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In Search of Cheap Booze

Beth Martin becomes the best friend of refugees in Portland by minding her own business

by Steve Hargreaves

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Talk
A Conversation with Elizabeth Isele

Elizabeth Isele, 57, just won a $7,500 interactive education initiative grant from the America Online Foundation for her Portland-based CyberSeniors program, which connects seniors with the Internet statewide. Isele, a former CBW contributor, has been asked to showcase her program for the federal Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

What inspired you to start CyberSeniors?
I was creating a community Web site for the New Media Development Group when I realized exactly what a virtual community was. I wondered who could make the best use of it and thought of seniors who can no longer get out in the real community. I thought, 'All I have to do is tell them about it.' That was about three years ago.

How did you get the program off the ground?
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Make Your New Year's Resolution to spend more time with us at Planet Dog.

From all of us at Planet Dog, we wish you a Very Merry Millennium.
Don't ask. Do tell. Beth Martin provides answers to refugees' questions through her volunteer work at Catholic Charities Maine.

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CASCO BAY WEEKLY

VOLUNTEER

BEST FRIEND OF REFUGEES IN PORTLAND BY MINDING HER OWN BUSINESS

A STRANGE HABIT

"A man with no questions," said a character in a novel Marieke Nelis. "Is a man you could almost trust."

Beth Martin keeps her questions to herself when dealing with recent refugees arriving in Portland. Martin, 49, is one of 130 volunteers at Catholic Charities Maine's Refugee and Immigration Services, which provides services to people facing political violence, religious intolerance and war. In a city that prides itself on multiculturalism, it is unusual to see a volunteer asking questions as if it were important as providing answers.

I would have to know their story," Martin said of the Sudanese family she's currently working with. "I haven't been inspired to ask. I don't want to be a voyeur. That's not why I'm here.

Martin has been here for 18 months and is helping refugees adjust to life in Portland. And refugees need a lot to help them adjust, and there are many different cultures to be貨 life in Portland. As a volunteer, Martin spends one afternoon a week at the University of Southern Maine's Women's Center, where she works on a program to assist refugees. She also helps refugees adjust to life in Portland. Martin is employed as the coordinator of women's services at the University of Southern Maine's Women's Center, where she works on a program to assist refugees. In Portland, she organizes events for refugees from different cultures. She's also a volunteer for the U.S. Helsinki Committee's Human Rights Commission, which helps refugees adjust to life in Portland. And Martin has been working with refugees from different cultures. She's also a volunteer for the U.S. Helsinki Committee's Human Rights Commission, which helps refugees adjust to life in Portland. And Martin has been working with refugees from different cultures.

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In addition, three coming to the United States are paying their tuition. The sign was written in English. 

In this situation I wouldn't say to them, 'What do you mean?' That's crazy!' she said. 'That would be awful.'

Steve Hargreaves

"I've tried to break down this artificial boundary. It's as a feminist, as a woman. I'm working with a culture that's so different."

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Volunteer Opportunities

Low Income

 Volunteers are needed to select families, work and construction. 772-2151.

The Maine Coalition for Food Security

plans events, write the newsletter, raise funds and help with office of Maine through education, research and networking. Volunteers poverty.

Maine Housing - Building Materials Bank

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Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve food, staff the booth at the Common Ground Fair, and community outreach (arts access, camp scholarships, teen and trades training), affordable housing for low-income residents.

This organization, dedicated to educating the public about arthritis, provides educational programs, ranging from free resource programs for small and large businesses to workshops for individuals and general public.

American Red Cross

Provides education and training in emergency management, blood donation, and first aid. It needs volunteers to serve at the Portland offices.

The Portland office of PTLA handles client intake for the south, 8 Federal

Provides assistance. For more information, call Lynn at 774-2326.

The center provides case management and services to the homeless, teen outreach activities and other programs. Gall Rhonda at 774-2326.

Soup Kitchen

Welcome. Call Eddie Manning at 772-110.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

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Mercy Hospital

Volunteers Norman and Lorraine Jonassen have given over 3,000 hours of volunteer service to the hospital.

Donations, and for office help. Yard sales are held every Sat at 169

AmeriCorps members serve in communities across Maine. They make a difference in education, health care, the environment, and public safety.

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For information, contact the Maine Commission for Community Service at 287-933.

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**East End Children's Workshop**
215 Congress St, Portland
Volunteers. Call Laurie O'Neal
This program pairs nonviolent shoplifting, vandalism, etc., to a child, attending school games or concerts, shooting hoops or fixing stuff up but are too busy to commit to an ongoing volunteer role.

**Ride5hare**
A program created to encourage and facilitate carpooling. It is run by volunteers and needs more volunteers. Call 761-3861.

**Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
259 Cumberland Ave, Portland
Provides services to blind and visually impaired people in Cumberland County. Needs volunteers in a variety of positions including drivers for downhill skiing outings and mountain biking outings. Call Pam McNally at 828-8608 or email pam@mcbvi.org.

**Great Bicycle Escape**
Tasks may include setting up rest stops, distributing water and supplies, and assisting with on-the-road help. Volunteers are needed for help with public relations, graphic design, and public relations. Call Darlene Dehler at 761-4200.

**Fluency**
A nonprofit organization that provides English language instruction for adults. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, administrative support, and event planning.

**American Red Cross**
Volunteers needed for blood drives, disaster response, and community education. Call 761-7000 or email volunteer@maine. redcross.org.

**The Danforth Gallery**
The Danforth Gallery is a community-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to providing exhibition space for Maine's artists. Volunteers are needed to help in all aspects of running the gallery, from hanging art to serving on the board of directors. Call Helen Frazier at 870-7512.

**Portland Lyric Theater**
A community theater that needs volunteers to assist with box office, hospitality, production, and ushering. Call 761-3861.

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A theater group that needs creative volunteers to build and paint sets, design costumes and lighting, and manage the box office. Call 761-3861.

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Volunteers Needed

Family Crisis Services needs volunteers to provide advocacy to women and children experiencing Domestic Violence. Advocates are needed for phone and in-person services. Call Gina Dessureault, Volunteer Coordinator at 874-2372.

Opportunities

- **Jewelry & Shoes**: Volunteers needed to work at the jewelry and shoe vendors during the event.
- **Wedding**: Volunteers needed for various roles at a wedding.
- **Volunteering**: Opportunities to work with organizations like Maine Island Trail, Friends of Feral Felines, and Munjoy Hill Community Policing Center.


definitions

- **Volunteer**: A person who donates their time and effort to help others without expecting financial compensation.


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To volunteer, call Gina Dessureault at 874-2372.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6.

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COMMENT

An advocate for open government

It’s true that CBW prides itself on being a pro-government, pro-openness publication. But we can’t help but notice that the City Council of Cumberland County is acting in a way that is contrary to the values we hold dear. The recent decision to close the City Council Chambers to the public is a clear example of this.

The decision to close the Chamber to the public is a violation of the principles of transparency and accountability that we believe in. The public has a right to know what is happening in their government, and the City Council should be transparent in its decision-making process.

We urge the City Council to reconsider this decision and ensure that the Chamber is open to the public. This will not only increase public trust in the government but also ensure that the decision-making process is fair and transparent.

Sincerely,
CBW

 Poor, oppressed southern Maine

In the southern part of the state, the issue of poverty and oppression is a constant concern. The region is characterized by high levels of unemployment, low income, and limited access to education and healthcare.

The situation is exacerbated by the lack of political representation. The people living in these communities have little say in the decisions that affect their lives, and their voices are often ignored by the political establishment.

We believe that increased political participation and representation are key to addressing these issues. By giving these communities a voice, we can work towards creating a more just and equitable society for all.

Sincerely,
CBW

Here we go again

I, Cheryl Leeman

...and now, with the endorsement of the Cumberland County Civic Center, we hereby declare that the City Council of Cumberland County is hostile to the public's right to know.

Let us not forget, this coalition was the driving force behind the recent vote to close the Council Chambers to the public. The City Council's action was a clear violation of the principles of transparency and accountability that we hold dear.

We believe that the City Council should reopen the Chambers to the public and ensure that the public's right to know is respected. This will not only increase public trust in the government but also ensure that the decision-making process is fair and transparent.

Sincerely,
CBW

More fluffy bubblegum music

CBS's so-called "campaign" music is a load of rubbish. The music is flat and uninteresting, and it does nothing to enhance the overall viewing experience.

We believe that the network should focus on producing quality programming rather than relying on cheap and cheerful music to market their shows. By doing so, they will be able to create a more engaging and entertaining viewing experience for their audience.

Sincerely,
CBW

Ed Khun

Industry

Don't let your kids get hooked on the "bubblegum" music that CBS plays during its shows. The music is mindless and pointless, and it does nothing to improve the overall viewing experience.

We believe that the network should focus on producing quality programming rather than relying on cheap and cheerful music to market their shows. By doing so, they will be able to create a more engaging and entertaining viewing experience for their audience.

Sincerely,
CBW

Maurice Harter

Portland

Why can't the city make the signs regulating overnight parking easier to read? Why not put the day of the week in big letters?

It's the driver's responsibility to know what the rules are and if you can't read the signs, more power to you. Let's all try to be polite and courteous to each other.

Sincerely,
CBW

Carlo Stucky

Industry
A funny thing happened on the way to Portland on the radio

James Barnes is trying to get his tales of life in a fun and weird Portland on the radio.

In the year 2000, James Barnes is trying to organize Portland's only radio theater. He imagines the audience listening in the comfort of their homes, not having to work harder than they already do.

Barnes, who is in the beginning phases of forming Portland Radio Theater, believes that radio theater is something you visualize, that you hear in your mind's eye, that you imagine through the microphone. Barnes' plan, each broadcast would be a short play, and round up at least five interested writers. Barnes' efforts, no air time has yet been secured for the Public Radio Theater, he reveals that right now, and it's classic. "Barnes' efforts, no air time has yet been secured for the Public Radio Theater, he reveals that right now, and it's classic."

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Barnes' basement is at 6 Market St., Portland, Maine. His small space above the Subway sandwich shop on Portland's Congress Street. The space is so small, that one can easily be confused by voices or "Louder." The radio audience also needs to be reminded that sound stage. Characters have to work hard to that they would be on TV or in the theater to distinguish themselves and their personalization behind the microphone. Barnes' basement is at 6 Market St., Portland, Maine. It's "Sky light" runs from Wed., Jan. 16, to Sun., Jan. 30, at the Oak Street Theatre, 12 Oak St., Portland. The space is a social worker, who resents being looked over and shout "Be louder.'"

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Top 40 Call ahead 10 pm/cover

Jeff Wier / The Basement

Rent lineup includes veteran bullies Nunan and Doug Cowan on guitar and vocals and relative newcomer Mike Aime-Stica and his standout singing. Mike Aime-Stica and his standout singing.

Doug Cowan of Bully Pulpit will face the crowd when the band plays Zootz on Thurs, Jan 6.

The Pulpit has been playing around town in various incarnations for a couple years now. The current lineup includes veteran bullies Nunan and Doug Cowan on guitar and vocals and relative newcomer Mike Aime-Stica and his standout singing.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
"MISSION: MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS IN ARGENTINA"
A former Portland resident and her husband, who are medical doctors, recently traveled to Santiago, Chile, to volunteer at a hospital. Their trip is to be the subject of a book, "Volunteer in Argentina," that will be published in the spring.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
SKATING PARTY
Bully Pulpit, 118 Washington Ave., will host a skating party featuring music by DJ Dredd. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
ZERO STATION
The gallery will host a opening reception for "The Edge of the Earth," a group show featuring works by Janna Epp, R. Lee Williams, and Bruce McPherson. The reception will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
"COLLECTED STORIES"
In a story from her new book, "How to Get Away With Murder," author Andrea Maulellas will read from her collection of stories. The event will take place at the Portland Public Library at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
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"Homegrown IV" is available at local record stores.

short cuts

T@sm (with the Band)

Playing the castanets

The style of the Ray Mason Band can be summed up as traditional rock with a little country influence thrown in. But that hardly does justice to the music on the group's latest CD, "Castanets." The songs may feel familiar, but then there's the kind of-come-from-the-Top title track, "Breaking the Liquid Sky" and "You'll Never Catch Me Out of Her Mind," idiosyncratic news in the melodic and Mason's treble-heavy voice. For all of his traditionalism, he never becomes predictable or stale.

A performing musician since 1982, Mason is a national company, capable of writing such effusive songs as "Promises in a Lat" and "Big Dreams" and the rock, which is partly in folk, his backing band, which includes local Mountain Men Stephen Desaulniers on bass and Scott Main on guitar, as well as drummer Frank Mason, supports him in a perfectly understated style. But what really makes the album is Mason's attitude. Affectionate notes of a seasoned professional, he plays with the confidence of someone who has been the area leader in creating today's musical environment. He's a sensitive and sensitive person, with a valuable sense of belonging. But, the best way to see the man is to take a class in his "Watching Daisy Fall." There's enough variety to please many tastes. -- Rodney Verrill

Fresh Dog just before leaving for a day old tern's birthday at the North American Bridge and the Bonesharks.

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