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Final Edition - New beginnings, new endings. The newly-renovated ice cream store downfront on Peaks Island launches its first season this month under new management. Sadly, this is the final edition of the Island Times as it is known today, owing to shrinking ad revenue, distribution space and readership. We hope you've enjoyed the paper as much as we've enjoyed producing it. By the way, we learned that last month's April fool's joke actually fooled a few people who seriously debated the sinking of Peaks Island. Always leave them laughing, I say.

Saying Goodbye
This contributes to the paper have chosen to say goodbye in their own way: Puzzle-maker Ethan Owens.

Skate park project endorsed by the PIC
by Kevin Attra

The agenda for the monthly Peaks Island Council meeting on Wednesday, April 24 featured a community discussion about a proposed skate park on the island. According to Chair Mike Sylvester in an e-mail to the community, the issue was dropped earlier in order to work out the budget, on condition that it be resumed afterward. "We'll see what support there is for movement on this or perhaps other recreational ideas," he wrote.

All councillors except Eric Eaton attended, including Neighborhood & Island Liaison Mike Murray from the City Manager's office and Recreation Department manager Sally DeLuca and facilities manager Eitan Owens. Sylvester opened the meeting with a moment of silence for victims of the Boston bombing.

DeLuca presented information about the existing skate park in Portland, which cost $325,000 to build. It replaced the 10-year-old wooden structure on Marginal Way which had reportedly rotted beyond repair. That facility cost $15,000 to build and used private funds donated by a business owner who was annoyed with skateboard traffic in the Old Port.

DeLuca said the process of locating and building the new park required extensive planning and research. Many people were opposed to having it in their neighborhoods - "Teens are scary," she said. "You kind of need to come to us to have this project done," DeLuca said. According to her, soil tests need to be conducted and the facility will have to be designed by an architect.

Chris Hoppin spoke on behalf of one of the boys who build the skate park on Brackett Avenue to say that they had found a new space in Trist-Lettlejohn park and are ready to build a new one. He presented a letter from one family that said the boys had worked with City Councilor Peter O'Donnell to locate and build one, but that even after his tacit approval "nothing happened." Two years ago the boys finally took it upon themselves to build one on the remains of a former WWII building. Unfortunately, it is located on land under control of the PLP and in violation of the terms of land preserve, which prevents the installation of any permanent structure.

The kids built the skate park in the wrong place," Hoppin said. "Let's help them build another one."

"Is the City willing," said Liaison Mike Murray. "Well, we're here as the city to say we'll listen." He recommended that funding be requested through the Capital Improvement Plan budget.

DeLuca recommended that a committee be established. "That will go a long way towards getting this done."

After little debate, the PIC resolved to "start the process." PCC attending - Marjorie Pears, Mary Anne Mitchell, Cheryl Mung, Mike Sylvester, Ted Keltybear and Jim Hoppin.

Architect documents houses on Peaks Island
by Kevin Attra

Architect Ted Oldham is photographing every home in Portland for documentation purposes. On the Portland Historic Preservation board, he got familiar with the 1924 photo-record and decided to duplicate it.

He started three years ago, and has walked every street, which he estimates is about 400 miles. He has 20,000 already photographed.

We caught up with him on Monday March 18 on Daniel Street when he started photographing Peaks Island. He thought there were around 900 houses to shoot.

He is including Cushing, Cliff, and the Diamonds, including the gated Diamond Cove community. "On an island, that's a little redundant," he said.

He is careful to photograph from public property such as roadways.

Oldham has lived in Portland for eight years, moving here from the D.C. area, but grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. He went to Berkley in the 1960s, did the hippey thing and toured London in VW bus.

He said he's gotten a lot of help from the Portland City staff. "They're accessible," he said. "You should try living in Washington."
Oceania Maine Datum
Fun facts about the sea around us

BY DR. PETE FRANKWICZ

"Support Maine Shrimp - pass the shrimp cocktail, please!"

Our May Oceania Maine Data article examines the 2013 Northern Shrimp season in the Gulf of Maine for clues why it was such a dismal season for landings.

The Northern Shrimp season ended in early April this year, with landings of from 50 to 100 pounds per hour, down significantly from the 300 pounds per hour haydays of the last decade. Many boats stayed home.

The graph at left displays the landings of Northern Shrimp for the last 51 years, as recorded by the Maine Department of Marine Resources. The bottom graph shows all landings for the state. In comparison, gulf fishermen only get about 4 percent of the action. It is also clear that the profit margin for shrimp fishing is all but gone.

The wildly fluctuating shrimp catch, like most natural systems, has cycled through highs and lows based on the complex interaction of natural and manmade factors, including overfishing, industrial pollution and changes in ocean conditions.

The large peak in 1969 and crash in the mid-1970s reflect the overfishing crisis and subsequent restrictions that ensued. Since then the shrimp hauls have been more consistent.

According to the Maine Department of Marine Resources, "After experiencing low biomass numbers in the 1970s, northern shrimp stocks are now at healthy levels. Northern shrimp are not overfished, nor is overfishing occurring."

Annual stock assessments are conducted by the Northern Shrimp Technical Committee as part of the Interstate Fisheries Management Program, which came out of the 1980s.

The Committee determines recommended harvests based on biological modeling and data from survey trawls, vessel landings, biological samplings and vessel trip reports.

Northern shrimp is fished seasonally, as the season length is determined annually by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Seasons may vary depending on how much shrimp is landed and can close early if the allowable catch of shrimp is landed.

Based on the graph for the Gulf of Maine, under the new regulations the shrimp harvest peaks in 1977 - only a modest increase - then a large spike in 1996 and a lesser one in 2010. A back-of-the-envelope model based on this data would lead us to expect the shrimp catch to bottom out again in 2013. More disturbing is the decreasing maximum catches over time, which would indicate that the shrimp population in the gulf is declining.

Many people attribute the disappearance of shrimp to warmer ocean water temperatures in the Gulf of Maine. Coincidentally, there has been a U-T increase in the annual mean ocean temperature in Casco Bay from 2003 to 2010, as measured at NOAA buoy 44007 off East Harps and Cry Rock.

Our back-of-the-envelope model greatly oversimplifies a very complex and dynamic system in the Gulf of Maine and serves to illustrate that there are changes in our ocean ecology that are accelerating massive shifts of aquatic populations in our lifetime.

We are accumulating terrabytes of earth science data every year without forgiving these datasets into definitive models and policy options for World Governments to act on.

News Briefs
Compiled by Kevin Attra

Boston Bombing has local impact
from William D. Baker, Assis. City Att'y, Westbrook

Rosalie Baker-Brown, 84, a summer resident of Peaks since 1956, has a long tradition of involvement with the Boston Marathon. She was born and raised in Hingham, Massachusetts where the marathon begins, and her deceased husband, Tom Brown, was the former president of the Boston Athletic Association.

Baker-Brown was in Hingham on April 15 to start the race and cheer on her granddaughter, Caitlin Gillard, a sales and marketing director for Casco Bay Lines, who was running in her third Boston Marathon.

Mrs. Baker-Brown was pleased that what is likely her last race as a race starter went off without a hitch until she found out that her granddaughter suffered a knee injury on the course and had been transported to the finish line medical tent just as the bombs went off.

Gillard was 100 yards away from the explosion, unharmed, but frantic as she tried to reunite with her husband, Andy Gillard, a captain at Casco Bay Lines, who was frantically trying to find her.

After several tense hours Mrs. Baker-Brown heard from Gillard that she and two other Portland area runners were able to get to their car and leave the city.

Bay Lines Updates
Bay Lines Staff Report

We are excited to announce the launch of the new and improved Casco Bay Lines website, a critical component of the Districts internet marketing plan. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement.

Work at Gate 5 is progressing on schedule. Glanvers crew are working seven days a week in order to ensure the car ferry berth is in operation on or very close to May 17. Once this work is complete, the crane barges will be shifted alongside the western face of the pier. At that time the Fowlings, piling's, wales and coasts at Gates 1 through 4.

The component of the Terminal Renovation Project which includes the new waiting room, public restrooms and ticket/flight windows will be advertised next month. Bids will be due in June. The current schedule anticipates the

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Letters

From Tax & Energy Assistance

Those energy bills keep coming! The cooler weather this spring meant that heaters could not yet be turned off or thermostat lowered. Most of us use our heat units to keep the flow of hot water throughout the summer. Energy costs are still very high and they certainly do not go down. PITEA does assist homeowners and renters with energy bills during the summer months.

Our association with Market America has proven to be successful. We have received over $300 in checks, which we plan to use through our portal, ILovePeaks.com. Please meander through the website to look at what stores are represented. They sell just about everything you might want or need. You will find a lot of things you already own so your door. Market America gives charitable organizations an opportunity to raise funds when shoppers use the portal assigned to the organization. ILovePeaks.com. Please check it out, or call 766-0067.

PITEA Loaf and Ladle Dinners will continue to be held on the island Saturday of each month in the social hall of the Peaks Island Baptist Church. On May 18th, there will be a breakfast cook-up on a stove top. The recipes are from the kitchens of our island neighbors and are considered by our members as delightful entrees and decadent desserts. The cost – just $7 per person if you bring your own meat.

Our goal of helping to keep our neighbors on Peaks is our only mission: Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

We wish to thank Kevin Attra for his wonderful story up of the Island Times. The paper has given us so much opportunity to get our message out to the world. All of us on Peaks Island, thank him for his hard work and dedication over the last few years. He will be missed. His Island Times will be missed.

 Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance

Attention all Islanders

On Wednesdays only, during the Summer Schedule (June to Labor Day) everybody can bring their own small vehicles (cars or pickups) over the Madeline for the winter rate of $36.65. This was proposed by an Islander and accepted by the board of Casco Bay Lines, Inc. for testing only, as a way to give relief to year round and seasonal residents.

If you don’t use it we will lose it.

The board will assess if we make up in volume for what they are losing in per trip revenue at the end of the season. So plan your doctor, dental, veterinarian or any type of weekly shopping or just a day off the rock for anyone on Wednesdays. The success and continuation of Cheap Wednesdays is only as good as we call it – up to us. Remember, it’s every trip, every Wednesday, all summer long!

Frank Shain
Peaks Island

I am a third generation Long Islander and have since 2009 been a year round resident. The Town is marking its 20th year this year and it seems to be a celebration planned. There have been positives and negatives during the 20 years, but probably most will agree that leaving Portland’s control was a good thing.

However, the current Selectmen have made the decision to not accept the bids of an Island business. Regarding public works, the transfer station/cash pick and snow plowing. Rather they have solicited bids from off island contractors, which has not settled well with many residents. Clarke & Sons – the island business that was turned down – has provided excellent service to the town for over 12 years.

The Selectmen are also exploring abolishing curb side pick up and reducing the hours of the transfer station.

Another major concern is snowplowing. Recent year residents have praised Clarke & Sons repeatedly on how well the roads are cared for in the winter months and are extremely leery of giving this responsibility to total strangers.

Clarke “Dickie” Clarke has also been the Fire Chief for 26 years, with his sons and employees Richard and John usingiren for eight years each. Robin Clarke, Coleman’s wife, has been on the Fire Department for over 20 years and an EMT for 18 years. If there is an emergency on Long Island, chances are a member or all members of the Clarke family are there helping in any way possible from the Ice Storm, Patriots Day storm, medical emergencies and fires.

Now after all the years of working and dedicating their lives to the Long Island Community, they will not have the jobs that they have loved and done so well.

Coleman Clarke has also written $1.9 million dollars in grants for the town from FEMA projects to new vehicles to emergency generators. Dickie loves his island namesake and causes to try to improve emergency response and create a sense of community pride.

We wish to rally at Town Hall on May 11th at 8:00 am to somehow keep the job local and support Clarke & Sons.

Thanks for listening!

Nanci Harmon
Long Island

To the Editor

Sad blues just to hear the Island Times needs to fold, and have been a part of my life for the years and I’m grateful for all it means to me and Peat and the Casco Islands. Wish I could help preserving, but I’m in the same boat as you. I hate to see any ill, skill’s for the last issue. You keep onstrummin’ & jammin’ bro.

Til Nihof
Peaks Island

Letter from Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

Veterans remind us what their medals mean

As a member of Congress, I’ve had the honor of personally awarding military medals to several veterans over the last few years. While this did not serve our nation for the purpose of receiving those medals, it is clear that the recognition means a great deal to them.

The medals are not important to the veterans for showing-off purposes (one World War II veteran cried, “I thought it was just a good shirt!” when I tried to pin them on him). It’s what they symbolize: our gratitude and respect for their devoted service to the country, and, in the case of combat medals, for courage and sacrifice under fire.

In recent weeks, veterans felt that the Department of Defense had disregarded the actions behind those combat medals. And in their outcry, they have reminded us of the incredible hardships they went through to earn the medals they serve and sacrificed so much for.

In February, the Department of Defense announced that it would create the Distinguished Warfare Medal to recognize military personnel engaged in remotely piloted drone aircraft and forces of cyber warfare. Veterans across the country took issue with the idea that those who flew missions from the safety of their vehicles to save lives in combat should be indistinguishable from those who died in battle.

I heard from dozens of veterans who thought the precedence of the new medal was disrespectful for those who sacrificed their lives fighting on the front line. One Vietnam veteran said that he felt it diminished the sacrifices of the friends who were served with who were hurt or killed in the war.

I think veterans were rightfully upset.

The military should recognize extraordinary service from all its members, and in today’s world that certainly includes drone pilots and others who use technology to fight remotely and assist soldiers in the field. But those jobs are rarely done from the safety of the U.S., where personnel get to go home to their families every night.

As such, the medallions should be given to those who directly face the danger, not those who work from the safety of their vehicles. It should have been earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. One Vietnam veteran said that he felt it diminished the sacrifices of the friends who were served with who were hurt or killed in the war.

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Wood chipping for fire prevention
from Mike Murray
 Neighborhood & Island Services
 City of Portland

As a follow up to the Island Advisory Meeting held on April 17, the Neighborhood & Island Services Department, with support from the Portland Fire Department and the Portland Public Services Department, will be conducting a fuel reduction program on City of Portland islands in June.

This program, which is voluntary, is designed to reduce the forest fuel load near homes and prevent wildfires from threatening and damaging homes. Although there is no direct cost to the homeowner, they are responsible to remove the brush from around their homes and create "defensible space." The following must be adhered to be considered for the program:

1. An application must be filled out;
2. Firewise Application
3. The property must be on the Island for the season; and
4. Pine logs must be more than 4" high and 20' long.

All islands must be placed out before the end of the road.

No limbs larger than 12" in diameter.

No construction materials.

No vines, bamboo, bittersweet, etc.

The schedule of chipping will be as follows:

June 17 - Peaks Island
June 18 - Cushing Island
June 19 - Little Diamond Island
June 21 - Clifford Island


This program is available on a first come first serve basis. There are limits as numbers vary from island to island. Additional chipping may be available from MFS. Those property owners interested in participating may return completed forms to Mike Murray by either fax: 207-987-8669; e-mail: murray@portlandmaine.gov; or mail: 389 Congress Street, Room 208, Portland, ME 04101. Those with questions may call 207-828-5822.

Weathertaking takes over on Peaks Island
by Maggie Small, Island Fellow

Some have called them the "Ghostbusters". Others have just been curious. Why have these men been riding around in a white truck labeled "Doctor LLC" for the past two months, and what have they been doing on the Mainer’s Island this summer? (The Mainer’s Island, a U.S. Army Department of Defense, Department of Justice, and Mass Department of Public Safety-Return Corps. Contact her at 207-774-5019 or at www.peaksisland.com/corset.

Resources to Help You Manage Your Money
by Nicole Evans

Whether you are looking to address life challenges (finding a job and paying for basic needs) or setting financial goals, you need to learn how to control your spending, prioritize your goals, and build up your emergency fund. The following organizations can help you reach your financial goals:

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

COLLEGE SAVINGS
- College savings plans and resources: Finance Authority of Maine, 800-228-3735, www.financeauthority.com
- "Family Development Account" (FDA) to go to school (income guidelines), and free money management services: Women, Work, and Community, 799-5025, www.womensworkandcommunity.org
- Get connected to additional local and national organizations that can help you make the most of your money by dialing 2-1-1, or visiting www.211maine.org.

ONLINE, MONEY MANAGEMENT TOOLS
- Financial planning checklists and life stages: www.mainetaxandmoney.org opted in

For more money management tools and resources, visit www.caahb.org, a Web site of the Education Commission of the States at Portland at United Way of Greater Portland. This program is a collaboration of non- and for-profit partners working together to help the community achieve long-term financial stability.

Nicole Evans is Program Director for MTF at Portland, a division of United Way of Greater Portland.
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15. Kind of wind
16. House party?
17. Tilt
18. Lord's Prayer word
19. The Fair, the Great or the Terrible
20. Asian capital
22. Rock guitarist and newspaper publisher?
24. Not in Bordeaux
25. Confuse
26. Tasty dish
29. Protein synthesizer
30. Arab favorite since 7000 B.C.
34. Beatles nonsense syllables
35. Fed. ag'cy
36. King's new house
38. Mirthful girl
40. Greek letter symbolizing the 58. G.W. Bush called him "Turd Blossom"
59. Sayonara in Kihaua
61. Former U.S. Attorney General
62. Indian nation
63. Gabriel to Evangeline
64. Kind of science?
65. German philosopher 18th C.
66. World HVAC leader
67. 1984, for example

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5. Shakira album "Donde los Ladrones?"
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7. Peyton's brother
8. Where Him Flon is found
9. Bull or bear market, e.g.
10. 19th C. war
11. Kind of lamp
12. Loudon or Indy
13. Rebuff
21. Blagovjelich
23. JFK to RFK
25. A scrambled gramma
26. A_______ sante
27. Author of "A Doll's House"
28. Winged
29. Yowl or ketch
31. Jaguar's prey
32. Fundamental values
33. European river
34. Quote
35. Black or Dead
36. Cringe, grouse, grumble or grunt
39. D-Day stalwart (abbr.)
42. Found in cars and planes
44. Trash
46. RG3's alma mater
47. French pronoun
48. Palindrome beginning (and end)
50. Fav day?
51. With 56 Down, pseudonym of 54 Across
52. lot or titlle
53. Balanced
54. First word of Declaration of Independence
55. Gangnam Style, recently
56. See 51 Across
57. Movie genre
58. Eggs

GREAT PIZZA
Only steps away from your boat.
Eat in or "Island Baked" to travel.

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**Star Gazing**

May was named for Maia, the oldest and most beautiful of Atlas’s daughters, and the Greek goddess of spring and growth. The month opened on May Day, which Europeans consider the first day of summer, making the summer solstice in June their ‘midsummer night! Here on Peaks, the weekends of May 11 and May 25 will be best for launching boats, with high tides around midnight. Next month, the moon turns full within a few minutes of perigee, bringing the highest and lowest tides of the year, with nearly 14 feet between them.

At sunrise on May 9, northwestern Australia will be treated to an annular eclipse of the moon, and you can stream it live over the internet at spaceweather.com, starting around 7:00 p.m. EST. The moon will then be approaching apogee, its furthest point from Earth, so it won’t quite cover the whole sun. Instead, the sun will be a sliver ring of the moon that’s the annulus, hence an ‘annular’ eclipse. A fortnight later, Earth’s outer shadow, the penumbra, will glance off the moon and dim it so slightly you won’t even notice.

The sun goes through an 11-year activity cycle, and it’s now quite active with more sunspots just above and below the sun’s equator, each of which can toss huge amounts of plasma out into space. When they come in our direction, Earth’s incredibly strong magnetic field protects us from direct hits and directs the plasma to the north and south poles, where it ionizes and glows in shimmering sheets of red and green. Maine is a bit too far south to see auroras, but we get them occasionally. They are always to our north, of course, so that’s where to look for them. We get about three days notice, and you can get a text message from spaceweather.com if you want advance notice.

**PLANETS**

Speedy little Mercury, the innermost planet in our solar system, reaches superior conjunction on the opposite side of the sun from Earth on May 11, but it pops back up into the evening sky by month’s end. Scientists recently found a small meteor chunk in the Moroccan desert that they think was blasted off Mercury ages ago when it was struck by a larger meteor. They had found chunks from Mars before, but this would be the first find from Mercury.

Venus, Earth’s beautiful (indeed, hot) sister planet, is also low in the western sky at sunset and shines brighter than any other planet. You may think it’s just a jet landing in South Portland, except it doesn’t move. Gas giant Jupiter is still visible high in the western sky at sunset, but it’s falling nearly a degree each day. The viewing ‘high lights’ this month occurs during the last week of May, when Venus, Jupiter and Mercury form a tight group low in the western sky about 9:00 p.m. If you bring your binoculars downtown, then you’ll notice that they change positions slightly each day, as Mercury is rising, Jupiter is falling, and Venus is holding steady in the middle.

Golden ringed Saturn is perfectly positioned this month for telescopic viewing, as it already up in the east at sunset, high overhead in the late evening, and just setting in the west at dawn. Astronomers are still marveling at the photos that continue to stream in from the Cassini Explorer orbiting Saturn now. Although the rings are 50,000 miles wide – twice the Earth’s circumference – they are only 25 feet thick. When Saturn is edge-on to Earth, the rings literally disappear. Fortunately, they are now tipped quite a bit and are easy to see with almost any telescope.

Further out, Uranus and Neptune are in Places now, low on our horizon, but they’re best seen just as the sun is breaking, at its Pluto in nearby Sagittarius. Mars rises just before the sun and will have to wait a few more months before it comes into view. By late summer, it’s getting you down, NASA is looking for a few brave colonists to travel one-way to Mars. Scientists have even come up with a new nuclear fusion engine that could shorten the trip to a few months, so you could leave now and be on the red planet by Christmas. I love the sky and all that, but I love Earth better.

**STAR S**

May 2 - Last-quarter moon is high at sunrise (and so is the title).

May 5 - The Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks tonight for folks below the equator.

May 9 - New moon means dark skies here and an annular solar eclipse on the other side of Earth.

May 10 - About 8:30 tonight, low in the northwest, a very thin crescent moon passes just below Venus, with Jupiter looking on from above. Over the next couple of days, the moon will slide past Jupiter.

May 13 - The moon’s at apogee, so tides are just seven feet, half what they will be in two weeks.

May 18 - First-quarter moon is high and close to the horizon (and so is the title).

May 24 - For the next week, around 9:00 p.m. Jupiter, Venus and Mercury appear in northeastern sky just above the horizon.

May 25 - A big, full ‘Flower’ moon rises just before 9:00 p.m. this Saturday night – perfect for a moonwalk backshore!

May 26- The moon’s at perigee, closest to Earth, bringing 14-foot tides to floor our boats.
of the gate. Apple had just debuted its first
personal computer in 1977. The Apple 1 is
a motherboard, bought by hobbyists, but
IBM set out to put a computer on every
desk and worked closely with Perkin Elmer to develop the Micralign equipment that would eventually make
it a commodity.
A semiconductor's performance is
controlled by the critical dimension of
feature lines, the smaller the critical
dimension, the faster and more
complex the circuit. By 1978, dimensions
had already dropped from 1.2 microns
down to 0.2 microns. The most advanced
lithography tech today is reaching 0.14 micron.
Some of us have one job, some have three.
Some of us have part-time professions.
Some of us have full-time passions. But all of us are busy. Busy. Busy. But I enjoy most of my resourceful ways of earning a living while
enjoying island living.

This month:
Dan Hanley
Customer Service Engineer
ASM Lithography

Dan Hanley has worked as a field service/
customer service engineer for most of the
modern semiconductor manufacturing industry.
Dan is currently based in the field service
department and has been in field service and
customer service ever since.

What exactly do you do?
This field service technician traveled to the
customer site and installed the equipment
or repaired it. The first machines
installed were the Micralign models
200 and 300, which were considered fairly
stable at the time, but compared to the machine I work on now, they really
weren't. So I traveled a lot.
For the past 10 years I've been
customer service engineer. I'm on a contract at Fairchild Semiconductor in
Silicon Valley, California. Back in 1980, it
was only my family. I had a home in the
San Francisco Bay Area. Back then, before
the first ICs came out, I actually got
sent to Italy. I remember being in a meeting
as a semiconductor customer in... (laughs)

...and I'm happy about that. Plus, I don't
mind being here. And I'm glad to be here.
Oh, you didn't like it at first?
(Laughs) That's just my nature. I want to travel
and being on the road. And one of the
reasons I got into field service is that I've
always always always always traveled. I
never knew what I wanted to do when I was
in school. But I knew I definitely didn't want
to work in a 9 to 5. (laughs) I even hate
when someone asks me what I do.

One man's magic is another man's engineering.
- Robert J. Heinlein
Gettysburg Remembered

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, a battle in which Maine troops played a major role and one that changed the course of the war for the North. When news that fighting had begun near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania reached the Fifth Maine, they along with the rest of the Sixth Corps of the Army of the Potomac were encamped near Manchester, Virginia enjoying an all too rare rest after a week of hard marching.

At 9:00 on the evening of July 1 an order came "to strike tents and be ready to march in ten minutes," according to Adjutant George W. Bicknell in his History of the Fifth Maine Regiment. "It was now certainly known that the enemy had invaded northern soil. They had contaminated with their presence, the pure atmosphere of freedom. They must be hurled back."

The corps, led by the Fifth Maine, marched throughout the night until 4:00 the next afternoon with no halt long enough to make a drop of coffee, Bicknell wrote. After an arduous march of 40 miles in 19 hours the troops arrived at Gettysburg, a remarkable feat given that they did not stop to rest, eat or drink.

After a brief rest and needed coffee break, the Fifth Maine took up a position on the side of Little Round Top with orders to keep the rebels from taking that position.

About 10 o'clock that same evening three detachments of men from the Fifth recovered a portion of the Ninth Massachusetts Battery cannons and a few of the Confederates soldiers who held them.

Skirmishing was light until about 1:00 p.m. the next day when a terrible artillery duel ensued. The Fifth Maine men were saved by the stone breastworks they had erected on Little Round Top. Not a single man was lost. Terrible rains fell that night but the troops continued to hold their ground without the benefit of even a tent for shelter.

The Battle of Gettysburg was a much needed victory for the North; it forced the Confederates to retreat south, never to invade the North again.

As the Union army pursued the enemy back to Virginia, the Fifth Maine was sent on a reconnaissance mission to locate rebel troops. A brief skirmish with the rear guard of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia ended the Fifth Maine's participation in this great battle. On July 10 Chaplain John Adams wrote home, "I never knew the Army to be in better spirits that at present. The late victory at Gettysburg has inspired them with new life."

The Battle of Gettysburg will be reenacted on July 1, 2 and 3 this year at the Gettysburg National Park. Many reenactors from Maine will be representing Maine's Civil War regiments, including the Fifth, at this event.

GETTYSBURG TIMES
The Gem Gallery FIRST ANNUAL FINE ARTS READING at Jason Landing, May 8, 6-8 PM Featuring Portland poet laureate Bruce Springsteen, great readers, our novels. Welcome. In conjunction with this event we are holding monthly poetry readings the 1st Wed. of each month. The reading is open to all. Next reading will be announced. June 5 will feature poet Martin Steinmetz. The Gem Gallery, located on Island Avenue on Peaks Island, is a not-for-profit cooperative of over 25 individuals in media of painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, photography, printmaking, ceramics, fiber arts and writing. Please call 207-360-0040 for more information.

Richard Boyd Gallery N.S. SIDELIGHTS Short, short, short, melded exhibits of works by Petrea Nofes, Pam Coble, William Steele, Kenneth Burnes, Kimberleigh Mead, March, Julie Bruns, Jack Boyd and Keith Weinfacht using values of black and white to create variations in tone from deep tones of black to silvery grays. Opera Friday, May 3, reception Saturday, May 4 from noon to 5:00 PM. Show runs daily through May 30 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Richard Boyd Art Gallery is located on Peaks Island at the corner of Island Avenue and First Street, first building on the right. The gallery exhibits original 20th and 21st century works of art by established and emerging artists working primarily in the media of painting, sculpture, pottery and glass. An artfully produced original work of art with a focus on ceramic art and pottery is located on the second floor. Galleries hours: Friday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information please contact Petrea Nofes at 207-712-1597 or via email at rbgallery@pacbell.net or visit www.richardboydgallery.com. 

The Eighth Maine The Eighth Maine is a non-profit museum and cultural center housed in the Beavertail Historic site, Hillside, dedicated to the preservation of Civil War and local history. Membership is open to the public. For more information contact Kimberly Maclean at fthemaine@comcast.net or call 207-706-3300.

The Eighteenth Maine The Eighteenth Maine is a firehouse museum and lodge built in 1891 as a summer retreat for the Civil War veterans. It features 12 rooms of overnight guest and military artifacts. The lodge is open daily from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM during the summer season. Visit www.themaine.org for more information.

Brackett Church Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Mind. We are welcoming, inclusive, Reconciling Congregation, 9 Church Street, Peaks Island, Portland. Call 781-962-2662 or Denise Macaronu, 766-5630; www.brackettchurch.org. Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 AM, open house and fellowship in the church hall, Scripture Study Tuesdays, 6:30-10:00 AM. Call 766-5609 for more information.


Peaks Island Library Open Doors, Open Minds, Open House. Come explore our library at 207 Island Avenue, Peaks Island. We have a new display of books on children’s literature. Stop in and check it out. The library opens Monday, May 4 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to celebrate the opening of the new display. A new display of children’s literature is now available at the Peaks Island Library on Tuesday, May 4, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. 

Children’s Workshop where are new accepting applications for children ranging from infants to age 5. Call 207-766-2854, or visit us at balliard@peakslibrary.org for more information.

Community Food Pantry House-in-the-Brick Memorial Church, open Mondays from 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM, and Thursdays 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Donations are especially helpful as it allows us to provide clients with 110 Hannigan’s vouchers for fresh produce, bread, dairy and meat. Wear comfortable shoes to make checks out to Peaks Island Food Pantry. For more information, please call Susan Hinley at 766-7235.

Peaks Island Health Center Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner. Winter hours April, Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Summer hours begin April 29, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please call 766-2929 or 874-2460 to make an appointment.

Food Supplement Benefit Outreach Program Many Mainer’s qualify for the Food Supplement Benefit, but are not aware of it. Donna Cooper, Community Organizer for the Maine Hunger Initiative, would like to meet with standers who are interested in applying for food supplemental benefits. She is able to help people determine eligibility and apply in a confidential setting. Please call Danus Cooper, 755-0224 (extention 2664) directly to arrange a time, or call Susan Hinley, 766-7275, if you have questions.

The DuQont A supportive place and time where men can talk and brothers listen over a well prepared dinner in the last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM, at the Kay Garmon House; 89 Central Ave., Peaks Island. Come join us at the duqont. For more info/details contact: Jamie F 207-208-6929 or Ralph @ 207-233-4108.

Music Theater A working theater inclusive source, course, space, is created by the team led by Leah Miles (www.facebook.com/MC蓁蓁), a composer, lyricist, vocalist, and teacher. The show is a musical for children through middle school. Bring the whole family through the movie making process from coming up with a concept, to writing, preproduction, acting, and shooting video. Please note that all students will have an acting part as well. All students will have an active role in the entire process and at the end of the week there will be a screening of the final product in school time to all families and friends. To sign up go to weds.ly/program/ musictheater/peaksisland (filmaking is at the bottom).

Yoga Classes Weekly classes Thursday evenings at 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at 900 Barbeau Street 766-5247 or www.jennysofdarcys.com.

Ashtanga Yoga Class Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Yoga, it can be a rigorous practice, it is always continuously modified for each student. Approximately 15 minutes on the floor, 15 minutes off the floor. Contact: Callixcursof, 766-5085. (for more information call Jenny Soo, 766-5247)

Loretta Voyer Fund provides transportation needs for Peaks Islanders who are undergoing aggressive therapy for cancer or other life-limiting diseases. Please contact a board member for detailed information.

TEIA Camperships 2013 The FRIENDS OF TEIA, fully funded Campership program gives your child the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends through our highly successful or kids camp or preteen programs at TEIA. In 2012 nearly all Peaks Island children attended these summer programs. All island children must have completed kindergarten to be eligible for kids camp and must complete 6th grade for Pre-Teen T.E.I.A. All applications will be handed out at the island school in early May. If you have an older child please email Stephanie at stephanie@teia.org or Melissa at 766-9729 for an application.

Peaks Island E.H.T. Check out cost-savings suggestions from the Portland Fire Department at www.portlandmaine.gov/ Fireprehension/residenceschoolscooperatements. pack! And our Peaks Island CERT needs more volunteers! For more information, call Albert Blass at 766-0007 or 781-762-9612.
**Wednesday, May 1**

**FIRST ANNUAL POETRY/SPoken WORD READING** at Jones Landing, May 1 from 6 to 8 PM (featuring Portland poet laureate Bruce Spring, guest readers and our elves). Donations welcome. In conjunction with this event we are holding month-long poetry readings the 1st Wed. of each summer month, venue to be announced. June 5 will feature poet Martin Steigerwald.

**Thursday, May 2**


**Saturday, May 4**

**HOUSE CONCERT with singer/songwriter Julie Snow** juliesnowsongs.com at the Portland Public Library, hosted by Becky Sout, $20 at the door. Space is limited to 75 so please reserve your ticket(s) email julesnow@me.com or leave a message at 766-5620. The Late Serve will be notified once the limit is reached.

**Friday, May 10**

**CASCO BAY GARAGE SPRING CLEANUP** The garage must be vacated through Sunday May 12. You may park at the Custom House garage at 23 Pearl Street at no charge during the cleaning. In the event of rain, the cleaning will be rescheduled. No cleaning will take place during Memorial Day weekend. For more information contact Steve Kallik at 588-7888 or stevekallik@mhrcog.com.

**Saturday, May 25**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** sponsored by the American Legion with float and grassy service in memory of deceased island veterans—step-off at 11:45 AM. RUMMAGE SALE at the Brackett Church 9 AM to 2 PM. Come find some great bargains, share in some fabulous fellowship, and support the ministries of Brackett Church—all at the same time!

**Monday, May 13**

**SENIOR POT LUCK LUNCHON** at Noon at the Fey Garman House. Please bring a dish to share and join us. All seniors are welcome. If you don’t consider yourself a senior, come anyway!

**Tuesday, May 14**

**FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER** at the Brackett Church 5-6:30 pm. Theme: Breakfast for Dinner.

**Saturday, May 18**

**LOAF AND LADLE DINNER** to benefit Peaks Island Yacht & Energy Assistance. From 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Peaks Island Baptist Church. We will be cooking up a storm! thought just one person can prepare and decadent desserts from the kitchens of our members. The cost—just $7 per adult and $3.50 for children.

**Saturday, May 22**

**PIZZA NIGHT at the American Legion — last one of the season — 6 PM until all pizza is eaten. $9.00/person.

**Monday, May 31**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE** for children of active members of the Legion Family or any Peaks Island resident who is a high school graduate. Send letter with name of school, applicant’s full name and educational goals, and name/address of parent/guardian to Lisa Lynch, Scholarship Chairman, 17 Elizabeth Street, Peaks Island.

**Friday, June 1**

**AUTHOR’S READING** Join Peaks Islander Jamie Hopkins at the Portland Public Library’s Nurses Auditorium from 1 PM to 3 PM to celebrate her new picture book, Here Come the Humphbacks! Jamie will be reading from the non-fiction book by April Pulley Sayre and signing the story of a baby humpback whale’s first journey to the Gulf of Maine. Play a game, join us inside a life-size humpback whale, and learn how you can help the humpback.

**Saturday, July 27**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF — AUGUST 24**

- Peaks Island - Transfer Station 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- Depart Cushing Island 10:30 AM Boat Ramp
- Depart Little Diamond Island 11:00 AM Dockside
- Depart Great Diamond Island 11:30 AM Dockside
- Depart Diamond Cove 12:00 PM Dockside
- Depart Cliff Island 1:00 PM Dockside

**SPRING ISLAND HEAVY ITEM PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

- CLIFF ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, June 3
- GREAT DIAMOND ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, Aug. 19
- DIAMOND COVE - Containers will be there by Monday, Aug. 19
- LITTLE DIAMOND ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, Sept. 9

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friend, Ian, used to say, "They must have brains the size of small planets." But it's not just one person designing it, it's thousands of engineers working together designing it. Next time you get on your cell phone, thank an engineer.

How has living on Peaks Island affected your current life?

I moved out here in 1987 and bought a small cottage. Because I was traveling all the time I would be gone for weeks at a time, and I remember that I could drain all the pipes in the cottage in about 20 minutes. Sometimes living on the island can be a pain, because of the boat but it's always nice to come home every night. Peaks Island is a nice place to live. The charm of Peaks Island has changed little since I moved here in 1987. Yes, we all have cell phones now and have technology that lets us access any information we need almost immediately, but it is still a place where kids walk to school, play on the streets, stay outside in the summer, and neighbors are friendly to each other. In many ways it is still like 1959 to me.

![Summer Bring Them Together](image-url)
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