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# President's Message

I'd like to thank those who attended the annual election meeting and gave me their vote of confidence to serve for another year as president of the *Key Peninsula Civic Center Association*. I offer my congratulations to all the officers elected to serve on the executive board for 1998. They are:

- Michael Coffin - President
- Dave Freeman - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Sylvia Haase - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Kathy Hale - Treasurer
- Krys Wylie - Secretary
- Loyd Miller - At Large
- Sandy McFarlane - At Large

Two of the current incumbents who will no longer be serving on the executive board are Donna Bosch and Stephanie Zampini. This community owes these two a great deal of gratitude for the hard work and dedication they have displayed. They will be missed on the board but, hopefully, not from future center involvement.

The next board meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, will begin at 6:30 PM with our annual Christmas potluck and meeting. This dinner meeting allows us to reminisce over our past year's accomplishments (of which

there are many!) and to share ideas for future goals. The entree for the dinner is provided by the executive board, and we ask all attending to bring potluck side dishes and desserts. Please join us.

The *Key Peninsula Civic Center Association* would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community for your continued support of the Center this past year. We wish you and yours a wonderful and safe holiday season!

**Mike Coffin  
President**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!**



From all of us  
at the

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## UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Coordinator



## THE FAMILY ROOM

As the holidays approach, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who gave of your time, energy, money or goods and services to the Civic Center! We realize that we couldn't survive without your help and we want to let you know how much your contributions are appreciated!

The *Key Peninsula News* staff wants to wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and good wishes for the new year! Our staff includes Alice Tramil, Stephanie Carter, Hugh McMillan, Sylvia Haase, Mike Coffin, Virginia Liebergesell, Ernest Tramil, Barb and Dick Granquist of ATB Services, and of course, myself. We all join in thanking you for your continued support of our newspaper. We all enjoy putting it out each month.

Congratulations to the executive board officers, both new and old, for 1998. Returning officers are Mike Coffin, President, Dave Freeman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sylvia Haase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Loyd Miller, At Large. New officers are Kathy Hale, Treasurer, Krysl Wylie, Secretary, and

Sandy McFarlane, At Large. We're looking forward to making the Civic Center better and better with their help. Come and join us at our board meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The board meeting this month (December 11<sup>th</sup>) is our Christmas potluck and business meeting. Bring a dish and come and join us!

I want to thank Al Yanity and Fred Ramsdell for building the new gates on the Civic Center's driveways! Now we can close the entryways during the night and rid ourselves of unwanted night-time traffic. Thanks guys!

Hopefully, we will have new flooring in the Whitmore Room by the first of the new year. It will be nice to have a floor that isn't all torn!

The first big event of the new year will be "Winter Visuals" put on by the Cultural Arts Commission on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Artists and artisans will be displaying their works of art for us all to enjoy. Some will be demonstrating their crafts, too. Come and join us!

Again let me wish you all a prosperous and exciting New Year! See you next year!

### Parents Make a Difference!

You Can Take Charge of Your Family's TV Viewing.

Kids today spend more time watching TV than they do in school. Kathryn Whitfill, former president of the National PTA says, "Television isn't going away. Families might as well learn to deal with it in a realistic way." Here are some ways you can take charge of your family's TV viewing. 1. Decide how much TV your family will watch. Set weekly limits - and stick to them. 2. Plan your TV viewing. Don't just watch "what's on." Instead, use the weekly TV schedule to plan programs your family wants to watch. 3. Set guidelines for choosing the programs your children watch. Choose those that include themes and ideas that are in tune with the values important to your family - and that will enhance your children's education. 4. Make TV viewing an interactive, family event. Watch programs with your kids. Let the stories lead you to conversation about topics that are often difficult to discuss: death, divorce, family relationships, sex. 5. Use TV as a starting point. If you see an interesting story, find books or magazines that can help your kids learn more about the topic. If your local station includes a story about an interesting place to visit in your community, plan a family outing to go there. (copyright 1996 The Parent Institute)

- Dec. 2 - 6:30-8 PM  
Parent Network  
(Key Center Health Center)
- Dec. 3 - 9:30-11:30 AM  
Healthy Families
- Dec. 4 - 1-2:30 PM  
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
(Key Peninsula Library-Brones room)
- Dec. 9 - 6:30-8 PM  
Parent Network  
(Key Center Health Center)
- Dec. 11 - 3:30-5:00 PM  
Little Buddies (Civic Center)
- Dec. 16 - 6:30-8 PM  
Family Fun Night - snack and fun activity for parents and children
- Dec. 17 - 9:30-11:30 AM  
Healthy Families
- Dec. 18 - 1-3 PM  
Cancer Support Group (Key Peninsula Library-Brones room)  
3:30-5:00 PM Little Buddies  
(Civic Center)
- Dec. 25 - Family Resource Center  
Closed - Happy Holidays!

The Holiday Gift Program is now underway. Please call if you would like to participate either as a receiver or as a donator. 884-5433. Thank you!

The Children's Clothing Bank in collaboration with Communities in Schools has returned to the Family Resource Center. It will be open beginning Dec. 1 - Mon., Tue. and Thur. from 9:00-3:00 PM



### Key Peninsula Civic Center Executive Committee

<i>Michael Coffin, President</i>	857-4285
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## The UW Coming To A High School Near You

The University of Washington admissions office is moving to a more active mode in working with prospective students and high schools throughout the state of Washington.

The UW has assigned an admissions counselor to be a special representative for every region of the state. The counselors plan to visit each high school in their region—paying particular attention to schools that currently send students to the UW, but also initiating contact with schools that do not.

This week, letters are being mailed to all high schools in the state, informing them of the new initiative and introducing their own regional counselor.

"We know that some of the better high school students in the state aren't even applying to the UW," says John Swiney, associate director of admis-

sions and records. "The College Board reports statistics showing that only half the students taking the SAT (Scholastic Achievement Test) even send their scores to the UW. We'd like every student who potentially is qualified to apply."

So, the UW is making special efforts to contact promising students throughout the state. But the counselors describe this work as more service than recruitment. "Our goal is to inform students, so that they can decide if the UW is a good fit for them," says counselor Scott Rehschler. "We're not pitching the UW specifically. We will talk to students about preparing for college. The regional counselors will get to know their communities and will be able to tailor presentations to important issues there. And when sta-



## Help Is Coming Your Weigh!!

*Thank You*

by Mary Nelson

WHAT??? You are afraid of winter because you can't exercise? Afraid of the coming holidays because there is always so much food around? Afraid you are going to have another weight gain? Help is on the way!!

All you have to do is to drop in to the Key Peninsula Community House, just past the new bridge south of Home, and join in with the TOPS group that meets there at 9:00 AM every Tuesday morning. Ideas and strategies for eating sensibly are

shared every meeting.

October and November have been make-over months. We have had as guests, Kim Matthews - a make-up consultant, Bette Jopp - a clothing and style authority, and Donna Lynn - a local hair stylist. So besides losing weight we are learning to be more elegant and stylish.

Out top loser last month was Lila Garrison with Virginia Avery a close second. Keep up the good work, Lila and Virginia! Marj James continues to maintain her KIWI status and will graduate to be a KOPS (Keep Off

Pounds Sensibly - the maintenance program) next week. She will continue to be a KOPS as long as she maintains her goal weight (give or take a pound or two). GO MARJ!!

December meetings will be around getting ready for the holidays in a Sensibly way with a gift exchange and lots of encouragement. This is a good time to get a little help with that problem of Taking Off Pounds Sensibly. Open to men, women and children. Call Virginia at 884-1514 or Mary at 884-4136 for more details or questions.

The Civic Center would like to thank all those who supported the Halloween Party by donating their time, money, candy, baked goods, pumpkins and decorations. We would also like to thank the following people and/or companies: The Kahler's, QFC, the Wylies, Sharon Worthington, Safeway, Thriftway, the Peninsula Fire Department, the Peninsula Key Club, the Children's Home Society, Leona Anderson, S&E Fruit Stand, and anyone else I may have forgotten. Thank you everyone.

**Krys Wylie,**  
Program Coordinator

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# TOPS News

by Frankie Johnson

We have BIG NEWS! For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row TOPS WA #1019, VAUGHN, has won the publicity trophy and the \$50 award that goes with it! YEA! YEA! We thank all who have helped us achieve this honor. At the Fall Rally held in Bremerton in late October, the winners were announced. It was really a thrill. Now we want to win again next year! The rally was a lot of fun and our chapter was on stage many times with our members who have made goal. Thirteen of us led the singing in nun outfits. Arleen Lonning, Carol Bischoff and Susan Davidson participated in the "Baggy Clothes Parade". To qualify they had to have lost 25 pounds or more. They were outstanding showing the old large size garments in front of themselves and holding them aside to reveal the new trim beauties they are now. All who have made their goal were presented on stage. Others from Vaughn included Bea Gomsrud, Mary Seidelman, Rosalie Bust, and JoAnn Holmes. JoAnn Cluver also made her goal but couldn't attend the rally. Our

chapter had 20 in attendance which is the largest delegation we have had so far. Susan has lost 82 pounds and Arleen has lost 37 to be the top two from our chapter.

Our chapter was also responsible for ticket sales for the raffle to raise funds for the big 2001 convention to be held in Seattle. Deloris Paul headed that up and did a tremendous job. Everyone who attended helped by either singing or selling. We were awesome in our nun outfits. Cindy Middleton came up with original names for all of the sisters. There was Sister Mary full of Grease, Sister Susy Shortcake and Sister Little Debbie etc. representing the old "habits" they had when they started.

TOPS WA #1019, VAUGHN has 5 mother and daughter members. Helen and Samantha Schlipp, Cindy and Alana Middleton, Carol Bischoff and Dee Paul, Evelyn and Kathleen Cannon and Jessie and Sarah Nixon. All are doing very well in their quest for leaner selves. Kathleen has lost 40 pounds. Jessie and Sarah were best for October, placing 1st and 2nd for the month. They are both close to

goal. Judy Elliott has lost over 30 pounds! We salute our top TOPS.

A special drawing was held at the rally and won by our own Evelyn Cannon. She won a trip to Rockaway, Oregon to attend a TOPS retreat. This was one of the best events of a very special day.

With the holidays right upon us, we are stepping up our support efforts. Carol B. is leading us in a structured set of plans that TOPS has sent to every chapter to help us get through unscathed by weight gains. We have a new visual chart to help also. We can help you too, if you'd like to come and join us. We meet at the Civic Center every Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM. Get a head start on 1998. You can do it! C-U SLIMMER

## Thank You

Thank You, all the voters of the Key Peninsula for their vote on the EMS Levy.

The Levy passed with a 71.4 per cent in favor vote far exceeding the 60 per cent majority needed to pass.

I feel that the vote not only shows that most people believe the service is necessary, but they believe they are getting something for their money.

Special thanks to the volunteer and career responders that provide the day to day emergency medical services. It is the quality of care, professionalism and compassion of these people that make it possible to pass a levy by the margins that this one passed.

Thank you from the EMS Levy Committee

Fred Ramsdell, Chairman.

## KEY DATES

### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Dec. 5 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Dec. 26 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Dec. 23 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
		Key Center Fire Sta.
Ashes	Dec. 4 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Sta.
Boy Scout Troop #220	Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	KPCCA VFW Rm.
Cootiettes	Dec. 18 - 7:00 PM	KPCCA/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Board	Dec. 11 - 6:00 PM Potluck	KPCCA/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	Dec. 8 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	Dec. 11 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 7:00 PM	KPCCA/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	Dec. 22 - 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
Overeaters Anonymous	Wed. - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network	Dec. 2, 9, 16 - 6:30 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Positive Fathering	Wednesdays - 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	Dec. 10 - 7:30 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	Dec. 22 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	Dec. 8 - 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	Dec. 11 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group	Dec. 13 - 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	Dec. 19 - 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
LB Improvement Club	Dec. 19 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	Dec. 9 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	Dec. 4 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	Dec. 15 - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, Lunch and
meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church		
Senior Society Luncheon	Thursdays - Noon	KPCCA/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club	Call 884-5403 for meeting information	

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## KPCCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Coffin. Mark from Karate addressed the board requesting permission to install a metal bar for hanging a bag from the ceiling. It was msc to allow Karate to install this bar at their own expense.

It was msc to accept the minutes of the September meeting as corrected.

We received a letter from the Health Dept. listing new requirements for our facility for 1998, which include an annual fee, a commercial-type grease trap, etc. Mike announced Kathleen McGilliard has requested using the Center for dance classes. She was formerly using space in Gig Harbor and is in need of a new place. We will be working with her to try to accommodate her needs.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Prisoners from McNeil were here four days and cleaned out the basement and made shelves for storage. Indoor Park has an attendance of 23-25 kids. Skate Night had 127 kids, and had to turn away would-be skaters. We are still having problems with parking lots at night with people squirreling around.

**NEWSPAPER:** The newspaper made a nice profit due to the extra ads. The list of executive committee members and the minutes will be published.

**FLAVOR OF FALL:** Claudia reported it was a great success. All the expenses are not in, but it looks like a profit of about \$18,000. Great job! Claudia suggested we put a "wish list" in the kitchen for items we need or would like to have. We now accept Visa and MasterCard.

**RENO NIGHT:** November 8! We will have some dealers from the Eagles to help out.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Krys has quite a few volunteers and there are lots of games, prizes, Spook Alley, etc. for kids to enjoy.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Tim reminded everyone the museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 1-4 PM. The museum has donated some items to the State Historical Museum for a 6 month display. Tim said they will have a booth at the bazaar to sell cups, tote bags, etc.

**LIONS:** Mike reported over \$2,000 was raised for Kurtis Wolfe, and donations will continue to be accepted through the Lions Club.

**VFW:** They will have a booth at both Ciderfest and the Bazaar.

**BAZAAR:** Lots of tables are already rented.

**BOY SCOUTS:** The troop is being sponsored by the Lions, and Mike reported they are thrilled to be at the Center.

**SENIORS:** Henry reported every-

thing is A-OK with their group.

**DOG CLASSES:** Classes are on Tuesdays 7-8 PM; Saturdays from 9-10 and 10-11 AM.

**CONSTRUCTION:** We are waiting for the county to advertise for bids so we can start on the bathrooms, etc.

**FLOOR COMMITTEE:** We will need about 36 sheets of 3/8" particle board to go under the new floorcovering. Henry Stock offered the use of his air hammer to install it. Wearability was the same for the standard as for the commercial grade. It was msc to budget \$3,500 for renovation of the Whitmore Room.

**GATE COMMITTEE:** It was msc to authorize up to \$500 for construction of 2 gates.

**RETREAT:** An all day retreat is planned for sometime in January to review policies.

**KITCHEN INVENTORY:** Mike and Irene will inventory all items.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** A slate of officers was presented to the board: President, Mike Coffin, 1st Vice pres, Dave Freeman, 2nd Vice pres, Sylvia Haase, Treasurer, Kathy Hale, Secretary, Donna Bosch and Krys Wylie, At large, Loyd Miller and Sandy McFarland.

It was msc to investigate the cost of turning over some of the treasurer's duties to an accountant, with a breakdown of duties and cost thereof. At the next meeting, prior to election, it will be discussed what the duties of the treasurer will be.

**NEW MEMBERS:** It was msc to accept for membership Debra Bosch and Rose Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Bosch, Secretary

## A Wish List For Santa

Easter Seals Therapeutic Riding Program has a wish list for Santa.

If you can donate any of the following items, please call Krys Wylie at 884-4370.

The wish list items include wooden knob puzzles, large piece puzzles, birth belts in small and medium, horse brushes, (need lots), games for playing on horseback, halters, bridles, horse pads, blankets, board games, kids books, push brooms, teddy bears, wooden blocks, and large plastic bowls.

If you can help let us know! Make Christmas easier for Easter Seals.

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone for my surprise 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Longbranch Church. Thanks to the ladies from the Ruth Circle and church for all the lovely food, decorations, gifts and cards. Thank you to my daughter Dinah and grandson, Zachary for the beautiful cake. Thanks again to everyone that came, Fire District #16, VFW #4990, Ladies Auxiliary, all my friends and neighbors.

Marguerite Bussard

## Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Jean Kesterson will be hostess for the Vaughn Bay Garden Club's Annual Christmas meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>.

A noon potluck and a gift exchange will highlight the event.

For more information, call 884-5403.

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by Howard Reynolds

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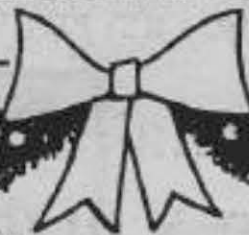


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As a new member of the ANGEL GUILD, I was astounded to learn of the many places that the funds gathered by the Angels actually goes. Over the past year over \$ 25,000. has been donated and or designated to many recipients. It is amazing that the tiny little store in the K. C. Corral brings in the money to help so many in our own community. Some of the many requests that have been answered are the Civic Center, with a lump sum to help them out of a bind on the insurance payment and \$250 a month to their general fund for the past year. Also at the Civic Center, the Guild has paid the rent for the W.I.C. program for many years. The Angels have an on going donation to the community house to help any families in a crisis or special need. Most recently there was a request to pay for bus service for K.P.M.S. after school activities. The Angels came through so the kids could have a safe ride home from after school activities. The kids have really responded to the program and sent many letters to thank the Guild.

Recently a new book shelf was added to the store. We wish to thank Fred Ramsdell for his wonderful and beautiful work in making the unit. Thank you so much, Fred. Do come in and admire it.

In October, eleven members went on a special tour of the Purdy Prison Pet Program. It was extremely interesting and informative showing how the dogs are trained to be helpers, how they are chosen and how they are placed with a person or program. It serves a need for both the inmates involved and those who end up with a dog. The whole program is supported by resources other than our tax dollars. They needed a new VCR and the Angels made a donation for one.

The Angel Guild would like to extend an invitation to you to become one of the group. They ask for 6 hours a month of your time to help your own community (or more, if you wish). The meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in the Brones Room at the library in Key Center. It is a fun and rewarding way to spend some of your time to help our own.

**KP Parks Seek Help**

by Hugh McMillan

"It was disappointing," said Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Board member Fred Ramsdell. He was talking about the failed levy election of November 4 in which 57+ percent of the vote was yes, but 60 percent is required for it to pass.

Since then, Ramsdell and a growing number of citizens have decided, he said, "that we're going to encourage park supporters to contribute funds directly to the parks. If the levy had passed, they'd be making the contribution in the form of taxes, something they voted for. I think this is a better deal for everyone. The gratis contri-

butions can be tax deductible." He also pointed out that the recent election cost the park from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Win lose or draw, the fee for the County's election costs must be paid by all who participate in the process.

"If those who supported the parks are willing to contribute enough to keep the park operating, we just might never go for a levy again and that will save everybody money."

This writer confesses that our check is not in the mail. It is already deposited in the KP Parks Account, P.O. Box 46, Vaughn, WA 98394. It hopes your check will join it soon.

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## Grace Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor



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Reverend Jim Christianson joins Grace Presbyterian Church as half-time pastor this month. Born in California, schooled in Oregon, Jim began his ministry at 35, and has served in several Presbyterian churches in Washington, including South Kitsap in Port Orchard and most recently, Mission Woods in Milton. Although he majored in Agronomy at Oregon State College, his major job prior to ministry was in management for McDonald's restaurants. He worked his way through Fuller Seminary spending weekends traveling as training consultant for McDonald's. From opening a home for international students in Norman, Oklahoma, through involvement in the Home Church Movement in Boulder, Colorado, to inviting a family of nine Laotians to share their home in Seattle, Jim has had a varied and rewarding career in ministry.

He and wife Kay, a retired teacher, have five grown children and ten grandchildren. They returned to the northwest in 1995 to be nearer their family, and are enjoying semi-retirement in their home in Port Orchard.

## Fireside Noel At Grace Presbyterian Church

An afternoon of praise and fellowship in an uplifting and intimate setting will celebrate the spirit of Christmas at Grace Presbyterian Church on December 14th at 3 p.m. Huge helpings of congregational songs and carols combine with great choir anthems of the season as we celebrate the Christ child. We'll gather together around a crackling fire in the Circle K Lounge at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake. A complimentary light dinner will be served following worship service.

A Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Grace.

All are welcome to attend. Call 857-7264 for additional information.

# AmeriCorps\* National Civilian Community Corps In Vaughn, WA

by Julie Ellis, Michelle Long,  
and Wade Owens

The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is part of AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs created by Congress as part of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. Nicknamed the "domestic Peace Corps," the NCCC is a ten month, full-time, residential program operated by the Corporation for National Service. The NCCC is open to young adults ages 18 to 24 of diverse ethnic backgrounds, who are committed to solving the problems in our nation's communities by "getting things done." Corps members work in teams of 10 to 15 people to meet the critical needs of communities in the areas of education, the environment, public safety, human needs and disaster relief.

There are roughly 1,000 corpsmembers stationed on five NCCC campuses across the country -- San Diego, CA; Denver, CO; Charleston, SC; Ferry Point, MD and Washington, DC. Corps members work in communities around their campus and also relocate for short-term projects known as "SPIKES" where camping and "roughing it" may be required. Corps members receive room and board, uniforms, a modest living allowance, skills training and limited health benefits. On completion of the ten months of service, each corpsmember receives a \$4,725 education award that can be applied to future education or training expenses, or towards existing student loans.

The AmeriCorps team currently located here in Vaughn is a thirteen member team with members coming from homes as near as Puyallup, WA and Ashland, OR to as far away as Maryland, New York and Mississippi.

The decision to join AmeriCorps shows a deep commitment to community service and a willingness to work hard while making sacrifices; the ten month program is physically and mentally challenging. We are between the ages of 18 and 24, and our education ranges from high school to college graduate. Throughout our service commitment, we will work to meet the critical needs of urban and rural communities in the areas of environment, education, public safety, human needs, and disaster relief.

Our term of service began with a four week training period known as CTI, the Corps member Training Institute. The focus of this training was to prepare us as a team to complete the next nine months of service. CTI included team building and leadership activities, CPR, first aid, disaster relief training, drug and alcohol awareness and equal opportunity education.

Our current project is to assist Easter Seal West's Adaptive Recreation and Education Programs. Our first priority is to help with the repair and restoration of the camp. As locals may very well remember, last winter's ice storm caused extensive damage; the forest environment surrounding Camp Easter Seal was ravaged with toppled trees and fallen limbs. We are removing the storm debris in order to improve the program areas in demand by disabled individuals. In addition, we are tutoring and mentoring middle and high school students in the S.E.A.L. (Students Engaged in Alternative Learning) Program. We are involved with academic learning in the classroom and service learning in the field. By serving as positive role models, we hope to address the diverse needs of the students through inspiration and motivation. We also assist disabled individuals in the

Therapeutic Riding Program's weekly lessons by walking along side the horses to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the riders.

We are excited to be serving the community in Vaughn, WA, and hope that we will leave Camp Easter Seal as better human beings because of our hard work and commitment to solving our nation's social problems. We also want the citizens of Vaughn to know that we are happy to be your temporary neighbors.

## Ashes

The Ashes will be having the Christmas business meeting on December 4, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., at the Key Center Fire Station #16. Hope to see you all there.

Merry Christmas,  
Darlene Braun, Pres.

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## Arts In The Park

Carol McLaughlin has requested CAC to work with her to develop an "Arts in the Park" summer program for 1998 season. Anyone interested in developing, or participating in, a program to accommodate this request, please contact Carol McLaughlin, Program Coordinator for Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Pierce County Parks and Recreation Districts, 851-7012.



**THE DIDGERI DUDES**, Brian Pertl and Jamie Cunningham, will perform at the Key Center Library, Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. The artists and ethnomusicologists began playing together in 1990 while studying trombone with Stuart Dempster at the University of Washington. Their non-traditional ensemble approach creates exotic tonalities and rhythms by combining pairs of didgeridoos, or matching the sound of a single didgeridoo with other wind instruments, percussion, and the human voice. Their performances have included numerous concerts and private events, festivals, and workshops throughout the state. In April of 1997, their second album: *Under the Earth Tones: Ambient Didgeridoo Meditations* was released on Folklife Records.

This free program for the community is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

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by  
**William F. Roes, MD**

According to *The News Tribune*, the Key Peninsula was invaded by dinos last week. No, these weren't Tyrannosaurus Rex's or even Barney, but rather dinoflagellates, those pesky little organisms that cause red tides and are potentially harmful to humans. *The News Tribune* announced the closure of all of Case Inlet and around to Filucy Bay based upon shell fish which have been tested in these areas.

Red tide is a term for blooms of algae, tiny living organisms that under certain circumstances can grow to astronomical numbers to the point that the saltwater can actually be colored by the algae. One type, dinoflagellates, can be harmful to both fish and predators eating affected shellfish, in that dinoflagellates carry a neurotoxin that can significantly injure larger creatures. Fish are killed directly when the neurotoxin is "inhaled" through their gills, but many mollusks (clams, muscles, oysters) can coexist without "obvious damage" to themselves. The toxin is concentrated in

them however and can prove harmful to anyone eating enough of the infected shellfish. Unlike many cases of food poisoning, this is not prevented by cooking, the toxin is fairly heat stable. The only prevention is not to eat shellfish from the affected areas at the time of the red tide. Paralytic shellfish poisoning is the descriptive term for the syndrome caused by eating the affected mollusks. Symptoms start soon after ingestion, and the larger the amount of shellfish, or the broth they have been cooked in, the more serious the consequences. The earliest signs of toxin exposure is numbness and tingling around the mouth and face. It can proceed to muscle weakness, and rarely, paralysis and death. The effect of the toxin is short lived, and wears off within 24 hours, so supportive care of the ill patient is the most important treatment.

As usual in medicine, avoidance beats treatment, so stay away from shellfish on the west side of the Key Peninsula until cleared by the state's biologists; they maintain a 24 hour phone line to follow **Red Tides** at 1-800-562-5632. Instead of treating Aunt Gladys to those oysters you picked off Vaughn Bay, serve her Minterbrook Oysters - she'll never know the difference and it will be a happier holiday for all.

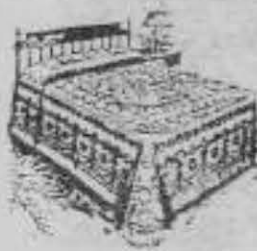
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## KP Fire Honored At ARC Real Heroes Ceremony

by Hugh McMillan

On Tuesday, December 2, at the Tacoma-Pierce County American Red Cross' fourth annual Real Heroes of the Year breakfast at the Sheraton Tacoma, Key Peninsula Fire Department chief, Gary Franz, Lieutenant/paramedic Tracy Lyon, and volunteer firefighter/EMT Bill Sawaya, members of KP Fire's Water Rescue Team, will be honored with the award.

They saved the life of Ruth Denton of Burien who had been trapped in a catamaran overturned by severe winds near Cutts Island on March 30. She and her two adult sons were aboard when the accident occurred. Initially, 45 year old Steve Denton was trapped with his mother. His 47 year old brother, Bruce, on deck at the time was thrown overboard. This occurred about 5:00 PM.

Denton's husband, Eric, and Steve's wife Janny saw the accident from Raft Island, immediately dialed 911, and commandeered a Raft Island vessel. They quickly managed to pull Bruce from the water. But Steve, who could have escaped via the cabin exit, elected to stay in the up-turned vessel with his mother. They pulled cabinet

drawers and, stacking them on the boat's ceiling - now the floor - used them to elevate most of their bodies from the almost freezing water. Steve remained with his mother until rescue workers from Fire District 16 arrived about 8:45. Aboard the team's personnel watercraft they were the first of some five agencies to arrive on the scene. They knocked on the hull and got an answer then found they could yell instructions through the fiberglass hull. Divers from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Key Peninsula Search and Rescue Team volunteers, the Tacoma fireboat, and a Coast Guard helicopter were involved as was KING TV's helicopter which hovered over the scene providing light in which the rescuers could work. Hesitant to cut into the hull for fear it would release the life-sustaining air, they were soon joined by Steve who, stripped to his shorts, swam out the hatch. He showed where they could safely chop their way into the boat. They did. And rescued Ruth, now limp and suffering hypothermia. She was lifted by the Coast Guard helicopter to shore where another helicopter took her on board and to Madigan Hospital.



# KP Scouts Deliver To Food Bank

by Hugh McMillan

Sixty cub scouts and 10 boy scouts of Pack 220 and Troop 220 began hanging bags on doorknobs or handing them to residents of various housing complexes on the Key Peninsula, Saturday, November 8. The bags came from the national Boy Scouts of America with a message asking for community support of the BSA's annual program to support area food banks.

The cubs and scouts collected and delivered the bags to the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank Saturday. They contained 4,420 food items for the needy, more than double the number the scouts collected in 1996. Lethaniel Ray, cub pack committee chairman, and scoutmaster Bill Macaras were justifiably proud of the successful efforts of their young members.

"We all want to thank the Key Peninsula community for its wonderful support of our project" said Macaras, "particularly those of Four Acres, Emerald Shores, Home, Lake Holiday, Lake of the Woods, Wind and Tides, Lake Minterwood, Horseshoe Lake Estates, Greentree, Glenwood, and Fir Acres. We couldn't have done it without them."



The shorter of the two scouts of Troop 220 is Matthew Macaras, Bill and Becky Macaras' son; the taller:

Photo by Hugh McMillan  
Tavis Malcom son of Dianna and Larry Malcom.

## Reunions Unlimited

Reunion season has just ended but the search has begun for next year's reunions. Reunions Unlimited, Olympia, is coordinating the following reunions and is searching for classmates. If you are a graduate of one of these classes, or know someone who is, and have not heard about the reunion and would like to receive more information please contact Reunions Unlimited at 1-360-866-8842 or toll free 1-888-866-8842. Don't miss the nostalgia - don't miss the fun!

Stadium High School Class of 1948; Mt. Tahoma High School Class of 1978; Gov. John Rogers High School Class of 1978; Gov. John Rogers High School Class of 1988; and Puyallup High School Class of 1978.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities: Receptionist for the Children's Art Museum in Tacoma; Administrative Assistant for Tyler Square, a program of the Tacoma Rescue Mission; docents and gardeners for Lake Weld Gardens. Office assistant for Stream Team, Puyallup, and Research and advocacy assistant for Columbia Legal Services. Call 474-1700 for more information.

## Computers, Copier Needed

Last month the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula cultural Arts commission (CAC) offered two computers, software included, which a resident was donating to any non-profit organization with a 501 (c) (3) classification. CAC received more requests than we had computers. Organizations in need are:

Chronic Fatigue and Fibro Myalgia,

Tacoma-Gig Harbor; Gig Harbor Performing School of Arts; KGHP Radio Station; Peninsula Heritage Land Trust; The Performance Circle.

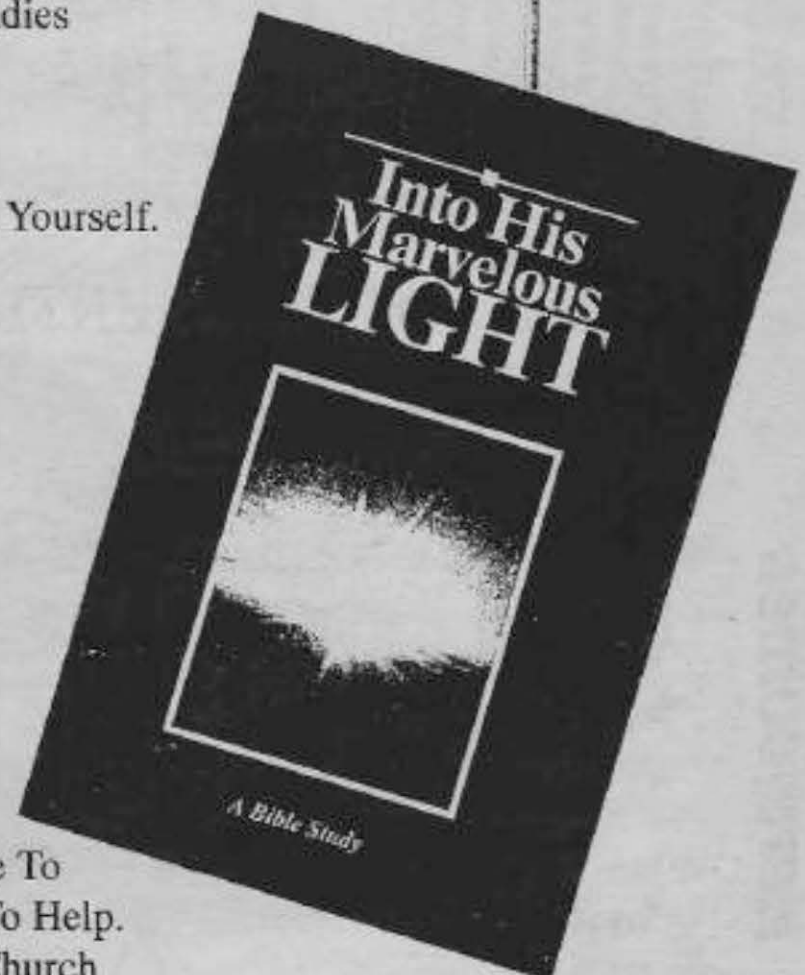
All are in need of at least one computer, GH Performing School of Arts is also requesting a copier. Please call Shirley Tomasi, 851-9462, if you have equipment to donate.

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- 5:30 p.m. Wauna Shores
- 6:00 p.m. Greentree
- 7:00 p.m. Horseshoe Lake Estates
- 7:30 p.m. Fir Acres
- 8:00 p.m. Minterbrook Homes

**Friday, December 19, 1997**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Lake of the Woods
- 7:30 p.m. -- South Lake of the Woods

**Thursday, December 18, 1997**

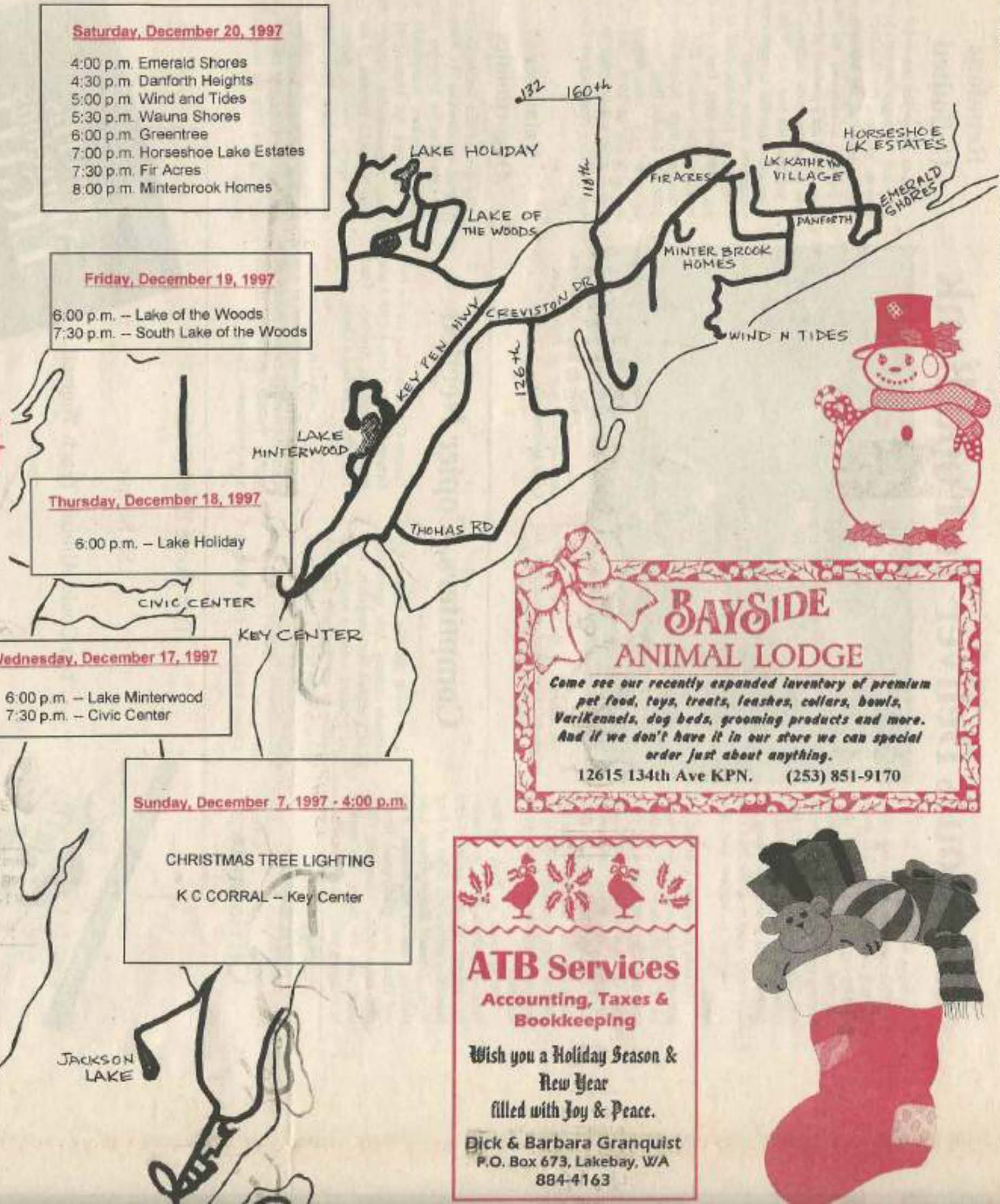
- 6:00 p.m. -- Lake Holiday

**Wednesday, December 17, 1997**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Lake Minterwood
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**Sunday, December 7, 1997 - 4:00 p.m.**

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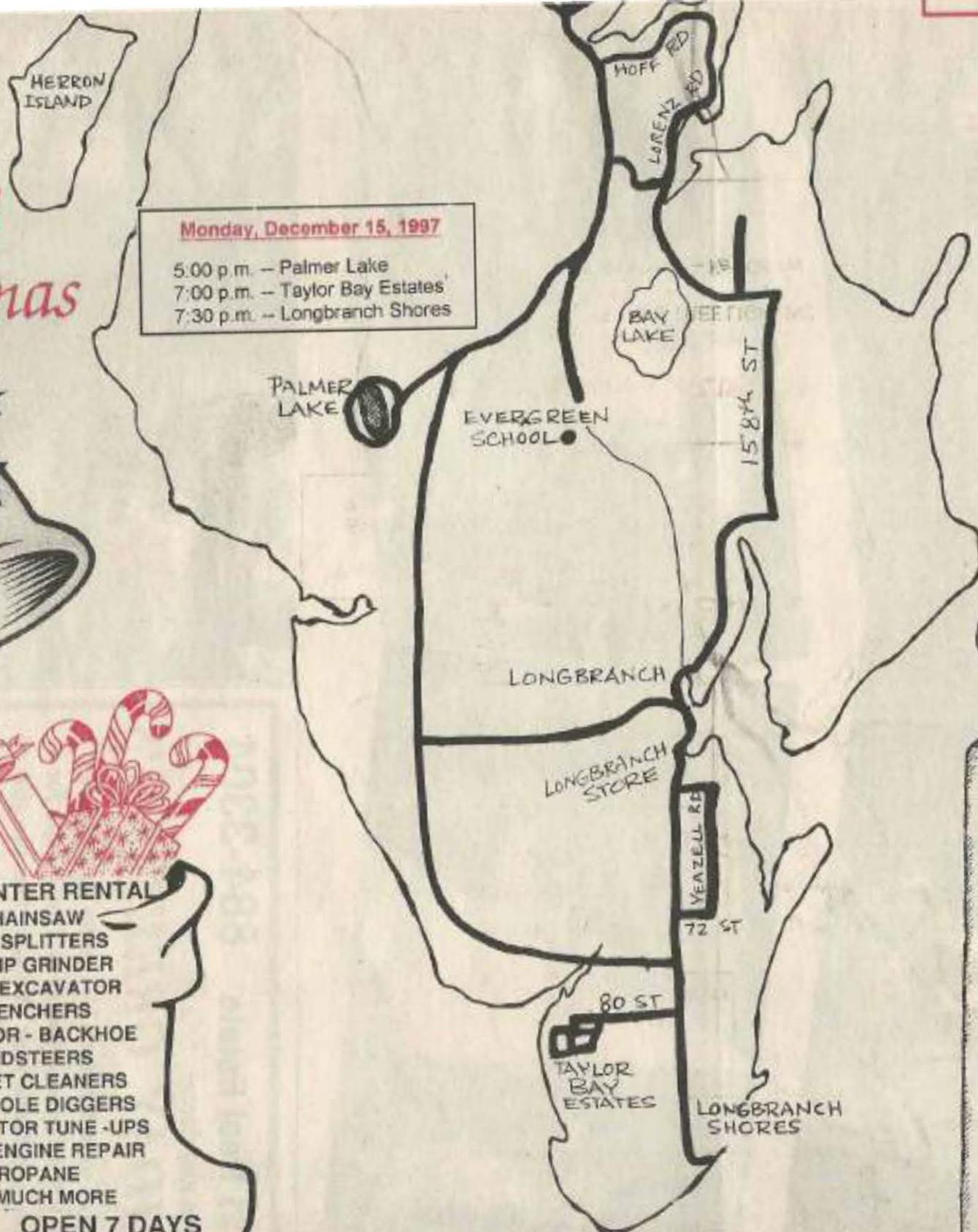
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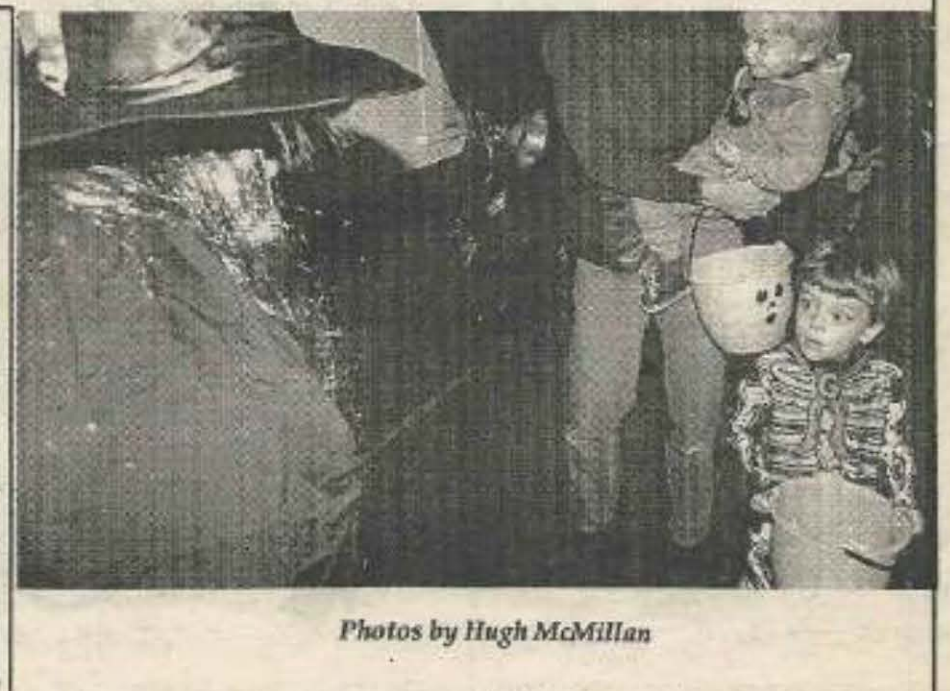


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Another year at an end! Time seems to go faster than I'm geared for.

Again this month we welcome new members, this time it's Mark Jarrett and Rick Henderickson for Post 4990 and Jean Christofferson, Vanna Robinson, Debbie Simon and Gail Wooldridge to the Auxiliary. Welcome to our organization, we are so glad to have you.

The "Aisle of Honor" was once again a beautiful sight on an equally beautiful November day. 146 flags flew proudly and many visitors were there to marvel at the sight. To the Boy Scouts (they came in many sizes), their leaders and their parents, the VFW can only say a million thanks. To see so many energetic young people make such short work of a big project does our ol' hearts good!

Speaking of flags, this writer came across a letter to the editor in the *Tacoma News Tribune* from a Richard Peters that I would like to share with all of you. He writes, "An anonymous patriot expressed our vocation in these words: 'It is the soldier, not the reporter, who gives us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who gives us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag'."

I agree with those who feel that flag burning is a First Amendment right. I also feel that it should be a right for all those who have served in defense of this country to be able to punch them in the nose when they do it!

HOORAY for men like Mr. Peters.

#### Trees of Sharing

Don't forget to drop by the "Trees of Sharing" at Walt's Fine Foods at Key Center or Lake Kathryn. Do your part to make the holidays brighter for a hospitalized veteran. Thanks to Walt Schmidt and his staff for their cooperation in this effort.

Under the heading, "What Patriotism Means To Me", this year's junior essay first place winners are as follows:

3rd grade from Vaughn, Johnny Fly; 4th grade from Minter, Micheal Kelley; 5th grade from Vaughn, Mary Broderson; 7th grade from KP Middle school, Melissa Boyer; 8th grade from (independent) Kelsey Greer; 9th grade from Peninsula High, Tim Griffith.

Presentation of awards will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center December 8th at 7 PM. Congratulations to ALL students who participated in the essay contest.

There is one happy "little ol' toy maker" on the peninsula this day. Our own Louie Aguilar was surprised with a generous donation of lumber for his beloved toys from an anonymous donor. Who says there is no Santa Claus, thank you whoever you are.

Don't forget the Christmas dinner and party, for adult members of VFW Post & Auxiliary #4990 to be held December 22nd in the Civic Center. The social hour is at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Bring your favorite potluck dish and ONE GIFT PER PERSON (\$5 to \$10 limit) for "trading"! Come join us!

Until next year, from all of the members of Post 4990 and the Ladies Auxiliary, to every one, we wish you

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## Veteran's Memorial

We just celebrated Veterans Day, when we collectively give thanks to those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Next year on this day, we hope to dedicate a long-overdue tribute to those who served in our nation's greatest and most costly war: World War II.

Currently, we have memorials on our state capitol campus in Olympia which honor those who served and died in World War I, Korea and Vietnam. However, a tremendous void exists in that we do not have a memorial to remember the more than 5,500 Washingtonians who died in what many call the most significant event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The memorial must be built with private donations, and as such, the success of the fund-raising fully depends on the generosity of residents, businesses and organizations throughout our state. We need to raise at least \$300,000 by March 1, 1998, toward a final goal of \$700,000, if the memorial is to become a reality. Time is of the essence and your help is needed.

Right now there are more than 150,000 WWII veterans in Washington, but that number shrinks every day, as some 300 veterans of that war pass away each month in our state. The more we wait, the fewer who will get to see this tribute to their sacrifices.

The memorial will not glorify or condone war. Rather, it will serve as a reminder to educate future generations of the cost of war. It will educate our young people by answering the questions of what happened and why it happened more than five decades ago, in the hope of preventing it from happening again in the future.

While this monument will certainly honor those who served in the military, it will also pay tribute to those who played an active role in the war effort on the home front such as nurses, doctors, chaplains, mechanics, technicians and other contributors to this pivotal event in our nation's history. WWII was not only fought by soldiers, but by an entire nation, and this memorial will reflect that.

For more information or to make a donation contact the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 41150, Olympia, WA 98504 -1150, or call toll free 1-800-562-2308. Your contribution will directly support the design and construction of this tribute.

Please give today, so that we may finally remember those who gave so much more than fifty years ago to protect our freedom. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Richard L. Kirk**  
(Lt. Col.-Ret. USA)  
Chairman,

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## Washington State Parent Teacher Student Association

The parents of students at KPMS have created by vote, a PTSA, an official Washington State Parent Teacher Student Association. It is our hope that by creating an organization that provides us with a myriad of opportunities, we will provide interested individuals in our community with the chance to make a difference for the youth within it. We welcome interested parents & caregivers to become a part of our efforts from the start by joining us at our December 16th meeting at 6:30 PM in the KPMS Commons. We are committed to keeping our meetings limited to one hour and provide coffee, tea and cookies for those coming straight from work. For more information call Ginger Donnelly at 884-4590.



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**In The Critter Corner**

**Pets & Christmas**



The Christmas season is a time of goodwill, celebration, family get-togethers and sometimes, travel. As pet owners, we should be aware that the season also brings with it special concerns and problems for our pets the following are just a few.

**Travel** - If your pet travels with you, be sure to take any prescription medication it may need for its particular medical problem. If your pet gets car sick, talk with your veterinarian about what can be given to prevent this from happening during your trip. Always provide plenty of water, if out of town use bottled water. Make frequent stops for your pet to eliminate. If he uses your car as a bathroom, it could make for a long and miserable trip.

If you plan to have your pet fly with you to your destination, you will need to have a health certificate issued as well as proof of current rabies vaccination. The health certificate must be issued and authorized by your veterinarian and usually must be issued no more than 10 days before your expected travel date. It's best to check with your airlines for their requirements.

**Christmas Trees** - Dogs and cats love tinsel and Christmas tree light bulbs. If your pet is allowed to get near the tree, hang these decorations beyond their reach. If ingested, they can lead to severe gastrointestinal disease.

Be aware, as well, that many dogs and some cats find the water that the

tree is submerged in tasty. While not necessarily toxic, ingesting it could also lead to gastrointestinal irritation.

**Christmas Presents** - Avoid giving your pet Christmas presents such as candies and especially chocolate as they can cause serious illness and in the case of chocolate, death if ingested in large quantities. Keep pies, cakes and assorted Christmas candies out of your pet's reach even if you have no intentions of offering your pet these morsels as gifts because they can prove to be too tempting to unsupervised pets.

Avoid giving pets as Christmas presents unless a lot of thought and preparation went into this decision. All too often, impulse pet purchasing and giving pets as Christmas presents leads to post seasonal frustration if the pet and intended owner are mismatched due to inadequate planning.

Keep these thoughts in mind during the holidays and your pet will enjoy a safe and fun Christmas season, and hopefully you will also.

Season's Greetings,  
Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

**Home Town Meeting**

The Home Town Meeting will be Thurs. December 18, 7:00 PM, at the Home Fire Station. Ken Pinyerd will be the moderator. Bring a plate of goodies and coffee will be served.



**A View From Home**

by Marty Marcus

In considering the economic implications of doing something about global warming, last month we looked at some of the gross over estimations of costs imposed by new regulations. Now let's look at the other side of the ledger, the economic benefits we derive from Earth's ecosystem.

An unusual event took place this past year, and it apparently didn't get much publicity. A group of economists and environmentalists, who usually were on opposite sides of most issues, sat down together and made a real effort to calculate the dollar value of "goods and services" provided by good old Mother Earth. They looked at things such as erosion and flood control by vegetation, pollination of crops, formation of new soil, recreational areas, food production and regulation of climate.

They came up with a figure of 33 TRILLION dollars annually, a figure close to twice the gross national product of the total global economy. At first glance, this seems to be an absurdly high number, so let's look at just one example. New York City, which gets its water from the Catskill Mountains, is considering assuring the continued availability of that water supply by spending some 600 million dollars to buy a water storage and purification area in those mountains. That sounds like a lot of money, but to build a water treatment plant to accomplish the same function would

cost them four billion dollars just in capital outlay.

We are currently being subjected to a massive advertising campaign on radio, TV, and in printed media urging our government not to go any further now in stopping global warming. Don't get suckered in by these ads. We're being told that we will be making the sacrifices while the third world developing nations won't be bothered at all. However, we contribute much more to the problem than they do. With less than 6% of the world's population, we use 40% of the world's energy. Never mind Los Angeles, just look at the Tacoma Narrows Bridge during commute hours. All those single-occupant vehicles are not only using non-renewable energy, they're emitting carbon dioxide, while at the same time we're logging the Key Peninsula, removing trees that could be absorbing the carbon dioxide so that it doesn't add to the greenhouse effect.

We have a historic opportunity this December to come to the meeting in Kyoto, Japan, and set an example for the other nations on how to halt global warming before it becomes irreversible, as it did on Venus, where the temperature now is around 800 degrees.

Are we as a nation up to meeting the challenge of this opportunity? I wouldn't bet more than a nickel on it.

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# Sandee West To Bike To Washington, D.C.

by Hugh McMillan

"I am about to bicycle across the United States in support of the American Lung Association of Washington because when you can't breathe, nothing else matters." That's the opening sentence in a letter Sandee West is hoping will help her raise \$6,000 in contributions supporting the Lung Association.

West, wife of Key Peninsula Fire Department officer Chuck West, enjoyed biking as a kid and, "about seven years ago, I took it up again for exercise," she said in a recent conversation. Now, she rides 10 to 16 miles daily. Together with dad, the West's sons, 14 year old Zechariah "Zech" and 9 year old Alexander "Alex" are her rooting team.

In September six years ago, she joined 250 other Lung Association riders on the fund-raising "Trek Tri Island," a 135 mile, three day trip that included stops at Bainbridge Island, Port Townsend, Whidbey Island, Anacortes, Orcas Island, Sydney and Victoria on Vancouver Island, several ferry rides and the Victoria Clipper to Seattle whence she was driven home to KP. She did this three years in a row in, "everything from sun-burning weather to rain," she said.

In 1994, she did the seven day, 385 mile "Trek Washington" from Seattle to Spokane via the North Cascades with some 80 other Lung supporters. "We tented in parks and cow pastures and sometimes under the cover of high school gyms," she chuckled.

"We took the bus home and our bikes and gear followed in a rented truck." She repeated this trip over the same route the next year with 50 Lung partisans.

West rides a Trek 520 touring bike mainly because she can, "pack all my gear on it and just go." The gear: tent, sleeping bag, stove, camping gear, tools and parts for the bike, tire repair kit ("Oh, I've had to repair my tires more than once," she said.), water, first aid kit, but, "no kitchen sink," she laughed.

West was the first one to sign up for The BIG Ride (that's its official title). It begins in Seattle with an anticipated 1,000 riders on June 15, 1998 and ends, 3,000 miles and 47 days later, in Washington, D.C. on August 1. It's the largest cross country bicycle ride in American history.

West must raise \$6,000 to help the Lung Association to send children with asthma to camp, educate young people on the hazards of smoking, and fight lung disease and its causes. She has collected \$2,500 thus far. "All of it is for the Lung Association," she said, "80 percent of all funds raised go to fight lung disease, 20 percent covers the costs of the trip.

West would appreciate your support. Donations are tax deductible and accepted in any amount. Checks should be made out to the American Lung Association and sent to PO Box 203, Lakebay, WA 98349. Any questions will be answered gladly by West at (253) 884-4824.



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Sandee West with the bike she hopes to ride from Seattle to Washington, D.C. this coming summer.

# Girls Volleyball Skills Clinic Offered

An "Expand Your Skills" instructional volleyball clinic for elementary and junior high girls in grades fourth through ninth will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> at Ford Middle School. The elementary division will be held from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM followed by the junior high division from 1:00-4:00 PM.

Cost is \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 at the door. Players will focus on individual skill development as well as participate in game situations.

The clinic is being hosted by the NVC RAGE Volleyball team and NBC Camps under the guidance of clinic director Suzanne Paulsen who will head up NVC's Australian Volleyball Tour next summer. A graduate of Wilson High School and Eastern Washington University, Paulsen led her team, as a setter, to the Big Sky Championship her senior year.

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## THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

From my last column, you know that the courts in our county have become clogged to the point that it is very difficult to get a case tried on time. What is being done to solve this problem?

While providing more judges is the best answer, it is not the most practical. Judges require courtrooms, bailiffs, and court reporters. Those items are expensive and have to be funded with taxes. The average voter, quite justifiably, has had it with increased taxes. It is unrealistic to think that the voters will ever expand the number of judges to an amount that will be able to handle the future caseload.

In recent years, there have been a growing number of cases being settled by non-traditional methods. Instead of a trial, cases are frequently being resolved by way of mediation or arbitration.

Mediation is voluntary. It requires both sides to agree to use a mediator. The mediator is usually an attorney that is trusted by both sides to be fair and impartial. The mediator does not decide the case. Rather, the parties, with the mediator's help, decide the case for themselves. I have used mediation a number of times in cases ranging from divorce, medical and legal malpractice as well as serious personal injury cases.

Arbitration, which can be mandatory if the parties are not trying a case with a value greater than \$35,000, is another alternative to trial. As opposed to the role of a mediator, an arbitrator actually decides the case just as would a judge or a jury. The parties put on their case with witnesses and exhibits just as they would at trial. Because it is similar to going to trial, arbitration is usually more ex-

pensive than mediation.

I became a fan of mediation years ago while handling a medical malpractice case. My client's husband had died because of a misdiagnosis of his leukemia at a local hospital. My expert witness was from another local hospital who would testify that a simple test costing just a few dollars would have saved the man's life. The man died leaving his wife and four children.

Neither my client nor the hospital wanted to try the case. It was going to be very stressful for my client and possibly very embarrassing to the hospital. I suggested a well respected attorney from Seattle to serve as mediator. The hospital agreed.

At the end of a day's hard work, a settlement was achieved. Both sides were satisfied with the amount agreed upon. As my client and I were standing near the elevators to go home, the adjuster representing the insurance company for the hospital, approached my client. The adjuster told her how sorry she was for what had happened and that she hoped that the settlement would somehow ease the pain a bit.

With that my client gave the adjuster a hug and expressed her appreciation for her understanding. At that moment I became a fan of mediation. The process kept the costs down. The case was settled in the comfort of a nice office as opposed to a courtroom, and most of all, everyone felt good about the way the claim was handled. I thought I would see pigs fly before I would ever see an insurance adjuster hug a plaintiff. It would not have happened if not for mediation.

Next month, who pays when a lawyer is negligent?

## Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District (KPPRD)

The Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District Board of Commissioners held a planning meeting on Saturday, November 15, 1997 with all present board members in attendance. Discussion was held regarding what is needed to continue to have the park facilities available for users. In addition income and expenses for the current year were reviewed.

The following other items were discussed:

1. Health Department concerns and the cost necessary to comply.
2. Cost for Water System repairs.
3. Cost of field maintenance.
4. A tentative Expense Budget to be proposed for approval at a regular

Commissioners Meeting.

5. A tentative Fee Schedule (for use of the facilities) to be voted on at a regular Commissioners Meeting.

The KPPRD Board of Commissioners would like to thank all the voters who voted yes on the Park Levy. The last count showed that about 57.5% favored the levy. Because the levy did not receive 60% super majority the KPPRD will be short the income that would have been available from the levy. If you wish to help with the shortage, tax deductible contributions can be made to: Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District, P.O. Box 46, Vaughn, WA 98349.

## Activities Of The Key Peninsula Lions Club

On November 7th Vice President Allan Twidt and Health chairman Myron Harr attended the Zone Advisory meeting where eleven Lions clubs from areas in and around Tacoma gathered for an evening of fellowship and bragging on their clubs. The meeting was really to let the Zone Chairman and the District Governor know what each club has accomplished in the last three months.

At the Civic Center Reno night six Key Peninsula Lions helped as dealers or card shufflers — functions necessary to a successful Reno Night. Club President, Mike Coffin, who is also president of the Civic Center, was in charge of the kitchen where a variety of fast food items were served to the players. The other five Lions made themselves available for whatever service was most needed at the moment.

At the meeting of November 19th the Lions staged a pot luck dinner which was attended by 17 members and guests. Lion Al Twidt volunteered to chair the next Citizen of The Year Banquet and Lion Rhys Wood agreed to oversee the kitchen for the event. The next Citizen of The Year

Banquet will be on March 14 of next year.

It was also announced that Lion Mike Coffin and Lion Russ Beckim will co-chair a banquet celebrating the 15 year charter anniversary of the Key Peninsula Lions Club. This banquet will be held at the Eagles Club next June.

The Key Peninsula Lions are proud to sponsor Boy Scout troop 2201 which meets at the Civic Center on Thursdays. Lion Bill Macaras has put a lot of time into making the troop a success. Lion Bill reports 20 hours of scouting work in September, and 84 hours in October, which included a 30 mile hike around the eastern side of Mount Rainier. Then in November, Lion Bill put in 36 hours of Scouting which included decorating the cemetery on Veterans day by setting out a large number of flags under the direction of the VFW. The celebration over, the scouts gathered the flags up again. VFW member Rhys Wood expressed the appreciation of the VFW for this very helpful service.

At the next meeting of the Lions Club on Dec. 3, the speaker will be Lion Hugh McMillan who will tell of his recent trip to Turkey.

## Peninsula Heritage Land Trust Receives Land Donation

Lee and Lavona Fraychineaud, Peninsula area residents, recently donated to the Peninsula Heritage Land Trust a .76 acre piece of land in East Gig Harbor overlooking Colvos Passage. The land trust is a local non-profit organization that works with willing landowners for permanent preservation of land and resources on the Gig Harbor and Key peninsulas. While land is usually donated to land trusts for the purpose of permanently protecting it, most land trusts also sell land that may not be suitable for preservation, as a means of generating income to protect other, more critical pieces.

Lee and Lavona Fraychineaud are leaving it to the land trust to decide how their gift can best advance the trust's mission, according to John Jacobs, president. "We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Fraychineaud for their generous contribution to preserving the quality of life we enjoy here in the Peninsula area," Jacobs added.

The Gig Harbor couple's roots in the community are deep. Lee has lived here since the 1940's, when his parents moved the family to the peninsula summer place they had owned for a number of years. Lavona and Lee have lived in their present house on Crescent Lake for nearly 30 years.

Their four children grew up there, all graduating from Peninsula High School.

Many peninsula residents know Lee through the barber salon he owned and operated in Gig Harbor for thirty years. It opened in Olympic Village in 1965 as the Olympic Village Barber Shop, moved seven years ago to its present location on Kimball Drive, and now is the Village Barber Salon. Lee sold the business two years ago but still works there part-time.

## Youth Baroque Orchestra

Karen Pew, a Gig Harbor resident, would like to organize a Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Baroque Youth Orchestra and would like to know who might be interested in participating in a Gig Harbor / Key Peninsula Youth Baroque Orchestra. For further information please contact Karen at 851-2897. If instruments are needed, CAC will investigate grant opportunities and/or donations. We know a Harpsicord is required. Anyone wishing to donate a Harpsicord, funds to purchase, or information as to where one may be obtained, rented, etc., please call Shirley Tomasi at 851-9462.



# The Hardy Huckleberry

by Aileen Rickert Froehlich

Each year as autumn approaches and sets in, my memories return to the great huckleberry harvest. These tiny berries, so sweet and full of flavor and seeds, were in past years a very important part of the economy.

My first trip to the harvest was when I was probably three years of age. I hiked through our farm to the woods behind and while my parents picked berries, I busied myself with eating berries and playing. As years passed, I also became involved with picking the berries for money. Originally, the berries were purchased for 1 to 1 1/2 cents a pound for stripped or clubbed berries and three cents a pound for hand picked ones. My mother always hand picked beautiful berries but my father and brother stripped and later clubbed as I did.

With clubbing, you took a large washtub (galvanized) and placed a strap from handle to handle that could fit over your shoulder so the tub would fit in front at a comfortable height so the picker could hold the branches over the tub and strike it two or three good whacks with a club made from part of a madrona limb or some sort of a paddle. Pickers using this method could harvest several hundred pounds a day compared to hand picking less than a hundred pounds.

One great hazard was usually within a few of the first hits you always managed to hit the hand that was holding the branch a good whack and

oh, did that hurt!

Burt Meisener was one of the early buyers at Longbranch. Mark Mercer, the Jones brothers, Howard Rodman and Elmer Olson bought up at Vaughn. I bought berries for several years at Home where the telephone sub-station now sits. I sold my berries to Mark Mercer or to a market in Puyallup.

The cleaners were quite unique. You would put the boxes of berries in a hopper at the back top of the machine, then, by a trap door, you would release them and they would ricochet down a screen. There was a fan blowing out the leaves, needles, etc., and much of the trash would either blow out or fall through the screen, leaving some nice berries to drop into the lugs at the end of their journey. There is an old hand-powered huckleberry cleaner at the Key Peninsula Historical Museum at the Civic Center. After this process, the berries were delivered to the processing plants in Tacoma, Seattle, or Olympia. Some were shipped to other states. Huckleberries are very sturdy and ship well.

When I purchased berries, I was blessed with some excellent pickers; Cecil and Bob Paul, Frank Roshi, Mr. Ader, the Floberg boys, Harry and Vetta Freisman and the list goes on. Huckleberry season was from September through November or until a very hard frost. It was a happy, warm time, since everyone that desired to

do so could make quite a bit of extra money to buy unexpected things, pay some overdue bills, or for many, it was their groceries for the winter. It was hard work, but very fulfilling because at the end of the day, you had some coins jingling in your pockets from you day's labor. Like so many things that we used to do, this too has gone by the wayside. The Olson descendants (Niemann) still purchase a few berries and will clean berries for you. The machine Elmer Olson invented is still in use.

There were many experiences while conducting this fun harvest. Here's a couple of them. One time I was feeling very confident running on a log to get to another prolific bush, when whoops! I slipped and fell between a couple of logs, my tub on top of me, the straps holding the tub still intact, my berries spilling all over. I had to really do some acrobatic moves to get untangled! No wonder I have back trouble!

Another time, my husband and I were picking with another couple in a great patch. We were very busy and somewhat noisy. The husband in the other couple went up behind his wife to tell her something. Just as he was about to say "Dear", she swung her arm back over her shoulder to get a good whack at her limb and smacked him right between the eyes! We all had to laugh as he walked around with a knot on his head. These really were the 'good old days!'

## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

If you can't afford to pay all of the taxes you owe, you have a better chance now than in past years to get the IRS to accept partial payment by making an offer in compromise. The IRS has become more receptive to compromise offers. In 1996 they accepted 27,673 more compromise offers than they did in 1991 when they accepted only 2,000. For information about offers in compromise, get a free copy of the IRS Publication No. 594, "Understanding the Collection Process", by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.

## Outreach, Admissions And Placement

The Tacoma Job Corps office has developed a new procedure for informing and signing up people for the Job Corps program. Our office now holds orientations twice a week. Anyone interested in filling out an application for Job Corps must first attend an orientation. The orientation allows individuals interested in attending Job Corps an opportunity to learn about the program. We will inform attendees about what Job Corps offers and what is expected out of Job Corps students. We will answer questions about Job Corps and have literature available to take home and pass on to others who might be interested in Job Corps. The orientation lasts about forty-five minutes to an hour. After participating in the orientation, a person interested in signing up for Job Corps need only to make an appointment with the Admissions Counselor to fill out an application.

If you are working with anyone who you feel might be interested in the Job Corps program, please encourage them to attend one of our Tacoma Job Corps Orientations to learn more about the program. Job Corps is a residential program offering both free education and free job training.

Orientations are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 PM. We ask people to be at the Tacoma office by 1:45 PM. Our office is located at: 917 Pacific Ave, Suite 200. Our office is in the Tacoma Security Building on the corner of Pacific and Tenth Street.

If you have any questions, please call us at (253) 572-7140 or 1-800-863-5627.

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dents or guidance counselors from our high schools call us, we'll already have some understanding and relationship with them."

Says counselor David Johnson, "Many students don't know about the process of preparing for college. If our presentations end up encouraging some students to apply to WSU rather than UW, that's just fine, as long as it's best for them. We're not trying to take students from other schools. We see what we're doing as a service to communities around the state."

One of the goals of this program is achieving greater diversity in the student body, diversity of all kinds—economic, ethnic and geographic. "As part of this initiative," Swiney says, "we will be searching out students from historically underrepresented groups, those with high test scores, and those with special talents or aptitudes that we feel are qualified and could benefit from a UW education. This will make for a stronger student body." Swiney adds that counselors will coordinate their efforts with the ongoing recruitment plans coming from the UW Office of Minority Affairs, which specifically targets stu-

dents from under-represented groups.

Current data show that just 12% of UW freshman who are Washington residents come from east of the Cascades. "That number is too small," Swiney says. "There are even some counties from which we have no students at all and no applications recently."

As part of this increased visibility and contact with students, the UW is now sending its own application and information to all students who want to apply. Formerly, the UW participated in a common application with other Washington public colleges. "The application was very generic," says assistant director Stephanie Preston. "It made us look cold and distant. The new application, we feel, is a big improvement and provides prospective students with a more accurate impression of the UW." The new application process was designed with the help of an advisory board of high school counselors from across the state. "It's a more holistic review, similar to what private universities do," she says.

Swiney says the current outreach plans are just a first step in develop-

ing more services and information for prospective students. "We haven't had a marketing plan. We don't know if we've been reaching our target audience. Eventually, we'd like to develop a more systematic way of identifying students who we should think should apply here, send them letters, and then follow that up with personal contact. Today's students expect that kind of attention, and we are now in a position to provide it."

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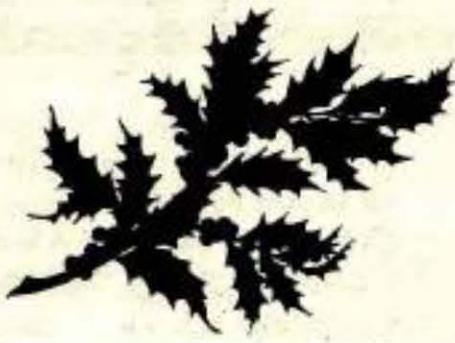
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	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Karate	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM T.O.P.S. 6:30 PM Dog Obed.	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM CHS Healthy Families 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Lions Club	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Seniors 3:30 PM Little Buddies 7:00 PM Karate	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Skate Night	<b>6</b> MUSEUM CLOSED UNTIL FEB.1998
	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM KP Baptist Church 3:30 PM Family Skate 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Karate	<b>9</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 Dog Obed.	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Seniors 3:30 PM Little Buddies 6:00 PM KPCCA Board & Potluck 7:00 PM Karate	<b>12</b> 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Home School Skate 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Skate Night
<b>14</b> 9:00 AM KP Baptist Church 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Karate Christmas Party	<b>16</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 CHS Family Fun Night 6:30 PM Dog Obed.	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM CHS Healthy Families 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Lions Club	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Indoor Park 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Seniors 3:30 PM Little Buddies 7:00 PM Karate	<b>19</b> NO SKATE	<b>20</b> MUSEUM CLOSED UNTIL FEB.1998
<b>21</b> 9:00 AM KP Baptist Church 3:30 PM Family Skate 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM VFW Christmas Party 7:00 PM Karate	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM T.O.P.S.	<b>24</b> NO AWANA NO BIBLE STUDY	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS! Salatino's Christmas Dinner (private)	<b>26</b> NO SKATE 	<b>27</b> MUSEUM CLOSED UNTIL FEB.1998
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM KP Baptist Church 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Karate 	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM T.O.P.S.	<b>31</b> NO AWANA NO BIBLE STUDY	