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## From candy maker to civil rights activist:

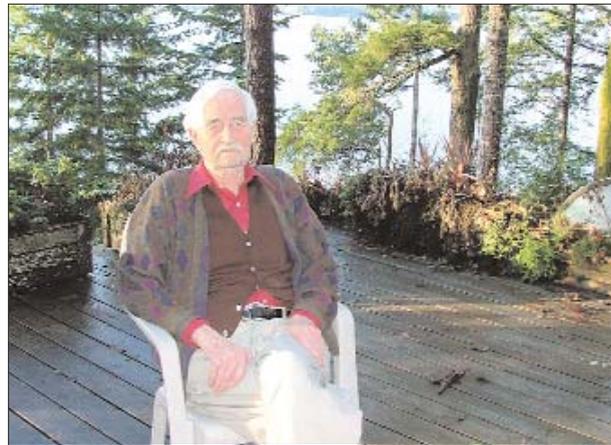


Photo by Rodika Tollefson

Fred Haley on the deck of his home overlooking Case Inlet and the Olympic Mountains, on a property owned by the Haley family for more than 50 years.

#### Editor's note:

This is the first story about Key Peninsula's Fred Haley, a quiet neighbor whose influence reached far beyond our region. Next month, read about Haley's biggest passion, education, and why one dignitary told him he had "contributed to kids more than anyone will ever know."



## Lifetime achievement award honors Fred Haley

By Rodika Tollefson  
KP News

Everybody has to have a museum, Fred Haley announced recently, as he unlocked the door to his own—a roomy outbuilding nestled among trees on his Lakebay property.

"You don't need a building to have a museum, just start collecting," he advised.

It's easy for him to say. Haley is the second-generation owner of Tacoma's Brown & Haley Co., famous for its irresistible Almond Roca chocolates. In his 30 years at the helm of one of

Tacoma's largest exporters, he certainly had the opportunity to collect museum holdings.

But you won't find much candy-factory memorabilia at the Fred Haley museum. Haley would much rather talk about his World War II memories and share clippings that commend his efforts in education, or a poem he wrote when he first met his late wife. He says he became involved with his father's company by default, because he was a good salesman.

A Navy uniform, decades-old grass  
(See **HALEY**, Page 22)

## Project will look at Home

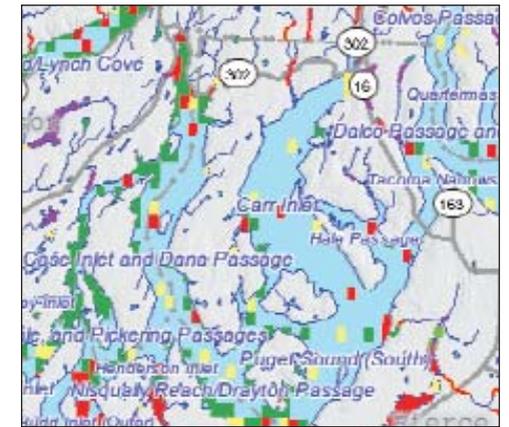
By Airyang Julia Park  
Special to KP News

The Pierce County Landmarks Commission has received a grant to examine the unique history of Home, one of only two historic districts in unincorporated county territory. The results of the work will include a historic survey, inventory of landmarks

and characteristics, and a design manual to guide property owners looking to build or remodel existing structures.

The Pierce County Council designated the Home community as historic district in March 1990, recognizing its unique historic significance. The his-

(See **HOME**, Page 20)



Map by Washington Department of Ecology

#### Legend:

- Polluted waters that will require clean-up plan
- Waters of concern that lack sufficient data
- Waters that met standards

## KP waters on state's new pollution list

### Public invited to comment

By Rodika Tollefson  
KP News

Washington State Department of Ecology's preliminary list released in January of polluted waters includes several of Key Peninsula's water bodies. The statewide list, mandated by the federal government, is based on water-quality data collected by the department, and the final list will be sent for review to the Environmental Protection Agency after a public comment period.

Once the EPA approves the list, a cleanup plan must be developed for each of the waters. The agency says this is the most complete list ever compiled. Not only does it show "impaired" waters, but also those that pose a concern and those that met standards.

"This is our broadest look yet at the condition of Washington's waters," Dick Wallace, manager of Ecology's water quality program, said in a press release.

(See **POLLUTION**, Page 14)

# Restoration effort stirs up opposition, causes parks chair resignation

By Rodika Tollefson  
KP News

Despite their good intentions to save an important piece of local history, Friends of Wauna Post Office, a group created to preserve the historic building on the Purdy Sand Spit, are running into opposition by local residents. Traffic, parking, adequate sanitation and restoration costs are their major concerns—concerns that Friends say will be addressed before any major work begins.

FWPO held a meeting in January to give residents a chance to voice their concerns, and to share some information about the project. Tim Kezele, KP Historical Society's president; County Councilman Terry Lee, who has pledged support to the project; and the county's Historical Landmarks Commission representative Airyang Julia Park shared their involvement with the project.

"We have an opportunity to save a piece of history," Kezele summarized the thoughts of supporters. "I look at it as a way of helping ... the community by bringing pride to the area."

Some Wauna residents say they would rather use the spot for a bigger or improved boat launch. Lee says it would be next to impossible to obtain all the permits, especially since a bulkhead will be needed. "Because of the building's historic significance, it's exempt from many permits that are usually required," he said.

If the proposed improvements exceed 40 percent of the building's value, however, the structure will need to be brought to current fire codes; and if they exceed 60 percent, it will require approval from the health department, which could ask

for handicapped access and a bathroom to be installed. The building has no running water, and only a portable bathroom outside.

Wauna residents have recently signed a petition against the renovation, saying they will not support the project until the traffic and parking are solved.

"We have a terrible traffic problem," said Paul Garrison. "The Wauna curves are notorious for collisions." In addition, he says, having strangers parking across the road and crossing to the spit could cost lives—and the cost of renovation would also be very high.

Nancy Lind, member of FWPO, says the renovation "will not cost the park district a dime" and would be paid entirely by private donations and grants.

"We're going to get all our ducks in a row before we start," she said, adding that FWPO will try to prove to local residents that they are good neighbors.

The group has volunteered many hours cleaning up the area, and plans to continue outside clearing work while the major issues are resolved, including a review by a structural engineer, which Lind said should happen within the next few weeks. The review will help determine if the building is sound enough to save, and help estimate renovation costs.

"I'll be interested to see what the report says," Garrison said. "We don't want to be a bad neighbor or obstructionist...but people around here feel that something has to be done about the traffic and sanitation."

A few days after the meeting, Lind and other Friends had an impromptu meeting with the neighbors at the spit. She says the group doesn't plan to do anything that will make the neighbors uncomfortable.

"I am determined to do something about the spit because all of us have to look at it day after day," she said. "I feel passionate about it."

It was that passion that prompted Lind to resign on Jan. 26 from her post as chair of the park district, after a request was submitted for the district to postpone any public discussion about the restoration until a vote planned for this spring on making Key Peninsula a metropolitan park district (see story on page 3).

The letter, from the chair of the metro district formation committee, Ben Thompson, says the issue has become "very divisive within the community and may have a negative effect on the outcome of the vote."

"The metro park district should pass on its own merits," Lind said. "But I couldn't live with myself for another day if I went along with (being quiet)...The metro idea is too good of an idea ... but they didn't have to censure me."

The remainder of the board voted in favor of the proposal. Thompson told the KPPRD board that he felt after the earlier Wauna meeting the issue may negatively impact his committee's effort.

"The issue is coming at a bad time, when we're trying to create a metropolitan park district," Thompson said in an interview. "(The request) was intended to create harmony in the community... After the elections, we can concentrate our efforts on it, but now is not the time."

Lind says she will continue to focus on the restoration as a private citizen. She plans to invite state legislators and others to an upcoming meeting to discuss the traffic and other problems at Wauna.

*Danna Webster contributed to this article.*

## KPPRD has new leaders

By William C. Dietz  
KP News

With the resignation of Nancy Lind from the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation board (see "Restoration" on this page), Vice Chair Mike Salatino stepped up to become chair pro-tem.

"I'm sorry to see her resign from the board," he said about Lind's departure. "She's been an active member for many years and it's always a shame when someone steps down and decides to move on."

When asked if he agreed with the letter from the metro district formation committee that sought to postpone public discussion of the proposed Wauna post office restoration until after the May election, Salatino said, "Yes, and it passed unanimously," referring to the vote by the board.

He also indicated that "if it's created, the metropolitan park board will be the most important thing that the (existing) board has worked on in years...because it will provide us with perpetual funding from existing tax revenues already being paid to the county to fund zoo-trek."

As for the animosity that surrounds the board, Salatino says, "A few people on the north end of the Key Peninsula in the area around the (Wauna) building want it torn down. And a few people on the sound end of the Peninsula want it restored. I think with time some sort of compromise could be worked but I may not be a commissioner by then. But the metropolitan park proposal is more important than my job."

He said he didn't know if the rifts can be healed. "I do know that I don't want that issue (the Wauna building) to kill the most important thing to the park district, and that's the (metropolitan park) district."

When asked to comment on how his leadership of the park board will differ from Lind's, Salatino said, "Nancy and I worked together all the way back to the fair days. I do things differently. How? We're just different. That's all I can say."

Anyone interested in filling the vacancy created by Lind's resignation should submit a resume to Salatino. The board will vote on a new member at the next regular meeting of the park commission.

At a previous KPPRD meeting, on Jan. 12, Commissioners Dick Grandquist and Pat Medvekus stood down, while Ross Bischoff and Jerry Schick were sworn in. Bischoff is a retired teacher and Schick works as a fiber optics and computer-networking technician. Assuming KPPRD continues to be structured the way it is, Bischoff and Schick will serve until 2007, John Glennon and Salatino until 2005.

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# Group considers metropolitan park district

By Irene Torres  
Special to KP News

An ad-hoc group called Citizens' Committee for Key Peninsula Parks filed a notice of intention with the Pierce County Boundary Review Board in January to form a metropolitan park district on the Key Peninsula. The committee held its first organizational meeting on Jan. 21 and is planning another one in February.

The notice started the clock ticking for a 45-day review period toward a special election in the spring. With the authorization of the Boundary Review Board, the Pierce County Council could initiate a petition for election to be scheduled by May 18.

"This is a win-win situation," said Ben Thompson, chairman of the metropolitan park district formation committee. "This will not create a new tax. This is an election to validate the entitlement of the Key Peninsula to county funds that are already there."

The failure of the special levy last year

left the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District in a financial dilemma, with insufficient funds for operation and maintenance. Without the funding available through a metro park district, the KPPRD will have to curtail services, commissioners say. They will be unable to pay for insurance, electrical services, or afford a full-time park attendant.

"This is exactly the way we ought to go," said Nancy Lind, former park board chair.

With the recent change in state legislation, local jurisdictions are authorized to form metropolitan park districts and, as such, qualify for portions of the zoo/trek funds, based on excise taxes already being collected. Thompson estimates Key Peninsula's share of the funds would amount to about \$100,000 per year, every year, with no special levies or new taxes required.

"Failure is not an option, because our children and grandchildren will have no additional park facilities or improvements for years to come," said Thompson, adding that the creation of

the district will not cost taxpayers anything but it will "produce very significant returns to everyone on the Peninsula."

The KPPRD commissioners signed a resolution in support of the initiative, stating all KPPRD assets will roll into the new metro park district, when formed. By virtue of state law, the current park district will be disbanded. On the same ballot with the metro park district proposal, all park commissioner positions will be open to new candidates or KPPRD incumbents who wish to file.

*Irene Torres is a KP News writer and the treasurer of "Committee for KP Parks."*

## Metro district efforts

The first committee meeting heard several reports regarding the failure of the special levy in 2003 and the fact that the current park budget would be exhausted by the time the election takes place. The committee will meet again at 7 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the Fire Station in Key Center, and the public is invited to attend.

## Community Council holds open house

The Key Peninsula Community Council organizing committee invites the public to attend an open house at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Key Peninsula Middle School to celebrate accomplishments over the past year. KPMS students from David Locey's class will have a "show and tell" presentation about their community council Website progress.

The group would like to recognize the founding members who have supported the council's effort: the KP Business Association, R&B Construction and Development, Inc.; Dennis Taylor, Jeff Harris, Joyce Tovey, Arlene Williams, Denise Carron, Ann Waldo, Virginia Brown-Liebergessel, Gerald VanNoy, Marty Marcus, Penny and Fred Gazabat, Sylvia Haase, Jarvis and Mary Krumbein, Mary Mazur, Ruth Bramhall, Steve and Martha Konichik, Barbara Shoos, Hugh McMillian, Irene Torres, Miriam Goad, David Locey, Jim Adams, and Barbara Waller.

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## Editorial

### Resigned leader moves ahead

We are lucky to live in a community where so many people follow their passions and help their neighbors, spending volunteer time and effort to improve the quality of life for everyone. Last month was an example of how, despite everyone's best efforts, even good causes can cause a rift.

Nancy Lind, a longtime advocate for Key Peninsula's parks, resigned from the KP Parks and Recreation District, where she began serving a second term recently and was re-elected as chair just two weeks prior. Lind is undoubtedly well-known for her fight to clean up local dumps and turn them into parks—just look at how the Rocky Creek and Home parks have evolved, much due to her gift for organizing people to get things done.

Lind has taken lost causes, rallied support for them, and thanks to her and all the other volunteers, we have two new beautiful parks to play in. She certainly walks the talk: Her own 80-acre property is slated to likely become a park some day.

But her newest passion has caused Lind to step away from years of hard work. She would rather sacrifice her role as a park commissioner, she said, than her vision.

The most unfortunate part is that all the groups working on equally worthy causes had seemingly tried to unite for the good of the community, but instead have compelled Lind to abruptly move on. Some even said there is no room for emotions or passions when it comes to her line of duty.

No matter. This mover and shaker says there is silver lining in her departure. She can now focus on one project at a time. Regardless of the circumstances, regardless of who's side of the fence everyone is on and whether anyone else believes in her cause, one thing is true: Lind's passion is commendable. If we all advocated with such emotional energy for good causes we believe in, the Key Peninsula would be an even better place.

# Defrosting the 'snowbird' myth

By Danna Webster  
KP News

I'm a newcomer to the Key Peninsula. You probably know how it is for newcomers. It's tough to "fit in." I need a map to find my way from place to place, the food is different, the dress is different, even the language is not the same. I'm from Colorado, and I've been going through a period of adjustment.

People have been friendly and helpful but my biggest problem is with the language differences. For example, I answer a lot of questions using rather exact terms: cities and streets, hours and minutes, gallons and pints. It seems that here in the Northwest, many of my questions are deemed a matter of common sense and so I receive common sense answers.

I asked a hardware store clerk what length of clippers I should buy to prune blackberry vines. The answer was, "It depends on how close you want to get." When a neighbor gave me a recipe for baking salmon, I asked how long I should leave the fish in the oven. The answer was, "Until it's done." I asked a farmer how long grapes would keep in my refrigerator. The answer was, "Until they rot." Most of you readers probably knew those answers already.

Well I have worked to improve. I try not to ask so many stupid questions. However, I still have some language difficulties. Last year I became delighted when some new Key Peninsula friends mentioned they were "snowbirds." They said, "We close up the house and leave for the winter." At last, I found a group where I truly fit in! But when I told them that I go to Colorado for the winter, I could tell by the look on their faces that I was on the brink of another stupid question. I didn't want to make the same old mistakes. So I didn't ask. I just lis-



Photo courtesy of Danna Webster

The look of a true snowbird, at least based on a dictionary interpretation. The look as they explained that they leave the cold winter of Washington and stay in places like Arizona, California, Hawaii or Mexico.

In an attempt to find my own answer, I consulted a dictionary. I did not use my namesake Webster's, I wanted to be fair. I used New Scholastic Dictionary of American English. The term "snowbird" was defined as a junco or snow bunting. I did not find that particularly helpful.

It did go on to define such terms as: "snowball," snow packed together into a ball; "snowman," mass of packed snow shaped to resemble the figure of a man; "snowmobile," vehicle...used for traveling over snow and ice. In fact, all the snow words included snow (groups of ice crystals matted together to form flattened, feather flakes as a result of slow crystallization of water vapor at a temperature less than 32 degrees) as part of

their definition. The dictionary was close to supporting my idea of a true snowbird.

I have no doubt that I am a snowbird. I love the snow. I spent four days in April 2003 snowed-in at my Colorado home with nothing but snowshoes (... a pair of racket-shaped ...frames...tied to the feet for walking on deep snow) for transportation.

In October 2003, I drove into a "freak winter snowstorm" (heavy snowfall with strong winds) in Wyoming. Of course, I considered myself embraced in the ideal environment for a snowbird.

While in that snowstorm, stalled on Interstate 80, I watched a trucker check his cargo of green Dole bananas, convinced he was hauling food for snow-parrots. I spent that night stranded in Rock Springs with my two dogs and three orchid plants in a warm motel room. This snowbird had made a happy landing. The fact that the motel was next door to Bombers Sports Bar where the food was good and the drinks were plenty was just one more feather in my cap.

And, later that evening, when a costume party of witches, gorillas, drag queens, pimps and skeletons blew through the door of the bar in a gust of real snowflakes, I rejoiced that a flock of exotic snowbirds were getting together for a Halloween night.

So now I ask. How can you be a snowbird in a land without snow?

I shared my theory with Colorado friends: "True snowbirds migrate to snow country." Their response was, "Snowbirds go to places like Arizona."

Maybe my language problems have nothing to do with being a newcomer.

*Danna Webster is a Key Peninsula News contributing writer and local resident who migrates to Colorado for the winter months.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Local physician calls for tort reform support

Like most physicians, I'm not very involved or adept in politics. This year, however, issues are being discussed in Olympia that directly affect my patients' care and access to specialists, and I feel the need to encourage public involvement in the decisions that are being made. Malpractice insurance rates have

risen to the point of potential crisis in our state. My rates went up 44 percent for 2004, and I'm in a low-risk specialty. As a result of this two of the three Obstetrician-Gynecologists in Gig Harbor have stopped delivering babies. Tacoma has lost one of the area's most talented neurosurgeons, and young doctors are looking to practice in states other than Washington, where the rates are lower and reimbursement is higher.

Last year, a program for tort reform passed the Washington State Senate, but did not make it to discussion in the

House of Representatives. This year, it will be introduced again in the Legislature, and it's time for action. The Washington State Medical Association and most physicians are supporting a proposal that would place a cap on the noneconomic damages allowed by juries, as well as ensure a greater percentage of the malpractice awards go to the plaintiff (recipient) of those awards. Similar programs in other states are proving to be effective in controlling the rate increases in malpractice insurance. Proposed programs that add another state fund (paid

by doctors) to pay for large awards, or breaks for different specialty physicians won't solve the basic problem.

We have been blessed in Pierce County with a large number of diverse medical specialists, but without meaningful tort reform, access to medical care for all of us will be limited. I urge the residents of the Key Peninsula to let their legislators know where they stand on these issues during this short but critical legislative session.

*William F. Roes, M.D.  
Lakebay*

## News briefs

### Both party caucuses scheduled

The Democratic presidential precinct caucuses will take place on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. to noon. The caucuses are the core activity in the state for choosing the Democratic nominee for president, according to the 26th Legislative District Democrats committee. Registered voters are invited to participate in the caucuses (as well as any 17-year-olds who will be age 18 within 30 days of the general election next November).

The following Key Peninsula locations will held caucuses: Key Peninsula Middle School, Key Peninsula Civic Center, and Peninsula High School. For questions, call Jennifer Kilmer at 265-6332.

The Republican caucus for the 26th Legislative District will be held Tuesday, March 9. All precincts will meet at the same time, 7 p.m., with the delegate election at 8 p. m. The 26th district caucus will be held at Gig Harbor High School, 5101 Rosedale Street, Gig Harbor.

For details, contact Marlon Jensen at 851-5439 or JuDian Guimbellot at 851-9696.

## KPMS vs. KPMS: Storm and Raptors play ball



Some of the KPMS players on the Peninsula Athletic Association's girls basketball team, Cleo Hagen, Chelsea Archuleta, Megan Agnew, Patricia Floyd, Melissa Larson, McKenzie Johnson, and Breanna Seeley. Coaches are Lisa Larson and Steve Hagen for the Raptors, Jennifer and Jim Archuleta for the Storm. The Storm won against the Raptors, 12 to 3.

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# Love of plants blooms into small business

## Key Center resident extends passion for nature into soap making enterprise

By Karen Hale  
KP News

Dana Bressette loves plants. Just look at the name of her business: Naturphyllia, Natur (nature), phyllia (love of). She spent most of her college years with them, and has never looked back.

Bressette knows plants. Born in California, she moved with her family to Tacoma and finished high school at Curtis, then went to Washington State University to earn a bachelor of science in horticulture in 1983. Two years later, she received a teaching certificate from Pacific Lutheran University, then worked at Point Defiance in the Horticulture Department and at Wright Park Seymour Conservatory.

As she worked on a master's degree in urban horticulture, she was required to do much traveling in Washington and Canada to study Madrona trees and try to find out why so many are sick and what diseases they have.

Bressette did take time out to have fun and learn how to line dance, which is

where she met her husband, Ed. They have a 5-year-old son. The couple bought their property on the Key Peninsula nine years ago, and built their house on it four years later.

Trying to find a way to earn extra money while staying at home with her son, this bright woman got on the Internet and found some basic recipes for soap. She found they had much to be desired, and wanted to make soap she actually liked.

Through trial and error, she gradually made changes she felt made soap better than the kind sold in the store. Her goal

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Everything Bressette uses is directly derived from plants, and she makes almost all of it herself — only one scent is too time-consuming for her to manufacture. She purchases natural essential oils and a few fragrance oils for her



Photo by Rodika Tollefson

Naturphyllia, a.k.a. Dana Bressette, in her greenhouse, a work in progress.

soaps and adds her herbs into the specialty soaps.

Bressette says she hasn't been able to make soap for a while because it is very

time consuming—and she is working on increasing her inventory of plants and seedlings for starts for next year's market. She tries to do it all while being a wife, mother and teaching evenings for Sylvan Learning Center.

Bressette's inexpensive bar soaps would please almost any taste. Scents range from Apricot Seed and Cranberry to Gentle Lavender, Lemongrass and even Peppermint, and the smells are amazing.

As if soaps don't keep her busy enough, Bressette also makes (everything is by hand, remember) solid perfumes in several scents, hand cream loaded with oils to replenish the skin, chocolate and mint lip balms, and shaving soap. Her bath fizzies, for which she uses baking soda, oils and scents, are like a giant alka-seltzer once in the water.

You can expect to see Naturphyllia, stocked with soaps, plants and herbs, at Stroh's Field this year for the weekly markets. She is getting prepared for everyone's tastes and seems to have a knack for knowing what people want.

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## Clutterless in Key Pen: Business' magic is organization

By KP News staff

Shortly after moving to the Key Peninsula last year, Sue Redkey saw the perfect timing for a long-sought opportunity. Using her natural organizing skills in addition to her experience as a writer and corporate trainer, she launched her business, Hocus Focus.



REDKEY

Although not a magician, Redkey nonetheless has a handful of tricks up her sleeve, offering hope to those who lose things, miss appointments, pay their bills late, or just feel overwhelmed and unproductive because of too much clutter in their homes or offices. Her goal, she says, is to help people have fun and feel good about themselves while discovering that it doesn't take magic to get organized.

"It's not just a job," she says. "It's about doing something you love and making a positive difference with the people you

work with."

So where does the magic come in? It's in the results: Less clutter means less stress but better productivity and peace of mind, she says.

Redkey also organizes moves—something she experienced herself last year when her husband's work called for relocation from New Hampshire. Although the couple left a big part of their family on the East Coast, they are now closer to other family members who live in Western Washington and in California.

With our busy lifestyles and the abundance of "things" in our lives, it's no wonder that getting organized is a hot topic these days, Redkey says. But while organizing may not be science, some people may simply need a little guidance—so Redkey hopes to offer workshops and do-it-yourself guides in the future.

Sue Redkey, member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, can be reached at 857-6184.

## KPBA members mingle at annual membership dinner

Story and photo by Hugh McMillan  
KP News

The Key Peninsula Business Association held its annual membership dinner at Camp Seymour Jan. 19—a "relaxed and casual affair" for its members, in the words of KPBA's secretary, Barbara Heard.

"It is an opportunity for nonmembers or surrounding business owners to see what the KPBA has to offer and to consider joining the organization," Heard said. "Since we enjoyed the dinner so much at Camp Seymour last year, it was chosen again for this year's dinner."

This was a decision to the delight of Mike Ketchum, the camp's executive director, and his staff, who, together with Chuck West's wife, prepared and served a meal of grilled salmon or beef steak enjoyed by, among others, Pierce County Councilman Terry Lee and his wife, Donna. Previous dinners have been held at the Longbranch Improvement Club



(catered by Peninsula High School's Catering Club), Key Center Saloon, and Oliver's Restaurant.

Heard said that some of KPBA's purposes are to promote networking, promote the civic and economic health of the KP community, and to bring together the resources of the community in order to create and maintain a vital business climate with an enhanced quality of life for KP citizens.

KPBA's vision statement is "to promote the economic vitality of the Peninsula area and help keep alive the sense of community for which our Peninsula is known," explained Heard.

"Members of the KPBA shall be business and/or professional persons who have a concern about promoting business in this geographic area and have been approved by the executive board, but membership is not necessarily limited to this," she said. "Many of our members participate in other business or community organizations."

KPBA meets the first and third Friday of every month. For more information or membership applications, call KPBA President June Williams (Key Bank, 858-9059) or Barbara Heard (Sound Credit Union 396-6812 or email to bheard@soundcu.com).

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# KPMS 7th grade at Camp Seymour's Challenge Discovery Program



*Photo courtesy of Rya Diede*

Wyatt Wilkerson, Jeff Hickman, Pristine White, George Kraft, and Thomas Stater pass Jaime Miller through the "spider web."

By Hugh McMillan  
KP News

Rya Diede, Key Peninsula Middle School seventh grade teacher, in facilitating her students' preparations for the WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning tests), chose Camp Seymour's Challenge Discovery Program.

The WASL requires students to write persuasively and to know letter-writing format. "We began our first writing assignment of the year brainstorming what needed to be in a letter written to a business requesting sponsorship, and prepared letters for various businesses and individuals," Diede said.

The effort paid off, as several businesses and organizations sponsored the seventh graders to attend the Seymour program. The kids attended on a Saturday so they did not miss class time.

Some of the real meaning of what the kids gained from the Seymour experience is apparent in the words of student Eli Hughes. "I learned to trust my classmates and that they trust me. I didn't make it across the river the first time and

I thought they would all laugh, but they didn't," she said, referring to one of the activities. "They helped me do it until I was able. I like that. It made me feel good. My class and I went there because we can know each other better and become closer."

On returning from Camp Seymour, students participated in a Socratic Seminar to explore what they learned about human relationships. They prepared a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation for their business sponsors, and set a table to serve their guests. "I beamed with pride," said Diede, "when one of my students said, 'May I interest you in a cup of coffee, sir?'"

Student greeters met guests in the school lobby, helped them sign in, then led them to the room where others checked coats. Each business representative received a Cougar Pride pin and a certificate signed by the class.

"I am proud our class got the opportunity to do something like that," said Haylie Miller. "We made some mistakes but even more good things...We should do it again."

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# 30 nominated for KP Citizen of the Year

By Hugh McMillan  
KP News

Nominated for Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year 2003 are Dave Stratford, Bonnie Stinson, Chuck and Sharon West, Kyle Coonan, Young and Linda Van Nam, Teresa Gilmore and Ashley Olson, Carrie Durham-Smith, Barbara Waller, Phil Bauer, Bill Trandum, Lloyd Miller, Tim Kezele, Miriam Goad, Pam Cottrell, Olivia Konicek, Erlene Twidt, Cristi Watson, Cathlee James, Dee Dee Kerkes, Jeanne Seick, Gallilee McCarrell, Claudia Jones, Anne White, Wayne Duncan, Stan Schneider, Sandy McFarlane, and Amy Livingood Nelsen, who will be guests courtesy of the sponsoring Key Peninsula Lions Club at its 20th annual KP Citizens of the Year dinner, March 13, at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn.

Also nominated for recognition as an organizational group was the Vaughn Bay

Cemetery staff.

Pierce County Councilman Terry Lee will be the event's keynote speaker.

Dinner will be catered by Lisa's Deli and there will be a no-host bar. Tickets, \$15 each if purchased prior to March 3, will be \$20 thereafter. This price rise is to encourage guests to buy early so that the caterer can estimate how much food to prepare. Tickets will be available at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center, the Home Store, and Country Gardens in Wauna.

The sponsoring Lions Club notes that the event, as always, is open to everyone, particularly friends and relatives of the nominees, and encourages everyone to attend to show appreciation for these fine citizen volunteers who make ours such a fine community in which to live.

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# Vaughn teen selected finalist in talent contest

By Irene Torres  
KP News

Fourteen-year-old KPMS student Destiny Rossa was surprised by an announcement on KISS 106.1 radio that she was one of eight contestants chosen from a field of 115 to audition for the John Robert Powers agency in Seattle.



ROSSA

Destiny's mother, Paula, said, "John Robert Powers is the fourth-largest talent agency in the world and we are very excited that they are interested in our daughter."

Destiny went to a preliminary audition on a Saturday in January, was one of 15 called back the following Monday, and was one of the eight selected to join the school.

"I wanted to do it for the experi-

ence," she said. "I didn't expect to win."

The teen sang "Paper Hearts" by the band All American Rejects.

A member of the Tacoma Youth Chorus for four years, Rossa has been saving money to join the group when they return to Europe in the next few years.

"Our immediate plan is to help Destiny gain experience and begin saving toward her goal of attending and being represented by John Robert Powers," Paula Rossa said. "Her career goal is to be a singer or some area of the entertainment business that utilizes her gift of song."

Destiny will need additional experience on stage and in front of the camera, so the agency would like her to attend classes with coaches.

"We are disappointed because we can't send Paula to the school right now (due to high tuition costs), but the door is open for her to come back when we can."

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# Some cultures still hail in the New Year

By Irene Torres  
KP News

People from Oriental cultures are now celebrating the lunar New Year. Year 4701 (2004) by the Chinese calendar is the year of the monkey. The calendar is based on a 12-year cycle, beginning with the second new moon after the winter solstice, and ending on the full moon 15 days later.

Jennie and Charles Pak, proprietors of the Friendly Food Mart and Texaco of Vaughn, say they are always busy in their store, but they plan a "big family celebration, a very special family time" each lunar new year, a time when family unity is the focus.

There are often special recreational activities to mark the New Year celebration in larger cultural centers, but living on the Peninsula makes attending those celebrations difficult, according to Jennie Pak. She said there are different traditions for Chinese, Korean, and other Asian people. Koreans celebrate with a ritual called Jishin Balggi. Loud drums

and gongs are played to scare off evil spirits of the old year. Fireworks in China send out the old year, and welcome in the new. At midnight, all doors and windows are open to allow the old year to leave. And houses are cleaned before New Year's Day, with ceremonial rites followed diligently, to preserve the good fortune of the family.

The Paks wear different dress, traditional Korean attire, for the occasion. Charles Pak says they "kneel and exchange bows and good words" in greeting one another and to their elders, "wishing each other prosperity and good fortune." Children receive lucky money, candy and fruit.

Misbehavior by children is tolerated by parents to prevent any crying associated with a spanking. No foul language or unlucky words (such as those related to death or dying) should be uttered.

The Paks serve traditional rice cake soup for breakfast. In a most vital ritual, they make special offerings to honor their grandparents, to remember with great respect those responsible for laying

the foundations for the fortune and glory of the family.

Brian Kwon, of Chevron (Key Peninsula Market) on Highway 302 in Wauna, said that many of the traditions of his Korean homeland are not celebrated in America due to the work schedule, and adopting American holidays and way of life. But he will honor family members in Korea with a telephone call to welcome in the lunar New Year with wishes for good luck and prosperity.



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## KPCS needs board members

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This center has been built, established and maintained by volunteers who are now seniors. Time has been good to them all but they now wish to slow down. They want to pass the torch they have nurtured for so long to a younger generation. If you would like to serve on the board, please call 884-4440. We would love to have you. And to the entire Key Peninsula: come vote on the 25th of February.

— Cristi Watson

## Civic Center March events

The Two Waters Arts Alliance will hold its Spring Fling in the Whitmore Room on March 6 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information, call Kathy at 884-9172 or Margo at 884-2955. Another event, March 13 is the Key Peninsula Lions' Citizen of the Year banquet. If you have questions regarding these events or would like to rent the center for a party, wedding, reception or a gathering, call 884-3456.

## Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club helps Community Services

Newly elected Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club President Dale Frank and Past President Steve Kuhn were on hand to enjoy Christmas festivities at the Key Peninsula Family Services Christmas Party, and to bring some joy to the celebration. Steve Kuhn presented a check to Bud Ulsh, president of the board at Key Peninsula Community Services, for \$121, along with over 100 pounds of food for their Christmas baskets. The members of the Sportsmen's Club, at their annual Christmas meeting in December, collected the donations.

In a letter to Bud Ulsh, Dale Frank thanked him and Cristi Watson for the wonderful meal that was served along with the music, entertainment and visit by Santa.

## Historical Society is full of action

After the winter hiatus, the Key



Story and photo by Hugh McMillan

The classroom at KP Fire Station 3 in Home, where teacher Leslie Perry of Tacoma Community College's Peninsula Adult Basic Education Program is conducting a class for Debra Worley, Bonnie Phillips, Brandon Pierce, Jiovani McKelvy, Stephene Latham, Kym Williams, Sandra Huffman, Adam Ebert, Derrick Wolbert, Darien Gordon, and Alissa Keger.

## GED classes kick off

Fifteen students are enrolled in a new GED class held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Key Peninsula Fire Departments Station 3 in Home. The class is a component of the Key Peninsula Outreach group's family literacy project implemented through a \$5,500 grant from Target Stores. Administered by Tacoma Community College's Peninsula Adult Basic Education Program, the class is taught by Leslie Perry, a volunteer literacy program tutor and intern completing her master's degree in adult education from Seattle University.

Perry, a mother of two, dropped

out of high school in 10th grade, but went on to complete her GED, a vocational degree, a bachelor's of arts, and will receive her master's in June 2004. The 15 students, studying English, science, reading and math to prepare for the GED exam, represent a mix of adults of all ages. Some are working, some are single parents, all are enthusiastic about their new learning experience.

TCC is also recruiting volunteer tutors to train at TCC Gig Harbor campus to help students learn English or earn their GED. For information on the GED courses or volunteering at TCC, call Bob Strobe at 851-2424.

Peninsula Historical Museum will again be open on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning Feb. 7, from 1-4 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the KP Historical Society is March 25, with a 6 p.m. social preceding, and the program to be announced later.

Tickets are still available for the Key Peninsula Cruise on April 4, sponsored by the KP and Gig Harbor Historical Societies. The boat will start in Gig Harbor, go past the caissons at the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, move around the peninsula, and return.

Call Gig Harbor Historical Society at 858-6722 for information.

## Mother Nature delayed store re-opening

What a welcome to winter we received from Mother Nature! Snow, snow everywhere and the Angels couldn't get in to open the shop on Wednesday. So, the grand re-opening was on Friday, Jan. 9. We have a shiny clean store with fresh merchandise for you. Come on in and find all the great things we have to meet your needs and wants.

We (the Angel members) had a great Christmas party potluck and gift exchange. There were some real white elephants as well as some interesting "what is it's." There was a hilarious rendi-

tion of The Twelve Days After Christmas and "what happened to those gifts my true love sent to me" as well as other songs and poems.

If you would like to have some fun too, you only need to join our group. We still have openings for a few more people.

Just a few reminders, when the schools are closed for bad weather, the Angel Guild will also be closed.

Please remember, we can't accept computers and printers, large appliances or large furniture. We don't have the room for large items or a way to check computers/printers to make sure they work. We really do appreciate your donations of good, clean, useable items. Please keep them coming, along with your Peninsula Market grocery receipts.

Thought of the month: Friendship is the gold thread that ties hearts together.

—Mary Ramsdell

## Evergreen Elementary holds auction

The Evergreen Elementary PTA will hold an auction March 5 at the Longbranch Improvement Club. The spaghetti dinner and silent auction will start at 6, the live auction at 7, with Dana Yost of Stokes auction. The cost for dinner is \$5 per person. Come, have fun, and help support the Evergreen children. For more information, please call Becky Pitt, 884-6307 or Marcia Gibbons, 884-9577.

## Have you discovered S.A.V.E. Thrift Shop?

Old and new residents alike are invited to discover the great bargains available at the S.A.V.E. Thrift Store in Purdy. Operated for the benefit of the scholarship program and activity groups of Peninsula High, the store offers high-quality used clothing, shoes, jewelry, books, toys, games, housewares, bedding, linens and more.

As S.A.V.E. Thrift Store offers a little bit of everything, you never know what you will find when you stop in. Each day one or more categories of items are marked down by 25 percent to 50 percent off the already-low prices. In addition, a special \$3-per-bag sale on children's clothing (up to size 12) is held the first Tuesday of each month; a \$5 bag sale on clothes and shoes for the whole family on the middle Saturday of the month; and a \$3 bag sale, again for all sizes, near the end of the month. Of course, the customer chooses the contents of the bags. The final Thursday of the month sees a complete changeover in selection in the clothing

and shoe departments, with all fresh merchandise.

S.A.V.E. Thrift Store is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day but Wednesday and Sunday. Donations can be made during open hours. Due to space limitations, please no furniture and large appliances.

Community members are also invited to volunteer at S.A.V.E. Thrift Store. Volunteers are needed to sort and price items, hang clothing, and make sales. SAVE is a great place to shop, donate or volunteer with the knowledge that its profits support higher education for the youth of our community.

For more information, call the store at 857-7557 or stop by just below Peninsula High School in Purdy.

—Marsha Williams

### Applications accepted for free house painting

Applications for free house painting are now available for low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women throughout Pierce County. All the work is done by volunteers from Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful, a program of Associated Ministries. This will be the program's 20th anniversary year. There is absolutely no cost to the homeowner, since the painters are volunteers, and the paint is purchased with donated funds. The program has helped many Key Peninsula homeowners since its inception.

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

To be eligible, applicants must: (1) be a senior (60+) OR have a disability (including disability income), (2) own the home where they live in Tacoma/Pierce County, and (3) be low-income. People may apply for themselves or request an application in order to help someone else fill it out.

The painting is for exterior house only. The work is done by volunteers from churches, service clubs, businesses,

unions, local government offices, schools, military bases, etc.

For applications and information, call (253) 383-3056, ext. 106.

### Dance the night away

We hope you all enjoy your time with Casanova for the Sweetheart Dance this month, and we want you to keep those dancing shoes on because the "French Connection" is coming in March for a fund-raiser dance at the Civic Center. The cost is \$12.50 for presale tickets and \$15 at the door.

The duet consists of C.C. & Jacques Engel. Cori was born to be a professional musician. Having the ability to sing blues, rock, country, and standards, her repertoire is extensive. She is the master of her keyboards, now using electronic Midi technology to enhance her music, and sounds like a full orchestra. Derek Mann, senior cruise director for Regency Cruise lines, calls her the "ultimate performer."

Working with her husband Jacques, their style will definitely entertain you for dancing or listening. Jacques, who is from Dijon, France, plays bass guitar and sings. Now you know why they are called the French Connection.

Having trained in Europe and playing in many bands there, Jacques came to America in 1987.

The French Connection has been pleasing the Northwest for over four years. Plan to come out on March 6 to hear the duo from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### Youngsters need to dance, too

Attention all Peninsula School District middle school students! Peninsula Recreation is offering an activity night that promises to be fun for all. Join your friends for a fun night that will include snacks, music by a DJ, basketball, karaoke, and "Party Outfitter" games such as the velcro wall & sumo wrestling

suits, hosted by the Key Peninsula Middle School April 4. If you're looking to have a good time with your friends in a safe environment free from drugs, alcohol and violence, the Peninsula Recreation Activity Night is for you! You must be a current student at one of the four PSD Middle Schools to attend (home school & private school students are welcome to attend). Note: Once participants check in they will not be allowed to leave before 9 p.m. unless a parent is called and picks them up.

The dance is from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and costs \$5. Bring your ASB card.

The Middle School Activity Night program requires a large number of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, call Jeremy at 858-5524.

### Gingerbread House disposal ideas wanted

Have you ever made a gingerbread house that turned out so cute or beautiful that the last thing you'd ever want to do is eat it? By the time Christmas and New Year is over, your beautiful house is a giant centerpiece for your dining room table that is so hard, a mallet couldn't break it, let alone have human molars chew on it.

That has happened to me this year, and I just can't bring myself to toss it in the garbage. I would love to hear disposal ideas from readers. Anyone on the Key Peninsula who has a preferably waste-free disposal idea can send them to:

Gingerbread Ideas, c/o Karen Hale, KP News, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn WA 98394.

### KPVI thanks peninsula

The Key Peninsula Veterans Institute would like to thank all the wonderful folks who supported the annual Trees of Sharing, the program that supplies Christmas gifts to the veterans at

American Lake Hospital and the Manor House in Tacoma. Wally Cornman delivered the gifts on Dec. 22 to both places, and they were very much appreciated.

If you'd like to join KPVI, call 884-4551.

### Civic Center to host Tae Kwon Do classes

If you want to lose weight or just learn a martial arts sport, you can join new Tae Kwon Do classes offered at the Civic Center in Vaughn beginning Feb. 3. Jung-un Lee is a 7th dan black belt master with more than 30 years of teaching experience and he says his classes will improve your total fitness level in a gradual and natural manner while your mind will embrace the martial virtue of self-discipline.

The program is designed to satisfy any interests, from competitive sports or self-defense to weight-loss. The classes, every Tuesday through Thursday, cost \$30 per month. Two sessions are scheduled each day, 4:15 -5:10 p.m. for Tae Kwon Do and 5:20-6:20 p.m. for weight-loss. Call 884-3456 or 838-8934 to register.

### Santa's report: 'Key Pen was delightful'

As Santa made his way around the Key Peninsula, he couldn't wait to round that next corner, for each new turn brought more houses decorated in their holiday finery. There were so many it was impossible to pick just one.

Some of the more memorable ones were one house in particular in Wind and Tides also Greentree had many outstanding decorations. Lake Holiday had many areas well covered with lights, especially Sandy Point west and Parkdale. Bell Ridge and Palmer Lake communities were once again very well represented with their displays. There were so many creative and imaginative uses of lights and landscape features this year. If you have never driven around and looked at the lights, we would encourage you to do it next year.

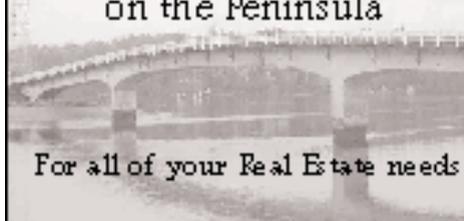
Santa wants to thank you all for your participation and looks forward to more exciting light displays next year. Have a happy and prosperous year.

—Santa and Mrs. Claus

*To submit your announcement, please fax it to 884-4053, mail to P.O. Box 3 in Vaughn, 98394, or email to news@keypennews.com. Deadline for March is Feb. 17, March 17 for the April issue. Late submissions may be held until the next month's issue.*

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(From POLLUTION, Page 1)

"It will help us figure out which waterways need the most attention as we partner with local communities to address pollution."

On the Key Peninsula, Minter Creek has been added since the previous listing in 1998, with fecal coliform bacteria, harmful to humans, and low oxygen levels. Other polluted waters include sections of Case Inlet/Dana Passage and Carr Inlet, both of which contain PCB contamination, among other pollutants.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, received extensive media attention last month, after U.S. researchers said farm-raised salmon contain so much PCBs that consuming it more than once a month can pose health risks. Other reports followed, saying that wild Chinook salmon in Puget Sound has

## Get details about the report

To find out more about the report, see <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/2002/2002-index.html>.

The public comment period is open until March 15, and several workshops have been scheduled.

Call (360) 407-6782 for information.

PCB levels just as high or higher, but the state Health Department said benefits of eating salmon outweigh the potential risks.

The report showed some positive aspects as well. While some segments of Case Inlet were added since the last report, others moved from the polluted category into meeting standards.

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## From pioneer stock Ann Craven

By Colleen Slater  
KP News

Ann Craven's roots go back 110 years on the Key Peninsula. Her great-grandparents, Carl and Louise Lorenz, migrated from Germany in 1872, lived in Orting, and moved to Lakebay in 1883. Lorenz constructed a water-powered sawmill, and had steamboats built from his lumber, the beginning of the local "Mosquito Fleet."

His first boat, "Sophia," named for his mother, went from Allyn to Tacoma and back twice a week, with an overnight in Tacoma. Delano Beach and Sylvan Glen Resorts were included on the route as needed.

Ed, Otto, and Oscar, the Lorenz sons, qualified as steamboatmen on the "Sophia," and went on to pilot other Lorenz boats. Ed, later called Captain Ed, was the only one who remained as pilot and later captained "Arcadia," the longest-lived boat of the Lorenz-Berntson fleet.

Ann, born in Tacoma, was diagnosed with rheumatic fever in fourth grade.



Photo courtesy of Ann Craven

Ann Lorenz, second from left, with Brown girls, Lakebay, 1941.

Captain Ed had come out of retirement in 1938 to operate the Arcadia again, and moved back to Lakebay. They rented the Bagley house so Ann and sister Joan could live with them, "where the air was pure."

Ann's grandfather loved to drive and picked up children for Sunday School. He taught her to drive before she was old

enough to be licensed.

In 1940, Grandpa Ed was diagnosed with cancer, so they moved to Seattle to be with Ann's parents and nearer treatment. Grandma and the girls continued to spend the next several summers in Lakebay.

Ann fished for perch off the dock with a line between the planks. When a fish was caught, someone rowed a skiff under the dock to unhook it. The perch were always returned to the water, as the children didn't consider them good food.

Ann's school and summer friends included the Gateley and Brown girls. Mr. Brown was fireman on the Arcadia. The Gateleys had the first telephone system in Lakebay. Mother and daughters ran the switchboard; dad was the lineman.

The Lorenz sisters and Gateley girls took turns rowing the Lorenz skiff and riding the Gateley horses. After an early fall, Ann was told, "Get back on, you can't walk the horse home." One horse refused to go past the Lakebay post office and they never knew why.

Grandma called the girls home with "Yoo-hoo!" Sorensen's parrot soon imitated it well enough to cause the girls to run home to find that Grandma hadn't called.

Grandma taught both girls piano, then

paid for additional lessons.

Ann finished school in Ketchikan, Alaska, where her dad's job took him. She played piano for various clubs there. In college at Central Washington, she sang in the "Central Singers," and later at University of Washington, in the a cappella choir.

In 1993, Ann moved in with her dad at Taylor Bay to care for him. She attended Longbranch Church when her cousin, former choir director Mary Entwistle, visited. She eventually joined the church choir, and later shared organ playing with Jo Sturm. When Jo suggested a community chorus, Ann volunteered to accompany, and soon The Key Singers came into being.

Although her name is no longer Lorenz, Ann is the fourth generation of the family to call the Key Peninsula home.

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# “Let it Snow”



*Photo courtesy of Darrin Tollefson*

The streets of the Key Peninsula looked like a magic wonderland in January, as the snow kept wise drivers at home but brought out plenty of walkers and kids on make-shift sleds.



Karl Anderson hiked through the snow with his son to revisit a remote cabin he photographed last year.

*Photo by Karl Anderson*

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# Teen has big dreams for community service

By Irene Torres  
KP News

As evident by her email address, 17-year-old Bobbie Jean Jordan is "trying hard." Nine years ago, her father, Bob Jordan, died of AIDS at age 32. That left Bobbie's mother, Julia, full responsibility for raising her three daughters, Sheena (now 19), Bobbie, and Sara (now 16).

Julia worked outside the home until Bobbie's seventh grade year. When she married Steve Green, a mechanic at Westblock Pacific, she was able to stay at home to reconnect with her daughters, and has home schooled the girls to catch up on their lives. They have made their home in Lake of the Woods for the past seven years.

Bobbie's best memory of her dad was "Father's Day in 1994 when we all went to Shafer State Park for a barbecue and we spent the whole day playing—that was the

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only time I can remember him not getting sick and having to go to the hospital" since his diagnosis five years earlier.

"My worst time was walking into my house after being gone for the day and seeing my mom and sister on the couch crying. For some reason, I just knew my father had died," Bobbie recalled. Bob's sister, Jeannette Burkette, remembers him as a caring person, who "always tried to help people that needed help."

Bobbie, carrying on her father's legacy of helping others, loves volunteer work. She says her biggest motivation is "the feeling I get when I help someone, and knowing that helping someone may change



Bobbie Jean Jordan, right, during a volunteer shift at the Key Peninsula Community House in December, helping make food baskets for families.

Photo by Rodika Tollefson

their life forever."

But it's not easy: She doesn't have reliable transportation.

"I was volunteering for the Key Peninsula Community Services, where I stocked food and helped to serve the senior lunch, but my car broke down after my first day, so until I get a bus pass, I have to stay home," she said. But she recently found a way to commute to St. Joseph's Medical Center by bus, and this month will begin there as a "candy stripper"—junior volunteer worker.

The teenager loves to sing and play basketball and soccer, but says she is not on any team right now "because all of my money is going to my program." And what a program! Bobbie has set some lofty goals for her life.

In October, she will attend Clearfield Job Corps, and plans to join Weber University in 2005 to get a bachelor's degree in horticultural science and crop life; she wants to work in agriculture and horticulture. Her ultimate dream is to get her degrees and serve in the Peace Corps. She would also like to become an HIV/AIDS educator when she returns from the Peace Corps.

But first things first. On June 19, she will travel to Ghana, West Africa, "to a place where AIDS is an epidemic, and where health care is not provided to most." The venture is a personal mission for Bobbie, in conjunction with a nonprofit organization, Crosscultural Solutions.

Bobbie will pay the \$4,655 cost of her trip through fund-raising activities and donations. "I am so fearful; but I'm not as afraid of the diseases as I am of flying there," she says. "I know I won't save the world, but I know I will change some lives."

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# Spring Fling celebrates TWAA's success

By Frank Garratt  
Special to KP News

The Two Waters Arts Alliance (TWAA) looks forward to holding its second annual celebration of the arts on the Key Peninsula on March 6. This year's Spring Fling will bring together volunteers, artists, and teachers who have contributed to TWAA's success as well as other members of the community interested in supporting the arts on the peninsula. Many of peninsula's best artists have been invited to attend and display some of their work. Most of the works on display will be for sale.

In addition to works by many of the Key Peninsula's best artists, the Spring Fling offers guests beverages, food, and live music. The celebration begins at 7 p.m., on Saturday, March 6, in the Whitmore

Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. While TWAA will happily accept donations at the door, admission is free, and the public is welcome.

The date of the Spring Fling also marks Two Waters Arts Alliance's inaugural fund-raising and membership drive. The drive seeks contributions from residents of the Key Peninsula and surrounding communities who want to support the only arts organization that specifically serves their community. Checks payable to TWAA can be sent to P.O. Box 868, Vaughn, WA 98394.

TWAA's spring classes, which begin in March, encompass a varied array of the arts, including quilting, pine needle basket-making, floral design, sumi painting, photography, hand-built pottery, stamp art, the Japanese Tea Ceremony (demonstration and explanation), oil painting, and sculpting the head in clay. Details are available on the Two Waters Website, [twowaters.org](http://twowaters.org), or in brochures available in local schools, libraries, post offices, and select businesses. Questions can be emailed to [twowaters@hotmail.com](mailto:twowaters@hotmail.com).

The TWAA board is most appreciative

of the work of former board member Tim Heitzman, who helped get the organization off to a strong start, was a key member of its first board of directors, and was instrumental in its success. He also served as TWAA's first treasurer; worked on the graphic design and printing of brochures, posters, and invitations; and typically said "yes" to any request that met the organization's needs. Tim was the kind of member every volunteer organization must have in order to succeed.

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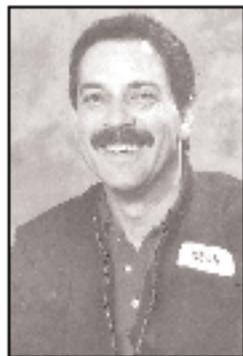
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## Obituary

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She was born on Feb. 9, 1928, to Albert and Helen Rickert, in a log cabin in Longbranch. For the past 40 years, she praised her God, Jehovah.

The past 10 years she served as full-time minister in Lakebay, spending many hours teaching others about her joyful kingdom hope for the earth. She lived the words of

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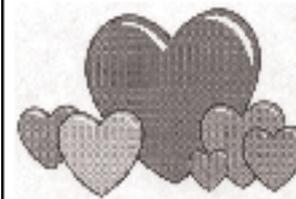
Her efforts were a source of joy to the congregation and community. Her husband, James R. Montgomery; sons Michael and Richard Froehlich; daughters

## Correction



This photo of the diver with the Wolf Eel that appeared in the January issue incorrectly identified Karl Anderson as the photographer. The photo was taken by David Byrd near Fox Island. We regret the error.

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skirts from Bora Bora, certificates of recognition from the American Civil Liberties Union, photos of Forest Service workers and World War II battle cruisers, article clippings about the communist "Red Scare," his unfinished watercolor painting of Vaughn in the 1930s, a self-published poetry book, a personal letter from Eleanor Roosevelt, a photo of University of Washington's Gather Building with the inscription "The house that Fred built" — these unique artifacts barely skim the surface of the 90-year-old's rich, if not controversial, life.

At least controversial enough for the FBI to open a file on him, including a statement that says he was a traitor to his class. After all, when during the McCarthy era Haley spoke in support of a teacher labeled a communist, he received the label himself.

"There are so many facets to his life that you'd have trouble keeping up," says Ron Magden, whose biography on Haley is awaiting publishing and who has been a good friend for 40 years.

Haley himself didn't have trouble keeping up with what mattered. When he heard that the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. would be speaking at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.,

in August 1963, Haley flew to the capital just to hear "I Have a Dream" in person.

"I decided to be part of it," he says — but it wouldn't be the only time he realized, before many others did, that history was being made.

"He said it was the most memorable religious experience he'd ever had," Magden says.

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**"Fred came out (of his childhood) disliking organized religion, but he is a Good Samaritan; the principles of Christianity are knee-deep in him, that's the paradox."**

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whose Methodist upbringing drove him to steer clear of religion?

"Fred came out (of his childhood) disliking organized religion, but he is a Good Samaritan; the principles of Christianity are knee-deep in him, that's the paradox," Magden says.

Some of his principles were far from popular. For example, Haley refused to

join the chamber of commerce because it would not take a stand on apartheid and stop doing business with Africa. When he fought for the rights of minorities in Tacoma, years before the fight became popular, his candy factory was boycotted by businesses. School segregation, Japanese internment, communist labeling — Haley had enough energy and courage to fight them all.

"I knew I wasn't popular," he says. "I tried to say what I thought."

But Haley's progressive thinking had eventually caught up with the times. It took a change of course in America's history, but sooner or later his egalitarian views and advocacy for human rights were recognized for what they were: the vision and the kindness of a man for whom fellow humans mattered more than dollars.

Tacoma has called him a hometown hero; the state Legislature adopted a resolution in 2000 honoring him for his public service; and multiple certificates of recognition and plaque line the Haley museum walls.

At press time, Fred Haley was ready to receive on Jan. 28 a lifetime achievement award from the University of Washington and the Business Examiner Group, recognizing his contribution to business and public service. The collection at the Haley museum continues to grow.

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With the help of its volunteers and part-time paid staff, the Key Peninsula News was relaunched a year ago. Most of our contributors have been on board since last January, and many more have joined us since. These are their stories.

**Bill Trandum**, chairman of the Publishing Committee, serves the role of publisher of the Key Peninsula News. Presently a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards & Sons, he was formerly publisher of the Pierce County Herald, publisher of the Federal Way City Herald, Internet publisher of Communicating, a trade newspaper in the telecommunications industry, and chief financial officer of the Tacoma News Tribune. He spent a year as volunteer chairman of the Pierce County Strategic Planning Task Force working with the county Department of Economic Development. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves, where he achieved the rank of captain. He graduated from the University of Washington and holds a master's degree from Harvard University.



TRANDUM

**Rodika Tollefson**, executive editor, writes for a variety of newspapers, magazines and newsletters. Born and raised in Europe, she holds a bachelor's in journalism and public communications degree cum laude from the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she received the Outstanding Journalism Graduate of the Year award. She is a former award-winning reporter for the Peninsula Gateway, a former MSNBC online writer, and currently an editor at the Seattle News Fax. She writes creative nonfiction, pursues photography as a creative outlet, manages a small writing and design services business, and volunteers her talents for several local nonprofits. Rodika moved from Alaska three years ago with her husband and two young sons. They settled on the Key Peninsula, where they purchased their first home as a 10-year anniversary present.



TOLLEFSON

**Karl Anderson** is the advertising representative. With more than 300 magazine and newspaper articles to his credit, Karl holds a bachelor of science degree in zool-

ogy and a bachelor of arts in journalism from Cal State LA. He has made coast-to-coast appearances for Discovery Channel's Animal Planet as a keynote speaker, has had two appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, has been a NAUI diving instructor for over 20 years, and works on underwater documentaries for Discovery Channel.



ANDERSON

**Phil Bauer**, distribution coordinator, is a retired commercial airline pilot. A Key Peninsula resident for 16 years, he took advantage of retirement to become involved in the local community. He has served on the Civic Center board for more than six years, and is actively involved with the KP Fair Association and the Two Waters Arts Alliance. Phil has engaged the help of local community supporters Gary Gebo and Dave Stratford, Civic Center past-president, and together they make sure the newspaper is delivered to the readers every month.

**September Hyde**, pagination coordinator, has lived on the Key Peninsula for three years with her husband Jim and 2-year-old son Mason, and is expecting her second child in mid-February. A former page designer and editor at the Peninsula Gateway, she decided to be a full-time mom and part-time graphic designer. September currently builds ads for the Kingston, Bainbridge and Poulsbo community newspapers and does other projects in her spare time. Born and raised in Bremerton, she holds a bachelor's degree in print journalism with a minor in business administration from Central Washington University, and has worked at various newspapers as a reporter and graphic designer.



HYDE

**William C. Dietz**, staff writer, grew up in the Seattle area, spent time with the Navy and Marine Corps as a medic, graduated from the University of Washington, lived in Africa for half a year, and has visited six continents. He has been variously employed as a surgical technician, college instructor, television producer, director of public relations and marketing for an international telephone company, and presently works as a freelance writer. He and his wife, Marjorie, enjoy traveling,

kayaking, snorkeling, and reading books.

**Karen Hale** grew up in south Seattle and moved to the Key Peninsula more than two years ago. Currently learning the ropes as a reporter for the KP News, she loves to write and read and do anything creative. A self-taught guitar player, Karen also writes songs and has a career history in clerical support. Her 8-year-old son also loves living on the peninsula.

**Hugh McMillan**, staff writer, moved with his family to Tacoma when he was 3 years old from New Westminster, B.C. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he attended several colleges and universities. He took his bachelor's degree and wife Janice from the University of Puget Sound, spent just short of 27 years as an operations officer of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC, Japan where sons Lance and Marshall were born, India, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey, and retired to Home in 1978. His community involvement includes being a fire commissioner for 14 years, a founding member of Citizens Against Crime, and an extensive list of other organizations including the KP Lions and Communities in School. He has been a volunteer photojournalist with the KPNews and Peninsula Gateway for 23 years.

**Colleen Slater**, staff writer, has been writing since she was 6 years old. Raised mostly in Vaughn, she and husband Frank returned to Vaughn in 1989 to build a retirement home. She writes two monthly columns for the Peninsula Gateway, and has published essays, articles, poetry and short fiction in various formats. They have four adult children, 15 grandchildren. They enjoy music, gardening, travel and spending time with family.

**Irene Torres**, staff writer, was raised on the sunny side of Washington and moved to the KP in 2000. Settling in Vaughn, she brought along her passions for civic responsibility, lifelong learning, and two-way communication, all evident in her volunteer work on the community council organizing committee and with the KP Lions Club. Irene is manager of credentialing for Northwest Emergency



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Physicians in Federal Way. She serves as communications chair for the Washington Association of Medical Staff Services and is a trusted mentor for others in her profession. She holds dual credentials as Certified Medical Staff Coordinator and Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist.

**Danna Webster** is a staff writer who spent 25 years inflicting her enthusiasm for the skills of writing upon elementary students. Her own writing experiences included policy language and resolutions for the National Education Association. As a student, she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at Northridge and a master's degree in the social foundations of education from the University of Colorado. She indulges her love of writing at her retirement home on the Key Peninsula. Danna remains convinced that she is of the true Snowbird species because she migrates to Colorado for the winter.

**L.A. Brudvik Lindner**, arts columns contributor, moved from San Francisco to the Key Peninsula eight years ago. She lives in Vaughn with her husband, Richard, and their 4-year old daughter, Lark Ann Ming. She received her bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College and her master's in counseling psychology from Pacifica in Santa Barbara. A part-time practice, volunteer work and motherhood keep her attached to the KP community. She is the chapter coordinator for Amnesty International, a member of Two Waters Arts Alliance, and a passionate advocate for social justice.

**Nancy C. Lind**, former parks commissioner, is a KPNews contributor who writes about parks. She has lived on the Key Peninsula for 46 years with her husband, Bob. They both retired from the Peninsula School District (as teacher's aide and bus driver), raised three sons, and have been doing volunteer park work since retirement. They have 80 acres protected with a Conservation Easement and hope one day to have the property become part of Key Peninsula's park system.

We would also like to acknowledge frequent contributors **Mary Ramsdell, Mary Mazur, Jena Henak, Sylvia Retherford, Caril Ridley, Deborah Hoffman, Frank Garratt, Tim Kezele**, and others who have helped us keep our readers informed.



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