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A conversation with James Blow

James Blow, 30, runs Blow Brothers, a septic and potty business in Old Orchard Beach, with his younger brothers, Steven, 26, and Joe, 25. Construction companies rent the biggest share of their potties at $72 per month. With 550 potties - the most owned by a local company - the Blows live up to the slogan that appears on their potties and trucks: “We’re #1 in the #2 business.”

What’s it like dealing with shit every day?

What it is - we’re a family business. My brothers and myself grew up with it. We’ve been doing this since we were kids. It’s like anything — a mortician or a doctor. I’m sure you’re not born with the ability to deal with blood and guts, but you develop the sense of humor and the attitude to deal with it. After a while you just ignore it.

How do people react to what you do?

Sometimes people will say, “How can you do this?” People find our stickers and trucks very funny, between the “1-800-4-A-POTTY” and the picture of the little guy with his pants down to his knees reading a book in the potty. I think they also like the name itself, Blow Brothers. They say, “Hey, where’s Joe Blow?” and we say, “He’s right here.” My cousin Joe Blow works for us. Because of our logo, we’ve actually been in National Lampoon magazine. I’ve been pulled over numerous times by people from all over just to take a picture.

Can one of these things flip over with someone inside?

A storm or kids can tip one over if it’s empty. But if they’re in an area where they can flip over easily, we tie them down. There was a time when they had a kid on top of one of the submarines down at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and they took off with it and had to come back and drop it.

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**J.L. Bean employees will go get a hefty bonus, so the company enjoyed another record year.**

Bean said about $245 million of bonuses are going to employees and retirees. Workers will get a bonuses worth 16.3 percent of their annual pay.

The company broke a half of sales records in 1995. Sales increased topped $100 million, a 17 percent increase over 1992. Workers added 11 million customers, a 3.3 percent increase over last year. And the company's distribution center processed 171,400 packages on Dec. 20, nearly 25,000 more packages that the single-day record.

Company spokesperson Colleen Hackett said she'd share her bonus on employment settings. ("I'm trying to juggle the practical with being sick of winter," Hackett explained.

Most Mainers were still undecided about who they wanted to be governor, according to a poll by Maine Public Broadcasting. The poll showed that 51 percent of Democratic respondents and 60 percent of Republican respondents hadn't decided who they were backing for the Blaine House.

Several candidates rushed to declare the poll a victory. Joe Brennan, who garnered 32 percent in the poll, "the overwhelming choice for Democrats" geared Brennan spokesman. Meanwhile, Republican candidate Angus King acknowledged the poll results because it showed organizers choosing to vote for Brennan.

"We've got a lot of work to do," said Brennan.

**Also in the news:**

1. **David Perry was appointed to the Board of Trustees of University of Maine Foundation.**
2. **The Legislature is debating a bill that would create a process for secession from the state.**
3. **Maine's lakes, rivers and bays are being tested for pollution.**
4. **Maine's ski and mountain bike seasons are in full swing.**

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**Thoughts:**

Four men who accepted a $12,513 challenge from British animal rights activist Rebecca Zoe to live like home in a cold, concrete cell for 7 days and 8 hours. The age, which had been 1,000 years.

During debates on March 1 and 2, lawmakers complained that Maine has no mechanism to deal with the crisis. They called for a bill that would create such a process. Meanwhile, the Legislature may decide as early as March 10 whether to allow residents of Peaks Island to vote on secession from Portland.
Now! At Union Station

Pols still reeling from Mitchell's decision

Who's on first...

At Downeast and Mike Bowe are definitely not running for Congress. Beyond that, all kinds of possible candidates have been working on the state's two-seat district for months, but as yet no one has stepped forward as a serious contender for the seat that Democrat Dan Golden held for a dozen years.

Conway hoped to retire from politics this year, "But I'm real concerned about my health," so he isn't having a candidate who will represent working men and women, Conway said.

"I don't feel so dramatically in philosophy that Thoreau did about the poor, minority and women," he admitted, "and I think it's important to have a whole group of people. That's why--"

"I'm looking around," he continued, "to find a family of people who are talking to the people. Some of them are in positions of influence and others who aren't."

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Ultimately, financial passion is alluring even to Stevens Andrews, showing up at the meeting to find out why the state's top Democrat wasn't running.

Andrews, who has a history of trimming the state's budget, offered his support not as a candidate but as a consultant to the campaign. It's a move widely seen as a way to help restructure the state's political machine.

Meanwhile, political junkies are watching closely, even Stevens Andrews alludes to his interest in a gubernatorial run.

OPEN 7 DAYS

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State Senator Snowe is running for a seat in the U.S. Senate that is up for election in 1992. Snowe's announcement comes just days after Stephanie Mitchell declared for the same seat in the state's Democratic primary, and a few days before the Maine Legislature begins the session in Augusta.

Centerfield

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Consider this one small fact: Portland has about one-fourth the population of Akron, Ohio. A little humbling, perhaps, for Portlanders who have convinced themselves that they live in a much larger metropolis.

But for a little city out in the provinces, we’ve got way more than our share of creative comforts — great restaurants, live music, a lively arts scene, easy access to the great outdoors and, best of all, a cadre of committed activists who refuse to sit on the fence while the elected map do all the heavy lifting. Our annual “Best of” issue is a celebration of what makes Portland such an extraordinary place to live.

Our survey of what’s great in Greater Portland wouldn’t be possible without you, our committed readers. Many thanks to the hundreds of readers who responded through our admittedly small sample. Your votes don’t go unnoticed.

S...it’s all out there. Get out, try and enjoy the best your city has to offer. You owe it to yourself.

**BEST PEOPLE**

**Best bartender:** Jeff St. John
St. John started working at Two Dollar Diner’s in 1988. He claims that the secret to winning the admiration of customers is simple: “Try to remember people’s names and their favorite drinks. Everybody wants to be made to feel like a regular.”

**Second to St. John was Grayv Killian’s Industrial Drinkhouse owner, bartender and all around regular guy Bill Beasley.**

**Best artist:** David Cadence
Some categories attract a lot of candidates. Like this one. Everyone who submitted a ballot seemed to have a different favorite. This year, 14 different artists were nominated by our readers, offering plenty of choice. But personal favorite David Cadence, whose vibrant, ethereal paintings are3

**Best writer:** Carolyn Chute
OK, Chute’s not a Portland writer technologically. (She lives in hills between here and North Conway. But with her massive third novel, “Merry Men,” now in print, and more broadening than her local works, which’s prunes a kernel of hope.)

**Best photographer:** Tonee Harbert
Not to be intimidated, but Harbert — CBW’s longtime photographer — has never been seriously challenged in this category. Her style has evolved and matured in the five-plus years he’s been shooting for us, but her photos are still remarkable for their unique eye on the world. We’re glad you noticed.

**BEST PEOPLE**

**Best elected official:** U.S. Rep. Tom Andrews
CBW readers continue to find Tom Andrews’ principled stands — they voted him best elected official in 1993, and best political columnist and best activist in 1995. Our guess is that readers like his independent-minded liberalism. He joined the%   

**Most effective citizens group:**
Portland Trails
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**BEST PEOPLE**

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Best conversationist: Allen Scott

“Bookstores have always been places of great conversation,” said Allen Scott, who was brought to CBW by Jim Meyers of Portland.

Best TV personality: Kim Block

More than a few - NewsChannel 13's Kim Block, a Big Knob favorite at the competition in this traditionally male-dominated industry - were surprised to see her name in the category. (Do you think the media has anything to do with it?)

In her 10th anniversary at WCBS, was physically disabled and had wagged the boys. She’s been loved and awarded all the time, but this is the first time - she may have been female - has won any category in the CBW poll. To which the recipients, “We shall forever.”

Best coffee: Green Mountain Coffee Roasting Company

“Yeah, we’re the best,” admitted John Green, who manages the shop at the corner of Commercial and Main Streets.

Best hot chocolate: Portland Coffee Roasting Company

“Sure, we’re the best,” said Dan Allen of Portland Coffee Roasting Company.

Best restaurateur with entrees under $10: Pepperclub

No argument here. Green Mountain Coffee Roasting Company once again reigned supreme in all categories.

Wally, the chef’s secret weapon.

Best restaurant with entrees under $10: Portland Emporia

Emporia ended up in a dead heat for first place with the Secret Bistro, where the chef’s secret weapon was a nice glass of red wine.

Best bookstore: Portland Emporia

Employees at the Secret Bistro were almost in tears when they found out they were the best in the city.

Best burrito: El Guapo

No contest. The chef’s secret weapon was a nice glass of white wine.

Best DJ: Mark Persky

“Mark is definitely a professional guy who tells the most cracking of jokes with a suit and tie on his way to work in the morning. As Captains of Industry we’ve planned several one-on-one sabbatical nights about starting new shows. If I had to describe the style of Radio, Mark would be the perfect fit for the next big project - a pedestrian bridge over the Penobscot River.”

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Best whoopee pie: Sked’s Bakery

They’re so rich you won’t forget them. They have a little pizzazz, but they’re not too fancy or over-the-top. The filling is always tender, and the cake is perfectly moist. It’s like eating a little slice of heaven in your mouth.

Best fresh Market Pasta: Fresh Market Pasta

The bulk of Portlanders bulk up on their carbs at the Fresh Market. The pasta is fresh and made from scratch, and the sauces are rich and flavorful. It’s like eating at a little Italian restaurant in your own kitchen.

Best dessert: Port Bakehouse

There were two finalists in this category, but Port Bakehouse pulled away with 75 percent of the vote. The bakery offers a wide variety of desserts, from cakes to pies to cookies. It’s like having a little slice of heaven in your mouth.

Best video store: Videoport

Videoport gave the competition such a drubbing this year that we wondered if their viewers to the store’s name is the only reason. But now Bill Drago maintains the Middle Street shop’s charm and integrity. He’s added a new dimension to the store by adding a collection of films from Hong Kong, including all three installments of the Chinese horror comedy Mr. Vampire.

Best event of 1993: New Year’s Portland

New Year’s Portland was a huge success this year. The city was decked out in lights and decorations, and the night was filled with music and dancing. It was like stepping into a slow-moving European film—it just needed a little background music.

Best jukebox: Uncle Billy’s

Uncle Billy’s has always been known for its vast collection of records. But now, with the addition of new tracks and a fresh layout, it’s like stepping into a little slice of heaven in your mouth.
The enduring Christmas classic won the building this year as the first time for a theater category. Most reviewers didn't use this title for the Nutcracker, but why? The Milwaukee Repertory Theater produced the Portland Ballet this year and it is a holiday ballet. The music of Tchaikovsky is very beautiful, but the story is a bit too long. The Nutcracker is not a ballet; it is a holiday performance.

Best children's production: The Nutcracker

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Best new venue for music: Don Lucas

Don Lucas is a music venue that opened recently. It is located in Portland and offers a variety of music, including live music and concerts. The venue is located in an old building and has a great atmosphere.

Best bookstore: Bookland

Bookland is a bookstore that offers a wide variety of books, including fiction, non-fiction, and children's books. The store is located in Portland and is run by local owners.

Best children's playground: Reiche School Playground

Reiche School Playground is a popular playground in Portland. It is located in the heart of the city and offers a variety of play areas, including a climbing structure, a slide, and a sand box.
They are not in a prominent place in the restaurant. They were a gift to Gretchen from Dan...

H ave you ever noticed the red cratered and sugar bowl with the green vine too? How few people who had collections of sugar-go-round pieces with the little poles through their backs, rooster salt & pepper shakers and porcelain pigs and decided to start a collection of tomatoes for Gretchen. The difficulty in these to be the only tomatoes things in North America. Which is why she is the only collector of one at Karakhan. Gretchen doesn't like tomatoes, at least not the one she's collecting. She's a shade that has collection hasn't expanded. If you have any tomato collections that you can really part with, bring them in when you come to dinner. There is a place for them next to the sugar and cream.
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Best CBW idea: Scende from Easterns Standard Time

CBW proposed last summer that Maine secede from the Eastern time zone and join Atlantic Standard. One hour to the east. Why? Wisely, they would give at more suitable daylight. The summer sun can stay too early. Scende had been on the weekend vision from Maine-beatitude and a marketing edge in tourism...

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Best outdoor statue: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Portland native and poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow died in 1882. But he still lives on in dusty tomes and in the newly restored bronze statue at Longfellow Square. Thanks to the efforts of civic-minded Portlanders, Henry got a spit shine last year and looks dapper in his waxed bronze statue. When the glacier melts, grab a newspaper at Joe's Smoke Shop across the way and spend a few minutes on a bench near Portland's Chestnut Street.

Best season in Maine: Autumn

Autumn gets all the hype, but another season wins the hearts of CBW readers. Autumn is by far the most popular season in our respondents' top four list, followed by winter, spring and fall (at 9 percent each). And what's not to love about fall? You've got brilliant days, crisp nights, and trees bad enough to kill and enough to chum your stomach for weeks. When the glacier melts, grab a newspaper at Joe's Smoke Shop across the way and spend a few minutes on a bench near Portland's Chestnut Street.

Best upcoming event: Spring

Spring may get a bit of the spotlight this year. Parking bans in all its glory and the early hours of the season, cold. enough snow to turn Grimes, cold that would freeze a polar bear.

Best route out of town: The interstate (I-95 & I-295)

A quick exit along Route 88 and through tolling tolls in Route 55 or just head south on the interstate. CBW readers think the best way out of town is the fastest way out of town. They overwhelmingly voted 2-1 in favor of the interstate. (A number of voters specified 1-95 North, which is one of the more scenic stretches of interstate anywhere.)

Best seasonal escape route in Maine: Route 5 toward the mountains. (42 percent)

Portland's 5 favorite escape routes included Route 88 (31 percent), Orchard Beach and Cape Porpoise (15 percent), North Haven (11 percent) and a volunteer organization supporting small business, will hold the following workshops.

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Celebrate the worst of Portland 1994

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Portland, Maine, experienced a period of tumultuous events and decisions that have been remembered with mixed emotions. The following events highlight some of the worst decisions and actions that occurred during that time:

- **Vendorgate**: This scandal involved the Portland Police Department's acceptance of a bribe from a local contractor in exchange for not investigating a potential vendor for a city contract. The scandal intensified public scrutiny of the city's government and its practices.
- **Earth Day celebrations**: Some have criticized the large-scale celebrations of Earth Day as being more about media attention and fanfare than actual environmental achievement. The focus on Earth Day often overshadowed the more significant environmental efforts made throughout the year.
- **Endangered Species Act**: The Endangered Species Act was enacted in 1973 to protect species deemed threatened with extinction. However, concerns have been raised about the act's effectiveness in achieving its goals and its impact on local economies and development projects.
- **Maine Forest and Parks Bureau**: The bureau's decision to sell forest land and develop it for commercial use was criticized for its potential impact on the state's natural resources and economic development.
- **Casco Bay Shipyard**: The sale of the shipyard to a private corporation without public input or oversight has been seen as a significant loss for the community.
- **Maine's economy**: The state's economy has faced challenges in the late 1990s, with industries such as forestry and logging facing economic pressures and environmental regulations.
- **Harbor police the worst of history**: Some have argued that the police department's actions, particularly in the context of community policing and the use of force, have been problematic.
- **Gulf of Maine**: The Gulf of Maine, a vital ecological region, has faced challenges due to overfishing, pollution, and climate change.

In summary, the late 1990s and early 2000s were a difficult time for Portland, with several significant decisions and actions that have left lasting impacts on the community and its environment.

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Assault and Flattery at the Oak Street Theater

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By Cathy Nelson Price

First, the good news. Thealty old Oak Street Theater is now the renovated Oak Street Theater, with intermission briefly painted and restored by Oak Street Productions, a venture of Michael Levine, the current general manager of Portland Stage Company, and his wife Elizabeth Bandman. The Levine Bandman team invested their own money and labor to ensure excellence in everything from fire code compliance to the availability of gourmet coffees in the lobby on show nights.

The likely verdict has paid off the Levine's said not only did the renovations come in total budget, but the theater is fully booked through June. Although is reported that theater companies will be the primary occupants, Levine intends to use the theater for taping new programs as well as presenting.

We're conveniently located in Oak Street. Through his brief appearance. The play, though very good, presented the play's psychological study of two warring brothers in a terse style that is irresistible. The play's success is owed not only to the impressive acting of the actors, but also to the skillful direction of the producers. The play is a study of human nature, as well as a study of how the characters interact with each other.

A larger space could better accommodate the present setting between the two much-quoted characters. Oak Street's close quarters might have audiences feeling claustrophobic.

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