

## The Prez Sez...



Some of the mess by the Lions Club recycling bins is cleaned up by (L. to R) Gene Armstrong, Myrtle Cragun and Rhys Wood.  
Photo by Irene Zimmer

By Marty Marcus

One of the nice things about being involved with the K P Civic Center is the opportunity to see first-hand some of the "good deeds" being performed by the various groups that use this facility on a regular basis. As a person with a long history of recycling, I'm really impressed with the tremendous amount of cardboard and newspaper not ending up in a landfill because of the recycling bins at the edge of our

parking area, placed there by the K P Lions.

Unfortunately, some individuals in our community hold the mistaken idea that our Civic Center is a part of the solid waste station and recycling center located near Volunteer Park. As a consequence, we are faced with disposing of bags of cans, bottles and plastic containers, and, what's even worse, containers of just plain garbage which then get ripped apart

by wandering dogs and other animals. The accompanying photos, taken recently by Irene Zimmer, are typical of what our facility can look like as a result.

I wouldn't consider for an instant that we ask the Lions to remove their newspaper and cardboard recycling bins, but we do need to find a way to prevent this misuse of our facility. If you have any suggestions for dealing

with this problem, please call Board Vice-President Vicky McClung at 884-1940. She's the head of our Building and Grounds Committee, and they have a lot of important things to do just to keep the Civic Center in an operational mode. Cleaning up other people's garbage shouldn't have to be part of the tasks of that committee or of any of our Civic Center personnel.

### Congratulations!

Lulu Smith joins the growing list of those community volunteers who give willingly of their time to help make our community a better place to live. On March 13th, Lulu became the 1998 "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Lions Club awards dinner. Good job, Lulu!



Lulu Smith

## It's Time For Easter

Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup> this year, and as always the hunt will begin at 1:00 PM. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance, so bring those cameras with you and take a picture with the Bunny.

Family skate will begin immediately after the hunt and clean up is done, which will be at 2:30 PM. If you have any questions about the skating or Easter egg hunt, please contact the Center at 884-3456.

Coming To The Key Peninsula Civic Center  
Saturday Night, June 12th!

\*\*\*The Prohibition Jazz Band\*\*\*



Watch for details in next month's  
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### ANNUAL

## EASTER EGG HUNT

### April 4th 1:00 PM

Ages 0-12 years welcome!

Prizes, Excitement and FUN!





## UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Coordinator

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Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the volunteers iz? We still need volunteers to run the kitchen for the T.O.P.S. Rummage Sale on April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Spring Festival on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Where oh where are you? Flipping burgers and fixing hotdogs – not too hard! Please contact me at 884-3456 if you can help out. We need six people for each kitchen time and someone to be in charge. You'll have a good time!

Lots of pretty flowers popping up all over and we've already had to mow the lawns! Spring must really be here! Don't forget the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun for the whole family! The big event starts at 1:00 PM. Family Skate will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM the same day, so you can find eggs and then go roller-skating! What a great idea! Come join in the fun.

Get your applications in for the Spring Bazaar if you want to be a

vendor. Call Krays Wylie at 884-4370 for more information.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Garage Sale is on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to ? Call Krays Wylie to sign up for this as well. Both applications are in this issue of the *Key Peninsula News*.

Be sure to check the calendar for other special events.

The Firefighter's Ball was a smashing success! Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to all the folks who worked so long and hard to put on a great event! Thanks, too, for putting everything away so neatly and doing a great job of cleaning up!

The Lions Club "Citizens of the Year" banquet was a wonderful evening's entertainment!

Congratulations to Lulu Smith for becoming the 1998 Citizen of the Year! Thanks to Rhys Wood and his wonderful kitchen crew for the great dinner. The Lions Club again did a great job of putting everything back in good order. Thanks everyone!

See you next month!



## A View From Home

By Marty Marcus

I don't know about you, but I'm really getting tired of hearing from various politicians, CEO's of big corporations and various magazine and newspaper columnists that the alleged poor performance of our country's students will result in an economic disaster for our nation. If this were true, how come our economy is booming while those nations whose educational systems are supposedly so much better than ours and therefore produce such high test scores are wallowing in the economic doldrums?

Actually, The World Economic Forum in Switzerland discovered that the competitiveness ranking of countries and their rankings on the Third International Math and Science Study (TIMSS) had a correlation coefficient of nearly zero. In other words, there's no connection between economic ups and downs and the ranking on the TIMSS.

I find it sad that government officials, leaders of industry and the media keep playing down the positive aspects of our educational system, if

they even mention them. As an example, in 1992, the U.S. placed second in an international test of reading ability, and the Secretary of Education not only didn't bother to announce the results to the press, but when the news leaked out anyway, he said the test was irrelevant. In 1996, the new Secretary of Education tried to alert the news media to this information, but by then it was "stale" news and except for a reporter from the Los Angeles Times, the rest of the news media wasn't interested.

Certainly, there is a lot of room for improvement in our schools. In fact, every one of the forty-one nations that participated in the TIMSS said that their science education program needed to be improved. But no one is going to convince me that our educational system has failed. Not when I have a neighbor, like Josh Rozell who not only comes home from Key Peninsula Middle School with a report card bearing all A's, but then says he's worried that on the next report card he might only get a B in one of his classes.



## The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Spring is in the air, and as with nature, many of us are coming out of hibernation. This is a time of renewal. It is also a time of getting back in touch with folks with whom we may have lost touch. At home, we may be looking at our children in a new way. This leads to the topic of bonding.

The term bonding refers to your emotional investment in your child. Bonding is built by sharing meaningful and pleasurable experiences with your child over a period of time. Studies have shown that bonding with your children allows them to be more successful in their future relationships and more independent as adults.

Many studies have been done with infants and children who have been adopted as well as those who have gone through the foster care system. These studies have found that it is important to the children to have at least one person in their lives with whom they have bonded. Even though the children may have gone through horrible circumstances, they are more likely to have healthy relationships with people if they have felt bonded to someone in their childhood.

Here are some tips for bonding with

your children:

- use eye contact
- hug them
- touch them gently
- tell them you love them
- respond positively to smiles
- share common interests
- tell them how special they are
- spend individual time with each child
- talk with them
- listen to them
- give them unconditional love

For information about our resources and programs (Healthy Families, Indoor Park, Toddler Art, Little Buddies, etc.), call us at 884-5433. Our new Fathers' Group is starting to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We have room for more dads who would like some support.

Please note that the ChildReach Screening program will be at our office on May 4 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They provide free screening for children 2 months through 5 years in vision, hearing, learning, language, motor and social adaptive development.

The staff of the Children's Home Society of Washington Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

## Angel Notes

by Frankie Johnson

We have very big thank you to Tom of Lakebay Roofing. He came through like a hero to fix the roof of our sorting shed and only charged for the material. And Scott Swenning built new shelves for our back wall and side for the linens, toys and household goods. It is SOOO much nicer! Our hats are off to these two excellent men for their hard work. Three cheers for Tom and Scott.

On a sad note, the shed was broken into again in February. It is so sad since there is nothing of value in the shed. We would gladly help anyone in our area who needs household goods or clothing through the Community House by providing a voucher to the needy family to shop in our store. There is help for anyone who needs it by contacting either the Children's Home Society at the Civic Center or the Community House in Home. Everything we get is donated to the Angel Guild so we can recycle the best items and place them for sale in the store. All proceeds go right back to the community. Our workers volunteer their time and talents to

help our own folks in the Key Peninsula area.

The Angel Guild members try very hard to make a difference on the Key Peninsula by monetary donations to many worthy causes. In November of 1998, we helped to send 75 food baskets for Thanksgiving. At Christmas, we helped to send 125 baskets. Other donations were recently made to Evergreen Elementary School for their music program, to Vaughn Elementary School for a special reading program, and to the Pet Partners at Purdy Prison to help train dogs. We helped the Crime Report and Citizens Against Crime Patrol. We are extremely happy to make these donations and it is only with your help with your used goods that we can sell in the shop. All requests for aid must be submitted by letter and only from an organization or institution.

If you have a few hours a month and would like to be an ANGEL, we welcome new members. Just stop by the store or contact any member, or come to our meeting at the Brones Room in the library building on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 10:00 AM.



# Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Marcus at 7:36 PM. The minutes from January were accepted as corrected. Secretary Kristin Bottiger read correspondence.

C.H.S. has given us authority to use safe. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Managers report given by Irene Zimmer:** There are nine skate parties scheduled. Fire Fighters Ball scheduled for Saturday 13 of February. Facility user contracts have gone out for signature and return. There will be a new aerobic and dance class given by Mickie Tenney three days a week from 4-5 PM starting in March. A volunteer is needed to run the kitchen for the Scouts PineWood Derby. Winter

Visuals was a success. The Health Department gave the kitchen a clean bill of health on the last inspection and informed Irene that for every advertised event open to the public they will be there to inspect.

**Newspaper Report:** Alice Tramil would like to upgrade the computer by adding memory and software. Scanner and printer are not working well. It was MSC to have both repaired and the computer upgraded.

**Program/Group Review**  
**TOPS:** Treasurer Helen Schilpp was present to report on their 44 members so far this year, and they are expecting many more.

**Indoor Park:** Things are going well, they have about 20 children on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30. The cost is \$1 dollar per child.

**Skate night:** Rules were updated and changed by Lila Garrison and will be submitted to the home school group as well as the regular skate sessions. There will be signs made and posted around the gym stating "Skate at your own risk". Committee will work on these issues. They are thankful for all the help they received so far.

**Boy Scouts:** Bill Macaras reported that the scouts would be starting to do more cleanup as the weather permits. They now have twenty active members which means that the VFW Room is getting too small to hold their meetings in.

**Senior:** Chuck Williamson was present to report that they now have a column in the Key Peninsula News called - Teenagers".

**VFW:** Cy Young reported that they would like to have a crab feed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March. He also thanked the Civic Center and its manager for all their help.  
**Historical Society:** Shirley Olson reported that they have sold 320 books so far and they are available at Sunnycrest Nursery.

**Museum:** Shirley Olson reported about some damage done in the museum. It was MSC to have lock changed on the door.

**Standing Committee Reports:**  
**Building & Grounds:** Did walk

through. Maintenance report given by Vicky McClung. It was MSC to have fire alarm serviced to bring it to good working order and to dispose of excess furniture and appliances that are not being used.

**Finance:** Working on budget for the current year. The committee anticipates having a budget finalized by next meeting.

**Grant Writing:** Waiting for budget report.

**Personnel:** Have come up with a final job descriptions and contract to be presented to the Manager.

**Old Business:**  
Bill Macaras, Mike Salatino, Fred Ramsdell and Al Yanity found a storage area for the Scouts in the old boiler room. It will need to have a

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## The 3rd Annual KPCCA Garage Sale

This year the garage sale will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and will start at 9:00 AM. The kitchen will be open, and will be serving Danish and muffins, as well as burgers, nachos, and hotdogs. If you're interested in participating, there is an application in this issue. Also you can call Krys Wylie at 884370.

## The Spring Bazaar Is Almost Here...

The Spring Bazaar is on May 1st this year, and there are plenty of booth spaces still available. If you would like to attend as a vendor, there is an application in this issue, or call Krys Wylie @ 884-4370.

The Spring Bazaar is still a fairly new item at the Civic Center, so we have only received about 30 vendors these last two years. If you're a crafter, or just have items to sell, please send in your application. We would like to see at least 60 vendors

here for spring. Breakfast will again be served from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, and lunch will start at about 11:30 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and a drink, and lunch will as always include those delicious Center burgers and hot dogs.

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society will again be in the large field selling plants and bulbs at astounding prices.

If you would like more information, please call Krys Wylie at 884-4370.

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & SWAP MEET

June 5, 1999

9:00 AM to ????

Key Peninsula Civic Center  
17010 South Vaughn Road KPN  
PO Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394  
253/884-3456

### APPLICATION FOR SPACE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Spaces? \_\_\_\_\_

Spaces available for \$10. each. Tables will be available for a \$5 rental fee. Sellers are responsible for set-up and clean-up of the area assigned. No firearm sales. No sales of home-made foodstuffs without proper Health Dept. Permits. Signing this application signifies your acceptance and adherence to these rules!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1999 SPRING FESTIVAL MAY 1ST - 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

The Key Peninsula Civic Center presents the 1999 Spring Festival in Vaughn, Washington. You can participate in the Festival by filling out this form and returning it by April 25th, 1999, with the appropriate payment to:

THE KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER  
P.O. BOX 82  
VAUGHN, WA 98394  
Phone: 253/884-3456 or  
253-884-4370 or FAX: 253-884-4053



Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please read all conditions carefully and sign below. Make checks or Money Orders out to "K.P.C.C.A."

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### MARK HOW MANY TABLES AND/OR SPACES NEEDED.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 FOOT TABLE(S) - (not our tables) ----- \$20.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 FOOT TABLE SPACE - Provide own table ----- \$15.00 each

DESCRIBE ITEMS FOR SALE:

NO SALES OF HOME-MADE EDIBLE ITEMS WITHOUT AN INDIVIDUAL FOOD PERMIT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO MAKE SURE THESE RULES ARE FOLLOWED. Each vendor is responsible for set up and clean up of the area used. This is considered to be a binding contract when signed.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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door put on, but otherwise would be a good spot. It was MSC to temporarily give the space to the scouts at no charge.

**New Business:**

Minter Elementary submitted a letter asking the Civic Center to waive fees for their Read & Lead skate party. It was MSC to waive fees as long as there are no more than 150 skaters and that teachers and parents supervise it.

Richard Brudvick Lindner discussed possible problems and solutions for Y2K and any other type of emergency situations that might arise. Due to shortage of time it was suggested that a committee be formed to find out what the Civic Center can do for the community.

Meeting Adjourned

Kristen Bottiger  
Secretary

*Obituary*

**Dorothy F. Knudson**

Dorothy F. Knudson, 88, a Vaughn resident since 1937, died on January 28, 1999. She was born in Highmore, So. Dakota on March 15, 1910. Dorothy loved the community where she owned a store at Lakebay, and was also involved with Avon for 15 years. She was a member of the Home Chapel and she loved working in the church and raising her 4 children.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore in 1990. She is survived by her son Curtis Knudson of Honolulu, Hawaii, and her daughter, Irene Rodman (Leroy) of Stockton, Kansas; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Myron and daughter Sylvia Holden; and granddaughter Cynthia Knudson.

Remembrances may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, Kitsap County Chapter, P.O. Box 775, Bremerton, WA 98337. Arrangements by Haven of Rest Funeral Home, Gig Harbor.

**Vaughn Bay Garden Club**

Tim Kezele will present the program at the April 21 meeting of the Vaughn Bay Garden Club.

Last month, Jessie Attri of Seattle showed slides of the amazing variety of alliums grown for floral displays.

Hostess for the April meeting will be Colleen Slater, with Janet Robertson as co-hostess. The Club's annual plant sale for members will be held.

Visitors or prospective members are welcome. For further information, call 884-5403.

**KEY DATES  
1999**

**BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

<b>KP Business Assoc.</b>	Apr. 2 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Apr. 16 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
<b>Fire Fighters Assoc.</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
<b>CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
<b>Ashes</b>	Apr. 1 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
<b>Boy Scout Troop #220</b>	Thursdays - 6:00 PM	Civic Center
<b>Citizens Against Crime/Citizen's Patrol</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues., 11:00 AM and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at 7:00 PM at the Key Center Fire Station.	
<b>Cooliettes</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>KPCCA Exec. Comm.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM	KP Civic Center
<b>KPCCA Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>KPCS Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
<b>KPHC Board</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM	Health Center
<b>KP Lions Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<b>VFW &amp; Auxiliary</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. - 7:00 PM	CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

<b>Adult Literacy Classes</b>	Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
<b>Angel Guild</b>	Apr. 19 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Cancer Support Group</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Children's Home Society Family Resource Center</b>	Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower level - Call: 884-5433
<b>Food Bank</b>	Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
<b>Hot Lunch for seniors on Wednesdays at Noon</b>	Community House - Home
<b>Also food &amp; clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.</b>	
<b>Immunizations (FREE)</b>	Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.
<b>Key Center Library</b>	884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 3 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM
<b>KP Baptist Bible Study</b>	Wednesday - 7:00 PM KP Civic Center
<b>KP Baptist AWANA</b>	Wednesday - 6:30 PM KP Civic Center
<b>Overeaters Anonymous</b>	Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
<b>Seniors Exercise Program</b>	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 Comm. House - Home
<b>WIC (Women, Infants &amp; Children)</b>	Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appt.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

<b>KP Fire Commissioners</b>	Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
	Apr. 26 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
<b>KP Parks &amp; Rec.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

**SELF-HELP GROUPS**

<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	Mon. & Fri. 8:00 PM, Wed. 7:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. 6:00 PM - Sat. - 9:00 AM, Women's Group, 11:00 AM, Men's Group at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home. Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 PM in the Lakebay Community Church, 11 Cornwall Road, Lakebay.
<b>Peninsula ALANON</b>	King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
<b>Caregivers Support</b>	Apr. 8 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Grandparents Group</b>	Apr. 3 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.	
<b>T.O.P.S.</b>	Tuesday Evening-Weigh-In 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

**SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS**

<b>Bayshore Garden Club</b>	Apr. 16 - Meeting Longbranch Improvement
<b>Cancer Support Group</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Key Singers</b>	Tuesday 7 - 9 PM LB Comm. Church
<b>KP Historical Society MUSEUM OPEN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum.
<b>LB Improvement Club</b>	Thursday & Saturday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
	Apr. 16 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
<b>Peninsula Neighbors</b>	Apr. 13 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
<b>Lakebay Fuchsia Society</b>	Apr. 1 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
<b>Ruth Circle Meeting</b>	Apr. 19 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
<b>Senior society Luncheon</b>	Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
<b>Vaughn Bay Garden Club</b>	April - Call 884-5403 for more information.

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## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Anyone out there with a recipe for moss removal for humans, please come forward. It is growing every where and I for one, am afraid it will take over the lot of us!

Let's hope for sunshine for our beautiful Aisle of Honor and memorial service in May. Speaking of that, may I remind anyone who has a deceased veteran's flag and wishes it to fly for Memorial Day, please call me at 884-4551 to make the necessary arrangements. Remember also, the deceased does not have to be buried in the Vaughn cemetery in order to fly the flag in the Aisle of Honor.

April 26<sup>th</sup> will see the VFW Post 4990 and Ladies Auxiliary honor folks from the community at Appreciation night. 7:00 PM is the time and the place is the Whitmore Room in the Civic Center. The ladies will provide refreshments so come and enjoy the evening.

At this time we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Walt Schmidt and family on the loss of Berta Schmidt.

May 1<sup>st</sup> brings the Spring Bazaar to the Civic Center. Don't forget to round up your items for this sale. Call Roxanne Wooldridge at 884-4407 with your contribution. Remember, it is your VFW organization, so don't miss the opportunity to do your fair share.

This month we again take pride and

pleasure in welcoming new members to post and auxiliary. To the post Calvin Hawthorne, Bernard Natucci and Arthur Patterson. To the auxiliary, Maryanne Hawthorne. For our new members and our regulars, meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7pm in the Civic Center.

The post and auxiliary are gearing up for the nominations of new officers for 1999-2000. Installation of said officers will be in May and they will take office after the State convention held in Yakima in June.

Our own Louie Aguilar has decided to stay with us here on the Peninsula unless the winters become too severe in which case he will become a "snow bird" and head for Arizona! Do not give out your address Louie or many of us may just "drop in". Our prayers and good thoughts go out to Bob Barnes who is having a rough time of it lately. Keep up the good fight Bob.

Bob and Betty Beal are still pumping water from their basement due to the rise of Carney Lake. Hang in there, I just know the sun will shine one day soon.

Until next month, keep your chin up, your feet dry and your efforts towards helping others in high gear. Think what a sad state of affairs it would be if, after all is said and done, more is SAID than DONE.

## Americorps NCCC At Camp Easter Seals West

A team from the National Civilian Community Corps came to Camp Easter Seal West in Vaughn, Washington from their campus in San Diego, California.

The Americorps National Civilian Community Corps is a national service program committed to helping our communities in the area of environmental needs, education, human needs, public safety, and disaster relief. Corps members serve the nation on a ten-month commitment and receive room and board, and a modest living allowance. Upon completion of the program, corps members receive an educational award that can be used to pay for college tuition, or help pay off existing loans.

Currently the corps members in Vaughn are working on various environmental projects at the Easter Seal Camp, and they are also helping to work directly with campers in their Easter Seals Respite Program. The Team from Americorps will continue

to assist the needs of Camp Easter Seals until the end of this project which was expected to be in late March. From then the team will move on to help assist other community needs in another region of the Western United States.

If people want to learn more about the program, or how to get involved while the Americorps members are here, the team is willing to talk to anyone about the program, or to set up an information session at a neighboring high school.

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# It's Spring And Music Is In The Air!

The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) presents "Spring Sing III", Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM -9:00 PM, at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church large sanctuary, 7700 Skansie Avenue Gig Harbor.

"Our program is very exciting", says Shirley Tomasi, CAC Executive Director. "You'll hear Broadway medleys, classical arias, chorale and popular music, and Hilt Boyd will again emcee bringing lots of fun to the evening."

PATCH, from Chapel Hill, will perform a special treat, excerpts from their upcoming spring show "Children of Eden". This organization is known for their quality performances and we are sure you'll enjoy a first peek at what's coming. They will also provide the concession as a fund-raising activity for their musical projects.

Kathy Englestad, Colorturist, has

sung with the Bremerton symphony and will be accompanied on the piano by Eun Joo Chung, who brought the audience to their feet with bravoes in CAC's "Autumn Sounds" program last November.

The international award winning Meistersinger, will present this year's competition music before they compete the following week in San Francisco. "You'll not only enjoy their music, but also their energy", says Tomasi.

Key Singers of Longbranch are thirty strong and will sing a medley of Broadway tunes and more. "This is a happy group of ladies and you're sure to enjoy them" said Tomasi.

Charles Batchelor will lead the "High Call" in song. This group has sung nationally and offered their talents at a multitude of fund-raising programs.


Admission is \$5.00 minimum donation for adults. Children, students,

and nursing home residents are admitted free. Tomasi asks, "Please bring children and the elderly. This will be an experience the whole family will enjoy."

"Spring Sing III is the first of the Four Season's annual program. Spring Sing showcases singing groups, Summer Dance, cultural dances, Autumn Sounds is a concentration on the musical instrument, and Winter Visuals focuses on the visual arts and the how-to process", offered Tomasi. "February 6 over 1000 residents enjoyed Winter Visuals.

For further information, please contact Shirley at 851-9462 or e-mail: cac@harbornet.com

## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizer CTP

### Did you know?

A tax return that is properly signed but that does not properly report the taxpayer's name and social security number is not a "proper return" and is not deemed "filed". A tax return must set forth fully and clearly the information required, so an honest but carelessly prepared return may be deemed invalid.

The business driving rate will drop for 1999 but not until April 1st. The rate will be 31 cents a mile for 1999. It was 32.5 cents in 1998. It has been reported because of the drop in gasoline prices and other costs. The rate is being reduced for the first time in many years.

Don't forget to get your tax information into your tax preparer soon. Do not wait until April if you can avoid doing so, the earlier the better. Also, remember to seek competent help in the preparation of your tax return. It will pay you in the long run.

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# Mama's Paper Dolls

by Colleen Slater

In a large tea tin, with oriental scenes in vivid reds and blues accented with gold, was a collection of paper dolls. Not your ordinary store-bought paper dolls. These had been carefully cut from newspapers, catalogs and magazines. A few were colored with pastel pencils. Some had names written on the backs. There were a few children, but most were ladies of fashion from the early 1900s. Originally, they belonged to my mother's older sisters, Elsie and Dorothy. Mama inherited them when they grew too old for paper dolls.

I had to ask permission to play with them. I spread them out on the table, arranged groups and carried on conversations in my head. We discussed fashion, of course, and who was doing what, and what would be worn for the social occasions coming up. There were never any arguments,

as these were ladies of good breeding. Of course the children were well behaved and kept their outfits clean.

I was happy with these play friends for hours. If I had to allow my sister to play with me, it was never the same. Then I had to talk aloud, and somehow the conversation didn't maintain the dignity of solo play.

When it was time to put them away, each was very carefully told goodbye and laid gently in the tin until our next meeting.

For many years I wondered who had the box, supposing that Aunt Elsie or one of her daughters had retrieved it from the house when they were sorting after all of us were in our

own homes. But none had it. One day I saw the tin sitting on a high shelf in my brother's home and asked to have it. We agreed to a trade, as I had a journal written by my dad about living in California when Terry was a baby. He was pleased to have that, and I was delighted to have the dolls again. They occasionally make an appearance for a granddaughter to see, but there is little appreciation for the dolls from these modern young ladies. On a future day, the collection may be put into a book and given to the Historical Society, but meanwhile, whenever I see the tin, I enjoy the memories of days from my childhood paper doll play.

# Café at Volunteer Park Open For Business!

By Marilyn Tagert

The public is invite to stop by the Volunteer Café to enjoy some delicious food! The menu features such items as hamburgers, fries, nachos, shakes and much more! The Café is located off Highway 302, nestled in Volunteer Park. The Café is open during park hours. Great food for the entire family. Come on out, order a hamburger and enjoy watching a baseball game. It is YOUR park, take advantage of it!

## Retired And Senior Volunteer Program

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## 4-H Difference Club

by Emily and Kaitlin Dunn

A group retreat was held at Panhandle, a 4-H facility, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A fun time was had by all. The group baked goodies for the bake sale that was held at Walt's Fine Food's in Key Center. All profits will go to the general fund and be used for community services. A sewing retreat was also held at Panhandle on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

One of our community service activities was that we gave a Christmas gift basket to the Children's Home Society. They were very appreciative. Our older 4-H members also helped with setting up tables and chairs for the February 13<sup>th</sup> Fireman's Ball, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Aisa Wright was the member of the month for Mason County. So far, we have had a running start on a wonderful new year!



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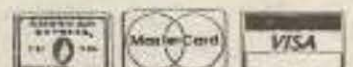
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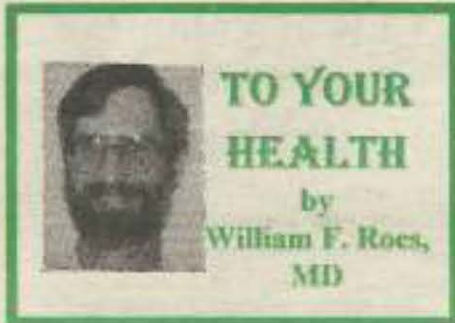
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As I mentioned last time, my theme for this year will be changes in medicine during the 20th Century, and anticipation of changes coming in the 21st Century. Probably no aspect of medicine has changed as much this century as the treatment of infectious diseases. The things we now take for granted were very much the "wonder drugs" of a few years back, and it's amazing how little we had to offer patients with infection in the early 1900's.

At the turn of the century, there was very little physicians had to offer to treat bacterial infections. The commonly used drugs were mercury and arsenic, both of which are heavy metals, and though they do have some antibacterial properties, they are so toxic to the host that they cannot be used. In searching for effective treatments, other things were tried, including the induction of artificial fevers, fresh air treatments for Tuberculosis, radio therapy and radiation therapy, none of which were successful. In 1935 the first effective and safe antibiotics, the sulfa drugs, were discovered, rising out of German studies of dyes for coloring cloth. Penicillin was discovered as a contaminating mold which killed bacteria in a laboratory dish, but wasn't available for human use until 1940. When it was first developed it was so

valuable that when a patient received the drug, his urine was collected and the penicillin was removed from it and given back to him. The first treatment for TB was streptomycin in 1944, and really effective cures didn't become available until the release of INH in 1952.

Since the early 1950's there have been literally thousands of antibiotics developed, most of them falling into one of about 10 general categories. But as the number of antibiotics has increased so has the resistance to them, and lately it seems that we haven't been making much progress in the war against bacterial infections. There are many reasons for this including the use of antibiotics in animal feed, but a significant problem is the prescribing habits of physicians. Medical research shows that the

majority of the infections that doctors deal with in their office practices are viral, and antibiotics have little effect against infections caused by a virus. The Center for Disease Control and the Washington Department of Health have raised the concern that indiscriminate use of antibiotics for non-bacterial infections will ultimately increase the resistance of bacteria to the commonly used drugs. They are both currently sponsoring a drive to encourage physicians to use antibiotics in a more discriminating manner.

So far, medical science has kept ahead of bacterial antibiotic resistance in the development of new drugs. Other techniques such as the development of synthetic antibodies to fight bacterial infections are also becoming available, but as long as there are humans, there will be microbes that attack us.

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# Seniors Have Tax Options

by Lori Deacon

Over the years, my involvement with senior citizens has made me aware of some of their concerns and challenges of living on the Key Peninsula, and in some cases, how difficult it can be to manage that comfortably.

Property taxes are often an overwhelming issue for anyone retired and living on a fixed income. I have two possible solutions.

The first one is for any Pierce County resident over the age of 61 and with an annual household income of less than \$30,000. This one is called the Senior Tax Exemption that

can eliminate special levy taxes approved by voters. This would include school, library and park levies. Anyone interested should contact the County Treasurer's Office at 798-7105.

The second solution is brand new. Peninsula School District has developed a program called STEP (Senior Tax Exchange Program).

This program is available to any senior over the age of 62 with an annual household income of more than \$30,000 and less than \$60,000.

The idea is based on a work partnership program where seniors' abilities are matched with the needs of the

local schools. The program could include anything from reading to kindergarten students to planting flowers to helping in woodshop.

Qualifying residents provide their skills (valued at \$5.70 per hour) to Peninsula School district in exchange for payment of local school tax (levy and bond), up to but not exceeding the resident's annual local tax bill. The annual total may not exceed \$599 per resident household per year.

For example: If your house is assessed at \$100,000 and the levy passed with the levy rate at \$2.59 per \$1,000 valuation, your annual school tax portion of your property taxes is

\$259. You would be allowed to work 46 hours a year and be able to pay that amount directly to the county.


School District employee Chol Campbell will be coordinating the project. She is available to help with any paperwork, which is minimal, and find a program that will work for you. Funding for this program is limited so it must be handled a first-come, first-served basis.

In many situations, students will benefit from the added impact of a role model. The seniors may benefit from the added activity. If you have any questions you are encouraged to call Chol at 857-8105.



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# KP firefighter's Ball Was Valentine Fun

by Hugh McMillan

Seattle paramedic and Amtrak magician Steve Hamilton, Queen of Hearts and KP Firefighter, Ely Hudson and his fellow KP Paramedic/Firefighter Mike Dumas as Cupid gave color and silliness to the Key Peninsula's Civic Center Saturday. The occasion was wall to wall Valentine fun at the KP firefighters' annual ball. The costumed firefighters



Dancing the night away at the Firefighters Ball and Valentine's Party.  
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missed no one in selling raffle tickets for a variety of goodies.

Marcy Dalton was the event's overall chairman and everyone acclaimed her superb direction of the very successful evening.

Fred and Mary Ramsdell with the help of Chuck West, Barbara and Dick Granquist, Don Blischke, Ruth Bramhall, Dee Dee Kerkes, Dodie Sanford, March Dalton, Eileen Young, Marguerite Bussard, Mary Seidelman, Wendy and John Glennon II, Sharon Collier, and others prepared and served a great dinner.

Cheryl Wiltfong organized and assisted 4-H Differences members Peter and Sheryl Hedin and sons Elliot and Nathaniel, Kevin Higgins, Mary Miller, Haley Wiltfong, Janet Cultum and her mom Mary, Stephanie Stegmiller and Ron Wright in setting up tables to accommodate a sit-down crowd of 150. They were assisted and encouraged by Fire Chief Gary Franz and Assistant Chief Eric Livingood-Nelsen.

Sharon Collier supervised the spectacular decorations placements.

John Glennon and LuLu Smith of the Homeport took care of the no-host bar.

Bob Fearnough served as master of ceremonies and provided levity during the several raffle drawings

which provided breathing space for the four man Bob Medley's Original Southern Rock and Roll Band, which kept the dance floor filled until midnight.

When it was all over, a crew made up of almost all the above plus Mike Reigle, Jim Bosch, Christie Lyon and Al Yanity made sure the Civic Center was returned to its original ready-for-the-next-event status.

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## Fox Island Chapel Fund Raising Campaign

The Fox Island Chapel preservation society is determined to save the "Chapel on Echo Bay", Fox Island. The current church congregation is building a new church. The preservation Society felt the Chapel was perfect for weddings, memorial services, receptions, cultural events, and a heritage center.

The Preservation Society believes that the 100 year-old structure is a community treasure of inestimable value. They wish to preserve the chapel and its grounds as a community landmark. "In honor of the 1890's era pioneers who founded this

chapel - and the countless numbers who have been touched by the beauty of the inspirational site over the passage of the 20<sup>th</sup> century" says Linda Wickline, Preservation Society Board Member.

The Preservation Society invites you to become a partner in this not-for-profit adventure. This activity is endorsed by: Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission, The Fox Island Historical Society, and The Fox Island Community Recreation Association. For additional details, please call (253) 549-7039





**YESTERDAY'S  
TEENAGERS!**  
Key Peninsula Senior Society  
by Jim Nolan  
Phone: 851-4847

Hey—Anyone needing to call for information about KP Seniors should call our President, Chuck Williamson Phone 857-3029. Sorry about wrong number for Chuck in our last two columns—My GOOF!

Past President Bob Smith left on March 30<sup>th</sup> for a cruise through the Panama Canal and ports in the Caribbean. He should be back to tell us about it around the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

NEW/OLD member: Dorothy Parrott of Lakebay has returned and is attending KPSS meetings, Thursday at noon. She and her husband were members several years ago when Bob Smith was President.

Bea Emil says son-in-law Larry Johnson recently installed a computer in her house, probably against her better judgment - but she's hooked now. It has a "bridge" program as well as pinochle and she has been having fun with it. She says she may get onto the Internet soon and compete with other "top-notch" bridge players. Grand-Slams to you, Bea! She just passed her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**SENIOR SURVEY:** Question was: Which is your favorite car??? A tabulation showed: Chevrolet with 9 varied votes. (below) Mercury Sable 1, Cadillac Eldorado 2, Buick 2, Red Valiant 1, Toyota 1, '75 Volvo 1, '67 VW 1, '77 Ford Thunderbird 1, '25 Rickenbacker 1, '98 Mitsubishi 1, Chevy Citation, Malibu, Lummi, Nova, '55 Pink & Chrome, Chevy II and Chevy Wagon, (2) - A Rickenbacker??? You're kidding.

Pauline Williamson has embarked on a new laser treatment for a throat ailment...we're all rooting for her!!

Here's a little prayer we spotted on the wall of Medalia's lab, in Gig Harbor. See if you like it as well as we did:

*"So far today, God, I've done all right.*

*I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper.*

*Haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty*

*Selfish, or over-indulgent.*

*I'm very thankful for that.*

*But in a few minutes, God,*

*I'm going to get out of bed.*

*And from then on,*

*I'm probably going to need*

*a lot more help." Amen.*

Look what a messy garage will do to you! Henry Stock, long time member of the Rocky Bay area, wanted his garage cleaned. So he hired a woman who lived nearby to do the job. She cleaned it up very well. Then Henry discovered his checking account was some \$6100 short. Upon consultation with his bank, there appeared to be some \$6100 in bad checks charged against him. Seems the checks were genuine, but the signatures weren't. Obviously the cleaning party also cleaned out a set of Henry's blank checks and promptly put them to good, oops, bad use. Hank told the seniors he might get his money back once the culprits were caught and convicted. Meantime, he advises all: Don't have new blank checks mailed to you at a rural box, and in paying bills, don't mail your outgoing checks in a rural box. And he might have added: Don't keep a checking balance of \$6000. Henry is also a member of Citizens Against Crime.

Chuck & Pauline Williamson recently completed a cruise for fun &



Peeping "TOM" who camps on Nolan house, looks down into family room to

watch the TV.

Photo by Jim Nolan & Mary Parks

profit in the western Caribbean, departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They visited the ancient Mayan ruins of Tulum before stopping at Cozumel which means "Land of Swallows." Mayan women used to visit there to worship Ix-Chel, the Goddess of Fertility. At Georgetown on the Grand Cayman they viewed the unusual rock formation "Hell", and the world's only green turtle farm with some 600-pounders.

Then it was Ocho Rios, Jamaica with its inter-racial mix of Africans, Europeans, East Indians, Arabs, and Chinese. Various intermixtures of all of the above caused it to adopt "Out of many, one people" as its national motto. Half-Moon Cay in the Bahamas was the final port of call on the Williamson's cruise. They want to go again.

**Family Member Stuck On TV**

Mary Parks and Jim Nolan, of the Wauna area, have seemingly welcomed a new member of the family, Tom. At least that's the name they've given him: Peeping Tom. This winter, and especially on the cold days of January, Tom

has taken to the roof of an evening. Nothing too unusual about that, for a raccoon, but it seems a bit strange that this raccoon spread-eagles himself on the family room sky bubble and settles down for a long evening of watching the family TV. No word on his favorite TV show, but nothing disturbs his viewing. However, Mary notices that he likes his picture taken and that he promptly leaves his warm perch as soon as the TV is turned off for the night. He usually shows up on cold nights but doesn't do his 'peeping' on rainy evenings.

**Volunteer Support At Maritime Gig Festival**

We'd like to invite you to participate in a free, fun, family festival on June 5 and 6. The Maritime Gig Association is seeking six to eight groups who will help us "staff" carnival games at the Kid's Fair - a separate activity that is part of the Maritime Gig festival. We need your help.

The Kid's Fair is open to children of all ages, and features free entertainment, face painting, balloon animals, workshops, "toys" and pony rides, and much more. We'd like to add simple carnival games (pop the balloon, ping pong ball in the gold fish bowl, basketball in the hoops, etc.) Every child will receive a small prize, and "wins" will receive tickets

for larger prizes. There is no cost to play; prizes will be limited, however.

The Maritime Gig organizing committee will provide the booth space, the games and the prizes. We'd like you to staff one or more of the booths. Two people per shift would work just great. Hours are

Saturday, June 5, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Set up: 11-noon; Tear down: 6-7 p.m.) Sunday, June 6, 11 a.m. - 6p.m. (Set up: 11-noon; Tear down: 5-6 p.m.)

Please let us know if you're interested in helping us make this community event a success. Call Marie at the Chamber office, 851-6865; or John at 265-3392.

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## Computer Help For Our Side Of The Bridge

by Richard Mattingly

About a year and a half ago Richard Mattingly and his wife Shellee came up with the idea of offering affordable computer service for the working people that didn't mean driving 20 or 30 minutes to the closest service. Thus was born **Rainy Day Computers**. Initially Richard set up shop in the old Makin' Bacon building now known as KP Video and for about six months he worked in a room about the size of a large walk in closet behind the counter of the video store. When business picked up to the point when computer customers needed a separate environment, it was time to move. He looked for a more customer-friendly location and found it in the Windermere building in Key Center. Although the space is small it provides for excellent one-on-one atmosphere and attention that Richard is known for. Inside this little shop you can get almost anything you are looking for in the way of computers. Richard sells new and used parts, used complete systems, custom built systems, as well as repairing everything from old to new. For business owners, Richard has the answers to your problems as well. If you have Y2K issues or are in the need of a custom designed network, Richard is the man for you. And if you have a question or problem that has just got

you stumped, give him a call. Currently Richard and his staff are open during the week in the evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM due to his current military commitment and on the weekends from 10:00 to 4:00. By the way, when I say staff I would be speaking of Shellee who takes care of the books and paperwork, Steve Fosdick who has recently started helping out with the technical work and the kids (who might just be on the other end of the phone from time to time). For the past 15 years, Richard has been in the military serving all over the world and for the last 6 has been taking care of military computers. From DOS to Windows 95/98/NT 4.0 and as well as UNIX, Richard has had experience with it and will be able to help you out. Richard has been sent to the best training facilities money can buy (courtesy of the US Army). He has been to the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer course, A+ Certification course as well as handfuls of military training. After May 1999, Richard plans to open the shop full-time and hopes his business will take off and support his family of six. He and his wife Shellee live in Lake Minterwood just a couple minutes from the shop, so if you need him in a pinch he is always close by. If you have a need for computer help please stop by and say hello to Richard and the gang.



## THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

He was always quiet, which is unusual for a trial attorney. I had met him years ago and was always pleased when I saw that he was representing my opposing party. His name was Joe Tucci and he died this past January at the age of 45.

Joe was highly respected by the attorneys and the judges with whom he worked. Despite his always representing insurance companies in the cases that I had with him, he always treated my client and me with respect. Never did he try to intimidate my client nor did he drag his feet on a case hoping that such delaying tactics would cause frustration that would eventually lead to a quick settlement. It is rare for a plaintiff in a lawsuit to say that they like the defense attorney, but I had clients who said exactly that about Joe.

I had the privilege of trying Joe's last jury trial. It was a car-pedestrian case and as usual, I represented the person who was injured. Joe was in his usual place, beside the person who had caused the accident. Unlike a lot of lawyers with whom I deal, Joe knew that his client was at fault and said so. Thus, at trial the jury only had to determine the amount of a verdict which would fairly compensate my client for his injuries, medical bills and lost income.

The injuries were horrible and yet the insurance company refused to get close to a reasonable offer. We tried to mediate the case a few weeks before trial, but that, like our efforts at settlement, went nowhere.

The insurance company offered \$95,000 for my client's injuries and I could not let my client take less than

\$150,000. Because of the unbridgeable gap that existed, we found ourselves in trial before Bryan Chushcoff, a Superior Court Judge in Tacoma.

After a three-day trial the jury was handed the case. Joe and I returned to our offices for a little work as we awaited the verdict. We eventually got the call from Susan Whinney, judge Chushcoff's Judicial Assistant to return to court as the jury had made up its mind.

As Joe and I entered the court together, he, as usual, quietly said, "For a beer, what is the verdict?" I told him to go first and he said, "No more than \$75,000." I responded, "No less than \$100,000." The judge asked the jury foreman to rise and announce the verdict and he said, "We find for the plaintiff in the amount of \$300,000."

As we were leaving the court together, Joe, as befits a great guy with class, came over to shake my hand and congratulate me on a well-tryed case. Then, with a twinkle in his eye, he said, we're still going to have that beer - but I'll be damned if I'm paying for it. I laughed and told him that it was on me. We left court together and I promised to buy him that beer for many months. Then before I could, he got sick and died all too quickly.

There have been times in my life when I wish I had found time for the people in it. Being too busy to buy Joe his beer was another one of those times. Now all I can say is, "Joe, if there is an afterlife and if I am lucky enough to end up where you are, and if there is a good pub around the corner, this time, I promise, I'll buy you that beer."

Knowing him, he'd just smile at me and say "About time." Again, a quiet man of few words.

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# School News

## Cougar Corner

by Ginger Donnelly

Thanks to all for your support of the levy. An extra special thank you goes out to Barb Trotter and Jonni Graybeal, Levy Committee Co-Chairs and parents of alumnae and current KPMS students. Their devoted effort with the help of so many wonderful volunteers makes us proud to be a part of such a terrific community. We are excited about all that is happening at KPMS this month. Here's just a few events and tidbits you might not have heard about.

The ASB Beautification Committee have chosen Earth Day as their focus for getting started on transforming our grounds. You can join them April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, where they will start on the school first. Contributions are welcome. For more information call 884-4590.

The KPMS HOGS have just completed an outrageously successful wrestling season. They are second to none, and the sheer energy of such a huge group of committed young men and women is a sight to behold. This is largely due to the magnificent coaching staff headed by Rick Selfors, legendary in these parts for his commitment to our youth. Rich was assisted mightily by Jason McWhirter, Pat Thompson, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Tarabochi. Congratulations to all of those who participated in going HOG WILD, and thanks to our coaches for their priceless contribution. Here are the results of your year end tournament:

Sixth Place Winners: Tyler Sheriff,

Chris McDowell, Travis Donnelly, Rick Sawyers, and Caleb Smith. **Fifth Place Winner:** Adam Goodard. **Fourth Place Winners:** Josh Denny, Brett Knisely, Spencer Honan, Josh Elliot, Cody Jelly, Craig Bartlett, Charley Payne, Chris Packard, Chris Kelly, and Josh Rozell. **Third Place Winners:** Mike Jelly, Josh Deathriage, Matt Glasco, and Jeremy Tachell. **Second Place Winners:** Tim Handy, Jake Cross, Chris Murphy, Tanner Lemon, Chris Perez, Brandon Farley, Josh Hasbrook and Brandon Hook. **Hall of Famers:** Akoni Omega, Brandon Pierce, James Thompson, Danny Coonan, Jeff Nimrich and Kyle Selfors.

The Swing Club continued to meet on Fridays after school in the commons. They are dancing in both line and couple form and all are welcome.

We also welcome the addition of the KPMS Players - a theater club sponsored by Children's Home Society. They will meet on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 PM, beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Professional actors will help provide training, and performances will take place in the first week of June. All students are welcome.

Communities In Schools in conjunction with Children's Home Society, KPMS Staff and Student Leadership will sponsor ACTIVITY NIGHT, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. KPMS students only.

KPMS PTSA meeting will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the KPMS Library. Individuals are needed to serve as officers for next year.

## Read At Your Local Elementary School

We are half way through the school year at Vaughn Elementary with our new volunteer reading tutoring program. Students learn to read, write, and problem solve with a one-to-one tutoring program. If you have thirty minutes a week - you can help one student to succeed. If you have an hour - you can help two students. For more information, call Judithann Wilbert, H.O.S.T.S. coordinator at Vaughn Elementary, 884-5700.

If you would like a less structured reading program, you may want to volunteer for our Resource Mentor/Tutor program, reading with stu-

dents who need more reading time than they can otherwise get. If you have thirty minutes a week - you can make a difference in a child's life. Call Mary Work, Resource Teacher at Vaughn Elementary, 884-5700.

If you live a little further south - you can come to Evergreen Elementary, and read with Evergreen students who need extra reading help. Call Betty Hicks or Sabra Stratford at Evergreen elementary, at 884-3393.

If you would like to know more about how to bring community resources into the schools, call Diane Ramsey at Communities in Schools at 851-4837.

## Minter Creek Dolphins School News

### School Calendar Change

Parents, please note: There are two changes to your 1998-99 school year calendar. The early dismissal days scheduled for April 28 and May 26 have been cancelled. April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> will be full school days. These dates were put on the calendar for the purpose of staff development activities. Successful passage of the levy has allowed us to fund these activities and move them outside of the instructional day. The early dismissal day scheduled for the last day of school remains unchanged.

### Laser Light Pens Prohibited

Bus drivers have reported situations where students were using laser light pens on school buses in a manner that was distracting to the driver. The Board of Directors has resolved "that students in all buildings are to be informed that the possession of or use of laser light pens at school, school activities or on school buses is now prohibited."

### Special Thanks

Thank you to the following girls from Brownie Troop #549 for planting flowers in the gardens in front of our school: Zoey Abel, Shelby Alexander, Jori Haase, Ashley Holland, Rochelle Moore, Lauren Pritchett, and Annette Renie. Thank you to parents Jourdan Alexander, Christine Moore and Vanessa Renie for supervising this project. Flowers were donated by Lake Kathryn Coast to Coast store.

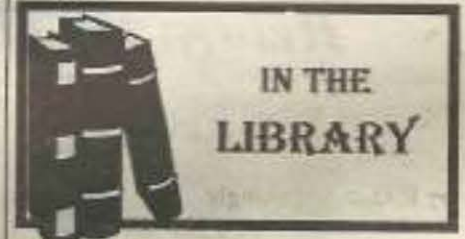
### Strings In Spring

Several of our students were in the concert sponsored by the Gig Harbor Cultural Arts Commission. They were: Emily Soule, (cello), Elizabeth Soule, (viola), and Gibson Starkweather (viola).

### Coloring Contest Winner

Congratulations to Hannah George who won the first grade division in the Gig Harbor-Peninsula area Chamber of Commerce coloring contest. Hannah and her classmates in Mrs. Ribary's class will receive a milk and cookie party along with her special recognition.

Happy Easter!



**PLANNING AN HERB GARDEN**  
by Michael Burkhart of Foxglove Herb Farm. Michael inherited her love of gardening from her mother. In 1986, she opened the eight-acre herb farm in Gig Harbor. Eight years later, she closed the successful farm to make a reassessment. Last May, Michael reopened the farm, again offering hundreds of varieties of herbs for teas, cooking, crafts, and medicinal purposes. The location at 6617 Rosedale Street includes a 70-year-old renovated log cabin home. Future plans include a second greenhouse, a tea garden, children's garden, and a hummingbird and butterfly garden. Her own favorites are lavender and rosemary. The herb of the year for 1999 is lavender. The herb farm also includes a gift shop, featuring crafts from local artisans. Come visit Michael at the Key Center Library, Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and/or at the Foxglove Herb Farm.

Michael is also preparing an exhibit of herbs at the library for the month of April.

## Antique Treasure Trace

Are you curious about the value of certain family treasures?

Would you like to support scholarships for girls and women in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area? You can do both for a nominal fee when the Gig Harbor chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold their annual Antique Treasure Trace at the United Methodist Church, 7400 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor, on April 25 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Antique dealers specializing in a variety of antiques and collectibles are volunteering their services for this AAUW fund-raiser. So search out some of your collectibles, family silver, jewelry toys, dolls, oriental art, glassware, etc., and bring them to the Antique Treasure Trace for a verbal evaluation. It is a wonderful way to learn more about your family treasures while encouraging women and girls in the community to pursue higher education. The AAUW is the largest provider of scholarships for women in the world.

Evaluation cost is \$7.00 for the first item and \$5.00 for each additional item. Ample parking will be available, security, and assistance with items to be appraised will be provided. For further information call Ginny Smith, 253-858-8211, or Diane Edison, 253-851-1056.



## Return Of The Salmon

by Hugh McMillan

Some 180 students from nine classes at Vaughn Elementary School excitedly released about 500 salmon fingerlings into the waters of Vaughn Creek on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. It was the fourth year for the event.

Fourth grade teachers Doug Smith and Cindy Knisley led the field trip enthusiastically joined by Laurel Hagerty, Lore Wood, Paula Marriette, Jim Mano, and David Cole, overseeing students of Dodi Kimizuka who was unable to attend. A number of helpful supportive volunteers and parents participated in the enjoyable yet carefully controlled walk from Vaughn Elementary to the stream's

location behind the Vaughn Post Office.

Smith, a licensed veterinarian, arranged with the Washington State Department of Fisheries for an aquarium and its stand, a refrigeration unit (to keep the water at a required 40 degrees Fahrenheit), and 500 live salmon eggs.

In the words of Knisley's student, Billy Hughes, "The school has had the fish tank since January 4, 1999. Mrs. Knisley and Mr. Smith's class(es) have been studying salmon and making mobiles, reading books about salmon and making plates that have the life cycle." He added, "The two classes didn't get to see the



Vaughn students slipping salmon fingerlings into Vaughn Creen on Friday, February 12th.  
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salmon hatch because it was a  
Saturday."

They did, however, see a great deal  
of the development of the tiny  
salmon.

For example, Eryn Rossa asked,  
"Did you know that salmon have  
seven different fins?" then proceeded  
to name them, "caudal, adipose, anal,  
pelvic, dorsal, and pectoral."

Toni Eileen McGraw, one of  
Smith's students, noted that, "I saw in  
the fish tank two salmon stuck  
together."

Krystin Scholl, "learned a lot about  
salmon (and) really enjoyed it." Among  
other things, she got to see  
the inside of the salmon's eye. It was  
gross," she said, adding, "My mom  
says you need to see it because you  
need to learn."

Heidi Jelley felt that, "The most  
exciting thing that we saw was that  
there were two salmon that shared  
their yolk sack." She said, "We have  
been reading from a salmon booklet  
and coloring pages and writing  
paragraphs from the pictures in the  
booklet. This has been one of the  
most favorite science projects I've  
ever done."

Garet Huddleston learned that,  
"The life cycle starts out as eggs.  
Then they are alevin. Then they are  
fingerling or called fry. Then they are  
smolt. When they are smolt they  
travel to the ocean. Then they are  
adults. They swim around the ocean  
two times. Then they come back to  
spawn in their first creek. Later, they  
die."

Phillip French found that, "my  
favorite slide show was dissection (of  
a salmon) where you can see the guts."  
He added that, "we made mobiles,  
daily journals, we had fish in school  
and drew what we saw every day."

Dan Rippon reported that smolt,  
"are about six inches long," and, "a

lot of them get eaten by king fishers,  
seagulls, and other predators. He also  
learned that, "chinook, coho, sockeye,  
chum, and pink," are salmon sub  
species.

Molly Ash, "made mobiles and  
other art projects involving salmon,"  
and, "learned all about their life  
cycle," and found it, "really exciting  
when our first alevin hatched and  
swam to the top of the tank." At first  
she, "thought the eggs were gross but  
learned to like them when they finally  
hatched."

Crystalina White noted that, "at  
Vaughn we do cool things with Mr.  
Smith like learn about salmon and he  
tells us lots of salmon stuff like how  
they live and what they eat.  
Sometimes I wish that I was a salmon.  
We at Vaughn had so much fun  
helping the salmon."

AnaLise Maurins said, "When we  
studied salmon we made salmon  
mobiles and 3-D salmon," and, "we  
also read two books on salmon." Joe  
Gazabat said, "We also read three  
books on salmon."

Seth Hertenstein was a bit  
concerned that, "after we put the  
salmon in the creek they will have to  
face their predators." And Jolene  
Gauthier added that, "migrating  
salmon go back to where they were  
born and lay their eggs. Then they  
put gravel on top of the eggs to  
protect them. Soon they will die."

Each of Smith's and Knisley's  
students wrote a report on the five and  
a half week salmon project. The  
quotes above were taken directly from  
these reports. Watching the excited,  
inquiring, caring, enthusiastically  
learning youngsters in action was  
nothing short of wonderful for this  
writer. Who says learning can't be  
fun? These future leaders were  
reveling in the experience.



# T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

We have a bit of catch-up to report this month since we missed the March issue. Our best of the TOPS for Feb. were Colleen Spezia #1 and Rita Koehl was #2. Rita is a fairly new member and has lost over 10 lbs. so far. Colleen has been in TOPS just a year and has lost over 123lbs. Colleen is in the running to be a state winner with her tremendous loss. She is an example to us all with her steady weekly losses. She has had a loss every week for over 30 weeks. We really cheer her and want the best for her. As a group we have been having some challenging times struggling with our personal weight loss. I think it can be blamed on La NINA. The dark dreary days have sapped our energies and made a lot of us depressed. And guess what? We over eat to feel better. Well, it doesn't work. As we have been told "Nothing tastes as good as thin feels". Now is the time to get yourself together and do some moving around and watch your portions. Spring and summer are right around the corner. We

really want to look and feel our best and drop pounds to be cooler.

In February we held our annual awards for 1998. We used flowers, balloons and teddy bears to make it festive. We honored those who lost the most weight and those who reached their ideal weight. Eva Roths was crowned our chapter Queen as she lost the most and reached her goal. Mary Nixon was the Queen runner-up. In the divisions Colleen Spezia was #1 in Division #1, Betty Ostoyich was #1 in division #2, Linda Sutterfield was #1 in division #3, Debbie Wayno was #2 in division #3, Kate Burkart captured #3 in the same division. In division #4, Joy DeLuca had 1<sup>st</sup> place, Pauline Longley placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jackie Nelson was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. We had just one winner in division #5, and a new member, Laura Wrzeski was #1. James Spezia, our only teen male member, was #1 in his division. Mary Seidelman was honored for being under her goal weight in leeway for 12 years. Frankie Johnson was recognized for having perfect

weight charts. We will be traveling to Yakima May 21st to participate in the state recognition convention. We hope to see several of our chapter members on stage as they graduate and receive further awards for their efforts.

We had installation of officers for the coming year March 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be Carol Bischoff leader, Rosalie Busz, co-leader, Betty Ostoyich, secretary, Helen Schlipp, treasurer, Frankie Johnson weight recorder and Delores Paul, assistant weight recorder.

It is time for our annual rummage sale. It will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. We appreciate your support in the past and hope see you back again this year. We will have a good assortment of gently used items.

T.O.P.S. is a non-profit organization to help you help yourself to a better and healthy life style. Come join us in the VFW room at the Civic Center every Tues evening. Weigh-in is private and starts at 6:00 PM. The meetings always have a topic and are fun. from 7:00-8:00 PM. Call 884-4102 if you have questions.

## Reynold's Roost



by Howard Reynolds

I met a lively elderly lady at the Key Center Library the other day and she told me about the five gentlemen she sees everyday.

"As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go see John. Then Charley Horse comes along and he gets a lot of attention. When he leaves, Arthur Rites shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't stay in one place for long, so he takes me from joint to joint). After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. "What a life!"

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family for taking care of me at their home and when I was in the hospital. Thanks for the beautiful flowers and to all of my friends for their prayers, phone calls, cards and visits when I came home.

A big thank you!  
Marguerite Bussard

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## Normana Male Chorus Concert

The Normana Male Chorus is returning to Key Peninsula Lutheran Church Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. They will present a concert of a variety of songs under the direction of Dr. Jon Malmin. This is their third appearance at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. The group of over fifty members is now in it's 111<sup>th</sup> year and is much in demand.

The concert is free and open to anyone from the community - invite your friends, neighbors and family to join you for this evening of songs. Key Peninsula Lutheran Church is located at Key Peninsula Highway

and Lackey Rd. If you need further information call 884-3312 or Jack Piercy at 884-4907.

*Happy  
Easter!*

## P.W.F. Schedules Fundraiser In Bremerton

by Ken Hamblin

The Pacific Wrestling Federation in conjunction with the Skateland Parents Club is bringing live professional wrestling action back to Kitsap County. Thursday night, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Skateland Skating Arena will be the place for two title matches.

The International Heavyweight Championship will be on the line in the Main Event. The Champion, Streetfighter Tim Flowers will put his strap on the line against Randy "The Pimp" Taylor. The second title tilt will be for the International Tag Team

Championship as Hearthrob Buddy Wayne and Sumito defend their titles against Nikki Sixx and Layne Fontaine. There will also be an appearance by Combat Girl as she fights the Tijuana Kid. Craig Corrosion battles The Inferno and there will be a bout featuring Chico Alvarez. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. This show is a fundraiser for the Skateland Parents Club to help fund a trip to the National Skating Championships. Skateland is located at 1740 Fuson Road NE in Bremerton. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Skateland at (360)373-2162.

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