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From The Peaks Island School

Below is a postscript to a letter sent
Mrs. Deane's Class at the Peaks Island School
From artist/illustrator Jan Brett.
Does anyone remember her grandmother,
Mrs. Churchill?

Warmest regards,
Jan Brett

P.S. When I saw where your letter was from, I
called my mom. She used to live on Peaks Island when she was a little girl, in 1927.
She lived with her grandmother, Grace Churchill in a cottage that overlooked
Portland light. She said to tell you
that there was a wonderful Merry-go-
round where the ferry comes in.
I hope some day I can
visit Peaks Island.

Jan Brett, 132 Pleasant Street, Norwell, Mass. 02061, 617-659-7748

*** DEADLINE for the MAY STAR is April 25, 1993 ***
Check It Out! Explore! Celebrate!

Friends of the Peaks Island Library will host an Open House Thursday, April 22, 4-8 pm, to celebrate National Library Week. We hope those coming off the 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, and 7 pm boats will find the time convenient, and we hope especially to see those who may not have a library card or who may just not have found their way to the library yet.

If you do not have a card, please bring some ID with your present address (a piece of mail addressed to you will be fine), and you can get a card that night.

We are lucky to have an island branch. Check it out! Explore! Celebrate! See you then.

Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 6, 7 pm: *A River Runs Through It* by Norman McLean

Tuesday, May 4, 7 pm: short stories by Nobel prize winner Nadine Gordimer

Join us, the first Tuesday of each month. Open to any adult.

Open:

Tues. 2-8
Fri. 10-2
Sat. 9-1

(Story Hour: 10:15)

From the New Book List

Fiction

Terry Brooks
Gerald Browne
Antonia Fraser
John Grisham
P. D. James
Tabitha King
Terry McMillian
Lawrence Sanders
LeVyrle Spencer
Donna Tartt

Talismans of Shannara
18 mm Blues
Jemima Shore at the Sunny Grave
The Client
Children of Men
One on One
Waiting to Exhale
McNally's Risk
November of the Heart
Secret History

Nonfiction

Louise Ames
Harold Bloomfield
Michael Dresdner
Jim Fergus
David Heilbroner
Robert Kaplan
Harold Kushner
Gail Lawther
Paul Rezendes
Al Silverman

Raising Good Kids
Making Peace in Your Stepmfamily
Woodfinishing Book
Hunter's Road: Journey With Gun and Dog
Death Benefit
Balkan Ghosts: Journey Through History
To Life!
Complete Quilting Course
Tracking and the Art of Seeing
Twentieth Century Treasury of Sports

Recent Donations to the STAR were received from Peaks Island Fuel Coop, and Annon. 1, 2, and 3. Thank you.

PEAKS ISLAND FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (QUAKER) usually held at Betty Van Wyck's home on Adams Street will be temporarily discontinued. For interested persons Betty is at the Barron Center in Portland. This spring we will be considering alternative locations for holding the island's Friends Group Meeting.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

APRIL ACTIVITIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM, YOU MUST CONTACT DENISE (766-2970) AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE. DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE MACHINE. IF DENISE IS NOT THERE, PLEASE CALL 874-8793 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

ADULT ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

WALKS AROUND THE ISLAND
10:00 am
Meet at the Sr. Ctr.

LET'S HAVE FUN--LET'S TALK GARDENING
2:00 pm at the Com. Ctr.
Guest Speaker: Jon Kelso

"SPRING FEVER" SLIDE PROGRAM
3:00 pm at the Com. Ctr.

April 13 - Tuesday
April 21 - Wednesday
April 29 - Thursday

April 14 - Wednesday

April 20 - Tuesday

Men's basketball has been extended on Tuesday evening until May 11. Drop-in fee is $2.00 per night.

OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Senior adults are given top priority. Non-seniors may register on a space available basis. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center (open M-F, 10:00-11:00 am; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 2545). Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 2970.

MAPLE SUGARING
11:15 am boat/return 3:15 pm
Cost: $1.50, includes tour of the sugar house and maple sugar sundae. Lunch will be extra.

MYSTERY TOUR and LUNCH
10:00 am boat/ return 4:30 pm
April 28 - Wednesday

SMTC LUNCHEON
11:15 am boat/no later than 3:15 return
Cost: $4.50 - $6.50
May 5 - Friday

After School Program: Grades 1-5
Thursday afternoons from 2:45 - 4:00 pm.

Special Kindergarten Program
Thursday, April 1: 10:15 - 11:00 and 12:30-1:15 "April Showers" Crafts
April 22 10:15 -11:15 Spring Flower Activities

If you are interested in a CPR/ First Aid course, please call Denise to let her know. If there is enough interest, we will have one in the near future.
FEAR OF CHANGE
A Response to the Union! Green Sheet

The Union! has recently broadcast a sheet of green paper with 11 concerns about costs and accessibility to services were Peaks Island to be separate from Portland. It's comforting to know that their concerns about taxes, education, federal funds, sewer costs, eldercare are the same as everyone else's. It's also a relief to be reminded that these are the city's concerns for us as well and that they are expert at efficient operations.

If we all care about similar things then perhaps the referendum debate is about something more fundamental. Perhaps it's fear of change. What do you think?

The green sheet suggests we should be wary of unanticipated expenses.

What about unanticipated cutbacks?

What if, having come to depend on a certain level of federal Community Development dollars, Portland's allocation dwindles?

What if the aid to education formula continues to bypass the city? When will redistricting come to our elementary school as it has on the mainland?

Remaining part of the city is likely to benefit those on the sewer line, but the bill, now in the State House revisor's office, has affirmed that there will be no successful secession movement without protecting the wallets of island sewer users.

The Barron Center does have a residency criterion for admission, but it is a historical one. This confers Portland residence on individuals whose long standing home was in the city, despite a recent move to another community, such as the home of a grown child, or the creation of a new town.

If Portland is seriously concerned about fire protection on the island, why has research indicated a necessary annual expense of over $30,000 more than the city currently budgets for us?

If you are ill or hurt, the fire boat may require up to 80 minutes before you are admitted to an emergency room. By helicopter, you can be there in 30 minutes, a service which will be available shortly after May 15 and which was discovered and detailed for you, irregardless of your political persuasion, by the Peaks Island Research Committee.

All of these points and many more have been researched with hard figures and are fully documented. They're not "what if's." What if the Union! were willing to quantify their concerns, sources revealed, and participate in PINA sponsored public debate?

Then information would be the issue, not fear of change.
UNION!
Peaks Community Center
Sunday, February 28, 1993, 2:00 P.M.

The second meeting of UNION! was attended by 70-80 Islanders at the Peaks Community Center. The group unanimously approved a slate of the following people who will make up the core of the "steering committee":

Moderator: Annie Romanyshtyn 766-2887
Secretary: Kay Taylor 766-2811
Treasurer: Roberta Deane 766-2782

Committees:
Legislative: John Flynn 766-2525
Education: Janine Blatt 766-2615
Public Works: Lloyd Hamilton 766-5130
Human Service: Jon Kelso 766-2519
Treatment Plant: Jerry Garman 766-5054
Emergency Medical: Fay Garman 766-5054
Fire, Police: Peter Deane 766-2782
Budget: Gene Taylor 766-2811
Publicity: Angie Kelso 766-2619

John Flynn reported that there was nothing new on the secession bill as it has not been printed yet. However, he encouraged anyone interested to go to Augusta (on 3/1) in support of LD 136 which is a request that the State Legislature approve $100,000 for Casco Bay Lines. Angie Kelso described several hand-outs which were available giving names and addresses of legislators and explaining the process a bill goes through.

The group unanimously passed a motion supporting PINA-sponsored informational forums on secession-related issues. We will participate in the forums when a) we have seen and studied the secessionists' proposed budget, and b) the bill has come from the legislature.

After further discussion, the group passed, with 4 in opposition, the following resolution:

1. UNION! opposes secession.
2. UNION! does not oppose the right to vote.

Among the interesting points brought up in the discussion and community comment period were:
1. The "right to vote" has always been there.
2. The bill is the issue: it should be read and then decided if it's a good bill or a bad bill.
3. People have a democratic right and responsibility to contact their legislators if they wish to do so.
4. People who wear "right to vote" buttons may not necessarily be secessionists; they may still be gathering facts.
5. In response to a comment that one should study the bill carefully before opposing it, it was pointed out that many of us are opposed to the bill because we have been opposed to secession from the beginning.
6. Concerns were raised regarding the divisiveness of the issue to our community; the hope was voiced that we can keep the discussions amicable.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2:00 PM, COMMUNITY ROOM

CONTRIBUTIONS: WRITE CHECK TO ROBERTA DEANE; GIVE TO HER OR MAIL TO:
UNION! P.O. BOX 132, PEAKS ISLAND, ME. 04108
Monday, April 19, is the scheduled date for the next Senior Citizen luncheon. We meet at noon, planning on a covered dish luncheon.

Because we have had such an extreme winter, this will be our first opportunity in 1993 to transact business. We need to have everyone fifty or older, who can be on the island at noon on that date, with us to have a voice in deciding the fate of this independent island organization now more than a quarter of a century old.

In the political climate that has developed during the last few years, not only on Peaks Island, but in the state and nation, it has become particularly important that Peaks Island Senior Citizens develop a clear and articulate voice of their own, not leaving it altogether to others to speak for us.

We are particularly grateful to Virginia Adamson, who in this emergency has volunteered to act as chairman of a nominating committee. Janet Sullivan and Gretchen Hall are serving on the committee with her in an effort to put together a new slate of officers.

Those of us who receive meals-on-wheels would like to take this opportunity to thank Fern Parker, and her crew of volunteers, not only for getting those meals to us under difficult circumstances, but for giving us the one glimpse of a human face that we might have all day. Even when it was possible, it wasn't exactly easy to get around on some of those Peaks Island roads this past winter.

Plans are being worked out for a gathering of Peaks Island Senior Citizens, including those of us receiving Meals-on-wheels, where we will have opportunity to speak of our needs to those in a position to help us overcome some of the disadvantages of being elderly in today's world.

If you are over sixty, and bothered by material that comes your way from City Hall, Augusta, or the IRS, try calling the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, telephone number 775-6503.

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LAST SUNDAY MARCH 21st, WE PRESENTED "FAIRY TEA" IN ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL, FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRACKETT MEMORIAL AND ST. CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH'S. THE PUBLISHERS OF THE BOOK, GENEROUSLY DONATED THE DOOR PRIZE, A BEAUTIFUL POSTER OF "FAIRY TEA", ALSO THE"BOOK "FOR A RAFFLE. WE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE SHOW AGAIN ON SATURDAY MARCH 27th. IN THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER AT 4:30 pm. OVER 40 DANCERS WILL PARTICIPATE. WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE OUR PEAKS ISL. AND RIVERTON STUDIO'S FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT WHICH ENABLE US TO DONATE THE PROCEEDS TO WORTHY CHARITIES.

THE RIVERTON SHOW "FAIRY TEA" WILL BENEFIT THE MAINE CHILDRENS CANCER PROGRAM.

STARTING TUESDAY, MARCH 30th, OUR PEAKS ISL. STUDIO WILL BE MOVED BACK TO THE HOME STUDIO, AT 4 GREENWOOD ST. (NEAR SANDY REACH) PH 766-2727.

WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR NEW JUNE RECITAL "THOSE FABULOUS YEARS" FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DOREEN, AT THE HOME STUDIO.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL
MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREFN AND CO.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
Rev. Normand Carrier, Pastor

Masses: Weekend - Sat. 4 pm, Sunday, 9 am in the Parish Hall  
Weekday - St. Joseph-By-The-Sea, 7:30 am

Activities: Sundays - Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after Mass  
Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center  
Beano - NO BEANO UNTIL MAY  
Thursdays - Prayer Group 9:45 am at Marge Erico's. For prayers call 8-2844, 2502, 2641 or St. Joseph's 2284

EASTER SERVICES - Services for Easter week will be announced in the church bulletin.

50/50 Club - $5 a month or $50 per year, win half of the pot. Call Joyce O'Brien 6-2001 for more information.

PARISH CONCERNS: Contact Paul Johnson 2910, Sr. Rosina 2284, Rectory 2585

** Donations for Food Pantry may be left in appropriate box or basket in the Parish Hall. Your donations may help many.

RENEW PROGRAM - Are you interested in renewing your Renew Program. Open to all. FMI call Father Carrier 2585. This could be a great Lenten series.

PARISH COUNCIL - Next Parish Council meeting TBA in the church bulletin.

FOR FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Street - Telephone 766-5013
Pastor - Rev. Charles Hale

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (Note new earlier hour.)
10:00 A.M. - Worship
7:00 P.M. - Bible study at the parsonage

Thursdays - Regular Boy Scout meetings in Fellowship Hall
April 2 - Boy Scouts' April Fool Party

Wednesdays - 7:00 P.M. - AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
April 8 - 7:00 P.M. - Maundy Thursday Passover Service
April 11 - 6:06 A.M. (Daylight Savings Time!) - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Whaleback
7:30 - Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
April 13 - Noon - UMW meeting at Mary Dennison's. (Pray for no snow! And no flooding from melting!) We want to welcome Eleanor back.

April 15 and 29 - Noon - Do I dare schedule meetings here at the Avenue House (Virginia Paton's)? After all the postponements, all the ladies must be rarin' to go back to work on Fair items. So bring a sandwich and pent-up enthusiasm (and a friend) and we'll work/visit like mad.

Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. - Bible study at Senior Center
We'd like to welcome Eric Walton and Erica Demichelle to our Preschool Program. We'd also like to thank Jenny Yasi for her afternoon visits and sharing of music and guitar.

Many thanks to all who wrote letters in support of our Building Project to the Portland City Council. We have received their support of our project need and a commitment to help with funds from supplemental HCD (Housing and Community Development) funds expected in Portland late this spring. These supplemental funds are part of President Clinton's economic package and are targeted to physical improvement projects. We will keep you posted on the status of these funds and project.

Speaking of President Clinton, Janine Blatt, our Program Director, had a chance to hear him speak at the Children's Defense Fund Conference in Washington, D.C., along with Marian Wright Edelman and other Cabinet members. She also had a chance to experience "the blizzard" in Washington and Newark Airport! The Kelsos experienced it in Florida! We're all glad to be home!

We welcomed back all our vacationers with a "think spring" mural. We're waiting for those crocuses and daffodils.

Our Infant/Toddler Community Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning from 10-11:15 AM. Please come and enjoy our playspace.

Thanks to all who continue to participate in our ongoing Bottle Drive at Feeney's Market...and to all of you who helped to make the Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Contra Dance a wonderful Cabin Fever event. This is a joint fundraiser with the Elementary School PTO...all of the Child Care Center's proceeds will be used to help support the Building Project.

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

To verify that it is officially spring, I can report that CBG has already begun a waiting list for monthly parking. We expect to have a small amount of turnover from winter residents, but if you know of anyone who hopes to begin parking in the warmer months, they should sign up now. As always, we will accept reservations no sooner than 30 days prior to the month in which you will begin parking.

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 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. If you let your parking payments lapse, you must pay all back charges in order to be able to begin parking.

Please remember to 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. Casco Bay Garage is not responsible for theft from or damage to vehicles. Drive Safely,
Peaks Island Neighborhood Association

On March 2nd, a public meeting with the Portland Water District was held at St. Christopher's Parish Hall. Jay Hewitt, Director of Engineering, Steve Gordon, Director of Operations, Jud Clements, Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District were present. George Flaherty and Bill Goodwin from the City of Portland Public Works Department were also present. Approximately forty islanders attended this meeting and asked many questions. This meeting was very informative, although no final decisions can be reached at the present time as so much depends on what action the island takes in the future. For more details on this meeting, please see notes that are kept at the library.

The next scheduled General Meeting for Peaks Island Neighborhood Association will be April 20th. Hope to see everyone there.

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AL-ANON MEETING STARTING IN MARCH FOR PEAKS

Families and friends of Alcoholics/Drug Addicts or any other 12 Step Disorder are welcome. We will start meetings on Wednesday, March 10, 1993, at the SENIOR CENTER from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please come and get help for yourself. If you have any questions, please call Carol J. at 766-2143.

The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

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The Health Center will be closed on Monday, March 29 until Monday, April 5. During that time, Dr. Merson's office will be taking calls for the Health Center, the number is 878-5042. Dr. Merson will be at the Health Center on Wednesday, April 7. Dr. Rudolph will return on April 14th.

In the case of any medical emergency, dial 911 first.

Call 766-2929, for an appointment. Please leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for your continuing support of the Peaks Island Health Center.
The Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program

You’ve probably heard about it, but do you know what it is all about? The Community Enrichment Program is funded through a Chapter II grant and awarded to schools for innovative ideas that link students, parents and the community, our community. This grant, which is entitled, A Model for Lifelong learning, is designed to bring islanders, adults and children, together in an atmosphere of learning, self-respect, community involvement and cooperation. The Peaks Island School Home/Action Team serves as an advisory board for this grant.

NOW SHOWING
These are activities that are currently running as a part of the Community Enrichment Program:

Kite making for the Amateur and Enthusiast
April 7, 14, 28 and May 5
This class is full

Acrobatics
Tuesdays, through April 6
This class is full

Creative Writing
Mondays, 2:45 to 4 p.m.
Grades 1 to 5

School Library
Mondays and Thursdays
2:30 to 4 p.m.
Open for homework, special activities are scheduled each month, call Gail Vail, 766-2528 for details.

Drama
Thursdays
Youth -- 2:45 to 4 p.m.
Teens -- 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
All activities are held at Peaks Island School

As a part of this grant, a group of Peaks Island adults and children have been meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center to create a mural for the walls of the Center. Professional and non-professional artists, children and adults of all abilities, are involved in this exciting project. If you would like to contribute to this mural project in any way, please call Jennifer Hicks, grant coordinator, 766-5954.

Enclosed is a rough sketch of the mural for the Community Center walls.
The Community Enrichment Program’s April Activities

Please check the activities you would like to participate in and return all forms to Jennifer Hicks c/o Peaks Island School no later than Friday, April 2 to ensure enrollment in the activity offered. Any enrollment form received after the deadline will be taken as space becomes available. No classes will be held the week of April 19-23 due to school vacation.

___ Craft Days
___ April 30
___ May 14
• 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
• Grades pre- to 3rd

___ Owls of Maine
• Tuesday, April 13
• 2:45 to 4:15
• Grades K to 5th/Limited to 30 students
  On a first come, first served basis.

___ Beginning Knitting
• Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 28
• 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
• Grades 4 to adult

___ Stars and Planets!
• Thursday, April 8, 7 - 8 p.m.
• All ages welcome, but grades K - 3 must be accompanied by an adult

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___ Beginning Knitting

___ Owls of Maine
(maximum of 30 people)

___ Stars & Planets

___ Craft Days!

___ April 30
___ May 14

Name(s)

Parents signature
(if applicable)

Please return all forms to Jennifer Hicks, c/o Peaks Island School by Friday, April 2.