Massage parlors have rubbed massage therapists the wrong way

By Andy Newman

Massage therapists, who are steadfast about touching clients only in a non-sexual way, have fought for years to distance themselves from massage parlors, which are often associated with illicit sexual activity.

But drawing a line between the two types of touching has not been easy. Both activities are called massage. Both are clumped together in the yellow pages. And since Maine law permits paying for a "genital massage," massage parlors have flourished.

But in April, the Portland City Council decided that state law wasn't strict enough and outlawed genital massage in the city of Portland. After Portland passed its massage law, South Portland, Scarborough and Biddeford also outlawed genital massage — and officials in Old Orchard Beach and Saco are now considering similar measures.

The laws passed easily but the confusion remains. What exactly is the difference between the massage you get from a certified massage therapist and the sort of massage you can get behind a flashing neon sign?

With money from the Casco Bay Weekly in my pocket, I set out to explore the murky world of massage.

I received something called a Therapeutic Massage and something called a Bubble Bath Surprise. In the process, I saw high heels and I saw tennis sneakers; I heard Top-40 radio and I heard Vivaldi; I got excited, and I got relaxed.

What did I learn?

Massage is a very touchy business.

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Paying the piper in Portland

By W.D. Cutlip

No one will be surprised to hear that music is a commodity, a product that is processed, packaged and sold like hot dogs in brightly lit stores. In the words of Madonna, the most highly processed and slickly packaged slice of bologna alive today, "We are living in a material world.

A few people may be surprised to learn that recorded music is copyrighted, and that the rights to play recorded music are bought, sold and licensed like Chevrolets or Subarus. The people who license those copyrights in the United States — the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP) and Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) — respond to the unlicensed reproduction or rebroadcast of copyrighted music like oops respond to the theft of a squad car. They don't like it.

The same is true of live music, of course, and all this applies doubly to music played in public. The transformation of live copyrighted music to public places — especially for profit — has the potential of attracting attorneys like mad kilo-drawn flies.

There have been several such incidents of musical litigation in Maine in recent years, many of them in Portland. So before you start to whistle a tune at your next yard sale, take a careful look at what has transpired. Because, while some people obey the law and others enforce it, ASCAP and BMI have been known to swing the law like an ax. And, boy, do those people have clout.

**Portland may buy Gateway Garage**

A city plan to buy the Gateway Garage for $3.8 million is being criticized by a private garage operator who says the city's deal with Fleet Bank of Maine—Gateway's owner—unfairly hurts Portland taxpayers who will pay for the city's purchase through property taxes. Nick Kampf, the owner of the Congress Building parking lot, says he is not in the "private enterprise business" and that it has unfairly shifted interest groups under the guise of gaining lower parking rates and losing in new businesses.

"There are many interests in the city for the buy the Gateway Garage," Kampf said. "Buying the garage back and selling it to them is helping lower parking rates in a very weak argument. The city also had an unfair advantage over other cities because it wouldn't have to pay $100,000 to back property rates or a heavy surcharge."

The Portland Community Development Committee recommended that the city buy the 624-space garage next to the Savings Bank on High Street by selling $1.87 million to banks. The extra $100,000 would go toward repairs.

Fleet Bank has agreed to the city's offer of $1.1 million, and Fleet will be responsible for the back property taxes, according to assistant city manager Mark Green. "We felt buying the garage would allow us to attract businesses to that part of the city if parking was reasonably priced and safe," Green said.

"We think it's a great opportunity," said a spokesmen for the private garage owners. "The city's decision to buy the garage just doesn't make sense."

Planned Parenthood of Maine, while DHHS spent $320,000. However, DHHS is expected to cut its contribution to the agency due to state budgetary constraints.

**Fleet axes 200 Flash-Norton Financial Group Inc. announced June 7 that it was canceling operations and cutting jobs by eliminating 200 positions. The company's chief executive, Michael Norton, said the company was cutting back to New England. Only a handful of the jobs are among 1,000 of Fleet's 6,000 positions being trimmed at its FleetFinancial operations into its own Fleet Financial operations. Fleet said the 500 jobs would be eliminated from its finance and technology departments, which will be closed by the end of the year. Maine National employees whose jobs are wraped will be considered for other positions within the company. Fleet did not rule out reductions in other departments at Maine National, which provides checking and savings accounts, and analysts have said they expect a total of 1,000 jobs at the Maine subsidiary to be eliminated by year's end.

The takeover of Bank of New England by Fleet in 1989 for $3.5 billion was the largest bank merger in New England history at that time.

**Bank of New England reductions**

The Bank of New England plans to cut its workforce by 200 this year to being trimmed by 200. The bank said it would refuse to follow a "safety net" policy and eliminate 200 jobs at the Maine subsidiary.

**Amaryllis to open**

Amaryllis, a small Portland-based flower company, plans to open a new store at 478 Ocean Street, South Portland.

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The experiment, which involved 350 volunteers, showed that curbside collection is the most effective method of recycling — and the most expensive. A result, RWS says it's abolishing the experiment, effective July 1. That means 51,000 municipalities will be reimbursing the fund to continue recycling programs.

Expiring is the program to the entire region would cost $15 million — money that "simply doesn't exist," says Keith M. Shapiro, deputy director of the municipality-owned company.

Door-to-door collection of recyclable trash costs RWS $514 a ton compared to $12 or $16 for trash picked up at transfer stations.

A curbside program collected more than 75 percent of the solid waste in next neighborhood, while drop-off sites collected just 41 percent. Even when the trash is taken by RWS, the program is prepared to boost recycling through an expanded system of transfer stations at which residents can drop off their recyclables, greatly expanding the program.

AIDS on the rise

The number of AIDS cases diagnosed in Maine has jumped 250 percent in the past three years, according to a state official. The highest incidence rate is in the highest in northern New Wales.

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"I'm smoking for over 10 years," said Mr. Jones, "and I can certainly say that smoking is not good for your health, but I don't feel any worse for it."

"The tobacco gives me energy and a sense of well-being," he said. "I feel that it helps me to relax and unwind after a long day."

Mr. Jones was a regular at the local tobacco shop and claimed to be a firm believer in the benefits of smoking.

"I am fully aware of the health risks associated with smoking," he said, "but I believe that the benefits outweigh the risks."

"I have been smoking for over 30 years," said Mr. Smith, another regular at the shop. "I have tried to quit several times, but I always end up going back to smoking."

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Music isn’t free

Joe Steinblatt, public relations director at ASCAP headquarters in New York, is sympathetic to Lennon’s plight, but isn’t. "It’s one of the things of the principle," he says. "They’re wrong."

"Let’s try our best.

But people in this country are not brought up to respect the copyright laws. Everybody thinks that music is free. It’s not."

Joe Steinblatt
Massage laws are out of hand

Cities throughout southern Maine are outlawing genital massage, but if we think we've come up with a solution by shutting down massage parlors, we're fools indeed. We believe the loopholes of the Massage Therapist Association calls a "touch-deprived" society. It's no wonder people pay so many different types of touch, or that the need for personal contact drives people to massage therapists as well as to massage parlors.

In reviewing this week's cover story, I had the opportunity to meet two Maine women who work hard to make a living. Both know the power of touch and make their living out of people's need to be touched. One woman named Linda worked to excite me. She did. Another interested me. She did. Both did their work — with tenderness, pride and humor.

But whole women did say they could confide.

Linda performed her duties in lingerie and high heels. In the bath tub, she treated me like my mother. In the massage room, she treated me like a lover. While and would not normally go to a stranger for sexual gratification, I can't deny that I responded to it.

Nor can I condemn it. As long as there are men willing to pay for such a service, and women like Linda who choose to earn their living providing it, sexual massage should be legal. It may not fit into many of our definitions of what is proper, nonetheless, it should be legal.

Running genital massage as is misguided as the war on drugs. Like that war, the zeal is misdirected at supplies when the real demand is to remove this ban.

But businesses like Linda's shouldn't call what they do massage. Because what happens there is not about removing tension — it's about releasing something else.

It's a lie that I walked into Linda's for a massage. This lie harmed me and made me want to talk to Maine Pamela Richards is a certified massage therapist. She's also working hard. And she showed me that it's possible to be touched in a non-sexual way for touch.

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Hostile takeover bid to engulf CMP

Having just paid the company president $150,000 to accept his resignation, CMP's chairman of the board, Lord Conger, in an effort to forestall directors of CMP's annual shareholders' meeting in Augusta, has decided to let CMP be a national leader in conservation-oriented, public-spirited utility operation.

"The potential of this year's resolution, an opposition to the CMP's annual shareholders' meeting that gave new CMP President Matthew Harper an excuse to strike gallantly to the podium and answer Collier-gate — in which former president Collier got directors of Central Maine Power to write 1992, and leaps to her feet when Bud asks for the 6,800 for every meeting you attend. In these recessionary times, who could resist the $20,000 CMP stock, shows up at the 1992 meeting, and leaps to her feet when Bud asks for the CMP, and welcome your letters. (AN)

New ideas

Regarding your cascade Round editorial (CBW 3:13), I read when the young, daring, and idealistic student sensor guy did talk on Peaks Island for the Commonwealth two years ago that seems to make one's report on island living. He was called when he got his Peabody-sized island car. And I could he still be talking today. To do so, I suggest that we must not get carried away. We cannot expect every candidate to be a candidate for the free exchange of ideas. I applaud your publication whether you have been selected. Who will be the candidate for the free exchange of ideas will tell us. The ideas that are the most sensible, the most reasonable, and the most popular will be the ideas that are the most likely to be the most successful.

I have spoken to several plumbers, but I have not spoken to all the plumbers. I do not know all the plumbers; only a few have spoken to me. And they have expressed great enthusiasm for the campaign. At all times, I look forward to hearing from you, and I will continue to hear from you.

Casco Bay Weekly welcomes your letters. Please keep your thoughts as brief as you can (300 words max.), include a daytime phone number, and address to: Letters, Casco Bay Weekly, 5135 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101.

Baron responds

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The village of Cellbrooke in the United Kingdom is to get a program, "Photographic Constructivism," at the Portland Museum of Art. Austin will be giving a talk on July 29, at 7:30 p.m., when he will also be giving a talk on the same day. The festival is also a book-signing event, celebrating the publishing of "Harmonies Playing." People are encouraged to attend, as it is at the door of the museum. For more info, call 750-5389.

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  - **June 18**
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      - Brand New Job (PG-13)
  - **June 21**
    - **12:15**
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  - **June 24**
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      - Donnie Darko (PG-13)

**Hoyts Clark's Pond**

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  - **June 24**
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**The Movies**

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  - **June 18**
    - **9:30**
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Out of Town

St. John's College Museum of Art
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The museum houses a collection of fine art and has a focus on American art from the 19th and 20th centuries. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10am-5pm, and admission is free. For more information, please visit www.sjc.edu/campus-life/museums.

Sense

ACT UP 1000 Coalition "We're Unhappy and Uninterpretable"

The performance by the ACT UP 1000 Coalition is a powerful reminder of the need for continued activism in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. The performance is open to the public and is free of charge. For more information, please visit www.actup1000.org.

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The meeting is open to anyone affected by sharing and is a safe space to discuss experiences and share support. The meeting is held monthly at 7pm and is led by a licensed counselor. For more information, please visit www.ctorsupportgroup.org.

Off the Clock

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