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## President's Message

I would like to personally congratulate all the nominees of the KP Lions Citizens of the Year. In my capacity as President of two community organizations I have the pleasure of working with many of these wonderful volunteers. I also know, however, there are many, many other volunteers in our community who give of themselves and are not recognized for their support. To these I offer our community's heartfelt "thank you" and wish that you will be recognized as next year's nominees.

I can still recall my dear departed mother forever telling me, "Never assume." This phrase frequently comes to mind as I am always recruiting volunteers for our many wonderful community organizations. Many citizens "assume" there is an abundance of volunteers, enough to amply cater to the needs of our community and that their volunteer services are not needed. Though our organizations seem to thrive without you, you should know that in order for them to continue their efforts, a constant influx of new volunteers is needed. New volunteers are needed to offer new ideas and energy to ensure their continued existence. If our volunteer force continues to dwindle, as it has for most groups, the organizations may eventually dry up and fade away. Our Key Peninsula depends greatly on volunteerism and so, we absolutely can not let this happen!

What does it take to be a volunteer? You need only be able to give just a small portion of your time. Added collectively with others, a group can accomplish the really big jobs. What talents or skills are needed? Many have refined talents or skills needed in every organization but many others find they have hidden talents if only they give it a try. There are usually others in a group willing to train you for what is needed. The only real skill required is the ability to get along with others. What can you expect to gain from volunteerism? Volunteerism is classified as a selfless act of giving without expecting anything in return. What you will gain, however, is the ability to meet new people, enjoy wonderful companionship, and feel warm and fuzzy about being a part of what makes this community such a great place to live.

Mike Coffin,  
President KPCCA



## Citizen of the Year

*Eileen Young admires the centerpiece of roses presented to Irene Zimmer, the Lions Club's 1998 Citizen of the Year.*

*Photo by Hugh McMillan*

**ANNUAL  
EASTER  
EGG HUNT!**

**On the Civic Center grounds  
Sunday, April 12th  
1:00 PM**

**Bring the whole family!  
Egg Hunts for all ages, 1  
through 12.**



## UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Coordinator

Spring is sprung, the grass is rizz, I wonder where all the sunshine is?

Ah, another spring! So much going on, too! First, there's the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Center's grounds on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Bring the kids (ages 1 through 12) and let them find the pretty colored eggs.

The Spring Festival will be here at the Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come and see all the pretty things for sale! The kitchen will be putting out those famous "Center Burgers", with a lot of other good food as well. If you want to participate, the application for a booth is on page 16 in this issue.

The Citizens of the Year banquet on March 14<sup>th</sup> featured keynote speaker Sheriff Mark French. At the end of his speech, he read the following poem by an anonymous author. I thought you might like it.

### Note To Volunteers:

Many will be shocked to find  
When the day of judgement nears  
There's a special place in Heaven,  
Set aside for Volunteers  
There's nothing there to staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail  
There'll be no Friday kitchen,  
And no Saturday rummage sale  
Mailing lists will be outlawed,  
But a finger snap will bring

Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,  
And treats fit for a king  
Ask who'll serve these privileged few,  
And work for all they're worth  
Why all those who reaped the benefit,  
And not once volunteered on earth.

Isn't that a great poem? Makes you think, doesn't it?

Pioneer Day will be coming up on August 1<sup>st</sup>, so start making your plans to have a booth, be in the parade or just to come and enjoy a family outing. The Beer Garden will be featuring the wonderful music of *The Black River Falls Band* for your dancing and listening pleasure. The dunk Tank will be in operation out in the field, but we haven't gotten the list of "dunkees" yet. Send in your suggestion of who you would like to see hit the water! We are planning many more things for your entertainment. We will start printing the applications for Pioneer Day in next month's paper, so be sure to look for them!

The Pierce County Health Department will be holding a Health Card class here at the Center on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Whitmore Room. If you need to renew your Health Card, this will be the time to do it. The Department also warns that they will accept only cash, Money Order or a business check as payment for the card. No personal checks will be accepted.

See you next month!



## THE FAMILY ROOM

An important parenting tip that is often overlooked and regularly taken for granted is the practice of wholeheartedly listening to children.

Active listening with undivided attention and encouraging responses enables parents to really know and enjoy their children.

Improved behavior is another outcome of effective communication. Because children who are heard won't have to resort to inappropriate means to capture parental attention.

By considering a few practical guidelines, even the busiest parent can utilize some of these helpful tips:

- **Be Considerate:** if it's the "wrong" time or you're overwhelmed, say so, but set up a time when you can listen.
- **Honesty is Paramount:** if you're uneasy about a topic, or don't know the answer admit it. If your mind wanders, ask the child to repeat what he/she said. If you become disinterested, call a time-out and resume the conversation only after you've calmed down.
- **Don't Interrupt:** let your child speak without butting in, especially if the conversation is heated.
- **Pay Sincere Attention:** be calm, breathe and maintain eye contact.

Don't pollute the situation by tapping fingers, looking at your watch or watching TV. Truly Listen: concentrate on hearing and understanding, not on what your next response is going to be.

- **Feedback is A Must:** encourage your child to elaborate, smile and use physical gestures to promote understanding.
- **Body Language:** watching your child's expressions will reinforce your understanding of the message he/she is trying to convey.
- **Courtesy Counts:** avoid raising your voice, using insults or humiliation. Save grammar or pronunciation corrections for a private time. Stick to the subject the child has chosen to discuss and only provide answers or advice if asked. Acknowledge "The Message": even if you disagree, make it clear you have heard and understand the message. If you do not understand, seek further clarification. Paraphrase or summarize often to ensure mutual understanding.
- **Silence is Golden:** the less you talk and the more time you listen, the more your child will listen to you, and what you are saying, when you do talk.

## Integrative Yoga Classes

What is new at the Civic Center? A beginning class is meeting weekly with Diane De Mars to learn something new, yet old, in health care for body and mind. Hatha Yoga has been practiced in the Far East for centuries. When it is combined with contemporary Western discoveries it becomes a valuable tool for maintaining and improving health and wellbeing. Hatha Yoga is very gentle. The exercises work for anyone, and may be adjusted to suit the participant's abilities and age.

"I am learning to breathe deeply, to stretch gently without pain, to become aware of the whole spine. I am learning where stress settles and how to release it, how to achieve better balance, and lots more. I leave the class each week energized and happy. And I meet new friends with similar interests." These are the words of a seventy-four year old member of the class.

Integrative Yoga meets Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 A.M. in the Vaughn Civic Center, VFW Room, with Diane De Mars. For more infor-

mation call Diane at 857-9031, or Laura Huddleston at 884-2234.

## A Nautical Affair

The Shipmates of Tacoma Yacht Club will host their annual **TOUR OF BOATS, "A NAUTICAL AFFAIR"** from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 1998. There will be 10 boats for touring at the Tacoma Yacht Club guest dock, 5401 Waterfront Drive North. **All guests are requested to wear soft-soled shoes.** Tickets are \$2.50 each or a book of six for \$12.50. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be served in the clubhouse during the tour. A buffet dinner will be available from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM for \$10.00. The tour and the dinner are open to the public.

Funds raised by this event are used to support boating activities and Tacoma Yacht Club projects.

Please include this event in your newsletter or publication. For more information please call TYC Clubhouse, (253) 752-3555.

## HEALTH CARD CLASS

At the Civic Center

April 30th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cash - Money Order or

Business Checks Only!

No Personal Checks Accepted

### Key Peninsula Civic Center Executive Committee

Michael Coffin, President	857-4285
Dave Freeman, 1st Vice President	884-2313
Sylvia Haase, 2nd Vice President	884-3603
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Krys Wylie, Secretary	884-4370
Lloyd Miller, At Large	884-2536
Sandy McFarlane, At Large	884-2633

# Key Peninsula Lions Club

by Russ Beckim

The high point of the year was reached this month with the Citizen of the Year Banquet. To bring this off required the effort of every active member in the club, and everyone was satisfied with the results -- well almost everyone. A public apology is due Betty Hicks, whose Certificate of Appreciation was inadvertently placed with those of absent nominees when someone picked up two certifi-

cates as one. Thus, Betty was not honored at the banquet. Our most humble apologies, Betty.

Congratulations goes to Irene Zimmer, who was elected this year's 1998 Lions' Club Citizen of the Year.

The food was excellent due our esteemed chef, Rhys Wood and his hard working kitchen crew. The program was interesting and the company congenial. We trust that everyone had a good time.

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, our sight chairman, Pam Noyes, attended a seminar on sight problems, which she found both enlightening and inspiring. She now feels ready to convert her enthusiasm into real help for those who otherwise could not afford the proper glasses or treatment.

The Lions district 19-C1 Spring Conference was held in Olympia on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Members from nine different clubs joined in the fes-

tivities, fellowship, seminars and the exchange of ideas. Treasurer R. Marvin Keizur, and Sight Chairman Pam Noyes, represented the Key Peninsula Lions. They both reported that they enjoyed the conference and brought home many good ideas for use in our club.

We made our annual donation of \$500 to the Key Peninsula Little League, and paid \$150 for maintenance of the Lions sign on the field.

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## TOPS NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

There have been so many wonderful things going on in the TOPS 1019, Vaughn group! First of all there have been 18 new members join us since January 1998. Our open house February 24<sup>th</sup> was the best ever. We had 11 guests, and as a result, 9 new members joined us! We thank all who helped make it so successful. Now we are 49 strong. In an effort to make it a positive experience for all, and not over look anyone's needs, we have created small cell groups of seven people to keep in touch and be there for each other. Our officers and KOPS are serving as leaders of the small groups.

February best of TOPS were Dec Lamar #1 and Kate Burkart #2. We are very proud of these members and all of our TOPS group. As a chapter we lost 32 1/4 pounds net for the month. At this time we are having superb losses in March.

Elections were held March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new officers were installed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and they will take charge the first of April. Incoming officers are Carol

Bischoff, Leader, Rosalie Busz, Co-leader, Helen Schittip, Treasurer and Julie Higgins as Secretary. Frankie Johnson will stay on as weight recorder and Delores Paul will be the new assistant. We said a fond farewell to the officers who have served us so well; Arleen Lonning, Kandy Van Laanen, Cindy Middleton and Judy Newell. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Coming up is our annual Rummage Sale to be held April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Whitmore room at the Civic Center. It should be just as big and exciting as it has been the past several years. We thank the public in advance for their continued support. Proceeds will help to defray cost of sending as many members as possible to the State Recognition Days held in Silverdale on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Arleen Lonning, Susan Davidson and Jo Anne Cluver will graduate on stage since they have lost to their goal weight and maintained it to reach the elite group of KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) Sarah Nixon and Jesse Nixon will be in the circle of light along with all

TOPS who have reached goal weight.

TOPS membership is open to all men, women and kids over the age of 7. Our chapter boasts 2 pre-teens and 2 teenagers. We have special incentives for the young members. Cost to

join is \$20 for a year to the national organization and \$5 a month to the local chapter which pays for our rent and prizes. For more info call 884-4102.



## KEY DATES 1998

**BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

KP Business Assoc.	April 3 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	April 17 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	April 28 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
<b>CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Ashes	April 2	Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220	Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	KPCCA VFW Rm.
Cootiettes	April 16 - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board	April 6 - 7:30 PM	Museum - Civic Center
KPCCA Board	April 9 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	April 13 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	April 9 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. - 7:30 PM	CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Adult Literacy Classes	- Call for Appointment	851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	April 20 - 10:00 AM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs - 1:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center	- Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433	
Food Bank	- Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon	- Comm. House - Home	
Also food & clothing assistance.	For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.	
Immunizations (FREE)	Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor	
Key Center Library	884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM	
KP Baptist Bible Study	Wed. - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA	Wed. - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous	Wed. - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network	April 7, 14, 21 - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Positive Fathering	Thursdays - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM	Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.	

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

KP Fire Commissioners	April 8 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	April 27 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	April 13 - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

**SELF-HELP GROUPS**

Alcoholics Anonymous	- Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home	
Caregivers Support	April 9 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group	April 11-1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma	at 884-2205 for more information.	
T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening Weigh-in	6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center	

**SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS**

Bayshore Garden Club	April 17 - Meeting	Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. - 1 - 3 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Indoor Park	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM	KPCCA gym
KP Historical Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
MUSEUM OPEN	Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	
LB Improvement Club	April 17 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	April 14 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	April 2 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	April 20 - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, Lunch and meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
Senior Society Luncheon	Thursdays - Noon	KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club	April 15 at the home of Joy Rakes.	

Call 884-5403 for more information.  
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# KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes, February 14, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Coffin. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as corrected. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's report as given.

We received letters from the Winter Visuals, one from Shirley Tomasi thanking us for the use of the Center and being so helpful, and another from an artist thanking us for a great show. We also received a letter from Cascade Analytical informing us that our annual nitrate/water test was due in July.

**Treasurer's Report :** Welcome aboard Kathy Hale and good luck with the coming year.

**Manager's Report :** We received a trash compactor from the Fishers, and are using it to crush cans. An inspector is coming out on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month to check the kitchen fire suppression system. The Americore group at Easter Seals called and asked if they could do independent volunteer work for the Center, and will be coming out on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Newspaper Report :** Sylvia would like to see the *News* pay a rent fee to the KPCCA to cover the expenses of the paper. Stephanie Zampini informed the Board that in September or October of the last year it had been decided that the paper would indeed pay for space at a cost of \$250 for rent and \$60 for phone expenses. (The only reference to this in past minutes for the September and October meeting was that the paper did in fact pay the KPCCA for the previous six months).

## Program & Group Review

**Children's Home Society:** Mike Ryan informed the Board that "Positive Fathering", the Little Buddy program and Indoor Park are all doing well.

**Indoor Park:** A wish list was written up by the parents that come to the Park of what they would like to see in new toys, and this included: floor mats and some gates to enclose an area for infants, and also some larger riding toys for the older children. The parents would like to keep the Park "low key" as it is now and without structural games.

**Skate Night:** The Board was informed that theft has become a problem, and a parent asked to speak on behalf of his own personal experience with how bad the skating has become. Mark Rasmussen let the Board know that skate night had become a problem for younger children due to the older kids and the number of them on the floor at a time. Mark also reported that his son has been injured in the past and has had items stolen. He feels at this time that he can no longer bring his children due to the chaos of the situation. Irene hired a police officer to come and patrol the area although the Board doesn't feel this will work out to the benefit of the skate

night. A committee was formed to help solve these issues, consisting of: Lila Garrison, Krys Wylie, Sandy McFarlane, Dave Freeman, Virginia L., Dale Loy and Mark Rasmussen. Krys Wylie will contact Lila Garrison with the names and numbers of everyone on the committee.

**Reno Night:** Krys Wylie has been calling volunteers and letting them know that Reno Night is on March 7 and getting a list of names for working that evening. It was pointed out that a committee and chair are needed to meet state requirements, so Mike Coffin volunteered as Chairman, Loyd Miller and Krys Wylie volunteered as Co-chair, and a meeting will be set up with all the volunteers in charge of the different activities to coordinate the event.

**Historical Society:** Tim Kezele reported that donations have been coming in, and reminded the Board that the museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays 1-4 PM or by appointment, and their Board meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. Tim introduced Addie McMeniman who talked about a book about the Key Peninsula called "Early Days Of The Key Peninsula", and that they were ready to go to print and were looking for donations. A request for donations will be put into *Key Peninsula News*.

**Lions:** The Citizen Of The Year Award Banquet is March 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday of this week is the last day to turn in nominations. Mike Coffin asked the Board to please turn in nominations by Monday to him because more nominations were needed.

**Boy Scouts:** Bill Macaras asked the Board if the Boy Scouts could put a cork board in the VFW room and were informed that they need to contact the VFW Commander, Cy Young. Krys Wylie stated she would call Cy Young and ask, and give him Bill's number so they can decide on how big and where to put the board if it is okay with the VFW. It was MSC to allow this if the VFW okays the board. We were also told that they have almost twenty-five kids signed up and will need more space soon, and would like to stay with the Civic Center if possible.

**VFW:** The VFW is sponsoring a crab feed on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM and tickets are available for \$13.50 for each person.

## Old Business :

**Whitmore Room:** Nothing new to report on renovations. Krys Wylie will be looking into getting prices for Presidential plaques to go on the walls.

**Construction:** The bidding will be in the *Tacoma News Tribune*, *The Key Peninsula News* and *The Gateway* in March. Dave Freeman did an assessment of the Manager's apartment, and gave a detailed report on

the items in the apartment that need to be repaired, replaced, or updated. It was MSC to proceed with the assessment on the Manager's apartment with a price breakdown on what it will cost per item.

**Past Presidents Position:** It was decided that Dale Loy would take the position as Past President and the By-laws would be amended in the future to include this situation.

**Hiring Of Bookkeeper:** It was explained to the Board that it is the sole responsibility and right of the Executive Committee to hire a bookkeeper and that said bookkeeper is answerable to the Treasurer only.

**Bylaw:** Article V, Board Members, Responsibilities, sub-section 3. The approximate monthly cost would be \$35-40 dollars.

**Roof Repair:** Tim informed the Board that the leak in the museum has been taken care of, but that he missed the good weather for the roof repair and would hopefully be able to attend to it soon.

**Parking Lot Lights:** Mike Salatino informed the Board that Don Mills was willing to volunteer to look at the

lights in the parking lot if we can supply the equipment.

## New Business :

**Garbage Pile:** A dump run needs to be set up and volunteers with trucks to haul the basement garbage. Tim suggested we call American Disposal and find out what it would cost to get a construction dumpster. Loyd Miller offered his services.

**Vision Statement:** Sylvia Haase informed the Board that the Executive Committee decided at the retreat that a Vision Statement was needed to give the KPCCA goals for both now and the future of the Center. A committee was formed which includes: Sylvia Haase, Sandy McFarlane, Kathy Hale, Dave Freeman, Vicki McClung, Ed Taylor and Stephanie Zampini.

**Misc. Business :** The Board member list was again brought up and tabled till the next meeting. It was brought to the attention of the Board that December's minutes were not printed in the *News* as corrected. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krys Wylie,  
Secretary

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## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Did you know that an IRS lien on a pension account is possible even when state law says it is exempt? State law is powerless to exempt property from a federal tax lien.

Keeping good tax records can be very essential when it comes time to do, or to have done, your taxes. Establish a file and put in it everything you think can be used to figure your taxes correctly.

If you get an organizer from a tax preparer, try to fill it out or at least put the documents inside the pages that ask for information that is on the document. Don't hesitate, get your information into your tax preparer NOW!

## VFW News

The family of Ida Curl would like to thank Fire District #16 and the fire personnel for everything that was done at Fire Station #4 Open House held February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The flag raising was beautifully done by VFW #4990 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was especially nice.

The luncheon, presented at the Longbranch Church, was furnished and presented by Ashes Auxiliary, Ruth Circle, VFW, Peninsula Neighbors Garden Club, and Friends and Neighbors.

The food was plentiful and lovely. There were many hours of work put into this presentation. The beautiful decorations were done by Bayshore Garden Club.

Mother would have loved it. Thanks so much.

Marguerite, Dinah and Zachary.



## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Welcome to SPRING and another season of news and information.

Let us start with a big welcome aboard to new members of the post: Eric Nelson, Art Gilmore and Tim Hale. To the auxiliary a Life member from Soap Lake, WA., Lillian Montaney who received her life membership from 4990. Glad to have each and every one of you in our organization.

On the agenda for the month are some important dates. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the nomination of new officers for the post will take place, and the election of new auxiliary officers will be held at the meeting. Be sure to attend. It is your post and auxiliary and it is your job to take an active role in the selection of the officers for the coming year.

To all who helped or attended the crab dinner sponsored by 4990, a big thank you. This was a "test" for future dinners, who knows, we may do it again!

Anyone interested in our newly formed Citizens Patrol for the Key Peninsula? Volunteers are needed. Contact Bill Howe for information and applications at 884-3945. Let's help to keep our community as crime free as possible.

AS OF THIS WRITING, THE POST MEMBERSHIP IS 105%.

We are going to miss our comrade and sister, Stan and Barbara Stemp who are moving to Puyallup. Stan is 4990 Service officer while Barbara has held the auxiliary position of treasurer for three years. Have a happy move folks, but never forget to come back and see us.

A big thank you to three hard working ladies. First, Irene and Roxyann Wooldridge for seven afghans donated to American Lake, another four trauma care bears, made by Jean Barnes went to Harrison Hospital children's trauma ward.

Buddy Poppies will be on the street corners May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chairpersons for this annual event are Louie Aguilar and on the telephone will be Irene Wooldridge. Keep these dates open and do your patriotic part.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Slightly more than \$120,000 has been received as of late January for the State's long overdue World War II memorial. Another \$500,000 is needed before the targeted dedication date of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

Until next month, remember to "have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."

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**THE GOOD RED ROAD**, Native American Spiritual Paths will be an introduction to traditional Native American spiritual practices led by Storm Reyes of Red Road Ministries, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Key Center Library. Storm Reyes is a Native teacher, healer, and a carrier of Chanupa, the sacred pipe. Topics will include sweatlodge, the sacred directions, the teaching of "All My Relations," medicines, music, and myths.

**LEGENDS OF THE LONGHOUSE AND CUSTOMS LONG FORGOTTEN** by Harvest Moon, Quinault Tribal Ambassador, basket-maker, storyteller, and keeper of her tribe's heritage, Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Harvest Moon will take an in depth look at the occupations and customs of the longhouse, describing the lives of the carvers, basketweavers, tree-fallers, weathermen, and whalers. Inter-weaving her presentation with humor, legends, song, and hands-on artifacts, she evokes a compelling and thought provoking account of traditional culture. A Washington Commission for the Humanities presentation.

**SEWING CLASSES:** Every Friday at the Key Center Library from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

**Birding Field Trip  
Wollochet Estuary**

On Saturday, May 9, 1998, Loyd Miller, a member of Tahoma Audubon, will lead a short field trip at Wollochet Bay Estuary which is situated between Wollochet and Artondale Creeks at the head of Wollochet Bay. The Peninsula Heritage Land Trust has purchased a conservation easement on a key parcel and is working vigorously to protect 35 acres of the estuary as open space. A member of the Trust will join the group to report on the status of their effort to preserve this area from development.

Four habitat types: mudflats, salt-marsh, forested wetlands and forested uplands attract a variety of bird species including waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls, raptors and songbirds. Persons wishing to participate should meet at the Gig Harbor Grange parking lot at the Wollochet Estuary at 9:00 AM. The outing will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

**A Close Look At...**

by Krys Wylie

**Indoor Park**, a program started in 1995 by Shari O'Quinn, is fast growing in popularity. The program was originally begun due to the need of parents with children five and under to have a place to go where their children could interact and play without worry of harm. It is also a place for the parents themselves to have other parents to talk with and socialize. The children get the full use of the Civic Center's gym floor and there are many toys of various types for the children to play with plenty of space to roam. There are sitting areas for the parents to both relax and get to know

other community members.

Indoor Park is run by the Civic Center in conjunction with the Family Resource Center, and any questions or comments can be directed to the Resource Center. The Park is open every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, and the cost is

\$1 per child with annual passes available throughout the year. The age limit is 0-5, and the toys supplied are for those ages only, so please do not bring older kids. If you have any toys that are in good condition and would like to donate them to this program, please call the Family Resource Center or the Civic Center at 884-5433.



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# Earthquake Preparedness Seminar

St. Nicholas Church was the host for an Earthquake Preparedness Seminar on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The guest speaker was Mr. Richard Schroedel, Program Manager for Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.

Mr. Schroedel spoke for an hour after each service, at 9:30 AM and again at 12 noon. In all, over 100 parishioners listened raptly as Mr. Schroedel explained the three types of earthquakes we can expect in this region and the likely results.

In his talk, Mr. Schroedel pointed out the need for every citizen and family to be prepared to survive "on their own" for at least 72 hours, should a large scale emergency occur. He pointed out that police and emergency responders will be overwhelmed and will prioritize their response based on the severity of the situation. He said their first priority will be to restore essential services. He reminded citizens NOT to call 911 if they feel an earthquake, but to tune to KIRO radio or to KGHP for Emergency Information.

Mr. Schroedel emphasized that folks should have food that doesn't need to be cooked, for everyone in the family, in sufficient amounts for a minimum of three days (72 hours). He emphasized the importance of stored water and medicines. He also pointed out that everyone in the family should



Deanie Adams, Training Committee of Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee.  
Photo by Hugh McMillan

have a contact number with someone outside the earthquake zone (Pacific Northwest) in order to pass messages and information to family members who may be stranded in different parts of the area.

We were very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Mr. Jim

Kaufman of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, in putting this informational seminar together for his parishioners. PEP-C offers free preparedness training seminars to churches, neighborhoods and small interest groups and clubs. For more information please call Bill Filbin 858-3966 or Deanie Adams 851-8306.



## Robert Dale McCain

Robert Dale McCain, 75, a resident of Vaughn for 13 years and previously of Bellevue, died March 14, 1998. He was born in Seattle on September 3, 1922. Robert was a lighting and heating specialist with North Coast Electric for 26 years and for Graybar Electric for many years. He was a U. S. Army veteran of WWII and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Washington State University. He was a life member of Lafayette Lodge #241 Scottish Rite Temple in Seattle and was a member of Montlake Lodge #278, F&AM.

He was an avid boater and loved working on his boats. Bob enjoyed outdoor activities, history and reading. Trains were his special passion and hobby.

Family members include: his wife, Pat, Vaughn; daughters: Dale Skrivanich, Vaughn; Robin P. McCain, Seattle; Sue Sage (Dave), Redmond; grandchildren, Alexandria (A.D.), Matthew, Travis; aunt, Helene LeBlond, Shoreline.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Haven of Rest Chapel, Hwy 16, Gig Harbor. Interment was at Vaughn Bay Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to Friends of the Key Center Library, 8905 Key Peninsula Highway North, Lakeway, WA 98349. Arrangements by Haven of Rest.

## Vaughn Elementary Announces Label Collection Drive

Vaughn Elementary is asking students, parents, teachers and friends in the community to support us by collecting Campbell's product labels and proofs-of-purchase for its Campbell's Labels for Education drive. With this support, Vaughn Elementary will earn FREE educational and athletic equipment such as audio/visual equipment, playground equipment, computers, reference books or even a mini-van just by redeeming Campbell's product labels!

Hundreds of quality Campbell's products are eligible for the program. Campbell's Labels For Education is America's oldest and largest school support program celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

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## THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

What is more American than to buy your daughter a burger and fries for lunch?

Back in early January, 1993 that is exactly what a client of mine did at her neighborhood Jack In The Box. It was only after her child became violently ill and was admitted to Children's Hospital in Seattle with kidney failure, that she heard for the first time of a new and frightening name: E. Coli bacteria - strain 0157:H7.

This "bug" can cause severe kidney damage. It can kill. In Washington, in 1993, it did both.

In our state several hundred chil-

dren and adults suffered E. Coli symptoms ranging from several days of bloody diarrhea and cramps to kidney dialysis. Three children died. Victims of 0157:H7 were found at the same time in Nevada.

Through some first rate detective work, the Washington Department of Health was able to locate the E. Coli source as undercooked hamburger served in western Washington Jack In The Box restaurants. Some first rate detective work by attorneys working for the families found that the contaminated meat left Von's Company, the hamburger supplier to Jack In The

Box, in November, 1992 and was shipped to a warehouse in Tukwila.

The lawyers, by the means of their subpoenas, obtained records that a graveyard shift "run" in late November, showed evidence of E. coli contamination. Despite that detection, the meat was made into hamburger patties, shipped to Tukwila and eaten by Jack In The Box customers.

The attorneys for the victims claimed two theories of negligence: 1) that despite knowing of the meat's contamination, Von's sold it anyway, and 2) despite specific direction from the Department of Health to cook hamburger at 155 degrees, Jack in the Box trained all of its employees to use a cooking temperature of 145 degrees.

The cooking instructions from the Department of Health came about as a result of a similar E. Coli outbreak from fast food restaurants in Walla Walla in the mid-1980's. From that day forward, all fast food restaurants,

with the exception of Jack In The Box, followed the order from Olympia.

Food safety should be a real concern to all of us. Proper food handling and preparation can eliminate many of the risks that exist. In the Jack In The Box cases, however, the victims had to trust that the food handlers in the various fast food restaurants would follow proper cooking procedures.

One of the expert witnesses that I hired was a professor of food safety at Oregon State University. He indicated that the best way to ensure a healthy meat supply was by radiation. In 1993, he didn't think that the public would be ready for that step. Today, in light of similar food poisoning instances throughout our country, a Presidential commission on food safety is making that exact recommendation. Stay tuned.



## CIVIC CENTER ANGELS

### 1998

#### Angel Guild

Arminton, Alexander J.  
 ATB Services  
 Barry, Esther  
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 Brown, Daniel  
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 Brunette, Esther Minton  
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 Coast to Coast Hardware  
 Coffin, Michael  
 Dadisman, Chester & Muriel  
 Day, Richard  
 Detloff, Susan  
 Echholtz, P. W.  
 Evans, Robert D.  
 Evans, William & Evelyn  
 Freeman, Dave  
 Friendly Food Mart  
 Fyhn, Michael  
 Gebo, Gary  
 Gordon, C. C.  
 Haase, Sylvia  
 Hale, Tim & Kathy  
 Hatch, Ruby  
 Hill, Leon & Mary  
 Hodge, Roger A.  
 Howard, T. F.  
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 Hurley, L. M.  
 Key Center Chiropractic

#### Key Center Tavern

Key Center Trading Post  
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 Kingsbury, Warren & June  
 Knox, Nat  
 Lakebay Fuchsia Society  
 Larson, Robert & Ann  
 Lemagie, R. H. & Nevella  
 Liebergesell, Virginia  
 Lind, Robert & Nancy  
 Long, Eleanore  
 Loy, Dale & Claudia  
 Lugo, Adrian & Madeline  
 Malpass, Russell  
 Marietta, Shirlic  
 Martin, Jean  
 McVey, Roger & Robin  
 Means, Dan & Theresa  
 Microsoft Matching Gifts  
 Nease, Roland & Betty  
 Olson, Darlyne  
 Olson, Don & Shirl  
 Olsson, John D., D.D.S.  
 Owen, Linda  
 Peterson, William & Ethel  
 R & B Construction  
 Radcliffe, R. W. & Phyllis  
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 Reese, Cal - Big Bird Plumbing  
 Reinhard, Richard  
 Robare, Terri & Glenn

#### Rocky Bay Health Care Facility

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 Russell, George Jr. - Frank Russell Company  
 Ryan, Robert & Joan  
 Salatino, Mike & Joyce  
 Schottland, Robert  
 Scott, Gene Marie  
 Seavy, Keith & Virginia  
 Sherrod, Marilyn  
 Skurdall, Arthur  
 Smith, J. A.  
 Stebor, Irene  
 Stencil, Franklin D.  
 Stock, Henry  
 Thompson, A. R. & Virginia  
 Thompson, R. S.  
 Till, David  
 Videen, Donald & Janet  
 Waller, Ronald & Barbara  
 Walters, Charlie & Theresa - GENSCO  
 Whaley, John & Lori  
 Wilcoxon-Argabright, Dolores J.  
 Wilson, Judy  
 Wirth, Georgia  
 Wood, Rhys & Ruth  
 Wylie, Krys  
 Yanity, Allen  
 Young, Frank N.  
 Zacek, Mavis  
 Zimmer, Vesper Irene

# BSA's Cub Pak And Troop 220's Arrow Of Light Ceremony

by Hugh McMillan

Lawrence A. and Della Darbyshire, Cub Master and Den Leader of Pack 220, Boy Scouts of America, provided this information on the "Arrow of Light Ceremony" for the Webelos II Den of Pack 220 which took place Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve and is one of the only awards that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform after the cub's transition into Boy Scouts. To qualify for this award, each boy must earn eight activity badges from each of these groups:

**Physical skills:** Aquanaut, Athlete, Fitness, and Sportsman.

**Mental skills:** Artist, Scholar, Showman, and Traveler.

**Community:** Citizen, Communicator, Family Member, Readyman.

**Technology:** Craftsman, Engineer, Handyman, and Scientist.

**Outdoor:** Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, and Outdoorsman.

Every boy in the den earned almost every badge listed here and, "I assure you," said Lawrence Darbyshire, "these are not token awards like, flushing the toilet gets them a Naturalist Badge."

"These boys worked very hard on these achievements and actually earned these awards which is something that is not seen too often these days," added Della Darbyshire.

After the boys received their awards, they proceeded with the "Crossing Over Ceremony" which takes them from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. Then they are accepted into their new troop.

As den leaders the Darbyshires noted that, "We have watched these boys grow from just little tikes to responsible young people. Now they're off to grand adventures, prepared with the tools they will need for the trail ahead. These are the boys of our community we can truly be proud of."

Ricky Boscovitch, Kevin Burkart, Thomas Darbyshire, Paul Hilliard, Bjorn Karlsen, Matthew McPherson, Ron Moore, Chris Shinn, and Theo Thomas.

On behalf of everyone affiliated with Troop and Pack 220, the Darbyshires said, "we would like to thank the Puyallup Indian Tribe for coming all the way out to Longbranch on literally a day's notice to honor the boys with their presence. This was very much appreciated."



Boy scouts who assisted the Cub Scout Den, l to r: Chris Burkart, and Anders Karlsen receiving Certificates of Appreciation from den leader Della Darbyshire.



Four kneeling scouts at the "bridge" ceremony. Anders Karlsen, and Mathew Macaras are l to r: Josh Duke, Mike Mayfarth, and Anders Karlsen.



Theo Thomas crossing over the "bridge" to be greeted by scouts Michael Mayfarth on the left and Mathew Macaras on the right.



Cub Pack 220 Committee Chairman Lethaniel Ray addresses newly sworn scouts. l to r: Kevin Burkart, Bjorn Karlsen, Ron Moore, Theo Thomas, Ricky Boscovich, Paul Hilliard, Tommy Darbyshire, Matt MacPherson, and Chris Shinn.

## PEP-C Offers Containers For Storage of Emergency Water Supply



Marsh Allen, the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEP-C)'s chairman of barrel sales is seen here in the rain, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, selling con-

tainers for emergency water supplies. Not seen are other members of PEP-C and Boy Scouts assisting with the effort.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

by Hugh McMillan

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEP-C) again sold containers for storage of water to be used in emergencies. Marsh Allen, PEP-C's chairman of the effort, advises that the group plans to offer the 55-gallon plastic barrels for \$10., and the 15-gallon containers for \$5. on the third Saturday of each month. They have plans to increase this to the first and third Saturdays in the near future. PEP-C cautions that it

is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when the "big one" will strike the Puget Sound area. When it does, those of us on this side of the Narrows will probably be without physical contact with the mainland for at least three, more probably 20, days. Power will probably be out. It probably will not be possible to pump water from our wells. These containers could provide the life saving water we'll all need then.

A reminder: April is Earthquake Preparedness month.

## The Citizen's Advisory Committee Needs Your Input

The citizen's Advisory Committee was formed with the intention of taking citizen input and making community-based recommendations to the Board of Fire Commissioners. To properly form these recommendations, The Citizen's Advisory committee needs to reach as many members of the public as possible.

The first task that was assigned to the C.A.C. was the problem of finding the funds to complete Station #1 in Wauna. There have been numerous problems surrounding the construction of the 4 new stations, but this project is nearing completion.

There will be a citizen's input meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Station #2, at Key Center. The C.A.C. will be the moderator for the meeting, and everyone's input is urged and welcome.

The format of the meeting will be as follows:

1. A sign-in sheet will be at the door for all citizens who wish to speak.

2. Everyone who signs in will be heard.
3. Please limit your input to 3 minutes, so as to allow everyone their turn.

Please remember, this is not the time or place for finger-pointing and accusations. We, as a community, need to look to the future and move ahead. Please help us do so by attending the meeting and bringing your ideas and solutions.

Ed Hardesty,  
Chairman



### Volunteer Crews Needed

## Lend A Helping Hand To A Low-Income Senior

Now is the time to begin organizing a volunteer paint crew to paint the home of a low-income senior or disabled person this summer. Crews provide the volunteers, and Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful will provide the primer and paint.

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The homes being painted belong to low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women. Some haven't been painted in many years, and the homeowners are so thankful that they're finally getting the help they need.

Homeowner Emily Ach, whose home was painted last summer, wrote, "Just don't have the words to show my appreciation for the effort that was put into painting my house. It was beyond the call of duty." Shirley Spencer, whose home was also painted, wrote, "I want to thank you! My home looks so nice."

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful is

a program of Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County. Call 383-3056 today for further information.

## Bicentennial Quilt On Display

During 1976 as part of the Bicentennial celebration, a quilt was made by several members of the community, each square depicting a scene of historic significance to the Key Peninsula. The end result was a beautiful nine foot square quilt with both personal and community significance. Florence Jones won the quilt as a raffle prize at the Longbranch Church, and her daughter inherited it when she died. Having no place to display it, she kept it in a cedar chest for years, until sitting in the waiting room of the Key Medical Center, she noticed a large empty stretch of wall where it could hang. It's truly a work of local folk art, and we would invite everyone to drop by to see it at 15610 - 89<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Key Center. Each of the squares was initiated by it's creator, and it would be fun to be able to identify the individual artists and give them credit. So, if you had a part in it's creation drop by and let us know.

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## Angel Guild Notes

by Frankie Johnson

The Angel Guild is celebrating twenty years of service to the community throughout the year of 1998. There are special sales in the thrift store and a special reception was held for the founders and former members at the March meeting. Membership is open if you care to help in this way. Just come to a meeting in the Brones room at the Key Center Library every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10:00 AM. Six hours a month is all it takes to be an Angel.

It has come to our attention that a lot of residents don't know how the Angel Guild works. No donations are made to an individual. If you need help for a certain problem, your first place to go is to the Community House in Home or the Family Resource Center at the Civic Center. They work with the Angels to provide

the help that a person or family might need. Most of the help the Angel Guild gives is by written request to the group. All requests are considered and voted on by the membership. We attempt to answer all as long as we have the means to do so. At the present time we are helping WIC with their rent and the Key Peninsula Civic Center with many projects. We give scholarships to Peninsula High School students, the prison pet program at Purdy and many more worthwhile organizations. Donations are always gladly accepted in back of the shop on the workshed porch. Good, saleable items are preferred. We don't have space for large appliances or furniture.

Come in and see how nice the store is now and get the best values available.

## Normanna Chorus Returns

Good News! The Normanna Male Chorus will bring its over 100 year tradition of "Manskor" (men's chorus singing) to the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

This group of fifty members last appeared at KPLC in April 1997 before a very receptive audience. Their director is Dr. Jon Malmin of Peninsula High School. They are accompanied by Mrs. Jean Malmin at the piano. The program will consist of a variety of serious, fun and patriotic songs in English, Norwegian & Swedish.

The community is invited to this free concert. Key Peninsula Lutheran Church is located at Lackey Road and Key Peninsula Highway. The church phone number is 884-3312 or call the Piercy's at 884-4907.

## "Spring Sing II"

The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission will host "Spring Sing II", April 18, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 4814 Rosedale St. NW, Gig Harbor. Participants include: Bob Wickline and the W.O.W. Chorus, Norwegian Male Chorus, Patch Theatre Broadway Songs, HIS KIDS, Sweet Adeline's, and much, much more.

In an effort to support traditional and cultural awareness in our community, all students, and preschoolers, are invited to CAC Four Seasons events free of charge, a donation is requested of adults.

This is an opportunity to showcase area performers and offer our students exposure to diverse music. Questions may be directed to Shirley Tomasi, Cultural Arts Commission Executive Director, 851-9462.

## Holy Week At Grace Presbyterian Church

A musical presentation of hymns, choir anthems and songs of Holy Week will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, at 3:00 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church, meeting at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake. Combined choirs from Grace and Mission Woods Church in Milton will lead the service. Cake and ice cream and fellowship will follow this uplifting time of worship. All are welcome to attend.

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# Clam Digging Back Then

by Aileen Rickert Froehlich

Have you ever been a clam digger or a clam diggers sweetheart? In the good old days the bounty of the sea was an important part of our food supply. I have been privileged to attain both goals!

Everyone in the family took part. We would load up with our shovels, forks, buckets and a can that some used to dig the tricky goeduck. Of course mother would have to pack a lunch and some delicious lemonade. Then we headed for the beach of our choice on the lowest tides of the season which usually occurred in the summertime. We always harvested just enough for our immediate use.

My family usually chose to go to my Uncle Joe's beach at Delano. The tide goes out extremely far so that we could harvest both clams and goeducks on the same day if the hunting was good. In order to get to the best, you either had to walk around quite a distance or take THE CHALLENGE. The challenge was a strip of soft, sticky mud about 15 or 20 feet wide and you could sink in up to 12 inches. One thing certain you could always count on losing a shoe if they were not securely tied. We would get back a fair distance then make a mad dash thinking we would not sink. WRONG! We always BIT THE MUD, so to speak. We would be covered with mud and we sure smelled clammy, but we loved every minute. When we got out to the water we had a good excuse to go swimming.

We also had low tides in the winter, but they seemed to be best at night. This was great! We would bundle up all cozy and warm, take our kerosene lanterns and go hunting. Of course back then, there were more beaches you could choose from, now most are private.

It was so nice! Some nights would be moonlit, and as we hiked through the trails we would sometimes sing silly songs. A part of one I remember was "the stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Longbranch. We march along and sing this song, deep in the heart of Longbranch."

Later, when we would return home all cold, wet and clammy, we would clean up, put on our pajamas, have a nice cup of steaming hot chocolate with mom's delicious homemade cookies, then head off for bed totally content.

Goeduck digging was the most fun. You would find the hole, then dig like mad before the beach caved in or the tide came back in and you lost it all. Some people used cans to hold back the sand, others just dug fast while their partner held tight to the neck. Hopefully, they would come home with their limit of three.


One time, I was digging with a friend near Herron Island. I had gotten my limit, and was waiting for her

to get her last one. Suddenly, she lost her grip on the shovel. She lost her balance and fell backwards right into the last deep hole she had dug. Just her head and feet were sticking up. I went into hysterics, laughing so hard I could not give her any help for about five minutes. Finally, just as the tide was getting ready to float her up, I got her out. Yes, those were truly the GOOD OLD DAYS.

## Puget Sound Music Society Swing Band

Peninsula High School is presenting "Puget Sound Music Society Swing Band", Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM in the Peninsula High School auditorium. Proceeds will be used to repair Peninsula High School's musical instruments. Admission is Adults \$10, Students and Senior citizens \$5. The goal is to fill at least 500 seats. Bring neighbors and family for a really good time.

Peninsula High School is also accepting any new or used instruments which you may wish to donate. Please call Noel Abrahamson, Peninsula High School Band Director, 565-9303, or Shirley Tomasi, Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Director, 851-9462.



**TO YOUR HEALTH**  
by  
**William F. Roes, MD**

Patients often come to me complaining of pain from a heel spur, and while this is frequently associated with the problem, it is often the result and not the cause. The cause of both their discomfort and often the growth of a bone spur is a chronic inflammatory condition known as plantar fasciitis. The plantar (foot) fascia is a web of gristle like connecting tissue that extends from the heel to the bones at the base of the toes (metatarsals) that works to preserve the arch in the foot and give us spring in our step.

Plantar fasciitis is one of the most common foot problems affecting women more often than men (especially those wearing high heels), and is also more common in overweight individuals. The pain is often attributed to the heel itself, and seems worse when first getting up after the foot has been at rest. The stretching of the foot as you stand on it along with stretching of the tendon behind the heel contribute to inflammation at the insertion of the plantar fascia to the

heel (calcaneus). The pain is usually relieved with rest. The diagnosis is usually based upon the history given plus tenderness with deep pressure on the insertion point. X-rays may or may not show a heel spur and are seldom initially useful and more frequently misleading. Treatment consists of exercises to stretch the foot and ankle so they are no longer stretched with walking, application of alternate hot and cold packs, and anti-inflammatory drugs (such as ibuprofen). Often heel cups and sometimes arch supports can be a big help. Although these conservative measures can take some time to show results, they will be successful in the majority of cases. Only when they fail does x-ray become necessary when considering other treatments such as cortisone injections or very rarely surgery.

## Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Joy Rakes. Doris Hoover will present a program on floral design, including judging techniques. The club will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with an Open House at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Interested gardeners are welcome to join the club. For further information, please call 884-5403.




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# Longbranch Fire Station Finally Opens

by Hugh McMillan

Five years and four months after Key Peninsula voters approved it (and three other buildings), four different boards of fire commissioners later, and years of delays wrought by the interminable permit processes of Pierce County, on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Key Peninsula Fire Department and its citizens heaved a sigh of relief. They were able finally to dedicate and open for business the Department's fire station in Longbranch.

Festivities were attended by some 200 enthusiasts. Some members of Longbranch's Dalton family drove here from as far away as Carnation. "Oh, we weren't going to miss this!" one exclaimed.

Airlift Northwest brought one of its med-evac helicopters to share in the proceedings and shortly after noon its personnel were conducting a training session with KP Fire's personnel. The session was in a conference room named after Ida Curl, the matriarch of the Curl family whose generosity contributed the land on which the station stands.

Key Peninsula's VFW Post 4990 handled flag raising ceremonies and Haley Wilfong and Lucinda Eddie of the "Differences" 4-H Club sang the national anthem in duet harmony. Other 4-H volunteers busied themselves sprucing up the landscaping.

Gig Harbor Fire Department was represented by Commissioner Dave

Watson, Chief Larry Claiborne, and Assistant Chiefs Glen Stenback and Bob Black. The Tacoma Fire Department's retired vintage 1950 Pirsch aerial ladder truck 3 was there, driven by Key Peninsula's Bill Parker.

Led by KP Fire Chief Gary Franz and chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners Ed Taylor, several award presentations held the standing room only crowd's attention with tales of how, and why it took so long, to get the station ready for action. Fire Commissioners Ruth Bramhall and James Bosch and former Fire Commissioner Don Tjossem and Bob Barnes together with members of just about every community-spirited organization participated in the proceedings.

Three generations of the Longbranch pioneer Curl family, Marguerite Bussard, her daughter Dinah Curl, and Dinah's son Zachary Curl, cut the ribbon to bring the ceremony to an end and open the station's interior to permit those assembled to tour the new facilities.

Food was available at the station and a quarter of a mile south at the Longbranch Community Church where the celebration continued well into the afternoon.

"I heard nothing but praise for the building and for the celebration," said Chief Franz later that evening.

I would add that a good time was had by all.



4-H volunteers doing landscaping at Station 4.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

## A Hug For Your Heart

by Mary J. Nelson

How many of you could use a hug and an encouraging word when you are down, or a thumbs up and a round of applause when you are successful? T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a place where you can find all these and more.

The morning TOPS Group, WA 1325, Lakebay, is a good example. We meet in the Key Peninsula Community House, just south of the Home bridge on the Key Peninsula Highway. We begin to weigh in (all confidential) at 9:00 AM and our meeting starts at 9:30 AM. That gives us a half an hour to greet each other and to welcome and introduce ourselves to the new people. This is where the hugging and encouragement begins.

Our meetings are full of information, guest speakers, singing, contests,

prizes and awards. This is where the laughing and applause are heard. Virginia Avery and Dolores Argabright were elected Co-Chairpersons for the coming year. Lila Garrison will be our Secretary and Joanne Gilkison is Weight Recorder with Ruth Matthews as her assistant. We close with a pledge to keep coming back, and we encourage each other with phone calls and cards during the week.

This past month Michelle Towey was our best loser. Way to go Michelle! She is fairly new and is making a fine start. Laurie Frayne was a close second. She has been our most consistent loser and is nearing her goal. She is setting us all a wonderful example!

We hope you have noticed the "Adopt-A-Highway" signs with our name on them. We did our first trash pick-up in March. A lot more goes into it than might be supposed; the signs, the gear, the RAIN, the glass. Road crews will certainly be looked upon with more respect from now on.

Any man, woman or teen who would like some help with their weight (no matter how much or how little) is invited to meet with us on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at the Community House, just south of the Home bridge. See you there!

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**Reynold's  
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by Howard Reynolds

After seeing all the properly identified plants at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., I was amused to find this sign written on the wall over the public telephone: "Telephonus Paycoinus."

**Happy  
Easter**



## A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

Well, a whole month has gone by since my column on the salmon problem, and the salmon problem is still with us. Let's face it, it will be with us for a number years more. Even if an agreement is reached on how to reverse the drastic decline of the wild salmon population, implementing the decision is going to lead to other problems which affect jobs, eating habits, waste disposal, and recreation.

There seems to be fairly general consensus that the way we have mistreated our spawning streams and rivers is a major factor in the decline of wild salmon stocks. But there are many more young salmon going out to sea than adults returning to spawn, so something is happening to them out in the ocean.

Part of the problem is that changes in ocean temperatures and currents, such as El Niño, can cause fish to move to other areas, and their regular predators have to try to find them. This has had a disastrous effect on some marine mammal and bird populations, and likely also on some predatory fish such as salmon. But this is a problem over which we may not have much control, unless it can be proven to be related to overall global warming. That, of course, opens up another political can of worms.

There's another aspect of what's been happening out in the world's oceans that has been pretty much ignored by the politicians, fishing industry and the press. The study by some scientists at the University of British Columbia, first published last February in *Science*, and abstracted in *Science News* shortly thereafter, really opens up another way of looking at the problem. While some salmon do

get eaten by other marine animals, birds and bears, they actually are quite high up on the food web, meaning that they eat a lot of other fish which are at a lower level on the food web. But there aren't as many of those fish left for prey as there used to be. Why is that?

For one thing, they are being eaten by people because our first choices for fish have decreased in quantity and increased in cost. Some fish that used to be considered "trash" fish are now selling for \$5 per pound. Another reason for the decrease in "prey" fish is the effect of "bycatch". In the Gulf of Mexico, as one example, a lot of the fishing is for shrimp. But for every pound of shrimp caught, nine pounds of fish are caught in the shrimp nets, killed or injured in the process, and just dumped overboard. Remember that the next time you go to a restaurant for "all-you-can-eat" shrimp.

So, having overfished our most favorite fishes, we then move down to accepting less favorite fish, which also happen to be food items for our more favored fish such as salmon. If one expresses each level of the ocean food web with a number, the top level being 5.0, what the UBC study found is that every ten years we drop about 0.1 of a level in our average consumption of seafood. Using records of total seafood caught globally from 1950 to 1994, the world-wide average of the type of fish being eaten has dropped to the 3.1 level. The implication of this study is that overfishing, both deliberate and as bycatch, is a major factor in the decline of upper level fish such as salmon.

I have to admit it was not easy to write this column after having had salmon for dinner.



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# White Cane Days, May 1st and 2nd

Since Helen Keller challenged them to become "Knights of the Blind" at a national meeting in 1925, Lions Clubs world-wide have been committed to conquering blindness. As a weapon in their crusade, over 300 local Lions Clubs founded the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation in order to establish the Lions Eye Bank and several other sight and health related programs. Since its inception in the sixties, the Lions Eye Bank has recovered, processed and distributed over 14,000 donated corneas for surgeons who care for those waiting for corneal transplant due to injury, infection, or degenerative eye disease. The cornea is the outer window of the eye and damage may diminish color detection, make edges blur, make the world seem dark and cause painful sensitivity to light. Sufferers report that looking through a damaged cornea is like seeing the world through a heavily fogged mirror or a dense cheesecloth.

White Cane Days, an annual event started in the sixties, has supported and helped the Lions Sight Foundation and Eye Bank become a dy-

namic, professional healthcare organization battling sight loss. Various Lions Clubs from Washington and Northern Idaho sponsor White Cane Days every year on the first Friday and Saturday in May in an effort to raise funds so that the Sight Foundation and its programs may continue working to liberate individuals from the encroaching darkness that limits their independence. Proceeds also support the Patient Care Granting program that matches funds raised by local Lions to help individuals in need of sight restoring surgery, and the Low Vision Clinics that assist people with limited vision. During White Cane Days, Lions Club members demonstrate their "we serve" motto by handing out stick-on White Cane lapel pins, talking about organ and tissue donation, and educating the public about eye care. If you would like more information on how you may participate in White Cane Days, please contact Kirk Adams at 1-800-847-5786.

For more information on the Key Peninsula Lions Club activities in your community, please contact Mike Coffin, Club President, at 857-4285.

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# Why Use A Mortgage Broker

by Mike Coffin

As a real estate loan is almost always the single largest debt that an individual or couple incur in a lifetime, it is crucial to obtain the loan with the very most favorable terms available.

To order to achieve this, the first thing to do is select a qualified and experienced mortgage broker to represent you throughout the mortgage process. There are advantages to using the services of a mortgage broker instead of going directly to an institutional lender.

A mortgage broker can provide financing customized to the borrower's needs. A direct lender has a limited number of loan programs to offer and their loan agent can sell the consumer



Mike Coffin

only those programs. In contrast, a mortgage broker, who represents over a hundred lenders and virtually hundreds of loan programs, can custom tailor a program to the borrower's specific needs and not be limited to the constraints of one particular lender.

A mortgage broker acts as advocate and intermediary for the borrower. The broker will often step in to negotiate terms and conditions which are more favorable to a borrower than those he or she would receive by working directly with a lender. There is little or no difference in cost. A broker does most of the work that a direct lender does and therefore receives a discounted "wholesale" rate from the lenders. The broker marks

the rate up to a retail price which is often identical to the rate the lender charges borrowers that go direct. The result is that working with a mortgage broker will not cost more than working with a direct lender, often much less.

There are numerous lenders that only accept loans from mortgage brokers. A borrower can gain access to these lenders and their programs only through a mortgage broker. These "wholesale only" lenders frequently price their loans more aggressively than institutional retail lenders.

A mortgage broker has much more flexibility. On the occasion where a loan is declined by the intended first lender of choice, or when that lender imposes conditions that are judged to be unworkable, a mortgage broker can repackage the file and easily submit the loan to another lender within a day or two. This is because the broker processes a package that is genetic to all of the lenders with whom he or she works. If a borrower goes directly to a lender and subsequently wants or needs to switch lenders, that borrower would have to start all over with the new lender and would lose 2 to 4 weeks in processing time.

*What should I look for when choosing a broker?*

When choosing a broker to assist you in the purchase or refinance of a home, you should look first at their reputation and product knowledge before considering rates. Also, check with the Department of Financial Institutions (360) 902-8703 to ensure no complaints have been filed against the company. Finally, work with someone you like and trust. When dealing with one of the biggest investments you will have in your lifetime, it is important to know you can depend on a professional.

## Ashes

I would like to take time to thank the gals that helped serve at the Fireman's Ball on February 14<sup>th</sup>. They are Marguerite Bussard, Ole McDowell, Mary Siedelman and myself. I know that other gals would have helped if I'd called.

Thanks goes to a good crew. We had lots of fun.

Darlene Brown,  
President

## KPMS PTSA Meeting

Don't miss this extra ordinary opportunity! Please join us in our next KPMS PTSA meeting at 6:30 PM in the KPMS Library welcoming Peninsula School District superintendent, Dr. Mark Mitrovich. Have your questions answered about the levy and other district questions. Be a part of what shapes your students education.

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# Key Peninsula Fire's Annual Awards Dinner



Chief Gary Franz receiving the roast "communicator of the year award" plaque on which is mounted his portable radio which fell from the roof of his moving command vehicle to be "totalled." Chuck West presents the award.  
Photo by Hugh McMillan

by Hugh McMillan

Friday the 13th was a lucky day at Miracle Ranch where the Key Peninsula Fire Department held its annual awards banquet to a packed house of firefighters, their spouses, some of their children, fire commissioners and officers.

Two video movies of the department in action prepared by volunteer firefighter Mike Fearnough held the gathering's attention as they watched themselves in action over a two year period.

Chief Gary Franz, assisted by Assistant Chief Eric Nelsen and Captain Tracy Lyon brought those attending to their feet to applaud their colleagues receiving awards.

Todd Vanscoyk, Jennie Frame, Dee Dee Kerkes, Mike Kehl, Sharon Collier and Kathy Schmidt were recognized for the highest numbers of training hours performed at their respective stations.

For top numbers of responses to emergencies, awards went to Vanscoyk, Schmidt, Tom Bolten, Kerkes, Collier and Mike Sammons. Fred Ramsdell and James Blundell received awards for many years of honorable service.

Bolten and Robert Fisher shared honors for volunteer firefighter rookies of the year and Steve Gale soloed with the volunteer rookie medical responder award.

Hal Wolverton took the career firefighter of the year award, Todd Vanscoyk the volunteer firefighter of

the year. Kerkes walked off with the award for top medical responder of the year. Lyon was named the top officer of the year and his wife Christie top trainer.

Mountain View Towing received the Helping Hands award for, in Chief Franz's words, "always being there with highly skilled, friendly, never-complaining, incredibly professional assistance when needed." Franz cited a very dangerous rescue of a man trapped beneath a loaded septic service truck and said, "the man probably would have perished had it not been for the skill, precision, and selfless efforts of Mountain View's operator, Kevin Dieckman. He is just Fantastic."

The Chiefs Recognition Award was presented to Lieutenant Chuck West, the person, in Franz's words, "who most often represents all the things we look for in fire service personnel, activities in support of the community such as spearheading the construction at Volunteer Park of the skateboard park, his leadership and hard work with the Firefighters' Association, his willingness to serve next year as president of the Key Peninsula Business Association, his being a friend to everyone, his compassion and caring, his countless hours making the firemen's muster a success. Just everything. If you want to count on someone to get something done, you give it to Chuck." For his part, Lieutenant West stood with an easily observed lump in his throat and a bit of moisture in his eyes.

Bosch, president of the local firefighters union, spoke of the unsung heroes of the fire service, the wives and families who uncomplainingly sustain firefighters in their services to the community.

With the approval of fellow union members, he presented a plaque to his own wife as the representative of all members' wives.

Fire commissioner Ruth Bramhall, a retired operating room nurse supervisor, speaking on behalf of the board of fire commissioners, presented the commissioners' award to Assistant Chief Nelsen. "without whom," she said, "we would not have passed our EMS levy with the highest voter percentage in Pierce County: 70 percent!"

The Meritorious Service Award

was given to Dale Heidal, Robert Bosch, Eric Nelsen, Paul Bosch, Mike Joyce, Todd Vanscoyk, Dan LaMar, and Carrie Morlang for contributing to the saving of a life in the accident involving the septic truck and to Tracy Lyon, Bill Sawaya, and Chief Gary Franz for rescuing the occupants of the capsized catamaran.

Everyone who attended the event seemed agreed that, "this was the best awards' banquet we've had in years."



## Heard Anything Good About U.S. Students Lately?

I'd like to give you some information about our country's schools that runs counter to what most of the media have been unloading on us. Maybe if we'd been told the truth all these years about the performance of U.S. students compared to their peers in other countries it wouldn't even be necessary to keep having repeat levy elections.

We have been told over and over again that U.S. students can't read, can't do math, and are ignorant about science. We have been told that international test data confirm these statements. To further compound the problem, we have also been told that the poor performance of U.S. students is responsible for our country's economic woes. In actuality, test data do NOT support these claims. The media have typically reported unfavorable comparisons based on questionable research, and have either slighted or totally ignored more positive findings of other research. Let's look at an actual case.

In 1994, the CEO of one of our major corporations said that U.S. students "come in last or next to last in virtually every international comparison." Well, in 1992 there was a major comparative study of reading among 31 nations. The U.S. came in second. The only country that did better was Finland, and they're not faced with the problem of a large segment of the population that has to be taught Finnish as a second language. As a matter of fact, the top 10% of the U.S. students outscored

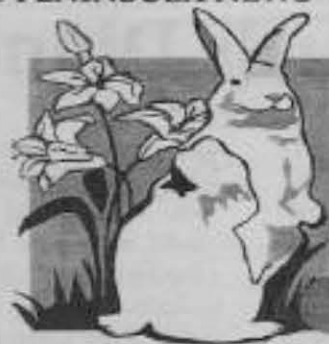
the best readers from the other 30 nations, even the Finns.

Maybe the media shouldn't get all the blame, for they are usually just reporting on information released by the government. The U.S. Department of Education, in 1992, held a press conference to announce some negative data on science and math scores, but they didn't bother to hold a press conference to announce how well the U.S. students did on the reading test. In 1946 the Secretary of Education re-released the report on the reading scores, but most of the media ignored it because it was four years old and therefore no longer newsworthy. The one reporter who wrote about the reading study said he couldn't find anyone who knew anything about it, so as far as he was concerned, "it was still news." Since most of the country is unaware of the reading study facts, I guess even in 1998 it's still news. As for the charge that the U.S. students' poor performance has had an adverse effect on our economy, how come the U.S. economy is booming while the nations with supposedly superior educational systems are having economic crises?

I could cite a lot more evidence of our being misled about the performance of our country's students, and I'll be happy to do that if anyone asks me. It must be said, however, that while there is plenty of room for improvement in our educational system, denying funds to school districts isn't the way to do it, so keep that in mind when you vote on April 28th.

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<b>5</b> 9:00 AM KP Baptist Church 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Family Skate 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Karate 7:30 PM KPCCA Exec. Board	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM T.O.P.S. 6:30 PM KPCCA Potluck & Egg Stuffing! 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dog Obedience	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Yoga 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 4-H Dog Class 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 12:00 PM Seniors 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM MUSEUM OPEN! 6:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Karate 7:30 PM KPCCA Board Meeting	<b>10</b> 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Home School Skate 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Skate Night	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Dog Obedience 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM MUSEUM OPEN!
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