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

Skate park project endorsed by the PIC
by Kevin Attra

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

All councillors except Eric Eaton attended, including Neighborhood & Island Liaison Mike Murray from the City Manager's office and Recreation Department manager Sally DeLuca and facilities manager Ethan Owens.

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

DeLuca said the process of locating and building the new park required extensive planning and research. Many people were opposed to having it in their neighborhoods. "Fears are scary," she said.

"You kind of need to come to us to have this project done," DeLuca said. According to her, soil tests need to be conducted and the facility will have to be designed by an architect.

Chris Hoppin spoke on behalf of one of the boys who build the skate park on Brackett Avenue to say that they had found a new space in Tram-Littlejohn park and were ready to build a new one. He presented a letter from one family that said the boys had worked with City Councilor Peter O'Connell to locate and build one, but that even after his tacit approval "nothing happened."

Two years ago the boys finally took it upon themselves to build one on the remains of a former WWII building. Unfortunately, it is located on land under control of the PLIP and in violation of terms of land preserve, which prevents the installation of any permanent structure. The kids built the skate park in the wrong place, Hoppin said. "Let's help them build another one."

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

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

After little debate, the PIC resolved to "start the process."

ARCHITECT DOCUMENTS HOUSES ON PEAKS ISLAND

by Kevin Attra

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The graph top left displays the landings of Northern Shrimp for the last 51 years, as recorded by the Maine Department of Marine Resources. The bottom graph shows all landings for the state.

In comparison, gulf fishermen only get about 4 percent of the action. It's also clear that the profit margin for shrimp fishing is all but gone.

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

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

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

Annual stock assessments are conducted by the Northern Shrimp Technical Committee as part of the Interstate Fisheries Management Program, which is out of the 1970s era.

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

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

Based on the graph for the Gulf of Maine, under the new regulations the shrimp harvest peaks in 1979 - only a modest increase - then a large spike in 1996 and a lesser one in 2010.

A back-of-the-envelope model based on this data would lead us to expect the shrimp catch to bottom out again in 2011. More disturbing is the decreasing maximum catches over time, which would indicate that the shrimp population in the gulf is declining.

Many people attribute the disappearance of shrimp to warmer ocean water temperatures in the Gulf of Maine. Coincidentally, there has been a U.T. increase in the annual ocean temperature in Casco Bay from 2003 to 2010, as measured at NOAA Buoy 44007.

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

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

News Briefs
Compiled by Kevin Attrra

Boston Bombing has local impact
from William D. Baker, Asset City Sharing
Westbrook

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

Baker-Brown was in Hopkinton on April 15, to start the race and cheer on her granddaughter, Caitlin Gildart, a Sales and Marketing Director for Casco Bay Lines, who was running in her third Boston Marathon.

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

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

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

Bay Lines Updates
Bay Lines Staff Report

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

Work at Gate 5 is progressing on schedule. Glauus crews are working seven days a week in order to ensure the car ferry berth is back in operation or very close to May 17. Once this work is complete, the crane barge will be shifted alongside the western face of the pier. At that time we can open the east berthing piling, walls and chocks at Gates 1 through 4.

The component of the Terminal Renovation Project which includes the new ticketing windows, public information displays, handicapped and ticket/height windows will be advertised next month. Bids will be due in June.

The current schedule anticipates the
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**The Best Meeting Ever**

**BY JERRY GARMAN**

On Feb. 11, 2006 over 150 islanders were asked two questions: “Why did you move to Peaks Island?” and “What is the best thing about living on Peaks?” Their positive responses make this one of our most important island meetings. Because our island is a “community added to individualism”, it is almost impossible to take our temperature or record our heartbeats. No one person or group is able to speak for any other person.

But on that day we all agreed that we want to continue to direct our optimistic, organizational energy to retain and regenerate our island lifestyle and traditions such as safety, diversity, closeness, independence, interdependence, intergenerational support, shared boat experience, being part of a multi-racial/cultural/artistic community, on-foot nature adventures, fragile environmental qualities and the cultural richness of nearby Portland.

Robert Frost asked: “how many things must happen before something occurs to you.” What should occur to all islanders is that these precious, delightful characteristics that define Peaks Island have been evolving since it was annexed by Portland in 1834. We have remained resilient with each major change, through 16 hotels, three theaters and a casino, acquiring a public water supply 1920, serving as a military base during World War II, creating a child development center in 1970, a Fire Station/Community Center/Library in 1979.


Each change has strengthened our resolve. It is not about what form of government we have, it is about people and our relationships with each other.

John Donne said no man is an island entire to itself, and John Romanyshyn added neither is Peaks Island. We are remote but connected. The ocean separates us, and our ferries make our scenic islander accessible to Portland. What binds us together is our desire to preserve the beauty and tranquility of island life.

For many of us this island is a magical blend of Shangri-La, Brigadoon and Lake Woebegone. Rachel Field captured this magic: “If once you have slept on an island, you'll never be the same.”

We live on an island where Everybody LOOKS where everybody GOES, everybody SEES what everybody DOES, everybody HEARS what everybody SAYS, and everybody KNOWS what everybody THINKS.

We are a living experiment in collective collaboration on an island that simultaneously liberates and confines us. We are all stakeholders in preserving this special fragile environment for future generations and ourselves.

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Letters from Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

Veterans remind us what their medals mean

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

The medals are not important to the veterans for showing-off purposes (one World War II veteran cried 'my good shirt!') when I tried to pin them on him). It's what they symbolize: our wonderful stewardship of the Island community, and, in the case of combat medals, for courage and sacrifice under fire.

In recent weeks, veterans felt that the Department of Defense had disregarded the actions behind those combat medals. And in their outcry, they have reminded us of the incredible hardships and peril it takes to earn them.

In February, the Department of Defense confirmed that it would create the Distinguished War Medal to recognize military personnel engaged in remotely piloting drone aircraft and in specially equipped commando missions. Veterans across the country took issue with the new medal. It is what they symbolize: our dedication to preserving freedom of thought through the predominant forms of cyber warfare. Veterans across the country took issue with the new medal. It is what they symbolize: our dedication to preserving freedom of thought through the predominant forms of cyber warfare.

I heard from dozens of veterans who thought the precedence of the new medal was unfair to those who earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. One Vietnam veteran said that he felt it this month that the new honor would be served with who were hurt or killed in the war. I think veterans were rightfully upset.

The military should recognize extraordinary service from all its members, and in today's world that certainly includes drone pilots and others who use technology to fight remotely and assist soldiers in the field. But those jobs are a matter of public debate. Some may be, but the perils simply don't compare with those of the soldiers earning Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars in direct combat. The truth is, when it comes to military honors, actions done on the virtual battlefield and on the real battlefield should not be evaluated at two different levels.

The need to empower legislative that would put the Distinguished War Medal below the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. But, hearing the concerns of veterans, the Department of Defense has decided itself to change course.

In one of his first acts as Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel announced that the new medal would be discontinued as a standalone medal. Instead, it will be a distinguishing device.

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The Department of Defense made the right decision and the right way to recognize all our soldiers for their service, while not disrespecting those who put their lives to danger for our country. Thanks to all the veterans and service members who spoke up about this issue and reminded us about the important of these medals.

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree represents Maine’s 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Contact her at 207-774-5019 or at www.pingree.house.gov/contact.

Resources to Help You Manage Your Money

BY NICOLE EVANS

Whether you are looking to address life challenges (finding a job and paying for basic needs) or setting financial goals (saving for college, buying a home, retirement), there are trusted local resources and online tools to help you make the most of your money.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES


COLLEGE SAVINGS

- College savings and planning resources: www.211maine.org.
- College Savings Program (CSP) website: www.collegesavings.org.

ONLINE MONEY MANAGEMENT TOOLS

- Personal finance calculators and life stages: www.360financialliteracy.org.

For more money management tools and resources, visit www.caibhg.org, a Web site providing a range of financial issues and services in Greater Portland at United Way of Greater Portland.

Nicole Evans is Program Director for UWP at Greater Portland, a division of United Way of Greater Portland.
ACROSS
1. Pop
2. Toss out
3. Dirtball
4. Related
5. Kind of wind
6. House party?
7. Tit
8. Lord's Prayer word
9. The Fair, the Great or the Terrible
10. Asian capital
11. Rock guitarist and newspaper publisher?
24. Not in Bordeaux
25. Confuse
26. Tasty dish
29. Protein synthesizer
30. Arab favorite since 7000 B.C.
34. Beatles nonsense syllables
35. Fed. ag'cy
36. King's new house
38. Mirthful girl'
40. Greek letter symbolizing the
58. G.W. Bush called him "Turd Blossom"
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5. Shakira album "Donde
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8. Where Flin Flon is found
9. Bull or bear market, e.g.
10. 19th C. war
11. Kind of lamp
12. Loudon or Indy
13. Rebuff
21. Blagojevich
23. JFK to RFK
25. A scrambled gramma
26. A _______ sante
27. Author of "A Doll's House"
28. Winged
29. Yowl or ketch
31. Jaguar's prey
32. Fundamental values
33. European river
34. Quota
36. Back or Dead
38. Grips, grouse, grumble or grunt
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WINNING CAPTIONS this month. Since this is our final edition, we included two of the best.

"We interrupt this weather report to bring you snow." Stephen Hale, Saunderstown, RI
"This show is always on!" Torria Hats, Portland, ME
Star Gazing

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

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

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

PLANETS

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

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

Golden ringed Saturn is perfectly positioned this month for telescopic viewing, as it already up in the east at sunset, high overhead in the late evening, and just setting in the west at 9:00 p.m. Astronomers are still marveling at the photos that continue to stream in from the Cassini Explorer orbiting Saturn now. Although the rings are 50,000 miles wide — twice the Earth’s circumference — they’re only 25 feet thick. When Saturn is edge-on to Earth, the rings literally disappear. Fortunately, they’re now tipped quite a bit and are easy to see with almost any telescope.

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

STARS

If you’re up early enough in the morning you can still see Sirius blazing away in the southeast, just 8.3 light years away. In the evening, look for Capella in Auriga the Charterhouse low in the northwest. Castor and Pollux, the Gemini twins, are to the west, and bright white Procyon in Canis Minor is directly west. Up a little higher is Regulus in Leo, looking like the dot at the bottom of a reverse question mark. Spica in Virgo is directly south now, and almost overhead is red giant Arcturus in Bootes the Herdsman. Low on the southeast horizon is red giant Antares in Scorpius, the biggest star you can see. To the northeast is blue-white Vega in Lyra, spinning madly above the Hyades.

ALMANAC

May 2 – Last-quarter moon is high at sunrise (and so is the title).
May 5 – The Eta Aquarids meteor shower peaks tonight for folks below the equator.
May 9 – New moon means dark skies here and an annular solar eclipse on the other side of Earth.
May 10 – About 8:30 tonight, low in the northwest, a very thin crescent moon floats just below Venus, with Jupiter looking on from above. Over the next couple of days, the moon will slide past Jupiter.
May 13 – The moon’s at perigee, so star tides are just seven feet, half what they will be in two weeks.
May 18 – First-quarter moon is high in the southeast (and so is the title).
May 24 – For the next week, around 9:00 p.m., Jupiter, Venus and Mercury waltz in northwestern sky just above the horizon.
May 25 – A big, full “Flower” moon rises just before 9:00 p.m. this Saturday night — perfect for a moonwalk back in.
May 26 – The moon’s at perigee, closest to Earth, bringing 14-foot tides to float our boats.

April 2013 Sky

BY MIKE RICHARDS

The Inn on Peaks Island
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Illustration by Jamie Hogan

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Mother’s Day
Brunch

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New Spring Dining Hours:
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Sunday 12:30pm to 8:00pm

Happy Mother’s Day!
Americans are an industrious lot, and Peaks Islanders are no exception. Some of us have one job, some three. Some of us have part time professions, some of us have full-time passions. But all of us are busy. Busy. Busy. But we all manage to find most inventive and resourceful ways to earn a living while enjoying island living.

This month:

Dan Hanley
Customer Service Engineer
ASM Lithography

I always thought I should interview my husband for this column - he has a really interesting job and he’s, well, conventional. I come very close to interviewing him once when a planned interview fell through and I was panicking before a looming deadline. But I scrambled to avoid any accusations of nepotism. I decided then that I would interview Dan for my last column, when I didn’t have to worry about being fired. (Can you be fired from a non-paying position?)

Well, here we are. This is my last column for the Island Times and it’s been a thrill to write about my husband, Dan. Thanks to all my interlocutors and readers. Although it has definitely been a living, it’s been a lot of fun and I’ve learned a lot. I’m happy with that.

It’s no secret I love engineers - I mean literally. I started one. And I am one, by training and by nature. Do-it-yourself projects at our house include freez (read heated) discussions to arrive at that pinnacle of engineering, the “elegant solution.” Suffice it to say, great minds do not always think alike.

Dan Hanley’s career as a field service/customer service engineer spans most of the modern semiconductor manufacturing industry. Semiconductors, the heart of those wonderful little chips that make all our electronics, our gadgets possible, are made in fabs (fabrication facilities). The wafers are diced up into chips and the chips are put into electronics that go into computers, and everywhere else these days. The photo room has special vellums on the wall, and the wafers don’t get exposed. It’s kind of like keeping film under red light in a darkroom. So I’m always working under yellow light. In 1978 the early Micralign was revolutionary because it could print lines that were 0.5 microns. Before that they were printing lines that were 5, even 10 microns.

The breakthrough was projection optics. Before projection optics they used contact printing, where the mask with the image actually touched the wafer. The problem was that the masks didn’t last very long and the throughput was very good. With projection optics, the image is projected through the mask onto the wafer, which meant the masks lasted longer, and it quadrupled the throughput. So, everyone started buying them and the company was very successful. We used to have parties at the office. Another machine came out the door. Have a party! At that time, in 1978 and 1979, the machines cost over $150,000. The machine I work on now costs well over $1 million. State of the art photolithography equipment costs over $20 million. The later generation Micraligns model 600 and 700 went down to 0.3 microns. That is the machine that really made the personal computer possible. The equipment I work on now is part of that 0.3 machine. That is the machine that’s made the personal computer really affordable.

Well, things have changed a lot for me since I’m not traveling anymore. When I started, I’d be sent wherever there was a machine. I traveled all over the world: Israel, Italy, Singapore, Germany, France, Hong Kong. I like to brag that the road is my way to travel is on expenses. But there’s another way to travel. In 1978, when you’re traveling, I spent six years covering a contract in Scotland, but the bean counters finally quit talking with me, and the mask I was working on had broken down. I called someone local and sent me back to Maine. That was in 2001. So since then, the bean counters, the few sweet junkets I’ve had to Europe and Asia, I’ve been covering a contract at Fairchild Semiconductor. I work on a Micralign 12-Nm machine, which has three days on, three days off, four days on, four days off. I go in on the 6:15 before home on the 7:15. I don’t think I’ve put on weight, and at first I really didn’t need a collar. I’ve got used to it. I only have a couple of years left.

Would you like to go back on the road? I think really when you go on the road, it’s pretty stressful. The customer wants the equipment up and running, they’ve already exhausted the obvious, then the machine has been down for a while. I was talking to someone, and they were talking about a customer who was really angry. I remember being in a meeting at a customer site in Catania, Italy once with about six people from the customer’s company. The whole thing started out very pleasantly, with everyone speaking almost simultaneously in English. By about two minutes there were six very angry Italian’s yelling in Italian. That was a tough one to describe. So I think the one thing that is that I always tell the customer the truth. Sometimes I don’t want to tell them the truth, but I just tell them the truth, and they respect me for it. Working on a contract is easier for me and not giving in. It’s 20755' 886:' 000, the machine I work on now, and it’s over $1 million. I really don’t want to be a burden on my mother. She didn’t say anything when she saw this article (laughs), I really didn’t want to be a burden on my mother.

One man’s magic is another man’s engineering. “Robert J. Heinlein

Dan Hanley: I started in 1978 with Perkin Elmer in Wilton, Connecticut, as a tech in final test in the yellow room. We did photolithography tests on the Micraligns before they were shipped. I got that job through my stepfather, Truman Smith. I worked there for two years, and I was hired back to Perkin Elmer by their East Kilbride, Scotland, as an equipment engineer. The Micralign equipment was state of the art. It was cutting edge, and it really did revolutionize the entire industry. All these companies were looking for people who knew how to work on this complex, new equipment. I had worked for the family, and the industry was just dying for people like me. After two years in Scotland, I was hired back to Perkin Elmer by my friend Elmer to develop the Mkralign - the equipment. I went straight to work so I didn’t have to worry about being fired. (Can you be fired from a non-paying position?) And what about the road? I worked on a contract for a company in Singapore. The pay, (laughs) And the schedule. It’s nice to have a four day shift and come home and have four days off. I always loved the travel but now that I’m not traveling anymore, I really enjoy it. I’ve been in Singapore, France, Hong Kong. I like to say that the best part of the job was the road. It was a job that didn’t require a college degree, and there was a lot on the job training. I could support myself. Despite what my siblings might say when they see this article (laughs), I really didn’t want to be a burden on my mother. She didn’t say anything when she saw this article (laughs), I really didn’t want to be a burden on my mother. That’s the road.
Gettysburg Remembered

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, a battle in which Maine troops played a major role and one that changed the course of the war for the North.

When news that fighting had begun near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania reached the Fifth Maine, they along with the rest of the Sixth Corps of the Army of the Potomac were encamped near Manchester, Virginia enjoying an all too rare rest after a week of hard marching. At 9:00 on the evening of July 1, an order came "to strike tents and be ready to march in ten minutes." In his History of the Fifth Maine Regiment, Adjutant George W. Bicknell writes, "It was now certainly known that the enemy had invaded northern soil. They had contaminated with their presence, the pure atmosphere of freedom. They must be hurled back."

The corps, led by the Fifth Maine, marched throughout the night until 4:00 the next afternoon with not a single man was lost. Terrible rains fell that night but the troops continued to hold their ground without the benefit of even a tent for shelter.

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

As the Union army pursued the enemy back to Virginia, the Fifth Maine was sent on a reconnaissance mission to locate rebel troops. A brief skirmish with the rear guard of Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia ended the Fifth Maine’s participation in this great battle.

On July 10 Chaplain John Adams wrote home, "I never knew the Army to be in better spirits that at present. The late victory at Gettysburg has inspired them with new life."

The Battle of Gettysburg will be reenacted on July 1, 2 and 3 this year at the Gettysburg National Park. Many reenactors from Maine will be representing Maine’s Civil War regiments, including the Fifth, at this event.
The Gem Gallery first ANNUAL BOOK DISCUSSION READING at Local Lending Library is from 6 to 8 PM featuring Portland post laurate Bruce Springsteen, teacher, reader, our selves. Welcome. In conjunction with this event we are building monthly poetry readings the 1st Wed. of each month. The first reading will be announced June 5 will feature poet Martin Siegelstein. The Gem Gallery, located on Island Avenue on Peaks Island, is a not-for-profit cooperative of over 25 individuals in media of painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, fiber arts and writing. Please call 766-2500 for more information.

Richard Boyd Gallery July 1-27. A non-profit media center exhibiting works of Betty Newton, Pam Coburn, William Steele, Kenneth Burns, Kimberly Nelson, June March, Julie Brown, Richard Boyd and Keith Winkham using values of black and white to create variations in tone from deep blacks of black to silvered grays. Open Fri., May 4, reception 2-6 PM. Saturday, May 5 from noon to 7:00 PM. Show runs through May 30 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Richard Boyd Art Gallery is located on Peaks Island at the corner of Island Avenue and St. John's Hill, dedicated to the preservation of Civil War and local history. Membership is open to the public. For more information call Our Light for Pinehurst Hospice at 207-774-6070. Ask for MacMakin at 207-377-1997 or e-mail at richardboydgallery@yahoo.com or visit www.richardboydgallery.com.

The Fifth Maine The Fifth Maine is a non-profit museum and cultural center housed in the 1848 Fine Art Museum, site of the 18th Maine Regiment Memorial Hall, dedicated to the preservation of Civil War and local history. Membership is open to the public. For more information call Our Light for Pinehurst Hospice at 207-774-6070. Ask for MacMakin at 207-377-1997 or e-mail at richardboydgallery@yahoo.com or visit www.richardboydgallery.com.

The Eighth Maine The Eighth Maine is a fine arts museum and lodge built in 1991 as a summer retreat for the Civil War veterans. It features 12 rooms for overnight guests and a month-long schedule of exhibits. The museum is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM during the summer season. Visit www.thefifthmaine.org for more information.

Brackett Church Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Ouly, is a non-profit organization that welcomes people from all walks of life and has a mission to foster community and fellowship in the church, Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 AM. Call 766-5857 for more information. Fr. Shaye Shroyer will moderate the discussions. Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm at the Parish Office. All are welcome. Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church Monday, 8:30-9:30 PM, Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Thursday, 5:30 PM, St. John's Hill, 766-2556. The food pantry is a community effort and is free to anyone who is interested in helping. Call 766-2556 for more information. The life of the church is centered around the Eucharist, with worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship. For more information call 766-7122 or visit the church's website at www.christchurchmaine.org.

Community Food Pantry Located in the Parish Office at 766-7122. The food pantry is open daily from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. They are currently only accepting food donations. For more information call 766-7122 or visit the church's website at www.christchurchmaine.org.

Music Theater A working theater experience in a modern, acoustically-corrected space. Call 766-7122 or visit the website www.christchurchmaine.org for more information. Music Theater is a non-profit organization that welcomes people from all walks of life and has a mission to foster community and fellowship in the church, Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 AM. Call 766-5857 for more information.

Yoga Classes Weekly classes Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM. Call 766-7122 for more information. Yoga classes are a great way to improve your overall health and well-being. They are also a great way to make new friends and meet other people who share your interests. For more information call 766-7122 or visit the church's website at www.christchurchmaine.org.

Loreta Voyer Fund provides transportation needs for Peaks Islanders who are undergoing aggressive therapies for cancer or other life-limiting diseases. Please contact a board member for detailed information. For more information call 766-7122 or visit the church's website at www.christchurchmaine.org.

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Wednesday, May 1
FIRST ANNUAL POETRY/SPoken WORD READING at Jones Landing. May 1 from 6 to 8 PM (featuring Portland poet laureate Bruce Spring). Guest readers to be announced. June 5 will feature poet Martin Steingesser.

Thursday, May 2
SHOPPING IN SACO - DAFFODILS too 12-45 pm (no dusk to later than 5:35 pm return. Enjoy some time browsing/shopping at Betty’s Department Store and Dollar Tree. It Mother Nature cooperates, we will enjoy thousands of daffodils in bloom. Pre-registration required; deadline to register is Thursday, April 25. Transportation fee (round trip from CBI to Saco) is $4 based on 6 people. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (207)882-2070.

Saturday, May 4
HOUSE CONCERT with singer/songwriter Julie Snow (juliesnowsongs.com) 7PM to 9 PM. Fee to enter $5 or 2 cans of food. Sponsored by the Island Institute.

Monday, May 13
SENIOR POT LUCK LUNCH at Noon at the Frye Garman House. Please bring a dish to share and join us. All seniors are welcome. If you don’t consider yourself a senior, come anyway!

Tuesday, May 14
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER at The Church House 6-8:30pm. Theme: Breakfast for Dinner.

Saturday, May 18
LOAF AND LADLE DINNER to benefit Peaks Island Tax & Envelope Assistance. From 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Peaks Island Baptist Church. We will be cooking up a storm not just one person’s meal! Dessert is included. Cost is $15 per adult and $7.50 for children.

Tuesday, May 21
PIZZA NIGHT at the American Legion - last one of the season - 6 PM until all pizza is eaten. $9.00/person.

Friday, May 10
CASCO BAY GARAGE SPRING CLEANUP The garage must be vacated through Sunday. May 12. May parts at the Custom House garage at 23 Pearl Street at no charge during the cleaning. In the event of rain, the cleaning will be rescheduled. No cleaning will take place during Memorial Day weekend. For more information contact Steve Kalise at 558-7888 or stevek@mphmanagement.com.

Saturday, May 25
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE sponsored by the American Legion with Dock and gravelside services in memory of deceased island veterans-step off at 11:45 AM. RUMMAGE SALE at the Brackett Church 9 AM to 2 PM. Come find some great bargains, share in some fabulous fellowship, and support the ministries of Brackett church - all at the same time!

Friday, May 31
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE for children of active members of the Legion Family or any Peaks Island resident who is a high school graduate. Send letter with name of school, applicant’s full name and educational goals, and name/address of parent/guardian to Lisa Lynch, Scholarship Chairman, 17 Elizabeth Street, Peaks Island.

Friday, June 1
AUTHOR’S READING Join Peaks Island resident Jamie Hagan at the Portland Public Library’s River Avenue from 1 PM to 3 PM to celebrate her new picture book, Here Come the Humpbacks! Jamie will be reading from the non-fiction book by April Pulley Sayre and signing the story of a baby humpback whale’s first journey to the Gulf of Maine. Play a migration game, go inside a life-size humpback whale, and learn how you can help the humpbacks.

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off - August 24
- Peaks Island - Transfer Station 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- Depart Cushing Island 10:30 AM Boat Ramp
- Depart Little Diamond Island 1:00 AM Dockside
- Depart Great Diamond Island 11:30 AM Dockside
- Depart Diamond Cove 12:00 PM Dockside
- Depart Cliff Island 1:00 PM Dockside

Spring Island Heavy Item Pick-up Schedule
- CLIFF ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, June 3
- GREAT DIAMOND ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, Aug. 19
- DIAMOND COVE - Containers will be there by Monday, Aug. 19
- LITTLE DIAMOND ISLAND - Items must be set out by Monday, Sept. 9

Solution to Final Puzzle
- Start at the bottom and work your way up.
- Use the chart provided to fill in the blanks.
- The final answer is: "Happy Summer!"
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