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THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE CASCO BAY LINES

Following the successful passage of legislation (and it was successful -- Senate, unanimous; House of Representatives, only one dissenting vote!) creating the Casco Bay Transit District, what lies ahead for this all-out effort?

First there is the bankruptcy court hearing scheduled April 27th in Bangor. At that time discussion of the Islanders' plan versus the present CBL management plan will be in the lap of Judge Cyr for determination. Whether or not he decides in favor of the Transit District, there will be an important election on May 4 coincident with the City Council elections in which a board of twelve trustees will be elected: three from Peaks, one from each of the other islands, one from the City and one from the Department of Transportation. Information will be circulated shortly among the islands telling how to run and where to vote. This is the most important island-oriented vote our residents have ever been able to take part in. Following the elections will come negotiations for purchase of CBL, which must be completed by June 30. This will relate to either public or private underwriting of the entire bond issue for which discussions are underway. Then will come the public sale of bonds. There is no anticipation of a change in service during this process.

Watch for exciting news ahead!

Transit District Task Force
in formation of
CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSPORT DISTRICT

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SAUDI ARABIA TODAY
Slides and Talk
by
Henry Adamson
Recreation Room-Community Bldg.
This Friday eve., April 24 7:30
Sponsored by
The Casco Bay Art Association

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BENEFIT SUPPER and CONTRADANCE
for
PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
St. Christopher's Hall
This Saturday eve. April 25
Dinner only/Dance only! Both
* Adult $2.00 $3.50
* Sr. Citizen 1.50 2.50
* Child under 1.00 1.75
* 13

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room the Library will be showing its last movie in the monthly series MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES...... (it will resume in the fall) Because I can't stand to see anyone cry it will be comedy night. All three movies will make you laugh. To be featured:

Lady Fishbourne's guide to better table manners
One Week - Buster Keaton
One a.m. - Charlie Chaplin

Bring your kleenex and be prepared to laugh. Remember, Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Some new titles
Deceptive Cadence - E. Zuckerman
Explaining China - Steve Allen
First Person America
(80 life histories from 1880-1942)
Food Drying
In the Eye of the Typhoon
Chinese cultural revolution
Japanese Cooking: a simple art
Julia Child & More Company
the Midwife - Gay Courter
Nuns & Soldiers - Iris Murdoch

Also on display is Art Work by the children of the Peaks Island School.

If you have any children in your home give them the STAR to read. They will find out about things that are going on for them. Every month on the Libraries page there will be something for them to do... A puzzle, a message in code, a magic trick. It will also help to remind them about coming movies or new books they might like to read.

To get things rolling for our first childrens section we will offer a prize to the first five children who bring in the message decoded. SO GET TO WORK!!!!

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Happy Spring to everyone!

Saturday, April 25th is the date of our next fund raiser. It will be another benefit supper at the day care center in the basement of St. Christopher's parish hall from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the supper we will move back the tables and make room for an old-fashioned country dance at 7:30 or so. The Back Bay Banana Band with traditional instruments and a caller will be present. Tickets at reasonable prices are available at the Center, from parents, board members, staff and at the door. Come and enjoy the good food and pleasant company!

National Volunteer Week is coming -- April 26 through May 2.
This is a time to recognize the warm, caring people who volunteer to help out in many, many ways for hundreds of organizations across the country. Everyone reading this can probably name people they know who volunteer as a regular or specific need basis with local agencies and families. Many of the people reading this are volunteers right now or have been or will be in the future.

There are 125 agencies in the Portland area who utilize volunteers on a regular basis. A proclamation by Portland's mayor at the April 22 City Council meeting will start the recognition week. Look and listen for public service announcements on the radio and television and press releases in the newspapers.

You can join in this 'Thank you' by thanking the volunteers you know. Right at the Center we have at least 10 volunteers who come in on a regular basis, our Advisory Board (all volunteer) and many other friends who volunteer their time at crucial points during each year.

Volunteering encompasses people from every walk of life -- there is no typical volunteer. A study of 63 agencies in the Portland area lists an incredible variety of skills and ages amongst the several thousand volunteers. From the grandparent who provides TLC to her small friend in a day care center to the person who jumps up at 3 AM to help at a fire to the young young people who spend evening playing music at nursing homes to the working parent who leads a scout or campfire group to the people who spend time comforting the ill in the hospital to whatever avenue of sharing you would like to try. Volunteers are a national resource -- one to be very proud of and protected.

Take a little time to seek out by letter, phone or in person those people who have helped you and your family and say 'thank you'. Write a letter to the editor and say 'thank you'. You'll be glad you did.

By now we've all heard various things about President Reagan's proposed budget reductions and tax cuts. Already the Senate has acted on the President's budget-cutting proposals and have outdone him! Very little opposition has materialized, although there may be more opposition in the House which still has a Democratic majority.

The Reagan deductions essentially cut across nearly all human services and very few people in the middle and lower income brackets will go untouched. It appears as though the middle and lower income families will bear the burden of the budget reductions.
As it stands, the Administration is proposing that various grants and titles be combined under block grants which will be administered at the state level. A reduction of 25% in total funds allocated is projected. If those cuts were to be distributed across the board, Peaks Island Child Development Center could be as much as $15,000 short of the funding required to maintain our current level of services next year. (Loss of 10 children at minimum) The state may not decide on across-the-board cuts and may prioritize so that some programs will lose much of their funding and a few may gain. Check with the Center for more information.

Most people in human services and many beneficiaries do not agree with the concept of block grants and more local control. However, when human services face large reductions while the military budget increases and many corporations continue to receive huge tax breaks, it is difficult to believe there are no alternatives.

I urge you to write members of the House in Washington. Ask them to exercise leadership in examining the impact of the President's program and to propose and suggest alternatives. Cite the specific effect on our program noted above. Specifically, write State Representatives, Olympia Snow and David Emery (U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515) It may still be worthwhile to write Mitchell and Cohen as well. I would suggest James Jones, Oklahoma, Chairman, House Committee on the Budget and members of the Sub-Committee on Select Education. Jamie Whitten, Mississippi, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations, is another key individual.

Beth Matthews and Joel Young

FROM YOUR FRIENDLY HEALTH CENTER

Spring again -- and spring brings many visitors to our island! Often a niece, nephew or cousin comes to visit. And quite often this little visitor may become ill or injured and require treatment. In order to be treated at the Center a minor must be accompanied by his parent or legal guardian; or have in his or her possession a written permission slip stating several necessary facts. This information helps speed up the paper work (always there -- no matter where). Needless to say life threatening situations are always top priority and permission can be obtained via phone after emergency procedures have been completed.

Below is a sample of what is needed:

Name
Date of Birth
Person who is responsible for care
Allergies!
Medications
Date of Last Tetanus Injection
Parents name and address
Health Insurance Name and Number

I give permission for my son/daughter to be given whatever medical or surgical treatment necessary in my absence.

Signature of Parent

NOTES FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

The State CYO convention will be held this week-end at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Two Peaks Island boys have been selected to serve on the Deanery Board of
the Greater Portland CYO. Congratulations to Mike Marcello, who has been selected Recreation Chairperson and John Gorham, communication chairman. Together with Mike and John, Chris Alves and Phil Daigle will represent the Island organization at the Conference. Bill Cass is their Adult Advisor.

Congratulations to Basil Scott and Edwin Lively, who made their first Holy Communion and were received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. Heather and Julie Pares made their first Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. Beth Dinsmore made her First Communion on Holy Thursday. Congratulations to them all.

The Boy Scouts, recently organized, are looking for empty bottles and cans for their projects. If you have any, call Richard Dinsmore.

Thanks to all who made the Ham Shoot so successful and to all who made The Easter morning breakfast and brunch such a success!

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is on the move! Come and join us! Worship time is 10:30 Sunday mornings. We are the "the white church on the hill". The Pastor is Rev. Linda Littlefield.

The United Methodist Women will be holding the Spring Fair, Saturday, May 23 at 11:00 AM. Be sure to try the delicious, home-made clam chowder for lunch!

The Evening Circle will have a bake sale, April 25th at 10:00 AM at the Recreation Room, Public Safety Building.

FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER
A Spring clean-up sale will be held at the Fifth Maine Center on Saturday, April 25. Contributions of any useful items which might be "junk" to one but "treasure" to another will be welcome. There will also be a cooked food sale.

Paula Boulton (766-5510) and Anita Dobbins (766-2733) are in charge and either one may be called to pick up donations. Be sure to come and poke around. You might find just what you need.

TOWN MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING
CANDIDATES NIGHT SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1981 from 6 - 8 p.m.

The PUBLIC is invited to this meeting at the Recreation Room of the Community Building to meet the candidates for the candidate-at-large position to be voted on at the election on May 4th for Portland City Council.

There will also be a report on the progress and developments on the Casco Bay Lines issue.

ALL PEAKS ISLAND CITIZENS --- COME! ! !

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PEAKS ISLAND STAR - MAY 15th

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RANDOM NOTES

The Portland Wood Cooperative is a good way to share the work, share the savings. Many Peaks Islanders already belong to it. Now is a good time to join, do your stint and have wood for next winter at reasonable prices. Senior Citizens and Handicapped can also participate. We will do a feature article in the near future, but you can get a head start by calling 775-0105, the Portland Wood Fuel Cooperative, 155 Brackett St., Portland 04102.

Ellen Klain from the city Department of Energy recently ran a good workshop at the Senior Citizen Center on easy, practical methods for warm-dressing windows for winter. It was a good hands-on experience for those who attended and the Senior Citizen Center benefitted by by bright Roman drapes for the side windows and transparent double windows for the front. We hope she will plan another such workshop so that we may publicize through the STAR. Thanks, Ellen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 24 - Slide show-Lecture, Saudi Arabia Today Community Building 7:30
  - Bake Sale (Brackett Mem. Church at Community Building 10:00
  - Spring Clean-up Sale at Fifth Maine Building
  - Benefit Supper - Contradance Day Care Center 5:00-7:00; 7:30 -

- May 3 - Town Meeting Committee Meeting - Candidates for City Council
  - Night - Public invited Community Building 6:00 - 8:00
  - Election Day - City Council seat at-large
  - Transit District Trustees Community Building
  - Movies, movies, movies (Comedies) Library/Community Building 7:30
  - Spring Fair Brackett Memorial Church 11:00

PUBLIC SAFETY ROUND-UP

Given the proper manpower the Call Firemen are burning any fields that need burning over. For information contact Donnie Smith or come into the Public Safety Building to set up an appointment.

Public Safety is organizing a softball team. They will play a game next Sunday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. with a team from the Island. Come and watch them!

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FEENEY'S FINE, NEW STORE - FEATURING FINE FOODS
OPENED FOR BUSINESS APRIL 9, 1981

Best Wishes to John Feeney and his family!