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looks ahead...

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## A Happy and Healthy New Year to All

### Shall we plan ahead?

Peninsula Social Club  
Rezone Committee  
takes the initiative

by Stella Retherford

Key Peninsula residents in 1989 face important decisions which will affect us for decades to come.

The development of the northern portion of the Peninsula to as far south, approximately, as Mnter Creek, is under a land use plan called "The Gig Harbor Plan." A group called Citizens' Implementation Committee (CIC) is attempting to modify the zoning of a portion of this area south of Purdy. They hope to increase the lot size limitation in order to preserve the rural lifestyle. The "Longbranch Plan" extends its influence from Devil's Head to as far north as an east-west line from South Head. (This plan was formed 10 years ago by Longbranch citizens who petitioned to upgrade their zoning from General Use to R-15 - Residential, 15,000 square feet minimum lot size. Limitations were placed on commercial and residential development. When lots are this small three homes must share a well. Larger lot size limitations would be wise, many thought, but that could not be arranged.)

Another area which has local people concerned is a large section of land southwest of Jackson Lake being developed for residential use by a local company. Some mobile homes have already been moved in. This area includes at least two swamps. Wetlands such as these are recharge areas for Peninsula aquifers which are the source of all domestic water used in Peninsula homes. These strata, deposited by glaciers about 13,000 years ago, can be polluted by septic effluents and commercial toxics. Percolation test holes observed recently were not draining well.

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Peninsula Light officials including, left to right, retiring General Manager Les Hein, Line Foreman Carl Veitenhans, President of the Board Paul Alvestad and Board member George Ancich, are pictured on site at the corner of Lackey Road and KP Hiway on the occasion of bringing power through on the new "high lines" from the Vaughn sub-station. This higher voltage power line link-up now extends to south of Home Bridge. Plans for the future are to put in a substation at Lakebay in the area of Cornwall Rd. and KP Highway. This will greatly improve service to the lower south of the Peninsula and represents a sizeable investment on the part of Peninsula Light Company. KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

### Road Interest Group holds last of public input meetings

RIG will hold its third and last meeting on January 17, 1989 to obtain input from local residents as to problems of driving on SR 302, suggested remedies and priorities. Cherie Mastro and Horrace Kanno are heading up this group, and

residents are encouraged to attend and voice their support for action. The meeting will be held in the Gold Room of the Civic Center at 7:30 pm. Public officials will be on hand to hear viewpoints and answer questions.

### KIRO's Jim French to keynote Citizen of Year Banquet

by Hugh McMillan

Radio KIRO's Jim French, whom many feel to be *the* radio voice of the Pacific Northwest, has accepted the Key Peninsula Lions Club invitation to serve as keynote speaker for the Fifth Annual KP Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet.

Club President Marvin Green commented, "We feel that having a person of Jim French's stature as our guest speaker is a great honor and tribute to our community."

Lion Third Vice President Bob Campy added, "The popular and highly respected French will doubtless present a program worthy of the fine people who have been nominated for this highest tribute our Club pays to those who serve our community."

Nominations for Citizen of the Year close January 4 to permit the Lions to cast secret ballots at their meeting that date. Results will be kept secret until the evening of the banquet, January 21, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. First Vice President Gary Ostlund and an anonymous person who is not a member of the Club will count the ballots and be the only persons to know the results until the awards ceremony.

Lion Director Frank Geary, co-chairman for the event, said "We're sure everyone understands that Lions are not eligible for the award and that those who are nominated must be residents of or work on the Key Peninsula."

"The whole purpose of the award," said Club Secretary Frances Challenger, "is to give our community an opportunity to show its appreciation to those citizens who serve without expectation of reward to make ours a better place in which to live. It's a chance to say 'thank you for a job well done.' Each nominee will be

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## KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on **Jan 16**. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is **Monday, Jan 9**.

## Key Peninsula Senior Society

by Martha Applegate

The 1989 officers for the KP Senior Society were voted in unanimously at a recent Thursday potluck. They are: Robert Smith, president; Cathryn Schafer, 1st vice-president; Beulah Kupka, 2nd vice-president; Evelyn Stinson, treasurer; Mavis Zacek, recording secretary; Martha Applegate, corresponding secretary. Helen Wolniewicz is immediate past president, Chuck Williamson and Don Blakemore are members-at-large.

## Dear Editor ...

### To the Editor

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Fire Department for the generous invitation extended to me to ride with Santa and Mrs. Santa (Fred and Mary Ramsdell) on Thursday evening, December 15, at Lake Holiday. My camera and I, seated next to Gerry Marsh the driver of Santa's sleigh, had one of the most enjoyable nights one could have in the holiday season.

I can see now why the men and women of our local fire department volunteered their free time on such a time-consuming endeavor. Just seeing the looks on the little ones' faces as Santa comes their way is worth braving the cold weather and spending evenings away from their families.

I also want to thank our fire department for not only what they do at Christmas but for what they do for us the whole year through. We have the best fire department in the state. They have been kind and generous to a novice photographer even though I was probably under foot most of the time when taking pictures at accident scenes, fires and such. Again, thank you!

Lee Stiles, KP NEWS

### To the Editor

For all of the members of the Key Peninsula Lions Club I would like to thank you for the coverage the Key Peninsula NEWS has so generously accorded our club, particularly in the edition of November 28, 1988.

It is thanks to assistance such as yours that we are able to help our young people to gain employment, to support our drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs, to acquire funds enabling us to assist the Key Peninsula Community Services (food bank) and the Key Peninsula Health Center's drug and alcohol counseling program, to provide eyeglasses and vision care, hearing aids and assistance to the needy, to cover the costs of the Lions' Health Van with which we provide free hearing and diabetes assessments, and a plethora of other help we make available to those in need in our community.

Without your help, our task would be considerably more difficult. Many thanks from all of us Key Peninsula Lions.  
Marvin Green, President

1988 was brought to a grand finale with the Senior Society table at the Arts and Crafts Fair at the Civic Center. With help from the whole group a Potluck Cookbook was printed and sold. Our thanks go to Sally and Alan Kruger who headed the work on the craft articles for sale and produced the cookbook.

The Senior Society wishes a happy New Year to all!

### To the Editor

I was recently invited to a Lions Club meeting and was amazed at the amount of effort and money they pour back into our community. I don't believe the vast majority of our citizens are aware of the effort and goodwill the Lions put forth in our community. They are in need of resources of all kinds in order to keep up the good work. I give them hearty congratulations for the good they are doing.

I wrote some time ago about the maroon boxes sitting alongside the road with "News" written on them. When you put your old papers in these the money goes out of our community to Federal Way Recycling. These boxes have now been changed to gray and charcoal and still read News on them. I am pleading with you, the consumer, to not put your papers in these boxes, instead put them in the Lions Club boxes. One is in Purdy Shopping Center, one is at Harvestime grocery and one sits behind Puget Sound Bank at Key Center. Remember, if you put your old newspapers in boxes other than the Lions' boxes, they go out of the community.

John H. Wetzel, Wetzel's Recycling

## KPCCA Board news

by Pauline Finn

The Civic Center Association Board wound down the 1988 year on December 8 by sharing a potluck dinner with incoming 1989 board members and their families. A good time and excellent dinner were had by all.

Dinner was followed by a short business meeting at which Vicki Henschel reported that the Arts and Crafts Fair produced a profit for KPCCA of a little over a \$1,000. It was recommended that, included in next year's table rental charge, a deposit be added to ensure that renters stay on the premises until the end of show at 4 pm.

Keith Stiles spoke on the changes in KP NEWS staff that will be in effect

### To the Editor:

Our family went to take a walk on the beach at RF Kennedy Recreational Area on December 27 only to discover a wholesale slaughter of the landscape in progress. We were shocked and dismayed at the ruin that used to be a park and I called the Bureau of Natural Resources as a first step in gathering information. Their answer to me was incomplete and unsatisfactory and their performance, with no attempt to inform the people as to what is going on, smacks of arrogance and indifference that I do not believe should be tolerated. Something is going on that is quite simply wrong.

I urge the citizens of Key Peninsula to go right away to the RF Kennedy Recreational Area and see what is happening there.

Virginia Thompson, Lakebay

## Hunting the Geoduck

When searching for the Geoduck,  
It sometimes takes a lot of luck,  
To find the neck sticking up,  
In seaweed strewn on top of muck,  
So you can dig down in the gack,  
Where stubborn clam is strongly stuck,  
To resist the pull of a ten ton truck,  
Now bellyflopper I bet a buck,  
That you don't get that geoduck.

January 1, saying that the NEWS grossed \$50,000 in 1988 and contributed \$3,800 towards support of the Civic Center. He stressed the importance of keeping the KP NEWS a paper which serves the needs of a new type of community which is populating the Peninsula and said that to drop back to a newsletter approach would not serve the needs of either the business community or the tax-paying voter.

Pioneer Day 1989, slated for August 5, was discussed briefly and the necessity of tying in the State Centennial celebration was stressed.

Another 50s/60s dance has been booked for February 25 at the Civic Center, with the Pretenders of Tacoma providing the beat. More about this will be coming in the February issues.

## Staff changes at KP NEWS

Karen Laatz, who has been on the staff for the past 10 months, will take over as Editor on January 1, 1989. Karen lives in the Kopachuck area, has a background in technical manual editing and is very enthusiastic about KP NEWS. Her husband, Willie, owns and operates a diving equipment and instruction business.

Ida McWatters will be the new advertising lay-out person, replacing Lee Stiles. Ida's experience has been in technical graphics and she looks forward to getting into more creative ad designing with our newspaper. Ida has been busy raising a family for the past several years and, with husband Dell and teenage daughter Krissi, is now living in the Jackson Lake area.

In charge of the distribution of the paper will be Arleen Lonning of Lakebay, replacing Janne Dukeshier.

Keith Stiles will no longer be involved in the daily operation of the NEWS, but his valuable insights into things that affect Key Peninsulans will still come to readers when he is "moved" to contribute them, which we hope is often.

Lee Stiles will retire to enjoy her new home at Vaughn but promises to be "camera ready" whenever possible.

Dan and Linda Orme are still our advertising sales team, and Ruth Updike remains as bookkeeper.

Past editor Pauline Finn will remain on the staff to assist, at least for the time being.

## Performance Circle opens "A Little Night Music"

Gig Harbor's Performance Circle opens with "A Little Night Music" by Stephen Sondheim on January 5, and will play on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through January 21 at the Burton Park playhouse on 38th Avenue, just off Hiway 16. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$5 juniors (17 and under). Reservations are recommended, call 851-PLAY.

Auditions for the next show, Simon Gray's suspense thriller "Stage Struck," will be held on Sunday, January 8, at 7 pm in Burton Park. Auditions will be from cold readings of the script, and script copies are available for perusal at the theater. The cast calls for three men and one woman. Rehearsals will start on January 9 for February 16 through March 4 performances, to be played Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Appointments can be set up for the January 8th auditions, if necessary, by calling 851-PLAY.

## A TREE-mendous idea

What will happen to the used, dry Christmas trees? This year residents throughout Pierce County can take their trees to Purdy Landfill at 14515 54th Avenue NW free of charge on January 7 and 8. Participants are asked to remove tinsel, nails and stands that can damage the chippers used to recycle the trees.

Last year the City of Tacoma, in conjunction with various city and private organizations, conducted a very successful recycling effort, collecting nearly 10,000 trees which were chipped and given to a local composting company for use as a soil additive. This year the effort has been expanded to include Pierce County and Land Recovery, Inc. This program not only converts used Christmas trees into a useful product but saves desperately needed space at the landfills.

## Call for artists

Applications are now being accepted from professional artists interested in participating in the Washington State Arts Commission's Artists-in-Residence Program for 1989-90. Residencies are available in a variety of settings, including schools, prisons, local arts councils, libraries, senior citizen centers, hospitals and special population sites. The Artists-in-Residence Program offers residencies in music composition, dance, film and video, folk arts, poetry and creative writing, theatre and visual arts. The deadline for artist applications is March 1, 1989. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Washington State Arts Commission, 9th and Columbia Building, Mail Stop GH-11, Olympia, WA 98504-4111 (206)753-3860.

## Peninsula movings and shakings.....

### Monday, January 2 ...

Senior Society Board meeting at KP Civic Center, 10 am.  
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.

### Tuesday, January 3 ...

Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meet at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.  
Peninsula Social Club potluck 6:30 pm, program 7 pm at Longbranch Church Hall.

### Wednesday, January 4 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.  
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.  
Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

### Thursday, January 5 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.  
Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families meets at KP Health Center at 7 pm.  
Citizens Against Crime meet at 7 pm in the Gold Room, KPCC.

### Friday, January 6 ...

KP Business Assn. meets at The Eatery, 7:30 am.  
Upper Sound Grange 705 meets at 7 pm at KPCC.

### Monday, January 9 ...

Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room 7 to 8:30 pm.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.  
VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

### Tuesday, January 10 ...

Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.  
Coolettes 609 visit Cottessmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.  
Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meet at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.  
Vaughn PTO meets at the school at 7 pm.  
KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.

### Wednesday, January 11 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.  
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.  
Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10:30 am at Longbranch Church.  
KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

### Thursday, January 12 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.  
Survivors meet at 2 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.  
Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.  
Dr. Penrose Othopedic Guild noon meeting at home of Janice McMillan.  
KPCCA Board meeting, 7:30 pm at KPCC.

### Friday, January 13 ...

Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

### Monday, January 16 ...

Nutrition potluck at noon at Longbranch Church.  
Ruth Circle has lunch and meeting at noon in Longbranch Church Hall.  
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.  
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.  
Evergreen Eagle Boosters meet at 7 pm at school.  
KP Land Use Committee meets at 7:30 pm in the Gold Room, KPCC.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

February 25 ... KPCCA 50s/60s dance.



Evergreen Elementary School youngsters (l to r) Jacob Wiltfong, Hayley Wiltfong, Ameer Sheppard and Jason Olsen sit beneath the Christmas Tree at Blundell's Chowder House well satisfied with the great decorating job they have done. For several years now Kindergarten and Grades 2 and 3 at Evergreen have joined together to make paper chains, fans, candy canes and colored paper ornaments for the Blundell's tree. Four student names are then drawn to do the work of decorating. Teachers Mrs. Force and Barbara Kraft supervised this year's decorating.  
KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

## CAC meets

by Stella Retherford

The CAC's next meeting will be January 5 at 7 pm in the Civic Center, Vaughn. Ron Meyers, representing the State Legislature's 26th District, will discuss the legislative process in dealing with crime.

On January 13, 14 and 15 volunteers will be talking to shoppers and distributing brochures at Safeway, Bag 'N Save and Thriftway grocery stores in the Gig Harbor area, describing the work of the CAC organization and inviting participation.

For more information about Citizens Against Crime call Mel Oliver at 857-2654 or Burleigh Rowan at 884-4649.

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**More on Rezone Committee...**  
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The natural cleaning and flushing of a polluted aquifer may take years and much money. Prevention is the only way to insure clean water. Some citizens are also objecting to spending tax dollars for a north-south road (roughly following 186th Avenue, KPN) proposed by the company to go through its development.

Do property owners feel they need give some direction to the changes that will necessarily take place or should they allow everyone to do as they wish? Shall we humbly wait until Pierce County Planning Department places limitations in which we have had no input? The Planning Department is willing and anxious to work with citizens in order to come up with a plan that is satisfactory to the majority. The options include size of home sites, preservation of wetlands, road placement, commercial development, residential growth and the boundaries of the districts affected.

With all this in mind, the Peninsula Social Club considered the problem at its December meeting and established a Rezone Committee. The first effort of the Committee will concern rezoning the Home Historic District and it will then extend attention to the rest of Home Precinct, or include the whole area if property owners have sufficient interest in changing from General Use to Rural Residential, Rural Agricultural or some other land use category that would guarantee citizen

**Mary Ramsdell and Bev Petersen of Key Peninsula Fire District 16 package gifts donated for the Department's Angel Tree. The gifts are distributed to needy persons whose names, in the form of a paper angel, have been placed on a "tree" at fire department headquarters.**

*KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles*



input into directing significant development.

Joseph Scorcio, Director of the Department of Planning and Resource Management for Pierce County, will outline for the Rezone Committee the exact procedures it must go through. Caroline Galacci, Pierce County Historic Planner, will also assist the committee in the petitioning process. County Councilman Paul Cyr is serving as a resource person to the committee which is chaired by Russell Sweany. Public meetings will be held after the first of the year so that interested persons will have adequate opportunity to express themselves. Watch the Key Peninsula NEWS for the announced dates.

**Changes to sport fishing licenses**

During the 1988 sport fishing year bottomfish and salmon anglers were required to carry a personal use license along with a salmon catch record card. Beginning January 1 the Washington Department of Fisheries will have a recreational license form with six boxes for stamps. The six stamps are: personal use (covering all agency fin fish excluding salmon and sturgeon), salmon, sturgeon, two-day stamp option, razor clam and Hood Canal shrimp. Salmon and sturgeon anglers will be required to carry a catch record card. Razor clam diggers will also carry the current razor clam tag that must be visible while digging.

"When the new requirement went into

effect last January for a personal use license many anglers were confused and frustrated about too many licenses," said Fisheries Director Joe Blum. "This new format will simplify and consolidate many of these license requirements. It is also our intent, in working with the Legislature and the Department of Wildlife, to take the process a step further by consolidating many of the licenses required by the two fish managing agencies. We are hopeful this can be done by the end of 1989."

The new 1989 recreational license, along with salmon and sturgeon catch records, is now available at all participating dealerships.

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# Respite Care seeks more participants

by Keith Stiles

The home care of a loved one, particularly when that care is on an almost constant 24-hour per day basis, is a major responsibility for the care giver (or care givers). Moreover, for the person cared for there is a sameness to the daily pattern of life when one does not have opportunity to get out of the home and mix a bit with other folks.

In Key Center the Health Center Board of Directors has recognized the responsibilities and concerns of home care for loved ones and has attempted to provide a measure of community help, known as "Respite Care," for those families. In this program a regular day of activities for the home-bound is offered. Under medical supervision, with the help of volunteers, the person needing care can join a group situation from 9 am to 4 pm and have a change of scenery. At the same time the home care givers can have a day to themselves in which to do some of the things they could not otherwise do.

Those who participate in Respite Care have a day with social time, coffee break, modified exercises, games, movies and a sack lunch. Transportation for the participants can even be arranged (free) on the Pierce County shuttle bus with about two weeks' notice.

The Respite Care program has been sponsored by the Health Center Board for some time now and those who take advantage of it are most enthusiastic. A problem, however, is that not enough families



Participants and supervisors of the Respite Care program busy in the Brones Room of Key Center Library.  
KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

are using the program and there is talk that it may have to be cancelled if there is not more participation. This, however, is a decision for the Health Center Board at some later time. Anyone with the constant home care of a loved one who is interested in such a program is urged to contact Edie Morgan at the Health Center, 884-9921, or at home at 884-3920.

## Business Briefs

The Burley Galleria will be closed during the months of January and February and will reopen in March with Dolores Nicolai again managing her business there. The grand reopening in March will feature a juried art show with a \$100 first prize. Local artists interested in entering their work in the show are invited to contact Dolores at Box 99, Burley.

## Citizen of the Year Banquet... continued from pg 1

presented an attractive, framed certificate worthy of display and the person or persons selected as Citizen(s) of the Year will receive a beautiful plaque."

"The banquet, of Polynesian game hen, rice pilaf, green peas, tossed salad, French bread, fruit sherbet and beverage, will be served at 7 pm," said Lion co-chairman John White. "The doors and a no-host bar open at 6:30 and tickets are available at Sunny Crest Nursery and Puget Sound Bank in Key Center, and Macon Bacon, DJ's Tire and Service and DJ's Mini Mart." He added, "tickets are \$7 until January 15; thereafter they will be \$8."

## Reward offered in unsolved Erdahl murder case

The "Crime Stopper" program is offering to pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and filing of felony charges in the case of the unsolved murder of Michael Steven Erdahl on May 29, 1985. Erdahl's body was found by members of Fire District 16 when they responded to a house fire at Erdahl's home at 12716 Wright Bliss Road at about 9 pm on that date. (Ed. note: This places the fire at about 1/2 mile north of "four corners" where Peninsula Light used to have a substation and the fire station is located.) Erdahl was said to

have been stabbed to death and it has been speculated that the fire was set to hide the crime. Erdahl's 1980 Toyota station wagon had been taken and was later discovered burned and abandoned. In addition to the Crime Stoppers reward the Washington Insurance Council is also said to be offering a \$7,500 reward for similar information.

Persons with information are invited to call the Crime Stoppers program at 591-5959. The program pledges confidentiality to all informants.

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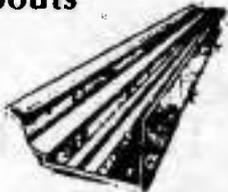
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Betty is a Lakebay resident with many years experience as an art teacher. She understands the feelings and concerns of beginners in drawing as well as the problems of people who want to paint but find they need to be able to draw first.

There will be three two-hour classes each Thursday, January 12, 19 and 26, from 1 to 3 pm at Key Center Library. This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of Key Center Library. Enrollment will be limited to 15 persons. Please register by January 10 by calling the library at 884-2242. Materials to bring: An 8 x 10" sketchbook (not newsprint), a #2 or #4 lead pencil (#2 yellow office pencil is okay) and, unless you are unusually confident, some sort of eraser.

For more information you may contact Betty at 884-2025.

## Books in the Library

Finnish writer and painter Tove Jansson is best known for her award-winning children's stories, the Moomin series. For half of the year, the author lives on an island off the coast of Finland. Her novel, The Summer Book, takes place on such an island. It is about a traditional yet independent grandmother raising her granddaughter, Sophia. The tales are deceptively simple, sparse and direct, full of content. Here's a sample: "Grandmother sat in the magic forest and carved outlandish animals. She cut them from branches and driftwood and gave them paws and faces, but she only hinted at what they looked like and never made them too distinct. They retained their wooden souls...her carvings became more and more numerous. They clung to trees or sat astride the branches, they rested against the trunks or settled into the ground. With outstretched arms, they sank in the marsh, or they curled up quietly and slept by a root." Highly recommended for adults and teens.

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In My Grandfather's House by Rien Poortvliet, the Netherlands' most famous living painter, is a dream of a book. Poortvliet also authored the book Gnomes. In notes and mostly paintings, he tells the story of his family and of old Holland in his grandparents' time. Towns and countryside, farms, the people, houses, furniture, clothing, jewelry, tools, animals, customs and beliefs. It's all there in great detail in the text and in the handsome paintings. Recommended to all children and adults.

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## Preschool story times in the Library

The winter series will be on Fridays at 10:30 am beginning February 3 and continuing through March 24. Please mark your 1989 calendar! The storytimes for ages 3 to 5 will be led by Anne Oglesby of the Pierce County Library Children's Department. She is a wonderful storyteller who loves children and feels that our area is a very special place. Please register in person or call the Key Center Library at 884-2242, beginning January 3.

# Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

This column may, on occasion, repeat certain information in order to emphasize its importance. For example: Don't forget to give a Social Security number for all children age 5 and over when filing your tax return for 1988. Pay off outstanding consumer debt. Remember, the deductible amount goes from 40% in 1988 to 20% in 1989. If necessary, take out a home equity loan and pay off consumer debt since almost all home equity debt interest is fully deductible.

Although a contribution to an IRA account is not deductible, the tax due on interest earned on that account is deferred until withdrawn.

Missing refunds: Over 80,000 refund checks totaling more than \$47 million are waiting to be claimed by taxpayers. These refunds were mailed to taxpayers but returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. If your refund is missing, call the number listed in your phone book for IRS assistance.

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# Key Peninsula looks ahead.....

## Investments 1989

by Donald R. Tjossem

As the New Year begins and we get ready to do our 1988 taxes, our focus will soon be on what to do financially in 1989. Possibly this article will help you make those decisions.

How much did interest rates go up in 1988? This question varies substantially depending on whether a person is talking about long-term rates or short-term rates. Generally long-term rates did not move significantly one way or the other. This is evidenced by the 30-year Treasury Bond Yield. During the last year it actually declined from 9.2% to 9.1%.

Short-term rates on the 90-day Treasury Bill Yield went up from 5.9% to 8.1% on the average. This was a significant

increase of 2.2% for short-term rates. In the same year the prime borrowing rate has moved up from 8.74% to 10.5%. If it follows that changes in short-term rates preceded changes in long-term rates, and they usually do, 1989 should be a good year to make long term financial commitments as the long-term rates should increase. It may be advisable, if you are on the borrowing side - such as purchasing a home, to do it early before the longer term rates move up as the shorter rates did this past year. It is very likely that long-term rates will increase during the first six months of this year.

For investors the above indications would suggest that perhaps they should stay in shorter term investments such as CDs or Treasury Bills until the longer rates are possibly higher in the middle of the year, and then range out into the longer term investments.

It could be that we will see a slowing

of the economy and a moderation of inflation pressures that will cause interest rates to fall in the second half of 1989. Time will tell.

If a person is interested in the stock market choices, these will represent a much bigger challenge. It is interesting to notice that in 1988 the DJIA, the S&P 500 and the Russell 3000 all increased close to 12%. This took twelve months. Only slightly over one year ago, on October 19, 1987, these averages dropped 25% in one day! It would seem advisable to stay with high dividend securities if a person is inclined to do this type of investing since high dividend stocks will maintain their value better in a volatile market.

Precious metals have done poorly this year and probably will not improve a lot in 1989. Mutual funds can no longer be put in a class as a generality. There are now more mutual funds to choose from than there are stocks listed on the NYSE.

Consumer interest rates did not go up substantially in 1988 and probably will not in 1989. Generally these rates are affected seriously only when there are extremes in interest rates, and there have not been recently.

Normal CD rates should increase somewhat in 1989 but beware of come-ons offering rates higher than most other rates but lasting only a short time. If rates should drop after the introductory high rate the investor will find he would have been much better off in the long run with the steadier lower rate.

My guess would be that yields on Money Market investments will increase somewhat in 1989. When it is felt that an interest peak is reached these funds could be switched into longer term investments.

There are many choices out there! Hope yours are good in 1989.

## Citizens Against Crime look to future

"It's difficult to predict where we'll be a year from now," said Hugh McMillan, President of Citizens Against Crime (CAC). "We know that since our first fumbling meeting on January 11, 1988 we've made far more progress than any of us would have predicted. Given the expressions of interest reported from law enforcement agencies both within and beyond the borders of Washington State, it appears that we've drawn the attention of a lot of people concerned with crime problems."

Pierce County Sheriff Sergeant Bill Seewer stated, "There is no question that what CAC is doing is having a positive effect on holding the line and in some cases reducing a crime rate that elsewhere continues to burgeon."

Since CAC volunteers started on April 25, 1988 receiving, referring and recording information coming into the Purdy offices of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (a total of 251 days through December 31), they have re-

lieved Sheriff's Deputies of 3,012 hours that otherwise would have been spent in the office. The deputies are, instead, making their presence felt on the streets. Those hours equal 376.5 eight-hour days.

At a recent CAC meeting, Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini said that, according to federal government estimates, the type of work performed by CAC volunteers would cost \$10 to \$12 per hour. At the lower \$10/hour that would mean that CAC volunteers have saved taxpayers \$30,120 thus far.

Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy John Hendrickson told a CAC group, "I don't know how many crimes you have prevented, it's just not possible to estimate. I do know that while you are here (in the Purdy Detachment Offices) I am on patrol rather than bogged down answering phones, filing reports, maintaining crime maps and records etc. Instead you're doing that and that makes it possible for deputies to be out there where the bad guys can see we mean business."

The Sheriff's office credits CAC with making possible 42 felony arrests and making life unattractive enough for three drug dealers to leave our area. There is reason to believe that CAC's presence had a lot to do with a 23 percent reduction

in burglaries over the same period last year.

The CAC operation began with 19 concerned citizens. It now numbers 136 citizens who have undergone security background checks, received training in telephone disciplines and, in less than a year, have produced the astonishing statistics cited above.

Within the next few weeks CAC should receive its approved articles of incorporation from the State of Washington authenticating it as a non-profit organization. It will use this status to continue to raise funds for the acquisition of a computer to collate and record for the Sheriff.

CAC will hold a recruitment drive January 13 through 15 at Bag 'N Save, Safeway and Thriftway in Gig Harbor where CAC volunteers will hand out literature explaining the organization and its objectives.

Hendrickson and McMillan advise that CAC's growth potential appears unlimited. Once the articles of incorporation are approved CAC will expand its operations into Kitsap County at the request of law enforcement officials there. With this and expected expansion into other areas of Pierce County and beyond

"It has been necessary for us to draw up a constitution and bylaws which are flexible enough to embrace branches of CAC throughout the State," said Hendrickson. Accordingly, he and McMillan were joined by Dick Gormly and Gordon Wohlfeil, CAC vice-presidents for Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas respectively, and CAC treasurer Henry Stock, for several brain storming sessions to create such a document. "We'll hold our sixth and, hopefully, last such session on January 6 at Gordie's (Wohlfeil), have the document printed up in final draft form and present it to the general membership for comments and, let us pray, approval at the next possible meeting," predicted McMillan.

"To the best of our knowledge CAC is the first organization of its kind anywhere in the country," noted Hendrickson, adding, "that probably explains why we're receiving inquiries from law enforcement agencies in several other states." McMillan commented, "We shouldn't be surprised to see CAC spread throughout the State." And, offered Hendrickson, "Maybe throughout the nation."

## KPFD looks to 1989 and beyond

The Key Peninsula Fire Department (KPFD) has a record respected, even envied, throughout the fire service of the State of Washington. It has won top honors for management excellence from the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association (WFCFA) for years.

Like most all fire districts in Washington, KPFD will face a problem of diminishing financial resources beginning in the last half of 1989; these re-

sources will continue to decline in 1990 and beyond.

Since January 1988 Fire Chief Horace Kanno and Fire Commissioner Hugh McMillan have served on the WFCFA Fire District Funding Task Force (FTF), an organization of some 40 senior fire service officials from throughout the State. The purpose of the FTF is to study means of funding fire districts other than the current tax structure. Under consideration are Legislative and even Constitutional amendment actions.

This funding problem is a product of two factors: 1) The tax "pie" from which

many governmental entities (counties, roads, Metro Park districts, hospital districts, libraries, cemetery districts etc.) derive their funding, is limited and has been "sliced" to more than its limits, and 2) fire districts are designated in the tax structure as "Junior Taxing Districts." This means that when the pie has run out of "slices," among the first to be denied a full "bite" are fire districts.

KPFD prides itself on providing our community the best possible fire and emergency medical services. A very important part of the latter is Advanced Life Support (ALS), as distinct from

Basic Life Support (BLS). KPFD is well qualified and staffed with volunteer and career BLS personnel. These are Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders (advanced first aid). KPFD has no ALS personnel (paramedics).

The distinction between ALS and BLS personnel is the level of aid each is legally qualified to render. Specifically, BLS personnel are neither qualified nor authorized to administer intravenous medication, Cardio-vascular, traumatic shock, hyper-bleeding and other life

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**KPFD looks to 1989...**  
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threatening emergencies require ALS treatment immediately.

KPFD can continue to provide what is almost certainly the best BLS service available in the State within its current budget. It is not possible within budgetary limitations, however, to provide on-site ALS service. For this reason KPFD has long relied on the ALS backup of a private ambulance service located in Gig Harbor or, when circumstances require, other private ALS services in Tacoma and Mason and Kitsap Counties. Those ALS services are too distant and too time-costly to meet the new Pierce County Emergency Medical Service rules and regulations.

For this reason, effective January 1, 1989, Peninsula Ambulance of Gig Harbor will begin 24 hour ALS service from a facility located in Key Center. This location will result in greatly improved response time for ALS emergencies. KPFD will monitor this new service closely to ensure that it meets the Key Peninsula community's needs and will review it quarterly with Peninsula Ambulance.

KPFD will continue to provide BLS service and, in the event Peninsula Ambulance is otherwise engaged in service to the Key Peninsula, KPFD will transport.

KPFD urges the KP community to let its views and questions be known to the District staff and Fire Commissioners.

## Write your own family history

The Heritage League of Pierce County has established the publication of a county history as one of its projects to commemorate the 1989 Washington State Centennial. The work will include an historical chronology, a bibliography, summaries of community histories, family histories and a section of heritage organizations and historic sites.

Of greatest importance will be the compilation of family histories. Every family residing in Pierce County or any of its municipalities is invited to submit a 500-word history. Each historical summary can include a photograph of the family. There is no cost and the family need not be old time residents of the County to see their history included in the publication. Those wishing to submit more than one family summary may do so.

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### Tips on dating old photos:

1) Prior to the Civil War shoes were not made for the left and the right foot but were interchangeable, so if a photo shows a little child sitting on a chair with the feet straight out, you should be able to tell if the photo was taken prior to the Civil War or after, as a rule.

2) The bigger the lady's hat, the larger the hat pin, the older both were.

3) For both men and women, if the blouse/shirt buttoned down the back or had just a few buttons in front at the top, the time period was before 1900.

(Source: Routes to Roots column by Janet Nixon Baccus.)

## Local resident murder victim

The Key Peninsula area was shaken late last week by the apparent murder of (Mrs.) Pat Misener, 49, a resident of the 156th and Bliss-Cochrane Road area of Rocky Bay.

Sources to the NEWS indicate that Mrs. Misener died sometime after 9:30 Thursday evening, December 29, and that two young men, one may be related to the victim, have been taken into custody by Pierce County Sheriff's Detectives. One of the two apprehended was said to have been picked up on the Key Peninsula in the early hours of Friday, December 30, and the other was arrested later the same day.

Mrs. Misener is said to have lived alone in a mobile home next to the home occupied by her mother. She was active in leading a group of young people who were trying to recover from problems of alcohol and drug addiction.

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Please call if you have more questions. Also check the KP NEWS to save on exams and x-rays!



### The clock of Time

Soon a new year will be welcomed by most of humankind. It will mean nothing to any other creature and will be hardly a blink of an eye as time relates to infinity - which is totally beyond our ability to imagine, so we will preserve our sanity by labeling it 1989.

Thinking about time and the beginning of things may not be good for our mental computers. In the beginning there must have been a lot of nothing scattered around in space, yet a bunch of rocks and stuff formed out there and somehow got collected and balled up into various planets and things, some good and some not so good. The best one that we know about is earth; with the wind, water and dirt all managing to grow all kinds of things, including people.

Being ambitious creatures, people decided they would like to be boss of the whole show but it was tough to do as a lot of other animals did not like to be bossed around. Some of them even ate those people who were not fast on their feet or were not able to climb a tree quickly. In fact, man learned to walk upright by making quick grabs for limbs.

Walking upright made it possible for man to see snakes in the grass and other sneaky low-slung possible enemies. It was only a matter of a few million years until man had learned to use clubs, rocks and, of course, fire. Learning to cook was a great gift, as man could leave his woman to tend the fire and the kids while he looked for other fish to fry, as the saying goes.

With woman inside cooking, man advanced rapidly from the fire age. He is now in a race with other men to see if it may be possible to ignite this planet and send it sparking off into space like a big skyrocket. What a ride that would be! 1989 - HERE WE COME! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### KP NEWS looks for new contributors

KP residents with a journalistic bent are encouraged to contribute articles to the NEWS. We would particularly like to have someone write a gardening feature, for instance, and would welcome other subjects that are of general interest without being self-serving.

We cannot promise to include material in every issue; available space is dependent upon the number of pages our advertising sales will support, timeliness of the material and range of interest to the readers. We are always looking for new subjects and a good mix of topics. Reward is a byline and gratification only - not monetary, unfortunately.

So, keep your contributions short and send us your "good stuff." PF

## To Your Health

by Wm. F. Roes, MD



It seems that, despite all our advances in the medical sciences, certain entities like the common cold seem to elude the researchers' investigations. One similar topic near and dear to young parents is infantile colic. Colic is described medically as paroxysmal or irritability in infants associated with apparent abdominal pain. It can occur as early as the first week of life and usually disappears by 4 or 5 months. Recognition of colic is easy - a screaming infant with his legs drawn up on his abdomen and no other obvious source of discomfort. The treatment is hard, and this is one area where folk cures probably give as much relief as 1989 medicines. We often recommend motion to soothe and distract the baby, often carrying it lying head down on your arm with gentle pressure on the abdomen. Other forms of motion and changes in environment, like using an infant swing or a short car ride, can help. Rubbing the baby's tummy with a warm cloth or lotion, trying different formulas or even a pacifier can sometimes help. Since this is a self-limited syndrome and not a disease, medications would be the last choice when all Grandma's simple treatments fail. If you've got one that works, I'd love to hear about it.

I'd like to thank all the folks who bought raffle tickets for the Lionel Train. Dorothy Rome won the train, and we raised \$262 to purchase loaner crutches including a \$100 anonymous donation. The Health Center also raised about \$250 at their cookie sale to support their other projects. Again, thanks to you all!

Finally, we'd all like to wish you the best 1989, and a safe and sane New Year.

### KP Health Center to present clinical psychologist

Residents and friends of the Key Peninsula are invited to hear Clinical Psychologist Stuart Turskey speak on "Stress and the Sandwich Generation" on Monday, January 23, at 7 pm in the Gold Room of the Civic Center, Vaughn.

Stuart Turskey is a recognized clinical psychologist. He will talk about coping with many of the guilt feelings people experience when "sandwiched" between aging parents and grown children and grandchildren. A question and answer period will follow and everyone is welcome to join the KPHC Board members for refreshments and a gabfest.

This will be the second of a series of talks planned by the Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Health Center. Another lecture is planned for later this spring.



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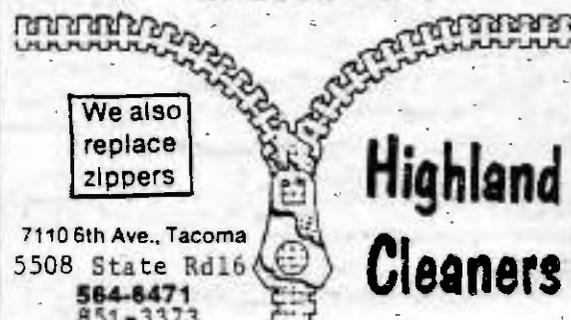
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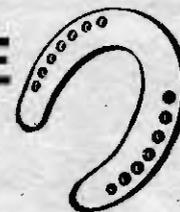
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# A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch



Every time I see a purse left in a grocery cart, I think about that Christmas eighteen years ago when a thief almost ruined Christmas for my children. My three little ones were so excited and wrapped up in the magic of Christmas that I'm sure they didn't notice that mom and dad were a little less than exuberant about the coming holiday. A budget already deflated by the growing demands of a young family was stretched even further to accommodate a lengthy family bout of colds and flu and all the doctor bills and medicines that go with it. There wasn't enough money to meet normal living expenses, not to mention the added costs

of Christmas. The children were oblivious to our worry and pain. They chattered endlessly about Santa and the special gifts they each wanted to see under the tree. In the face of their unshakable faith and joy we had to think of something.

There was only one answer - sell the little calf we had raised to start our beef herd. The ad was placed and Daffodil sold immediately. We made enough to pay the doctor bills with a little left over for Christmas presents and groceries. Suddenly, I was as excited as the kids. It's amazing what even a little money can do for the Christmas spirit. I made out my list, scanned the ads and planned my shopping trip to the smallest detail. I had only a little time and very little money, but there was enough and that's all that mattered.

I decided to get the groceries at the discount supermarket at the other edge of town and shop for the toys on my way back. I got a babysitter and left for town

early so I'd miss the crowds. I was standing at the meat counter carefully picking out the Christmas turkey when it happened. The grocery cart was close beside me but I had my back turned to it and my purse while I selected the meat. When I turned back around, my purse - and the Christmas money - was gone. Just that fast. I ran through the store, feeling sure I'd catch the thief with my purse in hand but it was no use. The store manager was sympathetic but could not help me. This was a common occurrence, he told me, especially during the holidays. He didn't have to tell me that I shouldn't have left my purse unattended. That was a lesson I would never forget.

In spite of the thief, Christmas was wonderful. Grandma came to the rescue, like Grandmas often do, and sent money for presents for the kids. As for the kids, their faith never missed a beat. Their excitement climaxed on Christmas morning, and they left the Christmas season

# Obituary

Nationally known artist and environmentalist Corwin Chase, 91, died suddenly at his home in Vaughn on December 24. He was born in Seattle on September 6, 1897 and was preceded in death by his wife, Cora, in 1983.

He was an avid Mt. Rainier hiking enthusiast and was busy and active until his death. Corwin Place, a short street in Seattle, was named for him by his father, Wendell Chase, a Seattle city engineer. His grandmother was Mother Rhyther of the Rhyther Home for Children in Seattle.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 8, at 1:30 pm in the Gold Room of the Civic Center, Vaughn, and it is expected that interment will be at Vaughn Cemetery.

happy and exhausted.

Their mom was happy too, but wiser.

## Fire destroys north end mobile home on Christmas

A fire, thought to have been started by a wood stove too close to a wall, heavily damaged a double-wide mobile home and addition on 126th Avenue just south of the County Line Road shortly before noon on Christmas Day.

A total of 21 District 16 firefighters responded to the alarm with 10 different pieces of equipment when a neighbor reportedly saw smoke coming from the home and went to investigate. Reports indicated that the owners and their children were away at the time and the fire cost the lives of the family dog and bird. No damage estimate was immediately available but the home was said to have been "fully involved" when the first fire units arrived.

## Sheriff's Deputies make Key Center drug arrest

Pierce County Sheriff's deputies served a search warrant on a Key Center area home in the late afternoon of Thursday, December 22, and reportedly arrested two men and a woman on charges of possession and unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. The two men involved were said to be 25 years of age and the age of the woman was given as 24. One of the men and the woman were booked into jail and the other man was reported to have been "identified and released." The officers reported that they had been working on the case for about two months and that in the search they had seized a large quantity of the drug "crack" and a substantial amount of money, drug paraphernalia and assorted records.

Deputy John Henrickson, in discussing the case, urged citizens who might have information on illegal activities to call the Purdy Detachment at 857-3700.



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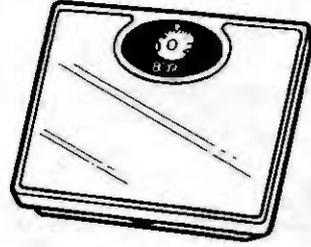
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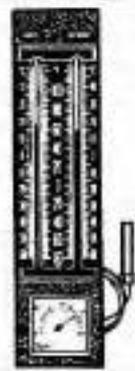
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# Goin' Out

by Janice McMillan



In Key Center at the Shell gas station or at Puget Sound Bank you can get a great buy with the **Entertainment '89** book. It enabled one of us to have a free luncheon entre at Pyong's, 2115 No. 30th, Tacoma.

Several other restaurants have been at this location, one of the best known was McCarvers. Pyong's has been decorated in subtle shades of purple, turquoise and silver including an unusual cloud-like wall paper in pale renditions of the same colors. There are lots of large view windows from which to watch the passing trains, ocean-going ships, and activity along Ruston Way.

We went to Pyong's intending to have their special \$5.95 luncheon buffet which included tossed salad with four kinds of dressing, fresh fruit platter, three cold Chinese salads with four Chinese sauces, fried rice, deep fried fresh cod, pineapple chicken and Imperial Beef. For no particular reason we all decided to order from the menu.

All the lunches came with Chinese tea and soup. Our guest chose fish and chips (\$4.50) since she does not care for Chinese food. The chips were very hot and freshly made (as was all our food, in fact we experienced a bit of a wait for our lunches as each dish was specially cooked to order). The four or five pieces of fresh cod had a rather dense coating which was extremely tasty and not greasy. The platter came with a large pot of tartar sauce and an orange slice garnish.

My dear companion chose the Mongolian Beef, ordering it with extra garlic. (The scent lasted on his skin for 24 hours!) The beef dish was served over rice noodles (transparent noodles) with a side dish of ordinary fried rice and orange garnish. The beef was tender, carefully cooked and spiced, and proved to be very good (in spite of the additional garlic). Two accompanying egg rolls were very, very good. As an egg roll devotee I appreciated the crispy, crunchy crust and excellent filling which was shredded, not chopped, with ingredients large enough

to have a separate identity. The portions were more than adequate, price: \$5.25.

I chose the Hunan Salad (\$4.25) which was shredded chicken over a bed of Vermicelli clear noodles with hot and spicy peanut dressing, according to the menu. I was very disappointed; the chicken was cut in chunks, the dressing was not hot and spicy and I couldn't taste any peanut flavor. The clear noodles were also tossed with lots of lettuce and tomato chunks. It was not at all what I expected and I told our charming waitress so. She immediately asked me to order something else, which I declined as I had eaten all the chicken chunks in spite of the dressing. She then said she would bring a free dessert. Moments later the chef/owner came out, apologized, gave me a big smile and a little hug and encouraged me to try the buffet without charge.

Our lunches finished, the piano player struck up "Happy Birthday" on the baby grand and our waitress presented dessert with a lit candle as she and the chef sang to our guest on her very special birthday (92 years old). The dessert was a made-on-the-premises Irish Cream Cheesecake and was absolutely heavenly: a fresh cream cheese mixture in a graham cracker crust with a wonderfully rich creamy texture and light taste. As we were sharing the cheesecake the chef reappeared banging a Chinese gong. He came to our table and sang a Chinese love song to our guest. He has a beautiful voice and it was a lovely gesture.

**Conclusion:** I would go to Pyong's again and for lunch I would order a bowl of the excellent soup served with our lunches and a large order of those super egg rolls, but I would be sure to save room for that great Irish Cream Cheesecake. If I were very hungry I would try the buffet, which is served from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday through Friday. I would especially go on my birthday for the Chinese love song. Telephone is 572-2421. Wheel chair access is not difficult as there is an elevator from the parking garage. Pyong's is more elegant than many Chinese restaurants but well-behaved children would enjoy it.

# Is mealtime fun or family feud?

If you want your preschool child to eat well and like new foods, garnish meals with pleasant conversation about things your child is interested in. Talk about such things as pets, favorite stories and other fun and interesting things. Turning the TV off at mealtime is a big help.

The normal eating behavior of preschool children is often very frustrating for parents but parents who understand the behavior can make meals pleasant and mealtime feuds a thing of the past. Olga Fuste, Washington State University's Pierce County Cooperative Extension Agent, explains that preschool children are learning to be independent which includes learning to eat by themselves and make simple decisions about food.

Normally preschool children like to try new and different behaviors. This means they are picky, messy and very slow eaters. They like to use their fingers, have strong likes and dislikes, refuse to try new foods and go on food jags during which time they only eat one food for days at a time.

The more decisions a parent allows a child to make about food the easier mealtime will be. Of course, young children do not know enough about foods that help them grow to choose food for themselves and plan meals. It is the parents' responsibility to give children a variety of good, nutritious food and to limit junk food, either with a meal or as a snack.

Children should be allowed to say when they have had enough and should not be forced to eat foods they do not like. Children who are forced to eat a food learn to hate that food. Children should never have to sit at the table for hours trying to choke down a few last bites.

Fuste suggests asking children if they are through when they slow down while eating. If they say they are, simply remove the plate without arguing about how much food is left. If they ate very little, tell them they can have a small snack in two hours. A small snack will keep them from becoming so hungry they are irritable but will not spoil their appetite for the next meal. It is better to accept a child's decision about what to eat and how much than to have family fights about food.

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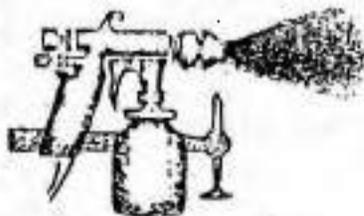
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# From our Scrapbooks

by Margaret Paul

1989 means new beginnings and decisions for many of us. New beginnings of a different kind are mentioned in this bit of news from the May 19, 1960 edition of the Tacoma News Tribune:

Caroline Wiles will be the valedictory speaker at commencement exercises at Peninsula High School's class of 1960 at 8 pm in the school's auditorium. Sheri Beth Butler and Jim Skurdall will be co-salutarians. Other honor students include Lynn Baker, Lynne Blackwood, Carol Gauthier, Mary Ann Kernwein, Susan Lambing, Karen Overly, Gretchen Schmitt, Doris Severson, Nancy Staeger, Linda Stutz, Judy Tuell, Pete Walters, Mike Wheeler and Gail Wilson.

Peninsula Gateway, December 7, 1967:

William Heine, 66, of Lakebay, narrowly escaped with his life last Thursday when his logging truck and trailer jackknifed and overturned on the highway near the Rosedale turnoff. It was reported Mr. Heine suffered a compression fracture of the back, a broken clavicle and abrasions. According to the State Patrol report, a 1962 Chevrolet hardtop, driven by Mrs. Darlene Wilker, 25, of Bremerton, had passed the logging truck. When the Wilker car pulled back into the right lane, it started to "fishtail" and was hit by the truck. They skidded 370 feet down the

road, tearing out 240 feet of guardrail. The truck and trailer crossed the island and turned over. Mrs. Wilker and her son Timothy, 3-1/2, and another passenger, Helen Boddie, escaped with only minor injuries. Mr. Mark Stewart of Tacoma was proceeding north and had come to a stop when his car was struck. The front end of his car was damaged and he suffered an injury to his nose and abrasions. Car-wreckers were not large enough to clear the road of logs and get the truck and trailer back on their wheels. The Peninsula Light Company was called on for help to clear the road.

## Local handwriting expert heads state group

Key Peninsula graphoanalyst Marie Brown of Lake Holiday has been elected to serve a second term as president of the Washington State Chapter of the International Society of Graphoanalysts. Marie is active professionally as a lecturer/instructor for Gig Harbor School District at Peninsula High teaching the basic steps of handwriting analysis for the Community Ed program. She is also a consultant for businesses and individuals. Marie states that your handwriting accurately reveals individual character traits...it is an applied branch of psychology and a form of body language.

## First run

by Linda Barkas

Television is the source of many fond memories, although pinpointing them requires an elimination process. I recognize its harmless intentions despite its capacity for holding prisoners. For example, the new season's suspense programs are not scheduled during the daytime, thus liberating the work force to be productive. Likewise, young viewers are not asked to stay up in the late evening to catch Sesame Street or other kiddie favorites, thereby reducing family arguments at bedtime. All-in-all, wholesome catering to appropriate target groups (parental discretion advisories etc.) seems the watchword of vigilant network program-

ming staffs and serves as evidence that broadcasters have not only our best interests at heart, but apparently believe they are serving the best interests of our young as well.

So, although it is an unfamiliar perspective, I can imagine myself as the more typical viewer who attends to TV material relevant to life ... a news watcher who is concerned with the identification of actual lawbreakers in our midst, the issues of preservation vs. defoliation, or the celebration of localities who rocket to wealth and fame by the chance of a lucky lottery.

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8 Faith Chapel (am)	9 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay AAU Webelos VFW & Auxiliary 7-9 p Teen NA	10 Wolf Den 4 Karate KPCCA Exec Board	11 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay Bingo Park Board	12 KP Seniors Bear Den 3 Karate Teen NA KPCCA Board	13 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay Skate Night	14 PAA 9-11:30 am
15 Faith Chapel (am)	16 Aerobics Rocky Bay AAU Webelos Teen NA	17 Wolf Den 4 Karate Road Use Com. 7:30p	18 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo	19 Senior Society Bear Den 3 Karate Teen NA Cootiettes	20 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	21 PAA 9-11:30 am Lions Citizen of the Year Banquet
22 Faith Chapel (am)	23 Aerobics Rocky Bay KPHC 7 pm AAU Webelos Paul Cyr 7 pm Teen NA	24 Wolf Den 4 Karate	25 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo	26 KP Seniors Karate Teen NA Bear Den 3	27 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	28 PAA 9-11:30 am
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