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New Inn owner wants to be “island friendly”

BY MARY LOU WENDELL

After months of looking for someone to buy The Inn on Peaks Island, an effort that even included a public auction, owner Sandy Sturrock is about to close on its sale. The buyer is Jim Ciampi, owner of Citizen Events and Jim Ciampi Productions. He is a Portland native and will buy the island business, which includes the Big Fish Grill restaurant, in partnership with Fred Farley, who owns The Shipyard Brewing Co. Jim, 49, graduated from Cheverus High School and Boston College, where he studied music and history. He taught music and history at Cheverus for six years and then began his own staffing service business. After that he got into the event-planning industry and still works as a musician. He plays the piano.

Currently he plans events like weddings, parties, reunions and product launches. The effort to buy a property like the one at The Inn has been something Ciampi has wanted to do for some time, he said. He will market the property to attract business from outside of Maine. He wanted to do specific events and to be able to do them right with a sense of elegance.

Ciampi said he will not open the restaurant this year because he “knows very little about what the site--specifically--means and to do so, he said, will make the property unattractive. He is working to attract business from outside of Maine. He wanted to do specific events and events to be able to do them right with a sense of elegance.

Smaller has returned to Peaks and so has the Island Times!

Joe Espósito, 13, (left) and Rob Wiberg, 15, played wiffleball with Chris Esposito, 12, and Jeff Mclaughlin, 13, (both not pictured) at Sandy Beach a lot during their recent one-week vacation with their families. They come to Peaks from Georgetown, Mass. every summer and have to say this about their time here: “It’s awesome!”

Island Times wins award

BY DAVID TYLER

The Island Times was recently recognized as the best monthly newspaper in New England. The New England Press Association (NEPA), as part of its 2003 Better Newspaper Contest, awarded the Island Times first place in the General Excellence category for 2003 for monthly newspapers. NEPA is the board of the Newspaper Association of New England, which is the association of everyday newspapers in New England.

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NESE rules proposed

BY DAVID TYLER

A noise ordinance has been proposed for the city’s Island Business District. Businesses that would be impacted include the Big Fish Grill at the Peaks Island Inn and Jones Landings.

If adopted, it would require that sounds coming from a business not exceed 50 decibels between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and not be greater than 55 decibels after 9 p.m. The measurement of sound is at the property line of the business. Noise is measured on the decibel scale. Every increase in noise by a factor of three decibels means the sound is twice as loud. A large office generates noise at about 50 decibels and a power lawn mower creates noise that is between 65 and 65 decibels, according to the Web site for the League for the Hard of Hearing.

The Noise Ordinance is being proposed by City Councilor Bill Gerhard, who represents Main Joy Hill and Peaks Island. As part of the summer schedule, the City Council sometimes has two separate meetings on one day. This ordnance requires it to be read before the City Council twice before being adopted. Gerhard said the first reading of the proposal will be at the council’s 5 p.m. meeting on July 19; the second reading will be at the council’s 7 p.m. meeting.

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Groundbreaking

After years of planning, groundbreaking for the new senior housing project is scheduled to take place on July 23 at 10 a.m., according to Linda Wilcox, director of program expansion and development for the Volunteers of America, which is building the center. In addition to 11 affordable apartments for seniors, the 10,715-square-foot building will also house the Peaks Island Health Center. Groundbreaking will take place at the site, located between Central and Herman avenues, across from the Children’s Development Workshop. The additional costs of transporting supplies and workers to Peaks Island from the mainland raised the project’s budget, which delayed it for a year. Construction costs for the center are now budgeted at just under $2 million. Wilcox said two years ago, the project’s estimated cost was $1.3 million. Wilcox praised the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). That agency originally granted $1.1 million for the project; as it became clear that building on an island would increase the project’s budget, HUD increased its grant to $1.8 million. Wilcox said, although a lengthy process was required to obtain the extra money, the general contractor, C.M. Centurei of Westbrook, is to take about eight months to finish the building, with residents moving in in the spring, she said. The Casco Bay Health Board, which runs the health center, raised over $300,000 to pay for its part of the project.

Bathroom update

The city has hired island resident Will Winkelman, of Whitten Architects in Portland, as the lead architect for the new public bathroom. According to city’s sewer fund, Portier said, and construction could start in the fall.

Costly living

Islanders all know that the cost of island life quickly mounts up. But there’s no data to support this. So the Maine Islands Coalition has appointed a committee to come up with a cost of living study for those five-year-round on Maine Islands. Charles Enders, president of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, is part of that committee along with Charles Logan, a professor at the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, a resident of Monhegan Island and representative from the Island Institute in Rockland. The idea of a study came out of a forum held by the institute on affordable housing and how federal and state programs do not take into account the additional cost of living on an island, according to Enders. "In order to take that into account, you need to have some data to base it on," Enders said. In the committee’s first meeting in June, they begin to figure out what data will be needed and how long it will take to complete such a study. In addition, the island data will have to be compared to mainland figures, so data will also have to be assembled on at least three mainland communities. Enders said this is a groundbreaking study, "It is the first effort of its kind in the state," he said.

Building recycled

The senior center is being built on the site of the former "City Barn" public works site. Over the winter, all public works functions were relocated. The city put out a bid to remove the building, but received no offers, according to Tom Fortier, Island/Neighborhood Administrator. So Peaks Island President Cory Johnson removed the building and only charged the city $1. He took it apart in pieces, and re-associated it to his property, where he is using it for hay storage. "He saved the city a lot of money," Fortier said. If Johnson had not removed the building it would have had to be demolished and the pieces shipped to the mainland.

Peaks Island’s new fireboat rolled off the barge at Plante’s (who donated barge time to the cause) last month. A good time was had by all at the small celebration that followed.

Photo by Mary Lou Wendell

a roof and seating. The existing kiosk at the corner would remain.

Winkelman outlined pros and cons of each site. Site A would have access right from the Welch Street drop-off circle, but utility connections would be difficult. It would be easiest to build at site B but the building would be off the beaten path and could block views of the water. At site C, it would be easy to connect utilities, but at least two parking spaces would be lost. Site D could include a new bulletin board and is the only location in which the building would not impact water views, but it is the most expensive.

Winkelman wants the public to respond to the proposed sites, which are on display at the Peaks Cafe and the Peaks Island Library. Responses can be sent to Will Winkelman, Whitten Architects, 37 Silver St., Portland, ME 04104 or e-mailed to w@whittenarchitects.com.

-David Tyler

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Groups formed to increase islands' political power

BY DAVID TYLER

On May 4, the Cumberland Township Council voted to hold a ballot question in June asking voters to have liquefied natural gas terminal built on Hope Island, right next to Chebeague Island’s Deer Point.

The proposal would have directly impacted Cliff, Chebeague and Long islands and would have had major implications for all of western Casco Bay. On May 6, a meeting was held at the Chebeague Island Community Center to figure out how to fight this proposal, which would have proposed liquefying, compressing and shipping natural gas in the area.

Islanders saw this major industrial issue as a cloud that could address a wide variety of issues:

- It’s too early to tell how effective it will be.
- It’s not yet known if this is a viable option.
- The coalition, made up of representatives from the islands of Chebeague Island, Cliff Island, Long Island, Great Diamond and Little Diamond and Peaks

Island representatives should be locally elected or picked by elected officials to serve three-year terms, with no term limits. As of early July, the coalition included representatives from the islands of Chebeague, Cliff, Long, Great Diamond and Little Diamond and Peaks.

 items to talk about in the future included property taxes, homeowner insurance, fire protection and school consolidation. In the second meeting, in May, the coalition voted to oppose the Hope Island LNG project.

The coalition has only had two meetings, so it’s too early to tell how effective it will be. But participants are optimistic. The coalition “has been the coalition of all the islands working together on issues,” said Margaret Phyle, the coalition’s Peaks Island representative.

“She’s very new, but it seems to me that the effort is well worth making.”

“You have to credit the Island Institute for being willing to get this off the ground,” Phyle said.

“The bigger issues that face the island communities are well suited to collaboration,” said Jim Phipps, of Chebeague Island.

“I think it’s got a good chance of making a difference in the long haul,” said Berke. “One possibility is more islanders with business skills and interest in the Island Institute for being willing to get this off the ground,” Phyle said.

“Here’s the coalition of all the Islands and communities,” said Berke, who is the Island Institute representative to Saco Bay Inc.

Save Saco Bay was so effective that at the May 10 Cumberland Town Council meeting it put on a presentation, with testimony from residents from islands and communities around the bay that convinced the council to cancel the June ballot question on the Hope Island LNG proposal.

The group is still working on liquefied natural gas projects in Casco Bay because members believe the huge national demand for LNG sites will continue to push pipelines through the island.

Political activists from the islands said it’s not unusual for residents from different islands to get together when a crisis arises.

Mark Greene of Long Island said he worked with the Long Island residents and residents from other islands during the recession battles of the early 1980s.

Long Island was the only island to accept residents from Peaks, Great and Little Diamond and Cushings islands all voted to work with Portland.

Islanders also got together to create the Casco Bay Island Transit District when the private Casco Bay Lines went bankrupt in the late 1970s. “We jumped up and did what we’ve got to do, when we’ve got to do it,” said Greene.

The major example of inter-island cooperation was the Casco Bay Excursion Project, which began in 1990, and involved years of work sponsored by Friends of Casco Bay and involving volunteers and representatives from the 12 communities which border Casco Bay in order to prevent pollution and clean up the bay.

But these efforts were in response to a specific crisis. With the exception of the Casco Bay Development Association, there had been no inter-island group with political clout that could address a wide variety of island issues on a day-to-day basis.

The creation of the Maine Islands Coalition may change that. On March 5, representatives from seven of Maine’s 15-year-round island communities met in Rockland to create the coalition.

The group grew out of planning by the Island Institute after a forum that groups held on affordable housing for islanders. Its mission is to give island residents a stronger voice in the State Legislature and a greater presence in major issues that impact islanders.

In the first meeting, the group agreed to work collaboratively for “the economic and environmental sustainability of year-round island communities.” It was also decided that there will be 15 votes in the coalition, one for each year-round island community.

Remembering John Flynn

BY DAVID TYLER

On June 7, 2004, Peaks Island lost one of its most remarkable residents when John L. Flynn, who died at age 78.

Flynn had several careers as a steamboat captain, firefighter, harbormaster and lobsterman.

He came to Peaks as a young man looking for work. He got a job building Battery Steele and served in World War II in the Pacific. In 1943, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy, serving on coastal patrol vessels along the Atlantic Coast. After V-E Day he transferred to the Pacific Theater and trained as a driver.

On Oct. 2, 1946, he married the former Doris MacTooby at St. Christopher’s Church on the island. After the war, Flynn became a captain for Casco Bay Lines. In 1950, he joined the Portland Fire Department. By the time he retired, in 1976, he had risen to the rank of Acting Fire Chief.

But Flynn never really retired. He became deputy harbormaster in 1987, and then harbormaster, serving until 2002. In his spare time, he was a lobsterman and scallop fisherman.

Flynn also served on numerous boards and committees, most recently as Peaks Island representative to the Casco Bay Lines Transportation District. He also served on the Portland Housing and development council, Peaks Island Neighborhood Association and the Peaks Island Health Center board and was a member of the Lloyds Club.

He and his wife, Dot, who died on Jan. 9, 2001, raised seven children: Sandy, Mary, John, Jane, Pat, Sandy, and Tim. John and Hollis Flynn, of Portland; Daniel J., Flynn, of Portland; and William P. Flynn, Timothy M. Flynn and Patrice T. Flynn, all of Peaks Island.

Flynn’s warmth, sense of humor and colorful stories will be greatly missed. Perhaps one measure of his popularity is that he had many nicknames, including one that referred to the color of his hair when he was a young man. In an interview with the Island Times, Flynn said “I can walk up to the boat or call him captain, Red, chief, John—I never take offense.” When asked, in that interview, what he did to defuse the sometimes tense situations that he encountered as harbormaster, he had a simple answer: “I try to get along with people.”

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**Island Views**

**Dollars for scholars**

By Bill Zimmerman

Every student graduating from high school this spring needs to consider some form of additional schooling before taking a spot in the workforce. Paying for that additional training is a major issue for everyone. As long as there are kids with the desire to go to school, but without the funds to do so, the Peaks Island community should be concerned and searching for a way to help.

The dream of virtually every college and technical school is to have enough money to provide more funded scholarships and internships. This would allow students to pursue an education. Until institutions of higher learning reach that goal, however, students and their families need to supplement the resources that exist with funds they develop themselves.

Scholarship funds have traditionally supported a wide spectrum of students and students with special talents and achievements. The organization is known nationally as Scholarship America and their programs on scholarships is “Dollars for Scholars” because it engages both students and parents in the effort it has experienced schools a focus on their annual fund raising goals.

We have an advantage in our island communities. Many people are familiar with college and university level scholarships, but not necessarily with scholarship opportunities at the high school level.

Letter to the editor

Fire apology

On Sat., May 28, the citizens of the Peaks Island Fire and Police Department responded to a 911 call at the home of George Blood, 121 Pleasant Ave.

1. George Blood: would like to thank all involved.

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### Island Times Fund, spring report

The Peaks Island Fund Committee met on June 10, 2004 to review the status of the island endowment. Currently the fund has over $165,000 of permanent endowment. It also has sufficient funds to make grants of approximately $4,000 for 2004.

The purpose of the Peaks Island Fund is to give those who love Peaks Island the opportunity to donate money to a central fund that will support the non-profit groups that sustain our island community.

The committee shall be comprised of 7-12 year round and part time residents of Peaks Island. Current committee members are Brenda Buchanan, Reta Morrill, Michelle Tresch, Jim Lauder, Terry Safford, Nancy Flynn, and Elizabeth Wemmers. The committee shall meet 3-4 times annually or as needed. Committee meetings shall be at least 3 years with the option of reexaming for 1 or 2 additional terms. Committee meetings shall address:

1. Communications with islanders and NPF organizations regarding the purpose and activities of the Peaks Island Fund.
2. Grants to island NPF organizations that respond to the emerging needs of the island.
3. Monitoring the administration and investment management of the fund by the Island Community Foundation.

### Dot and John Flynn Memorial Fund

Island residents may make memorial gifts in honor of Dot Flynn to the permanent fund being established to honor Dot and John at the Peaks Island Fund. Gifts should be sent to the Maine Community Foundation, One Monument Way, Portland ME 04104. Please indicate that the gift is for the Dot and John Flynn Fund.

Grant Applications for the Peaks Island Fund

The Peaks Island Fund is now accepting proposals for grants to Peaks Island's non-profit and government organizations. The application process begins July 1 and ends on August 2, 2004. Applications should be mailed to or dropped off at 14 Centennial Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108. The committee will meet and award the grants at its annual meeting on August 26, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Brackett Memorial Church.

Applications shall include a summary of the organization's purpose, board of directors, financial information, and 300 words or less that describes how the organization would use the requested funds. Funding will be available to programs that address needs specific to Peaks Island. Preference will be given to applications that propose to collaborate with other non-profit organizations, whether on- or off-island. Requests for operational budget support and capital campaigns will be considered, but not preferred.

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**The Island Times won a first place award in February for general excellence from the New England Newspaper Association. Photo by Judi Birch**

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This island life

BY GEORGE ROSOL

Here is this summer's "must read" list. I recommend one book each in the categories of How To, Mystery, Novel, and Children's Fiction.

Island Living for Beginners is a primer for those new to island isolation and for those who just don't get it. The author, Anonymous, is rumored to be Lincoln Kelp, the hermit of Mermaid Shole. It is said he has lived for seventeen years in a hillside shack inaccessible to boats. The landlubber tips are in good supply. One, in practical uses for watercraft: "Consider this: The landlubber stall, having read all 220 pages, twice, did good reason for a person to live on an island. The summer ticket. Our hero, when finding things to complain about during what seems to be an inimitable vacation on an island much like Peaks. He is eventually relieved of terminal boredom when befriended by an understated lighthouse keeper who recognizes steeter material when he sees it. The lad learns more, perhaps, than what is necessary from his teacher. By summer's end, he is sporting calluses and a peppered vocabulary. And best of all, he finds that the money is good. I found the scuffed and scuffed pages of diesel exhaust, cigar smoke, wet dog, and ripe bait fish a nice touch.

During the recent property re-evaluation on Peaks, the assessor who called on us asked to borrow a tape measure. I was given the chance to be of service in that noble cause. But, unfortunately, our tape measure was in town for calibration. One with greater accuracy. A US treasury bill would be perfect. Overheated at the idea, he pulled one from his wallet and proceeded to measure the outer perimeter of the house. It took a while. He then totaled the bill-lengths and, multiplying by 6.325 inches, he had his data. The floor area of the house calculated from the perimeter measured in this way, and multiplied by the denomination of the bill used, in this case a hundred dollars, resulted precisely in the assessed value of our property, plus land. It again goes to show that it still takes money to make money.

The world is full of wonders. How were the ants that I was watching able to get to the top of a table for food scraps? I looked for some possible route up the table legs but saw nothing. Then I saw this huge moth circling high above. It fluttered downward and hit on the table. About a dozen ants leapt off the moth's back and began a search for food. Meanwhile, ants who were likely air-lifted earlier, and now loaded down with crumbs, abandoned the sitting moth. Once the marauders were aboard, the moth bounded into the air and disappeared into a dark corner of the house. On a subsequent mission, I intercepted the transport and forced it to land in the Dust Buster—never thinking that a tide such as this would benefit from observation by other witnesses.

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Congratulations graduates!

The following islanders recently graduated from Portland High School. We asked them what they were looking forward to most now that they are done with high school. We've included their answers.

Chris Callow will attend Southern Maine Community College to study culinary arts. He is looking forward to "not having to wake up for the 7:15 bus."

Lana Cannon will go to Allegheny College in PA, to study biology and English. She is looking forward to "independence and exploring and meeting new people."

Kathryn Flynn will attend Lesley College in Newton, MA, to study fashion design and merchandising.

Shannon Mulken will go to the University of Southern Maine's nursing school. She is looking forward to "getting into school and doing neonatal nursing."

Yunhee O'Brien will go to Commonwealth College to study equine management. She looks forward to "studying something I am about and being away from home."

Chris Richards will go to McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, to study biology. He looks forward to "studying what I want to study."

Ocean Schiff-Buxton will go to Smith College in MA, to study early childhood development. She looks forward to "being able to explore whatever I want."

Jake Schulte will go to Western Washington University in WA, to study international studies. He wants to "travel the world one hundred times over."

Andrew Shaw will go to Southern Maine Community College to study business. He looks forward to "doing my own thing."

Robert Walsh will go to the University of Southern Maine. He looks forward to "going snowmobiling."

James Walsh will go to the University of Vermont. He looks forward to "going to dance parties."

Peaks Island School graduates

Fifth graders from Peaks Island School graduated on June 16 and will be attending middle school off island next fall. From left: Evan Michalski, Mason Norton, Maria DeMichele, Lindsey Sinicki, Hannah Rindlah, Neala Broderick.

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New boat
In May, Casco Bay Lines Island Transit Dis- trict (CBITD) officials Pat Christian, general manager, and Nick Masavonis, operations manager, went to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, to visit Steiner Shipyard, Inc., where the new Casco Bay Lines vessel (now called Hull 430) is under construction. Work was progressing well, they reported. Steiner has built over 400 boats, including the last five ferries for the North Carolina Department of Trans- portation. Steiner is working with Maine vendors to give them a chance to bid on supplying equipment for the vessel. Steine- r just signed a contract with New England Diesel, which has a Portland office, to supply the ships engines, reverse gears and controls.

To keep up with the progress on Hull 430 go to Steiner's web site: http://www.steinershipyard.com/Hull_430.htm.

CBITD has also proposed naming the new ship Ascot I, according to Larry Legere, CBITD operations agent and the company historian. The name comes from the Native American word for Casco Bay, which means "nesting place." The original Ascot was built in 1987 at the Island Voyager shipyard in South Portland. That vessel was re- built in 1987 and served as a ferry in the bay until 1983. The ship was replaced by the Ascot II, built by Blount Marine in Rhode Island, which operated until 1987, when it was replaced by the Island Holiday. The new vessel will replace the Island Holiday, and is expected to be delivered in March 2004.

—David Tyler

CBITD seats
John Flynn, who died June 7, was a Peaks Island representative to the CBITD Board of Directors. He will be missed by someone to fill the seat on a temporary basis un- til the November elections. Anyone inter- ested in this seat should write a letter by June 7 to CBITD Board President Larry Walden, 29 Cotton Rd., Peaks Island, ME 04132 or e-mail sent to justp@cascobaylines.com.

In addition, there are three board seats up for election to represent Peaks Island, CBI Island and the islands-at-large. Nomination packets are available at the Casco Bay Lines ticket office starting July 15.

—David Tyler

Arts in school
The Peaks First chair auction in 2003 raised $4,000 for the island school's art programs, and this year's auction raised more than $3,900.

Proposals from artists are reviewed by the School's Arts Committee. Funds from 2004 will be disbursed with help from committee members Carol Cartier, Laura Chaffte, Re- nee Dubois, Arthur Fink, Amy Foster, Barba- ra Trippini, Wendy Lichtfield, Kathy Nowell, Jack Soley and Barbara Stout. Here are the projects supported during the 2003-2004 school year:

- The school stage was refitted with side screens, a backstage curtain and new lights, thanks to George Bond. He also wrote and produced The Green-Eyed Dragon, a play that featured our fifth-graders.
- During the last few months of school, Toni Mottet met with the students each week, as part of their music class with Soli- lice, our music teacher. Toni taught drum- ming on a set of African drums that were made by the students under the direction of Shoshana Owen. On June 8 the students delighted an appreciative audience as they drummed various rhythms.
- Teacher Wendy Lichtfield taught photography.
- After-school programs included a five-week tapestry class for kindergarteners. Best and second place with Susan Hanley. Stu- dents learned many stitches and created a tapestry. Launa Chaffte worked for six weeks with a multi-age group of students who learned drawing and art techniques. They even sent out letters so that they captured their thoughts and ideas for all to see.

—Barbara Hepworth, principal

Island Police Log
May 15: EMS call, fall, no address given.
May 2: EMS call, poison, Hussey Road.
May 3: Residential burglary, Upper A Street.
May 21: EMS call, bleeding, Veteran Street. EMS call, no address given.
May 4: Malicious, Pleasant Avenue.
May 7: Animal complaint, Seaboard Avenue; property damage, no address.
May 8: Drinking in public, no address; arrest, no address; hit and run, no address given.
May 13: Burglary to motor vehicle, no ad- dress; burglary to residential, no address; open door/window, no address.
May 14: EMS service run, no address.
May 15: Serving paperwork, Island Avenue; parking complaint, Sterling Avenue; Island Avenue; no address.
May 16: Burglary, no address.
May 17: Burglar alarm, Island Avenue. May 18: Theft reported, no address.
May 18: Investigation, no address.
May 22: Check well-being, Willow Street: suspicious activity, no address.
May 24: Criminal mischief, Island Avenue; EMS service run, no address.
May 25: Persons bothering, no address; burglary to motor vehicle, no address.
May 26: Criminal mischief, Willow Street.
May 27: Serving paperwork, Trefethan Avenue; EMS service run, no address given.
May 28: Burglar alarm, no address; crim- inal trespassing, no address; juvenile of- fense, no address.
May 29: Animal complaint, Winding Way; animal complaint, no address.
May 30: Suspicious activity, Upper A Street; juvenile offense, Oakland Avenue; residential burglary, Seaboard Avenue; animal complaint, Winding Way; investigation, no address given.
May 31: Landlord tenant problem, Island Avenue.
June 4: 911 hang up calls, Island Avenue; theft reported, Island Avenue; check well-being, Whitehead Street; drug possession, no address given; burglary alarm, no address given; EMS call, Whiting Street.

June 5: Assist fire department, Byfield Street.
June 6: Criminal mischief, Peaks Island.
June 7: Suspicious activity, Peaks Island; well-being check, Maple Street.
June 7: Drinking in public, Central Avenue; EMS call, no address.
June 8: Burglary, Highland Avenue.
June 9: Inconspicuous person, Ocean View Terrace; EMS call, psychological problem, no address given.
June 10: Lockout, Ocean Avenue.
June 12: Fraud music,Welsh Street; fight, no address given; 911 hand-up calls, Oak Avenue.
June 13: Animal complaint, Elizabeth Street; animal complaint; no address; drinking in public; Seaboard Avenue.
June 14: Pedestrian check, Island Avenue; suspicious activity, Herman Avenue; EMS call, breathing problem, Central Avenue.
June 15: Liquor violation, no address.
June 16: 911 hang up calls, Island Avenue; intoxicated person, juvenile offense, par- ticipants bothering and harassment at first ad- dress on Upper A Street; investigation, no address; theft reported, Central Avenue; as- sault, second address, Upper A Street; EMS call, breathing problem; Seaboard Avenue; EMS call, illness, Central Avenue.
June 17: Theft reported, Welsh Street; criminal mischief; no address; attempted theft, no address.
June 21: Burglary, no address; theft report- ed, Welsh Street; burglary, Island Avenue.
June 22: Assault, no address; theft report- ed.
June 21: Animal complaint, first address, Island Avenue; animal complaint, second address on Island Avenue; animal com- plaint, Welsh Street; animal complaint, Welsh Street; animal complaint, third ad- dress on Island Avenue.
June 22: Theft reported, Oak Avenue.
June 24: Serving paperwork, Welsh Street; serving paperwork, Winding Way; check well-being, Fortington Avenue.

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35. Distiguishing characteristic
36. Thru Me went to town
37. "Goodbye" Mr.
38. Without a doubt
39. Gruff
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44. Lilies
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49. Not a minister
50. Texan
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54. NYC telephone directory
55. No noise provision in the current Island Business District zoning rules. and complaints of noise generated by island businesses.
56. Mr. O'Neill
57. Poland Spring
58. Graph begun
59. Tune up
60. Not us
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The proposal was not prompted by specific complaints of noise generated by island businesses, he said. City government staff discovered that there is no noise provision in the current Island Business District zoning rules, and felt that this should be addressed. There are rules for noise generated by mainland businesses.

"We felt it was appropriate that if we have businesses out there that create noise, then we should have a noise ordinance," he said. If a problem does come up, "then we'll have something to deal with it," Gorham said.

The Island noise rule will come from the city's Code of Ordinances which governs a community business zone on the mainland. "It's embedded in the noise language we have for the mainland," Gorham said.

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There was considerable debate before the City Council last year when the entertainment licenses for both establishments were reviewed. The council originally granted the Big Fish Grill an entertainment license for indoor entertainment only and allowed only voice amplification. The license eventually granted allowed dancing and entertainment outside, with voice amplification only, to end at 8 p.m. and indoor entertainment with amplification of voice and keyboard.

When the Jones Landing entertainment license was reviewed in April, 2001, some abutters complained that bands performing at the restaurant were too loud and that the owners of the restaurant did not take noise complaints seriously. However, the council granted an unconditional license to Jones Landing.

George Clark, who owns the land and the buildings where Jones Landing is located said they have worked to be good neighbors. His wife, Robin Clark, now owns and runs Jones Landing.

Clark said he uses a decibel meter to take frequent readings at Jones Landing. "It's almost never exceeded 60 decibels," he said. During Reggae Sunday, the entertainment ends at 5 p.m. and on weekend evenings the entertainment stops by 11 p.m. in order for bands to catch the last boat to Portland, Clark said. "We have really taken steps to keep the noise level down to the extent that we can and still try to make a living as a business," Clark said.
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**Star Gazing**

BY MICHAEL RICHARDS

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Emergency planning underway

A group of Island citizens has formed the Peaks Emergency Planning Committee (PEPCOM), an offshoot of the Public Facilities Committee of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association (PINA). The group has met six times during 2004 to discuss issues that are critical to the well-being of Island residents.

Such issues include fire dangers on the Island, the preparation of emergency shelters, potential disasters in Portland Harbor which might affect the Island, the training of a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), and ways to inform residents and visitors about these issues.

Several officials came to PEPCOM meetings to share information, including Tom Forrester, Island neighborhood administrator; Terence Walsh, deputy director of the Portland Fire Department; Thomas Kane, Island hazmat officer; and Nick Nalander, operations manager of Casco Bay Lines; David Peery of the Cumberland County Emergency Management office; and Eric Sawyer, a Vista volunteer working with the Red Cross.

There are approximately 12 volunteer firemen and one-third of these are professionally trained firefighters. Patrick Flynn, of the Fire Department, said that any Island truck can bring dry brush to the Transfer Station to be processed by their chippers. In any major emergency the fire boat is part of the first responders team, and helicopters could also be used in several ways to be helpful if necessary. The Fire Department is discussing a general alarm system to inform Islanders if a fire or other disaster is a risk for the entire Island. Information will be distributed soon about this alarm.

In case of a general disaster or large-scale emergency, some people might have to abandon their homes and seek emergency shelter. Places that can function as year-round shelters include the Peaks Island Children’s Workshop, and the Community Center, both of which have back-up generators, and kitchen and bathroom facilities. The American Legion, the Lions Club, and the Tenacious Club could also function as seasonal shelters.

In an emergency, Casco Bay Lines would help with water equipment and additional skilled people. There is a Harbor Emergency Response Plan and the Coast Guard is involved in all harbor issues. Specific plans for Peaks Island should become known in July when the Coast Guard is expected to resolve the security status of the Island.

During the summer, the Fire Department hopes to begin training a cadre of local citizens (10-20 people) who can assist the community in being self-reliant for 48-72 hours. The team will organize important Island information, and acquire skills to deal with utilities problems, to direct the exiting from collapsed buildings, etc. The training will take from 17 to 25 hours.

Several members of the committee are planning to develop a survey for the Island in order to discover what skills and equipment would be available on Island during various kinds of emergencies. It might be useful to have a data base of residents with medical, electrical, plumbing, structural or engineering expertise as well as skills such as ham radio and knowledge of another language. It would be helpful to know which households might be willing to share a meal or water, and which ones have power generators or wells. Walsh suggested it might be useful to know who has the equipment and physical ability to use chain saws, backhoes, pickup trucks, plows or other useful equipment.

The committee is looking for volunteers who can help put together the survey and enter the information in a data base.
Summers of old at the Gem

BY SARAH GOODMAN

Each summer solstice, 120 years ago, visitors to Greenwood Gardens were greeted with a gate opening ceremony and arrival of a new wonder: fireworks, music and the unveiling of some new pavilions.

The Gem Restaurant, the gem of Greenwood Gardens, stood ready to keep its promise of guaranteeing what game, ride, concert, play, animal, or technical wonder might greet them. The Gem, reached by an overnight boat from Boston and New York.

On opening day 1884, visitors saw from aboard ship the island skyline dotted by a great white whale of a building. The words "Forest City" ran across the arched gateway. "Fores T City!" was the cry, and the wonder might greet them.

The Gem was the fairy place was real."

Newspaper reports, "the wonder grew through the years."

In 1600-seat theatre-The Gem. Like so many old pleasure palaces on the mainland could be seen for a nickel. Many languished after the war until 1924 when a few leasing local hero, Leo O'Brien, tore out the main stage, and began showing movies. As the pictures needed sound, O'Brien's theater provided a video movies accompanied by band music and dancing—the perfect combination for the eerie entertainment.

There was not much progress on the idea for a space on the island devoted only to art. The Gem Gallery, 62 Market Street, was opened in 1984, a space for artists. The Gem Gallery, 62 Market Street, was located down the street in early 20th century. It gives it a really cozy, intimate feel.

The new space had its grand opening on July 1, which was named in honor of the 1,600 American Heart Association's "Jump Hope and Survival" event is sponsored by The Compass Project, a Portland nonprofit which works teaches young people boatbuilding, sailing and rowing. For more information, contact Pat Ryan at The Compass Project, 828-5288 or go to compassproject.org.

BY DAVID TYLER

This spring two of Katrina Chalmer's bedroom neighbors agreed on some renovations instead of doing a typical home improvement project, Chalmer's and her business partner, Jane Newkirk, transformed the space into a new space for artists, the Gem Gallery.

"It's been wonderful that you come off the street into someone's home, and yet it's been completely transformed," said Newkirk, who will also run the gallery... It's more about the people you've put inside.

Newkirk is a stained glass artist, whose work will be in the gallery. She came to Peaks Island nearly 10 years ago intending just to spend the winter. It's been an extraordinary learning opportunity for me. I started doing carpentry work and cleaning houses. She's been able to stay by finding work for herself. "It's as much about entrepreneurship," she said. "It's about the people who work on the island then in the summer.

And those wondering where Chalmer will sleep after converting two bedrooms into a art gallery, rest easy. the work of Claudia Whitman and Diane Wienieke.

The Gem Gallery, 623 Island Avenue, is open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays.

The idea for the gallery developed over the winter as artists talked about the need for a space on the island devoted only to art. There was not much progress on the idea until Chalmer stepped forward to offer her space for the gallery. "It came at a time when I was ready to throw my hands up in the air and abandon the whole idea," said Newkirk. Plans began in February, Newkirk said that the work of friends and other island artists have been essential part of opening the new gallery. "It's really been a community effort," said Newkirk. "The Gem has a thick skin on a shooting. We're not dumping a lot of capital into this... Everyone involved in the gallery is giving a piece of their time and money... This is the kind of thing that peaks Island is all about... That's kind of spirit we're bringing to this project."

It will be Newkirk who decided which artists are picked for the gallery. But she encourages artists who are not professional to show their work to her. "I can't take everything that everyone brings to me, but the hope is to be as inclusive as possible of those things that feel special."

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The Gem continues to work as it was formed. It flows through letters across a familiar sofa and throwig a blanket over your back, but none of that. You find your friends, look at the camera on your phone, and swipe through your friends. You find your friends, but none of that..."

The following sources were used for this article: Peaks Island in its 19th Century, by N.L. and A.P. Cilins, 1994; "Island meetings. The following meetings are scheduled: Peaks Island meeting, July 26 from 7-9 P.M. inside the bracket Street Church and Long Island meeting (for all down bay islands) July 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at theWP Hall.

Family boatbuilding. On July 19 and 20, area families will get together and each build a beard in Monument Square, as a part of the newest Magazine's National Family Boatbuilding Week. After the boats are built, there will be a launching ceremony and a celebration picnic at the East End Beach. The event is sponsored by The Compass Project, a Portland nonprofit which works teaches young people boatbuilding, sailing and rowing. For more information, contact Pat Ryan at The Compass Project, 828-5288 or go to compassproject.org.

Jump and Pump event. The Annual Peaks Island Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held on July 9 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart." The event will be held at Peaks Island Community Hall and will include Hula-Hoops, Chinese jump Ropes, Skip-it, and both long and short rope events. For more information, contact Pat Ryan at The Compass Project, 828-5288 or go to compassproject.org.

Artists' gallery opens

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