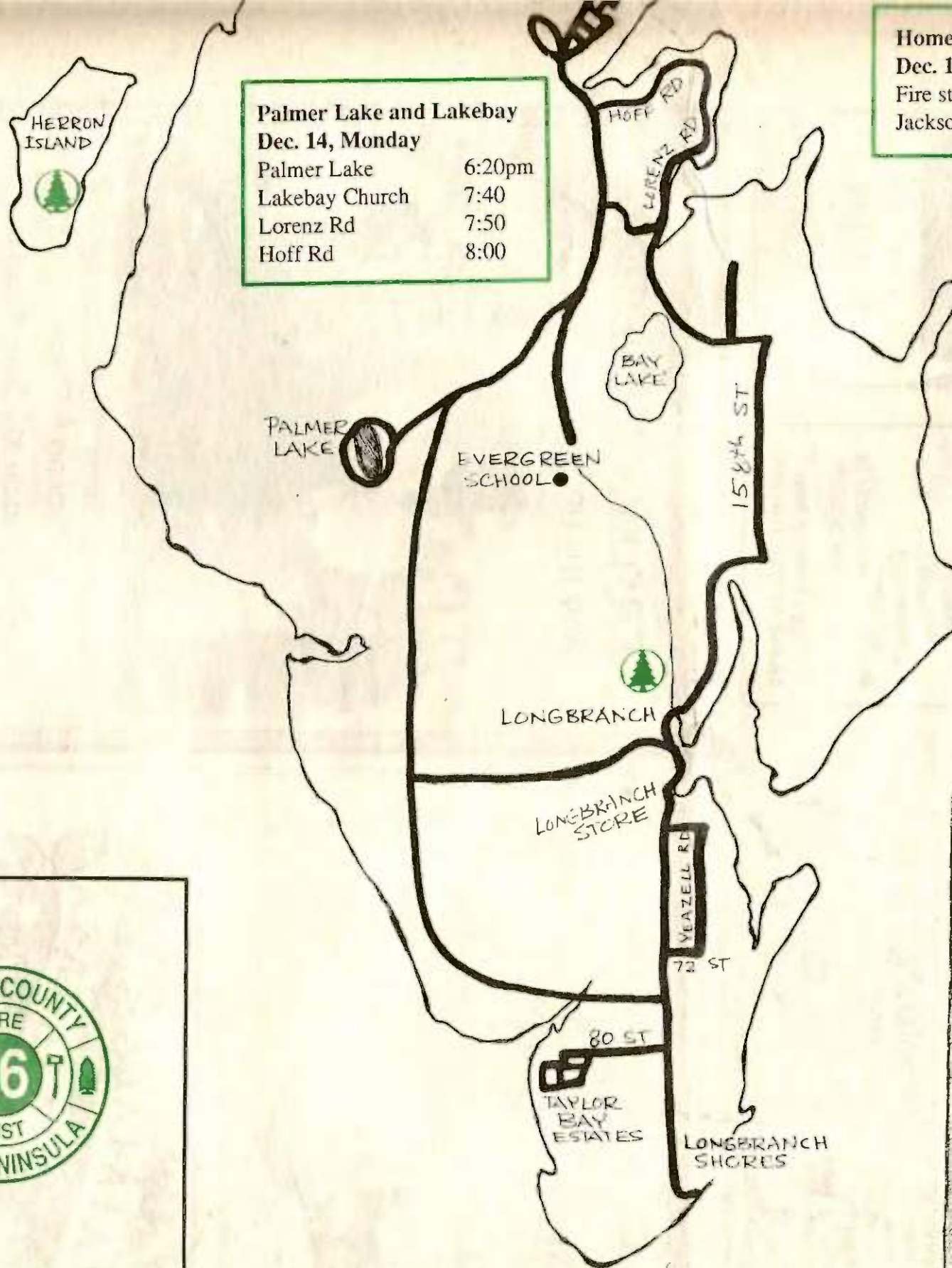


Wauna Minter Fire Station
Dec. 17, Thursday
Greentree 6:10pm
Wauna Shores 7:00
Wind N Tides 7:20
Danforth Heights 7:50
Emerald Shores 8:20

Key Center Fire Station
Dec. 16, Wednesday
Lake Minterwood 6:10pm
Thomas Rd 7:15
126 Ave. KPN 7:25
Creviston Dr. 7:35
134th KPN 7:35
Cramer Rd 7:50



KPF-sponsored Santa begins his annual visit to kids, for many of whom this is the only Santa they will see.



Palmer Lake and Lakebay
Dec. 14, Monday
 Palmer Lake 6:20pm
 Lakebay Church 7:40
 Lorenz Rd 7:50
 Hoff Rd 8:00

Home Fire Station
Dec. 15, Tuesday
 Fire station 6:00 pm Home store 8:00
 Jackson Lake 6:10 Fire station 8:15

Longbranch Fire Station
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FIRE STATIONS

Walking

by Neena Bauer

While on my exercise walk I encountered a Mom and her preschool girl, also on a walk, but a very different kind. I recalled how it was to walk with young children. Everything is new for them. They are much closer to the ground. They notice things we would never see. The girl had picked up a stick and she told me it was to keep her feet from being tired. My stick was to keep the dogs off my legs. I applauded the Mom for her patience. They were spending quality time together which for that child was a leisurely exploration of the outdoors.

I then recalled walks with my children. They'd discover unfortunate dead flattened frogs which would then initiate a discussion of anatomy. We'd see a water meter cover and a reading lesson would ensue. The trees would evoke conversations about leaves and colors. I'd again hear noises that no longer registered; they'd notice every airplane passing overhead.

Children, because their minds are not yet programmed, often create unique descriptions. (Eloquent authors are adults who have not lost that gift.) I remember a Donahue show (when Donahue talked about normal topics) on which a Mom quoted her child describing an oil spill on a parking lot: "Look, Mom, a dead rainbow." From now on you will have trouble NOT thinking of a dead rainbow when you see oil on the pavement.

As an activity during his birthday party, my neighbor's child requested a walk through the forest. The children loved it. The parents had put up some Halloween-type articles for them to

notice. They could have been instructed to each bring home one leaf or moss or piece of interesting wood from which they could make rubbings or a centerpiece or a collage or....

Getting outside is always a new learning experience, especially for the very young. Parents, grandparents, babysitters—take a slow walk with someone small and learn.



Scholarships to be awarded

After a proposal by School Board activist Keith Stiles, Key Peninsula Business Association voted to award \$250 scholarships to two Key Peninsula students graduating from Peninsula High School in 1993. Students now are submitting their notebooks for competition. Finalists will be announced in the spring.



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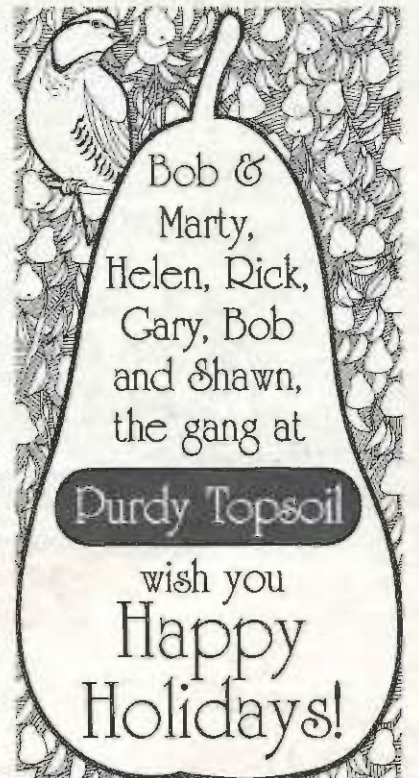
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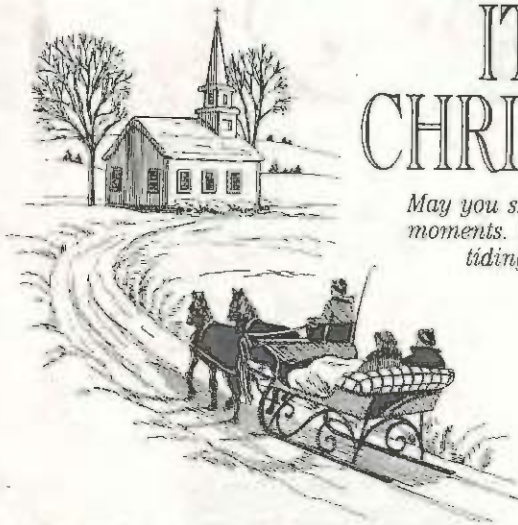
On Dec. 6, beginning at 4 pm you will visit with Santa, hear the KPLF Heritage Choir and sample some refreshments during the annual Key Center Christmas tree lighting at K.C. Corral. Don't miss it!



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SEASONS GREETINGS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS



From Linda, Diane, Phyllis, Don, Wendy,
Dyanna & Christie

*the staff at the Key Center Branch of
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In the Garden

by Olive Bell Reid

Most gardeners tend to "shelve" their garden tasks for the month of December.

If you haven't brought in your geraniums and vacationing houseplants by now, you probably have decided to bag it and buy replacements next spring. I did manage to prune back my fuchsias, bury them in a trench and cover them with a foot of maple leaves. My very large agapanthus is in a container on wheels, so I can whisk it into the garage if a freeze threatens. Those beautiful blue lilies are worth extra care.

As you clean up your flower borders, dig in compost wherever you can. It's the best plant food there is. Is composting a headache for you? Try this easy method. Find an old garbage can with a tight fitting lid. Punch lots of holes in the bottom. Place it in an unobtrusive location in your yard. Fill another can with dirt and place it beside the first can. Place a small shovel beside them. A plastic container with lid beside your sink and deposit all your organic scraps (not meat) therein. When it's full dump it into the garbage can and add a shovel full of dirt on top. Repeat this all year long and in one year you will have a can full of rich compost for your garden. No mess, no stirring, no odor, and no animals getting into it if the lid is kept on.

If you haven't given your lawn a last feeding, do it now. Be sure to use slow release nitrogen fertilizer. It will keep your lawn healthy all winter. Avoid letting leaves sit on your lawn. Chop them up with your mower and use them for mulch. Continue to clean up debris, leaves and last summer's annuals as these provide a cozy place for over-wintering pests. Wash out clay pots and store them in a dry place so they won't absorb moisture, freeze and break. After the first frost, mulch tender plants such as *Stokesia*, *Alstroemeria*, *Romneya coulteri* (tree poppy), *Diascia*, *Abelia*, *Ceanothus*, *Escallonia*, *Fatsia*, *Bletilla* orchids and the tender types of azaleas and rhododendrons. Put slug bait into quart size milk cartons and hide them next to hosta, *Helleborus*, cyclamen, violets, primroses, *Iris reticulata* and other plants that bloom during winter and early spring. Slugs will crawl in to get the bait, but birds won't.

I realize that most of the above will not get done before the holidays, but maybe we will be blessed with a few sunny days here and there when we can dash out and enjoy our winter gardens. Hope so!

Obituary

Harry O. Goodpastor

Longtime Herron Island resident Harry O. Goodpastor died Nov. 16 at the age of 86.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Mountain View Funeral Home in Tacoma. The family has asked that remembrances be given in Goodpastor's name to a favorite charity.

TAX TIPS

by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Home office scenario: By establishing a home office, a person thought he had become able to deduct the cost of traveling from home to his other work locations. But the IRS disallowed the deduction, saying travel between home and worksite was non-deductible commuting.

The tax court reversed the IRS decision, saying the home *was* a worksite and travel between the two work sites is deductible.

If you have no canceled check to prove a payment that you deducted, the IRS says it will accept an account statement prepared by a financial institution that shows the check cleared, as proof of the expenditure. Expect the IRS, under new rules, also to be more willing to accept other kinds of secondary documentation, such as electronic fund transfer statements, credit card statements, invoices marked "paid" and receipts for cash. For details of the new policy, see the IRS Revenue Procedure 92-71.



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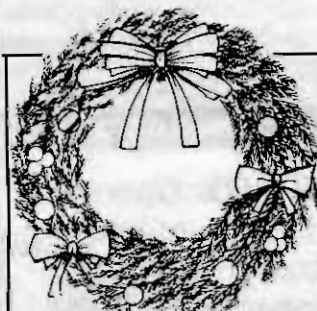
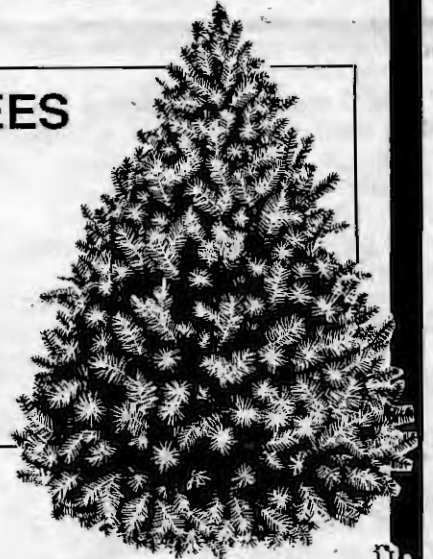
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Çantana's CountryKitchen

by Çantana Snow

December brings out the child in nearly everyone. What could be more festive than creating old-fashioned, edible holiday trimmings? The lollipop recipe is very old and quite kid-tested by now.

Lollipops

4 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup water
food coloring
flavoring



Mix sugar, corn syrup and water in heavy sauce pan. Cook without stirring until candy thermometer reads 300 degrees F. For different coloring and flavoring, pour hot syrup into separate warm pans. Quickly stir in coloring and flavoring. Put wooden sticks in buttered gem pans or candy molds. Pour a little syrup into each. Cool. Wrap each pop with plastic wrap. Tie ribbon on stick for hanging as ornament.

Chocolate glaze for cookies
sugar cookie dough (for 5 dozen)
5 oz. semi-sweet baking chocolate
1 T water

Cut dough into stars or bells. Using a straw, make a hole near top of each cookie. Bake. Cool cookies. Melt chocolate with water in sauce pan. Brush cookies with chocolate. Cool. Thread ribbon through each cookie for hanging as ornament.



At Home on the Range

by Janice McMillan

Every holiday season I look for new and interesting cookie recipes, but somehow I always manage to make at least one batch of these excellent cookies. The chopped glaceed cherries are almost a secret ingredient—few people can guess exactly what is in the cookie. Chocolate and cherries are very complementary, think of the old standby chocolate covered cherries. My husband says they should be a controlled substance offered by prescription only.

Chocolate Cherry Hermits

1 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt
2 oz. (squares) unsweetened chocolate, coarsely chopped
8 TBSP (1 stick) butter, softened
3/4 c. sugar
1 large egg
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 c. milk
7-1/2 oz. chopped glaceed cherries (about 1 cup)
4 oz. (about 1 cup) coarsely chopped walnuts

Chocolate glaze:

1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 TBSP. butter, softened
1 c. sifted powdered sugar
2 TBSP. milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two baking sheets.

In medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt.

Put chocolate in small custard cup. In small saucepan bring 1 inch water to boil and remove from heat; place cup in water. Allow chocolate to melt, stirring once and remove cup from water when melted.

In large bowl using hand-held mixer at medium high speed, cream butter for about 1 minute. While mixing, gradually add sugar and beat until blended. Beat in egg and vanilla and continue beating for 2 to 3 minutes, or until thick and light colored. Stir in melted chocolate.

Stir in half dry ingredients until blended. Stir in milk with remaining dry ingredients. Stir until smooth. Stir in cherries and walnuts.

Drop about 1 tablespoon dough, 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, until no impression is left when cookie is very lightly touched with fingertip. Transfer cookies to wire rack and immediately coat each cookie with about 1/2 teaspoon of the chocolate glaze. Allow to cool completely. Makes about 3-1/2 dozen 2 ~ 3 inch cookies.

To make glaze: Melt chocolate as directed for cookies. Transfer chocolate to small bowl and stir in butter until melted. Alternately stir in powdered sugar with the milk. Stir in the vanilla.

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Key location, talent serve Michael G's clientele well

by Bart Ripp

Reprinted from The Morning News Tribune, 10/9/92 issue

Urban refugees seeking a house in Home should get 884-9603 tattooed on their wrists.

That's the phone number for reservations at Michael G's in Key Center, which not only serves the best food on the Key Peninsula, but is among the sturdiest eating values around Puget Sound.

Word is circulating among the boat people and exiles from Issaquah, desperately seeking sustenance—and waterfront property—among the huckleberries in Home, Elgin, Lakebay and Longbranch. On weekends when BMWs from Bellevue clog Gig Harbor-Longbranch Road, Michael G's swarms with hungry real estate agents and their landlocked clients.

"I stress reservations, because we've been getting hammered on weekends," said the roadhouse's owner, chef and namesake, Michael Grimsley.

Grimsley is my favorite sort of chef—not somebody raised in the business, not somebody who gnashed his way through a community college cooking class, but somebody who learned to cook by reading and listening, osmosis and vibrations.

From the Ferry County community of Curlew, where haute cuisine is sliced onions with the hash browns, Grimsley trekked to Spokane to attend computer school and work as a car mechanic. He did most everything but sell Amway until deciding his place was in the kitchen.

For the past 23 years, Grimsley has cooked at restaurants in Spokane, Lake Cushman and Federal Way. After

migrating from Giancarlo in Federal Way 18 months ago, Grimsley and his wife, Laurie, bought Key Dining Room in Key Center from Dale Towry and renamed it.

Despite bountiful portions and able cooking at Michael G's, I can't go in the place without feeling sad. Dale and Marcy Towry elevated the restaurant, located in a cowboy-style strip mall, to spirited crescendos. But cancer killed Marcy at age 40 two years ago. And poor Dale drowned in a boating accident last year.

The verve of the Towrys, their great gusto for food, has found a notable successor in Mike and Laurie Grimsley.

On the six afternoons a week that Michael G's serves lunch, stop for big, fresh burgers (\$4.95 to \$6.95) and exquisite hand-cut fries. His pan-fried Minterbrook oysters with salad and fries (\$6.95) makes a grand meal that lasts all afternoon.

Castaways searching for a salad should try Michael G's shrimp Louie (\$6.95) emboldened by the best raspberry vinaigrette dressing in history. This popular Northwest salad dressing has been wimpified by too many chefs, who make their raspberry vinaigrette more of the latter than the former.

Grimsley emulsifies eggs and sugar, adding sherry and red wine vinegar. He delicately runs raspberries—flash-frozen or fresh in season—through a food processor. Rather than mashing the raspberries, Grimsley allows the fruit's substance to survive. You'll be picking berry seeds from your teeth and begging, like Michael G's regulars, for Grimsley to bottle and sell this terrific concoction.

The murmurs of toothpicks snaring berry seeds and customers praying for bottled raspberry vinaigrette are about

all you'll hear at Michael G's. Atmosphere, except for moments when Michael G remembers to put Kenny G on the stereo, is reduced to a few watercolors of seaside coves and the hum of a revolving dessert cooler.

Order the veal special (\$14.95) at dinner, and you'll hear the sweetest sound—Grimsley pounding slender veal slivers before sauteeing them in peppers, mushrooms and a chunky marinara that approaches Giancarlo's plum tomato sauce.

Start the serenade with fried calamari (\$5.95) dusted in flour and Cajun spices, and served with a meek aioli that needed more garlic. Better yet, get the bruschetta (\$5.50) that comes, unless you plead for mercy, with anchovies.

Most dinners come with soup—usually a chowder or a Giancarlo-influenced minestrone—and salad. The produce, especially some choice chanterelle mushrooms, comes from Steve Gomes' market at the Texaco gas station in Elgin.

On a visit to Michael G's last year, we were lambasted by piper nigrum—the Latin name for black peppercorns. These explosive kernels lurked in salads, soups and entrees. Grimsley has toned down the peppercorns, but still makes a fine pepper steak (\$13.95) sauteed with brandy, shallots and a lightly reduced cream.

Also recommended: prawns Northwest (\$13.95) sauteed with shallots, garlic, mushrooms, tomatoes and white wine; chicken boscaiola (\$11.95), a fettucine enlivened by a creamy sherry sauce; and seafood linguini (\$14.95) with that bold marinara dressing up a trove of clams, mussels, prawns and calamari.

Portions can be overwhelming. A

brisk server named Linda—with 25 years experience in Pierce County restaurants, notably Acapulco II—shoveled leftovers into steamer trunk-sized plastic containers. I liked how Linda pronounced Italian "EYE-talian."

For true trenchermen, Grimsley offers desserts (\$3) from Affairs in Tacoma and a popular Snickers pie from Sysco Distributors. He'll occasionally whip up a tiramisu or cannoli, but is concentrating on entrees. Help on Key Peninsula is sparse, unless Grimsley lowers his standards by hiring from the local flock of fry cooks.

The way property is selling on the peninsula, Grimsley would do well to hire somebody for the front. On those tumultuous weekends when people search for wooded lots with a view, Michael G's gets mobbed. Even if you're not selling your soul—and equity—Michael G's is worth a drive.

Bart Ripp dines anonymously. His meals are paid for by The Morning News Tribune. Restaurants are rated for food, service and atmosphere according to this system:

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Ripp's Ratings

Food: ★★★

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Scams that target the elderly

A public information program will be held Wed., Dec. 9, 9:30-11:30 AM at St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 3510 Rosedale in Gig Harbor. The program, titled Scams that target the elderly, will feature a video presentation and question/answer period.

The program is sponsored by Senator Bob Oke of the 26th Legislative District. Call 851-3441 or 1-800-782-2955 for further information.

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Lt. Bill Seewer, Law with a human touch

"Honorary Casket Bearers by all of his friends who carry his memory," read the brochure accompanying Pierce County Sheriff's Lt. Bill Seewer's memorial services at the Valley Chapel, Mountain View Funeral Home Saturday, Oct. 31. That sort of said it all.

Seewer, a longtime Peninsula resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, following a bout with colon cancer. He was 51.

So many friends came to pay respects there was standing room only. Bagpipes sadly announced the ceremonies beginning and closed with the hymn "Amazing Grace." An honor guard of deputies presented flags of the US and Washington while some 50 of his colleagues stood at respectful attention.

Old friends, Detective Walt Stout and Bob Copeland, joined Sheriff's Chaplain Dan Nolte in sharing memories of the popular Seewer, as did Sheriff John Shields who noted among other things his contribution to the success of the Citizens Against Crime organization.

Stout reminded everyone that Seewer claimed, "I was born a hundred years too late. I should have been a sheriff in the Wild West."

Everyone spoke of Seewer's wonderful sense of humor.

"I remember a time several cars of us were on a drug bust," said Hendrickson. "Seewer pulled off the road and summoned us to gather round. He got out of his patrol car, hitched up his pants, and said, 'well, men, if we make it through this there'll be medals for all of us.' He then took off and by the time we got to the scene, he'd kicked in the door and made the arrests. Since then, 'there'll be medals for all of us,' has become our password."

Sgt. Ross Herberholtz who replaced Seewer as officer in charge at the Purdy offices of the Sheriff commented, "He had a great sense of humor. I think he laughed at things to remain sane in this business. He left some very big shoes for me to try to fill."

Key Peninsula Fire Chief Horace Kanno remembered that "Bill set the scene of cooperation between fire and law enforcement personnel which continues today. He held classes here for closer relations between us. We had excellent relations, thanks to Bill."

"CAC never could have gotten off the ground without the unstinting cooperation and encouragement of Bill Seewer," said Hugh McMillan, one of CAC's founders. "I just can't believe he's not here. I'll never forget the day he was promoted to lieutenant and he asked me to pin his badge on. Others being promoted had their spouses do that and accompany it with a kiss.

Some wag in the audience yelled, 'Aren't you gonna kiss him, Hugh?' He is a terrible loss to law enforcement, he did so much to give it a human face."

Deputy Bob Fuller said, "He was a real prankster. We used to fish together. He'd cancel a date with some of the most beautiful women around just to go fishing. I remember when (deputy) Paul Thrash with the connivance of (deputy) Gregg Stonack and I reconstructed an article written by a deputy from another detachment on Bill changing it to describe him as a backward hick sergeant. He came unglued, wanted the guy's phone number. When we let him know he'd been had, he said, 'Yep. I'm so backward my car has no forward gears,' then backed out the door saying, 'Follow me, men. There's medals in this for all of us.'" Fuller added, "Bill had lots of friends outside of law enforcement, and that's really unusual. He was one of a kind."

CAC's Marilyn Vogeler described Seewer as, "happy go lucky. A guy who cared about people very much and people cared about him. We have a nice framed picture of Bill in the office now. He's all dressed up in a Western sheriff uniform, six gun, badge and all. God, we're going to miss him!"

As the service at Mountain View ended, Seewer's green beret was presented to his five year old daughter Sarah Miller, born of his union with, "my life mate," as he knew her, Becky Miller, whom he planned to marry later this year.

The Pierce County Deputy Sheriff's Guild has established the Sarah Miller Benefit Fund for Lt. Seewer's daughter. Contributions may be made at any branch of Puget Sound Bank.

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Cold water rescue

by Hugh McMillan

About 6pm, Sunday, Nov. 1, a pickup truck driven by a 75-yr-old male failed to negotiate the approach to the Home bridge and sailed into Von Geldern Cove with a splashing crash.

Mark L. Koplan, 40, of Home, and Kevin "Todd" Lam Belton, 24, of Kent, were preparing their dinner salad when the latter cried, "a car just went into the water." At first incredulous, Koplan stepped out into the pouring rain to confirm the report, then the two rushed to the rescue.

Waist deep in the freezing water, they found an injured, badly bleeding person behind the wheel while water rushed into the vehicle. Koplan managed to open the door to a "real swoosh of water," said Koplan and the two dragged the driver from the vehicle. While holding the man upright above water level—and sinking into the bottom mud—a third person, Brian R. Boll, 18, arrived to lend a hand.

Once ashore, Koplan ran to the nearby Home Store where the proprietor had just completed a 911 call. Shortly thereafter, Key Peninsula Fire Department rescue personnel and vehicles were on the scene, as were two Washington State Patrol cars with troopers Jim Sammons and Ray Schierhoff.

The driver of the vehicle was transported via KP Fire Department ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Trooper Sammons said, "Those three men saved that man's life. They're real heroes. They staunch the blood flow from a head wound which could have killed him."

Assistant KP Fire Chief Fred Ramsdell agreed. "They did an outstanding job," he said. "They undoubtedly saved his life."

VFW Potluck

The VFW 4990 Christmas Party for members and guests will be a Pot Luck Dinner on the meeting night of Dec. 14. There will be no gift exchange, but bring something for the food bank.

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Reno Night—a new deal

by Joan Lawrence

The Civic Center in Vaughn did it again. It seems like each event we sponsor is bigger and better than the last.

The Nov. 7 Reno Night was the glitziest ever. We had a great turn-out, lots of wheeler-dealers and fancy ladies touring the tables. Your reporter didn't see a sour face in the place. But the thing that made the night so special was the dealers. Not only did they look terrific in their visors and silk vests, they were dedicated, they knew their stuff, and they had smiles on their faces. We all like to see people having a good time here at the Civic Center!

Reno Night is an event held twice a year. Our dealers are volunteers, "ordinary" people from the community, people like you and me (if your hands move fairly fast and you know how to count).

One of the blackjack dealers was Steve Crounse, pictured right. Crounse is the Comptroller/Treasurer at Private Label Film company in Key Center by day. By night—well, we can't speak

for the rest of the year, but on Nov. 7 he was dealing blackjack at the Civic Center.

Crounse's interest in blackjack was kindled during his days at MIT, around the time Atlantic City opened its casinos. He and some college friends made a beat-the-dealer pact. They read up on blackjack technique, ran various systems through their computers and came up with a system of their own. Certain they could beat the house, they formed a pool—"sort of like a stock deal, people bought shares" in the enterprise, Crounse told the NEWS.

Crounse left their association to return to the Puget Sound area, but his college friends, in association with 20 or 30 "shareholders," made over a million dollars in two years playing blackjack in Atlantic City.

Over the years, Crounse continued his interest in the game. During his Air Force stint in San Francisco, occasionally he and his wife would play blackjack at Tahoe. He says his system is a winner.



We're lucky Crounse has a civic-minded heart: He became a dealer, choosing to play for the house rather than against it. In a previous issue of the NEWS, Crounse read the call for dealer trainees; and he attended every train-

ing session.

If you would like to sit on the other side of the table at the March 6, 1993, Reno Night event, for information about dealer training contact Mike Salatino at 851-4556.



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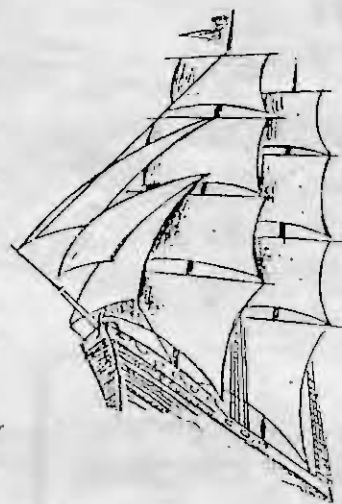
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Fire Academy, cont'd from page 6

Chief Orndorff estimated it will cost a further \$18 million to complete and maintain the facility—a project apparently supported by Governor-elect Mike Lowry.

Lowry pledges support

In an interview with Lowry in the Fall issue of the Washington State Firefighters' Association's quarterly publication, *The Washington Firefighter*, Lowry was quoted as saying, "(I place) a very high priority on training and of course especially for our smaller districts. It is critical that we have firefighter training in the Fire Service Training Center for doing that ... especially our small fire districts that need the availability of that training." Asked if he supported completion of the Training Center, Lowry responded, "Yes I do. I am saddened to see that it wasn't continued on the way we had hoped it would be ... I think that is just a vital component to the safety of the people in our state."

It isn't money alone that keeps the facility running smoothly.

"The dedication of the staff is the reason we can keep it going," said Orndorff.

Darrell Orndorff's vision is of eventual funding from the private sector. "If we got this fully funded and on track and developed, we would attract enough interest from the private sector to generate operating capital. Then we might train industrial people during

the week and firefighters on weekends."

Getting the Academy "fully funded" will require state legislation, prefaced by the support of concerned citizens.

Question: "Can the state afford \$18 million to fund the Fire Training Academy?"

Chief Orndorff's answer: "How can we afford not to?"

Vaughn Intersection, cont'd from page 1

properly set up the intersection for restructuring. It will be squared off as much as possible to increase visibility from all directions. There was some

concern expressed over the possibility of accidents occurring due to the new changes. Jim Ellison felt that the signage used by the county to introduce traffic revisions would prevent this from happening.

It is commonly felt that this change is needed. The current situation causes driver disorientation, which would sooner or later result in tragedy. A four-way stop would be a straightforward answer, not requiring personal interpretation. Soon we will be able to simply approach the intersection, observe the stop sign, and either proceed straight ahead or execute the desired turn. If in doubt, follow the White Rabbit.

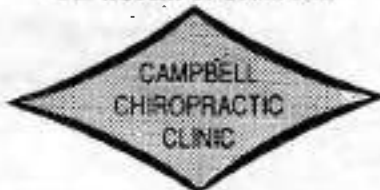
CAC's new BOD

by Hugh McMillan

At its regular meeting on Nov. 3, Citizens Against Crime, voted for its new Board of Directors for the year 1992 - '93. All candidates were elected by unanimous vote.

Karen Olson was re-elected to a second term as President, as was Charlotte Krause in the office of Secretary. Past President Art Gilmore was made Vice President and Past Vice President Dick Gormly joined Dick Mosher as Trustee. Wilma Haines replaced Ann White as Treasurer.

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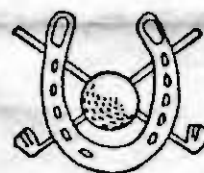


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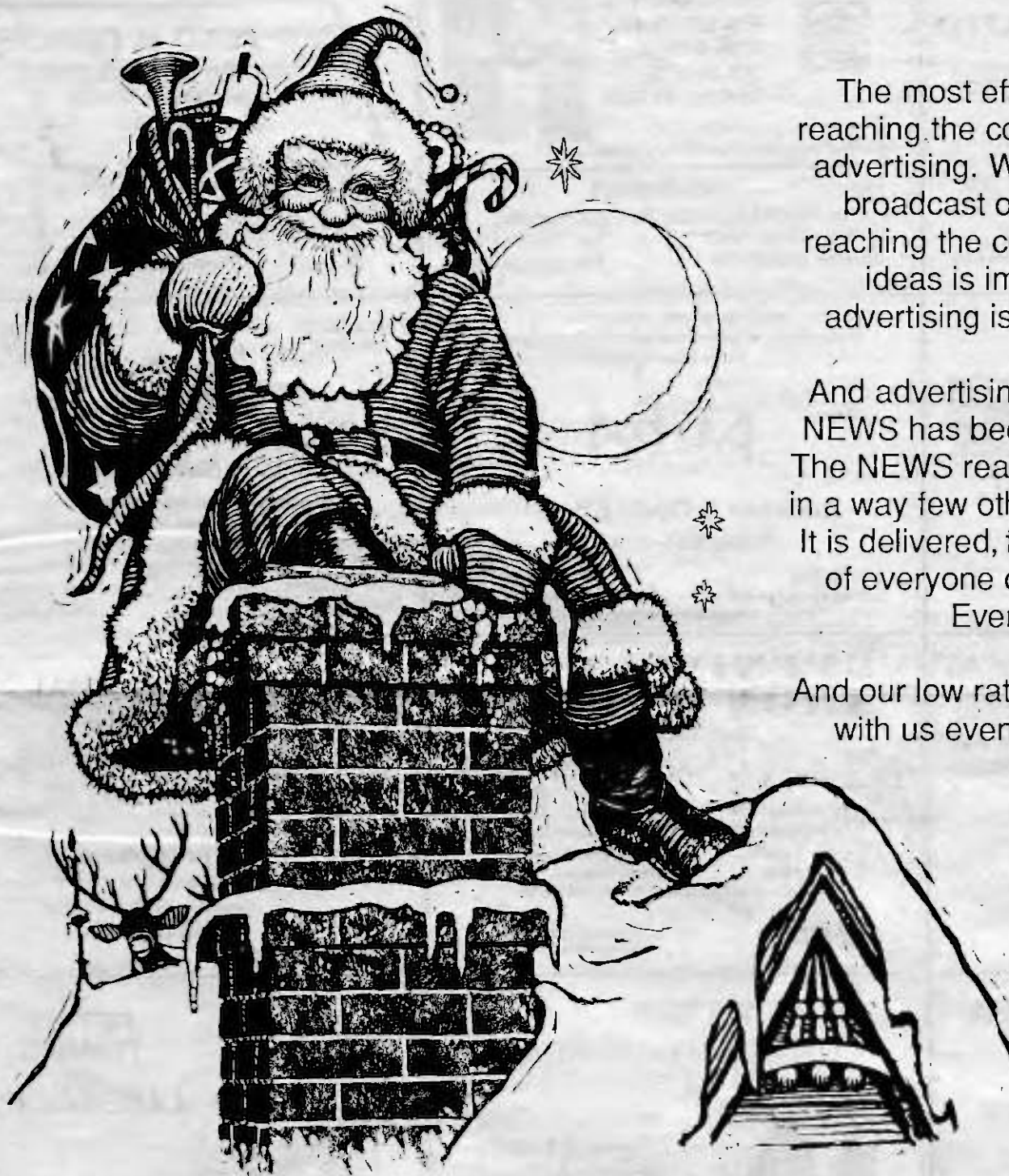
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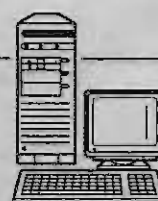
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