Citizens work to resurrect town meetings; officials argue the old government was corrupt

It's not in the halls of the Kremlin or in the Oval Office that the problems of the world are solved. It's at coffee houses like the generically named Standish Restaurant, where, every morning, a bunch of locals turn their backs on the rushing commuter traffic on routes 35 and 113 to discuss the issues of the day over coffee and doughnuts.

The breakup of the Soviet Union, apartheid, global warming — if you want a thorough analysis of an issue, the restaurant is a good place to sit out the rush hour. But more and more in recent months, the locals at the restaurant have set global issues aside to discuss a more pressing question: What is going on in their own hometown?

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Life in the slow lane: Carol Hooper and her puppy Emma check on two horses at her Route 35 farm in Standish. Faster-paced Standish voters rejected Standish's town meeting form of government five years ago.

The Automonster

By Jan Tepperman

Very, kids, but we just can't afford another car. At least, we can't afford the 141 million cars — one-third of the world's total — currently operating in the United States.

We spend almost 20 percent of our income, both as a nation (13 percent of the gross national product, a total of $679 billion a year) and as households (almost 21 percent of personal income, an average of about $13,300 a year) — on transportation. Think of what else we could do with some of that money.

Few of us realize the true costs of our car-based transportation system is overwhelmingly dominated by private vehicles that consume a massive amount of resources and take a tremendous toll on the environment, health and safety.

There will always be a place for cars, but the destructive effects of car transportation could be greatly reduced through an imaginatively designed network of transportation services.

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A review of the top news stories affecting Greater Portland: September 24 through October 1.

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**BRIBE BUREAUA blocks Atwood nomination**

Public Safety Commissioner John Atwood’s nomination for a Superior Court judgeship was tabled in the Legislature's Judiciary Committee last week.

- **Atwood is a former prosecu-**
- **tor, win endorsements from**
- **law enforcement, but in-**
- **cluding the supporting**
- **letters necessary to guaran-
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- **tee the commissioner’s role**
- **in the House of Delegates**
- **Committee on Legisla-
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- **tive Oversight (BIDE),**
- **alleged federal grand jury**
- **investigation of Directors**
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- **the Mills issue**
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- **keeping the recall on the**
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- **mayor to keep a**
- **voting option**
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- **is unconstitutional off the**
- **limits to the mayor.**
- **The Christian Civic**
- **1991 Pledge Campaign**
- **Affiliation**
- **For the Environment. For Peace**
- **Admission is Free.**

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**Haggett bails out of BW**

William E. Haggett resigned Sept. 24 as the publisher of the Portland Sunday Press, ending a 28-year run with the newspaper.

- **Haggett, who had been editor**
- **of the paper for five years,**
- **is the fastest-growing newspaper in the**
- **state.**

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**Towns make waves over water rates**

Portland, South Portland and Westbrook will fight a challenge by town residents to new water rates charged by the Portland Water District's new rate structure, which town residents say makes them pay more for water than city residents.

- **The Public Utilities Commission has been asked by the Portland**
- **water department to conduct**
- **the review.**

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- be built or not
- whether a new $2.8-billion facility should be built to replace the old one.
- Vassen rejected a similar $2.5-billion proposal in 2009. That proposal showed a higher demand for space and a lower cost per square foot.

**Television stations consider merging**

Public broadcasting organizations Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) and WCRN in Lewiston may merge.

- "Right now we are at the very early stages of discussion between the two boards," said Edward Winsor, general manager and CEO of the Maine Broadcasting System. The purpose of the objectives in considering more collaborative efforts is to provide greater value to viewers of Maine.

- Winsor said no time table has been set for a possible merger.
- "The merging of MPBN and WCRN is a long way from certainty," said Winsor.
- "There are still lots of problems to discuss and resolve.
- The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System has approved the merger of the two stations and that study is likely to take some time.
- MPBN, which was created by the Maine State Legislature in 1961 and is licensed to the University of Maine system, provides educational and alternative programming throughout the state with its five radio and four television stations.
- WCRN, which was created by Colby, Bates and Bowdoin Colleges in the early 1960s, serves southern and central Maine with its on-air television station in Lewiston.

**Lobbyists face stricter disclosure**

Maine's secretary of state has been asked to plug what he says are gaping holes in financial disclosure requirements for lobbyists.

- Among the weaknesses in the current law is that lobbyists are exempt from reporting how much they're paid to work on specific pieces of legislation, said Secretary G. spaghetti.
STANDISH SHAKE-UP

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Fired up over getting fired

Incorporated in 1985, Standish was convened for its first 200 years in a town meeting and an elected board of three selectmen. The separation provided the town’s way-down-adminis-
tration tasks, while the annual town meeting — at which all voters could speak and participate — doubled the more impor-
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The uniqueness to alcohol and drug problems outside of the addictions community is the stress survivors have in sharing the loss of loved ones with their addictions.


counseling, parenting, and coping. This is not to say that the losses suffered by family and friends are not grievous and that they lack meaning.

WIDENING HIGHWAYS, NARROWING CHOICES

This is the annual Drum Roll Sunday! A few words about the annual event before providing the personal costs associated with depending on automobiles.

"Painful" often refers to feelings of grief and sorrow. In the addictions community, such losses are often referred to as pain.

Motor vehicles consume about 50 percent of all energy use. Keeping the roads clear of congestion makes each trip faster and more enjoyable, such that one might be tempted to degrade such congestion management.

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Only electric cars can have no direct destructive effect on air quality. When cars are powered by electric energy from power plants, the pollution depends on how the power stations works. When cars are powered by gasoline, other directly or indirectly with harmful emissions by a solar panel, the only pollution directly caused by the car would result from the manufacturing and disposal of batteries.

With these two problems, however, many of the unobtrusively large financial, personal and environmental costs of the overall public transportation system — increased consumption of land, manufacturing materials and money; noise; and health from accidents etc. — would remain.

The community alternative
An alternative route to these answers exists however. Public transportation would eliminate or greatly reduce virtually all of the destructive effects of our automobile society.

Public transit consumes one-third to one-fifth less per passenger mile for public transit than for personal automobiles in air pollution, petroleum consumption, oil spill, military expenditures and other problems caused by supplying cars with much fuel.

"Every passenger mile on transit reduces auto use by 10 miles, because transit accommodates higher urban densities and more commercial activities, which allow the convenience of automobile ownership without the responsibility.

"The Sierra Club's John Stringfellow testified at a congressional hearing last March, "Public transit also requires much less land: Rapid transit carries 24 times the number..."
EDITORIAL: CASCO BAY WEEKLY'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

#2: Link transportation and land-use planning

It’s time to put Maine’s future back into the hands of Mainers, and the way to do it is to institute state-wide transportation planning to keep local land-use plans in check. For 50 years, Maine state lawmakers have proven more interested in putting their own interests first — and their own way of doing things — than in helping their constituents get moving. Maine lawmakers have either been too stupid or too selfish to realize where their constituents’ tax money is going to develop new infrastructure, and real estate agents and chambers of commerce know all along — that transportation and land-use plans are inescapably linked.

For the example of the Maine Turnpike, any land-use plan, the turnpike has always favored special interests over the needs of Mainers.

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AROUND TOWN

Atlantic Art Center, 1101 Congress St., Portland, ME 04103; Tel: 207-774-3628, Wed-Sun 10-5. The center is hosting an exhibition of paintings by local artists, including "The Art of the Coffee Table," a series of still lifes featuring coffee cups and saucers. The exhibition runs through Dec. 15.

Other

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