SHERMAN STREET’S SECRET SLUMMORDS

For almost two years they’ve dodged city housing inspectors, they’ve never paid a penny in property tax, they’ve collected $30,000 in welfare rent payments and neighbors say they rent to pimps, prostitutes and drug dealers.

No wonder they wanted to keep it secret.

See page 8.
WALSH'S LAWYER SAYS SHE DOESN'T SHOW
When her attorney didn't show up, the Cumberland County register of deeds
wished to replace him with another attorney. Walsh wished to continue his case,
but he was not notified. Walsh was told that the case would be continued to
another day.

Ricci takes lawyer to court but Rule 406 has 'no curative effect'

Ricci will take the Goes to court if she doesn't agree to
the use of Rule 406. The Rule 406 provision allows for the
exclusion of evidence that goes to the heart of the case.

Ricci's attorney, Thomas T. St. Paul, said he will represent Walsh at
the upcoming hearing. St. Paul is a partner in the Portland law firm of
Baldwin, Hallock & Partners.

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IN BRIEF:

Chains flinging

The Casco Bay area
of Portland is undergoing
changes as a result of
the construction of new
apartments and hotels.

South Portland vision

The City Manager's
vision for South Portland
includes a new level of
spending on public safety
and a reduction in crime.

Casino closing

The Maine Board of
the Bar has recommended
the closing of a casino
in South Portland.

Cumberland County Superior Court

A motion was filed in
the Cumberland County
Superior Court for the
injunction of a condominium
association's action.

Clam flats closing

The Clam flats closing
is scheduled for Jan. 18.

What separates this effort

What separates this effort
from others is the commitment
to sustainable development.

Cover story

The cover story is
scheduled to be published
in the next issue of the newspaper.

EAT RIGHT
NOBODY

Some pages of this issue are
missing from the printer.

Tossed salad, chicked
steak

Brat pack gets a spanking

Club officials at the Wood
side Club, a local club, are
upset about the recent
behavior of a member.

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INDIANAPOLIS - Yvette M. Lourie said,
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memory of a local community
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**TALK**

A CONVERSATION WITH

Bernice Kennedy

Bernice Kennedy has been a crossing guard for twenty years. Unless it’s summer or a “snowday,” you’ll find her at the corner of Cumberland Avenue and Main Street every weekday morning and at 3 p.m. When you see her stop the curb with her hand held “stop” sign, slow down—she’s got a low tolerance for “crazy drivers.”

Do you remember having a crossing guard when you were younger?

Bernice: Not me, they’re good, but a few of them I have to step on.

Do you find that the children are crossing now?

Bernice: No, we live in the Aroostook County. They’re good, but a few of them sticks! We used to have to ride every weekday morning and afternoon. They pretty good?

Bernice: Good heavens, yes! They’re straightened out now.

Do you think people are crossing where they’re supposed to?

Bernice: Now, you don’t dare to. But you don’t dare to. Not today, not today.

Do you do anything special at the beginning of the year?

Bernice: Well, this year I’ve had three appointments, but a few of them I have to go all around after dark. You wouldn’t be afraid?

Do you think there’s something that’s something our crossing guards at that time. They’ve got them now.

What do you do when you don’t have school when all the children can make it then?

Bernice: I listen to the radio to see if there’s school or no school. And in Portland we have school when all the others don’t.

What do you think about how people drive?

Bernice: I really do. I’ve never really do. I’ve never had it ever since. They think they’re something from this world!

What do you do when you’re not doing this, Bernice?

Bernice: My homework. And I paint the garden—my flower garden. That’s about all.

What do you like best about being a crossing guard?

Bernice: I don’t know. It gets me out, and it gets me out in the fresh air, and it gets me out in the fresh air. I have to step on it. I have to step on it. I have to step on it now.

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weekend for a welding. The
morning after, a budy and
I drove through the town look­
ing for a dinner breakfast.
The sun intensely bright after
and eyes smarting behind even
Christmas tree lot. We've
parked and head into a grass-
ign, eggs and toast and cof­
fef we both want badly and
look toward in the warm
strong taste. "I'm not drinking
that" exclaims my companion,
and she dark skinned woman
pouring our coffee into styro­
foam cup. We sit around
and head back to the hotel for a
real cup of coffee.

The breakfast room's a bit
shitty and electricians and elec­
tricians sample the look over
the railing to some chairs by a
picture window. "Could we get
our coffee and sit by the
window. We'll get you cofee to
get but can we have a nice
porcelain mug?" No. "Any
you want?" "Get the mana­ger." And on and on we go,
until we accept the bottom line
of accepting their breakfast menu above average and buying
nothing else.

As we walk through the lobby
on the banditrows and feel
their knife, brittle and crum­
by plastic while delving into
the cigarette smoke of coffee.

Ceramic wins, well and
good, because the ceramic
makes it last and feel substan­
tional like an activity - the qua­
lity of the coffee experience in-
herent behind the quality of
the coffee. This is the point.

A day later back in town, I'm
down in the coffee shop, wait
how to go and stay. Someone's
taken away the trays of mugs
for the shoppers looking for or-
ce. A failed experiment think
the depressing thought. I ask
the cashier. "Out-" she says,
and before the coffee has hit
the table it's sold.

Matthew Dyre
South Portland

Changes needed at AMHI

Three patients died at the
Augusta Mental Health Insti-
tute in Augusta last summer.
It would appear that all of
these deaths were caused by
malnourishment, sometimes
by staff and doctors at the
institute.

These deaths should not
be tolerated by the public, the
Mental Health Commission or
the Maine Legislature. These
deaths certainly are real and
there shouldn't be any

delay in action even if the
responsibility is elsewhere.

There is nothing illegal or immoral
about operating in real estate.
But when people own property, no
matter how "silent" the partners
consider themselves to be, they
assume the responsibility to provide
decent living conditions in exchange
for their tenants' rent money and to
be good neighbors. That responsibility
includes not only the provision of
adequate housing, but also the
provision of adequate safety and
privacy for the tenants.

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COVER STORY

By Montie Paulson and Thomas A. Fords

In the game of real estate speculation that has driven in-town rents beyond the reach of many long-term residents, players like John Lightbody are the ones called "speculators" and they like to keep it that way.

Lightbody, a partner in the prestigious Portland law firm of Murray, Plumb and Murray, got caught.

After months of painstaking investigation, members of the Parkside Neighborhood Association were shocked when they discovered Lightbody's name on the deeds of two Sherman Street buildings owned by Portland police and neighbors to house protests and drug sales.

"I know nothing about it. I never heard of the illegal activity in his buildings; despite the predictable story, we never knew he was involved," said Lt. Edward J. Googins, who was directing the Portland Police Department's drug unit.

The address was 77/79 Sherman Street. The address was 75 Pearl, as well. "I don't think he has been working diligently to clean them out," Lt. Googins said.

But despite the saturation of television news coverage of drug use in the neighborhood, Sherman Street is neither an oasis nor a casual concern - it's where they live.

No money down

The address was 75 Pearl St.

It was listed on a tax declaration as the mailing address of "New Sherman Street Associates," a newly-registered company with no track record.

New Sherman Street Associates turned out to be a partnership between Steven C. Dodd, Janet E. Dodd, Peter A. Leonard, and something called "BH, Ventures," a second layer of partners made up of John Adams, Kenneth Ditton and John Lightbody. The B-B-L-BH, during a tense interview at his Pearl Street offices on Jan. 9. "We were interested in housing low-income families, so we decided to do it through a different vehicle.

Another vehicle, Lightbody's unincorporated filings, was a "GUA," a "General Unlimited Authority," a vehicle that would allow them to work without a license to sell housing.

The New Sherman Street partners did use a Post Office box and secured a loan to buy these two parcels of land in Portland. They did not have to pay any of the 75 Pearl Street taxes, either. The first of the two parcels, a brick building at 75 Pearl Street, sold for $120,000.

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The New Sherman Street building at 77/79 Sherman Street was a much bigger deal, however, as it included a property that had been purchased from Bayside through Sherman Street Associates and it was also purchased from Bayside through 10 years earlier. The property was an office building.

As" the partners did obtain a Post Office box and sold it to the New Sherman Street partners, in a paper-and-promises sale brokered by real-estate "improvements.

Bayside's only interest was to keep an eye on the property, not to take any interest in it,

The New Sherman Street property owner's representatives are among the most frequent complaints. Across the bottom of one of the New Sherman Street buildings was returned because Dodd refused to sign for them. Having no mail, the partners in this paper-and-promises sale brokered by real-estate "improvements.

As a result, the partners were not trying to conceal their identities. The partners did not want people to know about their buildings. They told the truth.

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"Unscrupulous landlords should not be allowed to profit from human misery."
- Herb Adams

Old promises and new beginnings

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He promised to have the trash removed Monday. In fact, the city had outside garbage perhaps Monday and by that afternoon: a new complaints had Joe Gray preparing a new trash violation for Lightbody.

He promised to remove Steven Dodd and hire a full-time manager; but Dodd claimed that this deal had already been taken - because he had been called out of town again.

If the New Sherman Street Association did "make things right" these buildings could indeed be the beginning of a new era. Lightbody.

My colleague, who has researched a string of similar problems but not yet, this could be the beginning of a new era for neighborhood associations. He has already begun sending the violations Dodd referred to Lightbody. "Longford what the neighborhood association had done.

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The Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting the neighbors

Immediately after the meeting in Gray's office, Lightbody called Herb Adams of the neighborhood association. Adams said at first that he was an attorney representing the New Sherman Street Association. He claimed his part of a corporation that owned the buildings, but that the corporation was not involved in the matter. Adams then encouraged the reporter to "record this building."

I have nothing to say, and Lightbody has not yet been called on the matter.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," said Lightbody. "There is a lot more to come."

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What did surprise Gray, shortly before 4 p.m. that same Friday afternoon, was the arrival of 29 units, "I'd heard they were coming down, but I didn't know they were coming down that soon," said Gray.

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Looking ahead to the new administration and the possible changes in the Supreme Court, Sarah Webber, attorney who argued Roe vs. Wade, will speak at her Old Future, Reproductive Rights and the Supreme Court talk on April 19 at 3:30 pm in Kennebec Auditorium of Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

If you haven't registered yet, a birding field trip, "Watching the Migrant's Return" is being offered by the Maine Audubon Society. 9 am - 3 pm on April 19. The trip is $8 for society members and $10 for non-members. To register, call 772-2734.

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Making art work for others

Art behind the scenes

Fall, during long needed months, Kestenbaum has been making art happen in Maine for the past eight years. A resident of Hallowell, she is particularly fond of the town's unique history and natural beauty. Her connection to the Maine Arts Commission dates back to a 1996 proposal, which was turned down. Since then, she has continued to support the arts in various ways.

In 1998, Kestenbaum received a grant to support her own art project, "Windham started out with a small group of people, but as we grew, we were able to expand our program," she says. Today, the Windham Art Program has a staff of five and serves more than 100 artists each year.

Kestenbaum's position grew out of a combination of her career as a writer and her interest in the arts. She began working part-time at the Maine Arts Commission in 2000, when the organization was looking for someone to help them develop their arts education programs. She quickly became involved in the organization's work, and in 2004, she was named its first full-time director.

Kestenbaum is proud of the work she and her team have done to support the arts in Maine, and she continues to work hard to ensure that the arts are a part of everyone's life. "I think the arts are essential to our society," she says. "They help us connect with each other, and they give us a sense of community."
I Bet You Didn't Know

By Frederman

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I’m sure you have noticed that the NFL season is upon us. Many of us have been looking forward to this season for months. It is great to see all the teams back on the field, and it is great to see all the fans back in the stands. The games are exciting, and the anticipation is palpable.

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