

## Fire District 16 to ask for bond, lid lift Nov 3

The fire district for the Key Peninsula, Fire District #16, will have a bond issue on the ballot Nov. 3. The district is asking voters to approve a \$3.8 million bond issue to: construct or rehabilitate four of the district's six stations (at Wauna, Rocky Bay, Home and Longbranch), equip the stations and purchase fire engines and tankers needed to replace aging equipment. The \$3.8 million bond issue will cost property owners 62¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or \$62 for a \$100,000 home.

According to a press release from the citizens' committee, another reason they decided to try for a bond now is because the current low interest rates make it an attractive time to finance, thus reducing overall costs.

An earlier citizens' planning group, the Future Planning Committee, made a detailed study of the district's needs, and made recommendations designed to keep the district functioning at its current high level. A second citizens' committee, the Financial Advisory Committee, worked to put together the specific bond package.

An important benefit of building new stations was the capability of manning them with trained volunteers. Up to six volunteers can be housed in the planned new stations, cutting response time. Currently, a call to an outlying station—most of which are not manned—means a volunteer must drive to the station and get out equipment before he or she can respond to the call.

Committee members also learned that existing stations are small and that most are built of unreinforced concrete block, which would not withstand an earthquake, so a main priority was to find the least expensive way to build the needed new stations.

Dave Freeman, an architect of the firm Snodgrass, Freeman Associates (SFA), estimated that the modular design, which will be used to construct all four stations if the bond issue passes, will save at least 5% on costs. The design process for the stations included input from fire district personnel and a committee tour of existing fire stations

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## Reno Night!



Fund raisers at the Civic Center are always fun...you might call them *fun* fundraisers...and one of the most fun and exciting of them all is Reno Night. (Pictured here is a previous Reno Night, year and photographer unknown.)

The Civic Center becomes a casino, with trained dealers wearing silk vests and visors. You can play Blackjack, Bingo, dice games, Chuck-a-luck, Beat the Dealer and Wheel of Fortune. Mingle with all the Key Wheelers and Dealers. Enjoy the food and refreshments.

Be there, November 7, 6 pm to midnight (Bingo, 6:30 to 11:30). It's a winner!

## Christmas Festival



Pictured above is a former event to give you an idea of the festival's scope. (Year and photographer unknown).

## Signed Sonics basketball to be raffled at 1992 Christmas festival

The 1992 Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, November 28, 9 am to 4 pm in the Civic Center gym. It will be lots of fun with lots to do and see, including craft booths and food supplied by the Cootiettes as a fund raiser for the Civic Center. Dan Stoican will be playing Santa, elves will be passing out candy and the children can have their pictures taken. The raffle prizes are special mementos donated by the Sonics: a basketball and a photo of the team.

See page 3 of this issue for a reservation form if you would like to reserve a table or booth at the 1992 Christmas festival.

## Political forum at Civic Center

by Joan Lawrence

Voter registration is up. Burgeoning numbers of people are becoming more concerned about the operation of their government. Whether it's to send someone to Washington (last spring we met a 60-year-old man who was registering, for the first time, just so he could vote for Perot) or to send someone packing (anyone, any Incumbent will do), people are queuing up to cast their vote come Nov. 3.

According to the Pierce County Election and Registration office, there were 241,736 registered voters in Washington state last January; as of October 20, the number was up to 311,901. That's 70,165 new registered voters in 9 months.

This increase was reflected in the turnout on Candidates Night Oct. 20—close to 100 people filled the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center to hear and question candidates.

Present were County Executive candidates Wendell Brown (D) and Doug Sutherland's (R) representative Bill Moss; County Assessor candidates

Wayne Buck (R) and Barbara Gelman's (D) representative Dayle Collison; 26th District Representative candidates Ron Meyers (D) and Tom Schneider (R) for Position 1 and Wes Pruitt (D), Alan Coleman (R) and Karen Allard (L) for Position 2; representing Peninsula School District, Rob Orton and Larry Bellona of the School Facilities Master Planning Committee; and Ron Quincy, Chairman, KPFD Citizen Financial Advisory Committee, representing KP Fire District #16.

Panelists were Dave Freeman, a Vice President of Key Peninsula Civic Center Association; Hugh McMillan, a fire commissioner; and Susan Mendenhall, member, Peninsula Neighborhood Association. The evening's moderator was Lavonne Cartwright, President, Key Peninsula Business Association.

Panelists threw out technical questions and the candidates responded in kind—within limited time constraints. Questions from the audience showed a concern on the Key Peninsula for trans-

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Because of the size of our staff and the nature of our jobs, we are unable to keep regular office hours. However, during the second, third and fourth weeks of the month, we try to keep KPNEWS open most weekdays between 1 and 5 pm.

For those who need to leave a message or copy while we are not in, we have an answering machine and a drop-off box at our office in the Civic Center, Vaughn.



### Halloween party

Last month's call for help in organizing a Halloween party for the youngsters was answered by Fay Sloan. Fay, who is new to the area, has had experience putting together Halloween parties; and she whirled into this project with so much energy some of us were afraid she might burn herself out.

The party, which is scheduled for Oct. 31, promises to be tons of fun, with prizes, candy (of course), an amazing maze and lots of surprises! It's a good, safe place to bring your kids on Halloween.

### Gym news

Thanks to training by school district personnel and work by Mike Salatino, Nick Nichols and Norm Brones, the gym floor is now shining like new. Many thanks are due to the floor refinishers; and to the school district for their cooperation and instruction.

### Skating news

Sunday family skate has resumed. Parents, please remember you must stay with your children for Sunday skate.

Also, Terry and John still need help in the kitchen during Friday night skating. If you come help make pizza, your kids can skate free. Call 884-4685 for details.

### Fiber optics

In case you're wondering why the lawn outside the Civic Center is torn up: we're getting new fiber optics phone lines. PTI gave us the cable free, Brian "the Plumber" Taylor manned the ditch digger, Nick Nichols is laying the cable and PTI will hook us up in a couple of weeks. Thanks, guys.

### Free GED classes

Free General Education Diploma (GED) classes are being held at Key Peninsula Civic Center every Monday, 7-9 pm, now through December 7. The class is sponsored by the Gig Harbor campus of Tacoma Community College. Students first will be given an assessment of reading level by the college. Those wishing to sign up, or needing more information, should contact TCC's Gig Harbor office, 851-2424.

## DEADLINE



For Dec issue:  
**November 20**

## Flavor of Fall



The 1992 Flavor of Fall benefit auction and dinner was a dazzling success.

Participants first were impressed by the atmosphere and decor. There was a lovely Romanesque mural at the entryway, done by Judi Cleghorn and Bev Pedersen; subdued lighting in the gym danced off palms and flowers; and there was even a fountain.

The donations were well received, raising a stunning \$9,500 for the Civic Center. Especially impressive were a pair of snowmobiles, which raised \$1,375; and a wooden boat donated by Helen, John and Karston Carlson, which brought \$525. The auctioneers from Stokes Auction of Port Orchard made the auction a professional and fun event.

The dinner, prepared by Wayne and Kathleen LeBlanc, rejoined the question, "What is the Flavor of Fall?" The answer: delicious. And Mediterranean, this year. The antipasto table was created by Terry Thomas.

Much applause is due Claudia Loy, dinner chairman, and Ann Larson, auction chairman; and in return, they would like to thank the following people who helped them in setting up, serving dinner, and cleaning up afterwards:

Norm, Britta and Anna Brones; Stephanie Zampini; Frank and Mollie Tucker; Fay Sloan; Nick and Marcy Nichols; Pat Heaven; Shirley Olson; Barbara Whitney; Nick Huff; Wayne and Kathleen LeBlanc; Terry Thomas; Judi Cleghorn; Beverly Pedersen; Dale Loy; and special thanks to the young people who served: Taryn Loy, Julie Durrance, Rebecca Walker, Jennifer Forsythe, Kara Echevarria, Matt Halverson, Adam and Ian Home, Karston Carlson and Allegra Levine.

Thank you, everyone, for helping to make Flavor of Fall one of the most special nights of 1992.

### Bingo isn't booming

Wednesday night bingo attendance at the Civic Center is slowing. Sluggish. Winding to a crawl.

It's just not what it used to be. If you're with me this far, you must be interested in bingo. So, here's the deal. We needed to think of an incentive to pry you from that couch and get you in here where the action is. So, the bingomeisters have come up with a new program, new formats that will change weekly, and (a post office rep informed us it's okay to say this) bigger payouts!

Bingo proceeds—when there are any—go to the Civic Center, a non-profit organization we all know and love. So, walk on the wild side. Come join in the activities Wednesday nights, 6:30, at the Civic Center in Vaughn.

For further information, phone Phyllis Olson, 884-2586.

## Editorial

Our community is our business

Our readers have seen us through several changes of the guard here at the NEWS. Good people, for various reasons, have come and gone. As I put to bed my second issue as editor, I would like to report my respect for the former editors and their staffs; and my appreciation for my staff, the volunteers, and all of our faithful and talented contributors...especially our contributors, without whose information and prose we would not have the impressive fat folio you hold before you.

Key Peninsula NEWS has been "the voice of the Civic Center and the community" for over 20 years, and we intend to continue on in the time honored tradition for as long as the Civic Center stands. Our purpose is to keep people on the Peninsula abreast of all the fun and worthy functions that take place at the Center and in our community.

Community involvement is our watchword, it's the reason we're here. We love the Key Peninsula—the land, the wildlife, the quiet, and the friendly neighbors. We feel comfortable and safe here in our world set apart from the bustling city. And our parks and community centers get a healthy work-out, because we enjoy being together as a community, and because we want our children to grow up in a family-oriented, caring, country environment.

So, dear readers, I want to thank you for keeping the NEWS apprised of your upcoming events so that we may inform the community via our pages. But please understand, while we try very hard to fit in everything we are given, we do have space constraints. The number of pages the NEWS has each month, and therefore the amount of articles we can use, is determined by the amount of advertising we sell. So, I would like to use this space to thank our advertisers for their support of KPNEWS, and to encourage our readers to be regular patrons of our local businesses. We depend on them.



### Bin recycling?

Walt Schmidt told members at a recent meeting of the Key Peninsula Business Association (KPBA) that he was considering removing the recycling bins now located behind his store in Key Center. According to the Association's report, Walt said that "even though pick-up is about three times a week, people are leaving a mess all over the place."

If he is unable to convince the bin owners to come more often for collection, Walt will have the bins removed.

It would be a shame to lose the recycling bins, to take one step forward and two back. KPBA members might be getting a jaded view of our populace, from their hours spent picking up litter along 302. And now we hear that even people who make an effort to drive to a recycle bin may not take the extra effort of making sure their "contribution" makes it all the way into the bin.

C'mon, people—this is your country. Let's all take an active part in keeping our environment clean and healthy.



# Reserve space now for Christmas festival

Below is a reservation form for those who want to have a booth or table at the 1992 Christmas festival to be held at the Civic Center in Vaughn on November 28 from 9 am to 4 pm. Fill out the form and send it in to us at Box 82, Vaughn 98394.

Key Peninsula Civic Center Association presents the 1992 Christmas Festival, to be held Nov 28, 9 am - 4 pm at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. You are invited to participate in this year's festival. **Please mail your response by Nov 10** to insure getting a table. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to participate, please fill out the items below, read the conditions carefully and return this form and payment to:  
**KPCCA, Box 82, Vaughn WA 98394, Attn Terry Thomas**

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check table size desired: \_\_\_\_\_ 8' table along wall, \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ 6' table on inside, \$15  
 (Your table number will be posted at the door. Please remain at your table until the end of the festival at 4 pm. No extra display tables or stands without prior clearance with chairman.)

Describe the items you will have for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that Pierce County Health regulations prohibit the sale of home-made edible items without the purchase of an individual permit.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay to the state of Washington the sales tax on items sold at my table.

\_\_\_\_\_ My state of Washington tax number (U.B.I.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will report my gross sales to the Civic Center Association and pay the sales tax through their treasury.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information call 884-4685**

## KPCCA board openings

There's still time to nominate members to the Board of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. There is one opening for Vaughn, one for Rocky Bay, two for Wauna, two for Lake of the Woods, and three apiece for the following: Jackson Lake, Palmer Lake, Minterwood, Minter, Home, Lakebay, Lake Holiday, Glen Cove, Carney Lake and Longbranch.

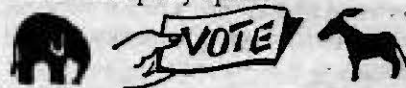
In addition, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be up for nomination.

Being a board member isn't dull. You get to meet people, have a voice in what happens in your community, help support the Civic Center and keep the building operating.

If you would like to nominate someone (it's okay to nominate yourself), come to the Board meeting in the Whitmore Room of the Civic Center in Vaughn on Thursday, Nov. 12.

### THE OLD PARTY LINE

"If I could not go to Heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all." - Thomas Jefferson on his aversion to what George Washington called "the daemon of party spirit."



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to look at successful and unsuccessful designs. The modular design created by SFA can be built in larger or smaller versions to meet the needs of each area, and costs were carefully evaluated at each step of the process.

Some of the district's fire-fighting apparatus is scheduled for replacement. The district will need two new fire engines and two tankers (equipment which hold large amounts of water). The purchase of major fire apparatus is needed to replace aging equipment.

Chief Horace Kanno has stated, "Cost increase projection, development growth and population growth makes it imperative that we be proactive rather than reactive." The levy lid lift will enable the district to meet an ever increasing call volume and to upgrade and modernize equipment. Levies provide for maintenance and operations of the basic operating budget of the fire district. (These costs cannot be funded from a bond.) The cost of the lid lift will be 14¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The cost of both issues will be 76¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or \$76 for a \$100,000 home.

A model of the design is on display at the district headquarters in downtown Key Center.

**Vote  
Nov 3**



## KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - NOVEMBER 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. ..... This calendar is subject to change.	<b>OCTOBER 26</b> gym walk 9-11 am GED 7 pm Karate 7 pm	<b>27</b> gym walk 9-11 am WIC 8:15am-4pm Lakebay bb 5:30 pm TOPS 6-8 pm Blackjack training 7-9pm	<b>28</b> gym walk 9-11 am Bingo 6:30 pm YWCA career workshop 12:30 - 2:30 pm Washington Actors Workshop 6 pm KPLF 7 pm	<b>29</b> gym walk 9-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Lakebay bb 6-7 pm Karate 7 pm NA 7 pm	<b>30</b> gym walk 9-11 am	<b>31</b>  Halloween Party 6:30 - 9:30
<b>NOVEMBER 1</b> Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> gym walk Grange 6 pm ABATE 7 pm GED Karate	<b>3</b>  gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	<b>4</b> gym walk YWCA career workshop Bingo	<b>5</b> gym walk Seniors Lakebay bb CAC 7 pm Karate	<b>6</b> gym walk Homeschoolers 2:00-3:30 Skating	<b>7</b>  Reno Night! 6 pm
<b>8</b> KPLF Family Skate 1:30-3:30	<b>9</b> gym walk Karate GED VFW & AUX 7 pm Exec Bd Mtg KPCCA	<b>10</b> gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	<b>11</b>  gym walk Bingo YWCA career workshop	<b>12</b> gym walk Seniors Lakebay basketball Karate KPCCA Board Mtg 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> gym walk Skating	<b>14</b>  New Time Barn Dance 8:00 (Adult)
<b>15</b> KPLF Family skate	<b>16</b> gym walk Karate GED	<b>17</b> gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	<b>18</b> gym walk Bingo	<b>19</b> gym walk Seniors Cootiettes 6 pm Lakebay bb Karate	<b>20</b> gym walk Homeschoolers Skating	<b>21</b>  New Time Barn Dance (Family)
<b>22</b> KPLF Family skate	<b>23</b> gym walk GED Karate	<b>24</b> gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	<b>25</b> gym walk Bingo	<b>26</b>  gym walk Seniors Lakebay bb Karate	<b>27</b> gym walk No Skating	<b>28</b>  Christmas Festival begins 9am
<b>29</b> KPLF Family skate	<b>30</b> gym walk GED Karate	<b>DECEMBER 1</b> gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	<b>2</b> gym walk Bingo	<b>3</b> gym walk Seniors Lakebay bb Karate	<b>4</b> gym walk Homeschoolers Skating	<b>5</b> 



# LETTERS

To the editor:

Key Peninsula Fire Department (Pierce County Fire Protection District #16) has two important issues on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. Each is the product of over nine months of very hard work on the part of the District's Citizens Future Planning Committee and its follow-on Citizens Financial Advisory Committee.

If approved by voters a \$3.8 million bond will provide funds for construction of four new fire stations to replace those at Wauna, Home, Longbranch and Wright Bliss-Elgin Clifton. It will also provide for new apparatus to replace aging equipment.

A recent review of a Key Center restaurant noted that, "exiles (from Issaquah and Bellevue) desperately seeking... waterfront property... in Home, Lakebay, and Longbranch... clog the Gig Harbor-Longbranch Road ... (with) swarms (of) real estate agents and their landlocked clients."

Peninsula Light confirmed that an average of 25 ~ 27 new residential hookups are made monthly on the Key Peninsula.

Existing stations no longer meet the ever-growing demands confronting the Department. More importantly, they probably will not survive an earthquake.

I have been affiliated with the Tacoma-Pierce County Emergency Planning Committee since January 1988 and the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee over a year. Both stipulate that, "It is not a question of if, it is a question of when there will be a major earthquake in the Puget sound area."

That earthquake is expected to reduce to rubble all four of the above-cited stations. Under that rubble will be fire engines, tankers (our local equivalent of fire hydrants), ambulances, other equipment and, unfortunately, highly skilled personnel.

These stations are unsafe. One is located on a highway which has witnessed an alarming increase in traffic—and accidents—since it was built. I hold my breath each time I hear a call for that

station to respond to an emergency. Not all traffic gives way or pays heed to flashing lights and screaming sirens.

We simply must replace these stations sooner rather than later. At current interest rates—the lowest I can recall in the past 20+ years—we can obtain bond monies at economical rates. Tomorrow? Who knows?

The other ballot issue is a request that voters "lift the lid." This will bring the District's taxing authority back up to the \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to which it is entitled under RCW 52.16.130/140/and 160 rather than the less than \$1.36 it currently receives.

This lower figure will be further reduced next year as a consequence of the complicated mathematics of lid lift calculations mandated under RCW 84.55. The last time District #16 asked for and received a "lid lift" was over six years ago.

Lifting the lid will provide funds needed for maintenance and operations and enable the District to continue to provide the excellent service our community expects and to which it is entitled.

Cost to taxpayers for both the bond and lid lift issues will be a total of 76¢ per 1,000 of assessed valuation, or, for the bond, 62¢ per \$1,000, for the lid lift 14¢.

I encourage all voters to vote YES for the bond and to vote YES for the lid lift. It's important to our community's well-being.

**Hugh McMillan**, Chairman, Key Peninsula Board of Fire Commissioners

To the Editor:

I recently read an article in a local newspaper concerning the election. It seems that every election year a lot of garbage surfaces.

In this article a Jerry La Chappelle stated that electing Ken Eikenberry will renew the so called "Indian fish wars." Perhaps, perhaps not. My question is, why are so many non-Indians concerned about the Indians' fishing rights. We have given them far more than they are entitled to and they still demand more.

This letter is not intended as an endorsement of Eikenberry. He is a poor choice also. But who wants to vote for Lowry and his cry for state income taxes?

**Howard Reynolds**

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## Key Dates

### BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Allyn Comm. Ass'n	Nov 5: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg	Allyn Inn
KP Business Ass'n	Nov 6: 7:30am; Nov 20: noon	Homeport Restaurant
Caregivers support group	Nov 18: 7-10pm	Key Center fire station

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	Nov 25: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church
Angel Guild	Nov 24: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm
ASHES	Nov 5: 10:30 am - potluck	Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime	Nov 5: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Cootiettes	Nov 19, 7: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm
	and Nov 10, 17, 24	Visit Veterans
	Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot	
KPCCA Board Mtg	Nov 12: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	Nov 9: 7:30 pm	
KPCS Board	Nov 10: 7:30 pm	Comm House - Home
KP Lions	Nov 4, 18: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn - KC

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon & Wed: 2-8 pm	Purdy Fire Station 857-2633 - info
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 and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4514; 857-4780	
Caregivers support group	Nov 16: 7-9 pm	GH Chamber/Commerce
Respite care	Wednesdays: 9 am-4 pm	KC Library/Brones Rm
Seniors exercise program	Tues&Thu 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home
WIC	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment	

### OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Parents network meeting	Nov 11: 7-8:30 pm	Peninsula HS library
Peninsula School Board	Nov 12: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd RmPurdy
Greater Gig Harbor Home-school Support Assoc.	Nov 19: 7-9 pm	Purdy Elem School
KP Mid Sch Activity Night	Nov 6, 20: 7 pm	Libry of KP Middle Sch
Mothers of pre-schoolers	Nov 5, 19: 9:15-11:30 am	Lakebay Comm Church

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Nov 11, 23: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	Nov 9: 7:30	Brones Rm, KC Library

### SELF HELP GROUPS

AA	Mon & Fri: 8 pm	KP Community Services, Lakebay
	Sun: 6 pm	
Narcotics Anonymous	Tues & Thurs: 7-8:30 pm	KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group	Nov 3: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge, 857-7359
TOPS	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm

### SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS

ABATE of WA	Nov 2: 7:30 pm	KPCC
Bayshore Garden Club	Nov 20: 1-4 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club	Nov 18: potluck 6:30 pm mtg 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors		
Craft Club	Nov 10: 10:00 am	Comm House, Home
Peninsula Social Club	Nov 5: 6:30 pm potluck 7:30-9 pm mtg	KP Lutheran Church
Ruth Circle	Nov 16: noon	Longbranch Church
Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	foot care and blood pressure	
Upper Sound Grange	Nov 2: 6:30-10 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Vaughn Garden Club	Nov 18: 10 am	Helen Wolniewicz's home
VFW & AUX	Nov 9: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm

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portation, specifically the safety of SR302 and a need for emergency access routes; a fear among seniors of losing their homes because of increasing property taxes; a desire for satellite offices or a better computer system to facilitate communication between the county and outlying areas such as Key Peninsula; a call for county support for local programs, school funding and facilities.

A lot of words bounced off the walls of the Whitmore Room, some perhaps more memorable than others:

"The county's desires would be reflected in any decision (Doug Sutherland) would make." Bill Moss

"You have to be a fair-minded person to make sure things happen fairly." Wayne Buck.

"Olympia is so far away from this problem. You need to bring it back to the communities." Karen Allard

"I believe the government has an active role to help private development." Wes Pruitt

"Stop giving money to the bureaucrats in Olympia, give it to teachers." Alan Coleman

"They've been paid less than garbage collectors, a lot of the time." Wes Pruitt

"My husband makes a fine salary as a teacher. Education should not be left to the government." Karen Allard

Linking health care and the criminal justice system, Wendell Brown, Bill Moss and Wes Pruitt all stressed the importance of prenatal care, parenting classes and education as factors involved in catching the "at risk" children before they are lost.

"Problems start with families who don't have resources to produce well cared for children." Bill Moss

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"Seventy percent of the general fund goes to the criminal justice system.... Children at risk are where adult criminals will come from." Wendell Brown

"Prenatal care is one of the best ways to eliminate at-risk children." Bill Moss

"Our population has nearly doubled in the past 10 years." Ron Quincy

"We're never going to have enough dollars to fund all of the things we so dearly want to have." Ron Meyers on transportation.

"Government is willing to do everything for us if we're willing to give everything to the government." Tom Schneider

"If we always do what we always have done, we will always get what we always have gotten." Karen Allard

And our favorite exchange of the evening:

"Whether or not you send me back, I want to thank you for the last six years." Ron Meyers

"That almost sounds like a concession speech." Tom Schneider

"Not even close." Ron Meyers

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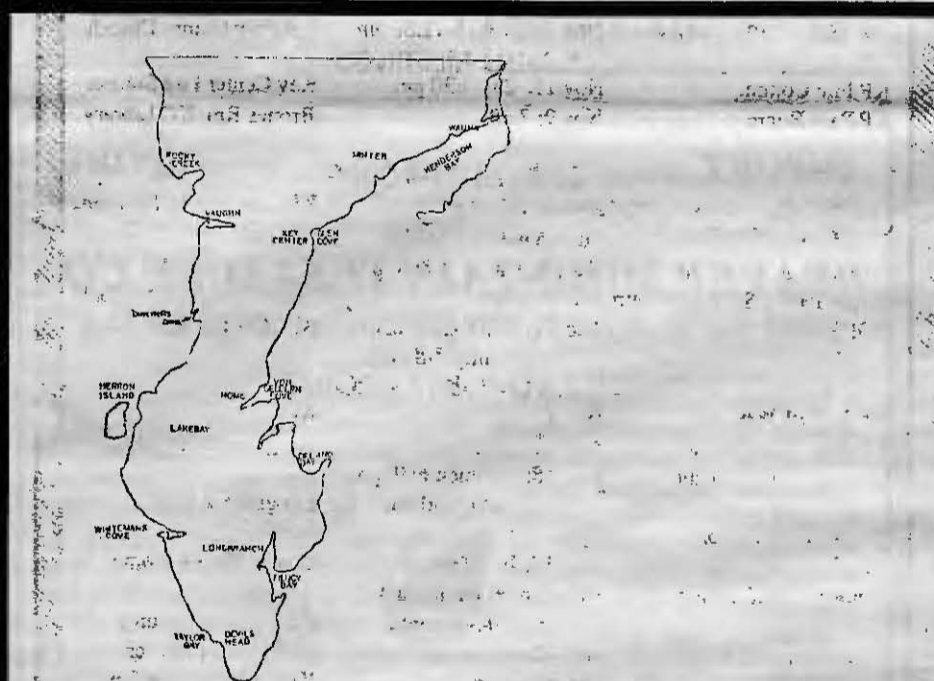
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# Arts

Performance Circle will hold auditions for upcoming productions Sat. and Sun., Nov. 7 & 8, 4 pm. The January production will be *Sherlock's Last Case* (Charles Marowitz) and the February play will be *Rough Crossing* (Tom Stoppard). Casts require five men aged 20 to 50 for each play and three women aged 20, 35 and 50. The nine performances will be on the weekends only.

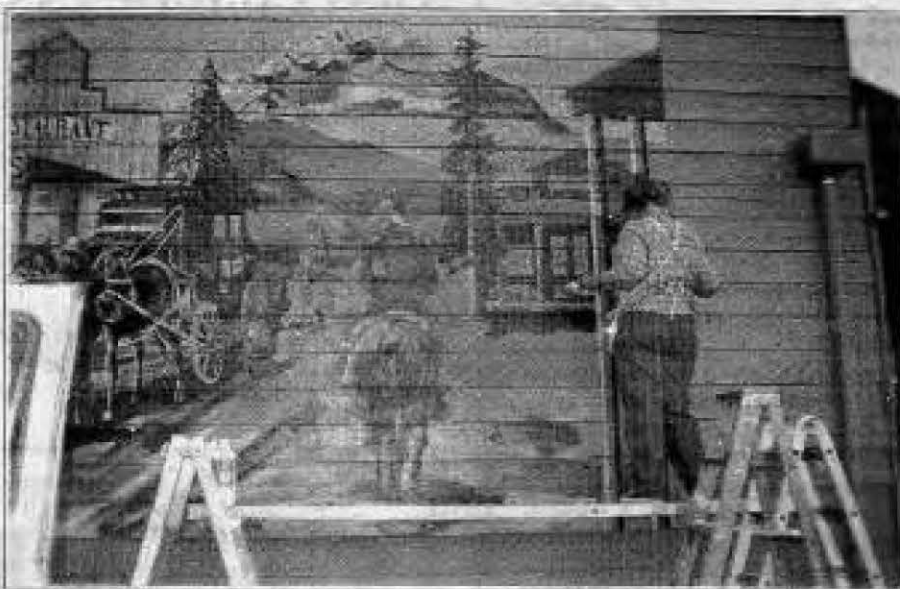
Auditions will be at 6615 38th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor just off Hwy 16. Directors will audition from scripts which are available prior to the audition. For information call 851-7529.

*Nonsense*, the current production, has been extended through Nov. 7.

*The Crucible*, a play by Arthur Miller, is being performed at Tacoma Little Theatre Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm, Nov. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21; and Sunday at 2 pm, Nov. 15. Set in the 1600s, the timeless American classic powerfully portrays the human cost of unbridled emotion. Tickets are \$8 adult, \$7 senior and student. For information call 272-2481. Tacoma Little Theatre is located at 210 N "T" St, Tacoma.

Peninsula High School's fall play is *An Evening with the Classics: The Beatles Meet the Bard*. The production is an original review of well-known Shakespearean scenes interspersed with thematically related Beatle tunes.

Performances are Nov. 5, 6 & 7 at 7:30 pm in the Milton S. Boyd Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$4 general admission, \$3 Seniors, children, and students with valid ASB cards. Tickets will be available at the door.



Pictured above is local artist Laura Levesque working on her mural at the KC Corral last month. You can see more of Laura's work in her Western Art Gallery in Key Center, located in the same building as Frugal Fare. Photo by Hugh McMillan

## In the library

Michael Burkhart, owner of the Foxglove Herb Farm in Rosedale, will discuss herbs and demonstrate herb wreath-making on Wed., Nov. 4, 7 pm at the Key Center Library.

Michael began the business six years ago from a desire to be at home with her family. Her love of herbs and the earth have nurtured the more than 100 varieties grown on the farm. It is a seasonal operation open to the public from April through September. A Christmas open house at the farm will be held Dec. 5 & 6 and 12 & 13 from 10 am to 5 pm. Vinegars, dried arrangements, potpourri, lavender wands, rosemary topiaries and other hand-crafted items will be for sale. Of course herbs also will be offered.

This free program for the community is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Please remember that all library branches will be closed Wed. Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day and Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

### Key Center library hours:

Tue & Wed 1-8:30 pm  
 Thu & Fri 1-6 pm  
 Sat 12 n - 4 pm

# Two Movies

by Neena Bauer

On Video: *Treasure Island*, the 1989 Ted Turner production stars Charlton Heston as the notorious and greedy Long John Silver (the film is available from the Pierce County Library). The movie is beautifully filmed in England and Jamaica with authentic settings and costumes. I was caught up in the story; somehow it slipped by me in my youth (it must have been a "boy's" story). Greed driving both the pirates and the Englishmen led to many killings. I wasn't sure what the Englishmen were going to do with the booty—turn it over to "authorities"? Their joyous expressions as they viewed the treasures in the cave belies that assumption.

Two hundred years later, territorial greed was inherent in the struggle depicted in the 1992 release *The Last of the Mohicans*. The native American Indians of the East—Hurons, Ottawas, Mohawks and Iroquois—were forced to choose sides in their futile attempt to preserve their territory. The Englishmen and Frenchmen also were protecting what they believed was theirs. Was it greed, survival or the irrepressible spirit of humans to explore, conquer and dominate?

The violence in this film was intertribal, interracial and intercultural. It was graphic, deserving the R rating.

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Five years into retirement from public life, George Washington told a friend he had embarked on the Presidency "with feelings not unlike those of a culprit going to the place of his execution." But he couldn't refuse. "Integrity and firmness," he said in his inaugural address, "is all I can promise."

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# What's a lid lift?

This November 3, Fire District 16, serving Key Peninsula, will be asking voters for a lid lift. When elections come around, we start hearing terms like "lid lift," but what is a lid lift?

The short definition: a lid lift is an OK by voters to increase their property tax so a taxing district, like a fire district, can receive the money it is legally entitled to.

Why do voters have to do that? The state of Washington has a constitutional limit on the amount of money that can be taxed from property. That limit is 1%, or \$10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. (Assessed valuation refers to the annual determination of property values by the Pierce County Auditor's Office.)

When schools, fire districts, or any taxing districts, ask voters to pass a levy, they are limited (by state law) in the total amount they can ask for, because every taxing entity in the state has to share in the \$10 maximum. Fire districts are limited to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Other districts have limits as well.

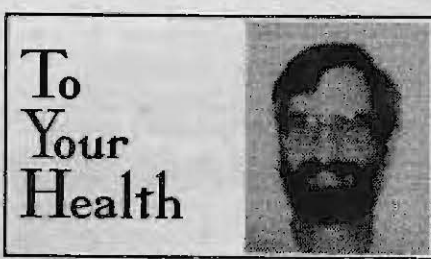
There's just one more thing, which makes this whole issue so confusing, and it has to do with state law, population growth and assessed valuation. State law (RCW 84.55) says that each levy has a limitation, or "lid." Understanding the mathematics of the calculations of lids and increases in property valuation is complicated, so it may be helpful to look at it in practical terms.

The first year a levy is passed, the taxing district, let's say it's the fire district, receives its \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. But the next year, the fire district receives a letter from the Assessor-Treasurer's office which reads like this:

"The Assessor-Treasurer's Office has calculated the tax rate for the year. After consideration of your budget request, the 106% limitation on regular levies and the assessed value as adjusted by the Board of Equalization, your district's tax rates are fixed as follows: Regular Levy, 1992 Rate/\$1000 \$1.3641."

What the Assessor-Treasurer is saying is that the fire district will now receive \$1.36, instead of \$1.50, per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 1992. The only way to get back to receiving the \$1.50 per \$1,000 is to ask the voters for permission, or ask for a "lid lift."

The last such lid lift requested by fire district 16 was over six years ago.



by William F. Roes, MD

One of the most difficult issues in practicing in a rural area is knowing when to hit the "panic button" when it comes to patients complaining about chest pain. In the last month, we've had three patients who called complaining of chest discomfort and I instructed all three to call 911. Two were admitted for heart attacks and the other for observation.

I suspect most people are aware of the classic symptoms of a heart attack, which include: 1. chest pain or pressure, usually squeezing or crushing rather than sharp pain; 2. radiation of chest discomfort to the arms or jaw; 3. change in previously stable angina (heart pain).

Heart attacks can also mimic other disorders such as indigestion, bronchitis or muscle strains. Any severe discomfort in the chest area which lasts over 15 minutes should be evaluated. If you have questions, call your doctor. However, don't be surprised if we direct you to call 911. The paramedics are the only ones equipped to deal with an evolving heart attack and transport you safely to the hospital at the same time.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at our recent Health Fair. We had a good turnout and kicked off our flu shot campaign with 148 shots. If you need a flu shot you can drop by any time in November during normal office hours. For \$7.00 you can be protected against A-Beijing, A-Texas and B-Panama strains of the influenza virus.

We would like to welcome Dr. Aaron Solnit, who will be joining us for the month of November so that I can take a break. Dr. Solnit completed his residency in Family Practice at Duke University and is currently doing a one year OB/Rural fellowship at Tacoma Family Medicine. Our office is one of the rural sites used by the fellowship and residency and serves as our link to the University of Washington Medical School.

Have a Joyous Thanksgiving!

# Bad chimneys can spell disaster

by Hugh McMillan

Time to think about your chimneys again.

Most wood-heat-related fires begin with a chimney fire. Some can be disastrous.

Chimney fires result from a buildup on the inner walls of chimneys or stovepipes of creosote, the product of unburned wood gasses that form tar-like deposits. Burning "green" or unseasoned wood is guaranteed to coat chimney interiors with creosote.

A prime example of "green" wood is your Christmas tree. Do NOT burn it in your wood-heating appliance. It is not only a dangerous source of creosote, it flash-burns at very high temperatures and probably will ignite any previously deposited creosote. Once ignited, creosote creates a veritable blow-torch.

Any chimney can be a fire hazard. Like water, fire flows into any opening to which it is exposed. If your chimney is cracked, has loose bricks, improperly sealed joints, or, in the case of metal chimneys, was improperly installed, flame in the chimney will exit through those openings. Anything combustible within reach of the exiting flame probably will ignite. This can happen without your knowledge.

Inspect your chimney and heating appliance regularly. If you are unsure of how to inspect or clean your chimney, get a professional chimney sweep to handle the job. The Washington State Chimney Sweep Guild is made up of licensed, certified professionals whose

expertise is recognized by the insurance industry. Guild members are listed in the yellow pages. A few dollars spent on their services now could spare you the enormous expense of replacing your home and all your belongings ... even, God forbid, a life.

GUIDELINES: Burn only dry, seasoned wood. Keep your fire under control: too hot can cause ignition outside the fire box; too low will cause incomplete combustion and creosote buildup. Keep anything that can burn away from the fireplace, insert or wood stove. Check walls and ceilings; if they're hot, there's danger. Don't burn trash or garbage. Never use flammable liquids. Have a fire extinguisher handy. Install a smoke detector properly and keep it in good working order; this means: check that the battery is fresh and that the device activates when exposed to smoke or high temperatures. A good plan is to change the battery when "falling back" to standard time or "springing forward" to daylight saving time. Have and practice an escape plan with all members of your family.

Visit your Fire Department and ask for a copy of an excellent booklet, "About Wood Stove Safety." It's FREE.

Finally, if you have an emergency or even suspect one, dial 911. Your Fire Department will be there in minutes. Your firefighters are professionals. They can handle it expertly. Do NOT try to handle it yourself.

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## GH Star Search '92 Gala Night

Friends of Performance Circle Theatre invite you to come dressed in Hollywood Glitz to the Gig Harbor Yacht Club on Nov. 21 for the Gig Harbor Star Search '92 Gala Night. Cocktails 6:30; dinner 7:15; final judging 8.

The yacht club is located at 8209 Stinson Avenue; tickets are \$45 per person. According to their press release, funds raised by this event will benefit Performance Circle Theatre, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Make your check payable to The Performance Circle (Benefit) and send it to Box 4, Gig Harbor WA 98335.

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## KPFD celebrates its 40th

by Hugh McMillan, Chairman, KPFD Board of Fire Commissioners  
*Final in a three part series*

Last month we left you with the fact that the recently completed remodeling of KPFD's Key Center Headquarters station took some nine months and \$310,000 in order to meet current codes. All three of the 1958-built stations must now be replaced or re-built in order to meet codes and District needs.

Minutes of the January 12, 1970, meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners record that a motion passed to raise the Fire Chief's pay from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per month.

The opening of a station at the crossing of State Route 302 and Wright Bliss Road in 1975 and KPFD's honoring the Herron Island community's request to be annexed into the District in 1985 brought the District to its current six station level.

Some think of KPFD as a top notch training center. More than 20 KPFD volunteers have placed among the top candidates for full time employment at other Puget Sound fire districts where they are now career firefighters and officers.

On their personal time, District personnel serve on the boards of directors of the Key Peninsula Health Center, Community Services Center and Food Bank, Lions' Club, Key Peninsula News, Puget Sound Sea Rescue, Citizens Against Crime and a plethora of other community organizations.

The 70 volunteer and 18 career fire personnel of KPFD regard the District as "family." They've shared the excitement of killing fires in smoke-choked structure fires, and the disappointment and hurt of someone dying in their arms.

"So many have contributed so much to the professionalism and well-earned pride of this District," said recently retired (34 years of volunteer service) Battalion Chief Bud Ulsh, "that a thousand pages wouldn't begin to tell the story."

Nor could it contain the names of all whose mark is on the District. People like Battalion Chiefs Pete Busard, Richard Binion, Dan Orme, Phil Arneson, Chief Don Mills, Secretaries

A. R. Fenton, Dorothy Pierce, Mary Ramsdell, Bev Pedersen, Dispatcher Dee Rose whose home was filled with 24 hour radio equipment and service, Commissioners Bob Barnes, Ken Brones, Elmer Skahan, Duane Fleming, George Lund, Art Fenton, officers and firefighters Bud Curl, Les McGaw, Jim Blundell, Marty and Betty Pedersen, Karl Bonn, Gerry Marsh, Dee Dee Kerkes, Rick Sutherland, Rick Olsen, Tim Lemon, Tony Brentin, John and Kathy Schmidt, Dean Shriner, Chuck West, Tom Lique, Rick Stout, Paul Bosch, Jim Glass, and the many others who dedicated themselves to making KPFD the superb life and property-saving organization we all know it to be.

## KPFD captain named Washington ag' teacher

by Hugh McMillan

KPFD's Ken Brown has long been respected by his fellow Key Peninsula firefighters as Captain/EMT Brown. Few know he was named the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association's Outstanding Agriculture Education Teacher of the year for Washington State.

He was presented the prestigious award at the recent Washington Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association convention in Olympia "for help-

ing to develop an outstanding agricultural education program that benefits not only his students but the community as well."

Brown will represent Washington in the Western Regional Competitions and could win a trip to the national conference in St. Louis.

Brown teaches at Washington High School's Franklin Pierce School District Farm in Tacoma. He became a KPFD firefighter January 1976 two years after graduating from Peninsula High School.

Brown lives at Minter Creek with his wife Mary, son Jeff, 8, and daughter Theresa, 6. Mary teaches on Vashon Island, the kids attend Minter Elementary.

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# You beautiful doll

by Joan Lawrence

No, those aren't children pictured here, they're dolls. But not like the dolls you got from an aunt on your birthday. These are three dimensional portraits of real children, done by world renowned sculptor/original doll artist Annette Himstedt of Paderborn, Germany.

Himstedt, as part of an 8-state tour, visited Springhouse Collections in Port Orchard on Oct 10. Collectors flowed from the shop into the parking lot, arms stuffed with bundles of dolls that awaited Himstedt's golden signature to appear on their little backs. We saw one woman shed light on a dozen Himstedts, bumper-to-bumper in the trunk of her car.

It isn't just women who are drawn to Himstedt's work. The dolls radiate Himstedt's own charisma. Men are not embarrassed to admire these sculptures for the exquisite art they are.

Annette Himstedt began doing one-

of-a-kind sculptures of Kinder aus Porzellan (children from porcelain) in 1979, portraits of children in her own village south of Hamburg. In 1986 she set up a factory in Spain to produce vinyl dolls of her creation. That year her work was seen at the Nuremberg Toy Fair by a representative of Mattel, the company that now carries her line of dolls in the U.S.



Vinyl Adrienne, 26", of the Reflections of Youth Collection, 1989; and Makimura, 31", of the World Child Collection, 1988. The meticulous sculptures have glass eyes and human hair. Photo JL.



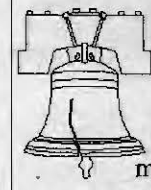
Himstedt with dolls Timi and Toni, each 23", of the American Heartland series, 1988. Photo by Shannon O'Donnell.

A mother and an independent businessperson, Himstedt fought hard to be her own person and do it her way. Though a skillful, trained artist, she was naive about the techniques of doll sculpting when she began, and came up with an innovative way of working with the liquid porcelain, molding porcelain rather than clay.

Himstedt's original porcelain dolls take approximately a year from conception to completion. Her employees do much of the work on the vinyl dolls, but she oversees this work closely dur-

ing her 14-hour workdays. Her combination of talent and a willingness to work hard has brought its rewards—a collector willingly parts with several hundred dollars for a limited-edition vinyl doll, several thousand for a porcelain.

If you would like to see a Himstedt in person ... or, "in doll" ... visit Springhouse in Port Orchard. Sandy O'Donnell, the ever-cheerful proprietor, will be happy to show you her Himstedts—if they haven't sold out.



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# Goin' Out



by Janice McMillan

A years' old restaurant review had led four of us to 758 South 38th Street in Tacoma. We were expecting an Indian place but it had changed hands several years ago and was now the Bua Thai Restaurant.

Although the exterior is quite shabby, we decided to have a look inside and try it if it looked at all promising. It proved to be very nice inside with attractive blue and white decor and was meticulously clean. We were pleasantly greeted by the owner-server and his Thai wife who is the cook.

Each of us ordered a different luncheon special (ranging in price from \$3.95 to \$4.75). We chose our luncheon from the English descriptions since none of us were very knowledgeable about Thai food. These were served on platters and we all shared, as one would do in a Chinese restaurant.

The rice was served in a beautiful silver tureen and the hot tea came in a very attractive blue and white china pot with cups to match. The charmingly served meal was quite a surprise in a place with such economical prices.

Gang Gai consisted of pieces of tender chicken breast and bamboo shoots cooked in a special Thai curry and coconut sauce. The Pud Pa Lam was pieces of lean beef cooked in a special Thai curry and coconut cream sauce with eggplant. Thai Fried Noodles with Chicken was a delicious stir fried dish containing chicken, eggs, onions, tomatoes, green onions and a special Thai sauce. Yum Yai contained chicken, shrimp, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers and lettuce topped with ground peanuts, a sort of salad. The gentlemen in our party had Thai beer (\$2.50; domestic beer is \$1.75). We all really enjoyed each dish.

A nice couple at a nearby table encouraged us to taste their large pot of Hot and Sour Chicken Soup (\$4.50) which they liked so much they were ordering another serving. We thought it was marvelous.

We all felt that Bua Thai Restaurant had everything necessary to provide a memorable afternoon luncheon. Aside from the luncheon menu there is an extensive dinner menu including soups, salads and about forty different entrees. The menu also notes to "Please tell your server the degree of spicyness you desire." Telephone is 474-5001.

## A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch

I didn't give it much thought when I bought it. Actually, I was looking for a nice pink top to go with some favorite pants and the color of this t-shirt was just right. I don't usually buy clothes with cute little sayings splashed all over the front, but somehow this one hit me as appropriate. I was struggling with a diet at the time, so the words, IF ALL ELSE FAILS—CHEAT described my diet rebellion perfectly.

I wore my new t-shirt for the first time at work on a "grub day"—a Friday when we all wear casual clothes and work on cleaning our offices. I was surprised at the reaction my t-shirt generated. One co-worker came to me and said he was shocked to see me promoting such an idea. Another co-worker said it just didn't seem to fit my personality.

I realized that others weren't thinking diet when they read my shirt.

My co-workers' reactions were mild compared to my kids'. I was wearing my t-shirt around the house one day when they came by for lunch. Their disapproval was adamant: How could I wear a t-shirt like that? Wasn't I the very same mother who had made them take a beer label shirt back to the store because its message was contrary to the lifestyle we encouraged?

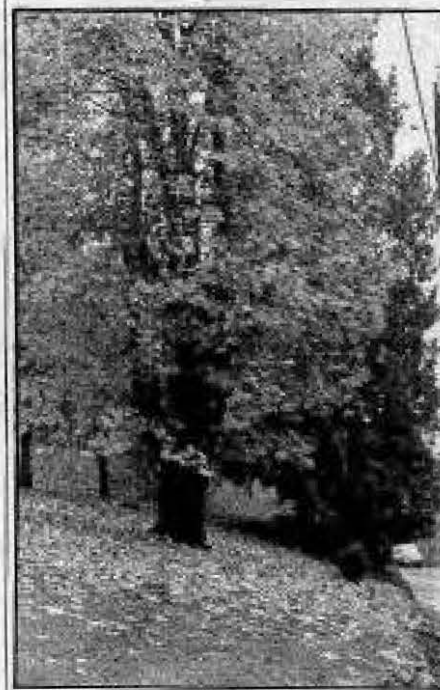
The kids were right, as they so often are these days, and because of the experience, I have become more aware of the messages I see displayed on others. At the Puyallup Fair I saw a lot of people wearing t-shirts with sayings. Some sayings were definitely not cute, and some could only be described as degrading and disgusting. I wonder if they really mean what their clothes say.

It's awfully hard to take a stand for decency and teach values to children if our clothes shout out vulgarity. Clothes should be fun and comfortable to wear, but we need to be careful that our clothes project the image that we want others to see.

As for me, my CHEATERS t-shirt has been demoted to yard work only. The only t-shirt I own that says anything is my white t-shirt with GRANDMA written across in front in bold pink letters. Now that's an image I can be proud of.

### Longbranch Bazaar-Lunch

Friends and members are invited to the Longbranch Church Holiday Bazaar and Lunch, Saturday Nov 7, 12 pm to 3 pm. Crafts, baked goodies and white elephants. You are invited to come and enjoy.



Photos by Joe Aprile

## Leaves, leaves, everywhere

Is it called "fall" because that's what all the leaves do? Those leaves, prunings, lawn clippings, and even stumps can be recycled.

Purdy Topsoil, located near Peninsula Light Company, has Pierce County's only yard composting facility. Yard waste can be dumped for a minimal charge per yard. It is then run through a hammer mill, which shreds everything to the consistency of peat moss, and the resulting material is left to age as-is for part of a season. In mid- to late summer, it is blended 3 to 1 with soil, and stored over winter. By spring it has become fertile soil.

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by  
Frank G.  
Tucker

## Perspectives

Like most men (I suppose women, too), I have always wanted a vehicle that was perfect for me—a '67 Mustang, or a new truck. Maybe a Blazer. After much thought I am undecided on what body style I want, or for that matter, the color I prefer. Red and blue top my list. Yellow is my last choice.

I hold my desire for a special vehicle in the same place I keep my desire for horseback hunting in the Rockies, and trips to Alaska. The reality is, on a carpenter's wage all my income goes to meet the needs of my family; and I drive a '74 Dodge club cab truck, well used, in need of repairs. (Of course, it's yellow.) I drive this vehicle with a certain amount of apprehension, fearing it may break down.

One evening, with reluctance, I took it to Tacoma, across the Narrows, pulled off at Pearl and, without warning, it went dead in the turning lane at 12th and Pearl. The whole electrical system was dead. I threw up the hood and tried to get it started.

Being "broke down" is an awful feeling. Cars going by. You can sense the feeling of passers-by. Some look

with disdain because of the slight inconvenience; some simply ignore you; others would like to help but are too busy; others will heap insult to your sorrow by yelling, "Buy a Chevy."

Finally, a fellow came by and pushed my truck to a parking lot and drove me to a friend's home. (He also had a Dodge truck.) He had stopped, helped and gone out of the way for a stranger. I suppose hundreds of people saw me that night, but only this man enriched himself by helping. From my perspective.

## Movies cont'd from page 6

seeming almost to be gratuitous. A re-reading of James Fenimore Cooper would determine if the filmmakers were trying to be faithful to the novel.

Devotees of antique firearms would enjoy these films; Hawkeye was called "Long Rifle" by the Huron sagem.

Last of the Mohicans took place in N.Y. but was filmed in N.C. in the Great Smokies. As the movie opened we delighted in the scenery which we had

just seen ourselves during a recent trip to the southeast. We immediately recognized the forests we had explored, very different from Pacific Northwest forests. Certain movies must be seen in the theater—the small TV screen does not do them justice.

Two hundred years later (today) our territorial wars occur on the streets with modern weapons that do not require reloading with powder carried in pouches. They remain tribal, racial and cultural. The story remains with us; the sets keep changing.

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## Straight Talk

by Robert B. Campbell D.C.

### Arm and Shoulder Pain

Arm and shoulder pain can have a number of causes, but the large percentage of cases are caused by misalignment of one or more spinal bones (vertebrae), improper posture, spinal curvature, occupational stresses or injury to the spine. Many times, the sufferer of arm and shoulder pain was born with a spinal defect.

A common cause of arm and shoulder pain is radiculitis. The term radiculitis is used by doctors to indicate that there is nerve root pressure in the upper part (neck) of the spinal column. This nerve root pressure is the most common source of arm and shoulder pain.

The nerve root is enclosed in a sleeve and passes between the vertebrae through an opening called a foramen. In the normal spine, movement of the neck bones does not compress or irritate the nerve. But when one or more spinal bones becomes misaligned, pressure on a nerve may occur.

For instance, compression of the sixth root causes stiffness and pain in the neck, numbness and pain into the thumb and first finger, and weakness of the bicep muscle. Numbness of the

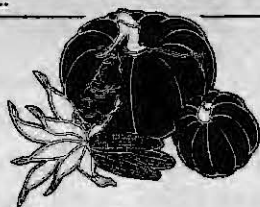
middle and index finger and weakness of the triceps muscle may be caused by compression of the seventh nerve root in the neck.

Unremitting nerve root pressure caused by misalignment, faulty discs or arthritis, results in inflammation of the nerve root and causes pain which varies from a deep, aching pain to a sharp pain felt in the arm and shoulder complex.

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As we have seen, arm and shoulder pain may indicate any one of a host of disease conditions...and only after a thorough examination and study of X-rays can he determine exactly what the condition is and what should be done about it.



### The Good Old Days

How wonderful it was when we were kids just to sit down at the table and fill our stomachs to the brim; then up and away, back to whatever adventure was interrupted by the call to eat. Mom always had plenty of something to fill our stomachs. Appreciation of the bounty was sadly lacking. If we thought about it at all, we might have wondered why there was not a better dessert than the applesauce or bread pudding Mom had supplied in quantity.

Living alone, as I am presently, started this train of thought. It takes me about two hours to get up, make the bed, feed the cats, get the paper, dress and fix myself something to eat. Of course, there are incidentals that I am overlooking. The puzzler is—how did the oldtimers get anything done?

I have instant heat for warmth and cooking and automatic most everything, yet time flies like a shadow. It is

time to get lunch almost before the breakfast dishes are done. Of course, I could roll out at 5:30, but who wants to do that? Come to think of it though, I did that for 45 years and so did Mom and Pa. That is why things operated so well when we were kids, come to think of it.

Looking back, I remember laughter and joy, even when ice had to be broken in the water bucket before we could get started some mornings. Women continued to plan and dream for the future, even though the drudgery was broken only by an occasional "rest" as they recuperated from their latest childbirth. There were sicknesses and injuries and deaths, yet they carried on. No wonder humans found something to worship. A dream of God and heaven was the only hope for many, and they were happy.

### Career workshops at Civic Center

The YWCA of Tacoma/Pierce County is offering a series of free workshops at the Civic Center, entitled **Career Changes and Challenges: The employment interview, Nov 4; and Applying for government jobs, Nov 11.**

The workshops are being held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. For reservations or further information, contact the YWCA at 272-4181.



*Ron with wife, Donna*

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# Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Tax refunds, Veterans of World War II and the Korean War may be due income tax refunds if they followed Internal Revenue Service advice and reported the interest earned on their veterans' life insurance policies as income. Policy dividends are income if they are withdrawn in cash, but not if they're left on account with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Over 350,000 veterans have such accounts. In the past, the IRS said dividends left on account were taxable, but it recently reversed itself in a ruling that was retroactive.

IRS targets small businesses. Now IRS commissioner Shirley D. Peterson says that small businesses can expect to receive increasing scrutiny from IRS. The agency feels these businesses account for a large portion of all tax underreporting—especially regarding payroll taxes, which are considered of top importance by the IRS.

When paying a tax bill, always designate the specific tax liability toward which your payment is made. Write it on the check. The IRS may apply an undesignated payment to any tax liability—including those you may not yet be aware of—which could have you incurring non-payment penalties on a tax bill you thought you had paid.

## KPCS board position open

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Community Services Center (Food Bank) Board of Directors invites applicants to apply to fill a recently vacated position on the Board.

Applicants should live or own property on the Key Peninsula. (Board member, former State Senator Bill Smitherman, does not reside full time on the Peninsula.)

Persons with the time and desire to serve are sought. While not required, persons with legal training, experience in grant writing, management, architecture, construction, etc., would be most welcome.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at Community House in Home at the juncture of the Key Peninsula Highway and Hoff Road.

For application forms and to schedule interviews, please write KPCS, P.O. Box 392, Lakebay, WA 98349, or call 884-4440.

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## Reynold's Roost

"I shall now illustrate what I have in mind," said the professor as he erased the blackboard.

Little Susan saw her mother's new evening gown, which had just been delivered.

"Oh, Mummy, how lovely!" she exclaimed. "Will you wear it tonight?"

"No, dear, not tonight," replied the mother. "This is for when ladies and gentlemen come to dinner."

"Oh, Mummy, let's pretend Daddy's a gentleman," pleaded the child.

## Revising your will?

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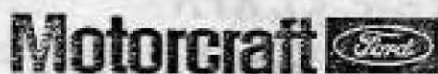
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# Çantana's Country Kitchen

by Çantana Snow

November brings a brrrr at the end of its name. The cold weather comes on, and with it, the desire for hot drinks to warm chilly bodies.

Here are three autumn drink favorites that work wonderfully for harvest parties. Their scent, warmth and flavor will make every guest feel welcome. Use your crockpot for ease of preparing and serving these fall drinks.

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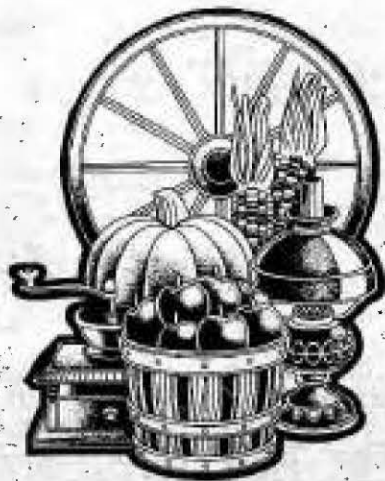
- 2 1/2 qts apple cider
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3 sticks cinnamon
- 1 tsp whole allspice
- 1 tsp whole cloves

Tie spices in spice bag. In crockpot combine spice bag, cider and honey. Cover; cook on low 5-6 hrs or on high 2 1/2 - 3 hrs. Makes 10 (8 oz) servings.

## SPICY CROCKPOT COCOA

- 3 1/2 cups nonfat dry milk powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa pwdr
- 6 cups water
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg

In crockpot combine dry milk powder, spices, sugar and cocoa. Add water and



vanilla; stir well to dissolve. Cover; cook on low 3-4 hrs or on high 1 - 1 1/2 hrs. Before serving, beat with rotary beater to make frothy. Top with marshmallows and cinnamon. Makes 8 (7 oz) servings.

## HOT CRANBERRY PUNCH

- 2 qts cranberry juice cocktail
- 1/3 cup honey
- 5 cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cardamon pods
- 10 whole cloves
- orange slices, halved

Pinch cardamon pods to break open. Tie cardamon, cinnamon and cloves in spice bag. Combine spice bag, cranberry juice and honey in crockpot. Cover; cook on low 4-5 hrs or on high 2 - 2 1/2 hrs. Stud orange halves with extra cloves. Serve in punch cups. Float orange halves on top. Makes 16 (4 oz) servings.

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# New engine for Puget Sound Sea Rescue

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula detachment of Puget Sound Sea Rescue, through the intercession of Key Center attorney Glen Pszczola, recently received a donation of \$3,680 from the Deubler family of Northbrook, Illinois, for purchase of a new marine engine for Sea Rescue's primary rescue boat, SR-5.

SR-5, a 22-ft aluminum jet boat, is the chief response vehicle for Sea Rescue in the waters on and surrounding the Key Peninsula. It was contributed by the Deubler family to Sea Rescue in 1990 following the untimely death of their son Gary, Pszczola's friend and Sea Rescue supporter.

This past summer, after SR-5's existing engine reached the end of its useful life span, Sea Rescue was donated another engine which, unfortunately, also proved unserviceable.

Pszczola remains in touch with the Deublers, keeping them abreast of Sea Rescue developments and sending along news clippings of Sea Rescue accomplishments. In a recent telephone conversation Deubler asked, "How's the boat doing?" On learning

of the engine problem he asked, "How much is a new engine?"

"That conversation took place on August 11," said Pszczola. "A check dated August 16 was in our hands on the 18th."

The Deubler family's interest in Sea Rescue, based mainly upon son Gary's support of the group, is for the common good of the Key Peninsula area in which their son resided.

Puget Sound Sea Rescue receives no government funding. It operates entirely on contributions and on funds raised by the membership through such things as yard sales.

Since SR-5's 1990 activation, it has responded to over 30 maritime disasters at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Pierce and Mason County Sheriffs' Departments and the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

A rescue this past summer involved transport of an injured industrial diver from a telephone cable-laying barge off Anderson Island to a beach helicopter pickup near Filucy Bay. Typical of Sea Rescue's activities, the rescue involved the Coast Guard, the US Army, Puget Sound Sea Rescue and the KP Fire Department.

Pszczola said that, "On behalf of all Sea Rescue members, and those whom we've been able to rescue, many thanks are due the Deubler family."

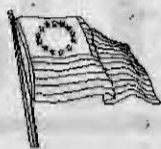
For information regarding membership in or support of the Key Peninsula Detachment of Puget Sound Sea Rescue, call Glen Pszczola at 884-3120.

## Early legal education

An innovative program is about to be launched that will teach elementary and middle school students about the law. The program is meant to conceptually weave English, history, geography, civics and science as it teaches students how laws are made and how public policy can shape our nation's future. It will be geared toward highly capable students.

A U.S. Dept. of Education grant will provide \$306,225 to the Institute for Citizen Education in the Law at the University of Puget Sound School of Law to develop and field test the curriculum, train 140 teachers and disseminate the curriculum throughout the state and nation.

Project staff include Tarry Lindquist, National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year for 1990, and Gail Hanninen, a specialist in gifted education. For more information, contact Margaret Armancas-Fisher at UPS, 206-591-2215.



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John Adams, January 1776

## Wedding Announcement



Charmain Brown, daughter of Francis and Darlene Brown of Longbranch, was married to Christopher Inman, son of Eileen and Bob Peterson of Lakebay, on August 22, 1992, at the Lake Holiday Church.

Both bride and groom graduated from Peninsula High School. Christopher is currently employed by Bosnick Roofing. The couple reside in Tacoma. Congratulations!

## Obituary

Albert Wilke, 92, a Key Peninsula resident for 23 years, died in Gig Harbor, October 20, 1992. Albert was born in Arlington Heights, Illinois, on July 30, 1900, and was a lifelong farmer and a member of Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Wilke was considered to be a local historian.

Local family members include: step-daughters-in-law: Helen Gilman, Lakebay, Edith Gilman, Belfair, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, PO Box 219, Lakebay 98349. Interment was at Haven of Rest Memorial Park.

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## Fall Little League

by Hugh McMillan

Driving by Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park a couple Sundays ago, I spotted what appeared to be kids playing baseball. At this time of the year? I spent about an hour learning that this group

of baseball zealots is the Winter (Fall) League TAD (for Training and Development) of the Key Peninsula Little League.

League President, John Dierck, surprised me by saying that "this is the only little league in Pierce County." He introduced me to Tim Kessler, Jerome Walker, and Al' Tubbs—I've long known Lynn and Julie Johnson—who were there with other adults to cheer on and teach the enthusiastic kids.

I'd never before seen a "pitching machine." I learned that the one being used this day is programmed to throw only strikes so that the youngsters can build confidence in their abilities to whack that homer.

League supporters staged an auction last May and raised enough money to buy two pitching machines and the generators that provide the electricity to power them. Both are capable of throwing pitches at various speeds and

tossing flyballs for fielding practice.

The ballplayers receive instruction and drills on Mondays and Wednesdays in October and play instructional games on Sundays.

Only 50 kids are able to join up with this Fall session. "We just couldn't cope with more because we don't have enough coaches and trainers," said Johnson, "and money," added his wife.

All adults agreed that little league is expensive, "but it's a lot cheaper than having kids getting into trouble." Uniforms for one team cost, on average, \$1,200. Softballs, hardballs and practice balls are \$2,147, \$2,100 and \$900, respectively.

The leaguers are grateful to sponsors of the majors: R & M Electric; Charboneau Excavators; the KP Firefighters' Association; Lakebay Chevron; Gordon, Misner, and Robinson; Northwest Auto Clinic, and minors' sponsors: Boyd's; Key Western Build-

ers; Charboneau Supply; KP Texaco; Parkview Terrace Grocery; Action Athletics; Fenton Logging; and North Mason Fiber.

The group would appreciate any assistance it can get. Contributions may be made to Key Peninsula Little League, 6116 Crescent Beach Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.

## Pierce Transit vanpool

The Gig Harbor Community Van is available to residents of Key Center, Purdy, Olalla and Fox Island. Plan where you would like to go (tourist attractions, sports events, shopping, doctor appointments...), then you'll need an approved driver and 1-11 riders.

Call Group Action for the Peninsula People, 857-7183, to schedule a trip or to find out how you can become a driver.

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Wendell is a Boardmember of the Pierce County Boys & Girls Clubs. A Lifemember of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. And an active member of a half dozen other civic organizations.

On top of that, Wendell's entire family lives right here.

Needless to say, Wendell has a lot invested in Pierce County. Just like you. And now, like you, he wants to see that investment grow and prosper.

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ernment. He'd push for an intelligent, workable growth plan. He'd try to reach "at risk" children before they become criminals. And he'd work to solve our traffic problems.

These are just some of the reasons Pierce County is turning Brown. If you'd like to know more, give him a call at 471-0633.



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# In the Garden

by Olive Bell Reid



We gardeners are so lucky to live here in the maritime northwest where our winters are usually mild and moist. Because we have a climate similar to that of England, we are able to grow an almost unlimited array of perennials and can have blooms of some kind all year.

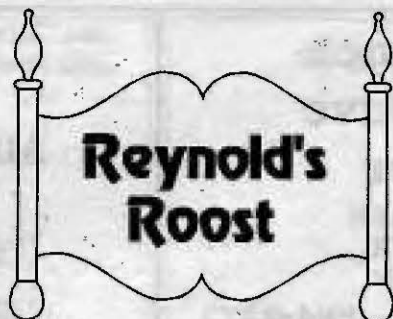
The genus *Salvia* comes to mind as I look out my kitchen window at the berm bordering our driveway. Its many colors are threading their way through the still green daylily leaves. Most people think of *Salvia* as the little red *S. splendens* that our mothers planted, but *Salvias* come in shades of blue, purple, lavender and rose and with adequate mulching survive our winters.

*S. hoematodes* has large velvety leaves and tall spikes of blue flowers in August and blooms until frost. *S. uliginosa* is a late summer/early fall bloomer displaying gorgeous azure-blue flowers on tall spikes and prefers a shady, moist situation. *S. x superba* 'May Night' is a lovely deep violet. There is also a biennial, *S. sclarea* 'Clary', that is bluish-white or white tinged with rose. I have one *salvia* that is blooming now which is 4' tall with deep fuchsia blooms. Unfortunately, the crows took its tag so I do not know its name. I am guessing that it might be *S. grahamii*, which is one of the more tender *salvias*. It is so striking, I will cover it with mulch and fir boughs and hope for the best.

There are many other good late performers such as cosmos, calendula, marigold, Russian sage, Rudbekia, helenium, amaryllis belladonna, *Nerine bowdenii*, *Colchicum autumnale*, kaffir lily and the sweet little windswept bonnets of pink cyclamen neapolitanum. A lesser known plant called *Boltonia* is bushy, grows 2' high and is smothered in tiny white daisies. It gives the fall border an airy look somewhat like baby's breath. In my garden it begins to bloom in October and looks great with pink Japanese anemones.

Fall colors are everywhere: reds of pin oaks and Japanese maples, oranges of sumac and plum, the bright yellow tulip tree, the pink and beige dogwood and the attractive berries of the hawthorne, mountain ash, cotoneaster, pyracantha and viburnum. The most spectacular in my garden is the beautiful lavender berries produced by *Calli-carpa japonica*. Some colorful vines include Virginia Creeper, Boston Ivy and *Clematis tangutica*.

Continue to rake up leaves and debris that might harbor pests; plant bulbs; cut back mums that have finished blooming; apply lime-sulphur spray to dogwood, fruit trees, hollyhocks, roses, peonies, lilac and iris; add lime, compost and manure to your vegetable garden; mow your lawns to a height of 2". Just for fun, try planting some sweetpeas in a pot and put it in your cold frame. Plant paper-white narcissus about Nov. 14 for Christmas bloom. Keep them in a dark, cool place until growth shows, then put them in a good light, but keep them cool. Finally, visit your local nurseries to see what's blooming—you'll be surprised.



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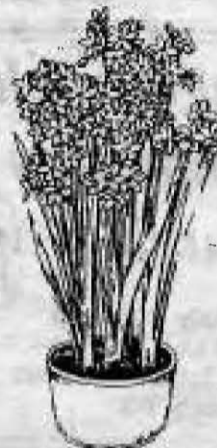
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by Jean Humphreys

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For additional information call Jean Humphreys, 884-3716.

## Caregiver support meetings

A support group for caregivers meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce (on Judson). This month's featured guest speaker is Marianne Davis of Good Samaritan Elder Care Services. Her topic: Taking care of yourself.

On Nov. 19, from 11 am to 2 pm, there will be an open house at the Civic Center for caregivers and people interested in Senior services. Refreshments will be served.

The open house will be in the downstairs offices (back side of the building) of our satellite office of Pierce County Aging and Longterm care. The office provides case management services to people over 60. For further information contact Lisa or Pam at 370-2045.

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The guest speaker is Chaplain William C. L. Asher, Command Chaplain at the Naval Submarine Base, Bangor. A native of New Jersey, Chaplain Asher is a graduate of Wheaton College and Northern Baptist Seminary in Illinois. He is a veteran of 31 years active duty, has attained the rank of Captain and has served in many overseas locations including three assignments with the Marine Corps.

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