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**KPMS students capture hope in art**

Staff Report

Key Peninsula Middle School photography students are partners with the Washington State History Museum this spring. It is the first time the museum has featured a student exhibit.

Hope in Hard Times opened Feb. 20, with 1930s-era Washington with art, photographs and artifacts telling the story of how Washingtonians overcame the hardships of the Great Depression.

In the companion exhibit, Hope in Our Times, images captured by the students take visitors into a world of hope through the eyes of their perspectives. More than 20 images accompany artist's statements depicting how each image represents a symbol of hope.

The show will run through November.



Photo by Jordan Fabey, KP News

Key Peninsula Middle School photography students have an exhibit at the Washington State History Museum through November.

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**SR 302 provides no margin for error**

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories on SR 302

By Marsha Hart, KP News

It's the corridor that carries commuters from their homes to their jobs, and back again. It's the road that leads off and onto the Key Peninsula, and residents expect to have a reasonably good chance of a safe trip. That's why the community wants something to change on SR 302. The tree-lined thoroughfare is both beautiful and unforgiving. Drivers have no margin for error.

"The big difference is the sheer speed of the road," said Fire District 16 Fire Chief Tom Lique. "It causes us our biggest change in the type of accident you see. Even if drivers are going the speed limit, they are going faster than a lot of the roads that are out here. Everybody does speed limit plus five or six or 10."

In September Michael Iverson crashed his vehicle into a tree near mile marker 11 and died. In October Candice A. Baima was driving on SR 302 and was struck head-on at 144th and died at the scene.

"I think if you looked at the fatalities in relationship to normal residential roads we have more on that corridor from 144th down to about Elgin Clifton. Kind of that window of area where in recent past we had fatalities," Lique said.

County and state officials are aware that SR 302 is dangerous and needs improvements. Just exactly what they are has been the subject of studies for years. In 2005 the Washington State Legislature passed the Transportation Partnership Account, which could fund improvements. Since that time Washington State Department of Transportation has studied the road to determine

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## Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foundation

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Your K.P. Parks & Rec. Foundation (KPPRF) is already out there working for you. Presentations have been made at the Key Peninsula Civic Center and Longbranch Improvement Club. The next educational session will be held at the K.P. Community Council Meeting on March 14th. That meeting will be at the Fire Station in Key Center, 7:00pm.

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# Libraries need 'Friends'

By Colleen Slater, KP News

"I always head for the library whenever I move," says Mary Watson, current president of Friends of the Key Peninsula Library.

Watson says she tends to gravitate to organizations that emphasize choice. She sees libraries as the most effective promoters of democracy because they are centered on helping people make educated choices.

She joined the Friends soon after moving to the peninsula nearly 30 years ago.

Minutes and memorabilia in the Friends' collection demonstrate the importance of libraries to the early pioneers on the Key Peninsula. Supporting organizations began early in three local communities.

Women organized the Vaughn Library Association in 1892, collected books and kept them in a cabinet in the Post Office. They held monthly meetings on the evening of the full moon, for safer traveling. The Library Hall was built two years later by volunteers on donated land. The Hall became the community gathering place. Rents supported the library.

Home library began in 1899. A community hall, on pilings near the water, included a library.

The Longbranch Library Hall, constructed in 1906, became the social center for the lower peninsula.

Each community maintained their own library until Pierce County reached out to help provide books and services in 1946/7. Home-Lakebay, Longbranch, Purdy and Vaughn each became a county "station."

Evergreen School, constructed in 1956, became home to the Home-Lakebay and Longbranch libraries. Friends of the Evergreen Library soon organized to help purchase items their library needed that Pierce County didn't provide.

In 1957, the Vaughn Library Hall was sold, and proceeds were used to "purchase" the previous school library as "their room" at the civic center. The Vaughn Library Association became the Key Peninsula Library Association. Perhaps by that time, men were also allowed to join.

The Key Peninsula Library Association legally became Friends of the Key Peninsula Library in 1977, using the amended constitution and by-laws from 1892.

*The Friends of the Evergreen Library dissolved its organization and joined the Key Center Friends after the new library opened in 1981.*

As population grew, both Friends groups dreamed of a new library building that would serve the whole peninsula.

Pierce County Library Board wanted to close Evergreen in 1976 due to the proximity of Vaughn, which was larger, had more books and could better serve the entire peninsula. Evergreen Friends fought the decision, and their library was granted a six-month extension, but without book-mobile service.

The two Friends groups cooperated with Pierce County Library, Dr. William Roes, and others to obtain federal funding for both a library and medical clinic.

The Friends of the Evergreen Library dissolved its organization and joined the Key Center Friends after the new library opened in 1981. Fifty dollars for new books was given to the Evergreen School library, with over \$450 earmarked for new children's books for the new library. Over \$1,000 from the Evergreen Friends purchased more books.

Some of the items Friends provided over the years include bulletin boards, the first electric typewriter, painting, light fixtures, book drop, and furniture renovation. They provided the stained glass windows, a copy machine, and a large movie screen for the new library. More recent contributions include the lighter folding tables in the Brones Room, rotary paper cutter, laminator and laminating sheets, vacuum cleaners, computers, digital camera, chairs in the reading/laptop area, the lobby bookshelf, and maintenance of the statues and surrounding garden.

The current Friends organization incorporated in 1977, but the roots go back well over 100 years, to the people who founded the original libraries and worked to keep them going. Our libraries need such Friends to provide what the county library is unable to supply to keep local facilities up-to-date and comfortable.



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trouble areas.

There are no shoulders, so drivers have nowhere to go when confronted with a possible accident. WSDOT Olympic Region staff identified 15,000 vehicles per day that pass by milepost 10.55 and out to the Purdy bridge intersection.

"When you have cars coming in opposing directions it is nice to have a buffer as well, but more space would make a huge improvement," Lique said. "The biggest improvement would create a situation to give a driver somewhere to go, bigger shoulders and more space in the lane itself.

An official collision history report from the Washington State Department of Transportation shows that in 2010 there were a total of 50 crashes between Elgin Clifton Road to the seat of the Purdy Bridge. Three of those were serious injury collisions, and there were no fatalities recorded that year. Of those 50 collisions, most of them in-

involved drivers following too closely, exceeding a reasonable safe speed, and three were driving under the influence.

The report includes collision information through April of 2011, and total collisions for those four months numbered 22, with two serious injury collisions and no fatalities.

Parts of SR 302 have been traveled since the 1920s. According to Joyce Neiman, a longtime resident, the road from Purdy came through Glencove to Vaughn and Creston Road was the main highway. Over the years improvements such as traffic signals like the one at the Elgin-Clifton Y have been necessary to accommodate the growing population and increasing number of drivers. Though more improvements are planned for the roadway, Lique said drivers must be careful.

"People have to recognize the risk until some improvements are made and take responsibility for safety and speeds," he said.

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Washington State Historical Society members get free admission, as well as children under the age of 5. Adult tickets are \$8, seniors \$7, students 6-17 as well as Military pay \$6. The Pierce County Library has tickets that can be checked out on an as-available basis.

The Washington State History Museum is at 1911 Pacific Ave. in Tacoma. For more information about the exhibit or the Washington State History Museum call 1-888-238-4373.

## Beyond the Borders no go in 2012

Due to a lack of resources Two Waters Arts Alliance announced that Beyond the Borders will not be held this year.

For the past five years TWAA has partnered with the Longbranch Improvement Club to present the international music festival and celebration of local artists. The free family-oriented event was held at the LIC. It has featured live music with performers representing all parts of the globe.

# Laughter is lucrative venture

Staff Report

It was a night of laughter and relief. The Comedy Night event at the Key Peninsula Civic Center brought more than 100 people eager for a night of laughter and a dinner. They were treated to three professional comedians, Dean Oleson, Kane Holloway and Mike Colletta.

Oleson was the headliner, and has appeared on TV and voiced over 3,000 radio spots. He hosted KCTS-TV, has appeared on Comedy Central, A&E and PBS. He was a finalist in the Seattle International Comedy Competition.

Holloway has toured all over the country and appeared on the "Bob Rivers Show," on KZOK FM. Last year he won the Mt. Rainier Comedy Cage Match.

Colletta was the MC and was a finalist in the 2011 Make Jack Laugh Comedy Competition, and the 2011 Portland Comedy Contest in his first year in comedy.

The event brought in a much-needed \$1,300 for the civic center, which fa-

ilities coordinator Holly Hendrick said pays for one month of propane for the facility.

KP resident and civic center member Rick Sorrels coordinated Comedy Night, and reported [that] "The audience roared with laughter all evening."

Sorrels said the comments after the show were all raves, with 52 surveys completed by audience members who said they would be back for more, their sides hurt so bad from laughing, and that the event was awesome. Of those 52, Sorrels said 45 reported they "greatly" enjoyed the show.

"The numbers tell me that residents of the Key Peninsula have a great and varied hunger for local entertainment," he said. "The civic center has great facilities for this, along with a commercial kitchen and liquor license. It's a march we hope to pursue."

The survey asked for input on future shows, and 42 wanted more professional comedians, and 25 wanted a semi-pro comedy contest. Rock bands and dancing were the next most popular requests.

## Insurance agent earns national honor

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## New Recreational Coordinator chosen for Key Peninsula Parks

By Karen Lovett, KP News

Jessica Smeall, a graduate of Whitworth University, has joined the staff of KP Parks. She was selected from a group of thirty-six applicants who filled out the Skills Assessment questionnaire in the quest for the Recreational Coordinator position.

A panel of five interviewers narrowed the field to three. A second interview with the KP Park staff made the final selection.

KP Parks Executive Director, Scott Gallacher, said, "Jessica was the best fit with the most experience."

She has 13 years of experience working for the YMCA. She also worked at Camp Seymour from 2006 – 2008.

Gallacher said, "She is based at Volunteer Park as a full-time employee. A probationary period started near the end of November. She is in charge of Youth and Adult Programs as well as scheduling Special Events. Other duties will be assigned as needed."

She teaches some classes herself and will be seeking instructors for additional classes. She did a survey of other organizations to see what types of classes are popular.

Smeall plays guitar, piano and drums. Her musical background meshes well with her new position at KP Parks, where she teaches children's dance and music. The emphasis is on music in motion – rhythm. Musical instrument instruction is very basic, Smeall said.

"I coach the kids. They design the choreography and work with percussion instruments," she said.

Smeall is looking for dance instructors for ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, and



Jessica Smeall

Zumba dance classes. Class sizes can range from five to 20 per class.

A Spring Break three-hour camp is planned to include theater, art with painting, sculpting, drawing, as well as science including an Eco-Adventure with a tour of solid waste and recycling center in addition to hiking, nature art for exploration and appreciation.

Smeall currently resides in Tacoma with self-employed husband, Brent Wiley, who owns Tetras Player Productions, an audio, video multi-media recording business. The couple also performs as a duet pop-rock band, The Smileys.

Smeall was self-employed for two years as an artist creating jewelry using polymer clay in the Millisiori (Italian) geometric design. She polishes rocks to create unique dimensions to her designs.

Smeall said, "I fell in love with the Key Peninsula." The couple has future plans to reside on the KP.

## Voters say yes to Peninsula School District levy

By Marsha Hart, KP News

With a 38.83 percent voter turnout for the Feb. 14 Special Election, the Peninsula School District's Prop 1 Educational Programs and Operations Levy was passing with 58.06 percent.

The levy needs a simple majority to

pass. According to the district, the local levy provides about 22 percent of the overall budget. The four-year levy will replace the existing levy.

Election results were certified on Feb. 28. As of Feb. 23 a total of 19,655 votes had been counted, with 11,412 of those voting yes and 8,243 opposed.



## Third-Graders Learn the Art of ~ Cursive Writing ~

All Peninsula School District third-graders are introduced to cursive writing as part of the district's handwriting curriculum. Since 2005, PSD has been using the "Handwriting Without Tears" program, which builds cursive skills naturally.

"It builds on letters that are formed in the same way and it transfers easily from print to cursive," says Brittany Jordin, third-grade teacher at Purdy Elementary.

The HWT method was developed in the early 1980s by an occupational therapist for children who had difficulty with handwriting. It proved so successful that it was later developed into a curriculum.

"It is a simple, developmental approach as well as fun so children like participating in the hands-on activities and have success in printing legibly," said Susan Wiley, a PSD registered and licensed occupational therapist who has worked with the program since the '80s.

Handwriting Without Tears also makes learning engaging by first utilizing manipulatives and music, then teaching students to imitate the letters, copying and finally writing from memory, she says.

"Our handwriting materials were implemented several years ago due to concerns of our teachers that students were losing their ability to read and write in cursive," says Academic Officer for Learning and Teaching Claudia Thompson. "Staff decided that students should learn to write in cursive so they would not be limited in

their abilities. Handwriting remains an expected skill of our citizenry."

As the use of technology in written communication is increasing, PSD believes handwriting — including the ability to read and write in cursive — remains a vital communication skill.



*Hunter Bennett and Linsy Lucovich. Students in Brittany Jordin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Purdy Elementary, proudly share their handwritten work.*

## Community Appreciation!

We appreciate our community!

Thank you for exercising your right to vote and passing the Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy. The success of this levy will ensure students and staff the quality of learning and working environments they deserve.

## Kindergarten Kick-Off Class of 2025

Thanks to the passing of the Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy we are able to continue with our 4-day, all-day kindergarten program for 2012-2013. March 17, 2012, is Kindergarten Kick-Off when registration for the 2012-2013 school year begins. Please go to the PSD website: [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net) where you will find the registration forms to print, complete and carry to your school to facilitate a smooth registration process.

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

#### MARCH EVENTS

- 8 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at District Office.
- 13-15 HSPE Testing at High Schools
- 14-15 Elementary Conferences—half day schedule
- 22 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at District Office
- 29-31 Peninsula High School Spring Musical in the Auditorium

**Adolescent Stress Presentation** Last month, Sue Eastgard, former executive director of WA Suicide Prevention, presented "Coping with Adolescent Stress and Depression" to parents and community members at PHS Auditorium. You may view the presentation by going to the "Community" scroll down menu at the District website: [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net) and selecting "Adolescent Stress & Depression."

**SpringBoard Success Story** SpringBoard Language Arts program is helping our students to move forward, and our Language Arts educators' commitment to the quality instruction is featured in a national SpringBoard Success Story. You may read the article in full at the front page of the District's website: [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net)

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# Peninsula Views

## EDITORIAL

### SR 302 serves growing population; state looking at conditions and congestion for road improvements

The Key Peninsula is a small community, one that is close-knit and friendly. It's a pull-yourself-up-by-your-boostraps kind of community, and one where neighbors help those in need. We prefer to take care of our own when we can. And it's that very characteristic that leads residents to feel ownership of SR 302. That's why it hurts so much when we hear that another neighbor has crashed along that roadway.

Washington State Department of Transportation has been studying the corridor for years and has allocated money to make some improvements to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions that are related to roadway conditions and traffic congestion. The community has been waiting for the improvements for years.

Population on the Key Peninsula is growing at a faster rate than was previously predicted. With more than 19,000 residents on the Key Peninsula, the thoroughfare handles about 15,000 cars each day. That means there are 15,000 cars traveling on a two-lane road with not much room to avoid an accident.

The shoulders are non-existent and there are only a few places wide enough for a vehicle to pull off the road in an emergency situation. Although the collision data supplied by WSDOT shows most of the accidents are caused by speed and following too closely, the fire chief noted that the roadway is unforgiving. Any error can lead to a catastrophe in certain sections of that corridor. Key Peninsula Fire District 16 responds to both fire and medical aid calls. They are the first responders on the scene of an accident on SR 302.

The Washington State Legislature has allocated money to studying SR 302 and making improvements. The money, planned improvements that are slated to begin this year, as well as a timeline will be the subject of a story in the April edition of the KP News.



Marsha Hart, editor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### KP alive with diversity

I am quite provoked at Dan Whitmarsh's article on the lack of diversity on the KP. Come on Dan! You are deeper than that!

Just look around, and you can see that we on the KP have: Bahai's, Jews, Christians, Native, Wiccans, and I have seen a Voodoo marking here and there. I'd say we have spiritual diversity. We have same-sex couples raising children next door to heterosexuals = sexual diversity. We have plenty of hardy women home-birthing their babies despite the media hysteria of birth being too dangerous and complicated to do alone, hummm, looks like we diversity in liberty.

We have college professors educating our kids next door to high school grads that are homeschooling their children, that makes us educationally diverse.

We have million dollar homes next to empty trailers, I see economic diversity there. Our occupational diversity is apparent by our entrepreneurs, farmers, public servants, filmmakers, athletes, artists, writers, musicians, janitors, teachers, the list goes on and on.

We have plenty to teach and learn from one another, the color of one's skin or the language a person speaks is just the icing on the cake.

Theresa Glasscock  
Lakshay

### Celebrate differences

A recent Key Peninsula News article raised the issue of ethnic diversity. This topic is very near to my family.

Jessica Takehana  
Wauna

My husband grew up on the Key and experienced a range of uncomfortable comments to overt discrimination due to his Japanese heritage. After traveling and seeing the wider world, we decided to move home. With all the new people, businesses, and ideas in the area, life on the Key is more diverse and interesting.

Unfortunately, there is still a level of existing homogeneity. That is why we need to look beyond just ethnic diversity.

My youngest son has Prader-Willi Syndrome. There is no cure. There is no escape. He will require assisted living for the rest of his life. The Key will be the nexus of my son's world.

As he grows from the cuddly preschooler to a teenager and adult, I wonder how our community will react. With patience and kindness? With a watchful, supportive presence as he struggles against physical and behavior challenges? My hope is high.

Peninsula School District has been wonderful. Family, close friends, and our care team are beyond incredible. My son is meeting new people every day though. There is the potential for wonderful interactions or heartbreaking prejudice. Truly, this reflects life in general.

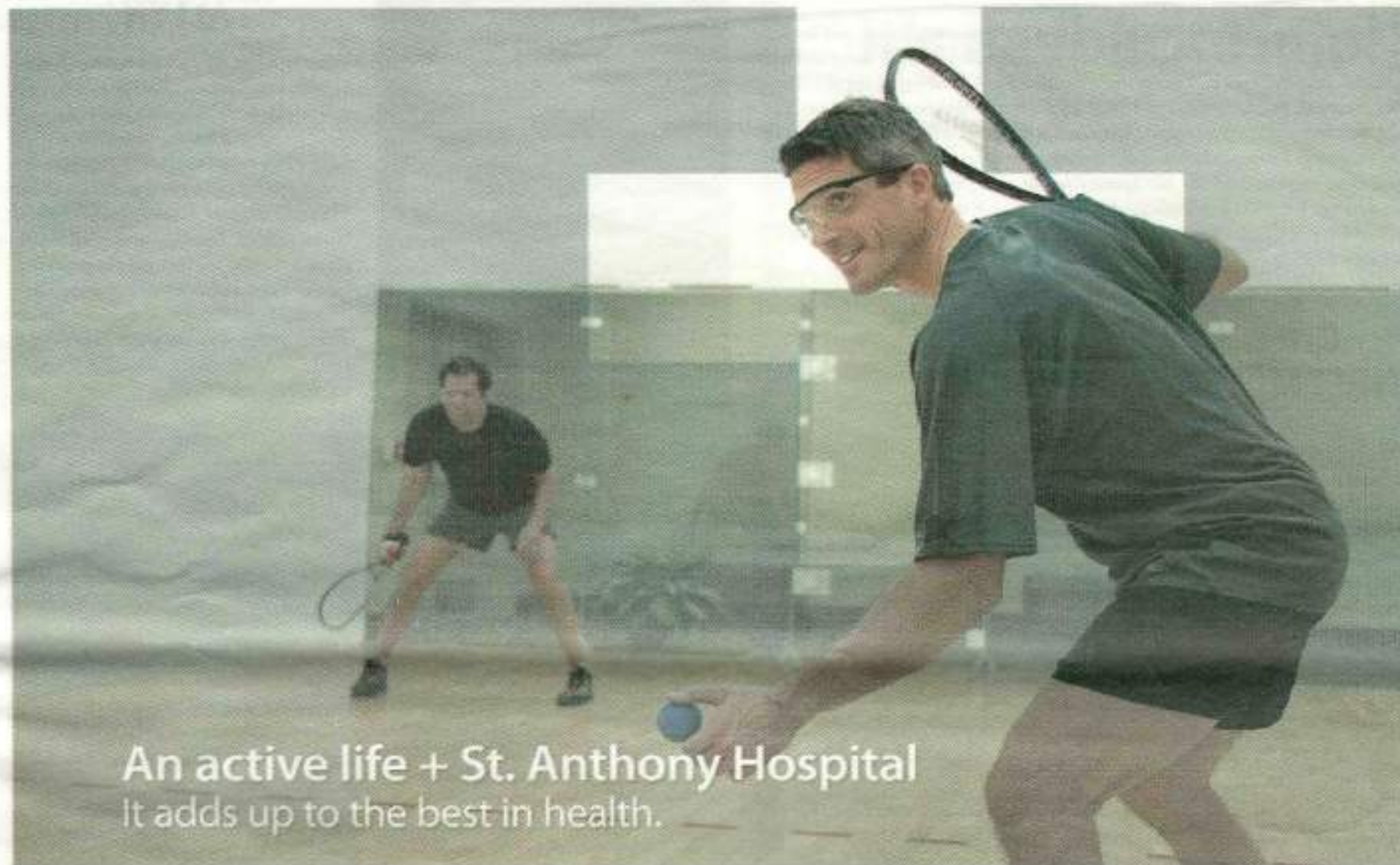
We are all unique. Let's celebrate the differences in our personalities, character, physicality, passions, language, demeanor, ethnicity, and ability. Let's ask how we can include ALL in our community with big or small gestures no matter the level of diversity.

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## Citizens of the Year nominees

The 28th annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards dinner will be held March 24, at 6 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Keynote speaker for the event is Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson. Twenty citizens have been nominated for the honor. By popular demand, dinner will be provided by Dorne Webster of Mosquito Fleet Cuisine. All Key Peninsula citizens and their friends are invited to attend by the sponsoring Key Peninsula Lions Club. To confirm invitations and reservations, tickets may be obtained from members of the KP Lions Club or at Sunny Crest Nursery in Key Center in exchange for a \$25 contribution to cover costs of the event.

Community members submitted their nominations for Citizens of the Year to Key Peninsula Lions Club.

### Greg ANGLEMEYER

Greg Anglemeyer has been a long time active member of the KP Metro Park District Board of Directors and has served as a math mentor at KPMS for years, during which he has helped kids in need to overcome problems with their math studies and encouraged them to have a better self-image. He is voluntarily active in a plethora of KP community activities.

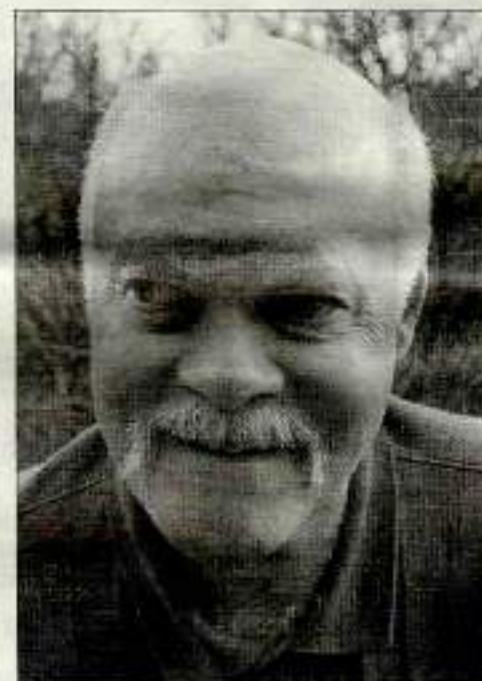


### James ALLYN

James Allyn, KPCC Caretaker, always helpful with anyone needing assistance and advice in dealing with the KP Civic Center and its many activities, most particularly with Boy Scout Troops. He brings special caring and thoroughness to the KPCC and moves forward despite a lack of desperately needed funds. He is fun to be around, professional in his work and ensures that the interests of KPCC and the KP community are served. James is an excellent example of a person doing his job thoroughly with whole-hearted devotion.

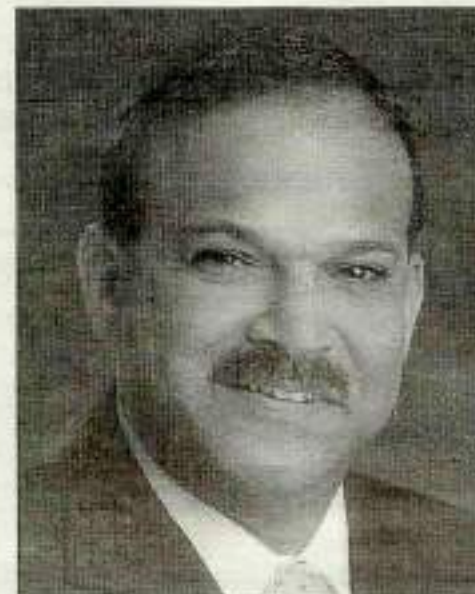
### Geoff BAILLIE

Geoff Baillie, as President of the Longbranch Improvement Club, successfully led the organization through a problem-infested period involving dealing with too-often bureaucratic road blocks impeding progress of the reconstruction of the passageway to the organization's marina and dock. He kept up spirits and orchestrated the means of providing financing for the very expensive job. He is always there to help and provide wisdom for the benefit of others. He has shared his long-running love of harmonica blues music with kids at Evergreen Elementary, often at his own expense. He is a Go-to leader in our community.



### Stan FLEMMING

Stan Flemming, since assuming office as a Pierce County Council member, has gone the extra mile helping to make good things happen on the Key. When county bureaucracy threatened to hold up installation of the new bridge to the Longbranch Improvement Club's wharf on Filloxy Bay, he immediately gained the cooperation of County Executive Pat McCarthy to cut red tape; the bridge was built. He attends many KP functions, listens to our people and takes action to implement projects on our behalf.



## 2012 Arbor Day Tree Photo Contest

The Gig Harbor Peninsula Arbor Day Org, a 501 (C)(3) non-profit foundation, is sponsoring this contest to help raise awareness about the benefits of trees to people and our environment. Show us your best original photo of a tree, trees or a whole forest. Be creative, artistic and true to the theme.

1st Place \$100 2nd Place \$50 3rd Place \$25

All photos will be displayed at our annual  
ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 28th from 11:00 - 2:00 pm at  
Gig Harbor City Hall

Winners will be notified in advance and invited to publicly accept their prize on April 28th. Photos may be posted on our website [www.gpharbortree.org](http://www.gpharbortree.org) with permission.

Arrangements can be made to return your photo.  
Contact: Carol 253-858-8797

#### DEADLINE

Photos must be received by 3 pm on 3/27/12.

Photo entries may be delivered to:

Peninsula High School's Main Office, (Attn: Carol Alex)  
Or mailed to: Gig Harbor Peninsula Arbor Day Org,  
P.O. Box 1493, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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#### RULES

1. The theme of this year's contest is "Trees We Treasure". A tree or trees must be the main focus of the composition and should send a positive visual message.
2. Judging is based on the ability of the photo to capture the spirit of the theme, as well as its composition, clarity, lighting and creativity.
3. Two Contest Categories: 1) Amateur under 18 years old and 2) Amateur 18+ years old. Be sure to identify which category you are eligible to enter. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for each category!
4. Eligibility: Must currently live or work in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area.
5. You must have a TITLE for your photo entry. Up to 3 photos per person may be submitted.
6. Minimum size for your photo is 5-inches x 7-inches. No maximum size. Photos must be mounted on mat board for display purposes. Black and white or color photos accepted.
7. Fill out and affix this entry form (or a copy) to the back of your photo. No photos via email!

### 2012 Tree Photo Contest Entry Form

(Affix this to the BACK of your photo)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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(If applies) Name of school \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bret NEBEL

Bret Nebel is a Community In Schools/ Peninsula volunteer math mentor at KPMS who has wonderful rapport with his mentees and has pulled some of them from the brink of failure to successfully handle the work that previously eluded them. He also volunteers his expertise at the KP Community Services where he regularly conducts classes in computer capabilities for seniors. His only reward is knowing he makes a difference.



## Cher ODELL

Cher Odell has spent countless hours ensuring that things remain on track, notifications are made, supplies are rounded up, and is always there on and off the scene doing her best to ensure that KP's Boy Scout Troop 220 and its members achieve all they can be and move up the scouting ladder to perfection. She tracks the advancement of 220 scouts and helps organize the troop in very special ways. In addition she is heavily involved with the Gig Harbor High School Band and its aspirations to perform at Disneyland this year.



## Gaye NELSON

Gaye Nelson, a Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank volunteer since January 2009, often works with clients and is able to put people at ease with her kind disposition. She is a role model for volunteers and staff. "If we could put her in a bottle and market her we would! She is the best example of grace and kindness we have ever encountered," a volunteer every organization would want to have.



## Hannah PETERSON

Hannah Peterson is the "go to" person with Cub Scout Pack 222 with which she has served effectively for years. She's the one who ensures that all the paperwork is properly handled and submitted promptly. She pours hours and hours into ensuring the success of the Pack and exudes a camaraderie that inspires both scouts and their leaders.



## Ann NESBIT

Anne Nesbit, Volunteer Battalion Chief at the KP Fire Department gives countless hours of volunteer time and also organizes the KP community's Santa Sleigh. She is a part of the KP Firefighters Association and has two jobs, one at St. Anthony Hospital where she hones her paramedic skills as a nurse. A single mom, she successfully nurtures two school-age children.



## Edward ROBISON

Ed Robison, a civil and structural engineer, is a member of the KP Park Board. He voluntarily designed, and helped build to code, the Home Park picnic shelter. He works with a Boy Scout troop, does volunteer work for our schools, and assists his wife Lori in providing equine therapy for veterans. He is past president of the KPBA, has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served with the Pierce County Council and State Legislative redistricting panels, served as a U.S. Navy Commander in Iraq, and is always there to offer advice and assistance without calling attention to himself.





## Marc ROSS

Marc Ross has done more to better and maintain the health and determination to succeed of Vaughn Elementary students through his physical fitness programs than any other and, in so doing, has honored our community by bringing home the Washington State Championship in the Presidential Physical Fitness Awards for six consecutive years, a feat unchallenged anywhere. It's very much in order to recognize this inspiring leader of our youth.



## Phyllis WHITTINGTON

Phyllis Whittington spearheaded the highly successful Peninsula High School dinner auction fundraising program at the Gig Harbor Boys and Girls Club this year. She is always ready and in full swing making things good happen for our high school and its students. Without her, we would be in serious trouble. She is most deserving of recognition for her many hours of dedicated service.



## Joyce SCHILT

Joyce Schilt has been with Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank since 2008. It is hard to find volunteers who commit time and talent to an organization for months, much less years! It is a time commitment requiring a love of people and understanding of their situations. Joyce gives quietly of herself so that others will succeed.



## Lori WIKOFF

Lori Wikoff, a volunteer with the KP Community Services Food Bank since December 2009, brings a positive attitude to KPCS clients and staff who appreciate it very much! She is with KPCS twice a month, but many times fills in for other volunteers who can't make it. Her dedication and commitment make her a great nominee for Citizen of the Year.



## Kaci SUN

Kaci Sun, Firefighter/Paramedic with the KP Fire Department, works even off duty to keep up with important medical schooling for Medic status. She spent countless volunteer hours in Haiti to help with the earthquake victims and improve her medical skills. Along with all of her duties at the KPFD and a full-time mom, you will never see Kaci without a smile.



## Cindy WORDEN

Cindy Worden stepped up to the plate and took on the job of president, drawing on a wealth of previous experience in crime fighting and with fresh ideas for the KP Citizens Against Crime organization. She relieved and intends to continue and improve on the work of president Mike Baum who did so much to reinvigorate CAC. She enthusiastically accepted the challenge of holding together and building upon her predecessor's efficacy of CAC's operations.



## LaQuetta TWEET

LaQuetta Tweet has been a volunteer at Evergreen Elementary for four years and has worked hard for staff, students, families and the PTA. She willingly and cheerfully steps up when needed. As PTA board member she has spearheaded fundraisers that benefit the school and has helped send many students to camp. Extremely compassionate, with a smile, she has opened her heart and home to many in need.





# COMMUNITY PAGES

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## NOW

### GED classes

Enroll now! Key Peninsula residents may complete a basic skills education for college entrance, employment skills, or a GED. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes (6 to 8 p.m.) are available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. One can enroll at any time. For detailed class information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

### Swim for fitness

Water aerobics and open swim times are available at the Camp Stand by Me Easter Seals heated pool on Vaughn Road. Classes meet at 8-9 a.m. or 9:20-10:20 a.m. and cost \$4.25/session paid monthly. Register with Donna, 884-4473.

Evening open swims on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and family swim on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. (children under two swim for free) are available. Cost is \$4.25/swim or 10 swims with a punch card available for \$40. Call 884-2722 or [joshua.mayer76@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.mayer76@gmail.com).

## MARCH 1

### Fuchsia club

The Lakebay Fuchsia Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station this month. Ginnie, 884-9744.

## MARCH 1 through APRIL 13

### Pierce County READS

Read, discuss, and connect during the fifth annual Pierce County READS, the largest community event held in Pierce County, through April 13. Read "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. Her story is about a daughter of Japanese immigrants growing up in Seattle. Copies of the book are available at the Key Center Library.

The Friends of the Key Center Library are participating on March 31 by sponsoring a program of Taiko Drummers and other activities at the Longbranch Improvement Club. (See March 31 event)

## To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please e-mail [news@keypennews.com](mailto:news@keypennews.com), or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

All 18 Pierce County Libraries and some community partners will offer more than 30 free events with themes from the book. The KeyBank Foundation is the major corporate sponsor.

## MARCH 2

### Cosmic skating

A preview of Cosmic Skate is held from 9:30-10:30 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. (See listing under March 9.)

## MARCH 2-18

### 'Sweet Charity'

"Sweet Charity" based on a book by Neil Simon is presented on weekends at the Paradise Theatre on Burnham Drive. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. A special dinner-theatre presentation is on March 17 at 6 p.m. in honor of St. Patrick's Day. [www.paradisetheatre.org](http://www.paradisetheatre.org).

## MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Skate night

Friday night skate night for elementary and middle school students is from 6-9 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Entry is \$5 and includes skate rental, games and crafts. March 16 is themed for St. Patrick's Day. 884-3456.

## MARCH 3

### Writers' event

The Watermark Writers invites you to "A Perfect Blend of Music" with Larry Murante at 7 p.m. at the Blend Wine Shop in Key Center. Reservations needed, please; \$10 donation. 884-9688.

### 1980s dance

The 1980s dance, originally scheduled

for Jan. 21, will begin at 8 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Dust off the 80s attire for a totally tubular time. A no-host bar is available; participants must be 21 or older. Tickets are available at the Blend Wine Shop, [kpciviccenter.org](http://kpciviccenter.org) or 884-3456 or at the door.

## MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

### Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at the Gig Harbor Albertsons from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

## MARCH 6, 13, 20

### Story time

Baby story time is held at 10:15 a.m. at the Key Center Library. Preschool story playtime follows at 11 a.m. 253-548-3309.

## MARCH 7, 14, 21

### Family time

Family story time is held at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

## MARCH 9 and 23

### Cosmic skate night

Geared for high school-aged kids, but open to all ages, Cosmic Skating will be offered from 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at the KP Civic Center. DJ Kip Miller will fill the gym with upbeat, club mixes paired with an enhanced laser light show. A variety of skating contests and games will be played throughout the night, including dodge ball. A limited concessions menu with snacks will be offered. Entrance is \$5, includes skate rental. [www.kpciviccenter.org](http://www.kpciviccenter.org).

## MARCH 10

### Second Saturday

Families explore the magical world of reading with magician Jeff Evans at 11 a.m. at the KC Library. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

### Lyme group

The Lyme support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Lyme mimics over 300 other diseases including

MS, and ALS. Positive group support for chronically-ill patients, caregivers and family members, and information and education on the fastest-growing vector-borne disease in the world is offered. Local doctors and nurses, on the frontlines for rural communities, are especially invited to come and learn from patients. Lyme has four times the number of AIDS patients in N. America and is growing.

## MARCH 11, 18, 25

### Silver Cinema series

Mustard Seed's fourth annual Silver Cinema Series is on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This year's three films are "Juliette of the Herbs" (shown in honor of Dory Myers), "A Man Named Pearl," and "Pete Seeger: The Power of Song." Enjoy this FREE program of high quality documentary films; then engage in fun and thoughtful conversations about remarkable older folks who defy the stereotypes of aging. The films are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

## MARCH 13, 20, 27

### Story time

Baby story time is held at 10:15 a.m. at the Key Center Library. Preschool story playtime follows at 11 a.m. 253-548-3309.

### Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts voluntarily knit and crochet hats for chemo patients and the backpack program for kids, baby items and blankets, wheelchair/walker bags, and fingerless gloves for veterans in the community. They meet from 1-3 p.m. at the WayPoint Church. Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks and button donations are always welcome. Virginia, 884-9619 or [lovingheartsonkp@aol.com](mailto:lovingheartsonkp@aol.com).

## MARCH 14, 21, 28

### Family time

Family story time is held at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

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**MARCH 15****Words and wine**

The Watermark Writers invite drop-ins for "Words and Wine Poetry" at 7 p.m. at the Blend Wine Shop in Key Center. 884-9688.

**MARCH 18****Third Sunday jam**

Bluegrass Gospel Jam sessions held at

Longbranch Church (16518 46th Street KPS) from 6 - 8:30 p.m. for all acoustic instruments, ages, and skill levels. Everyone's welcome to play, sing, or simply listen. Bring music stand, finger food to share; music and beverages are provided. 425-492-4177.

**MARCH 24****Bloodmobile**

The bloodmobile is at the LDS Church, 12521 134th Ave KPN, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Open mic**

Blend Wine Shop offers an acoustic open mic at 7 p.m. Sing a song, tell a story, recite a poem or just enjoy a beverage and free entertainment. This event is hosted by local poet and musician, Emma Eisenhauer, for folks 21 and older. 884-9688.

**MARCH 31****Historical society meets**

The KP Historical Society's annual meeting is at noon in the VFW room at the KP Civic Center. Members, guests, and others interested are welcome. Bring dishes and something to share; beverages are provided. Election of officers will be held and exciting new projects for the year will be explained. Visitations to other museums are being scheduled.

The KP Historical Museum is currently closed while new displays are set up. The Grand Re-opening on April 5 at 1 p.m.

features a main display on Penrose State Park, with many photographs, artifacts and stories of its history and the family it was named for. A smaller display of photos and map will give a taste of next year's exhibit on KP logging history.

**Pet Easter hunt**

The annual Pet Easter Treat Hunt at Volunteer Park is from 10 a.m.-noon. Check in at 10; hunt starts promptly at 10:30 a.m. All pets must be on a leash. Dogs will find treats and perhaps win the costume contest; there are also free pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Please bring a bag for the treats and a donation of pet food for the Humane Society. Jessica@keypenparks or 884-9240.

**Penrose guild fundraiser**

Dr. Penrose Guild hosts a fundraiser for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Mc Colley Hall at KP Lutheran Church. Purchase treasures or items from a bake sale.

**Taiko drummers**

The Friends of the Key Center Library and the Longbranch Improvement Club present One World Taiko, Japanese drum ensemble, at 2 p.m. at the LIC clubhouse. Reni Moriarty will demonstrate Sumi painting, Jan Buday will teach Origami paper cranes and there will be information about the Nidoto Nai Yoni ("Let it not happen again.") Bainbridge Island

Japanese-American Exclusion Memorial as other example of Japanese culture. This free family event is part of Pierce County READS. Donations for the food bank are encouraged. 253-548-3309.

**APRIL 1****Lions host film**

KP Lions host a free showing of the documentary film "Going Blind" at 3 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center. The film follows the lives of persons either blind or facing blindness and provides an insight into how people are able to alter their lives to cope with blindness. George, 853-2721.

**Egg hunt**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Boy Scout Troop #220 and the KP Civic Center begins promptly at noon. Children ages 12 and under are invited to search for Easter eggs filled with candy and prizes and visit with the Easter Bunny. The Troop is also seeking donations for candy. Kat Wingers, katwingers@hotmail.com.

**APRIL 17-19****Spring break camp**

Key Pen Parks is offering spring break camps for ages 5-9 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/session and registration must be done by April 10. Call Jessica at 884-9240 or email Jessica@keypenparks.com for more information.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS****KP Community Fair Association**

March 6, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; www.keyfair.org

**KP Lions Club**

March 6 and 20, Dinner & program, 6:30 p.m. in VFW Room, KP Civic Center. 853-272.

**Peninsula School District Board**

March 8 and 22, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office.

**KP Civic Center Board**

March 8, meeting at 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room.

**Key Pen Parks**

March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex.

**Fire District 16**

March 13 and 27, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station.

**Key Peninsula Community Council**

March 13, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

**KP Citizens against Crime**

March 16, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station.

**LIC**

March 21, 6:30 p.m. at Longbranch Improvement Club.

**WEEKLY EVENTS****TUESDAYS****TOPS #1325**

Take-Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 a.m. at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Free child care, fun and support are provided. 884-2554.

**Key singers**

The Key Singers, the KP community chorus, meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the KP Lutheran Church sanctuary. 884-5615.

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS****Preschool playtime**

The Children's Home Society KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program from

9:30-11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome; stay for as long as you can. A \$1 donation per child is suggested. 884-5433.

**WEDNESDAYS****Lakebay writers**

The Lakebay Writers meet from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-3931.

**Watermark writers**

The Watermark Writers present a free writer's workshop from 5-8 p.m. in Vaughn. Call 253-778-6559 for information.

**THURSDAYS****Toastmasters**

The Toastmasters meet from 8-9 a.m.

at the Key Center Library. Join the fun and improve your speaking ability.

**Senior Society**

The Key Peninsula Senior Society, aka Yesterday's Teenagers, meet at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck, fellowship and games at the Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

**SATURDAYS****Writers' guild**

The Writers' Guild meets from 9-11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-6455.

**Zumba class**

Zumba for ages 16+ is offered on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$53 for a 5-class punch card, which is good for two months after purchase date. 884-9240 or jessica@keypenparks.com.



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Average Days on Market	243
Homes Sold (ytd)	13
Average Sold Price	\$225,420
(price per sq ft)	\$103
Average Days on Market	61
Properties Pending	35

#### WATERFRONT REPORT

Homes for Sale	34
Average List Price	\$325,794
(price per sq ft)	\$203
Average Days on Market	254
Homes Sold (ytd)	2
Average Sold Price	\$309,500
(price per sq ft)	\$166
Average Days on Market	24
Properties Pending	2

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Land for Sale	174
Average List Price	\$78,854
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Land Sold (ytd)	3
Average Sold Price	\$29,250
(price per acre)	\$10,776
Average Days on Market	221
Properties Pending	2

#### WATERFRONT REPORT

Land for Sale	28
Average List Price	\$137,969
(price per acre)	\$67,679
Average Days on Market	310
Land Sold (ytd)	0
Average Sold Price	\$0
(price per acre)	\$0
Average Days on Market	0
Properties Pending	0

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# OFF THE KEY

**MARCH 3**

## Caucus

The Republican Caucus is at 10 a.m. at Chapel Hill Church in Gig Harbor. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for Republicans only. The Democrat Caucus will be April 15. Jason, 253-549-8410.

## Painting reception

A Sumi Painting show by Puget Sound Sumi Artists is from 2-4 p.m. at the Peninsula Library. A hands-on demo happens from 2-3 p.m. The show includes traditional sumi, calligraphy, and sumi with watercolors, and maybe some collage. Darlene, 857-9038.

## Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at the Gig Harbor Safeway from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Gig Harbor Health & Safety Expo, 10222 Bujacich Rd NW, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and at the Adventure of Faith Church from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**MARCH 11**

## Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Parish Center Room, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**MARCH 14 and 21**

## Make a book

Learn to make an accordion-style and a folded pocket book from 1-3 p.m. Bring ephemera and small items that could tell a story. Class fee is \$60, which includes basic supplies. Carlie, 206-351-7739.

**MARCH 14, 21, 28**

## Rug hooking

Learn to hook a small handmade rug in three sessions. The basic kit is a hook, 16x16 pattern and recycled wood; cost is \$60. Class fee is \$75. Call Carlie, 206-351-7739, for details or reservations.

**MARCH 15**

## Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor from 12-7 p.m.



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## Nominate a Tree Lover

The Gig Harbor Peninsula Arbor Day Org is currently accepting nominations for its annual "Good Stewardship" award. This award is given to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the planting or preserving of trees in our community.

Winner will be invited to speak and be given an engraved plaque during the 12th annual Arbor Day Celebration at the City Hall building in Gig Harbor. The event runs from 11 am-2 pm

Send a letter or email us with the person's name, contact information and explain why they should be honored. You may even nominate yourself! Nominations must be received by April 6th to be considered.

Mail to: "Tree Lover Nominee"  
c/o Gig Harbor Peninsula Arbor Day Org  
P.O. Box 1493  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335  
or [arbor@gigharborarbor.com](mailto:arbor@gigharborarbor.com)  
c/o Carol Alex

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# FIRE DISTRICT 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for Jan. 16 to Feb. 15

Total Calls: 182  
EMS: 110  
Fire/service: 41  
Other: 31

## Jan. 16

Crews responded to a two-year old boy who was, according to his mother, experiencing a seizure "breakthrough," also known as an aura: inattentiveness, fixed gaze, and lethargy. The boy was treated and transported to a local hospital for evaluation by a physician.

## Jan. 18

Crews responded to fourteen incidents on this snowy day, most of which were medical in nature. One of the patients was experiencing moderate chest and rib pain after rolling his quad vehicle and flying off of it. Another incident was reported as a structure fire but, thankfully, turned out to be a chimney fire that remained contained to the

firebox and flue.

## Jan. 22

Firefighters responded to multiple car accidents after midnight as the roads turned to ice. Out of the dozen cars that left the roadway, two resulted in injuries. KP Medics also responded to assist Gig Harbor Fire on a multiple car fatality accident on SR16 at Burnham Drive where they transported a patient to a Tacoma Trauma Center.

## Jan. 23

A head-on collision occurred just before 11 p.m. in the Wauna curves. A small station wagon with two occupants apparently crossed the centerline and struck a truck with only a driver in it. The driver of the truck swerved in an effort to avoid the collision and in doing so averted a direct full head-on impact, and instead received a glancing impact. The damage to both vehicles

was significant. The driver of the car was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries, while the passenger of the car fled the scene on foot, and the driver of the truck appeared uninjured.

## Jan. 24

A burning power pole on Herron Island was watched by firefighters until Peninsula Light Company employees could arrive. Firefighters were asked to put water on the pole by a resident of the area but declined while trying to explain the dangerous potential of mixing 7200 volts of electricity with water.

## Jan. 25

An early morning garage fire near Rocky Bay caused the closure of one lane of SR302 until mid-morning. The fire was suspected to have started in a pump house that was part of the structure. Firefighters were able to stop the fire before it spread to an adjacent ga-

rage on a neighboring property.

A 25-year-old man from Virginia, who was staying with his sister in the Wauna area, was found unconscious, bruised and scraped along side Danforth St. NW. The man was discovered in the late afternoon by a passer-by. The cause of the man's minor but curious trauma was not determined, though it seems that he may have been struck by a vehicle and left lying on the road. KP Medics transported him to a local hospital.

## Jan. 29

A Port Orchard couple checking on their KP property where startled when they turned on a light switch and an electric wall clock began smoldering then burst into flames. The home's overhead power line had been knocked down during the recent storm, disconnecting the neutral leg of the service. When the light switch was turned on it created a back feed giving the clock 240volts. Firefighters disconnected all circuits and advised the residents to contact the power company.

## Feb. 1

A 10-year-old boy sustained minor injuries when the truck he was riding in was struck from behind. The driver, the boy's father, had stopped the truck and was waiting to turn left when it was struck at a moderate speed. The driver

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of the other vehicle also sustained minor injuries. Both were transported to a local hospital.

**Feb. 2**

A 28-year-old Wauna man was witnessed driving his small SUV through a busy intersection, across SR 302, through a gas station parking lot and over an embankment. The young man apparently suffered a seizure and had no memory of the incident. His timing was perfect, never striking anything except a chain link fence. The man was found in his vehicle confused and disoriented. He was transported to a local hospital.

**Feb. 3**

A 25-year-old man was involved in a domestic dispute and was behaving erratically so his father called 9-1-1 for assistance in dealing with him. Sheriff's deputies and fire department personnel responded to assist. After several minutes at the scene and talking with the man, it was determined

by the deputies that the man would be arrested for his actions and taken to jail.

**Feb. 4**

A 60-year-old Belfair man was thrown from his motorcycle after striking guardrail on SR302 near the Mason County line. The man was found by passing motorists who both called for assistance. One caller reached Mason County 9-1-1 and the other reached Pierce County. Key Peninsula Medic One arrived to find Mason County Medic One arriving at scene. Both worked together to backboard the patient. Key Peninsula transported the man to a Tacoma Trauma Center.

**Feb. 10**

A 10-year-old boy ate some candy while skating at a community center. The boy then had a severe reaction because the candy contained egg, to which he was very allergic. The boy was given an Epi pen by his mother at the scene and transported by Key Peninsula Medics to a local hospital.

# BRIEFS

## News

### Blood donation center thanks donors

Cascade Regional Blood Services, the sole supplier of blood and blood products to MultiCare Health System and Franciscan Health System hospitals and clinics in Pierce and South King Counties, would like to offer its deepest gratitude to our community for its support during the recent winter storm. With the help of our dedicated donors, CRBS maintained adequate supplies of blood and blood products to the community hospitals and clinics we support.

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The 26th District Republican Caucus will be held March 3 with doors opening at 9 a.m. at Chapel Hill Church in Gig Harbor. The caucus is from 10 to 11 a.m. Bring voter registration card and/or a photo ID. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates to the county convention, discuss issues pertinent to the Republican platforms for county, state and national organizations, and to gauge support for the Republican presidential nomination through a vote in a non-binding straw poll.



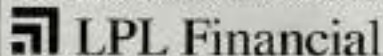
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# SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for Jan. 1 and Jan. 29

## Between Jan. 1 and 29

14310 95th Ave. NW

Burglary. Victim said someone replaced the padlock he placed on his storage unit with a smaller less heavy-duty lock. When he opened the door he discovered his motorcycles, a blue 2003 Harley Davidson, and a 1987 Kawasaki dirt bike missing, as well as several other items. Prints were recovered from another item in the unit.

## Jan. 19, 10 a.m.

2200 block of 205th Ave KPS

Burglary, forced entry. A contractor working for PPH Mortgage Corp. reported that the south side door of the foreclosed home had been pried open. Several cabinet doors were open and garbage and household items were littered on the floor. No suspect info.

## Jan. 25

8800 block of Danforth St. NW

Hit and run. A pedestrian was hit by a

car. The victim said he could not remember what type of car it was or who was driving. He had neck and head pain.

## Jan. 23

9100 block of 144th St. NW, 11 a.m.

Attempted burglary. The victim returned after being away from the home for 30 minutes. She found the doorknob had been removed from her door and was on the porch. The suspects had not entered the home because the deadbolt was still intact.

## Between Jan. 29 and Jan. 31

15700 block of 64th St., Lakebay

Burglary. Unknown suspects entered an unlocked shed and took a Honda 5000 model generator, a Stihl 200 chainsaw, and a Stihl Farm Boss chainsaw.

## Jan. 28

8725 SR 302 NW

Theft, vehicle prowler. Unknown persons siphoned a full tank of gas from a Pierce

Transit vanpool van.

## Between April 25, 2011 and Jan. 3, 2012

Palmer Lake

Theft. A manager for Bank of America reported that a foreclosed property was missing. The former owner had reported a theft in June, and all the sinks and pipes removed and the house was flooded, causing the carpets to mold. The kitchen cabinets had been destroyed. The responding officer checked on the property and it was indeed missing, and all that was left was a boarded up detached garage. A neighbor said he watched the house get demolished and the pieces hauled off in a dump truck.

## Feb. 6

13800 block of 97th Ave. NW

Theft from vehicle. A debit card, purse, WIC checks, and Canon Powershot digital camera were stolen.

## Feb. 2

11500 block of Russell Rd. KP S, Lakebay

Burglary. A door was pried open and all the rooms had been searched through, but the only items missing were tools. Two Skil chop saws, a Rigid brand cordless drill and a reciprocating saw. Several liquor bottles had been moved but not taken from the home.

## Feb. 2-5

8725 SR 302 NW, Pundy

Theft. Someone siphoned gas from a Pierce Transit vanpool vehicle.

## Feb. 9

19300 block of 22nd St., Lakebay

Burglary. Victim returned home to find the dog was not acting normal. Victim saw the alarm panel had been opened, and a file cabinet had been moved. Nothing was missing. Victim was sure the house was

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locked upon leaving the home.

**Between Feb. 11 and Feb. 12**

9900 block of 184th Ave. KP N

Burglary. A Toshiba laptop, and a color TV were stolen.

**Between Feb. 12 and 13**

15300 block of Goodrich Dr. NW, Wau-

na  
Burglary. The son of the owner went to check on the property and found someone had been there. The door was open and a radio was playing inside. The door was damaged, cabinets and drawers were open and items were on the floor, a basement window was shattered. The son was unsure of items that could be missing.

**Between Jan. 24 and Feb. 13**

11900 block of 134th Ave.

Motor vehicle theft. A white 1995 4-door Chevrolet Corsica sedan was stolen.

**Between Feb. 5 and Feb. 13**

18700 block of 77th St., Vaughn

Burglary. A neighbor contacted the owner saying the door had been kicked in. Li-

quor bottles were removed from the closet, fireworks, a set of keys for the gate and sheds in the yard, and an old .22 rifle, were taken. Holes were punched in the window screens.

**Feb. 26, 4:53 p.m.**

11700 block of 118th Ave. NW

Burglary. When the victim returned home the dog was barking more than usual. All the drawers in the master bedroom were removed and gone through, and the master bathroom. A wedding ring was missing, a silver jewelry box, silver heart necklace and some prescription medicines. Footprints were found on the window where the door was kicked in and there were muddy prints on the carpet. Forensics responded to the scene.

**Between Feb. 14 and Feb. 18**

300 block of Tiedman Road, Lakebay

Burglary. Once inside the suspects intended to take a wood stove. The entire metal chimney of the stove had been stolen, and suspects had climbed the roof to tear out the chimney, which damaged the roof and exposed the interior of the home to rain. The wood stove was still in place. An exterior garage light fixture was also taken.

**Between Feb. 17 and 18**

9600 block of 138th St. Ct. NW

Found property from unreported vehicle prowler. A man called to report found items. Officers made contact and received a lunchbox with some checks and papers in it, and a black jacket the man found at the corner of his property. The victim was contacted and said the items were taken during the theft on the above dates, and that a Coach wallet was still missing, which had her social security card inside, \$900 and some store credit cards that have been canceled. No suspect info.

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## 2012 GUEST COLUMNIST

## Sometimes feels like it's small-town stalking

It seems you can't go anywhere on the KP without running into someone you know, maybe two or three people. But sometimes, it gets ridiculous and I wonder some days if my friends and acquaintances are stalking me. I'll bet you all know what I'm talking about.

I will set out on a Monday morning for a half hour of errands between Lakebay and Key Center. First stop, Home Post Office. All I have to do is go in and buy a book of stamps. I step out of my car and spot Beth coming out with her hands full of mail. We stop and chat, then all of a sudden, Delores arrives to pick up her mail as well. Since we all go to the same church, Delores enters the conversation, and although we just saw each other the day before, we spend 15 minutes catching up.

I just happen to look up, and there is Dan Whimmarsh, our beloved pastor. He's a great chatter too, so another eight min-

utes flies by. Finally we go our separate ways.

At the Shell station across the street at pump one I hear this voice calling, "Oh, hello again, long time no see." It's Beth, waving and laughing at pump four. Amazingly, we find plenty of things to talk about. Car filled, I head into the gas station mini mart to get a bottle of water. At the counter is my good friend LaQuetta. We stop and chat about our good old days at Fred Meyer working in the deli. I walk her out to her car and bid her adieu.

Off to Angel Guild to find a pair of sweat pants. And wouldn't you know it, Delores is there looking for a kitchen item. Yak, yak, yak. Ten minutes later, I'm in the new Food Market (isn't it lovely?) and in the bread aisle, I run into Betty, my friend for many years. Our kids went to school together so we exchange news on

Lori Colbo  
Key Culture

their marriages and grandchildren. At the check stand, Beth is there paying for dog food, and Delores is in the next stand over buying fresh produce. Silly girls, we laugh and wave. Groceries paid for, we chat for five minutes.

With all this excitement I realize I need coffee. Close to Home, here I come. "Oh, hi, Pastor Dan." We proceed to chat about a book we both read recently and before we know it our coffee is gone. I'm really starting to get uncomfortable. I've been gone for an hour and 20 minutes and can't find a moment of peace. It wouldn't be quite so daunting if they weren't all the same people.

Just one more stop. I'm just going to run into Sunnycrest, grab a bag of potting soil, and head home. "Oh, hi, Lori. We meet again." Betty is looking for primroses and we start sharing gardening secrets, grandchild anecdotes, and news on a mutual friend. Oy vey, I've been gone two hours and 10 minutes. Shoot, I forgot the library. LaQuetta, with Caleb in tow, is just leaving. Yikity yak, yak, yak.

So, I arrive home, having spent two and three quarters of an hour mostly chatting with people who followed me everywhere I went.

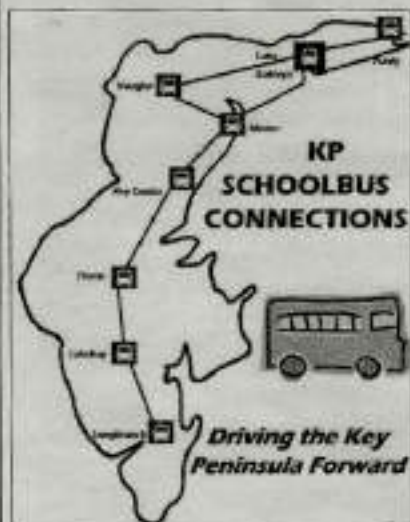
As I reflect on my day, I wonder if it was just small town coincidence, my magnetic, charismatic personality, or if the peninsula is full of stalkers. Woo, a chill creeps up my spine. As I pull out the fixings for a sandwich, I think it might be nice to invite LaQuetta, Delores, Betty, and Beth over for lunch or tea or something. It's too quiet at home and I miss them.

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The Mong Kok is an outdoor street market where skyscrapers tower above, and haggling is often done in English due to the language barrier between mainland Chinese who speak Mandarin and street vendors who speak Cantonese.

## Hong Kong ferry ride, outdoor market highlight of Hong Kong trip

By Michael Silk  
Special to the KP News

As I begin to approach the conclusion of my time in Hong Kong I have begun to question what I will miss about this place. It has surely been one of the most formative experiences of my life. Hong Kong is different from any place I have ever visited or lived. The people have been mostly welcoming, the culture challenging, the language impenetrable, and the city itself alternates between being breathtakingly beautiful and overwhelmingly unjarring.

Two things I know I will not miss are the pollution and the shopping malls. Since I have been in Hong Kong, the air-pollution index has rarely dropped below medium and is often listed as heavy. There are days I can stare directly into the sun without my eyes being pained because the pollution is so thick. There are shopping malls everywhere. Often times, shopping malls gradually grow larger and larger until they grow into another mall so that you end up with exponentially larger malls, with no consolidated maps. You can walk several city blocks without ever going outside because you will just walk from one mall to another to another.

One thing that I will miss is riding the ferry across from Kowloon Peninsula to Hong Kong Island. On the voyage you are greeted to bright neon lights all around you. Advertisements flash atop corporate and municipal office buildings. The waterways are constantly packed with shipping, ferries, and tourist boats. The ferry boats are old and open-aired due to the warm weather. They are a fraction of the size

of the ferries out of Bremerton. Usually, they are not very crowded because most natives prefer the much faster subway system to the ferry.

The Hong Kong Tourism Board stages "A Symphony of Lights" as a nightly experience for tourists. Many Hong Kong natives who I have spoken with have never actually seen what tourists often just call the laser show. Corporate buildings on either side of Hong Kong harbor shoot out lasers into the sky as the buildings' lights flicker on and off in a choreographed union to Chinese music. It is impressive to imagine the amount of work that must have gone into the display that stretches many miles and requires the perfect harmony of lights and music on both sides of the harbor.

The Mong Kok Ladies' Market is one of the most famous tourist attractions in Hong Kong. It is a long-running outdoor street market. The area is actually the most densely populated place on the planet. Skyscrapers tower over the street market and some house cage homes, where more than 20 people will sometimes share small, over-crowded apartments. Along the street you encounter many vendors selling a wide variety of foods. You can get shark fin and noodles, turtle shell soup, or fried egg rolls. Mong Kok is mostly visited by tourists looking for cheap pirated goods but many natives come if they are looking to purchase something specific. Due to the language barrier, many mainland Chinese who speak Mandarin are forced to negotiate with vendors in English since the vendors are native Cantonese speakers.

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Ages: 5-9/3-4 (Pee Wee class)  
Location: Volunteer Park  
Day & Time: TBA  
Session Dates: 4/23-6/22  
Fee: \$45 for 6 classes

#### Pee Wee T-Ball

Ages: 4-5  
Location: Volunteer Park  
Day & Time: Thursdays  
Session Dates: 5/10-6/21  
Times: 5pm (5 yrs), 6pm (4 yrs)  
Fee: \$45

### Music N Motion

Youth will explore music and movement with a range of fun, age-appropriate activities. We will dance, sing, play instruments, practice tumbling, discover rhythms, and create a performance for the last day of class.

Ages: 4-12  
Location: Civic Center  
Day & Time: TBA  
Session Dates: 4/23-6/22  
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Ages: 16+  
Location: Civic Center, VFW Rm  
Days/Times: Saturdays 9:00-10:00am  
Fee: \$53 for a punch card (6 classes) Good for 2 months after purchase date

Min/Max: 5/20

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Easter Treat Hunt FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

Volunteer Park  
Sat, March 31 10am-12

Check in at 10am--the hunt will start promptly at 10:30. Put your pet's nose to work uncovering eggs containing treats and rewards; win costume prizes (funniest, best Easter theme, and most unique) and get your free picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Please bring a collection bag for your treats and a donation of pet food for the Humane Society (optional). All pets must be on leash.

#### Questions?

Contact Jessica Smeall, Recreation Coordinator 253-884-9240 or jessica@keypenparks.com

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## Harvey Ennis

Long-time Gig Harbor resident Harvey Ennis born Dec. 29, 1931, passed away Jan. 14, 2012 at home after battling cancer.

Harvey was born in Gilmer, Texas to James Harvey and Piney Ennis.

Harvey lived life well, played hard, and worked hard to have all the things he desired. He was a father to many, a warm caring friend to anyone he met. He had the strength to break down a split rim and the tenderness to feed a stray.

Harvey spent over 20 years in the Air Force and traveled far and wide during his adventures with the USAF. He met the love of his life Donna L. (Colin), in 1954 and they married to start a life journey that lasted 58 years. In the midst of moving,



Harvey Ennis

planning, living, and enjoying life, Harv and Donna raised four children, Dean, Cheryl, Jess and Jami.

After retiring from the Air Force Harv took on many tasks and accomplished them with finesse and success. Harv's careers

lead him to the Bank of Washington, the Longbranch Mercantile, Shorewood Realty, Horseshoe Lake Service, General Dynamics, the Texas Oil Man and on and on.

Harv never really retired, he was just "between jobs". Harv was a phenomenal father, a distinguished grandfather, and was just beginning to appreciate the reward of being a great-grandfather. Strength, Ambition, Intelligence, Fairness, Humor, and Tenacity are words that best describe Dad.

Always ready with a handshake and a smile, Harv was an incredible practical joker. He was always willing to "give a kidney" for an ailing cat or lend a tool to a mechanical minded grandson.

He was Superman, Santa Claus and Clint

Eastwood bundled up in one impressive package. Harvey will be missed by his entire family, his friends, his business associates, customers and his community.

A Celebration of Life Potluck was held Feb. 18 at the Gig Harbor Eagles.

## Celebration of Life invitation

Arvilla Merchant passed away on Nov. 27, 2011 at the age of 103.

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3L3R participated in The Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club in Gig Harbor and Pacific Recording Studios. About 300 attended the rocking event, and the first prize winner, 1 for Eye, received a three-song demo recording session at Pacific Recording Studios. 3L3R members include PHS student Lula Rae Lingenfelter on keyboard and guitar, Hayden Sams, 13, on bass guitar, PHS student Michael Elston on guitar, lead singer and guitarist Jessalyn Wood who is a KP resident and attends Tacoma School of the Arts, Anna Seymour, 13 on drums, and Elliot McDonald, 10, on guitar.



Kathy Best shows her quilt in progress, "New Hampshire Autumn." She is a member of KP Quilters, who meet the first three Mondays of the month (all but the fourth Monday) in the Brones Room at the Key Center Library. The group "is not organized, does not have officers or dues," members say.

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## Where in the World...

Janice McMillan of Home took her copy of the Key Peninsula News with her on the Celebrity Lines' luxury cruise ship Infinity as she passed through the Panama Canal in October.



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Grant Glasscock and his daughter, Garynne, 6, of Lakebay, cut up the dance floor during the 10th annual PAA Father/Daughter Ball at the Boys & Girls Club in Gig Harbor Feb. 18.