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Peaks traffic plan considered for Welch Street

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Portland officials and a group of Peaks Island residents are working on a plan for managing the flow of cars, trucks and pedestrians on Welch Street.

At the same time, police officers have been requesting that island drivers not to bring vehicles down the turn-around near the waiting shed on Welch Street while Casco Bay ferries are at the landing. Enforcement of this request began in May, according to Officer Dan Dean of the Peaks Island Police Department. The major concerns we have are for pedestrians, and their safety,” he said. “We want to protect pedestrians from getting hit by vehicles below the turn-around.”

City staff, including traffic engineers, have come up with recommendations for Welch Street, which has been submitted to a group of Peaks Island residents, according to Tom Fortier, the city’s islands neighborhood administrator. “We are waiting to see the resident group work plan so we can bring it back to the public for feedback and revisions,” Fortier said.

Ferry operators who inculding will happen without public comment “We’re not going to implement any changes to Welch Street until the public has had a chance to comment. We’d really like to have a lot of input from the public,” Fortier said.

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in Brief

No council vote

Last month, City Councilor Jim Cloutier told the Island Times that the City Council would discuss and make a recommendation at the council's June 5 meeting about the June 13 advisory vote held on Peaks Island about secession ("June 13 secession vote draws near," May 2006). However, the agenda for the City Council's June 5 meeting, posted to the City's Web site (www.portlandmaine.gov/agenda.htm) does not include an agenda item for discussing secession.

—David Tyler

Trash fees raised

The City Council on May 15 approved a fiscal 2007 budget of $156.6 million, which will result in a tax rate increase of 2.1 percent (about 43 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation). The new budget shows an increase of 4.5 percent for the schools and 6.4 percent for all other city spending.

The new budget also includes in the payment for City garbage bags from $4.75 to $5.30 for every roll of five, 30-gallon bags or 1.5-gallon bags. City Manager Joseph Gray originally proposed that the fee go up to $10 per roll. Mayor Jim Cohen proposed a fee of $6.50 per roll, but the council voted 5-4 to the higher figure.

The increase would raise taxes under the current rate to $20.56 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. However this is the year when the second, and final, phase of the city property revaluation takes place, and city officials have estimated the new tax rate would be $16.31 per thousand.

—David Tyler

Temporary post office

On May 30 a new Post Office opened on Chebeague Island. The new location is at the U.S. Postal Service Trailer, located on John Small Road, near the entrance to the Chebeague Island Boatyard. The door closed on May 27 on the Island's long-time post office, which had been in Shirley Burgess' house. Burgess is a former postmistress.

Postmasters owners Paul Belasco and Scott Seaway agreed to have the temporary trailer placed at the boatyard. "We had to focus on getting a temporary facility in place basically so we didn't lose a post office," he said. "Our goal is a permanent facility." Belasco said he and Seaway had sent a letter to the U.S. Postal Service and that three postal representatives had come to the Island to talk about a permanent post office at the boatyard. "However, the movement forward was so slow that we had to go to a temporary one first," Belasco hopes that negotiations will work out so that work on building a permanent post office at the boatyard could start in six months.

—David Tyler

Town Meeting held

At its annual Town Meeting on May 13, Long Island passed an operating budget of $99,454 for its next fiscal year, which begins July 1. That figure is a decrease of 3.1 percent from last year's budget of $1,031,576, according to Town Meeting Moderator Mark Greene.

The budget includes $90,000 that is part of bond issue used to pay for the Town of Long Island's new fire truck, which cost $250,000 and was delivered to the Island on Nov. 23. Greene said the Long Island School is like to have 11 students this fall, so the school expanded from one-and-one-half teachers to two full-time teachers. The teaching position teaching kindergarten through second-grade students had full-time, but decreased to half-time this academic year because of a lack of students.

A proposal to create rules governing the building of driveways at private homes failed almost unanimously. Greene said the goal was to create standards so that driveways don't damage existing town roads. "But it was too complicated for what's needed here in the opinion of voters," he said.

A proposal to allow All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to drive on island roads passed by a vote of 44 to 37, Greene said. The Town Meeting was attended by 184 voters and 40 observers including residents from Cumberland, which will become its own town on July 1, 2007.

The estimated tax rate is $21.50 per $1,000 assessed valuation, up from last year's rate of $21.50. Greene said Long Island's equalized valuation, calculated by the Maine Revenue Service, is $816.01. That compares to equalized rates of $16.34 per thousand in Yarmouth, $15.84 per thousand for Portland, $14.29 per thousand for Falmouth and $13.38 per thousand for Cumberland, according to Greene.

—David Tyler

Hazardous waste facility update

City officials are still working on creating a household hazardous waste facility on Peaks Island, according to a May 22 City of Portland Executive Department memo from Larry Mead and Tom Fortier updating the council on issues related to secession.

City officials first announced in December 2004 that the State Planning Office was going to award the city $109,000 to build a hazardous waste facility.

Michael Bobinski, the city's Department of Public Works director, has been meeting with a working group of Peaks Island residents on the issue, according to the memo. The memo states that the HPWC must complete the work on the facility this fall.

—David Tyler

Chebeague transition

The transition of Chebeague Island from part of the Town of Cumberland to the Town of Chebeague Island can begin, now that the State Legislature has finally adjourned. According to the Chebeague Secession Bill, the process cannot begin until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which happened on May 28, according to the State Senate President's office.

After that 90-day period, a meeting will be scheduled to pick nine Islanders who will become part of a transition committee. The meeting will be moderated by Cumberland Town Councilor Stephen Mortarly and voting will be run by Town Clerk Barbara Jansen.

—David Tyler

Controlling nuisance boaters

The Portland Harbor Commission has proposed creating a new rule for boaters called "creating a public nuisance," which would include endangering another boater's safety or damaging another boater's property, as well as dumping debris into the harbor.

The rule is part of amendments to the commission adopted on May 17 to Rules 7 and 13 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Harbor Commissioners (go to www.portlandharbor.org/rulesmaster.html for the complete rules). The amendments would also create violations for mooring in unauthorized areas or in the channel, or anchoring for more than 14 days in a single location, according to the agenda for the June 3 Portland City Council meeting.

The amendment would also reduce some fines and allows payment of a waiver fee of 50 percent of the imposed penalty, if paid within 10 days.

Finally, the amendments would create a water safety zone 200 feet from the shoreline in which vessels would be restricted to a minimum safe speed (approximately 5 mph).

Rules of the Harbor Commissioners become effective 45 days after being filed with the city manager, unless disapproved by the City Council. City staff has requested that the council consider these rules at the June 19 council meeting.

—David Tyler

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Recycling and cleaning up on Peaks Island

BY PEG ASTARITA
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Non action has far reaching implications to both economic and environmental sustainability.

The Peaks Environment Action Team (PEAT) has been meeting regularly to deal with issues such as hazardous waste programs, recycling and the mandated separation of electronic waste by July 2006 along with many other issues affecting our precious environment. They will have a table down front at PeaksFest and will be disseminating information on these and many other issues, Be sure to find them and see how you can help.

In 2005, Peaks sent 700 tons of refuse to Regional Waste Systems at a cost of $80,317, approximately $115/ton. This was only garbage (household waste) and does not include recyclables, demolition and construction waste. In the same timeframe, the City of Portland attributes blue bag revenues from Peaks to be $70,000. During 2005, Peaks recycled 55 tons (at an approximate cost of $27/ton) which is only about 7% of our total waste, again excluding demolition and construction waste. The City of Portland saves $88 for each ton of recycled waste; so, in 2005 Peaks saved $4,840.

Blue bag prices will be increasing this year although the new revenues are slated at the moment, for mainland projects. The goal would be for Peaks to easily surpass the point at which blue bag revenues pay for blue bag disposal. This is possible with a little effort and education, along with a more streamlined process that is less confusing. Surely, there are lots of people who visit Peaks who are not aware of the systems currently in place to recycle. They inadvertently contribute to increasing household waste that could easily be recycled. Do landlords and real estate companies provide this information to make it easy for renters to recycle?

The next step would be to have blue bag revenues pay for household waste and recyclables. That would take a concerted effort to recycle more, at a much lower cost, instead of throwing it in blue bags and forgetting about it.

By July 2006, there will be a new building at the transfer station for the mandated separation of electronic waste from all other waste along with some other receptacles for some household hazardous wastes. More specific information will be available from the PEAT table at PeaksFest and from the City of Portland.

The stewardship of Peaks is an ongoing process for willing participants who look years down the road and care for the gift given to us.

Volunteers collected many piles of debris as part of a Peaks Island clean-up on Earth Day. Photo by Ed Daryani

Peaks Islanders help clean up

BY DIANA MURRAY
The Peaks Environmental Action Team (PEAT) would like to thank the many islanders who made the Clean Peaks event on Earth Day such a big success. Over 50 people of all ages joined in the activities on Sat., April 22, collecting trash and recyclable materials from numerous areas of the island. And many others collected the week prior to the event.

Special thanks to the Inn on Peaks Island for helping to get our day started, and to Lisa Lynch at the Peak’s Cafe for hosting our lunchtime wrap-up. We are grateful to Bob Hannigan for letting us use his storefront on April 15 to promote the event.

And a very special thank-you to the 4th- and 5th-graders at Peaks Island school for making such great posters for the event, as well as to the folks at Downfront for the kiddie cone gift certificates!

A.J. Alves, Walt Semon, and the fine folks at Portland Public Works deserve special mention for taking care of all of the materials that were gathered on that day.

Please watch for upcoming PEAT events on environmental issues, including a tour through an environmentally responsible house in collaboration with Thompson-Johnson Woodworks during PeaksFest.

PEAT’s monthly meetings are held on the first Monday at Perry Sutherlands’ house at 6:15 pm. Our next meetings will be June 5 and July 10.
Dear Editor:

I have read the literature and talked with many pro and con individuals. The depth of feelings and hard work of all those active in this discussion is a tribute to the fine Peaks Island citizens, our talents and what we are actually thinking about Peaks Island. I have tried to understand and analyze all arguments on both sides of the discussion. The need for change has become confusing and burdensome.

Is the Island Independent Committee’s (IIC) proposed budget accurate? I don’t know. Is the June 15 vote the final vote? I don’t know. Will the school, fire and police services suffer under an independent town government? I don’t know. Will the City of Portland gain from Peaks Island? I don’t know. Will taxes go up, down or remain the same? I don’t know. Will the Red Sea win the World Series this year? This is what I do know: I have faith and trust in my fellow neighbors on Peaks Island to be the best guardians, managers and decision-makers relative to island interests. I believe the island does need something for its future and to stop off-shoring services. I support its decision making to the Portland City Council.

I have no doubt that we have the capabilities to accomplish this, and I hope we do. Will we have the will? The only difference between Peaks Island and so many other fragile-size islands in the U.S. and the Toronto Islands in Canada is that they are controlling their own destiny, while we are not.

Portland is a gem of a city. Peaks Island is a gem of an island. Let us both shine brightly, in the best interest of each other.

Sincerely,

Michael Beede, Peaks Island and Florida

Given our long history with the City of Portland, we recognize our responsibility to assure our proportionate share of Portland for Peaks. If Peaks Island had paid taxes for Portland for many years and legitimately has some claim to Portland’s existing assets upon separation.

All the real and personal property assets belonging to the city of Portland on Peaks Island will be included in the settlement of the debt and asset issue. We will not be recompensed for the purchase of school buses, trucks, snow plows, school building, etc. When Long Island left Portland it acquired $2.5 million in services. If Peaks Island also left Long Island in accordance with their settlement. (see REBZILLA, page 11)

The Peakes Island Fund is now accepting applications for its 2006 grant cycle. Please see one page explanation of the purpose for your grant, your organization’s mission statement, the list of board members, and a copy of the annual budget. Applications and any questions should be presented to any PIF committee member (Berta Morrell, Nacy Flynn, Bree Griswold, or Bill Zimmerman) by July 15. The Peaks Island Fund is a charitable organization for people who care with causes that matter.

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I am not a scientist but a man of science.

This is the year of the tri-annual cursing contest held on Peaks in mid-June. Cursing is the down and dirty speech form used for theatrical emphasis in speeches, novels and movies and for temporary relief of self-inflicted pain. Cursing is recreational cursing. The kind you hear among the pub teens and in casual adult banter nestled in jokes. The festival is held in an unpolluted area of the island and out of earshot of children, church gatherings and afternoon teas. Cursing is expressive and judged on originality and aptness of thought. Four-letter curse words, the sign of an amateur, should be used sparingly. Long passages are in the blue streak category. Last session's winner in this category was Jason Furnsworth from down Headton way. Jason ranted for ten minutes and didn't use the same curse word twice. Champions are born, not made.

June on Peaks is also the month of public suffrage. During this time it is everyone's right to publicly moan, groan, complain or wince about any real or imaginary disease, constrain, allege, and, what's more, to expect the attention of sympathetic ears. Documented statements from health providers, along with scars, photos of procedures and lists of drugs, are some of the exhibits sure to add excitement to this unique event.

Island writers are getting the lead out this summer and preparing to go to Earsen, Earsen, Maine, that is. They will spend a sentence with creative periods camping out in the Writers Block of that isle. Poets, walking with reason but no rhyme, may sing from their bunk beds in the wee hours, and go from bed to verse.

There is a serious movement on Peaks to rob us of a rich source of good clean fun. And that is the controlled mayhem down front at beat time. There is talk and fear of serious calamity unless something is done to control the unruly hordes. I, for one, see a carnival atmosphere. Traffic, bumper to bumper and grille to grille, is pretty much like the behavior of island hordes when they meet. A little barking, snuffling, then peaceful separation. There is much visiting. Happy hellos and fond farewells. Shaken hands, patted backs, and ice cream and pastries, drinks and joyous sounds. Business booms and cash flows. If this scene were the last I encountered on leaving Peaks, I would consider my stay one to remember.

I picture a place where the judge and Sam are engaged in an unending game of cribbage. Nearby is a very talkative Al Venneis telling war stories to Arnold Bennet who is holding a glass of schnapps. I see the arrival of an eternal healthiness and bubbly Lorraine Feeney, asking for directions to the slots. I see Sam leaping to his feet in restored vitality upon hearing the bark and sudden appearance of his beloved fias.

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Chebeague Chronicles

BY GORDON MURPHY

After a great Memorial Day weekend, home opened with some wild weather with one of the worst lightning storms in recent memory. Luckily there were no fires and no injuries on Chebeague. The rainy weather continued though, which may pose a challenge to summer visitors to the island.

Helpful rainy day guide:
For a handy guide in dealing with this situation, my children, Natalie and Ilyah, have come up with 10 ideas for spending a rainy day on Chebeague.
1. Go to the library.
2. Take a bubble bath.
3. Float rubber ducks in a paddle.
4. Bake chocolate chip cookies.
5. Burn everything the dump won't take.
7. Put on a stuffed animal circus.
8. Watch the sump pump (a.k.a. the waterfall) explode out of the house every three minutes.
9. Jump in puddles when parents tell you not to.
10. Swim in the giant puddle in front of Eleanor Morse's house.

Mobile home on Chebeague:
Many of you were likely surprised by the appearance on John Small Road of a mobile home. No, Cumberland has not relaxed its zoning rules in the wake of the secession efforts. It is the new home of the island Post Office after the expiration of the lease on the Burgess house on South Road. Many thanks to Shirley Burgess for hosting this vital island service for many years, and good luck to Postmaster Gina Ross, Martha Hamilton, and crew in their new quarters. Thanks to Paul Belasco and Scott Searway for making the space available at the Chebeague Island Boatyard. What a view!!

School news:
The school children recently concluded a Middle East project headed by school volunteer Barbara Furtner, an historian specializing in ancient Assyria, who took the Grade 3-5 class to Cambridge, Massachusetts to visit the Harvard Semitic museum to visit the Assyrian and Egyptian exhibits.
The project also involved many islanders with Middle East ties; it was amazing how many folks had spent time in that area of the world. Rich Brewer came to talk about his experiences as a bodyguard for the Stuji royal family. He also served with valiant as a Marine during the Beirut Marine Headquarter Bombing in 1983. Lila Bhatia, who chaired the United Nations services to women and children in the Middle East and was ambassador to Egypt for the U.S., and her husband Shahid, a Jordanian involved in the arts and whose family is involved in the olive growing business, both came as guest instructors. Lila spoke about the roles of women and children in the Middle East, and Shahid taught the Arabic alphabet. Roy Jackson recalled his time with the Air Force in Iraq. Jad Raune, who owns an Oriental rug business in Yarmouth, explained the significance of rugs in Islam prayer, and Karen Hamilton spoke of her service in Kuwait. These local resources, combined with guest performers performing music and drumming acts, gave the students valuable lessons about a culture that will likely impact and influence their generations.

Schoolchildren have also been busy with other activities as the weather warms. The upper class held a weekend trip to Acadia National Park June 2-4. An Eagle Island trip is planned for June 6, and an overnight hike to the Carter Notch Hut is planned for June 12-18 in the New Hampshire White Mountains.

Many of the kids are independently involved with nature conservation. Chloe Dyer has contributed to Save the Pandas, Natalie Murphy has adopted a Manatee (Whiskers) from Save the Manatees, and Gen Dyer is sowing to contribute to Save the Gorillas. Several students have written persuasive papers on conservation. Anna Hamilton wrote about saving the Rain Forest; Brennah Martin about block-fasted forests; and Ilyah Maine is involved with the I Seal conservation.

School Appreciation night was held May 16 for art teacher Mrs. Aich, music teacher Ms. Edgecomb, violin teacher Ms. Maggie Hamilton, and physical education teacher Mr. Price. The evening was marked with wonderful music performances, an art exhibition, and gifts from Ms. Purcell to the students.

Recent college graduates from the island include Tatters Miller from University of Maine at Farmington, degree in elementary education, and Matt McColman from the University of New Haven with a degree in fine science.

Big Island News 'n Notes: May saw the passing of our neighbor Bob Marin. Bob was a summer resident who had a big heart and a helping hand. He was a former Sears' vice president who was known to help islanders in need with their appliance repair. I'll miss him as will many others... Kudos to Tom Adams for picking up the boston and getting the softball program going... Chris Martin was named by the Portland Press Herald Athlete of the Week for the last week of May after going 9 for 9 with two home runs and a slugging average of 2.000... In Fire Department news, the new Engine 4 arrival has been pushed up to June 24... Capt. Ralph Munroe and others will drive the truck back from Louisiana... Hello Dolly nutitions will be held June 26-27 from 7 p.m. at the Island Hall (June 26) and Parish Hall (June 27)... welecome Hamilton Reunions are scheduled for July 15. As most of the island has some Hamilton blood, it is likely that it will be a huge affair. In fact we have found neighbors in Yarmouth who are Hamiltons!

May's trivia answer: Don Stachek was a Halflack on the National Championship 1949 Michigan Wolverines. He was quick to point out that his facts were in error however - he was not a redshirt that season, but a full member of the squad. Nobody got this answer correct!

June's Trivia Question: Which islander appeared on the cover of Time magazine?

Goodbye:
This will be my last column for the Island Times. I have enjoyed my tenure on the island, and it has taught me many things. I arrived to Chebeague as a compulsive geek, and I leave it having learned carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, auto repair (boating and boat repair), firefighting, emergency medical, lobstering, and a healthy respect for all who make the sacrifices necessary to maintain the island. While I now become officially a "summer resident," I fully recognize the work that goes into maintaining the island as a viable, vital community and I applaud all of those who put so much of themselves into the community. It is a lot to ask, and you people make it work.

Lobstering was perhaps my most enjoyable period of living on the island last summer when I really fell in love with an "islander." The subculture of the fishermen, from boat call to territory to Channel 72 radio traffic to the complexities of etiquette and protocol, interwoven with generations of tradition (who was Uncle Jack of Uncle Jack's Ledge off of Hamilton Beach, for instance), was very compelling and one can see where our ties are familial in nature and draw the fishermen back year after year. Many thanks to Jason Hamilton, Tad Runge, who owns an Oriental rug business in Yarmouth, explained the significance of rugs in Islam prayer, and Karen Hamilton spoke of her service in Kuwait. These local resources, combined with guest instructors performing music and drumming acts, gave the students valuable lessons about a culture that will likely impact and influence their generations.

Schoolchildren have also been busy with other activities as the weather warms. The upper class held a weekend trip to Acadia National Park June 2-4. An Eagle Island trip is planned for June 6, and an overnight hike to the Carter Notch Hut is planned for June 12-18, in the New Hampshire White Mountains.

Many of the kids are independently involved with nature conservation. Chloe Dyer has contributed to Save the Pandas, Natalie Murphy has adopted a Manatee (Whiskers) from Save the Manatees, and Gen Dyer is sowing to contribute to Save the Gorillas. Several students have written persuasive papers on conservation. Anna Hamilton wrote about saving the Rain Forest; Brennah Martin about block-fasted forests; and Ilyah Maine is involved with I Seal conservation.

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Cliff Island News

BY LEO CARTER

Tom Brokaw called them the "greatest generation" because they fought to save the world from Hitler's horrors, and then came home to shoulder the responsibilities of maintaining families and building better communities.

Carlton Cushing of Cliff Island is a member of that generation. At age 19, Carlton made a record 50 trips across the English Channel as a Gunner's Mate during the World War II Invasion of Europe. The invasion began on June 6, 1944: D-DAY. Each round trip took more than a day to complete. His ship was the approximately 200-foot-long LST (Landing Ship, Tank) 319 (renamed U.S.S. Calhoun County in 1955). It carried tanks and personnel from England to the battle on the invasion beaches of Normandy.

On one trip, they went over a sand bar to dispose of their 25 Churchill tanks. They were facing enemy fire from land as well as Stuka dive bombers from the air. They normally dropped an anchor and used it to pull the LST off the bar, but the tide had passed over them on the beach through a narrowing night until the tide came up enough to allow the two hundred foot ship to free itself from the beach.

How did the tanks get off the ship? Carlton noted that the tanks could operate for a short time in deep water before emerging on the beach. He saw at least one dive into a hole and be lost. A dirigible was blown off the stern to discourage enemy strafing the LST's full bow. Even so, "one wise guy had to prove that he could do it anyway." Carlton recalls being "taken over by the task" that he was not afraid. He acknowledged that some people just froze on the deck and could not function. Fortunately, most did their duty. On watch at one point during the D-DAY campaign Carlton saw a torpedo coming through the water, and thought the end was near, but it went past, and LST 319 was able to complete its mission.

Although they were hit by enemy fire the holes were "not in vital places." The allied air cover had destroyed the thousands, and Carlton said he would never see such a concentration of aircraft planes. There were ships as far as you could see. During his two years in the Navy he also saw duty in the Mediterranean off North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, and more.

When talking about the Invasion of Sicily, he said it was minor compared to D-DAY. Asked if he had been troubled by the experiences of battle he said he had not, but did feel a sort of shame at shipmates who were killed. We are grateful that our freedom was preserved, and proud to know Cliff Island's member of the "greatest generation," Carlton Cushing.

Rain, roads and runners

Like most of southern Maine Cliff Island was deluged with rain during that long dreary segment of May. We began to understand what Noah was up against, but thanks to the ready availability of Bay Linn boats four times a day no one started building an ark.

The dirt roads formed larger and larger potholes, and Gary MacLean and other road workers began the arduous process of adding fresh gravel to the roads. This relatively loose gravel combined with the rain and the trucks carrying troops to the beach has produced a few muddy rutted sections of road. Runners and bikers have been slowed, but not stopped. Cliff Island runners recently succeeded in the annual Safe Passage 5K, held in Camden. Joan Benoit Samuelson was first among women, Mike Beaudoin was second in men over 60 and Alice Carter was second in women over 60. Mike repeated his feat in the Sea Dogs Mothers Day 5K in Portland, Congratulation to all.

Counting boats

As we approached the end of this rainy May I noticed that the lobster boats were being launched for the upcoming season, and I became curious about what boats were in and out of the water. I took a bike ride around the island and counted the boats resting on the ground. All worries about a flood dissipated as the numbers mounted up. Without leaving the road, I was able to count 64. When we add this to the 10 or so boats on the water, those tucked away in sheds, under houses, or just out of sight, we see that Cliff Island has more boats than people!

Controlling mosquitoes

Families and friends gathered at the community hall to enjoy entertainment by the school children and food prepared by the PTO. Connor Lent and Jessica Griffin are graduating from the Cliff Island School this June. Connor is the son of Sean and Amy Lent. Incidentally, Connor's departure from the Island school will eventually be compensated for by the arrival of his cousin Sofie Valentino Lent. Jessica is the daughter of James and Karen Griffin. Her maternal grandparents are Joan and Walter Wurds of Sabbatus, Jessica's paternal grandparents are Gordon and Ivy Griffin of Cliff Island. Ivy Griffin has been a resident of Cliff Island for many years, not elsewhere as was erroneously stated in last month's column. We apologize to everyone for this mistake. (Editor's note: The mistake was an editing error made by Co-Publisher David Tyler, who wants to make clear it was not Leo Carter's fault.)

Please call us with your story ideas at 766-0951, or send us an email at times@mainer.com. Anyone who would like to write articles for the Island Times is also invited to contact us with your story ideas. Thanks.

Your input is invaluable to this community newspaper!

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Every year at about this time the children of the Cliff Island School can be seen moving about the island with their teacher. They are doubtless enjoying being outside, but they are not really playing.

What they are doing is distributing drag-on fly nymphs to the surfaces of many small pools of water on the island in order to control the number of mosquitoes, which will populate the island as the warm season appears. Everyone would feel a lot different about outdoor living on Cliff Island if we were not for this program. The Cliff Island Association pays for the nymphs, but it has always been the school that coordinates the purchase and distribution. We are grateful.

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Little Diamond Dispatches

BY LINDA TILLEY AND PETER WALCH

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This little guy is all over the place, but alone; where’s his mate? Phil said that he hasn’t seen one for about 20 years. Interesting to ponder the why’s and why-not of our winged friends. Why, for example, do we have so many ospreys in this yard. By the time we walked out of the house yesterday, the ospreys were inland, and now I must go to Sheep’s yard.

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Peaks Police log

April 28: Check well being, Maple Street; assistant citizen, Welch Street; EMS call, bleeding, Welch Street.

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May 1: Check well being, no address given; debris in the road, no address given; pedestrian check, no address given; pedestrian check, Central Avenue; three EMS calls, assist police, no address given.

May 3: Debris in the road, Adams Street; drinking in public, no address given.

May 4: Alarm, Lower Main Street; Island Avenue; serving paper, no address given.

May 6: Loud party, no address given; fight, no address given; follow up, Upper A Street; assault, Welch Street; EMS call to assist police, no address given.

May 7: Phone, Island Avenue; Island Avenue; suspicious activity, no address given; motor vehicle stop, Pleasant Avenue; suspicious activity, no address given; animal complaint, no address given; suspicious activity, Upper A Street.

May 8: Follow up, Seashore Avenue; assistant citizen, no address given.

May 9: Parking complaint, no address given.

May 10: Animal complaint, Island Avenue.

May 11: Suspicious activity, Island Avenue; theft, 9th Main Avenue; animal complaint, Lower Street; EMS call, illness, Island Avenue.

May 12: Check well being, Seashore Avenue.

May 13: Assistant citizen, Epps Street; follow up, Pleasant Street.

May 15: Open door/window, Seashore Avenue.

May 16: Criminal mischief, Centennial Street.

May 17: Theft, no address given; EMS call, no address given.

May 18: Suspicious activity, no address given.

May 18: Theft, one address on Island Avenue; theft, second address on Island Avenue; serving paper, no address given; serving paper, Upper A Street.

May 21: Serving paperwork, Island Avenue; serving paperwork, on address on Welch Street; parking complaint, second address on Welch Street; serving paperwork, City Proper.

May 22: Parking complaint, Lower A Street; animal complaint, Island Avenue; EMS call, no address given.

May 23: Motor vehicle stop, Island Avenue.

May 24: Theft, no address given.

May 25: Follow up, Welch Street; EMS call, no address given.

May 26: Motor vehicle stop, Island Avenue.

May 27: Person bothering, Willow Street; fraud, Lower A Street; motor vehicle stop, Island Avenue; pedestrian check, Central Avenue; serving follow up, Lower A Street; EMS call, Seashore Avenue.

May 28: 911 hang up call, one address on Welch Street; fight, second address on Welch Street; animal complaint, Widening Way; fireworks, Seashore Avenue; EMS call, no address given.

May 28: EMS call, Central Avenue.

May 31: Drinking in public, Welch Street.

Peaks Islanders: Remember to vote on June 13 on the secession referendum

HELMTS, from page 1

"It's not about doing your job, and bringing all your guys home," he said.

May 1: hỗ trợ supports the war, but she is worried about this tour of duty. "It's going to be extremely dangerous," she said. "I'm not happy about it.

Operation Helmet is a non profit organization founded in 2003 by Dr. Meaders. The group raises money to supply helmet upgrade kits for soldiers. For between $50-100 a soldier can purchase a kit that adds shock absorbing pads and a new strap system to the existing helmet, better protecting that soldier from head injuries, according to the Operation Helmet Web site.

Many of the current military helmets, especially those worn by Marines, were designed 20 years ago and are uncomfortable and sit around the head as soldiers duck for cover, according to the Web site. More importantly, the current helmets offer only fair protection from the fragments and forces created when improvised explosive devices (IED) go off. By adding a new strap system and shock absorbing pads, the helmet does a much better job protecting soldiers during these IED blasts from receiving head and brain injuries, according to Dr. Meaders' Web site. The kits save lives and prevent disabilities, according to Dr. Meaders.

When Poolin heard Corp. Callan, he was returning to Iraq, she sent e-mails to friends and islanders asking them to support the program.

Mathew Storm, 23, a 1st Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, is a Marine who has received a helmet kit made by Operation Helmet and has been deployed to Iraq. He said the helmet kit is a lot safer and more comfortable than the current helmet which is still being used by the military.

Mathew said his helmet kit has been really helpful during his deployment.

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The true cost of increasing rents on Peaks Island

BY CAROL J. PESA

Ah, to get to the heart of the matter—what is happening on this island regarding housing and people's homes. In an instant, the property reassessment wreaked havoc with peoples lives, shattered dreams, devastated hopes of home.

This is a healing island. Perhaps all islands are, but this one is where I live...where I came to heal, shattered by life circumstances, weary and deflated and lost. Belonging here with my heart and spirit lies, home, a place of my own, where I can walk in the moonlight and dance, sing and dance to the beat of a different drummer. Their participation, their presence, their love and affection, their care of the environment, their concern for the land they are living on, their sense of belonging, their commitment to the island, their desire to protect and preserve it, and their love for the island and its people...they are truly now at risk. Their life circumstances are experiences, past and present, are human experiences of overcoming great hardship, intensifying their less than abundant resources.

They are not the landowners, the homeowners, or the snowbirds, but rather the place to call home. They do not own a home of their own. Their place to call home is where their hearts are, because their earthly home is always temporary, fragile, at the mercy of those who provide them with a roof over their head, a chance to sink their roots, to belong, to offer their gifts that nourish the Spirit and the mask within each of us, heal the emotional, mental and physical aspects of our being, to show up for the archetypal artist, caregiver, healer. They can be found everywhere, anywhere, that humans live, though they are more and more being relegated to certain geographical locations and housing where those who have much, much more, would never choose to live.

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Ask Me!

Stuart Dye
Mortgage Broker
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PEAKSFEST, from page 1
Miles from the main event and a half a dozen miles from the crest of the nearby Great Diamond Island, PeaksFest is the final event of the 2006 PeaksFest season. The island was buzzing with activity this weekend as the main event of the season kicked off. The festival features live music, performances, art exhibits, and other events throughout the weekend.

REBURIAL, from page 4
The reburial of the remains of the Unknown Soldier is set for Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Peaks Island Cemetery. The ceremony will include the laying of the wreath at the base of the monument, the playing of Taps, and the singing of "America the Beautiful."

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PEAKSFEST, from page 1
late the mind, pluck the heartstrings, tickle the funny bones, save the artistic sensibilities, and provoke debate.

PeaksFest will commence with a SchmoozeFest, accompanied by The Un-Called Classical Band. The band will perform in a series of concerts around the island, including walks, tours, and musical performances.

There will also be lots of tours. Indian trail tours, NW! walking tours, museum tours, tide pool tours, Fort Scammel House tours, and a Peaks-Island-only event—walking the island with the locals.

A new tour this year will be sure to interest many: the Peaks Enviromental Action Team (PEAT), in conjunction with Thompson-Houston and singing. The tour will feature discussions on the history of the island, the natural and cultural resources, and the environmental challenges facing Peaks Island.

The island is rich in history and culture, and the tour will offer a unique opportunity to explore the island's past and present. The tour will be led by expert guides who will provide insights into the island's diverse history.

In addition to the various events and activities, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with local artists and artisans, view their work, and purchase their creations.

The tour will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours. The tour is suitable for all ages and abilities, and is free of charge. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

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I believe that Portland’s plan for Peaks Island is to create a community of largely summer residents, who have no vote, and retirees. The high property taxes currently imposed on island residents, which force many residents out, while often force working-middle income families with children off the island. They would try to live here if they were not threatening for a few years, but the annual property taxes of $5,000 or $6,000 will soon be too much to hardly allow anyone the modestly of mostly non-voting residents and the cash poor residents.

I believe that secession offers our best chance to survive as a thriving, vibrant community. If we choose to stay a part of the city of Portland the peaks island community, as we know it, will be in jeopardy.

In my opinion, if you want Peaks Island to survive, vote “yes” on June 13.

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Bobs Dahl, Peaks Island

Self-rule is like fishing
I’ve been a commercial fisherman most of my life. I’ve made my living in this profession in known for their independence. Every decision about my job I, and alone, make. Do I want to take the east coast in a year? It may be more trips for a couple more hours? Should I fix this problem with the boat or pay this new insurance instead? How many trips should I build this winter?

Suzie Kane, Peaks Island

School island could suffer
When the secession effort began, it was the school that would be at the forefront of the charge. Any change in the fortunes of Peaks Island would cause the school for its achievements on behalf of Peaks kids. The school has been referred to as the “dynasty of its stream,” we can give great things to that school.

Pete Mayo, Peaks Island

Costs could increase
Peaks Islanders have never discussed and any vote on a Peaks Island budget. These expenses have been embedded in the larger Portland budget. Peakes Islanders who participate in the local control and the ability to create and vote on a Peaks Island budget. However, a vote on secession could change the order of the sequences, neither of which would be well.

First, the cost of maintaining our current level of services may actually increase. For example, if we lose a vote on our local PSB, we would receive less from that secession. Therefore, the city would have to cover the shortfall. Having the right to secede does not make it the right thing to do, it is not a reason to secede. In the last year, we pay the sewer costs that are currently subsidized by mainland Portland residents in the amount of $100,000. The millions of scale and sharing of resources available to Portland would not be available to a town of Peaks Island.

Second, pressures to reduce the levels of services are likely to arise when property taxes compete openly with the cost of services. A Peaks Island budget would clearly be the best to vote against the other politician of property tax relief. Two promising proposals are high refunds for the state citizens. This would mean a refund such as a Portland lodging tax, which would need to be voted on to reduce Portland dependence on property taxes.

- Jerry Too, Peaks Island

We gain direct democracy
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- Richard Willis, Peaks Island

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We should therefore be aware of the history of tax revolt and, where successful, of their spending reductions. Their most immediate threat is to many, because the world can be an unpredictable place, but what happens if you suddenly see that your tax dollars may lead to a life without end.

- Kathryn Moxley, Peaks Island

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- Kathy Antonoff, Peaks Island

We don’t and that of some of our tax money goes to the City’s education, fire and police services on the mainland.

Should the people of Peaks Island decide to keep our island, the City of Portland will have to make up for the loss. This will be harmful to other neighborhood services, and will not be an act of collective self interest at the expense of other communities.

The impetus for secession is increased tax costs and the root of this problem grows from the state’s policy of using our property values to determine the tax rate. The Island-wide reaction to increased taxes—anger and fear—put the cart before the horse, and led to the original secession. But secession is harmful to our neighbors, and turns us back to a regional problem.

This act of separation undermines a community spirit of sharing and caring for each other. It is the property of a town born from a philosophy of supporting only our own, not our neighbors.

Every time it happens when budget committees and Town Meetings are faced with the choice of a land to create a community of largely summer residents, who have no vote, and retirees. If these involved would come to us and explain how much we have to lose, the problems will be averted. But secession is harmful to our neighbors, and turns us back to a regional problem.

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SECESSION FINANCES FALL SHORT

The fast finding on secession is about as close as we can get to a conclusion in the financial case for secession as fall short.

The budget presented recently by the Island Improvement Committee (IIC) will see its proposed 9.5 mill rate (the property tax to reach $1,000 of valuation would be $99.95) look very attractive compared to the city's mill rate of $1.31 for 2000-2007. However, the IIC budget is a serious good governance in some places and simplicity to our towns. There have been budget adjustments made by the residents of Portland, who have little direct interest in what we do. Therefore, the IIC budget will allow us to continue the process and bring back to us the total cost of making this great island.

- David Adams, Peaks Island

SECESSION GROUP BACKS SCHOOL

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As a result, we have included in our budget the tuition rate ($7,205) recommended by the Department of Education. If the negotiation fails, the tuition rate would be higher than $7,205, then Portland would benefit financially.

Our students would be able to provide all the information we would need to complete the budget. Portland City Councilors have made some recommendations to us, but we believe that the information that was provided from those provided by the School Department.

Some people on the island want you to be aware of some things about the committee that attract the same number of professional staff to work at our school. We have Town meetings and school committees that provide financial services to people with increased annual bills of $1,000 to $2,500 for the 277 households and businesses affected by the rise in property tax.

Sever users will probably propose that some or all of their extra costs, now subject to the payments of Peaks Island residents, are transferable to the rest of the city in some proportionately-misused movement sponsored by the residents of the other islands.

The IIC has even taken a step to address major potential threats on Peaks Island. I have not seen any statements that include the Island Improvement Committee in the list of threats.

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part time teachers would not want to work on Peaks, I or on Peaks and Portland share the staff with Peaks paying the portion of the salaries of those part time teachers that they were paid on Peaks. They would work the exact same hours. I am sure retired teachers and staff, Portland would benefit with guaranteed revenue each year.

Tate Runk and accompaniments of the staff of the Peaks Elementary School. We islanders are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people concerned working for the Town of Peaks Island. No matter the outcome on June 13, I believe Peaks Islanders will always support its school.

Melba Longelle, Peaks Island

Stick with the city

There is a certain consensus in our community about the problems we face. High taxes tops the list. Close behind is the ever-increasing costs of housing, in-town parking and ferry tickets. These economic forces are compelling us to change our community in ways that we might not have wished for. We are willing to work and family commitments?

If the "no" votes carry the day on June 13, it doesn't mean we are done discussing how we can solve our problems and sustain our community. Portland city councilors have effectively stated that Peaks Islanders are a community of people they are willing to work with us. Should we take the city on this offer, elect an Island Commissioner, and pursue better solutions to our cost of living concerns, and the economic forces that are rapidly driving Peaks Island deeper into debt, then we can, with the city of Portland we can use its resources in order to get those solutions implemented.

I believe Peaks Islanders are a community that believe retaining a part of Portland is our best hope to maintain our diverse community in both the short and long run. I hope you will join me.

Brenda Buchanan, Peaks Island

Chance for independence

I am a member of the Independence Committee (IC), but first and foremost I am your neighbor. I ride the boat every day, locate pretty much anywhere you want to go on Peaks Island, suffer the March winds, and love this island with every fiber of my heart. Just like you, I do not want this island to be swallowed up in a conglomeration of time-share housing and strip shopping centers.

Recently, some have taken the position that since a second vote cannot be guaranteed, therefore it is futile to press for independence now. I disagree. There are no guarantees in life, and we all know it. I believe that the opportunity to express our views, to have a say, to vote, to choose is a right that we all have. I believe that you can make the best decision for yourselves and the future of Peaks Island.

In any case, Independence is right for Peaks Island now. We are a mature community with an elected council of talented leaders. Our relationship with the city is dysfunctional at best, and threatens the future of our community. We should seize this opportunity to create a viable future for ourselves. As a community we will have to be double sure to assume financial responsibility for our assets, which is why I feel the IC needs to have the authority to borrow and to subsidize our expenses in the past. We can and will pay our debt and still retain our independence.

Who do you trust? Who lives for and works for Peaks Island's best interests? Can you really trust elected Portland City councilors?
No guarantee of second vote

We are writing to clarify what has become a critical question in the secession debate on Peaks Island—whether June 13 is just the first vote, or the only vote.

The law that governs secession—which was not on the books at the time Long Island seceded—provides for only one vote by islanders. That vote has been scheduled for June 13.

The statute calls it “advisory” because its purpose is to advise the Legislature whether, if the local residents support secession, they shall be allowed to vote on June 13 and declare their independence.

It would violate both those “constitutional presumptions”-foundational axioms—to require islanders to make a binding choice on independence without knowing facts which only a favorable vote on June 13 will trigger the rigorous process of determining whether the “facts” are binding.

Such “facts” do not float upon the ethers, to be plucked at will; they only become “facts” following a legislatively-required process, necessarily in the future, triggered by a favorable vote in the “advisory referendum” on June 13. Argument and wisdom is needed rather than a black and white one-by-one decision.

We are taking no stand on the underlying issue of secession. We just want you to understand that June 13 is the only vote you are guaranteed by law on this very important issue.


Support second vote

With issues of burning importance, our legislators encourage, even entreat us to write and call them with our opinions. I call on Peaks Island voters and taxpayers to bombard Representative Marley, Senator Strimling and members of all appropriate committees to support an Island Independence Committee bill providing a second vote for a fully informed process toward a financial as well as principled decision on the issue of secession from the City of Portland.

Jane Banague, Peaks Island

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"Taylor said that the pro-secession group wants the first election to be just advisory so people will vote yes in order to keep the process moving forward. So the IEC promised a second, final election. "In a way, it's sort of silly," Taylor said. "The issue is whether you want to secede based on the amount of information available at this point."

But Howard Pedullin, a member of the IEC's Finance Committee said the fact that there are a lot of unknowns following the referendum prompted the committee to promise a second vote. "We don't know the total cost," he said. "We need to know the second vote so that people can see the result of the negotiations and make an informed decision."

If more than 50 percent of voters on Peaks approve secession, then one of the next steps involves negotiations with city officials. The two sides would have to negotiate how to divide city assets and debts. As both sides debate the pros and cons of secession, the likely outcome of negotiations with city officials is another point of contention.

Proponents state that if all assets and debts are considered between Peaks and Portland, Peaks Island will be close to breaking even.

Opponents say that an independent Peaks Island would have had or lease city capital assets on the island, such as public works trucks, sewer lines and treatment plant, the school and the island's streets, for example. Over the winter the city officials distributed a memo listing all the city-owned capital assets on Peaks Island, and come up with a net book value of $10,786,365.

The negotiations are a challenging part of the process, according to Herb Maine, president of the Chebeague Island Community Association. On April 5 of this year, the State Legislature approved Chebeague Island's secession bill, which was signed by the governor that day.

Maine said the state law puts the secession territory at a disadvantage in negotiations, because there is no effective final arbitrator. Although the law states that secession can still be submitted to the Legislature if the two sides can agree, the Legislature has no practical interest in being an arbitrator," Maine said. "There's a hole there—there needs to be a real arbitrator to step in, in the case where negotiations break down."

The negotiations between Chebeague and Cumberland were difficult. "We had to come a long way on both sides to get where we ultimately ended up," said Bill Shane, Town Administrator for the Town of Cumberland. "It was not quite the grand Canyon, but it wasn't far from it."

The two major sticking points were the value of town land and assets and whether 15-town-owned islands would become part of new town of Chebeague.

During negotiations, two separate methods explore concepts firsthand, and then have opportunities to transfer their learning to a new level," Hasson said. "Sarah's work with us has allowed our students to collect and examine a range of attributes and data using sophisticated equipment in an authentic environment that's familiar, yet still ripe with endless learning opportunities."

Recently, the third, fourth and fifth graders have been learning about digital mapping with Hanson and this writer. The data they collected during their tide pool exploration will be compiled in a digital map layer, which provides a new level of Sophisticated equipment in an authentic environment that's familiar, yet still ripe with endless learning opportunities.

During the course of a year, data like this makes it easier to see and understand phenomena. For example, some islanders say that some of the organisms used to see along Peaks Island's shoreline are fish or marine life. As a result of the students noted during a discussion of why it's important to collect natural resource data, by looking at changes over time we can start to hypothesize why they are occurring, and then decide if and how it might be important for us to do something about them. In this way, the kind of data collected by the Peaks Island students on their tide pool exploration can be very valuable in caring for our island resources.

Sarah Hemphrey, the Peaks Island Fellow for the Island Institute.

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WE NEED TO GET ALL THE ANSWERS on the sewer debt, on asset and debt with the city after the legislature passes our bill and subsequent negotiations with Portland. Then we will have another vote to make the final decision. We have faith in the residents of peaks to manage the island and provide the plans to enhance its future.

People on the island have the knowledge and skills to take on this important challenge. So please vote YES on the questions, "Do you favor secession of the territory described below from the municipality of Portland- Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Ledge?"

Judy Pawlack
Robert Dahl
Petie Mayo
Mary Mayo
Charles Corson
Sedler Roberts
MJ Barnett
Dick Callow
Robby Callow
Cecil Room
Grechen Sterne
Marjorie Phye
Paul Johnson
Linda Stone-Newton
Howard Pedullin
Christina Foster
Stan Pawlack
Bob Sick
Bettee Mayo
Joan Smith
Mike Roberts
Lynne Richard
Martha Callow
June Alden
George Rousl
Don Sterre
Dean Kamp
Rita Johnson
Joseph Levene
Bill Jones
Rusty Foster

Check Radis
Bennie Sick
Susan Webster
Melissa Conrad
Mike Langella
Sandy Langella
Steve Richard
Christopher Callow
Dave Adams
John Kump
Rud Edwards
Rob Tiffany
Helene Swartz
Richard Swartz
Frank Peretti
Arthur Astersia

Storing the data in a digital map will allow it to be understood in a meaningful context. It will also allow the Peaks students to share the data they've collected with others in a visual format. They will first be sharing the map and what they learned with Cliff Island students on June 1 during a planned visit to explore the tide pools on Cliff Island. The Peaks Island third, fourth and fifth grade students were really excited to be collecting new and important data about a natural resource on their island.

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Just Because It's June, June, June

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Across

1. June state of Gypsy Rose Lee
2. June minis., one of four
3. Conjunction
4. Palm with engraved name
5. June to the Greeks
6. "The Mother of Presidents"
7. Half of "the fundamental truth"
8. Where you may find regular and deciduous
9. Person from the Baltic
10. Antelope conveyed by Stephen King
11. It is situated
21. June yard sale tag
22. June yard sale tag
24. Senior election
25. Thames River island
26. Senior election
27. Hair color
28. Beginning of the end of Hiroshima
30. Exploit of dreams
31. One headed for 10 across, perhaps
32. He played Fletcher, Robin, and George Armstrong
33. Union
34. Black ball
36. Juno tolhe Greeks
37. San Antonio's Perceval
38. Tenser
39. Woods
40. Not too big for Barns
41. Saguaro State
42. Bay
43. Beerfeather
44. Holy mountain
45. Subjects used in the potter's wheel
46. Not 100%
47. Miere d'orange pigment
48. Barbados lore example
49. "The Cask of Amontillado"
50. June bug
51. Proctor of President
52. "The Model of President"
53. Sister of Gypsy Rose
54. Down
55. Substances used in the potter's wheel
56. Adele
57. Picnic basket
58. Directon Juneau to Homer
59. June wedding garb
60. Remnants on Civil War Day, Sat., June 17.
61. Bill's announcer
62. Chinese cabbage
63. Easter egg
64. Slow cooker, perhaps
65. Musical theme
66. "The answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything"
67. One of many types of flowers
68. "The answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything"
69. January 2, 1944
70. Island
71. Nocci River Renaissance family
72. June birthday
73. Maternal

Down

1. A get" of it
2. Sheep
3. Blackball
4. Cephalopod
5. Islands discovered by Columbus in 1500
6. Black balled
7. Like "The Cask of Amontillado"
8. River of Northwest Ireland
9. Canadian destination
10. holes in commerce
11. Black balled
12. You can see forever
13. Older open in
14. Hole
15. Offspring of Hiroshima
16. June 23, 2104
17. Dutch film director murdered in 2004
18. Finishing grade
19. tilted opening
20. Set up as an election
21. May be found on the NYSE
22. Jane
23. Beginning of the end of Hiroshima
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Solution to last month's puzzle
The grid for the May puzzle left out the last two reciprocal and horizontal rows. We apologize for this printing error!

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to new ideas and suggestions. Members are
beginning to plan for our fundraising for the
next few months; PITA will hold its next an-
rual "Slice of Peaks" in August. All island
performers are invited to participate. We
hope that others on the island will join us as
we move forward. Please contact one of
the members of the group: Ralph Ashmore, Beth
Childs, Jane Gerad, Betty Helier, Dorothy
Moriza, Roy Mottila, Cynthia Pedtklen, Carla
Boblin, Cathy Shaw, Doug Smith, or Helene
Swartz.

Eighth Maine tours
On the Civil War Day June 17, there will be
guided tours from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. of the
Eighth Maine Regiment. There will also be
a lecture by Dick Adams, who first stayed in
1928. Contact 766-2377 for more information.

Clean energy forum
There will be a Clean Energy Forum on
Thurs., June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Community
Center. Presenters include: Erika Morgan of
Maine Energy Investment and Downeast So-
lar Co-op, who will explain Gov. John Baldac-
ci's "carbon challenge" for communities and
related issues of tax benefits and rebates for
solar technologies, wind energy, etc. Peaks
resident Jennifer Anderson, who will discuss
the energy program of the Natural Resources
Council of Maine (NRCM); and Peaks resi-
dent Albert Pesutovich, who will discuss local
and active solar houses and Peaks' history of
alternative energy projects. The goal of the forum
is to encourage support for a Sustainable Peaks Island. It is sponsored by
the Peaks Environmental Action Team.

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Star Gazing

BY MICHAEL RICHARDS

June is named for Juno, Roman mythology's highest goddess, wife of Jupiter and queen of all gods. Juno was also goddess of marriage, so expect some wedding parties headed to Peaks this month.

For astronomers, June is the month of the summer solstice, when the earth's north pole tilts 23 degrees directly toward the sun, bringing the most heat and light to us in the northern hemisphere. By the end of June we're already losing daylight, but the earth and its oceans continue to warm, brewing currents throughout June, and the highest tides this month occur late at night.

June 1: First quarter moon rises at 1:06 p.m. this afternoon and will be high in the sky at sunset tonight. It will appear smaller than usual, because...

June 4: The moon's at apogee tonight, about 20,000 miles further away from earth than it will be in a couple of weeks. Still, the waxing gibbous moon is best for telescopic exploration the next few nights, and Jupiter is in left also beacons.

June 8: A waxing gibbous moon rises over Thebes at 5:27 this afternoon.

June 11: Full "strawberry" moon, named centuries ago by Algonquin tribes in north-east America, rises at 9 p.m. tonight over Casco Bay.

June 13: A Shelleying waxing gibbous moon sets over Portland at 6:17 p.m. this morning, quite a sight for those on the early boat to town.

June 15: The lowest tide this month occurs at 8:30 a.m. this morning. The moon rises just before midnight over the islands.

June 17: The waxing gibbous moons at perigee tonight, as close to earth as it will get this time around. Mars will slide past Saturn tonight and each day hence will appear further to Saturn's left.

June 18: The last quarter moon rises at 12:42 a.m. and will be high in the sky at sunrise.

June 21: Summer solstice, as the sun reaches it's northernmost position and is direct overhead along the Tropic of Cancer, a circle parallel to the equator and 23.5 degrees north of it. The sun rises just before 5 in the morning and doesn't go down until nearly 8:30 in night.

June 25: New moon means no moon to light the evening sky. If Jupiter is visible out your southern window, grab your binoculars, find open ground and hunt a while for star-clusters and galaxies hiding in the darkness of outer space.

June 27: If the western sky is clear just after sunset tonight, a faint crescent moon will float just above the city, with Mercury below it, and Saturn and Mars above and to the left. Forming a line along the ecliptic. Wont last long, so bring your binoculars and head down front.

June 28: Tonight night the moon has moved 12 degrees southeast and sits just above Mars in the sunset over the mainland.
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Father shows true meaning of island treasure

This essay was written to help celebrate Father's Day on June 18.

BY KELLY HASSON

"Keep digging and you'll find the treasure," he encouraged me, as I hole in the sand with a small plastic shovel.

But then it was impossible-buried treasure was still out there: my father was right—today was the day.

"Look!" I cried as I held up my prize for everyone to see.

The bracelet had everything I imagined it would come from a pirate's chest. A strand of silver squares was hinged together. Ruby red enamel adorned every other square, inlayed with small diamonds and small silver anchors. It was in surprisingly good condition—no rust or dents. My father clasped it around my small wrist and it fit perfectly. "People were a lot smaller in the olden days," he explained.

On the first day of school, I was so proud to have the best show and tell of all. Standing before my fellow first graders, I held my wide-eyed class how I found this true pirate's treasure. At recess my friends Carole, Gail, Rose Ann, and Tammy wanted to take turns carrying it. "Can I have it next?" "Yes, my turn!"

But then it was imaginative—buried treasure was still out there: my father was right—today was the day.

"Here, Honey, what's wrong?" My mother's brows rose as she wrung her hands. Yes, it must have been a coincidence. She said, "Find something else to focus on."

My friends would have nothing of this happening and ran off, still calling me names. What creatures inhabit the tide pools on Peaks Island and the conditions the organisms endure? I stopped scuffing my heel to look very far for the real island treasure.

Mary moved to the mainland years ago, he remains, at heart, an islander to the core. Long-time islanders know him as Gig, Gil, or occasionally, Steve. I know him as Dad and now know that I never really had to look very far for the real island treasure.

A native of Peaks Island, Kelly Hasson is principal of the Cliff Island and Peaks Island Schools. She still believes everything her father tells her.