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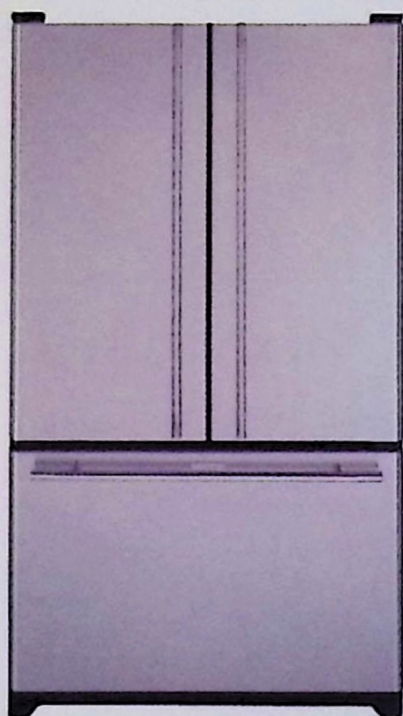
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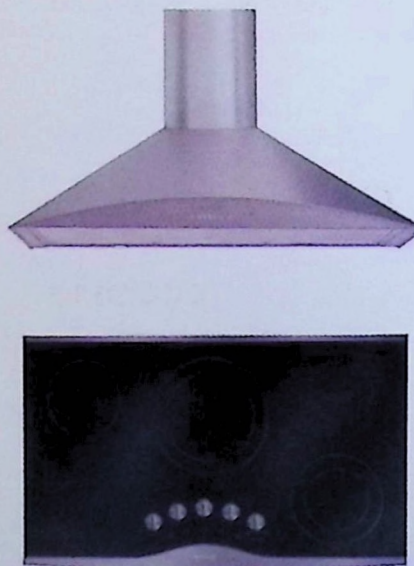
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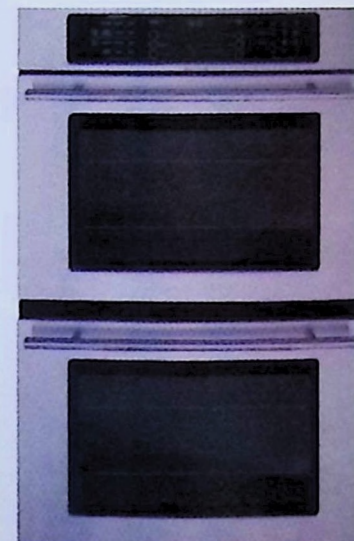


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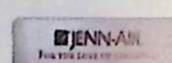
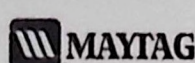
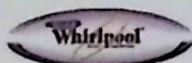
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Renton citizens got a nice dose of what's going well in our schools this past month. The successful achievements of graduating seniors and the outstanding efforts of teachers made the headlines and are also included in this edition of our magazine.

The Renton Chamber of Commerce held its 7th Annual Ahead of the Class recognition program May 8 at the IKEA Performing Arts Center, and presented 15 teachers with Excellence in Education awards. The teachers were among a group of 66 educators nominated by their colleagues for their outstanding efforts in the classroom this past year. The awards included a check for \$500 provided through sponsorships by the local

business community.

The impact these teachers have made on the lives of their students was very evident through the heart-felt introductions that were made by their school principals, parents and students. You could not help but be impressed with the depth of talent, commitment and passion these teachers have for their students.

And on May 17, the Renton Rotary Club honored the top 10 graduating seniors from Renton, Lindbergh and Hazen high schools



Denis Law
PUBLISHER

at a luncheon held at Maplewood Golf Course. Each student was presented with an engraved clock, while four top honorees received \$3,000 scholarships.

When asked what contributed to their academic success, most of the students pointed to the support they received from parents, family members and teachers.

We had the opportunity to see only a small handful of the successful students who are graduating this month. Many of these graduates will be heading off to colleges throughout the country and will return as our next generation of doctors, engineers, scientists, educators, entrepreneurs and community leaders.

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renton farmers market

Downtown Renton comes alive with the tastes of summer at the Renton Farmers Market. The market welcomes more than 50 vendors and farmers selling locally grown farm products, including organic fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, herbs and more. Live entertainment and chef demonstrations are featured each week.

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Renton Farmers Market

Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

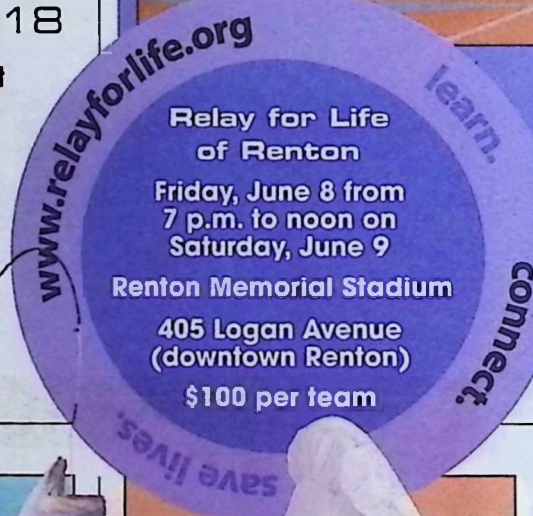
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Piazza Park
South 3rd Street
(downtown Renton)

Admission: Free

American Cancer Society

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Relay for Life
of Renton

Friday, June 8 from
7 p.m. to noon on
Saturday, June 9

Renton Memorial Stadium

405 Logan Avenue
(downtown Renton)

\$100 per team

Join friends and family to celebrate survivors and raise money for the American Cancer Society. Walk, jog, or run in this all-night event.

206-674-4105



june 9 & 10

Evergreen City Ballet: New Northwest Works

Saturday at 7:30 p.m.;
Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Carco Theatre / 425-228-6800
1717 Maple Valley Hwy.

Admission: \$20/adults,
\$15/seniors, \$10/student and
child



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Fish Tales on Father's Day

Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

425-430-6633

Renton Senior Activity Center
211 Burnett Ave.

Admission: \$3 (donation if 60
and up); \$5.75 (charge if
under 60)

june 15

Culinary Arts Graduation Dinner

Friday from 6:30 p.m.
to 9 p.m.

425-235-2352 x5728

Renton Technical College
3000 NE 4th St.

Admission: \$50 per person



june 27

Second annual Need Knows No Season

Wednesday at 6 p.m.

425-255-5974 ext. 6

Spirit of Washington Event
Center, 233 Burnett Ave. S.

Admission: \$125 suggested
donation for non-sponsors

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Something's Afoot

Renton Civic Theater presents this musical comedy of mystery and romance. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

**Friday, June 1, through
Sunday, June 17**

Renton Civic Theater, 507 S. 3rd St.
Admission: \$20/adult and \$15/seniors and students
425-226-5529

www.rentoncivictheater.org



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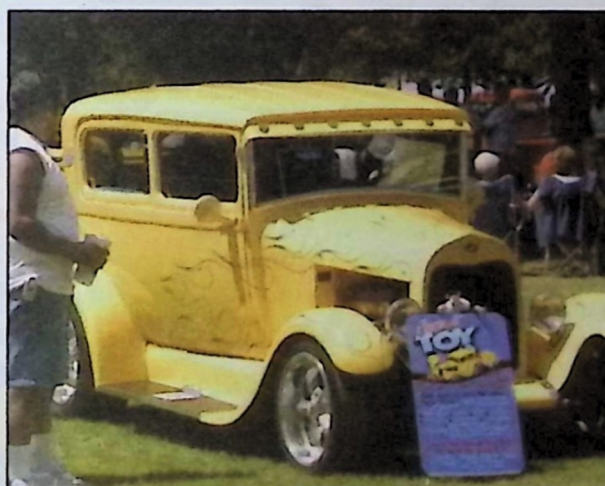
City of Renton's Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration

Red, white, and blue decorations will adorn Gene Coulon Beach Park and fireworks will reflect off Lake Washington for Renton's 2007 Fourth of July Celebration.

Wednesday from noon to 11 p.m.
425-430-6600

Gene Coulon Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Boulevard N.

Admission: Free



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Return to Renton Cruise-In

Cruise back in time and check out classic cars at the 17th Annual Return to Renton Cruise-In Car Show. Show begins at 10 a.m. and awards are presented at 3 p.m. The day includes afternoon entertainment, vehicle displays, food, and a raffle.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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FOURTH OF JULY ENTERTAINMENT



Fourth of July Fireworks Paddle

Wednesday, July 4 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Get the best seat in the house and enjoy a pleasant evening paddle as well! View the magnificent Renton fireworks display and avoid the parking congestion and traffic. Meet at 7 p.m. and paddle to Gene Coulon Beach Park to watch the fireworks then return at 11 p.m. No experience necessary. Guides will provide basic instruction and lead the two-mile, round trip paddle. Bring your own canoe or kayak for free or paddle in a Cascade boat for \$29 plus tax. Ages 8 and older.

Cedar River Boathouse
1060 Nishiwaki Lane

425-430-0111

Admission: Free with personal water vessel

www.canoe-kayak.com

Revo 225's Fabulous Fourth of July and Fireworks Event

Wednesday, July 4 from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The City of Renton announced "Revo 225" as the 2007 Title Sponsor for Renton's celebration of Independence Day including free children's activities and face painting from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., stage entertainment from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., free shuttle service from 9 a.m. to midnight. A professional fireworks display from a barge in Lake Washington starts at 10 p.m.

Gene Coulon Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Blvd N.

425-430-6700 / Admission: Free
www.rentonwa.gov

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Skyhoundz Competition

Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m.

Dogs of all sizes will be flying high at the Alpo Canine Frisbee Championships. This event is open to all veteran and novice dogs that can catch a flying disc. It is not necessary to have competed previously. Dogs must be leashed when not competing. Owners must clean up after their pets. Register on-site.

Cedar River Park /
425-430-6700
1717 Maple Valley
Highway and Houser Way

Admission: Free

www.rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=72

Rainier Chorale

Saturday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.;
Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m.

Rainier Chorale will present its annual Pops concert: "An Emerald City Visit." You'll recognize tunes from the "Wizard of Oz," "The Wiz," and the newest sensation, "Wicked." The Rainier Chorale Band will again be featured.

Carco Theatre
1717 Maple Valley Hwy
206-835-8888

Admission: \$14/general admission;
\$12/seniors and students

www.rainierchorale.org

Coulon Family Concert Series presents: Renton City Concert Band

Wednesday, June 27, at 7 p.m.

The first show in the Coulon Family Concert Series season features the Renton City Concert Band, under the direction of Mike Simpson, performing

music from the Big Band era to Broadway to classics. Concerts, sponsored by Kidd Valley, are Wednesday evenings from June 27 through August 15.

Gene Coulon Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Boulevard N.

425-430-6700

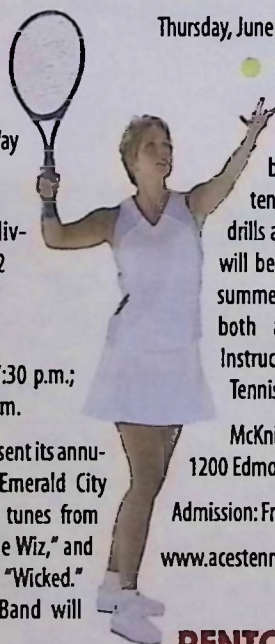
Admission: Free

www.rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=74

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Tennis Fest Kick-Off

Thursday, June 28, from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.



For ages 5 and up. Pros will teach some basic fundamentals of tennis and let you play fun drills and hit for prizes. Advice will be offered on appropriate summer tennis programs for both adults and students. Instruction provided by Aces Tennis.

McKnight Middle School
1200 Edmonds Ave. NE

Admission: Free / 425-235-9495

www.acesennis.net

RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE



International Fair

Thursday, June 21, at 4:30 p.m.

A celebration of cultural diversity on campus and in the community. This is a free event with food, music, performances, exhibits, and outdoor cinema

hosted by Comcast. A detailed schedule is at www.rtc.edu.

Renton Technical College
3000 NE Fourth St. / 425-235-2352

Admission: Free

NONPROFIT EVENTS

Second Annual Need Knows No Season

Wednesday, June 27, at 6 p.m.

The Salvation Army in Renton welcomes the public to attend its second annual benefit dinner to help raise funds for the new Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank, which was launched just two years ago. The focus for the evening will be on visions of "Possibilities" for shaping new and vital human service programs. The evening will feature keynote speaker Peter Horvitz and acknowledge Renton Corps' new captains, Terry and Rutendo Masango. To be a table sponsor, contact Terry at 425-255-5974 ext. 6. Deadline is June 15. Dinner is complimentary.

Spirit of Washington Event Center
233 Burnett Ave. S.

425-255-5974 ext. 6

Admission: \$125 suggested donation for non-sponsors

SENIOR EVENTS

RENTON SENIOR CENTER

211 Burnett Ave. S. / 425-430-6633

www.rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=40

Blackjack Tuesdays

Tuesday, June 5, at 10 a.m.

Blackjack Tuesdays is being introduced as part of the lunch program on the first Tuesday of each month, an hour prior to serving lunch. Upon purchasing lunch tickets, participants receive \$50 (play money) to play Blackjack with. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

Admission: \$3 (donation if 60 and up); \$5.75 (charge if under 60)

Picnic in June

Friday, June 15, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Evan and Charlie Brown will provide music for this evening picnic, featuring pasta salad and popsicles. Supper will be served from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning May 21 and must be purchased by June 13.

Admission: \$6

WINE AND BEER TASTING

Wine Tasting at The Met Coffee and Wine Bar

Join The Met Coffee and Wine Bar every Thursday evening in June for a variable selection of wines from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

June 7 - Cuillin Hills Winery
June 14 - Wineglass Cellars
June 21 - Smales Cellars
June 28 - Whitman Cellars

The Met Coffee and Wine Bar
232-C Burnett Ave. S.

425-687-7989

Admission: \$5

www.themetwinebar.com

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June 13 - Alexandria Nicole Winery
June 20 - Hogue Cellars

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www.redhousebeerandwine.com

Grads helping RHS students prepare for the future

Elsewhere in this issue of Renton Magazine, I write about Excellence in Education at Renton High School. It's an effort by some of the school's alumni to aid today's students get a better education.

As former Renton mayor Don Custer, a member of EIE, says, it isn't easy raising money these days for a worthy cause because there are so many worthy causes out there competing for donations.

In a sense, it's sad that there is a need for Excellence in Education to raise money to pay for books, science equipment, music equipment and other things that aren't being taken care of through normal funding channels.

It's recognition that the state has short-

changed schools in recent years, failing to provide a funding level that enables not only the basics of education but the "extra" enriching things that every high school should have.

"When I was at Renton High, our marching band had great uniforms. It was sad for me to see the band come out on the field in T-shirts," Custer recalls.

Renton High School has changed a lot since I graduated in 1961. It's probably changed even more since Custer graduated in 1953, and cer-



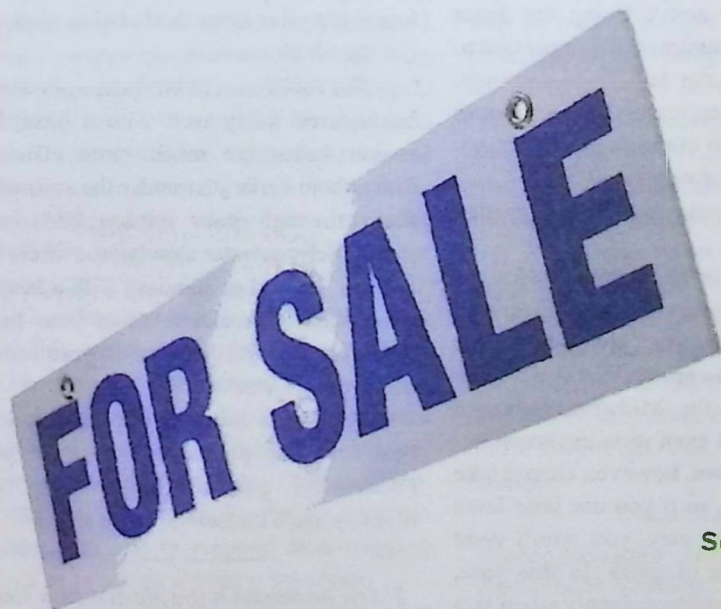
David Suffia
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

tainly it's morphed dramatically since his grandmother graduated in 1904.

Yet the school has always provided a solid educational base for its students, including many who have gone on to serve in public office, play professional sports, and even become millionaire financiers.

Only four years from its 100th anniversary, Renton High School continues to provide quality education for its students, with a little help from the members of EIE.

In an imperfect world, with uncertain political funding priorities, it's heartening that there are good people willing to give time and money to help young people prepare for a better future.



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The conscientious waterer

BY ELAINE ANDERSON

*T*he time of year is nearly upon us when the sun shines day after day, the breeze is warm, and it seems as if it will never rain again. With summer comes the need for supplemental watering for our lawns and gardens. A bit of planning allows us to minimize the amount of water needed to keep our landscapes healthy and thriving.

Although we aren't facing the threat of a drought this summer, it's important to remember that water is a finite resource. The use of proper gardening techniques prevents the waste of thousands and thousands of gallons of water each year.

What are some waterwise garden practices?

First, let's talk about lawns. Here in the Puget Sound area, the most waterwise practice is to allow your lawn to become dormant. It will be brown, but it won't be dead. Unlike in the Midwest, a brown lawn here doesn't even raise eyebrows.

A dormant lawn, however, cannot take much foot traffic, so if you use your lawn for entertaining or play, you won't want dry, brittle blades of grass. In this case, water wisely by watering deeply when you do. During the hottest part of the summer, your grass will need up to three inches of water each week. Provide at least one inch each time you water.

An established landscape will be able to go for several weeks without supplemental watering. Some areas might be fine for much longer. There are exceptions, of

course. Know your plants, and you'll know which need more frequent watering. Water those, not your entire garden.

There is a right way and a wrong way to water. Overhead watering is extremely wasteful. Those graceful sprinklers that arc and sparkle in the sun? Think of the amount of water being lost to evaporation! You want to water roots, not leaves and flowers. This applies to both lawns and landscape plants.

Adjust the lawn sprinkler's spray so that it's closer to the ground. Yes, you'll need to move it more often, but you'll know it's your lawn that's being watered, not the air above it.

The root zones of landscape plants can be watered fairly well with a hose, but soaker hoses are much more efficient. Place them on or just under the soil, wind them through your garden beds, and they'll deliver water slowly, just where it's needed. Instead of standing with a hose in your hand, you can relax in your hammock, sipping iced tea while your soaker hoses do the work.

Do what's best for the environment, best for your plants, and best for you. (Waterwise gardening will save you money). Be a conscientious waterer.

Elaine Anderson is the Washington State University Extension coordinator for the King County Master Gardener Program. The program, funded by King County and WSU, provides free, environmentally friendly gardening advice to home gardeners. For answers to your questions about water-wise gardening and other gardening topics, call the Master Gardener Phone Clinic at 206-296-3440.

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The empty nest is here



KIRBY UNTI

Time is the strangest of all experiences. How is it possible that the last of our four daughters will graduate from high school and head out to college next year, leaving us with an empty nest? Why, I swear it was just yesterday that I was taking her picture on the first day of kindergarten.

One of life's lessons that has come slowly for me is that life unfolds in stages. I can remember only too well those earliest years when we were up all night long with crying babies and ear infections. I beat a pattern into the carpet of our living room, knowing that the moment I stopped walking the little monster in my arms would start screaming. Then there was the ever-so-careful transfer from arms to the crib praying the whole time that she wouldn't wake up the moment I laid her down.

I remember thinking back then that my life was forever doomed. I would never get a full night's sleep again and forget trying to do anything if the kids were awake. It was a real bonus during our summer vacation to Lake Chelan if you could get 15 minutes on the air mattress without having to respond to a nagging child or break up a sibling squabble.

I wish I would have known then what

I know now. Life comes in stages and just about the time you have mastered one stage, a new one confronts you. If I knew then what I know now, I think I could have been a much more patient father. The truth is this is one of those life lessons that you can't be taught. You have to learn it on your own.

Likewise I had to learn that each life stage readies you for the next. Take driving, for example. I couldn't imagine feeling OK about letting my 16-year-old daughter get behind the wheel of a car and drive off. The mere thought of her driving was enough to initiate a full-blown panic attack.

What I didn't know is that as parents we would spend most of our waking hours driving the children to and from their activities. One year we had three of them in soccer and another in art classes. Little did know I would be more than willing for her to risk bodily harm if it meant I didn't have to drive her. How wonderful those first few weeks after getting their license were when they wanted to run errands and drive their sisters around.

Now I have to wonder, am I ready for this next stage in life – the empty nest? The house is going to be mighty quiet. It will be only Kim and me at the dinner table. No more waking up at 2 a.m., wondering if they are all home and in bed. Let's face it. There are a lot of unknowns ahead. I am both looking forward to this next chapter in life and a bit concerned, knowing our family's life will never be the way it has been when all six of us were under the same roof.

One thing is for certain about life's stages: You don't get to vote on them. They just happen. So I am trying to learn how to live each stage to its fullest. "Kids don't forget to call home, and send money."

Renton Magazine columnist Kirby Unti is pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the Renton Highlands.

CORRECTION

In the Black River Riparian Forest story published in the May issue of Renton Magazine, it was mistakenly stated that Herons Forever has argued for elimination of development around the forest. Herons Forever states it has never argued for

elimination of development but rather conditioning and regulation of development. Some conditioning includes making sure that no major outdoor construction takes place during the nesting season, and that wetlands and streams are preserved.

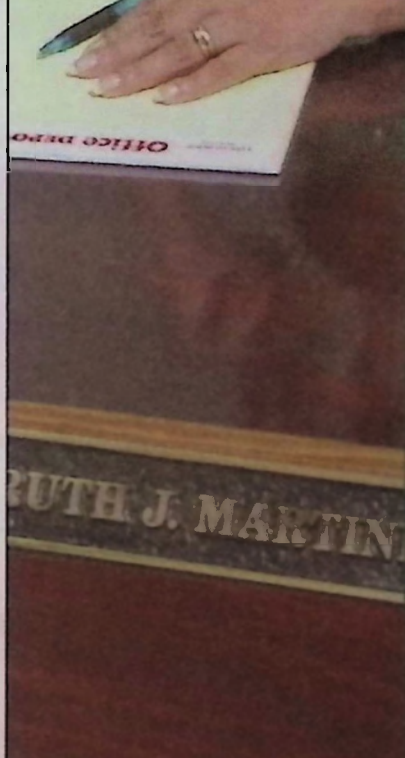
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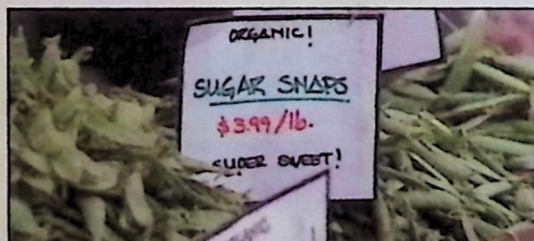


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Renton Farmers Market

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By ANDREW FICKES / Photos By DENIS LAW

The Renton Farmers Market at the downtown Piazza opens its sixth season with festivities Tuesday, June 5.

The market, which is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 5 through Sept. 18, features more than 50 local and regional vendors selling freshly picked produce.

The market will also feature a master gardeners' presentation, cooking demonstrations by local restaurants, and live music and dance.

The cooking demonstration on June 5 will feature the Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program. Live entertainment will be provided by Katrili, a Finnish folk music group.

The market began in 2001, organized by Renton city councilmember Toni Nelson with the strong backing of the Piazza committee. The market grew quickly and draws hundreds of people downtown each year.

"People love shopping at the market, knowing they can get fresh produce handpicked that day," says Linda Middlebrooks, a co-manager with the farmer's

market committee. "People like to come here for the camaraderie and seeing the people."

The market is located at South 3rd Street and Burnett Avenue. More information is available at www.rentonfarmersmarket.com. Middlebrooks says the committee plans to update the website weekly with photos and program information.

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RENTON HIGH SCHOOL EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

RENTON HIGH GRADS

Linking the past to the future

BY DAVID SUFFIA

*M*ost of us recall our high school fondly. That bond is especially strong for a group of alumni who formed and are members of Renton High School Excellence in Education.

The group, formed in 2001, has raised about \$80,000 to provide equipment and supplies each year that RHS students might not have otherwise, including such things as books, marching band uniforms, choir robes, chemistry equipment, and

music supplies.

"We started in recognition that school funding from the state had dipped and schools weren't able to continue funding many electives," says Don Custer, a former Renton mayor and one of the earliest members of EIE.

"We consider requests from Renton High School teachers for things that aren't in the regular budget," he adds.

Custer, who was mayor from 1964 to 1969, is typical of many of the members, who say they started EIE out of pride for their high school and a desire to help future alumni get the best education they can today.



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Members of Renton High School Excellence in Education provided free hamburgers and hot dogs for students and parents during last year's homecoming football game.

"The kids really appreciate it. It's interesting to meet and talk to some of the younger set who are at Renton now and hear what they think. They are well-behaved, polite and thankful for what we do.

"I have good memories from high school. I was active in music and drama, and my family has a long tradition at

Renton," says Custer, who graduated in 1953. "My grandmother graduated from Renton in 1904. My dad graduated in 1930; my mother in 1931; one uncle in 1926; another uncle in 1937. All of my wife's family went to Renton High School."

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Custer says he and others were disheartened to see the school's marching band come on the football field wearing T-shirts instead of uniforms. The EIE fund provided money for new uniforms.

EIE raises money primarily through a fund-raiser golf tournament at Renton's Maplewood Golf Course in September. It also receives some money from individual and corporate donations. Comcast, for instance, donated \$5,000.

EIE's board of directors then receives grant requests from RHS teachers and staff for equipment they need but lack. Many of the grants go to advanced placement classes that are preparing students for college.

"We're really lucky to have them," says Kathryn Hutchinson, RHS principal. "What aren't they doing? They support so many things. They really honor the traditions of Renton High School."

Hutchinson said EIE members noticed the school lacked a trophy case to display the many awards the school has received over the years. They funded a new case to hold trophies ranging from debate victories to basketball championships.

"They restored and framed pictures of the school's homecoming queens. They

bought band uniforms. They paid for an industrial washer and dryer for the athletic department," she says.

"The group gives mini-grants to classes that need extras, such as magazine subscriptions. The students and the staff really appreciate all they do for us."

EIE also paid for 32-gallon garbage cans to contain disaster preparedness kits for each classroom.

Tom Tasa, executive director of the Renton Housing Authority and a 1965 Renton grad, says that one of the first things EIE did was start an annual barbeque to honor graduating students.

"We noticed that there was no organized senior party and we started doing the barbeque to correct that. That's what got me involved with Excellence in Education," he says.

Tasa also is active in the school's Key Club, a Kiwanis-sponsored program that gets kids involved in community charity work, such as feeding needy senior citizens.

"I've gotta tell you, I have a soft spot in my heart for those kids at Renton High. They are good kids."

Tasa said one of EIE's goals is to create a million-dollar endowment fund that would provide \$50,000 in advanced edu-

cation scholarships for graduating seniors at Renton.

"These kids need scholarships to move onward in life," he says.

While most of its money is raised at the annual golf tournament, the group also has an annual donation drive, takes part in the annual Renton River Days parade and has a booth at the River Days event, and will have a booth at the Renton Business Expo in October, according to Roxanne Hanson, EIE's new board chair.

"We're trying to help the most possible students we can at Renton High School with our funding," Hanson says. "We look for the biggest unmet needs and try to meet them."

"We're going to pay special attention to the graduating class of 2011. That year is the hundredth anniversary of Renton High School, so we've adopted that class and plan to give each graduating senior a \$100 scholarship for further education."

Anyone can join Excellence in Education at Renton High School, whether you are a RHS graduate or not. The yearly dues are \$10. You can obtain more information from Hanson at rhanson@renton-highschool.org, or from Terri Briere, past-chair or EIE, at tbriere@rentonhighschool.org.

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Osprey

Kennydale Osprey family has become

By DAVID SUFFIA / Photos by DENIS LAW

Every day people from around the country and the world flock to an Internet web site with a live video feed to watch a pair of wild Osprey nesting above the shore of Lake Washington near Kennydale.

Lots of them use the web site to communicate their wonder and excitement as the pair of raptors repair their nest annually, lay eggs, tend their young and then fly off later in the year to winter in Mexico.

There have been more than 83,000 visits to the web site since Robert Cugini set it up in May of 2002. "We're getting about 200 hits a day now, from all

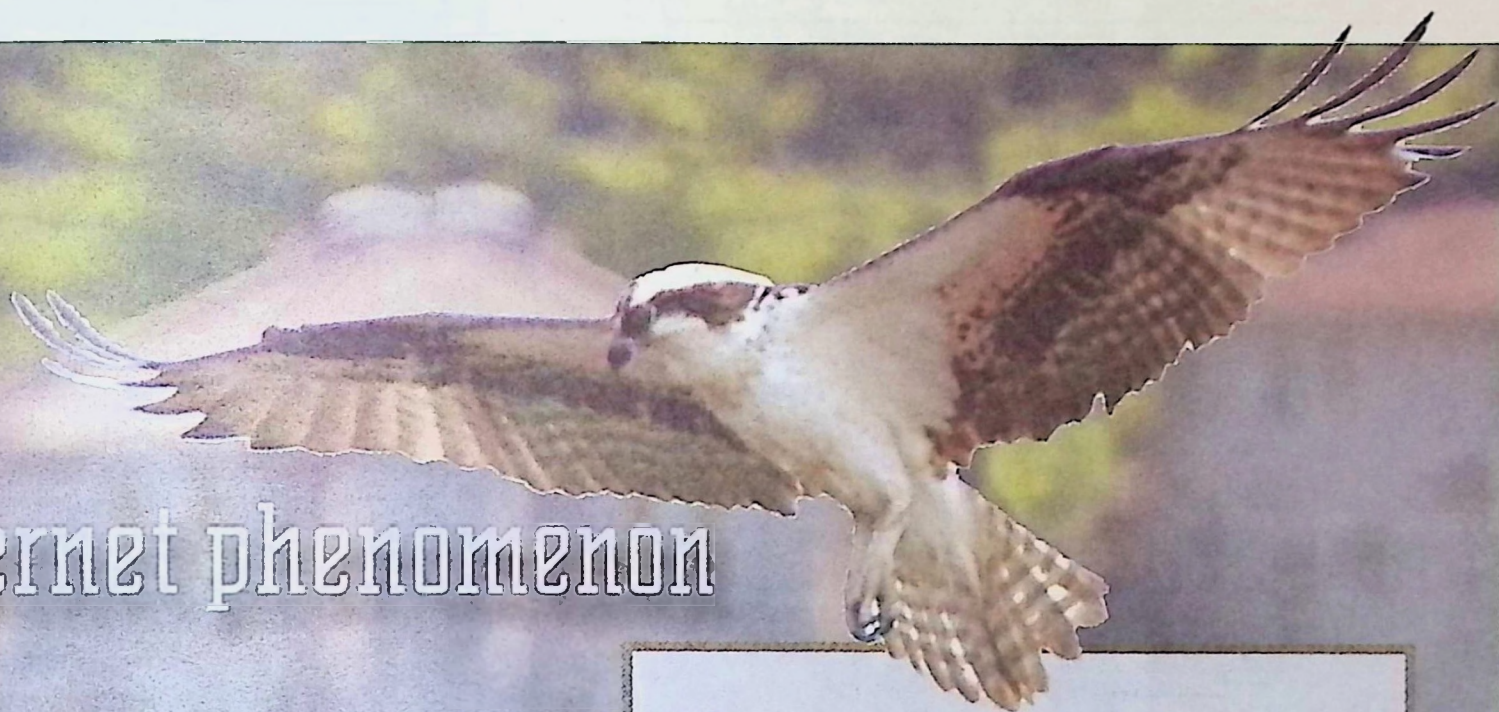
over the world," he said.

Cugini was vice president and a third-generation owner of the Barbee Mill, the last operating sawmill on Lake Washington before it was shut down and sold last year to make way for new town homes.

The Ospreys had been nesting atop a piece of sawmill equipment that was to be torn down. The birds and their descendants had been returning to the nest at the mill annually for at least a decade.

So, Cugini built a platform atop a 25-foot pole not far from the original nest site, in hopes the birds would accept it. They did and this is their second year using the new nesting site. Cugini also installed a video camera 10 feet away to record the bird's daily lives, and set up streaming video to a web site.

le an Internet phenomenon



In left photo, an Osprey parent delivered lunch to its three chicks last summer in a new nest that was built near the former Barbee Mill site. In the photos above, one parent sits on three eggs this week while the other soars above Lake Washington in search of a meal. It's expected that the eggs will hatch in the next few days.

Ospreys are raptors, living almost exclusively on live fish they capture by diving on them from above and pulling them out of the water with their talons.

Graceful birds, they weigh only 3 to 5 pounds but have a wingspan of 5 or 6 feet.

Their numbers declined dramatically from the 1950s to 1970s as they absorbed DDT from their food, causing their eggs' shells to thin so badly that chicks failed to hatch.

The subsequent ban on DDT helped the Osprey to recover and the once-endangered species has become fairly common again in much of the country.

"I'm still checking in every day," Kat of Indiana wrote on the web site recently. "Can't wait for the nestlings to appear."

"This is a great opportunity to see something I would never otherwise see," said Gretchen, who didn't record her location.

Bella, from Ontario, Canada, said "Hi. I am a newby; just started watching these magnificent birds."

"Their eggs are round, light colored with speckles, so they are pretty well camouflaged," observed Deb from Houston.

Cugini said that providing a new nesting site for the endangered birds

was a requirement of the sale and replacement of the sawmill. Setting up the web site wasn't. However, he said, it was fairly easy to do because he owns Applications Arts, Inc., a tech-savvy company that specializes in production services.

"I liked watching them and found them really interesting," he said of the birds. "We were surprised when they began nesting at the sawmill when it was operating, that the activity didn't bother them. People were interested in the birds when we announced we were moving the nest."

Having the Ospreys in the Kenndale area might be a good omen

for other residents who just moved to the area, he said. A popular nickname for the Osprey is Seahawk.

Cugini said the Ospreys winter in Mexico or Central America and return to Kenndale each April to spruce up the nest. They lay two or three eggs near the end of April, which hatch about 40 days later. The chicks begin to fledge six to eight weeks after that. By September, the parents abandon the nest and then the birds fly south for the winter.

"The juvenile birds stay south their first year, then return to this area to find a new nesting and feeding territory for themselves."

While Cugini's Osprey nest has

become popular through his web site, it's not the only one in the area. Ospreys also have built a nest on a cell tower near I-405, just blocks east of The Landing project at the south end of the lake, and a new nest recently appeared on a Mercer Island school playfield.

"I'm surprised at how popular the web site is," Cugini said. "When the birds hatch and the parents begin feeding, the hits go up," he added.

Which should be around the time you're reading this article. If you'd like to check out the web site, it's Ospreynest.org.

The HopeChest provides the comforts of home for those in need

BY ANDREW FICKES

A chair to sit in. A table to eat from. A mattress to sleep on. Affording these basic furnishings can be a struggle for a young family or elderly couple on a fixed income.

Enter Lisa Young and Lisa Arnold, two young mothers who are the driving force behind The HopeChest. The nonprofit organization provides household furniture, home appliances, and electronics to young families, single mothers, elderly or disabled people in need.

Taiyah, a young mother of three, says she received all her furniture and home appliances through The HopeChest.

"They provide not just furniture but also comfort," she said.

"I know where these people are coming from," said Young, executive director. "Not having child support, having to raise kids and work, and pay bills, and buying extra stuff, it's just unheard of."

"And that's where we come in, because we relate with them in how hard they struggle," she continued. "We don't think anybody—children most importantly—should be sleeping on a floor."

The HopeChest provides furniture to people through agencies, including Communities in Schools of Renton, Vision House, The Compass Center, Habitat for Humanities, YWCA, Aging and Disabilities, The Salvation Army, Mercy Housing, and Providence Elder Place.

Organizations that have donated include La-Z-Boy Furniture, Leathers Home Furnishings and Accessories, Bar Stools and Dinettes, and the Hilton Garden Inn in Renton. Countless individuals have also donated.



RENTON MAGAZINE / Andrew Fickes

Lisa Arnold (left) and Lisa Young lounge on "like-new" furniture at their warehouse on East Valley Road in Renton. Arnold works seven days a week delivering furniture to needy families.

We don't think anybody—children most importantly—should be sleeping on a floor. ~ Lisa Young

Young several years ago was financially strapped with nowhere to turn to after her husband left and took all the money. Eventually, Young received donated furniture to help her out. She instantly thought others could receive the same help and launched The HopeChest with her friend Lisa Arnold, a former Renton School District employee.

For four years the two loaded donated furniture into a personal mini-van and used a small garage for storage. They solicited donated furniture through the Internet on "Craigslist," receiving an enormous response.

Last year the pair decided to join the Renton Chamber of Commerce to gain both exposure and more financial support. They took advantage of the chamber's Small Business Mentorship program, developing a business plan and creating a brochure.

"The chamber has introduced us to amazing people and helped us out a lot," says Young.

The HopeChest incorporated last June and is a non-religious outreach program at Seattle Revival Center in Newcastle.

The organization stores its furniture in a 2,000-square-foot warehouse space in Renton. High on the wish list is a larger space, possibly 5,000 square feet.

"Our warehouse is small," says Young. "If we had something larger, we could help twice as many people."

In the process of incorporating, Young and Arnold also

established an advisory board. Members are Young, Arnold, and Kimberly Smith, Larry Cutting and Ryan Runge of American Classic Homes.

Runge, the board's newest member, has felt a personal impact from the group. A lady he rents to had no furniture, so he asked The HopeChest to help out.

"They went so much above and beyond and furnished her two bedroom condo," he says. "To see her happy and tears coming down, that was it for me to see the direct effect that it has on people."

Runge says the board is planning a fundraising event for the organization for later this year or early 2008.

Young and Arnold, always on the lookout for financial assistance, recently received grants from Kent Rotary and the Renton Community Foundation.

Young and Arnold say donating furniture is done with a simple phone call. Call them at 425-204-8885 and they'll pick up your stuff. Items must be in "like new" condition. The organization is also accepting canned goods with a donation, which they give to The Salvation Army Food Bank in Renton.

"Restoring hope in the community is the best part of The HopeChest," says Young.

Lisa Young and Lisa Arnold welcome you to visit their website at www.thehopechest.org for more information.

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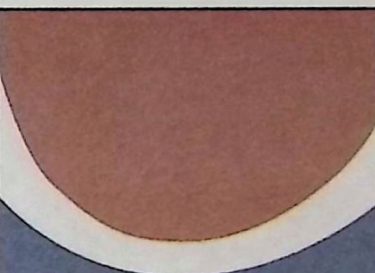
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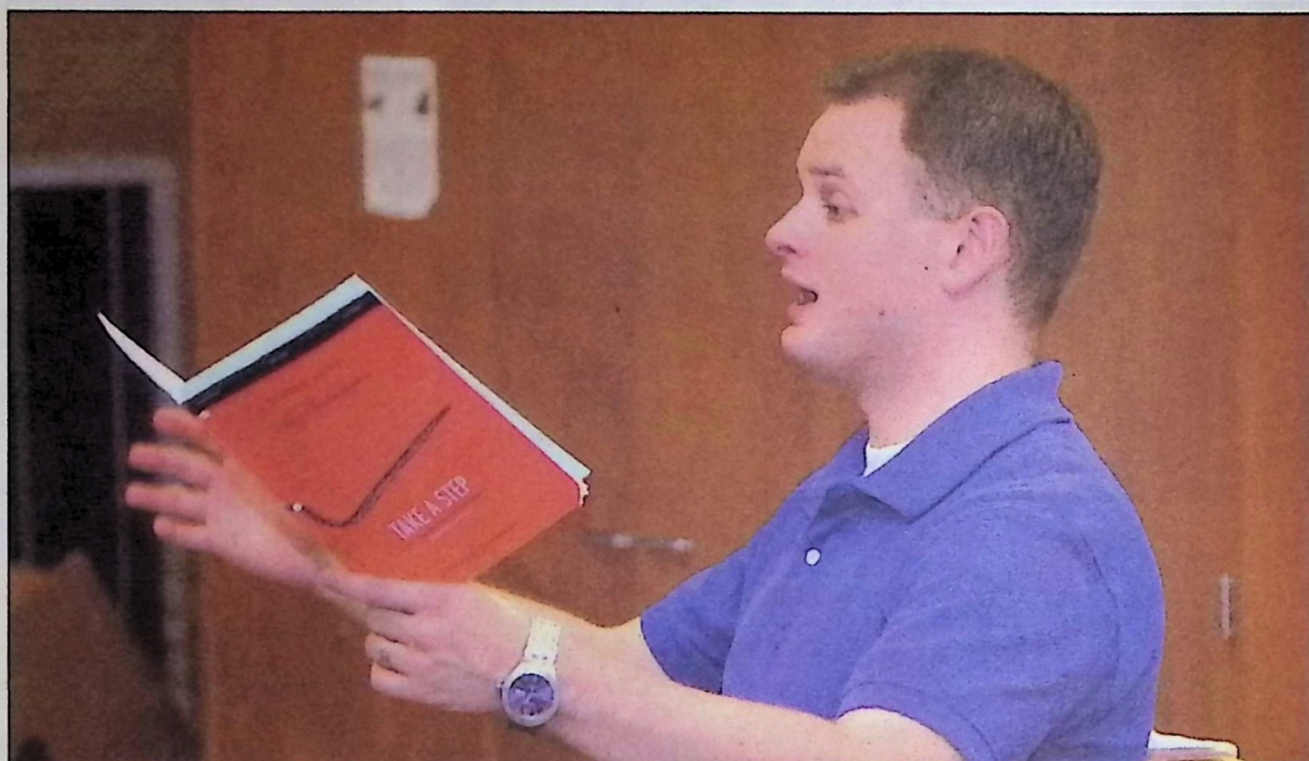
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Josh Viles, Hazen High School Choral Director, in three years of teaching has turned Hazen's choral program around. There are 120 women and men in the choral program with 75 in the concert choir.

Hazen students flock to sing

BY ANDREW FICKES

When Josh Viles landed the choral director position at Hazen High School in the fall of 2004, he was handed a challenge: Get more bodies in the choral program, especially more guys.

Starting next fall, young men in the concert choir will number 35, more than tripling the 10 who turned out in the fall of 2004. Women and men combined number more than 120 in the choral program with 75 in the concert choir.

"I tell them if they want the choir to continue like this we need the bodies in here, so go get them," he says. "And they do it. That's what helped the most is that the kids have an incredible amount of buy into this. They love to do this. And they are very, very dedicated to making it as good as they can."

Hazen High School is known for its women's choir, Divina Voce, meaning "divine voices" in Italian. Under Viles' direction, the group has been consistently ranked in the top 20 high school women's groups in Washington state.

In late April, Divina Voce earned a

superior ranking at state competition held at Central Washington University. Hazen High's new men's choir also earned a superior. Both groups were ranked this year in the top 10 in the state.

"The impetus for starting the men's choir is, we actually had boys to work with," Viles says. "You get a good men's choir going and the recruiting issue goes away."

The men's choir members are so dedicated that they meet Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m.

"We don't even get a credit for class," says senior Robert Burch. "It's just fun to do."

"It's his will that keeps us going," says Burch of Viles. "He travels all the way from Federal Way at 4:30 a.m. every morning."

At age 27, Viles is only three years out of the choral program at Western Washington University. Viles said WWU's choral director Leslie Guelker-Cone has one of the best choir programs in the country.

"I didn't know that this success we're having would happen when I started here, but I sure hoped that it would happen," says Viles. "I came from a good program at Decatur (in Federal Way) and at Western. So, there was a lot of pressure to

go out and do the same things."

Viles directs the men's and women's choir, as well as a concert choir and a non-auditioned women's treble choir. He also teaches guitar and piano lessons.

"He selects really good music," says junior Emily Strom, a second soprano in Divina Voce. "He teaches us to sing more than just the notes on the page."

Hazen High School Principal Sue Beeson praises Viles' efforts.

"I think he is a fabulous music teacher," she says. "His enthusiasm for what he does carries over to his students and so as a result of that has drawn an enormous amount of students to the choral program. What he has been able to accomplish with the students is wonderful."

Viles says he hopes to keep the program at its current enrollment level.

"Each year I'd like to keep getting better and better and keep the quality high," he says. "I want to keep that momentum going with the guys and really get that solid. Because if we've got that, we've got it made."

Viles says he also plans to tour the groups out of state.

"I just love watching the students being totally involved in the work and nailing it," he says. "There's nothing like watching that - at all."

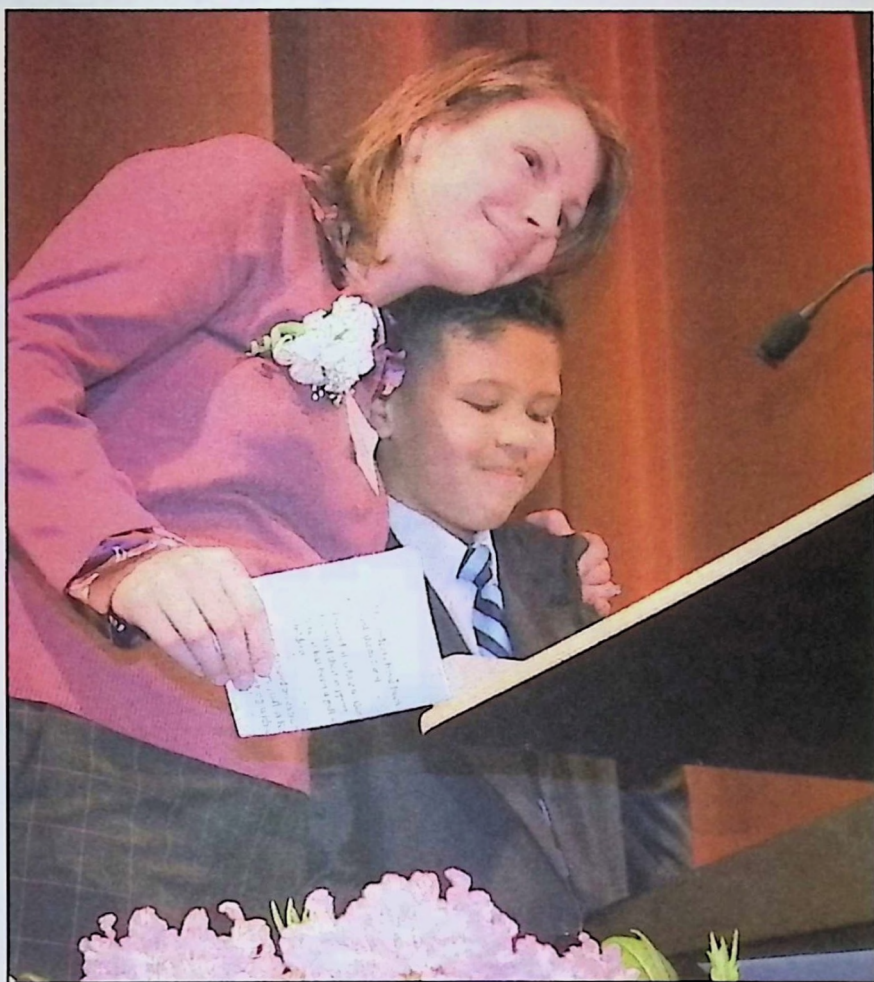


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Kelly Feldman, Kennydale Elementary School teacher, hugs her student, Collin Cooley, 8, after he gave an eloquent presentation praising her teaching skills and his experience in her classroom.

15 Renton teachers honored for their excellence in education

The 2007 Ahead of the Class Excellence in Education Awards held May 8 at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center honored six individual Renton teachers and one team of teachers.

Individual teachers honored comprised Celeste Brady, ELL teacher, Hazen High School; Kerri Dowd, family and consumer science, Hazen High School; Minerva Erickson, title 1, Campbell Hill Elementary School; Kelly Feldman, 1st and 2nd grade, Kennydale Elementary School; Paul Scott, technology education, Satori Education Center; and Kathy Wilson, 3rd grade, Sierra Heights Elementary School.

The creative arts team at Nelsen Middle School was also honored. The

team comprised Sheri Stephens, unified arts; Joey Roberts, band; Rebecca Ritchie, computer education; Esther Rich, family and consumer science education; Judy Oakes, librarian; Ginger Montague, drama; Brian Hoskins, choir; Lauren Daugherty, orchestra; and Tim McElroy, technology education.

Each individual or team of teachers received a \$500 cash award and special honors. More than 70 teachers throughout the Renton School District were nominated this year. The program is a partnership between the Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton public and private schools, and Renton businesses. The program provides individuals, businesses and organizations an opportunity to invest in local students' education.

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Mimi is involved in many professional organizations such as the Washington State Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. She was recently the conference chef for the Women's Chefs and Restaurateurs National Conference and has been a part of the Farm Aid Concert Events, the Farmer Chef Connection Northwest, Chefs' Collaborative FORKS Chapter and various sustainable and naturally-grown organization.

Spring Vegetable Tartlettes

Serves 6

you will need

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| 2 whole Carrots | 2 whole Summer squash |
| 2 whole Parsnips | 2 whole Spring onions |
| 2 whole Beets, preferably Candy Cane | 2 per serving Savory Tart Shells |
| 2 whole Mushrooms | 1 per tart Caramelized Onion in Balsamic |
| | 1 per tart Sugared Sage Leaves for Garnish |

directions

The Vegetables

Dice all vegetables into a small dice. Mix all the diced vegetables together in oil until well coated. Mix together 1 tsp each of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, cardamom, sugar, salt, and pepper. Mix with the vegetable mixture.

Roast the vegetable mixture in a 375°F oven for 25 minutes or until soft. You may puree the vegetables after roasting for a smoother texture.

Each serving will be approximately 1.5 ounces.

Julienne a sweet yellow onion. Slow cook with balsamic vinegar until soft and pliable. These will softly garnish the tart on one side like a rosette of whipped cream.

The Tart Shell

You can get pre-made mini tart shells from your grocer's freezer.

The Garnish

Fry the sage leaves in vegetable oil until they float. As they cool, dust the leaves with powdered sugar.

Use as a garnish on the tart.

Assemble the tarts by adding the vegetable mixture to each tart shell. Add the rosette of yellow onion and the sugared sage leaf. Serve.

Lemon Mousse

Serves 4

you will need

- 3 large eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- grated zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 6 tbsp unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup whipped cream

directions

Whisk eggs, sugar, and lemon zest together until light in color.

Add the lemon juice and unsalted butter.

Cook by whisking over medium heat to achieve a pudding-like finish on the mixture. When thick, pour through a sieve.

Add vanilla. Cool mixture.

Whip 1 cup of whipped cream – whipped with a whisk until it peaks – no additional sugar necessary.

Fold the cream into the curd a third at a time.

Cool mixture.

Pipe or spoon into chilled glasses or parfait cups and serve.



RENTON MAGAZINE / Denis Law

Choosing food that's safe for your pet

The pet food recall:
Yes, it's confusing

BY CHARLIE POWELL

By now, virtually every pet owner has heard about the largest pet food recall in history that began March 16. But without getting into heady discussions about manufacturing, toxicology, or international relations surrounding foreign ingredients, what is a consumer who cares supposed to do?

Here are some recommendations from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association and the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Don't feed pet foods listed in the recall. While this seems simple to most, some people will feed food they have on hand to save money and hope nothing happens.

If you are feeding recalled pet foods to any animal, stop doing so.

If your animal is ill for any reason, regardless of whether or not there is a pet food recall underway, have it examined by your family's veterinarian.

If you are concerned about your pet's nutrition and what foods to feed, discuss this with your veterinarian, too.

Making homemade pet rations that are complete and balanced for all nutrients is a difficult task. If you want to try formu-

lating your pet's diet, veterinarians recommend the following two resources: www.Petdiets.com and www.BalancedIt.com. Consider too, that a third of all pets in the U.S. are estimated to be obese. Limiting caloric intake while maintaining a balanced diet is difficult for the novice.

Many people look to wild canines and assume if what they eat sustains them; it must be good for their pet. Not so. Wild canines eat many things including, hair, skin, bone, organs, connective tissue, intestines, and their contents, which are all necessary to provide nutrients. They also eat insects and plant matter, human refuse, and in some cases reptiles, fish, and amphibians.

Consumers are best served by looking for pet foods not currently on the recall list. Any ration should be labeled "complete and balanced" for the species. The packaging should also indicate the ration has undergone a feeding trial, not just calculated as complete and balanced. A quality pet food will also feature a working phone number where one can call and speak with a pet nutritionist directly.

For the most up-to-date information, the American Veterinary Medical Association is monitoring the situation closely at www.avma.org/aa/pet-foodrecall/default.asp

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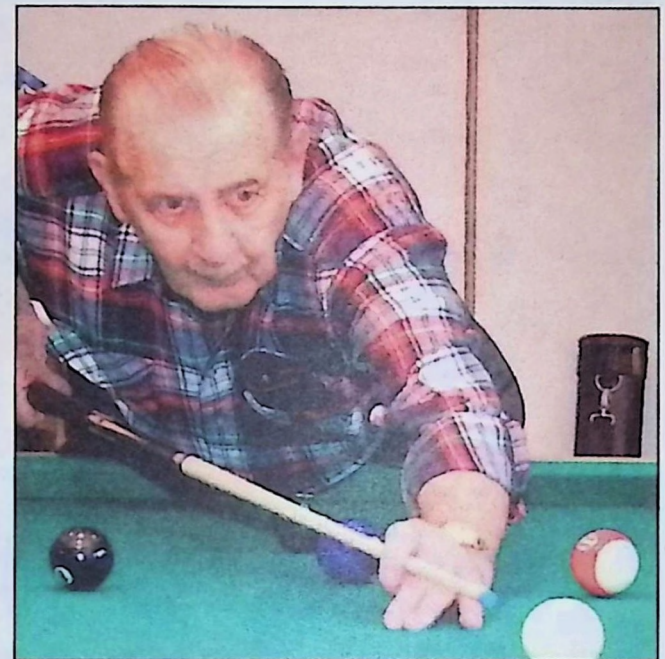
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Charles Robinson lines up a shot while his fellow pool players look on. He plays pool while his wife enjoys other activities at the Renton Senior Activity Center.



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John Giuliani, a lifelong Renton Resident, sets up his next shot. He enjoys the challenge of the game.



Players relish renovated pool hall at senior center

BY ANDREW FICKES

The Renton Senior Activity Center has long been home to some first-class pool players, and now the pool tables themselves measure up to the talent. The city recently renovated the center's pool hall, to the delight of players who consider it a home away from home.

"Everyone here is super thankful they did what they did," says Hal Barker, a state senior pool champion. "I'm sure you could travel anywhere else in the state and not find a better set-up than this one."

Barker, a 60-year veteran of the game, tried his luck for the first time at the Senior Olympics in Olympia in 2005. That year, he took home the gold medal. He returned the following year and won silver.

He and a few other men joined Shawn Daly, senior services coordinator, to scout out the best pool tables for the renovated hall. What they found were three prizewinning Brunswick models, each marked at about \$3,000.

"We wanted something that would last for a long time and we know these will," says Barker.

Daly said the tables should last for a good 30 years. Other improve-

ments were new light fixtures above each table, a new leather couch, "spectator" chairs, luxury stools, and a new "latte" colored paint job on the walls.

The pool hall was closed for renovations for two weeks. All were glad to have it back open.

"They were just elated," says Daly. "We received huge applause from them. They're all happy that we've paid attention to their needs. It's not our pool hall; it's their pool hall."

Daly said approximately 75 men and women play pool at the center. Some come like clockwork every day for hours on end.

"I come down three days a week," says Don Sherard, who's been playing for 12 to 13 years. "I love the friendships. We all get along well with each other."

"These pool tables are going to be better all around," he says. "Everybody has the same chance with these tables."

Daly said interest in pool has steadily

grown at the center over the years. He says there is always activity in the hall at any time of the day. Often at 5 p.m. when the center closes, Daly says he'll have to force the diehards out.

"Having it as a non-pay activity is a big incentive for those with a fixed income," he says.

Daly claims the center has one of the best groups of players in any senior center in the state and one of the largest.

"We got the best pool players in the state," says Barker. "We compete against senior centers in Kent and Auburn and win all the time."

For John Giuliani, a lifelong Renton resident, pool is a fairly new adventure. He started 15 years ago after closing his business in Renton. He said he's definitely improved his game since then and has taken lessons from the "pros" at the center.

"I love the challenge of learning the game," he says. "There's so much to learn. Everyday I pick up something new."

healthy advice

by dr. bob thompson

*A*s I gaze out my window on a beautiful spring day in the Great Northwest, I long for the lazy summer days of my youth. I spent many a day hanging out with friends at the local swim club, or at one of the many beaches on Lake Washington or Puget Sound. Back then we paid little attention to how many hours we baked in the sun. Those were care-free days, before sugar-free, hands-free or weapons-free entered into our vocabulary. Now I realize we were actually putting ourselves at significant risk by going protection-free when it came to the sun.

May was National Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and with summer just around the corner, it is a good time to review what we should all know about this potentially fatal disease. You may be surprised to learn that skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the US and the #1 cancer in men over age 50 ahead of prostate, lung and colon.

There are two categories of skin can-

cer, melanoma and non-melanoma. The two common cancers in the latter category are squamous cell and basal cell cancers. While both can be serious, they are rarely life threatening. They are typically a rough or scaly patch on the skin which might bleed, crust, or peel and never completely heal.

Melanoma on the other hand is a more serious and life threatening skin cancer. However, if it is recognized and treated early, it is nearly 100 % curable. That is why it is important to get to know your skin very well and to recognize any changes in the moles on your body.

Look for the ABCDs of melanoma, and if you see one or more, make an appointment with a physician immediately.



Dr. Bob Thompson

Asymmetry: half of a mole does not match the other

Border: that is irregular, ragged, notched or blurred

Color: that is not the same all over but may have differing shades of brown or black, sometimes with patches of red, white or blue

Diameter: greater than the size of a pencil eraser

Risk factors for melanoma include light skin color, family history, number and size of moles on the body and history of sun exposure, particularly blistering sun burns in early childhood.

I am often asked about indoor tanning, a popular trend among adolescent girls. There is a well established correlation between the occasional use of tanning beds and an increased risk of all forms of skin cancer. Sunless tanning lotions and sprays on the other hand do not increase the risk for skin cancer.

Finally, here are my tips for preven-

tion of skin cancer:

- Seek the shade, especially midday
- Do not burn
- Avoid tanning beds
- Use a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher whenever outside in the sun
- Cover up with clothing and a broad-brimmed hat
- Keep newborns out of the sun.
- Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months
- Examine your skin from head-to-toe monthly

For more information contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or The Skin Cancer Foundation at 1-800-SKIN-490.

Dr. Bob Thompson is a family practice physician with 25 years of experience in Renton, and is Valley Medical Center's Director of Recruitment and New Program Development.



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Renton police officer receives state honor

Renton Police Officer Larry Strauss, severely wounded last year while attempting to apprehend a wanted felon, was one of six law enforcement officers honored with the 2007 State of Washington Lake Enforcement Medal of Honor, last month in Olympia.

A contingent from Renton attended the special ceremony, including Larry's wife, Rema, family members, elected officials and Renton police officers.

Governor Christine Gregoire and Attorney General Rob McKenna presented the awards, which was held on the Capitol grounds at the Peace Officers Memorial.

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Left to right: Attorney General Rob McKenna, Governor Christine Gregoire, Rema Strauss, Larry Strauss and Renton Police Chief Kevin Milosevich.

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Graduates honored at luncheon

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Thirty-two top scholars from the graduating classes of Renton, Hazen and Lindbergh high schools, were honored May 17 at a special luncheon sponsored by Renton Rotary. Four students received \$3,000 scholarships. The principals from the three high schools outlined the individual achievements of the students, who were presented with an engraved

clock from Renton Rotary. Scholarships were awarded to Karl Leingang, Hazen High; Amanda Brennan, Lindbergh High; Michael Peralta, Renton High and Jonathan Saturay, also graduating from Renton High, who received the Frank Raphael Scholarship, named in memory of a long-time Renton Rotarian.

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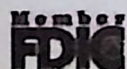
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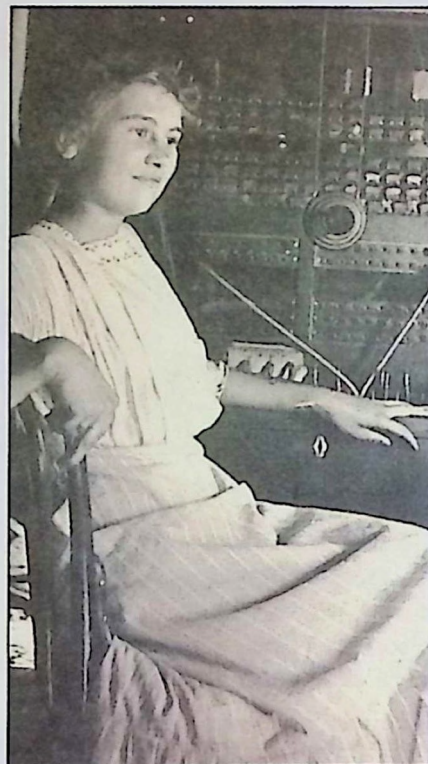
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Women's "Lib" in Renton



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Marie Arps Miner at telephone operator's console.

BY ELIZABETH STEWART

The Renton Historical Society recently reprinted Morda Slausen's much-loved book about Renton history, *Renton—From Coal to Jets*. The book had been out of print for some years, and many people missed it. It's easy to see why—Ms. Slausen's book is full of fascinating historical gems and anecdotes collected during her years as a journalist and amateur historian.

Some of her facts are quite tantalizing. In thinking about the centennial of women's suffrage, coming up in 2010, I decided to check *From Coal to Jets* to see what it has to offer on the history of the women's movement in Renton. The book has an entire chapter on "Women's Lib"—for those who don't remember, that's short for "women's liberation," as it came to be known in the 1960s. In addition to profil-

ing the first female councilperson—Agnes Nordby Richmond—and the first woman telephone operator—Viola Oughton—Ms. Slausen also identifies the first woman to vote in the city of Renton. Her name was Mary Wilson, and she cast her ballot on December 3, 1910, one month after the state finally passed a woman's suffrage act. The 1910 census reveals one Mary J. Wilson, twenty-eight years old and married to Robert H. Wilson. And that is all we know about the first woman to cast a vote here; if others know more, we would be delighted to hear about it!

It turns out that Renton has been a good place for women's political activity ever since women got the vote. In 1913 both election judges were women, Catherine (Mrs. William) Dinning and Mrs. Nicholas, and one of the two election clerks was also a woman, twenty-year-old Jennie Isaacson. Of the 85 voters, 30 were women, 35% of all voters! In 1915 the two election clerks were Ethel McDonald and Emma Dullahant; 29% of the voters were women. Other political women that Ms. Slausen mentions are: Agnes Edwards, first woman City Clerk; Barbara Shimpoch, first woman Mayor; and the city's current Mayor, Kathy Keolker.

But *Coal to Jets* doesn't slight Renton's earliest businesswomen. The book describes Ethel Martin's dress shop and the numerous young women—from Viola Oughton to Ella Newell—who kept the telephone switchboard running. These are the kinds of intriguing stories about little-known people and events that *Coal to Jets* preserves as a jumping-off point for future historians. How different was Agnes Edwards' City Clerk campaign from campaigns today? And did the first women voters and businesswomen know they were making history? There's still so much more to learn!

Renton—*From Coal to Jets* is available at the Renton History Museum for \$15.00; members always receive a 10% discount.

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Wine tasters help others



The Renton Rotary Club's annual wine-tasting event on May 12, at the home of Denny and Bernadene Dochnahl, drew nearly 300 people and raised approximately \$17,000. All of the proceeds will be used to help the ongoing funding of the RotaCare Health Clinic, where Renton Rotary and volunteer doctors from Valley Medical Center provide free medical exams and prescriptions each Saturday to residents who have no health insurance coverage. The event was made possible thanks to 21 wineries and a brewery that provided wine and beer for the tasting, and food that was donated by local companies. Council member Don Persson served as chef.



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