

TUCKED AWAY IN A PICTURESQUE corner of the Spokane Valley near the Idaho border, the office of the Liberty Lake Sewer District is not what you would expect of a municipal corporation. No chrome-and-smoked-glass decor. No art hanging on the walls that was purchased with taxes. Instead, the sewer district's office is in what was going to be a guest room of Sue Kaun's home. The lakefront home was to be the remote haven of a new lifestyle to which Mrs. Kaun with her husband and three children escaped from the urban frenzy of Los Angeles.

That was back in 1974, when the Kauns' oldest child was nine and the twins were six. "We spent the whole summer out on the dock, swimming," Sue Kaun remembers. "It was just like living in heaven." But when the summer was over and the kids were back in school, the Kauns saw a troubling sight in the water. "We noticed the lake had a kind of strange bloom on it. I didn't know anything about lakes—to me that was just water out there. I didn't know what blooms were or blue-green algae or anything else."

But to Sue Kaun, Liberty Lake was the promise of a new world, so she made it her business to find out what was ailing it. She learned that the lake was being strangled by algae and that the algae were being fed by phosphorous from leaking septic tanks ringing the shore. The lake was turning into a meadow before her eyes, a natural enough event but in this case one greatly accelerated by the effect of man. Mrs. Kaun also learned that a tiny citizens' band of sewer guerrillas had formed the Liberty Lake Sewer District in order to do something about it, because Spokane County's elected officials had refused to remedy matters for years. Most residents of the area, along with the casual boaters and fishermen who trailled in with their six-packs from near and far, seemed to be standing by helplessly as if waiting for some white knight or green government car to come down the road and save the life of the lake for them. "I couldn't imagine not feeling a certain responsibility to that lake," Mrs. Kaun says. "If I'm going to live there I can't just use it and not do something for it." So she joined the sewer guerrillas.

In 1976, Sue Kaun and her compatriots savored a golden moment. Just a few months away from a summertime when the lake would resemble a cauldron of rancid split-pea soup, the voters of Liberty Lake approved the bonds necessary to construct their own sewer plant. The way was clear to build a simple, 350,000-gallon-per-day, \$1.2-million facility. To celebrate, the Liberty Lake sewer guerrillas held a Sewer Ball. They crowned a Sewer Queen, elected a Sewer Mom, awarded the Golden Plunger to their engineer, Michael A. Kennedy. It was grassroots political triumph of the sweetest kind. Sue Kaun was appointed secretary of the Liberty Lake Sewer District and later was made its general manager. It looked like a classic civic tale of the inspiring sort. It was to turn out a different way.

Only 20 years ago, the Spokane Valley was
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SEWER WARS

**Grass-roots action
in a Spokane suburb
touches off a sewerage-grab
by developers,
the County,
and the State DOE**

by Larry Shook

a classic swath of Washington countryside, dotted with orchards and truck gardens. Today it is an unsightly mess developed as far as it can be without attention to such expensive urban details as sewers. Beneath the Valley flows one of the nation's finest aquifers. The EPA has declared it the sole source of drinking water for 350,000 people, and studies have shown that the immense underground lake is being fouled by surface pollutants.

Once sewers are in, the value of the area's real estate will skyrocket. Because of this, numerous private economic interests clearly view the construction of sewers in the Spokane Valley as one of the most tantalizing poker games in the state. The stakes already on the table number in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Several developers have expressed intentions to build a regional shopping center in the area, and it is expected to have a devastating impact on downtown's retail health. Major residential/commercial development will start going in as soon as the sewers do. High-tech darling Hewlett Packard has built the first of 11 planned buildings, Spokane's ISC has located a new plant next door to HP, and other electronic firms are expected to follow. The tiny Liberty Lake Sewer District never expected to find itself in the middle of this poker game, but from the start it was drawn in, inexorably and disastrously.

In 1977, one year and \$60,000 into the design of the Liberty Lake sewer system, two important things happened. First, Spokane developer William Main announced plans for a development he wanted to hook up to Liberty Lake's sewer; second, Wells B. McCurdy of Seattle announced a similar intention. Together, their projects encompassed nearly 2,000 acres of stores, offices and houses—McCurdy's included a regional shopping center—and they swamped Liberty

Lake's planned sewage treatment capacity. Too, it was Main who wooed Hewlett Packard to build a facility on his property, a boon to the area's economic development but another serious impact on Liberty Lake's sewer.

At this point there can be no doubt that the courtship of Hewlett Packard was a prime mover in events the Liberty Lake Sewer District was being swept into. The only reason the people of Liberty Lake had agreed to pay for a sewer in the first place was to clean up after themselves, not to spur growth, and certainly not to hire out as sewage agents for developers. But at that time there was no indication when, if ever, the County of Spokane would get around to building a sewer that would solve the problem Liberty Lake's own sewer solution had created. Among Main, McCurdy, and Hewlett Packard, along with their combined effect on the Liberty Lake area, the new-growth problem added up to an estimated sewage discharge by the year 2000 of 4,665,000 gallons per day, far more than the 350,000 gallons the sewer commissioners had originally projected. Also, because the new development would be directly over the area's drinking wells, the district felt it had no choice but to expand its system.

So the commissioners of the fledgling Liberty Lake Sewer District and the developers struck an agreement whereby the developers would pick up 32 percent of the tab on expanding the treatment facility to handle the additional burden they would create. Based on that agreement, in September 1978 Liberty Lake published its Addendum To Facilities Plan. "The important thing to note about the addendum," says the district's consulting engineer, Mike Kennedy, "is that it changed the whole philosophy of the plant from being little to being big." Instead of being a simple 350,000-gallon biological plant that might someday expand to a million-gallon capacity,

The Liberty Lake sewer guerrillas, in front of their new treatment plant: stuck holding the bag of an outsized plant.

it now became a sophisticated biological and mechanical facility designed to begin operation with a million-gallon capacity expanding to 3 million gallons for sure and 13 million gallons if need be. In a letter to Liberty Lake dated December 11, 1978, Hewlett Packard manufacturing manager Mac McGrath let the district know that HP's plans to come to Spokane depended on Liberty Lake's expansion. HP requested a contract from the district committing it to provide HP with 1,375,000 gallons-per-day of sewage-treatment capacity within a 20- to 30-year period.

By now Spokane's leading economic growth advocates were positively swooning over the possibility of HP's arrival. In January 1979 Ace Edmunds, general manager of the Spokane Area Development Council, sent a plea to the area's business leaders for them to write the EPA and DOE asking those agencies to endorse Liberty Lake's Facilities Addendum. By early spring Liberty Lake had won the approval it needed from some 20 or so agencies ranging from EPA and DOE to the Spokane County Board of Commissioners. In the summer of 1979, Main, McCurdy, and Hewlett Packard signed contracts with the Liberty Lake Sewer District for handling all of their developments' waste, thereby assuring the district and its underwriters of the long-term revenues to support the expanded facility. Within a year the district had all of its new financing and construction was under way. It was a \$6.5-million plant that began operation at Liberty Lake last August, not the \$1.2-million facility that would have handled the needs of the district's original customers.

If times were different, that might be the end of the story. Today, however, "pothole politics" puts pressure on the infrastructure, the oil crisis is replaced by the water crisis, the public grows impatient with ability of corporations to camouflage and pass along their costs, and as municipal finance becomes a question mark—today is another matter.

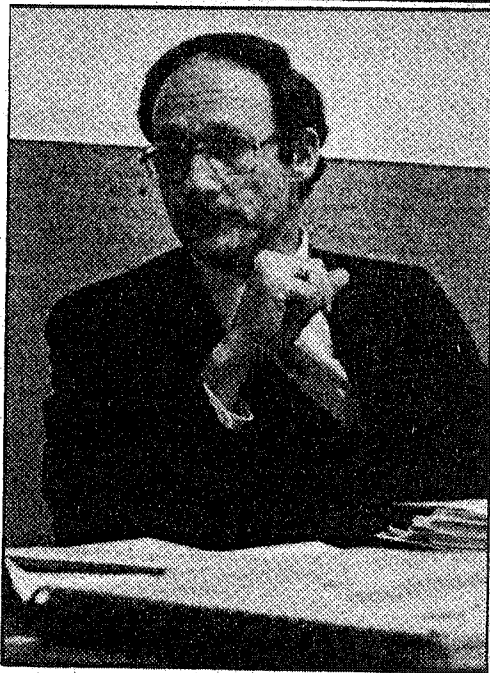
While the Liberty Lake Sewer District was struggling to complete its project, an important subplot was developing between the Spokane County Commissioners and the Washington Department of Ecology. After the so-called "208 Study" of 1978 documented degradation of Spokane's aquifer, the county commissioners knew they would at last have to sewer the Valley, a very expensive, politically dangerous decision they had put off for years. In order to qualify for construction grants, they first had to complete a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. By the time DOE approved that plan in 1981, DOE knew that the County was eyeing Liberty Lake's rich young commercial customers.

DOE may or may not have known that this was seemingly contrary to RCW 36.94.170, which protects small, special-purpose districts from the depredations of larger governing

bodies so that tax dollars don't go to subsidize bureaucratic turf wars. That DOE did know about the County's designs on Liberty Lake customers is indicated in correspondence dating back to early 1981, damning correspondence which may eventually prove a conspiracy existed between DOE and the county commissioners to "get Liberty Lake." This correspondence was recently discovered in DOE files by Liberty Lake officials using a public records request. Says Liberty Lake general manager Kaun, "We were locked out so early in the game, we didn't even know there was a game."

In any event, DOE conditioned its approval of the County's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan on the County's ability to resolve its jurisdictional differences with Liberty Lake. The County told Liberty Lake all it wanted to do was take its flows in excess of a million gallons. Practically speaking, this meant the County would capture all sewer revenues resulting from commercial/industrial expansion within the Liberty Lake Sewer District, offering a guaranteed return for the County on the work and risks of other people. Liberty Lake explained that this would make its plant a white elephant for the Lake's residents to operate and maintain over its life because they had no reason to build such an expensive facility unless those who really needed it and had commissioned its construction would continue to use it and pay for their use of it. Liberty Lake also told the County that it must take all of the district's sewage or none of it, and that if it took all of it, equal or lower rates would have to be guaranteed to district residents. The County refused to offer any such guarantee. For more than a year, through all of 1982, the County and Liberty Lake tried to work out these differences, to no avail.

By the time the County officially an-



Peterson: "hell on the homestead."

nounced its sewer plans last summer its credibility had already been seriously undermined by the action of the County commissioners themselves. To design the project, instead of hiring CH2M Hill, the engineering concern recommended by a citizens' selection review group, they hired Bovay Engineers, a decision that provoked charges of political cronyism. CH2M Hill sued the County for \$108,000, alleging that the workings of a political machine guided the commissioners' decision. After those allegations were supported by depositions taken of the commissioners and others around them, the

County settled out of court for everything CH2M Hill asked for, including legal fees, on the condition that the depositions not be made public record.

What the County wants to build is a 12-mile-long, \$19.5 million sewer trunk line that would link the Spokane Valley to the city's 44-million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant. The plan has received steady, occasionally incendiary, criticism. Some critics are highly skeptical of the County's engineering, because it must be integrated with the rather substantial sewer problems of the city. Others doubt that the County project will actually do much to protect the aquifer. Businesses and residences in pollution hot spot areas will not be required to hook up. One district of primary concern, Northwoods, won't even have access to the system until the second phase of construction. The commissioners admit that the Valley's failing septic tanks may not be eliminated for 20 years. The County's eagerness to tap into the Valley's new commercial customers prompted it to leapfrog the real problems.

Even these substantive concerns about the project's mechanical soundness are dwarfed by fiscal anxiety as the public begins to grasp what the County's sewer scheme might ultimately cost. Although the County's own recent projections have pegged the total cost of the project at a little over \$39 million, other analysis of the County's own numbers shows the cost at closer to \$70 million. Because the County has not been able to capitalize debt service, due to the mercurial nature of today's financial markets, many observers in Spokane sense that the true cost of sewerage the Valley is anyone's guess. Some estimates of hook-up charges have run as high as \$10,000 per home, which does not include monthly operating and maintenance

charges, charges the County has refused to estimate. To make matters worse, even though construction is scheduled to begin next September, some 3,000 feet of critical right-of-way has not yet been procured, a classic ingredient in such public-works boondoggles as the current Pierce County sewer project.

When questioned about the financial details of their project, the county commissioners are vague. What happens if the national recovery is short-lived, as many economists expect, inflation and interest rates climb, and the public refuses either to form the Utility Local Improvement Districts or to pass the general obligation bonds necessary to pay for the sewer? "Gloom, doom, and hell on the homestead," concedes County Commissioner Grant Peterson.

Of course, the County could choose to cover its expenses by issuing more councilmanic bonds, which do not require voter approval. That's what it did last August when it sold \$11-million worth of bonds to begin construction of a project the public knew almost nothing about and which the County did not have permission to begin, since it still had not satisfied DOE's pre-condition of resolving its jurisdictional dispute with Liberty Lake. Critics blasted the County for a premature bond sale. The County said it had to sell the bonds then in order to tie up an \$8.5-million grant from DOE. DOE's Gordon Douglas says, "We did not require them to sell those bonds before we issued a grant." In the end the County had nothing to spend its money on and wound up engaging in negative arbitrage for a net loss of \$250,000. Antics like these continue to damage the commissioners' credibility in the eyes of many, like John Vlahovich, the conservative publisher of the *Spokane Valley*.

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Herald, who says: "The whole thing stinks. It's the stinkiest mess I've ever seen, and I've been in this business over 50 years."

The public has not yet been made aware of what may ultimately cause the greatest concern. The County's sewer plan has less to do with protecting the region's water than providing county government with a powerful new revenue stream and industry with utilities subsidized by the public. "What I'm afraid of," says Art Toreson, an attorney and current president of the Liberty Lake Sewer District, "is that County taxpayers will find themselves sponsoring discount sewer charges for a handful of corporations. It reminds me of the Northern textile firms who fled to the South in the 1950s in order to escape unions and barter for tax relief and free land. The state fathers wanted to provide jobs, but they simply perpetuated a low-quality society by luring companies that leech off society."

Toreson's suspicions are fueled by documents found in DOE's files—the same documents that made Sue Kaun feel "locked out of the game"—and, once again, the actions of the county commissioners themselves. Those documents show that as early as January 1981 DOE was wondering whether

Liberty Lake should be "phased out." A memo dated March 2, 1981, shows that Spokane City and County staff met with DOE and discussed modifying approval of Liberty Lake's facility to meet the County's needs. Ironically, this was at the same time Liberty Lake was asked to provide an underwriter with a copy of the County's 1979 approval of the sewer district's expanded project. Thinking she had lost the district's copy, Sue Kaun asked the County to send her another. Instead, on March 17, the County drafted a new resolution limiting Liberty Lake to a million-gallon capacity. (Shortly afterward, the original resolution was found by the district.)

These actions show an interest both at DOE and Spokane County in preventing Liberty Lake from handling the flows of its commercial customers. The reason for that interest, at least on the part of the County, is apparent from other correspondence in DOE files. Although the County flatly denies ever making specific offers of sewer service to any of Liberty Lake's customers, offers which would violate State law, both William Main and Hewlett Packard's Spokane division manager, Ned Barnholt, wrote the County confirming that such offers had been made. In both cases the County offered rates substantially less than Liberty Lake is currently charging in return for early payment

by the developers. The significance is that while a sewer district has no incentive to offer preferred treatment to some customers, a county government does: to attract pre-payments to fatten front-end revenues, and new industry in the belief that the expanded tax base will offset added burdens on municipal service.

Despite two years of clandestine efforts to neutralize Liberty Lake, the County commissioners had not succeeded. Earlier this year they did. On February 22 all three of them traveled to Olympia, along with key staff, to ask DOE director Donald Moos to rescind DOE's stipulation that the County had to work things out with Liberty Lake before building its trunk line. Moos gave them what they wanted. Next day, County Commissioner Grant Peterson returned to Moos' office with representatives of several of the wealthiest commercial interest in the Spokane Valley, including Hewlett Packard's Barnholt, and Bill Main. Moos told them personally of the previous day's decision. Moos says he is aware his decision is controversial and, in light of subsequent developments, might ultimately be proven wrong.

Of the big three developers who originally talked Liberty Lake into expanding its do-it-yourself sewer plant, only Wells B. McCurdy

has remained loyal to the district. He was not invited to the February 23 meeting in Moos' office and it is known that McCurdy called Governor Spellman to register his anger.

On May 27 the Liberty Lake Sewer District filed suit against both DOE and Spokane County for interfering with its business and threatening its future. Without the revenues of the developers who asked the district to build its more expensive plant, Sue Kaun estimates Liberty Lake residents could lose \$50,000 a year in operating and maintenance over the life of the facility, and perhaps much more.

That strange bloom on Liberty Lake that Sue Kaun noticed nine years ago had turned into quite a sinister phenomenon. Grass-roots civic responsibility had become an unexpected way to open a Pandora's box. Out of it issued developers; leapfrog development pressures; a darker side to high-tech industry, which can outmaneuver small-town agencies; and a county government so worried about the tax bills of its belated sewer project that it became a rapacious force disguised as a helper. In the new politics of the 1980s—shortages of water, inadequate municipal finance to build major projects, and the scramble for jobs and tax bases—the saga of Liberty Lake offers numerous unpleasant-smelling lessons for the rest of the state and nation. ■

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ATTRACTIVE, TRIM, ACTIVE MALE. I enjoy classical music, drama, and ballet as well as jogging, "pumping iron," and skiing. My life is well-established and fulfilling. I am searching for a very attractive woman, under 35, who wants her life to contain both intellectual and physical pleasure; who is at home at the symphony or on the slope. If you are this person and desire a long-term relationship, please write Box 4093, The Weekly.

WANTED: ACTIVE, non-smoking, outdoor man, who ranges mountains, rivers, coasts, theaters, galleries, bookstores, likes to return to a cozy fire, knows and cares what's going on in the world, and is looking for his counterpart in an attractive, petite, forties woman, who knows how to appreciate a man. Reply Box 4153, The Weekly.

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WANTED: 26-33-year-old male, physically active, good health, career oriented, non-smoker, who enjoys adventurous dining, dancing and romancing, theater, biking, canoeing, a little eccentric. Reply Box 4196, The Weekly.

TO BOX 3207 (January 19): We have much in common. Reply with phone—PO Box 23196, Seattle, WA 98102.

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GYNOMORPHUS SESQUIPEDALIAN, 26-30, solicited by PhD with myriad interests in work or play. Pultritude and delacrity will be met by sanguine Apollo, 5'8", 32 years, dalliance a prestage to persisting ardor. Photos preferred. Reply Box 4166, The Weekly.

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ROMANTIC, SENSITIVE MALE, professional, 31, seeks caring, playful relationship with intelligent, enthusiastic, single woman. Reply Box 4169, The Weekly.

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, well bred, sensitive man, 33, 5'7", 140, non-smoker with many interests, desires permanent relationship with a kind, buxom woman. Photo appreciated. Reply Box 4170, The Weekly.

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FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT MALE, 37, thinking and acting much younger, seeking meaningful relationship (one thing that is more important than money). I'm 6'0", 175 pounds, blondish, receding, handsome, sophisticated, intelligent, sensitive, in excellent shape, a non-smoker with a strange mixture of traditional and non-traditional lifestyles. Although enjoyable company is more important than what I'm doing, my current interests include movies, dining out, jogging, working out, some sports, travel, people watching, good open conversation. My fantasy lady is in good health and shape, self-conscious about her appearance and figure, sensitive, intelligent, loyal, honest, and open-minded socially and sexually. Also single (or divorced without kids), fashionable with good business and financial aptitude, adept at social graces, and equally at home in sweatpants or flashy evening attire. More important than all of the above, just someone who is easy to get along with and supportive at all times! I'm realistic enough to realize somebody perfect may not exist but that doesn't mean I will give up looking. New friendships are always nice and sometimes exciting even if nothing permanent works out. If you have time, a long letter and photo would be nice, otherwise just a name, phone number, and description to PO Box 15730, Seattle, WA 98115.

RARE FIND! Seattle-native male, 28, 5'8", non-smoker, love to dance, read, talk, and listen to people who listen well themselves. Soon-to-be grad student in social work. Seeking active, spirited woman. Let's ride the ferry to Winslow and picnic, or...? Reply Box 4175, The Weekly.

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MAN LOOKING FOR WOMAN with fun and games in mind. Seeking fairly attractive female, in good shape, 21-45, with a sexy personality. I'm tall, slender, blue-eyed, Caucasian—32 and fairly handsome. Interested? Reply Box 4172, The Weekly.

RICHMOND BEACH REVELERS just celebrated their big 3-0. Interested in continuing by entertaining two or more independent busy women who will appreciate a rich Creole extravaganza we prepare. If you are stylish, naturalistic, politically opinionated, socially adaptable, physically active (animated—sometimes frenetic, occasionally serene), in other words "everything in the world you could possibly imagine," like us, respond to Box 4173, The Weekly. Le Bon Temps Roulet.

CLOSET BLUES SINGER with rich and expressive voice, but little experience, seeks male accompanist to share the pleasure of this medium. Reply Box 4174, The Weekly.

ATTRACTIVE AND FIT, professional Jewish man, 30, has heart as well as substance and is Northwest in tastes and virtues. I wish to meet a sensuous, pretty, and bright Jewish woman, who like I, does not lack for companionship but wants to create the kind of friendship that comes from having more than only good intentions in common. Reply Box 4184, The Weekly.

SUMMER SKIING?

Wanted: male companion for skiing Mount Hood, biking, hiking, and/or tennis. I'm female, 36, single, professional, attractive, slender, non-smoking, affectionate, sensitive, open. Enjoy outdoors, theater, travel, laughing, repartee over meals, sunsets. Looking for similar in male, 30-42. Reply Box 4176, The Weekly.

28-YEAR-OLD MALE, sensitive, attractive, medical student, seeks easy going, caring, adventuresome, 22-32-year-old woman for possible friendship/relationship. Photo appreciated. Reply Box 4177, The Weekly.

ATTRACTIVE, WARM, affectionate, black female, 25, student, seeks attractive, outgoing, honest, financially secure male, 29-39, for long-term relationship. Sincerity far more important than nationality. Reply Box 4180, The Weekly.

LOOKING FOR A REAL WOMAN. Tall, successful, good looking, professional man, early thirties and relatively new to Seattle, who is intelligent, fun loving, honest, with good sense of humor, emotionally mature, and knows how to talk and to be a friend; seeks to meet quality woman (non-smoker) with intelligence, beauty, independence (feminists welcome), and charm, who has a life and interests of her own but also room for a warm relationship based on mutual respect and affection. I've never done this before either; let's take a chance. Please reply Box 4181, The Weekly.

SIX-FOOT, BLUE-EYED, Gemini male, seeking trim and athletic female hiking companion, 27-35, with flexible schedule, who can head for the hills when the sun is out. RAIN? How about dining, dancing, and the movies. Reply Box 4182, The Weekly.

ATHLETIC INTELLIGENT MAN, 40, wishes to meet athletic, attractive, and amusing lady, 20-30. Reply Box 4183, The Weekly.