EMERGENCY MEDICAL COVERAGE

We have devoted the cover of the STAR to the issue of Emergency Medical Training many times over the last months.

We're sorry to say, we still do not have any good news for you. Jane MacDermott, President of the Peaks Island Business Association, and Irene Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the Peaks Island Town Meeting Association, have been in touch with City Hall with regards to our lack of EMT police on the Island.

Major Dan Quirk, Portland Police Dept., requested that we publish and elicit responses from the Islanders on a proposal:

- Would private citizens on Peaks Island take Emergency Medical Training courses with the intent to be on call for emergency situations if all training costs and liability would be covered by the City?

We believe it is appropriate for Islanders to express opinions, concerns, questions to the City on this issue. Please complete the following questionnaire and return it to the Library before February 20, 1986:

1.) Do you believe that the City of Portland has a responsibility to provide EMT personnel on the Island?
   [ ] no [ ] yes [ ] don't know

2.) Do you believe that the current lack of EMT police officers places you in a dangerous and/or life threatening situation?
   [ ] no [ ] yes [ ] don't know

3.) Would you be willing to complete the EMT courses ( @ 180 hours of course time ) at the City's expense?
   [ ] no [ ] yes [ ] don't know

4.) Do you believe a volunteer EMT force is the correct solution to our problem?
   [ ] no [ ] yes [ ] don't know
NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL

Whoever said winter is boring has not been to Peaks Island School! We've got activities in the works and in the plans that keep us too occupied to think about the cold (well... almost)

1) An Assembly to mark the end of the 2nd Quarter (half the year, already) will take place at 10:45, Monday, January 27. Each class will make an on stage presentation of something going on in their class.

2) Classes are talking about Martin Luther King, Jr., his life and his work.

3) The second - fifth grades are preparing for a visit to the Maine State Museum in Augusta. This will fit in with a Maine Studies Unit.

4) The last week of February is the second TV TURN-OFF WEEK this year (one more to go)

5) On Tuesday, January 28 will be Hat Day. The children will explore the endless varieties of headgear and be encouraged to wear one (or two, or 500) A hat parade will happen at 10:45.

6) Mark Friday, February 7, 7pm on your calendars. That night, the students of Peaks Island will show-off their many and exciting talents at the 2nd Annual Talent Show. All family, friends and neighbors are invited to enjoy a fun evening. This is an opportunity for the students to plan, practice and present their own ideas and talents with very little help from the staff.

By February 15-23, we'll be ready for VACATION!

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

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Some new titles at the Library.

1. Mammoth Hunters Auel (5 people are waiting so far)
2. Contact Carl Sagan
3. Fire Like the Sun M. Bond
4. Annie John J. Kincaid
5. Pedaling the Ends of the Earth D. Duncan (his photos where on display in the PPL in Nov.
6. My Father & I C. Sadat
7. Frugal Gourmet
8. Elvis & Me. P. Presley
10. Lake Wobegon Days, G. Keillor
11. Accidental Tourist A. Tyler
12. House T. Kidder
And many more... Stop in and take a look.

The book discussion will meet on Wednesday February 12 at 7 p.m. in the Library. The next book for discussion will be Doris Lessing's the Golden Notebook.

Remember in February during TV Turnoff week to stop in and stock up on some good reading for the family. We have some books that give hints along with some reading lists. We have a display near the children's section of new and fun books to read.

Happy reading.

DONATIONS TO THE STAR this month were made by the following:

Ed Williams, Annie O'Brien, M. Kilday and Anon I. and II...Thank you!
THE ISLANDS HEALTH CENTER

This is has been a very busy time of the year at the Health Center and in accordance with that we will remind you all of our present schedule:

Monday Dr. Py 3:00-7:00 Office opens at 12:30 Noon
Tuesday Dr. Radis 9:00-12:00 Office open from 9:00-5:00
Wednesday Office open from 9:00 to 5:00
Thursday Dr. Radis 4:00-8:00 pm Office opens at 12:30 Noon
Friday Dr. Py 9:00-12:00 Office open from 9:00-4:30

Our 24 hour emergency number is 766-2929

For dental appointments please call 766-3343 on Mondays only.

Stay well!

DAY CARE NEWS

Happy New Year! We would like all parents of day care children to be aware of any announcements of the Center being closed on severe snow days. Any news of our closing will be broadcast on the radio WGAN-57AM by 7:00 a.m. Snow days are infrequent but our policy is to close if we know the city is closed.

The Advisory Board will be sponsoring a community potluck dinner to benefit the day care center on Friday, Jan 24 at 6:30 pm. Admission will be $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children, and $6.50 for families. We're good cooks so be sure to be there!

We would like to thank Gretchen Hall and "Santa's Helper" for the wonderfully warm mittens they knitted for the children. We are grateful.

Next month we will have information on a Winter Festival we are planning for March. We promise lots of fun.

The Staff

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PEAKS ISLAND TOWN MEETING COMMITTEE

There are many issues and problems facing the Island, and the Committee needs your help.

The Committee meets as needed, and plans the two semi-annual Town Meetings in March and July. The two most important subcommittees desperate for volunteers are: Public Safety and Youth Activities.

If anyone is interested in meeting and thrashing around problems and possible solutions, please call Irene Fitzgerald 766-5591. This is not a call for actual volunteer work on the committees; but rather, a call for ideas and people to be in contact with other people and City Hall when necessary.
SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

There will be a Fabric Sale at the Senior Center on Saturday February 1 from 10 - 2 (weather permitting) Alternate date is February 8. They will have short pieces, long pieces, bolts, manufacturer's samples, novelties and much more.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning worship service 10:00 a.m. Coffee hour follows Child care provided.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH
Masses Sunday 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 4:00 p.m.

The St. Christopher's Parish meeting will be January 26 after the 9:00 am mass.

The Renew program will begin again on February 8.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

Rehearsals are underway for our next show, Sunday March 16 at 2:30pm. Our theme will be "An Irishman's Dream" with music from Finian's Rainbow.

This is a benefit show for the Peaks Island American Legion building foundation fund. Starting Friday January 31 at 1:15 pm we have a new exercise program. One weekly class for that certain person who would like to exercise but without aerobics. There is no jumping, no jogging, just body exercise, standing or sitting to beautiful music. The class is every Friday at 1:15 pm in the Community building. Donation $2.00 per class, discount for retired senior citizen, $1.00 per class.

We are planning a Mid-Winter Fair for our scholarship and theatrical fund on February 19. There will be cooked food, hot dogs, coffee & doughnuts, gifts and a white elephant table. For the young children a SnowMaiden and SnowPrince contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume. Keeping the children busy and happy is our motto.

Musically yours
Doreen McCann

NEWS FROM YAP: ISLAND TO ISLAND

-Happy New Year! It is mid afternoon here of New Year's Day. We were awakened last night at 12 by the loud ringing of the Mission Church bell--also, of the school bell next door--someone was up watching the minutes tick away but it seemed strange in this quiet village. On the Island of Ponape, I heard, they go into the streets and beat with metal spoons on pots and pans!

This morning I was thinking "a whole day off-what am I going to do with it?" when I hear the church bell again and soon into my room comes little Gooliyan all dressed up in her new ceremonial grass skirt--fibres dyed bright stripes of red and green interspersed with white ribbons, to find out if I were coming to church. The first bell had already rung (they have 3 bells-15 minutes apart since many people don't have clocks) and I had to fly around and be out in the yard to process up the street with the family. Once, there, everyone goes to groups of friends on the lawn under the shade of the big mangos--women with women- men with men and the children all around. I found that it was most probably the biggest church day of the holiday season and the church was packed. There was a strong wind blowing through the louvred windows and rustling the palm branch decorations, and in addition to the choir and guitars there was also keyboard accompaniment. They all just sit on the floor with everyone else sing beautifully today it was still carols like Joy to the World and O Come all ye Faithful--in Yapese, of course.

My work is really starting to move. Monday, I start going out to all the 16 elementary schools on Yap to look over their set-ups and see where they might put a book corner or library. Most don't even have electricity but I thought they could use cassette players with batteries, so that when they begin to get book collections, they could use the picture book/cassette way of helping them with their English. If I can get my project funded for the selected list of 200 paperbacks I'll be giving workshops at 2 or 3 of the schools on the use and development of a school library for the elementary school teachers (most of them untrained high school graduates) and also 7th and 8th grade students. This is a wonderful place. Wish you could all see it. 'til next time.

Marianna Rowe P.O.Box 190, Colonia, Yap P.S.M. 96943
Happy New Year! Keeping with the annual 'Turning over a new leaf theme', I'd like to touch bases with you concerning the operation of the taxi service.

LATE FOR THE BOAT VS. THE MINUTE SPLITERS

As anyone who rode the boats on Tuesday Jan. 14, 86 can attest to, the Transit District is concerned about minute splitters. (a side note to this is the District's poor judgement at best, in their choice of spokesperson used to get their message across!)

Okay, most of us have been tardy from time to time arriving at dock side, however, the boat has been known to be late also ("1:15?? I thought it was suppose to be the 12:25??) So What?? All we can do is try to get down there on time in consideration of the masses. I will try to do my part by leaving earlier for my appointed rounds. Of course, this means the rider has to be ready as early as possible (especially on rainy days!) and the crew of the Bay Lines.

BUSY SIGNAL Within the last week alone, there has been no less than three times that a caller has left the phone off the hook tying up the line for hours. PLEASE ensure the proper replacement of the phone before heading out to catch the boat. It will save a lot of anxiety.

BEEPER VS. ANSWERING SERVICE Alright, I'd like to clear up some of the confusion surrounding our communication network, or lack there of. Just by the nature of the beast the combination beeper/answering service as our dispatching means is confusion at best. We suggest using the 766-2777 number for the first call so that the message is received and recorded some where at least. If you feel subsequent calls are needed then use the beeper number.

Dial 761-3088, wait for the beep then talk into it as though I am on the other end of the line. The only difference is we cannot answer back. The message should be left as follows. Give us your name, location, landmarks, boat/destination, going to/or from. Remember you have twenty (20) seconds to complete your message.

PIT STOPS- Until I develop this service into something other than it is, presently I need as many 'pit stops' or time away from the cab as possible. We try to work around the CBTD's boat schedule as best we can. so when there is a gap between the boats, we try to utilize this time for other activities away from driving. The primary gap is between 12:25 and 2:30 boat, at which time we will not run. Tuesday evenings I will be playing (or attempting to play) basketball between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. It looks like I will have someone drive for me during that time but if not, and you come off the 7:20 or 8:20 boat just sit tight at the Landing until 8:30pm. The coffee is wonderful.

Remember, this Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday so the runs down to & up from the boat will be hurried between 2:30 and 8:30 pm. It's long overdue. Go Pats, Berry the Bear!!

PEAKS ISLAND TAXI QUESTIONNAIRE

For those who are so moved we would appreciate you dropping off your response to this questionnaire at the Library on Peaks, (If the Library is not open, just slide them into the book drop),

The purpose of this brainstorm is to see if we can develop a better 'mouse trap'. In my many travels around this island on any given day I see some problems building as we as a community are going through some growing pains. We must start to address these issues soon for they are not going to fade on their own.

The most obvious one is the congestion of automobiles and trucks down front (parking lot Welch st, Island Ave to Brackett Ave, etc.) At any rate, lets hear from you. Here are a few questions to ponder over.

(see other side of this page.)
1. Are you a 'commuter'? 
   What boats do you usually ride on? To Portland? From Portland?

2. Do you use your own transportation? 
   What would it take to make an alternative more appealing? Enough to leave your vehicle at home? 
   □ Scheduled runs (as in a bus route) for 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 4:50 & 5:50? 
   □ Reduced fares (i.e. $1.00; 50¢; 25¢; FREE; we pay you? 

3. If we had a bus route which would you favor? 
   □ Top of Welch (to let you out) McDermott's store 
   □ Bottom of Welch St. (at the turn around) both have their own drawbacks. 

Do you feel a need for a 'Mass Transit' service on Peaks? 
If so, what would be your 'ideal' system be?

Do you have any complaints, suggestions or comments? List them on the rest of this page.

Thank for the (h)eart. 
Tim Fitz.