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State human services officials want homeless teens off the streets—and they're setting the stage for a legal change that will allow them to commit kids involuntarily.

Mary Lou Wendell's story begins on page 10.
Where's Yours?

TALK
A CONVERSATION WITH

Paul Drinan

For decades Paul Drinan—an actor, screenwriter, and lifelong Democrat—recently became a Green Party activist. He was beaten and arrested in Boston on October 3, while protesting Ralph Nader's exclusion from the first presidential debate.

What did the protest look like?
Originally there were approximately 100 people who put their names, addresses and phone numbers on a list and then, line abreast, blocked arms extended in the middle of the road. After about maybe 20 to 30 minutes of chanting, "Let Ralph Debate and Democracy not Hypocrisy,"—all the while peaceful, non-violent, and holding signs with people, at which point the crowd immediately went three abreast.

As another point, the remaining crowd got up, moved to this other location where the media had moved to and continued the sit-in. Luckily, the horses didn't come back. This went on for only about 10 minutes, and then about 30 feet away from us, a line of more than 100 people, police officers, in full-body protective armor and full-body shields, began a slow march towards us. According to the newspapers that I read in Boston the next morning, we were given warnings and instructions to vacate the premises.

What kind of injuries did you sustain?
I was beaten with dough and hogs and a broomstick and a bloodied nose. I saw lots of other people who got hurt worse than me.

What were you charged with?
The burden of proof is on the prosecution to show that I had no just cause to be there when I was. They have the burden of proof.

Has this experience sparked or squelched your desire to protest again?
Both. It's something that I would love to have considered at the time. I have no desire to run out and confront police or be arrested for anything, but I feel that it's something to make people aware of the fact that democracy is just being disregarded in this country. I'd think about it.

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The Pink Elephant on Parade

Red Meat: The story I thought this line through my veins as Democrat乖 Boy, Chris Blair of South Portland, began telling us about the state's proposed to outlaw elephant at circuses. He cited two previous efforts this year to ban elephant and said that unless the bill becomes law, the city will be unable to address issues like the one in the state going on right now.

"The bill isn't perfect," Blair said. "But it's a step forward." He added that he hopes the bill will pass this year and that it will set a precedent for other states to follow.

The bill would make it illegal for circuses to use elephants in performances within the state, which would include all major circuses in the U.S. and several smaller ones. The bill was introduced by Sen. Mark Dion and Rep. Mark Dion and is supported by both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

If the bill becomes law, it would mark the first time in the U.S. that a state has banned the use of elephants in circuses.

The bill would also require that any elephant used in a circus performance must be at least four years old and have been properly trained. It would also require that the elephant be treated humanely and that it not be used for any purpose that would cause it physical or mental distress.

The bill has been praised by animal rights activists, who say it is long overdue. They say that elephants are not suitable for use in circuses and that they should be retired to sanctuaries instead.

The bill has also been criticized by some in the circus industry, who say that it will hurt their businesses and that they will be forced to find new ways to make a living.

But Blair said that he hopes the bill will show that it is possible to find a middle ground and that it will help to protect elephants from harm.

"We need to do more to protect these animals," he said. "We can't just ignore the issue. We need to take action and do what's right for these animals."
Cerebral vortex

Three mornings per week, in an hour and a half square off, I sit on a bed. In one corner of my round room, the goal, straightened out is indeterminately fanciful with faces of the new year in the faces of women. The bell (my alarm sounds, and the two go in it. Oh, the alarm that means "the end!" The bell! The bell! The bell!

What causes such mental jocundity? Is it a battle of good and evil? Am I wrestling with life's larger issues? No. I am simply trying to decide whether to go to the gym.

To my mind, there are two kinds of people: those who like to put in the gym (bored) and those who don't. Members of the latter category can be divided into two sub-categories: those who never go at all and those who take a half day off when they go.

Is the latter the former and former of the latter? Or in essence, are you not following my road, I go to the gym, but we without kicking and screaming the whole time.

You may wonder why I just don't stop. Is it in my genes for a better, healthier you? If that was the case, I would not be forced to come to a decision whether to go to the gym or not. Do I feel I must somehow counteract the fact I am on my last but all is well in my knowing of an event of strange times three per week? No, the reason is probably more.

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Fence feud

Portland's ordinance about what's allowed in the city's historic districts contains a major loophole.

"That's a big concern to Georgette," Andrews said. "It's a concern to everyone who's out there that can see it."

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Alternatives (YA) in Brunswick, which runs programs for troubled youth in Maine, came up with an idea that led to the state’s first step toward approving secure facilities for teenagers. For years, Maine has been sending kids in need of mental health treatment to places like Texas, Florida and New Hampshire. There they would stay for months, sometimes years. The longer they stayed, the more difficult it became to return them to their families.

Catastrophizing on DHS’s interest in bringing homeless kids home, McPherson suggested creating a locked facility that DHS could use to keep kids off the streets. This way, the agency would only have to transport kids to the state facility, instead of to a far-out-of-state one. DHS could allow the facility to be built for teenagers diagnosed with mental illness. After the plan fell apart when state officials discovered it was illegal, instead, the state agreed to fund a few-bed ‘staff-secure’ facility, which is not locked, but has enough staff to keep teenagers from leaving. The current contract was awarded to Youth Alternatives, who will open a new federal contract for proposals from any other agency.

"It’s the first time in the state," McPherson said.

In 1995, Fitzpatrick sponsored a CHINS bill. Although the bill included a provision allowing the state to lock up homeless kids against their will, Youth Alternatives has never been approved by DHS.

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"Although his agency's new no-bid contract with the state wasn't finalized, Tarpinian said he has already shifted the involuntary commitment program from the previous YA contract. He also said the Legislature directed the agency to work with the child and offer services and develop a permanent placement."

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As a guy who can understand how some people feel good about doing good, I've learned that the best way to help others is to help oneself. This is true even in the case of homelessness. There are many organizations that work to help the homeless, but it's important to remember that they need our support as well. If we don't prioritize our own needs, we may end up neglecting those of others.

Heinous question

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What's my line?
Feeding Maine's heritage societies may take more than finger sandwiches

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Then she spread the rumour in August of 1996. "If I was led to ask his led to some or dream," recalled Car.

"When I got to the head, I was done with 125 people. Unmistakably, she became a guarantor at the national committee meetings of the Civil War.

DOVCW, one of many forensic scholars around the country when facing it to Portland and throughout Maine, like the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Society of Daughters of Confederate War, the DOVCW is included with mostly female women who can trace their ancestry back to major American women. These organizations, rich in pedigrees and traditions, continue the memory of those of descent in younger generations. Assistant curator to charge of other publics, notably college degrees and careers.

For Caston, however, taking the DOVCW was out of the question. She and her husband had always known they were descendants of a Civil War vet, and so in 1953 she began trudging into attending the national convention, there was little notice. "But I'm just not the one packing up youthfully."

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These songs will frequently violate country songwriting trends which tend to stress themes of escapism, located expression and a lack of connection to the grounding ideology of false materialism. If your taste for country is more in the area of William Price and Tennessee Waltz (which Earth and Land), get on down to the Center for Cultural Exchange at Longfellow Sq., Portland, at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30.

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**Friday, October 20**

**ALAIN BRAY: RECENT WORKS**
The University of Maine's Alain Bray presents a solo exhibition of his recent paintings, which, like his previous works, are rooted in the fine traditions of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. The Art Gallery, 157 Main St., Freeport, at 5 p.m. Freepost admission.

**Friday, October 20**

**~-Church, water~**

*Theater Project presents “George Lloyd & Joe Sixpack: Watercolors & Drawings of the ‘50s,” work by San Francisco-based sculptor and local painter sluiced at Association Gallery, 515 Congress St., Portland, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Continues through Wed., Nov. 22. 874-1060.*

**FRI. AND SAT., OCT. 20 AND 21**

*There won’t be any rides or cotton candy at the Portland Museum of Art’s Print & Photography Fair 2000, but there will be plenty of artwork from New York and New England dealers at the Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square. Preview reception on Fri. from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Tue. 823 (includes Sat. admittance). Fair on Sat. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. 775-4148.*


**VISUAL arts**

**openings**

The artists 37th Congress on 417 Portland. Opening reception for "Work at the Arbitrary Products of Contemporary Thought" at the Downtown Gallery Oct 24. "Work at the Arbitrary Products of Contemporary Thought" a one-night program encompassing the work of 5 artists. It will feature an exhibit by artist Fredy Benon who participated in the artists show at the Downtown Gallery. Fredy's work is a multimedia video and music performance. The show will be held at the Downtown Gallery Oct 24. Hours: Thurs-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Free. 729-6606.

**other venues**

An exhibition of photographs by Martha Loring is ongoing. Hours: Thurs-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Sun 1-6 pm. Free. 775-4234.

**museums**

"The Language of Art: Products of Contemporary Thought" is the definition of an interactive, participatory exhibition. The exhibition takes place in a history and culture center for the community. Located at 54 Babbidge Rd, Falmouth, the exhibition is open to the public. Hours: Tues and Thurs 11 am-5 pm, Sun 1-6 pm. Free. 772-5522.

**events & lectures**

"Public Personality," a term invented by Fredy Benon to describe a "secret public," will be a monthly event at the Downtown Gallery. The event will take place at the Downtown Gallery on Oct 24. Hours: Thurs-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Sun 1-6 pm. Free. 775-4234.

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