

Community, board members, commissioners ask: **"What now?,"** after park district levy fails again



The seriousness of the situation shows in the faces of Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board officers Stephanie Zampini, Dale Loy, Ann Larson and Terry Thomas (pictured above) and Park Commissioners Mike Salatino, Tim Kezele, Daphne Daus and Max Marlowe (shown at right), as they planned their respective futures.

Civic Center Association votes to negotiate with Park District

Park commissioners vote to stop funding facilities

A one-year contract to manage the Civic Center will be the goal

by Megan Aprile

At a special meeting held November 15, the Civic Center Association voted to enter into negotiations with the park district for the management of the Civic Center.

At stake was the continued operation of the Center and its programs, including the Key Peninsula NEWS. As the meeting began, four options were outlined: to do nothing and allow the Civic Center to close until another levy was passed; to close the building over the winter months and work toward a March levy passage; to enter into negotiations with the Park Board for management of the facility; or to not enter into negotiations and receive the building back according to the terms of the deed and run it as a private facility. The building was deeded to the Park District with the proviso that if it were not used for its intended purpose of leisure time activities, the building would revert to the grantor, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

After extensive discussion and input from citizens who attended, the Civic Center Association decided on a split vote, to attempt to keep the center open for

the next year using emergency funds of the organization and additional fund raising.

The option of closing the building over the winter was discussed at length as some board members and members of the public were in favor of that option. The financial loss of rental income and the continued expenses of caretakers and other basic expenses made the option of temporary closure impractical. There was no consensus on the board to allow the Center to close permanently. Board members also did not want to take the building back and turn it into a private facility because of the uncertainty about meeting the \$28,000 annual operating cost. President Stephanie Zampini summed up the feelings of the majority of members by saying "those of us on the board feel that we can't do anymore," adding that additional fund-raisers could only be run with help from the community.

The Civic Center Association membership has fallen off drastically in recent years, and there are currently only about eight active members. While there were

by Megan Aprile

At their November meeting the Key Peninsula Park District Commissioners, Mike Salatino, Daphne Daus, Max Marlowe and Tim Kezele decided the immediate future of Volunteer Park and the Civic Center. Commissioner Scott Marcus was absent.

The meeting was attended by over 50 people, who voiced their feelings about what should be done with the facilities.

Some people felt the facilities should be closed until a levy could be passed, while others said the Civic Center should remain open with volunteer help, which many people said would be forthcoming if the Civic Center Association would resume management of the Civic Center building.

over 30 people at the regular Association meeting on November 8, urging board members to continue the operation of the Center and stating that volunteer help would be forthcoming, only five people besides the board members attended the special meeting where the decision was made.

Park District commissioners Mike Salatino and Max Marlowe were designated as the contract negotiations representatives; both vowed to cooperate with the Association to quickly complete a

Because the park district will be without funds by December 31, the commissioners voted to cease "funding, maintaining or operating both facilities as of December 31, 1990." They further voted to enter into contract negotiations with the Civic Center Association for management of the Civic Center.

The question of how Volunteer Park would continue to operate was not specifically addressed.

Also not addressed was when or whether another levy issue would be placed before the voters. Since the park district was established, there have been several failed levies.

The next Park Board meeting will be December 12.

successful contract.

If a contract is completed, the next year of operation will depend on: the community support promised by people attending recent meetings; volunteers; and most importantly; financial support.

1991 contributions or support for fundraisers must be enough to both maintain the Center and do the major improvements which are critically needed and cannot be delayed further without compromising the operation of the building.

KPCCA meets again December 13.

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Letters

To the editor:

Congratulations to all who helped defeat the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Tax Levy—excess tax levy.

Prior to election day, I read and heard all kinds of reasons for voting no on this levy. 90% of the reason appeared to be the hue and cry of "no more taxes." The other reasons I heard from people were "Who cares? I don't use the Civic Center nor do I go to ball games at Volunteer Park."

While I do not agree with the "who cares attitude," I can understand that much better than the 90% group. Their problem is not really the tax situation, but a long-lived festering opposition to the Key Peninsula Park District and Key Peninsula Civic Center. This hard headed, stubborn attitude has been going on for years. When will it cease? Maybe when all these old mossbacks have died off. Let's hope they have not instilled the same thinking in their offspring.

Oh yes, one other comment I have heard from many people. "Volunteer Park was built with volunteers and the Civic Center doors were kept open with volunteers. So why do they need all this money from the tax levy?"

Come on people, that's 1940 thinking from back in the good old days when bread was 12 cents a loaf and milk was 10 cents a quart.

**Howard Reynolds,
Vaughn**

To the editor:

So many people gave help and support during the illness and loss of my wife Marcy. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to this community.

**Dale Towry
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from Mary Bridge Hospital

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Arts & Crafts Fair a success thanks to community help

from the KP Civic Center Association

Although the Arts and Crafts Fair was held this year on one of the rainiest days ever, there were many shoppers, who evidently took advantage of the opportunity to shop close to home and buy quality gifts and crafts.

Many people attending took the time to fill out a KP NEWS survey, and we thank them; particularly Heather Cole, Jane Albrecht, Lise Cozzetti, Irene Erickson, Wally Comman, Sally Comman, Paddy Gilson, Laura Wrzeski, Nancy Skarberg, Zelma Huckaby, Zora Davis, Diana Malcolm, Jeannine Lutge and Doris Boudreau, who volunteered their time as well. Community support is our best chance for continued operation of the Civic Center.

We particularly want to thank Terry Thomas, another new member of the Association, who organized the bake sale held at the Arts and Crafts Fair, and the many people who helped her.

Debbie Hill, Peggy Dervacs, Marvel Livingston, Gail Turner, Wendy Dolly, and the folks at Red Dogs and Peggy's Cinnamon Rolls at Freighthouse Square in Tacoma all donated food. Marie Smith and Kathy Jacobson helped man the bake sale and their help is also much appreciated.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

**January issue
will be delayed**

Due to the Christmas holidays, the January issue of the Key Peninsula NEWS will be out around January 10.

next KP NEWS: January 10 - deadline December 21

Civic Center News

president's report

December is here, and with it comes Christmas and the New Year: it looks like the New Year will bring some changes to our community. The Park District commissioners announced that they can no longer fund or operate the Civic Center and Volunteer Park after December 31.

A big thank you goes to all of you who voted yes on the levy. Your continued support will be needed in the coming year.

For those who voted no, I hope you will also support all of the programs and fund-raisers of all organizations who use the Civic Center.

The Civic Center Association has pulled together to try and keep the Center

open through an agreement with the park district and a lot of help from you.

It takes about \$40,000 per year to keep the Civic Center running. We are not able to raise those funds without your help. We will need new members. Thanks to all of you who have joined since November.

Our December 13 meeting will start at 8 pm after a potluck for board members and their families. The main topic will be the new agreement between the association and the park district.

A new program, WIC, will be offered at the Center starting December 18 and 19. Watch the NEWS next month for future dates. It is run by Mary Bridge

Children's Hospital and is for women, infants and children.

If you are in need of help, (an example would be a family of 3 with income of \$1628 monthly or less), call 1-800-841-1410. An appointment will be set up to discuss your needs and eligibility. This will be an ongoing program.

This month will be a busy one for all of us on the Key Peninsula, especially with the holiday a few weeks away.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and for those of you who have loved one in the Armed Forces, let's pray that they all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year even if they can't be with us this year.

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Peninsula Soccer Club hosts finals at Volunteer Park

Homeschooling program



KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

Local Vaughn elementary student Mike Backlund plays with a Peninsula Soccer Club team.

by Megan Aprile

The Peninsula Soccer Club, composed of players from the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula, hosted the district finals recently at Volunteer Park. Over the weekend of November 17 and 18, the park was filled with kids wearing uniforms from all around Washington, as the teams competed for the district cup. Twenty six teams competed for the district cups and the chance to go on to the state district cup tournaments.

One of those players was ten-year-old Mike Backlund, (pictured above), team captain for the Gig Harbor Pounders. Mike attends Vaughn Elementary and has been playing soccer since first grade. Mike, who plays left and right wing on his team, talked to the KP NEWS

about what soccer means to him. Mike was elected captain by the rest of the kids on the team. He said he thought it was because he tried to encourage kids rather than put them down. He said, "it is easier to try my hardest in soccer."

When asked about the frequently wet, muddy conditions that soccer is played in (the season runs from September to Christmas weekend), he said, "that's what I like the most. I don't get too hot if it's cold out." (Mike's mother, Deniece, laughed in the background, and said "I thought that's what he'd say.")

I also talked with official team mother Linda Walker, who explained more about the way the teams are organized.

This year the Pounders are a district gold team, which means that they play year-round, as contrasted to the home teams, who play the regular season.

District gold team players make a very serious commitment to soccer; they practice twice a week and Saturdays and concentrate on becoming a well-organized, disciplined and highly competitive team in order to meet the higher challenges of district play.

Linda told me that she felt all the boys worked very hard to be a good team. She said that her own son, Willy, as an example, not only attends his Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday soccer practices, but is out in the yard practicing as soon as he finishes his homework on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Linda said she has no grass left, but that's not a bit important compared to what her son is accomplishing.

The Pounders lost their game with the Federal Way Cobras, but are looking forward to the America cup game around the first of the year, when they will play teams from the whole state. If they win there, they can represent the state in their division in a tournament which will be played in California.



How to Motivate the Reluctant Learner will be addressed at the Greater Gig Harbor Homeschool Support Association meeting on Tuesday December 11 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gig Harbor Christian Church, 10011 Burnham Drive, Gig Harbor. Anyone considering home schooling is welcome.

For more information call 884-2735 or 265-8210.

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

KPBA Dec. 7, 21: 7:30 am Huckleberry Inn

civic organizations:

Citizens Against Crime Dec. 6: 7:30 pm KPCC, Whitmore rm.

Cooljetties Dec. 11: Cottesmore

Dec. 18: Resil Veterans Home

meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot

Dec. 20: 7:30 pm KPCC, Whitmore rm.

Dec. 13: 7:30 pm KPCC, Whitmore rm.

Dec. 5, 19: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn, Key Center

childrens organizations:

Cub Pack 213 pack meeting Dec. 7: 7 pm KPCC

community services:

CPR classes Dec. 6: 7-10 pm 884-2222 for reservations

food bank Tues - Fri: 10 am-3 pm KP Community Ctr., Home

hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon " " "

respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm KC Library, Brones room

sewing classes Tuesdays: 1-4 pm KC Library

of interest to parents:

Homeschooling Association Dec. 11: 7 pm Gig Harbor Christian Church information 265-8210, 884-2735

KP Little League Board Dec. 18: 7 pm KC Library, Brones room

Peninsula School Board Dec. 13: 7:30 pm ESC center, Parly

public meetings:

KP Fire Com. Dec. 12, 24: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station

KP Park Board Dec. 12: 7:30 pm KPCC, Whitmore room

self help groups:

Nutrition Day Dec. 10: noon home of Jean Humphries

potluck, gift exchange

Single Parent Support Group Dec. 4: 7 pm Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359

social/hobby groups:

Bayshore Garden Club Dec. 21: noon Longbranch Improvement Club

potluck and arrangements exchange

Christian Women's Club Dec. 12: prayer coffee The Camarron - reservations req.

of Gig Harbor : 9:30 - 11:30 am Lois 851-5522

Lorraine 851-3163, Lois 851-5522

Key Peninsula Social Club Dec. 6: 7:30 pm Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

Peninsula Neighbors Dec. 12: noon Longbranch Church

potluck, gift exchange Longbranch Church

Ruth Circle Dec. 13: 5 pm Longbranch Church

potluck; family gift exchange KPCC, Whitmore room

Senior Society Thursdays: noon

foot care and blood pressure

Upper Sound Grange Dec. 3 home of

Mr. & Mrs. H. Van Slyke

home of Lee Stiles

Vaughn Garden Club Dec. 19: noon

potluck and gift exchange

events:

Cookie Sale and Dec. 15: 9 am KP Health Center, Brones room

Train Show - given by KPHC board

Holiday Bazaar Dec. 8: Key Peninsula Community

breakfast starts 8 am Services Building, Lakebay

Key Center Tavern Dec. 14, 15, 16 Key Center Tavern

fund-raiser weekend

"Tom Jones" Dec. 6, 7: 7:30 pm Stadium High School, 111 North

Dec. 8: 2:30 pm E St., Tacoma 756-9056

Christmas Services and Programs:

Candlelight Service Dec. 24: 7 pm Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

Christmas Music Program Dec. 16: 5 pm Longbranch Church

Longbranch Church Dec. 23: following church Longbranch Church

Children's program

"Mary Had a Little Lamb" Dec. 16: 10:30 am Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

children's play

Christmas Celebrations



Key Peninsula Lutheran Church Christmas program

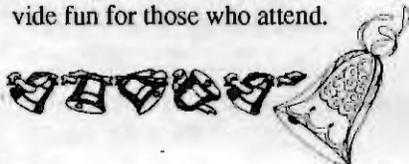
Sunday, December 16, at 10:30 am during the morning worship, the Youth of the Key Peninsula Lutheran will present "Mary Had A Little Lamb." The play portrays old truths of Christmas from a fresh new perspective, the animals' point of view. The animal puppets are led by Tiny, the small spotted lamb who is very inquisitive. They tell the message of the coming of baby Jesus; please join us for this unique Christmas musical for all ages to experience.

The church is located at the corner of Lackey Road and Key Peninsula Highway. The public is invited to attend this free performance. Refreshments will follow the service.

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church will be celebrating Christmas Eve with a Candle-light service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. The community is invited to attend.

Upper Sound Grange #705

Upper Sound Grange #705 will hold the December meeting, December 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harman Van Slyke, 5361 Highway 302, Belfair, Washington. Humorous gifts will provide fun for those who attend.



VFW Post 4990 Christmas party

VFW Post and Auxiliary 4990 will hold a Christmas party December 10. Happy hour will start at 6 pm, potluck dinner at 7 pm (Post furnishes the meat).

No gifts, please, but bring non-perishable items for our food basket.

For further information, call Cmdr. James H. Woolridge, 884-4407.

more Christmas news on pages 8 & 9

Group forming to monitor KP logging

by Jim Penfield

The first Key Peninsula settlers had to cut trees to provide open space for their gardens and orchards. Ever since then, cutting down some of the trees has been part of life here. I believe today's loggers conduct their business in a way which preserves the wooded rural atmosphere that is so important to all of us.

Recently, however, many of us have seen clear cutting without the replanting required by law or other logging which has after-effects ranging from real visual pollution to more serious damage such as ruining a stream for fish.

Logging is legally governed by the

state Forestry Practices Act of 1974. The Department of Natural Resources is charged with enforcing the Act- unfortunately, it does not have enough personnel.

For example, the enforcement officer who covers the Key Peninsula has responsibility for most of Pierce and all of Kitsap Counties, and Vashon Island.

The result is that loggers' applications suffer undeserved delay and residents suddenly discover logging activities that not being done as they should be.

There are no formal provisions for public comment on logging applications except land "conservation" requests prior to certain developments. However the

DNR has arrangements on Vashon Island and in the Gig Harbor area which allow citizens comment on logging applications shortly after they are filed. Community input in both areas is resulting in what can be described as a win-win situation for both the local residents and the loggers.

John McMenamin and I are in the process of setting up the same kind of arrangement for the Key Peninsula. We have already met with the DNR and a small group of Key Peninsulans. We would welcome wider interest and participation. Those interested in having some part on this effort please call John at 884-2359.

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Your participation in this poll will provide important information, so please take a moment to let us know why you voted no. Remember, call 884-4699 after 5 pm and wait for the tone after the special recording. Please be as brief as possible. Poll results will appear in the January issue of the NEWS.

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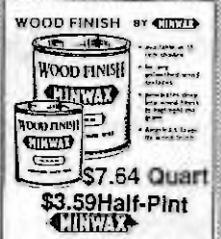


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Water situation in Key Center is close to resolution

Association members plan to work out purchase

by Megan Aprile

Downtown Key Center businesses and a few homes near the downtown area are currently served by an antiquated water system which does not meet current fire-flow requirements. The original system is located behind the Olson home and the Key Center Tavern in Key Center and has been maintained for many years by Don Olson, with assistance from Harry Anker and others.

The state fire marshal had given the water association (composed of member users), until August of 1990 to bring the system up to state standards. The group is now working on an extended deadline.

An alternate system was built about ten years ago. It is located on the hill behind the downtown area and serves the library/health center complex. That system, which has come to be known as the Fabre-Brones system, also did not meet the fire-flow requirements. The system remained in the control of the Brones estate, and was also under a five year time limit to meet state standards.

The purchase and upgrade of the Fabre-Brones system has been a goal of the water association, but has been com-

plicated by legal problems, cost and the mixed membership of private business and public agencies. Any agreement reached had to satisfy all the applicable state and county regulations, and ultimately tax-payers.

In the most current development, Dr. Roes, Doug Fabre, Walt Schmidt of Walt's Fine Foods, Fire District 16 and the Pierce County Library system are working on an agreement to pool funds to upgrade the system.

Once the Fabre-Brones system is upgraded to meet current state and county water standards, the water association can obtain a low interest HUD loan available from Pierce County to purchase the system. It will continue to be a privately-owned public water system, because local business people and the public facilities believe this is the best way to bring the system into compliance.

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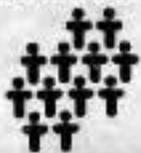
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Christmas on the Peninsula:

Holiday food baskets being prepared

by Mary Seidelman

Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank has plans underway to prepare Christmas Food Baskets & collect gifts for families needing assistance. Baskets will include turkey hind-quarters and fresh vegetables.

We are in need of all kinds of donations; clean used toys in good condition, non-perishable foods and money. Any money will be used to purchase perishable items or anything needed to complete

the baskets. We prefer the donations to be in before December 18.

Volunteer help will be needed December 20 to sort and pack the baskets. The success of this project, in the past, has been due to generous donations from Boy Scout Drives, school drives and private citizens.

People who qualify to receive baskets can sign up from November 29 to December 14. The baskets will be given out December 21 between 10 am and 4 pm.

Toys may be chosen by adult recipients, so they will be appropriate to the age and interest of the child.

Please call me, Holiday Food Basket Chairperson, at 884-2448 or Linda at 884-4440 if you can give your valuable time to this worthwhile cause.

Civic Center Christmas dinner

Senior citizens who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day can enjoy a Christmas dinner as invited guests at the Civic Center. Santa visits, guests receive gifts and transportation is provided. If you know of a senior who would otherwise be alone, please contact Eleanor Stock at 884-3739 or the Civic Center at 884-3456 so that he or she may be invited to the dinner.

Donations of money or supplies to cover the cost of the dinner can be made by contacting Margo Fleming, 884-3340. Teenage servers are also needed.

Rent-a-Santa service will help burn victims

Firefighters Local #3152 will offer a Rent-a-Santa delivery service from December 11 through December 25. Santa will deliver packages in the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor and Belfair for a \$30 donation up to December 24. A \$50 donation is asked for Christmas Day delivery.

All of the funds raised will go to the Northwest Burn Foundation. Our local firefighters are donating all of their time. Please consider taking advantage of this special way to delight children or adults

and help burn victims too.

If you would like Santa to deliver something for you, call Rick Olson, Santa's special scheduler, at 857-4057. Call early to get the dates you want.

Key Center Tavern fund-raiser

The Key Center Tavern will hold its second annual talent show on Friday, December 14, to kick off the fund-raiser weekend of December 14, 15, and 16. Saturday will feature a steak shoot.

The local fire department will provide the name of a family and all funds and donations received will go either to that family or back to the fire department to be distributed to other families needing holiday help. Last year fund-raising events at the Tavern netted over \$500 in cash and many donations of toys and clothes.

Sunnycrest offers gift certificate

Sunnycrest Nursery has decorated theme trees this year, and Dale and Claudia invite everyone to come in and pick a favorite, now through the month of December.

Claudia says "We love our Santa Tree, but the Victorian and angel ones are beautiful too, and there's the musical one..." Everyone who comes to vote can enter the special drawing for a gift certificate.

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Country Mouse features a special Christmas tree

Pat Blundell, owner of the Country Mouse, has finished decorating her tree, with its handmade ornaments, and invites the community to enjoy it at her shop, which is open Tuesday through Saturday. Pat says the large handmade elves are particularly popular with the kids.

Community Services, Improvement Club's Holiday Bazaar

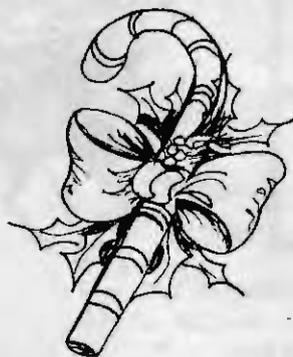
Key Peninsula Community services (Food Bank/Senior center) along with the Longbranch Improvement Club are having a Holiday Bazaar on December 8 at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The day will start out with breakfast from 8 to 11 am. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available from noon on. Prices for breakfast or lunch will be \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Booth space will be \$10 each. Bring your own table. Proceeds will go to help keep the facility open. The Key Peninsula Community services provides a multitude of services and social events for seniors of the community, and a place for AA, Lions Club and Cootiettes to meet.

I hope everyone will support our fundraiser. To rent a booth or for more information please call 884-4440, 884-4574 or you can call Philip Rome at 884-9355.

We also would like to remind everyone that we will be making Christmas Baskets again this year. We appreciate any donations for the baskets.



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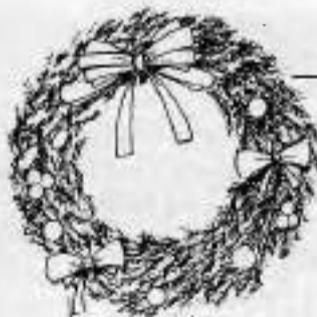
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Halloween party happened with a lot of help

Over 800 kids attended the all-community Halloween party held at the Civic Center. The hard-working people of the Key Center Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, along with community helpers and members of the Civic Center Association, did a wonderful job again this year of transforming the gym at the Civic Center into a well-organized Halloween carnival with a great "haunted house."

Chuck and Dixie Lodholm chaired the event; Thom and Rose Hahn were in charge of the haunted house; they and all the hard-working volunteers provided the impetus that created a lot of fun for a lot of children. In all, nearly a hundred people were involved, counting all the workers and those who provided cupcakes.

The event would not have been possible without people, but a lot of money is also needed. The following businesses, organizations and individuals donated money or supplies: The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association; The Great American Pizza Factory; Ruth Tweed; Walt's Fine Foods; Bridgeway Market; the Vaughn Elementary School Parent Organization; Al Meiers Building Supply; the Angel Guild; Pacific Lead & Metal Company; Dixie Lodholm; the Key Peninsula Lions' Club; Macon Bacon; Lyn Jochell; Marie Rock; Gail Turner; Vicky and Steve Schauer; Key Western Building Center; Lakebay Lumber; and Debbie Dickjose.

Local Puget Sound Sea Rescue team helped in recent flooding

by Megan Aprile

Local attorney Glen Pszczola and Key Peninsula firefighter Chuck West are two of the ten members of our local Puget Sound Sea Rescue Association. They recently took part in a dramatic evacuation using the new jet pump boat that was donated to the Association by the family of Gary Deubler.

On Friday November 23 a call was received from a Mason county man who has just established a Mason County chapter of Puget Sound Sea Rescue, which so far has no equipment. He had been called by the Mason County Fire Department to help evacuate people living near the mouth of the Skokomish River and Hood Canal.

Concern was high because homes already had a foot of water in them, more water had to be released from a nearby dam, and a high tide was due in the morning. Glen and Chuck left Friday with the boat and worked through the night evacuating people from their homes. Glen Pszczola described the strangeness of piloting a boat amidst the everyday objects floating by; objects like stairs, chunks of porches, barbeques, and septic tanks. They also passed by a propane tank that had floated off its moorings and was only attached by its hose.

Piloting a boat through the dark, rainy, flotsam-filled waters with power lines close by took skill, but Glen credited the design of the jet boat for making it possible. He explained that a regular outboard or inboard motor would have

sheared off by the many objects close to the water's surface, but the jet boat's pump-higher-than-hull design made maneuvering over barbed wire fences, mailboxes and even cars, possible. One minor disadvantage was the fact that the water is sucked through the intake to get propulsion. Chuck and Glen noticed after a couple of trips that they were losing power. They discovered that the stuff clogging the intake was something normally not found in rivers - it was hay which had floated out of the many barns in this rural area much like our own.

To find residents, Chuck and Glen floated up to homes and knocked on windows to attract attention. Inside homes, newspapers, toys and household objects were floating about. Working through the night, they evacuated 17 people and two dogs. Glen said that one long-time resident of the area said it was the worst flooding he'd ever seen in the thirty years he had lived there.

Fortunately, we on the Key Peninsula did not need to be evacuated, but it's good to know that such an organization exists, and that dedicated, selfless people are there to help us if necessary. Puget Sound Sea Rescue is a non-profit group founded by Tacoma fireman Denny Guy, who operates Tacoma's rescue boats. The organization has about 170 members, many of whom are firefighters. Donations to support the work of this group may be made to: Puget Sound Sea Rescue, 8912 Key Peninsula Highway North, Lakebay, WA 98349.

more flood stories on pages 11 & 14.

The "Weatherize" series had to be moved this month to make room for flood news. Look for it in the January issue.

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"Trauma Teddies"



by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula Fire Department has for years carried stuffed toys on its vehicles to present to youngsters experiencing the effects of trauma. Until now, the toys have been purchased by the KP Firefighters' Association or through donations from the public.

In 1987, Debbie Deutch, a discjockey with KLSY, read a story about "Trauma Teddies." She encouraged her listeners to contribute teddies which must be at least six inches tall and brand new. Contributors could donate \$6.00 in lieu of a teddy.

Response from Deutch's listeners was swift and generous. So many teddies and cash were accumulated that she decided to expand the program to include the King County Police.

Then merchants, including large corporations, joined the effort. The program's success continued and Debbie expanded it to include the entire area of her listenership - from Bellingham to Centralia. She also opened it to the fire service.

KPFD's Rick Olsen learned of the program, called KLSY, and within days received over 100 fluffy animals of all shapes and sizes, the majority of which were teddies. Delivery was made to KPFD's Headquarters' station by Federal Express which not only makes the deliveries at no charge, it warehouses "trauma teddies" gratis as well.

Persons wishing to contribute to the program can leave donations at the Children's Department of the Bon Marche.

"Just a couple days ago," said Olsen, "we had to transport a man who'd been stung on the head by a bee and was going into anaphylactic shock. His five year old daughter was frightened and terribly upset. We gave her a 'Trauma Teddy,' put a bandaid on its head, and assured her her daddy was going to be ok - just like the teddy. That's all it took. She was satisfied that everything would be all right."

Torrential rains caused road damage and flooding



Flooding at Minter Creek Fish Hatchery. photo Hugh McMillan

Crews were kept busy throughout the next day dealing with downed trees and limbs, and even some landslides in the Gig Harbor area.

Some residents found that their driveways or private roads were washed out by rain and some people's homes were flooded. Many of the homes with flooding problems were near creeks or swampy areas. By Saturday afternoon, any low-lying spot in the landscape had become an instant pond or small lake.

Vaughn elementary school had to be closed Monday because of flooding, even though teachers and staff worked through the weekend with extractors and dehumidifiers. Fire Department personnel sand-bagged part of the parking lot to keep water out and pumped it dry.

In the twenty-four hours between 8 am Saturday and 8 am Sunday, fire department personnel responded to 35 weather related calls; flooded basements, driveways "that had turned into raging rivers" in the words of Mary Ramsdell, District 16 secretary, and roads washing away.

One family had to be evacuated. Water was pouring around their home with such force that their car was moved 20 feet down their driveway. The family is o.k. and is being assisted by the Red Cross.



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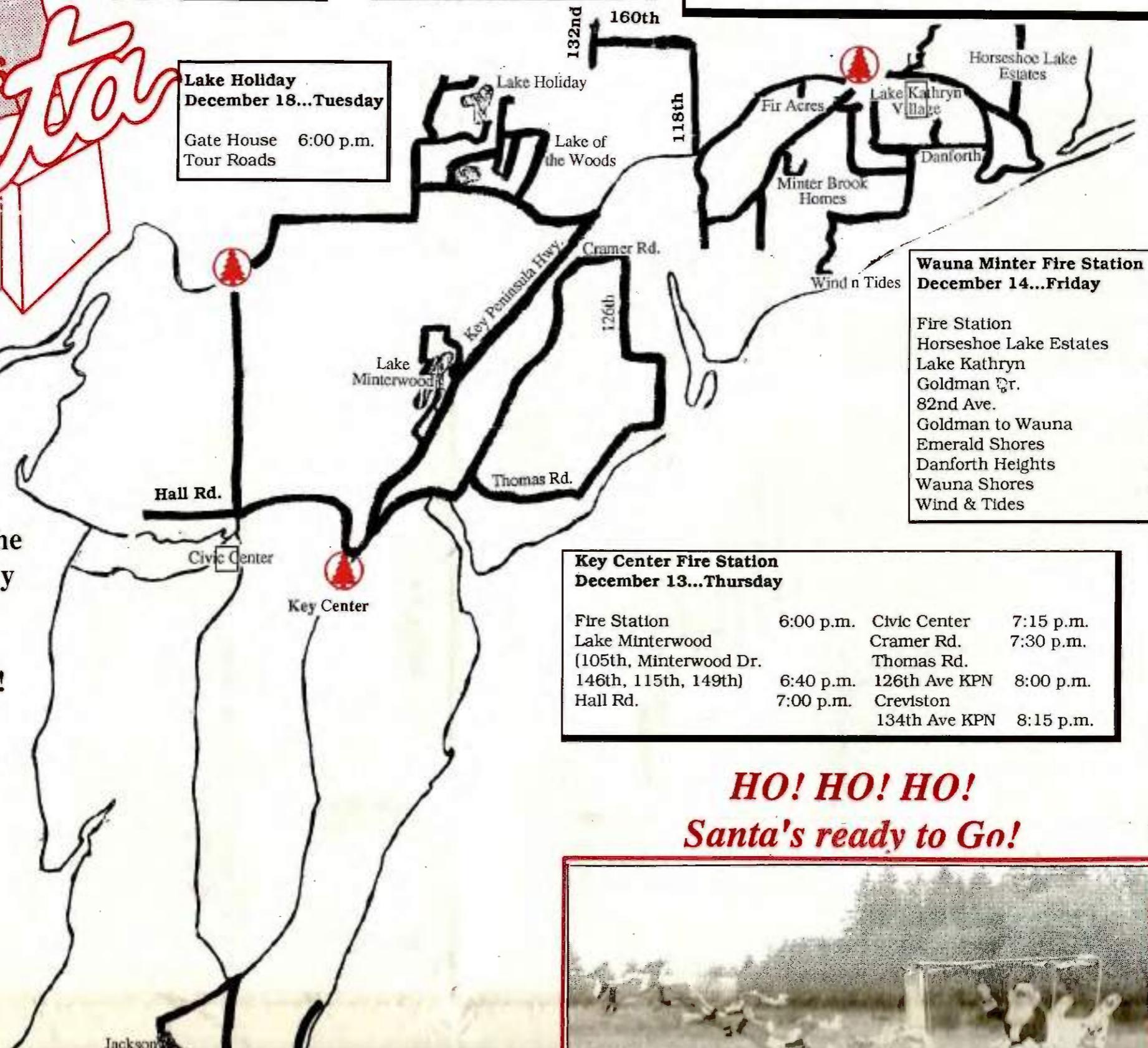
SANTA will be travelling through the Peninsula with candy for the children.... Listen for his siren! Watch for the lights! See his schedule for your neighborhood.

County Line Rd. December 15..Saturday Lemon Hills 6:10 p.m. 118th Ave. NW 6:30 p.m. 132nd, KPN 7:15 p.m.	Lake of the Woods December 17... Monday 138th/Elgin Clifton 6:00 p.m. 138th Ave., 137th St. 142nd Ave., 132nd St. 140th Ave., 134th St. 146th Ave., 144th Ave. 123rd St., 140th Ave..	Wauna Minter Fire Station December 16...Sunday Fire Station 6:00 p.m. Creviston Dr 6:40 p.m. Minter School 6:55 p.m. Minterbrook Homes 7:10 p.m. Fir Acres 7:40 p.m. 132nd St. 8:10 p.m. Greentree
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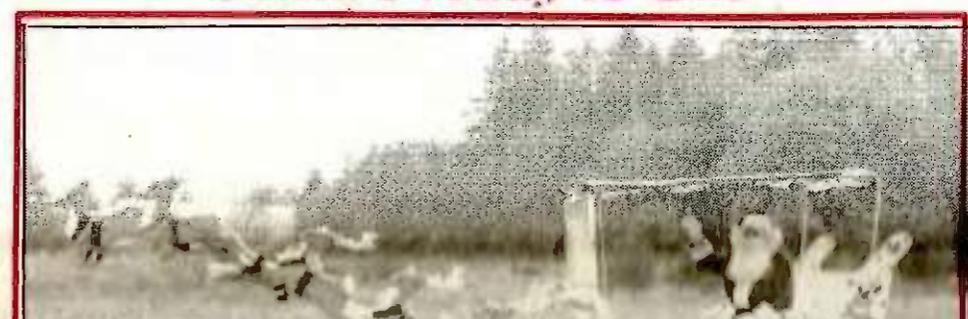
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Wauna Minter Fire Station December 14...Friday Fire Station 6:00 p.m. Horseshoe Lake Estates 6:10 p.m. Lake Kathryn 6:35 p.m. Goldman Dr. 6:55 p.m. 82nd Ave. 7:30 p.m. Goldman to Wauna 7:55 p.m. Emerald Shores 8:20 p.m. Danforth Heights 8:50 p.m. Wauna Shores Wind & Tides

Key Center Fire Station December 13...Thursday Fire Station 6:00 p.m. Lake Minterwood (105th, Minterwood Dr. 146th, 115th, 149th) 6:40 p.m. Hall Rd. 7:00 p.m. Civic Center 7:15 p.m. Cramer Rd. 7:30 p.m. Thomas Rd. 8:00 p.m. 126th Ave KPN 8:15 p.m. Creviston 134th Ave KPN
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Jackson Lake	6:10 p.m.	(Lake Dr., 24th, 194th, 28th, 197th, 17th, 21st, 92nd)	7:45 p.m.
McEwan Rd.	6:30 p.m.	Cornwall Rd. & KP HWY.	8:00 p.m.
Home (11th, C St., DSt., C St., 3rd, G St.)	6:45 p.m.	Hoff Rd.	8:20 p.m.
Tiedman to Webb Rd.	7:30 p.m.	Home Store	8:40 p.m.

Longbranch Fire Station December 10... Monday			
Fire Station	6:00 p.m.	Reeves Rd.	7:30 p.m.
Taylor Bay Estates	6:30 p.m.	158th	7:45 p.m.
Longbranch Shores	6:50 p.m.	Ulsh Rd. & Delano	8:00 p.m.
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Longbranch	7:20 p.m.	Evergreen School	8:40 p.m.

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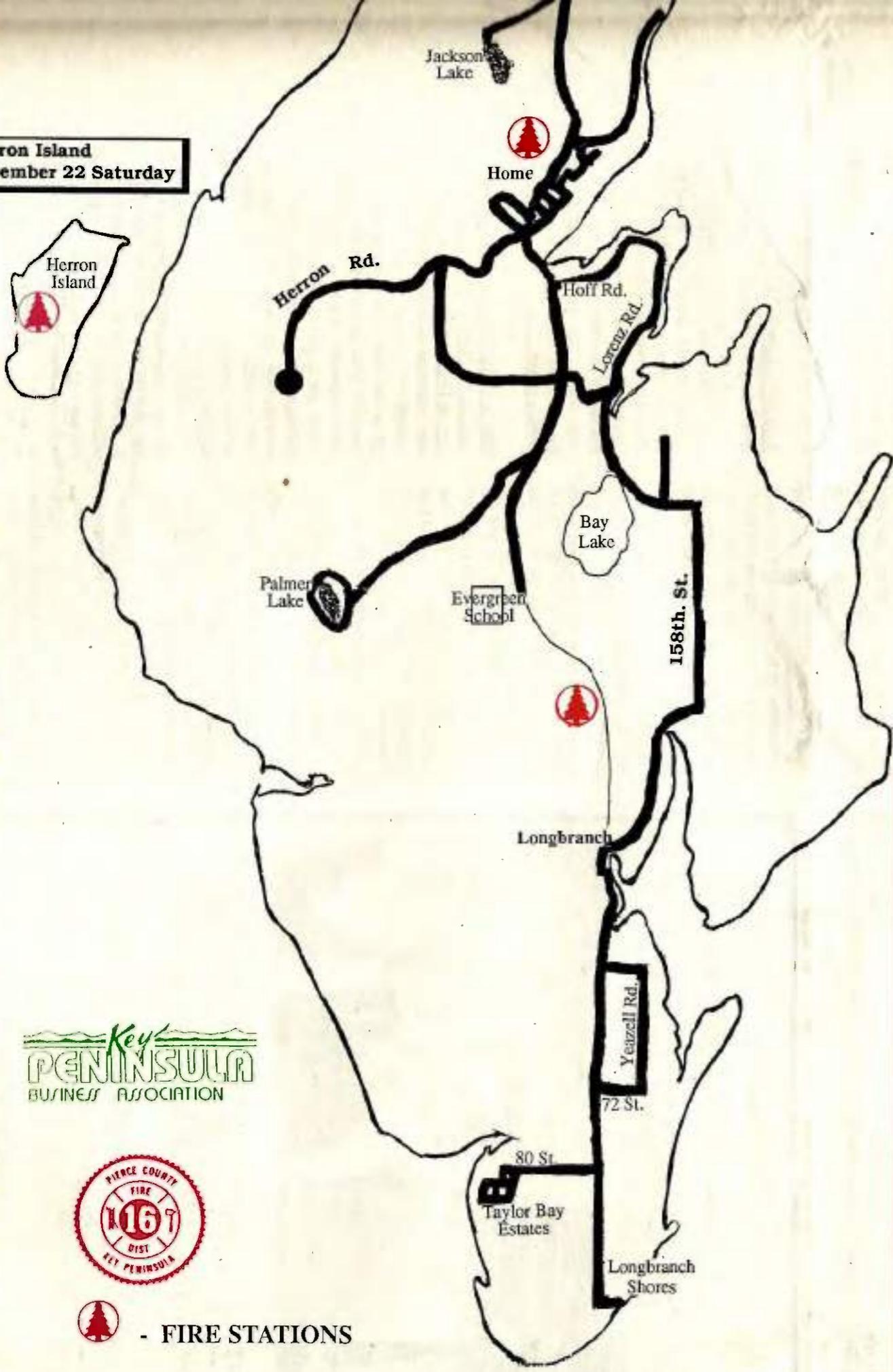
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The Lonnings



Randy Hook

KP NEWS photos
by Megan Aprile

How to make a difference

Local residents organize flood victim relief

by Megan Aprile

On Monday, November 12, Kriss and Arleen Lonning was watching KING 5 news in the living room of their Vaughn home. The news that night on the flood victims was that they needed private assistance because the Red Cross was not able to cover all of the needs.

Arleen said to Kriss, "Do you suppose we could take a pick-up load of stuff up there?" Kriss agreed. Later that evening Arleen talked to Dan and Joanne Baldwin, the Civic Center Association caretakers, who suggested she talk to the VFW group who was meeting that night. Rhys Wood, a member of the VFW and many other organizations, was enthusiastic, and helped organize the donations. The next day Arleen started calling her friends and visiting the local businesses. By mid-week, she had collected so much that she had to tell Kriss "this is getting bigger than our truck."

She then called Charboneau Construction, which has a U-Haul outlet, and asked if a truck could be donated for the trip. Manager Randy Hook (pictured above) made a call to Mark Freeman, the U-Haul manager in Seattle, who told Randy to "give her whatever she wants." Charboneau Construction, owned by Jeff Charboneau, paid the insurance costs, and Kriss and Arleen drove off in a 26 foot U-Haul, which was so large that when they arrived at their home to start loading the donations, concerned neighbors wanted to know if they were moving.

Friday was spent picking up the many donations and Saturday the Lonnings drove to the small town of Hamilton (pop. 225), located 15 miles west of Fir Island. Word had spread throughout the town that they were coming, and when they arrived at the town crossroads, they found the town's lone fireman and his wife, who had been sent to wait for them by the mayor. They proceeded to the fire station, home to the families who had lost everything - their homes and all their possessions. Arleen said she felt they "really, really appreciated receiving so much help."

Besides the original trip, a second was scheduled because more donations had been received. Peninsula High School and Gig Harbor High School had a blanket competition to see who could collect the most blankets. The PHS group YES, which was reported on in the November issue, was instrumental in starting the competition.

Kriss and Arleen Lonning; Jeff Charboneau; Randy Hook; the fine people at U-Haul; the PHS and GHHS students; D.J.'s Tire, who donated fuel; Angel Guild, who provided blankets, pillows and sheets; Cost-Less Pharmacy, who donated cleaning supplies and toiletries; Key Western Hardware, who donated

paint and nails; Pat Blair and family who donated diapers; the Key Peninsula food bank, who gave household items, beds, cots, blankets and sheets; the S.A.V.E. thrift shop, who gave sheets, blankets, household items, and clothing; the VFW post 4990 who gave blankets; the KP Lions, who gave blankets; the Peninsula High School kitchen and janitorial staff, who gave blankets and clothing; the Cootiettes, who gave a cash donation; the Home Country Store, who gave diapers, a tarp, a butane stove and fuel; and the many individuals who gave beds, a well tank and pump, clothing, blankets, pillows, warm socks and cots; all demonstrate just how much can be accomplished when one person gets an idea and acts on it.



In the Library

A demonstration on spinning yarn will be the subject of a program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library, Wednesday, December 12 at 7 pm. Peggy Robertson, a Longbranch resident, will discuss and demonstrate spinning techniques. She will include useful information on selecting a fleece, washing, carding, and dyeing. Peggy will bring a variety of spinning materials, and an Ashford wheel for those who would like to try hands-on spinning. Holiday cookies will be served. This is a free program that will appeal to all ages.

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Wall Street Journal: For two years now, members of the community have contributed a subscription to the Key Center Library. The rate, at this time, is \$129 a year, with an increase slated for the end of the year. A special rate of \$198 has been offered for a two year subscription; a savings of \$60. Anyone interested in making a donation for either the one year or two year savings rate for the Journal may contact Dory Myers at the Key Center Library at 884-2242.

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From the staff at the Key Center Branch of
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Investment knowledge can pay for college

by Rolinda Tubbs and Howard Hawley

If you have children or grandchildren who will go to college, prepare yourself for a shock. During the 1980s, average tuition and fees at American colleges rose more than 80%, two-and-one-half times faster than the Consumer Price Index. The average cost of four years of private college is now \$48,000. Assuming even a normal 5% inflation, that cost will double over the next 15 years. It could go higher. No matter what the age of the child, it is not too early to start saving now for college. There are a number of long-term investments that can supply the returns that will be required to build a college fund. Consider these three:

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Mutual funds offer the possibility of higher long-term return on your investment. A regular, monthly contribution to a mutual fund can provide a growing nest egg with excellent potential. With college many years away, you have time to take the higher market risk and participate in the potentially greater rewards that mutual funds offer. And the risk can be reduced by switching funds as market conditions and product opportunities change. Within most mutual fund families, changing from a high growth fund, for example, to a money market fund is as easy as a telephone call. However, keep in mind that the market value of a mutual fund will fluctuate and, if redeemed, fund shares may be worth more or less than their original purchase price.

Cash value life insurance is ideally suited to people in certain circumstances. If you have a large sum to invest, and if your child or grandchild is very young, life insurance can provide some of the best tax benefits of any product. A single-premium whole life policy allows you to pay a one-time premium up front. A 35 year-old father can buy a \$100,000 policy for \$22,700. The big advantage of using an insurance policy as part of your college strategy is that the "surrender value" of the policy builds over the years on a tax-deferred basis. Neither the giver nor the child will pay any taxes until money is withdrawn. When it is time to pay college expenses, tuition can be paid by making withdrawals from the policy or by borrowing from the policy through a low-cost policy loan.

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Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

Don't give the IRS free money. Last year, the IRS wrote out 80 million refund checks totaling over \$75 billion. That amount was effectively a free loan from taxpayers to the government. By lending that money to the IRS instead of keeping it in their own savings accounts, taxpayers forfeited about \$2.5 billion in interest income for themselves.

If you mail a check for a deductible item this year, even as late as December 31, you can take a deduction on your 1990 income tax return, even if the check isn't cashed until January 1991. That's the general rule for income tax items. It applies to deductions of all kinds, including contributions to charitable organizations. But the gift tax rule is different. If you make a gift by check, it isn't considered a completed gift until the check is actually cashed by the recipient. Thus, a gift check mailed on December 31, 1990, and not cashed until January would be considered a 1991 gift; this could cause a problem in 1991 if your gifts to any recipient exceed the \$10,000 per donee annual gift-tax exclusion (\$20,000 if your spouse joins in the gift). Make your checks well before year-end, and make sure the recipients cash them before year-end.

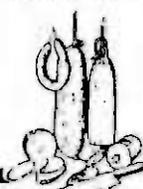
Cartoon seen - a man seated in front of an IRS Agent is asked: "Did you prepare your own return, Mr. F., or did you have an accomplice?" Seek out a good tax preparer.

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A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch



I'm a lot like Pavlov's dog who was trained and conditioned to think of food whenever he heard a bell. I have been trained and conditioned when I hear the word, Christmas, to think of snow, a blazing fire in the fireplace, a cozy, gaily decorated home with lots of wonderful aromas coming from a warm, immaculate kitchen, a beautiful Christmas tree surrounded with "just perfect" gifts, a house full of good-humored friends and relatives that gather around a festive punch bowl-but only drink enough to take the chill off- and an attractive mommy and handsome daddy tucking two little pajama-clad angels into well-made beds in incredibly neat bedrooms. This has been my idea of the way Christmas is supposed to be.

I think my first conditioning came when I was a child, from books and poems like "A Christmas Carol" and "Twas The Night Before Christmas." Wonderful

scenes from Christmas cards and winter paintings added fuel to my Christmas vision. Magazines, songs, movies and television stories furnished the detail in vivid color. The image was set as well as the notion that everyone else had Christmas like this every year. With this image, reality was sometimes hard to take.

When the kids were little, Christmas did bear a slight resemblance to my vision, but something was always out of whack. Most of the time we didn't have snow, the money was short, there was tension in the air because we had divorced parents and we couldn't be four places at once, so much for good humored relatives, everybody was exhausted from trying to "do it all," and the punch bowl had to be tamed because a couple of family members couldn't be trusted to drink only enough to "take the chill off."

Still, I hung on to my ideal Christmas until my divorce wrenched it from the realm of possibility. That first Christmas day after my divorce, as I sat in a quiet, empty living room staring at a cold fireplace and a forsaken Christmas tree, I came to the conclusion that my ideal had to go if I was going to survive and ever enjoy Christmas again. My kids were going to spend a part of Christmas with their dad and that meant that I had to get used to the idea that some of our traditions were going to have to change.

I realized the futility of holding Christmas hostage to such a narrow, manufactured vision. I understood, finally, that families change and traditions either change or become like chains around our neck that choke the life and spirit right out of us. On that day, I let go of my ideal Christmas and decided to enjoy each year for what it has to offer. I'm so glad I was able to do this because change has been the name of the game.

I set the kids free too. They have grown up and some have moved to other parts of the earth. They have spouses, in-laws, jobs and finances to consider. We love them and they know that they are always invited home, but they'll get no pressure from us. If they can, they'll be here and we'll have a wonderful time. If not, we'll still have a wonderful time.

Even if the tree is skimpy, the money runs out, the wood won't burn in the fireplace, the turkey is overdone, the pumpkin pie crust is soggy, my mother has the flu, it looks like an early spring outside, and I have a splitting headache, my husband and I have learned to enjoy every year and appreciate its changes. We've learned to mellow a bit and try something new every year as well as enjoy some of the old traditions.

We've learned to open-up our home and our hearts to welcome anyone who wants to be with us. Because Christmas has never been about "perfect." It's about love-and that's a gift we don't have to wrap.



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Every Wednesday

by Frankie Johnson

It's 8:55 am on a Wednesday. As usual, I see that Pauline has everything in place and ready. She has made arrangements to show a movie complete with popcorn, do a craft project, play some physical games, and have some good conversation and lots of hugs.

Oh, boy, here they come! Maryanna is the first to arrive and greets everyone with hugs and kisses. Soon the room is buzzing with activity. A game of "keep the ball on the sheet" (you never heard of it?) is fun for all. Then there is time for quieter projects.

The volunteer helping Pauline today is Ruth Ziemer. Ruth has been with the Respite program since it started. I really enjoy her company. She always has a bright smile and happy outlook. I asked her one day how she stayed so cheerful. She told me she felt you could decide to be happy or sad and she chooses to be happy. At the age of 86, Ruth loves helping others. She bounces around the room giving a hand wherever she can; like all the volunteers, she is a giving and caring person.

Soon it is lunchtime. All the lunches are set out. We all share some treats and

have a great "picnic" time. The rest of the day, we have special crafts to make Christmas gifts for our families and decorations for the cookie sale that the Health Center Board is holding December 15, right here in the Brones room.

Remember, respite is here for you! There is still room for more folks. We are here from 9 am to 4 pm with loving supervised adult care in Key Center every Wednesday. Just give us a call at 884-9221 or come on in.

We also sure could use some more volunteer help. Some of our regulars have gone South for the winter.

Adult Asthma Class Offered

A free educational seminar for adults with asthma will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 5 at Allenmore Medical Center, 2nd floor classroom, at 19th & Union in Tacoma.

Arthur Vegh, MD will address: what asthma is, asthma triggers and symptoms, medications, exercise, and asthma and nutrition.

The class is co-sponsored by the American Lung Association of Washington and Allenmore Medical Center. The American Lung Association of Washington (ALAW) is dedicated to the prevention, cure, and control of all lung diseases and their related causes. The Tacoma regional office is located at 4109-C Bridgeport Way West, telephone 565-9555.

To Your Health

by Wm F. Roes, MD



This is the time of year when our thoughts are naturally drawn to the ideals of family and the memories of our own past holiday seasons. The Key Peninsula Health Center is celebrating both family and traditions with its annual cookie sale and biannual train show on December 15.

The proceeds are for a parenting class being offered in January designed to give today's parents new ways of dealing with the stresses and challenges of raising children in the 1990's. Gloria Iverson, one of the counselors at the Health Center, will be the instructor for the series of evening meetings.

For the train show, I am donating one of my Lionel Trains to be raffled. Tickets are available now at 50 cents (or three for \$1.00) at the Health Center. There will be displays of Lionel Trains in the Brones Room at the Center, for your children (or the child in you) to play with. If you have any old trains in the garage, bring them down and see if they run. The show will start at 9 am and the drawing will be at 1 pm, but you need not be present to win.

More information about the parenting classes will be in next month's article, but if you are interested call Gloria at 884-9221. Finally, we would all like to wish

you and your loved ones the best of the Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

Art notes

The rural landscape of the Key Peninsula nourishes many fine local artists; some with national and international reputations and some with work that has seldom been seen. In an effort to share some of these works with the community, a series of month-long exhibits were held throughout 1990.

A retrospective of the artists who have displayed at the Key Dining Room Gallery during 1990 will be the show for December.

An exciting variety of work has appeared during the year: Including wood sculptures and masks; woven tapestries and garments; Sumi; watercolor; oil and acrylic paintings from landscapes to the fanciful, the abstract and the real; basketry; jewelry; photography; and wood-block prints.

Artists represented are: Walter Barakas, Rivkah Sweedler, Reni Moriarty, Karen Wilkerson, Ricole Schottland, Britta Brones, Janet Gormly, Linda Barakas, Judy Tauscher, Corwin Chase, Rebecca Schofield, Margo MacDonald, Joseph Arpile and Betty Nease.

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Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of our Key Peninsula friends and neighbors...

Edna May Franklin

Edna May Franklin, 81, a resident of Lakebay and Gig Harbor for 18 years, died on October 28, 1990. She was born March 12, 1909 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

She was a homemaker who was enjoying her retirement years. Edna May attended Vaughn Community Church. She is survived by a daughter Zona Owens of Helendale, California, sons Leroy Jones of Whidby Island, and Dan Jones of Silverdale; step-children Jean M. Smith of Altadena, California, Don Franklin of Chatsworth, California, and Charles Franklin of Simi Valley, California; a sister Isabell Mattison of Fresno, California and thirteen grandchildren. Memorial services were held at Vaughn Community Church.

David Edward Franklin

David Edward Franklin, 79, a resident of Lakebay and Gig Harbor for 18 years, died on October 23, 1990. He was born March 4, 1911 in Youngstown, Ohio.

He was self-employed ceramacist and attended Vaughn Community Church. He is survived by a daughter Jean Marie Smith, of Altadena, California; two sons, F. Donald Franklin, of Chatsworth, California, and Charles F. Franklin, of

Simi Valley, California; step-children Zona Owens, of Helendale, California, Leroy Jones of Whidby Island, and Dan Jones of Silverdale; a sister Elsie Schultz of Culver City, California and thirteen grandchildren. Memorial services were held at Vaughn Community Church.

Gertrude Mary Trent

Gertrude Mary Trent, 77, died November 4, 1990, at her home in the Gig Harbor area. She was born in Brownsville, Texas on February 19, 1913. She was married to George R. Trent of Gig Harbor; a son Lance R. Trent of Gig Harbor; a daughter Evelyn Skladany of Gig Harbor; brothers Lloyd, Ernest and G.L. Boatright, all of San Bernardino, California; sisters Betty Carey of Redlands, California and Velma of Rogers, Arkansas. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held at the Haven of Rest Memorial Park.

Nicholas H. Boquist

Nicholas H. Boquist, 82, died on October 18, 1990. He was born May 23, 1908 in Silver Lake, Oregon and was nearly a lifelong resident of Glencove. He was a forester and retired from the Washington Natural Resources Department in 1973. He was a member of the John Paul Jones Masonic Lodge and the Twilight

Dance Club. He was preceded in death by his wife Bertha "Bee" Stock Boquist. Survivors include sons, Nicholas and Fred Boquist both of Lakebay, and Dale of Gig Harbor; a sister Agnes M. Whitmore of Glencove, six grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. Funeral services were held at Haven of Rest Chapel. Remembrances may be made to the John Paul Jones Scholarship Fund, PO Box 271, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

Marcia Menzies Towry

Marcia Menzies Towry, 43, died October 31, 1990. She had lived in the Tacoma and Key Center area for the last 10 years and was co-owner and operator of the Key Dining Room in Key Center and formerly of the Le Snack Restaurant in Tacoma. She was born August 20, 1947 in Sunnyside, Washington and is survived by her husband Dale Towry of Gig Harbor; parents Janes and Marian Menzies of Fox Island; brother David Menzies of Santa Barbara, California; and a sister Patricia Menzies Magerl of Tacoma. Memorial services were held at the Haven of Rest Chapel. Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, Pierce County Unit, PO Box 9267, Tacoma, WA 98409, or to the Franciscan Foundation, St. Joseph Hospice, PO Box 1502, Tacoma, WA 98401.

School busses could be safer, says task force

After 18 months of statewide hearings, the Task Force on Student Transportation Safety has released a set of 11 recommendations to improve the safety of children who walk or ride a bus to school; asking the 1991 Legislature to approve a list of measures that would better ensure children's safety.

The panel's top recommendation is a \$500,000 proposal to order the installation of "crossing arms" on the front bumper of all school buses. The retractable, 8-foot metal arms extend out from the right front fender of a bus when it is stopped, preventing children from walking in front of a bus without being seen by the driver.

The proposal was prompted by a fatal accident last May 29 when a 6-year old elementary school girl in Woodenville was run over after she stepped in front of the school bus she'd just exited.

A second recommendation from the task force involves a \$15 million yearly investment from the Legislature to replace more than 2,100 school buses in the state bought before new federal safety standards went into effect in 1977. The money has been included in the 1991-93 budget request by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.



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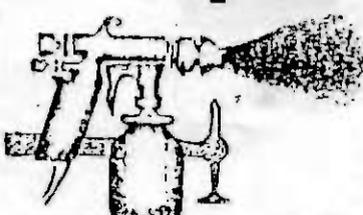
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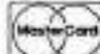
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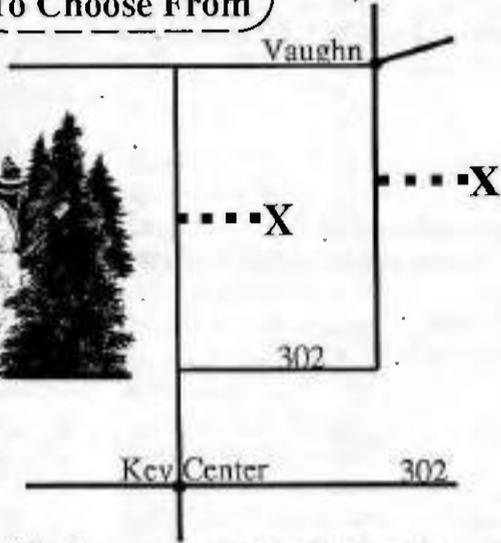
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9 OPEN VOLLEYBALL 4-6 PM	10 VFW & AUX. 7:30 PM KPCCA EXEC. 7:30 PM	11 GYM WALKING NA KARATE 	12 GYM WALKING BINGO KP PARK BOARD 7:30 PM	13 NA KARATE SENIORS KPCCA MTG 6:30 PM	14 GYM WALKING SKATING AA	15
16 	17	18 GYM WALKING NA KARATE WIC	19 GYM WALKING BINGO WIC	20 NA SENIORS KARATE CUBSCOUT XMAS PARTY COOTIETTES	21 GYM WALKING AA	22 
23 OPEN VOLLEY BALL 4-6PM 30	24 31	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 	27 SENIORS KARATE NA	28 GYM WALKING 	29

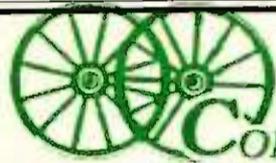
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