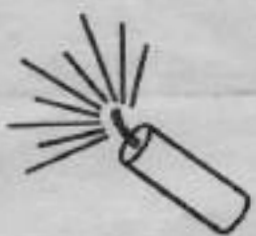


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**The KP News
Crew Goes to
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(Left) Irene Zimmer (center) Billy-Bob the clown and Patrick Wood of Vaughn enjoying the backstage atmosphere of the Shrine/Afifi Circus.
(Right) Stephanie Carter and her three boys Casey, Justin and Stetson and Patrick Wood watch the "Alligator Man" and his pet.
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UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

Here we are, starting the month of June already! The month that brings the ending of the school year, weddings for happy couples, sun, warmth, picnics, camping and all sorts of get-togethers! Where does the time go?

Construction will be starting soon in the Civic Center's main building. We are going to try and disrupt as few of the on-going activities as possible, but we ask that you bear with us in the interim. Think how nice the new bathrooms will be!

The Children's Home Society will be running their "Summer Fun" program again this year starting on June 29th. If you want your children to attend, please give CHS a call at 884-5433 and sign them up. I know that they have planned a lot of fun things to do!

The Center is having a Garage Sale and Swap Meet on July 18th. Spaces are available for \$10. Tables will be available for an additional \$5 each. Bring all that stuff you've wanted to get rid of and sell it to your friends and neighbors! Applications are printed in this issue of the *KP News* on page 10.

The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission will be putting on "Summer Dance" for your pleasure on July 25th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM here at the Civic Center. Many groups of dancers will perform for you including Appalachian

Cloggers, Scottish Step Dancers, Russian Folk Dancers, Country & Western and students from the Gig Harbor Dance Academy. It sounds like a fun evening's entertainment. Adults are asked to make a donation, but children, students and nursing home residents are admitted free. Coffee and some nibble foods will be for sale from the Center's kitchen. Come join the fun!

Pioneer Day will be on August 1st this year. Applications for the Pioneer Day Parade and for Pioneer Day booth rentals are on page 8 of this issue. The theme for this year's parade is "Volunteers - The Heartbeat of Key Peninsula". Why don't you get together a group of your friends and neighbors and be in the parade? You can be a marching unit or have a vehicle, horses or use any conveyance you can come up with. Just think up something that goes along with the theme and join in! The entry fee is only \$2 before July 15th, then it goes up to \$5. Shirley Olsen is our Grand Marshal this year. Shirley has been an active volunteer in the Key Peninsula community for many years. She and her husband Don and their dog Pete will be in the lead car. I look forward to seeing you there!

See you next month!

Walk, Run, Float or March

All entries are encouraged for the Maritime Gig's parade, June 6th, sponsored by the Gig Harbor Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce.

The parade begins at 10:00 AM. The route begins at Borgon's Corner (the intersection of Harborview and Burnham Drive) and continues along

Harborview and Soundview Drive to Judson Street.

Parade entries are available at the Chamber office. Costs to participate is \$10.

Call the Chamber for more information at 851-6865.

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THE FAMILY ROOM

School is almost out and summer is just around the corner. There are several programs available to the community this year on the peninsula.

At the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center the **Summer Fun** program will be on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning June 29 and ending August 5 (children entering kindergarten through 6th grade). From noon-3:00 p.m. there will be crafts (tie-dye, mask making, paper mache, kites and more), healthy snack (sandwich, fruit, juice) and Fun with Reading, sports, games and more. The cost is \$5.00 per child for the entire 6 weeks (scholarships are available).

At the Longbranch Improvement Club the **Summer Fun** program will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 21 and ending August 13 (children entering kindergarten through 6th grade). From 9:00-noon there will be cooking, tie dye, crafty recycling, beginning ballet, music, healthy snack and Fun with Reading, games and much more. The cost is \$5.00 per child for the entire 4 weeks (scholarships are available).

Registration forms will be sent home for both programs through the schools or may be picked up at The Family Resource Center. For more information please call 884-5433.

Ultimate Frisbee is being offered for those students entering grades 6-8. This game will be on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning July 2 and ending August 6. The

cost is \$5.00 per child for the entire 6 weeks (scholarships are available). To register - you may pick up a form at KPMS or at the FRC.

For those students entering 4th - 6th grade this fall there is an additional exciting program being offered at the Civic Center. A career and life-skills workshop will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-noon beginning June 29 and ending July 29. Registration forms will be sent home through the schools or may be picked up at the FRC. Cost - free. For more information, please call 798-2821 or 884-5433.

Adults transitioning from home to the work place may enroll in "All Aboard the Future Express". This workshop will be an opportunity to look at career interests and abilities, write a resume, talk with employers, and individual planning. This workshop will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-Noon beginning June 29 and ending July 29. Registration forms will be sent home through the schools or may be picked up at the FRC. Child-care and activities will be provided for children of the participants. Cost - free. For more information, please call 798-2821 or 884-5433.

The programs are sponsored by: The Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, Longbranch Improvement Club, Communities in Schools, and the Pierce County Community Services Career Program.

Truckosoui Results

by Ed Taylor

Last month we appealed for a donation of a Truckosoui and the results have been gratifying. We got a red one, a pink one, a overstuffed blue one and several others were offered but we had to turn them down because they were broken or because they had to be fed. Our policy is we don't accept a Truckosoui if we have to feed it or clean up after it - unless - if you can arrange for room and board until we sell your Truckosoui, then we will be glad to accept it.

We haven't received a Truckosoui that floats, so give some thought to donating to us that Truckosoui that has been gathering dust in your barn or garage. We will put it to good use and the money we receive when we sell it will forever be known as Truckosoui money. If you would like your family name linked to the donation then it could be known as the

Smith Truckosoui Donation (provided your name was Smith).

Now some people keep calling wanting to know just what is a Truckosoui, and we want to clarify that the answer can be found on the classified page of this newspaper.

Spring Festival

Key Peninsula Civic Center's Spring Festival chair, Krys Wylie, said, "roughly 30 vendors participated, mainly with hand crafted items. We were a bit disappointed with the number of vendors, not nearly as many as we'd hoped for, and by the low number of visitors. Aside from that, everybody seemed to have fun." Irene Zimmer and her helpers turned out some beautiful burgers from the kitchen.

Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District News

Little League baseball season is in full swing at Volunteer Park. This year there are 400 young people participating on 33 Little League teams. Games start at 6:00 P.M. on weekdays, all day on Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons. Come down and watch the games as you will find them very entertaining and you can't beat the price.

The food concession building has been upgraded with new equipment and the inside has been painted. The

concession is open during all events and has very good food. They serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, french fries and a variety of soft drinks, slurpies, milk shakes and more.

The batting cage is now open from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on weekdays and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekends. You can now come in rain or shine and sharpen your batting skills under the new cover.

Coming events at Volunteer Park:

June 8-20 - Inter-league Tournaments (Ages 8-12) between South Kitsap and Key Peninsula Little League teams.

June 21 - Key Peninsula Lions fund raiser for the KPPRD and an evening fireworks display.

July 10-21 - Senior and Junior Little League Baseball Tournament (Ages 13, 14, 8)

July 25 - Dance from 6:00-12:00

P.M. with music provided by 3 bands. More details to come next month.

July 26 - Class reunion for Peninsula High School class of 1978.

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A Closer Look At...The Key Peninsula Lions

by Kryl Wylie

You seen them at the stores with their white canes, and you've seen their logo on hearing aid and eyeglass recycling boxes as well as newspaper bins and mint candies throughout the community. You might have even seen them working the kitchen at the Key Peninsula Civic Center for any number of events. Who are they? The Key Peninsula Lions, a group that annually gives over 280 hours of service to outside community activities.

The Key Peninsula Lions have a range of activities that they do for our community. Many of us think of the Lions as the eyesight group, but they are much more than that. They sponsor many programs that benefit not only the community, but the rest of the world at large.

Most of the activities that the Lions participate in or sponsor, are done to raise money to put into the general fund. The Board of Directors then meet and decide where that money will go; back to the community, scholarships, sight programs, etc.

The hearing aids and used eyeglasses that are collected go to families in need who otherwise could not afford to buy them. White Cane and Hearing Tag days is held to raise money for the eyesight and hearing conservation programs that they sponsor throughout the year.

Some of the activities that raise money for the general fund are the Volksmarch, the antique car show at Old Timer's day and selling entertainment coupon books at Ciderfest. The money in return gets recycled back into the community by donations such as: a high school drug free graduation party, educational books and tapes for the library, funding a disabled child's therapeutic riding at Easter Seal, donations to LCIF (Lions Club International Fund) which support activities world-wide, CARE, donations to community events such as the annual Halloween party at the Center, the Community House food bank, the local Community Health Center, and the Prison Pet Program.

The Lions sponsor many group ac-

tivities that are specifically for children. Boy Scouts Troop 220, the Evergreen Elementary Brownies Troop and they even have a team with the Little League.

The annual Citizen of the Year ban-

quet is held to honor the many volunteers that our community has, but what do the Lions have in return? So many activities, and so community based, you would think they were more well known.

KEY DATES 1998

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	June 5 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	June 19 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Ashes	June 23 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
Boy Scout Troop #220	June 4 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
Cootiettes	Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	KPCCA VFW Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board	June 18 - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Board	June 8 - 7:30 PM	Museum - Civic Center
KPCS Board	June 11 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPHC Board	June 8 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KP Lions Club	June 11 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
VFW & Auxiliary	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
	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 - June 22 - 10:00 AM - Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group - 3rd 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 - 5 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	June 2, 9, 16 - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Positive Pathing	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	June 10 - 7:30 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	June 22 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	June 8 - 7:00 PM	Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the **Key Peninsula Community Services in Home**

Caregivers Support - June 11 - 7:00 PM - Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group - June 13 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM - Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.

T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	June 19 - 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
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LB Improvement Club	June 19 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	June 9 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	June 4 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	June 15 - 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 June - Call **884-5403** for more information.

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Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 9, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Mike Coffin. The minutes of The March meeting were accepted as corrected. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

Lethaniel Ray, leader of the local Cub Scout Troop, asked the Board if it would be okay to have their annual Pinewood Derby at the Center free of charge. He informed the Board that the scouts would clean the facilities after the event, and that they would not use the kitchen, unless the Center wished to do so. The Board approved his request and decided to run the kitchen. Lethaniel was also informed that we have old pinewood race tracks located in the Reno night closet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The 'Nothing' But Trouble Choir wrote to ask the Board if they could use the Center free of charge to raise money for their choir. Due to lack of information, and a representative not

present, the Board declined at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tom Valley donated the roller casters for the piano and Wade and Bob from KP Baptist put them on. Over 50 chairs were donated to the Center from St. Nicholas church in Gig Harbor, thanks to Stephanie Zampini.

PROGRAM REVIEW:

Lions: The Lions will be hosting a treasure hunt this next month with a list of items from Camp Easter Seal.

Children's Home Society: Mike Ryan wanted to thank John Garrison, Loyd Miller and Allen Yarity for the removal of all the garbage in back. Mike also introduced us to Dr. Mike Laederich, one of our new tenants from Comprehensive Mental Health.

Fireworks: The fireworks display will be on the 21st of June.

Boy Scouts: The scouts are helping

this Sunday with the Easter egg hunt, and will also be lending a hand with the Spring Bazaar.

Skate Night: There are only 3 more Fridays, and 1 more Sunday skate. John Garrison repaired the skates that needed it, threw away the rest, cleaned the upstairs, and sorted all the skate hardware. Thank you, John.

OLD BUSINESS:

Whitmore Room: Claudia Loy, Vicki McClung and Tim Kezele hope to have the room done with by the end of this month.

Manager's Apartment: It was MSC to grant up to \$3000 to renovate the apartment. Rose Grant again asked that the tub be given to the Flavor of Fall committee.

Lakebay Fuschia Society: An assessment was done, drainage may be a problem, a possible solution to this would be a fake creek bed. A diagram of where power lines, gas and phone lines are will be provided to the Society.

Parking Lot Lights: The Peninsula Light Co. will take down the light poles, but we are responsible for their removal. Peninsula Light will

also install new lights/poles, free of charge due to a neighborhood improvement fund, and the monthly fee will be \$6.80 per light per month. It was MSC to grant this with an amendment of having it looked into as to why the wires cannot be put underground like they are now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event tables: A proposal was made to look into purchasing 20 tables at a cost of no more than \$69.00, it was MSC to go ahead with this proposal. It was suggested that the Center look into renting tables for the larger events.

Lawn Mower repair: The riding lawn mower's inner tubes need to be replaced, it was MSC to spend \$60 for this repair, it was also MSC to spend \$100 on the repair of the push mower's crank shaft.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were handed out and extra time will be afforded to this. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Krys Wylie
Secretary

Plans Underway For Cider Fest '98

Chuck West, the chairman of this year's Cider Fest, called the first meeting of his committee to make plans for the annual event. Cider Fest '98 will be held on Saturday, October 10 in Key Center. It is co-sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association and the Key Peninsula Lions Club.

Plans already call for a street fair and vendors, children's activities, entertainment, pumpkin contest and apple cider pressing. Those who have attended the Fest in the past know that this is a fun event. Those who have never attended need to check it out!! Plant your pumpkins, watch the apple trees and mark your calendars.

Vendors interested in having a booth at the event can contact one of the two Barbara's on the committee. Barb H. at 884-9022 or Barb G. at

884-4165. Watch the KP News for updates, as the enthusiastic committee continues to make plans for the event.

Park News

The PARCS Council is sponsoring a trail walk on National Trail's Day, Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 PM. The location is the former Haley site, our newest State Park, south of Dutcher's Cove. Take the Key Peninsula Highway south and about 3 miles from Key Center, turn right onto the Jackson Lake Road. Go about a mile and park at the Jackson Lake boat launch entrance. The walk is about an hour in time, down and back, but you may want to spend some time on the beach. For more information, call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
William F. Roes,
MD

It seems lately we have seen an unusual number of cases of appendicitis, and it seems like a good topic to discuss. Sometimes it can be difficult deciding when your (or your child's) stomachache is something that needs medical attention and I hope this is helpful.

Appendicitis is inflammation of the appendix, almost always caused by a blockage and the subsequent infection. The appendix is a small appendage of the bowel, located at the point where the small intestine joins the large intestine. The appendix is a blind pouch, usually a couple inches in length, and of no obvious purpose except to cause consternation on the part of parents and family physicians. When it gets infected it swells up and unless it is removed often ruptures. The infection and swelling initially causes diffuse abdominal pain, but as the process progresses usually causes more localized pain in the right lower quadrant (below and to the right of

the belly button.). The infection frequently causes a low grade fever, and blood tests reflect a non specific finding of an elevated white blood count and a predominance of the types of cells the body uses to fight bacterial infections.

The swelling of the appendix usually causes the bowels to slow down or stop functioning, with the results of nausea, occasionally vomiting, and often constipation. This is frequently about the time the doctor is called in, and even in these days of MRI scans, this is still a diagnosis made by the patient's history of their illness, the laying on of hands, and a few simple blood tests. There is no specific test for appendicitis, although sometimes x-rays are performed to help rule out other potential sources of the patient's discomfort.

The only treatment for appendicitis is the surgical removal of the appendix, the appendectomy. In some cases the disease process has progressed beyond swelling and the appendix has ruptured. In these situations, the patient may initially feel a little better as the pressure in the appendix has been relieved, but that relief is at best temporary and the patient acutely gets much worse. The treatment is still surgery, but there are more complications and recovery is prolonged.

The moral of the story is if you thing you or a loved one may have

appendicitis, get yourself to your health provider and get checked out. It may turn out to be the stomach flu, but you're better safe than sorry.

In a totally unrelated item, a patient brought in the Longbranch Church Bicentennial Quilt, which her mother won at a raffle years ago. This is now on display in our lobby, but we are unable to identify many of the artists who contributed to the squares. If you are one (or are just interested in seeing this beautiful quilt) stop by and let us know.

Home Band Rides Again

The down Home Band will again begin practices for this year's Pioneer Day Parade, which be held August 1st. The first band practice will be at 7:00 PM at the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th St. KPH in beautiful downtown Key Center on June 9th. This is a community band open to all musicians playing wind instruments suitable for a band riding on a float in the annual parade. If you're interested show up on June 9th, or call Susan at 884-9221.

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Robin Lynne Radonich

Robin Lynne Radonich, 46, died April 26, 1998 in Palm Desert California where she has lived the past 11 years. She died after a long and brave battle with Muscular Dystrophy.

Robin was born August 7, 1951, in Tacoma to Dick and Marge Radonich. She grew up in Longbranch and graduated from Peninsula High School in 1969. Robin attended Tacoma Community College where she performed with the College Singers. Robin continued to sing and perform professionally and later taught pre-school in Bellevue. In 1986 she moved to California to be in a warmer climate. She graduated from the College of the Desert in May, 1997 with certification in early childhood education and administration. While in California Robin also worked as a rape crisis counselor and a hospice volunteer. Robin was an avid Shirley Temple fan and anyone who visited her had to be ready to watch one of her movies and learn a Shirley Temple song.

She will be sorely missed by her parents, Marge and Dick Radonich; her sisters, Cindy Walters of Port Angeles and Becky Olsen of Longbranch; nieces, Heidi, Molly and Gretchen; cousins; other relatives; and numerous friends.

The family suggests donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Hospice or a favorite charity.

A celebration of Robin's life will be held on June 7th beginning at 2:00 at the Longbranch Improvement Club Hall.

Opal Iona Vitol

Opal Iona Vitol, 84, died May 9, 1998, in Gig Harbor. She was born in Creston, Iowa on July 13, 1913. Opal and her husband Arnold, who preceded her in death on September 13, 1996, lived in Quilcone, WA until his retirement. They built their home in Vaughn and lived there for 18 years. She loved cooking, sewing and reading. She is survived by four sisters-in-law: Verna Reich, New Berlin, WI, Kelma Gulseth, Vaughn, WA, Edna Paige, San Francisco, CA, Ruth Gray, Spokane, WA. Interment was May 15 at Vaughn Bay Cemetery. Arrangements by Haven of Rest.

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

The recent repainting of the lines on the Key Peninsula Highway made me think of a snake I once saw at the Steinhart Aquarium in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Not because the lines were wiggly-looking, but because of the thought, or lack of it, that went into planning them.

The snake I thought of was a Pacific Gopher Snake that had the misfortune to be born with two heads, both on the same end of the body. Each head had a brain, and each head could eat, the food passing into a single digestive tract. The problem, of course, is that in attempting to escape a predator, such as a fox, one head would want the body to crawl in one direction while the other head would want to go in the opposite direction. While the two heads are "arguing" about which way to go, the fox eats the snake. Two-headed snakes are not often found in the wild.

What does this have to do with the lines on the road? I visualized a roads department being run by a creature that acted as if it had two heads when making decisions about what's best for motorist safety. For example, as one approaches McEwan Road while traveling in a southerly direction, signs installed by the roads department indicate that the speed limit is reduced to 35 miles per hour, ostensibly because of congestion in the area as one approaches the community of Home. The reduction of the speed limit at that point seems to make sense, and is actually reinforced by a sign indicating a further reduction to 30 miles per hour near the Home Port restaurant.

But at the very point where the speed limit is reduced to 35 from 45, the other head has directed that the solid double yellow line switch to a broken line in the southerly direction, indicating to drivers that they are now allowed to pass cars that have obeyed the posted speed limit and slowed to 35. Seems as if the two heads aren't communicating with each other very well, if at all.

I don't know if there have been any accidents yet as a result of these conflicting messages to motorists, but I am personally aware of two near misses. Twice, as I slowed to 35, I also turned on the left turn signal to indicate that I was about to execute a turn onto McEwan Road. Both times some "highway cowboy" in the vehicle behind me decided that he could now legally pass me, and proceeded to do so. I pulled off onto the shoulder and waited for the other vehicle to pass, then safely completed the turn. Had I not done that, I would have been broadsided.

I don't know if the two-headed gopher snake in San Francisco is still alive, but since the lines were recently repainted in the same pattern as before, I feel reasonably certain that the two-headed creature in the roads department is still running operations.

Summer Garden Tour Planned

The Peninsula Adult Basic Education Program will present the First Annual Gig Harbor Garden Tour, a benefit for the adult literacy program on Saturday, July 11, 1998 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Six beautiful and unique gardens will be showcased in Gig Harbor and on Fox Island. All proceeds for this event will go to support literacy efforts on the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas.

Famed Northwest gardener, newspaper columnist, radio commentator and television personality, Ed Hume, will be on hand at one of the gardens to greet guests and answer questions. Also featured will be plant sales, artists and local vendor exhibits. Master gardeners will be on hand at each garden.

Renowned, local watercolorist Nancy Rankin, has painted an original piece of art for this year's poster. Posters as well as signed and numbered prints will be available for sale the day of the event and at Tacoma Community College, Gig Harbor/Peninsula Center prior to the event. Mrs. Rankin has also donated the original, framed watercolor painting which will be sold by silent auction.

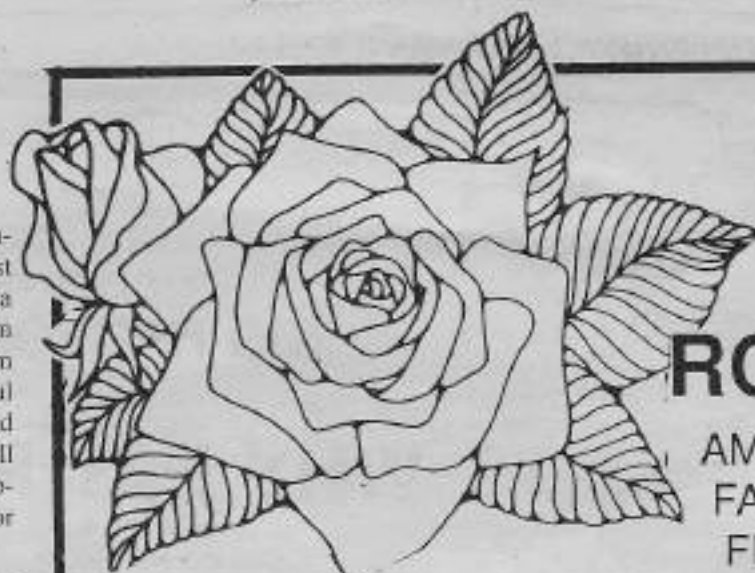
Tickets for the garden tour are limited and will be available beginning May 1st, at Tacoma Community College, Gig Harbor/Peninsula Center and at the bookstore, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma or through the mail. Fliers and mail order forms are available at focal nurseries and other area businesses. For information, please call (253) 851-3776.

Growing Medicinal Herbs

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Allison has been in the business for 17 years along with her husband Paul. She believes in the healing power of plants, aromatherapy and "living joyfully in the presence of plants that sooth my soul." They practice Integrated Pest Management and Wholistic growing principles at their operations.

Mark your calendar for 10:00 AM on June 6th at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. You would not want to miss opportunity to learn more about growing medicinal herbs. If you have any other questions please call 884-3937. See you there!



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Cub Pack 220 Hosts Pinewood Derby

by Hugh McMillan

Saturday, April 25, found the gymnasium of the Key Peninsula Civic Center filled with excited but serious, wild but well-behaved cub scouts of KP's Pack 220. They hosted the pinewood derby. Pack Committee Chair, Lethaniel Ray, cub masters, assorted moms and dads, neighbors, relatives and friends, sisters, and just a whole bunch of folk were there to cheer the "drivers" of the race cars to victory. But mostly, they were there just to have fun, share the comradery of scouting, and to display good sportsmanship.

The official "Grand Prix Pinewood Derby" is open to all Cub Scouts. The cars must be built by the Cub Scouts with some adult guidance. Because it is difficult to establish how help was given in building the cars, some Packs have separate Pinewood Derbies for adults. Such was not the case this Saturday. However, some adults did bring their own cars, as did ten siblings, and they did race ... but just for fun.

Rules for car construction are pretty exact: width, 2 and 3/4 inches; length, 7 inches; weight, not over 5 ounces, width between wheels, 1 and 1/4 inch; and bottom clearance between car and track, 3/8 inch. Only official Scout derby wheels and axles are permitted. Cars may not have bearings, washers, and bushings, nor may they have springs. Only dry lubricants are permitted and cars must be freewheeling with no starting devices. If, at registration, a car does not pass inspection, time within the official weigh-in period will be granted to make adjustments. There's more. But you get the idea.

Dads and other helpers could be seen drilling out some cars to reduce their weight. With others, weights were added - anything from coins to hardware to rocks from the driveway -

to increase the vehicle's speed on its run on the ramp ... but no car could weigh over five ounces.

There were at least 50 cars entered in competition and another ten for siblings and dads.

Three can be placed on a three-track wooden ramp by an official starter and, on a signal, are released to plunge down the thirty feet of its course. First car to bump into the blanket serving as the stop wins the heat. It then takes on other competitors. On and on until a winner is declared.

This year's winners were Brian Bowley of Bear Den 8 in 1st place, Andy Darbyshire of Bear Den 6 in 2nd place, and Scott Stone of Wolf Den 7 in 3rd place.

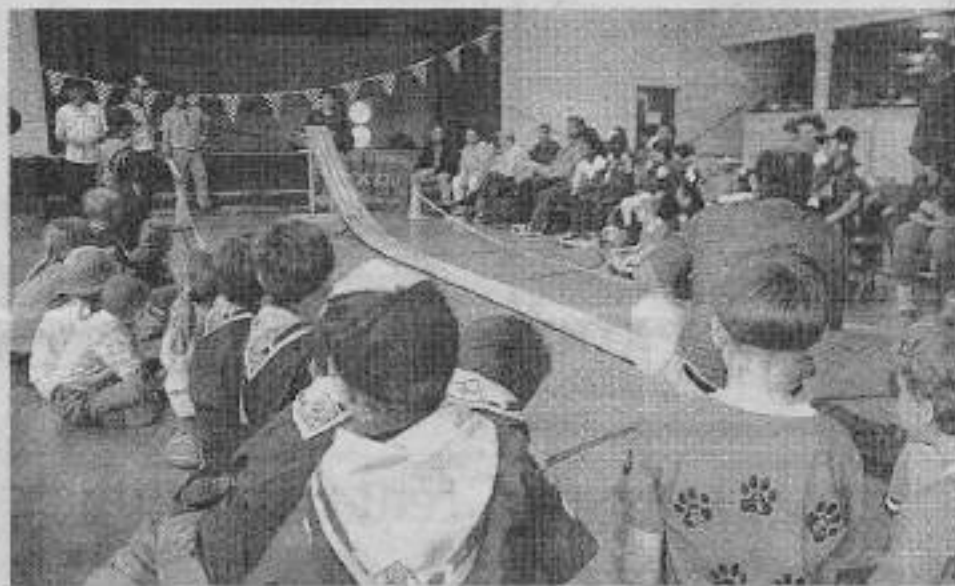
Official judge Eric Nelsen, Assistant KP Fire Chief, also determined which cars won certificates for being most creative, funniest looking, fastest appearing, and best paint job. They were Paul Sands and Eric Peusa of Wolf Den 7, Andy Darbyshire, and Ethan Brown of Tiger Den 13 respectively.

"This years Pinewood Derby was the best yet thanks to some great planning by Robert Shaw and his committee and also thanks to Kim Moor who built a brand new track for the boys to race on and a big thank you to the Key Peninsula Civic Center for letting us use their space and cooking up some great food for everyone," said Della Darbyshire, Assistant Pack Committee Chair. She added, "The boys could come down to the Civic Center anytime from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and construct their cars if they wanted or needed to. Everything they needed was available including spare derby kits, paint, assorted tools, and best of all, adult help. It was a great day and fun was had by all."



(L to R): Robert Shaw pinewood derby event chairman and Larry Darbyshire help fine tune racing cars for cub scouts.

Photos by Hugh McMillan



Two pinewood derby cars rush down the track after release for the free fall by John Glennon.

AAUW Seeks Applicants For Scholarships

The Gig Harbor Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering several scholarships of \$1,000 to \$1,500 for women returning to college after taking time out for family or career. AAUW scholarships will be awarded to women who live in the Peninsula School District boundaries. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited four year college or a community college transfer program working toward a bachelor's or higher degree. They must have demonstrated financial need and have a realistic plan for achieving financial independence.

Phyllis Erickson, AAUW Scholar-

ship Chair, said, "The Gig Harbor Branch is deeply committed to helping women complete their education. Since 1987, the Branch has awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to local girls and women."

Funds are raised through such activities as the "Treasure Trace" antiques and collectibles appraisal clinic held April 25th.

Scholarship applications are available at the financial aid offices of Tacoma area colleges and universities or by writing to AAUW at P. O. Box 2705, Gig Harbor. The deadline for submitting completed applications is June 30.

Tickets Available For Commodore's Ball

Tickets are available for the June 5th Commodore's Ball at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. The event begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, followed by a scrumptious dinner catered by Snuffin's Catering. Then dance until dawn (midnight, really) to the music of the Swing Reunion Orchestra, a 17-piece jazz band.

Dinner consists of hors d'oeuvres, a main meal of chicken and prawns, Caesar salad home-baked breads, and garden vegetables, and is followed by a dessert of triple chocolate cheesecake, coffee and tea. There will be a no-host bar.

Tickets are \$42 each. Seating is limited to 220, so advance reservations are required. Your credit card or check will reserve your space now. Please call the Chamber office at 851-6865 by May 21.

Longbranch Community Church Celebrates Anniversary

On Sunday, June 14th, Longbranch Community Church will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the church building, as well as the 90th year of the congregation. A celebration service will be held at 10:00 AM that morning. Rev. David T. Alger, Executive Director of Associated Ministries, will preach the sermon. The public is invited to join in this joyful occasion.

Longbranch Community Church is one of the last remaining pioneer churches in Western Washington. It has a long history as an interdenominational community church. Reverend Robert Olmsted is currently the pastor. The church is located at 16518-46th Street KPS, Longbranch, facing the Key Peninsula Highway, a quarter mile north of the Longbranch Mercantile and Marina on beautiful Filucey Bay.



VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Last month we listed the new officers for post 4990 minus two. This month we print with pride the names of our new quartermaster, Tim Hale and the judge advocate Tom Valley. Congratulations and a big thanks to both men. The installation of the new

officers was held on May 11th and they take over their duties after State convention.

May brought many new officers to many post and auxiliaries in District 4 and we wish all who have accepted the role of leaders for the coming

year our congratulations and hope for a wonderful and successful year. To 4990 and auxiliary, keep up the good work, our rewards are in the happy faces we help and makes for happy hearts in all of us.

Next on our agenda is the fireworks stand which opens on June 28th according to state law. A reminder that Irene Woolridge will be phoning each of you to take a turn in the stand and that this is our big money maker for the year which enables us to continue such things as Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets and dinner, the Aisle of Honor, scholarships, and many other good deeds carried out through the year.

Speaking of scholarships, this year's recipient is Hans C. Brockhoff, a graduating senior from Peninsula High. Many thanks to Joe Barrow who spent many hours on the program and to the judges who had to decide on just one deserving student.

We are happy to report that Bob Barnes is now home from the hospital and that Louie Aguilar is recovering nicely from eye surgery. To all our comrades and sisters in hospital or just not feeling 100%, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

To Lethaniel Ray and his troops, again this year, a big thank you for all the help putting up and taking down

all 156 flags on Memorial Day. Those young people sure make short work of a big job and save our old legs many miles. Makes making all those cookies well worth while! At this time we also want to say a big thank you to the members of the Peninsula High school band under the direction of Mr. Abrahamson, for the beautiful music. To John Lamsden, Kathy Broderson (soloist) Brett Zimmerman (trumpeter) and his echo, we truly appreciate your part in making the day memorable. To our guest speaker, Louie Aguilar, plus members of 4990 post and auxiliary and members of the Vaughn Cemetery board, a round of applause for another unforgettable day.

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Zero Point - No Fee Loans - "The Pros And Cons"

by Mike Coffin

One of the most confusing areas for consumers in a mortgage loan transaction are 'points'. In this article, I'll explain the correlation of points and interest rates and the advantages and disadvantages of zero point and no fee loans.

A 'point' is equal to a percent of the loan amount; one point on a \$100,000 loan equals one percent of \$100,000, or \$1,000. Points are a term used for the loan origination fee. A simple rule to remember is that the higher the points, the lower the rate. For example, this loan may have the following point and rate combinations.

Interest Rate 8.50%	Interest Rate 7.75%
Points 0	Points 2

In this example, the 2 points or \$2,000 is used to reduce the rate of 8.50% by three-quarters of one percent.

Does it make sense to pay points? The simple answer is...it depends. There are many factors to consider and one of the primary items to review is the overall long term cost of a zero-point loan versus a loan with points. One easy way to determine the value of the 2 point loan is to determine how many months (or payments) it will take to recoup the original 2 points. To do that, divide the cost of the points (\$2,000) by the difference



Mike Coffin

in the payment (\$52.50) to arrive at the number of months it will take for the points to pay for themselves. In this example, it would take 38.09 months to recover the initial cost of the points. Let's look at our two combinations and see how they perform over a period of years.

Interest Rate	8.5%	7.75%
Up Front Cost	\$0.00	\$2,000
Loan Amount	\$100,000	\$100,000
Monthly Payment	\$768.91	\$716.41
(Monthly Savings)		\$52.50
Cost Difference in 3 Years	\$1,890	\$0.00
Cost Difference in 5 Years	\$3,150	\$0.00
Cost Difference in 10 Years	\$18,900	\$0.00

As you can clearly see, if you anticipate keeping a loan for only 3 years, you could very well benefit from a no-point loan. However, if you stay in that loan for more than three years, you can see the cost advantage.

However, there can be other considerations. For instance, some consumers may try to calculate tax implications of the different amount of points and interest paid and the sub-

sequent tax deductions. Other borrowers may consider the present 'value' of the dollar versus the future 'value', the loss of opportunity of being able to invest the \$2,000 or corresponding yields of such investment. I don't believe that it's necessary to go into that much detail, and am confident that the great majority of consumers will be able to determine the advantages or disadvantages of a zero-point loan by using the above scenario.

There are other thoughts to consider. The above formula works well with a fixed rate loan, but not with an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). One reason is that the interest rate on ARMs will likely adjust in 6 or 12

willing to absorb the cost of the normal mortgage loan fees. These fees, commonly known as closing costs, include such items as appraisals, title insurance and escrow. These fees would normally be paid out of pocket or rolled up into the loan amount. With a 'no-fee' loan, however, just as in the scenario above, if you anticipate staying in that loan for more than three years, you will pay dearly!

I hope this article has helped you to understand the varied measures used to determine the advantages and disadvantages of zero-point and no-fee loans. Each borrower is different, and the evaluations must be made on a case-by-case basis. Your professional mortgage advisor should be able to answer all of your questions, outline the costs and benefits, and even give you a few new ones to consider.

months and little benefit will be derived from buying down the initial rate. Points can be used to buy the margin down on ARMs, creating a lower monthly payment.

Some mortgage lenders offer a 'no-fee' loan. By charging a substantially higher interest rate, the lender is

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

I haven't been back to Colville in nearly twenty-five years, but I'll not forget the last time that I was there.

The appearance of the courthouse has left my memory. I just remember it being old. I don't know if it had the beauty of the courthouses in other small towns in which I have practiced - Pacific County in South Bend, Grays Harbor County in Montesano and my favorite of them all, Jefferson County in Port Townsend.

I do remember getting ready to try my first will contest and I was confident and scared at the same time. I felt good about the facts of the case and the law that applied to it. I did not feel good about my ability to get the facts and the law articulated in the way that I knew was necessary to win.

I had spent weeks preparing the case. My opponent was the second wife of my client's father - in other words, my client's step-mother. They were similar in age and they both wanted the same thing: The old man's farm.

The new wife had produced a handwritten will in which she was left everything in her husband's estate. My client was positive that the will had been coerced by her stepmother during her father's last days. What did we have to prove her claim?

First, the will was written just days before the old boy died and even his doctor was going to testify that he had good days and bad days toward the end. I had the doctor under subpoena. Second, the new will was completely the opposite of an earlier will that he had written a few years before in which everything was left to my client. Third, there had been no falling out between my client and her dad and we had the witnesses to prove that. All in all, I had five witnesses all prepared to testify for us.

Against us was the fact that the new will was clearly in dad's handwriting. It was a strong hand - not the kind associated with being feeble-minded. Second, the will had been witnessed by two competent witnesses who had been friends of the new wife for several years. She was claiming that they had become the old timer's friends as well. She even had pictures of all of them smiling and eating barbecue together. The new wife, and her two friends who witnessed the new will, were going to testify for her side.

My boss tried to prepare me to lose given the presumptions in favor of a will's validity. I couldn't believe that such a result was possible especially with the wife's clear manipulation of her husband. I mean, how could a father not leave anything to his daughter?

Despite my belief in my client's case, my boss' words would not leave me.

As we settled in at our respective counsel's table, nervously looking at one another while waiting for the entrance of the judge, my opposing attorney and I were approached by the bailiff who then led us back to the judge's chambers for an audience with His Honor. The judge and I had met years before and the sign about not trusting people contesting an inheritance was still behind his desk.

"Gentlemen," he began, "I have read the briefs and looked at this case from all sides. Both of you have good points and I will listen to whatever testimony that you want to put on. But I can tell you this, from my review of the case, one of you is going to lose. I am not going to say who it is, but I have a pretty clear idea of how I am going to rule in this matter. Now, knowing that one of you is a loser and the other is a winner, why don't you go out in the hall and see if you two bright young fellows can settle this thing?"

I was completely surprised by this, but the old judge knew what he was doing. The judge knew that a trial would be awful for all concerned. He knew it was going to be expensive and he also knew that the risk of losing everything was unacceptable to both sides.

My client never did believe that the wife wanted the farm. Her stepmother had grown up poor down the road and my client guessed, correctly, that she wanted out or town and that cash would settle things. We offered \$10,000 - she countered at \$25,000 and we settled the whole thing for \$10,000 cash on the barrel head and another \$5,000 in 90 days. In return, we got a deed to the farm where my client had grown up as a little girl.

The case was quickly resolved, and we let the judge know that the matter had settled. He smiled and said, "I thought it might."

How could I ever forget Colville?

PEP-C Barrel Sales Schedule

PEP-C (Peninsula emergency Preparedness Committee) will be selling emergency water storage barrels at the Kimball Drive Fire Station in Gig Harbor on the following dates: June 6th and 20th; July 11th and 18th. (Generally at least the 3rd Saturday of the month). 55 gallon barrels, \$10.00 each; 15 gallon, \$5.00 each. For more information call 851-3843 or 265-8510.

Angel Guild Notes

By Frankie Johnson

The mighty Angels have been beating their wings as ever doing good works for the community. Most recently 30 teddy bears were given to the fire department at the Wright - Bliss station for the "comfort" program. That is when something bad happens, a soft teddy bear is given to comfort the victim or in some cases the witness. Camp Easter Seal West had asked for used dryers and we sent several their way. The Director was very grateful, but after going through one a month, they made a request for funds to buy 3 really good machines that won't break down immediately. We felt it was a good thing to do and donated \$1280. for the new dryers. The annual award assembly took place at Peninsula High School and we gave \$3000 in scholarships to 3 recipients, \$1000 to each student. Requests this month that we unanimously agreed to fund were \$700 to Volunteer Park to fix the water system, \$500 to the new Citizen's Crime Patrol to help them with start-up supplies and \$200 to the Crime Report magazine so they can keep it in circulation. As you can see, all the profits from our own little thrift store come right back to help everyone living on the Key Peninsula.

You might have gone into the store in early May and got some great bar-

gains when all women's clothing (except blue jeans) were only 50 cents. It was a lot of fun to work during the sale as we were so busy the time just flew. Then we had a half price sale on men's clothing (except for blue jeans). It was a lot of fun also.

Please remember, we always need good clean used stuff and clothing of all sizes. Our sorters do an outstanding job to put the best in the store. We don't have room for large furniture items or appliances.

There is a definite need for more "ANGELS", especially in the summer time as a lot of regulars go on long vacations. It is easy to become an ANGE. If you can work at least 6 hours a month, either in the store or in the back, there are jobs for every level of ability. If you don't like the store part, the sorting or stocking might be your cup of tea. Dues for the Angel Guild are \$1.00 a year. Besides helping the community, it is a lot of fun getting to know a great bunch of wonderful people who are dedicated to helping others. Just come to the store Wed. through Sat. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or Saturday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and leave your name and phone number or come to the regular meeting on the 4th Mon. at 10AM in the Brones Room at the library. We will welcome you.

7th Annual PC Volunteer Recognition

by Hugh McMillan

This year's event was called the "seventh annual volunteer recognition brunch." But my first visit to this same event was April 15 1989 ... and that was not the first one. Unless my mathematics are really bad, that was more than seven years ago.

Oh, well. It's a wonderful function and bestows recognition on some of the more than 4,000 volunteers who service many of Pierce County's needs each year. They work with our Sheriff's department, the juvenile courts, emergency management, human services, public works and utilities, superior court, district courts, parks and recreation, community services, and assigned counsel. They put in thousands of hours. According to Dick Ferguson, public relations officer for the office of the County Executive, their work is worth over \$5 million per year.

Gig Harbor's Karen Biskey, as chair of the Pierce County Council, opened

the proceedings at the Tacoma Dome last Saturday to a room crowded with volunteers, their families and friends. They all enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast as guests of the County and were entertained by Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula members of the PAtCH Theater Company's very professional presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."

Biskey and fellow council member Harold Moss shared presentations of trophies and honors to 46 Outstanding Volunteers and 34 Honorable Mention Volunteers. Among these, the following Outstanding Volunteers: Walter DeMucha, Pat Donnelly, Jane Fry, Buffy Harvey, Loren Jangaard and Mark Mauren, and Honorable Mention Volunteers: Paul Alvestad, Mary Knackstedt Bob and Barbara Kvamme, Lit Lathrop, Denny Lewis, Rod Reid Jonathan White, Gig Harbor Mayor Gretchen Wilbert, Lu Winsor, and Jean Zeren are from our side of the Narrows.

KPFD and GHFD Team Up for Live Fire Training

by Hugh McMillan

Saturday found a two story house at 916 Blunt Road South on the Key Peninsula surrounded by firefighters from the KP and Gig Harbor Fire Departments. They were accompanied by a plethora of firefighting equipment. They were there to jointly train on a live fire of the building to meet National Fire Protection Agency and Washington State standards for annual live fire training for firefighters.

They honed their skills on rapid team intervention procedures for fallen or trapped firefighters, practiced IMS (incident management system) procedures in the same fashion that they would in an actual emergency, and drilled on emergency abandonment of structures as well as proper methods to establish accountability of personnel and equipment after an emergency.

They fought six individual fires with crews made up of four personnel each. They ran through a simulated abandonment that had an attack team scrambling through thick smoke to find a second story emergency exit and be brought down on ladders. A simulated building collapse with firefighters trapped inside immediately brought a rapid intervention team to the rescue and removal of the "trapped" firefighters.

Drillmaster for the exercise, KPFD's captain Tracy Lyon, said he and the two fire departments are grateful to Matt Westby, the owner, for providing the structure for the training program. "It was a great house to train in," said Lyon, "and it met all our needs to provide lifelike



Photo by Hugh McMillan

training to assist us in a truly dangerous occupation."

Lyon also expressed thanks to Jesse Cruz, sales representative for WAJAX Fire Supply which provided a thermal imaging unit, "to allow many of us to see things we've never seen before." Cruz did more than provide equipment, he was a member of one of the attack teams in the heat of

things all day.

At the risk of leaving out names of those who made the day's activities a truly roaring success, credit should be given KPFD's Dee Dee Kerkes, Kathy Schmidt, Fred Ramsdell, Gary Way, Peter Rigelman, Christie Lyon, Stephen Thompson, JJ Frame, Lane Alvarado Robert Bosch, Norby Johnson, Robert Fisher, Joshua Materi, Paul

Bosch, Dale Heidal, Bill Sawaya, Matt Petroski, Alien Wakeling, Marcy Dalton, Jodi Hughes, Valery Newcomb, Joyce Foss, Tom Lique, Michael Riegle, Charles West, Tracy Lyon, Eric Nelsen, and Gary Franz, and GHFD's Norton Schimke, Aaron Cool, and Patrick Rugh.

The day was an unqualified successful "mission accomplished."

Gold Bug Bites Morning T.O.P.S. Members

by Mary Nelson

Eleven members of the Morning T.O.P.S. #WA 1325 headed out for Silverdale on the morning of May 1st. Their destination was a Gold Rush at the Pavilion on the Kitsap Fair Grounds. The T.O.P.S. National Organization was celebrating it's 50th Anniversary there. They knew they were on the right trail when they began to meet other WA state T.O.P.S. members trading (faux) gold nugget earrings, key chains and nuggets attached to cards with encouraging sayings such as "Stake your claim! The goal is K.O.P.S." (Keep off Pounds Sensibly) and "Good Health is more Precious than Gold."

Annie Garrison was recognized May 2nd as the Pre-Teen Division Winner. All members brought home a poke full of good ideas, enthusiastic songs, and golden memories.

Our Rest Loser Awards this month go to Jan Glover, our first place winner, and Samara Fritchman, who

won second place. Way to go, girls!!! We are proud of the effort they are making. These are fairly new members who are off to an excellent start.

Maybe you, too, could use some encouragement in your battle for a healthy body. T.O.P.S. has 50 years of experience and thousands of success stories to encourage you. If you would like more information call Virginia at 884-1514 or Dolores at 884-2620. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at the Key Center Community House, 8903 Key Peninsula Highway, 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM is weigh-in when members get weighed and guests, new members, and speakers get acquainted with the members and are welcomed. The remainder of the time is filled with club business, special speakers, individual encouragement, contest winners, Slimmer Buddy awards and plans for future slimming activities. All are welcome.

T.O.P.S. News

by Julie Higgins

Swimsuit season is here and you just can't wait to put on that new suit and head to the beach or lake. Yeah, right! Like most of us, that January first resolution died about three weeks later and now you're grumbling about skimpy suits with not enough coverage. Let's face the facts. Maybe there's too much of you to cover and you better not wait till next year to do something about it.

Losing weight is not just about looking good in your swimsuit, but about a healthier, active lifestyle. If excess weight has put a cramp in your style, maybe it's time to consider T.O.P.S.

T.O.P.S. can assist you in your weight-loss through motivational meetings, weekly weigh-ins, walking programs, and encouragement from our enthusiastic members. So come on over to the Civic Center on Tuesday evenings, (weigh-in begins at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM) and make some new friends who will sup-

port your choice for a healthier, active lifestyle and a slimmer you.

The month of May was a great one for our members. Congratulations to Dee Lamar and Pauline Langley who are half-way to goal. Keep up the good work! Colleen Spezia has been best loser for two months in a row. Way to go Colleen! Eva Roths is just a few pounds away from goal. Your hard work is paying off. Joanne Cluver had a graduation ceremony at our May 26th meeting, to celebrate her accomplishment goal reaching and maintaining her goal. Maybe your name will be appearing here soon. Take a positive step for your health. You are worth it!

*Happy
Father's Day
June 21st*

Tacoma Stroke Support Group

The next meeting of the Tacoma Stroke Support Group and the Young Adult Stroke Support Group will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Both groups will meet at Park Rose Care Center, 6:30 PM. For more in-

formation or directions, call 752-5677.

The next meeting of the Parkinson Education Society of Puget Sound will be held on Friday, June 19th, 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. For more information or directions, call 752-5677.

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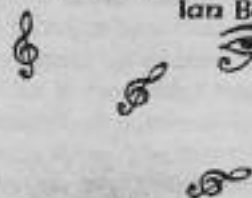
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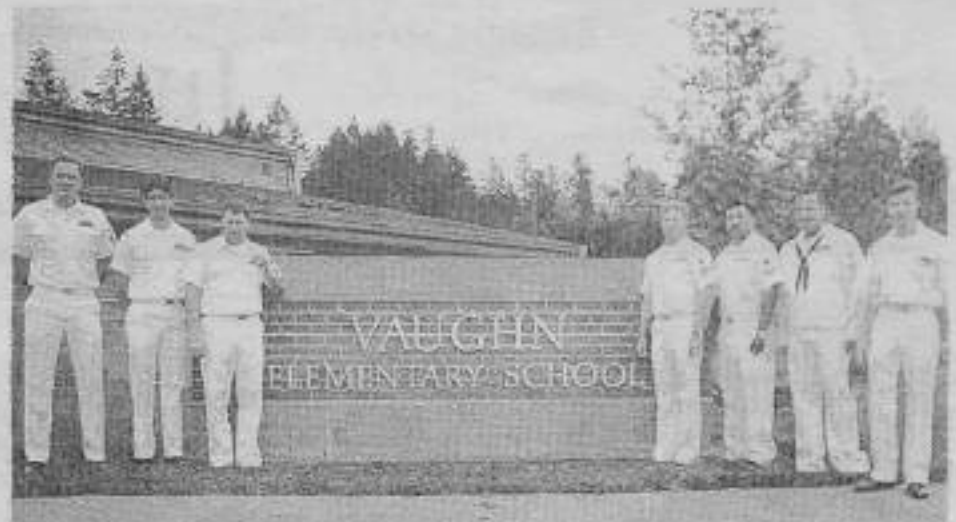
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Campfire Girls and Vaughn Elementary Celebrated The Earth

In April, parent Debra Langley-
Boyer and teacher Ann Stroud of the
Vaughn Elementary School coordi-
nated joint Campfire girls, student to
work on "Project Wild", efforts to
plant roses and other plants on the hill
at the school to commemorate earth
month. The students were from kin-
dergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades.
the campfire girls were from the
Vaughn area.



Crew members of the guided missile cruiser, USS Arkansas, 1 to r: machinist mate (mm) 1st class Denver Gratton of Florida, mm 2nd class Jon Santibanes of San Jose California, electronic technician (et) 2nd class Greg Erickson of Wisconsin, mm 1st class Tim Diehm, a native of Tacoma, WA, et 2nd class Erick Catagul of Los Angeles, CA, et 1st class Chris Masi, Detroit Michigan, and em 2nd class Dale Grant of Missouri pose at the entrance to Vaughn Elementary where they spent several hours reading to kindergarten children and helping them to learn to read. The Arkansas is in the process of decommissioning and her skipper, Captain Thomas Kiehlty, "encourages crew members to participate in community activities," said mm Gratton. He added that, "we all really enjoy working with the kids."

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Once Upon a Sandwich, Incredible Edible Summer Reading is the theme of this year's summer reading program at the Key Center Library and all of Pierce County Library.

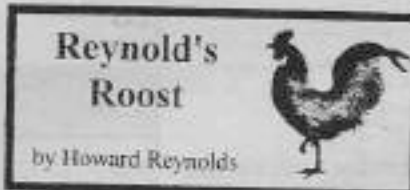
Artful posters are available for children to color, guess riddles, and place special ice cream stickers for each book that is read.

Storytimes for ages 6 and up will be held each Friday at 10:30 AM June 26th through July 31st. A recipe contest for the world's best sandwich will entitle the winner to a \$5.00 bookstore gift certificate.

Please join us at the Key Center Library this summer!

*"Some books are to be tested,
Others to be swallowed, and
Some few to be chewed
and digested."*

Sir Francis Bacon



Buffet: A French work that means, "Get up and get it yourself."

Comic Books: The opera of the print media.

Baby-sitter: A teenager who must behave like an adult so that the adults who are out can behave like teenagers.

Tattoo: Permanent proof of temporary insanity.

Diplomacy: Letting someone else have your way.

Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Don't wait until April 15, 1999 to collect the new child tax credit for 1998. File a new W-4 Form (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate) with your employer to collect the credit throughout the year by having less income tax withheld from your pay. You are entitled to one additional withholding allowance per child, if your income for the year will be between \$16,500 and \$47,000 on a single return, \$21,000 and \$60,000 on a joint return. If you have two or more qualifying children, you are entitled to one additional withholding allowance if your income is between \$47,000 and \$80,000 on a single return, or \$60,000 and \$115,000 on a joint return.

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