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## Is it boot camp? No, this is the way they hire paramedics.

by Hugh McMillan

On February 1, 1990, the Key Peninsula Fire Department instituted its Advanced Life Support (ALS) program on a permanent basis. Paramedics Eric Nelsen, Ron Wasmund, and Rick Snodgrass were hired to provide 24 hour ALS service to the Key Peninsula community.

Nelsen and Wasmund, who have worked with the Department since June 20, 1989 on a temporary basis, and Snodgrass, who hails from the Bellingham area, went through a battery of exhaustive written, physical, and oral examinations before being accepted for the positions. At least one of them remarked, "This is the roughest set of examinations I have ever endured."

The three will train as firefighters upon entry on duty and, in a few weeks, will qualify as Paramedic/Firefighters which will make them available for fire suppression work when needed but their primary role with the fire department will be provision of paramedic advanced life support service.



*KP News photos  
by Hugh McMillan*

*Rick Snodgrass was hired as a fire district 16 paramedic; pictures show part of the physical endurance test. Top from left, the fifty pound hose carry, the tunnel crawl, and the smoke ejector fan carry; bottom from left shows the dummy drag, and over the six foot wall.*

## Telephone ballots: choose or lose

by Megan Aprile

All businesses and residents on the Key Peninsula recently received a piece of mail marked "equal access ballot". Inside is a ballot; you are asked to check the one long distance company you prefer and return the ballot by March 2. Customers who do not return a ballot will be randomly assigned to a carrier. Most of this kind of balloting went on between 1984 and 1988 in more populated areas and the competition at times was intense, with as many as 8 or 9 choices per ballot. By 1990, only the smaller areas are left and long distance carrier companies have decided to extend their services to locales which were originally seen as unprofitable.

But who are these carriers and what is it that they are offering us? It is our long distance business that these companies are bidding for, so if you never or rarely use your phone for long distance calls, it may be much simpler not to change

anything. If you do use your phone for long distance calling, it is your own particular calling pattern that is important in making your choice. If you do most of your long distance calling on weekends during the day, those are the rates you would want to compare between companies.

You are not obligated to make a decision on the phone, and should be able to ask for information to be sent to you. You may also request calling cards from any carrier, whether or not they are your designated carrier.

Special access numbers may be needed for other services of your carrier, like billing questions or an operator, and for all carriers except A.T. & T, you will be receiving two billings, one from your local company and one from your long distance carrier.

U.S. Sprint is the company who has heavily advertised their underground

100% digital fiber optic system. The company maintains it is less costly to own and maintain than a conventional wire cable system. U.S. Sprint has a full service system with operators, customer service and an international network. Calling cards are automatically offered to all customers. You access U.S. Sprint services by dialing a 800 number. You dial as you normally would for long distance calls. U.S. Sprint's stated corporate objective is to have the lowest rates of the full service carriers.

Call U.S. Inc. is a regional company based in Portland, Oregon and dedicated to serving Oregon and Washington only. Call U.S. leases lines and equipment from other companies. They have a "best rate program" which compares each customer's monthly calls to the most recent rates of all other carriers. The customer is then given the lowest rate

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## Wauna post office moving

The Wauna post office will be moving to a location in Lake Kathryn village. The project manager is obtaining needed permits, which is expected to take one to four months. Once construction has begun, completion time will be 180 days, which may delay the originally scheduled moving date of June 12.

The building will be much larger than the current post office, so many questions have been raised about possible changes in address and distribution of our local mail. No official decision has been made public at this time by the postal services administration. The reason for the "Gig Harbor" designation of the north peninsula is that postal regulations state that mail must be addressed to the post office that actually handles it. A larger building could house the carriers who serve Burley Lagoon west to Rocky Bay, and south through Minter Creek and Lake Holiday, who now work out of the Gig Harbor post office.



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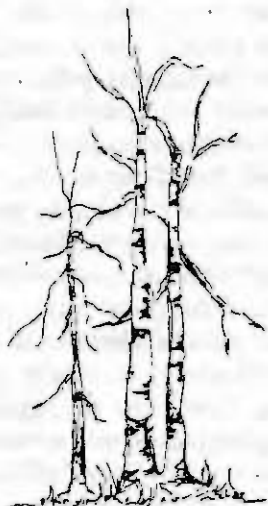
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**next issue: Feb. 19**  
**deadline: Feb. 12**



## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Considering what we now know about the Greenhouse effect, deforestation, wetlands, aquifers and the fresh water supply, we residents of this Peninsula have a responsibility to plan for the future of this precious land.

We can no longer afford to view this earth as real estate from which we can cut out dollars. This requires new ways of viewing land use and ownership and there are few successful role models. We have an opportunity to create a new model for responsible caretaking of the earth and its natural resources.

I don't believe the problem is simply lot size or location of businesses. The basic key problem as I see it is "How can we continue to live on this Peninsula without sacrificing the long term environmental health of the Peninsula and its waters?"

We are witnessing a world-wide awareness of the negative impact we as humans have had upon our environment. We may well be in the process of a major shift in our thinking on land use to an ethic governed by the need (for our own survival) to live in non-polluting and non-destructing harmony with the land.

I propose that before we commit ourselves to any long-term land use plan, we educate ourselves on the water, land and population realities of our Peninsula.

To do this I propose a series of perhaps four educational presentations with knowledgeable speakers. Also included in these presentations would be time to separate into small groups to brainstorm, question and discuss what we've heard. Small group discussions like this often allow for new thinking and new perspectives to arise and be heard.

If you see value in this line of thinking and are interested in my taking the next steps to implement such an approach, please indicate your support and encouragement by mailing a letter or a copy of this letter along with your name and address to: LUNA(Land Use Not Abuse) PO Box 70, Lakebay, WA 98349.

**Rivkah Sweedler**  
Lakebay

Dear Editor:

Thank you, folks who have wondered why my homely philosophy has been missing from the KPNews. I can write 'em, but I cannot print 'em. It is discouraging to make a special effort to write a masterpiece, then not have it published. That has happened so often that both Margaret and I have decided that we were not on the wanted list any longer.

Margaret has even been removed as a contributor. She kept trying for some

time, but finally decided to stop sending her historic notes to the paper. Of special interest should be the fact that Margaret was writing those articles from actual news clippings from "The Old Days." Further, she was writing them by request; not by choice. She is an excellent writer and did not enjoy the non-challenging type of writing. Margaret has historic material dating even before 1936. She could supply historical material, beautifully and authentically written.

As for poor Cece, that is Me; I started my writing as a historian, at the request of then Pearl Pouttu(Johnson), who did not have time for the job. I soon found that I was too lazy to do a good job, so I wandered off into local incidents of what I thought were humorous or interesting happenings of many kinds. I was slightly proud when I was listed as a "Feature Writer". As editors came and went, I finally wound up as a "Contributor." Then my masterpieces were delayed, and finally "lost" entirely.

So, everyone has a right to their own preferences. As a very well-written local paper, I think the News has a place for "country" as well as "uptown" writings. See you in the funnies!

**Cecil Paul**  
Gig Harbor

## To all local residents from Key Peninsula Business Assoc:

Are you having an identity crisis about where you live? Do you have difficulty giving directions to your home and saying you "live in Gig Harbor, but don't get off the freeway in Gig Harbor; pass through it, Rosedale, Purdy and Wauna and then get back into Gig Harbor?"

Now that the U.S. Postal Service has decided to build a new 5,000 square foot post office at Lake Kathryn Shopping Center it's time to act to get an identity of our own and stop the confusion for those of us who receive our mail addressed to Gig Harbor, but live on the Key Peninsula. Why not have one name for all of us from the Purdy Spit to Longbranch? Why not have our mail sorted and distributed from our own post office, if there is room to do it, rather than having it sorted at the Gig Harbor post office and then delivered to our local post offices?

We, the members of the Key Peninsula Business Association would like to have your input on this matter.

Please complete the following questionnaire and return it to the address below as soon as possible.

## Civic Center News

for Civic Center program suggestions  
call 884-3456  
or S. Zampini 884-9821

January was a quiet month for the Civic Center Association. Skating attendance is up with only one session on Friday evening. Bingo attendance on Wednesday is a little down but I expect it to raise in the next few weeks. The family game night was not a success. It was free to all who came but not well-attended. If anyone has ideas on some activities we can promote, please call Stephanie at 884-9821. The next meeting of the Association is Thursday February 13 and all residents of the Peninsula are invited to attend. On February 24 the Board will have a retreat with emphasis on goals for the Association and working on a new contract with the Park District. The Park District owns the Civic Center building and grounds. We are just a user of the premises with the Park District having the final say on all matters pertaining to the building and grounds.

If there are any ideas for new activities we could implement for any target group, please get in touch.

It seems early but mark your calendars for Saturday March 3 - that's the day of our first Reno night of the year.

We are looking for all residents who would like to put in a few hours a month to see our local Civic Center prosper in delivering a well-rounded program to all in the community.

**Stephanie Zampini, president, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association**

We would like the new post office at Lake Kathryn to sort and distribute our mail, and for said mail to be addressed as indicated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Key Peninsula, Washington  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wauna, Washington  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?? Your suggestion for an address designation

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Return to KPBA, P.O. Box 439, Vaughn 98394



## New senior services office at Civic Center

The Respected Elders Assist Program is the new name, as of January 1990, of the Pierce County Human Services Division Area Agency on Aging, which had been offering services since 1987 as Neighbor to Neighbor. The program also has a new home at the Civic Center, with an office located on the ground floor at the rear of the building.

The staff is composed of Karen Hudson, a Senior Assistance Specialist, and Jim Updike, a VISTA volunteer assistant. They are available by appoint-

ment at 884-9833 to serve senior citizens on the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor. Those who have questions concerning the many social services available to persons over the age of sixty should contact this office. The Respected Elders Assist Program offers special assistance with information on agencies and services and how to access them, along with other types of aid, which have been made available to persons over age sixty in rural locations throughout Pierce county. The goal of these services is to promote safe and enjoyable living for people in their own homes.

## Key Peninsula Community Services Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of KPCS will be held on Monday, February 26 at 7 pm. This will be a business meeting which will include the election of three people to fill seats on the Board of Directors.

All Key Peninsula residents interested in serving on the board are encouraged to visit the facility and pick

up an application (1/2 mile south of the Home bridge on KP Hwy).

All eligible voting members of KPCS are urged to attend. If you are unsure whether your membership is current please call Marge Adams, manager, at 884-4440.

## Key Peninsula Senior Society

Don Blakemore, program chairman for the Senior Society, has planned another interesting day for the February 22 meeting. Dale and Evelyn Munk will present slides and show memorabilia from Africa. They worked in Africa for the government and have first-hand knowledge of the people and conditions there. Those who have seen their presentation before tell us that it is memorable, an event you shouldn't miss.

program of Big Band Era music with vocalist Lori Levitt. She captivated all with her songs and her personality. Don Blakemore accompanied her on the piano. Watch for a return engagement, once was not enough.

Remember February 22, 1990, Civic Center at noon. Come and bring a friend and a potluck dish for luncheon. Then enjoy the program. Seniors meet each

## Little League news

The Key Peninsula Little League has formed its Board of Directors. We would like to inform our Key Peninsula residents of the registration dates for registering their children, both boys and girls, within the boundaries of the Purdy bridge south to Longbranch and within Pierce County lines. There will be T-ball for ages 6-8; minors 8-12 (those who do not make the draft for the major leagues); and age 9-12 for major league. We will also form a 13-15 age group team. At the time of registration the parent will need to show the original birth certificate. The cost is \$20 and a second child is \$15, which is to pay for insurance since Little League is independently insured. If finances are a

concern, the parent can contact one of the officers listed below.

The dates of registration are Saturday, February 3 from 3-7 pm; Thursday February 8 from 5-8 pm; Sunday February 11 from 1-4 pm. All registrations will take place at the Key Center Library conference room. If any of these dates are not possible and you would like to register your child for Little League Baseball, call: President, John Dierch 884-4524 or Player Agent, Sheryl Brown 884-2118.

The games will be played at Volunteer Park and the uniforms will be provided by local sponsors.

## Senior health insurance update

The next session of the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors training will be held at the Key Peninsula Community Service Center at Lakebay at 10 am on February 15. Sandra Davenport, Instructor, will be issuing the new information from the Washington State Insurance Commissioner's office in Olympia. Seniors are urged not to drop old policies or buy new Medicare

Supplement policies until they become aware of new changes both in federal and state law respecting the sale of health insurance policies. These changes were forced by the action of Congress in dropping the 1989 Catastrophic Care Law. Seniors interested in their own policy purchases may come at 11 am to this meeting and receive needed counseling.

## Spring Gift Fair

A spring gift and decoration fair will be held at Olalla Elementary School on March 23 and 24. Tables will rent for \$15. The organizers are looking for people who would like to sell their home-crafted geese, ducks, lambs, baskets, chocolate, decorative eggs, bunnies and chicks, plastic eggs filled with toys and wooden

garden decorations or lawn ornaments. They also comment "we would like customers to have a chance to put together their own special gift baskets, personalized gifts and seasonal chocolates in time for Easter."

Please contact Ginny Murphy for more information at 876-7343 or 857-4705 during school hours.

## Key Dates

### business/professional groups:

Altrusa Feb. 6 - noon  
KPBA Feb. 16 - 7:30 am

Shoreline restaurant  
Huckleberry Inn

### childrens organizations:

Brownies, Cadettes, Jr. Girl Scouts see Civic Center Calendar  
Cub Scouts & Webelos, Pack 213  
Cub Scouts, Pack 252 Feb. 6,13,20 - 4:00 pm  
Webelos, Pack 252 Feb. 7,14,21 - 4:00 pm  
Boy Scouts, Troop 252 Feb. 7,14,21 - 6 - 7 pm

home of Janice Lodholm  
Minter Crk. Hatchery  
LDS church

### civic organizations:

Burley Library Asn. Feb. 7 - 7:30 pm  
Cootiettes Feb. 13  
Feb. 20

Burley Comm. Hall  
visit Cottesmore  
visit Retsil Vet. Home

meet at noon in Key Center to carpool

Cootiettes reg. mtg. Feb. 15 - 7 pm  
Dr. Penrose Guild Feb. 8

KPCC  
luncheon mtg - home of  
Joyce Tovey

KP Civic Center Assoc. Feb. 8 - 7:30 pm  
KP Com. Serv. Board Feb. 13 - 7 pm  
Lions Club Feb. 7,21 - 7 pm  
Lions' Board Feb. 12 - 7 pm  
Longbranch Imp. Club Feb. 21 - 7 pm potluck  
VFW & aux. Feb. 12 - 7 pm

KPCC  
KPCS building  
Huckleberry Inn  
Huckleberry Inn  
Longbranch Imp. Hall  
KPCC, VFW room

### church/community groups:

Ruth Circle Feb. 19 - noon lunch  
& meeting  
Friends of the Library Feb. 14 - 7 pm  
Nutrition Valentine Potluck Feb. 13 - noon

Longbranch Church Hall  
hostess - Evelyn Carlson  
Key Center Library  
home of Jean Humphries  
884-3716

Valentine Potluck Feb. 10 - 6 pm  
**community services:**  
hot lunch for seniors Feb. 7,14,21 - noon  
respite care Feb. 7,14,21  
9 am - 3 pm  
sewing classes Feb. 6,13,20  
1 - 4 pm

Longbranch Church  
Community Center, Home  
KC Library, Brones room  
KC library

VITA income tax assist. Feb. 14,21 - 6 - 9 pm  
SHIBA counseling Feb. 15 - 10 am

Key Center Fire Station  
Community House

### of interest to parents:

Evergreen Eagle Boosters Feb. 13 - 7 pm  
Little League reg. Feb. 8,5 - 8 pm  
Feb. 11,1 - 4 pm  
Vaughn VPO Feb. 13 - 7 pm

Evergreen Elementary  
KC Library, conf. room  
Vaughn Elementary

### public meetings:

KP Fire Commissioners Feb. 14 - 7 pm  
KP Park Board Feb. 14 - 7 pm

Key Center Fire Station  
KPCC

### self-help groups:

Al-Anon Feb. 5,12,19  
Survivors Group Feb. 8 - 2 - 3:30 pm  
TOPS Feb. 5,12,19  
weigh-in 6:15, mtg. 7-8 pm

Lakebay Community Church  
KC Library, Brones room  
home of Shirley Frame  
884-4864

### social/hobby groups:

Bayshore Garden Club Feb. 16 - 10 am  
Gig Harbor Twirlers, Feb. 5,12,19  
7:30 - 9:30 pm  
KP Senior Society Feb. 8,15  
11-4 pm  
KP Sen. Soc. Bd. Feb. 5, 10 am  
Peninsula Neighbors Feb. 14 -  
10:30 am

Longbranch Imp. Club  
Square dance lessons,  
Burley, next to P.O.  
KPCC, Whitmore room

Upper Sound Grange Feb. 5, 7 - 10 pm  
Vaughn Garden Club Feb. 21 - 10:30 am

Longbranch Church  
KPCC  
home of Eleanor Stock

### events:

Cootiettes/KPCS Feb. 18 - 8 am - 1 pm  
breakfast/bake sale  
Reception-Barbara Bence Feb. 11 - noon - 3 pm  
Eagles Lodge ben. breakfast Feb. 11 - 8:30 - 11:30 am

Community House  
Burley Galleria  
Eagles Club, 851-2809





## Last Chance for Citizen of the Year

If you have a candidate you wish to nominate as Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year, you have only until February 9 to submit that deserving person's name to: Citizens of the Year, Key Peninsula Lions' Club, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, Washington 98394.

The Sixth Annual Citizens of the Year Awards' Banquet will be held February 24.

## Vaughn Garden Club

Vaughn garden club will meet February 21. The program will be "Trimming Roses", presented by Ralph Taylor.

## Neighborhood Mass to be held

A Key Peninsula neighborhood mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Father William Lane will officiate. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet your neighbors.

## 1990 sport fishing regulations

Testimony on the Washington Department of Fisheries' proposed 1990 regulations, which cover recreational fishing for salmon, other foodfish and shellfish, may be given in writing, and sent to the Recreational Hearings Officer, Washington Department of Fisheries, 115 General Administration Building, Olympia WA 98504.

The deadline for receiving written comments is February 23.



## Dateline Olympia

### Legislative hotline open

The Legislature's toll-free hotline: 1-800-562-6000. Your calls will be taken between 8 am and 8 pm Monday through Friday and from 9 am to 1 pm Saturdays, while the Legislature is in session.

### school bus legislation

House bill 2519, currently in committee, prohibits public school districts from purchasing or leasing buses that don't meet 1977 federal motor-vehicle safety standards. Pre-1977 buses currently in use would have to be phased out.

Since the bill contains no funding provision, local districts would have to be responsible for finding funding. Peninsula district has 35 buses that are pre-1977, and at current replacement rates, replaces 2 to 3 of its 62 buses every other year. Peninsula district buses travel more miles per bus than any other school district in the state. Since a new bus can cost around \$110,000 the district often buys used buses, which cost around \$15,000, including purchase and reconditioning to the quality standards of each district.

Peninsula district receives funding from the state, but 26% percent of its budget must come from local levies. Depreciation on buses is also paid to the district by the state, and those monies go into a fund which is used only for the purchase of school buses, but a much greater funding source would be needed if standards change.

### Meyers: working on road issues

State Rep. Ron Meyers will be serving in two positions that will give him a voice in critical transportation issues facing Washington state; vice chairman for Western Washington of the Transportation Committee, and a position on the Legislative Transportation Committee.

Rep. Meyers said he generally supports Governor Booth Gardner's proposal to raise the gas tax by 5 cents a gallon to help pay for road improvements, but has threatened to vote against it unless the governor's budget includes funding for several key projects in Kitsap and Pierce counties.

Substitute House Bill 1450 sponsored by Representative Meyers would create a state testing program to determine the grade, type, octane and anti-knock rating of gasoline and make it a misdemeanor to sell unregistered motor fuel.

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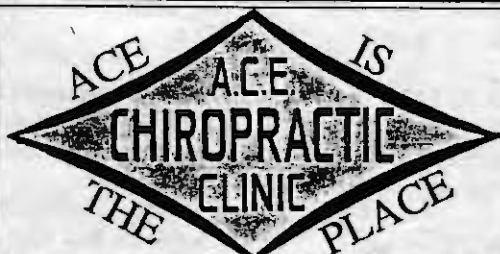
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## Business Briefs

Red Dogs, the downtown Key Center convenience store, is temporarily closed, but expected to re-open soon.

Jonna Gosnell, the branch manager of the Lakebay branch of Tacoma-Telco Credit Union, will be moving to a new position at the Gig Harbor branch. Tammy Dumas will be the new branch manager at Lakebay.

Peninsula Light Company's Board of Directors recently approved a \$19.4 million 1990 budget and tentative spending plans for 1991 and 1992. This is \$1.6 million above estimated 1989 expenditures, but \$4.8 million below 1988 actual expenses.

The utility's 1990 wholesale power bill amounts to 52% of the budget. The Bonneville Power Administration (which supplies the utility with all of its wholesale power) has committed to keeping its own rates stable through September 30, 1991, and Peninsula Light Company is planning to absorb up to a 4% wholesale power rate increase in 1991 and 1992, should the BPA increase its rates to the utility then.

\$2.3 million is allocated for the costs to improve and expand the electrical distribution system anticipated in 1990. The company added 582 customers (electric meters) in 1988; 885 were added in 1989, reflecting growth rates of 8% in 1988 and an additional 7% increase between 1988 and 1989.

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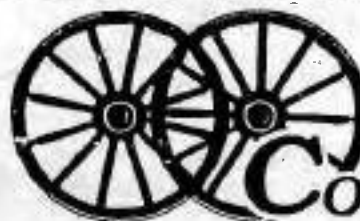
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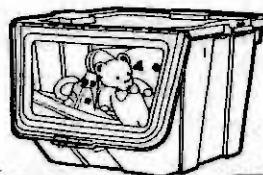
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## CAC elects new Board

Citizens Against Crime (CAC) elected its new Board of Directors at its January 4 meeting and ratified its new constitution and by-laws. Elected were: President, Hugh McMillan; Vice President, Richard Gormly; Secretary, Charlotte Krause; Treasurer, Wilma Haines; Members at Large, Arthur Gilmore and Alton Speer.

The constitution is the product of some 18 months of work by the members and board and went through no less than 23 separate drafts. Because there have been inquiries from law enforcement agencies in other counties and other states, the constitution has been written in such a fashion that it can serve as the vehicle for CAC organizations throughout the nation should there be demand for its services.

The public is welcome to attend CAC meetings, held the first Thursday of the month.

## Ruth McMenamin becomes graphoanalyst

Ruth McMenamin of Lakebay has been awarded a certificate by the International Graphoanalysis Society after successfully completing an 18-month course in the techniques of scientific handwriting analysis.

Certification authorizes Mrs. McMenamin to prepare personality assessment reports based on Graphoanalysis for individuals and business firms; to lecture to civic, service and social organizations whose members may be interested in learning about Graphoanalysis; and to conduct Graphoanalyst programs for adult education and community organizations.

Mrs. McMenamin is also a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, a Pierce County Sheriff's Volunteer, a member of VFW Auxiliary and Citizens Against Crime.

## Thanks for the great Christmas, from Community House

There was a wonderful response from our community at Christmas. Toys, food, and other donations flowed in to the Community House. Thanks to the Community House aerobics class, led by LaVern Sauers, the many gifts were wrapped. Karla Crocker and Mary Seidelman restored the plush on toys by washing and brushing so each child would receive a clean and bright toy.

Our hats are off to students from Evergreen, Vaughn, KPMS, and Peninsula High. They gathered about fifteen hundred food items plus other donations. A good example for the students was set by the Peninsula district school bus drivers who sent a generous donation. Other contributions came from the Mt. Rainier Narrows Boy Scout District. Shirley Frame and Regina Nelson, scout mothers, counted and sorted food and also helped with delivery.

This successful Scout drive for food for the hungry was part of a nation-wide scouting program. Three local Boy Scouts earned badges by participating in the handling of the Christmas boxes.

Organizations who helped included VFW, VFW Auxiliary, Pennants 609, Holliettes 670 (Cootiettes), Twilite Dance Club, Halloween party at KPCC, Sportsmen's Club, Churches, Longbranch Improvement Club. Marty Sorlie gave discounted hair cut for food donations. Our thanks also to many individuals from outside the community. People from the Starlight Theater gave new toys to make this Christmas even better.

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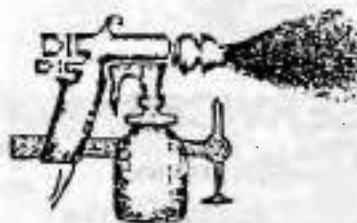
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## In the library

Dale McGinnis, professor of anthropology and chair of that department at Pierce College, will speak on Northwest Coast Indians in a talk entitled "Prehistory of the Northwest Coast: An Old Story With Some New Ideas." The free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library will be held Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm, at the Key Center Library.

Professor McGinnis will discuss the migration from Asia to North America, climatic changes such as glaciation which affected the movement south or north, and a clarification concerning the Indian relationship to the land. Slides of the Ozette and Hoko River archaeological sites will also be shown.

Professor McGinnis, who lives in Vaughn, has been prolifically active in the field of anthropology, doing teaching, writing and field studies. He previously presented a series on Indian settlements on the Peninsula for the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The winner of the Beatrix Potter afghan knitted by Barbara Cobean is 4 1/2 year old Kyle Webster, son of Wendy and Keith of Gig Harbor. Kyle's nursery was decorated with Beatrix Potter designs so that winning the afghan means something very special to him. The raffle was a project of the Friends of the Library. Thanks to all who participated.

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## Lakebay Artist featured at Burley Galleria



Lakebay artist Barbara Bence is the featured artist at Burley Galleria during the month of February. Bence's palette knife and brush oils will kick off the 1990 season for Burley Galleria. A public reception is scheduled for Sunday, February 11 from noon to 3 pm.

Bence vowed to become a successful artist after winning two theater tickets at the age of twelve. She was introduced to oil painting in high school and "loved wielding that brush." Even house painting gave her some semblance of satisfaction.

Her pursuit of success was slowed by marriage and a family but she became proficient in photography which brought its own rewards and recognitions. Now a widow with grown children, Bence is back on track.

Six years ago she began studying palette knife painting under the accomplished artist and teacher Dori Richards. Richards recommended Bence's work to Burley Galleria. The February exhibit will be Bence's first one-man showing.

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## Tribute to Duane Fleming; a last hurrah

by Hugh McMillan

An era came to an end on January 1 with the retirement of Duane Fleming from the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Board of Fire Commissioners.

His fellow fire commissioners joined the staff in a large "farewell" cake and coffee at an impromptu party following his last service at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on December 26, 1989.

Following his election to the Board in 1971, the former commissioner became a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician and actively served in that capacity as well until 1982. Over the years, he lent his extensive knowledge of the insurance business to our district and to the fire service throughout Washington State and several other Western states, effecting substantial savings in insurance costs to all.

The Key Peninsula Fire Department was Duane Fleming's passion. He seemed to view and to love it as if it were one of his own children. It was Duane Fleming who spearheaded the EVAP (Emergency Vehicle Accident Prevention) program which is now a state-wide requirement but which started here in fire district 16. He also secured substantial third-party funding for the program.

Fleming served as President of the Pierce County Fire Commissioners' Association and as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association. He was appointed by Governor Booth Gardner to serve as one of eight members of the Washington Fire Protection Policy Board, a position he still holds.

Fleming served as President of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and was instrumental in bringing the roller skating program to the Center. He worked on the first-ever Reno Night at the Center and rarely has missed lending a hand at all subsequent Reno Nights.

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roof on his calf shed. He needed some shakes. We kids knew where he could get some: the old Nelson ranch had one shake-roofed shed left on a hill not far away. We could help ourselves.

It was about ten by fourteen feet, with cedar posts some eight feet long under the four corners. It had once covered a buzz saw. Sawdust had been pushed over the edge of the hill. We would tie a rope to the two lower corners, and with two kids on each rope, pull it down, so the shakes would be easy to get off. The sawdust would ease the fall, and save lumber and

shakes.

With two kids on each rope, and everything ready, Uncle Joe yelled, "Pull!" The legs did not collapse as planned. The shed slowly began to roll down the steep hill. As it gained on us, like a huge prehistoric monster, it leaped and creaked as though in deadly pursuit. Uncle Joe screamed, "Run, run, run, for God's sake!" All of us but a boy called "Heeb" ran off to the side. We watched, hypnotized, as the roof gained on Heeb, leap by leap. He seemed doomed, unless a miracle appeared.

Fortunately for Heeb, he was headed for a big apple tree. He passed the tree inches ahead of the roof, which hit with a crash and cloud of dust that momentarily hid him from view. Heeb was naturally quite dark-skinned, but as the tale passed around, he was white as a sheet when he poked his head out of the mess of limbs, shakes, and two by fours.

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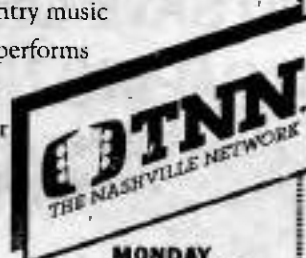
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A.T. & T., of course, used to be "the telephone company". It is the long distance carrier that all customers have had until now. Choosing A.T. & T. means that your telephone service and billing remain exactly the same as they are now, with both local and long distance charges on the same bill.

## Goof up at the KP News

by Megan Aprile

Like all really big goof-ups, it all started out very innocently, and sort of built, piece by piece, until that moment when you say, as the famous cartoon character used to express it, arggh!

It started with a good idea for a nice sales promotion for the local merchants and a benefit to the community at the same time; a turkey give-away. Our excellent sales manager, Karen Olson designed the ad, called the merchants who we thought would be interested, bought the turkey and I ran the ad and story.

It was the day that I volunteered to go pick up the containers that things started to go wrong. I drove around and picked them all up (I thought) and the winner was drawn. Shortly after that, I happened to be in one of the stores and someone asked me why their container had not been picked up. I'm sure my face at that moment had a thrillingly complex expression on it, as I "explained". I took the container, went back to the News office, put all the entries in again, and we drew another winner. Whew. Thank heaven we caught that error.

I lived on in soon-to-be-shattered complacency until the billings went out. Walt Schmidt, of Walt's Fine Foods, called and wondered why, oh why nobody had picked up his turkey container. "Oh, no," I said to Karen, "you mean there were containers at BOTH stores?" I had picked up the Lake Kathryn Shop 'n Save container without realizing that both stores were participating in the give-away. Of course, now it was the end of January, and I no longer had any entries, and turkey time was over anyway, and arggh!

Now, we want to keep on having give-aways, so I want to finally get this thing right, not to mention the fact that I felt just awful when I realized that I had left out so many people. I truly do apologize. We're going to have a container down at Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center, and I ask all you folks who left a turkey give-away there to give me another chance and fill out an entry again. This time we're giving away a big box of Valentine's candy. We'll pick the winner on Valentine's Day, February 14. Oh, and incidentally, guess who won't be volunteering to go get containers in future?

### Valentines Day

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### KP News Valentine

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