Like most others, we seem to be preoccupied with the weather and daily predictions, especially when it changes from 55 to -22 within two days! We certainly hope there will be only sunny skies ahead, but as a reminder to parents and friends, when bad weather is a concern, please listen to WGAN for any possible closing.

Children have been excited about new dress-up clothes in our dramatic play area, and busily painting—not only paper but egg boxes and interesting rejected cardboard—another exciting area has been our water table turned bubble wonderland. Our schoolage crew enjoyed a fieldtrip to the Deering Oaks Mittenfest during school vacation and have enjoyed a great winter of sledding!

Thanks to the Maine Children's Trust Fund, we will be able to sponsor Parent Education Workshops on the island. This grant money can only be used for this purpose—we've heard there are some community members concerned that we are using funds to sponsor Parent Education while at the same time we have reduced the type of food program available to children. We are funded by many different sources which designate the types of activities the funding is to be used for. If you haven't yet filed your 1989 taxes, we urge you to check the Maine Children's Trust Fund box on your return—it is these dollars that are coming back to Peaks Island in the form of Parent Education. Keep a lookout for upcoming spring workshops.

BREAK THOSE WINTER BLUES...come to the annual Dinner/Contra Dance on MARCH 10...jointly sponsored by our Advisory Board and the School PTO...the proceeds will be shared by both groups...HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Also...for those of you home on Wednesdays with infants/toddlers...remember our weekly Community Playgroup...WED...10:15-11AM. Come and enjoy our playspace.
Lysla Abbott Storytelling Festival at main library
The Second Annual Lysla Abbott Storytelling Festival will feature Anne Pfallowski and Ashley Bryan on Tuesday, March 27.
The daytime workshops with Pfallowski and Bryan, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, cost $20, which includes lunch.
The evening program, a storytelling performance by Ashley Bryan and Portland Public Library Children's Librarian Mary Peverada, 7 pm to 9 pm, is free, but registration is required.
Registration forms are available at the branch or by calling 871-1700. Registration deadline is March 20.

New Books*
Fiction
Andrews, WEB OF DREAMS
Cheek, PARlor GAMES
Galbraith, A TENURED PROFESSOR
Higgins, COLD HARBOUR
James, DEVICES AND DESIRES
Martin, MARY REILLY
Vidal, HOLLYWOOD

Non-Fiction
Berkowitz, WHAT MEN WON'T TELL YOU BUT WOMEN NEED TO KNOW
Brown, BABY TIME: A GROWNUP'S HANDBOOK TO USE WITH BABY
Cousins, HEAD FIRST: THE BIOLOGY OF HOPE
Hochschild, THE SECOND SHIFT: WORKING PARENTS AND THE REVOLUTION AT HOME
Stoll, CUCKOO'S EGG
Verde, MAINE GHOSTS AND LEGENDS
*This is a partial list. There is a complete list at the library.

Next Story Time for Toddlers
The next story time for very small children, ages 0-3, will be Friday, April 6, at 10:30 am. All are welcome.
The regular story time for children 3-5 continues each Wednesday at 10:15, and after-school movies are on Tuesdays at 3:15 pm.

Library Hours
Tues: 2 - 8 *movies at 3:15 pm
Wed: 10 - 4 *story time, 10:15 am
Fri: 10-2
Sat: 9-1

Dr. Collins will be attending two medical seminars this month. The first one, in New Hampshire, concerns neurology. Dr. Collins will be away from the office on March 2 and 3. The second will be from March 10 until March 24. Therefore, the office hours will be quite different for this month.
The office will be open the following days:

March 6, Tuesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
March 7, Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
March 9, Friday 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
March 28, Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
March 30, Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
March 31, Saturday 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Karen Friedman R.N., will be checking phone messages on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Blood pressure, ear exams, and strept cultures will be available, by appointment only, on Wednesday and Friday mornings while Dr. Collins is away. On Monday, March 19, the public health nurse practitioner will be in the clinic. Any child in need of a physical and/or immunizations should call the Munjoy Health Station for an appointment, 874-8869.

February was an exciting month for Dr. Collins. She is now a member of The American Holistic Medical Association. She also became a licensed pilot on February 22.
THE PEAKS ISLAND TRAIL: A BRIEF HISTORY
(with special thanks to Gretchen Hall)

In 1960 the signs were still up on the Peaks Island backshore marking the ends of the Coast Defense Reservation of W.W. II. People who took "no trespassing" signs seriously went no further, though the guards were long gone. Gradually, however, summer visitors and islanders once more enjoyed the view from the backshore which had been denied them during the war.

When the federal property was bought for development, the Casco Bay Island Development Association saw the threat of private ownership to public access and initiated action to meet that threat. That CBIDA succeeded was due in large part to the endorsement and cooperation of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Nature Conservancy, the Federal Housing and Development Agency, the Maine Department of Parks and Recreation, and especially, the City of Portland. By the end of November of 1965, the City of Portland owned the backshore roadway and land beyond it to the tidal shore, as well as a hundred acres of open space parkland. CBIDA had land from which to sell lots to meet their expense in the enterprise, as well as a tract of forest land that had been a buffer between the coastal artillery and the populated area of the island. CBIDA gave the forest to the State of Maine for a forest reserve.

Twenty years later, CBIDA had sold its last land, the Battery Steele area, to STAR Foundation, with the hope that the battery would be maintained as an historic monument while it was converted to use for the public good. CBIDA was out of the land business and free for its primary role of advocacy for the general good of Casco Bay islands. The open space land survived twenty years of neglect, as long as it had attention only from people a-foot. STAR Foundation came into the picture in time to call attention to the damage recreational vehicles were doing to the wetlands of the park; with the aid of the City, STAR worked to restore the land and return it to those who enjoy walking in the woods.

In September, 1985, Janet McMahon, then land steward of Maine Audubon, was showing Gretchen Hall the Audubon property when the idea of a trail across the four properties, each already with public access, occurred to them. Since then, under the guidance of the CBIDA Public Lands Committee, chaired by Gretchen Hall, the Appalachian Trail Club has indicated interest in helping with the trail, many people have walked the trail (including City planners and Peaks Island residents) and the Trail has been "mapped". In the winter of 1988, responsibility for completion of the trail was essentially turned over to the City of Portland and to PINA where it has lain dormant as our neighborhood association coped with what seemed to be more immediate issues.

In the meantime, however, the trail, now known as the PEAKS ISLAND CONSORTIUM TRAIL, has been incorporated into the City of Portland’s "Shoreway Access Plan" which was recently approved by City Council. It is TIME for us as Peaks Island residents and caretakers to discuss this issue, establish goals and priorities and get to work!
Massage Therapy can benefit all ages. To give a better understanding of what Swedish Massage can offer, I will be introducing the following workshops to our Peaks Island community this spring:

**INFANT MASSAGE**

**PARTNERS IN MASSAGE SERIES** - Learn how to give and receive relaxing massage with basic Swedish techniques.

1. Head, Neck & Shoulders
2. Back
3. Extremities - hands/arms, feet/legs

**SENIORS MASSAGE WORKSHOP**

I will be posting more information in detail soon. Please call if you would like to be on my mailing list.

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**PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

On February 14th we had a little get-together, Valentine games, refreshments, and a couple of hours chatting. It was a nice afternoon. Our next one will be on March 7th, at the Senior Center at one. Bring any old photos --- guess who's who and what's what. Refreshments will be served.

On February 21st we had a good turn-out for our monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon. The meeting was short, and the food delicious. A silent auction was held following the meeting --- it was fun, lovely items --- we realized $12.

Do remember (mark your calendars) ---

- **Wednesdays** 9-10 A.M. Bible Study at Senior Center
- **Thursdays** 8-10 A.M. Art Class at Senior Center
- **Fridays at one** --- Senior Center Workshop to get a head start on our mitten project for next fall.
  - Knitting instruction available
- **Wednesday, March 7 at one** Refreshments at Senior Center. Bring old photos

**March 21** --- Monthly meeting & pot luck luncheon at Senior Center at noon. Mr. Bob Jarrell will be our speaker. He'll tell us how to grow beautiful flowers and vegetables.

**March 24** --- Trip to Flower Show to be held in Scarborough this year
Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Due to the many inquiries we have received regarding monthly parking spaces this spring, I should clarify our policy of advanced rental. Summer residents have called to ask if we would accept payment now to secure a space for their arrival in May or June. We choose not to do this because the garage would reach capacity in the winter or early spring even though we would receive no revenue for those winter months. Therefore, if we were approached by someone who wanted to park in the present month, we may have to turn them away or risk being over-booked in the summer. We will accept payment no earlier than 30 days prior to the month in which you wish to begin parking. For example, if you want to begin parking May 1, we will accept payment and secure your space no sooner than April 1. If you would like further clarification of this policy please don't hesitate to call.

City officials threw us a curve with the most recent parking ban. After declaring a 2 day parking ban in advance, they changed their collective mind and cancelled day 2 of the ban during day 1 of the ban. Since we offer overnight parking for $3.00 during declared snow emergencies, we decided to extend the policy to $3.00 every 12 hours to accommodate the second day. Even though the ban was called off, we decided that it would be fair to offer the lower rate to those who parked the first day and stayed the second day. Isn't this a fun business?

We wish to remind you that checks for monthly parking payments should be addressed to: Casco Bay Garage, P.O. Box 7525, Portland, ME 04112. Please, please remember to put your parking card number on the check. If you have two cards please include both numbers. If you have any questions regarding billing please call 879-1671 between 8:30am and 5:00pm.

Please help us maintain our excellent security record. Remove radar detectors, CB radios, and any other tempting items from your vehicle when you park. If you see children in the garage that are not accompanied by adults or adults that are acting suspiciously, please alert the garage attendant immediately.

Please observe the 5 MPH speed limit in the garage and remember that a pedestrian or oncoming vehicle may be just around the corner from you.

Sincerely,  
Dan Hogan, Mgr. Casco Bay Garage.

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Come kick up your heels at the annual Peaks Island Dinner/Dance, sponsored by the Island PTO and the P.I. Child Development Center. On Saturday, March 10th the delicious Fish Chowder dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Christopher's Parish Hall. Contra dancing to the band Ellen and the Sea Slugs will be at the Peaks Island School Gym from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Dinner Prices:  
Adults $6.50  
Children* and Seniors $2.00

Dance Prices:  
Adults $4.00  
Children* and seniors $1.00

*Family rates available

Don't miss this fun-filled event. If you need more information call 766-2854.

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These sincere thank-yous come from all of us at Peaks Island School.

To: Barbara Taylor, for the facilitation of our Island Life Grant

The volunteers who have been working so diligently to restore our library and who have been assisting in our classrooms and with projects at home.

To contributions of books and money to upgrade our library.

And to Barry Shaw who has transformed a dangerously weak set of shelves, in our teacher's room, into a sturdy storage area for organized teaching materials, thank you!

This kind of community action gives our staff the encouragement and support needed for enthusiastic implementation of quality education.

During March the Kindergarten will be very involved with the Island Life study. One of our concerns will deal with the environment and what we can do to preserve our beautiful island.

The first graders were actively involved in February themes - Washington, Lincoln, and Valentines Day, as well as a unit on Moving Things. We are looking forward to learning many new things about our very special island and its people during our Island Life studies, under the direction of Barbara Taylor. We look forward to presenting to you a program which will cover some of what we will have learned.

Second graders are continuing to learn about communities in general, and the uniqueness of our island community in particular. We are also going to be learning some of the island legends. With the capable leadership of Gretchen Berg, we will be physically recreating some of them into a performance. In addition, we are becoming more familiar with the contributions to our national history of G. Washington and A. Lincoln.

Grades 3, 4, & 5 are penpals with a fourth grade class in Mississippi. The class attended a youth concert of the Portland Symphony, February 13th. This month each student is reading a biography of a black American. Third graders are doing a project on the state of Maine; 4th graders are studying a New England state, and 5th graders are studying the Constitution.
News From Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Service of Worship at 10 a.m. at the Community Room. United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Mary Dennison March 13th at 12 noon. Anyone interested in joining a Lenten discussion group - Topic: The Gospels as Seen Through Third World Eyes, please call Rev. Ted Poland at 766-5013.

Bible Study at the Peaks Island Sr. Center, 9 a.m. Wed. March 14, 21, 28.

St. Christopher's Church

Winter Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall. Coffee and donuts served following Mass. Weekday masses as scheduled in the Sunday bulletin.

Wednesday: Beano, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Thursday: Prayer Group resumes March 8, 9:45 a.m. at the Erico Home

LENTEN SERVICES are to be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURES SUNDAY MARCH II AFTER MASS BY AN R.N.

RAFFLE BOOKS ON THE ROND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RECTORY BY THE 17 th.

Peaks Island Friends (Quakers):

Sunday 11 a.m. at Betty VanWyck's home at 41 Adams Street. We would like you to join us. (Adams Street is the 2nd street straight up from the ferry and #41 is the 2nd house on the left. You may call 766-2959 for more information.

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