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RENO NIGHT

Saturday, November 2, 1996
Come One, Come All
And Have A Ball!
at the Key Peninsula Civic Center
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 30, 1996
at the
Key Peninsula Civic Center
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Come and pick out those special Christmas gifts.

Did You Know?

Key Center And Its Origins

by Edmund V. Olson
(Part II)

First, I must correct a typo in part one: Bertha Lonning Mills indeed was postmaster at Vaughn for many years, not merely a year. And in this she was well experienced in that the old Lonning Store at Glencove Dock was also a post office. I barely remember it, and it was gone by the time I started Glencove School in 1929.

There was another store at Glencove, run by Guy Tilton. It closed earlier, but I do remember the Tilton van, driven by his brother, bringing in specialty items to us on a regular route for some years after the store closed. There were Tilton homes both at Glencove Bay as well as on Vaughn Hill, very near our homestead and very near the old log cabin school. It still exists as a residence, long since replaced by other schools at Vaughn and Glencove, which also were old even in my day.

The Grange Warehouse at the Vaughn Dock, run by my maternal grandfather, Frank Bill, also disappeared during the dim memories of my childhood as the dock fell into disrepair. A school bus went into the bay turning around there about that time. No one was hurt. The nearby Freeborn's Store with the post office, taken over from the Van Slykes, persisted for several years. The Post Office was relocated to the Wolneiwicz garage next to its present location. (Why do they want to move it again?)

There have been several saw mills on Vaughn Bay, but only one lasted to my day. The Austin Mill quit before I was in high school.

Now the reason that Key Center crossroads exists in the first place, is that Glencove had the earlier store, post office and freight dock. The folks at Vaughn had to cross the two-mile neck of the Key Peninsula to obtain their goods, or else row all the way to Steilacoom, and some did. Most of the hill between was, and is, Olson Homestead. The way over the hill had several options. Andrew Olson had a contract to supply wood fuel for the Winchester Brick Kiln at Glencove, and the repetitious dragging of wood by ox team pretty much established the track. Later when he sold a southern part of the homestead to the manager of the kiln, Nick Peterson, their boundary established the county right of way up over the hill to join on the Vaughn side with the road to the log school house. The north-south road to Longbranch had been surveyed. Thus the site of the crossroads was fixed.

Glencove was also the site of a

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Under My Hat

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Manager

Happy Thanksgiving

Where does the time go? Just a few weeks to Thanksgiving, then Christmas! Seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the summer!

Lots of things coming up at the Center. Reno Night is November 2nd, and we want to extend a cordial invitation to all of you lucky gamblers to "come on down". There will be lots of good things to eat, Blackjack, Chuck-A-Luck (my personal favorite!), the Money Wheel, Bingo and Hi-Low dice. We still can use some volunteers for this event, too. Come and join us!

Some wonderful friend of Dale and Claudia Loy's donated boxes of floor tiles to the Center. We thought there would be enough for the Whitmore Room, but sadly, that wasn't true. We do, on the other hand, have enough to do the maintenance room's bare wood floor. If you know how to lay tile, and would like to volunteer to do so, contact me at 884-3456. I'll supply the coffee and maybe even lunch!

We're due to start soon on the building improvements that were made possible through a HUD grant. The plans include enlarging the storage room at the end of the gymnasium, up-grading the main bathrooms for better handicap access and replacing the ceiling in the gym. Once the work begins, we may have to alter some schedules, but we will make as few changes as possible.

You may have noticed the new enclosure around the carved Orca by Ned Richards. We were having problems with smaller children crawling underneath the fencing and playing on the whale. We've already had to repair some damage done by individuals crawling up on the whale, and all of the teeth have been removed. We have someone carving some new teeth, and hope to have the display all cleaned, repaired and painted next spring. The enclosure now has a gate in the front so access is possible for easier maintenance.

Don't forget the Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 30th. Shari O'Quinn is the event coordinator, and she says we are going to have lots of interesting booths. If you want to participate, you may call Shari at 884-9120 for more information. Santa will be there taking pictures of the kids.

Thank you to all of you who have donated time and money to the Civic Center. We really do appreciate your support, and we want you to know it!

I hope that you and yours have a great Thanksgiving. I will be available to accept any leftovers you might bring by. See you next month!

The Family Room

The Family Resource Center

"How is my child doing? Is she okay? Is he progressing normally? Am I doing the right things to help my children succeed in life?" These are the kinds of questions most parents ask themselves whether it's their first child or their last. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all parents had a child expert who could come right to their homes just to answer these questions!

The Family Resource Center, located at the Key Peninsula Civic Center (KPCC), offers exactly that through two programs: Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Healthy Families.

The PAT program was developed at the University of Minnesota and is based on the belief that parents are their children's first, and most influential teachers. Studies show that children have the best chance of succeeding in life if their development in the first five years is carefully monitored and nurtured by their parents.

Each month a PAT - trained staff will visit families in their own homes to provide information on what to expect in terms of the physical, social, intellectual and language abilities of each child from birth to age three. In addition, PAT staff are able to offer other important information on topics ranging from children's play, including ideas for making fun, inexpensive toys. Along with the regularly - scheduled home visits, parents can also meet on a monthly basis with other PAT parents to share their concerns and experiences coping with the early childhood years.

The Healthy Families program is similar to the PAT program in that it is a home-based service; however, the Healthy Families program responds to each family's individual needs (rather than an expected monthly visit) and offers a resource service which will connect families to any community services needed. In addition, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, Healthy Families sponsors a group meeting for families of children ages birth to three. This month's meeting, on Nov. 13 will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at KPCC. Parents will make a Thanksgiving table center piece and learn other holiday crafts while sharing a small brunch.

Don't forget our Tuesday night parent support groups and classes at KPCC and Longbranch Improvement Club from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with November 26 being Family Fun Night. A free pre-Thanksgiving dinner and a good time is guaranteed for all who come!

Finally, those needing help with food baskets during the December holiday season should contact the Lakebay Community House at 884-4440. Any families who need assistance with Christmas gifts are urged to call the Family Resource Center at 884-5433 by November 25th.

Children's Home Society of Washington, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Peninsula School District.

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KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 1996

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Kezele. It was msc to approve the minutes as published. Nancy Lind spoke about the levy that will be on the ballot for the KP Park and urged everyone to vote. A coalition has been formed to promote volunteerism in our area. It was msc to have someone from that group speak to our board so we can get more information. The treasurer's report was accepted. We made $4,086. on the fireworks sales.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Irene has taken over the maintenance duties and thanked Ginger for all her help recently. The grant for the windows from Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation is written and ready to mail. A couple from the community has offered their services at $6.50 hr., as a cleanup crew for our events. It was msc to hire them for Reno Night and then evaluate their work.

NEWSPAPERS: The paper realized a profit of $1227.55 this month. The Executive committee is concerned with the balance of old accounts. It was decided that accounts outstanding 90 days or less will be handled by us and accounts over 90 days should be turned over to a collection agency. If an account is unpaid for 60 days, the paper will not advertise until the account is brought current. A late fee of 1.5% per month will be assessed after 30 days.

TOPS: Arlene Lonning reported the group is enjoying their new space. Many people in this group are wanting to volunteer and support our activities.

ANGEL GUILD: A BIG thank you! They will be donating an additional $250. each month to the center for the next year to help with operating expenses.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Key Club from the high school will be helping with the setup, take down and clean up of the Center. There will be a Spook Alley, face painting, cake walk, and many other fun activities.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The fall meeting will be October 24 with a potluck dinner at the Longbranch Social Hall. The Angel Guild donated $200. to the society and they purchased a vacuum cleaner.

Local artists have offered to do a mural in the gym. Ideals will be presented the first part of 1997. Ginger Donnelly has added two afternoon exercise classed per week. The Christmas Bazaar is already getting applications for booths. Flavor of Fall was a great success and made over $16,000. after expenses. Many thanks to all who helped with this event. Next year's flavor will be Northwest. We still need a chairman for the Center's fireworks sales. Reno Night will be November 2. Shari reported Indoor Park is going again this fall, and attendance is up.

There was a meeting by the HUD representative prior to the board meeting and Western Furnace will be installing a backup furnace for the downstairs area. Money for the new grant will be here in a few months, so we will be getting bids for those projects soon.

The Nominating Committee has a slate of officers to be voted on at the November meeting.

The metal postal boxes in the lobby will be offered for sale.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, secretary

TOPS News

by Frankie Johnson

We are so excited! October 12 was our Fall Rally at Bremerton High School. 15 Counties were represented by over 1,000 TOPS members. #1019 Vaughn won 1st place for publicity, the third year in a row!!! Vaughn also won 2nd place for most lbs. lost per member, and 2nd place for the summer weight loss contest. Each win also carried a $50 prize for a $150 total won.

Laural Johnson, our 1995 State Queen was there to give her story on stage two times. She gave her success story, plus many humorous anecdotes about how her 107 3/4 weight loss has affected her life including being mistaken for Loni Anderson and Marla Maples. She was awesome!!! Of course, since she is from our chapter right here in Vaughn, we are totally biased. I've personally known Laural for many years and can honestly she she is a beautiful person inside and out, and a very caring and considerate woman.

Arleen Lonning, our co-leader, attended the Civic Center Board meeting. We had donated a basket to the Flavor of Fall dinner. The report was that it was the prettiest and brought in the highest bid for a basket.

Our chapter will be face painting at the Civic Center Halloween Party again this year. At last count, Arleen Lonning, Rosalie Busz, Kandy Van Laanen, Mary Seidelman and Frankie Johnson are the painters.

Some of our TOPS members will be helping at the Reno Night. Mary Seidelman is that cute little cocktail waitress and always has a ball.

Rosalie Busz has reached her KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) status. She was presented on stage at our Rally.

There are exciting programs being planned for the next months: guest speakers, group discussions, our annual Christmas Party and always the group support we all need.

You are welcome to come and visit and join. It is not a magic pill to join a self help group, however, we are all in the same boat and it does help to know "we are here for you". TOPS is a "safe" place to come and get help to be normal weight. C-U-slimmer. Meetings are Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Call Frankie at 884-4102.

Tops #1325

You are cordially invited to attend our TOPS "Christmas Get Acquainted" brunch November 19th at 9:30 am. Brunch is strictly low-cal, fat reduced (but delectible). No charge!

There will be a holiday receipe exchange, so bring your favorite slenderizing receipe.

If you want to lose weight and would like to know all about us, please join us November 19th, or feel free to visit us any Tuesday at 9:30 am at the Civic Center. We meet in the room next door to the Historical Museum. For more information, please call **Betty Jopp** at 884-4700, Anna Lindstrom at 857-5957, or Virginia Avery at 884-1514

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Muchas Gracias!

The 9th annual Flavor of Fall comes to a close until next year, but not before we thank all the community and corporate supporters as well as many volunteers and attendee's. This year we broke another record with over $17,000.00 brought in. As most of you know these monies go toward keeping to doors of the Civic Center open for our community needs.

For those of you who did not attend, our theme this year was "La Fiesta South of the Border". Congratulations to our very talented decorations committee who, through many hours of work, transported the Civic Center into a tropical paradise. Decorations consisted of huge five foot Mayan masks, hand painted tropical birds and luscious plants. Many of the decorations were auctioned off and brought in well over $1,000.00 ! We even had live music provided by "Jesus", who sang throughout the early part of the evening.

Our guest chef this year was Gloria Saldaño, who presented us with an incredible array of south of the border entrees. Thank you Gloria for an excellent dinner and a job well done.

Next year will be our 10th Flavor of Fall and we look forward to your continued support. See you there.

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KP Business Assoc.	Nov. 1 - 7:30 am	Home Port Rest.
	Nov. 15 - NOON	Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Nov. 26 - 7:00 pm	K.C. Fire Station

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Cootiettes	Nov. 21 - 7:00 pm	KPCC / Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Board	Nov. 14 - 7:30 pm	Civic Center
KPCS Board	Nov. 14 - 7:30 pm	Comm. House/Home
KPHC Board	Dec. 5 - 7:30 pm	Health Center
	This will be the only meeting for Nov. & Dec.	
KP Lions	1st & 3rd Wed.- 7:00 pm	KPCC / Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	Nov. 11 & 25 - 7:00 pm	KPCC/VFW Room

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes	Call for appt.	851-6552/ Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	Nov. 25 - 10:00 am	Brones/KC Library
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY Family Resource Center Mon. thru Fri. 9 am to 4:30 pm Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower level. Call 884-5433		
Food Bank	Tues-Fri 10:am - 3:00 pm	Comm.House/Home
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Hot Lunch for Seniors	Wednesdays : NOON	Comm. House/ Home
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Immunizations	Thurs. 9 am-2 pm	GH Chamber/Comm.
KP Baptist Church AWANA Club Wed. 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm KPCCA		
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday at 7:30 pm	St. Nichols Church
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues.&Thurs. 8:30-9:30 am	Comm.House/Home
WIC (Womens, Infants & Children)	Tues. 8:15-4:00pm Call 884-3835, Tuesdays for an appointment.	KPCC/Wm.Rm.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm	Nov. 13 - 7::30 pm	KC Fire Station
	Nov. 25 - 4:00 pm	KC Fire Station
KP Park & Rec.	Nov. 11 - 7:00 pm	Brones/KC library

SELF-HELP GROUPS

AA - Mon. & Fri.: 8:00pm	Sat/Sun. 6:00 am	KP Comm. Services
Caregivers Support	Nov. 14 - 7:00 pm	Library/ Brones Rm
TOPS - Tuesday Mornings- Weigh-in 9:00 am-Meeting 9:30 am VFW Rm. at		
TOPS - Tuesday - Nights - Weigh-in 6:15 - Meeting at 7:00 pm KP Civic Center		

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K. P. Hist. Society	Nov. 12 - 7:00 pm	- 884-4538 for info.
Longbranch Imp. Club	Nov. 20 - 7:00 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors	Nov. 12 - 10:00 am	Improvement Hall
LB Fuchsia Society	Nov. 7 - 7:00 pm	Library/Brones Room
Ruth Circle Meet	Nov. 18 - 10:00 am Bible Study, Lunch and Meeting, 12:00 Noon	Longbranch Church
Senior Society Lunch	Thursday - NOON	KPCC/ Wm.Rm

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

As our language changes, words and phrases often go through twists and bends until they finally mean the opposite of what they once did. The word "cool", for example, describing a person, now is usually applied to someone we used to refer to as "hot stuff" or a "hot number".

But it isn't just the younger generation that inverts the meaning of words. Let's examine what's happened to the term "eco-terriorists". Just a few years ago this term was flung about in the media as a description of people who were accused of such acts as preventing logging by "spiking" trees or disrupting bulldozing operations in pristine roadless areas. More recently, some Congresspersons started using the term to describe anyone speaking out in favor of protecting the environment.

Now we have a new definition of "eco-terrorists" being suggested. It's to apply to people who try to stop government employees for performing the jobs we pay them to do. One such instance involved a mining operation that had been reported for leaking harmful chemicals into a stream. The appropriate agency was going to sent out an inspector to check on the situation, but they were told by the mine owner that the inspector would be met by a hundred men armed with rifles. The mine went unchecked.

Other government agencies have had to warn their employees not to wear their uniforms and not to drive marked agency vehicles. Some government employees have received threats against their families, have had shots fired at their homes and cars, and have been physically injured.

These new "eco-terrorists" want simply to be allowed to abuse the environment as they please. They have even persuaded some legislators to support their actions. One state legislature tried to stop federal marshalls from entering any county in their state without first getting permission from the local sheriff.

What they are saying, in effect, is if we don't want them to pollute the air or water, don't want them to make fish or other animal habitats habitable, or don't want them to waste our natural resources, we should **PAY THEM NOT TO DO THESE THINGS**. They have adopted as an euphemism for their activities the term "wise use". In the past, when someone threatened, unless we paid them, to do something we didn't want, didn't we use to call that "black mail"?

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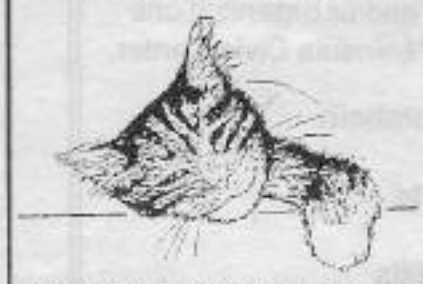

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To The Editor:

I have trememdous respect for the Tramil's standing up to the Peninsula School District. I cowered when they confronted me with an IEP (independent Educational Program) for my son. That was in 1990, and my son has paid the price ever since. He has been a write off to the American Public School System. There is nothing independent nor educational about this program!

Everyone wants the very best for their children. I was told my son would NOT get the time or attention for his educational needs if I did not sign for an IEP. I was more than intimidated to sign, I was coerced!

What an IEP REALLY means, is that my son only has had to do half, or less of the work others in his grade do. Work that for six years has been inappropriate! My son is capable of learning, but they insist on pushing him through the system. There is no accountability by him or his teachers for his education. He just has to show up, with his inappropriate work, and not bother anyone. My son had some wonderful teachers. I think even the teachers are stuck in the system.

It doesn't matter where you live, what your income level is, or what your ethnic background is. As the public we trust. America needs to be accountable. My son does and his school district does!

We have a very insubstantial educational system in our United States, and it doesn't have to be!

I just hope, when my son is older, he will forgive me for being cowardly. I hope he will stand up for w' believes in. Not cower with crowd.

Coral Johnston,
Gig Harbor

To The Editor:

In regards to Mr. Culvertson's editorial in the *Gateway*, dated 10/16/96, it is a most thorough job of whitewashing the problems at Minter Elementary. The fact that it came so soon after a brutally honest and disturbing editorial from Mr. McCoy indicating otherwise, causes you to appear less than forthcoming. Then of course, Mr. Culvertson is a school district employee. Only parents like myself and Mr. McCoy can wipe the slate clean at Minter, and that's completely out of the question at this point.

I laid bare the unmitigated truth about the leadership at Minter Elementary, and let the chips fall where they may. When leadership remains in one place too long, they have favored teachers, students, parents, and people they want to hire. Soon the institution, put there and funded by the taxpayer, has taken on a life of it's own, and its missions too often subordinated by the personal agenda of the leadership. Those favored will be well treated. Others have my sympathy.

Only after my case received newspaper coverage did I know so many others shared my views, and similar painful experiences at Minter Elementary and the Peninsula School District. Some have been so intimidated that they have resigned, and given the school district a free hand to dictate what is best for their child. The parent's wishes are regarded as so much trash.

The IEP (Individual Education Program) is a money gathering farce in need of new direction. It is a psychological holding tank, where children don't have to perform, just behave. Many are taught nothing, and when they become adults, are thoroughly qualified to sweep floors and go to prisons. Any child entering IEP should do so only at the wishes of their parents, and those parents should not be subject to any form of intimidation, coersion, and/or persuasive techniques from the school district. Once that child enters IEP, they will receive the special attention they need, or the parents of that child can pull him/her out of the program immediately and without penalty. The parents will then decide the best agenda for their own child. If you feel that you have been violated by the school district, and you are scared, hurting and feeling helpless, call me at 851-4983. You as a parent, have a right to be heard, and your child should not be treated like a guinea pig by your educational system.

The school district ought never drag the parents into court, to decide whether or not their child should be put into IEP, especially when there are serious problems with the leadership at the school, but mainly because the parents have said NO. The parents can see motives here by the school district that are less than reasonable, less than honorable, and far below what any parent should accept for their child.

Neither should the school view the parents as a threat, because they have seen some very disturbing things happen to their child at that school, and have found it necessary to spend more time than any other parent at Minter, in their child's classroom, observing, helping and offering suggestions to help his teachers do what is required of them.

We are not insensitive to the school's need for funding, but not at the expense of our child. The teachers are not paid all that well, and it is they who have the greatest responsibility for the education of our children at the schools. Upper and

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Special Notice:

From the VFW and
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This time of year we have a lot of events that occupy our minds. Football season has started and baseball play-offs are in full swing. Halloween, Thanksgiving and guess what??, Christmas!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4990 want to make this holiday season special. To do this we have to start early and get as many people involved as possible. You can participate.

Two Christmas Wishing Trees will be set up, one at Walt's Fine Foods at Key Center and one at Walt's Fine Foods at Lake Kathryn Village. These trees will be ornamented with a wish list received from the Veterans Home at Retsil andthe Rocky Bay Health Care Facility. The list consists of small items that can bring joy to the residents of these two facilities and are always in short supply. Some examples are: small gift sets of toiletries, mugs filled with soft candy, disposable razors, etc. Both men and women items are needed. Your participation will be in purchasing an item, gift wrapping the item and marking it whether it is for a man or a woman. Return the gift or gifts to the store so they can be placed under the tree. What a wonderful way to bring some joy to some very deserving people and participate in the real meaning of Christmas.

DeaBee Blum
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Vignettes From Vaughn Elementary

by Diane Ramsey

We're starting to get in the groove at Vaughn Elementary. Placement tests are done. The fall fundraiser is well underway. We had an open house so parents could meet their children's teachers. Over five hundred parents showed up! The kids are realizing that summer is really over and it's time to buckle down and study.

But what wonder studies! This year we have a music teacher, Mary Farr. She is teaching the basics of rhythm now. Learning rhythm improves children's coordination and memory. Music also stimulates the "higher centers" of the brain. Studies have shown that children learn their math better if they also study music! They're also studying stringed instruments right now. Parents have demonstrated, and let the students try to play the violin, dulcimer, banjo, and of course, the guitar. If you would like to demonstrate your musical instrument to the students, please call the school.

Cultural Enrichment, with Ernie Donehower, is winding up its study unit on Native Americans. The students have made cardboard drums, shields, eskimo toys, and dream catchers, to name a few of their projects. Mr. Donehower also tells stories that illustrate the different Native American traditions. The school would like to bring in an artist who works in the N.W. Coastal style of carving and painting. The artist would teach the students about line and color as well as the historical and cultural meaning of the art. If you would like to help with this artistic endeavor, either with your time or money, please call the school.

Of course, the on-going emphasis is still reading, reading, reading! Ten percent of our children still cannot read at grade level. We desperately need volunteers to come to the school and read with these children. Thirty minutes a week is all it takes to make a huge difference in their lives! If you have 30 minutes a week, please call the school. If you don't get an immediate response, call again. (Sometimes messages and phone numbers do get lost.) Remember, it takes a whole village to raise a child!

P.S. Vaughn has recycling bins for aluminum cans and newspapers. If you would like to recycle and help the school raise funds, please bring in those aluminum cans and newspapers.

For more information call Vaughn Elementary, at 884-5700, and ask for Diane Ramsey, parent and community coordinator.

Holiday Bazaar

The Longbranch Church Ruth Circle is having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

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Cougar Corner

by Margo Macdonald

November at Key Peninsula Middle School finds us in a flurry of activity. We start the month with a reminder that Tuesday, November 5 is election day and though we realize that there are some national decisions to be made, we also encourage you to remember your local Park District is running a levy measure this time around. The middle school will be having an early dismissal that day. We are also observing Veterans Day on November 11, and Thanksgiving break will include November 28 and 29. The Washington State Parks Commission will be holding a public meeting at KPMS, November 12 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

For our Cougar sports fans, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Wrestling are in full swing this month. Catch the action on Tuesdays and Thursdays; a call to the office will let you know if we are home or away. The Intermediate and Advanced Band Concert will be held Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. and our Beginning Band will perform the following Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations go out to Mike Coroo for his Student of the Month Award for Cooperation. The staff at KPMS nominates students each month who display positive attributes and Mike is our first winner this year. Oliver's Smokehouse has generously donated a dinner for the winner and his parents. Congratulations to all the other students who were chosed by their teachers. The Student of the Month Assembly for November will be held Thursday, November 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Karen Sanom's Keyteen class will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit Community House. The drive began October 31 and will continue until the Thanksgiving break. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Ms. Sanom would also like to note that Keyteens are rewarding good deeds at school and had 20 nominations in the last week alone. Also a big thank you to the annonymous bulb donor; Karen's class will be out in force getting our school ready for a spectacular spring show.

The KPVPO is currently doing our fundraiser for fall; we are not selling anything and hope that you will be so pleased at not having to buy anything that you will write us a generous check and help support our programs at the school. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 21 at 2:45 p.m.

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The Home Centennial Time Capsule And The Chance For Your Organization

December 1st is the day set aside for the Home Centennial Time Capsule dedication. This is the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Since the Centennial Committee is very thankful to everyone in the community for their generous contributions and participation, we would like to give something back.

Effective immediately, time capsule envelopes will be available to any organization on the Key Peninsula to use as a fund raiser. Here's the plan. Your organization (any non-profit group) can request envelopes. These envelopes are free to your group. You distribute the envelopes and request a five dollar ($5.00) donation. You keep the money and supply the Centennial Committee with a list of everyone that donated. On that list you write the corresponding envelope number, their name and their phone number. You keep a copy of the list and make sure everyone has their envelope turned in by November 23. Then, on December 1st at 1:00 p.m., everyone (and we do hope everyone) comes to the Home Fire Station.

A final Celebration of our Centennial year will take place. This will include food, music and an all around holiday celebration for the entire Peninsula. This means everyone is welcome. We are hoping that by distributing the envelopes in this manner, everyone will hear of the event and feel welcome.

Anyone who acquired an envelope is encouraged to fill it with a letter to the future, future families, photos, a picture of your home and location, your life story, or anything else that will stand the test of time. (Note: Videos and tapes are not recommended). No valuable items, please! Space is limited so please act early.

The fund raising activities went expremely well for the Home Celebration. We still have some t-shirts and mugs available for anyone that missed out earlier and since everything is paid for we plan to spend the balance on the time capsule dedication and social. This is going to be a great finale to our Centennial year.

For more information, please contact Lori Deacon at 884-4412.

in The Library

LEARNING AMONG THE OAK GROVES, a look at Celtic life, will be presented by Tames Alan, Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Tames Alan is an actress, historian, and fashion history teacher who has combined her skills to create an educational lecture for people of all ages. In this living history lecture, Tames talks about what it was like to live in ancient Britain at the time of the Roman invasion. She explains the hierarchy of the Celtic tribe and the binding factors between the tribes - the Durids and Bards. She also talks about the Celtic holidays and tells how and why they were celebrated and about the very special relationship the Celts had with the lands and waters they worshipped. She explains the training a person received for his rites of passage and for his chosen craft, be it smith, hunter, or herdsman. Part of her lecture centers on Celtic women and their training as wives, warriors, and leaders of worship. Included is a discussion of art, music, and dance.

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by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

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If audited by the IRS, never give any more information than the specific item asked for. The IRS will question you to see if you are withholding any information

Thank You!

Our thanks to **Irene Zimmer**. Since she took over the paper, she has printed every article I've submitted. With her help and support, we have won the Publicity #1 Award, money and trophy for 3 years in a row. No other TOPS chapter has ever done this. Irene prods me to get my "story" to her, and she has been very kind if I'm a day late. She also puts us on the reader board and the daily roster. We thank her sincerely, and appreciate all she has done for TOPS WA #1019, Vaughn.

Frankie Johnson

Happy Thanksgiving

Women And Money

Ann Copeland, well-known certified financial planner from Tacoma, will keynote an all-day workshop November 9, to help women develop strategies for financial independence and a secure retirement.

The workshop, part of the ongoing "Women and . . ." series sponsored by the Gig Harbor Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 7701 Skansie Avenue, Gig Harbor. The cost is $40 for members; $50 nonmembers, and includes a box lunch. Proceeds go to AAUW activities in support of girls and women. Limited scholarships are available. For details and registration information, call Linda at 265-6470.

From Ms. Copeland, who holds a Ph. D. and is a certified financial planner with KMS Financial Services, workshop participants will discover "everything you always wanted to know about" stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Copeland will review recent changes in Social Security and discuss the need for women to be prepared for even bigger changes in the future.

Joining Copeland will be Caroline Manger, noted health insurance specialist, and Mary Lynne McDonald, CFP and author of "The Christian's Guide to Money Matters for Women." Manger will give the inside story of health care concerns and costs. McDonald will present the financial realities of divorce and widowhood and help workshop participants develop survival skills for singles.

Volunteers Needed For Delivering Thanksgiving And Christmas Meals

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound Seniors on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. Deliveries take place between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Individuals need to bring a cooler or an insulated box to keep meals warm. Help brighten up someone's day by delivering a hot meal with a smile.

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The shots are free to all seniors who are signed up with Medicare Part B. All others can get their shot for just $10 per person. No appointment is necessary and the shots will be administered Monday through Friday only (no weekends) from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Those interested should simply go to the commons area on the first floor of the Pt. Fosdick Medical Center at 4700 Pt. Fosdick Drive N.W. Everyone will be handled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Plenty of free parking is available at the building.

The Aisle Of Honor

Weather permitting, 132 flags will fly in the Aisle of Honor at the Vaughn Cemetery, November 11th, 1996. Do try to see this spectacular salute to our departed veterans and take a minute to say thanks.

VFW and Auxiliary of Post 4990, are participating in the TIME CAPSULE, to be sealed at the Home Fire Station No. 3, December 1st, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. The capsule will be opened in the year 2096 -- sure would like to be there for that!!!!

After having the good fortune to celebrate our 50th anniversary of the VFW Post and Auxiliary earlier this year, another milestone was created when our own State Commander, Jane Adamson, visited during our October 14th meeting. Not only is Jane the first women Commander in Washington history, she is the first State Commander to ever visit Post 4990 and its Auxiliary. We wish her a wonderful year and thanks for the visit - you made our day!!!!

The National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Eileen Tanner, will be visiting at Lake Chelan, November 8th through November 10th. All Auxiliary members please note: if you wish to attend, contact 884-9982 or 884-4407.

Cy Young, Commander
VFW Post 4990

TO YOUR HEALTH

by William F. Roes, MD

November seems to be the month when many "snow-bird" patients start thinking of traveling south for the winter months. These trips often include sojourns into Mexico or other more distant foreign countries, and I've often been asked about my recommendations for shots to prevent hepatitis for those leaving the United States. As I've discussed in previous articles, there are three common types of viral hepatitis. Hepatitis A, formerly known as infectious hepatitis, has been the most commonly encountered in traveling, as its easily acquired by eating meals prepared by someone with the infection. Hepatitis B (serum hepatitis), and Hepatitis C are usually acquired by exposure to blood or other bodily fluids. Although Hepatitis A is usually the least severe form of hepatitis, it is still a serious infection of the liver, and can cause a significant illness sometimes requiring hospitalization.

Up until recently, the only protection against Hepatitis A we had was an injection of gamma-globulin. This is a concentration of the infection fighting antibodies that are injected as close to the time of potential exposure. These foreign antibodies provide temporary "passive" immunity until they are destroyed or depleted, usually around 90 days. After that all temporary immunity is lost and another shot of gamma globulin is required if exposure continues. There is a new Hepatitis A vaccine which appears to offer a significant improvement over gamma globulin. The vaccine is an inactivated form of the Hepatitis A virus antigen, and the patients immune system develops its own protective antibodies to the virus. 95% of adults develop protective antibodies within 4 weeks, but a single boosted shot is recommended 6 months after the first. This offers more specific protection, is probably safer, and certainly is longer lasting than the gamma globulin. If you've already been exposed to Hepatitis A but have not contracted the disease, gamma globulin is still the recommended course. On the other hand, if you're planning a trip into countries where the blood handling or sanitation is in question and your trip is over a month away, the Hepatitis A Vaccine is probably the better recommendation.

It's not too late to benefit from this year's flu vaccine. We'll be providing it at the Key Medical Center for all community seniors through the month of November, so if you haven't done it yet, come up and get your shot.

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From the KP News Staff

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Critter Corner

Salmon Disease

by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

Fall in the Northwest brings with it dark mornings, chilly temperatures, bare trees, and of course, soggy weather. This is also the time of year that veterinary hospitals begin to see dogs infected with Salmon Disease.

Salmon Disease or Salmon Poisoning is caused by a rickettsial (bacteria-like), organism called *Neorickettsia Helmonthoeca*. This organism lives in a fluke or flat work that becomes encysted in the muscles of some Chinook, Silver, Chum or Dog salmon and Brook, Speckled, Cutthroat, Mountain, Rainbow or Steelhead trout.

Dogs become infected by eating infested raw fish. The signs of illness develop about 5-8 days after ingestion of the tainted fish. The dogs initially become very febrile, lethargic and often do not want to eat. This is sometimes the only symptoms noted by owners who present their pets early in the course of the disease. Later, symptoms usually progress to vomiting and diarrhea. The diarrhea is often very runny and yellow in color and in other cases, blood tinged. After a day or two of diarrhea, many animals appear to improve, albeit temporarily. In time the pet's temperature falls to subnormal. At this time the animal so emaciated and weak that it can hardly stand alone. Many untreated animals die 6 - 10 days after the appearance of the first symptoms.

Treatment for Salmon Disease is very effective is the pet is presented soon after the symptoms develop. In some cases, before vomiting and diarrhea develops, dogs can be treated at home with antibiotics. Tetracycline usually works the best. If vomiting and diarrhea has already developed however, hospitalization with fluid replacement and injectable antibiotics is necessary to get the pet well.

Unfortunately, there is no vaccine or preventative for Salmon Disease. However, most dogs that get sick with the disease and survive, are often naturally immunized and therefore protected against subsequent infection if exposed to the deadly organism again.

There are many residents in the Key Peninsula area that live on the water and as such, their dogs are at a higher risk for exposure to infested fish, especially if they live in an area where fish are sometimes washed up on the shore. We as pet owners can't always account for our dogs' whereabouts all day long and what they have have ingested while unattended, but we can adhere to some simple rules regarding what we feed our pet. Do not feed your dog raw salmon or trout. You are inviting trouble if you do.

Senior Celebration Honoring Our 80-Year Plus Seniors

Lovely flowers adorned the tables. Banners and balloons decorated the room. A very beautiful cake, with flowers and miniature balloons on the frosting was displayed on its own table.

Virginia Adkisson, who was mainly responsible for the festive atmosphere, had also spent much time and talent making fabric and crocheted corsages and boutonnieres for our honored guests. These will be a loving reminder of this special day.

After dinner, **Bob Smith** gave a presentation:

"As I looked at the list of the people we were honoring, I was impressed by how much each one has in this way contributed to the activities and growth of the KP Senior Society. They are the 'doers' not 'talkers', and without them, the Senior Society would not be what it is today. May we all follow their example in years to come".

Honored were **Judy Wilson and Nat Knox** for doing blood pressure check for the Seniors, **Henry Stock** for his many contributions to the Civic Center, **Cathy Schafer** for her service, **Evie Stinson** for her service, **Helen Kasper** for her service (and her lemon pie!),**Norman Storsett** and **Elizabeth and Ray Pochel** were welcomed as somewhat newer members.

Our next honorees are part of the backbone of the Senior Society, **Clem and Clara Kurz.** They helped organize the group 17 years ao and have given countless hours of service since.

Other invaluable members of long standing are **Martha Applegate, Mavis Zacek, Helen Hendrix and Dorothy Edwards, George Parrott, and Bud Franklin.**

The first meeting of the Senior Society was held on September 19, 1979. In attendance were: **Don McDonald, Clem and Clara Kurz, Shirley abd Stan Sorenson, Eleanor Stock, Helen Soderquist, Marie Dodge, Sid and Dot Beckard, Rene Spencer, and Sue and Bud Franklin.**

Virginia Adkisson and **Rose Malmgren** were thanked for putting on a such a great party. It was GREAT Anniversary Celebration.

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Letters To The Editor:

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mid-level management who sat on vulgar salaries with no new ideal is government waste, and that money should be paid to the teachers, to fund revitalization of the IEP program and a host of other uses far more important than most of the mid and upper level management.

Laws should be changed to prevent the school district from doing to another family what they have done to mine. The aspect of legality is at question here, and there should be consequences for teachers and principals, and leadership in the school district whose conduct has served to damage the child. It happens whether you are willing to realize it or not. The big stick policy has worked so well for the school district, that when a parent stands up to them and tells them they are wrong, and this is why, they are in shock.

If I fail my child now, or permit the school district to fail my child, surely he will fail society later, and we all know about that, don't we? These parents will not evade that responsibility, nor will they have it taken from them.

Ernest Tramil,
Gig Harbor

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the many supporters of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Levy, and to everyone who supported us with funds to run the campaign. Thanks as well to everyone who has contributed their time, energy and resources and especially to all of you who have already voted for the levy or still plan to vote "yes". Our hats are off to you! The little kids in Little League thank you, the big kids in the Firefighter's Association and adult softball league thank you, the skateboarders thank you, and the rest of the myriad of folk that at some time or other throughout the year, use Volunteer Park, say thank you.

It was our wish that we would have enough funds to put an endorsement page in the *Key Peninsula News*, writing in each of your names to say thank you on a personal level, but we just didn't get the campaign funding this time around. Three years ago when the levy passed by a 72% margin, it was a different story. Many donation dollars hadn't been tapped into at the time of year that levy was held, which was in February.

Right now, there is an on-going campaign in the community to raise funds for a skateboard recreation area. The kids are doing the fun-raising with car washes, a pumpkin sale at Ciderfest and other activities. Donations have been given by the business community. This is where monies above and beyond the M & O funds should be going for; building more things in the Park that will provide a safe and secure place for activities for the young people.

We on the levy committee feel good about what we have been able to do with what money we had and we're confident that this levy will be favorable for the continuation of park services and a real source of pride to the entire community. Volunteers are the arms and legs of Volunteer Park, but volunteers need the backbone of funding (through our M & O levies) to pay for the basic materials for them to work with, to pay for insurance, lights, and a host of on-going maintenance expenses that anyone who owns a home can understand.

Thank you again and we'll see you in the park.
Nancy C. Lind
Chairperson
Citizens for KPPRD

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, November 5, Key Peninsula voters will be asked to renew levy funds supporting Volunteer Park and the KP Park and Recreation District. We fully support this.

A problem exists: many voters are confused that this is the same levy item which went down to defeat in *Gig Harbor* in the September election. This is NOT the case. Key Peninsulans have supported this levy in the past and should again. It keeps the gates open to Volunteer Park which is used by the KP Little League, adult softball, tournaments, TVN three stage bike races, community picnics, tennis lessons, the firemen's muster, wedding receptions, little league soccer and a plethora of other community activities.

Since the last successful levy, the park building got a new roof, a log cabin picnic shelter was built with park-funded materials by volunteer labor, dugouts (for safety) were built at the baseball diamonds, the horseshoe pits have been refurbished, and a community meeting room has been made available.

Plans are underway to construct, again with largely volunteer labor, a skating recreation area at which skateboarders and blade skaters may enjoy their sport in relative safety. Additional playground equipment will be acquired and bathroom facilities will be upgraded, among other things.

The KP Park and Recreation District's board and many, many volunteers who support it and Volunteer Park are deserving of nothing less from us voters than that we contribute to the welfare of the many who use our facilities.

Please vote yes for our parks. It will only cost you a one-time assessment in 1997 of 20 cents per thousand, which works out to $10 for a $50,000 home or $20 for a $100,000 home. That's about the price of a pizza, and a lot less than a carton of cigarettes which are not nearly as healthy.

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community hall where the Grange meetings were usually followed by a hoe-down. I remember many a night being put to bed on one of the side benches there. The same phenomena always occurred after the 'good roads' meetings at the Library Hall in Vaughn. Vaughn, I guess, was the cultural center. Three churches surrounded the bay, and Vaughn High School, now the Civic Center and Key Peninsula Historical Museum. Key Center has the commerce, the fire hall and health facilities. A few miles south is a playground and intermediate school. My brother and I took some comfort when the school district demanded our land for this. Our father, Elmer Olson, was on the school board when the gym and three new classrooms were built for the old high school. At the same time, our mother, Elsie, was president of the PTA.

It may be of some interest that the WPA built this facility at a net cost to the district of $8,000. The WPA was a "make-work" institution. They even made their own shakes. The school board was careful to spread their orders for materials equally between Visells at Key Center and Sorensons at Lakebay. They could not make everybody happy when it came to the choice for a new school bus. Chevrolet won over Ford, and it was a lemon. The Ford advocates were not about to let the board forget it!

I cannot help but plagiarize Bertha Gabrielson Davidson and Floyd Oles, both contempories of Dad's, who have written earlier histories of Vaughn and Glencove.

Now both Bertha and Floyd have my grandmother's name down as Mary, but her name was Ellen Piarson. Mary was grandfather's sister's name and she was always much on the scene. Mary and Nils Johnson had come over from Sweden a few years earlier. They spotted a likely wife for Andrew attending the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tacoma, and my grandparents were married there in 1892.

The Burro at Vaughn Dock. *Photo courtesy of Jim Haines*

They were not getting any younger, he 40 and she 36, but they had five children in six years.

Although the children were all born in a rather primitive cabin on the homestead, Ellen took them to Tacoma to school and stayed during the week. Mary's children were from Scana in southern Sweden. Ellen had been a maid for a wealthy Tacoma family, but she spoke poor English. It was tough when Andrew decreed, about the time the children were to go to school: "No more Swedish will be spoken in this house." They were determined that the children should be educated. Dad and his youngest sister, Edith, both went off to Bellingham Normal, now Western Washington University. Edith taught at Vaughn and in Alaska for a while, then went on to Stanford and Columbia Universities, becoming an official in the American Red Cross.

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