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Allegations that the Pentagon's defense contractor, Saco Defense, has overcharged the government have prompted an audit of the company by the Department of Defense. The allegations stem from the Pentagon's Office of the Inspector General, which has received complaints from whistleblowers who claim that Saco Defense has overcharged for services rendered.

Black said the Pentagon has launched an investigation into the allegations, which are being handled by the Department of Defense's Office of Inspector General. The investigation is expected to take several months to complete.

Black said that the Pentagon is committed to ensuring that contractors are held accountable for their actions and that the government receives value for its investment.

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Robert Dudge, director of the Environmental Protection Agency for the Portland School Department, said the settlement agreement, which includes a $1 million fine, is in line with what the department had expected.

The agreement was reached following a months-long investigation into the company's operations, which included the release of a toxic substance.

The company has agreed to pay the fine and to implement additional measures to prevent future violations, said Dudge.

The settlement follows a similar agreement reached last year with another company, also involved in the Clean Air Act violation.

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Drafting Robin Lambert

State Republican leaders handpicked Robin Lambert to run for the Skowhegan (Maine) seat left vacant when four-term District 2 District Rep. Donald Andrews decided to retire for the U.S. Congress.

State Republican leaders say they're anxious for a win in Portland, where Democrats netted an outgoing Republican rep. by a rate of 2 to 1 in an unexpected battle. And in District 5, that Bill Bell was even closer than the last three elections showed Andrews, who has even fewer left than many Portland Republicans.

But Lambert - an up-and-coming party activist and supporter of a woman's right to choose abortion, as well as a past president of the Maine Health Foundation and the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry's human resource organization - state party leaders were a candidate who could appeal to local independents as well as win some Democratic vote.

"We're not drafting the candidate in Portland," said one insider, "but with a little public relations, we could give the Democrats a real run." Lambert, 60, is not in retreat. After all, he recently was elected to the Portland school board, but he had not run for the seat. An entrepreneur, he has been noted for "rarely get [through] the mail." He has previously discussed about how a party campaign would impact his children, 16, who lives with two wives.

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MacDonald's said the resurgence of AIDS as a disease that only affects gay men is so strong that sometimes the possibility of women being HIV positive is ignored. "Many women are dead before they are even diagnosed," said MacDonald, who said he was surprised more PWAs involved in ACT UP. MacDonald said it is easier to symbolize and die than to symbolize and win. She said, however, that one of the best ways for her to fight the disease is to be powerful and angry - and to express it.

**Band-Aids**

Toby Simon has also witnessed the problems with AIDS care in Maine. For three years Simon has been involved in AIDS work, as a co-writer and PWA support-group leader for the AIDS Project in Portland.

Simon, who helped organize ACT UP in Maine, said he witnessed situations that were angering and frustrating over the response to the AIDS crisis from the government and the nation's health care system. "I had it up to here with everything," she said. "I was furious and I was depressed and I was fed up with the health care system and an AIDS center's accepted role as victim.

"The word of any group of people getting in totally triumphant," she said, because not enough physicians in Maine were aware of AIDS patients and those patients were left unempowered and uninvolved in medical care for themselves. "These are trials for all kinds of things," said Simon. "There are trials for cancer, for diabetes, for being chosen... and the fact that they weren't involving AIDS... tells you how Maine looks at AIDS.

While she does not discuss the work that she and others in AIDS service organizations do, she says that their roles will always be only as counselors and "Band-Aids" in the AIDS crisis. "I lost what service organizations like the AIDS Project are doing is cleaning up the real trend behind which the government has been turning," she said.

Simon notes that the AIDS community relies on a lack of "political sophistication" surmounting AIDS crises in Maine. "The political climate, and Simon, is reflected in the gay community, in those who work in AIDS service organizations and among AIDS people. Simon would like to see AIDS service organizations and health care professionals take a more political stance, but said their operational nature reflects the political climate of Maine.

"I was shocked. I was stunned. I didn't like noxious stimuli and ACT UP," said Simon. "Many of the people had their own reasons to be desperate, to be angry, to be frustrated."
The music store, Strawberries, is offering limited-time sales and free gifts with the purchase of certain items. The sale includes compact discs (CDs) and cassettes from various artists and genres, with some items discounted by 40%.

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- A certificate for the Dry Dock (5x7) and a $25 gift certificate for Conceits.

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By Donald Maurice Kreis

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May 10-18

Piano concert: Portland Museum of Art will present its annual Spring Piano Competition, featuring four pianists from the area. Concerts will be held in the museum's main auditorium. The competition is open to pianists of all ages and skill levels. The competition begins at 7 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children. For more information, call 775-2494.

May 10-18

Student recital: Portland State University will host its annual Spring Student Recital, featuring performances by students from the university's music department. The recital will be held in the university's Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For more information, call 775-2494.

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Brass quintet concert: Portland Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Brass Quintet Concert, featuring performances by the orchestra's brass quintet. The concert will be held in the university's Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For more information, call 775-2494.

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Jazz concert: Portland Jazz Society will present its annual Spring Jazz Concert, featuring performances by local and national jazz musicians. The concert will be held in the university's Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For more information, call 775-2494.

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S Refugee aid concert: Portland United Church of Christ will host its annual Spring Refugee Aid Concert, featuring performances by local and national musicians. The concert will be held in the church's sanctuary. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For more information, call 775-2494.

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Food and wine festival: Portland Festival of the Arts will present its annual Spring Food and Wine Festival, featuring live music, food tastings, and wine tastings. The festival will be held in the city center. Hours are noon to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is free. For more information, call 775-2494.

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Silver Screen

England and Mario have been together for a few years, but their relationship is on the rocks. When England starts to see other men, Mario realizes he's ready to leave him.

Heart of darkness

There's a scene in "Heart of Darkness" in which Rowlf, the Warner Bros. character, sings a song about a man who searches for the elusive ivory poachers. It's a perfect example of the themes in the story, which is about the corrupting influence of capitalism and the degradation of human beings.

For the first time, the film's director, Steven Spielberg, has given an interview about his work on the film. He told his contributing author that he was influenced by the novel by Joseph Conrad, who was one of his favorite authors.

Tuesdays, Feb 14, 21, and 28

Dancing With Men (PG-13)

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The Frosty Gully Gallery is about the quality of the artists’ work and the quality of the exhibition experience. What Custy is trying to do, in fact, is represent a group of contemporary artists. Parking our contemporary art gallery is not a question of age, or size, or curatorial concept. Contemporary means what is being painted now, and its value can be measured in terms of the way a particular artist or group of artists can tell the story of our times.

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Westbrook College basketball

Everybody was smiling, though nobody at all was in Westbrook College winner the most votes, "Against All Odds." Chants broke out on Feb 16, at 10:30 am, at the Portland Public Library. The Portland Community College is proud to announce their annual Benefit for their spring basketball tournament. The event will feature women's basketball games, including the University of Maine, Boston, and Tufts College. There are several events planned for the day, including a charity dinner and silent auction. The main draw will be held at 6:30 pm, at the Holiday Inn, 341 Cumberland Ave, Portland, and sponsored by the Portland Community College.
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