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Residents, historians battle plans to replace trolley park's entrance with four lanes of asphalt

Riverton Park: Pave it or save it?

■ By Paul Karr

Each morning and afternoon, the aging two-lane bridge where Route 302 crosses the Presumpscot River runs thick with commuters' cars. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) wants to spend \$2.5 million to widen that bridge (and the approaching highway) to five lanes in order to reduce the congestion.

As those commuters sit in traffic, some may glance over to the roadside and notice a crumbling stone

gateway among the tangle of trees. That gateway, and the city-owned historic park it conceals, may delay or relocate the planned highway expansion — just as the cars themselves once pushed Riverton Park into disuse.

"There isn't another trolley park preserved this well in the country," says area resident Janice Carpenter, who's leading the fight to save the park entrance from being destroyed. Carpenter wants city councilors to declare the park a historic district, as Portland's Historic Preservation Committee has already done.

"The state's historic preservation officer told us this site didn't have statewide significance," replies MDOT chief engineer Richard Colman.

Portland city councilors will soon decide how much land Portland will sell the state for the highway project. But first, they'll have to decide whether preserving the stone gateway — and the future of the park — is worth spending several million dollars, angering state officials, and possibly losing the much-needed expansion of Forest Avenue.

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A husky learns to heel in a beginners' class at Westbrook's Saccarappa Dog Obedience Training Club, Nov. 26.

The making of Citizen Canine

■ By W.D. Cutlip

Of the half-dozen or so domesticated animals not commonly raised in the United States to be slaughtered, sauteed and served with a side of fries, the dog is the most helpful to human beings. If carefully raised and properly trained, the average dog will contribute more to the smooth operation of society than any 10 members of Congress.

Of course, "properly trained" means different things to different people. The "pooper" school of thought holds that a dog is properly trained when it

poops in the back yard instead of the front room. The "he-dog" school of thought holds that a dog is properly trained when it bites everybody but its owner.

The "fancy" school holds that a dog is properly trained when it wins 500 ribbons and fetches a \$1,000 breeding fee. The "Pink Floyd" school of thought ("Hey! Teacher! Leave them dogs alone!") holds that dogs were meant to be free, and that any sort of training is cruel and inhumane.

Somewhere in the midst of all those schools is the "obedience" school, which holds that a dog is

properly trained when it behaves in public and obeys its handler. Unlike the other schools, the "obedience" school actually has classes that people (and their dogs) can attend.

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Newsbriefs Weekly

A review of the top news stories affecting Greater Portland: November 26 through December 3, 1991.

Scrap tax exemptions

Battle cry against exemptions muted but steady

From within the ranks of legislative Democrats and Republicans alike, the battle cry has been muted but steady amid the chaos that has kept Maine's newest budget crisis in suspended animation for nearly a month.

The notion of purging the sales-tax law of any or all of the more than 80 existing exemptions has a certain amount of political appeal for many legislators, particularly on the eve of an election-year session. And this week, the Taxation Committee convened to consider the issue.

Why should aid to cities, towns and schools be reduced, driving property taxes up even faster, while the state annually forgoes hundreds of millions of dollars a year through exemptions? Why should anyone be exempt from paying taxes? Why should the governor and legislative leaders refuse even to consider repealing exemptions?

"Why? Why? Why?" bellowed Rep. Willis A. Lord of Waterboro, at a recent, spirited caucus of the GOP minority. A group of rank-and-file Democrats have advanced their own package that would avoid cuts in municipal aid in part by repealing exemptions worth \$34 million through June.

"A balanced and fair way to address a statewide economic problem, without raising property taxes," said Rep. Susan Farnsworth of Halliwell.

Balanced and fair, perhaps, but probably not very realistic. This is hardly the first time that tax exemptions have come under scrutiny. Virtually all have demonstrated their staying power.

The exemptions include sales of certain "necessities of life": a family's groceries, interstate telephone service, prescription drugs, the first 750 kilowatt hours of electricity used by residential customers.

Also exempt are items deemed essential to a healthy economy, like components, tangible property, machinery, fuel and electricity used in manufacturing. There are exemptions for government and charity organizations: hospitals, churches, meals served by schools. Some exemptions elude any broad category, like those for motor-vehicle fuel, which is subject to an array of other taxes, and returnable containers.

In November 1987, a panel of legislators, top state officials and outside experts appointed by Gov. John R. McKernan to examine Maine's tax system concluded that "existing exemptions appear to be reasonable and for the most appropriate."

Earlier this year, a similar review by the legislatively created Select Commission on Comprehensive Tax Reform also produced no significant changes in the list of exemptions.

In fact, there is so little agreement on which exemptions should be repealed or retained that lawmakers chose instead to increase the general tax rate, from 5 to 6 percent, as part of a \$300 million tax boost to balance the budget earlier this year.

"My list of exemptions that should be repealed and your list of exemptions that should be repealed won't match, and neither will anybody else's," said Rep. John A. Cashman of Old Town, co-chairman of the Taxation Committee.

Agreed state Tax Assessor John LaFaver: "It's almost inconceivable to me that (overhauling exemptions) could be part of a special session solution."

Perhaps the most compelling argument against repealing any exemption is that it amounts to a tax increase, which in the end would likely be passed on to consumers who are already hurting.

Barely a month has passed since voters turned out in unexpectedly large numbers to vote "no" on a list of items that included a \$100 million widening of the Maine Turnpike and tens of millions of dollars in proposed borrowing.

Most legislators interpret the results as symbolic but significant. After all, in next year's election, the "no" votes might be for them.

Peter Jackson/Associated Press

AIDS inmate denied furlough

Ten members of ACT UP/Portland demonstrated in front of the Maine Correctional Center in Windham on Dec. 1 in support of an inmate with AIDS who is being denied a furlough over Christmas to visit a friend hospitalized with AIDS.

Dale Cloutier, the inmate, is eligible for a furlough every 60 days — but was denied leave for Dec. 23-27 because it falls before the 60-day cutoff period.

"Dale just wanted to spend Christmas with his very ill lover, but the prison is denying him this important visit because of a technicality," said Mark Ilvonen, a member of ACT UP/Portland.

Mike Molloy, director of programs for the Maine Department of Corrections, said prisoners need to request furloughs nine weeks in advance.

ACT UP/Portland members picked Dec. 1 as the demonstration date because it was World AIDS Day.

During the demonstration at the prison they handed out condoms and AIDS literature to friends and family members visiting inmates.

"AIDS has become a major problem in prisons, where inmates have no access to condoms or AIDS education except from the outside," said Ilvonen. "When it comes to AIDS, people in prison are treated as if they are less important than the rest of society."

\$134.5 million allotted for new "Million Dollar Bridge"

A transportation package enacted by the 102nd Congress will provide \$134.5 million to build a replacement for the so-called "Million Dollar Bridge," will help keep efforts to restore passenger train service to Maine on track and will fund other construction projects that could provide 18,000 jobs.

The replacement bridge between Portland and South Portland is slated for completion in 1995.

The \$151 billion bill also provides money for study and development of a rail link that would enable a Boston-Portland route to connect with Amtrak's Northeast Rail Corridor serving New York and Washington, D.C.

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell traveled around Maine on Nov. 29, soaking up due praise for delivering these major chunks of pork.

Portland Mayor and transportation activist Tom Allen rose to the bait. "These are hard times," said Allen. "The jobs that will be provided... are going to be very

important over the coming years."

Other key provisions include \$10.5 million for completion of the Brunswick-Topsam bypass, \$32.1 million for construction of the Donald Carter Memorial Bridge between Waterville and Winslow, and \$10 million to study the Carlton Bridge between Bath and Woolwich.

Mitchell said he would press hard next year to obtain the \$30 million necessary for roadbed improvements needed to make Portland-Boston passenger rail service possible.

Disinformation sank Scarborough Town Hall

The narrow defeat of a proposed new Scarborough Town Hall by voters on Nov. 5 was due to false information about the building's financing distributed days prior to the vote, according to Town Councilor Bruce Moulton.

Moulton charged that a flier distributed by the Scarborough Retired Taxpayers Union, which called into question the legality of the Town Center Tax Increment Financing District, was totally inaccurate. The T.I.F. district would have paid for construction of the \$1.8 million building.

The flier said the T.I.F. district was illegally collecting city funds to build the new town hall prior to voter approval of the project.

"It would appear that the taxpayers have been, and are being, forced to pay on a new town hall fund prior to the statutory required referendum approval of this amount of total funding," the flier read. "Legal status? Illegal or shaky?"

Moulton said the T.I.F. district, established by the Scarborough Town Council in 1985, is authorized to collect revenue for specific projects, like the construction of a new town hall.

The proposed building of the new \$1.8 million town hall was defeated by just 17 votes.

Gray phone co. rings up big bucks

The Public Utilities Commission is investigating a local independent telephone company's rates and management practices for abuse that may have led to excess profits.

Pine Tree Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s monthly rates haven't increased since 1956, but the company has reaped a windfall by charging its 5,000 customers for in-state toll calls outside Gray and New Gloucester.

Bruce M. Reeves, chairman of the Maine Citizens Committee for Utility Rate Reform, considers the Gray phone company the "most

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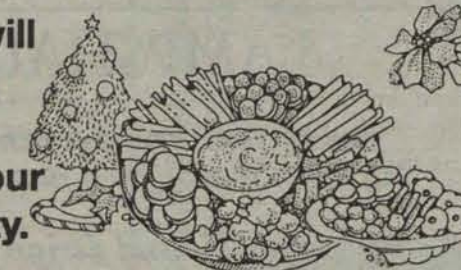


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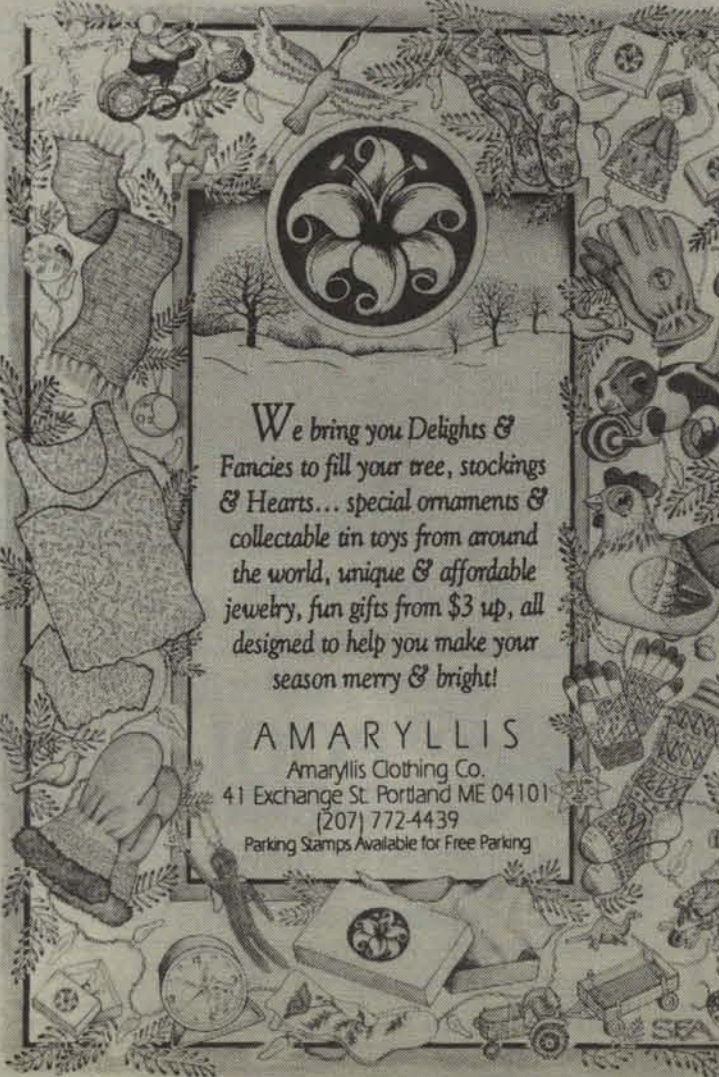
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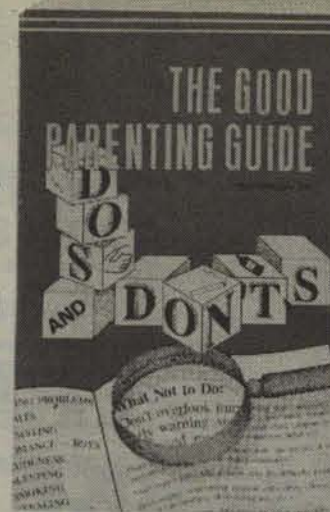
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flagrant" of over-earning independents.

Pine Tree owner Timothy Hutchison reportedly paid himself \$143,000 last year and shared \$800,000 in dividends with his wife and son over the past five years.

The PUC staff says the company is making excess profits of at least \$400,000 a year. The commission wants Hutchison and his customers to agree to an amount and find an appropriate way for the company to lower costs.

But Hutchison said his earnings are a reward for a job well done.

"I don't think it's fair to be accused of over-earning when I spend less than everybody else," said Hutchison, who took over the company from his father.

Hutchison has only 17 full-time employees. His workers still climb poles the old-fashioned way because Hutchison decided not to invest in bucket trucks. He didn't buy a photocopying machine until 1988.

RWS may trash "stump dump"

Regional Waste Systems' plans to build a 262-acre "stump dump" off Route 25 in Gorham may soon be abandoned, downsized or delayed.

The weak economy and the reduced volume of wastes coming into the quasi-municipal waste handler are the reasons, according to RWS Deputy Director Eric Root, who is also project manager of the Gorham facility.

The proposed Gorham facility was being designed to recycle and bury demolition debris, construction waste, brush, stumps, tires, insulation and concrete from 27 southern Maine communities.

RWS has already spent \$6 million on development of the project, since it was first proposed five years ago.

SP woman questions police handling of missing mother

Elaine Woodward can't understand why South Portland police don't share her belief that her mother, Pearl Bruns, is dead.

Woodward hasn't seen her 48-year-old mother since Aug. 11. But the case wasn't classified as a possible homicide until Nov. 9, nearly three months after the disappearance.

"I felt like the police were brushing me off when I knew so many things were wrong," said Woodward.

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politics & other mistakes

By Al Diamon



The Harrigans head for court

William Harrigan of Portland and his son John will soon have a new public forum from which to expound their unique political perspective. The Harrigans are due to appear in Superior Court in Augusta in a few weeks to explain why they haven't paid the fines imposed by the state Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices almost a year ago.

The Harrigans confessed to the commission last January that they were the mysterious "Concerned Republicans of Greater Portland Senate District 30," which in June 1990 mailed out thousands of anti-gay flyers attacking a state senate candidate. State law requires anyone spending money to elect or defeat a political candidate to register with the secretary of state's office and file spending reports. "Concerned Republicans" did neither. The commission found both Harrigans guilty, and fined them \$1,100 each.

After the decision the Harrigans claimed the commission was a "kangaroo court," and swore they would not pay the fines. The Harrigans' contention seems to be that the state election laws are unconstitutional, although, as with most statements from the Harrigans, it's a little hard to tell.

Just to make everything a bit more confusing John Harrigan changed his story shortly after the commission decision, claiming he didn't have anything to do with the flyer after all.

But the Harrigans have been consistent on the matter of their fines. They haven't paid.

The state has been plodding toward a confrontation with the Harrigans over the debt. Assistant Attorney-General William Stokes has requested that a judge order the Harrigans to cough up the dough. A hearing on that request will likely be held in the next month or two. If the court grants the AG's motion the Harrigans could face additional fines or even jail terms.

Harrigan Junior doubts the case will ever go to court. He says the whole issue is "frivolous" and should be dropped.

But Harrigan Senior says, "I'll go to jail if I have to as a political prisoner." He blames "leftists" in state government for reviving the controversy, and the media for building it up. And he warns: "Something has to be done about the left wing of southern Maine."

Activist group of the week

Somebody, whose identity I'm protecting against my better judgment, swears he represents a group opposed to state budgets cuts that calls itself "We've Already Suffered Enough Late," or WEASEL.

Maine political anecdote Hall of Fame

It's a good measure of your memory for Maine political trivia if you can remember Hayes Gahagan.

Gahagan was a Republican state senator from Caribou who ran for the U.S. Senate in 1978 as an Independent. In spite of backing from a conservative religious group called "The Way," Gahagan was not a factor in the vote that saw Republican William Cohen oust Democratic incumbent William Hathaway.

But Gahagan stole the spotlight in the campaign's final weeks when he called a news conference to announce that persons unknown had inserted subliminal images into his print advertising. He claimed that among the subtle alterations was a photograph of female genitalia hidden in his hairline. He provided reporters with huge blowups of his follicles, but no one in the press corps was able to make anything out of the ordinary about Gahagan's scalp. Gahagan vanished to Indiana after his defeat.

A few months ago Gahagan and his family returned to Maine and settled in North Sebago. He says he has no plans to run for office again. And though his hairline is said to be receding, his enlarged forehead reportedly still shows no sign of images, subliminal or otherwise.

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South Portland Police Chief Robert Schwartz defended the investigation. But Woodward, 22, who normally talked to her mother several times a day, said she suspected foul play immediately.

Blood stains were found at Bruns' house and on a half-packed suitcase in the woman's bedroom, and one of the stains looked as if someone had tried to scrub it away, a police report said.

The next twist in the case came Sept. 28, when Pearl Bruns' pocketbook was found in Carroll, N.H.

Maine State Police took over the case in October.

Reported by Eric Hannelius, Paul Karr, Monte Paulsen and the Associated Press.



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Holiday dining

• A man was shot by his mother after he threw her Thanksgiving ham to the floor, stomped on it and threw the pan at her.

But the police in North Little Rock, Ark., won't file charges against the 73-year-old woman because of her age and the relatively minor injuries suffered by her son.

The mother said her son came home drunk and began to argue with her about his car, which was stuck in a ditch.

• And late the next night, a Hawaii man underwent surgery after suffering a severe bite from a woman whom he allegedly was forcing to engage in oral sex, said Honolulu police.

The woman told police that the man, whom she met at an Ena Road bar, attacked her and threatened to kill her if she did not comply.

The man faces possible charges of sex abuse and kidnapping, detectives said.

Detectives handling the case said this was one time when the victim "took a bite out of crime."

Associated Press

PAVE IT OR SAVE IT?

Continued from front page

The Portland Railroad Company built Riverton Park in 1895 as one of three local "trolley parks" to boost streetcar business on the weekends. Its attractions included a casino, a boathouse, steamboat rides, a trout pond and bucolic walkways that looped through the park's fields, woods and streams.

The park soon became so popular that as many as 10,000 people would visit on weekends to play croquet, watch plays in an open-air theater, eat picnic lunches and fish on the banks of the Presumpscot River.

"This was quite different from Deering Oaks," says Carpenter, vice president of the Riverton Community Association. "This park was designed for heavy use."

In the mid-1920s, though, use of the park dropped sharply as people began deserting public streetcars in droves, choosing the novelty of the automobile instead. Developers scrambled to revamp the park, building a midway and installing amusement park rides to lure a new generation of visitors. Then the Great Depression struck, effectively ending the park's ability to generate profits.

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again."**

**Portland City Councilor
Charles Harlow**

The city of Portland took the land as payment for delinquent taxes in the 1930s. In 1951, an escaped convict was discovered lounging on the park entryway's roof, where he had made a temporary home. Embarrassed city officials tore down the roof. Since that time, the park itself has languished in relative disrepair.

All that's left now of the formerly ornate stone entryway are 5-foot stumps of stone. Behind the broken gates, the park is a mix of oak trees, gently rising hills, brambles, eroded footpaths and windblown trash.

Driving through history

Norman Baker, an assistant bridge designer with MDOT, says traffic along the stretch of Route 302 that passes the shattered stones will nearly double in the next 20 years.

"The traffic in that area merits four lanes," he says. "Any time you have more than 700 cars an hour on a lane of highway, it slows traffic. This stretch has twice that much traffic. And that bridge is in dire need of replacement. The concrete deck is deteriorated; when holes punch through it, people are driving on steel reinforcement bars. That can cause accidents."

Beginning next summer, MDOT wants to replace the aging steel and concrete bridge with a newer, slightly longer structure that would carry five lanes of traffic instead of two. "The fifth lane is for safety reasons," notes Baker. "It's a turning lane for East Bridge Street in Westbrook." Another 1,000-foot-long stretch of Route 302 would also be widened to four lanes to handle Forest Avenue's heavy traffic volumes.

To do it, though, state workers would need to tear down the stone pillars and gateway that mark the entrance to Riverton Park.

"Those pillars and most of the wall are already in the state's present right of way," says Baker, noting that the state purchased the land from Portland when it built a previous bridge on the site. MDOT would also need to buy an additional quarter-acre of park land and level it with bulldozers to widen the road sufficiently.

In return, MDOT would build a small

parking lot inside the park and a walkway over the river.

"The state's historic preservation officer said the integrity of the park would be severely compromised by that work," says Carpenter. "The parking lot, for instance, would sit on top of the old boathouse site. One of the top landscape historians in the nation (Lucinda Brockway from Kennebunk) says this is a valuable historic resource."

Greater Portland Landmarks Inc. director Martha Deprez agrees. "I felt the project met several of the Portland city criteria for a historic district," she says. "The landscape design is quite intact. Most significant, to me, are the deep ravines that were built to isolate the park from traffic. If the road were widened, that division would be lost and the proportions of the created park would be destroyed."

In November, after listening to Deprez, Brockway and local residents, Portland's Historic Preservation Committee voted to designate Riverton Park a historic district.

Breathing space

Carpenter and others want the city to preserve the option of fixing up Riverton Park in the future. They believe that a spruced-up park could revitalize the ailing Riverton neighborhood.

"There are no true parks in this part of the city," says Portland City Councilor Charles Harlow, who represents the Riverton neighborhood. He says the 19-acre Riverton Park is the only large, city-owned open space in his neighborhood. "I want to see Riverton Park become a park where people can picnic again. I want neighborhood kids to have a place to walk."

"This park was built to serve as an escape from dense urban areas," says Carpenter. "Walking through those stone gates, you entered another world, a leisurely, recreational, natural world."

The city, and groups that work to create local parks and trails, are also interested in the park's open spaces.

"We're working to develop trails along the Presumpscot River," says Nathan Smith, president of the non-profit group Portland Trails. "Access to public parks and open spaces is integral to the quality of life in any community. These spaces provide the opportunity to appreciate what's left of the natural environment in an increasingly hectic society."

Redesigning the highway project, though, would delay work for at least one year and cost the state much more than it is budgeting for the expansion, say MDOT officials.

"It would cost us \$1.5 million more just to move the wastewater pumping station in Westbrook," says state engineer Baker. "Then there are the additional costs of redesign, lost time, and so forth. We simply couldn't afford to do that."

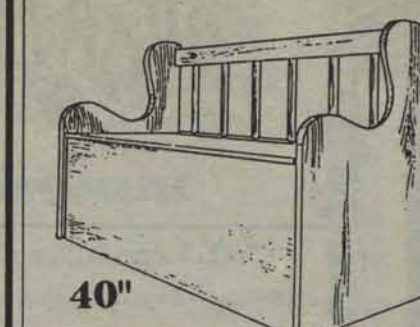
"But if we lost the land, it could cost a lot more later," responds Harlow. "There are 100 years of history here. Are we ready to pull it down? It's like Union Station: Once you tear it down, you can't put it back up again."

"We're waiting for the city council's decision," says MDOT chief engineer Colman, who oversees the project. "If they tell us this is important to them, then we'll consider alternatives very closely." Colman says using eminent domain to take the land is very unlikely, and that the state will repair the bridge no matter what.

"We're not trying to block the bridge work," says Carpenter. "We need the bridge. But we also need park land in this neighborhood. All the pathways in Riverton Park are still there, the trees, the shape of the landscape are still intact. People don't realize how remarkable that is. We just want MDOT to realize that people still do care about this park."

Paul Karr is a reporter for Casco Bay Weekly.

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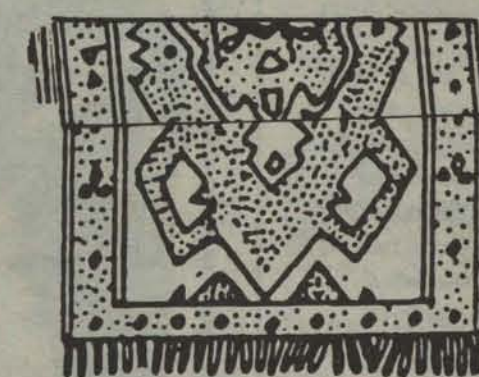
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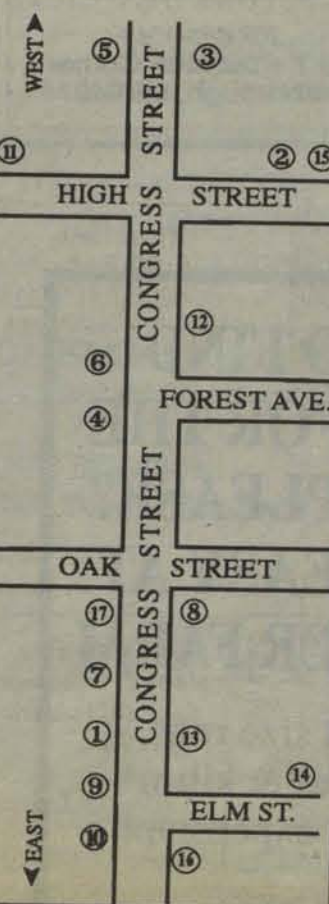
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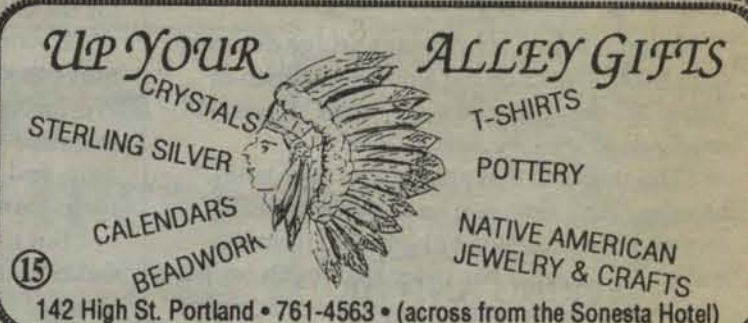
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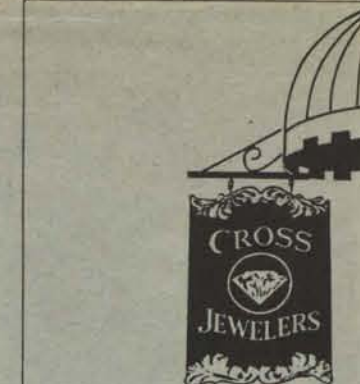
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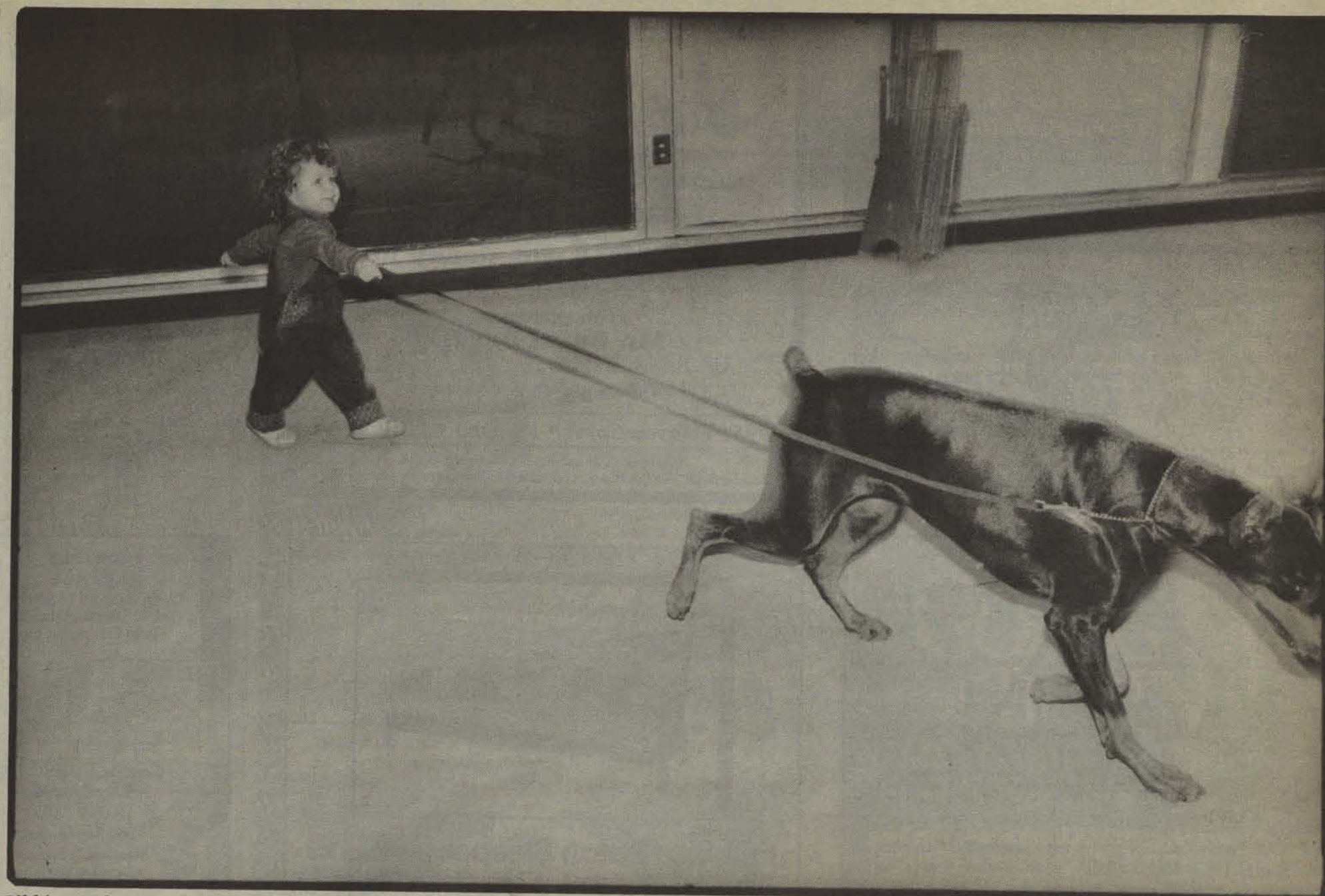
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Rikki, a Doberman pinscher, takes Shayna Strumph, age 2, for a walk after class.

THE MAKING OF CITIZEN CANINE

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Tonee Harbert

The Saccarappa Obedience Club holds its classes in what used to be the Lee Dodge showroom on Riverside Street in Portland. If you arrive fashionably late on a Tuesday evening and look through the plate glass facade, you will see no less than 21 dogs going through various obedience drills with their handlers.

Stepping into the building is like stepping into a furry vortex, a swirling circle of dogs and people. The air is filled with an endless repetition of the word "heel" spoken in voices high and low: a monotonous chorus punctuated by an occasional yip. Barking is considered impolite here.

Cindy Strumph, head instructor of the beginners' class, stands in the middle of the room and calls out instructions over a tiny public address system. "OK, now we're going to learn how to get your dog to come on command," she says. "Sit your dogs and walk out the length of the leash. When I give you the signal, call your dog and back away from it. When your dog comes to you, remember to say 'good dog.'"

"Always praise your dog when it comes to you," she says. "Do not use the command 'come' to punish your dog. When you want to punish your dog, say something like 'get over here.' You don't want your dog to be afraid to come to you. This command may save your dog's life someday. Ready? OK, let's try it."

Although this class is only in its third week, most of the dog/handler teams do this pretty well. Strumph's students repeat this exercise only once or twice before moving on to something else — which seems wrong, somehow. Doesn't practice make for perfection in obedience training?

"They learn obedience at home," says Strumph, chatting between classes. "The dogs learn better in the quiet of the owner's back yard, where there are no distractions and the dogs can concentrate on the commands and their owners."

Why not just stay at home with a good book — Barbara Woodhouse's "No Bad Dogs," for instance — and spare yourself the hassle (not to mention the cost) of carting your pooch off to obedience school every week?

"People who train their dogs at home find that, when they take them out into new situations, they don't behave," says Strumph. "They're not used to it. The thing I stress to people here is that the dogs are not learning obedience here, they're socializing. They're learning to behave in a strange environment with strange dogs."

"A lot of dogs are tied up in their back yard and never see another dog," she says, "so they don't know how to behave with other dogs around. Here, they learn that they have to behave and mind their own business — no sniffing or interfering with other dogs."

And while the dogs are learning how to behave in public, Strumph says that the owners are learning about something called "dog citizenship."

"Dog citizenship depends on owners becoming responsible for their dogs," says Strumph. "As citizens themselves, dog owners have to behave well in public. A lot of the problems people have with dogs is the way dogs behave in public. If the owners are responsible, they won't let their dogs run loose, won't let them bother people who don't have dogs. They carry little plastic bags in their pockets to clean up after their dogs when they have bowel movements."

This last bit sounds a little far-fetched. As anyone familiar with the south end of a dog knows, it's a lot more convenient to ignore a pile of poop than it is to dispose of it. After all, one dog pile looks much like another — and the moving dog, having pooped, moves on.

However, as if to prove her point, a dog in the next class produces a large pile in the middle of the room. And the owner — looking neither left nor right — immediately produces a plastic bag from a back pocket and nimbly scoops the poop off the floor.

It's an impressive, perhaps even breathtaking, display. If Saccarappa can teach people that, they can teach dogs anything — except birth control, of course.

People have to take care of that.

Rikki don't lose that number

Meanwhile, strange and interesting things are happening at Saccarappa. The novice classes have departed, and Ed Norton has taken the floor with Abbey, a sheltie, to practice jumps and scent discrimination. (This is an exercise in which the dog must identify the barbell that her owner has touched, which is "hidden" among a half-dozen others on the floor.)

Suddenly a woman calls out from the kitchen, "Hey everybody, you want to see a good tattoo?" This prompts a general

stampede to the kitchen. Who doesn't want to see a good tattoo?

However, the tattoo referred to is not affixed to some forbidden stretch of human anatomy, but is stitched along the inner rear thigh of a large Doberman pinscher named Rikki. The dog's owner is Penny Cary, and Rikki's tattoo is Cary's social security number.

"This tattoo is meant to discourage theft," says Cary. "Some people steal dogs to breed them, and some people steal dogs like beagles and golden retrievers to sell to research firms in Massachusetts. So we tell people to protect their dogs by tattooing them. We prefer to put tattoos on the thigh because, if you put it on the ear, the thieves will cut the ears off and sell them anyway."

Beatrice Dorbacker, owner of Keuka's Merry Mischief Beagle and Keuka's Little Sister Beth, has had both her beagles tattooed. However, beagle snatchers are not the only thing Dorbacker worries about.

"I know about beagle snatchers," says Dorbacker. "I also know about beagle noses, which means that they'll take off and they will not hear you. They tune out when they're on a scent, and so you take no chances."

"The other thing is you do not leave your dog outside," she says, "unless you're quite aware of where they are and you can see them. Both of my dogs have been neutered, so that's not a breeding potential, but they can take them and sell them to labs. Beagles are established as good lab dogs because of their size and their nature."

"They claim that the biggest howl they ever got in animal experimentation," says Dorbacker, "was back in World War II. Somebody found out that (the government) was doing nerve gas experiments on beagles. They soon stopped, because they got avalanched."

That's easy to believe; people who love dogs will go to any lengths to protect and defend them. Unfortunately, some people will go to any lengths to make a buck. For a while there, owners and breeders of beagles and golden retrievers were putting tattoos on their dogs' inside upper lips — with predictable results.

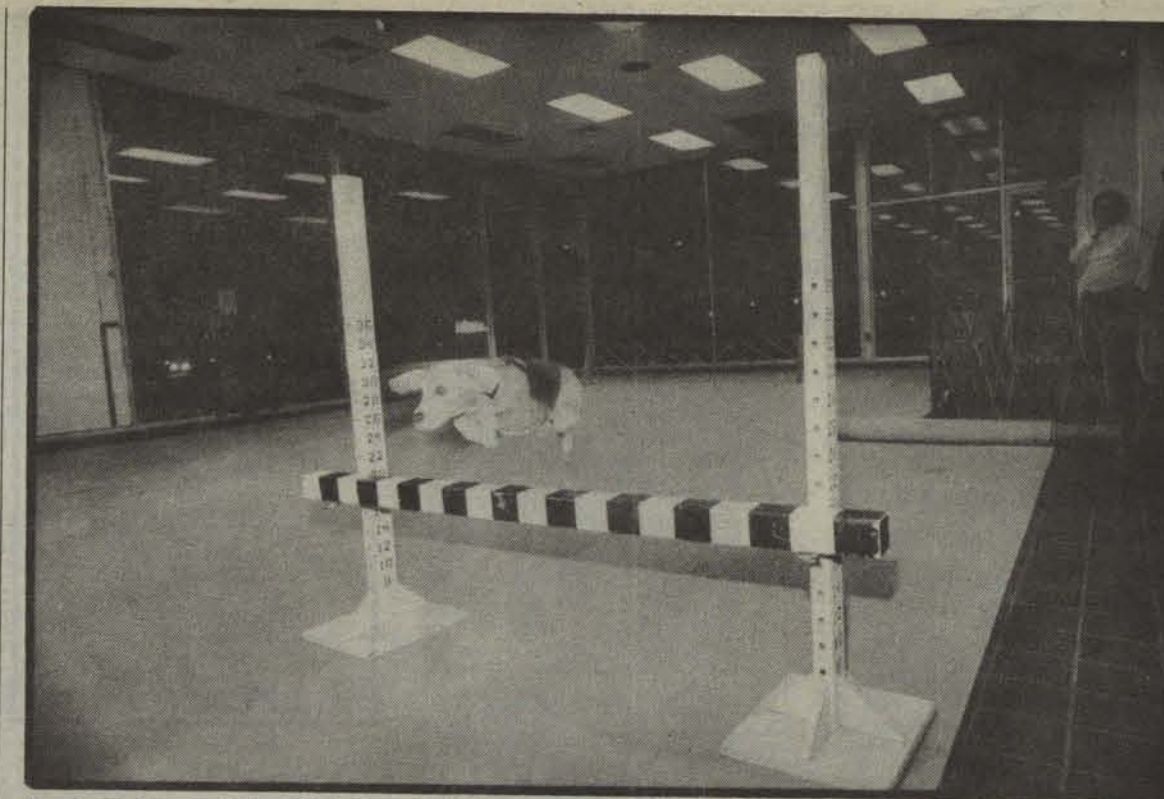
"It's sad," says Evelyn Stackpole, president of the Saccarappa Obedience Club. "We work with a group called the Golden Rescue League in New Hampshire, and they raise money to do reconstructive surgery on dogs' lips where the tattoos have been cut out by puppy mills."

Yipes. And what is a puppy mill?

"That's where they're breeding dogs and selling and breeding and breeding and selling indiscriminately," she says. "It's not good. They don't care what they're breeding, they just want puppies to sell to pet shops."

For this and other reasons, Stackpole is not fond of pet shops — though she freely acknowledges that pet shops do not condone theft. "You're taking your chances when you go to a pet shop," she says. "And it isn't any more expensive to go to a breeder than it is to go to a pet shop."

True. And at \$450 to \$1,200 a pup for a recognized breed, it's considerably less expensive to go to your local animal shelter, where there are any number of not-so-purebred dogs (as well as undocumented purebreds) waiting and willing to go home with you. However, that's a step that most people at Saccarappa



Keuka's Merry Mischief Beagle files over a bar jump in the utility class.

seem to have discounted; almost all of the dogs appear to be purebred.

"I think a lot of people choose their dogs for their reputation," says Cindy Strumph. "They shouldn't go to pet stores, where a lot of times I feel there's an impulse to buy — 'Poor little puppy, it's cute, let's buy it' — not realizing that it's going to grow up to be a 120-pound dog that's going to pull you around the world. When you research the breed, you find out that certain breeds have certain traits and characteristics."

What's wrong with your basic, good old all-American dog?

"Nothing," she says. "Right now I have a boxer, a golden retriever and a Burmese mountain dog. There's nothing like a good all-American dog, there's nothing wrong with them. I've had a couple of 'em. They're not everybody's choice and some people like to know exactly what size they're going to be when they grow up. You're not guaranteed that with a mutt. When you buy a purebred, you have some idea of what size it's going to be and what it's going to look like."

This sounds regrettably consumeristic. Yes, it's good to know what you're getting. However, millions upon millions of dogs are put to death every year in animal shelters because people aren't willing to adopt a dog that doesn't have a certain size, age, shape, color, conformation or character.

And far too many people seem to like the sound of a litter of puppies playing in the den.

What does it mean to be a "dog lover," anyway?

Old dogs learn new tricks

The Tri-County Dog Training Club meets in a small space on Industrial Way, not far from Saccarappa. Tri-County's begin-

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THE MAKING OF CITIZEN CANINE

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ners' obedience class meets on Monday nights, and is made up of 10 dogs representing various breeds.

One of those dogs is Buddy, a brown-spot Dalmatian with a large spot over his right eye. According to Mary, Buddy's owner, the dog's imperfect coloration marks him as a "pet-quality" Dalmatian.

Pet-quality dogs are animals that breeders sell at a discount — or, if buyers can't be found and if the dogs can't be given away, breeders will occasionally deposit them at the local animal shelter. Some breeders avoid this step by drowning "imperfect" dogs soon after birth.

Buddy is a gift from a Dalmatian breeder in Mary's extended family. Buddy is 6 years old, which makes him the oldest dog in his class. Mary feels that it's high time Buddy learned better manners.

"He gets a little aggressive," says Mary. "I live alone, so I want to make sure that I can handle him. Also, it bothers me that he won't come when he's called, like if he runs out into the street. And that makes me nervous. I want a dog that's well-behaved, but I want him to be happy and safe, too."

All the indicators — bright eyes, cold, wet nose, wagging tail — say that Buddy is a happy dog. And though he is only in his second week of obedience training, Mary says that he is showing a noticeable improvement.

See? You really can teach old dogs new tricks. Clarence Donna, head trainer at Tri-County, has been teaching old dogs new tricks for decades, and says that people should not hesitate to bring their older dog to an obedience class.

"Whether people get a puppy or an older dog," says Donna, "when they get them home, they're training them their way without realizing it, using tone of voice and so on. So you can train them another way — by learning the hand movements and the facial expressions that we teach here."

"Some habits may be hard to break," he says, "and there may be some behavioral problems we can't solve, but we can help people to train their dogs proper, and hopefully have a better dog around the house."

According to Donna, the value of obedience training goes beyond table manners or housebreaking. For many dogs, obedience training is a matter of survival.

"The leading cause of death for dogs in the United States is euthanasia," he says. "People take dogs back to shelters for behavioral problems, and then they're not adopted. We're trying to save dogs' lives by training them, giving people a well-behaved pet, so they'll want to keep the dog rather than take it back to the shelter."

Carol Munroe, executive director of the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook, agrees with Donna's assessment.

"We're in the business of putting dogs and cats in new homes," she says. "One of the biggest reasons that we get dogs in particular is for lack of training. A lot of people don't realize that you've got to spend time with a baby animal to train it basic things like housebreaking and simple obedience training — just training for your own lifestyle what you expect from this animal and how you expect it to behave in your home and around other people."

"A lot of times we'll get an animal as an adult that is picked up as a stray," says Munroe. "It may be a situation where the animal has essentially spent its life tied to a doghouse and has never been housebroken or trained to behave around people. Animals like that are hard to find homes for. People are reluctant to take adult animals that are not trained."

We've all heard that same, sad story: No experience, no job. It's a tough world.

There remains the classic objection to obedience training raised by the Pink Floyd ("We don't need no education!") school of thought: that the use of choke collars in dog training is cruelty to animals, and that dogs were meant to be free.

Well? Aren't choke collars in reality cruel and unnatural training aids? Shouldn't dogs run wild and free?

"Dogs were made to run free and wild," says Clarence Donna. "However, we're bringing up dogs in a highly mobilized society. Believe me, whatever you can do to a dog with a leash and a choke collar is not going to hurt a dog as much as an 18-wheeler (truck) coming down the road, and your dog sitting in the middle of the road and not coming when he's called. Your dog has to learn to come when he's called."

That's a good point. Every citizen, canine or otherwise, should be taught this trick sooner or later.

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Strangers in a coffee shop

Snow covered everything last Tuesday afternoon, a reminder to Portlanders that the impending season is more than just an idle threat. And as a blue dusk settled over this brick city, two men stood clutching tan paper cups in a downtown coffee shop.

They were not together. They did not speak. Neither even took much of an interest in the other. They were just strangers in a coffee shop.

Jerry stepped into Green Mountain Coffee Roasters looking, well, like just about anyone who had been standing in wet, windy 20 degree weather would look.

For an instant, as he unbuttoned his trench coat, he could have been anyone. But as soon as the microphones and TV cameras flickered on, he was Jerry Brown, candidate for president of the United States.

His well-manicured hands clutched a cup of Venezuelan coffee. His well-practiced lines flowed smoothly. From atop this electronic soapbox, the clean-shaven and deeply tanned former governor of California waged his low-budget war against the tyranny of politics-as-usual.

Jerry believes that big money has corrupted politics. He supports campaign finance reform and a limit on congressional terms. To underscore his point, he is accepting campaign contributions of no more than \$100 per person. This noble vow of poverty has left him the least well-funded of the major presidential candidates.

In theory, Jerry's vow should help him understand what his fellow countrymen are going through. Yet somehow, he seemed more at ease with the swirl of cameras than with the half-dozen ordinary folks who lingered afterward to ask him questions.

Still, he was trying. "This campaign," he said, "is appealing to citizens who've given up on politics."

One such citizen was standing on the other side of the coffee shop, ignoring Jerry and the amoeba of reporters and glad-handers who clung to him.

Mike Dyer had just got off work from his day job. He was tired.

Whiskers poked through his windblown face and suggested that it had been a few days since he'd shaved. Steam rose from the cup of coffee he cradled in big, paint-splattered hands.

"Well," he said, struggling to explain why he wasn't taking an interest in what was happening across the room, "it's been enough of a struggle just trying to figure out where my next job is coming from."

Mike works 45 hours a week for a contractor and another 25 or so doing odd carpentry jobs on nights and weekends. But he still can't make ends meet.

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"I'm working 70 hours a week," he said, "but I'm behind on bills, behind on everything." The reason: "I'm making six bucks an hour for the same job I was making 15 to 20 bucks an hour five years ago."

And things are due to get worse. His full-time job will be finished within a month or so. "I was nervous last winter," he said, "but I made it through. This winter it's even scarier."

Mike propped his blond head up with his arm. His scruffy chin rested in his palm. The TV lights shone brightly from the far side of the room. Snow swirled in the dark outside the windows.

"A lot of stuff gets put off," said Mike, as if he needed to justify his apprehensive attitude toward politics, "relationship stuff, even basic things like getting the shopping and the laundry done."

"I really don't care who wins," he said.

They were strangers in a coffee shop. One was panhandling for the presidency. The other was just trying to make a living. One was on his way to New York and an appearance on Donahue. The other was on his way to his other job.

The winter of American politics is upon us. And it, too, may prove more than an idle threat.

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Privatize the governor's office

Jock McKernan wants us to get into the spirit of privatization in the name of public good and fiscal muddle. Ever close on the heels of our neighbor Massachusetts, where Governor Weld has been busy pushing the same solution, Maine's chief executive recently announced his plans to privatize state-run institutions like mental hospitals, corrections, liquor sales and the lottery.

Checking my Webster's, I learn that privatization is "the tendency for an individual to withdraw from social and especially political concerns into a world of personal concerns usually as a result of a feeling of insignificance and lack of understanding of complex social processes." Sounds like nothing new from the folks who brought us a billion dollar deficit—a deficit they tried to keep as private as possible last November.

But advocates of privatization would no doubt explain their idea with other fancy words like efficiency and incentives. Competition gives private businesses the incentive to be more efficient than government, so the story goes. By throwing out state services to the lowest bidder we should be able to get more service for less money.

If this works for the youth center and the state mental hospitals, why not the governor? Let's look at the services he and his office provide, and see if we could get anyone else to do the work for less money.

Besides finding ways to privatize his deficit and other political problems, the governor spends his time attending conferences, appointing officials and

presiding at ceremonial events like "Capitol for a Day." For this we pay him a salary of around \$75,000, plus benefits like an airplane, security guards and a house magnificent enough to make up for its location. Surely more of these services could be easily contracted out to private workers.

As a start, we could cut the governor's salary and pay a proxy who's good with the public \$12 an hour (maybe less) to do the ceremonies and handshaking that takes up much of his time. Then we could see if we could find any private land-owner who'd be willing to provide housing for the governor for anything less than the cost of the Blaine House. If a family of three on AFDC can be expected to afford rents in Portland with an income of about \$500 a month, with no help from the city or outside earnings, then surely Jock can find a one-bedroom apartment in Augusta on his income—or he could commute from Auburn as he did to

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avoid angry workers during last summer's crisis. We could then rent out the Blaine House to some of those private contractors who are going to take over caring for those in mental health and correctional institutions.

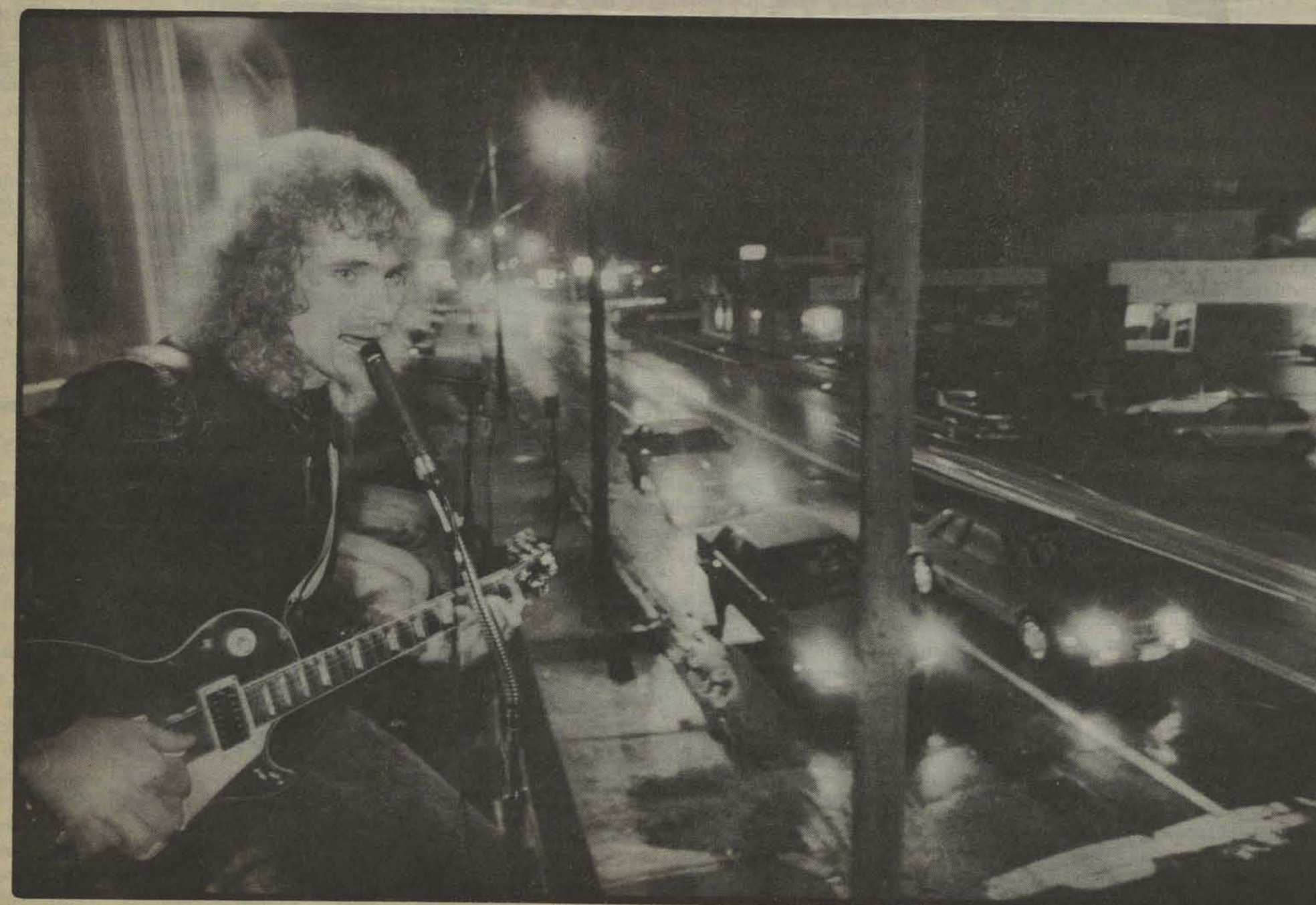
And if we really believe the governor when he says the answer to the economic crisis is private jobs, not government spending, why are we spending government money on the governor and his executive staff to solve our problems? Let's put

our fiscal crisis out to bid. There must be someone who would come up with a plan for dealing with the deficit for less money than we pay the governor and his top advisors. The winning bid could be the one that would provide the most government services for the least cost (in dollars and quality of life).

In fact, since mandating more "workfare" for those on welfare is another part of the privatization scheme, why limit the public jobs we give to welfare recipients to custodial and clerical work? Let's let them in on the governor's work. Someone who's tried to live on AFDC at half of the poverty level or on the average \$386 a month in SSDI disability benefits, is likely to have superior skills in dealing with deficits. There must be a cheaper way to make tough budget-cutting decisions than to pay top appointed state executive officials a 10 percent raise in a recession year, along with excusing them from the extra unpaid furlough days that their secretaries must take.

I'm all for privatization of government if it means starting at the top and paring down our state's biggest welfare expenses. Let's get the top executives and corporations off the public dole by trimming top salaries, corporate tax breaks and government-protected profits in regulated businesses. And let's get the private individuals who usually have little say in these public decisions into the act.

Martha McCluskey is a state employee who supplements her salary with private enterprise by doing freelance writing when she is out on furlough days.



Dave Ames, lead vocalist and guitarist of Cat's on a Holiday, plays "Taking Care of Business" to an elusive audience passing the Brass Rail on Forest Avenue, Nov. 30.

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By Toney Harbert

Illuminating the arts

In a time of increasing gloom, when the fabrics of many of our most valued cultural institutions are being threatened, and when only the most durable commercial galleries survive, some fine efforts endure and grow. A look back through history shows that some of our finest works were produced in spite of or because of hard times.

For this observer, one particularly bright spot has been the insightful critical essays of Margot McWilliams in *Casco Bay Weekly*. Her arrival on the scene as a full-time critic adds dimension to a role previously relegated to Edgar Allen Beem and *Maine Times*. While other papers have always covered or reported on the arts, critical pieces have been left to freelancers. While their works have often met the task of the moment, few had

William David Barry
Portland

Term termination

A letter writer from Falmouth (CBW 11.21.91) suggested that there is much more to the "A-word" than was presented in your featured story of 11.7.91 ("Talking about the A-word"). May I add, calling the killing of a preborn baby "termination of pregnancy" is equivalent to calling the killing of a spouse "termination of marriage."

Deane S. Stead
Portland

No real democracy

In her recent letter to CBW (11.14.91), Bonnie Moore made an excellent point about the truth that our representatives do not, in

fact, represent us. The kicker is that they are not (in any way, shape or form) required to. This is the root of the lie that we have been fed for so long; we are told that we live in a democracy, but our system of government insures that this will never be the case.

In a democracy we, the people, that is, would each be able to vote for the laws and regulations that govern our lives. A real democracy is one in which the people, not a power elite, rule. Instead, we vote for representatives who allegedly make the important decisions for us. That, if it were true, would at least make this a representative form of government. However, the representatives aren't actually required to even consult their constituents, let alone vote according to our wishes. At best a representative votes according to the policies of their particular political party, the one that put them in office in the first place. More often, their real motivations are buried under hidden political maneuverings. In the case where their votes conflict with constituent interests, the representative can usually hide behind a media campaign that ignores the real issues.

Personally, I'd feel a lot more comfortable if representatives were actually held accountable to the people, required to poll our opinions and vote according to our

wishes, but I know that will never happen as there is too much power at the top that would be threatened. Ultimately though, I'd prefer to live in a democracy and until I can directly vote for the laws, I refuse to have anything to do with government. Voting only encourages them to abuse their power, power that is stolen from us.

Shell Runar
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Portland

Kreis' vendetta

I was disappointed to see that you have provided Donald Kreis with another forum for his ongoing vendetta against Robert J. Lurtsema (CBW 11.14.91). His recent column, thinly disguised as a literary review, was one of the nastiest outpourings of personal venom I have read in a long time.

I have not read Lurtsema's poetry and cannot comment on its literary merit. On the other hand, as a classical musician and an MPBN subscriber, I am all too familiar with the persistent and frequently vicious campaign waged by Kreis over the years in an attempt to have "Morning Pro Musica" banned from the Maine airwaves.

Asking Kreis to review Lurtsema's poetry is a little like asking Donald (sic) Duke's opinion on the Clarence Thomas nomina-

tion. It is unrealistic to expect that criticism be free of bias, but I would prefer a little more artistic depth and a little less personal prejudice.

Jennifer L. Caven
Falmouth

Balancing the economy & environment

I take exception to Jeff Thaler's Citizen statements in this week's paper (CBW 11.21.91).

The same old accusatory rhetoric about big business buying off politicians so they can "blade and pave" Maine is not only tiresome, but downright inaccurate. I have conducted business throughout the United States. Maine's business community is exemplary for balancing environmental concerns and economic development, even though our government and special interests impose relatively onerous regulations upon business activities.

Maine is reeling from the worst economic recession in modern times. Now is the time for Maine's leaders to listen to common sense, not the Jeff Thalers of the world, so that an agenda balancing economic growth initiatives with environmental concerns can be established.

Geoffrey S. Emanuel
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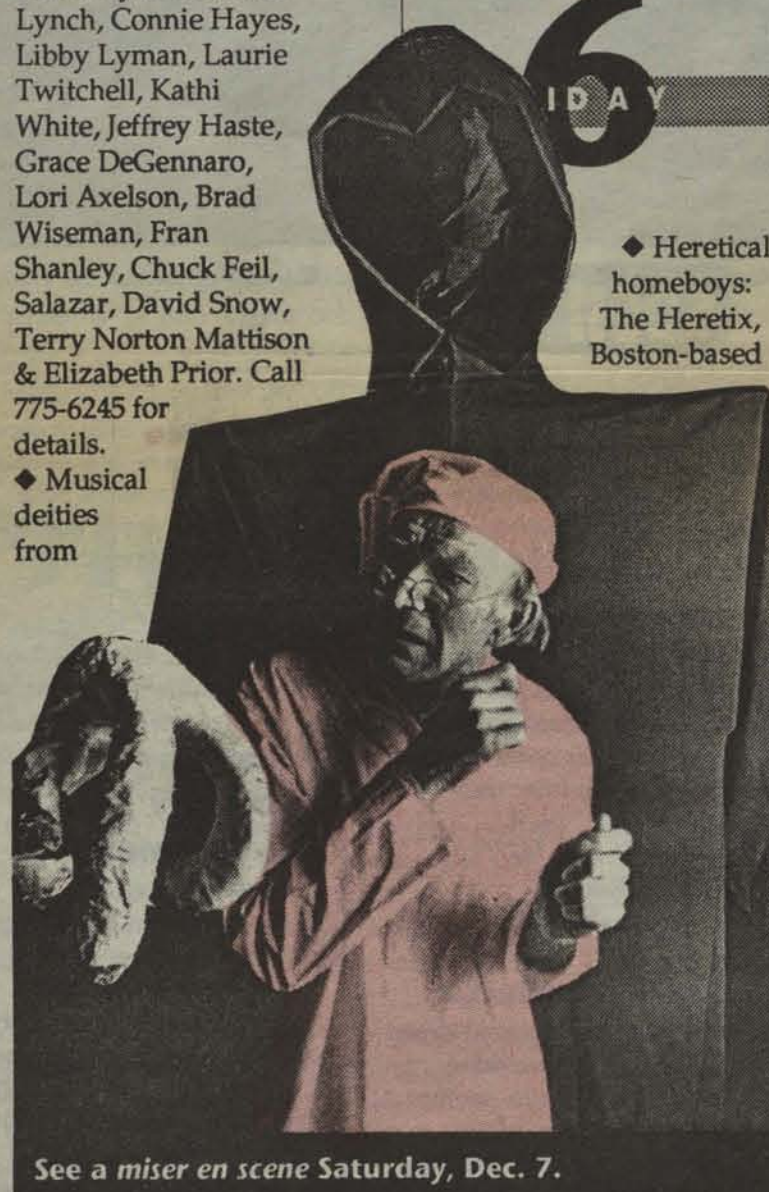
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◆ Local literary deities: Portland School of Art faculty members Agnes Bushell, Alfred DePew and Claude Caswell DePew will read fiction tonight at 7 at Baxter Auditorium, 619 Congress St. Bushell is the author of "Local Deities," DePew won the 1990 Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, and Caswell is a Ph.D. candidate at UNH. It's free. For more information call 775-5152.

◆ Local artistic deities: The Danforth Gallery (34 Danforth St.) will hold an opening reception tonight from 5-7:30 for a group show of all the artists in the Old Molasses Building; ceramics, painting & other media by artists Fred Lynch, Connie Hayes, Libby Lyman, Laurie Twitchell, Kathi White, Jeffrey Haste, Grace DeGennaro, Lori Axelson, Brad Wiseman, Fran Shanley, Chuck Feil, Salazar, David Snow, Terry Norton Mattison & Elizabeth Prior. Call 775-6245 for details.

◆ Musical deities from



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away: The Fringe, Boston's legendary jazz trio, will visit cafe no for the fourth time tonight. Tenor colossus George Garzone, master percussionist Bob Gullotti and the East Coast's most sought-after bassist, John Lockwood, will perform two sets at 9 & 11. Cover is \$10. The place is gonna be jumpin', so make your reservations now by calling 772-8114.

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FRIDAY

◆ Heretical homeboys: The Heretix, Boston-based

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SATURDAY

◆ Sebago Lake Carol: Tonight at 8, you can get a head start on that "Bah, Humbug!" holiday spirit by catching "A Christmas Carol" at Schoolhouse Arts Center (in Sebago Lake Village at the juncture of routes 35 & 114N). Michael Bradshaw, who was nominated for a Tony when he performed on Broadway, plays Scrooge. Tix are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, seniors & students. Reservations are suggested; call 642-3743.

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SUNDAY

◆ The sound of light: Take yourself up to Gulf of Maine Books in Brunswick today at 4 for a reading by poets Gary Lawless and Stefan Hyner. Lawless will read new poems from Spindleworks' *Journey*.

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keyboard. (He can also play two flutes or pennywhistles, one out of each side of his mouth, while lowering himself on one leg to the ground and raising himself up again. Someone should really alert David Letterman.) Andre Alosine is an actor and filmmaker who sings Soviet folk music. Zhao Mei is a physician of eastern and western medicine who is the former head of the GYN department at Beijing

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MONDAY

◆ "City of Hope": Had a hard first day back on the job? Make yourself feel better: go see some real misery in "City of Hope," in which residents of a mythical but believable New Jersey city struggle to retain their dignity amidst corruption, com-

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TUESDAY

◆ Human Rights: In observance of International Human Rights Day, the Portland chapter of Amnesty International will hold a candlelight vigil tonight from 5:15-6 on the Million Dollar Bridge between Portland & South Portland. To show your support for human rights here and around the world, go to Harbor View Park, just above the bridge on the Portland side, at 5. Bring a candle or a flashlight. Call 775-0020 for more info.

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WEDNESDAY

◆ Survival: Portland Recreation is offering a survival course, "The Four S's of Survival" and "Back Yard Pantry," tonight from 6:30-8. Ken Cole, survivalist & co-author of "The Boy Scout Handbook," will cover wilderness survival, winter safety and edible plants at the Riverton Community Center, 1600 Forest Ave. It's free. Call 874-8455 to register.

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THURSDAY

◆ Classical ballet in Biddeford: For the sixth year, Portland Ballet Company will present "The Nutcracker," Tchaikovsky's classic Christmas tale, at City Theater in Biddeford. Karen Hurl-Montanaro will appear as The Sugar

Plum Fairy and Christopher Mattox, former soloist with American Ballet Theatre, will play The Prince. It's new and improved! Go see it tonight at 8. Tix are \$14 for adults, \$10 for kids age 12 and under. Call 772-9671 for reservations.

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FRIDAY

◆ Magic of Christmas at City Hall: Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada and the Portland Symphony Orchestra will offer audiences the Sleigh Rides of Anderson, Mozart, Prokofiev & Delius, as well as holiday music ranging from "The First Noel" to selections from Handel's "Messiah" and Rinsky-Korsakov's "Christmas Eve Suite." Broadway star D. Michael Heath will sing and narrate, reading verse such as Updike's "December" and Poe's "The Bells." Experience the magic tonight at 7:30 in Portland City Hall Auditorium, 30 Myrtle St. Tix are \$9-\$25; call 773-8191 to reserve yours.

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SATURDAY

◆ Experimental films

on Congress Street: See two of 'em tonight at Raffles, starting at 8 — "Divine Horsemen: The Living Gods of Haiti," Maya Deren's account of the Haitian deities, practitioners and rituals of Voodoo; and "Winter Solstice," Hollis

Frampton's silent attempt to capture a "situation in which nature is very clearly imitating art," in this case a Pittsburgh steel mill. Raffles is located at 555 Congress St. Call 761-3930 for more information.

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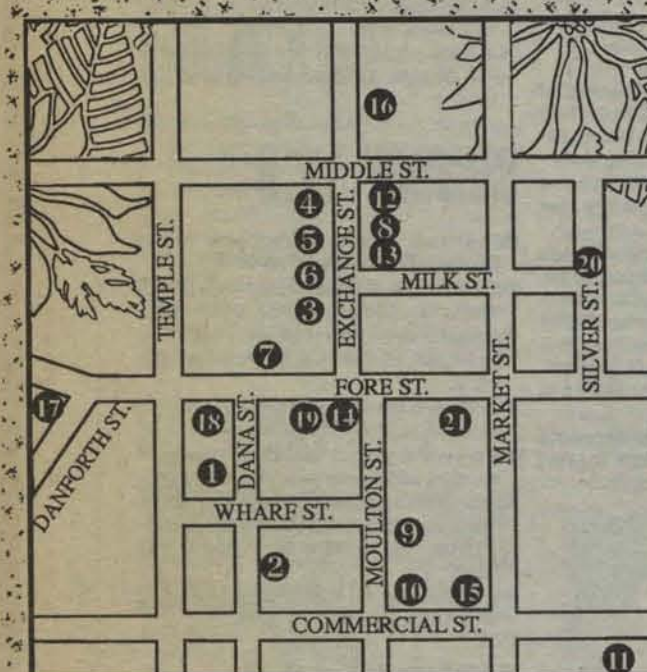
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The American College Dance Festival's Annual New England Regional Gala Concert, showcasing the outstanding choreography by student dance ensembles from nearly 20 colleges throughout the Northeast, will take place Dec 8 at 1 pm in Filene Room, Pettigrew Hall, Bates College, Lewiston. Tix: \$4/\$2. Call 786-6330 for info.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Fox 51, Kidstuff & Kids Current Call present the story of the Herdmans, a family of juvenile delinquents, who join the local Christmas pageant when they learn that the church offers free dessert to participants. They terrorize the other kids in the pageant, take all the best roles and cause a fire in the church, but through their portrayal of Mary, Joseph and the Wise Men, they come to understand the story of Christmas. Plays Dec 7, 21 & 28 at 10 am at Portland High School auditorium. Tix: \$5. Call 642-3743 for reservations.

"A Christmas Carol" Maine State Music Theater presents a concert version of the holiday classic starring Richard Kiley, "written" by Sheldon Hamick, with music by Michel LeGrand. Performances: Dec 7 at 8 pm, Dec 8 at 2 & 7 pm. Pickett Theater is located on the campus of Bowdoin College, Brunswick. Tix: \$15-\$18; \$10 for children under age 12. For reservations call 725-8769 or 800-698-8769.

"A Christmas Carol" Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake presents the classic tale of how the misanthropic Scrooge comes to understand the Christmas spirit of giving through a series of ghostly visits one year on Christmas Eve. Opens Dec 6 at 8 pm and plays Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2, through Dec 22. Sunday Matinee Dec 15 at 5 pm. Tix: \$10 adults, \$6 children, seniors & students. The center is located at the juncture of routes 85 & 114N, Sebago Lake Village. Reservations are suggested; call 642-3743.

Comedians Tim Ferrell, Joanne Chesale and Kevin Shone love: bad TV, political coups, poetry, extreme emotional displays, big hair, religious epics, tabloid journalism, contorted bodies, phony foreign tongue, obscure historical references, grotesque celebrities, and small children with puppies. They transform these passions and any passions you might suggest into a two-hour comedy bonanza. Just like snowflakes, no two shows are alike. This comedy miracle unfolds at 8 pm every Thursday at the Cave 20 Forest Ave, right next to Zootz. Just bring \$3 and Tim, Joanne and Kevin will take you from there. For more info call 879-0070.

"The Dancing Princesses" Young People's Center presents a Christmas performance for children Dec 14 at 1:30 pm at McAuley Performing Arts Center, 631 Stevens Ave, Portland. Tix: \$2.50 for all. Call 766-2857.

"A Life in the Theater" Mad House Theatre Company presents this spoof by David Mamet through Dec 15 with performances Thurs-Sat at 8, Sun at 2. The theater is located at 955 Forest Ave. Tix \$15, \$13 for students & seniors; call 797-3338, reserve.

"Murder at the Cafe Noir" A 1940s mystery movie comes to life at Portland's only dinner theater. Journey to the island of Mustique in the western Caribbean for a detective thriller in the classic Bogart tradition. Doors open every Saturday at 7:30 pm, the show begins at 8. Cost: \$29.95, includes full-length show and four-course dinner. The Baker's Table banquet room, 434 Fore St in the Old Port. Call 693-3063 or 1-800-834-3063 for reservations.

"My Children My Africa" Portland Stage Company presents South African playwright Athol Fugard's play about an idealistic teacher and two high school students, one black and one white, that probes the devastating legacy of apartheid on young lives. Fugard is also the author of " Sizwe Banzi is Dead." Performances times Through Dec 22: Tues-Thurs, 7:30 pm; Fri, 8 pm; Sat, 5:30 pm; Sun, 2 pm. Tix: \$18-\$24, with discounts all nights for students & seniors. Tix for preview Dec 3-4: \$12. Call 774-0455 for reservations.



"The Nutcracker" Portland Ballet Co's principal dancers Scott Potter and Karen Hurli-Montano will dance The Cavalier and Sugar Plum Fairy and local mime John Saccoccia will reprise his role of Drosselmeyer. Christopher Mattox, formerly a soloist with American Ballet Theatre, will appear as The Prince. Showing Dec 5-22, with matinees at 2, eves at 8, youth concerts at 10 am Dec 12 & 19, open dress rehearsal at 6 pm Dec 5. Tix: \$14 adults, \$10 children ages 12 and under. Call 772-9671 for reservations.

Tim Sample Presents "An Evening of Downeast Entertainment" Dec 6 at 7:30 pm (immediately following the Intown Exchange Parade) at The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 425 Congress. Tix: \$10 adults, kids under age 12 free. For reservations call 443-9903.

"The Sunshine Boys" The Portland Players present Neil Simon's play about the reunion of two elderly ex-vaudevillians with a natural antipathy for each other. Shows Dec 6, 7, 8, 13 & 14. Theatre is located at 420 Cottage Road, S. Portland. Call 799-7337 or 799-7338 for times and prices.

Three One-Act Plays by USM Students Dec 5-7 at 7:30 pm at The Lab Theater, Russell Hall, USM Gorham. Tickets: \$4. For more info call 780-5483.

Open Jam Session (jazz) cafe no, 20 Danforth St, Portland. 772-8114.

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Oratorio Chorale (chorale) 8 pm, State Street Congregational Church, Portland. Handel's "Messiah," conducted by Peter Frewen, accompanied by the Maine Chamber Ensemble. Also playing 8 pm, 12/7, at St. John the Baptist Church, Brunswick. Tix: \$10, \$5 students & seniors. 725-7130.

Glenn Yarrow and the New Christy Minstrels (folk) 8 pm, City Hall Auditorium, 30 Myrtle St. Tix: \$10-\$22; children age 13 and under half price. 772-8630.

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The Artists Studios, 536 Congress St, Portland. Open house Dec 7 from 10 am-4 pm. Come in, visit with artists, see creative work. 772-2839 or 772-4028.

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Do It Now! Foundation and Paul Adrian Lebell & the Dreamers of Oblivion (avant-garde pop) Gen's, 13 Brown St, Portland. 772-7891.

The Shores (rock) Moose Alley, 46 Market St, Portland. 774-5246.

Gotta Dance, Inc., Thompson's Point, second floor Bldg 1A, Portland. Smoke and chem-free dances with swing, Latin & ballroom music Fridays from 9-12 pm & Sundays from 3-6 pm. \$5. 773-3558.

The Moon, 425 Fore St, Portland. Open nightly, 8 pm on... Fri-Sat until 3 am. Cover: \$2. Thursday's are college alternative night. No cover with college ID, \$1 without. 871-0663.

Saltus, 20 Milk St, Portland. Open nightly until 1 am. No cover. 774-4200.

T-Birds, 126 N. Boyd St, Portland. Sun: football afternoon, comedy night; Mon: chem-free; Wed: local bands; Thurs: college night; Fri & Sat: bands and/or deejay, all contemporary dance music. 773-8040.

Wherehouse Dance Club, 29 Forest Ave, Portland. Progressive music, Fri: Groove Academy with deejay duo Spence & Al; Sat: Women's Night from 9-11 with deejay Deb. 874-9770.

Zootz, 31 Forest Ave, Portland. Wed: chem-free; Thu: visual vbe; Fri: deejay/live music; Sat: cutting edge dance; Sun: request night. 773-8187.

Art Gallery at Six Dearing Street, Portland. Preview reception Dec 6 from 5-9 pm for "Spirit of Christmas" at the historic Harding House, decorated for a Victorian Christmas and featuring paintings by Richard Haynes Jr., Pamela Johnson & Evelyn Writter. Showing through Dec 21. Open house Dec 7 from 11 am-5 pm. Gallery hours: Tues-Sat, 11-5. 772-9605.

The Artists Studios, 536 Congress St, Portland. Open house Dec 7 from 10 am-4 pm. Come in, visit with artists, see creative work. 772-2839 or 772-4028.

The Pine Tree Shop and Bayview Gallery, 75 Market St, Portland. Gallery opening exhibit featuring new work by Neal Parent, Carol Sebold, Robert Sieblerton, Helen St. Clair, Matthew Smith, David Clough, Tina Ingraham, Sean Morrissey, Bear Blake & Mary Brown. Through January. Gallery hours: Mon-Sat, 10-6; Sundays, 12-5, through Christmas. 773-3007.

Portland Museum of Art, Seven Congress Square, Portland. Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs 10 am-9 pm; Sun 12-5 pm. Admission: adults \$3.50, senior citizens and students with ID \$2.50, children under 18 \$1, group rate \$3.50. Museum admission is free 10 am-noon Saturday. 773-2787.

Angela to the Jews Series of works by Leonard Baskin, a Massachusetts-based artist whose works include sculpture, prints and works on paper, the latter featured in this exhibit. A group of spectacularly colored, larger-than-life angels incorporates a full range of themes common to Baskin's work: religion, mythological symbolism, and the grace and mystery of the human spirit. Showing through Feb 9.

Bernice Abbott, Photographer: A Modern Vision celebrates a woman who began as an apprentice to Man Ray and is now retired and living in Monson, Maine. This retrospective of 120 photographs encompasses five major themes in Abbott's work, including a selection of images from "Portrait of Maine," a photographic study she began upon moving to the state in 1959. The show also includes Abbott's portraits of artists such as James Joyce, Andre Gide & Djuna Barnes; her startling images of New York City in the 1930s; seminal work of scientific photography from the '40s and images from her travels along U.S. Highway 1 in 1954. Showing through Jan 12.

Richard Parks Gallery, 288 Fore St, Portland. "The Art of Tibet," an exhibit of Tibetan meditative paintings, showing through Dec 19. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 10-5:30; Thurs 10-7; Sat 10-5. 774-1322.

Seamen's Club, 1 Exchange St, Portland. Portland School of Art Student Show through mid-January. 772-7311.

The Spirited Gourmet, 143 St. John St, Portland. Suzanne McClellan's mixed media works through December. Hours: Mon-Fri, 10-6; Sat, 10-2. 773-2919.

The Stein Gallery, 20 Milk St, Portland. "The Holiday Show: The Gift of Glass," with smaller works in decorative and functional glass, including glass jewelry by six different glass artists. Showing through Dec 31. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 11 am-6 pm; Sat 12-5 pm; Sun 11-4. 772-9972.

Three Views Arts, 112 High St, Portland. "Fall into Winter: A Maine Landscape," in which the intense colors of the fall, as well as the beautiful black and white palette of winter are represented in an open show of Maine artists. Showing through Jan 5. Gallery hours: Fri 9-5, Sat 9-8:30, Sun 12-5, or by appointment. 772-1961.

Evans Gallery, 26 Free St, Portland. Opening reception and book signing Dec 7 from 3-5 pm for an exhibit of photographs by Todd Webb, in honor of the publication of his new book "Looking Back: Memories and Photographs." Webb's photographic work reveals, through its precision and human sensitivity, a generosity of spirit, and a deep respect for the evidence of time and humanity. The show will concentrate on three bodies of his work: New York, 1945-48; Paris

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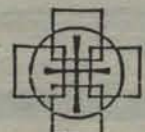
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FOR KIDS

Basketball Portland YMCA is now accepting registrations for its Youth Basketball Program for children in grades 1-7. For more information, call Michael LeGage at 874-1111.

Christmas Vacation Camp South Portland Recreation will be offering a camp for children in elementary school Dec 30-Jan 3. The four-day camp will feature field trips, inside sports, arts & crafts and outside play. Cost: \$60 (each additional child from same family is \$50). Call 767-7650 for register.

The Portland Public Library's Children's Room Schedule for the week of Dec 5: Dec 6, 10:30 am, Tales for Twos; Dec 7, 10:30 am, Story Time; Dec 9, 10:30 am, Preschool Story Time; Dec 11, 9:30 am, Finger Fun for Babies; Dec 11, 10:30 am, Preschool Story Time; Dec 13, 10:30 am, Tales for Twos. Five Monument Square, Portland. For more information, call 871-1700.

Santa Claus will hold visiting hours on the Haywagon, in Old Port shops & in the lobby of the Seaside Hotel (157 High St.) Thursday & Friday nights, Saturday & Sunday, plus the night of Dec 23. Little visitors will receive an "I saw Santa Claus" button, a candy cane & coloring book provided by METRO. Photos with Santa available for \$2.50 each. Call Julie at Intown Portland Exchange—772-6828—for more info on Santa's schedule.

Santa Express Mailboxes Intown Portland Exchange is providing boxes in Tommy's Park & Monument Square so children's wishes can make it to the North Pole on time. The letters will be picked up by "Santa's Helpers" (General Courier) on Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. Call Julie 772-6828 for more info.

Sixteenth Annual Free Mini-Santa Village is a non-profit event Dec 5-10, from 4-7 nightly at 7 Bridge St., Westbrook. Free parking and candy cane. Come see and talk to Santa, bring your children and your camera. Call 775-0507 or 854-2745 for more info.

Trolley Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the Seashore Trolley Museum (Route 1, Kennebunkport) on Dec 7 at 7 pm, and will return on Dec 8 from 12-4 pm. Take a ride on "The North Pole Electric Express," an 85-year old open trolley illuminated with hundreds of lights. (There are also heated, closed trolleys.) Museum hours: Dec 6, 8-8 pm; Dec 7, 14 & 21, 12-7 pm; Dec 8, 15, 22, 12-4 pm. For more information, call 967-2800.

Welcome Hanukkah! The Casco Bay Tumblers bring their lively Klezmer folk music on Dec 7 at 11 am to the Children's Museum of Maine, Westbrook College, 748 Stevens Ave., Portland. Come dance, clap and sing along with music and dances from Polish, Russian, Bulgarian & Romanian Jewish tradition. \$3 with museum admission, less for members. Call 797-5483 for more info.

SPORT

Cross-Country Skiing Passes The American Lung Assoc. & Maine Nordic Ski Council are offering the Gold Card, which allows the holder five visits at each of 12 participating areas. It costs \$50. Such a deal. For more info call 800-462-5864.

Maine Cricket Club is seeking experienced players and curious beginners for its 1992 season. Games already scheduled. Call 781-9678 for more info.

Maine Table Tennis Club at Tennis of Maine, Route 1, Falmouth, Mon evens 5-9 pm, Thurs evens 7-11. Cost: \$5. Balls provided. Open play, plenty of room and tables. Players of all abilities & ages are welcome, beginners and "basement" players encouraged. Call Greg at 823-8231 or Howard at 772-5496.

Men's and Women's Open Gym South Portland Recreation offers gym basketball for adults 18 and older at Memorial Middle School. Women's night is Monday and men's is Tuesday, both from 7-9 pm. The cost is \$1/night. Both programs run through April. Call 767-7650 for more info.

Portland Recreation's Adult Indoor Volleyball offers pick-up games every Tues & Thurs from 7:30-9:30 pm. Reiche Community Center, 166 Brackett St., Portland. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. Call 874-8793 for more info.

Portland Recreation's Adult Soccer Pick-up games every Friday ranging in skill level from intermediate to advanced every Friday from 6-8 pm at Reiche Community Center, 166 Brackett St., Portland. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. Call 874-8793 for more info.

Portland Recreation's Adult Men's Basketball offers pick-up games every Mon & Wed, from 5:15-7 pm; and Sat from 2-4. Fee is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. Reiche Community Center, 166 Brackett St., Portland.

Portland Recreation Co-ed Teen Basketball through March 26. King gym Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Jack gym Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm. Cost: 50 cents each night. Call 874-8793 for more info.

Portland Recreation's Winter Swimming at Reiche Pool (166 Brackett St., 874-8794): 7:30-8:30 am Mon, Wed & Fri; 12:15-1:15 Tues & Thurs; 4:30-6:30 pm Mon, Wed & Fri; 4:30-5:30 Tues & Thurs. Open swim: 6:30-8 pm Tues, Riverfront Pool (1600 Forest Ave., 874-8458): adult swims 12:15-1:15 pm Mon-Fri, 12-1 pm Sat, 6:15-7:30 pm Mon, Wed & Fri; open swims 6:15-8 Tues, 7:30-9 Mon & Wed.

Senior Fitness for Men & Women 55 and Over USM Lifetime offers classes Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10:30-11:15 am at the USM Portland campus gym on Falmouth Street. Program consists of progressive exercises. Registration is ongoing. Call 780-4170 for more info.

Ski Fit USM Lifetime is offering this ski conditioning program for the coming season. This three-month program is designed to help individuals work on cardiovascular conditioning, muscle strength and endurance. Individually tailored for the downhill or cross-country skier. Ski Fit is conducted in the Lifetime Bodyshop at the USM Portland gym on Falmouth Street. Participants make their own schedules. Flexible hours. Registration is ongoing. Call 780-4170 for more info.

Thirtysomething Soccer A group of individuals from the Portland area, ages 30 and over, meet to play soccer Sunday evenings at 8 pm on the lower field behind the high school in Cape Elizabeth. Events include pick-up games, challenge matches with other area clubs and occasional tournaments. For more info, call 799-8764.

ACT UP! (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) is a diverse group of volunteers united in anger and committed to nonviolent, direct action to end the AIDS crisis. ACT UP! meets every Monday from 7-9 pm at 72 Pine St., Portland (Andrews Square Building). New members are always welcome. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, write to ACT UP! Maine, P.O. Box 5267, Portland 04101, tel 774-7224 or 774-5082.

ACT UP! Portland A diverse, grassroots, direct action organization dedicated to creating positive changes around AIDS in federal and local governments, the media, and the medical, pharmaceutical and insurance industries through nonviolent public protests. Meetings: Sundays at 7 pm at the YWCA, 87 Spring St., Portland. The meeting space is wheelchair accessible. For more info call 874-8095 or 774-8475. "We will ACT UP as long as people continue to die of AIDS."

Adrienne Hawkins Jazz Dance Class Casco Bay Moves presents special class with director of Casco Bay Impulse Jazz Company, Dec 7 at 3 pm, CBM studio, 151 St. John St., Portland. Open to all levels. For more info call 871-1013.

American Red Cross Courses ARC's Portland chapter offers courses in the following this December: standard first aid, CPR, community CPR, review training for persons with current first aid and CPR certification; babysitting skills. For times and locations, and to register, call 874-1192.



Quantum poet

■ Tom Raworth reads at café no

If you still think of England as a country preoccupied with royals and the ritual of high tea, open your mind. Add to that image a fat dollop of risk, in the form of poet Tom Raworth. Raworth will soon make a tour through the United States and Canada, including readings in Boston and Portland.

Born in 1938, raised and educated in England, Raworth has become an international poet. His second book, "The Big Green Day," has been translated into Italian, and he has done time as a resident of Yaddo, a much-envied writers' residence here in the States. Since his first book of poems, "The Relation Ship," appeared in 1966, Raworth has produced, at last count, 12 additional books and participated in countless readings and poetry seminars. A particularly useful volume, "Visible Shivers" (1987), includes his letters to American poet Ed Dorn, written while Raworth was at Yaddo in the '60s. These letters provide us with some insight into what must be one of the most active imaginations of our time.

Raworth walks in surrealist shoes, and as with the painter Magritte, we find in his work recognizable images—a white horse, a carnation—but the poet's connections between the images challenge the literal mind. "At last," the horse is "inside the carnation." He does not languish in the lap of observable reality.

A quantum thinker, Raworth sees with the third eye into another realm, "picking fruit in one dream and storing it in another." Not for him Newton's edible apple; he looks for electron spin. His poetry is molecular,

the sentences reduced to particles that invite psychic rebuilding. He intends, he says, to pay "attention to form," but form here has little to do with external shapes and much to do with the substratum of life, "attention only to sensation," a reminder that human beings are feeling forms before they are thinking forms. We exist first in a bedlam of sensation, and ought to be mindful of it.

His poetry is, however, neither babble nor plumb. He worries, he laughs, he watches and records, a *camera obscura* trained on the range of human experience. In a letter to Dorn, Raworth says, "I have never reached the true centre, where art is pure politics." But if not at the center, he is near it with such poems as "North African Breakdown," where "nothing works in this damn country," or, it's not a bit like home. Or in "Collapsible," where he asks "behind the calm famous faces knowledge of what crimes?"

Again he tells Dorn, "I feel like an android, but Raworth is no tinman in need of a wizard. He has his own compassionate heart. In "Shoes" Raworth gives us a sad jewel: A shoemaker's child is dead, and we sympathize when "he wants very much to have his child back / to ride on the cows back." The word connections are characteristically rapid and the poem short and forceful. Raworth wastes neither time nor words.

Even in a long poem like "Sentenced to Death," the lines are compact and the action relentless. The geography is global and political, running from "asyut and aswan," to "tunisia" and "across Africa." His "coaches leave to take you back / with no speed limit." His reading style is reported to be as quick and dramatic. He might be doing a self-portrait when he writes:

*fine shots, they expressed
the unlocatable punctum
of a being, body and soul
discovered a secret thing
in front of the screen
suddenly the mask vanished*

I doubt Raworth has ever worn a mask. If, as Shelley said, poets are the "unacknowledged legislators of the world," we are ready for new laws in the politics of art. In "Hot Day at the Races," Raworth has Shelley "waiting with a crossbow for his rival, the pockey," who "soars in the air / and falls." Raworth would, perhaps, as violently and willingly unseat suppositions about what poems do and about those who ride them to death, flogging the language until it droops exhausted far short of the finish.

We can learn something here if we listen. But we'll have to be there at café no, 20 Danforth St., Portland, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. One performance only. Bring your ears.

Karen Douglass

Amnesty International Group 355 in Yarmouth will hold a special meeting to commemorate Human Rights Day on Dec 10 at 7:45 pm in the First Parish Congregational Church, Main Street, Yarmouth. Candlelight vigil at 6:45 precedes the meeting. Refreshments. All are welcome. Call 688-2220 for info.

Annual Toy Drive The Children's Museum of Maine, in conjunction with WMGX-FM and WGAN-AM, will conduct its Sixth Annual Toy Drive through Dec 18. Toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals etc. can be dropped off at the museum (748 Stevens Ave., Portland) Mon-Sun from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Please remember that toys should be clean and in good working order. Toys will be distributed Dec 19-20. For more information, call 797-5483.

Benefit Auction Chuck Ridley's family and friends are joining Spring Point Cafe in a fund-raiser to help Chuck with his bone marrow transplant. Chuck flies to Seattle on Christmas Day to begin his second transplant, with his brother as donor. Area businesses are requested to donate gift certificates for products and services to be auctioned off at 175 Pickett St., S. Portland on Dec 15, beginning at 6 pm. The Band Wild Turkey will provide free entertainment. Call 767-4627 for info.

Book Sale at the Swedenborgian Church, 302 Stevens Ave., Portland. All kinds of books! Wow! Dec 7, 10 am-3 pm. For more info call 772-8277.

The Bowdoin College Bisexual-Gay-Lesbian Alliance for Diversity will hold a dance Dec 8 from 10-11 in Delta Sig House, 259 Maine St., Brunswick. Deejay, Free. Donations accepted for OUTRIGHT, the Portland-based youth group. Direct questions to Pat at 725-3910.

Calling Down Spirit A new drumming meditation group will meet regularly on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Swedenborgian Church, 302 Stevens Ave., Portland. The group will remain open to new members until the end of the year. With the drum as our primary focus, we will use shamanic journeying and other meditation techniques to explore the use of sound as a vehicle for self-discovery and transformation. Bring a mat, a blanket, drums and rattles, songs to share. Cost: \$5 per meeting, barter can be accommodated. Call 772-8277 or 797-2858 for more info.

Choo Choo Trains The Portland Terminal Model Railroad Club will sponsor an open house Dec 8, from 10-3, at Jakeman Hall in downtown Ocean Park, off Tumpike exit 5, near OOB. A colorful operating modular model train layout, white elephant table, several hobby dealer tables and door prizes will be presented. Free. Donations accepted. For info call Raymond at 797-5199.

Christian Outreach Association Craft Fair to benefit Brazilian & Russian missionaries Dec 7 from 9-4 including quality handmade items, jewelry, art, Christmas gifts, bake sale. At the American Legion Hall, Dunn Street, Westbrook (across from Dunkin' Donuts).

Christmas Crafts Fair will be held by Resources for the Developmentally Disabled on Dec 7 from 10-3 at 17 Bishop St., Portland. Offerings include wood and craft items including plant stands, cutting boards, rag rugs and more. Call 797-7921 for info.

Contradance with Ellen and the Sea Slugs with caller Reggie Osborne Dec 7 at 7:30 pm at Saco Grange Hall, Bar Mills. Admission: \$5. For more info call 929-8472 or 773-9549.

Downtown Portland Holiday Haywagon Shoppers & visitors can catch a ride on the hayride, which leaves Monument Square about every 20 minutes for a ride through downtown and the Old Port Exchange. It operates Thursday & Friday nights, Saturday & Sunday afternoons through December, with extended hours the week of Christmas. Call Julie at Intown Portland Exchange at 772-6828 for info.

Eat, Drink & See Jewelry Susan Bickford's annual Holiday Show happens Dec 6 from 6-10 pm at The Cave, downstairs in Zootz, 31 Forest Avenue, Portland. Call 846-9096 for details.

The Enriched Golden Age Center invites men and women 60 and over to Wednesday luncheons. There is a donation of \$2 and programs are as follows: Dec 12, Everybody's Birthday; Dec 18, Christmas Open Recital. The center is located on the ground level of the Salvation Army building, 297 Cumberland Ave., Portland. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 774-6974.

Forside Community Church Christmas Fair will take place Dec 7 from 9 am-1 pm at 340 Forside Road. There will be Christmas trees and wreaths for sale, as well as knit goods, handcrafted items, ornaments, dried flower arrangements, baskets, gourmet foods, candy, international crafts, children's activities and more. Call Patricia at 781-2549 for more info.

"Gorillas in the Myth" USM's Department of Biological Sciences continues its 1991 natural history lectures with a visual safari of mountain gorillas of Central Africa by naturalist Phil Stiroi Dec 6 at 12:30 pm in the Science Building, Portland campus. Free. Call 780-4260 for info.

Handcrafted Sale To Benefit Sri Lanka Handcrafted doormats, wooden toys and lacquer ornaments from Sri Lanka. Dec 7 from 9 am-3 pm at Church of the Servant, 35 Lafayette St., Portland. For more information call 774-3578.

Holiday Fair Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church will hold its fair Dec 7 from 10 am-3 pm at 524 Allen Avenue, Portland. Among the offerings: quilt raffle, recycled items, antiques, knit goods, wreaths, books, CD's & tapes. Call Meredith at 773-6672 for details.

Holiday Toys for Kids Bring new, unwrapped toys to Monument Square from Dec 5-20, between 10-2. They'll be donated to the Salvation Army Dec 23 at noon. WBLM and Atlantic Records are donating a vacation for two to see Phil Collins and Genesis in their first USA tour. Register at the toy drop-off with or without your donation. Call Jose at 774-6384 for more info.

Lighting of the Copper Beech Tree Celebration Performances by Bellamy Jazz Band, Casco Bay Tumblers, Windham High School choir, Boy Singers of Maine Dec 5 from 3:30-5 pm at Portland Museum of Art. Free admission & refreshments. For info, call 775-6148.

"Maine and the China Trade" The Chinese-American Friendship Association of Maine presents a talk with Colin Sargent, editor and publisher of *OUTRIGGER*, the Portland-based youth group. The talk will involve Sargent's experiences and findings from a 1991 article he wrote, including remnants of the 1800-1900 China trade in antique shops and barns along coastal Maine today. Dec 10 at 7 pm in the USM Campus Center, Room B. Free. Call 774-6511 for info.

Meditation Through Sacred Walks and Dances In the tradition of the Sufis, these dances celebrate the unity of religious ideals. They are based on sacred songs and chants from the world's spiritual traditions. Dances are now held twice a month on the first and second Saturdays from 7-9 pm at the Swedenborgian Church, 302 Stevens Ave. For info call Greg at 848-6039 or Muriel at 874-2938.

Mill Creek Park Christmas Lighting Ceremony will take place Dec 8 at 7 pm at the bandstand. S. Portland school dept chorus will sing carols. Refreshments from 5:30-6:30 at Mahoney Middle School. Call 799-7996 for more info.

Piggy Bank Shop for Children Dec 7 from 10 am-noon at WYCA, 87 Spring St., Portland. Holiday shopping fair for children, most gifts priced under \$2. Gifts are made by the Y's Time Craft Group. Mrs. Claus & elves will be on hand to help. For more information, call 874-1130.

Season's Best Fashion Show Dec 5 at 6:30 pm at Crickets in Freeport. Buffet followed by look at fashions from Anne Klein, Brooks Bros, Calvin Klein, Carroll Reed and others. Tickets: \$20. For more info call 885-4005.

Shaker Christmas Fair will be held Dec 7 from 10-3 at Shaker Village, Route 26, New Gloucester. Offerings include baked goods, handmade gifts, wreaths, cheese, antiques, woodcrafts, Shaker oval boxes, and more.

Toy Exchange Dec 8 from 10-4 at S. Portland Boys and Girls Club, 169 Broadway. To sell children's toys and furniture, register items at the club on Dec 7 from noon-5 pm. Fee is 50 cents per item. For more info call 874-1070.

Williston West Church Annual Holiday Fair will take place Dec 7 from 9-5 at 32 Thomas St. (directions from Longfellow Square: from State Street take right onto Pine Street, then make fourth left onto Thomas). See Santa, find holiday gifts including handmade crafts, books, wreaths, baked goods, white elephant, tea room & children's shopping.

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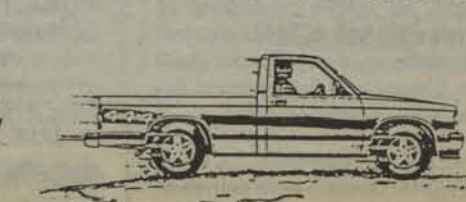


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PICTURE CONTEST

I COME DOWNSTAIRS AND AT THE TABLE THERE'S MARLYS AND FREDDY MAKING THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRAWINGS FOR THE GROCERY STORE PICTURE CONTEST. "WE'RE GOING TO WIN," SAYS MARLYS. "I'M STILL NOT USED TO SEEING MY LITTLE BROTHER IN THIS HOUSE."



AT THE STORE THE LADY HANDS US SCOTCH TAPE AND POINTS TO THE LOADED UP WINDOW. "ANYWHERE YOU WANT?" SHE SAYS. I HELP MARLYS AND FREDDY TAKE THEIR UP AND WATCH THEM RUN OUTSIDE TO LOOK THROUGH THE GLASS. MARLYS AND FREDDY CRACKING UP LAUGHING. WHAT WAS SO FUNNY WAS THE MIDGET TURKEY DINGER FREDDY DREW ON. IT BLENDING IN BUT YOU COULD ALSO NOTICE IT.



HE HOLDS UP HIS PAPER. IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE HE'S MY BROTHER THAT I SAY IT IS GORGEOUS. "FIVE MORE MINUTES" MARLYS TELLS ME, "AND YOU'RE WALKING US DOWN TO THE STORE." IN MY BROTHER'S FACE I SEE DAD. I SEE MOM. I SEE MARLYS. I SEE ME. "PUT A CROWN ON YOUR TURKEY," SAYS MARLYS. "THE KING AND QUEEN OF TURKEYS!"



THE WINNER AND CHAMPION GOT ANNOUNCED AT 4:30. THAT'S THE REASON YOU SAW IT: TWO KIDS HAULING A HEAVY TURKEY DOWN CONGRESS STREET. THEIR PRIZE, AND THEY WOULD NOT LET ANYONE HELP THEM. IT WAS FREDDY'S IDEA TO MAKE A CARRYING HAMMOCK WITH HIS SKI-JACKET. THEY DROPPED IT ABOUT FOUR TIMES ON THE WAY TO GRANDMAS BUT IT DID NOT AFFECT THE TASTE OR OUR GREAT THANKSGIVING DAY.



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roommates

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(Don Rubin's book, BRAINSTORMS, was recently published by Harper and Row.)

Can you solve the Real Puzzle? There is a \$20 gift certificate from Alberta's for the first-prize winner. The second-prize winner receives two free passes to The Movies at Exchange Street. Winners will receive their prizes in the mail. Drawings are done at random. Contestants are ineligible to win more than one prize in a four-week span. Only one entry is allowed per person per week. All entries for this week's puzzle must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 11. The solution to this week's puzzle will appear in the Dec. 19 issue of Casco Bay Weekly. Send your best guess to:

Real Puzzle #100
Casco Bay Weekly
551A Congress St.
Portland, Maine 04101

Solution to Real Puzzle # 98

(What's the point?)

The puzzle had 17 objects sticking through it: a corkscrew, a nutcracker, a pair of tweezers, a safety pin, a steak knife, a utility knife, a pair of scissors, an X-acto knife, a compass, a jackknife (two blades), a beer-can opener, a pencil, a dart, a screwdriver, a felt-tip marker, a standard pen and a technical pen. There's no way that the corkscrew was part of the jackknife.

This week, Portland's Jim Saffian and a friend will dine at Alberta's. Portland's Dan Golden and a friend will take in a movie at The Movies at Exchange Street.

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animals

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lost & found

LOST: NUETERED MALE TIGER CAT. Dartmouth and Oakdale last Tuesday. 761-2545 or 828-0065. Reward.

FOUND- SMALL DOG By Falmouth/ Westbrook line, Brook Rd. Call to identify- 797-7227.

bulletin board

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WE MAKE NEWS MATTER

CRAFT SALE- SELF-HELP Crafts of the World are available ONE DAY ONLY on Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 3pm. Church of the Servant, at 35 Lafayette St., Portland, becomes an international marketplace of distinctive, reasonably priced handicrafts like woven tapestries from South America, handcarved wooden elephants from Africa, brass jewelry from India and woven baskets from the Philippines. Located near the Observatory on Munjoy Hill 1 1/2 blocks from the Whole Grocer off Congress St. 774-8578.

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personals

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women men

THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY IS APPROACHING. Spending the holidays with someone extra special would be extra nice. I'm N/S 30 year old woman with a warm heart, large family, great sense of humor + over affectionate cat. Extra bonus points for honesty and sincerity. CBW Box 868. ♀5892

WELL EDUCATED & TRAVELED woman of 34, from large family with high values seeking male in 30s with same background. Must like adventurous traveling, movies, dining, dancing, and willing to have a good time. Also, must value friendships & family. ♀5888

ATTRACTIVE DWF, 42, looking for friendship (1), romance (2). If you're between the ages of 40-50, maybe we can give each other pleasure. I'm a considerate smoker who enjoys a social drink on occasion, long walks, watching baseball, x-c skiing and cooking. ♀5897

SWF, BLONDE, 5'9", very attractive and slender w/most outgoing personality wishes to meet tall and attractive professional N/S man, 30-40. If you enjoy skiing, dining out, and travel it would be a plus. Creative reply will get you a phone call. ♀5896

IFAT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED... Smart, single socialist tired of being lonely in these capitalist times and times, seeks SM, early 20s- mid 30s, with similar politics and a sily side, too. Objective: maybe to change the world just a bit and live happily ever after. P.O. Box 9715-980, Portland, ME 04104.

SHE SMOKES AND I DON'T. We're two exceptional ladies looking for S/DWM in their 40s who enjoy life. If you're interested in bright attractive women who don't hum the wedding march everytime you knock on the door, call today. ♀5924

DO YOU DROOL? Are your teeth sleeping in the cup beside your bed? Are you afraid to go out in public? If yes, then move on. If no, read on. DWF, 40, teacher, 100lbs., seeks witty, intelligent man with a broad sense of humor, sense of adventure, for romance and laughs. P.O. Box 6666, Portland, 04101. ♀5916

men women

DIVORCED SINGLE PARENT- 34, builder. Not interested in becoming rich. Looking for a special person who enjoys life's simple pleasures- gardening, walks, dogs, kids, the outdoors, exercise, church, and friendship. Someone who appreciates old fashioned values and ethics like hardwork and hardplay, honesty, loyalty, and integrity. ♀5903

SWEET, SEXY, YOUNG SANTA CLAUS, seeking seductive, sensuous, female elf for frolicking, Christmas caroling and fun times! Must be willing to... travel to North Pole, cuddle up with the jolliest young elf himself and have a great love for Santa Claus! Who else can you trust? ♀5904

BRIGHT, WITTY, HONEST, attractive, nice guy in search of a friend with similar qualities. I'm a 30something N/S who is for the most part physically fit and emotionally healthy. If the same above appeals to you, call and we can talk and see... Thanks. ♀5900

OUTDOORSY MAN (5'7", FIT 43), likes hiking, camping (in the woods), skiing, travel, children, ocean- runs trained snake farm on the side. Seeks thin/ petite partner, 30s, to help narrow the pipe at Kittery. Free nuclear reactor with first 5 replies. CBW Box 870. ♀5895

person of the week

Sweet, Sexy, Young Santa Claus, seeking seductive, sensuous, female elf for frolicking, Christmas caroling and fun times! Must be willing to... travel to North Pole, cuddle up with the jolliest elf himself and have a great love for Santa Claus! Who else can you trust? ♀5904

Each week, the person who places the funniest or most creative Casco Bay Weekly personal is chosen as CBW's "Person of the Week" and is awarded two free movie tickets, compliments of Maine Mail Cinemas.

I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'm looking for. This SWM, 28, seeks that special SWF with Mysterious Ways. If you have Desire, I Will Follow. Have you been wondering Who's Gonna Ride Your Wild Horses? Don't be So Cruel. I can't live With or Without You. Let me Trip Through Your Wires, and we'll run Where the Streets Have No Name. I'd be willing to take a chance and swallow my Pride (in the Name of Love) to Touch the Flame. U2? Call or write. ♀5917

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Rules & deadlines

Casco Bay Weekly Personals are for single people seeking relationships. CBW will refuse ads that seek to buy or sell sexual services. No full names, street addresses or phone numbers. Ads containing explicit sexual or anatomical language will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad.

Your ad and payment must reach CBW by 6 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication. Bring or send your ad to: Casco Bay Weekly, 551A Congress St., Portland, ME 04101. Phone: 775-6601. FAX: 775-1615

DSWM- Downhill Skier Wants Madonna... just kidding. Divorced single white male. I don't fit the tall/ dark mold, but I'm not the hunchback of Notre Dame either. I'm healthy, in my late twenties, and like to ski. For more info, write or leave message. ♀5920

SKIING IS ALMOST HERE and this attractive, professional, active SWM, 34, would love to find a S/Df to share a day of skiing followed by wine by a fireplace. Must enjoy intelligent conversation, romantic dinners, laughter and have a zest for life. CBW Box 877. ♀5919

SWM, 28 years old, looking for SWF, 20-28, for social fun and quiet times at home. I'm a N/S, whether you are or not doesn't matter. I'm affectionate and fun to be with. ♀5918

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men men

GWM, 30 something, tall, bedroom eyes. Looking to find my own Rhett Butler. Winter is approaching, Tara gets cold and so do I. Varied interests, sincere, attractive. Sense of humor a must. Write: Box Holder, P.O. Box 6101, Falmouth, ME 04105.

GWM, 40ish, Looking for down to earth man, 25-45. I'm educated, young at heart, liberal and open-minded, and tired of being alone. How about dinner or a drink? Portland to York area. Are you tired, too? Then write soon with phone #. ♀5902

BIWM, 30s, discreet, trim, seeks same or Gay/BI couples to swap photos, home videos, fantasy letters, cassettes, or? Into body builders, construction workers, tan lines and hair. How about you? Instant photo gets mine in kind. It's getting cold out there. Let's melt some snow. CBW Box 869. ♀5899

HANDSOME, EDUCATED, STRESSBALL (twentysomething), seeks politically charged capitalist. Interests should include xerox machines, CNN, and shopping for accessories. Trust me... I'm a romantic. ♀5905

GWM, 26, N/S, PROF. Looking for other mature & healthy GWM, 24-28, for companionship/ friendship. I am not into the bar scene, and have not been promiscuous. I like quiet times, conversation, growing intimacy and romance. CBW Box 878. ♀5921

ATTRACTIVE BIWM, 26, looking to meet other good looking, masculine, white males, 18-28 for friendship and possibly more. Be real, don't hesitate. Let's meet. CBW Box 879. ♀5926

others

STUNNING BI-MALE TRANSVESTITE searching for adventurous male + female companions to enjoy good times. I'm attractive, open-minded and ready to fulfill fantasies. P.O. Box 243, Minot, Me. 04258-0243. ♀5893

INTERESTED IN SEXY FUN? Non-threatening, tantalizing exhibitionism with lingerie and/or ? Just good clean fun to entertain and enjoy. We are physically fit and creative 8-5 professionals looking for another couple to have laughs and cavort with occasionally. ♀5901

WM, 30 yrs. old, seeks bi female couple, ebony woman for fantasy fulfillment and friendship. Age and weight not as important as cleanliness. ♀5894

ARE YOU A Bi? Looking for a relationship instead of fulfilling fantasies? Attractive couple, BiF and M, would like to meet you! We're looking for a loving, open, and sincere relationship with no jealousy or hang-ups. All letters answered- photo not necessary. CBW Box 873. ♀5908

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