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Gorham urges islanders to speak up about new property values

BY DAVID TYLER

After over two years of uneasy anticipation, residents of the city islands received an unwelcome piece of mail late this month: letters from the Assessor's Department with the new property values.

The letters are informational only: tax bills won't go out until next year, this second half will be due in March, 2006. The new property values will be phased in over two years.

The Informational nature of the letters will be of little solace to island residents who are faced with homes which have skyrocketed in value. The valuation of Portland property, done for the first time since 1991, started in 2002 and was finished in the spring of 2004, but the city council last year voted to delay putting in place the new values to wait for the state legislature to work on tax reform.

The City Council decided by a 4-0 vote to keep the status quo on tax reform.

Celebrating 10 years of Acorn Productions

For Islander Mike Levine, top right, who founded Acorn Productions with his wife, Elizabeth Buchbender, theater is a way of life.

BY DAVID TYLER

For Peaks Island resident Michael Levine, theater is more than just putting on a play.

Levine, who founded Acorn Productions with his wife, Elizabeth Buchbender in 1995, believes that all of us should take part in theater at some point in our lives.

"Ultimately, I want people to do theater, because it's life changing," he said, while eating a sandwich on weekday evening, at Federal Spice in Portland. "He's not taking the best back home to Peaks because he teaches us an acting class that evening.

He has left an imprint workshop for at-risk teenagers that he and longtime teacher Tim Ferris are doing with Youth Marriage at the Comedy Connection: The following evening, he'll stay on the mainland to rehearse plays he's directing as part of Acorn's fourth annual Short Play Festival, which opened March 31 and continues through April 10 (see "New plays on tap," page 5).

For Levine, going to a play is the first step in hooking people into the theater experience. "We want to get them in somehow. They have to watch the theater first, it's got to be accessible, and then they can maybe start doing theater."

Levine sees the roles of the theater producer and director and a teacher as intertwined. "That's really where I want to do this," he said.

For Mike Levine, the world's a stage

Fourth Annual Maine Short Play Festival April 1-8, 9 p.m. "El Jefe" by Joseph Vittitti. "Loved on the Line" by Amy Roche, "The Poorly Written Play Festival" by Carolyn Gage, "The Sky's the Limit" by Tom Will, "Out of Tune" by Diana Tovar Gilber.

April 2, 8 p.m. "Contra dior" by Charles Arnold, "The Mistake" by Proche Reaves, "Ull and Juck" by John Mather. "This is the Beginning of Another Play" by Chris Goglia, directed by Michael Levine. Please see SCHEDULE page 6

More delays for Ocean Gateway

BY DAVID TYLER

An announcement about the next step for Ocean Gateway was expected to be made on April 1. That was the deadline for state and city officials to make a decision on whether to accept or reject bids for the waterfront revitalization project. As of the March 31 press deadline for the Island Times, that decision had not been made public.

On March 2, bids were open for Ocean Gateway, which had been estimated to cost about $12 million. The lowest bid, by Glenbrook Corporation of Pittsfield, was $4.5 million over that estimate, or $16.5 million. CMP Constructors of Freeport bid $9.2 million and Beacon 6/7/8 of Woburn, Mass. bid $13.9 million. A decision on the project had to be made within 39 days of opening the bids. Whatever step is taken, there will certainly be delay.

Judge Ingraham is remembered for kindness, integrity

BY DAVID TYLER

Peaks Island residents will remember the Honorable Carl Ingraham.

Franklin Ingraham for many things: his sense of humor, his sharp mind, his booming voice and his kindness.

Ingraham, 92, died at Maine Medical Center on March 14, 2005. Until the end of his life, when he was less mobile, Ingraham was a fixture at the Peaks Cafe, where he had a regular chair and a table.

Ingraham was recognized by the judge on his motorized chair, which he nicknamed, "Bessy." He was a hero.

After he broke his hip, about two years ago, he needed care around-the-clock. A group of ten women provided that care. "He was an amazing person," said Leslee Schi, one of the caregivers. "He had a beautiful, booming voice and a great sense of humor." "His integrity is unmatched," she said. "He's a very stand-up person."

For his daily job, Levine teaches English at Gorham High School.

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CERT training recognized

Portland Mayor Jill Duson recognized the Peaks Island Volunteer Fire Company and all those on the island who volunteered on March 24. Island firefighters have been recognized for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

School cuts averted

The SAD 51 School Board decided not to make drastic cuts in the Chebeague Island School in the upcoming school budget. The board had proposed removing the fourth and fifth grade classes from the Chebeague school and requiring students to attend school on the mainland. The move would have cut the size of the 23-student school in half and was seen by island residents as part of an eventual plan to close down the school. Nearly 100 residents attended a March 10 school board meeting to protest the proposal, which was rescinded at a March 16 meeting. It didn't hurt the school officials later found out that the state's new school funding formula means that the Chebeague school will get an additional $15,000 in state funding. The plan to remove grades from the school would have saved SAD 51.

Mayor Jill Duson visited Peaks recently to recognize safety training volunteers.

"Because of this training, you all have a better understanding of the potential threats that could impact your home, workplace and community—and you can now take the right steps to lessen the effects of a potential disaster situation."

—David Tyler

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Estelle comes to Portland

Colombian-born supermodel and actress Estelle Reyna was on Fort Gorges on March 28 in the middle of a drenching rain. What was she doing there? She was filming a segment for her half-hour cable travel program, “Estelle’s Paradise,” which can now be seen in over 50 million households nationwide. Reyna picked Portland to feature on her show, and considered the city the perfect site to be one of Portland’s hidden treasures,” said Tom Fortier, the city’s island/neighborhood administrator, who accompanied the six-person film crew on the trip. The crew only had one day to do filming, so they had to go out to Fort Gorges on a rainy day. Cliff Island resident Roger Berrie was also along as a guide for the film crew.

-Michael Tyler

Machigonne returns

The main car ferry to Peaks Island, the Machigonne, will be back in service on April 16. The vessel is undergoing its biannual shipyard service and U.S. Coast Guard dry-dock inspection, large freight shipments, especially building materials, should be done after this date. Casco Bay Lines will provide alternative transportation for vehicles on Tuesdays and Fridays by reservation only, both to and from the island. Call the ticket office to make a reservation at 774-7871.

-Anna Tyler

Senior housing to open in May

Volunteers of America, Northern New England, sent out 25 applications for the new senior housing complex on Peaks Island. There are 11 senior housing units in the new facility, which is scheduled to be finished by the end of May. Next, Volunteers of America, the agency doing the project, is now processing the applications, according to Julia Wilecook, director of program development. It looks like the construction will be completed around the end of May, which is when residents could begin moving in. The formal opening of the new senior housing and health center complex will not take place until later in the summer, Wilecook said.

-Michael Tyler

Aucocisco III due in April

Casco Bay Line’s new boat, 115 Island Avenue Peaks Island Maine, will continue to make sea trials, but could leave for Maine as early as April 7, according to Marcel Angeli of Steiner Shipyard in Alabama, where the vessel is being built. It would likely arrive in Portland towards the end of the month. The new boat is 110 feet long, 33 feet wide and can carry up to 399 passengers. The first Aucocisco, a wooden steamship, was launched in 1897, and served in Casco Bay until 1903. The second Aucocisco, a steel vessel, built in Rhode Island, and operated for Casco Bay Lines from 1953 through 1967.

-Michael Tyler

City budget hearings

Hearings on the City of Portland’s new budget are normally held in City Hall. This year, the hearings will be held in different neighborhoods in the city (although not on any of the city islands). Mayor Jill Dunon came up with the idea as a way to increase public involvement in the budget process. The following budget hearings will be held:

April 5 at the Adams School, 40 Moody St., for the city clerk, legal, fire, planning and development sections of the budget; April 7 at the steiche School, 166 Brackett St., for police, social services, public health and the library budget sections; April 12 at the Presumpscot School, 89 Presumpscot St., for the public facilities, public works and sewer sections of the budget; April 14 at the Riverton School, 1600 Forrest Ave., for the finance, decks, parks and recreation, golf course and ice arena parts of the budget; and April 19 at the Barron Center, 1145 Brigham Ave., for the jetport, waterfront and Barron Center parts of the budget.

-Michael Tyler
Not the last steamships

In his fine article about Casco Bay Lines' boat New Hampshire, he notes
steamships still run on a regular basis. However, he may have
left out the last places. For the last five years,
place Yacht was the last place in the country
where steam-powered, wooden-hulled, coal-burning steamships run.

During World War II, the government
forced the company to change its name to harbor
services. The last place privately-owned.

In 1920, the New Haven Railroad
bought the vessel for its fleet at Martha's Vineyard
and Nantucket. They were built at Bath, including
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Excellent parade story

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equilibrium, several exclaimed, "Ohh! Look
that at." Ah yes, she was pretty as a
picture in her sparkling coat of
white and green, graceful lines.

Her retirement in 1974 was an occasion
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BY JEFFERY MORRILL

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formed new ones.

Though I was not originally from here,
and transplanted, all share a quality of life not
duplicated in many places. My family has had a
presence on this island for four centuries and it
continues through the present day.

As various people have come forward
expressing condolences, I realize that, as
though we live in different times in different
places, we all share that common bond of
"family." To my extended family of Peaks
Island, I cannot begin to thank you for the
assistance you have given to my mother and
father in the past, the offers you have given
for the last few days and the promise of
future contact.

Reta Morrill is Peaks Island. Last year, while
my wife and I were on a cruise in the Caribbean.
I overheard a conversation between a
teenager and a woman. Based on the
statement, I knew they were on the ship. For the
remembrance of the cruise, I was always reminded of Peaks
Island.

When I told my family and friends how
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BY GEORGEROSOL

Get out your dancing shoes, Aucoco Rico III, the new Casco Bay Liner ferryboat, is about to make waves. The worry-

lels can rest easy, since the new boat, a sleek, modern, and efficient vessel, features state-of-the-art security cameras, compact and quiet engines, and a sleek and stylish design. And to top it all off, the deck is covered in a plush carpet, providing a comfortable and enjoyable ride for passengers.

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The Casco Bay Liner ferryboat is a great option for those looking to explore the islands of Casco Bay, offering a unique and enjoyable way to get around and experience the beauty of the area. Whether you're a local or a tourist, a trip on the Casco Bay Liner ferryboat is sure to be a memorable experience.
Then Michael and Elizabeth faced the toughest time of their lives. In July 2001, Elizabeth lost a baby. She became pregnant again in the fall, and on May 14, 2002, Elizabeth gave birth to a girl. Isabella Pearl Buchbbaum Levine. Unfortunately, Isabella was premature, and weighed just one pound, five ounces when she was born. Their baby was in the hospital for six months.

"When she came home, she was another baby," said Levine.

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For Gustin, paradise was peace

William H. Gustin, 84, who died on March
23, 2005, at his home, first came to Peaks Island
when he was five weeks old. 

"He spent from sewage of his life here," said his daughter, Pamela Gustin, of Cape
Elizabeth. "This was paradise. He loved it.

He just liked being at the cottage and hang­
ing out. He always loved the island."

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Ruth
Applegate Gustin, his daughter, Pamela; his
son, William H. Gustin Jr., of East Lyme, Conn.,
seven grandchildren and eight great­
great grandchildren.

William Gustin retired to Peaks Island in 1962, moving from Somerville, Mass. But the
family's connection to the island goes back much further.

His mother, Ruth Elizabeth Handell Gus­
tin, grew up in Brooksville, Maine. She first came to Peaks when she was 18, in the
1930s, to visit her friend, Hazel Tyler. She
returned home to her parents and said: "I've
found paradise, get a cottage," said Pamela
Gustin.

Pamela said the family bought the cottage
from Don and Clio Wibber. When his father
was a teenager, his grandmother asked Ruth
his memory stillown;

Her father a good sense of humor and
loved to laugh, Pamela said. "He liked to sit
on the front porch and drink wine and have
people come by, he also said," she added. "He
was very caring."

William Gustin was born in Somerville,
Mass., on May 20, 1920, his father was recap­
Livingston. He graduated from Phillips Ex­
er Academy, Williams College and the U.S.
Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Merchant
Marine during World War II. Casualties in the
merchant marine, as a percentage of those
who were served, were greater than in any other branch of military.

In one of his convays, the ship in front of
him was blown up," Pamela said. "It was a
daylight, he would talk about that.

He was the last owner of H.E. Gustin &
Sons, a produce wholesaler at Quincy Mar­
ket in Boston.

In the 1960s, his wife taught him how to
knit. Pamela said he learned very quickly.
During his life, he made over 500 sweaters.
"They're all very colorful, one every one was
original. They are very beautiful."

William Gustin was a member of the
Peaks Island Lions Club. At his request,
there was no funeral service.

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For Ocean Gateway, it would be a way
to come up with a less expensive project.
Firms would be told: "here is the basic project,
how can you make it better and less costly,
and still give us the same quality and functions," Potl said.

The basic bid for Ocean Gateway included
the following: the extension of Commercial
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of the Ocean Gateway base bid.

On Tuesday, most of the bidders offered
deals for the project. This means that means
which construction could not happen this
year, and Ocean Gateway would not open until
2009.

Another proposal is to use a technique
called "value engineering," try to find ways
to modify and change the project to "bring
the project down to a number closer to what
we have." That option would have to include
some increase in funding, Potl said, in addi­
tion to cost savings.

A final option is to use a construction tech­
nique that became more common in the
1960s, called "design-build construction.
For a traditional proposal, an architect is first
awarded a contract to design the project. Af­
ter project plans are finished, a separate bid
is advertised to hire a firm to actually build
the project. For a "design-build" proposal,
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struct the project, "design-build" means a
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lays for the project, which was supposed to be­
gin construction this spring.

State officials presented ideas for salvag­
ing the project at an executive session of the
March 28 meeting of the City Council's Com­
mittee on Development and Commerce. They
are not going to stop the project," said William
Gorham, the city councilor who represents
Muscongus Hill and the island. Gorham
attended that meeting, although he is not a
member of the committee.

Because it was presented in an executive
session, Gorham said he could not talk about
the proposals. "They appear to be good alter­
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to 2 vote at a Feb. 28 workshop to put in place the new property values. But City Councilor Will Gorham, who represents the city islands and Munjoy Hill, has put in an order requiring the full, nine-member council to vote on the revaluation at its April 25 meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is held in the council chambers at City Hall.

"Vote in a workshop don't mean anything," Gorham said. "We have not had a formal vote on this, and we're going to.

Gorham urges island residents to attend this meeting and talk about the impact these new values will have on their property taxes. "My fellow councilors should hear the concerns of people who live on the islands," he said. "These are real concerns."

Although the letter sent out by Tax Assessor Richard Blackburn states that a revaluation "does not raise new or additional rev.
esues for the City," it also points out that some people will end up paying higher taxes.

"It indicates the impact these increases does not raise new or additional revenue for the City," Gorham said. "People will end up paying higher taxes."

Gorham said the revaluation will have on their property taxes.

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Gorham said he has talked to island residents who have seen the values of their homes increase by 200 to 400 percent. The corresponding increase in taxes will end up forcing some islanders out of their homes, he said.

SMITH, from page 1

es Smith has noticed in the transition from mainland to island patrol, he says that Peaks is noticeably quieter. "The rowdiest one out here is Eric," Smith said.

Smith, who recently turned 38, started out as a policeman in South Portland 18 years ago, after doing electrical work at the U.S. Navy Construction Battalions shortly out of high school.

Over the course of his career, he's worked eight-and-a-half years in the K-9 unit, did a short stint at the detective's desk, and, in the past two years, has been a bike officer summer nights from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Old Port. While working in the Old Port in the fall of 2003, Smith was injured during a fight. After his injury, his wife urged him to find a safer position.

According to Smith, his wife's encouragement was only part of the reason that he applied for the Peaks position.

"I've always been attracted to community policing, and this is true community policing," the Maine native said. Now that he has the job, Smith has a number of ideas for ways he hopes to add to the community, including reading to the children at the Island school, adding with a grin, "All you can read to people in the Old Port is Miranda." (The rights readily police when they arrest a suspect.)

Married for 10 years, Smith and wife Colleen have two children, a four-year-old son and an eight-month-old daughter. Colleen is a former Miss Maine and a 49th sensation in the Miss USA pageant.

As with all island police officers, Smith will work two, 24-hour shifts each week. Though the schedule is new to him, he believes that it will be better for him in terms of seeing his family, having previously worked night shifts while his wife worked days.

This way, though, he will be away from home for 24 hours and recognizes that there will be sacrifices. He at least will have an opportunity to spend quality time with the family on his days off.

He admits, however, that the adjustment is difficult; he recently had to miss his son's birthday. "My boys can't quite understand it yet," he says, about being gone an entire day and night.

When asked if there is anything he would like to add before we complete the interview, Smith hesitates, then grins, "Just tell [the reader] that my name isn't 'the new guy' or the guy who replaced Steve." So, Peaks' residents, he warned, Officer Les Smith is now in the house.

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March 1: Burglary to motor vehicle, no address given.
March 6: Cruiser accident, Welch Street; EMS call, Seashore Avenue.
March 5: Check well-being, Seashore Avenue.
March 6: Suspicious activity, Seashore Avenue.
March 10: Motor vehicle alarm, Island Avenue; alarm/burglary, Sargent Road.
March 11: Accident, no address given; parking complaint, no address given; animal complaint, Island Avenue; animal bite; no address given.
March 12: Audible alarm, Pleasant Avenue; alarm sounding, Island Avenue.
March 13: 911 hang-up calls, City Point Road; EMS call, unattended death, Seashore Avenue; EMS service runs, no address given.
March 14: Animal complaint, Island Avenue; 911 hang-up calls, City Point Road; two EMS service runs, no address given.
March 15: Report of shots heard, City Point Road.
March 16: 911 hang-up calls, City Point Road.
March 18: Check well-being, Torrington Avenue.
March 19: Broken-down motor vehicle, no address given.
March 23: Unattended death, Seashore Avenue.
March 25: Open door/window, Seashore Avenue.
March 28: Assist other agency, no address given.
March 29: 911 hang-up calls, Island Avenue; animal complaint, no address given.

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that the Earth's 23.5 degree tilt points more toward the sun, keeping the sun above the horizon for most of the 24 hours in the day. In fact, we have so much more daylight this time of year, a law was enacted in Maine and most other states which moves the clocks forward an hour on the first Sunday in April (April 1st this year), giving us more light at night, and less light in the morning.

April showers bring May flowers, but they make stargazing impossible. If the clouds part briefly in the evening, we'll see our sky a brighter star. Sirius, setting low in the southwest. It's the alpha star in Canis Major, the Big Dog at Orion's feet, so it's called the "Dog Star."

Even brighter, and higher in our sky, is mighty Jupiter, our solar system's biggest planet, moving in the east. Saturn, our second biggest planet, sits in the western sky. In between them is the star Regulus, the heart of Leo the Lion. Jupiter, Regulus, and Saturn all lie near the celestial equator. Draw the line with your finger, and extend the line to the horizon on both sides. That line is directly overhead of the Earth's equator, but it's only halfway up toward the zenith here in Maine. Do you feel like you're on top of the world? You are!

The inner planets Mercury and Venus are on opposite sides of the sun now, with Mercury in inferior conjunction (between Earth and sun). Venus in superior conjunction (on the far side of the sun), but they'll both be visible toward the end of the month, Mercury in the morning and Venus in the evening. Mars is also up before dawn, and with the change to Eastern Daylight Time, you may get a glimpse of it if you're out walking in the early morning.

April 1: Sunrise at 5:22 a.m. and sunset at 6:08 p.m. gives us 12.77 hours of daylight to start the month. Last quarter moon is at perigee on the 15th toward Earth, and a nice crescent, too. The upper right points right to Mars in the morning but get a glimpse of it if you're out walking in the early morning.

April 2: Eastern Daylight "Saving" Time starts tomorrow morning at 2 a.m. so set your clocks ahead an hour before bedtime tonight. Jupiter is at opposition tonight, and around it you’ll see close to its equator (its furthest from the sun in its slightly elliptical orbit), it’s nice to see it through a telescope. Look for two dark bands on the planet's cloud-surface, and 4 tiny moons scattered to each side (and occasionally all to the same side). Jupiter rotates so fast, you can see the Great Red Spot (pale pink these days) on any given night, if you watch long enough.

April 3: With the time change, sunrise is now at 6:19 a.m. and sunset at 7:20 p.m. Those on the early boat to town will enjoy the longer red wavelength light fighting its way sideways through the thick atmosphere, and the after-lower blue wavelengths bounce off those. On the back deck of the 5:35 boat home will need to whip out their shades.

April 4: Those in the morning at perigee to Earth, and a nice crescent, too. The upper right points right to Mars in the morning but get a glimpse of it if you’re out walking in the early morning, before the sun fills the sky with light.

April 5: New moon today sits just to the left of the sun as seen from New England. Much farther south and west, the moon will eclipse the sun an hour before set tonight. With sun and moon pulling together, and the moon so close to the sun, the eclipse will run longer than usual, well over 10 feet around moon and midnight, and a foot or so below normal memory and to look for it early, before the sun fills the sky with light.

April 6: First quarter moon is high in the sky at sunset, but it'll seem smaller than normal, as it's at perigee, farthest away from Earth this cycle.

April 7: In the northeastern sky tonight, the moon is above Jupiter; tomorrow it will be below Jupiter.

April 8: Full "egg" moon tonight, rising at 8:15 p.m. and setting at 6:41 p.m. the next day, perigee again, so it will look like a Big, yellow egg coming up over the island for those on the 1:15 local homebound.

April 9: From Earthlings' perspective, Mercury is at its closest elongation from the sun, but it's still too tough to find in the predawn sky, and probably not worth getting up for. Venus is now low on the west-northwestern horizon just after sunset, but will get much brighter and higher next month.

April 10: Moon is at perigee again, and its north pole is "liberated" or pointed toward us a bit more than normal. It's a long silvery moon tonight; run your binoculars or scope along the "terminator" line, where light meets dark and the shadows are long and revealing.

April 10: Sunrise is now at 5:24 a.m. and sunset at 7:22, giving us over 14 hours of daylight next month.

April 11: Moon is at perigee again, and at perigee yet again, and it's still too tough to find in the predawn sky, and probably not worth getting up for. Venus is now low on the west-northwestern horizon just after sunset, but will get much brighter and higher next month.

April 12: Moon is at perigee again, and its north pole is "liberated" or pointed toward us a bit more than normal. It's a long silvery moon tonight; run your binoculars or scope along the "terminator" line, where light meets dark and the shadows are long and revealing.

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April 15: A flat crescent moon sits above and to the right of Saturn as seen from the earth, and slide through Gemini tonight. Saturn is just past quadrature to the sun, so its shadows will show nicely. It's nice to see Jupiter's bright sun, but it's still too tough to find in the predawn sky, and probably not worth getting up for. Venus is now low on the west-northwestern horizon just after sunset, but will get much brighter and higher next month.

April 16: First quarter moon is bright in the sky at sunset, but it'll seem smaller than normal, as it's at perigee, farthest away from Earth this cycle.

April 17: In the northeastern sky tonight, the moon is above Jupiter; tomorrow it will be below Jupiter.

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April 21: Sunrise is now at 5:24 a.m. and sunset at 7:22, giving us over 14 hours of daylight next month.

April 22: Full "egg" moon tonight, rising at 8:15 p.m. and setting at 6:41 p.m. the next day, perigee again, so it will look like a Big, yellow egg coming up over the island for those on the 1:15 local homebound.

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HISTORY, from page 12:
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A third Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), frequently held their outings on Peaks Island. Membership in this organization was open to all Civil War veterans. Islanders James W. Brackett, Thomas Brackett Reed, John T. Sterling, Andrew Fisher and many Fifth and Eighth Maine men were members. The G.A.R. was designed to become extinct when the last Civil War veteran died.

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Sawasdee Krub” in Thai is a little like “Yo!”

BY KAREN HOUDEPPEL

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