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Peaks secession negotiations at a stalemate

BY DAVID TYLER

Negotiations over the secession of Peaks Island from the City of Portland have stalled after the first meeting.

The parties involved cannot even agree about how negotiations should be conducted. City representatives say that negotiations should be private, while the corporation, which has agreed, says that negotiations should be in public meetings.

The city's point of view is that negotiations should be private, while the corporation's point of view is that they need to be public. "We've decided that we will negotiate in writing," said Michael Richards, the head of the IJC's negotiating team. "We'll build a record of our offers and we'll do it in writing."

"Since we've had some difficulty with the protocol, it's just that this is a delay that's not that about material issues," he said. The IJC plans to work on a letter to the city about educational issues.

When told this, Gary Wood, the City of Peaks Island's corporation counsel and a member of the city's negotiating team said that the city would make all the documents public. "Don't that kind of defeat what your purpose is in trying to make these private?" he asked. "I guess both sides are frustrated."

Richards said that the IJC will welcome any public meeting with the city. The IJC is now agreed to in advance. "But the negotiating team is not going to be there for negotiation, page 1.

Chebeague board meeting criticized

BY DAVID TYLER

The Board of Directors of the Chebeague Transportation Company were criticized for making the connection between Stone Wharf and Cousins Island.

There were over 20 people packed into the Chebeague Transportation Company's office on July 7, with many more people standing at the doors and outside the building, next to the hall's open windows.

Peaks ferry landing traffic changes proposed

BY DAVID TYLER

A group of Peaks Island residents have agreed on proposals to help improve traffic congestion at the ferry landing.

The ideas are less ambitious than a proposal discussed the spring. Agreement was reached on a plan to reserve off the elderly or disabled and the island police.

Richards said that the two men who proposed the plan for the off-the-shelf stand were not the only one that happened to live. The fell in love with the island's slower pace of life and rustic beauty. She said to Paul, "I'm moving to the island. Are you coming with me?" Paul and Susan knew that they needed to make a 360-degree life change so he could be there for both Susan and Fans.

Paul took an inventory of the things that he enjoyed doing which included auto repair, family carpentry, and anything that allowed him to use his mechanical ability. He grew up on a farm in Unity, where the family had over 100 dairy cows as well as horses, chickens and pigs. His father had been a professor and a "child of the '60s", moving the family to the farm when Paul was in fourth grade.

Paul liked to take part in races and discovered that he had natural mechanical ability. If something needed to be repaired, the family had to do it themselves.

Goodhue, with Peaks ties, seeks City Council seat

BY DAVID TYLER

Peaks Island residents may know Kirk Goodhue as the man who was shot after a year in the line for the ferry on Peaks Island. But Goodhue, who owns Port Island Realty, would like to be known as the next city councilor representing Portland's District 1, which includes the Peaks Island.

Goodhue is challenging incumbent District 1 Councilor Will Gartham, who has already taken out nomination papers. Two other men have taken out papers for this race: Kevin Donohoe and David Bouthilette. Nomination papers are due Sept. 5 for the November election.

Goodhue said he did not want to criticize individual councilors. But he questions many actions taken by the council in the last five years. "They seem as if they are going their own way, without feeling the need to weigh what the public is feeling," he said.

"I hope to bring some fresh eyes to some of the issues," he said.

In an e-mail sent out at the end of July to residents, Goodhue outlined the "many questionable positions that deserve some attention, page 1.

Kirk Goodhue, who owns Port Island Realty, questions many City Council decisions about Peaks Island's ferry landing. Photo by Mary Lou Wendell
In Brief

Gate 4 work begins
Construction of a new passenger and freight loading gate began in July at the Casco Bay Lines Terminal in Portland. What had been used for vessel maintenance and parking will become another gate where passengers and freight can be loaded.

The $310,000 project is being paid for entirely with state and federal funds, according to Pat Christian, general manager of Casco Bay Lines.

As part of the project, a new waiting area for both gates 4 and 5 will be built. The canopy and the old waiting area for gate 4 has already been removed. A new, larger canopy has been installed against the side of the terminal building.

Wild cats to be trapped
There are about 30 wild cats in the Tor Bay neighborhood, according to Peaks Island, according to Port Portland Island/Travis Division of the Portland Police Department. The cats can be trapped by companies and managed. The best way to manage these cats is to trap them using humane traps. "They are wild and they cannot be kept as pets," Shae Smith said. "If they are caught once, they will continue to return to the area."

Papke takes over papers
Linda Papke, who holds the Long Island seat on the Casco Bay Island Transit District's Board of Directors has taken over nominations, according to Susan Williams, administrative assistant at Casco Bay Lines. In addition, Long Island resident Denna Rockett took over nominations for the Island seat now held by Peaks Island resident Larry Waldon, which will also be contested this November. The other two positions that are up for re-election are the Casco Bay Island seat now held by Jim Phipps and the Peaks Island seat now held by Elona Mordock. Nomination papers are available at the Casco Bay Lines ticket office; the deadline to return the papers is Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Search begins for general manager
The search is on for a new general manager of Casco Bay Lines. Current General Manager Pat Christian announced his resignation on June 23, effective July 31. "We are committed that the town is alive and well and we will be neighbors," Shae said. "It is important to us that the new town be successful and start out on the right foot."

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Board against zoning change
The City of Portland Planning Board voted 5 to 9 on July 25 against a city proposal to rezone the Maine State Pier to allow a hotel or other retail development. The City Council is scheduled begin action on this proposal in August. The proposal would rezone the Maine State Pier and city-owned property that is part of the Ocean Gateway project from a port development zone, which permits marine industrial uses, to a commercial zone that allows retail and professional uses. The new plan would also allow contract housing at this parcel, which, if granted, would allow uses now permitted in the city’s mixed-use commercial district, such as hotels.

Dining and lodging
The Inn on Peaks Island
Located on Peaks Island, the small, upscale inn offers a variety of dining and lodging options. The inn features a restaurant, The Inn on Peaks Island, which offers a menu of fresh, local lobster and seafood and award-winning chowder and lobster bisque from Kennebunkport Chowder Company.

Meet the Inn on Peaks Chefs, L to R: Chris Rockwell, Kevin Henan, Chef Paul Andersen, Craig Pacheco Sr., Bill Hunderer, and Executive Chef Chris Gordon

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Capt. Ralph Munroe stands next to the new Chebeague Island fire truck, on display at the July 4 picnic. It is the first piece of equipment to bear the seal, and name, of the Town of Chebeague Island.

Photo by David Tyler

New fire truck on Chebeague

The first ever appearance of Chebeague Island's new fire truck at the July 4 parade was one of the highlights of that annual event. What made it even more special was the fire truck is the first to bear the name, and the seal, of the Town of Chebeague Island.

The State Legislature approved Chebeague Island's independence from Cumberland on April 5, but it will not become official until July 1, 2007. When the new fire truck arrived in Cumberland on June 30, the Town of Cumberland did everything possible to get it ready so it could appear in the July 4 parade.

Fire Chief Daniel R. Small and Town Manager Bill Shane worked hard to get the truck ready. "They stood behind us 110 percent getting the truck over here," said Chebeague Island resident Captains Ralph Munroe.

"They deserve a lot of recognition," Munroe is the captain of Engine 4 for Chebeague Island's volunteer force and also works as a firefighter for the City of Portland.

The new truck cost about $280,000. Although it was purchased by the Town of Cumberland, as part of the secession agreement, the new Town of Chebeague will reimburse Cumberland for the new truck, according to Shane.

Town officials called in the person who letters town vehicles in on Sunday, July 2 to work on the new truck. Munroe originally suggested the space for the town seal be left blank, since the new Town of Chebeague, which doesn't exist yet, has no official seal. But the person doing the lettering did not want to leave an empty space. So he designed three different seals, and Munroe and Small picked one. "He wanted the job to look good when he leaves," Munroe said. "It seems to be a hit, everyone likes it quite well."

The new fire truck on Chebeague Island. Photo by David Tyler.
Leslie E. Levine, Peaks Island

**Letters to the editor**

**Secession is selfish and divisive**

Everyone needs a reason, because everyone can stand the brevity of a single sentence response, either because of their insatiable curiosity, or because of their instant belief that they can articulate a person's ideology and change their mind. With politics, it so happens, that the question of "why" transcends all normal modes of response, catapulting itself into the teeming mind of all.

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The current movement for island independence finds its impetus through selfishness and divisiveness. The impetus for this movement started a committee, an idea that is synonymous with the idea of a community; that is, a group of people, a gathering, a council of friends, a purpose, and good will. However, whenever I hear anyone speak in favor of secession, they simply deny the high taxes they have to pay. They claim, that mass of independent free thinkers!

So, here is a brief statement that will hopefully make us all pay attention to change my mind. I voted no because the desire for secession was selfish and undermined any attempt to find a more purposeful, less divisive, solution.

A nation with the reachable capacity for cognizant thought would understand that everyone is affected by high taxes. A solution should be included in the budget.

-James E. Whale, Peaks Island

**Island views**

**Peaks Island, the way I see it**

By Bill Dickinson

I love George Hoose's Island Times pieces, as his writing serves not only to find the quirky humor in things about Peaks Island life always gives me a lift. He has a happy knack for seeking out the unusual and finding the humane in it. There are so many of us have not tasted since we were kids. There may not be much on which we all can agree, but we can all agree that the growing darkness of the outside world, most of us could use these lifelines we can get short of substance abuse.

Alas, everything has its shadow, even on our happy island, and this week was no different. So much of it that this island life sometimes begins to resemble those disputing reality shows to whom the American viewing public has become addicted.

I'll share a few snippets, but before I do let me concede that my hands are no cleaner than anyone else's when it comes to getting this done.

On Saturday night, for instance, I stood next to two young teenagers waiting to board the 10 p.m. boat home. Two older boys, obviously drunk, came up the walkway, ushered out of way, impassive (depleted) at one of the younger boys and gave him a hard shove. I neither saw nor did anything. Not to the offenders, not to the badly trungrily with questions or ideas. You can also learn more about estate gifts and family philanthropy by contacting the town's Economic Development Committee at 276-7644 or online at www.pecnf.org.

The community is invited to hear a review of the 2006 annual report and learn about the improvements and island charities. All island residents and visitors are invited to attend the awards and reception that follow. I can't help but like this all who presented grant applications. The quality of the programs for consideration this year has been outstanding. In addition, we want to thank all of the donors to PIF who have contributed sufficient funds that will allow us to make grants totaling $10,000.

More interesting are some of the reasons why the PIF might help you help Peaks. Let us know how we can better serve you and the island. The Committee of 200 to the Island of Tidewater, and the Islanders thought that there is no place at the table for the Solutions for Secession organization (which represents at least 42 percent of the Island's voters) to allow for the establishment of trust and mutual respect in the community.

The movement for island independence against secession hold their own series of meetings with the city help foster a sense of owning past differences to look together into the future? How do we expect a town of Peaks Island to be able to self-govern when the IIC has begun a process of divisiveness and mutual respect in the community?

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**Unsettled by island committee positions**

I am a year-round resident who is very disturbed by the actions of the Island Independence Committee during the week of July. While I voted "no" on secession, this letter is not meant to re-hash my reasons for that vote, but rather to address the childish behavior at Thursday's meeting with the city council. I attended the meeting on remarks appearing in the July Island Times profile of island independence committee members ("Members of Island Independence Committee profiled."). In an Island Times profile addressing Islanders efforts towards independent living for our elderly, children's programs at the Peaks Island Children's Workshop, and the finances and direction of our health center, noting that Peaks Island "volunteers (and paid islanders) . . . the city of Portland" created and sustain these "complex issues. Portland has assisted the Peaks Island Children's Workshop from 1982-2002 and I support the Fifth Maine Regiment during the Civil War. She married Paul Whitney of Belmont, Mass. in 1936. The couple regularly summered at the condominium on Willow Court that had been built by Paul's grandfather. longtime summerer of Portland. In 1875, it was a source of great joy to them both that their descendants have continued to enjoy the cottage and the island up to the present day.

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This island life

BY GEORGE ROSOL

Sitting on the lido deck of the Machigonne, I couldn't help but look over the shoulder of a passenger engrossed in a summer read. It was a story deserv­ ing of a review as a late summer page-turner. The author was by Louisa Alcott, the name this living author borrowed thinking no one would care this long af­ ter Alcott's death. The title—"Meatball-A Love Story," published by Plaspyx Press, $24.95.

Our hero is a middle-aged man carry­ ing a torch, with a dying flicker, for his long lost high school sweetheart. He is eating an unwholesome dinner in an un­ wholesome diner one summer evening. He has no job. He lives with his moth­ er, who hates him dearly. Before him is a grimy plate loaded with spaghetti, a hint of sauce, and a single meatball. To his surprise, he bites into a note cooked in to­ night's restroom, and he leaves with paper napkin causes said torc h to flicker brightl y once more. Will it be enough? We aren't sure if this is a spectator sport, but if anyone is interested in watching, just ask around.

There's the 350-voice Mormon Tab­ ernacle Choir from Salt Lake City want­ ing to come to Peaks to sing and visit. And there is the International Teamsters Union looking for accommodations on Peaks for a summer meeting and or­ rost. So, what gives? What is there so special about Peaks Island that makes such strange bedfellows ache to come here? Face it. We aren't much of a draw. Oh, the island had its day as the Coney Island of New England when tens of thou­ sands boiled over in their summer wools, hoop skirts, and straw bonnets. Peaks Island has since settled into be­ ing a ho-hum sort of place. The first to recognize what we are, are the kids. They who are hustled away from their friends and neighborhood in the dark of New Jersey and Massachusetts nights and de­ posited on our sidewalks and corners to spend what seems to be a life sentence on this rock. They make lazy circles in the streets with their bikes. Some find mun­ dumary joy in the waters off the pier. A bored walk replaces a boardwalk. Pitch­ ing quarters replaces the thrill of an ar­ cade. Not much laughing out loud. A smile or two is the norm. Nobody whis­ tles. They are all beautiful but much too sober, ice cream helps.

What is there for the rest of us? Unend­ ing confrontation with our Golden Era fixer-uppers. The never-ending prepa­ ration for winter. Not much time for en­ joying the view. The view? How much ca n you really see through all that Japanese knotweed and bittersweet? Tall oaks and maples and fir block much of what we are told is a beautiful sky.

Ah, let's not forget the surf. That cease­ less roar. That unending killer of a good night's rest. The beauty and majesty of the waves are lost on those who quickly bore of it and pay little attention as they read and snack and snooze in the lazy sunshine.

The intent of this curmudgeonly take on Peaks Island is meant to be con­ structive. Peaks is a good address, as they say. Our idea of fun is not to be taken too se­ riously. There are no palms or white sands or warm waters. We have what the ancient glaciers have given us. We boat, we fish, we skip stones, we hunt sea glass, we stack rocks, we clam bake, we collect driftwood, we make mu­ sic and create art. We write poetry and prose. We respect each other and our privacy. We live a good life. So, bring on those choristers and Teamsters and who­ ever else wishes to come.

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PEAKS, from page 4:

the letter, but I got lost in my island life and forgot to write.

I know an island youth, the son of a long-time islander. He’s a sweet young man who shares his dad’s habit of saying whatever is on his mind without first putting a coat of varnish on it. We were talking recently and I rhapsodized about how nice it is to live in a safe place. He gave me a look that suggested he thought I was absurdly naïve as he launched into a narrative about crack cocaine and booze abuse on Peaks, accompanied by break-ins of summer people’s homes. It’s worst in winter, he told me, and it’s not just teenagers. I asked him what accounts for it. “There’s nothing else to do,” he replied.

Knowing of my passion for creating a better world for the young, last summer a good buddy urged me to get to know Beau Boyle, the Baptist pastor. Not for the first time, I reminded him that I am a liberal Democrat who does not believe in God in the usual sense. “That’s okay,” he replied, “but it’s the only person on this island who’s working with the teenagers and I think two guys would have a lot to say to each other.” I never went, partly because I didn’t like the things I’d heard about Beau and his church, and partly because it ticked me off that my friend hadn’t taken the time to find out that Beau and others do plenty of good work with Peaks teenagers.

I recently attended a couple of meetings of folks who were upset about Jerry Falwell’s proposed visit to Beau’s church. Since I share their contempt for the ugly things that Falwell says and does, I assumed I belonged there. But some of the negative sweeping generalizations about people “bugged” me. As though Beau Boyle and his flock were all of one mind, shared Falwell’s hateful beliefs, and act as absolute in their beliefs that no dialogue with them is possible. Perhaps it’s my philosophical training; perhaps it’s my contrarian nature, but I decided that if I wanted to know the truth, I should go talk with Beau Boyle and ask him about his beliefs.

The man I now have met four times bears scant resemblance to the demonized version about whom I had heard so many dark rumors. He seems a lot more like some of the men who got me through hard times in my own troubled teenage years. We run through a litany of his beliefs and, while he doesn’t hold some of the narrow-minded, bigoted beliefs people project onto him, we both quickly realized that we do see things very differently, but that we could be friends all the same.

We discussed more than his beliefs. We discussed some of the hateful, hurtful things some islanders are doing to his family and his church. And while they shot way up after the Falwell invitation, the personal attacks did not start with that, nor have they ended after Falwell did not come to the island.

I attended recently what was to have been the first secession negotiating meeting. Partisan mischief and rudeness seemed to be in the saddle. The harshest voices belonged to secessionists, who seem to see no contradiction in promoting a second vote while angrily telling the June 1 losers to be good sports and fall in line. The anti-secessionists at the tables wore an aura of reasonable innocence. But they surely knew that they were being provocative with the layout of the tables, inviting the press, ignoring pre-meeting IC proposals, and, in the case of our Solutions Not Seccession neighbors, sitting at the table at all at that point in the process. Quiet rudeness is still rude in my book.

I left that meeting with a knot in my stomach. Some of the attacks have gotten too personal and ugly. We all have well-intentioned friends on both sides, sometimes within the same family. I’m finding it hard to see a happy outcome. That seems to be the way it goes with a house divided.

Friends who’ve lived here longer than I have assure me that the nastiness I’ve witnessed or heard about is the work of a handful of bad apples, I’m not so sure they are right. I’ve seen plenty of nasty polarizing and demonizing of others since coming to Peaks. I’ve indulged in it myself. You get that in any community. But we’re a small island, and we all take the same small boat. Isn’t it time we took several deep breaths and set out to promote better behavior?
Cliff Island News

BY LEO CARTER

The month of July on Cliff Island is usually dominated by the influx of people who come here to get a refreshing break from their normal lives in other places. There is boating and fishing, outdoor exercise like jogging and tennis. There is reading, Monday night entertainments and starting at the ocean views and sea life. There is seeing old friends and making new ones. Year-round residents benefit from seeing the enthusiasm others have for what is too often taken for granted in this unusual place.

Remembering Bud Vortisch

About a week before the annual July 4th picnic, Dave Crowley came into my boat shed after completing some work on our boat. We were discussing a variety of choices to be made in my gradual approach to finishing the boat I promised to have done by last summer when his EMT pager went off.

His tires spun in the steep little path to the road as he went to give aid, and I later learned that Bud Vortisch had collapsed at his home and had died en route to Portland. Bud Vortisch was 76, and was a lifelong Cliff Islander. Earlier in the spring people had asked when he was coming up from Connecticut where he and his wife Shirley spent the winter. Homeowners were concerned about getting their places open for the summer.

For many years Bud made sure that necessary hearings with the City Planning Board and the many volunteers are to be commended for doing such a good job of making the project a success.

Services cut due to barge landing delays

The inability of Portland to complete the new barge-landing project has led to a reduction of island services. Recycling of paper, plastic, cans and glass has been suspended until the needed equipment can be brought and removed regularly. The City council member Will Gorham and Public Works head Mike Bobinski confirmed that the City will be going through the necessary hearings with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that environmental considerations are properly handled. A hearing with the City Planning Board will occur in September to review the site plan and complete any needed conditional zoning amendments. Bobinski indicated that the City has obtained a 98 year lease to the needed land, and that it contains many stipulations designed to protect island interests. The proceedings remain quite formal and legislative although the Public Works Department remains "open to informal talks" with those who oppose the project. If the project continues without any reduction of the opposition Bobinski estimates that island services will continue to be disrupted for the next two to 18 months. Will Gorham is determined that the needs of the island be met, and that the well being of the community not be overridden by a determined minority.

Odd and ends

The Island Breads met to discuss "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. This story about the effects of Mao's Cultural Revolution on different parts of society provided an entertaining evening for about a dozen island residents. Digital subscriber line (DSL) service is on the island at the library, historical society and a few homes. One can see groups of laptop users sitting around in range of the devices that permit wireless internet connection. A brave new world approaches!

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VISIT ISLAND ARTISTS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS
Little Diamond Dispatches

BY LINDA TYLER AND PETER WALCH

The annual Fourth of July Horribles Parade was particularly spectacular this year, making Paul Stevens's famously last minute, most creative outfit really "fly."

Using found materials, Paul transformed himself into an eagle, headed by an upturned five-gallon construction bucket with an attached yellow lobster buoy, found on the beach by sons John and Nate that very morning. Body was comprised of a white tee shirt and shorts: wings-black garbage bags stretched over some kind of frame; legs: an old (we hope) pair of Dodor's black tights, footed with talons made from remaining pieces of a yellow-painted banana box. Please, Paul, don't ever give up trup.

Speaking of eagles, we, Susan Rudnicki, and Dale Doucette joined LED Oceanside Trust Conservancy board members Susan Ingalls and Frieda Doucette for a really splendid day on Cliff Island July 12.

The trust held its annual meeting at the ball field after an old-fashioned and delicious cookout. Business over, we were treated, and we mean treated, to a talk by Wing Goodrich about how the Casco Bay Islands serve as habitats for migrating shore and sea birds. Fascinating.

It is astonishing how many different micro-environments there are on these seashore pieces of land. Wing (truly his name) is a BioDiversity Research Institute bird specialist and project leader for the world famous Eaglecam project. You owe it to yourselves to google "eaglecam." Oceanside Trust owns all of our island this month for bringing this and the preservation of land in the Casco Bay to our attention.

Whoops, we just found a few more kudos. They go once again to the tremendously affordable and adept Casco Bay Lines captains and crews. Never without smiles, even on the hottest of days we've ever seen in one summer.

We are reminded of the famous Thoreau quote often muttered in our house: "Simply, simplify." We've mentioned our affection for paddling to Peaks for stops at Hannah's and Louise's many times. We're thinking of asking Bean's to fashion new kayaks with larger stuff-hold openings to accommodate our "blossoming" habit.

Susan Ingalls had the bright idea to ferry peach trees across the bay, so several weeks ago Terry and Peter paddled back to Little in the shade of the semi-dwarf trees swaying behind them from the stuff holds, looking like oarsmen on Cleopatra's barges and all to the amazement and amusement of passing boaters. It was so much fun that the next Sunday found hedge shrubs in the back of all four of our kayaks—this time to the amazement of Wendell Plum who happened to be at the dock with his camera (see photo). And speaking of Wendell, we're verbally glad to see the Plum clan fully here at last, for all the obvious reasons.

It's nice to finally have weather nice enough to be on the dock, and the casino is looking swell with Phil Lee's improvements. And speaking of the casino, LED's Saturday Night Suppers are off to a scrumptious start. The first, on July 6, featured Dana Luzi's famous lasagna as served at the former Luzi Cantina in Willabraham, Mass. Looks like we might have to enlarge the casino if the crowds keep growing: nearly a hundred people have shown up for each so far.

Saturday Night Suppers are a longtime tradition on the island, with a majority of the islanders serving on committees that gather weekly to communally prepare and serve the dinner just as our predecessors did a hundred years ago, back when the women of the Cogawesco Club ruled the kitchen. This bit of history comes to mind now because we've been working with other islanders to publish a facsimile edition of the 1928 Cogawesco Club Cookbook, that will be available at our season-end fundraiser in October.

Further food for thought, or, rather, thought for food: join our island property at local Portland eateries. Start with the Pepper Club's newly instigated breakfast, where Jon Asen slings the hash (try the vegan, we've heard) and recommends the sweet rolls. Lunch: try the world-famous clam chowder at Portland Lobster Company where Cory Labrecque wields his personal three-foot spoon named "Halibut" in the kitchen. Assisting in the kitchen there is also our own Max Pizey. For a grand dinner, you'll want to specify a table with Abigail Lee Couture who though a reservation at Fore Street and for that intimate dinner at the cottage, pick up a bottle of wine from Abby Ingalls at Downeast Beverage. All of this within walking distance of the ferry; ah, we are blessed.

And as for the younger set: thank you Hannah, Sarah, Tory, Gabe, and Eben for bringing smiles to faces every day.

News? We need to hear from you if we don't see you often enough on the path. You, too, could help to prevent endless rambling.

And finally, while our first draft of this column had no demises to report, we unfortunately need to follow our last month's report of the preponderance of dead baby seals on the beaches with Marilyn Murphy's July 24 sighting of a dead, fully mature gray seal down at the narrows. Marilyn said there was not a mark on this chubby and beautiful creature, and to further add to her distress, she had a hard time finding the right agency to contact. Marilyn learned from our old friends at Marine Animal LifeLine about the Marine Animal Reporting Hotline, operated by the Maine Straddlers Collaborative. 1-800-532-9551. Please jot down this number in case you spot a dead or stranded marine animal. The folks at this number will get you to the right person; in this case, Keith Matas- sa, a rehabilitation coordinator at the University of New England who came out with his assistant and four interns to remove the seal for an autopsy. Our thanks to all who helped with this, and our hearts are that at least something useful can be learned from this sad incident.
TIW'FIC, Aug 11st, 2006

and repair services are free to drivers company and had a service contract within land, Paul said "I wanted to provide some

Kane said that another public hearing will

thing is to make sure that everyone knows the rules and that nothing is a surprise," Kane said.

The document from the July 12 meeting, written by Kane, also asks that police issue warnings rather than tickets "for a reasonable introductory period."

Members of the traffic committee, Port-

PAUL, from page 1

This gave Paul a strong background in a variety of trades. Paul took these skills with him to college and into the corporate world, where he had no opportunity to practice them.

When considering a new career on the is-

land, Paul said "I wanted to provide some

thing that the island needed and also want-

ted to give back to the community."

He had considered being a service con-

tractor for AAA in the past, but the timing

was never right. By luck, Paul was able to

meet directly with a vice president of the company and have a service contract within weeks. In the spring, he purchased a car carrying and became the first AAA ser-

vice person on the island. His basic towing and repair services are free to drivers if they are AAA members.

He provides three levels of service: emerg-

ency road services, auto repair, and towing

for a very specialized type of car repair. This work keeps Paul extremely busy during the warmer months, when he typically receives about four calls per hour.

"The challenging part of this work is that it is full of the warmer months," Paul

rarely gets a day off, but his flexible schedule allows him to spend more time with Fan Tai, who is now seven. He takes her to sailing les-

sons in the morning and sometimes even on

seagoing trips with him.

Carpentry work and landscaping are also services that Paul offers. He will do a simple job such as hanging blinds or take on larger carpentry and finish-work projects. He cur-

rently has four employees working on the carpentry side and one mechanic who work

land Island Neighborhood Administrator Tom Partier and a member of the Peaks Island

Division of the Portland Police Depart-

ment met on Aug 2 to review the sug-

gestions at the ferry landing.

The parking time limit agreed to at the July

12 meeting was 48 hours. However, the po-

cies said that was too short a limit to be en-

forced, so it was extended to 72 hours.

In addition, it was agreed that there would be no parking on the west side of Island Ave-

nuie, from Welch Street to the Post Office.

on Saturdays through Mondays, from 6 a.m.

through 3 p.m. to reserve that lane for vehi-

cles waiting to board the car ferry, Kane said.

This restriction would be in place from Me-

morial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Kane said island police will start enforcing

this rule as soon as they are able to obtain

emergency no parking signs.

The Transportation Committee developed

out of the Peaks Island Today and Tomorrow meeting held on Feb 11, according to Kane. The Transportation Committee, which had no fixed membership, had open meetings in March, April, May and July.

Kane the first proposal was issued for dis-

cussion and “it was never intended to be im-

plemented as it stood.”

Ben Sinicki, co-owner of Down Front, said the proposals agreed upon “are more

common-sense things than anything else.”

Sinicki, who attended the July 12 meeting, said he is not critical of the Transportation Committee. “I give them credit for trying to
do something,” he said.

But most business owners believed that

nothing major needed to be done. There are

people dropping off friends or family before the boat leaves “but it all clean up in three or

four minutes. Everyone knows it’s crowded

and everyone tends to be patient,” he said.

Suggestions like limiting the amount of time people can wait in line in their cars for the ferry is hard for down front businesses. “If

you take away the ferry line there would be a drop in business,” he said.

Sinicki also stressed that there must be

flexibility with the new proposals. For ex-

ample, island police on Sat, July 29 put a

rope across Lower Welch Street to try and

direct pedestrians to the sidewalks, accord-

ing to Sinicki. But most people ended up on

the sidewalk on the parking-lot side of the

street. “It caused a back-up in the line cor-

ning off the boat and the boat ended up being

15 minutes late leaving,” he said.

Kane told the police the rope was causing

problems and abandoned it.

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June 26: Property found, Island Avenue; criminal mischief, no address given.
June 28: Theft, Island Avenue.
June 29: Criminal mischief, Island Avenue.
June 30: Four separate motor vehicle stops on Island Avenue; four separate motor vehicle stops on Epps Street; two separate motor vehicle stops on Brackett Avenue; two separate motor vehicle stops on Upper A Street and separate motor vehicle stops on Centennial Avenue; Pleasant Avenue; Upper A Street and Highland Avenue; Parking complaint, no address given; recovered stolen property, Island Avenue; broken-down motor vehicle, Seashore Avenue; vehicle complaint, no address given.
July 1: Animal complaint, no address given; fight, no address given; animal complaint, Cottage Road.
July 2: Landlord/tenant problem, no address given; drinking in public, Welch Street; animal complaint, no address given; civil complaint, Welch Street; suspicious activity, no address given; juvenile offense, no address given.
July 3: Loud music; Adams Street; assist Fire Department, no address given.
July 4: 911 hang-up calls, Highland Avenue; criminal mischief, Seashore Avenue; animal complaint, Brackett Avenue; fight, no address given; fireworks, Island Avenue; fireworks, no address given.
July 5: Confiscated items, Welch Street.
July 6: Lock out, Oaklawn Road; animal complaint, no address given; juvenile offense, no address given.
July 7: Motor vehicle theft, no address given.
July 8: Layout/incapacitated, Welch Street; 911 hang-up calls; Island Avenue; persons bothering, City Point Road.
July 10: Criminal mischief, Oak Lawn Avenue; suspicious activity, no address given.
July 12: Criminal mischief; Island Avenue; animal complaint, Spruce Avenue; theft, no address given.
July 13: 911 hang-up calls, Maple Street.
July 14: Motor vehicle stop, Seashore Avenue; persons bothering, Telecommunication Avenue.
July 15: Intoxicated person, Island Avenue; pedestrian accident, no address given.
July 16: Animal complaint, Seashore Avenue; criminal mischief, no address given; loud party, Seashore Avenue; EMS call, Island Avenue.
July 17: Criminal mischief, Pleasant Avenue.
July 18: Loud party, Oaklawn Road; parking complaint, Greenwood Street; burglary to motor vehicle, Epps Street; EMS call, hemorrhage/laceration, Oaklawn Road.
July 19: EMS call, Torrington Avenue.
July 20: Drinking in public, no address given; fight, Upper A Street.
July 21: Animal complaint, no address given; check well being, no address given; drinking in public, Welch Street; serving paperwork, Island Avenue; loud party, no address given.
July 22: Accident, unknown injuries, Seashore Avenue; keep the peace, Elizabeth Street; 911 hang-up calls, Pleasant Avenue; juvenile offense, no address given; theft, no address given.
July 23: Motor vehicle theft, Island Avenue.
July 24: Parking complaint, no address given; pedestrian check, Willow Street; drug possession, Upper A Street, three separate complaints of loud parties, no address given.
July 26: Assault, no address given; EMS call, assault, no address given; illegal violation, no address given; fireworks, Seashore Avenue; animal complaint, no address given.
July 28: Civil complaint, no address given.
July 29: Animal complaint, Island Avenue; persons bothering, Upper A Street; loud party, no address given.

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Peaks Island-Week of Sept. 11

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Goodhue believes island voices need to be heard. “The appeal of self-government, but practically speaking it does not make sense on a number of levels.”

In his e-mail, Goodhue called secessionists' a shortsighted way to deal with Peaks' problems. “I firmly believe that a strong effort to work within is the most responsible approach.”

Whether or not Peaks Island secedes, Goodhue believes islander voices need to be heard. “Someone on the City Council must have an understanding of and a commitment to work for the needs of islanders,” he wrote in his e-mail.

Peaks Island last held a voter registration that was more than a year ago in order to be able to sign the petition asking for a hearing on secession. He has decided to run for City Council. He has changed his permanent residence to the three-unit building on Peaks Island that he owns and where he maintains an apartment. He also has a condo in the building on Peaks Island where his business is located.

Goodhue, who is 54, moved to Portland after he graduated from the University of Maine in Orono in 1973. He lived in San Francisco for five years; but kept a home in Portland. In 1987 he moved back to Portland and began work at Portland Realty as a manager.

He has been involved in various programs and projects in Portland. He worked at Portland Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Portland Learning Corporation.

In 1994 he purchased the business from Howard Holler of Peaks Island, who founded the business. Port Island Realestty has offices on Peaks and Long Islands and on Federal Street on the mainland. He is the company's manager and has three brokers working for the real estate company.

In the last several years, he has become more involved in city politics. For over five years he has been a member of the Friends of Peaks Island's negotiating team. He is currently chair of the Friends of the Peaks Commission, which it has approved as various property projects have come along.

Goodhue is also a member of the Friends of Peaks, which has an active presence in the community. He is also a member of the Friends of the Peaks, which has an active presence in the community.

Goodhue's work uniform is shorts, a sport coat, and a tie. “It's summer, and I like to wear short shirts as much as possible,” he said.

In addition, Goodhue said he would have to the full was the result of an information-gathering exercise, in which he met with a former Portland developer, Whitaker, who had joined the Friends of Peaks Island's negotiating team. “It was pro-secessionists that were misbehaving,” he said.

Wood's response to the analysis: “It's protecting public money.”

The frustration also stems from a July 20 meeting in which the city arrived at the gym, and the four members of the SNS negotiating team are: Diane Moore, Bob Taffany, John Whitman and Bill Zimmernann.

In addition to Goodhue and Cohen, the city's team includes At-Large Councilor Ed Sellick, Finance Director Diane Eline and Assistant City Manager Larry Meade.

Wood said that Mayor James Cohen did not even see the tables set up that way. The city wanted the tables in a square, with the city on one side and the ICC on the other. “When we go there, we usually have a person who had pulled one of the tables off one end, creating a horseshoe and made it look like we were saying the solution was to open up the discussions," he said.

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Puns & Anagrams 2

By Cevia Rosol

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Across

1. Confused set calls shots short
5. Drinks too much Dotphins
6. The card, headless and mixed up, hurt
13. Omen from Tunis
14. Fast plant echoes stuff to jump
15. She's found in Paradise in one hour
16. A call, will make you a star
19. Bedroom appliance wrecked by brittle feet
22. A president in Miniature
23. &Jo tribute
27. Faw,uein indignation
28. Is saw? Is saw the Udo
31. Kabob head?
33. Oh, El Y has something that needs a clue, email inc at pip,zzl_.
35. What would you hear is mixed up today

Down

1. Ancient character ruined without cut, L.D.
2. Cute organic compound
3. Fox is a number
4. Play tootsies singing notes
5. Pick a different flavor if 1 replaces a fish
6. Always part of spine
7. Money one sends high sailing short
8. Together in focus, divided per person
9. What's the brief?
10. Mushrooms seen in Cuba 'n Cone
11. I fear the lake is shrouded in mystery
12. Legislative meeting's side turned
14. Hurry from a ruin
16. Drummer got fat, satiates with drinks
21. Reason I dog
24. Am I to get deer
25. One's wild path is never hindered
26. A dancer's material? I hear an instrument
27. Mustard's blender in seduction
28. I hear I'm the love I hear
29. Expect air or water with no error
30. Lobob head!
31. Oh, El has something that needs mending
33. 10 inches of rain fell down
34. African animals sip up
35. Speak your mind with open eyes
36. Confused try to satisfy aoppel
37. Piece of stickers makes more ill
38. In left aviation for the birds
39. Oh, are you headed for the airport?
40. CPM!
41. Dickens girl, adorable but not able
42. Grey LCDs, in short
43. Source of pool from a root
44. Remove snake from asphalt, clean up, get police
45. Me, I'm a dumb show
46. Laura has a special tangible quality
47. Aspersions are not in turmoil
48. Get with great difficulty; d IDE the goal with no luck

Ferry, from page 3

Come up with a list of 24 issues that need to be looked at, Wilson said. In addition, the Operations Committee is meeting weekly, rather than monthly.

At the annual meeting in July there was also a lot of debate over the operation of the Cousins Island parking lot, which runs based on a court order, and whether CTC was properly following the terms of that court order. Concerns were also raised about a $200 hike in annual Cousins Island parking fees that was adopted with extremely short notice.

Cape Claire Rosa, a former CTC employee who now operates the charter boat Marie L., wrote a highly critical public letter before the meeting. "I really feel that the people of the island spoke of things that had never been spoken before," she said of the meeting. "I think the island has to rally the troops and CTC needs to deal fairly with all islanders in a transparent, even-handed manner."

At the start of that meeting, Treasurer Douglas Clark talked about company finances. In 2005, CTC lost $26,937. In 2004, CTC posted net income of $32,881. But in 2005, the company lost $23,119. In 2004, income from ferry fees was down about $10,000 from 2004, parking income was down $15,000, and vehicle transportation fees was down $15,000. The decrease in ferry fees is largely because there was not as much building on the island in 2005 as there was in 2004, and fewer contractors came to the island.

On the expense side, salaries and wages were up over $35,000 from 2004 and payroll taxes increased over $6,500. Fuel costs were almost $9,500, and in 2004, Clark said, he did say that the first six months of 2005 show that the company is $12,000 ahead of what it was in 2004. "We could watch or exceed the profitable year of 2004," he said.

In addition, CTC is a unique ferry company in that it is privately owned and run. "The lack of funding from the municipal, regional, state or federal resources forces us to rely solely upon fare revenues to operate this company," Belesca said. "In recent years, the company has been forced to raise boat fees and increase parking fees to balance the budget.

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Star Gazing

BY MICHAEL RICHARDS

August is named for Caesar Augustus, first Roman Emperor, who lived from 63 B.C. to 14 A.D. Julius Caesar adopted him and, after Brutus and his cohorts stabbed Julius, they found that Julius’s will named Augustus as his successor.

Fortunately, Augustus was away at the time, but he returned with an army, claimed the laurels and brought a relative peace to the Roman Republic, turning it into the Roman Empire.

These days, earlithings are circulating emails about how close Mars will get to Earth this month (“...closest in 60,000 years!”) and how big it will appear (“...as big as a full moon”), but astronomers know that to believe such hoaxes.

It’s true that Mars’s orbit is quite elliptical (Earth is less so), and that Earth passes by Mars about every two years.

Three summers ago, Mars’s perihelion (closest to the sun) coincided with Earth’s aphelion (farthest from the sun) when Mars was at opposition (on the opposite side of Earth from the sun), bringing the two planets a few miles closer than normal. But to the unaided human eye Mars still appears as a bright reddish star. Mars was 57 million miles from Earth then, and the moon is only one-quarter of a million miles away, so Mars was 148 times further away than the moon.

The Hubble Space Telescope took great close-up photos of Mars, which were then binned to Earth and posted on the web. Perhaps giving the give the idea that they could look outside and Mars would be "as big as the moon." New, Mars and Earth are actually on opposite sides of the sun, so Mars is now nearly 230 million miles away from Earth and not visible at all this month.

Venus, on the other hand, is very visible. Before dawn, it blazes low in the east over the moon and rises to great heights by 5 a.m. to see it, because the sun rises right behind it and the light from the sun will wash the sky in reflected light. Still, the nearly full moon is at 6:03 a.m. and sunset at 7:10 p.m. We’re approaching equinox (and will reach it next month), so gather your methods while you may!
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Little Chebeague's outdoor museum is in jeopardy

BY DAVID TYLER
When you walk on Little Chebeague you see the ghostly remains of a vanished era. In the center of the island are the remains of several wooden cottages. Most are piles of rotting wood, but at least two have part of the structure still standing. They recall that left of a summer resort that flourished here in the late 19th century, with a hotel that could sleep 150, regular steamer service in place from Portland and many summer homes.

There's been no development on Little Chebeague since World War II. A small state-owned park, only the relics of the island's golden age in the 19th century still remain.

Starting in 1955, Richard Innes, a retired radar research engineer, became interested in Little Chebeague because his wife's family, the Bailey's, were the only ones who still lived there year-round from 1897 through 1942. That's when the U.S. Navy selected the entire island for a recreation center for sailors and soldiers. Exciting those who still owned cottages, Innes persuaded the state to provide a brush-cutting crew. He and his son, Steven, then cleared out a cement building at the center of the island to store tools.

He cleared and maintained a two-mile trail system and erected about 30 signs with detailed historic information about the summer colony that flourished on the island in the late 19th century. Following the trails and reading the signs will yield a vivid portrait of this lost world.

But Innes, now 83, can no longer maintain the trails. Over the winter he bought a 16-foot center-console boat that was his means of getting back and forth to the island. "It's my brass knuckles," he said, that keep him going.

In the summer of 2005 he was only able to use the main path twice. This year no work has been done and by mid-June the grass on most of the trail was waist high. The desire plan to make one trip back with a friend in August to finish the concrete floor in the tool shed.

Unless other volunteers step forward, the trails Innes cut will soon be swallowed up by brush and litter and his historic signs will vanish and fade. Although he can no longer clear trails on Little Chebeague, Innes said he would certainly give advice to volunteers interested in continuing his work. "I have an interest in people who are interested in it," he said, about the island.

The 86-acre island is owned by the state and maintained by the Maine Island Trail Association (MITA). There is a single outboard house near the beach on the island's eastern shore where boaters frequently camp in the summer.

The trail association employs a full-time caretaker on Lowell Island, one of the Faro Island II base, which it also maintains. The state's official position is that MITA should manage islands to become wilderness. "We have had discussions about whether its appropriate on Little Chebeague or worthy of a certain area or tear down the existing buildings," said David Mention, mail director for MITA. "We decided not to focus our energies on those tasks either way."

Any volunteers interested in continuing Innes' work would have to check with MITA first, Mention said, to make sure the association agreed with plans for work on Little Chebeague. Moving the trails and replacing Innes' signs would be acceptable. Mention said. He warns potential volunteers that money to do projects on Little Chebeague "is not likely to be forthcoming."

But volunteers on the island could help educate the public. "It's good to have a volunteer out there just letting people know what appropriate behavior looks like... to be an ambassador for the island," Mention said.

Innes' connection with Little Chebeague begins as a teenager when he joined the Sea Scouts. The head of the group, called the skipper, was Frank Bailey. Frank had a daughter named Rachel, who eventually became Innes' wife.

The Yellow Cottage on Little Chebeague Island may be one of the oldest on the island, and was the home of the Peaks family from 1875-1883. Joshua Peaks managed Sunny Side House, the first hotel on the island. Photo by David Tyler

Frank Bailey was the last person to ever be born and brought up on Little Chebeague, according to Innes. At that point, the Baileys were the only living descendance of a woodcarver. The Baileys still spent summers on Little Chebeague and Frank took his sea 200 miles off the island to search for whales each summer.

Innes is a career doing significant work in radar research at a laboratory associated with the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is credited with developing new optical techniques that led to the development of Synthetic Aperture Radar, which is a way of synthetically increasing the antenna size of a radar using computers.


In 1996, he and his wife moved back to Portland, and he was able to spend his summers working on the island.

As its height in the late-19th century, Little Chebeague was a major summer colony. The island hotel, built in 1865-67, was called Sunny Side House. In 1864, the name was changed to The Waldo and it could house 150 guests. There was a dedicated steamboat, the The Waldo, that delivered coal by a barge and a path paved with clamshells from the wharf to the hotel. On July, 1893 the hotel burned and Frank Bailey wrote in a letter that "is that left now is an overgrown cellar hole."

Unless you own your own boat, the only way to get to Chebeague is to walk on the sand bar at Indian Point on Chebeague Island. The bar is only clear for two-and-a-half hours twice a day and you have to know the ebb and flow, so keep an eye on the time or you will be stranded. Take precautions for ticks; it has been an especially bad year for ticks and they were prolific on Little Chebeague in June.

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Community Notes

August at T.E.I.A.
Tennis, Sailing and Kids Camp is in full swing. We have the week of memberships this year, so there's still plenty of time for participation before season's end, August 16.

T.E.I.A.'s biggest event of the year, The Annual Fair, will take place August 5th, 10:00-2:00. 100 p.m. Mark it on your calendars and make sure you stop by for food, fun and an incredible assortment of things to see and buy: toys, gifts, jewelry, clothing,, arts and ar
citifs, the baked goods table is always popular. Also, don't forget to get your Fair Dinner reservations now by contacting Stephanie, 766-2254.

Other events to look forward to this month are the Casco Bay Ball, August 12th, a full night of music that has everyone dancing to the Latin beat! Contact John Carroll, 766-2163.

The Friends of T.E.I.A. summer series of programs wraps up its season on July 15th at 7:30 p.m. with a "State of the Bay" presentation by Karen Young, direct or of Casco Bay Estuarine Part nership. Her or ganization is a collaboration of efforts to preserve and protect the Bay's resources. This program is free and open to the public at T.E.I.A. claus he.

The Annual Meeting for T.E.I.A. is August 19th, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this event, and also participate in the Social Hour and Pot Luck which begins at 5:30 p.m. For information about these and other programs, contact Jan Dimen, 766-2381 or stop by and see the manager, Kevin Rollins.

Sliced of Peaks benefit
Join the fun on Sunday, August 20, from 7-9:19 p.m. T.E.I.A. for the second annual "A Peaks Island Tax Assistance brings this extravaganza to you. Delectable desserts, yummy ice cream sundae, ice cream treats, and more.

T.E.I.A. hopes to provide another evening of fun and community atmosphere. All funds raised will go to Peaks Island Tax Assistance. Our mission is to assist permanent island residents to remain in their homes despite extraordinary tax increases.

Information about tax assistance
Peaks Island Tax Assistance, an independent group of concerned islanders is aiding property owners with tax issues. Our mission is to assist permanent island residents to remain in their homes despite extraordinary tax increases. During this past year we were able to help all who applied. Our success is attributed to the hard work of our team. Our hard work is by the contributions and assistance of the following organizations, I.T. Reports, PITA Treasurers, Peake Island, Peaks Island Canteen, Peaks Island Health Center, and Peaks Island Health Center.

For more information, please contact the Peaks Island Tax Assistance Committee.

Fifth Maine programs
The Fifth Maine Regiment Museum is presenting two programs in August focusing on the years 1942-1946. On Wednesday, August 9 Joel Eastman will be on hand with his new illustration book on the Fifth Maine Regi
tional Water Operations in Casco Bay. He will be on hand with the various on these activi ties conducted by the Navy during WWII, the facilities built or taken over by the Navy, and how such a large naval presence changed the greater Portland and Casco Bay area.

The second program, Anchors Aweigh: Naval Water Operations in Casco Bay will take place on Wednesday, August 23 with George Stewart as the guest speaker. Stewart grew up on the island. Students from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and re
gulars who have lived on the island for years, will be on hand to discuss the history of the island.

Since leaving the Navy he has pursued a second career as a designer of shipboard pressuring systems his company will use in the search on the naval and merchant marine vessels that plied the waters of Casco Bay during the war. Photos and images from his personal collection.

Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $3 per person. For more info, call 766-3330 or email fifthmaine@juno.com.