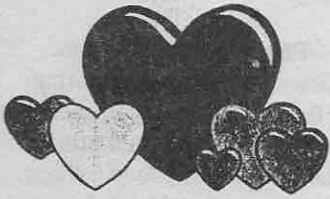
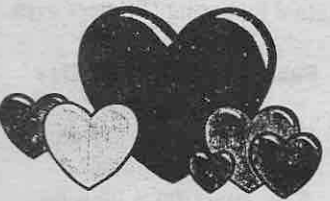


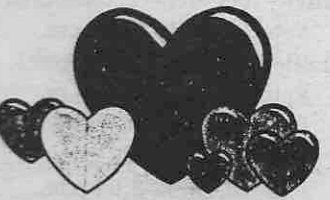
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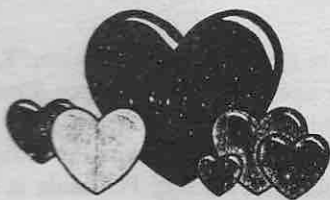
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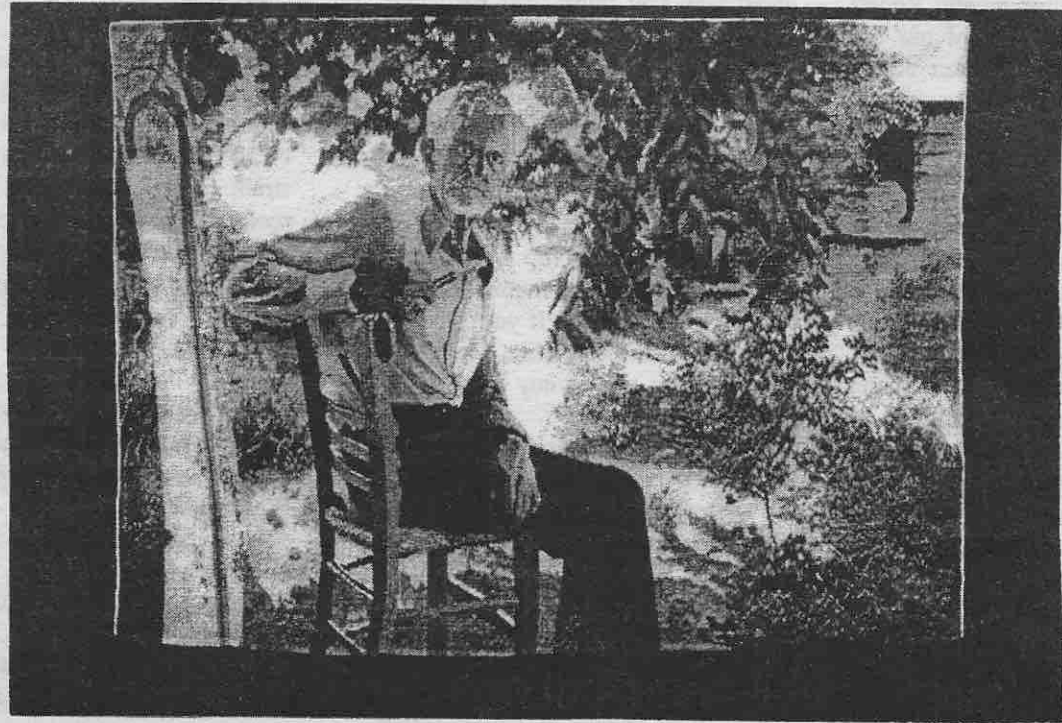


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Winter Visuals, Donations Only



Papouss II, a Tapestry, 41"x58" wool and linen, by Cecilia Blomberg is one of the artists that will have her works on display at Winter Visuals, held February 7, 1998 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

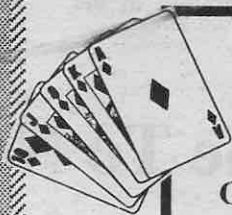
The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) is sponsoring Winter Visuals on February 7, 1998, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

This has developed into an absolutely wonderful event! A multitude of artists asked to participate. The di-

verse showing will be an experience to behold. Hand painted china, basketry, watercolors, carvings, leather and porcelain dolls, silk scarves, photography, pottery, colored pencil, quilts, needlework, tapestry, masks, jewelry, computer graphics, paper, wood, and stone sculptures, and more. Please bring the children, they are

admitted **FREE**, their only requirement, to ask the artists how their craft developed. Adults are asked for a donation. Sunnycrest Nursery is supplying beautification plants, the KP Lions Club a concession, entertainment of piano, string ensemble, and

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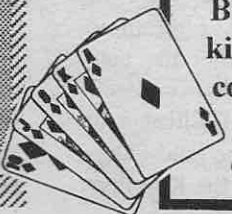
RENO NIGHT!

March 7th
Good food, good
times,
good friends!

WIN! WIN! WIN!



Come join us!
If you'd like to
volunteer
to help deal, run
Bingo, help in the
kitchen, work as a
cocktail server or
shuffle
cards, give us a



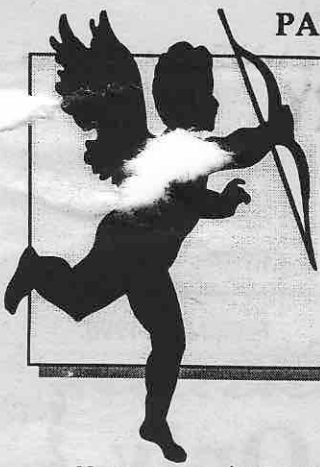
Annual Firefighters Ball, February 14, 1998, Valentines Day

The annual Key Peninsula Firefighters Ball will be held Saturday, February 14, 1998 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. The dance is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Firefighters Association. The money raised from the dance will be used for Disaster Preparedness on the Key Peninsula. The committee has been working hard to make this a special and fun event for the community.

Dinner will be served from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. Dancing will start at

8:00 P.M. and continue until 12 Midnight. Music and entertainment will be provided by "Dee Jaiz" There will be a special area for the bar (sponsored by the Key Peninsula Lions Club) so families will be able to attend.

Donations of \$25 per couple or \$15 for singles entitles you to dinner, dancing and a chance on a door prize. For information or tickets call the Fire Station at 884-2222. We hope to see you there. *Come and be our Valentine!!*



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

Here we go into another month! Time seems to pass so quickly! Lots of folks to thank this month: Robert Blum, who repaired one of our big commercial coffee pots, Allen Yanity for repairing the stock pot with the missing handle, Ruth Bramhall for donating some of the things on the Civic Center "Wish List", (stock pot, two large salad bowls, two water pitchers, and two coffee carafes), and Stephanie Zampini for donating a huge salad bowl. Thanks to all of you for your support.

I'm looking forward to "Winter Visuals" on February 7th. Put on by the Cultural Arts Commission, this show will bring together many local artists who will be demonstrating their particular brand of creativity. There will be sculptors, wood carvers, watercolorists, oil paintings and many more interesting things to see. Come down and join us from noon to 5:00 PM.

On February 14th the Firefighter's Ball will be held here at the Civic Center. Buy your tickets now and enjoy a fine evening of dining and dancing. Tickets are available from the fire station in Key Center. The cost: \$25 per couple, \$12.50 singles. Bring the whole family!

We need volunteers for our first Reno Night of the year on March 7th. Contact Krys Wylie at 884-4073 if you can participate.

Don't forget to turn in your favorite

nominee to the Lions Club for the Citizens of the Year banquet on March 14th. Just write a few lines about why you think your particular favorite should be nominated and send it to: The Key Peninsula Lions Club, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394. The deadline for submissions is February 28th. The Lions are also looking for new members to join them in their philanthropic endeavors. It's a fun group, and they do many great things for the community. Their meetings are fun, too! If you'd like to join, call President Mike Coffin at 857-4285, or talk to any Lions Club member.

The Key Peninsula Historical Museum will open on February 5th after its winter closure. The museum will be open Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Appointments to tour the museum on another day than those mentioned above, can be made by calling 884-4538 and scheduling.

The Spring Festival will be held here at the Center on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You'll see many lovely handcrafted items displayed and for sale. Get your mother something nice for Mother's Day!

Make it a point to come and participate in the many and varied events we have each year. You'll have a great time, meet neat people, and put something back into your community!

See you next month!

Key Peninsula Civic Center

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is still in need of funding for a Stage Curtain and Theatrical Lighting and Sound Board. Anyone wishing to send donations, please send them to the Key Peninsula Civic Center, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394, Atten-

tion President Mike Coffin. The Center looks toward producing Children's Theatre and Dinner Theatre events. If you would like to have these activities in your community, please support them in this endeavor.

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THE FAMILY ROOM

by Toby Bingham,
Family Resource Specialist

As winter progresses, limited daylight and harsh weather conditions can confine families to home for extended periods of time. The results of "cooping up" can wear on the nerves of all members and put an enormous strain on the family as a whole. By recognizing this phenomenon, families can intervene by taking a proactive approach in battling cabin fever.

Get out of the house!

Bundle up and take a walk.

Join a group, club or organization.

Discover new interests and hobbies.

Clean out your attic, basement or broom closet.

Participate in an after school enrichment program.

Volunteer to assist an elderly person in your neighborhood.

Research your family history.

Organize that shoebox full of pictures.

Learn to play an instrument, sing and dance.

Visit the library.

Invite your neighbors over.

Write songs, poetry, a novel or keep a personal journal.

Drawing, painting, pottery, stained glass are creative options.

Come to one of many classes, workshops, groups and events scheduled at the Key Peninsula Family

Resource Center, Civic Center, Longbranch Improvement Club and Community House.

By simply turning off the TV and opening the door of possibilities, families can reduce stress, increase peace and enjoy themselves in the process.

**February Center Hours -
Monday -Friday 9:00-4:00 p.m.**

Feb. 4 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Healthy Families

Feb. 5 - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grandparents Support Group
(Key Peninsula Library-Brones room)

Feb. 5 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Little Buddies (Civic Center)

Feb. 5 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Parent's Group

Feb. 5 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Positive Fathering

Feb. 12 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Little Buddies (Civic Center)

Feb. 12 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Parent's Group

Feb. 12 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Positive Fathering

Feb. 12 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Active Parenting (Minter Creek Elementary)

Feb. 16 - President's Day

Office Closed

Feb. 18 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Healthy Families

Feb. 19 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cancer Support Group
(Key Peninsula Library-Brones room)

Feb. 19 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Little Buddies (Civic Center)

Feb. 19 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Positive Fathering Group

(Family Resource Center)

Feb. 24 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Family Fun Night - snack and fun activity for parents and children

Feb. 26 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Little Buddies (Civic Center)

Feb. 26 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Positive Fathering Group

(Family Resource Center)

Feb. 26 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Active Parenting (Minter Creek Elementary)

Time To Nominate Citizens of the Year

by Hugh McMillan

You are encouraged to nominate the candidate of your choice for recognition as a **Citizen of the Year** by providing a brief letter describing the person(s) and your reasons for your choice. Mail to Citizens of the Year, KP Lions, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394. Please don't be one of the people who says, "Gee, I meant to nominate ..." the day after the banquet.

This, the 14th annual Citizens of the Year banquet, will be held Saturday, March 14, 1998 at the Key Pen-

insula Civic Center in Vaughn. Key-note speaker will be Pierce County Sheriff Mark French.

Anyone living, working, or owning property on the Key Peninsula is eligible to be a candidate for recognition of voluntary work or contributions of benefit to our community. Members of the Lions Club are not eligible.

Nominations must be submitted on or before February 28, 1998. So please get your nominations in now ... while you're thinking about it. If you have questions, please call, 884-3319, 857-4285 or 884-1038.

KPCCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Coffin. The minutes of November's meeting were accepted as corrected. It was MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

A letter was received from the VFW thanking us for the effort we put out for them at the Winter Bazaar. They were grateful that we could be accommodating, and we're happy to say that they raised quite a bit of money. The request from the KPFFA to waive the rental fee on the Center for the upcoming ball was granted by the board. The skate night employee

who was injured recently, now has a doctor's okay and has returned to work.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The new gates are up and swinging, thanks to the efforts of Alien Yanity, Fred Ramsdell, and Tim Kezele. The back gate will be closed at 5 PM, and all day Saturdays and Sundays. The front gate will be closed after the day's events have ended. The Fire Department reported that it is mandatory to have a Knox box nearby, in case of emergency. Irene is getting more information on this. Out of the three

extra keys Irene has made, Sylvia has one, Judy Coffin will have one as stand-in to Irene, and the Knox box will contain the last one. The toilets are backing up again.

NEWSPAPER REPORT: The Fire Department requested that they use the paper for the month of January, and will cover all costs they incur. The paper usually loses money in the month of January, and this issue will be discussed under new business.

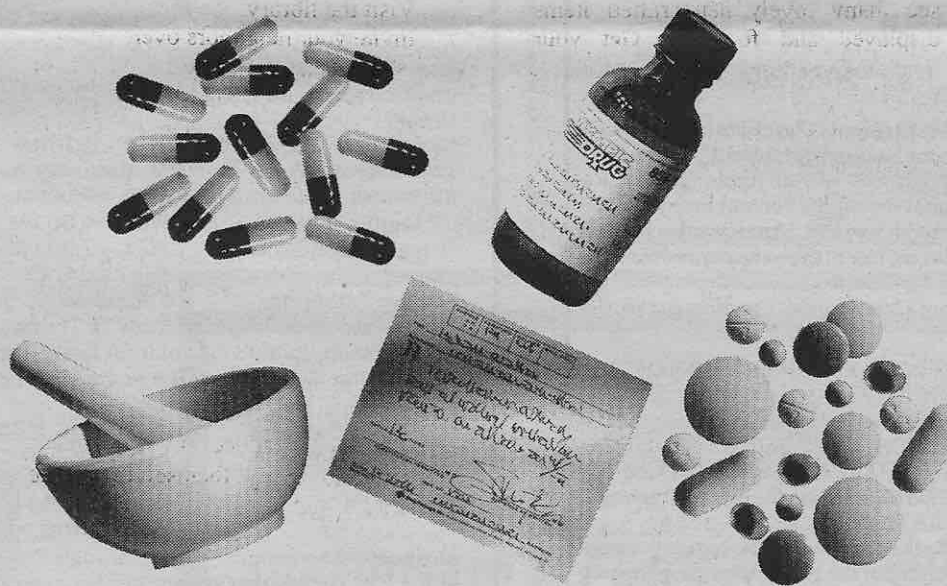
WINTER BAZAAR: The bazaar was the biggest it has ever been, and did quite well, as did the kitchen

hamburgers! Some problems did arise due to food selling, application reading, table set-up and take-down, and msc other problems. Irene and Krys are working on correcting these problems in time for the Spring Bazaar. It was decided that a crew would come out on the 12th to decorate the Center for the holidays.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: It was MSC that since the fire department had an alternative to using our newspaper, we would deny their request,

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due to lack of information and time.

CONSTRUCTION: Dave Freeman was absent, but Stephanie reported that she received an extension on our grant, so monies could be utilized next year to begin on the new construction. She also reported that she applied for a new grant to help pay for the costs of exterior renovations and painting. It was also reported by Mike and Sylvia that they signed for a new grant, which will cover renovation costs on the stage area, the repair of old skates, and the purchase of new in-line skates. Sandy and Sylvia are working on a new grant to finish the replacement of the windows.

WHITMORE RENOVATION: Claudia reported that the linoleum has been ordered, and that they are waiting for the sub-flooring to be laid, and

a set date for the installation of the tile. Irene would like to look into getting new covered stacking chairs, and it was also noted that we need at least twenty-four new six foot tables.

Mike requested that those who volunteer in the kitchen write up a wish list of items they feel are needed in there. These can be turned into Irene, and will be published in the paper in hopes that donations are forthcoming. The new contracts have been done, and there are no changes or increases in prices. Irene will be sending a letter to the Angel Guild in hopes they will continue to donate to the general fund that covers the rent costs for the WIC program. Three new board members were accepted: Mike Salatino, Marty Marcus, and Ann Waldo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Krys Wylie, secretary

Don't Forget The Annual Firefighters Ball February 14, 1998 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center

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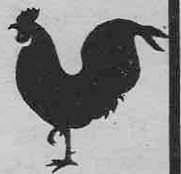
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Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet on February 18th at the home of Kelly Gulseth. A white elephant sale will be held. Interested gardeners are welcome. For further information, please call 884-3702.

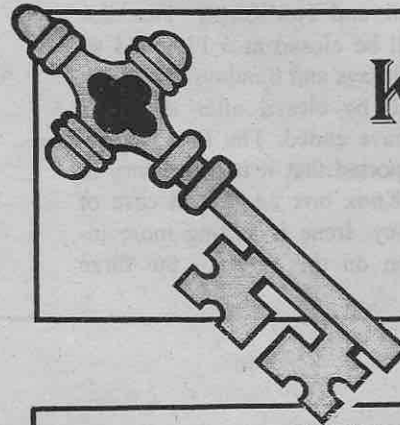
Reynold's Roost



by Howard Reynolds

By the time we realize our parents were right, we have children who think we are wrong.

KEY DATES 1998



BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Feb. 6 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Feb. 20 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
	Feb. 24 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
Ashes	Feb. 5 - 10:30 AM Potluck	Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220	Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	KPCCA VFW Rm.
Cootiettes	Feb. 19 - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board	Feb. 9 - 7:30 PM	Museum - Civic Center
KPCCA Board	Feb. 12 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	Feb. 12 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:30 PM	CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes	Call for Appointment	851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	Feb. 16 - 10:00 AM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Thurs. - 1:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center	Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433
Food Bank	Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon	Comm. House - Home	
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call	884-4440,	
	884-4514, or 857-4780.	

Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor

Key Center Library 884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM

KP Baptist Bible Study	Wed. - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA	Wed. - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous	Wed. - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network	Feb. 3, 10, 17 - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Positive Fathering	Thursdays - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM	Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	at the Civic Center in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	Feb. 11 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	Feb. 23 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	Feb. 9 - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM	at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home
Caregivers Support	Feb. 12 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group	Feb. 14 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.		
T.O.P.S.-Tuesday Evening-Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM		Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	Feb. 20 - Meeting	Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Tues. - 1 - 3 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Indoor Park	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM	KPCCA gym
KP Historical Society	1 st Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum.
Museum re-opens on Thursday Feb. 5 from winter shut-down. Regular schedule of Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM will resume.		
LB Improvement Club	Feb. 20 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	Feb. 10 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	Feb. 5 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	Feb. 16 - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, Lunch and
meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church		
Senior Society Luncheon	Thursdays - Noon	KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club	Feb. 18 at the home of Kelly Gulseth. A "White Elephant" sale will be held. Call 884-3702 for more information	

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TOPS News

WA#1019, Vaughn Evening Group

by Frankie Johnson

Have you noticed all the advertising for weight loss on TV lately? They are some really high powered, money making companies. I heard one say they had a special for \$149 plus food and they had one-on-one counseling that made it work. If you don't have a lot of money to spend for help, TOPS is for you. You can join TOPS for \$20 a year and \$5 a month to the chapter to help defray costs of the local group. TOPS is not big business.

We really want to help you to get to your normal weight for your health. You might notice that the BIG guys thrive on the return dieter. TOPS has an ongoing program to help you keep the pounds off. TOPS relies on contests and incentives and a buddy system. In all weight loss, it is a do it yourself project. No one can be with you 24 hours a day or keep you from eating if you want to. Our weigh-in is confidential. Your weight is confidential. You do have to face the scale every week and declare if you are up or down, how ever many pounds. Only the weight recorders know what you weigh and they are sworn to secrecy. TOPS meetings have programs to keep you excited and informed about weight loss.

In December, we had a net weight loss of 27.75 lbs. Fourteen of our members had a loss in the month. Debbie Spadoni did the best with a loss of 12.75 lbs. and Eva Roths was 2nd with a 7.50 loss. Both have done very well to achieve their goal weight since they joined in Oct. 1997.

Three of our members reached KOPS in December Susan Davidson, who lost 82, Joann Holmes lost 27, and Jo Anne Cluver lost 17.75 to reach goal. They have qualified to graduate at State Recognition Days in Silverdale in May. Arleen Lonning

will be in that graduating class also. Susan has qualified to be our chapter Queen. Arleen, with a 37 lb. Loss, is our Queen runner up. Our chapter had a net loss of 424 lbs. for the past year.

Jesse Nixon and Sarah, her daughter are very, very close to goal. We think they will both be starting on KIW by the time you read this. Jeanne Sagle only has 7 LBS to achieve goal We are extremely proud of all of these members. KIW means KOPS -IN-WAITING and is a 13 week period to maintain our "leeway" goal weight At the end of 13 weeks the member is registered as a KOPS member. (KEEP OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

Dorothy Jarman spoke at all our Jan. 20th meeting She is our area captain and is always inspiring. Dorothy has been at her goal many years and shared how she keeps in her leeway (31lbs over goal and 7 pounds under goal) TOPS has a 10 pounds "leeway" once you reach goal so you can maintain normal weight the rest of your life. TOPS doesn't have a "diet". Your own doctor will set your goal and tell you what kind of food plan you should follow. TOPS will provide the support.

You are welcome to come any time and observe a meeting or join us. We are at the Vaughn Civic Center every Tuesday night at 6 00 PM to weigh in and the meeting starts at 7:00 and is over promptly at 8:00 PM. call 884-4102 if you need more information.

255 Pounds Lost In '97

by Mary Nelson

The Morning TOPS Group ended their first year with a total weight loss of 255 pounds. This coming year we plan to do even better and you can be part of it because....

IT'S PARTY TIME for perspective TOPS members and past TOPS members. At 9:00 AM on February 17 the Morning TOPS Group, WA 1325, Lakebay, will be hosting an Open House to encourage new ones to come and check us out and to urge past members to join in again. This will be happening in the Key Peninsula Community House located on the Peninsula Highway, just south of Home bridge.

December was another successful month for our TOPS members. Virginia Avery, our leader, was our top loser for this month. Dolores Argabright was runner up. She has only a few more pounds to go to get to her goal. They are an inspiration!

We are looking forward to an inspirational speaker on February 24. Max Lomax will be visiting us from the Belfair Chapter with a talk on how

Your Attitude Makes A Difference. This man should know. He lost over 75 pounds!

For further details on the programs or the schedules or any questions about TOPS please feel free to call either Virginia Avery - 884-1514 or Mary Nelson - 884-4136.

Please come and share in the excitement of success during the month of February.

Retired And Senior Volunteer Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities: Tutoring positions at Spanaway Elementary, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 to 12, flexible schedule; Receptionist for Washington Women's Employment and Education, Tacoma Office, flexible schedule; Tacoma Art Museum after school mentor program. Training provided. Contact Mildred at 474-1700.

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Key Peninsula Lions Club

We have received the first nomination for the 1998 Citizen of the Year. The banquet feting the citizen chosen for this honor will be held on March 14. It is time for anyone who has a candidate for Citizen of the year to send the nomination to the Key Peninsula Lions Club at P. O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Do you know a public servant, a teacher or librarian, a volunteer, a philanthropist -- any citizen who performs a service above the norm, without asking, "What's in it for me?" That one is a good candidate for Citizen of the Year. To nominate, send a short letter to the above address stating your candidates qualifications, and include an address so that we can contact you and the candidate. (Lions are not eligible.) For further information, call Allan Twidt, 884-1038.

The Lions Club is also preparing for the a Cultural Arts Winter Visuals event at the Civic Center on February 7. The set up crew will be able to purchase muffins and coffee at a nominal fee, and at noon, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages with onions and peppers.

There are more than thirty artists planning to participate in this event, which promises to be unique, educational, and fun.

The next meeting of the Lions Club will be on February 4th. There will be a dinner, and Margaret Sheak, President of the Tacoma Aristocats Lions Club Hill the featured speaker. Margaret is heading a drive to acquire at least one Photo Screener for Sight, a device that detects sight problems in children too young to talk.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
**William F. Roes,
MD**

There are a number of things doctors routinely check in blood tests they draw in their offices, but one that is seldom tested is a patient's blood type. Contrary to certain TV talk show hosts, there is rarely a need for a person to know his blood type. The two common exceptions are pregnant women and patients receiving a transfusion. Any time a transfusion is considered, blood must be drawn to "Type and Cross"; the doctor or hospital would not rely on information presented by the patient in that situation.

Blood type refers to antigens (proteins) located on the red blood cells. The major types are A, B, AB, and O, there are also other antigens which are important known as RH factors which are characterized as positive or negative. The most common blood types are O and A, B accounts for about 9% and AB for less than 3%. Similarly the vast majority of people are RH positive. When doing blood transfusions, the donor's

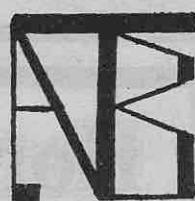
blood should match the recipients, although in an emergency, blood that is O Rh negative is unlikely to react with the recipients blood. (That's why they are always calling for O-Negative in TV's ER.)

As I mentioned, your doctor probably doesn't know your blood type. He can run the studies, but Medicare (and other insurance companies) won't usually pay for it unless you're receiving a transfusion. The test will run about \$60, which is expensive for something you usually don't need to know. There is a cheaper way to find out and do a service as well. The Cascade Regional Blood Service is desperately low on blood donors now, and by donating blood they will find out and tell you your blood type for free. If you're healthy and have a hankering to know what type you are, call them at 383-2553 to set up an appointment.

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PARCS (Park and Recreation Council)

The Park and Recreation Council (PARCS) meets at 7:00 PM every 4th Monday at the Swede Hill fire station. (This date changes occasionally. Call Nancy Lind at 884-3347 for confirmation.) The Park and Recreation Council is the designated implementation team for the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan adopted by the Pierce County Council in Dec. 1993. That plan can be reviewed at the GH and Key Center branch libraries. There are approximately 18 volunteer members on this council and many segments of the population on the two peninsulas are represented.

The Council supports and promotes several park and recreation projects and works with the principals to help increase and improve park and recreation opportunities in the community. 1) the Cushman Powerline Trail, a Pierce County Parks project, initiated by PARCS (from Olympic Village to the Narrows), is the beneficiary of a \$400,000 grant from ISTEA to pave this trail in Sept. 1998. 2) The Purdy Sandspit, also a Pierce County Parks project, is in the planning state. 3) Doc Weathers, initiated by the Peninsula Heritage Land Trust and purchased through funds from the Trust for Public Lands and Pierce County, is undergoing preparation for public access. The guest house is being remodeled for use by a caretaker

Computers, Copier Needed

Last month the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) offered two computers, software included, which a resident was donating to any non-profit organization with a 501 © (3) classification. We received more requests than we had computers. Organizations in need are: Chronic Fatigue and Fibromyalgia, Tacoma-Gig Harbor; Gig Harbor Performing School of Arts; KGHP Radio Station, (1 Computer Donated); Peninsula Heritage Land Trust, (1 Computer Donated); and The Performance Circle.

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

and PHLT will help oversee the park as part of the Adopt-a-Park program. 4) The Elgin-Clifton property (240 acres to tax title property on Elgin-Clifton), is still in the works with the County to be designated as open space for the Key Peninsula.

Other matters: the PARCS brochure is finished and will be ready for distribution soon.

For further information, call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

Meeting Notice

The Home Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 7:00 PM at the Home Fire Station. Ken Pinyard will be the moderator.



IN THE LIBRARY

Health Care For Pets from the Holistic Point of View, a discussion by Dr. Natasha Kassell, will be held at the Key Center Library, Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Kassell will explain holistic medicine, and examine the factors pertinent to the improved health of one's pets. These factors include diet, water, vaccines, flea control, environmental toxins, and inheritance. As an example, regarding diet, she will present an optimal approach and then

one that is "next to best," naming high quality commercial food brands.

Natasha Kassell received her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She practiced conventional veterinary medicine at Gig Harbor Veterinary Hospital for several years. Seeking a holistic approach, she then studied homeopathy with Dr. Richard Pitcairn, author and president of the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. Natasha founded the Holistic Veterinary Care Service in April 1997. She focuses primarily on homeopathy, nutrition, and the elimination of underlying causes of disease. She resides in Purdy.

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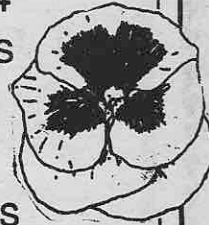
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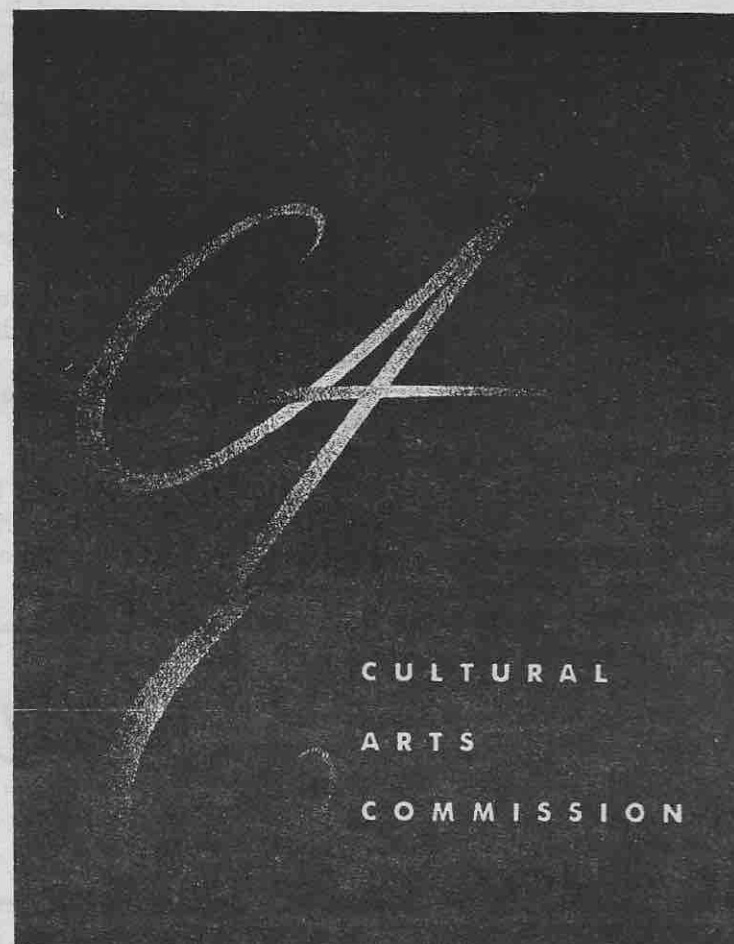
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Winter Visuals



Examples of custom-made deer skin jacket and white deer skin bag by Rainbow Danger, one of the artists on display at Winter Visuals.



From Visuals on Page 1

harp. We look forward to meeting you and your family. Please call 851-9462 if you need directions.

Winter Visuals is the fourth event in a Four Seasons fund-raising program for the CAC. Participants to date include:

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Christopher Mathie
Pottery
Roberta Montgomery
Needle Work
Jo Nelson
Poet/Short Story Published Author
Nancy Rankin
Watercolor
Kelly Reimer
Photo Memories
Joyce Taylor
Stone Sculptor
Lois Tucci
Mixed Media
Karen Wilkerson
Masks, Standing Sculptures
Barbara Williams
Paper Sculpture - Birds, Flowers
Additional artists will be published as commitments are received.
This event is offered free to children, donations accepted for adults. It is an excellent event for school groups, Scout Troops, and/or Sunday School field trips.
Call Shirley Tomasi, CAC Executive Director, 851-9462 with any questions.

Winter Visuals
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4-H Leadership Members Give Presentation On Preparedness

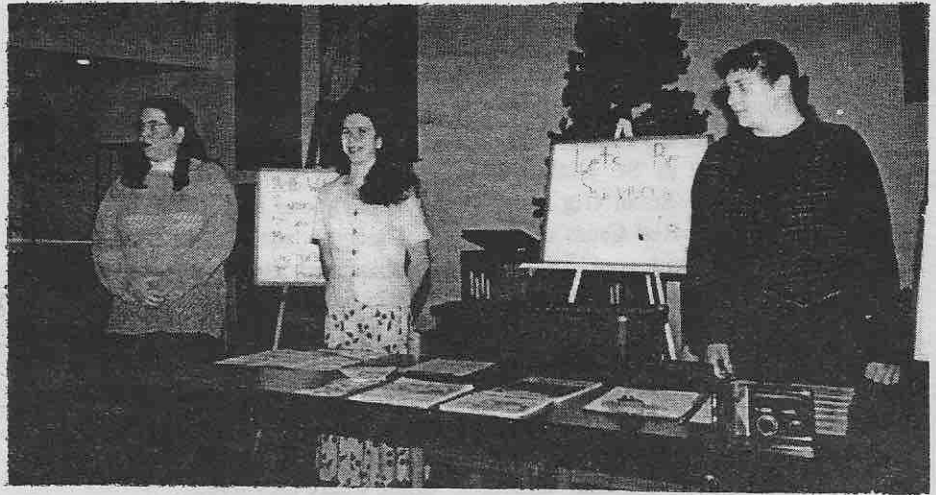
by JoAnne Gray, Secretary, PEP-C

The attitude of survival was the theme of a presentation by two Gig Harbor 4-H Club members at Agnus Dei Church on December 7, 1997 after the regular Sunday service. The talk, given for members of the congregation, was one of several prepared and offered to the community by Kaisa Carlson and Beth Welander, both members of the Gig Harbor 4-H Club of which Dianna Carlson is leader. The sixteen year old Gig Harbor High School sophomores were offering the presentation as part of a 4-H Leadership Project and have won a special merit award for the quality of their workshop. The girls feel it is important to continue to offer their information beyond the competition portion of their project.

Kaisa and Beth toss the information "ball" back and forth between them, news-anchor style as they take their audience easily through the basics of

preparedness and what it takes to be a survivor of any disaster. They place emphasis on having paperwork in place in advance to make life easier in dealing with the aftermath of an event. Not only things like information on all family members, emergency phone numbers and a family emergency plan, but having signed medical releases and agreements in place at schools for those who are authorized to pick up and care for children.

PEP-C members, Monika Bradley and JoAnne Gray were asked to attend the demonstration to offer back-up to the girls in fielding questions from the audience. However, Kaisa and Beth were quick and thorough with answers to questions on preparedness even beyond the scope of their lecture. They used flip charts and emergency kit items to add visual emphasis to their presentation and offered many tips on equipment, food,



Kim Weatherly, Agnus Dei, Health ministries introduce Beth and Kaisa.

Photo by J. Gray

and water storage and general preparedness advice.

Though the talk was limited to fifteen minutes, the girls packed in a lot of material and touched on more as a table of contents for further information gathering.

Groups wishing to have Kaisa and

Beth share their program with them may call Kaisa or Dianna Carlson at 265-6708 or Beth Welander at 858-7244.

For information on family and neighborhood preparedness, call PEP-C education director at 851-8306.



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Meals are a \$2.00 donation for those over 60 and their spouses, all others are \$4.00. Volunteers receive a free meal on the day they work. We can use someone to give a chair aerobics class 3 days a week in the morning. A dishwasher on Fridays would be very welcome.

The center is open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM except on Wednesday till 2:00 PM.

Some of the meals next week are spaghetti and meatballs, Mexican fare, Teriyaki chicken etc.

We are a small group so you won't get lost in the crowd. The average age is 75 years young. We had a woman celebrate her 98th birthday the beginning of January.

Please call me, Stephanie Zampini, manager, at 858-8284 or 884-9821 for more information, directions on how to get here or if you can take the shuttle bus.

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful Applications Available

Applications are now available for low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women to get their homes painted at no charge this summer by Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful. To be eligible, applicants must be at least 60 years old and/OR disabled, meet low-income guidelines, live in Tacoma/Pierce County, and own the home where they live.

The deadline for applications is April 1, so now is the time to apply.

This summer will be the 14th year for Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful. It is anticipated that around 110 homes will be painted.

The painting done by this program is exterior house painting only. All the work is done by volunteers from churches, service clubs, businesses, unions, local government offices, schools, and military bases, etc. Last year close to 2500 volunteers painted 123 homes. All the paint was either donated or purchased at cost, and there is no charge whatsoever to the homeowner.

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful is a program of Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County. Individuals may apply for themselves or make referrals for friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. For applications and for further information call 383-3056.



THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

I began law school in the fall of 1971 at Gonzaga University. I was so excited to be in law school that on the first day I parked my 1963 green VW bug across from the main entrance of the school so that I could see the sign that said "Gonzaga School of Law" over the front door as I walked up the steps.

My excitement turned to near panic as on that day, in my Contracts class, our professor told us to look to the person on either side of us. We all did so and then he said, "One of the three of you won't be coming back here next fall." The academic struggle of the fittest struggle had begun. His statement proved prophetic as our class dropped in size from a first day enrollment of 125 to a second year enrollment of 87.

A sign of how times have changed since my career in law began is that out of the 124 students who started school with me only three were women. One of the three women students graduated first in our class. Currently, women students comprise at least 50% of law school students in the three law schools in our state: the University of Washington, Seattle University and my alma mater, Gonzaga University. We had no people of color in our class.

It is not easy to get into law school. A student has to have good grades in college and a good score on the Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT). Simply graduating from law school does not guarantee a license to practice. Each student, after graduation, needs to pass the bar examination which is a three-day examination usually held in Seattle. The passage rate is typically around 75%. I know of classmates who endured the financial and emotional challenge of graduating from law school who have never gotten to practice since they never passed the bar exam.

After three years of study, the graduating law school student earns the degree of Juris Doctor (JD). I will never forget May 12, 1974 - the day I graduated. At approximately 2:00 a.m. of that day, I became the father of twins - a boy and a girl and at 2:00 p.m. that same afternoon, I received my JD diploma. To top it off, May 12th that year was also Mother's Day!

As I begin my twenty-fourth year of practice, I can honestly say that the excitement I felt as I walked up the front steps of Gonzaga University, returns every time I walk in the front door of my office or the front door of a courthouse.

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This is an event which will showcase our youths. As a community we are asked to assist in supporting those who are unable to bare the entire trip expense.

Please direct your donations to GHHS, 5101 Rosedale Street, Gig Harbor, Washington, 98335, Attention: Bookkeeper.

You may remember the GHHS Meistersingers won the gold award at the Lincoln Center last year in the international competition of choir. In addition, they are the only choir asked to sing at St. Patrick's Cathedral the next morning.

We have fine youths in our community, let's be sure they all attend.

Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Did you get your W-2 by January 31st? Your employer is required to get it to you by that date. We hope you made your 4th and last estimated tax payment by January 15th. Now is the time to get your information ready for your tax preparer. We again suggest that, because of all the changes in the tax laws enacted in 1997, that you get a tax organizer for your tax preparer and do not try to do your taxes yourself. Also go to a tax preparer who will be there the year around, in case IRS disagrees with your tax return; in most cases, the year around tax preparer has gone to school to find out the latest on taxes.



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Student submissions will be used in select Gig Harbor Key Peninsula performing and visual arts programs. They will receive a credit line whenever their work is used. During the awards ceremony, the students voiced interest in supporting the performing and visual arts with designs for use in various media. You may wish to contact Teresa Millar, Art Instructor, who is very supportive of the students involvement in the arts community.

The overall official CAC logo was co-designed by Jacques Hennequest and Eun Kyeong Anna Lee. Both are international award winners who donated their services to the CAC.

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Angel Guild Notes

It seems that we had a lot of worried customers over the holidays. The Angel Guild shop was closed and emptied out!! This was on purpose and NO, we did not move, nor did we quit, however we totally got made over!! Many thanks go to Molly Holmes and Bonnie Stinson and Bonnie's whole family. Jeff Stinson moved everything out and back in. The entire shop was re-carpeted and painted. If you have not been in lately, do come by and see how pretty it is. It is light and feels bigger somehow. The terrific bargains are the same, and the donations of money and goods are the same.

At the last meeting it was reported that we gave \$150 to Camp Easter Seal and \$100 to the Pet Partnership project at the Women's Correctional Facility.

After many years as a volunteer to the Angel Guild, it was with deep regret we accepted the resignation of Vi Visell. Vi was given a special tiny harp to commemorate her years of service. Thank you, Vi Visell.

February 17th marks the 20th anniversary of the Angel Guild. Virginia Seavy is the chairman of the festivities planned for that week. Her com-

mittee members are Gene Scott and Mary Seidelman. We hope to get the charter members together at the next meeting to give them special thanks. Virginia says that plans are going well and there will be hot cider, coffee and goodies for customers and friends who stop by that week. Watch for some really big specials and bargains too. Isn't it a thrill to commemorate 20 years of service and donations to our own community from our own ladies (and 1 man)? They are to be commended for this wonderful task.

The Angels can always use more volunteers. Lately we welcomed new members Jean Seick, Joyce Bischoff, Jo Sproat and Carol Sudder. If you would like to help just come to the next meeting. The meetings are held in the Brones Room at the library in Key Center every 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 am. It is a lot of fun to be an Angel. You see many friends in the store and you can either sort the incoming donations or stock the shelves or actually ring up the sales. This is your store with your area getting all the benefit. This one of the best ways to make a difference with your time and talents. to help right here. There aren't any hidden costs like many big charities.

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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

An old saying goes: To get what you want you must commit yourself to something. Well, the good citizens of the Key Peninsula must have wanted to make a difference this Christmas and they sure succeeded! The response to the TREES OF SHARING, in Walts food stores, was OVERWHELMING! The veterans of American Lake hospital and those at Retsil send a very big thank you to ALL who contributed.

The money collected by post and auxiliary at the Ciderfest and the Christmas bazaar went towards eight food baskets for families at Christmas. With the help from the fine folks at Longbranch church and the Family Resource Center of Vaughn, these baskets were delivered and happy holidays were had by all.

To all our VFW members who have been or are still "under the weather", we send our hopes for a speedy recovery. That ol' flu bug sure is packing a whallop this year.

To new member Kathy Collier, welcome to the ladies auxiliary.

The post welcomes Al Harslinger, Tony Pinckney and Ron Collier.

For your information, the post meets in the VFW room in the Civic Center on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 P.M. The ladies meet in the Whitmore Room on the second Monday only, also at 7:30. Maybe from now on Mother Nature will not cause any more cancellations.

Commander Cy Young reports that both post and auxiliary are 100% membership but stresses that new members are welcome anytime. Keep up the good work, comrades and sisters, and congratulations. If you need information about eligibility, do not hesitate to call 884-4551.

The VFW Department of Washington headquarters has finally arrived at its new home office in Fife. Their new phone number is 253-922-2114. Address: VFW Department of Washington, 5213 Pacific Hwy., E., Fife, WA. 98424-2604

Spokane is the host city for the mid-winter conference to be held January 17 & 18. Your commander is planning on attending (weather permitting) to cheer on our district 4 Voice of Democracy winner.

Our scholarship and youth activities coffers were enhanced by a generous donation from Irene Zimmer for which we are very grateful indeed. We thank you sincerely, Irene, for your thoughtfulness.

Speaking of youth, District 4's Junior Essay winners, all from the Key Peninsula area, are as follows: 9th grade - first place - Tim Griffith. 8th grade - second place - Kelsey Greer. 5th grade - Michael Kelley - first place. 3rd grade - Johnny Sly - first place. Congratulations, students, keep up the good work and we hope to see you all again next year. To every student who entered the contest, try again, as we will be looking for YOU.

A note to anyone who wishes to fly their deceased loved one's flag in the Aisle of Honor on Memorial Day: the flag along with information should be given to Eileen Young or any VFW member well before the May date. This gives us time to do the necessary preparations to have the flag in the Aisle on this important day. Phone 884-4551 for information.

Until next month, I leave you with this thought: Always prefer to believe the best of everyone - it saves so much trouble.

Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District (KPPRD)

The Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District Board of Commissioners elected officers and assigned various responsibilities at their December 22, 1997 meeting. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Fred Ramsdell; Vice Chairman, Frank Jeffries; Secretary, Marilyn Taggart; and Treasurer, Dick Granquist.

Frank Jeffries, with the assistance of Betty Hicks, will work on the scheduling of the activities at Volunteer Park.

Betty Hicks will be the main contact person with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the preparation of Maple Hollow Park prior to opening it to the public. DNR had a crew doing clean up work during December, 1997. It appears there may still be work to be done.

User fees and the 1998 Income and Expense Budget were also approved at the December 22 meeting.

The January 12, 1998 Board Meeting was cancelled due to the snow and was rescheduled for January 20th. Fred reported at the January 20, 1998 meeting that the septic tank has been pumped and inspected and should be in compliance with the Health Department requirements.

A discussion was held regarding the need to schedule a work party to upgrade the concession kitchen, and the cost of replacing the four water tanks that are presently worn out.

The KPPRD board meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Park annex building and is open to the public. In order to maintain and improve the parks on the Key Peninsula we will need financing through donations. Tax deductible donations supporting the parks can be made to: Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District (KPPRD), P.O. Box 46, Vaughn, WA 98394. For more information, please call any of the commissioners.

Thank You!

Letter To The Editor:

I wish to take a minute to thank Irene Zimmer for all she does at the Civic Center. Irene is the best manager we have ever had there and she really cares about all the people who use the facility. Irene always sees that it is clean and ready for whatever event is to be there. Some folks use the rooms and don't clean up after themselves. Irene is left with many messes that she quietly cleans up so the facility goes on. Irene watches over and fixes all the problems. It is hard to realize that she has a life of her own. A lot of people don't seem to know that, since she is there most of the time 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

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Support Group Meetings

The next meeting of the Tacoma Stroke Support Group and the Young Adult Stroke Support Group will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1998. Both groups will meet at Park Rose Care Center, 6:30 PM. For more information or directions, call 752-5677.

The next meeting of the Parkinson Education Society of Puget Sound will be held on Friday, February 20, 1998 at 11:30 AM. Meetings will be held every 3rd Friday of each month at Park Rose Care Center, 3919 South 19th Street, Tacoma. This is a support group for Parkinson patients and their families.

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

Whoever the "mystery writer" was who wrote the article in January's K P News about the need to save habitat if we hope to save wild salmon certainly hit the nail squarely on the head. Actually, the same need applies to the rest of the living things on Earth, even humans. The major weakness of the Endangered Species Act is that it selects individual species rather than habitats. Because of the interrelationships among living organisms, it's not unusual for the extinction of one species to lead eventually to the disappearance of other species which share the same habitat.

As an example, consider the case of a tree that was native to several islands in the Indian Ocean near Africa. This tree has a very large seed, similar in size to that of the avocado. On these same islands there lived a turkey-sized flightless bird known as a dodo. After humans finally killed the last of the dodos, the seeds of these trees no longer produced any seedlings. The relationship between the tree and the dodo was such that the seeds of the tree would not germinate unless they had first passed through the digestive tract of the dodo.

The problems involved in preserving habitats are manifold, and what works for one species might not work for others. Aside from mitigating the economic impacts resulting from limiting activities such as logging, fishing, paving, mining, oil well drilling, etc., there are some types of habitat conservation that work for some creatures but not for others. Unfortunately, unlike socks, there is no "one size fits all" solution to the problems

associated with habitat conservation and restoration.

For some animals, fragmenting their habitat into separate sections does not adversely affect their survival as long as there are connecting corridors between the sections. But this is not true for all animals. Some recent research conducted in forests in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador by Peter Pearman from Evergreen State College in Olympia and David Marsh of U C Davis has demonstrated this for two species of frogs. The population of frogs of one species decreased markedly as the size of their habitat was decreased, while the other species seemed to be affected more by the distance between the sections of their habitat.

Okay, so maybe some frogs in Ecuador are having survival problems due to breaking up their habitat into smaller units. Should that concern us? Well, the value of biodiversity aside, although that is important, there is a more selfish reason for humans to care. A type of chemical obtained from another Ecuadorian frog has been found to be 200 times as effective a pain-killer as morphine without being addictive. While it does contain some material toxic to humans, scientists have been able to determine its molecular structure, and have come up with a similar substance that is non-toxic, is a much more effective pain-killer than morphine, and does not have the adverse side-effects of morphine. It's currently being tested on humans in Europe. Chalk up another score in the new field of medical herpetology: Frogs 1, Pain 0.

Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Girls Fastpitch Registration

Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Girls Fastpitch registration is going on now through March 1st. Registration tables are set up at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Gig Harbor on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM and at the #5 Fire Station at the corner of Wright Bliss and Elgin Clifton Road on Saturday January 24th and January 31 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A registration booth is also set up in the foyer of the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Saturdays in February from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Girls of all ages are encouraged to register.

Those who register may enter our name and logo contest. The winner will receive: a softball autographed by the University of Washington softball team, an aluminum bat, free registration, and the 1st T-shirt imprinted with our new name and logo.

We're looking for a name and logo which best describes the area in which we live, and is catchy and unique, for example: "Softball Association."

The cost of registration is \$75.00. For more information call Robb Willis at 549-4330, Rob Murphy at 884-5557 or Mike Rinehart at 857-4632.

Citizen Patrol Planned For KP

by Hugh McMillan

Some nine months in the making, a citizens patrol under the aegis of Citizens Against Crime is expected to begin operations in March.

It is being patterned after similar programs in Poulsbo, Ocean Shores, and the Everett area. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department will oversee and provide training for the program. Those wishing to participate will be subject to a background check.

Volunteers for the project will serve as additional eyes and ears for the Sheriff, will be equipped with cellular phones and CB radio, and have direct access to law enforcement while on patrol. The activity will be strictly non-confrontational. The order of the day will be, "if it looks threatening, get out of there ... fast."

Olson Brothers Chevrolet/Geo and Gig Harbor Ford have volunteered to support the program by providing "loaner" vehicles which will bear identification as: Citizens Against Crime CITIZEN PATROL cooperating with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

Initially, the program will be made available to various communities throughout the Key Peninsula. Each community will be expected to pro-

vide its own body of volunteers to make the project functional. As this proves workable, the project will expand to embrace the Gig Harbor Peninsula as well. Some Sheriff's Department officials are hopeful that the activity ultimately can be spread throughout Pierce County.

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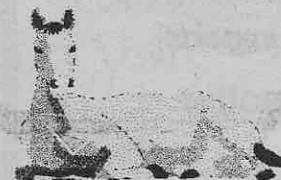
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