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Sgt. Vlernes is the station commander at the Army recruiting office in Portland. As a career soldier, he lives the slogan, “Be All You Can Be.”

Sgt. Vlernes is the point man for the Army’s national advertising and marketing campaign aimed at attracting young recruits to the Army. He is selling the U.S. Army and he is proud of it.

“We’re selling a product here, unlike an individual who sells encyclopedias,” says Vlernes. “You have the encyclopedia in front of you. You feel it, you touch it. You really don’t feel or touch the Army until you’re in there.”

For that, most recruits have only their recruiter’s word to go on.

See page 8.
IN BRIEF:

Ferry fees swell

All passengers who came together at a Rainbow Coalition conference in Boston in May 20 found that getting there, especially for African American travelers, was more difficult than ever. Among the problems that they mentioned were a lack of convenient air service, inefficient workshops, and the possibility of entering the country under different names to avoid paying the U.S. government. The conference was held at the Rainbow Coalition in Boston. "The Rainbow Coalition is about dealing with structural racism, one on one," said organizer Brenda Sturdivant. "We've been fighting against the system for a long time, but it's easy to feel defeated."

Rabbits to the rescue

For further information, call Hewins at 772-7252.

Rainbow rabbits to deliver in Maine

In the spring of 1992, the Maine Rabbit Rescue League began distributing rabbits to families in need of a pet. The rabbits are given to families who have been approved by the Maine Board of Health and who meet certain criteria. The rabbits are then taken to a designated location where they can be picked up by their new owners.

The program has been successful in providing rabbits to families who otherwise would not have had a pet. It has also been beneficial to the rabbits, as they are given a loving home and the opportunity to live out their natural lives. The Maine Rabbit Rescue League is continuing to work towards expanding the program and helping even more families in need of a pet.

Selling the military: Cover story by Morgan Shepard

The military has always been a major player in the U.S. economy, providing billions of dollars in contracts and jobs. The military also plays a significant role in the nation's defense strategy, providing troops and equipment to protect the country.

Over the years, the military has become a target for those who want to cut defense spending or end military involvement in foreign countries. This has led to increased pressure on the military to prove its worth and justify its spending.

One way the military has responded to this pressure is by marketing itself to civilians and other businesses. The military has established many programs designed to sell military equipment and services to the civilian sector. These programs have included joint ventures, advertising campaigns, and cooperative agreements with other businesses.

The military has also become involved in the civilian economy through partnerships with companies that provide goods and services to the military. These partnerships have included contracts for food, clothing, and housing, as well as joint ventures for research and development.

Despite the challenges, the military remains a major player in the U.S. economy and a critical component of the nation's defense strategy.
A CONVERSATION WITH

The Ladybug Lady

Janice Dobson doesn’t have many ladybugs left in her refrigerator. Each spring, Janice metamorphoses into the Ladybug Lady to visit schools and release ladybugs. She figures that any animal losing and laying its eggs, the ladybugs she releases produce about 67 million ladybugs in the Greater Portland area.

Where do great ladybugs come from?

Janice Dobson hasn’t. They’re beneficial bugs. They eat bad bugs like aphids, mites, and bedbugs. They also cross-pollinate plants and they don’t eat people. People should stop spending their money on pesticides and buy cheap ladybugs.

How do you hook up with your ladybugs?

I order them from a woman in California. They’re shipped live and they’re supposed to be refrigerated until they get here. Each spring, I order 25,000 ladybugs for the schools.

How do you transport the ladybugs to the schools?

They’re in little cloth bags with long strings, about 400 ladybugs per bag. I bring them to the classrooms and the kids can hold them. They’re very excited.

Are there any ladybugs in your refrigerator?

Sure. I keep a little supply around for the kids to look at. I also have a little Microscope and a¸

How do kids respond?

When I start dumping these bugs out of the bag and kids in kindergarten or first grade see hundreds of ladybugs all at once, they’re amazed. I bring a spray bottle with soda in it. I go to a bag. I tell the kids if they spill soda on their hands, they’ve had a dew drop and they can’t be any worse than Big Bird.

Do people think this is a little peculiar?

No. Because I’m part of their personality. I can get people across any wall someday. “You know, that’s sort of foolish for a ladybug.”

I bring ladybugs to the schools? Do people think this is a little peculiar?

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Sure. I keep a little supply around for the kids to look at. I also have a little Microscope and a microscope to show the kids. I’ve had up to 300 ladybugs in my refrigerator. Actual live ladybugs have to be refrigerated until they get here. Each spring, I order 25,000 ladybugs for the schools.

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A new year, a new look

A year ago this week we launched the first issue of Casco Bay Weekly. By the end of the next day, Thursday, May 26, 1988, we had distributed 15,000 copies of the first Casco Bay Weekly at 206 locations from Scarborough to Yarmouth.

This week's paper marks our first anniversary. We thank all of you who have helped — by reading, by advertising, by distributing, and by writing — Casco Bay Weekly make it this far. We've learned a lot from you and we intend to get better.

Beginning with our next issue on Thursday, June 1, we will be distributing 20,000 papers at more than 400 locations, stretching north to Topsham, west to Gorham and south as far as Saco. We are as excited about serving our new readers as we have been to serve those of you who have brought us this far.

The following week, June 8, Casco Bay Weekly will have a new look. As the paper has grown it has been increasingly difficult to squeeze everything in. We're working on a new design, which will bring you more local news and more entertainment coverage in an easier-to-read format. As part of that design change, we'll be changing our logo to the one pictured below.

What won't change is our commitment to you, our readers. We'll continue to work hard to keep you informed about the issues that are affecting our community, and we'll continue to pursue stories that are being ignored.

Above all else, we'll continue to listen to you. And we'll tell you what we hear as fairly and as accurately as we can.
Be All You Can Be

But know who you are and what you are being promised before joining forces with the U.S. military.

Tonee Harbert of Gorham is 17 years old. She says she had the service in the back of her mind from Gorham is 17 years old. She says she had the service in the back of her mind. While Madison Avenue spits out slogans and catchphrases for the military adventurists, military recruiters are from high schools to present their sides. They're in town for the armed forces. They're in town for the day. Recruits will spend the day exploring the Army.

"I'm not making excuses for the past, but I know that if the military is giving that out in writing, I applaud them," says Scott. The military is allowed to enter schools anytime they want, according to a spokesperson. The military has a lot of good stories to tell. There are always more stories to tell.

"If the ASVAB is passed, a detailed physical is next. If it is passed, based on an individual scores highest on the ASVAB and meeting scores, Varnes says he can guarantee whatever job the potential recruit desires. He's not against a draft. He would like to see the universal draft continuing to meet and women. In General's draft, there would be an alternative service for conscientious objectors, with an option in service to NVCS, or the Peace Corps.

"I don't like the idea of sacrifices," he says. "I have long had objections to letting men into the schools."

Varnes says being a recruiter isn't easy. "You're selling a product here. We're an individual who sells encyclopedias. You have the encyclopedias in front of you. You sell it, you touch it. You really don't have to talk to the Army until you're in it. We go by numbers. We're by numbers by the recruiters."

Varnes agrees that the appearance of recruiters in schools should be matched by appearances of peace organizations. He says Varnes for Peace Peace Day in the Village Green Mall in Portland.

"I've found that phrase. A career soldier from Heaven, was shown a recruiter and a full uniform. Without being told back. A recruiter does not give guarantees. A recruiter can relate what the Army will give them, providing they meet the Joint Optical Information Network. There are different versions of the ASVAB, according to Varnes. Perfect scores range from 350 to 900. If the ASVAB is passed, a detailed physical is next. Then, based on your individual scores highest on the ASVAB and meeting scores, Varnes says he can guarantee whatever job the potential recruit desires. He's not against a draft. He would like to see the universal draft continuing to meet and women. In General's draft, there would be an alternative service for conscientious objectors, with an option in service to NVCS, or the Peace Corps.

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YOUR denim is in. Orange as an example. He also cites the plight of a group of soldiers sent into test sites after atomic blasts and training without their knowledge, says Genesio. He cites Agent Orange, because she is female. But most males in the armed services are qualified for combat. And unlike thousands of them developed cancer. Genesio feels it is inherently wrong for the military to market its product. Why? "Because they're dealing with life and death," he says.

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Before you join...

1. If you're confused about your life, speak to a guidance counselor before making a decision. A guidance counselor will give you several options. Recruiters want you to choose the service.

2. If you are male, you may be called into combat.

3. Remember two things about the G.I. Bill. If you decide not to enter college after service, you forfeit some of your rights. You sacrifice some of your financial compensation may not be easy to obtain from the Veterans Administration.

4. Joining a branch of the U.S. military might or might not be a good option - depending on who you are and what you want. Listed below are a few points to consider before making your own decision. If you have specific questions about your rights, call for Military Times at (202) 737-9020.

5. Remember two things about the G.I. Bill. If you want to visit the military at the veteran's headquarters, the

6. Do not sign anything without checking into every aspect of it thoroughly.
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Today, that panel has been joined with more than 30,000 others from 30 states and 40,000 square yards of quilt, called the National Memorial Quilt. The entire quilt will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 21-22, a.m. to 5 p.m. May 23, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 24. A group of knitting enthusiasts will be on hand to knit additional panels to be joined with the big quilt in the future. Donations made at the quilt display will play a vital role in the community and will be distributed to local agencies which provide direct care services for patients with AIDS and their loved ones. For more information, call 774-6747.

If you need a place to honor after the quilt, let Mad Horse take your place—"Big Foot Steals My Wife And Other Stories," a series of one-act plays, monologues and songs based on National Enquirer headlines will be presented at Casco Bay Weekly’s "Weekly's Reader Radio." The show, 9 p.m. starts just before 8 p.m. on W24AR—Channel 24 on the UHF dial. (you know, the one next to Fox.) For more information, call 775-4259.

31 FRI

Raven’s Down
Lavin is the only performer we’ve known to get rave reviews from both People and Musician Magazine. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance (available at Record Exchange in Portland, Mother’s Music in Brunswick and at all Strawberries), $12 at the door. To reserve tickets, call 774-8258. For more information, call 774-9293.

30 THU

Train DeBordieu. See how many colorful people squat into the Tree for Danforth Street) tonight. Ooh, yeh, like, Broken Man are playing there.

29 WED

O.K., you’ve done the gardening and you’ve got a good spot on your property. The Big Weekend is almost over, so it’s time to get out and celebrate. First Parish, 425 Congress St., Portland. 773-6886.

28 TUE

Omar and The Hooters make the southeast corner of the Big Weekend. These guys had the unenviable task of opening for The Waterboys before an audience before the studio audience. You can hear about the show, a.m., 88.3 WEXT Portland. 774-2071.

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Chicken. One Year Later: The Chariot of Turin: The Pantheon and the Transition of a Venetian Style. A free public forum and slide presentation on this aspect of the development of architectural style will begin at 7 p.m. ENSH stays on display at the Portland Public Library through June 26.

30 THU

Love, the spirit and the essence of music, an exhibit at the Danforth Street Gallery, 34 Danforth St., opens today. Donations for the evening are $3 for members, $5 for non-members, and $7 for a double bill at First Parish Church, 425 Congress St., Portland. Portland. 773-6886. For more information, call 774-9293.

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Get out and get some of Hearts at 7 p.m. admission is $10 to the talk on herbal medicine and the spirit and the essence of music, an exhibit at the Danforth Street Gallery, 34 Danforth St., Portland. Portland. 773-6886. For more information, call 774-9293.
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The pu-pus of Portland

My first introduction to the phenomenon known as the pu-pu platter was in a restaurant of Route One on the northern edge of Seattle. At the tail end of a long and deary trip, we sought glances of a palatable fish meal through the rain and the tears of the car’s wipers. Ah, home, I thought. My husband saw the Polynesian “food experience” and suggested we try the Pu-Pu Platter. Exotic, he thought. I, on the other hand, thought there’s no need. The vast parking lot was packed to the brim, even on this wet Wednesday night. It seemed a good sign.

A wave of noise and motion from bodies hit us as we entered our way through the mosaic of scents,染味,

A deep Pacific twist, I turned to catch the flavors of the tropical spiced and pointed fingers for the many-colored drinks in rows from all directions. “Look,” I said, and then...

The menu was a jungle book. “Get Listed,” I thought the reader, “what is everybody eating here?”

The pu-pu platter is described as “If you say so, we said. No one knew what half the round dish high with the fish-club food. Seattle came licking out of the corner chair,_flow. Another guide book, on the other hand, too, spotted what looked like mild-tasting.

People huddled close around the table, glancing and gawking. Following the patrons of this place, we reached for the more through a small period of

Portland is a fruit fables and dog in.

Pu-pu platter was made to come here from Hawaii and is pronounced, as one thought for guide book with “Written in the pu-pu platter.

In the end, the original pu-pu platter was rapidly Hawaiian and was handedly anything but what we pass off as pu-pu

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TheThicket Plantation

by Brenda Chandler

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