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Infamous Wauna Curves

The infamous Wauna Curve claimed another vehicle on February 22 as the driver of this truckload of sawdust became better acquainted with the true meaning of centrifugal force. Fortunately, there were no injuries... other than to the driver's pride. The cargo - that part of it that hadn't spilled out on impact - had to be shovelled manually to reduce weight before the two wrecker trucks seen here made an attempt to pull tractor and trailer upright. Even that didn't

help. A heavy duty crane truck had to be brought to the scene to accomplish the deed. Key Peninsula firefighters and their equipment were tied up on the location from 4:00 pm - 8:48 pm controlling traffic and standing ready to douse any flames that might erupt from fuel spillage. Lt. Rick Olsen, officer in charge, said, "We're sure grateful to the managers of Oliver's Smokehouse & Grill in the K.C. Corral for staying open past hours so that we could get something to eat. Lemme tell you, we were hungry."

Nickels For Natasha



Natasha Pfaff, a sparkly first-grader at Minter Creek Elementary, is scheduled to undergo a giant surgery for such a little girl, and she and her family need the support of the community to help them. On April 3, Natasha, her mother, and grandmother will fly to Loma Linda University Hospital in California where Natasha will receive her first in a series of three possible brain surgeries to reduce a golf-ball sized lesion, or AVM (arterio-venous malformation), located in the hypothalamus region of her midbrain.

Natasha was diagnosed with Wyburn-Mason Syndrome two years ago, a very rare disorder occurring in only 1000-2000 people in the entire world. Natasha has three AVM's - one in the retina of her left eye, a second in her nose, and the third and largest in her midbrain, which is growing rapidly and considered very dangerous. This year Natasha has suffered stroke-like symptoms on her right side, but continues to attend school regularly.

Her teacher, Linda Ronning, describes Natasha as "delightful, a real sunshine personality who al-

ways likes to play funny jokes on her classmates."

Ronning says Natasha's classmates are very loving and protective of her. "She has a special spot in the class line so she doesn't get



Natasha

bumped or pushed. If she's having trouble carrying her lunch, someone is always there to help her or give her words of encouragement."

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Presidents message: "Towards a Volunteer Friendly Civic Center"

Editor's Note: Changes in the leadership of the Key Peninsula Civic Center have taken place - Terry Thomas has stepped down as president, and your former Vice President, Dave Freeman, has stepped up to the presidency to fill out her two-year term.

As the Civic Center's new Board President, I am grateful to Terry for her efforts as President. Under her leadership, we now have a full-time Center Director, Stacy Smith, a dedicated building and grounds staff of two, and a newspaper manager, Kathy Hale, who along with her staff produces the only local newspaper dedicated to the needs and interests of the Key Peninsula and the Civic Center.

Terry's efforts, and those who preceded her as President, have laid a sound foundation for the Civic Center's continued viability as a true "Community Center" for every resident of the Key Peninsula.

Keeping a facility like the Civic Center operating and serving the community into the future takes much more than dedicated managers and staff - it takes community members like you willing to volunteer your time, ideas, labor, and fellowship to the future.

As I looked around the room at our Board meeting last month, I noticed something very important missing - the faces of new Board members. I see the group of a dozen or so dedicated volunteers that I have known for seven years, and I am worried! Our board membership has dwindled to a precious few in the last few years. This concerns me greatly - and I have some ideas to change that, as well as other areas of our operation that need improvement.

First, our Board meetings need to be carried out in a much more "social atmosphere" and in a friendlier setting. I plan to bring a true community flavor to our Board meetings with refreshments and a socializing time for members and friends, old and new, to get to know each other better and a time to be able to openly discuss important issues and programs at the Center.

With the help of our Board membership (existing) I will conduct an active recruitment for interested

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Stacy's Corner

by Stacy Smith
Key Peninsula
Civic Center
Director



Do you know where your Civic Center is headed? Hopefully marching on into the future. But without the community members' support, the Center will be going nowhere very fast. Each month a board meeting is held to make future decisions concerning the Center, but without a diverse membership those decisions cannot reflect the community as a whole. The Civic Center needs to continue to grow and develop, reflecting its membership. That's where you come in. As a Civic Center board member, you will play a part in your community, contributing to its future and our children's futures. Take an opportunity on April 13 to join your community and help shape its future. It will be an Easter egg stuffing potluck, (say that fast four times) and all you need to bring is your favorite dish, we'll do the rest. It's relatively painless, you'll be actively contributing and I promise not to say anything if you toss a few Easter candies in your mouth amidst the stuffing.

As many of you know, the Center is host to the Women's, Infant's and Children's (WIC) program every Tuesday from 8:15 am to 4:15 p.m. The WIC program is available through the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and the Angel Guild. It allows mothers in need of assistance or who have a young child to receive nutritious food and medical care. Each Tuesday the WIC program also offers used clothing items to those who need them. Now starting on Tuesdays the clothing program will be located downstairs in the Children's Home Society office. This is primarily due to the increase in the clothing portion of the WIC program which had begun to outgrow its available storage space. I hope that if you know of someone who can benefit from the WIC program you will encourage them to call and make an appointment. You can reach WIC on Tuesdays at 884-3835.

We are moving quickly into the end of the school year, and that means finishing up plans for the Summer Fun Camp program. On March 20, I attended a day-long training session with Washington Schools concerning the possibility of having a free and reduced lunch program at the camp. The possibility is dependent upon the number of children in our schools already participating in the USDA lunch program. Hopefully in the next week or so we will know more. The LEMONADE REVIEW program through Safe Streets will be offering assistance to the Summer Fun Camp. The LEMONADE REVIEW will offer direction in projects such as a summer play production, camp mural, story telling, and even visual arts. The camp will be offering a wide range of activities, and we hope the community will support us once again. As the Civic Center funds are currently low, without donations the Summer Fun program cannot operate. We hope that you will earmark a donation to the Summer Fun program and send it in. The money will go to a wonderful program benefitting our community's children.

I want to make a quick mention of the work Tim Kezele has done for the Civic Center. Although he is very busy with the Historical Society Museum, he has still made time to volunteer and mend our continually wayward gutters. A few weekends ago he also graciously pruned our Civic Center cherry trees. We truly appreciate all of your hard work, Tim. Thank you!

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new Board members from all areas of the Key Peninsula - from Longbranch, Taylor Bay, Home, Herron Island, Glen Cove, Vaughn, Rocky Bay, Minter, Lake of the Woods, Lake Holiday - all the way to the Purdy Spit.

Without new membership and participation on this Board - the few remaining members will eventually "burn out" and drop away - leaving the Center without leadership, volunteers, or a future!

New Board member's ideas will be welcomed and listened to! New Board members will find an atmosphere of openness, friendliness, and a commitment toward the growth and vitality of the Civic Center from myself, our Board, and our dedicated staff.

I welcome any community member interested in participating in this fresh approach towards supporting this valuable Community Center to come to our April 13 Board (friendly) meeting for a potluck dinner, Easter egg stuffing, and short Civic Center meeting. The meeting will be a great opportunity to come and see what it means to belong to a true Community Center where your volunteer efforts are appreciated and your ideas are important.

Your President,
Dave Freeman



Key Peninsula Historical Society Museum To Opening

Members of the Key Peninsula Historical Society, along with many volunteers, are busy organizing and labeling the hundreds of items that will be placed in the Society's museum. The official opening of the museum will be sometime in May, but members had a sneak preview at their Annual Meeting last month.

According to Tim Kezele, President of the Key Peninsula Historical Society, the sneak preview was an opportunity for members to view the items, the layout, and give suggestions so that when the museum opens all the "bugs will be worked out."

The Society has been collecting and receiving donation items of a historical nature pertaining to the Key Peninsula area for a very long time, and they will now have a permanent home in the Civic Center Library Room.

At the present time, the museum can be visited Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from noon to 4 pm or by appointment. These days and times will be in effect through April, with adjustments made this summer as demand requires. If you have any questions regarding the times, would like an appointment, or have items to donate, call Tim Kezele at 884-4538.

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Cindy Drager, her P.E. teacher, remarks that "Natasha loves to get 'sweaty bangs', and tries to participate like any other first-grader most of the time."

Drager goes on to say, "Tears poured from Natasha's eyes when told she couldn't play 'tail tag' because it was potentially dangerous for her. But she perked up quickly when we invented 'Tasha Tag' and she played with two classmates in a smaller area that was safer for her, and she was happy to get those 'sweaty bangs'."

After learning that a neurosurgeon at Loma Linda Hospital has performed similar surgeries, the Pfaff family was referred there by Children's Hospital in Seattle.

Natasha and her mother have received airline tickets through an

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Angel Flight Program to fly them to California. Mr. Pfaff is hoping to receive a donated airline ticket so he, too, may be there with his daughter during the actual surgery.

Natasha's recuperation after each of the three possible surgeries will be from two to five months. During that time, Mrs. Pfaff will remain in California to support Natasha and is in need of monetary assistance to cover expenses. The Loma Linda Hospital has no Ronald McDonald House to assist families during a child's long-term recuperation. The Pfaff family is appealing to Minter creek Elementary's PTO volunteers, Peninsula Christian Fellowship Church, the Columbia Bank in Gig Harbor, and the community newspapers to help spread the word of their crisis for financial need.

The Columbia Bank, at 5311 Point Fosdick Drive, Gig Harbor, 98335, will be taking donations for the "Friends of Natasha Fund". Donations can be made through August to any Columbia Bank branch and will be forwarded to this bank account.

"Nickels for Natasha" donation cans are also in place at various locations throughout the Peninsula. Peninsula High School has donated the use of its swimming pool for a fund-raising swim to take place sometime in April, with further information forthcoming.

Questions can be directed to Donald Pfaff, telephone 857-4589, and fund-raising ideas to Joeline Lemke, Minter PTO Volunteer, telephone 857-2224.

Free House Painting

If you would like your home painted this summer at absolutely no cost, now is the time to get an application from Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful. This program organizes volunteer paint crews to do exterior painting on homes belonging to low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women.

The deadline for applications has been extended for Peninsula residents to April 15th. Call 383-3056 in Tacoma to have an application sent to you.

Last summer, 95 homes in the City

and County were painted by more than 2,000 volunteers. The crews came from churches, service clubs, businesses, unions, local government offices, Ft. Lewis and McChord, and individuals who came out on their own.

"Sometimes people think that this is just too good to be true and that there must be a catch somewhere," says Sallie Shawl, Director of the program. "But there is no catch. Some paint is donated, and we buy the rest at a big discount with funds that have been donated. And since

all the work is done by volunteers, it really costs the homeowners nothing."

This will be the eleventh year of the program, and over the years many of the homeowners have said glowing words about the help they received:

"In a world where all you hear is the negative views, it's so nice to see a group of young people who do so much good and enjoy doing it. May God bless you all; He must be smiling."

New State Park to Open on Key Peninsula

By Keith Stiles

April 26 has been set as the official Opening Ceremony for the Key Peninsula's newest State Park, "Joemma Beach", the restored historic name for the property called "The R.F.K. Recreational Area" in recent years.

State Parks closed the acquisition of the camping/beaching/picnicking/boating area late last year, and the

State Parks and Recreation Commission restored the "Joemma Beach" name to the property in a meeting in Aberdeen on March 13.

The "Joemma Beach" name is derived from the joining of the names of Joe and Emma Smith, who first settled on the property in about 1917. From the location, they ran a bulb and garden business, shipping products throughout the United States, advertising in part through "The Joemma

Bulletin" a newspaper that Joe Smith edited and published from their home.

Many oldtime Key Peninsula residents went to the beach for picnicking and boating, and some, still living, remember the Smiths and their friendly welcome to their neighbors.

Opening ceremonies, to which many state and local officials have been invited, are currently scheduled to begin at 2 pm.

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KP Business Assoc. Apr. 7 : 7:30 am Home Port Rest.
Apr. 21 : 12 pm Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc. Apr. 25 : 7:00 pm K.C. Fire Station

Civic Organizations

ASHES Apr. 6 : 10:30 am K.C. Fire Station
Cootiettes Apr. 20 : 7:00 pm KPCCA
KPCS Apr. 10 : 7:30 pm Comm. House
KP Grange Contact Mr Slater 884-5403 for dates/times
KP Lions Apr. 5 & 19 : 7 pm Horseshoe Lk. Rest.

Community Services

Adult Literacy Classes Call for Appt. 51-6552 / G.H.
Citizens Against Crime Apr. 7 & 21 : 7 pm Purdy Sheriff Office
Food Bank Tues.-Fri. 10 am - 3 pm Comm. House
Hot lunch for Seniors Wednes. Noon Comm. House
Free Brunch Sundays 2-3 pm Comm. House
(also food & clothing assistance, call 884-4440, 884-4512, 857-4780)
WIC (Women's Infants & Children) Tues. 8: 15-4: 15 KPCCA
Call for an appt. at 884-3835 Tuesdays

Immunizations Thurs. 9 am-2 pm GH C. Commerce

Public Meetings

KP Fire Comm. Apr. 12 : 7:30 pm KC Fire Station
Apr. 18 : 4:00 pm

Self-Help Groups

AA Mon. & Fri. 6 pm KP Comm. Services
Sat. & Sun. 8 pm
TOPS Tues. 6-8 pm KPCCA/VFW Rm.
Caregivers Support Apr. 11 : 7-9pm Library Brones Rm

Social & Hobby Groups

Bayshore Garden Club Apr. 21 : 1 pm Longbranch Imp. C.
Historical Society Call Tim Kezelle for information
Longbranch Imp. Club Apr. 19 : 7 pm Longbranch Imp. C.
Peninsula Neighbors Apr. 11 : 10:30 am Home Comm. Hall
Ruth Circle Meet Apr. 17 : Noon Longbranch Church
Senior Society Lunch Potlk Thurs. : Noon KPCCA / WM
VFW & Aux. 10 & 24 : 6:30 pm KPCCA
BINGO (It's Warm!) Wed. : 6:30 pm KPCCA

HAPPY EASTER !

Community Planting Day

The citizen committee for Key Peninsula Fire District #16 invites the public to help beautify the new fire stations at Flome and Wright Bliss by planting shrubs and small trees. The soil will be prepared, the potted plants delivered, and all that is needed is for caring hands to transplant the plants at their permanent home. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and gardening tools. Expect no hard labor. Refreshments

and other food will be served. Come support your new Key Peninsula fire station in this fun-filled, memorable day.

Families can dedicate a tree to someone special or donate money to help beautify the stations in other ways. Dedications are based upon donations over \$500 for each tree. Each tree will be permanently marked with an engraved plaque. Persons can RSVP or seek more information by calling Key Peninsula Fire Department at 884-2222.

Dates: Home Fire Station, June 3, 9 am to 5 pm. Wright Bliss Fire Station, June 10, 9 am to 5 pm.

Mother's Day Rhododendron Show

The Shelton Chapter of ARS presents the 31st Annual Mother's Day Rhododendron Show to be held Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14. Hours for both days will be 10am to 6pm at the Mason County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 101 and Fairgrounds Rd, Shelton, WA. This is a non-judged show. The show features a large array of species and Hybrid Trusses. In addition, there will be floral displays, demonstrations, door prizes and a large plant sale. Admission is free.

School Levy To Be On Ballot May 16

By Keith Stiles

The Peninsula School Board voted on Thursday night, March 23, to place a reduced Maintenance and Operations Levy on the ballot on May 16 to cover the costs of educational services and maintenance not provided by State funding for our schools.

In the same meeting, the Board voted to begin a feasibility study relative to the privatization of school transportation services, a change that could probably not occur for at least a year. A major factor in the decision to consider outside companies to handle the transportation needs was the aging of the Peninsula bus fleet, and its high cost of both "per/mile"

operation and the need for expensive yearly repairs and replacements.

In other school news....The Eighth Annual Peninsula High School Baseball Camp will be held at PHS baseball field on April 3, 4, and 5 from 9 am until noon. Children in the 1st grade through 6th grade may attend, and the fee is \$30, which includes a T-shirt. Further information at 857-3531 or Coach Malich at 858-8674.

Peninsula High School students should be much happier starting in April... the sewer project serving the gym is currently hooked up and scheduled to go into almost immediate service... it's been a long wait for those showers in the new gym.

An Easter Musical Presented

"Some Kind of Happenings Happenin' in Jerusalem", an Easter musical presented by the Children's Ministry Workshop will be held Sunday, April 9th, at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship service, in the Family Activity Center at Chapel Hill Church.

This is a delightful story of Reuben and his family, who are making their way to Jerusalem for Passover.

"He Tore the Vail in Two", The Performing Artists of Chapel Hill

(PACH), presents this contemporary musical version of the story of Easter on April 14th and 15th, with beautiful songs and lively choreography presented by a large cast of all ages.

Tickets are on sale now. \$5.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (12 years & under). Call PACH for reservations at 858-8550. Tickets can also be purchased at any Good News Book Store.

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At Lakebay Post Office in Home, go 2-1/2 miles southwest on Herron Rd. to "Y" sign. Turn right on 206th. Follow signs 1/4 mile into property to House of Logs. Do NOT stop at red house.

Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Time is running out—remember the deadline for your Income Tax Return to be in to the IRS is April 15th, actually this year April 17th because the 15th falls on a Saturday. It stands to reason that the later you get your information to your tax preparer the more apt you are to be placed on an extension.

Beware of traps when divorce is involved. A divorcing couple agreed that the husband would move out and the wife would stay in their home until they could sell it, at which point they would share the proceeds. They sold the house two years later. The husband reported his half of the gain to the IRS and rolled it over into a replacement residence he bought soon after. The tax deferred rollover is not allowed. The husband moved out, it ceased to be his primary residence, so he could no longer claim residential tax breaks for it.

That's all this time - hurry up and get your tax information into your tax preparer.

Neighborhood Garbage Pickup

Any organization or individual who would be interested in helping with a communitywide garbage pickup on the Key Peninsula during the weekend of May 6 and 7, please contact Joyce Tovey at Century 21 Colony Real Estate (844-3304). This is to be a community wide effort sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association. Each group or person will be assigned a mile-long stretch on Hwy 302 or Key Peninsula Hwy and will be requested to complete their mile sometime during the weekend.



Longbranch Church Lunch

The Longbranch Ruth Circle invites their members and friends to a spring luncheon. The theme is "Apron Showers", wear your best apron, prizes will be awarded. There will be entertainment and door prizes, and a donation of \$4.50 for the luncheon.

Publishing Center Seeks Volunteers

At Evergreen Elementary School in Longbranch, they are in the process of developing a Student Writing and Publishing Center. They are looking for community members to help staff the program as volunteers. Training will be provided in working with young writers, as well as in the use of their CD-ROM computer programs. They are asking for a minimum time commitment of four hours a month in the Center. If you have writing, teaching, computer, reading and/or artistic skills, they need you!

Envisioned is a center outside the classroom, in one of the old portables, a comfortable and inspirational environment for creative thinking and independent writing activities. The room would have work stations for writing, illustrating, publishing, as well as a computer with appropriate programs. Time would be reserved for individual students and/or classes by weekly sign-up sheets. Adult volunteers, trained to work with young writers, would be available to work with the students during these times. Editing tasks would be shared by students and adults.

The center could be used to assist students with classroom-assigned writing projects, to edit and publish their finished work, complete with illustrations, and as a resource for students who would benefit from extra writing projects outside the classroom assignments.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program, contact Jan Pekala, 884-3959, or Edie Morgan, 884-3920.

Volunteer Coordinator Position Open

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has a Coordinator position open to help coordinate a special environmental project scheduled for this summer. Individuals with experience in marketing and/or public relations are needed to work with the main program office. For more information call Mildred, 597-7312. Several positions are available to work with young adults. St Joseph Hospital has several openings for volunteers to greet, direct, and escort patients through the hospital, call

Carrie 597-7312 for more information. RSVP volunteers must be 55 or older.

Annual Ballots In The Mail

During the first week of April members will receive their Annual Meeting Notice from Peninsula Light Company. Please take a few minutes and read the information provided, and complete and return the ballot in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The results of the election will be announced at the Company's Annual Meeting on May 1 at the utility's headquarters in Purdy. The Annual Meeting also provides members with the opportunity to voice any questions or comments they may have regarding the Company's operations.

If you have any questions regarding the election information, please call 857-5950.

Please Vote!



Peninsula Light Company

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Peninsula Light Holds Meeting May 1

Peninsula Light Company's annual meeting is scheduled for May 1. On March 31, Peninsula Light Company will mail their Annual Meeting Notice to 23,000 members. This year the information will be presented in a magazine. The utility has included details regarding board candidates, proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation, resource information and the ballot. The publication will be easy to read and full of useful information and tips.

This year members will be asked to elect three board members, as well as vote on a change to the company's Articles of Incorporation. The proposed change to the Articles would allow the light company to offer water and other utility services.

Two incumbents, Spencer Nordfors and Floyd Olson, will appear on the ballot. Board member Jack Larsen, who was appointed to complete Dr.

Dixy Lee Ray's term, will not be running for another term. The other candidates are: Jeff Bucholtz, Paula Chas-son, Jack Dillon and Alan Weaver.

In order to validate the proposed changes to the company's Articles of Incorporation, at least 25% of the membership must vote. Peninsula Light asks that you take a few moments, read the information and complete and mail your ballot.

Ballots may be returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided, dropped off at the light company's office, or brought to the Annual Meeting on May 1.

Peninsula Light Company members who have questions or comments regarding the company's operations are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting.

For more information, please contact Daphne Daus at 857-5950, ext. 334.

Fishermen's Breakfast/ Yard Sale

The Annual Fishermen's Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 30 at the Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club-house at 3503 Jackson Lake Road, KPN. Breakfast will be served from 7 am to 1 pm. Menu will include choice of juice, breads, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit and all the hot cakes with butter and syrup you can eat! Children five years old and under will eat free. The price for others is \$4.00. Tickets are available from Ruth Bramhall, 857-5184; Steve Kuhn, 884-3371; Fern Hagen, 884-9647. Tickets are also available at the door, and you don't have to be a fisherman to partici-pate.

Attention Business Owners and Advertizers!

Send in your business cards or drop them off at the Civic Center! The KP News is offering a special advertizing contest for local businesses. Each month one business card will be drawn by the Civic Center President, Dave Freeman, at the monthly meet-ing, and the lucky winner will receive 50% off the next month's advertizing cost. What a savings! Mail cards to KP News Contest, POBox 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. For more information, call Kathy at 884-4699.



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by William F. Roes, MD

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The test is deceptively simple and should be done first thing in the morning when the bladder is likely to be most full. As the gentleman starts to void, he flushes the toilet. If the toilet tank fills before he has finished emptying his bladder, he has clearly got a significant problem. The converse (beating the filling tank) doesn't mean you don't have a problem, but losing would mean the bladder emptying is severely prolonged. I'm willing to provide free prostate exams to any gentleman who fails, just call the office and tell the receptionist you failed the RFT, and she'll get you in.

Is this a reproducible scientific test? - probably not. Isn't this the April Fool's issue and is he serious? Yes, on both counts! As I stare middle age down the throat, this may be my last chance to have something named after me that could end up in the index of a medical textbook. If nothing else, it may make you think how effective your voiding pattern is, and there are now medical as well as surgical ways to improve it in older men.

Next Issue!

Beginning next issue the KP News will be running continuing articles on the proposal by Peninsula Light to provide water utility services to Peninsula area residents. There have been many meetings held on the subject, many more are planned, and the KP News will endeavor through these articles to provide its readers with the most current information available and its impact on the Peninsula Community as a whole.

Also starting next issue, Judy Tauscher will be writing monthly articles on growing herbs and other plants for your garden.

LETTERS

To quell a rumor, I wish to make the following statement regarding the multiple after-deadline name additions to the Lion's Club ballot for Citizen of the Year. Previous to this year my PO Box was used as a funnel for nominations. Not being associated with the event this year, nominations were directed elsewhere. The president of the Lions Club was notified of the letter of nomination received at my mailbox, and that name was placed on the ballot. It's the only late addition that may be justified due to missent mail.

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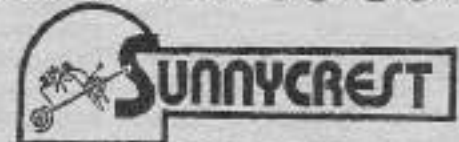
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By Margo MacDonald
 March at KPMS has been busy and exciting. Our Odyssey of the Mind Team competed in the regional competition in Silverdale, Saturday, March 4, and placed fifth in their division. O.M. is an afterschool club that focuses on creative problem solving; members select a problem and work as a team on a solution. Our team chose a time travel problem that required them to write a short play, make costumes and sets, and perform for the judges. Good job!

Also in the dramatic vein, Mr. Bill's drama class participated in an emergency drill with Fire District #16 on Tuesday, March 14. The Key Peninsula was ostensibly hit by a large magnitude earthquake and calls from about twenty different sources were placed to the Fire Department. One of the calls was placed from KPMS where students were "injured". Captain West from the Fire District reported that the kids did a great job. The point of the exercise was to test command control and prioritize the seriousness of the injuries. To further complicate

matters, the Key Peninsula was cut off from Hwy 16 so patients had to be treated at a makeshift clinic out here with guidance and permission from hospitals in town. We are happy to report all students survived the exercise.

By the time of publication, our Girl's Soccer and Boy's Basketball seasons will be over. The teams have both played well and enjoyed a good season. The KPMS Track season begins in April.

Congratulations go out to our February Student of the Month, Joey Shoemaker, for his efforts in citizenship and to Claire Carlson in March for her strengths in Leadership. We are proud of all our students who are selected by their teachers for this honor.

April is ushered in by Spring Break which runs the week of April 3-7. Our Key Peninsula Parents' council meeting is, therefore, bumped to Wednesday, April 12 at noon at Oliver's. This group is open to representatives of schools on the Key Peninsula and other interested parties. Our KPVPO

meeting will take place Thursday, April 13, at 7 pm at KPMS. We are happy to extend a welcome to all parents of our middle schoolers.

The KPMS Band is planning some visits to the elementary schools this month. This group has worked hard this year, and we're happy to share them with the community.

There is a dance scheduled for Friday, April 21.

And just so you don't get too carried away with spring fever, there will be CAT testing done the last week of the month.



PHS Students Win Honors

High School DECA Chapter recently sent delegates to the state DECA competition in Seattle, and some of those students qualified to go on to the National competition to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 28 to May 3.

Students had to compete in their various categories against other students from around the state. Each student had to work on an advertising marketing campaign, working with a local business in the development of their project. The projects were somewhere around 30 pages long and had to be grammatically correct in all areas. The projects were then presented orally to a panel of judges. The projects were judged not only on content, but also on format and the presentation of the participant to the judge. Bill Montgomery, DECA advisor from Peninsula High, worked many hours with these students helping them with their projects and keeping them on track to meet the deadlines required by the local area as well as the state.

Students who will be representing our community at the DECA Conference this spring are: Erica Lange & Bill Hinzman, Silver Award, Chapter Awards Group Project, and Leigha Lemon & Bryan Pinkham, 1st in Creative Marketing Research.

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News from Bobbi Frankel: On Wednesday, April 12th and 19th, I will be testing 3rd and 4th grade students for the challenge pullout and self-contained programs. If you feel that your child is a high-level thinker, please pick up a recommendation form from the office and return it by April 1st.

Coming Up: April 3rd-7th, Spring Break. April 12, VPTO Meeting -



7:00 pm. April 24, Reptile Assembly - 7:00 pm.

Spelling Bee Winners: We have some super spellers at Vaughn, and here are just a few of them. 3rd Grade: Julie Listoe, 1st Place; Brandi Sloan, 2nd Place; Erika Janzou, 3rd Place. 4th Grade: Tiana Clark, 1st Place; Lindsey Rock, 2nd Place; Emily Spunaugle, 3rd Place. 5th Grade: Fawna Chambers, 1st Place; Lisa Barrett, 2nd Place; Seth Colby, 3rd Place.

News From Key Peninsula Services: "Cancer support group being organized on the Key Peninsula. Please call Sylvia 884-9104 or Marilyn 884-5434". "Free support group for people wanting to break free of domestic violence. On the Key Peninsula, may include child care. Call Marie Duckworth, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm 383-2593".

Is Your Voter Registration Up to Date? Legislation became effective January 1, 1995 which enables you to register to vote through the mail. You can pick up a mail-in registration form at any public facility in the county, at our school office, or call the Election Department to have a form mailed to you. Just fill it out and mail it in. About three weeks after registering, you will be mailed a voter registration card which shows your polling place, congressional and legislative district.



Slowpitch League Offered By County Parks

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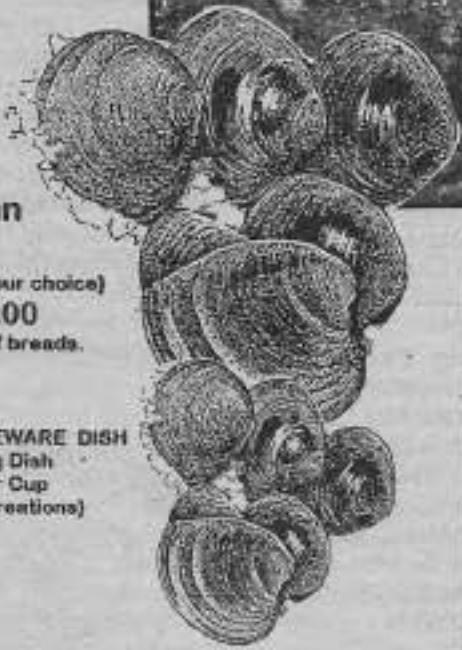
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