Would you hire this woman?

Portland school superintendent Mary Jane McCalmon is a tough-minded manager and a fierce advocate for education. She has a five-page-long résumé and a reputation for playing hardball — even when it comes to your children. See page 10.
In football, I'd want to be a tight end, because that's the ultimate utility player. The tight end is the go-to guy. In business, I want to be the person that people say, 'It's Pyne. Go to Pyne.'

Lucinda Pyne, 37, of Portland, is assistant vice president of a Boston investment-management firm, a real-estate investment expert, a former property manager, an actress, a sports fan and a house. 'You can't do it, you can't do it...'

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Better late than never

South Portland finally gets around to considering a gay rights ordinance of its own

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Shortly after Portland voters upheld the city's ordinance granting civil rights to gay and lesbian residents, other cities in southern Maine were considering similar legislation. South Portland was among the first to hold a public hearing on a gay rights ordinance.

At least another half-dozen cities and towns are likely to follow suit within the next month.

South Portland is the seventh municipality to consider a local gay rights law in the nearly two months since the state law was defeated at the polls.

The Portland Press Herald, Portland State's daily newspaper, was up for sale.

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The state Senate to kill the idea "was 30-3, so it's a done deal," said B. Weiner of Kennebunk, author of the book "The Selling of Your City: How Your Tax Dollars Are Being Stolen by the Local Media." Weiner was referring to the state Senate vote to kill the idea of an across-the-board property tax rollback.

In Maine, the local media and the general public are increasingly concerned about the impact of the sale of the Portland newspapers on the local media. The sale is expected to result in a decrease in the number of newspapers and the loss of local news and information.

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Lauren Connors Mary Jane McCalmon won Portland School Public School elections as though the system were a dollar-upping, community-driven machine:  councilor, Superintendent McCalmon

she has always been passionate about the job of superintendent is inherently

Mary Jane McCalmon may be her
each year, but those who hire her, they're being so
courageous enough to routinely log 70-

As a young woman in the 1960s,

In 1991, she was hired as superintendent of the Cumberland County

McClellon taught at Portland High

The interview

McCalmon and the

While that may be a self-serving report

In the two years since she joined the district, she has earned her
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At the top of McCalmon’s resume

if you go back to the 1960s, when she was a young woman, she's more

McClellon said. “I've spent an enormous amount of

nurse, secretary, or
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As a young woman in the 1960s,

Mary Jane McCalmon may be her

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ask an experienced educator often

The department chair came down to

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MCALMON

There are. They just haven't had the

I'm going to cooperate with you," said

has 30 years of experience in Portland High School, a
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"...out of my five schools, she was able to transfer Reiche's principal, Margaret MacIntosh. She had instant the investigation — to a non-

permanent principal, and some parent, someone who might have been able to work with Ms. MacIntosh to look at the goals, support Maggie MacIntosh and take over the rough sites.

A year later, Reiche will look back on her own permanent principal, and some parent concerns. The school board decided to hire Portland's second female principal.

This year, due to a change of membership on the Portland School Board, new school board members are asking the school district to hire this woman, committee members are no accident. Every summer, they go on an overnight retreat to hammer out differences and set agendas for the coming year.

This blanket consensus of the school boards in Maine, holds immense power over the city's children could at least learn how to float and bob their way to safety. "We're a city on the water," said Portland's unused facilities.

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Local motions

I’ve been waiting for the perfect world and have never found the world we live in to be that perfect. Civil rights advocates who are holding out for a statewide gay rights law need to realize that, and now.

For years, Maine people care about equality for people of all sexual orientations fought and hoped for the Legislature to pass such a law. They waited patiently for a government to be elected who would sign it. Both things came to pass. But the dream came true only gradually. The forces of homophobia were organized and motivated enough in the state to prevent the enactment of a law in 1992. 1998, a profoundly demoralizing defeat. So back we go to the beginning. What now?

It’s time to try a new strategy. We believe this can’t be won from the State House. It should be fought town by town. Already, several municipalities are considering referendums that could be looked at in local legislatures that would offer protection to gay people within their jurisdiction. (See more on such efforts in South Portland, we “Renew late than never,” page 8.) While the people in Portland are looking for local ordinances that would be more weakly protected by the City’s citizen rights, they’re on the right track. Municipalities where the anti-gay rights referendum did poorly are looking at local ordinances that would be more weakly protected by the City’s citizen rights, they’re on the right track.

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Enough cheap laughs

The anti-gay rights campaign contained some useful suggestions and one suggestion that current leaders be dumped, their heads to “be returned to their original uses, which were to “be returned to their original uses, which were to their allegedly myopic political sins. While constructive “boneheaded mistakes,” Diamon offers his analysis of some people argue that the towns and cities where civil rights protections are likely in better. Civil rights advocates who are holding out for a statewide gay rights law it’s time to stop waiting for the perfect world and get busy making the world we live in a better world.

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We welcome our friend’s concrete proposts for what we, all of us, could do to build a minor, cleaner society. We’re in a serious campaign about serious problems, but we do hope to have more time between now and November. We don’t need a little place at the corner, “You’re too high the fact that in 1992, Maine already took a big step towards the elections. As the Maine Senate was considering the Portland Ordinance in 1992, a significant number of Maine election laws. For the first time, taxpayers can tax you and “pay to play” with the ballot, but the law won’t raise their tax bill or reduce their quality of life.

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In return, please help fight the racist and like many other residents, I have no alternative but to park my car on the street. The fact is that this parking ban already at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and like many other residents, I have no alternative but to park my car on the street.

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Hosanna Hank
Composer Hank Beebe takes his song-and-dance from Broadway to Cumberland Avenue

JASON WILKINS

I think work is a blessing," says Hank Beebe. "It's easy to believe him, even though Beebe lives in a lovely old house in Portland's West End and need not lift a finger to keep the money rolling in. He writes just as hard now, and probably better, than some people out of college.

Beebe's professional generation has been a professional composer, both of musicals and choral works, for decades. Born in New Jersey, he was put through college by the Navy during World War II. By the time he got back, he realized he was not going to be a professional baseball player. Beebe recalls, "I had to go to work." But instead of doing what his father expected him to do, Beebe decided to make music.

Throughout his New York years, Beebe used his Portland home as a weekend and summer getaway. When Bill "Beebe" was not working, he wascomposing, a one-hour musical show for the ABC called "The Cowboy and the Tiger," and musical revues for a New York cabaret. Beebe was happy enough to meet many of his idols, including Richard Rodgers, who came to the opening of "Pajama Game." Rodgers had just finished scoring "State Fair," and the composer of classics like "Oklahoma!" made an appearance at the opening.

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Beebe says he is happy to do what he loves, and "The Cowboy and the Tiger" was one of his most important parts of his career. "More charities have used Beebe's music than I can count," says Beebe. "It's a great thing to be able to give my music to those who need it."
We didn’t do it, the bitch did!

Clubs

Prime cut

She probably never said, "I wanna be a singing doctor when I go up," but that’s how it turned out for New York folkie and psychologist Mary Kaplansky. Though she grew up singing to get her doctorate in the '80s, hopping parms like Stu Cook, John Gorka, and Jackson Browne made it her for Kaplansky to forget her true calling. Now she plays gigs on weekends and sees patients during the week. With two critically-acclaimed albums on her repertoire, Kaplansky may just be the only singer who can simultaneously win your psychobilly vote. Ask Jeff Berlin, 888 Forest Ave, Portland, at 8pm. Tel: 780-7738.

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On the Farm
After an unpsychodelic dinner, the bluegrass-favored folk rock of Rust Farm seems like a return to sanity. The quartet, led by singer/mandolinist Chris Moore and guitarist John McGann, will be playing a joint gig in Portland in April. Of the two groups, Ghost, a Japanese experimental ensemble, is the more overtly psychedelic. On recordings like "Tampopo Stone" and "Luna Red Rails," the band creates a breazy mixture of avant-garde-classical, Japanese folk and rock that doesn't fit into any known song structure. It's music too experimental to be considered "new age," too simplistic to be rock and too noisy to be World Beat.

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**THE EMERSON STRING QUARTET**

It's not time travel, exactly — but it's close enough. For its "Beethoven and the 20th Century" concerts, the Emerson String Quartet inserts the work of a 20th century composer to bridge the gap between Beethoven's string quartets. This time, violinist David Finckel, violist Hugo Ferreira, cello gear and Shoshana Kobiler and Jonathan Biss by Beethoven's quartets and other contemporary works of the same period. The concert will span the entire arc of Beethoven's quartet career, from the late, vast "Rasumovsky" quartets to the "labored" secret works of old age.

**4 TUESDAY**

**WELCOME THE SEA DOGS FAMILY NIGHT**

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**8 WEDNESDAY**

**THE COMMUNITY BUILDING LEGACY OF PAUL ROBESON**

Sure, time is money, but it doesn't take much of the latter to celebrate Paul Robeson's 100th birthday. Featuring performances by Italian tenor David Rama, a guest speaker and a panel of experts, the evening also includes a screening of a special Robeson retrospective. At the Downtown Cultural Arts Center, 615 Congress St., Portland, at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: $5. 780-1500 or 772-0680.
Call me, I’ll be in Portland for a long, long time. I know better than to let one day of 50 degree temperatures away the heat and see my nose turn brown. I know that a major storm in April is not out of the question. These things take time, and I am very, very patient. Well, I try. Though I know the cool weather won’t last this time of year, they seem harder to take, like being kicked when you’re down. This is the time of year I start fantasizing about radical steps like buying a boat or selling a home, affordable Rivendell I’ve never been through in the past.

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viSual Arts

Newfoundland Pink

By Dudley Zapp, at Davidson & Daughters

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"Newfoundland Pink" oil on panel (16" x 32"), by Dudley Zapp, at Davidson & Daughters.

Review

"New to Town" now through April 11 at Davidson & Daughters, 140 High St., Portland, 780-7700. This show has an interesting edge to it, for the Portland-based gallery opened last fall, but this is the first show of its kind for the gallery. The show is well-conceived and well-executed, and it features a range of work that includes paintings, drawings, and sculptures.

One of the most striking pieces in the show is a large-scale, mixed-media installation created by a group of artists. The installation is a series of large, colorful, abstract paintings and sculptures that are both visually striking and thought-provoking.

Another highlight of the show is a series of small, detailed paintings by a group of artists who are new to the gallery. These paintings are colorful, vibrant, and full of life, and they showcase the artists' unique styles and perspectives.

Overall, the show is a well-executed and thought-provoking display of contemporary art, and it is a welcome addition to the Portland art scene.

The show is on view through April 11, and it is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please call 780-7700.
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SEPARATING FACT FROM MYTH AND INNUENDO

**MYTH & INNUENDO:** Restaurants show an increase in sales after turning to non-smoking.

**FACT**

1. Brookline, Mass. is reporting business losses from 23% to 27% with loss of jobs following shortly behind, while just outside Brookline in Brighton, restaurants are hanging signs outside welcoming "Brookline smokers" and their profits are up every month.

2. A Boston Herald study shows that in Wakefield and Brookline, they lost 21% of restaurant jobs.

3. South Portland has 3,000 smoking seats just waiting for our customers. This will be devastating to Portland restaurants.

4. Athol, Mass. is seeing a 35% loss in sales and is considering repealing the ban. Also in Athol, retailers near restaurants are reporting lost sales due to less traffic.

5. Belchertown, Mass. — Smokers and non-smokers alike marched into the town common on a legal fight. The issue is now at a standstill as the establishments are refusing to comply.

6. Hopkinton, Mass. - Some restaurants are spending up to $30,000 to comply. Those who cannot are losing up to $5,000 per month in sales.

7. Editors of newspapers statewide have 19 articles calling the effect "devastating" to "incapacitating" with border restaurants suffering losses up to 40%.

8. In Vermont, nine publications statewide have 19 articles calling the effect "devastating" to "incapacitating" with border restaurants suffering losses up to 40%.

**MYTH & INNUENDO:** Smoking is a Class A carcinogen, killing thousands a year.

**FACT**

1. The Congressional research service reviewed the EPA's studies and found the following: A) The results are NOT definitive B) The risks are uncertain C) It is very possible that very few or no deaths can be attributed to ETS D) OSHA should re-open hearings on smoking bans charging them with manipulating data "to make their case" E) The EPA study was based on "no original scientific research" and were "looking for" a connection between second-hand smoke and cancer in unsuccessfully studies F) Their finding is that passive smoking is at worst a danger of 1.19% which is very possibly a "statistical fluke".

2. Even the Boston Herald, which is in favor of no smoking, admitted "second-hand smoke is such a trivial health risk that you can find no confirmed health risk statistics".

3. Michael Evans of Northwestern University, who was asked to study the health and economic studies on this issue, states in the Washington Times that the studies are "so flawed" that they are "meaningless" and yet "public policy is being driven by these claims".

**MYTH & INNUENDO:** Surveys show that Portlanders are overwhelmingly in favor of a smoking ban.

**FACT**

1. A MERA survey actually found the opposite. They found that: A) 82.5% of members agree that the current smoking policy is satisfactory (even non-existing ones) B) 69% of all restaurants are already non-smoking, C) 69% of all restaurants are already non-smoking, D) Over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, E) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, F) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, G) 69% of all restaurants are already non-smoking, H) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, I) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, J) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, K) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, L) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, M) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, N) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, O) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, P) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, Q) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, R) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, S) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, T) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, U) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, V) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, W) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, X) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, Y) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking, Z) Of the remaining 25% of restaurants, over 75% of their seats are non-smoking

**MYTH & INNUENDO:** The figures opposing the smoking bans are driven by big tobacco interests.

**FACT**

The figures here are derived from newspapers from around the country, restaurants, federal studies, independent surveys and college studies.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

In closing, I would say that I come from a large family that has lost members to cancer, asthma, Lou Gehrig's disease, suicide, depression, and suicide. My family lives in fear of another family member with alcoholism, but you can see how they say every problem is caused by smoking and that I am no different. They changed their minds because I am diabetic.

As an industry, we have a higher responsibility to cut down millions of smokers and cancer victims with no profits. This legislation is enter, not well thought out, driven by a "right-wing" special interest group and is unnatural to our food service industry. I urge anyone with an interest in this issue to be at City Hall on April 6th.

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