Most people only go to their city or town halls a few times a year. But a handful of watchdogs have been attending meetings of the Portland City Council for decades. Who are they?

See page 8.
IN BRIEF:

More marine money: Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy and Senator Mitchell have introduced legislation in Congress to establish marine research programs nationwide. Agency officials say the three programs are designed to promote clean marine technology and to encourage the development of new marine products.

GlasG: Privacy handling w pkg. - Casco Bay.

Ballpark bought: The Town of Old Orchard Beach has finalized a deal to purchase the former Town Center project. The project's developer is also associated with real estate development and able to agree to sell the land.

Tax cap ballot: The Portland City Council, after months of discussion, has decided to put a tax cap ballot on the May 2 ballot. It is a new issue for the council, but it is expected to pass.

Yarmouth spends money for space: Yarmouth's school system is reportedly spending $3.5 million on a bond issue to fund large-space needs.

NEWS OF THE WEEK:

Bath S.S. for a Dream: An antique bank wants to build a new school in Bath, but the town council is not sure how to proceed.

Shiras, Condon & Associates: A law firm has been hired to represent the Portland Neighborhood Council.

INFORMATION:

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What's the deal on April 6? - The Portland Neighborhood Council.

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Do you have any event listings? - Send us your event listings.

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A lot of people come and tell me 'Do this. Do that.' I wish they would do it. 

-Phil Jenkins

If you don't go, then you won't know how much you're getting screwed. 

-David Koplow

There are a few people that think I'm a pain... that I'm against everything. 

-Robert Hains

The self-appointed critics who sit through countless Portland City Council meetings watch for different things. Robert Hains watches the finance closely. David Koplow, a tall man near the back of the room, keeps his lips moist with gum. He's watching for the council's decision on electronic voting machines and doesn't want the impression that the council is unfair. Koplow will take on any cause he thinks the council has overlooked. He says he feels he's watching the council by himself, and not having much effect.

Bob Jenkins of Taylor Street. 

"I know what you people are doing, and I know why you're doing it," Hains says, taking the podium at a March 8 council meeting. In a chiding tone he launches a tirade which he feels ignores him, Hains, vice-president of the Portland Taxpayers Union, says he feels he's watching the council by himself, and not having much effect. "I was frustrated at the time," Hains says, thoughtfully. "I was frustrated at the time, he continued, "and I lost my job." Jenkins and Hains are the most regular watchers. Mary Ross-Sパー and her brother Walter Kowalski are also long-time council critics, but they haven't been around City Hall much lately.
Crying wolf

If this isn’t enough reason for the public to keep its mouth shut, there’s more.

“Public speaking is an unnatural act,” says Gable, who thinks most people are intimidated to appear in public.

But doer the same note the critics are mounting. Before he even started he says he noticed two factions: the council and the smilling media.

People being asked to get off the bandwagon, you can’t fight it. You can’t know what the issues are because they are not being covered by the media. People are breathing fire but we’re not the ones to be heard. I can go out and say ‘I don’t know too much when I was sitting there,’ says Dooler. ‘If you speak too much you’re not listened to. You’ve got to pick your battles.

Another reason is the short term the council has in which to do its work. If something that was not observed the council may have a very difficult time getting through an evening’s agenda.

Most critics are critical in order to stimulate. They don’t want to be too critical, they just want to bring issues to the level of discussion. It becomes disruptive when issues are determined. More issues need to be taken on the agenda.

By making this statement, I’m not saying I’m giving more people a voice. I’m just saying that I don’t want people to sit on the sidelines. I want them to be part of the discussion. I want them to be part of the process.

I want to see the single-issue people become full members. I want to see them become full members of the council.

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30.03. Pilloëus Dance Theatre performs at Portland City Hall Auditorium on March 29.

04.04. The streets are in a Maine city of Human Sexual Response.

04.04. More New Orleans jazz, plus dance hall tunes and jiving will be performed by the Bellamy Jazz Group at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hallowell Center, St. Joseph's College, N. Windham. Tickets are $5.95/$3.95. For more information, call 792-8764 ext. 436.

The post. Watch out for the ghost of Deputy Sheriff.

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2. The Treasure Map: Once you solve that week's riddle, go to that sponsoring business and ask for that week's piece of the treasure map. At the end of the 10-week contest, you will have a 9-piece treasure map and a map legend. Once it's pieced together correctly, you will have a map of Casco Bay. By using the legend and reading the map, you will be able to find the location of the treasure—a location in Casco Bay.

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