

# The 88<sup>th</sup> St RHUBARB

*“All the news that’ll fit”*

Special New Year's Edition

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*After a year known for bad news and lies, the editors of The Rhubarb present our own entirely true, we hope entertaining, look back at 2017*

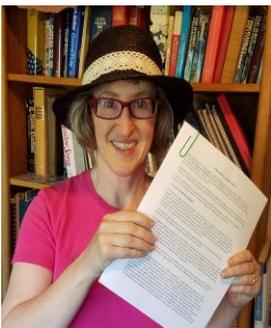


## Area Man Plays Piano While Wife Sleeps

Area man Keith Eisenbrey is employed in the satisfying but intense field of land title insurance. He works out some of his job stress at the piano in

the small hours of the morning. Sometimes he can't even hear his wife's alarm clock through the bombast. “I don't know how she hears it, but she's always awake when I finally go in to check,” Mr. Eisenbrey commented. All this practice won't be wasted: Mr. Eisenbrey has two recitals planned for 2018—February 24 and March 24 at the Chapel Performance Space. Both programs will be a mix of his own compositions and those of friends and influences. Learn more at <http://www.waywardmusic.org/>

## Author Breaks into the Slightly-larger Time



Local author Karen Eisenbrey decided to do something with the backlog of manuscripts on her hard drive, revising a work from 2009 and submitting it to Not a Pipe Publishing, a small press in Oregon. *Daughter of Magic* was accepted and is scheduled for release in

May 2018, one of nine books by women authors that Not a Pipe will publish this year. Ms. Eisenbrey confides that a sequel is mostly complete and a third book is in the planning stages. She also had a few pieces see print in *Paws and Claws*, a charity anthology from Cake

& Quill. She enjoyed meeting with two book clubs to discuss her 2016 novel *The Gospel According to St Rage* and made good progress on the sequel, working title *Barbara and the Rage Brigade*.

## Tech News

Area man John Eisenbrey, 26, has been interested in robotics since childhood. Now an engineering student at Eastern Washington University, Mr. Eisenbrey enjoyed and excelled at two robotics courses in 2017. He expects to finish his engineering degree after probably 3 more quarters.

## Area Man Applies for Job, Interviews, Is Hired

In what is regarded as a miracle by his peers, area man Isaac Eisenbrey, 21, applied for work and was hired the same day he interviewed. Mr. Eisenbrey recently completed coursework for his Associate of Applied Science in accounting, including an internship with the treasurer and bookkeeper at University Temple United Methodist Church. He applied for a job with Olympic Systems, was called for an interview in mid-December, and was hired the same day for a part-time office job with flexible hours. It provides good practice for getting up, going out, and being useful for money while allowing free time for digital art and online games with other people on the internet. In a historic first, Mr. Eisenbrey received a paycheck at the end of the year.

## Area Cats Lose Marble

Local cats Ibb and Obb, 13, are down to one brain cell between them. This does not prevent them from showing up on time for most meals and treats, nor from sleeping the requisite 16 hours per day.

## Garage Band's Triumphant Return



Local garage-rock duo Your Mother Should Know returned to live performance in 2017 after two years' hiatus. In addition to playing several shows under the YMSK name, drummer-vocalist Karen Eisenbrey and guitarist-vocalist Neal Kosaly-Meyer filled in for the fictional St Rage to record and release *Truth. Justice. Rock & Roll*, a three-sided single with bonus track, available for streaming or download here:

<http://strage2.bandcamp.com/album/truth-justice-rock-roll>

## Cats Not Yet Employed

Area felines Ibb and Obb have failed for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row to obtain gainful employment. They occasionally make themselves useful by warming the foot of a bed in the evening, and have also been known to relieve anxiety by sitting on a lap and purring.



## Home and Auto News

Area family the Eisenbreys report that, unlike in 2016, in 2017 their house didn't need any repairs or remodels. They wait with bated breath for their 2006 PT Cruiser to start costing them real money. They ended the year by replacing a brake light, doing all the work themselves.

## Travel

The Spokane area was the prime travel destination for one local family. Keith and Karen Eisenbrey of Seattle made two trips to and from the Eastern Washington metropolis to collect their son John from Eastern Washington University in June and return him to campus in September. A highlight of the latter trip was a visit to the Turnbull National Wildlife Sanctuary south of Cheney, WA, where they recorded birds and saw a flock of wild turkeys.



*May your 2018 be filled with truth, justice, rock & roll, love, humor, and all the other good stuff!*

*Love,  
Keith, Karen, John & Isaac Eisenbrey*