Laying down the law

By Andy Newman

Question 2 on the Nov. 6 ballot asks Portlanders if they favor changes to local laws governing citizen initiatives, the process by which citizens propose and vote on their own laws. But citizens who have taken the initiative to use those laws—the people who brought waterfront development, tax cap and anti-obscenity citizen initiatives to Portland—are opposed to Question 2. They say it makes getting initiatives on the ballot too difficult.

While Question 2 is about citizen initiatives, the question itself is not a citizen initiative. It was drafted and redrafted by the Portland City Council, which must get citizen approval for changes to citizen-initiative laws. Last April, citizen activists from across Portland's political spectrum turned out in full force to lambast the council for the first draft of the new rules. "My government was trying to stack the deck against me," said Walter Gallant, President of Portland's Concerned Taxpayers Association. Together with representatives of neighborhood and special interest groups, the council amended the ordinance. But the citizen activists still think the odds are stacked against them, so they're doing what they can—doing what they can to stack the deck against Question 2.

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Citizen-soldiers give their all for The Candidate

This year, about half of the "voting public" will spend election night in front of the television, having left the voting to somebody else. Thereafter, many of those nonvoters will spend a significant portion of their waking hours harping on the evils of the political system. This approximates the political contribution of the average American—"consumer," that is, as opposed to "citizen." Citizens do things; consumers watch. But at the heart of the American political process, campaign contributions are often much more than a casual donation to the thief of choice. Whereas candidates often promise themselves to be the savior of democracy, campaign workers tend to be the savior of democracy. Businessmen and attorneys who are fat and well-connected try to have access to the corridors of power. They call one another "honey," "dear" and "love, love." Certainly this is true of the people working in the Marble Column—those who work for the candidates. They are indeed worthy, high-minded, hard-working citizens. They also happen to be nuts.
Expose yourself to democracy.


Shoving match and mudslinging mark political countdown

On the eve of Oct. 22, supporters of Governor John McKernan and Congressman Joseph Brennan engaged in a no-holds-barred shoving match on the steps of the State House. The candidates tried to stretch for a live debate. Police were called to break up the confrontation.

Debate ended after a week of intense maneuvering by Maine's candidates for governor and Congress, when candidates grew more vocal and heated instead of trying to explain why they were running for office.

In the race between McKernan and Brennan, McKernan charged Brennan with running an ad making fun of his handling of the state budget that duplicated ad footage from the 1983 Louisiana run for governor.

Brennan's supporters counterattacked, charging McKernan was the real political neophyte in the race. McKernan, brother of the late Senator George W. McKernan, has a position with an Augusta company that supplied replacement windsers during the strike at International Paper. McKernan said he would return the check.

McKernan then criticized Brennan for missing votes on the House floor while he was campaigning in Maine. Brennan pointed out that McKernan had obtained his last month for financing while he was unable to vote in Congress.

The governor also caught Brennan with his pants down during a debate when Brennan told a reporter he knew "if there's anything major we can do" about getting girls to do better in math and science. The governor organized a press conference with 16 women, caption number and was anguished about a "womankind kick" that Brennan offered with a press conference. "It's a fair question for women to ask if we are working and they are asked."

In the race for Congress, Republican David Finney charged that Democrat Tom Andrews was taking too much credit for a tax cut and was weak on taxes. Andrews called on Finney to denounce a mailer by the National Rifle Association that Andrews of defeating the right to private gun ownership because he supports a seven-day waiting period for the purchase of handguns.

In the race for U.S. Senate, Republican Lee, William Cohen, charged Democratic challenger Nick Biello with dissenting a cliff premium of the committee, and would not even release Senate numbers. Biello said the committee premium for the bill, but Cohen said he had read the coverage into the Congressional Record.

Maine National to close 13 branches, lay off workers

Maine National Bank, subsidiary of the financially struggling Bank of New England Corp., announced Oct. 16 that it will close 13 branch offices and eliminate non-full time jobs in its workforce.

According to Maine National's senior vice president, Aye Draghia, the plan to shutter 13 branch offices will be done in consultation and seven will be closed for good. Additional number of 10 layoffs, 70 full time employees and another 40 positions out of selling of the two branches or branch offices. The branch offices and jobs affected by the plan are both well distributed across the state, Draghia said.

Draghia added that the decision had come from Maine National itself, not from any pressure from the banking board of New England. The staff at the 13 branches will be notified in writing on Oct. 26. Chandler's Wharf

The Corral will be open every day at 105 Congress Street.

Who's running? Where should you vote? What's on the ballot? VOTER'S GUIDE

These and other questions about the democratic process will be answered in Casco Bay Weekly's Voter's Guide, to be published November 1, 1990. Every vote counts, make yours heard.
Zootz liquor license renewed

The Portland City Council voted Oct. 15 to renew the liquor license of Zootz Dance Club on Congress Street. The Portland Police Department cited a number of complaints from residents of a nearby housing facility during the previous 12 months and raised the possibility of revoking the license at its meeting last September. The council voted 7-1 to renew the license because police said they had been able to address the issues.

Clark said in negotiations with residents of the housing facility, the club agreed to hire security guards, install soundproofing and adjust its hours. As a result, the council voted to renew the license.

MTA studies four new Portland Turnpike exits

Four possible interchange sites between Exit 10A and Exit 10 in the Portland area were the subject of a study completed by the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) earlier this year. The proposed interchange sites are part of a long-range turnpike expansion program that the MTA had in mind for the future.

The study will examine the impacts of the following four proposals in the area:

1. A new interchange near the proposed Curtis Road/Plantation Road junction.
2. A new interchange near the proposed Curtis Road/Harrow Road junction.
3. A new interchange near the proposed Curtis Road/Market Street junction.
4. A new interchange near the proposed Curtis Road/Maine Boulevard junction.

The MTA said it will consider these proposals as part of its long-range planning process, which is expected to begin in 1993.
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Initiative questions that appear on the city's local ballots are "invasions" by the voting public. The initiative process gives citizens the chance to be lawmakers; a group of citizens picks a letter of the law or a local ordinance to the ballot for the entire city's citizens to sign on a petition, and then propose or reject it at the polls. Citizen initiatives function as a check on politicians, ensuring that special interest groups or the city's elected officials do not influence the will of the people.

The referendum hazard: "guessed the county"
The will of Portlanders was tested in 1987, when a controversy erupted over whether the proposed city ordinance that would have allowed major downtown-and-office building projects in Portland proceeded to the ballot. If the ordinance had remained, some Portland citizens began to wonder whether upscale developers who built their Portland waterfront amenities for the downtowners' use would have been suspected of trying to maneuver the Portland city council to be more sensitive to their wishes. In the fall of 1986, a group that included Karen Sanford, City Councilor at Large Linda Mason, and former City Attorney Donald Lourie, formed a group to oppose the waterfront referendum. In 1987, the group decided to take the issue to the voters through the initiative process, asking citizens to approve or reject a law that restricted the city's waterfront to marine-related uses. The "work-for waterfront referendum," was bitterly opposed by the Portland City Council, which voted against the initiative with a margin of 6-1. Portland City Attorney Donald Lourie, who advised the council, said the initiative question was representative.

But when Portland voters went to the polls in May of 1987, they favored the ordinance by a margin of 2:1. Developers and city councilors bemoaned that they watched their waterfront dream disappear with a singlehellip;...
Cohen staffer Phil Calvert is dwarfed by The Candidate.

• Glesco Boy "-tidy

Tom Glerenger stuffs envelopes and thinks globally. 

Glesco Boy

Campan Grunts

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The tenure of democracy in the principal of radical relations, which formally defined is the theory that everyone is equally full of crap, varies from person to person's point of view and therefore deserves to be heard.

Michael Jackson fans tolerate Madonna fans because they recognize the equal rights of persons born with critical faculties.

Madness fans tolerate Michael Jackson fans because they realize the possibility that such persons may in fact be developmentally disabled, lacking only a glimpse of their skill before they were expected to appreciate opera and roll-heavy adoration.

But there is little objective difference between the two camps. The same lack of critical faculties that makes a good Madonna fan recommends itself in a Michael Jackson fan. Generally speaking, they are equal musical dopes.

Similarly, the music of Barrack Obama

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EVANS' campaign: put your money where your mouth is

In your issue, the Nov. 4 campaign ads appeared each time the city councilman's name was mentioned. The ads were designed to put a positive spin on what has been a fairly controversial councilman's career. The city has been under scrutiny for a number of reasons during Evans' tenure, including a legal battle over the city's own financial problems. The ads were funded by a local group that has been supporting Evans' campaign. The group's motives are not clear, but it seems to be trying to give Evans' career a positive spin.

So far, the ads have been met with mixed reactions. Some have praised the ads for their positive tone, while others have criticized them for being propaganda. The city council has not responded to any of the ads, and it remains to be seen what the outcome of the election will be. Whatever happens, it's clear that the campaign is taking a serious approach to its message.

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City Hall is in for a showdown from what we can tell, they want the voters to know they need a change.

The campaign is currently preparing for a final showdown in the polls, as the city councilman faces a tough challenge from his opponent. The campaign is expected to be a close race, with both sides spending heavily on advertising and canvassing. The outcome of the election will be crucial for the future of the city, as the councilman's successor will likely face a number of important issues, including the city's financial problems and its ongoing legal battles.

The campaign is determined to win, and is investing heavily in its efforts. The city councilman's supporters are said to be organizing a massive get-out-the-vote campaign, while his opponent is running a well-funded television and radio ad campaign. The outcome of the election will be decided on November 6th, and the city will be watching closely to see who comes out on top.
**Weekly Submissions for Entertainment**

In this edition, we have a variety of educational and recreational events planned. Let us help you navigate the complex world. Choose wisely.

**Art Song**: Hear a performance by at least one of the Children's Ministry Cop Choir today at 3 p.m. at the Portland Performing Arts Center. Performances will be held throughout the week in the Catherine Street Theater. If interested, call 793-2075 or 733-9548.

**Jazz Ensembles**: A group of young instrumentalists will perform at 7 p.m. today at the Portland Museum of Art. The show will also include a special presentation on safety tips, including fire safety, and will be followed by a panel discussion. Tickets for adults are $10, and children under 12 will be admitted free if a parent or guardian should wear their costumes. For more information, call 874-3658.

**Kolhase Quintette**: A major chapter of the American Federation of Musicians will perform tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Catherine Street Theater. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children. For more information, call 725-3524.

**Theater**: The soon-to-be-opened theater will present a full review of America's finest plays. For more information, call 725-3524.

**Music**: A special evening of music will be held on tenor sax. There is a $5 dollar cover for this show. For more information, call 793-2075 or 733-9548.

**Dinner & Show**: One of many entrees under $10 will be served at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 793-2075 or 733-9548.

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**Cheap Date**: A little "loot" Cheap dates rarely see high-quality graphics. Instead, the format of this book is meant to entertain. Certain pages may be shared by more than one person. If you are not interested in sex, put this book aside. If you are interested in sex, put this book on your bedside table and open to the public. For more information, call 725-3030.

**Legal Insight**: Financial insight #1: "Man is your man, your man is man's man. The Portland Symphony Orchestra will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the Catherine Street Theater. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children. For more information, call 725-3524.

**Historical Morsels**: What did people do back then when they weren't supposed to be doing it? They were dancing, of course. Portland's West End. E:

**Solve a Hilarious Murder Mystery**

**Cafe No**: Looking for the best great on wine? Portland's West End. E:

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**Portsmouth**
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**Pump Up the Volume**
Sun, 10:30, 1:30, 5:30.

**Night of the Living Dead**
 Fri, 7:30, 10:30.

**Fortune Taxi**
Fri, 7:30, 10:00.

**Moi Moi**
Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00.

**The Tyger Bay**
Sat, 1:30.

**Summertime**
Fri, 7:30, 10:30.

**Wiggler's Crossing**
Sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00.

**The Royal**
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**The College at Danforth**
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Citizens in the land of the cynical

Governors in Cohen campaigns headquarters, away from the telephones and computers, two volunteers staffing newsgroups. One, a pretty young named Jamie Clark, works 10 to 15 hours a week on the Cohen cause in various capacities. "I used to be a Democrat," he says. "Now I'm doing everything I can for the Republican effort. It's one way to see that what we care about in this society comes to light.

"Working on a campaign like this is the closest thing to running for office yourself. This is the best way to see your ideas converted."

Taking root in a battle on the table is Tom Grimmer, a young man, who has come to buy, to do something about the road of the town. It's long has he been working on this campaign: "About 45 years," he says. "I've been sectoring people to the polls, going to hospitals so that people can sign sick ballots, brain trust, it sounds like Tom Gieringer has been inevitable in the sense that one candidate will get the nod and of the free, and ever so shall it be . Elections come and elections somehow overlooked those greatest of great American cam­paigns.

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Meanwhile, the race roars on to its inevitable

One, Democrat, "I'm going to win."

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Out Side

Green Bay Bay View Club (Christmas Tree Ornament Sale)  
Join us at the Green Bay Bay View Club for our annual Christmas Ornament Sale. There will be a variety of ornaments available for purchase, ranging from traditional to unique designs. The sale will feature ornaments from local artists as well as national favorites. In addition to the ornaments, the Club will also be offering hot cocoa and cookies for sale. Join us on Saturday, December 9th from 10am to 3pm. For more information, please call 925-7600.

The Red Light Revue
Join Us at Raoul's
Wed, Oct 31 for our special Halloween Costume Party with special treats and surprises. Wear a costume and get in FREE! The party will be held at Raoul's on October 31st, starting at 9pm. Enjoy music, drinks, and a festive atmosphere with friends. Don't miss out on this spooky celebration.

The Umbrellas of Cherbourg
The Umbrellas of Cherbourg is a 1964 French musical film directed by Louis Malle. The film tells the story of two young lovers who meet when they are both about 16 years old, and their relationship is complicated by the social mores of their time. The umbrellas carry a special meaning throughout the film, symbolizing the characters' love and the challenges they face. The film was an international success and helped establish Malle as a major filmmaker.

Sports Quotes of the Week

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