They sell flowers in Old Port bars and from cars parked along urban streets. They get married in mass weddings to people they barely know. They believe that Eve’s downfall came not from eating the apple, but from having sex with Satan. They blame the Jewish murdering Jesus before he had a chance to get married and raise a perfect family. And they worship a short, balding Korean industrialist and former arms dealer as the Messiah.

They’re the members of the Unification Church (UC), and like Drew Barrymore said in “Poltergeist II,” “They’re back.”

Moonies, as members of the UC are sometimes called, have had a presence in Maine since the early 1970s. In recent years they’ve maintained a low profile. But they’ve stepped up their activities lately. They now visit the Campus Center on the Portland campus of USM every Tuesday when school’s in session. Usually two or three church members spend the afternoon trying to convince students to attend seminars explaining the church’s mission.

The UC is headed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a right-wing, anti-communist Korean minister. The church often comes under fire from families of church members and anti-cult activists who claim the members of the church brainwash recruits and force them to abandon their families.

Critics of Moon, including Cynthia Kisser of the Cult Awareness Network in Chicago, say Rev. Moon wants to take over the world. And they say Moon, who Unificationists believe to be the Messiah, isn’t forthright in talking about his real mission. “The UC does not stand for democracy,” Kisser says. “They want to replace it with a Moon-headed government... and they want it to happen in his lifetime.”

“Godism” — the Unification idea of a one-world government — is the real goal of the church, Kisser says. Yet no one is told that when recruited.

But so far, Moon hasn’t taken over the world. He hasn’t even been very successful in taking over Portland.

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A conversation with Dot Gonyea

Dot Gonyea of South Portland is treasurer of the True Fans for Elvis Club. The statewide club has donated nearly $40,000 to worthy local causes over the years (including the Sweetser Children's Home in Saco and Camp Sunshine in Casco), and has given away more than 5,000 teddy bears to needy or abused children.

How did the club form?
When they announced Elvis would be coming to Maine, in early April of 1977, we drove up to Augusta a day or two early and pitched tents — my God, we found out there were all kinds of Elvis fans in Maine! So we formed the club right there on the steps of the Augusta Civic Center in the spring of '77.

How was the show?
Oh, it was wonderful. He put on such a fantastic performance. It must have been over 100 degrees that day in Maine, no air conditioning in the civic center, all the lights around the stage. But, oh, my God. His voice was so gorgeous that night. He just blew 'em away. His smile was so gorgeous.

Are club members hard-core fans?
Well, yes. We've got one guy in his 20s, from Richmond who has gone down to Memphis two years in a row and won the trivia contest. And this is among people from all over the world. Another woman called me on Elvis' 50th birthday. She asked if she could give me her Elvis collection; she was afraid her son would throw it away. She was in her 80s then. Now it's 10 years later, and here she is, still, at 94, in the club.

Have you ever eaten a fried peanut butter and banana sandwich?
Oh, I love 'em. Oh, my God. What I do — a lot of times for breakfast, I'll take an English muffin and toast it and put the peanut butter on it and then get a banana and kind of squish it on top. I'm not the only one. My husband loves tomato soup, and he puts a great big gob of peanut butter and crackers in there. It's really good.

What's your favorite piece of Elvis memorabilia?
I think his autograph. That's an interesting story. After I saw Elvis in Augusta, I knew he was coming back to Maine so I just used my noggin. I sent him a registered letter, you know, so he would have to sign it and get it. And the postman came up to me one day with something behind his back. He knew I'd been waiting for it. It was the green piece of paper you get when you sign for registered mail. And that was the afternoon that Elvis died. My God. It's kinda weird when you think about it.

Dot Gonyea: "When we heard he would be coming here to Portland, we were ready. We camped out again in line for two days and got a front-row center seat. We had a ball. Of course, that was the concert he didn't make."

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Senatorial debate has hit a new low, with supporters of abortion being subjected to open and frank discussion of alternatives to abortion.

Bishop wants break on abortion protests.

Bishop Joseph Gerry, the spiritual leader of Maine's Catholics, called for a "sane" climate in the debate over abortion and issuance of special temporary restraining orders on public demonstrators at Maine's capital.
Earth to EPA: Ban dioxin

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Revising the war on drugs

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For the past year, Portland can pass for a larger city than it is. It got big-city feel for a population of 45,000, and it has the cultural amenities of a place easily three times as big.

But every so often things happen to make it plain that, at heart, Portland is a small town in the province.

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**editorial**

*The Portland Stage Company's decision to remove its entire exhibit from the lobby of 562 Congress Street, in Portland, has drawn the ire of a handful of artists.*

Portland, a good year for fig leaves

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The paintings on this page are what all the fuss is about. During the current run of "Sight Unseen," Pittore refused, and pulled his entire exhibit.

"Everything in this building takes a look at what's on the stage." Pittore, commenting. Learning followed Nokes Ginsburg over the conservative's cliff. Pittore claims that Michael Grynol, PSC's marketing director, told him that a conservative audience wouldn't be able to deal with the works, and that the money had slid him to the right since the last election. Grynol says they disagreed publicly in the course of a phone conversation, but that he had hearing on the decision to remove the paintings.

Now CBW has a satirical opinion piece. "Create an arts district!" on these pages last week, written and designed by local artist Tim Slater. The piece, which was created to look like an ad, was advertised to attract artists who sought to profit from the revitalization of the downtown arts district, and suggested there wasn't much of a place for artists there.

The murdered man's supposed suspect is a collateral. CBW, using a handful of outgrown arts district intellectuals. They objected to the tone and attitude of Slater's piece, which they found belittling and unfairly of their efforts. A couple of artists pulled their advertisements in protest.

The artistic community has complained that the decision to confine the productivity (the arts district) are out of touch with the artists. Slater said. "If people can't handle other artists using their creative skills to invigorate the town, they shouldn't be involved in art at all. Because they're going to get burned.

What's wrong with the picture outlined above? One big thing. We seem to have generated so much arts district that it's consistently unattainable with the expenses.

CBW believes that the PSC's explanation for pulling is not about art, but about the PSC's desire to be a brittle thing that needs careful nurturing. A handful of paintings and an entire exhibit.

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**Lance Carlisle, a supporter of Concerned Maine Families' anti-gay rights bill, voices his opinion on the subject:**

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Put the great in Greater Portland!

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Best movie theater
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January 19, 1995
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Friday 20

The Portland Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert featuring works by Beethoven, Brahms, and Stravinsky. The orchestra will be conducted by the renowned conductor, John Eliot Gardiner.

Saturday 21

The Portland Museum of Art will host an exhibition featuring the works of Japanese artist Hiroshi Sugimoto. The exhibition will feature over 50 photographs of American and European landscapes, as well as paintings and sculptures.

Sunday 22

Deedles, a popular local jazz club, will host a performance by the legendary jazz pianist, Herbie Hancock. The event will feature a special set of songs from Hancock's new album, "Healing Hands."

Monday 23

The Portland Civic Theater will stage a production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," directed by the acclaimed theater director, Nicholas Hopkins. The play will feature a cast of local actors and will run from Monday to Sunday.

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