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PROFIT-FIRED CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE LOOKING INTO THE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE AT THE JAIL, PRISON HEALTH.

When it took over Cumberland County Jail's medical program, Prison Health, which recently signed a joint contract with the Maine Youth Center and some other correctional facilities in state, was given a $300,000 annual budget. In 1997, $60,000 was budgeted, but that's still significantly lower than the county spends on its own.
Maine and the world.

If "nothing ut off is a failure of every venture," maybe you can start a chain e-mail of success to all the people in your address book. Here's how to do it, according to one of the people who did it, George W. Bush.

During his presidential campaign, two things impressed Bush. One was the Internet's ability to connect people across the globe. The other was the Internet's potential for political campaign. So Bush decided to use the Internet to connect people across the country. He started a website called "Internet," which quickly became one of the most popular websites in the world. The website featured information about Bush's campaign, as well as links to other websites. It was a huge success, and Bush used it to communicate with his supporters.

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Ah, Portland. How do we love thee? Let us count the ways.

It's time to vote for the Best of Portland. CBW's annual love fest, in which we celebrate all that is most wonderful about our town (and some of the things that aren't). So wonderful, as well. So get out your writing utensils and fill out the categories you care about.

Confine your nominations to people and places within our coverage area (roughly Brunswick to Windham to Old Orchard Beach). If you wax poetic, we might use your comments when we write up the winners in our issue of March 22.

All entries must be in our hot little hands by 5 p.m. on Feb. 6. Vote early, but no extensions. Photocopied entries will not be accepted.

Best place to live
Best hometown
Best salmon
Best lighthouse
Best street art
Best lighthouse
Best sidewalk food cart
Best coffee
Best Maine microbrew
Best shrimps
Best pizza
Best fried clams
Best Italian sandwich
Best local solo music artist
Best local band
Best local album of 1997
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Best bartender
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Local politician you trust least

Best food and drink
Best breakfast joint
Best lunch
Best dinner for cheap
Best dinner, if money is no object
Best new restaurant (opened after 1/1/97)
Best place for a romantic dinner
Best brunch
Best free eats at happy hour
Best coffee spot
Best sidewalk food cart
Best bread
Best desserts
Best homemade microbrew
Best producer
Best pizza
Best burger
Best tram
Best Italian sandwich
Best wraps
Best fruit stand
Best pasta
Best lobster roll
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Best entertainment
Best Old Port bar
Best neighborhood bar
Best local band
Best local solo music artist
Best local album of 1997
Best live music venue
Best radio station
Best theatrical production
Best place to play pool
Best place to play cards

Best services
Best ATM
Best limo service
Best landscape
Best junk store
Best antique shop
Best day care
Best local website

Best places
Best building
Best supermarket
Best supermarket for pedestrians
Best Portland neighborhood
Best place for a weekend getaway
Best beach
Best park
Best place to watch a dog
Best company to work for
Best temp agency to work for
Best public bathrooms

Best of Portland
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Ballot Deadline Feb. 6
Southern exposure
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Happy New Year. Maine Arts's signature event, Portland, returned to crowd-pleasing form this year after a disappointing run in 1997. Final tallies weren't available when this went to press, but director Hash said ticket sales to the day-long festival were strong. "At the door, sales were up about 20-25 percent," Hash said. "We worked really hard on marketing. Many more people were aware of the event than in 1997, and more people showed up on the day of." Last year's celebration was plagued by poor weather, sub-zero wind chill and a lack of large venues. Though some acts played to empty seats, would-be audience members streamed in despite the performances, only to find that most were sold out. Lackluster ticket sales had left Maine Arts with a $15,000 loss on the event. Hash said he had worried people might stay away this year, too, especially when temperatures plunged into the single-digit range Dec. 31. But with Merrill Auditorium and the State Theatre open again, New Year's Day had room to expand, and the event's new partners noticed their hard work. "People knew you had a lot of space," Hash said. "We basically allowed people to go to these big venues and stay there all night. They didn't have to jump around." Though organizers turned ticket holders away from packed comedy and juggling shows, Hash said he heard few complaints because most people found something to attend. "I love this event," he said. "You can do everything in one night." Blood, sweat and New Year's: Only five days into the new year, the YMCA on Forest Avenue was packed with bodies during the usual post-rush hour lull at 7 p.m. The wait for a Stairmaster was at least 15 minutes and the weight room had at least double its normal crowd of grunters and groaners. The newcomers weren't hard to pick out. One labored at the Nautilus quad lift looking miserable. Another bounded with sprightly energy on the treadmill until the overexertion caught up with her and she folded her body in pain. A regular surveyed the congestion from his perch on the Stairmaster. He clownwed a little, feigning exhaustion, then turned to his friend and commented, "All these people must be resolutions." The friend nodded in agreement. "They'll all be gone by next week," said the regular, smiling with the contentment of someone who needn't make resolutions. In transit While a number of people greeted 1998 in the toasty comfort of home, many others braved the frigid temperatures to take advantage of New Year's Portland. But at least two people didn't notice the difference. The following conversation between two old-timers was overheard at Friendly's on Jan. 2:

Guy one: Did you walk around Congress last night?
Guy two: No! I had my car!
Guy one: Where did you go?
Guy two: Behind One Civic Center! I just stayed in my car!...
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Assuming it qualifies (garlic is involved), his band mixes "everything from classic rock, like The Who and The Rolling Stones, to The Strokes and The Clash." The band in question? New York City's Sweet Street, an intense twenty-one-man beast of punk and hardcore music to see the final tour of 1999. Sweet Street has spent a good portion of their time on the road, competing with the likes of OX, The Melted and Orange Juice. But last year they managed to get into the studio to lay down their second full-length release, "Swingin'," which promises nothing but honesty described as "a kind of fun" filled with "melodic thoughts and exhilaration." Expresses the masters of their live show, John R. at 6th St, 6th Ave. Portland, at 8 pm, 10th Street and 6th, 8:30 pm.

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**Review**

"Amistad," directed by Steven Spielberg.

**Stars:** Morgan Freeman as Theodore Joadson, Stellan Skarsgard as Tappan, Tom Everett as Dr. James Rush, Samuel L. Jackson as Klaw.

**Rating:** R

**Running Time:** 2 hours, 20 minutes

**Summary:** "Amistad," a film about the colonization of Africa and the events that led to the Amistad rebellion, is an ambitious and powerful work. Directed by Steven Spielberg, the film explores the complex issues of race, slavery, and freedom. The narrative is grounded in historical events and features a strong cast, including Morgan Freeman and Stellan Skarsgard.

**Conclusion:** "Amistad" is a significant contribution to the cinematic portrayal of the slave trade and its impact on Africa. It challenges viewers to reflect on the legacy of slavery and its continued relevance today.

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**NEW THIS WEEK**

**TITANIC** (PG-13) - Cameron's epic romance about the doomed voyage of the RMS Titanic.

**MEN IN BLACK** (PG) - Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones team up again as FBI agents who battle aliens.

**GOOD WOODEN AGE** (R) - A dramedy about growing old.

**THE PRACTICE** (TV) - A law drama where the characters are always in conflict.

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**ALSO SHOWING**

**HOME ALONE** (PG) - A Christmas classic about a boy who is left alone.

**MR MAGOO** - A comedic take on the classic character.

**THE PRACTICE** (TV) - A lawyer who takes cases no one else will.

**THE MAIN EVENT** - A high school wrestling story.

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**TIMELINES**

**TOMORROW NEVER DIES** - The latest James Bond adventure.

**TITANIC** - Cameron's grandiose tale of love and survival.

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