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LOCAL HERO



Wayne LeBlanc (center) nabs purse snatcher, receives police award

On November 20, Vaughn resident Wayne LeBlanc received honors from Seattle police for having apprehended a man who had snatched a purse from 82-year-old Rose Henry on Queen Anne Hill last March.

Ms. Henry had "screamed bloody murder" after 35-year-old Rodney Alan Dye grabbed her handbag at the corner of Queen Anne Avenue and Mercer Street on March 3. Three men, unknown to each other, responded to her cry and, together, Wayne LeBlanc, Robert Goff (pictured above,

right) and Einar Henry (above left; no relation to the victim) retrieved the purse and held the suspect for police.

LeBlanc was walking out of a store when he heard Rose Henry's screams.

"I just threw down my coat and started running," he said. "I didn't even think about it."

According to Seattle police, Dye now is serving a 26-month sentence for theft.

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Fire destroys Rocky Bay garage

by Joan Lawrence

It was a blue Christmas for the Harris family of Rocky Bay, who lost more than their garage and vehicles to fire; the children's Christmas presents, being stored in the motorhome, were lost as well.

Pat Osmon was driving in the Rocky Bay area on Tuesday, Dec. 15, when he spotted flames and used his cellular phone to notify authorities.

When District 16 crews arrived a few minutes later, it was too late to save the garage/workshop located at 11915 Bliss-Cochrane. The buildings were consumed, along with the motorhome, a car and some motorbikes.

The Harris family was not at home when the fire occurred. According to Mary Ramsdell of the Key Center fire station, fire marshal Bob Skaggs said that a definite cause for the fire, which started in the motorhome, is still undetermined.

KP Citizens of the Year deadline HERE!

by Hugh McMillan

The Ninth Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Banquet will be held February 27, 1993, in the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Please note that it is Citizens of the Year. The Lions stage this annual event expressly to say thank you to volunteers whose efforts make ours a special place to live. The Lions point out that there is no "winner," that all who are nominated are winners of gratitude from the community. That's the bottom line.

Nominations must be filed no later than January 13, 1993. The Key Peninsula NEWS needs time to get photographs of nominees and make ready for publication in the NEWS' February issue. Nominees must either live, work or own property on the Key Peninsula. Lions' members are not eligible.

Letters of nomination should describe in about 50 words how Nominee helped our community either over the years or in one or more special contri-

butions of time, talent, commodities, money, leadership, etc. Include the nominee's name, address and phone, and your own name, address and phone.

Mail to: KP Lions' Citizens of the Year, P.O. Box 37, Wauna, WA 98395-0037. But, please, do it NOW!

Captain Al' Haynes, hero of United Airlines flight 232, will be the banquet's keynote speaker. Earlier this year, Charlton Heston played Captain Haynes in a TV docu-drama depicting Haynes' courage and expertise as the pilot who saved many lives when UA 232 plunged in flames through a cornfield at the edge of the Sioux City, Iowa, airport. His presentation is breathtakingly spell-binding.

Admission is \$7.50 or for a group of four \$25.00 and includes an excellent dinner.

The Lions invite you to honor our Citizens of the Year and Captain Haynes at 6:30 pm on February 27. You'll be proud you did.

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Because of the size of our staff and nature of our jobs, we are unable to keep regular office hours.

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

Christmas Past



Joy fills the heart and a smile lights each face. Scent of pine hangs in the still air. Lights glow softly, twinkling upon tinsel icicles touching angel's wings. Trees speak peace.

A Christmas Dream
 by Kerstin Clark

Elf Lana Forseth sits on the lap of Santa Dan Stocian at the Civic Center Christmas Festival in November. Mike Salatino was on hand to photograph children with Santa. KPNEWS photo, JL



At the Christmas Festival at the Civic Center in November, Carolyn Willis and Frederick Irmischer were in the parking area with a llama and cart providing rides for children. Pictured above is Irmischer with llama "El Duende," Spanish for "The goblin of the woods." KPNEWS photo, Joan Lawrence



Overview of Christmas Festival in Civic Center gym. Lots of vendors, lots of fun. KPNEWS photo, JL



Joyce Niemann looks over the remaining Christmas trees at Sunnycrest Farm. This year, folks had fun cutting trees in the snow. Her son, Charles, Jr., operates the farm with her help.

KPNEWS photo, Neena Bauer

A Christmas Ty

Christmas 1992 is fading into memories for all of us.

Once again, our dinner for seniors at the Civic Center was a success, thanks to an outstanding effort by all the dedicated volunteers who helped us. It was so nice to see many more faces of local seniors who participated this time as guests.

Donations of all kinds were greatly appreciated; especially that one underlying necessary donation, the use of the Civic Center facility. We want to say a special thank you to the Civic Center Association for allowing us the use of the hall.

Mike and Joyce Salatino



Lions want your Christmas cards

The Key Peninsula Lions encourage you not to throw away your Christmas cards. Instead, deposit them at Continental Tire on Route 302.

The Lions will bundle them up for delivery to Ruth Bramhall, who will then distribute them to local children's hospitals, nursing homes and other organizations where they will be used in therapy programs, thus turning what would otherwise be waste into happiness for those in need.

For information, please call 884-3485.

New Park Board officers

One position remains open
by Joan Lawrence

Tim Kezele, dedicated chair of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation Board for the past two years, is handing that torch over to Max Marlowe. But Kezele will remain a board member.

"I'm still here and we're doing the job," Kezele told the NEWS.

The Park Board, which provides our youth with much-needed recrea-

tional areas, is deserving of everyone's support. During fair weather in 1992, Volunteer Park served 2,000 users a week—and that was just people who played baseball.

"When I started, revenue for Volunteer Park was \$3,300. We did over \$23,000 in '92," Kezele said. "It still isn't enough."

There's always something in need of revision or repair—fences need mending, the tractor needs new brakes, the parking lot could use restriping and the tennis court resurfacing.

No matter how many times you hear the song, the tune still rings true: We need money.

That's what levies are for (maintenance and operations), and bonds (capital improvement).

"We're going to try for a levy in '93, we're in the planning process for that now," said Kezele.

Tim Kezele began three years ago as Vice Chairman of the Park Board. Marie Rock, a commissioner in '92, continues now as Vice Chair for 1993. Rock told the NEWS she is "excited about working with the new board." She was especially en-



Tim Kezele of the KP Park Board

thusiastic about the new Little League board with Cheryl Brown as president and Julie Johnson as vice president.

Max Marlowe, with the Park Board for about six years, has the highest seniority on that board. Gary Giuntoli serves as a commissioner.

Board positions are two- to four-year terms. One position, which Marsha Edwards has just vacated, is now open and nominations are being requested.

"We're a public entity," said Kezele. "We would like to give the public an opportunity (at the board position)."

You may nominate yourself or someone else. Nominations will be considered by the board, followed by interviews. The appointment will run through the end of 1993, however, after a few months, if the appointee decides that he/she would like to continue the position for another year, an extension may be filed in July '93.

For further information, contact Marie Rock at 884-3294 or Tim Kezele at 884-4538. And next time you see a bond or levy issue in front of you in a voting booth, think about our kids. If you don't have children of your own, think about the neighbors'. Let's keep them off the streets, out of trouble, and playing in safe places.

KPCS' Operation Good Cheer

by Hugh McMillan

On Monday, Dec. 21, if you were unable to see but could hear them, you'd swear you were in the midst of a group of exuberant, giggling kids opening gifts on Christmas morning. But the ten adults at the Key Peninsula Community Services-Foodbank weren't opening, they were filling, wrapping, and preparing gifts.

"These are probably the best Christmas baskets we've ever been able to prepare," said volunteer worker Bill Adams. Bill ought to know, he has worked at KPCS's Community House in Home for five years.

The baskets each contain lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, non-perishable food items, turkey hind quarters, and gifts of toys, clothing, even hosiery. Approximately 100 needy families were scheduled to pick up the gift packages on Tuesday.

The baskets' fillings came in the form of contributions of cash and kind from Key Peninsula citizens and "just all kinds of sources," said volunteer Jackie Daigle.

Volunteers Jean Doyle, Dorothy Bacon and Willa Hawkins chorused, "We got 175 turkey quarters from the Sunshine Club in Kent."

Dick Toller added, "They're the same people who contributed 300 of them for our Thanksgiving baskets."

KPCS manager Marge Adams guessed that well over 200 hours of volunteer effort went into the preparation of the baskets.

"You should have seen Marguerite Bussard and her 85 year old mother Ida Curl, and Jackie's five year old daughter, Heather, bustling around here yesterday," said KPCS Board President, Rhys Wood.



KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - JAN/FEB 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.	January 4 gym walk 8-11 am Grange 6 pm ABATE 7 pm karate 7 pm GED 7 pm	5 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8am-4pm Lakebay bb 5:30-7pm TOPS 6-8 pm soccer practice 7-8:30pm	6 gym walk 8-11 am KPLF 7 pm	7 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm CAC 7 pm	8 gym walk 8-11 am 2-3:30 Homeschoolers Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	9
10 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30	11 gym walk 8-11 am GED 7 pm Karate 7 pm VFW & Aux 7 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30	12 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS soccer practice	13 gym walk KPLF	14 gym walk Seniors KPCCA mtg 7:30	15 gym walk Skating	16
17 KPLF No family skate - Gym closed until 22nd	18 GED GYM CLOSED	19 WIC TOPS GYM CLOSED	20 KPLF GYM CLOSED	21 Seniors Cootiettes GYM CLOSED	22 gym walk Homeschoolers Skating	23
24 KPLF Family skate	25 gym walk Karate GED KP Bus. Ass'n dinner 6:30	26 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS soccer practice	27 gym walk KPLF	28 gym walk Seniors	29 gym walk Homeschoolers Int. Fair Skating	30
31 KPLF Family skate	February 1 gym walk Grange GED karate	2 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS soccer practice	3 gym walk KPLF Bingo resumes	4 gym walk Seniors	5 gym walk Homeschoolers	6 First Aid course 8:30-5



LETTERS

To the editor:

Are you a walker, bicyclist or equestrian interested in helping create a local rail to trail? If so, plan to attend the January meeting of the Key Peninsula Park Board to hear my proposal for the possible creation of a non-motorized trail using Portions of the old Upper Sound Logging Railroad right-of-way.

This trail would run from approximately the Key Peninsula Civic Center to behind Lake Minterwood on the Dept. of Natural Resources lands, and even possibly up to Lake Holiday and beyond.

If you are interested in helping to preserve this valuable rail-trail resource, please join us at the board meeting on Monday, Jan. 11, 1993, at 7:30 PM in the Key Center Library.

James Bosch

Obituaries

Lillie Mae Taylor

Lillie Mae Taylor, a Lakebay resident for the past ten years, died Dec. 20 in Tacoma at the age of 53.

Taylor lived in Tennessee before coming to Lakebay. She was a member and primary teacher in the Key Center Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and was a member of a Fort Lewis caregiver group offering assistance to cancer patients.

Lillie Taylor is survived by her husband, Alan L. Taylor, of Lakebay; daughters Sherry Cabrera of Nevada, Debbie Day of South Carolina, Susan Davidson of Utah; and sons David and Sean Taylor of Lakebay.

Helen C. Bigham

Heien C. Bigham, 84, a resident of Longbranch for 20 years, died Sunday, Dec. 6, in Gig Harbor. Helen was a homemaker and active in Senior Citizen activities. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and the natural environment of the Peninsula.

Local family members include: Niece, Delores Ulsh, Lakebay and Grandnephew, Wayne Elhard, Longbranch. Memorial services were held on Dec. 11 at Haven of Rest Chapel. Remembrances may be made to The American Cancer Society, Pierce County Unit, 1551 Broadway, #200, Tacoma 98402.

Key Peninsula Business Association, 1993

by Joan Lawrence

Key Peninsula Business Association (KPBA) has been actively involved in the community since it was formed in 1986.

Over the years the Association has held community events such as the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and October's Ciderfest. KPBA has sponsored the annual Pioneer Day parade since 1987 and has adopted much of SR302 for clean-up.

In addition, the Association has given direct financial support to Key Peninsula Little League and Fire District 16's Santa Route.

KPBA will continue to offer programs of interest to new business people, and encourages people with new ideas to attend the meetings—which are held at the Homeport restaurant in Home on the first (7:30 AM) and third (noon) Fridays of each month.

The noon meeting usually features a speaker, however, because the first Friday of January fell on New Year's day, the regular business meeting will be held on the 15th, sans speaker.

A membership with KPBA means an opportunity to meet fellow businesspeople, to network and to make new contacts.

New officers have been elected for 1993, as follows. President will be Glen Pszczola, the attorney of Key Center whose offices are located above Red Dog's next to Pizza Plus; Vice President, Joyce Tovey of Colony Real Estate, located in the K.C. Corral; continuing as Treasurer, well-known accountant (CTP) Marvin Keizur whose column appears regularly in this paper (Tax Tips); and continuing as Secretary, the charming Lee Stiles, whose claim to fame should not be that she is married to former KPNEWS editor/Gateway columnist Keith Stiles, but to the fact she hums Gershwin tunes like an angel.

Other regular attendees of the KPBA meetings include Walt Schmidt of Walt's (have you ever seen him when he wasn't smiling?); Don Tjossem, manager of Puget Sound Bank (or Key Bank, depending on when you receive your copy of the NEWS); Dale Skrivanich of J&D's Harbor Press, and her daughter A.D. (who couldn't be more than three feet in height and already

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KPBA Membership dinner

The Key Peninsula Business Association is having its annual membership dinner on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 PM in the Whitmore Room of the Civic Center in Vaughn.

All business owners and interested persons are invited to attend. Cost will be \$5 per person.

New business owners are particularly encouraged to participate.

For details contact Claudia Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center, 884-3937.

Key Dates

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Allyn Comm. Ass'n	Jan. 7: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg	Allyn Inn
KP Business Ass'n	Jan. 15: noon	Homeport Restaurant
Annual membership dinner	Jan. 25, 6:30 pm	Whitmore Rm, Civic Ctr
Caregivers support group	Jan. 20: 7-10pm	Key Center fire station

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	Jan. 27: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church
Angel Guild	Jan. 26: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm
ASHES	Jan. 7: 10:30 am - potluck	Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime	Jan. 7: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Cootiettes	Jan. 21, 7: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm
	and Jan. 5, 12, 26	Visit Veterans
	Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot	
KPCCA Board Mtg	Jan. 14: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	Jan. 11: 7:30 pm	
KPCS Board	Jan. 12: 7:30 pm	Comm House - Home
KP Lions	Jan. 6, 20: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn - KC

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm	Purdy Fire Station 857-2633 - info
Food bank	Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Comm House - Home
Hot lunch for seniors	Wednesdays: noon	Comm House - Home
Free brunch	Sundays: 2-3 pm	Comm House - Home
	Also food and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4514; 857-4780	
Caregivers support group	Jan. 18: 7-9 pm	GH Chamber/Commerce
Respite care	Wednesdays: 9 am-4 pm	KC Library/Brones Rm
Seniors exercise program	Tues. & Thu. 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home
WIC	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment	

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Parents network meeting	Jan. 13: 7-8:30 pm	Peninsula HS library
Peninsula School Board	Jan. 14: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd RmPurdy
Greater Gig Harbor Home-school Support Assoc.	Jan. 21: 7-9 pm	Purdy Elem School
KP Mid Sch Activity Night	Jan. 15: 7 pm	Libry of KP Middle Sch
Mothers of pre-schoolers	Jan. 7, 21: 9:15-11:30 am	Lakebay Comm Church
Little League Registrations	Jan. 16: 9-1pm;	
	Jan. 24: 1-4pm; Jan. 30: 10-2pm	Key Center Library
Little League Board Meeting	Jan. 17: 5-8 pm	Lake Holiday Clubhouse

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Jan. 13,25: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	Jan. 11: 7:30	Brones Rm, KC Library

SELF HELP GROUPS

AA	Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm	KP Community Services, Lakebay
	Sun.: 6 pm	
Narcotics Anonymous	Tues. & Thurs.: 7-8:30 pm	KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group	Jan. 5: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge, 857-7359
TOPS	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm

SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS

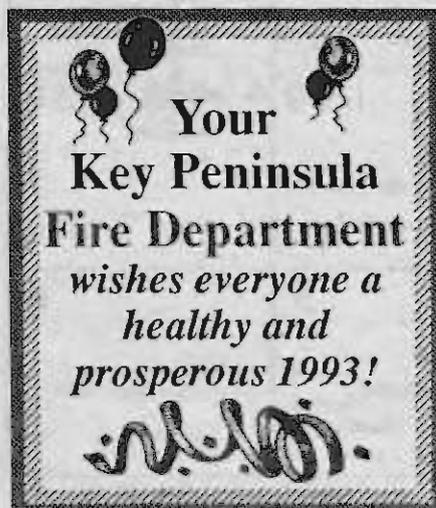
ABATE of WA	Jan. 4: 7:30 pm	KPCC
Bayshore Garden Club	Jan. 15: 1-4 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club	Jan. 20 mtg: 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Pen Neighbors Craft Club	Jan. 12: 10:30 am	Comm House, Home
Peninsula Social Club	Jan. 7: 6:30 pm potluck 7:30-9 pm mtg	KP Lutheran Church
Ruth Circle	Jan. 18: noon	Longbranch Church
Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	foot care and blood pressure	
Upper Sound Grange	Jan. 4: 6:30-10 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Vaughn Garden Club	No meeting in Jan.	
VFW & AUX	Jan. 11: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm

Rent Key Center readerboard

Here's a reminder that the Key Center readerboard is available to rent for \$10/day for a personal message (no business advertising).

The readerboard was given to the Key Peninsula Business Association (KPBA) by Walt Schmidt and is co-sponsored by the KPBA and the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA). Rental money received from its rental goes to the KPCCA.

If you have a personal message you want someone driving through Key Center to see, call Sunnycrest Nursery, 884-3937.



GH-KP EPC invites you

by Hugh McMillan



The Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee invites all interested parties to attend its 9:00 am meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Headquarters' station of Fire District 5 on Kimball Drive in Gig harbor.

The group's objective is to reassure people that it is possible to survive even a major earthquake through some relatively simple and low cost preparedness activities. The organization can provide at no charge brochures of instructions along these lines.

Fire districts 5 and 16 support the committee and are involved in its activities as are the Washington State Patrol, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, the Red Cross, PTI, the Peninsula School District, Peninsula Power, and other organizations.



"... we're hoping ... to enlist the support ... of people with abilities in such lines as medicine, ham radio, heavy equipment operations, back hoes, generators, counseling ... a whole world of things."

"What we're hoping for," said Chairman Ray Zimmerman, "is to enlist the support and involvement of people with abilities in such lines as medicine, ham radio, heavy equipment operations, back hoes, generators, counseling, organizing neighborhood groups, and just a whole world of things that would help those of us living on this side of the Narrows bridge to survive for as long as three weeks. In the event of a major earthquake, whether the Narrows Bridge survives or not, it will be closed until declared safe by engineers, and that could take weeks."

For information, call 851-2731.

New EMTs

What might an EMT do for you?

The letters EMT stand for Emergency Medical Technician. These are volunteer and career firefighters who also answer emergency calls in a position a step between First Responders (who have 40 hours of advanced first aid training) and Paramedics. For instance, EMTs are not yet authorized to start I.V.'s as a paramedic is authorized to do; but beyond first aid they do such things as defibrillations and injections for bee sting reactions, and are trained to use the new MAST pants—pneumatic trousers—used on some heart attack victims or people who are bleeding profusely, designed to send the blood (which naturally goes to the extremities when a person is in shock) back to their heart and brain.

All District 16 firefighters are encouraged to become First Responders

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knows how to type... the NEWS is considering offering her a volunteer position; Claudia Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery and Civic Center board fame; Lavonne Cartwright of American Underwriters Insurance, who deftly moderated Candidate's Night at the Civic Center in October; Gary Gunn of Independent Order of Foresters, active with various projects including the Ident-a-kid program; and Shirl Olson, Claudia's mother, whose friendly personality endeared her to me long before she grabbed my hand on Pioneer Day (night) in the beer garden at the Civic Center and enjoined me in a dance to the music of the snappy Duwamish Dixieland Jazz Band.

If you're interested in a thriving business in our area, these are people you may want to get to know.



Glen Pszczola, Key Center attorney, is 1993 president of Key Peninsula Business Association. Pszczola (it's Polish for "bumblebee" and is pronounced "P-zola," sort of rhymes with "Mazola") is also a volunteer firefighter who just passed his EMT course, and is a dedicated member of Puget Sound Sea Rescue. Pszczola is pictured here in front of his office in 1991 in a SCAT that was donated to Puget Sound Sea Rescue.

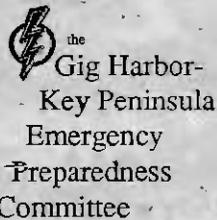
or EMTs. The EMT course lasts 110 classroom hours, and in addition includes ambulance training and an 8- to 24-hour tour in an emergency room of a hospital. It's a difficult course that demands more than dedication of its students. One EMT told the NEWS that at least two hours of practice and study outside the classroom are necessary for each of those 110 hours in class.

Those who pass the EMT course are to be commended.

District 16 people who passed the

most recently given course are Joe Bearden, Ed Clement, Chance Gower, Glen Pszczola, Danny Surratt and Napier Wright. At least one of these men hopes to go on to become a paramedic. All are to be congratulated on their achievement.

A District 16 commissioner told the NEWS, "If I ever have a heart attack," (God forbid—ed.), "it had better be out here on Key Peninsula. Forget Seattle. We have the best."



Disaster Readiness Tips

Disaster Readiness Tip # 1 ARE YOU READY?

This is the first in what will become a series of emergency preparedness tips provided by the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Experts say a major earthquake, more damaging than the Alaska 'quake of 1964 or the San Francisco Bay area 'quake of 1989, **COULD** occur in our lifetimes. It's as likely to be next week as next decade. Have you prepared your home and workplace? Does your family have a game plan for unexpected disaster?

Beginning in the next issue, we will bring you **EMERGENCY READINESS TIPS** ... simple but important things you should know or do now to prepare for catastrophes most likely to occur in our communities.

If readers act on just one tip each issue, the community will be better prepared and able to survive in case of emergency.

Coming next month: Proper telephone procedures

For information, contact your County Department of Emergency Management, the Red Cross, or GH-KP EPC, (206) 851-2731



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Arts

An ART AND THE LAW exhibition opens on Jan. 11 at the UPS School of Law and continues through March 12. On national tour, it features 43 artists and 54 works of art, each accompanied by a statement by the artist. The exhibit is FREE, open M-F, 8 AM to 5 PM, at 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma.

THE PERFORMANCE CIRCLE is staging SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE by Charles Marowitz and promises an astounding development in the Holmes and Watson saga. If you have waited for Watson to best Holmes you won't want to miss this play. It runs Jan. 8-23. Call 851-PLAY for tickets. Adults-\$10; Seniors-\$9; Under 15-\$5.



Pottery demonstration

On Saturday, January 16 from 10 AM to 3 PM, there will be a pottery throwing demonstration in the Country Gardens/Liquid Perfection Espresso mall area of the Harvest Time Country Store complex on 302.

The demo will be given by Gary Andersen. Mr. Andersen is a teacher at Peninsula High School—he's in his 24th year there—and has a pottery studio in his home in the Lakebay area.

In the library

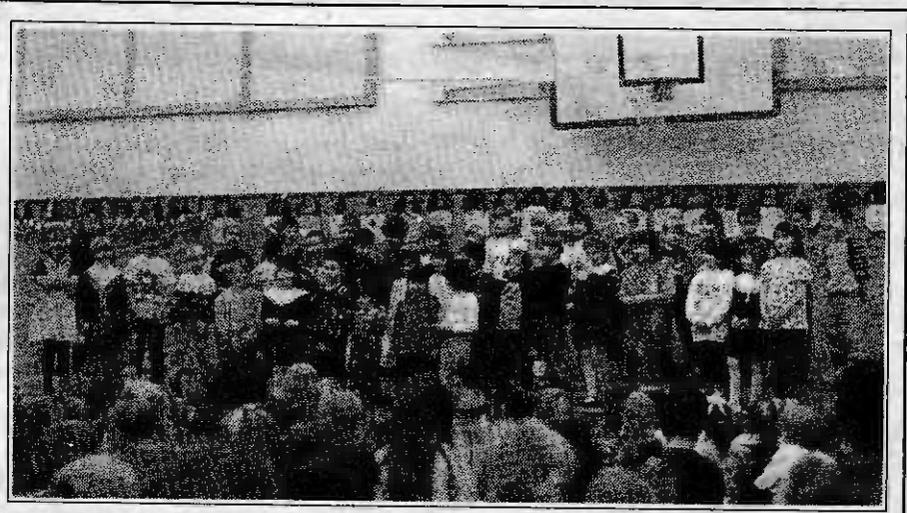
1993 has been declared the United Nations Year of Native Peoples. In honor of the Indians of North America, the library offers the book, THROUGH INDIAN EYES: THE NATIVE EXPERIENCE IN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, edited by Beverly Slapin and Doris Seale.

Through articles, book reviews, poetry and illustration, the editors examine racist stereotypes in children's literature that continue to reinforce prejudice against Native Americans. They quote from a study by the Council on Interracial Books for Children: "Children's books are not frivolous entertainment. They are part of a society's general culture."

This book gives us lists of books that are not racist, tells us how to look for stereotypes in literature, and offers fine poetry and artwork. Whether a parent, educator or a friend to children, THROUGH INDIAN EYES is not a book to miss.

• PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES for ages 3-5 will be held every Friday at 10:30 AM, Jan. 29-March 19. Please register ahead, in person or by calling 884-2242.

• LIBRARY HOURS: Beginning in January, the Key Center Branch will close at 8 PM (instead of 8:30) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. • New hours at the Peninsula Branch will be: TUES. & WED: 12-8; THURS. & FRI: 1-6; SAT: 11-5



Children at Minter Creek Elementary were in full voice during the All-School Sing before school adjourned for the holidays. KPNEWS photo, Neena Bauer

LITTLE LEAGUE



Player registrations begin in January. See Key Dates for specifics. Remember that Little League is for girls also, including a softball program for ages 9-15. Do not forget to bring your official state-certified birth certificate to registrations. Call Cate Boyd, 857-7007 or Sheryl Brown, 884-2118 for information.

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Happy Holidays!



To and from Russia, with love

by Virginia Thompson

Good friend and neighbor Mary Ripley told us last July of an opportunity to visit Russia as guests of the Women's Union of Russia from Nov. 6-16, travel arrangements to be made by Travel Key U. S. Exchange in Michigan.

"I'm going," said Mary. "Want to come?"

We did.

And so on Nov. 8 Ray and I found ourselves walking off a KLM flight into the Moscow Airport, along with 41 other folks with similar intentions, where Vera Soboleva and Galina Negrustueva, our wonderful English speaking coordinators, waited with a bus to take us to our hotel.

MOSCOW

It was a cold, crisp day, the land as flat as the middle west of our own continent. We were taken to the Ukraine, one of seven immense wedding cake structures ordered built by Stalin in the '30s as visible monuments to the power of the state.

Everything is on a massive scale, the buildings, the broad streets, the river, like Russia itself. The people of Moscow are of many ethnic varieties, the city busy, the energy level high.

Two basic needs faced us immediately: Where could we get bottled water, and rubles for dollars? The lady at the kiosk would accept only rubles for her water, and there were none to be had in the hotel that day. Fortunately our bus driver had some to trade for a five dollar bill. The rate was 400 rubles for one dollar, the water that night was bought for 30 rubles. Later on in our stay, the dollar economy predominated, and we paid as much as four dollars for water. Vodka was cheaper.

Hospitality was abundant, both in the hotel and in the dining rooms throughout the city. Tables were laden with strange Russian specialties—potato salads, beets, fish salads, rye bread, tea, pastries—food was plentiful for tourists. For the locals it was not so easy. The grocery stores that I explored had little on the shelves, and the kiosks that lined the streets were no better; there were a few spotted apples, potatoes, cabbages that had seen better days, at high prices with people crowding around to buy.

Women's conference

We were in Russia to attend a conference called Women Facing the Twenty-

first Century: Prospects of Reality. It was organized by the Women's Union of Russia, formerly the Soviet Women's Committee, with a history of 45 years behind it. We had come as guests to examine the particular roles of women in this time of transition. For three days we met with some wonderful, dynamic, highly motivated and trained people, and many of them spoke English. They were warm and open, free to discuss all the issues that were on all our minds. We had opportunities to meet with them in small groups and one on one.

They arranged meetings with groups of women artists and writers. We met with an advisor to President Yeltsin on issues of protection of children, position of women and demographics. There was a fashion show, a circus, a briefing at the U.S. Embassy and a chance to talk with members of Parliament.

Moscow itself was big, dark, bustling; factories belching, river polluted, old buildings needing renovation, old cars, roads with potholes. Kiosks and people were hawking tourist goods everywhere, children too. This is capitalism? There was a good subway, crowded buses.

Then there was the jewel of the Kremlin with its exquisite cathedrals and palaces with every inch painted; gold onion domes, at the very heart of the city. Parts of it date back to 1200, and it is dear to hearts of the people we talked to.

St. Petersburg

We went to St. Petersburg for the second half of our visit, on an overnight train. Sleeping cars were warm, private and quiet. As we rolled along I looked out on stands of birch and pine forests shining in the moonlight, and the snow began to fall. In the early morning we arrived, and drove off for a morning of sightseeing through a foot of snow. Bright sun made the city glow.

St. Petersburg, the gateway to the west, is quite different in character from Moscow. Its center was built by Peter the Great in the 18th century, a series of palaces and churches painted blue, yellow and white, built along the Neva River, with many canals, on a grand scale.

We met with the Women's Committee of St. Petersburg in a building known as the House of Friendship. Once more we talked at length on issues of family, women's work, peace, environment and health.

That night we were taken to a symphony concert in a newly decorated palace. The next day we visited the Hermitage, one of the world's great museums. Formerly the palace of Peter the Great, this building is filled with art. We especially loved the collection of Impressionists.

We shopped. We visited the Menshikov Palace, the home of a one-time friend of Peter who had ended up in Siberia. It was unique because it was covered completely with Dutch tiles. It seems the Dutch influence was strong on both Peter and his friends.

One thing about visiting palaces: All the extremely odd ways of royalty are exposed to view.

The Lakebay connection

One of the most meaningful parts of our trip came last. Fourteen years ago two wonderful Russian ladies named

Helen and Anna, members of the Soviet Women's Union, came to the U.S. for a visit under the auspices of Mary Ripley. They had become fast friends at previous international conference on issues of family, health and peace.

Ray and I had the pleasure of meeting them when they visited in Lakebay as Mary's guests. In St. Petersburg we had the pleasure of witnessing a reunion of three grand, unforgettable, gallant women, now in their late seventies, friends through illnesses, deaths and a cold war.

The cold war is over, thank God. The tasks ahead are enormous. We felt hope and kinship with these people we met who are very like us, who share the same planet and who have learned to make their way around political systems that fail.

I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to visit Russia, its land, its people, at this time—a place rich in history and cultur—and to find friends within its borders.

And oh how good it was to come home to Lakebay!



Book Review

by
Neena
Bauer

Some of my best book suggestions come from listening to talk radio. One such show led me to TAXI FROM HELL: THE CONFESSIONS OF A RUSSIAN HACK by Vladimir Lobas, a recent immigrant from Russia.

Working as an announcer for Radio Liberty, he found himself short of cash when his dentist refused to fit him with false teeth on credit. He needed \$4000 and decided driving a cab at \$600/wk (or so the classified ad promised) would provide the necessary funds in a short time.

Throughout the book, he comments on American society, its foibles and improbabilities, while remaining staunchly patriotic to his adopted land. For instance, he wonders why businesses need to advertise; they should just go down to the unemployment office and hire all those people waiting on line.

His adventures include driving in Manhattan before he knew how to drive; meeting fellow cab drivers (mostly immigrants); his quests for a "Kennedy" (airport, not person) and encounters with hotel doormen who hold the key to lucrative fares.

You'll discover a highly amusing story of one of his first fares when he leaves the adult on the sidewalk and takes off with two young daughters. You'll find an existence very different from our own rural life, making it all the more interesting.

(I remember when we found ourselves driving in Manhattan about 6 years ago. We continually tried to make right turns on red. We were continually chastised with angry words and gestures by many cabbies in many languages.)

Another book I'm perusing is Bob Greene's new HANG TIME: DAYS AND DREAMS WITH MICHAEL JORDAN. It is a book you can peruse because it is written in little bits and pieces, all centering around life in the NBA. Greene approaches the subject a novice to basketball; the book is his impressions and observations about incidences and conversations. It is not a book about statistics except for the number 18676, which is the number of adoring fans who come out for every home game. Greene seems to be awed by and intrigued with that number. The book is somewhat repetitious.

Greene asks Jordan simple questions such as, "How did you feel when you did not make the high school team?" or, "When is the last time you had a fist fight with someone?" or, "How will it be when you are old?" Everyday questions posed to the most famous athlete alive.

My favorite glimpses of Michael Jordan are when he takes time to acknowledge a child in a wheelchair, how he "plays" basketball with his toddler son after a long day at work and what a lonely person he seems to be much of the time.

I learned that Jordan was the third pick in the NBA draft (can you imagine being the person who DIDN'T choose him when he had the chance?) and that he considers his time on the court his most private time. That seems impossible until you stop and think about the hordes of people wanting his attention during his regular life. He has to preplan shopping trips or ask the merchant to open especially for him. On the court he does what he wants and no one can accost him for favors.

You will like this book if you enjoy reading a journalist's musings about the sports world. It's a book you can put down for a while and not lose your place.

Both books are available from the Pierce County Library.



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A year with the Civic Center

Nick & Marcy Nichols celebrate their anniversary as caretakers

by Joan Lawrence

January 1, 1993, marked a year that the Civic Center building and grounds have been under the care of Nick and Marcy Nichols (pictured above).

And "care" is the perfect word. When asked how they will spend their vacation, Nick told the NEWS he was "going to do a little fixing up (around the Center) . . . a few things I've been meaning to get done. Take it easy."

Make mine green M&Ms

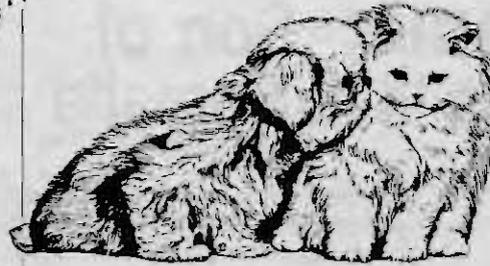
On the occasion of a new year filled with sweet promise, we have a thoughtful figure to report: During 1992, Americans spent approximately 1.23 billion dollars on candy.

That rounds out to about two pounds per person. Two pounds of candy, that is.

"Take it easy" describes Nick. He's a man who seems to take even the toughest of jobs in his stride. Patient and quiet, Nick loves life gently, he's a man of strong character, and—what was the fall catchword?—family values. It's fun to watch how Nick keeps the kids around the Center in line. He isn't gruff, but he sticks to the rules and expects the same of others; and the children respect him.

Marcy is an artist, a calligrapher, a staff sergeant in the Army Reserves and has a heart bigger than the Grinch's grew. When Marcy says "Jump," you jump. I secretly think she's the lovechild of Joan Embry and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Marcy is one of a kind.

To Nick and Marcy Nichols we hope for the best in 1993: May all your wishes come true.



Critter Corner

by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

Winter poses special risks to pets. Give your pet a safer, healthier cold weather season by following these tips:

- Keep indoor pets in a dry, warm area free of drafts. Elevate your pet's bed off the floor.
- Provide outdoor dogs or cats with a dry, insulated pet house or shelter out of the wind. Staying warm demands extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when temperatures drop. Bring your pet inside if the wind chill or other weather conditions become severe.
- Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat at once. Contact your veterinarian

immediately if you suspect your pet has frostbite. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing.

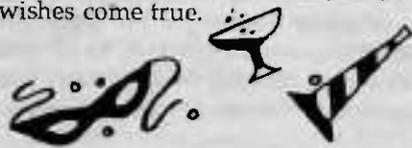
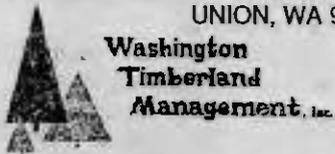
- Cats and kittens often nap on car engines. Knock on the hood or honk the horn; then wait a few minutes before starting the car.
 - Pets like the smell and taste of anti-freeze, but even a small amount can kill them. Thoroughly clean up spills at once. Tightly close containers and store them where pets cannot get to them.
 - Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. Cover or tack down electrical cords. Keep tinsel and glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items like spray-on snow. Never put ribbon around a pet's neck or allow pet to play with plastic or foil wrappings or six-pack beverage holders.
 - Keep your pet on its regular diet. Holiday treats, such as chocolate and bones, can be harmful or toxic.
 - Many plants—including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia—are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.
 - Always have fresh, clean water available.
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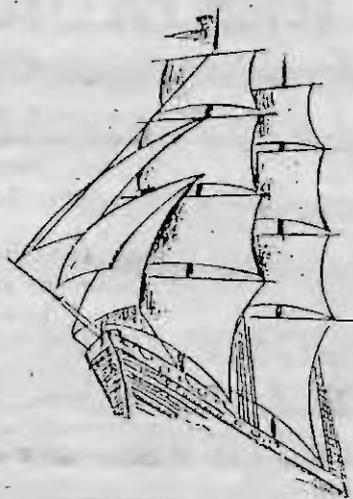


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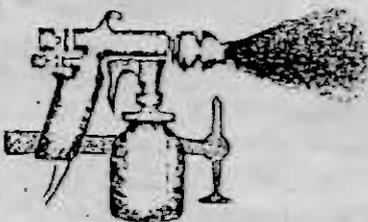
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Letter to Home: Son of Home residents is in Somalia campaign

by Joan Lawrence

The NEWS has learned that Lt. Cdr. Lance McMillan, son of Janice and Hugh McMillan of Home, is the executive officer aboard the USS Juneau, one of three amphibious assault vessels taking part in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

"We were thrilled during the first few days to see him on Channel 7 on the flying bridge of the Juneau," said Mrs. McMillan. "We've been trying to videotape as much of the operation as possible for him to see when he returns."

But Lance McMillan has seen the news on CNN.

On landing day, Dec. 12, "Shortly after 2 AM," he writes in a letter home, "a bright searchlight came on in the vicinity of the landing site, followed immediately by a series of bright flashes. We know now that this was the media mob sitting on the beach waiting for the landing. At the time, we were sure the SEALs had been ambushed."

Hugh and Janice McMillan received this letter from their son on Christmas Eve—their first Christmas present—and phoned to share the letter with the NEWS.

"A half hour after they landed," McMillan continues, "the SEALs radioed their first beach condition report saying there were over 150 press on the beach, and that the landing site was 'bright as daylight.'"

So much for security.



Over the U.S. Embassy in Somalia was "hoisted the same American flag which had flown over the Marine barracks in Beirut"



"The off-load of Marine gear" McMillan's letter continues, "went smoothly the rest of the day. The Marines occupied all the key sites throughout the city, including the former U.S. Embassy (which had been abandoned two years earlier), over which they hoisted the same American flag which had flown over the Marine barracks in Beirut when it was blown up. . . ."



Lance McMillan, executive officer of the USS Juneau, pictured on his wedding day, August 3, 1991

The McMillans—alerted via phone by Lance's wife, Sheri, in San Diego—recorded an hour interview of Navy and Marine dependents, conducted by talk show host Montel Williams from a hangar on a San Diego airbase.

"We got to see about a milli-second of her; she wasn't one of those interviewed," said Mrs. McMillan.

Tapes of the broadcast were to be flown to the ship and shore forces for Christmas viewing. The performance was described by the McMillans as one which will be very up-lifting for US personnel in Somalia operations.



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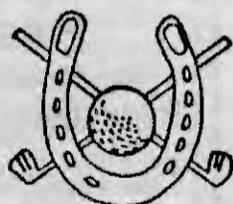
Wayne LeBlanc (see front page story, "Local hero,") had a business in Seattle for seven years, located at 170 Roy St. on Queen Anne Hill.

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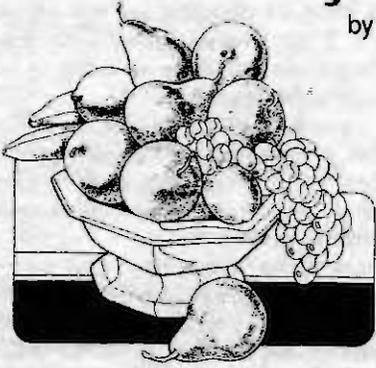
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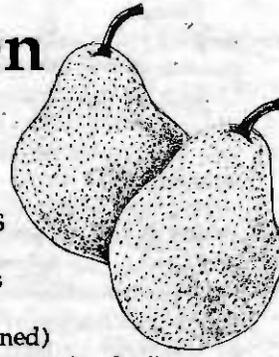
COMPANY APPLE CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 T cinnamon
- 6 medium apples, cut into pie slices
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix sugar, oil and eggs together. Combine flour, cinnamon, soda and salt; add to egg mixture and blend well. Stir in nuts. Add apples. Spread on greased 13" x 9" x 2" pan. Bake at 350 degrees F, 45-55 minutes. Cool or turn out of pan onto tray. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

January rings in the new year with icy weather and lists of resolutions. Right at the top of many lists are warm home-baked desserts that take minutes to prepare and always turn out company-perfect.

Here are three easy favorites that can be mixed quickly and baked when dinner requires a sweet ending or when guests are expected.



BAKED PEARS

- 6 medium pears
- 2 T lemon juice
- 5 T butter (softened)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 3/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup water

Core pears, set upright in 9" square baking pan. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix butter, sugar, raisins, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pack mixture into pear centers. Pour water into dish. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 400 degrees F, 35-45 minutes. Serve warm.

GREAT GRANDMA'S CARAMEL PUDDING

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 T butter

Sift flour, sugar and baking powder. Add milk and raisins. Pour into 8" x 8" greased baking pan. Mix brown sugar with boiling water. Add butter. Pour mixture over batter. Bake at 350 degrees F, about 45 minutes.



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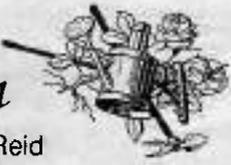


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In the Garden



by Olive Bell Reid

Twelfth night marks the end of the year for me. After having tucked away the Christmas decorations, I tidy the house and feel I've done my domestic duty. Now I'm free to turn my energies toward the garden once again.

The colorful new catalogs, which are beginning to appear in the mail, provide hours of pleasurable reading and list-making as I conjure up visions of gorgeous bloom in my 1993 gardens. Although I purchase most of my plants from local growers, I can never resist ordering a few "rare and unusual" cultivars from the catalogs. Some, alas, cannot be shipped to Washington state due to the Japanese beetle threat. Many eastern and some mid-western states have this destructive pest in their soils, but our state so far has managed to keep it out. Most catalogs warn buyers of this restriction; read these carefully before ordering, to avoid being disappointed.

Many nurseries in Oregon and California are beginning to grow more unusual plants. These states are free of Japanese beetle, and plants may be ordered without restrictions.

Did you see the beautiful *Clematis florida Sieboldii* on the cover of the Wayside Gardens catalog? It is stunning, and I simply must have it! There is no restriction notice in the description; however, I'm going to call their 800 number to find out for sure before I

order.

January calls for another lime-sulphur spray on fruit trees (especially peach), lilacs, dogwood and berries. Drench the soil where your hollyhocks, phlox, peonies and German (bearded) iris will come up. Roses, too, need spraying, and be sure to pick off any remaining leaves and burn them. Don't prune roses yet; however, fruit trees and berries can be pruned if temperatures are above freezing. Take out old canes (which are grey) and cut off tops of new canes to about five feet and tie them to wires. Prune out old stems of gooseberries and currants. Bait for slugs—yes, already! Every mild day will hatch out a new litter of sluglets. Put bait in cardboard milk cartons on their sides so that birds and other animals can't get at the bait; expensive bait traps are available at garden stores, but milk cartons work just fine. Do this for weevil bait, too, under rhododendrons. Tie climbers such as grapes, clematis, wisteria, jasmine and honeysuckle to supports. Transplant shrubs and trees if weather is above freezing. Be sure to water in well. Continue to protect tender plants from frost. Mulch on roses should cover the graft. Clean and sharpen tools, wash flats and pots. Make a large container of starting mix with one-third peat moss, one-third sharp sand and one-third perlite. At the end of the month begin to fertilize: asparagus, rhubarb and peonies with plenty of well-rotted manure; strawberries with potash; vegetable garden with rotted manure, compost and wood ashes; rhodies and azaleas with superphosphate and nitrogen; prim-

roses with 20-20-20 (one tablespoon per plant). Select scion wood for grafting and heel it into a protective area for grafting later on. Check stored dahlias and tuberous begonias for rot.

I picked a little bouquet the other day from my winter garden—a tiny lavender cyclamen, a pink bergenia, a

green hellebores, a yellow primrose, a blue pansy, a white sasanqua camellia trimmed in red, and a bit of fragrant sarcococca—oh, so sweet! As I placed this vase of delights on my kitchen table, I felt overwhelmed with gratitude for the privilege of living in our beautiful Northwest.

Straight Talk

by Robert B. Campbell D.C.



It's amazing how 1992 flew by, isn't it? I would like to take a few minutes to tell you all how much we appreciate the people of this area.

This has been a growing year for us at Campbell Chiropractic Clinic. Many of our good patients have sought help after reading our monthly column. Many who had suffered for years are now finding help through natural healing methods. I always find it exciting

when people who have been in pain for months and even years find the cause of their problems through modern chiropractic procedures.

Now is the time to reflect on the past year. Did we accomplish what we wanted with our health? We can be thankful we have another fresh new year in front of us to set our goals for our health.

Did a nagging headache, back pain or perhaps shoulder pain keep you from experiencing life at its fullest in 1992? If so, don't let time take another notch out of your years; set goals for health now. Let life once again be that great pleasure that is our natural birthright. If I can be of service to you with your health, please feel free to call me for a consultation at any time.

Thank you all again, and we look forward to seeing you. May God's abundance bless you richly!

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by Cecil Paul

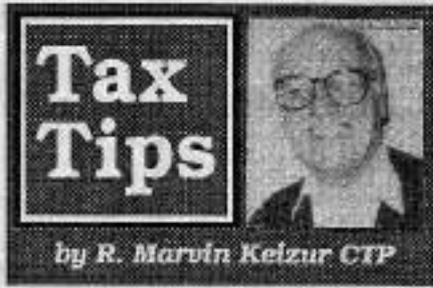
Chainsaws are sometimes blamed for decimating the forests. My working days go back over 70 years. Had chainsaws never been invented, there would be no less cutting, but more people would be employed to do the same job. The trees would come down just the same. Actually, because anyone can easily cut a lot of wood fast, the saws probably save a lot of wood that would otherwise go to waste.

There is a tremendous reduction in suffering of animals. A logger who would buy a couple of old, tired horses that would finish their lives stumbling through mud and stumps and brush, will now pick up a tired old "Cat." It will die eventually also, but only its owner will suffer. With luck, the logger may hit the jackpot and retire in some comfort.

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To begin with this time, I am going to list some ways to avoid trouble with the IRS.

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TO YOUR HEALTH



by William F. Roes, MD

Fire District 16 has been responding recently to an increasing number of residential fires. At one of our monthly review sessions with the paramedics and EMTs, we discussed the health implications of house fires, and had a chance to review a recent article from *The New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM) (Sept. 17, 1992). The article presented a study of fatal and non-fatal residential fires from a series of fires in a rural area of North Carolina, and the results have some useful information for all of us.

The article states that in 1988 there were over 500,000 residential fires in the U.S.; and although this represents only a quarter of all fires, it accounts for three-quarters of all fire-related deaths. Rates of death from a house fire are higher in either the young (under 5) or the older (over 65), males, the poor, members of minorities, and those living in remote areas.

Although the leading cause of fires is heating equipment (especially kero-

sene heaters and wood stoves), fatal fires were more likely to have been caused by smoking.

Mobile homes posed a higher risk of fatal fires, in the area studied they accounted for 11% of the housing units but were the site of 31% of the fatal fires.

The absence of a functioning smoke detector was also a factor, 77% of the fatal fires occurred in homes without smoke detectors.

How does all of this relate to the Key Peninsula?

We have a large population of elderly people, an equally large number of mobile homes, and I suppose every home in our community has a wood stove or fireplace. Simple precautions would be: Get and use a smoke alarm, or to get batteries for the one you have up. If you live in a mobile home, plan an exit route in case the front entrance is blocked by smoke or fire. And if you can't stop smoking, at least don't smoke in bed; the majority of smoking-related fatalities occurred at nighttime from dropped or smoldering cigarettes.

Your fire department is more than happy to help you learn other ways to protect yourself and your family from fire, and if you're interested in a copy of the NEJM article, drop by your health center in Key Center.

We're all wishing you the best and safest of years in 1993.

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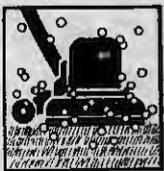
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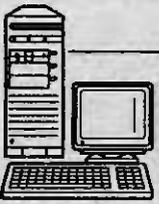
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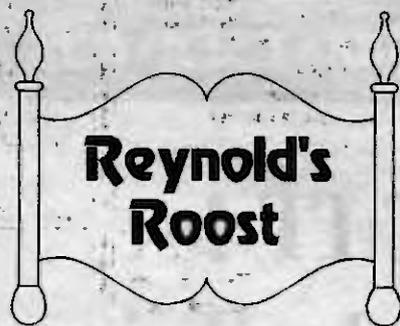
by Hugh McMillan

Planning for the second Citizens
Against Crime-sponsored Crime Pre-
vention Fair, which will take place June
5, 1993, at the Gig Harbor Eagles' Club,
is on schedule and will follow the suc-
cessful format of the first fair in 1991.
Those wishing to arrange for display
booths or to contribute items for raffle
prizes should contact Karen, 858-6532.

The first-ever joint meeting of the
Boards of Directors of CAC's Peninsula
(Key-Gig Harbor), Mountain (Eaton-
ville), and Valley (Bonnie Lake/Buck-
ley/Sumner) Branches took place
Tuesday, 24 Nov. 1992 in Parkland. The
next such meeting will be held at 6 pm,
Jan. 12, 1993, at Lin's & J Restaurant,
2015 South 96th St, Tacoma. The public
is invited to attend these open meet-
ings.

In accordance with CAC's
Constitution and ByLaws, meetings of
a soon-to-be-formed CAC County-
level Board will be held quarterly. Each
Branch will elect a representative to
this board, the purpose of which shall
be to coordinate the organization's ac-
tivities and to share and learn from ex-
periences unique to each Branch.

The Peninsula Branch of CAC meets
at 7 pm, the first Thursday of each
month in the Key Peninsula Civic Cen-
ter. Everyone is invited to attend.



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Filucy Hootchie Kootchie Band performs

The Filucy Hootchie Kootchie Band
of Longbranch will be performing a
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The event is sponsored as one of
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Victory Music, a nonprofit musi-
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A glowing review of the evening's entertainment for the dance was given to the NEWS. Dancers strutted to the music of Steve and Kristi Neble's Pressure Ridge Band.




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