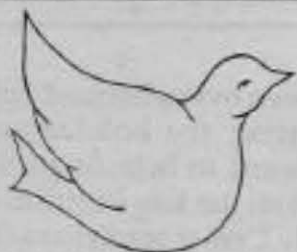


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### Happy New Year

Before the old year slips  
away, we'd like to say,  
"thanks for your support!"

From The Key Peninsula Civic  
Center Association



DeaBee, 3rd Grade - Danny Pascucci, 4th Grade - Marilyn Stowell, 5th Grade -  
Rebecca McClung, 6th Grade Melissa Lynn Boyer, 8th Grade Laura Malcom (Back  
Row) and Cy Young, Commander.

### Don't Let This Happen!

Help raise funds for the  
Skateboard Park at  
Volunteer Park!  
Dance to the music of  
Herb Garden & help the Park  
become a reality.

Dance 6 - 10 p.m.  
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at the KP Civic Center



### KPCCA Receives Grant From The Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation

The Key Peninsula Civic Center received a \$3000 grant from the Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation to repair and replace the windows in the Whitmore Room and the school building. This grant will allow us to replace weather damaged window sills at the front of the Whitmore room and replace the windows with environmentally acceptable glass to help stop heat loss. The frames of the windows will be vinyl for easy up-keep. In the school building, the same replacements will be made. So many of the small panes of glass in the school building are broken, cracked or missing all together that this up-grade is definitely needed. Thanks to the Norman Archibald Foundation for their help!

### Group sets Goal: " Let's Beautify Key Center"

A group calling itself Key Center Community Pride has been formed, and its first goal is to prepare an overall plan for the beautification of Key Center. Members of the group will soon seek support from local businesses, community organizations, and individuals who want to help improve the area. Suggestions for projects so far include planting shrubs and flowers along the highway, and installing signs in strategic locations to identify the town.

You are invited to attend the next planning meeting, which will be held Tues., Jan 21, 8AM at Oliver's Restaurant. Call Colleen Slater 884-5403 or Molly Holmes 884-9190 for further information.





# Under My Hat

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Manager

Happy New Year! Only three years til 2000! Amazing, isn't it? Here at the Civic Center we're grateful for your support in 1996 and are looking forward to working with you all in 1997.

The last week of December was a real toughy, wasn't it? What a storm! I spent four lovely days here at the Civic Center without heat, lights or water. Of course I had all the bathrooms in the Civic Center that I could use one time! Some of you are still without those comforts we hold so dear as I write this. Hang in there!

My next project will be to work toward making the Civic Center an emergency shelter for the community. Generators to run the heat, water and kitchen would be the main concerns, as we certainly have enough room to put up a bunch of people. Please give me your thoughts on this, as there are no shelters anywhere in the Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula area. I'll keep you posted on any progress in that direction.

In 1997 we will start those structural improvements made possible through the HUD grant we received. New bathrooms, (houray!), new storage area and a new ceiling and lighting in the gym. Some of these improvements may cause some inconvenience, but we'll help you work around it as much as possible.

We also received a grant from the Norman Archibald Chair at the

Foundation for \$3,000.00 towards a window upgrade on the Whitmore Room and the school building. Because of major weather damage after all these years and heat loss from single pane windows, this will help keep heating costs down.

We also received a substantial donation from George & Jane Russell, which will help move the project along.

Some of the other things we're working on are: building a baseball diamond with a backstop, building a permanent outside stage for summer time events and collecting funds to purchase a riding lawn mower with a trailer attachment.

We also applied for a grant to fix the gym floor, paint both buildings, new carpet and paint the inside of the buildings. Lots of things to work towards!

As usual, we will need the help of the community to accomplish these things.

Personally, I want to thank you for your support and friendship. I've met so many nice people here, and have had some great food! I think we have the best pot-luck cooks anywhere!

Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to serving you again this year. See you next month.



# The Family Room

The Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center has been overwhelmed with the generosity of this community during the holiday season. Families and businesses came forward to help us provide a happy holiday for over 160 children on the Key Peninsula. The exciting part of working in a Family Center is to share the joy of so many families when they understand that somebody cares. At this time we would like to extend a big THANK-YOU to our community and wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

We hope each and every one of you will find time to come and join us in our many activities during the coming year. If you need information, please call us at 884-5433 or at 884-2205.

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## KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Kezele. It was msc to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published. The treasurer's report was accepted. It was noted we have no big fundraisers until the beginning of March when we have our spring Reno Night. User fees for 1997 will be slightly higher. The fee schedule was reviewed and it was decided to include a fee to cover the entire facility (the gym, Whitmore room and kitchen). Contracts for our regular users will be mailed soon. It was msc to raise TOPS rental to \$5. per session.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** We have been awarded a grant for \$3,000.00 from the William Archibald Foundation to be used for new windows. We will receive the funds the end of January. It was msc for Irene to purchase 2 gallons of glue to put down the donated tile in the maintenance room.

**NEWSPAPER:** The paper had a profit of \$1,394 this month. Overdue accounts have been given notice to pay by the end of December, or they will be turned over to a collection agency. We have 80 paid subscriptions to the paper. A monthly calendar of events at the Center will be included in the paper again.

**VFW:** Commander Young reported we still need someone to handle the fireworks stand for the Center, as they will be handling their own. They offered to help all they can, but we need someone to chair this fundraiser. Loyd Miller volunteered to co-chair, but we still need someone to volunteer!

**CHS:** This organization will be helping approximately 60 needy families in our community this season. They are very happy to have the furnace repaired so they now have heat.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** This was a great success and the kitchen also made money this year.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** The museum is open by appointment only until March.

We will be applying for a new HUD grant which will include repair to the gym floor, scraping and painting of the buildings, windows and carpets. Our facility coordinator was given her new job description and contract for the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Bosch, secretary

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# KEY DATES

## BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Jan. 3 : 7:30 am	Home Port Rest.
	Jan. 17 : 12 pm	Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Jan. 28 : 7 pm	K.C. Fire Statio

## CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Cootiettes	Jan. 16 : 7:00 pm	KPCC/ Wm. Rm.
KPCCA Board	Jan. 9 : 7:00 pm	KPCC
KPCS Board	Jan 9 : 7:30 pm	Comm. House/Home
KPHC Board	Jan. 2 : 7:30 pm	Health Center
KP Lions	1st & 3rd /Wed.-7:00 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	Jan. 13 & 27 - 7:00 pm	KPCC/VFW Room

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes	Call for appt.	851-6552/ Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	Jan. 27 - 10:00 am	Brones/KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center	Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level. Call 884-5433
Food Bank	Tues-Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Comm. House/Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors	Wednesdays : NOON	Comm. House/ Home
FREE Brunch	Sundays 2-3 pm	Comm. House/Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors	Wednesdays : NOON	Comm. House/Home
Also food & clothing assistance: for more info. call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780		
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues.&Thurs. 8:30-9:30 am	Comm.House/Home
WIC (Womens, Infants & Children)	Tues. 8:15-4:15pm	KPCC/Wm.Rm.
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays for an appointment.	
Immunizations	Thurs. 9 am-2 pm	GH Chamber/Comm.
KP Baptist Church AWANA Club	Wed. 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm	KPCCA
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday at 7:30 pm	St. Nichols Church

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Jan. 8 : 7:30 pm	KC Fire Station
	Jan. 27 : 4:00 pm	KC Fire Station
KP Park & Rec.	Jan. 13 : 7:00 pm	Brones/KC library

## SELF-HELP GROUPS

AA - Mon. & Fri.: 8:00pm	Sat./Sun. 6:00 am	KP Comm. Services
Caregivers Support	Jan. 9 - 7:00 p.m.	Library/Brones Rm
Grandparent Group	Jan. 4 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Library/Brones Rm

Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information

TOPS - Tuesday Mornings-Weigh-in 9:00 am-Meeting 9:30am VFW Rm. at KPCC

TOPSD - Tuesday Noghts-Weigh-in 6:15-Meeting at 7:00 pm KP Civic Center

## SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	Jan. 17 - 12:00 Noon	Improvement Hall
K.P. Hist. Society	Jan. 14 - 7:00 pm call 884-4538 for info.	
Longbranch Imp. Club	Jan. 15 - 7:00 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors	Jan. 14 : 10:00 am	Improvement Hall
LB Fuchsia Society	Jan. 2 - 7:00 pm	Library/Brones Room
Ruth Circle Meet	Jan. 20 - 10:00 am Bible Study,	
Lunch and meeting, 12:00 Noon		Longbranch Church
Senior Society Lunch	Thurs. NOON	KPCC/ Wm.Rm

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO BE LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO:  
DATES- KP NEWS, P.O. BOX 3 VAUGHN, WA 98394

## TOPS News

This has been a wonderful year for TOPS #1019, Vaughn. The most exciting thing was having the State Queen from Vaughn. Laural Johnson lost over 107 lbs. to earn the honor. At our State Convention in Spokane, Laural was crowned Queen of Washington State. We had ten members attending.

She and Frankie Johnson went to Washington, D.C. as our state representatives. It was a trip of a lifetime. Laural was our leader for a while, but her personal life changed so she had to move to Oregon in August. This left us leaderless, so a special election was held and Arleen Lonning and Judy Newell became our new co-leaders. In spite of many changes, our chapter has continued to support our members and have good results with weight losses. Betty Ostoyich lost over 80 lbs., Louise Harrison has lost over 50 lbs., Jayne McCourt, Condy Middleton, Arleen Lonning, Kandy Van Laanen, Donalds Chidester, all have lost over 25 lbs. Julie Higgins, Kim Post, Lee Johnson, Carol Bishcholl, and Laura Carman are right up there too with high losses.

Rosalie Busz reached her goal weight and reached KOPS status. She will be our Chapter Queen as long as she maintains her leeway of 10 lbs. as 3 lbs. over goal or 7 lbs under goal. Rosalie is doing well and joins our KOPS of 10 year standing Bea Gomsrud and Vaughn's first queen, Mary Seidelman.

At our Fall Rally, we rated very high again with awards for weight loss, publicity, and short range summer weight loss contest. TOPS #1019 Vaughn, is the place to come for support in your personal weight loss program.

Recently, Laural was featured on a national T.V. show and had a complete makeover, as she gave credit to Tops.

In November, Susan Davidson was our best of the month. There was a tie for second place by Dolores Paul and Janet Schleif. Jayne and Kandy outdid themselves with really cute awards for our banners. You would be surprised how inspired you can get to watch your food intake and exercise output for a cute prize. We all wanted our spiders and turkeys!!!

Judy and Arleen are leading us into the New Year with lots of challenges. We will have a Forgiveness Night, January 7, 1997. You can come back without a penalty and no back dues assessed. Take advantage of this as we don't do this very often. All members will get the same benefit, all weights will be "Black".

You are invited to join TOPS anytime. It is \$20 for national membership, which includes a monthly magazine. The chapter dues are \$5 per month. There is no weigh in fee. TOPS is non-profit and still the best weight loss support group existing (your reporter is very prejudiced). For more information call 884-4102 or just show up on Tuesday night at the Civic Center VFW room at 6:00 p.m. C-U-SLIMMER



## Patrol To Help Stop Illegal Use Of Disabled Parking Spaces

State Senator Bob Oke, R-26th District, has drafted a bill to allow local law enforcement agencies to enlist and train volunteers to write tickets for illegal parking in spaces reserved for disabled persons.

Oke says he hopes Washington will follow Oregon's lead — the legislature there enacted such a law in 1991.

"Two years ago, we upped the fines from \$50 to \$175 for parking in a disabled space without a valid permit. At the time, we talked a lot about the problem and how better to en-

force the law. The idea of a volunteer citizen patrol was brought to my attention by a constituent who had heard about Oregon's program," Oke said.

Oke's bill is permissive, not mandatory. It authorizes local law enforcement agencies to start such a patrol.

"I appreciate the fear that volunteers may encounter a troublesome individual, but I think we will find the benefits far exceed the potential for problems. It's worth a try. The Oregon State Police Department is pleased with its program and we can use Oregon's operating procedures manual as a guide. Our law enforcement agencies just have to agree to do it and set the wheels in motion," Oke said.

## Gig Harbor Seniors Need Your Help

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers interested in working at the Gig Harbor Mealsite for Seniors. Hours needed are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Responsibilities would include: serving meals, taking registration, washing dishes, setting tables, etc. It is a wonderful way to give back to the community and meet new people in the process. For more information contact Beth Elliott at 572-4830.

## Boulos At Grace

Boulos Bichay, a Lebanese orphan, will speak at Grace Presbyterian Church on January 5, 1997 at the 8:30 a.m. service. His topic will be on how the joyous message of Christmas relates to Moslems. Boulos, a former Moslem, witnesses on college campuses in Seattle. His primary mission field is to foreign students.

## TOPS News Morning Group

The greatest gift you could give yourself in 1997 is a healthier body. Why not come and join us here at TOPS as we Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

The morning group meets at the Civic Center at 9AM each Tuesday. We are happy to announce Melina Norman as our Best Loser for November. She is an inspiration to all of us.

Aileen Froelich and Marj James made six-legged green Doodle Bugs to help us mark our December weight loss.

Our Nov. 19 Open House, postponed to Nov. 26 because of snow, was an occasion for sampling delicious low calorie foods, exchanging recipes and signing up new members.

We look forward to a successful year.

## LETTERS

### Letters to the Editor

On behalf of Key Peninsula Community Services, the local food bank and senior center serving the entire peninsula, please let me express our thanks for the generous response to our annual appeal. As stated in our letter to all our goal this year was two-fold: a turkey in each of our client's baskets, and much needed repairs to our leaky basement. We are approximately half-way to our goal. Our appeal was sent to all the residents and businesses on the Key Peninsula. We have received donations from over 150 people to date and have raised a little over \$5,000. We are hoping that as the holiday season draws to a close, our goal will be achieved.

Once again, thank you so much to all those who care.

Sincerely for the Board of Directors,  
John Van de Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Editor's Note:** It's not too late to send in your dimes and dollars to: K.P.C.S., P.O. Box 392, Lakebay, WA 98349.

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## Small Business Assistance Center (SBAC) Upcoming Seminars



### In The Library

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## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Kelzur CFP

Call the SBAC to pre-register for either of the following seminars and workshops at 851-4633. All seminars and workshops are conducted at the Gig Harbor Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce, 3125 Judson Street, Gig Harbor.

**"Recruiting and Managing Volunteers":** By Staff, Thurs, Jan. 16, 7-9pm. Cost: \$20

A continuing workshop studying sharing community resources, and enhancing the efforts of all non-profit organizations in the community. The special focus for this session is on recruiting volunteers, managing their efforts, and getting the most for the organization and the volunteer.

**"Small Business Workshop":**

By Staff, Thurs, Feb 13, 7-9pm. Cost: \$20

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If You Wish To Contact Someone During Skate Night Call **884-9024**.

Thanks To Purdy Pictures For Donating Movies!!! They Are Great!!

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# Cougar Corner

by Margo Macdonald

Welcome to 1997! At the middle school, we are beginning this new year with an administrative change. Steve Aspden, who has been our intrepid leader, has been reassigned to Peninsula High School as the new assistant principal, replacing Gail Barnum. Jim Adams will move from his current position as vice principal of KPMS to Steve's old position as principal. Jodi Kimizuka will replace Jim as vice principal. While the names and faces may change, we are in capable hands and hope this shuffle does not cause you any inconvenience.

Our January calendar notes that Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer start this month. The school office will be happy to give you game schedules. Our January Student of the Month will be presented on Thursday, January 23 at 8:30 p.m. Congratulations go out to Anthony Bari for his award as Student of the Month for December for academic achievement. The KPVPQ will be having its meeting January 23 at 2:45 p.m. Martin Luther King Day falls on Monday, January 27.

The Peninsula School District Forum on Educational Reform took place at the Civic Center last month. Led by Willard Daggett from the International Center for Leadership in Education, Inc., the forum participants reflected on the failings of our

current systems and goals for education in the future. What made this a particularly relevant experience was the large number of community and business people who took part. This event was seen as a stepping stone in the reform process and input from all parts of our community will help shape curriculum for future graduates.

## John Jacobs To Lead Land Trust In 1997

The Peninsula Heritage Land Trust recently elected directors and officers for 1997. John Jacobs was elected to lead the local conservation organization as president next year. Kathy Medved will be the new vice president. Eric Lindgren and Bruce Macdonald were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

John Jacobs was elected and Nan Feagin re-elected to three year terms on the board of directors.

The Peninsula Heritage Land Trust is a community-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to saving land and natural resources on the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas through cooperative efforts with willing landowners. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the trust is actively seeking new members and volunteers. For information, call 851-3136 or 851-3037.



## FIV Virus

by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

FIV is an acronym for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. It is classified as a retrovirus, and as such, is very similar to the Feline Leukemia virus and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in people. Fortunately, FIV is not transmitted to humans or our canine companions.

FIV is transmitted to cats usually by direct blood contact as occurs when an infected cat bites another cat. There is some research that has shown that the virus may also be transmitted to the fetuses of an infected queen but this appears to be an extremely rare event.

FIV infection manifests itself in 3 stages. The first stage can occur just weeks after exposure. It is characterized by fever, listlessness and swollen lymph nodes. These symptoms can be missed by some cat owners due to the reclusive nature of some cats. The second stage is termed the latent phase. During this stage, the virus incorporates itself in the infected cat's blood cells where it "hides" without causing any symptoms. This stage can last for years. In the third stage, cats manifest diseases that occur because the virus ravishes the cat's immune system. This makes the cat more susceptible to diseases such as stomatitis (infection of the mouth), cystitis (bladder infection), upper respiratory infections, and anemias. In time, these cats lose a lot of weight and eventually die from pneumonia, septicemia (blood infection), starvation, or organ system failure.

As with HIV in people, cats with FIV cannot be cured, as there is no specific treatment or medicine that can completely eradicate the virus from the cat's body. Rather, treatment is aimed at alleviating the presenting symptoms or eliminating secondary bacterial infections. These treatments are usually only successful for a short period of time and unfortunately, eventually do not help at all. To make matters worse,

there are, as of this writing, no vaccines available to protect a cat from FIV.

FIV can be diagnosed by taking a blood sample from the patient and checking for antibodies against this virus in the cat's blood system. Many veterinary hospitals have in house test kits that can render a result in 10 minutes or less. If kittens less than 6 months of age are tested, they should be retested after 6 months, as recent research has shown that some kittens test positive only because they have received maternal antibodies from their mother rather than actually having the disease.

The best way to prevent your cat from contacting FIV is to keep it from interacting with infected cats. Restricting your cat to the house is probably the best way. If this is not possible, having your cats spayed or neutered may keep him or her closer to home which could lessen the chance of contact with roaming infected cats. If you already have a cat with FIV, please keep him indoors to prevent the spread of this disease to other cats.

Remember, our pets rely on us for protection. A healthy cat, free from serious diseases like FIV, can provide your family with a lot of love for up to 20 years!

## Bryant Honored At Bowdoin College

Sara L. Bryant, of Lakebay, is among twelve students from Washington state who have been designated James Bowdoin Scholars at Bowdoin College.

They were among 343 undergraduates accorded recognition for distinguishing themselves in scholarship by the College. The designation as James Bowdoin Scholar honors James Bowdoin III, who was the earliest patron of the college and who was instrumental in its founding in 1794.

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## The Best Christmas Ever

I was a young man then, searching for adventure and thirsting for knowledge. I had spend the year in the high mountains as a logger. An early snow had forced us out of "The Big Woods", and like a lost goose I migrated to the big city to find work. But the big city had a cold of it's own. People were afraid of each other. The smell of exhaust fumes was not as sweet as pine. The noisy traffic jams were no substitute for quiet valleys and babbling brooks. I longed to return to big timber country.

It was late December when my girlfriend and I broke up. I wanted only to be alone so I headed for the high country. My mother had invited me home for Christmas, saying that my sisters and their families would be there. But I had enough of that for a lifetime. After two hours of driving, I stopped at a tiny town with only a logging mill and a general store. In the store I got some good food. I remembered when I was a kid, we were always poor and seldom got more than an apple or an orange in our sock at Christmas. So I put in a couple of each. Back on the road, it had started snowing but the road was level and I didn't have far to go. I was headed for an old cabin, old-time loggers had directed me to.

It had stopped snowing by the time

I got there. I got out and took a bag of groceries in each arm and my sleeping bag over my shoulder. The moon was peeking through the clouds as I started up the trail; but it got dark inside the trees.

Suddenly, there was a loud noise in the brush that kept moving around and around. I placed my stuff on the ground and prepared to run. And I did run as the noise came directly towards me, breaking branches noisily. I did not stop running until I got back to the truck. With one foot inside the truck and the other on the ground, I pondered the situation. Should I leave and forget the food I just bought or should I go back and confront whatever was in the brush? Fear and anger mixed together made my decision. I grabbed my Winchester 30-30 rifle from the truck and shoved in six soft-nose bullets, then levered one into the chamber. "I'm going back to get my stuff", I whispered to myself. Half way up, I veered off the trail and up the hill to a cliff that overlooked the area below. I lay on my belly on the snow and peered over the cliff. Below, I could hear the loud rustling in the brush and trees. It puzzled me. Had it been near the city, it could have been a crazy person going in circles, but here in the mountains I had never heard of any animal acting

in such a way.

Then they appeared in the moonlit clearing directly below me. Two yearling black bears, not babies, nor fully grown. Acting like two hyper-active youngsters going round and round in circles with their noses to the ground.

Although I felt safe up above them, there was the danger that their mamma bear could still be running with them, and if either one whimpered just a little, she would come running from the trees and attack me.

As my eyes focused on one bear, the other disappeared. Moments later, the hair on the back of my neck began to tingle. I knew something was directly behind me, looking at me. Very slowly, I turned my head and there it was, just a few feet behind me.

It was the other yearling cub with eyes searching me and nose twitching. My mouth started moving, but no words were coming out. By the time I was able to yell, the "fur ball" had started running down the cliff on a trail that I didn't even know was there. "Get out of here. Get out of here", I kept yelling, as they almost collided with each other at the base of the cliff. They didn't look back as they plunged into the brush, making their own trail like two bulldozers, breaking brush and limbs. Had they, they would have seen a crazy person, jumping, waving my gun over my head and yelling "Get out of here!" It was a few minutes before I realized that my echo was coming back to me and I was once again alone.

I began to calm down and look at the beautiful snow covered valley all around me. I worked my way down and got my provisions and made my way to the cabin. I quickly dragged some dead limbs to the cabin and got a fire started in the old wood stove. It was soon warm.

That night I ventured outside, but stayed close to the cabin door. The moonlight on the snow silhouetted the trees creating a Christmas card. The night was silent, except for a coyote far, far, away, welcoming me back. Back inside the cabin, I barred the door and stirred the fire. Laying there in my bed, I stared into the

flickering fire looking for the future, but saw nothing. In the still quiet I fell asleep, but before I did, I swore I would return some day. But, I never did. Life grabbed me and never let go. Forty years have gone by so quickly since.

No angel appeared to me that night, nor did I find a pot of gold. Yet, I found something that Christmas eve that has remained with me throughout my life. I wonder if it is still there? When things get to be more than I can take, I hear that echo coming back to me, "Get out of here".

Sagebrush Sam,  
Mountain Man, Storyteller



### Haloos To Angel Guild Volunteers

It takes a heap of volunteers to make a thrift store run. And this month the Angel Guild Thrift Store is grateful to many persons behind the scenes without whose help we would be nowhere.

So we want to hand our haloos to Rich Hanna, Gerald Seick, and Paul Holmes all of whom helped materially in installing the new rug in the sorting room.

Working behind the scenes on Mondays one almost always finds Jackie Jopp looking after the domestics, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, etc., pricing things and straightening and cleaning. Vi Visell is also a Monday worker - she spends several hours pricing and cleaning.

We are also grateful to Jeff Stinson for taking care of some really objectionable garbage - he spent two weekend days getting rid of a lot of unwanted junk.

If you are interested in volunteering at the store, call Judy McDonald, president, at 884-3443. It is easy to become a member, and believe me, your help will be greatly valued.

All profits from the Angel Guild Thrift Store are used to enhance the local community. In recent meetings, the Guild has voted to donate \$3,000 to Camp Easter Seal West to assist seniors and others with the user fee; \$2,000 to Community House for holiday food baskets; \$1,000 for the development of a skateboard park; \$5,000 for scholarships, and \$250 monthly to the Civic Center general fund.

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**TO  
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by William F. Roes, MD

The new year is the time many people come up with resolutions to improve their lives. If you haven't made one, I suggest you make a resolution to try to avoid unnecessary chemicals in 1997 in your foods, medications, and especially in cigarettes. In a society concerned about pollution and contaminants on a personal level, there is no greater source of dangerous and foreign chemicals for smokers than the cigarettes they are addicted to. Recent studies show over 4,000 toxins have been isolated in cigarette smoke including arsenic, cadmium, formaldehyde, ammonia, and a host of known carcinogens. Substances that would put a food manufacturer out of business are found in significant levels in cigarettes, which are not regulated to the same standards as food or drugs by our government.

I'm sure most adults know of the link between smoking and cancer, heart disease, and stroke, but there are numerous other health risks not so well publicized. For example, low back problems directly correlate to smoking. Herniation of lumbar discs in the low back are three times more common in smokers, who have a much higher rate of failure of spinal surgery. Bone fractures take more than twice as long to heal in smokers, and not only do women smokers enter menopause two years earlier than non-smokers, but their risk of osteoporosis is higher in later years. Children of smoking parents are much more likely to have childhood asthma and ultimately become smokers themselves.

Recent studies suggest exposure to second hand smoke is one of the significant contributing factors to sudden infant death syndrome.

All smokers will stop smoking at some time in their life, and I'm recommending you give it a try this year. The nicotine patches and gum can be helpful to those committed to stopping. If you have the desire but need some encouragement, or have questions about the nicotine replacement systems, give me a call at 884-9221. My goal is to see all smokers complete the year with a few less extraneous chemicals in their system.

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**A View from  
Home**

By Marty Marcus

Whenever I look out the window toward Carr Inlet and see a bald eagle fishing (or maybe "gulling" or "ducking", if there are such words to describe what a bald eagle sometimes does to gulls or ducks), I'm reminded that if an enlightened Congress twenty-some years ago hadn't passed the Endangered Species Act, there might not be any live specimens of our national symbol to look at today.

I'm well aware that in various regions of our country there are numbers of people who are unhappy with some of the results (or supposed results) of this law. And there are members of the current Congress, including one of our own senators, who can hardly wait to either repeal the Act totally or at least modify it to the point where it no longer serves any useful purpose.

Here in the Northwest, I suppose one of the major bones of contention revolves around the spotted owl and the loss of jobs in the lumber industry. In considering this topic, one should try to look at as much data as possible, even if some of that data doesn't support some of our own

feelings or experience. There is at least one bit of information that doesn't seem to have been widely disseminated. As a matter of fact, the only place I ever saw it in print was in a San Francisco newspaper a number of years ago.

If we look at the five-year period just before anyone ever used the words "spotted owl", we see that for each year in that five-year period there was an increase in the number of logs cut and a decrease in the number of people employed in the industry. So what could have caused this situation, since spotted owls were not yet a factor?

One factor is the use of more automated equipment in the mills. Another is the export of raw logs. Both of these factors are still in operation today. Almost any day that you look at the "Ships in Port" section of any of the major newspapers, you'll see at least one ship listed as "loading logs". It does provide some jobs for long-shoremen, but not as many jobs as if the logs were being processed in local mills.

I've used up the number of words I'm allotted by the editor, so let's look at some other aspects of the ESA next month.

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# What Makes America Great Essay Contest

These are the award winning essays, a contest held by the VFW

## Grand Prize Winner By Tammy Tillinghast

Peter wandered the maze of booths at the County Fair, keeping his eyes peeled for the large, spidery contraption known as the Tongue Twister. His eyes caught sight of something, making him draw in a sharp breath of awe, but it wasn't the Tongue Twister or any other ride. There, just beyond the ferris wheel, spread out majestically like a queen's royal robe, was a quilt: a rich, colorful, spectacular mosaic of patches, each depicting a different scene. Peter knew immediately that this work of art had been crafted by Mrs. Williams, whose work had merited plenty of blue ribbons at past fairs. Something about this particular quilt, however, made Peter want to keep staring at it. It was so unique. No two patches even seemed to match one another, yet they all blended together perfectly. He studied the quilt for a moment, trying to read its story, when a voice by his side startled him.

"Do you like it?"

Peter turned. Mrs. Williams stood next to him, a pleasant smile on her lips, waiting for a response. He nodded, "It's beautiful."

"What do you think it means?" she asked curiously.

Peter searched his mind frantically for an answer, wanting to say the right thing, but the truth was: he had no ideas what her quilt meant. Mrs. Williams placed a gentle hand on his shoulder and laughed merrily.

"Peter, how can you truly appreciate a piece of art if you don't even know what it means?"

Peter narrowed his eyes at the center patch. Brilliant red, white and blue lines and blazing stars made up the background, and in the center, a silhouette of the Statue of Liberty stood proudly, her arm raised high.

"It's very...patriotic," Peter said hesitantly.

"Yes, that patch is," Mrs. Williams agreed. "And I made this quilt with

the intention of showing how other nations run their country in comparison to our own way of running America. Look at the other patches, Peter. What do those squares remind you of?"

Peter studied the quilt again and noticed it consisted of exactly five square patches. In the upper left patch, a rich purple framed a golden crown. Underneath, red and orange flames burned ferociously, and the powerful silhouette of a man's body stood menacingly amongst them. To the right, Mrs. Williams had created a dull brown patch, its center piece a figure in a full robe. And the upper right square consisted of a mighty yellow moon, with yet another figure kneeling in front of it.

"Well," Peter said thoughtfully. "The one with the crown reminds me of a king or queen. That one below it, with the fire, that makes me think of Hitler, or someone."

"You keep saying that the people have so much power," he told her, "And I guess there are a lot of people in charge. But what do the rest of us do? I mean, besides listen to them?"

Mrs. Williams smiled. "More than you could ever imagine. Remember, we select those who are in authority. It is entirely up to us. And most people can even run for some type of office if they choose to. We can support our politicians, write them letters if we want to see something changed. The people aren't all we vote for either, Peter. Anytime an issue comes up, we can vote on that, too."

"I understand," Peter said slowly. "We're kind of like an army, and the people in charge are the captains."

"That's correct," Mrs. Williams replied. "Everyone in America is united. We all work together, and the mayors and governors and presidents—they lead us. Without leadership, no government would be able to work."

Peter nodded. "I like your quilt, Mrs. Williams. And I feel lucky to

live here instead of somewhere with a queen or dictator. Maybe someday I'll run for governor."

"You'd make a good one," Mrs. Williams said. "Now run along."

Peter waved goodbye as he ran in the direction of the Tongue Twister. Mrs. Williams smiled as she watched his young body disappear. She hoped she had conveyed just how much of a blessing American Citizenship is. Her explanation of democracy had been simple, but Mrs. Williams thought that Peter understood. And, really, democracy itself is a simple, orderly process. Like she had told Peter—it rests in the people. America is all about change, and the citizens carry out the changes. The elderly work with the youth each day, and vice versa, to create a brighter future. Maybe someday Peter would be Governor. Maybe even President.

Mrs. Williams caught another pair of admiring eyes resting on her quilt and turned to the teenager.

"Excuse me. Do you like my quilt?" The one with the guy in the robe reminds me of the Middle East where they dress like that. And that patch with the moon — the guy almost looks like he's *worshiping* it."

Mrs. Williams nodded emphatically. "Good, Peter! You're right on target!" Peter listened carefully as the older woman launched into a deeper description of her art.

"This crown does stand for royalty. And, as you know, several countries in Europe are under the authority of a royal figure. These kings and queens aren't chosen, Peter. They're born into their roles. You said that this patch reminded you of Hitler. Well, there may not be anyone as drastic as Hitler these days, but believe it or not, several nations are still under the reign of tyrannical dictators who have complete control over the people. As for the robed figure, you hit the nail with hammer when you mentioned the Middle East. Women have virtually no freedom in

those countries. And, finally, yes, in a lot of places people still worship the moon and the stars — they have very strict ways of living that go along with these practices as well."

"So all of these patches represent countries that are controlled by one certain person, or one group of people," Peter noted. He watched Mrs. Williams nod approvingly.

"Exactly. And in most places of the world, this is still the case. Now what does that middle patch make you think of, besides patriotism?"

Peter gazed once again at the statue's raised arm. The torch enclosed in her hand stood for liberty, he knew, and another word for liberty was, "Freedom," he said softly.

"Right, Peter. Do you know the way America is run?"

Peter nodded. "We have a president, a vice-president, a congress, and..." he faltered. "Each state has a governor, each city a mayor, and the people are elected! Everybody who is eighteen or older can vote for a candidate, and the one with the majority of the votes wins."

"You're exactly right, Peter," Mrs. Williams said. "We choose our leaders through free elections, and the winner is selected by the rule of the majority. This is what is known as a democracy."

"Democracy." Peter let the word roll around on his tongue.

"When God created the world, Peter, He gave us the most glorious gift He has ever given," Mrs. Williams continued. "But He decided to let us build each country. And throughout hundreds of years, each nation decided to build some kind of government for itself. None of them are as free as America, though, and none puts so much power into the people. I think being a citizen of this country is, after life, the second most wonderful gift I have ever been given."

Peter stood, his thoughts spinning wildly. Most of what Mrs. Williams said made sense, yet he still felt confused.

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## Danny Pascucci, Grade 3

What makes America great is that we come from different places. We might come from Mexico or Germany, it does not matter. All that matters is that we are one and that we are all free and we should be happy about that. Did you know that everyone's goal is to come to America to have a better future than they had before, and better education for children? We are free to pick our own jobs.

Being free does not mean you can rob people because that is not what makes America great, is it? Did you know that over 2,000 people are getting hurt because some people don't know what free is?

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**Marilyn Stowell, Grade 4**

A little girl sat down and wondered, "Why is there freedom?"

An old man walked by and heard the child's question and said, "Freedom is what makes America great. If there was not freedom then nobody would be free to have their own religion. They would be thrown in jail for believing in God or idols, and because of freedom we can stand up to the government and say what we want. Listen, America is truly great!"

A little boy sat down and wondered, "Why is there democracy?"

An old woman walked by and heard the child's question and said, "Democracy is what makes America great. If there was not democracy then nobody could have a part in making laws. You see, a long time ago the thirteen colonies were ruled by Great Britain, but our brave heroes fought for our independence and won our rights for a democratic country! Democracy truly makes America great!"

Some little children went to school and thought about their neat teacher who made learning fun and easy. Then, they exclaimed, as they got in the building, "Our good education, our democracy, and our freedom makes America truly great!"

**Rebecca McClung, Grade 5**

What makes America great is that we have more opportunities and more freedom than many countries. In America we have democracy that allows us to choose our president, and all the people who run for our government offices.

In America we have freedom of speech. We can speak where we want, and say what we want about our government without getting in trouble.

We have freedom of religion. We are able to choose our religion and worship where and when we want to.

As Americans we have the right to own guns, and keep them in our homes. We can use them to protect ourselves or use them to hunt.

We have the freedom of the press. We are allowed to write any kind of book we want. We can make movies about anything. We can report on anything in the newspaper or on television. We can read any kind of book we want to.

In America everyone can go to school no matter how poor they are. Everyone can get a good education.

What makes America so great is that we all have the freedom to become what we want to be no matter how much money we have, the color of our skin, or the choice of our religion.

**Melissa Lynn Boyer, Grade 6**

America is great because we have freedom and variety. Freedom gives Americans choices in their lives. Variety makes America unique and special.

Variety is important to a great country. America has lots of variety. All the people in the USA are different. They have different talents and looks. Each person has his or her own special talents that make them special. Some people are good gardeners and others are excellent painters. Also people look entirely different in America. If we were all laid down side by side we would look like a humongous, colorful quilt. We all look different, special and unique.

Also there are a large variety of wonders in the USA. Yellowstone, the Tetons and Saguaro National Parks with their forests, waters, mountains, wildlife, and deserts, as well as many other things in America make it wonderful. There are many different places in America, which are each special and beautiful. America is great because of its variety.

Freedom is important to a great country. America has freedom with democracy. We run our government. We have the right to vote. We can choose the ways of our country by the say of the majority of the votes. Also we have freedom of religion. Each person has a choice of who they believe in, what Bible they have (if any) and who their God or leader is. We have the freedom of speech and press. As said in the Bill of Rights, we have the "Freedom of religion, speech, press and petition." We can make mean jokes about the government and complain in the paper without any risk of punishment. We have the right to choose where we live. You can live in Alaska, Florida or anywhere else you want to live. Equality and no segregation gives people freedom. Those rights give people the freedom needed in a great country. Freedom makes America great.

The variety and freedom in America makes it a wonderful place to be. Each person has his or her rights and differences and when all the people are put together they make our wonderful, beautiful country.

**Laura Malcolm, Grade 8**

I think what makes the United States of America great is our history. It amazes me how our country has gone from an uninhabited, unexplored continent settled between two oceans to the busy country we live in now. From the first discoveries by the Asians over the great land bridge to the founding of the first English settlement in Jamestown, Virginia, our country has overcome many great obstacles and become, in my opinion, one of the greatest countries in the world.

When the explorers from Asia came into our country, they did not know what was ahead of them, but they braved their fears and traveled across the land bridge. After them came the vikings from Norway. The third discovery of America was the most famous in 1492 by Columbus.

The colonies were later formed on the east coast. And the reason for the Europeans forming the colonies here in America? Religious freedom. They knew that if they left their home in Europe, and sailed to America, they would be freed from the religious persecution and discrimination they were unfairly receiving in Europe.

That is what our country is all about. Freedom. And our freedom of religion to freedom of speech and the right to vote and many other wonderful rights.

Back in the days of slavery in the South, African-Americans didn't have much freedom. But this country has changed. I think that we have learned many lessons from our ancestors, and that history has changed our country into what it is today. If I had not learned what I have today, I would not be as grateful as I am for what America is that other countries are not. So, as I said, I think it is the fascinating history of these United States of America that makes it great.

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**1. Know what to expect - listen for information.** Know your area's flood risk. In case of heavy or persistent rains, be alert to the possibility of flooding.

Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated flood information. Know what a flood or flash flood "Watch" and "Warning" means.

• A flood or flash flood "WATCH" means a flood or flash flood is possible in your area.

• A flood or flash flood "WARNING" means flooding is already occurring or will be very soon in your

area. Flash floods can take only minutes to develop. Go to safety immediately.

**2. Prepare a family disaster plan and get ready.** Identify several places your family can go if told to evacuate, a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter. Get a map and plan alternate routes.

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit containing: first aid kit and essential medications; battery powered radio and flashlight; extra batteries; canned food and can opener, bottled water; rubber boots and rubber gloves.

Write instructions for your family on how to turn off utilities in your home.

Check to see if your insurance covers flooding. If not, find out how to get flood insurance. Keep insurance policies and other valuables in a safe-deposit box.

**3. When a flood "WATCH" is is-**

sued....

Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home. Fill your car's tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

**4. When a flood "WARNING" is issued....**

Listen to local radio and TV stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.

**5. When a flash flood "WATCH" is issued....**

Be alert to signs of flash flooding. Be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

**6. When a flash flood "WARNING" is issued....**

If you think flooding has already started, evacuate immediately. You may have only seconds to escape. Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks, and storm drains.

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## Performance Circle Announces Auditions

The Performance Circle theater will audition for "Woman in Black", a ghost story to be produced in February.

Auditions will be held at 7 PM on Mon., Jan. 6 and Tues., Jan. 7 at the indoor theater located at 6615 38th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor. Contact Kristi Adolphson or Roberta Pollock at 206/851-PLAY (7529).

Cast consists of one female and two males, age late 20's or older. Prepared monologue for men only.

The play is an adaptation by Stephen Mallarott from a novel by Susan Hill. It will be directed by David Domkoski.

## Thank You!

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• **Watch your wood stoves** - Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the same safety rules for wood stoves as you would for space heaters. Burn only wood, and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

• **Be cautious with portable and space heaters** - Place space heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire danger.

• **Cook with care** - When cooking, do not wear loose fitting clothing. It can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in. Don't store items on the stove top; they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

• **Designate a driver** - When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

• **Buckle up** - During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that

all passengers are also wearing safety belts.

• **Prepare a winter storm plan** - Have extra blankets on hand and ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and water-resistant boots. Stay tuned for storm warnings by listening to NOAA Weather Radio and your local radio and television stations for updated storm information. It's also important to have your car winterized before winter storm season.

• **Enroll in a first aid & CPR course** - Although these tips can help prevent an emergency, it is also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise. To enroll in a first aid or CPR course, contact your local Red Cross.

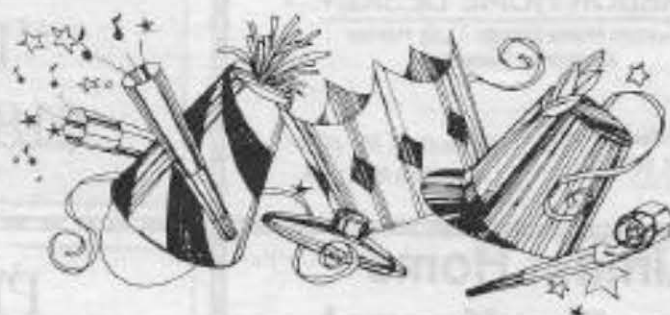
## Schoentag Enlists In Army

David A. Schoentag has enlisted in the United States Army.

Sergeant Craig A. Gordon, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Port Orchard, Washington, says that Schoentag has enlisted as a Topographic Surveyor and recently left for basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

He is a 1994 graduate of Gig Harbor High School in Gig Harbor, Washington and is the son of Kathy A. Schoentag of Gig Harbor and Ken Schoentag of Denver, Colorado.

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# KPCCA EVENT CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1997

Scheduled events subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 T.O.P.S. 9 - 11 am Indoor Park 9:30 - 11 am Basketball Noon - 2 pm & 3 - 5 pm T.O.P.S. 6 - 8 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm	3 Aerobics 10 - 11 am No Skate Night!	4 Basketball 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
5 KP Baptist Church 9am - 1:00pm Friendship Dinner 5pm	6 Aerobics 10 - 11 am Karate 6 - 9 pm	7 WIC 8 a.m. - 4 pm T.O.P.S. 9 - 11 am Indoor Park 9:30-11am T.O.P.S. 6 - 8 pm	8 aerobics 10-11 am CHS Buddies 2:30-4pm KP Baptist Awanas 6:30 - 8 pm	9 Indoor Park 9:30-11am Senior Society 11:30am-4 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm KPCCA Board Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Aerobics 10 - 11 am Skate Night 6:30-9 pm	11 Private Skate 2-4 pm Fund-raiser Dance for Skateboard Park 6 - 10 pm
12 KP Baptist Church 9a.m. - 1 pm Friendship Dinner 5 pm	13 Aerobics 10-11am ECAP Skate 4-6pm Karate 6-9pm VFW 7pm	14 WIC 8am-4pm T.O.P.S. 9-11am Indoor Park 9:30-11am T.O.P.S. 6-8pm	15 Aerobics 10-11am CHS Buddies 2:30-4pm Lions Club 7pm KP Baptist Awanas 6:30-8pm	16 Indoor Park 9:30-11am Senior Society 11:30am-4pm CooEttles 7pm Karate 7-9pm	17 Aerobics 10-11am Skate Night 6:30-9pm	18 Private Skate 6-8pm
19 KP Baptist Church 9am-1pm Friendship Dinner 5pm	20 CHS 9:30-NOON Aerobics 10-11am Karate 6-9pm	21 WIC 8am - 4pm T.O.P.S. 9-11am Indoor Park 9:30-11am T.O.P.S. 6-8pm	22 Aerobics 10-11am CHS Buddies 2:30-4pm KP Baptist Awanas 6:30-8pm	23 Indoor Park 9:30-11am Senior Society 11:30-4pm Karate 7-9pm	24 Aerobics 10-11am Skate Night 6:30-9pm	25
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