Charles Dickens published A Christmas Carol in 1843. This was about the time the British (along with the rest of Europe) began slicing up the world in earnest, drawing lines on the world map where there were none and distributing parcels of European culture like Christmas presents: many Christianity and Christian traditions, missions and missionaries. One of those presents was Christmas itself, of course: the holiday set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Dickens’ paradigm of greed gone wrong. The more cynical have come to recognize Scrooge as the Spirit of Christmas as the ruling merchants’ holiday that Christmas has become. These true-to-life Scrooges do not greet Christmas with jack up their prices and cheerfully announce a sale—usually the first to put up decorations, right after Halloween.

As the diverse cultures of the developing world acquire the passion for consumption that rules the West, the general anxiety that surrounds the Christmas liturgy, you may hear some of that anxiety quietly and desperately expressed: “I have no money, and I am scared.” But you may also hear words long missing from the popular Christmas songs: Words like “love.”

Ernie Rogers needed psychiatric care. Instead, he got thrown in jail. On the morning of Dec. 3, Ernie Rogers was feeling upbeat. He set about his usual routine,-Qing a long list of people—though he can’t remember exactly who. One of those people, afraid that Ernie was on the verge of suicide, called the police. At the moment the two officers arrived, Ernie had just sat down with a piece of paper and some watercolor paints. When the police stumbled in his one-room apartment on Sherman Street with a long list of things to do. But later that day, when he picked up his mail, Ernie learned that his phone was to be disconnected for nonpayment of an outstanding bill. The news depressed him. He started drinking. By that evening, Ernie had finished off a liter and a half of wine. Ernie was taken to the emergency room at Maine Medical Center, where he tried to convince the staff that he was well enough to go home. Instead, they were convinced that he was intoxicated. And because he had been convicted of drunk driving in the spring, Ernie’s condition was a violation of his probation. So he was taken to the Cumberland County Jail, where he was held for 36 hours.

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**Parkside, PROPL crash over proposal**

Plan for apartments irks neighbors

Portland’s Parkside Neighborhood Association is opposing a plan to build 36 two-bedroom apartments in the former House of Lights building at the corner of Mellen Street and Cumberland Avenue.

“We don’t need any more housing in Parkside,” said Kent Lord, president of the two-year-old neighborhood group. Calling Parkside “the densest neighborhood in Maine,” Lord said his group is working to discourage density and encourage home ownership in the neighborhood, and that both goals are in conflict with the proposal.

“We don’t think it will have a real high density impact on the neighborhood,” said Grant Lee, director of People’s Regional Opportunity Planning. Lee was one of few PROPL administrative officers from St. John County to attend the hearing.

Lee said the organization had asked to have final design plans in the first floor of the building. On the second and third floors, Lee envisioned two-story, three-bedroom apartments that would over 600 per month.

Lord said that PROPL “would make very good neighbors and their services are needed and used by this neighborhood.” But she added that Parkside would fight the plan as long as it included apartments.

PROPL received a $350,000 federal grant for the project and has applied for more than $2 million in loans from the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA). Whether or not loans are approved, MSHA is expected to fund 20 of the 36 units, regardless of whether or not the loans are approved.

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**WEIRD NEWS:**

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- A woman who was walking her dog in the woods near a military base in Maine stumbled upon a rocket that landed on her property. The woman is a former military police officer who served in Vietnam and was the station supervisor at the Navy's National Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility. She said she found the rocket in the woods behind her house.

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Once a woman who came to the U.S. from the People's Republic of China three years ago, was not included to decide on the baby with her, but she has been a Christmas child for a number of years, she said, "Some people have edges on them, they are not Nazis - left to put a smile on a girl's face, in her absence, that she is doing Christmas, her family is celebrating Christmas. We will make sure that she is alive, alive. We will give her gifts, gifts. We want to see her before she is in her house, we are here. Her family is here, she has to follow American culture."

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Other gifts

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Dining at Raoul's is a delight.

When planning a dining experience at Raoul's, one doesn't know what to expect. Mollie's spaciousness has a snug atmosphere, as warm and friendly as the food in the hole.

"Taste & Smell"

by M. Hungry

A friend and I decided to check it out on a Thursday evening; I called ahead and found out that Michael's (the chef) would be at the restaurant. We decided to try it, so off we went late afternoon. We arrived at 6:15 p.m. to a very friendly and cozy atmosphere. The walls are covered with a myriad of photos and paintings, and the table linens are quite pleasant. We ordered an executive salad with meat, cheese, salad dressing, and black beans. The salad was quite tasty, and the selection was quite good.

We then proceeded to our main course selection. We were both impressed with the presentation of our meals. The prix fixe menu includes many different options, including pasta, steak, chicken, and fish. We both chose the fish specials, which were beautifully presented and delicious. The service was excellent, and the staff was very attentive. We would definitely recommend Raoul's to anyone looking for a great dining experience.
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In the 1980s, Rogers was an executive with Citibank. With degrees in physics and engineering from Williams and MIT, Rogers earned more than With degrees in physics and engineering from Williams and MIT, Rogers earned more than $100,000 a year, wore custom-made suits, ate in four-star restaurants and traveled frequently. Living in first-class hotels for weeks at a time. With his wife and daughter, he lived in New York and London below 19,000 feet in the Middle East.

But shortly after his arrival, Rogers experienced a sudden and severe crisis. "I couldn't get off the flight, couldn't make any sense," he says. Days later he was placed on a medical flight from New York, where he was diagnosed in a manic-depressive.

Nine million Americans suffer some form of depression (NIMH). Of them, one million fall under the heading "manic depressives." While not fully understood, depression is believed to have a genetic component. It often either later in life and can be triggered by environmental or external stress. Rogers' condition may have been precipitated by a heavy workload and adjustment to a foreign environment.

The symptoms of manic-depression can vary from mild to severe. Rogers' manic periods range from classical music to foreign affairs. During depressive periods, Rogers neglects the heavy load of meetings he made during his manic phase. In May, a psychiatrist recommended Rogers for medication and outpatient treatment leads. Rogers' condition renders him incapable of navigating the bureaucratic maze that would lead to treatment for his condition. At times like these, alcohol is Ernie Rogers' "umbrella" medication.

Wearing a scarfet "A"

On Monday nights, Rogers must choose between attending an alcohol abuse-care program at the Intern Center of Hunter College or a manic depressive-support group sponsored by Mount Sinai Medical Center. Both occur at the same time. For Rogers, these are the most difficult parts of his illness.

This seemingly minor scheduling conflict illustrates a much larger problem faced by Rogers and a growing number of others. For those suffering from both mental illness and substance abuse, there are few places to go and be treated for both. Being alcoholic and searching for mental health treatment is like wearing a scarfet "A": you can't find the best of both. Rogers, the famous ex-executive, once said that he was "dually diagnosed". He was suffering from both alcoholism and manic depression. In his words, he was a "manic depressive." Rogers' condition was so severe that he had to give up his job at Citibank. He was eventually diagnosed with manic depression and was admitted to a mental hospital.

After one of his visits to the emergency room, Rogers spent 10 days at an alcohol rehabilitation center in Portland. There he received medication and counseling for his addiction. The center was not equipped to treat his mental illness, and alcohol alone was not sufficient for his depression. "I was manic, perfectly well balanced, and still depressed," says Rogers. For similar reasons, he was eventually allowed to return to work from the halfway house in Portland.

"The most difficult part of my illness is the duality of my condition," says Rogers. "I feel like I'm going to wither on the vine and die."
Rogers is particularly fond of Heller's Catch-22.

But he himself is trapped by a system even more bizarre than Heller's.

I'm beginning to wonder which set of people are insane.
MONDAY NIGHT

Realizing that he was again in violation of his probation, Ernie asked to be taken to a local detox center. Seated in his friend's car, Ernie passed out (top). When he stopped by his apartment to pick up a few things, Ernie discovered a note from one of his neighbors (above). Though he was barely able to read it, he was touched that someone cared.

With his things ready to go, Ernie took one last minute to call his 20-year-old daughter (below). "I just watched Miracle on 34th Street," he told her. "It's about the true spirit of Christmas, which is about loving others. I'm going on because I love you and I don't want to leave you." At 7 o'clock, Ernie reentered the detox center he had left 30 days before (right).

"If jail is the only option, I'd rather die."

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- **Saturday, December 21**
  - **7 p.m.** Stop! Drop! and Roll! Refreshers: The Night Before Christmas at Maine State Music Theatre, Point Pleasant, 3551 Forest Ave., Portland. Tickets: $37.50, $25, $10, $7.50. For more information, call 780-4170.

- **Sunday, December 22**
  - **2 p.m.** Greater Portland Children’s Chorus presents Holiday Gala: The Music of Christmas at Town Hall Auditorium, 80 Water St., Portland. Tickets: $29, $25, $16. For more information, call 781-7200.

- **Wednesday, December 25**
  - **8 p.m.** PC-Portland Civic Theater presents Mistletoe Murders at the Portland Civic Theater, 207 Congress St., Portland. Tickets: $27, $20. For more information, call 775-5757.

- **Friday, December 27**
  - **8 p.m.** Portland State University presents A No Place For Ol’ Kids Holiday Variety Show at Merrill Auditorium, 100 Cumberland Ave., Portland. Tickets: $10. For more information, call 768-4205.

- **Friday, December 27**
  - **8 p.m.** Portland Symphony Orchestra presents holiday concert at Merrill Auditorium, 100 Cumberland Ave., Portland. Tickets: $35, $30, $25, $15. For more information, call 774-1100.

- **Saturday, December 28**
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- **Sunday, December 29**
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- **Wednesday, December 31**
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**Yuletide:**

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**Chinese New Year**

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