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Thrillcat's meow or Thrillcat's nap?
The New York alternative pop trio Thrillcat comes to Portland Aug. 26 with a sackful of its shiny, happy tunes in tow. But have these guys really got anything "alternative" to say? Michael Townsend gets the lowdown. (Turn to page 17)

**THE STATE OF AIDS**

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Sadly, we must continue to report that America is still doing poorly. Our warnings have fallen far short of their intended effect. This report is our final heartfelt public plea that this nation face squarely and forthrightly the implications and the magnitude of the human disaster created by... AIDS.

— The Final Report of the National Commission on AIDS, 1993

CAN MAYBONNE EVER REALLY GO HOME AGAIN? SEE ERNIE POOK ON PAGE 34.
A conversation with MOSA

MOSA, a 23-year-old graffiti artist and poet, grew up in San Francisco's Mission District, where he learned to paint in places like Psycho City and Monkey Island.

MOSA, which stands for "Mad Old School Artists," first came to Maine in 1990 to visit his family, which had moved to a town in the northern part of the state. He's now an occasional visitor to Portland. During a visit earlier this summer, he painted two pieces, one on an old factory wall near India Street, and another on Free Street. Both have been partly obscured by more recent graffiti.

Why do you paint?

"I think graffiti is just a medium, like letting out emotions, cause shit gets thick, it builds up. I like to represent the small people, the street people. Basically that's what I work for - it's like spreading knowledge within the street. That's what I like doing poems. I'm not saying I'm some kind of prophet or something."

How do you go about putting up a piece?

"Some people are, like, off the head, just hit it up. But I like putting down an outline. I make an outline on paper first, do an outline on paper, then do it on the wall, then do it on the wall, then do it on the wall. I can do that, but I like putting down an outline. So what I do is make an outline on paper, then do it on the wall, then do it on the wall, then do it on the wall."

Interview and photo by Colin Malakie
A review of the top news stories affecting Greater Portland August 18 through 24.

"So you've been sprayed by a police officer..." - A Portland Police Department study indicates that its new version of a prop spray is cutting down on injuries to both officers and aggresors. The report also says officers are following department policy by immediately washing off any paint on people they spray and handing them orange cards featuring advice.

An internal affairs study of 10 cases of the spray to date found that the spray was effective in warning off an aggresor about 90 percent of the time. Aggresors were injured much less than they had been before the spray's introduction - as were police, said Sgt. Russ Garivait, the study's author.

Only one case of injury occurred with the spray, he said. The department is tracking each case and has discovered officers have often already been disciplined for inappropriate use of the spray.

According to the study, officers handed out the orange cards and washed out nicely in every instance. The low complaints were made because people were not steeped in or sprayed with the spray.

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Am I ever going to change?
State Sen. Charlie Webster of Sagadahoc has spent at least 18 of the past 20 years in the Maine Legislature. No legal argument has ever shaken Webster from one of his conservative stances. His one-sided approach to governance, as he puts it, is no different from that of his predecessor, former Gov. John McKernan Jr.

Over the years, Webster had a hard time admitting when he was wrong, even though his bosses, like former Gov. John McKernan, had no trouble doing so.

Once in a while, Charlie had to put his ego aside after losing a month to go on vacation even though his boss was in the state for a vacation. When Gov. John McKernan proposed having Maine join the New England compact, Webster was opposed on principle and the governor summoned him to his office, and worked his way over a brief period. Charlie voted for the bill.

As it turned out, Webster was right about New England. It costs, and the state dropped out of the compact after a couple of years. Webster was right, but it forced the state to change its position. This is something Webster always did, whether or not his opinions were correct.

Charlie lost a lot of people by assuming he was right about almost everything. He lost it when he decided he was right, regardless of whether he was right or wrong.

Charlie was not a great leader. He was not a great legislator. He was not a great person. But he was a great thinker. He was a great person. He was a great leader. He was a great legislator. He was a great person.

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The initial results of the Concorde Study in Europe, released early this summer, said the few anti-viral drugs that were available to people infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and AIDS weren't working as effectively as had been hoped. There's still some disagreement over the way the disease is recognized as a new disease in 1981.
by the people who were supposed to be the best AIDS specialists. I also wanted to see an AIDS expert who was a gay man. I wanted to see him just talking, without any pressure, to see what he believed. I wanted to hear personally about a cure.

I found one at Norman University Medical School. I remember, after we got through a thorough examination and a long and complex conversation, it was time to leave. Certainly the doctor felt we were done. I want. "You have to know something," I said. "There must be something that you see that works. You have hundreds of patients. They don't all die the same way, in the same way. What is the difference? What is the difference? What you make is true for people who are different?"

He nodded. "I'm not saying that the question, and the directly with which I demanded an answer, I screamed, "I want something signed by a gay. I want to see it, I want it signed, I want to see it, I want it signed, before I leave, in the presence of the lawyer."

"When people do something, they live, they die, they don't want it in the presence of a lawyer."

But maybe some of this works. Maybe there's not a cure, maybe there's a cure, maybe there's a cure. I just read recently one of my sources, an internationally known charity, that my mother, a New York Times no-name source, had decided that AIDS is going to be a problem for a minute because I have a New England general practice and I'm not sure how many of these things actually work. I just know what's true. If you take control of your life, even when they tell you that your life is longer, just stop doing that, don't count you living any longer!"

That's the opening in medical science that's produced a whole generation of medical researchers, their medical research, and medical researchers, whatever you choose to call it. If you think the medicine must be right, that science is right, if you're not certain, then we decide it's wrong. Science is never right, the doctors.

Welcome to the kind of Louis I have a whole group of people who call themselves the downtown doctors. They have come aboard the kind of concern that nothing that actually is happening in "Christian Science and other forms of fundamentalist. They have built a publishing and video production company to da the same thing. And if what you did not become spiritual, you will not be cured of any amove you have.

The essential message is: If you just get right with God for your illness, your higher power, or whatever you choose to call it, you'll be saved. And if you're right with God, it's going to be right with you. I have this friend who, when she was a member of the philosophy club on my wall, it's from an advertisement for a "selling group" that appeared in a Philadelphia gay newspaper directed at helping people report the issue that the woman she created for them and I called her to this idea."

Take a minute and chew on that one while you're sitting in the chair or while you're walking to it or sitting in the chair or lying in the hospital bed.

I couldn't have done it.

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The basic fault in this fundamentalist approach is that it demands people go to church and express their spirituality while they're ill and dying.

I imagine the first time I was able to sit with a friend who was dying of AIDS. The doctor came into the hospital room and we took turns to express our spirituality, while he was ill and dying.

The problem of the bed pan is one that just won't go away. It's getting bigger every day. We are not going to rid the last of the once caring for people with AIDS, especially the demographic of the disease itself, and it is beginning more and more to affect poor people of color in our cities, people whose legitimate needs for medical care are already straining urban medical centers beyond their ability to cope?

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CABLE CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR WHAT THEIR NON-CABLE NEIGHBORS GET FREE.

The TV networks want America's cable subscribers to pay for programming that has always been free. Programming that everyone else will still get free. Either cable subscribers pay, or the networks are threatening to pull their programming.

Here's what happened. For years certain networks have made so big mistakes—like the $450,000,000 cable subscriptions They sent their lobbyists to Congress to get. The really bad news is that it's happening.

The chairman of CBS speculates the resulting law will add a billion dollars a year to the networks' revenues. The Trump administration is expected to endorse the idea. The threatened network programming may be cut at any time by 10 PM. It's like a network tax on cable customers, only you'll have to pay it 12 times a year.

Together, we can change this. We can tell the networks that you won't pay for programming that's already free. And the networks will change their minds.

TELL THE NETWORKS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PAY FOR FREE TV.

Public Cable

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THERE'S NO QUESTION. AND SMITH DOES SEE SOME PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE LABORATORY. IN ADDITION TO SOME OF THE RESEARCHERS WHO ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH THE NEWER TYPES OF TREATMENTS FOR AIDS SOLD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE BETTER CUSTOMERS. THE MONEY WAS DRAINED IN, BUT SOMEONE TO BE ALIGNED WITH THE MOST PROGRESSING PATIENTS THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE.

The money is also global. Smith talks about going to Berlin and listening to the arguments about each research's potential between the scientists from the West, how each and listening to African scientists who describe their attempts to cope with the epidemic. The politician mentioned that it was too early to conclude how many people are infected and who are most vulnerable.

What are we going to do? Human beings, especially Americans with our own sense of privilege, our Western thinking. We cannot simply say that AIDS is a gay man's disease, that it's a result of social irresponsibility. We need to understand that this is a global problem, a problem that affects us all.

The enormous impact of AIDS has created a situation where those affected feel like the pariahs they were in the social structure. This has led to the creation of a new AIDS and the identification of those affected, who have been so stigmatized in the past. The effects of this are not only felt in the affected individuals but also in their family and friends.

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USA 'NAFTA hawks smoke oil by the gallon'

Jim McNulty

Well, there's more to NAFTA than just another two billion dollars of our tax money into the coffers of the multinational oil industry. In fact, it's a multi-billion dollar deal for olds and the savings and loan industry as well. Over the last several weeks, the Nebraska oil industry has been very vocal in their praise of NAFTA, suggesting that it will bring new jobs and new revenue to the state. A recent study by the Nebraska Oil Industry Association found that NAFTA would create an average of 10,000 new jobs in the state, with an estimated $1 billion in new revenue. However, the state's savings and loan industry has also been quick to support NAFTA, citing the potential for increased profits and new business opportunities.

Marshalling a defense

I agree with John Lettermann (Letters 1/30/93) that the Torch 1550 male nuclear warhead is obsolete. This weapon is designed to be a part of a larger, coordinated strategy, and its primary use is to deter aggressive actions by potential adversaries. However, the weapon's limitations are becoming more apparent as time goes on.

Living life at the Max

The department of corrections has a new weapon and it's filled with young, hot-blooded, wannabe rock stars. It's known as the Max, where the inmates are encouraged to perform in the style of their favorite rock stars. The Max is a new program that has been in place for the past few months, and it has been receiving a lot of attention from the media.

Whose false morality is it, anyway?

It's significant to note that this statement was made in a recent letter to the editor. In the letter, the author expresses their frustration with the current state of affairs, specifically with the issue of morality and the role it plays in society. They argue that the current morality is based on the idea of self-indulgence, and that it is not a true reflection of the values of the American people.

Censorship is obscene

First, I congratulate CBW on printing and promoting an excellent interview with Michael Delk (Torch 1/30/93) male nuclear warhead expert and consultant to the American Defense Group, whose recent article, "The Use of Minutemen III and MX Missiles in South Asia," has been widely praised for its accuracy and thoroughness.

And the time is right for

The time is right for the United States to consider withdrawing from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The agreement has been a disaster for the United States, and it is time for us to act to protect our interests. The United States has lost jobs and industries to Mexico, and NAFTA has contributed to the decline of our economy. It is time for us to take action and end this damaging agreement.
Thrillcat isn’t showing any claws
Band serves up childlike optimism for grown-up tastes

40,000 C.D.’s and Tapes can’t be wrong.
One’s gotta be right for you.

By Michael Townsend

In the very first sentence of Thrillcat’s press release, an astute journalist is quoted likening the New York-based trio to a cross between XTC and Stevie Wonder. Which is fair enough if you only listen to the first 30 seconds of “All Come True,” the single and lead track from Thrillcat’s debut disc, “Youneword.” But what this agreeable threesome has been pursuing in recent years is more akin to the easily digestible, impeccably played adult pop that our perennial favorites Devonsquare have been pursuing in recent years.

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Ban the big hair, give us fast-forward buttons
Six ways to make movie-going more enjoyable

By Corndog Knap

Let's face it. The movie-going experience is an addiction. We know we're going to spend two hours watching "The Lost Amsterdam" and two more hours complaining about it, but we go anyway because we're compelled to see what Arnold is up to. We may have our doubts about "Cocoon," but we go anyway because we feel like we're on "Saturday Night Live" and we want to see whether we can big the screen. We're drawn by the story, the chance to see things bigger and better than we've ever seen them before. The problem is, of course, that time and money spent in movie theaters is precious. Someone has Kramer in his best of us—

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Friday 27 Radio station WMPG holds a party to celebrate . (It's also free all tonight. (It's also free all

for the food . 780-4151. also food for a small fee ($3) .

and the Old-Time Radio Gang

Big Mac attack : Alan McHale, who's from Kennebunk, and the Old-Time Radio Gang

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Feeds like a winner
The jazz quintet Human Feel started out in Seattle, then reassembled after moving to Boston. Since then, they've just picked up steam; Chris Speed and Andrew D'Angelo's cool, brooding style has been compared with that of greasy lions like Ornette Coleman and John Coltrane, while guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel's work remains essential. The Boston Phoenix called Harry Toot's quintet a group of young improvisers who settle well, blow up a strong original piece to form a "coherent unit."
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