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DON'T FORGET RENO NIGHT ON MARCH 2ND!

Bring your friends and come on down to Reno Night on March 2nd from 6:00 pm til midnight! Dice, Blackjack, Chuck-A-Luck, Beat the Dealer, Bingo - lots of ways to win, win, win! Good food, drinks and a sociable evening await you! Don't miss it!



Above, Barney Martin, wearing a fancy vest, deals blackjack. Player on right is Penny Franks.

Citizens Of The Year Awards

The Citizens of the Year Awards Dinner will be held March 9th, 1996 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The keynote speaker for this year's event is Teresa Green of KSTW's Channel 11.

Teresa Green joined Channel 11 in August as the anchor for KSTW's "11 News This Morning." She also serves as health and medical reporter.

The general public was invited to attend the Lions meeting, held Wednesday, February 21, to observe the secret ballot voting process to select the Citizens of the Year.

Letters of nomination of the honor were read to the attending members, but identities of the candidates were not revealed. Each candidate was assigned a number. In this manner only the candidate's deeds will attract votes, name familiarities did not play a part.

The dinner will be held at the Key



Treva O'Niel



Larry Melness

Treva and Larry are two of the many nominees that were nominated for the Citizen of the Year Award. More photos of other nominees are located on Page 8.

Peninsula Civic Center on March 9; social hour; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m. tickets are \$8.50 or \$7.50 for groups of four. Tickets are available at Sunnycrest Nursery or Key Bank in Key Center, or Continental Tire

on SR 302. There will be no tickets at the door, the cut off date for tickets is March 5th.

Nominees for this year's event are pictured on Page 8 of this issue of the *Key Peninsula News*.



Under My Hat

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Manager

There is a lot "Under My Hat" this month, and I want to share it with you! Our new janitor is broken! I am gaining the dubious reputation as a "janitor buster" around here. He broke his foot last Saturday putting up the volleyball net for a rental customer. The base of the net stanchion dropped on his foot and he is now sporting a brand new cast clear up to his knee. A big thanks to the medical team on the ambulance from District #16 who were here so quickly, and stabilized and splinted his foot before I transported him to Allenmore Hospital. Thanks, guys and gal!

I hope you have noticed how great the tennis courts and the Center's grounds look! We had a work team from the WEC Program at McNeil Island Corrections Center here working hard to beautify our Center grounds. The team was made up of two women and five men from Work Crew 4/Group 28, and they were here for four days. They were accompanied by an officer who oversees the work and sometimes works right alongside them.

While they were here, I learned about the WEC Program. WEC stands for "Work Ethic Camp", and is based on 1993 legislation as an alternative to traditional prison sentences. The camp promotes skills that will enable success after release. Positive behavior is expected; negative behavior is confronted and targeted for change. The "WECIES" (pronounced WEK-KIES), as they are called, learn self-discipline, self-respect, respect for others, transferable work skills and appropriate work habits. They also learn how to get along with co-workers and supervisors, to set and achieve goals and ways to manage stress and anger.

Their days begin at 4:30 AM and end with lights out at 9:30 PM. They start the day with vigorous calis-

thenics before they head out to their work assignments.

They accomplished in four days all the grounds cleaning I have been trying to get done for two years. A big thanks from all of us to Group #28!

Reno Night is coming up on March 2nd. We still need volunteers to help with set-up, /take-down, dealing, etc. Call me at 884-3456 or call Tim Kezele at 884-4538 if you are interested in helping out.

On March 9th, the Lions Club will host the annual "Citizen of the Year" dinner and awards ceremony. Tickets are \$15.00 for singles, \$25.00 for couples. Tickets will be available until March 5th. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR! Tickets are available at Sunnycrest Nursery.

I want to welcome to our pages a new monthly column by Dr. Irwin of Minter Veterinary at Lake Kathryn. The new column is called "In the Critter Corner", and appears for the first time this month. The good doctor will provide interesting information about pet care. Welcome Dr. Irwin!

Our second annual dinner/dance, "Jukebox Saturday Night", went very well. We even made a little money! Everyone had a good time, the music was great (provided by The Tempos), Stephanie Zampini cooked a wonderful meal, as usual, and a good time was had by all! Thanks to all who helped!

I made an error in spelling last month when I mentioned all the help Tim and Susan Kezele's daughter Caitlin had given me for the dance. I know I had a fifty-fifty chance of getting it right (either Cor K). I chose K and have promised to apologize in print. So here it is:

Caitlin, Caitlin with a "C".
I don't know what came over me!
I should have used a C not K.
I just don't know what I can say.
Except - I'm sorry!
See you next month!

"President's Message"

Hi-Ho Neighbor! This is an open invitation to all resident and property owners of the Key Peninsula to become a part of the Civic Center. There are no dues to pay, just an investment of time, with a great reward knowing you are making your community a better place to live.

As I have written in the past, there are many programs in progress. Do you have an idea to contribute that we can use here, close to home? I know that time is a precious thing,

but with a group of willing people, the effort is worthwhile. All groups that use the Center on a regular basis are required to have a member represent them at the monthly Board meeting.

Please take a bit of your time and come spend an evening, the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitmore room and meet your neighbors and do some good for your community.

Tim Kezele, President
K.P.C.C.A.

"Briefly Speaking"

by Rogers S. Wilson

I recall a late winter morning twenty-some years ago when I was a young Public Defender in Erling Tollefson's Municipal court. We were on the 30th or so denizen of our particular Catfish Row and Judge Tollefson was weary from having heard too many addled explanations of weekend boozing. That's when we came upon William Washington Wabba Wabba. That name got Erling's attention! "Where are you from Mr. Wabba Wabba?" "Walla Walla, sir," came the reply, quick and straight as an arrow.

This annoyed Erling. He could feel his leg being pulled and he was in no mood for it. His next question was acidic. "Where do you live and work now, Mr. Wabba Wabba?" "Never-Never Land, sir."

The young man was being truthful. I knew, but Erling did not, that he had just moments ago given himself that name in the drunk tank, as we called the pre-arraignment holding room. He told me that he liked the sound of the W's. He did live and work at Never-Never Land at Point Defiance, that is.

Last week I was in my office with a young Vietnamese-American wife. I marveled again at my total inability to pronounce our English spelling of Vietnamese names.

I was impressed with her husband's solution to the problem. He changed his name from Qui (pronounced "We") Nguyen to Kissinfor Taylor (identified here with his approval). He just up and did it. No permission. No court order. He liked the name and decided that it would be his.

I think you have probably figured out that the teaching point of this month's column is name changes. It is the law of this state (and most) that you may change your name to anything you wish so long as you are not doing so for an unlawful purpose such as perpetrating a fraud, evading creditors, etc. It is perfectly legal to do it in either of two ways. First, like our two examples, you may simply choose a name you like and start using it. This is as legal as the second method which is to file a name change petition through the court. Under state law, these petitions are

A Rose By Any Name

filed in the County District Court. There is a filing fee of \$70.00. The process has been greatly simplified and most people will feel comfortable handling it without a lawyer. For those who choose to hire an attorney, the cost should not exceed \$350.00, not including the filing fee, unless there are complications.

The reasons why people choose to change their names are as individual as the people themselves. Immigrants frequently do so to aid their assimilation in the new culture and for business reasons. Divorced women shedding their ex-husbands frequently wish to do the same with his name. If a request is made to the divorce court before the final decree is granted, the name change may be handled as part of the divorce proceedings, saving the extra filing fee and the trouble.

A frequent request is the young mother asking whether she may also change her child's name over the objection of the father, married or unmarried at the child's birth. The short answer seems to be that the court may do so, assuming that the change was found to be in the child's best interest. Whether or not such a change is in the child's best interest would almost certainly be one of those "complications" I spoke of earlier.

Whether a person chooses to simply adopt a name or proceed through the courts is probably decided on the basis of acceptability of the new name. Had Mr. Wabba Wabba immediately left the jail and walked down to the Department of Licensing seeking a driver's license in his new name, I doubt that he would have been successful. The sound of the W's would not have been persuasive to them. Likewise with those humorless folks at the Social Security Administration and the banks and insurance companies we deal with in our daily lives. A court order will probably be necessary.

Of course, if you are already a celebrity when you decide to make the change, you probably don't need a court order, or even a new name to replace your old one. An entertainer formerly known as Prince seems to be doing quite well without either.

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For information about the Civic Center, phone 884-3456



Civic Center President Tim Kezele and his wife Susan seem to be having a great time!

Tim and Kathy Hale enjoying a rest after dining and dancing.

Dinner Dance A Success

Jukebox Saturday Night was a real success, and everyone had a great time! The dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu was marvelous served with salad, roll and green beans with pine nuts. There was pie for dessert, too. Stephanie Zampini did a fine job of running the kitchen! The Tempos provided an evening full of wonderful music, and everyone danced. Next year, the dance will be moved up to April, so we won't have to worry about snowfall!



Event coordinator Irene Zimmer stealing a hug from Pete Tabone.

Friday Night Skating

Thanks to all the local businesses that donated gifts of money to purchase our volunteer "DARE" T-shirts. Not only did you support skate night, but you also supported the Gig Harbor Police Department's "DARE" Program. If you would like to donate, please contact Lila Garrison, Skate Manager at 884-3278.

Starting March 1st, we will be adding more fun activities during skate night. We will be opening the Whitmore Room for games and "G" rated movies or cartoons. We will include chess, checkers, bingo and much, much more. Come and join the fun.

Reminder to all: Parents must bring children inside building and come inside to pick them up. Also no outside skates.

Lila Garrison,
Skate Manager

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LETTERS

Editor:

Seldom do I find a ballot measure important enough to publicly voice my support. But that's how I feel about Proposition 1. Proposition 1 is asking for a 1/10 of 1% sales tax increase for funding for a new jail extension. Mr. Sutherland and his staff have fought hard to fend off the law suits and litigation and we appreciate their efforts. Now it is the voters' turn to take action. If the County is forced to release 400+ prisoners, as the Federal Courts would have them do, it is we, the voters, that will suffer the increased crime these convicts bring with them. For me, the \$8 - \$10 per year, the cost of a new 1000 bed jail extension, is money well spent. If we don't provide additional space, not only will prisoners be released every time the number goes over the

current design limit, but our entire judicial system will be restricted by numbers. Why arrest someone if there is no space for them? Why charge someone with a crime if we know each time we jail someone, someone else will be released? Why sentence a criminal when there is no space for him/her in jail? That doesn't sound like the way I want our judicial system to run. I'm voting for Proposition 1 on March 26, 1996 and I urge my fellow citizens to do the same.

Michael R. Lacadie

Editor:

I would like to take the time to thank the Key Peninsula Lions Club for helping me get my two new hearing aids. Also I would like to thank Bill Onstad for helping me, too. Thank you very much. I know the Key Peninsula Lions Club has helped many people.

Thanks Again,
Darlene Brown,
Longbranch

KEY DATES

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Mar. 1 : 7:30 am	Home Port Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Mar. 15 : 12 pm	Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
	Mar. 26 : 7 pm	K.C. Fire Station

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

ASHES	Mar. 7 : 10:30 am	K.C. Fire Station
Cootiettes	Mar. 21 : 7:00 pm	KPCC/Wm. Rm.
KPCCA Board	Mar. 14 : 7:00 pm	KPCC
KPCS Board	Mar. 14 : 7:30 pm	Comm. House/Home
KPHC Board	Mar. 28 : 7:30 p.m.	Health Center
KP Lions	Mar. 6 & 13 : 7:00 pm	Horseshoe L. Rest.
VFW & Auxiliary	Mar. 11 & 25 : 7:00 p.m.	KPCC/VFW Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Angel Guild	Mar. 25 : 10:00 a.m.	Brones/KC library
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.	St. Nicholas Chr.
Food Bank	Tues-Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Comm. House/Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors	Wednesdays : NOON	Comm. House/Home
FREE Brunch	Sundays 2-3 pm	Comm. House/Home
Also food & clothing assistance: for more info, call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780		
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:30 am	Comm. House/Home
WIC (Womens, Infants & Children)	Tues. 8:15-4:15pm	KPCC/Wm. Rm.
Immunizations	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays for an appointment.	
	Thurs. 9 am-12 pm & 1:00-2:45 p.m.	

United Methodist Church, 7400 Pioneer Way, G.H. Call 851-7282

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY Family Resource Center Mon. thru Fri. 9 am to 4:30 pm Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower level. Call 884-5433

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Mar. 13 & 25 : 7:30 pm	KC Fire Station
KP Park & Rec.	Mar. 11 : 7:00 pm	Brones/KC library

SELF-HELP GROUPS

AA	Mon. & Fri.: 8:00pm	
	Sat/Sun. : 6:00 am	KP Comm. Services
TOPS	Tues. Weigh-in 6:15	KPCC/VFW Rm.
	Meeting at 7:00 pm.	
Caregivers Support	Mar. 14 : 7:00 pm	Library Brones Rm

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	Mar. 15 Meeting	Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club	Mar. 20 : Meet 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors	Mar. 12 : 10:30 am	Home Comm. Hall
K. P. Hist. Society	Mar. 7 : 7:00 pm Board Meeting	884-4538 for info.
L.B. Fuchsia Society	Mar. 7 : 7:00 pm	Brones/KC library
Ruth Circle Meet	Mar. 18 : NOON	Longbranch Church
Senior Society Lunch	Thurs. NOON	KPCC/Wm. Rm
Vaughn Garden Club March meeting, hostess Kelly Gulseth, program by Jewel Doering		

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

TOPS News

Hey! What happened to New Year's resolutions? Did you tell yourself this was your year to lose the weight you want to? Maybe you joined a weight loss program. Maybe you joined TOPS. Everyone of our new members who attends meetings regularly is doing fantastically. There is the key to your success—attendance!! Many times we have said, we can't support an empty chair. Our programs have been really good. Michelle Noack gave us a terrific report on exercise, dieting and measuring (literally) your inches off. Glen Robare put us in touch with TOPS on the INTERNET—WOW!! Laura Johnson became a TOPS speaker and gave her first program away from her home chapter (1019, Vaughn). We are so proud of her. She was always beautiful, but now others see her as she has emerged as a beautiful butterfly from her cocoon of extra 107 3/4 lbs.

Many of our newest members earned their bracelets by losing their first 10 lbs in TOPS. Now they'll earn a charm with every 5 lbs. lost.

Our TOPS chapter continues to thrive. New officers will take office April 1st. The election hasn't been held at the time of this report. Rumor has it that the nomination committee is putting together a very talented and effective roster.

Our past officers and new officers are planning a retreat day to set the goals of our chapter and have a smooth transition. TOPS will have an area workshop for the new officers.

There is a national contest for present members to earn a "TOPS PALS" charm by sponsoring new members. They will share a two-part heart charm. It will end March 31, 1996.

Our State Recognition Days will be held in Spokane, April 26 - 27. The theme is "TOPS Around The World". Over 1,500 TOPS members will gather to honor the best of TOPS and those who have maintained their weight loss for as long as 25 years (or more). We will be honoring Mary Seedelman and Bea Gomsrud for 10 years as KOPS. Laura Johnson and Kathy Best will be on stage graduating from TOPS to KOPS. We don't know yet about any state honors, but we have high hopes.

If you want to join this fantastic, successful weight loss group, it is only \$16.00 yearly dues to join, \$3 a month local dues, and now weigh-in fees. All you have to do is come on Tuesday evening to the V.F.W. room at the Civic Center. Weigh-in and social time is 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting is over at 8:00 p.m. Call 884-4102 for information.

Key Peninsula Civic Center Indoor Park

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Drop-in cost is \$1.00 per visit for the first child and \$.50 for each additional child. Limit 3 children per adult. Passes may be purchased at the Civic Center in advance or the day of.

Parents need to supervise their children at all times

NO DROP OFFS

Questions call the Civic Center at 884-3456 or Shari O'Quinn at 884-9120.

Mark your calendar and join the fun!

KPCCA Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Kezele. It was msc to approve the minutes as published in the *Key Peninsula News*. Mike Salatino thanked the Board for the use of the Center for the Seniors Christmas dinner. They would like to use the Center again next Christmas.

The January dance was a huge success and made a profit.

It was msc to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The president noted we need a committee to do our yearly audit of the books. Ed volunteered to help. A committee is also needed to review the fee schedules and contract wording. Tim and Dale volunteered to be on this committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Terry Arndt has been hired as the new janitor. He will work weekends and take his days off during the week, so that will be a real advantage. We will also be getting ten people from McNeil Island to do community service work around the Center. The manager's days off are Monday and Tuesday, so people can leave a message on the answering machine and she will return the calls as soon as possible.

NEWSPAPER: The paper made \$176.10 profit for January. The staff also received several calls commenting on how nice the layout was. It was a challenge getting the paper to the printer with all the snow and ice.

RENO NIGHT: This event is scheduled for March 2. On February 20 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an organizational meeting for those people planning to help. Barb from TOPS volunteered to check the decks of cards to make sure all decks are full. She will also check with other members to help with the event.

INDOOR PARK: Shari reported the park is very well received. There were 23 children attending at one session this week, and a total of 110 for the month of January. New people are coming continually.

SKATING: Most Fridays there are over 100 children. Gross earnings for January were nearly \$1200.

with over \$400 made in the kitchen.

TOPS: Barb reported attendance has increased to about 40 members. The club would like to move to the Whitmore Room for meetings and keep their weigh-ins in the VFW Room.

SPRING BAZAAR: Shari will be chairing this event scheduled for May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be a gift bazaar just in time for Mother's Day. She will be sending out fliers. People will be reminded no home-made food items are allowed without a special permit from the Health Department.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The museum is open every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The society will be meeting the last Thursday in March for a potluck in the Whitmore room at 6:30 p.m.

KITCHEN: It was msc to approve up to \$1,000 to have the prep sink installed per the Health Department's requirements. Until this is finished, all menus for dinners prepared in the kitchen must be pre-approved by the Health Department.

HUD GRANT: Stephanie and Dave presented the application before the committee. This grant would remodel our restrooms, build a storage area for skate equipment and put new lights in the gym.

PIONEER DAY RAFFLE: Barb volunteered to check with TOPS about the club handling this. We need to get an early start selling tickets to make as much money as possible for the Center.

RETREAT: The Executive Board held an all-day retreat on February 3, 1996 and it was very productive.

PROPERTY: Ed reported three people had shown interest in the ad placed in the paper. A written bid was submitted for consideration at the meeting. It was decided to place an ad in the March *Key Peninsula News* for the property and noting that offers will be accepted until March 14 at the regular board meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, secretary

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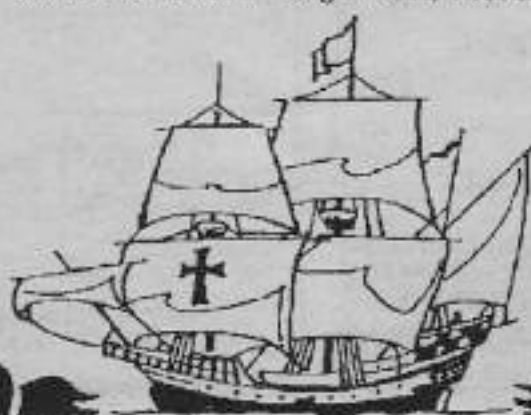
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Preschool Music Time

We are having such a wonderful time with our monthly themes and the little banjos we made in February turned out great. There is still room in the March class, should you and your preschool age child like to join us. We meet on Fridays at the Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No class will be held on March 15th.

For April, there will be only three classes due to the fact that the first week is spring break. So, classes will be held on the 12th, 19th and 26th of April. Our overall theme for

April is, "April Showers". The supporting themes are: 1. A Rainy Day, 2. Flowers Grow, Don't You Know, and 3. Other Things, Spring Brings. We may have some special visitors as well.

The fee for April will be \$7.50, due to having only three classes. Many are enjoying this quality program. Our class limit is 20 and there can be NO DROP OUTS. Instructor Kathie Broderson says, "Music is like love in that with it you can grow". To pre-register call her at 857-5031.



In The Library

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MASSAGE, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK, a discussion and demonstration by Ann Way, Licensed Massage Therapist from Key Peninsula Massage Therapy, Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

Massage can help reduce tension and stress. Relaxing the body and mind stimulates the nervous system toward achieving optimal health by enhancing bodily functions: digestion and circulation improves, blood pressure is lowered, pain killing chemicals are released, hormone action is balanced. It invigorates and relaxes! Therapeutic massage is an adjunct heal-

ing approach to many medical conditions: recovering from injuries and surgery, reducing the impact of fibromyalgia (muscle, tendon, ligament, and soft tissue pain, tenderness, and stiffness), tension headaches, arthritis, and other chronic pain syndromes. It is beneficial before and after sports activities.

Ann Way has been informally involved in the art of massage most of her life. When her mother became pain free for the first time following sciatic surgery using massage therapy, she was encouraged to study at the Seattle Massage School. She is also an Emergency Medical Technician and volunteer fire fighter for Fire District 16. Key Peninsula Massage Therapy is located next to the library.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. A business meeting of the Friends will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Important Property Tax Billing Information

Barbara Gelman, Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer announced that at this time of the year the process for mailing the statements to property owners has started. How-

ever, due to a delay in the printing and mailing process the 1996 tax statements are scheduled to be mailed by the middle of March and 1996 tax information will be available at that time.

The first half 1996 taxes will still be due April 30, 1996.

Family Resource Center At Key Center

The Family Resource Center at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, a program of Children's Home Society of Washington, offers the following activities, classes and services for children and families. We are committed to equal access and accommodation to all who wish to participate. No one will be denied service for financial reasons. For more information or to register, please call the Family Center and (206) 884-5433.

A Parent Network Meeting will be held Tuesday evening, March 5 & 19, 1996 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 Vaughn Road, Vaughn, Washington. The cost is Free.

Come share parenting ideas and receive and offer support from and to other parents. Childcare is provided. For more information call (206) 884-5433.

A Parenting Class will be held Tuesday evening on March 12, 1996 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center at the Key Penin-

sula Civic Center, 17010 Vaughn Road, Vaughn, Washington.

The topic for March is about communication, "Bonding -- Why it is so important." This information is useful for all parents. Childcare is provided. For more information call (206) 884-5433.

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tension until the umpire roars "Strike." Then the crowd roars as they cheer their team on until the opposing side has three outs and our home team is up to bat. There is total silence as the first batter comes up to bat. The call is two strikes and three balls, what will this final pitch bring? The pitcher winds up and as the ball flies to the plate you hear the crack of the bat and all eyes rise to the air to see where the ball will land. It's an excellent hit, some would call this a Texas Leaguer, which is one that lands between the bases and the fielders just out of reach, so we have a man on base. Now everyone's eyes are fixed on the field, watching every move. As the game proceeds, some start wandering about to visit with one another. There are the new mothers comparing the happenings of their new arrivals. One main attraction is the crew of young people on hand to retrieve the foul balls. Each time they get one they are rewarded with an ice cream cone from the concession stand. There is always a line up of people wanting hotdogs, candy bars and ice cream cones. Some just kind of hang out there to keep out of the hot sun. The ice cream is kept cold by dry ice that does a very fine job, the

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a feeling of contentment, but at the same time, looking with anticipation for the next ball game. So it goes in rural America. It took place in the 1800s and it takes place today. Of all the sports, baseball still remains the number one Sunday afternoon game, be it sandlot or professional.

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The Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs have received a grant from (LCIF) Lions Clubs International Foundation to help recent flood victims for non-covered insurance, medicines, and other things. Donations of various things are also needed. They include disposable diapers, clean blankets, bottled water, cleaning supplies, other types of bedding for children and adults, pots and pans, mops, brooms, shovels, volunteer help, just to name a few. The Lions Clubs are working with the American Red

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If you wish to make a cash donation, please send to District Governor Dennis Knapp, c/o MD 19 Relief Fund. The address is 2023 Narrows View Circle #B214, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. All the Lions say thank you to any help you can give. Frances Challender,
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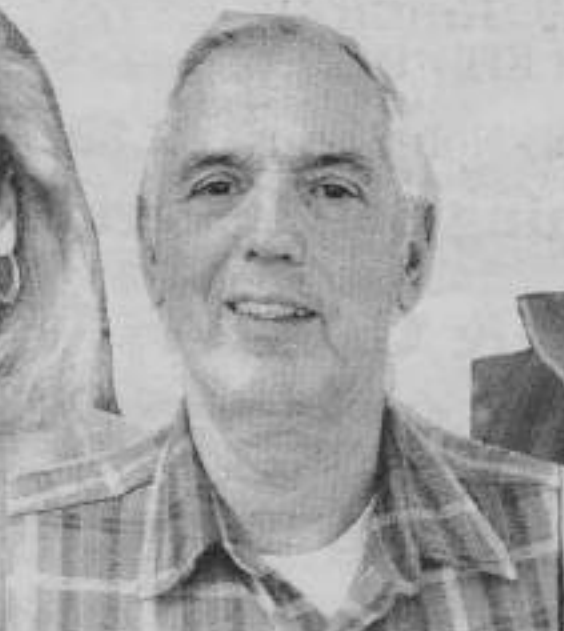
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In The Critter Corner

Have A Tic Tac Fido, Please!

by Jeffrey W. Irwin D.V.M.

Have you ever felt the need to offer your pet breath mints? It seems the worse your dog's or cat's breath smells, the more it wants to lick, breathe or pant in your face.

Considering the amount of care the average pet's teeth receives, it's no wonder why this scenario is played over and over. Dogs and cats, just like us, build up plaque, a white and filmy substance above and below the gum line. This plaque consists of food debris, saliva and bacteria. When plaque accumulates on the gum line it causes irritation that can lead to gingivitis (inflammation of the gums). As this plaque and tartar accumulate, an insidious progression of gum recession and bone resorption can occur, which, when untreated, not only perpetuates the bad breath, but can



Jeffrey W. Irwin D.V.M.

lead to pain, tooth loss, and in some cases, to diseases in other organs of the body.

Fortunately there is hope for your pet. You and your veterinarian can work as a team to halt the progression of this problem.

First, the veterinarian or his veterinary technician must thoroughly clean and polish the teeth to remove the plaque and tartar after anesthetizing your pet. If needed, procedures such as extractions (pulling teeth), root canals, capping and crowning may also be done. Some of these techniques require a dental specialist or someone who has acquired additional training.

Thereafter, a regular home tooth care program can be initiated. This consists of regular brushing using special tooth brushes, finger brushes or simply gauze.

With regular cleaning (1-2 times/year) and home dental care your pet can enjoy the use of his teeth for the rest of his life.

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Congratulations to the last class of dog training!! We had some excellent dogs and dog owners! The next dog training class will start up Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. Class is 8 weeks long and covers all the basic commands of sit, down, heel, recall, stand, finish, and stay. Call and sign up! Class is \$40. If you have been in a previous class and are interested in advanced obedience class, give me a call. I am trying to set up one if there are enough people. I would like to offer a Saturday morning class at 8:00 a.m. starting the end of March or the beginning of April, if there is enough interest. For previous class members and dogs, you can reattend class for half price. You can also come and attend graduation day again. Call me for details or to sign up! Shari O'Quinn 884-9120.

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TO YOUR HEALTH



by William F. Roes, MD

Chicken Pox (Varicella) used to be one of the rites of childhood, like losing your front teeth or falling off your first bicycle. With the development of a new vaccine that may no longer be the case. There is some controversy however, in the medical community as to who should be receiving the vaccine, and if those health care dollars could be better used to fight other diseases.

Chicken Pox is one of the most common childhood diseases. Each year over 3.5 million children are infected. The most common population is elementary school children who suffer from a low grade fever, but more from the typically 300-500 itchy skin lesions associated with the virus. The illness is usually self limited in children, with only a small percentage suffering from secondary bacterial infection of the Varicella lesions, Varicella pneumonia, or Reyes's syndrome. The

new Varicella Vaccine (Varivax) is quite effective in preventing both Chicken Pox and its complications. It costs around \$55 per dose and is not supplied by Washington State as are most other childhood vaccines. This means it won't be available through well child clinics using state supplied vaccines, although many insurance plans will pay for it.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Washington State Vaccine Advisory Committee agree that there are certain groups of patients that should receive the vaccine. These groups include: children in families containing immune compromised individuals, susceptible adults working with children in schools and other institutions, susceptible women of childbearing age who aren't pregnant, and susceptible international travelers. Some physicians add to these groups, children in families where Chicken Pox would be a significant family hardship (i.e. parents taking a week off work to care for a sick child). The Washington State group stops short of advising universal varicella immunizations for all children, feeling that those health care dollars would be better spend immunizing children against more serious diseases.

Varivax is recommended as a single dose injection for children from one to twelve years old, adolescents and adults should receive two injections 4-8 weeks apart. The vaccine is now available, it works well, and it's expensive. The decision whether your child should get it is something you should discuss with your child's health care provider at their next checkup. It's also available at cost through the Key Peninsula's Well Child Clinic on Tuesdays, at 9:00 a.m. at our office.

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Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur CTP



Now that we are into the tax return and filing period, here are some tips of what your tax return preparer will need to properly prepare your tax return. A copy of last year's return, (if the tax preparer did not prepare your return in the prior year), W-2's from all the places you worked, 1099 information returns, all statement for interest and dividends received, medical expenses and insurance paid, real estate taxes, excise taxes on your auto license, mortgage interest, points paid on purchasing a home or refinancing a home, contributions to charities or churches, 2nd misc. expenses — such as uniforms, special clothes needed for job, (must not be street clothes), and investment expense fees. Call your preparer if you have a question. Also, beware of the seasonal preparer who doesn't charge too much; apparently they know what their services are worth. My mother always told me you get in worth according to what you paid for the service or product.

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.

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Angels Of The Month



Angels of the Month for the Angel Guild Thrift Store, are certainly Wyatt Erickson and Jeromy Carman. Both boys are students at Peninsula High School.

Wyatt helped prepare the Angels' sorting shed for a remodeling job by pulling out some old shelves and

other outdated interior furnishings. Wyatt and Jeromy collaborated on the rebuilding of one of the interior walls.

They did a wonderful job, and the Guild is grateful to these two volunteers.

The Gig Harbor Performance Circle

The Performance Circle presents the delightful musical, "The Secret Garden", playing weekends through Sunday, March 17th at 6615 38th Avenue N.W., Gig Harbor.

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Cougar Corner

by Margo Macdonald

A big thanks go out to all the people who helped make our first KPCC auction such a success. We had almost 300 donations from classrooms, parents and businesses. The event drew over 200 people and raised close to \$15,000 for classroom enhancement projects. At the middle school, we will be initiating our grant process this month. Copies of the form will be available at the school office for people interested in reviewing the procedure.

Goodman Middle School is hosting a substance abuse panel on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons. The purpose of this panel is to inform parents about the situation in our district and will

include Kevin Entze, Margarite Freitag from Olympic Counseling, Pam Wise from Gig Harbor High School and students.

Also in March, Key Peninsula Middle School will see a host of volunteers chip in to refurbish the gym which is in dire need of repainting. Thanks goes out to the Key Peninsula Business Association for their help.

The KPVPPO will hold its meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. and a Coffee Break at 2:45 p.m., Thursday, March 21. There is a State Inservice Day, March 15, so there will be no school for kids that day.

Call the school at 884-4800 for information on student events this month.

A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

I guess one way you find out that people have taken the time to read what you've written is when they ask why you didn't write about something else. My good friend, John Larson, the famous logger of Home, asked why I wrote about slugs as pests and didn't mention moles. Not the kind of moles the CIA worries about, but the tunneling mound builders found in the gardens of western Washington. I could take the easy way out by saying the editor has given me a five hundred word limit, but that's only a small part of the real reason.

Frankly, having endured the ravages of pocket gophers in California for most of my life, I find the moles here a nuisance, but not as destructive as the gophers. It's interesting to come upon a fresh volcano-shaped mound of dirt, and I guess aggravating if it's right in the middle of a nice lawn, but to see one of your plants disappearing into the ground as a gopher drags the root into its burrow is, to use middle school vernacular, AWE-SOME! We used to raise kale to feed to our chickens, and I've seen a kale plant two feet tall actually vanish in front of my eyes. The main behavioral difference between gophers and moles is that gophers "go for" the plants and moles "go for" the worms and insects in the soil, only occasionally eating plants.

Western Washington is blessed (or cursed, depending on your threshold of irritation) with two species of moles, the smaller Coast mole and the larger Townsend mole. Pocket gophers are also

found in some parts of western Washington, but they tend to avoid heavily wooded areas such as the Key Peninsula. Moles and shrew-moles, screws, and hedgehogs are three types of mammals known as insectivores. This designation is somewhat imprecise, because some hedgehogs are relatively immune to snake venoms and in Europe do kill and eat vipers, although that may not constitute their main diet. While I'm sure our local moles eat a fair number of grubs (insect larvae), their main diet seems to be earthworms. So, technically, they ought to be called annelidivores, since annelids are segmented worms. But that term also includes those segmented worms that live in marine waters, and I don't believe any of our moles go swimming into Carr Inlet or Henderson Bay to catch their food.

A really accurate name would be oligochaetivore, the oligochaetes (from the Greek, meaning little hairs) being mostly terrestrial segmented worms. But one could possibly dislocate one's jaw just trying to say "oligochaetivore". The prefix "vermi-" is commonly used to refer to any worm-shaped material, so we could call our moles vermivores, except the folks who make vermicelli spaghetti probably wouldn't like that.

And with all the rain we've had around Home recently, I must admit that mole burrows can be very handy for draining standing puddles, so some court would probably decide that moles have some redeeming value after all.

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At Home On The Range

by Janice McMillan

Pacific Rim Restaurant (100 So. 9th and A St., Tacoma) is a great place to grab a bite before going to the downtown Tacoma theaters. It even has a special menu available from 3 pm until 5:30 pm including salads and starters.

To accompany our drinks, we tried the warm brie with a whole roasted garlic and butter fried slices of French baguette bread (\$4.95). Very nice. In order to stretch this one person portion for the four of us to enjoy we asked for more baguette bread!

The before 5:30 menu has gourmet salads (\$5.00 - \$8.00) including two Caesar salads. Among other main dishes was an exciting sounding flame broiled Alaskan halibut on Napa cabbage with sweet corn, roasted artichoke and sundried tomato with a balsamic vinegar and olive oil dressing. I don't know why I didn't order this, it sounds so good. From the "Early Entree" portion of the menu, friends ordered the halibut and chips (\$5.95), which was served with a pleasant slaw with a not-too-sweet dressing and the most wonderful chips you can imagine. Pacific Rim restaurant is rather up-scale and offers some quite sophisticated food, so it may seem strange to go on about the

fries. But, being a french fry lover I must rhapsodize about how how great the skin-on fried potatoes are - served very hot and crispy on the outside with the perfect mealy, real potato texture on the inside. The fish was done well, with proper coating that was not too thick and not at all greasy. The portion was large, including a real serving of the slaw instead of those little dabs that so often accompany fish and chips. I liked what I tasted of their dinner!

My entree was Asian crab cakes (\$15.50). Two large crab cakes (and not all filler, either) seasoned with sesame and ginger on a stir fried orzo salad with a Japanese salsa. The salsa, with fresh tomato, rice wine vinegar and parsley, added a nice note of tartness to the orzo (a small rice shaped pasta) and crab. It was spicy without being hot, a very nice balance of flavors. I enjoyed, and with the serving of mixed fresh vegetables it was more than I could eat.

My dear companion had the sirloin of ostrich which was served with a light gravy and super great mashed potato made with garlic, sundried tomatoes and olive oil. The potatoes were not too mashed so they had an interesting texture - to die for!! My d.c. did not especially care for the ostrich. It does

taste a bit like beef and is certainly much healthier. I thought it was good, but with so many interesting things on the menu I would never have chosen what was essentially a meat-and-potatoes dish.

The three story building housing the Pacific Rim Restaurant is beautiful. It was built by Major Bowes (of Amature Hour fame) as a jewel box for his wife. Built in 1908, it is located on the corner of 9th and A streets, and you may have noticed it because of the huge orca whales painting on one side. You can also park on the "whale side" during the evening hours, after 5 pm.

Pacific Rim Restaurant also serves lunch from 11 am Mon-Fri. Evening hours are until 8 pm on Monday and Tuesday, 10 pm Wednesday and Thursday, until 1 am Friday and Saturday (reservations suggested - tel: 272-5057), closed Sunday.

I want to go back soon again and for lunch I want to have the apple smoked King salmon with roasted bell pepper and white bean salad with raspberry flavored vinaigrette (\$8.95). There are many enticing things on the dinner menu also. See you there, I'll be the one eating side dishes of potatoes.

Keizur Enlists In Army

Danny A. Keizur has enlisted in the United States Army's Delayed Entry Program (DEP) which allows an individual to join the Army, secure his/her guarantee, and delay their actual departure date for up to 365 days.

Staff Sergeant David W. Smith, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station at the Tacoma Mall in Tacoma, Washington, says that Keizur has enlisted in the Infantry and will leave

for basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia on February 20, 1996.

Keizur says he joined the Army for skill training, experience, money for college and to serve his country.

He attended Peninsula High School in Purdy, Washington and Tacoma Community College in Tacoma. He is the son of Danny A. and Terry L. Keizur of Wauna, Washington.

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