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The Simple Pleasure of A Village Infrastructure

by Jenny Ruth Yasi

Calling their point of view NIMBYism, questioning motivations and hurling insults at the organizers of a proposed new City Ordinance in my opinion only further polarizes, and adds nothing to understanding the situation. While the mighty Development-Ordinance-Which-Terrorized-the-City (page 6) appears able to tie-up construction of large-scale City development, it is not really the end-of-life-as-we-know-it. There are many ways a developer can work around this, and some of the best involve the one corner of the universe excluded from the ordinance: Bayside.

No question, Portland needs housing. The homeless shelter, I’m told, is packed to the follies, with 140 people sleeping there every night. That’s three times what it was three years ago, and we thought that was crowded. And others sleeping outside. The under-developed Bayside neighborhood. Sandy Elders tells me, would be happy to have a project just like the one which has been repeatedly rejected on densely residential North Street on Munjoy Hill. The winning solution seems obvious: apply all possible incentives and support to move the project to Bayside.

The Bayside area allows mixed-use zoning, so residential developers could really get jiggly with it, mixing residential housing, storefronts, apartments over storefronts, industrial, and who knows what, community “home office” office space. It’s an incredible opportunity for developers to make money and housing and everybody happy – but how to get developers to apply their own dollars to what was not long ago described in Newsweek as one of the largest white slums in New England? Bayside needs all the federal funding available for residential housing in the City, in hopes that the City’s breadth compete against neighborhoods more immediately appealing to residential developers. When the City flings the money every which way – including thriving neighborhoods like Munjoy Hill, where building 70 units, and 140 parking spaces over an underground freshwater reservoir is being bitterly opposed – then it pointlessly dissipates leverage that should be lurking every residential developer in the City into Bayside. Monjoy wasn’t rated use. A Civic Center isn’t mixed-use. What’s missing in Bayside is the residential use, and that’s where all these HCD dollars should be going.

Once you’ve cleaned your glasses and squinted a bit, Bayside emerges as an interesting place to invest in housing. Bayside’s proximity to the University makes the area a potential hot-spot for student housing. Our new-Mainers in the area would turn a residential development that included affordable housing, and that’s where all these HCD dollars should be going.

Bayside Hill, like all our other neighborhoods, needs a “village center.” We should treat it as our new frontier for residential City development. When I spoke with Jeff Monroe about the waterfront (see page 7), he told me that big traffic problems come – not from ferries, or tour buses, or commerce – but from condos and dense residential development. This downtown location is walkable, and its cars barely need to enter the peninsula. There is no water reservoir here. Aggressively seeking ways to market residential developments on under-developed Marginal Way and the lower half of Bayside still leaves an unbelievable amount of land there to other mixed-use possibilities. Developing housing in Bayside will improve the way of life for everyone in the City.

It’s more than time for Bayside to become a nicer place to live, work and walk. And contrary to the many dire predictions regarding the Munjoy Hill uprising, I am thinking that as long as this ordinance looms, the Bayside neighborhood finally has its competitive edge in the City. In fact, for big developers, right now it’s the only game in town.

Portland’s neighborhood process seems to work fine when everyone in the room likes a proposed development, but it breaks down and becomes impossible when people don’t like the proposal. Not only did this unimpressive process, whatever it wasn’t, fail to achieve anything even near consensus on Munjoy Hill; it showed off the City’s minuscule social radar, which somehow missed the fact that throwing federal money to this Munjoy Hill project was throwing gasoline on a flame. Participants were finally left with no trust for each other, many mutual misunderstandings, and a proposed ordinance. Any good process would have achieved far better results.

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Ted says his simple pleasure is being able to walk, especially after having surgery on his foot. Here he is with the island car... doing the run-for-the-boogie.
The Pleasure of Daydreams
by Cynthia Cole

All through my lengthening life I have relished the pleasures of daydreams. In young childhood I enjoyed the fantasy of leading a Tarzan life in some far-off jungles, swinging through the trees with the greatest of ease. Soon I began to imagine the ideal school for myself, and then the perfect family living on a large horse-filled estate. The ideal house occupied innumerable hours right through middle age and eventually entailed not only architectural courses but reams of graph paper. The designs and setting changed, of course, as my life interests changed. Sometimes the house was set off in a rural setting and sometimes in a small town, but soon I was imagining ideal towns and communities and drawing some stores here and a park there, with a pond just at that corner, and a hill to climb, over there... .

And now I live on a real island, a real community with many qualities that approach the ideal. I wonder what it will be like in the future. I try to imagine what it will be like if it continues to grow as it has in the last 20 years, and I fantasize what it might be like if it were to become my ideal community. How can we all, working together, make Peaks Island just the way we want it? What are your fantasies of Peaks Island in the future? Here are two possible scenarios:

Peaks Island Scenarios
In the year 2030...

A New Island

Peaks Island is known as a small gem - an upscale, manicured bedroom community for Portland. It has good roads, police, fire station, library, and a summer Club of note. It has lots of new, large, sometimes ornate houses. Even the older houses have been considerably revamped or enlarged in recent years. Many of the houses have quite exceptional gardens, with fences and arched gateways.

Portland Harbor has become increasingly active with more than 100 cruise ships and many cargo ships as well. The inter-island ferry is faster and bigger than earlier ferries, and it carries more passengers and cars. The Island roads are full of cars and even the large car-park at the ferry landing is almost full. Cars zoom down the streets and on the shore road.

An expansive new Marina which hosts large yachts and sail boats as well as small private high-powered motor boats for some commuters to Portland. Close by, there are a few coffee shops, fast food eateries, craft and souvenir shops. The Island now has several additional small hotels, restaurants, night clubs and bars. During the summer months, cruise ship travelers often choose the "Island Visit" option instead of L.L. Beans and pour off the ferry onto the Island. On most summer weekends, the Island is over-run by tourists biking or picnicking during the daytime and partying at night-time. Island Teens are swept into the commercial and entertainment culture. Residents no longer feel able to leave their doors unlocked, even during the day.

The Island grocery store has expanded, and a small hardware store has been added to the mix of services offered. The Plant's laundry and fuel center have continued to expand.

Nearly everything on the island is oriented to wealthy adults, mostly summer people, tourists, or retirees. Many former residents were forced to leave the Island because of high property values and taxes. The Island School has been reduced to about 20 students and uses only part of the former school facility. The other part of the space is used for a Community Center, adult classes, art exhibitions and evening athletics.

While the Island has prospered financially, its character has changed.

An Organic Island

Peaks Island is known as a small gem - an idyllic change from the 'hustle and bustle' of Portland. It has good roads, police, a fire station, a library and a well-liked summer Club. It has a great many older homes, most of which have been well maintained or revitalized in interesting ways. Most are now well insulated year-round homes although a few are used only as vacation 'get-aways'.

Peaks has one small Inn, two excellent restaurants, a hardware and a grocery store, a laundry and fuel center, and a successful greenhouse and landscaping business. Jones Landing still continues to attract both local and off-island people, as do a few lively summer stores and cafes/bakeries.

Back in the early part of the 21st century the Island residents decided that there should be a limit to growth on the island. "On a small finite piece of land it is impossible to sustain an endless amount of growth", as one person said during one of the many community meetings at that period. "Certain kinds of limits would be good for the Island." There was a limit agreed upon to the number of houses and cars that Peaks could handle. Zoning restrictions were hammered out and a transportation policy developed that has been just right for the Island. While a few cars and trucks are allowed for obvious business needs, the general policy is to allow only golf carts and bicycles to be used by individual people. A 10-passenger van circles the Island several times a day to pick up people at popular ferry times and additional taxi service is available if needed. The streets and roads of the Island once again have become peaceful, quiet and safe.

During all these early meetings, the residents gained important discussion and negotiating skills which have continued as an Island tradition over the years. People enjoy the process of working together to solve problems. This has also helped them to organize other Island projects.

There is a lively Senior Center and a thriving day care center, a community compost heap and gardens with the produce marketed down front; and a community pool, recreation center and skate park. Greenwood Gardens is well kept up and well used for community performances and special events, as is Battery Steele. There are artist workshops and an Island Crafts Center. The ball park is used for many sports; a small riding stable is nearby, and the ice pond is used for skating parties in the winter. Community potluck suppers, Church Fairs, contra dances and exciting music parties which include everyone, knit people together and help to orient children to the pleasures of community life.

The school is also a lively center of activity with between 80 and 100 Island students each year, while its special arts and outdoor programs attract students from Portland communities during weekends and vacations. Many students are involved in service learning activities and all of them benefit from the involvement of the talented writers, artists, and environmentalists living in the community.

One interesting Island project has been the experimental recycling center which is working on innovative ways, not only to recycle materials but also to reduce the waste stream to almost nothing and to try different approaches to educate the public about environmental issues.

Cynthia Cole is a community organizer and retired educator and Peace Corps volunteer living on Peaks Island. She is a member of Harbor Voices' Board of Advisors, and welcomes your comments.
Questions for Gary Wood, City Council:

1. If the City says that it already has a process which includes citizen participation, what would have to change to fit state criteria?

   The city doesn’t have to do anything different to comply with the state law and criteria. Staff work necessary to present facts and recommendations to our citizens, the Council, the Planning Board etc. has been underway for many months. The next step is to obtain Council input and approval of the process we are going to follow.

   Mayor Leeman has scheduled that item for discussion at the Council workshop next Monday at 4pm in the Council chambers.

2. In the last paragraph of the ordinance, it says the City Council can amend the ordinance once the city has “adopted an updated housing plan for the City in a manner consistent with the provisions of M.R.S.A. Title 39-A, Section 3437.”

   Isn’t it possible the City could just update the housing plan in accordance with M.R.S.A. 30-A, and amend the ordinance to remove the restrictions within a reasonably short amount of time?

   I agree with your reading of the ordinance that as a legal matter the council could amend the restrictions out following compliance with the state law. As a practical matter, however, that power is not as great as it might seem since the petitioners clearly seek to change city ordinances controlling development. The creation and passage of those ordinances as well as the goals stated in the Housing component of the Comprehensive Plan could place similar or greater restrictions on development. Furthermore, the process envisioned by state law is one that can take considerable time (the current state deadline is Jan 1, 2003). While it is running its course the uncertainty created by the Citizen Initiative will continue to chill or stop developments covered by the restrictions in the proposed ordinance.

Under this pavement, on the lot at North Street and Walnut Street, there is a reservoir. The large building is a condo, overlooking the Bay. Neighbors say the project is too big, and that they weren’t able to negotiate with the City before it awarded $400,000 of federal HCD funding to the developer.

Laugh Break

Two drunks were sitting in a bar, one of them had a little dog. A third guy comes in, sits down, and orders a whiskey. The drunk with the dog whispers something into the other drunk’s ear. After a while, the guy who whispered, gets up, and heads over to the jukebox.

The third guy says to the drunk still sitting at the bar, “Hey, what’d that other drunk whisper?”

The drunk at the bar says, “I can’t tell. He made me promise not to tell.

He doesn’t want anyone to know that he said that.

“Oh come on,” says the third guy. “I hate it when people whisper right in front of me. It makes me crazy with curiosity.”

So the third guy comes over to take their orders, and then she whispers something to the drunk. The drunk whispers something back to the bartender.

Then, the drunk stands up, and goes off to help his friend with the dog at the jukebox.

The third guy at the bar is beside himself. He just can’t stand having people whispering, and right in front of him! He says to the bartender, “Hey, do you mind telling me what that guy just whispered in your ear?”

She says, “I just asked him what other guy was whispering.”

“Well, what’d he say?”

The bartender said, “He told me not to tell you. He doesn’t want you to know that he told me what the guy with the dog said. He said you asked, but the guy with the dog said not to tell anyone.”

“Oh, come on. It’s not fair,” said the third guy. “He told you. Now you gotta tell me.”

“Oh, well. Are you drunk?”

“No,” says the third guy. “At least not yet.”

“Well, I guess I can tell you, then,” said the bartender. “It wasn’t no big deal. All the guy with the dog said was, ‘I’ve lived a lot and I’ve made a lot of mistakes, but at least I know better than to tell my secrets to a drunk.’

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Can you explain your opposition to the ordinance? She responded as follows, in writing:

Members of the Bayside Neighborhood Association are looking for an increase in the housing stock in Bayside. They are setting up a neighborhood watch and working with the police to increase the safety in Bayside. They value the social, cultural, and economic diversity in Bayside and hope to maintain it.

In reality, a ban on development was put in place on Oct. 16 when the Campaign for a Comprehensive Plan filed their initiative petition with the Portland City Clerk. The special election that they propose, by law, cannot be held for many months, probably the summer of 2001. In a time when Portland taxes are considered unreasonably high there will be little opportunity for the development that would increase the tax base. There will be little opportunity to build the housing that the residents of this City so badly need. While the economy of the country booms, Portland has been put on hold.

The ban excludes Bayside. We should be thrilled to be the only game in town. We fear this exclusion for two reasons. First, property values will increase and both market rate and affordable housing will no longer be an option. Only a limited type of development will be possible and we will lose the diversity that we hope to maintain. Second, Bayside can only regain its strength within a thriving Portland. We are a part of the whole.

Unity Village at Bayside, thirty-three affordable and market rate homes, will soon begin construction. The process of planning these units has been a positive experience for residents. City employees and elected officials, those who volunteer to sit on City Boards, developers, and funding agencies.

Many obstacles have arisen and all participants have gone the extra mile to bring this dream to reality. The values of housing, safety, and diversity have been incorporated into this Bayside Improvement. We are proud to have participated in this process and feel that the process and the new housing both represent the “community” that we are working to build in Bayside.

The ordinance prohibits this process from recurring throughout the City.

Sandy Elders, Bayside

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Click “calendar” to find updated times and locations for public meetings.

Simple Pleasure: Sidewalks. But, at this intersection (and all along the route) of Franklin Arterial and Marginal Way, pedestrians find themselves stuck. This is as good as this road gets, although it is central to City Hall, the skateboard park, Kennedy Park housing, Deering Oaks, Bayside Trail, the Old Port, Munjoy Hill, the University, or Down town— but you can’t get there from here along here, if you’re on foot. . . . Merely miserable and risky in the summer, these traffic barriers to pedestrians are completely impassable in the winter.

Harbor Voices posted this question to Sandy Elders, President of the Bayside neighborhood organization.
petition in hand. It was then that I learned of a plan for a Big Box Superstore behind my neighborhood. None of our lives has been the same since. Like many others, I had been complacent -- just going about my life. All that was about to change. Initially, I couldn't believe the size of the plan. I sought information. What I learned was not comforting.

What had started as a concern about one large project in my neighborhood quickly became something more. The first alarming piece of information was that in the last 10 years, the Planning Board had never said "no" to any project that had come before them. The second bad news was that the City Council had never turned down any of the Board recommendations. While we continued to focus on stopping this one project the process kept haunting us. The process became our focus. Any neighbor or neighborhood, who has had the opportunity to learn about the planning process first hand, understands the futility of it all. The process needs to change.

I learned what others had already learned through their "planning" experience. I learned that it is a developer-driven process, where the legitimate concerns of neighbors are disregarded. I learned that development decisions for our City are being made by developers, planning staff, and an appointed board which is heavily weighted by development interests. I learned that while some City officials were able to listen, they were feeling just as powerless as residents to change the process. The process has become an accepted but very bad joke on the residents of the City.

Rewind to 1870: After spending 100 years in New Brunswick, my ancestors decided to move south to Portland. Great, great grandmother and her fully grown clan of eight siblings made Portland their home. We've been here ever since.

The Portland of former days came alive through my mother's stories. The history of Portland and my own clan came alive through genealogy. Portland has a rich history. This City is filled with people who have a long history and commitment along with newer arrivals who have found a sense of community and a quality of life they couldn't find elsewhere. We are a city of neighborhoods that want their integrity and quality of life preserved.

We have a long history of community involvement. As taxpayers, we are willing to pay a higher tax rate to stay in a community that we love.

As residents, we have a legacy of questioning our leaders when they start to take us where we don't want to go. During Urban Renewal of the 60's, as our housing stock and neighborhood identity was being eliminated, it was the residents that said enough is enough. Greater Portland Landmarks and Historic Preservation came into being after the destruction of Union Station.

During the Waterfront condo mania craze of the 80's, it was the residents that said enough is enough when they passed the Waterfront referendum.

The initiative process is not one that residents embrace frivolously. It is a cumbersome process that residents use only as a last resort. Neighborhood after neighborhood has been blind sided by unplanned, unwelcome development that affects their quality of life and neighborhood integrity. When City leaders repeatedly disregard neighbors' legitimate concerns, it's time to say enough is enough.

The initiative is a small first step towards bringing some balance back to development decisions. It requires the City to form a Citizen's advisory committee to take part in the development of a Comprehensive Plan. It places short-term restrictions on large commercial development and housing development of 20 units or more. It will create neighborhood review of housing development. Please join your neighbors in preserving our quality of life. Sign the petition. Residents should determine Portland's future. Then we can all have a "breathing place."

Mayor Cheryl Leeman comments:

I am still hopeful that we can resolve this matter successfully to meet both the needs of the petitioners and the City's future quality of life. The hallmark to a fair process is one where everyone has the opportunity to be heard. While no one disagrees that there is always room for improvement, the City does offer a number of public forums in an attempt to be as inclusive as possible. We are at the very beginning stages of meeting the state's mandate to develop a comprehensive plan for submission by the year 2003. The public's participation will certainly be a crucial component. It is and has always been our intent to fully include the citizens of Portland in this process. Regardless of personal views on the Walnut St. Housing Project, we must pull together and work together in the best interests of the city.

Mayor Cheryl Leeman
Dear Jenny,

One fine September day, I was walking along Centennial Beach when a sprightly fellow approached me and asked if I'd seen any pizza-sized red jellyfish in the tidal area. As we discussed the news report the lethal creatures, the dark blue hat he was wearing came into focus. On it was the word 'Spikefish,' a name I recognized as the submarine from an essay in *Harbor Voices* this past summer. I exclaimed, "You must be Doug MacVane!"

I told him how his essay had impressed me. We talked about his submarine experience and, because this was the week the Russian submarine had gone down, the conversation quickly moved to that horror and his fears for the men aboard the vessel. Because of his unique viewpoint on the subject, I was quickly transported into a foreign realm of experience, one which would not have been possible were it not for your publication. Treasures lie all around us. Fate moves us to cross their path. Where else on earth would I get the chance to come face to face (counting jellyfish!) with those who have transformed their personal experiences into words? Who reading this has not at least imagined putting a thought into words to send in tomorrow? A door has been opened the space is unlimited! In a world that is increasingly divisive, shared perceptions, whether or not one intends to take them to heart, can only lead to better understanding, compassion and involvement. Ultimately, a paper such as *Harbor Voices* offers a safe place to attempt to talk about whatever life throws upon our shore.

Thank you, Jenny, for your efforts to bring forth this publication. I am honored that you accepted my work this summer and cherish your respectful editorial suggestions. I have only begun to appreciate the huge privilege and responsibility of freedom of speech that a 'dry' paper such as this embodies.

Sincerely,

Susan Hiesterc Webster

PS. A question: Why do you use the term we' when speaking of the editor? In my opinion, the word comes across as a distant cool wall and thus diminishes the unique voice that you, Jenny, are entitled to. I seem more accessible and open to dialogue and (God forbid!) controversy.

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*You Find An Island*  
by: Elizabeth Anne Harvey

Where do you go when you need to get away, but don't feel up to the hassles of Planes, Trains, and Automobiles? A place isolated from noise, traffic, pollution, crowds, shopping malls, ATM's, MacDonald's... where no one can find you... away from life as you know it? You find an island.

Islands are magical; transcending time and place. No minutes or hours, no bills or shopping lists, no must do's or must have's. No need to get somewhere because you're 'running late'. You just are, here and now.

Islands are like rare and precious gems; gems of immense beauty and profound simplicity. I rest my journal on the bedside table and turn out the light. The rhythm of splashing waves and distant foghorns gently rock me to sleep.

On a warm September morning, while daydreaming of far away places, my eyes drifted across Casco Bay. As innocent as a shy, young schoolgirl patiently awaiting her first childhood crush to notice her, Peak's Island blushed softly. She had been there the whole time seducing me silently from her distant shore, yet I had never seen her. She was stunning.

Waiting no time, I called a friend with a scannal cottage on the island, packed my bags, and jumped on the ferry.

During my wanderlust years, I traveled to such grand cities as Athens, Paris, Stockholm, and Sydney; as well as to such exotic destinations as Costa Rica, Curacao, and The Canary Islands. None can compare to my five days on Peak's Island.

My island routine was simple. At daybreak, a crying seagull or the rising sun stirred me from my restless slumber. With the sun casting its glow over Little Diamond Island, I sank deep into my Adirondack chair inhaling the salty, morning air deep into my lungs. At times, I walked a passing ferry boat or lone sea-kayaker from my island retreat.

Each morning, I strolled leisurely around Island Ave, a windy road hugging four miles of rocky coastline, snapping pictures of lobster boats, deserted beaches, twisted trees, sundat porches, and sleeping dogs.

Island dogs have neither the energy, nor the interest to bother you. They simply lift their heads slowly off the grass and give you a cock-eyed look.

During my island walks, 'hello' seemed more sincere, smiles more commonplace, and stillness more divine. I often paused mid-stride to hear the wind swooshing through the tall marsh grass, waves crashing against the rocky cliffs, children laughing at the nearby playground, and dads raking autumn leaves into neat piles. The tranquility was intoxicating.

One morning, I borrowed a rickety bicycle for my daily island tour, lingering at Peak's Cafe over a cup of hot chocolate and a scrumptious cranberry scone, followed by a short visit to the post office to buy a stamp and, with three cranks of my bike pedal, to Hannigan's, the island's only grocery store, to pick up a can of tuna fish for my lunch. Returning to my built-on-stilts, hanging-over-the-ocean, cottage-on-the-beach, I imagined I was Hemingway, tucked away on a shrouded island, isolated from society, sheltered from my fans and critics, creating masterpieces that would one day distinguish me from lesser refined writers. Easily distracted from my writing however, I flipped through magazines, took snack breaks in the morning and nap breaks in the afternoon (much like in kindergarten), and contrived endless excuses to stretch out on a lounge chair and relax in the sun after my long hours of nothingness.

I filled my soul with writing, reading, and walking instead of insipid sitcoms, passionless prime time, and dreary debates. No drama; not from the outside, nor from the inside.

Where do you go when you need to get away, where no one can find you... away from life as you know it?

You find an island.

I'd like the talking like the following people for reaching out - what may have seemed ordinary to you, felt extraordinary to me.

To the man putting out his driveway at the far end of the island who satisfied my curiosity explaining, "I'm not throwing away the mailbox, just moving it to a new spot.", to the sunny-faced fellow riding his bike who gave me a cheery nod and a wave; to the salty gentleman at the post-office who gestured, "Let this pretty lady go ahead of me.", to the friendly owner of the grocery store who pointed out where I could find the elusive potato chips on the oh-so-obvious wall of chips in front of the store; to the sweet woman with the British accent behind the grocery store checkout counter; to the jovial owner of Peak's Cafe who wouldn't believe he looked like the owner of the grocery store; to the nice guy getting in his pick-up truck who asked inquisitively, "Did you get some good pictures?"; to renowned islanders, Ted Haykal, who offered me chamomile tea, homemade bread, and a tour of his tippy towers; to my new island friend, Mandy for her quick response to my last-minute, "I need to catch the 11:15 boat!" pickup request, and most importantly to Wally Elsmore for offering me his oh-so-close-to-the-water home for five days of immense beauty and profound simplicity. Thank you all for sharing your island.

Elizabeth Harvey is a writer, photographer, and storyteller living in Portland, Maine. She will be hosting a reception along with her photography exhibit, *You Find an Island*, Saturday November 18 from 2-5 p.m. at Wally Elsmore's home. Photos will be from her 'immensely beautiful and profoundly simple' island vacation. She will be reading her essay at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 772-8715.

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Elizabeth Harvey
Island school children prepare to disembark from the Machigonne, and race for the best seats on the school bus.

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Community Reports

Waterfront

Jerry Yasi spoke recently with Captain Jeff Monroe, Director of Transportation and Waterfront, and the City staff person responsible for the OceanGate project development:

When you were out to Peaks Island last spring, there was some confusion about how far along the City was with the Ocean Gate process. People thought they heard you saying that nothing was set in cement yet, that everything would be decided by community process, but now they are hearing that the decision to move the Scotia Prince and the cruise ship lines down closer to CBIDT had already been approved by the City Council in December of 1998. Can you clear up this confusion?

I've heard the same comments. The City Council had accepted recommendation of the Cargo and Passenger (CAP) Study to move all passenger operations to the Maine State Pier area, provided that it would fit. By "fit" we mean not only that the facilities would physically fit, but that there would be no adverse impacts on traffic or residential life, the island or Munjoy Hill neighborhoods, etc.

There was a wide range of people who looked at how the facility and port was operating. With the additional issue of BIW leaving, it was determined that the appropriate reuse for BIW was to make it a passenger facility. The CAP study recommendations were brought forward under Waterfront task Force One and approved by the City Council, and we began moving forward with getting the money. Based on the City Council's acceptance of the study, we submitted applications for $16 million dollars to upgrade CBIDT, accommodate high speed ferry service (the State's plans call for a network of High Speed Ferry operators), and build the passenger terminal for the international ferry (on's Scotia Prince) and cruise ships. The Bond Bill contained an arrangement in which the State would provide $9 million, the City provided $1 million, and the feds $6 million. The Bond bill passed with great joy and happiness by an overwhelming margin of 77%. The State/City applied to the federal government and got $2 million for the first phase, through the efforts of our two senators.

We wanted to get CBIDT's upgrades done first. That's the heaviest usage. Cruise ships will be handling 60,000 passengers, the Scotia Prince handled 165,000 passengers this year, and Casco Bay Lines handled nearly 1 million (970,000 passengers this year.

If this expansion has what has been recommended, what could stop it from happening?

If our consultants say it's not going to fit, that it'll create roadblocks, we can't move forward. Right now, we're in the process of looking at some things. We've looked at the condition of BIW and Maine State Pier, and things are in good shape. We're doing functionality analysis with Ward and Curran, one of the best consulting firms in the world it is on our team. One of the things we don't want to do is to change the character of the City. If it doesn't fit, if we can show that we've analyzed this and we have a quantifiable reason why it wouldn't fit, we might be able to turn around with a plan B and still be able to use some of those monies.

The biggest concern is that everyone's afraid it will jam up CBIDT, and the original CAP study called for all operations on the Maine State Pier. Now, we believe that's not the solution. Probably Pier Two, where BIW's drydock operation was, will be the location. The Maine State Pier was built in 1922 and its just not structurally sound enough to accommodate a cruise ship like Maasdam from Holland America lines which is 16 stories high, on a regular basis without extensive modifications. When that ship docked here last year, it taxed the structural integrity of the pier.

There will most likely be a huge separation on the waterfront between operations — 700 linear feet — between the Maine State Pier and Pier Two. We think the best thing is to get vehicles into control down further on the waterfront. The Maine State Pier is not going to be the center of the cruise and Scotia Prince universe.

And in 2002, the reality is we're going to have a very modest facility. It will take 10-20 years before the whole project is done. It's the same as when we planned the airport — we build it in stages with public process.

I've heard that the big concern is how it might affect islander parking, and the cost of living on the island. Tickets used to be cheaper, parking used to be free. Will the CBIDT expansion cause cost of living for the islanders to go way up?

What we can do is to help with infrastructure and major capital maintenance costs. For operating costs, you've got Pat Christian and your Board of Directors to work with.

What makes Portland unique is that we have preserved the working waterfront, and this plan involves preservation of a deep water anchorage. The cruise ships do not bring in traffic, they have some tour buses, but that won't be bad. Prince of Fundy handled 30,000 cars last year; in the big scheme of things, that's really not bad. I would not want to see the waterfront filled with condos and private businesses, because that goes against our plan as a city to preserve the working waterfront, and if you want to see problems with traffic, put a bunch of condos in there!

I'm told that the CBIDT terminal has reached capacity. Waiting rooms are full, boats are full, you need additional gates. We're looking to create parking and maybe put it on the Maine State Pier. If we expand CBL using federal dollars, that's gonna cut costs. Operating costs accelerate ticket prices. But I see this as an opportunity to make things better, not to make things worse.

The working waterfront.

Keita Whitten

Poverty in America has robbed many of access to the basic rights that are essential to survival. Nobody can survive without necessities like shelter, clean water, clothing, medical care, food, fuel, and transportation. America prides herself as being one of the richest nations in the world. We tell the world that this is a nation where dreams can come true! We believe in the rags to riches stories. We tell everyone, work hard, the opportunities are endless! We say anybody can be successful! Yet, many poor Americans will tell you first hand that this is simply not true. For despite how hard they work, they are still struggling, finding themselves barely able to survive.


According to the findings of this law, by the year 2015 50% of all births in America will be out of wedlock; most of these will be attributed to young teenage mothers. This issue raises the concern that these younger mothers and their children will be dependent upon welfare longer-- the key words being younger and longer, causing fear that welfare spending could increase. In addition, compared to two parent households, this law assumes that children born in single parent households will run a higher risk of not developing the skills required for independence and self-sufficiency (Welfare Reform Act; H.R. 3734, 1996).

Laws like these that suggest that all poor people are merely looking for a free ride at the tax payer’s expense.

For the most part, welfare reform seems to be consistent with the voices of public opinion at large. Both liberal and conservative alike believe that pure determination and the willingness to work will liberate anybody out of poverty, and that welfare therefore “cripples” children, hinder- ing a child’s development from becoming self-sufficient and independent. Rector also believes that administering stringent benefits and enforcing work requirements will deter people from welfare, thus, ending the cycle of dependency, laziness, and “handouts”. In the end, both Rector and Zinsmeister agree that Welfare Reform should impose state sanctions to encourage keeping marriages intact, and putting responsibility back in the hands of parents. Thus, the conclusion to poverty as we know it.

However, these mainstream arguments vary in their misconceptions and the motives behind them, they are erroneous, backed by fallacious assumptions. Many women and men are choosing not to marry, but they are still committed to raising children. Some of these children are foster children, and children who are step-parented or adopted. They are children of “the Modern Family.” And remember that when we talk about “the modern family,” marriage in America is a privilege reserved for heterosexual partnerships -- Yet not all parents are heterosexual. Another family model, practiced for centuries in African-American communities, is the extended family methodology known as “Kinship.” In these black households, it is not uncommon to find grandparents, uncles, and aunts, raising children that are related to them.

An article, in the Portland Press Herald (entitled, Survey: Most U.S. Families Now Far From Traditional), highlights the changes in marriage. It included research that the University of Chicago has conducted showing that 67% of Americans surveyed disagree that parents ought to stay together simply because they have children (Associated Press. pg. A-4 1999). When we begin to deal with the issues surrounding domestic violence and child abuse, it’s imperative to the safety and well being of all women and children for a parent to be able at least to function well as a single parent.

This leads us back to the issue of public assistance, or “free handouts”. Did you know that it has been estimated that federal welfare dollars account for less than 2% of our national budget? Other federal programs -- military, defense, and government -- are guaranteed at least 50% of “our” national budget.

Currently, my sons and I are dependent upon the state. And I can tell you first hand that welfare is not a "free hand out" and the benefits are stringent! Like most American women, I believed that being married would guarantee me financial security. As a result, I found myself fleeing domestic violence for the second time. With two children (one being an infant), I ended up in the state of Maine, in the Portland Family Shelter. This was about five years ago. Even then — before welfare reform — in my situation, there were no free rides. I was expected to volunteer at least 20 hrs. a week and/or train for a job in some sort of vocational program. If I did not comply with these regulations, I would be subjected to termination, no assistance.

In regards to marriage, most Americans still assume that families can rely solely on one income, and usually this is the husband’s. Women writers like, Coontz and Franklin (When the Marriage Penalty is Marriage), expose the fact that many families simply can no longer depend upon one income. They point out that fathers, who do work to support their families, are not to blame when they are underpaid and unemployed (Coontz; Franklin. pg. A-24, 1997). In addition, even on two incomes, “two-thirds of the children who are poor today would still be, because their fathers and mothers do not earn...”

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enough to lift the family out of poverty."

Katherine Newman’s work entitled, Working Poor, Working Hard also questions the ethics of American economy. She highlights how these individuals hold the jobs that no one else really wants. She adds that these jobs pay minimum wages and require strength and patience to overcome the stigma attached to these jobs (Newman, pg. 20, 1996). These writers challenge the notion that poor people are lazy and that they all need to do is seek employment. They suggest that poor people, like all people, have a strong incentive to work — their children’s well-being.

The era of the fifties promised us more leisure time with the aid of modern conveniences. But at least one study — “Americans are the World’s Workaholics” — found that Americans are spending more time at work, now than they did 20 years ago. “Americans spend more time on the job than any other workers in the developed world.” (Portland Press Herald, pg.7, 1999).

In Maine, many individuals work two and three jobs. Why? According to a study reported by the Associated Press in the Portland Press Herald, “Hourly wages paid to half of Maine’s workers are insufficient to meet their basic needs” (Associated Press, pg.C-1, 1999). The study said that “Even $10 dollars an hour is barely enough for a single person to get an apartment and pay expenses.”

On a state wide average, a single person with one child at least an hourly wage of $11.14 to pay for basic needs-food, housing, transportation, health care, child care, clothing, personal care, and taxes (Associated Press, pg.C1, 1999). Others like Tony Giampetruzzi, author of Just Getting By, say if you are living in the Portland area, an hourly wage of $10.00 still barely meet basic needs and goes further by explaining that “high tech” jobs in Maine are not the answer either, because many Mainers are not skilled in such fields. Training for these jobs are costly and the issue becomes, how can I afford to go to college or technical school when I can’t even afford the basic things for my children? (Giampetruzzi, pg.44, 1999).

Currently in America, the minimum wage stands at $5.15 per hour. Diane Stafford, in her study, “Report looks at wage gap between workers and CEOs,” says, “If entry level wages had risen this decade on par with the skyrocketing pay of U.S. chief executives, the minimum wage would be $22.08 an hour.” (Stafford, pg.4C, 1999).

CEOs are making money only because they have workers producing the products. Workers should receive adequate wages and have access to stock options that would provide enough income to live. But according to the Center for Economic Policy, a family with two incomes making $10.00 an hour each, totaling a combined income of $20.00 an hour, still fall below the minimum income requirement for a family of four. A family consisting of two adults, providing for two children, needs to earn at least $43,963 per year, (Giampetruzzi, pg. 44, 1999). Yet, the poverty level set by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Income Eligibility Guidelines and Federal Poverty Guidelines, as of 1997, states that a household of four members is in poverty at $15,600 per year! The current poverty guidelines are less than half the amount that the Center for Economic Policy recommends in order for a family of four to succeed.

So, you have to prove that you are really, really poor with no means of employment in order to receive any type of assistance. Currently, a single parent with two dependants in Maine, who receives TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families), receives a living allowance or stipend of $461.00 per month. This family would also be eligible for food stamps at $200-$260 a month from the Maine Department of Human Services. I know because currently this is what I receive for me and my two boys. With this allotment, I am lucky, in that I am able to cover all the basic necessities, i.e., shelter, clothing and shoes for me and my boys, heating fuel, medical expenses not covered by Medicaid, food not covered by food stamps, non food items, car repairs, car insurance, and all other related transportation costs. But if you are employed, yet unable able to cover your basic necessities, there is no help for you if you make a couple of dollars above the current federal poverty guidelines. Many are determined not eligible for any assistance. Many people are not getting the support they really need.

The issue of minimum wage and federal poverty guidelines are all structural components regarding poverty. The Welfare Reform Act of 1996 overlooked for instance, the real lack of affordable housing. There is simply not enough affordable housing. Even with housing assistance programs, (i.e., section 8), people still aren’t able to find affordable housing. National low-income housing advocates say, “Nearly half of Maine renters cannot afford a two bedroom unit at the cost set by the government for a decent, sanitary dwelling.” ("Homeless Mainers Crowd Shelters Portland Press Herald, (Associated Press, pg. 2,1/27/2000). Other structural components include the lack of affordable childcare, affordable health care and transportation. These, in addition to racism, institutional racism, and discrimination, are all major contributors to the vicious cycle of poverty.

As a little girl, I watched my mother work hard everyday. She too was a single parent raising three girls alone, and a survivor of domestic violence. She would go off to a job that marginalized her, put in a 40 hour work week, and yet she had nothing to show for it. She came home exhausted, tired, and broke. She would then prioritize the bills, and juggle between, food, clothing, and care fare. There was never anything for a family outing or a trip to the movies. She cried and I was angry, blaming her because she could not do any better. What I hadn’t realized then was that the odds were stacked against her; against her gender, lack of education, opportunities, victimization, and race. Supportive services like affordable childcare, or affordable housing were so minimal they were almost non existent.

In my situation, some might argue about poverty being inherent. This is a valid argument, and I would agree. I too bought in to the "hype" all the misconceptions, about poverty. The difference now is that I am in the process of purging these misconceptions: Liberation requires education. I now have a better understanding of the structures which trap some of us into poverty, and how people get caught. As long as America continues to build structural "ills" — barriers that breed socio-economic injustice — we all fail. America takes pride in being symbol of prosperity, freedom, liberty, justice, and the “pursuit of happiness.” I ask you then, how can some enjoy these basic rights where so many others are oppressed?

Keita would like to dedicate this story to her mother, Naja Attenborough

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The Pleasure Of Rising Above Nasty Gossip

By Jennifer Farley

The best definition I’ve ever heard of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome. Gossiping in a petty way about other people you barely know usually falls into this category. And a sign of refusing to participate is arguably one of life’s most attainable and ultimately rewarding basic pleasures. Simply put, keeping your mouth shut not only makes you seem like an emotionally evolved person, but it also pays large practical dividends: you have the satisfaction of having done the mature, fair thing that in the end makes you look warm, kind and together. If you listen, but don’t contribute, often enough, you effectively build that ‘muscle’ of compassion, and it becomes a very attractive aspect of your character. Mean talk, however, eventually repels others.

Peaks Island, like most small and tightly knit communities, tends to be something of a goldfish bowl. Newcomers are often treated very roughly initially by the gossip machine, and then, when more is inevitably revealed, they become accepted and even welcome and respected members of the increasingly diverse island populace. Since that is a predictable pattern, you can safely assume whenever you hear something particularly nasty about someone, you don’t have all the information, or that your initial opinion is bound to change over time. Therefore, it makes a lot of sense to rise above negative chatter, and also makes you look like a bigger, smarter person, with more to do and more on your mind, than those who, in essence, speak evil readily about their very own neighbors.

Anthropologists say that gossip serves an important function in cementing human relationships, because sharing a confidence creates a bond, and the exchange of information has practical functions as well. Certainly, it’s great to know if someone has a reputation for not paying his or her bills before you do any work for that person, or extend credit of any kind. That’s useful knowledge.

But vicious gossip says more about the person spreading it than it ever does about the victim. For example, whenever I hear sexual gossip, my first thought is why is this talkative person so intensely interested in the very private life of someone else. The answer, almost always, is that the teller suspects the gossip victim of having more fun than they themselves are having. I say, well done! I think we should all have as many interesting nights as possible. Still, it’s usually handy to have some idea of who is sleeping with whom, so one must evaluate in context whether the gossip is malevolent or merely curious. Curiosity is okay; pointing fingers in self-righteous castigation is not. In fact, I personally consider sexual gossip to be a sign of rather low intelligence, given what else is going on in the world.

And, without apology, I’m rather a snob about smarts. My mother and I have a little game that we play whenever circumstances force us to be in the listening presence of malevolent gossip. Point for point, we silently compare the speaker’s subject with themselves. For example, if the speaker were bemoaning that big new house being built by some woman from Texas, we would carefully consider the speaker’s own housing, geographic and even gender circumstances. Is the speaker a male obviously threatened by female financial independence? Could he in fact afford to build his very own dream house? Would he dare to do it in a new place, thousands of miles from his place of origin? Might he dare to do it a little differently, in fulfillment of an achievable fantasy? And finally, has he ever even been to Texas, a free-wheeling meritocracy such as the world has rarely seen?

We have usually found that people gossip in a mean way about stuff they themselves could never do because of the limitations imposed by fear, the absence of talent, and the lack of equivalent financial and social opportunity. Ugly women gossip about pretty women. The drab take aim at the flamboyant. Ne’er-do-wells hate winners. Experts disparage generalists. The timid loathe the brave. It’s neither subtle nor elegant. It’s also not the mark of leadership.

Putting someone else down via mean-spirited or unsubstantiated gossip is a transparent and feeble attempt to claim the control that another has apparently taken over his or her own life instead of dealing bravely and directly with your own limitations and inadequacies. Which is not to say one cannot have opinions; they make life interesting. Just keep in mind that participating in unilateral, mean gossip is a very clear gauge as to what really makes you tick on the dark, insecure underside. So when you rise above it, or step to another’s defense, not only do you preserve your privacy, but you foster a clean, nurturing environment for your own self-esteem, and that feels really, really good. Don’t be a sheep when you can be a shepherd.

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Simple Pleasure: Building Something to Last

Following clockwise, you can watch the progress of this seawall, which was built by Terry Edwards landscaping for the Cashman's on Peaks Island, and here is being given a stone facing by Barry Shaw Contracting. Upper left, you can see where the new wall meets with another which was built 100 years ago. Right — the stone was laid out in a pattern over the top of the wall, before it was finally placed. The wall, which was engineered by Woodard and Curran, under its traditional stone face is built of poured-in-place reinforced concrete. The reinforcing is epoxy coated rebar. The wall includes a network of drains to keep water from building up behind it. JY
THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

"I was worried about vaginas. I was worried about what we think about vaginas, and even more worried that we don’t think about them...So I decided to talk to women about their vaginas, to do vagina interviews, which became vagina monologues. I talked with hundreds of women. I talked to old women, young women, married women, single women, lesbians, college professors, actors, corporate professionals, sex workers, African American women, Hispanic women, Asian American women, Native American women, Caucasian women, Jewish women. At first, women were reluctant to talk. They were a little shy. But once they got going, you couldn’t stop them.”

EVE ENSLER (Author) is an award-winning playwright, poet, activist, and screenwriter. The Vagina Monologues won a 1999 Obie Award and was nominated for Drama Desk and Helen Hayes awards. Ms. Ensler’s best-selling book, The Vagina Monologues, was published by Villard Books. The 1999 recipient of the Guggenheim Grant in Playwriting, Ms. Ensler is currently writing a screenplay on women in prison for Glenn Close.

The Women’s Resource Center at the University of Southern Maine will be hosting their 3rd annual production of “The Vagina Monologues” in February 2001!

They are looking for people interested in directing, coaching, designing sets and costumes and helping out in general. For anyone interested, the first Vagina Monologues meeting will be on NOVEMBER 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Women’s Resource Center (which is located in the Woodbury campus center) Please call 780-4996 for more information. Hope to see you there!

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THE Casco Bay Tummlers

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The Tummlers produced and recorded this CD on their own, and overall it is an impressive second release. They are at their best when they let the rolling rhythms of Klezmer carry them away, which they do on several occasions, and most notably so when Julie Goell is singing Di Miske. Her voice seems especially resplendent in Yiddish, somehow, and the unfamiliar lyrics sang on in my head for days. I know Julie quite well, but this Yiddish voice of hers was unfamiliar to me – ancient, exotic sounding, very wise-womanly. I felt like I was listening in on another, more innocent century, full of the confidence of cultural substance and continuity. She added a verse of her own, which she translates, “When I first came to Portland Maine to live like a Yankee, I didn’t understand a thing. But don’t tell me that I’m ‘from away’ cause I can drink muske like any Yankee, and play Klezmer music like any Tummler on Casco Bay.” The overall effect of these songs is personable, charming and moving in many ways - after all, this is dance music -and this is the perfect CD to round out your reasons to celebrate the still lengthening nights.

So in peer review terms, I did come up with one hopefully helpful suggestion as a next step for this marvelous band of troubadours. Before you record your next CD (which hopefully be soon?) search out a sympathetic producer. Hey, even the Beatles had a producer. A producer’s role in a group like this (which by the way, made all their decisions by consensus) is to make musical suggestions that out of polite band members might not dare to suggest to each other. The Casco Bay Tummlers are legitimately at that stage in their career which few Maine musicians even achieve – and they deserve a producer, that extra set of critically objective ears. A good producer for the Tummlers will have produced klezmer music before, and will have a line on on a whole bunch of tunes to add dimension to their repertoire. A good producer will convince a band to discard any tunes (or arrangements) the band is holding onto for sentimental rather than musical reasons. My prediction isn’t a difficult one to make: in just a few years, the Casco Bay Tummlers will have a new release, a producer, and they’ll be playing at the Whitehouse. Check the band out further at www.cascobaytummlers.com

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CD release: Jumpin Jewpiter!

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Maine Blues Society Holds Meeting at O'Rourke's Landing

While the O'Rourke's Landing Bulls met for their weekly dart night and Krissi Shumway celebrated her birthday, members of the Maine Blues Society convened for their monthly meeting and subsequent jam session. The Society, founded as a non-profit in 1989, was formed with the purpose of preserving and promoting the blues and an appreciation of all facets inherent: heritage, profession, education, culture, creation, enjoyment. Intrinsic to the Society's mission is fostering recognition for the contribution by America's black citizens to music in our nation's history, with an emphasis on Blues as being unique to the American culture.

Society meetings follow Roberts Rules of Order with a casual flair to cover old business, new business, news and updates. This last meeting was geared towards planning for a charity event in November. It is noteworthy that, although a non-profit organization, the Maine Blues Society manages to donate so much of their energy, time, and skills to helping others in addition to their fellow musicians. They hold benefit concerts for soup kitchens and various charities. Members man the phones at Maine Public Broadcasting. Their musicians visit schools regularly to promote "Blues in School".

Benefits to MBS members include a monthly newsletter which covers local music, upcoming gig dates and contact information for bands and blues clubs, CD reviews and blues news. Letters, reviews, and stories are welcome! Discounts on MBS merchandise and events are offered as well as discounted goods and services at the establishments of fellow members, such as Izzy's Cheesecake. Musicians gain a forum for interface, mentoring, and critique as well as many opportunities to showcase their talents. The effect of the latter? Well, most of us have heard Jimmy and the Soul Cats or perhaps King Memphis play, or listened to Blue Steel Express on our radios or are familiar with national recording artist Mark Miller. Maine blues talent, thanks to this organizing force, has access to play the stage at the annual Maine Arts Festival at Thomas Point Beach as well. In addition to promoting local musicians CD's at their jams, each year MBS sponsors a trip to Tennessee for the Maine band that wins the "Road to Memphis" competition. And that's just for the musicians; the rest of us non-playing mortals may enjoy the society's regular blues jams in Portland and Lewiston and other bands dates around the state.

Hosting the Portland-area jams are Kevin Kimball of Blue Steel Express, Mark Miller, and Steve Bowman of the Back Bay Blues Boys. If you have yet to attend one of these evenings, I encourage you to do so for a phenomenal treat. The jam at O'Rourke's commenced around 9:15 p.m., with Steve on harmonica and Mark and Kevin playing guitar; all share in the vocals. These three produce such a full, textured sound together that one would think they were listening to a band of seven, complete with bass guitar and drums. Visually, the interaction was a treat as well. Mark Miller, a musician for thirty-plus years, has a continuous smile; he breathes this stuff. He says his music is his freedom. After listening to this talent, I say God bless freedom. Steve Bowman offers just the right amount of accompaniment on harmonica, the perfect complement to the two guitars. His vocals on a rendition of B.B. King's "The Thrill Is Gone" were molasses-smooth. When asked what music means to him, he replied, "Music is my muse. It allows me to express what I couldn't otherwise. Music is my joy, my friend." Kevin Kimball, also a musician for thirty-plus years, offered some amazing slide guitar. If it is possible to view a person's soul, one might visibly witness Kevin's expand as he plays. He is one with his guitar – and it is a happy union.

Keep in mind, these are just the hosts of the Portland-area jams. When asked who can perform at these jams and share in the music, self-professed "long-time blues activist" Kimball said, "As long as they play the blues, anyone can play." What a fine way to expose local talent while honing one's skills.

How does one become a member? "Just ask," says Kimball. An individual membership is only $15.00 per year; A family membership is $20.00. Business memberships are a mere $25.00! Of course, donations are gladly accepted (and they are a tax write-off). Joanie O'Rourke, hoping that others will follow her lead, donated $50.00 to MBS to help their cause. In addition, she shared that she will welcome auditions at O'Rourke's by up-and-coming bands. In fact, she is open to giving new bands "test runs" i.e. trial jams/practice sessions mid-week. She may be reached at (207) 767-3611.

Maine Blues Society is an affiliate of The Blues Foundation, a national organization. Other blues societies may be found for most states on the MBS website at: www.mainebuessociety.org. For more information contact them via phone at (207) 353-2842; mail at: P.O. Box 4703, Portland, ME 04112 or email: info@mainebuessociety.org. The Society meets once a month from 7:00 to 9:00pm and always hosts a fantastic blues jam afterward. Call today to find out where the next meeting will be.

Lorraine C. Lamont is our South Portland correspondent.

South Portland Happening

Lavender Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Dash salt
- 2 cups flour
- Lavender sugar to roll the cookies in

Cream butter and sugar together, add salt and flour. Mix thoroughly. Chill dough in refrigerator. Pre-heat over to 350 degrees. Form dough into small balls and roll in the lavender sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool on racks. Happy Thanksgiving!

Cathy Boisvert helps get Harbor Voices ready for printing at the American Journal in Westbrook. She shared with us her wonderful simple pleasure of making lavender sugar (mix one part lavender flowers and ten parts sugar). She says a teaspoon of the sugar is yummy in white wine, and also in...
Editor's note: All pieces published in Harbor Voices reflect the opinions and experiences of the author only. We’d like to maintain a safe space where people can dare to stick their necks out, and say what’s on their minds. We value the free exchange of ideas, and invite reader response. As always, we ask writers to help maintain a courteous atmosphere, and focus on specific issues and ideas, and not personalities. Thanks!

There was an attack on a Jewish synagogue in France, and this morning a Jew in England was murdered. The violence has spread to Europe. Both Palestinians and Jews are being killed. No question at present the Arabs are the attackers as well as the Jews. But we have to go to the root of the evil. Depending on where we start our argument, we can make the Jews look bad or the Arabs look bad, according to what we hope to accomplish. If we want to make peace, we have to look at the root.

From 1934 to 1948, I lived in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem, which is now Israel. My late wife, my companion for 60 years, was Jewish. When the Jewish state was founded we fled to the U.S. because of the endless war and bloodshed.

More than 80 years ago, long before the Jewish state was founded, Winston Churchill already wrote that a Jewish homeland in Palestine would be a thistle under the saddle of the Arab camel. It would create enmity between Jerusalem Arabs. Churchill nevertheless supported the creation of a Jewish homeland because the hostilities could be used to the advantage of British interest. The British Empire is gone, but the hostilities are still with us.

Israel is a Zionist state and Zionism, to me, is a form of racism. It cannot be denied that in law and practice, Israel strongly discriminates against all non-Jews. A Jew born in the U.S., whose ancestors never came even close to Palestine are given instant citizenship on their entry in Israel, but non-Jews who were born in Palestine and whose family has lived there for generations are denied that right. Therefore, all the Arabs on the West Bank and in Gaza cannot vote in Israeli elections, and they are not represented, but live under military rule. At any time the army can and often does confiscate their land, and use it for military purposes. After a short while the army has no further use for the land but does not give it back to the original Arab owner, but to a Jewish immigrant. The water table in Israel and the West Bank is rapidly falling because more water is strained out of the ground than is replaced by rain. If the well of an Arab farm falls dry, he is not merited to drill a deeper well. He has no water for his animals and even no water for himself and his family to drink. He is forced to leave his land. Then, under Israeli law it states that he has voluntarily left his farm. The land is given to a Jewish settler who is immediately allowed to drill a deeper well.

Our foreign aid supports three universities in Israel, but certain so-called sensitive subjects – like high-tech – are forbidden to non-Jews. The Jewish state was founded with massive terror and massacres of the Arab population by the Jewish Irgang and Stern Gang. The blowing up of the King David Hotel (1947) and the massacres of the villages of Deir and Yasin are only a few examples.

Apparently the American people have no idea what is happening in the Middle East, for our support of the Zionist state greatly contributed to the bloodshed. Our own President Reagan states that the Jewish settlement on Arab land were obstacles to peace, yet gave vast amounts of foreign aid to build these obstacles and expand these settlements. All these settlements are built on land confiscated from the Arab owners.

I believe the so-called peace process was doomed from the beginning. A permanent settlement is only possible if UN resolution 242 could be implemented. But this resolution was vetoed by Israel and the United States. We never were even-handed in the Middle East. We always gave to Israel the most modern weapons including those which at the time even our own army did not have. It is claimed the U.S. was the first nation to violate the atomic proliferation agreement, having given such knowledge to Israel. It is claimed that the first atomic material which Israel ever received came from a power plant in Pennsylvania.

Only if Israel agrees to give its non-Jewish population the same rights which Jews rightfully have in our country can we expect a lasting and permanent peace. I believe that the conflict will go on and deteriorate in all-out war. But this war will not be fought with conventional weapons, but with terrorism. We can expect that some deadly germs will be developed by a scientist in a kitchen sink that cannot be controlled if they are released in a NY subway. From our own experience with terrorism I believe that the bombing of our destroyer in Yemen Harbor is only one of the attacks which we can expect.

The only hope that we have for peace is for the United States to do nothing. Keep foreign aid, the money which rightfully belongs to us, for us, and hope for the best. Until four weeks ago, the bloodshed in Palestine was a quarrel between Jews and Palestinians over land. It was not any different than what we see happening in Ireland. But when Arion Sharon went to the Temple Mount, with hundreds of heavily armed Palestinian soldiers, he escalated the war into a religious war. And now we are not only fighting with Palestinians over land, but with a whole Islamic world over a holy place in Jerusalem.
From "Zionism then and Now;"
How does Zionism relate to the current debate over the land of Israel for one people or two peoples?

Prof. Ben-Shlomo: There is a basic contradiction in this question. Two peoples cannot hold rights to the same land. If the Jews are perceived as colonialists, then they are colonialists in the whole of the Land of Israel, not just in the territories but also here at Sheikh Munis [the site of TAU in Ramat Aviv]. There is no precedent in the world for one country as the historical homeland of two peoples. In any case, the notion that the Land of Israel is the historic homeland of the Palestinian people, is to my view, an historical fabrication, because there was no Palestinian nation for 2000 years.

The Arabs who wish to live here are entitled to enjoy all human and civil rights of the State, as long as they recognize that they have no national, historic right to this land. This has always been the view of Zionists committed to the Return to Zion, whereas the "territorialist" approach aims at forcing the Palestinian people to leave. If this view prevails, we will have to change Israel's national anthem and the flag, and repeal the Law of Return. No Arab citizen can possibly sing the words "while yet within the heart, inwardly the Jewish soul yearns" (Hatikva).

If this happens, it is probable that the Jewish state will eventually cease to exist, since a state cannot exist without a moral basis, and at Oslo we destroyed this by admitting that we conquered a land which belongs to another nation.

Prof. Bar-Navi: It depends to which Zionism we refer. Buber and Uri-Zvi Greenberg; Ben-Gurion and Jabotinsky; and Uriel Simon and Benny Katzover are all Zionists, and none has a monopoly over the correct interpretation of Zionism. The legitimacy of one trend or the other needs, therefore, to be examined not against the Zionist ideology - for there is not one Zionist ideology - but against two universal principles: the principle of reality and that of basic moral values. The principle of reality states that there are indeed two peoples living in Palestine and that no ideological trick can change it. Common morality, from which the Zionist movement has also greatly benefited, recognizes that the other nation in the land of Israel has the right to self-determination as well. Accordingly, the solution of compromise of the Israeli peace camp is legitimate, whereas the demand for "all or nothing" of the so-called "national camp" is not legitimate, since it ignores these two universal principles and draws its justification solely from its own assumptions. Nonetheless, both are Zionist, whether we like it or not.

Prof. Gorny: Israeli Arabs are no longer passive politically, as they were when the State was established. The Arabs within the green line are becoming increasingly active and the question of their national identity is becoming more critical. This does not mean that they will want to leave Israel should a Palestinian state be established, but they are beginning to demand more rights as citizens, and perhaps even as a national minority. From the outset, the Zionist movement recognized the existence of an Arab national movement. Jabotinsky was the first, followed by Ben-Gurion. Jabotinsky envisaged a Jewish state of five million with two million Arabs who would be given broad national autonomy and as a minority would be offered partnership in the running of the state, making it in practice a binational state.

Since Zionism recognizes the right of a nation to self-determination, Zionist policy must search for a political solution that will guarantee a degree of sovereignty to Palestinians outside the state: UN representation, a national flag, a passport - possibly through confederative arrangements. There are any number of objective problems which demand regional cooperation - a fundamental concept of Zionist thinking.

Prof. Shapira: Zionism never defined itself in terms of territorial boundaries, but rather in terms of political goals. The founding fathers of Zionism did not refer to borders of the promised land, and they would surely have regarded Israel's final acceptance by its neighbors into the Middle East as the pinnacle of Zionist achievement. They did not delude themselves that this would arise out of love, but rather as a result of our neighbors recognizing the fact that war cannot drive us away.

How is it possible for an Israeli Arab to identify with the State? In the same way that an American Jew closely identifies with the State of Israel while still remaining a loyal citizen of the US, an Israeli Arab feels a deep national and ethnic link with a Palestinian homeland, and yet still wishes to remain in Israel for cultural, economic and historical reasons. The two loyalties are not necessarily contradictory, if both peoples are in a state of peace.

Prof. Ben-Ami: The question that has split Israeli society from the 1920s until today, on whose altar Arlozorov, Greenzweig and Rabin were sacrificed, is in the process of being resolved, sometimes at a stiff price for Zionism. Those who cannot conceive of a Zionism unconnected to the graves of our forefathers have, however, narrowed the horizons of Zionism to a ridiculous degree. It is time for Zionism to address the question of the nature of the identity of Israeli society. As soon as borders are laid down for the State - and we are one of the few countries in the world which does not have borders, like an apartment without walls - it will be necessary to start furnishing it. The State will rise and fall on the image of Zionism, not on the Arab-Israeli conflict, because this conflict is on its way - true, a long, winding and thorny path - to being settled.

Prof. Nini: The basic premise of Zionism, that the Land of Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people, cannot accept the division of the Land of Israel between two nations. The question is not Zionism's stand, however, but rather the ability of its proponents to understand that a gap exists between vision and reality, between the dream and its realization. The confrontation between the two peoples in the land of Israel created ethical and political questions that could not have been addressed in advance. The early Zionists could not have foreseen that a Zionist Jew living in Zion would be perceived by Palestinian Arabs and most of the international community as a conqueror and an oppressor of another people. To be a Zionist today means to be in constant conflict with oneself and with one's surroundings, a conflict between aspiring to a vision, and the ability to fulfill it. It requires daily reevaluation of individual and societal beliefs, viewed in the mirror of morality, justice and truth.
Join the Conversation, and Don't Miss an Issue!

See membership form on page 15...

Some Simple Pleasures are:

Enjoying the sunset.
Walking on the beach.
Being able to walk.
Listening to music.
Being able to listen.
Hearing the waves break.
Watching the waves break.
Smiling.
Seeing someone else smile.
Hearing a good joke.
Laughing at a good joke.
Telling other people a joke.
Missing the boat when you didn't want to go anywhere anyways.
Seeing others laugh.
Going somewhere fun.
Doing something daring.
Reading a good book.
Sleeping in late on weekends.
Eating a nice, relaxed, home-cooked breakfast.
Having a good day at work.
Having a good day at school.
Going to a party.
Having a party.
Saying hi to an old friend.
Buying a gift.
Receiving a gift.
When your neighbors' leaf bowing machine breaks and they finally go back to nice, quiet raking.
Reading a good book.
Sleeping when it's raining on the roof.
Thunderstorms at night.
Field Hockey.
Friends.

Simple Pleasures: Doing watercolors outside in beautiful weather...

Poem

Friends
By Sandra Azzoci
Some can come
Some can go
In the spring
And in the snow
I'm used to the change
But it feels so strange
I try to let go
Even though
My brain says NO!!

Simple Pleasures: Dressing up!!

Next month our theme is “Good and Evil.” Send your stories, jokes, poems, pictures, cartoons, stories by November 30th to voices@maine.rr.com or to Box 10 Peaks Island, Maine 04108

We saw some good costumes on Halloween. Can you tell who this is? If you think you know, e-mail us at voices@maine.rr.com

Simple Pleasures: Cuddling. Lassie and Dandylion don't understand why anyone ever fights.
Peaks Island artists Nancy and Scott Nash hosted a "meet the candidates" night at "CampPain" 2000. We met the candidates, who were never allowed to debate. We discovered the candidates were actually illegal aliens, and but voted several times for each anyway in exchange for M&M's.

We still working on our recount, but we hear that Al Gore likes the theme of our planned December issue: "Good & Evil." December's issue will be guest edited by Harbor Voices director and psychological advisor Matthew Day. Jenny Ruth Yasi will still be managing editor. Send your Good & Evil writing by e-mail voices@maine.rr.com or to Box 10 Peaks Island, Maine 04108

Island Hallowe’en, and CampPain 2000
**Schedule for The Community Television Network**

**Channel 4, Portland, ME**

**November 2000**

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**YOGA!**

Group or individual lessons. Come home to yourself and discover your natural strength, wisdom, and inner peace.

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**Design your Own Barbie Doll**

Do you wish you could really identify with Barbie? Here’s one that we could buy...

**Bifocals Barbie:** Comes with her own set of blended-lens fashion frames in six wild colors (half-frames too!), neck chain and large-print editions of Vogue and Martha Stewart Living.

**Hot Flash Barbie:** Press Barbie’s bellybutton and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead. Comes with hand-held fan and tiny tissues.

**Facial Hair Barbie:** As Barbie’s hormone levels shift, see her whiskers grow. Available with teeny tweezers and magnifying mirror.

**Flabby Arms Barbie:** Hide Barbie’s droopy triceps with these new, roomier-sleeved gowns. Good news on theummy front, too—no matter what you do to your stuffing, those panels are included.

**Senior Citizen Barbie:** Years of dancing in stiletto heels have definitely taken their toll on Barbie’s dainty arched feet. Soothe her sores with the pain-killing cream and plasters, then slip on soft terry slippers.

**No-More-Wrinkles Barbie:** Erase those pesky crow’s-feet and lip lines with a tube of Skin Sparkle-Spackle, from Barbie’s own line of exclusive age-blasting cosmetics.

**Mid-life Crisis Barbie:** It’s time to ditch Ken. Barbie needs a change, and Alonso (her personal trainer) is just what the doctor ordered, along with Prozac. They’re hopping in her new red Miata and heading for the Napa Valley to open a B&B. Includes a real tape of “Breaking Up Is Hard to Do.”

**Recovery Barbie:** Too many parties have finally caught up with the ultimate party girl. Now she does Twelve Steps instead of dance steps. Clean and sober, she’s going to meetings religiously. Comes with a little copy of The Big Book and a six-pack of Diet Coke.

**Post-Menopausal Barbie:** This Barbie wets her pants when she sneezes, forgets where she puts things, and cries a lot. She is sick and tired of Ken sitting on the couch watching the tube, clicking through the channels. Comes with Depend and Kleenex. As a bonus this year, the book “Getting In Touch with Your Inner Self” is included.

*Editor’s note: The above was going around e-mail list servers, and when my sister sent it to me, I nearly wet my pants laughing. Author is unknown.*

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Harbor Voices is looking for a person with experience in sales management to help us blaze a golden trail in alternative community journalism. For more information contact us at 766-2390; e-mail at voices@maine.rr.com, or write to Box 10 Peaks Island 04108

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**Officer Chris Holly meets the boat on Peaks Island, where there’s no crime to speak of...**
All types of window treatments. Specialty is energy efficient WindowQuilts, save 80% heat loss. Skylights, sunrooms including motorized shades. Equally effective for summer heat. contact 766-5090

News from the

Women's Resource Center
University of Southern Maine

The USM Safe Zone Project and the Maine SpeakOut Project (www.mainespeakout.org) are collaborating to offer a one day training program for potential speakers for the USM Safe Zone Project and the Maine SpeakOut Project. This mini public speaking class will provide people with some great skills and increased comfort in discussing Gay Lesbian, Bi and Transgender (glbtq) related issues.

This training will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2000 from 9-4 at the USM Campus Center in Portland. The cost for the training is $10 (students who are unable to pay the $10 may be granted a scholarship). This program is also being co-sponsored by the USM Student Senate and the President's Office.

For more information, or to get a copy of the registration form, please contact 228-8235 (or x8235) or sholmes@usm.maine.edu

Act now, spaces are limited.

PINA Environment Committee

Purpose and Scope:
The scope of the environment committee is to develop and implement programs to support and manage environmental resources cooperatively with Island residents and the City of Portland. The purpose is to maintain and protect a healthy environment for the people, vegetation and animals of Peaks Island.

Initially our plans include:
- Monitor sewer expansion for effects of septic systems on quality of aquifer
- Protect the vegetation on the island (including the back shore trimming)
- Stop removal of rocks from the shoreline
- Create a new island Brochure for educational purposes
- Set-up Island “Clean-up” days...coastal & island wide
- Keep records of new flora and fauna growth on island since the reduction of the deer population
- Continued Deer Management
- Help maintain natural trails throughout the island – e.g., the Indian Trail

We heartily welcome anyone to join our committee.
Contact Marianne Jaffee at 766-0088 or Suellen Roberts 766-2162

“Willy’s home” photo by Liz Harvey

There are many ways to school, but you need to take the road that connects to none of the others from the Beltway to School Branch Road. Remember: No dead-ends. Roads go over and under each other. Road RAGE puzzle by Ralph Morris, Peaks Island...
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![Clay By the Bay](26 Free Street 775-3004 Portland)

Nate paints a present for Grandma, and adults like to paint pottery too...

Now is the time to schedule your **Holiday Office Party** at Clay by the Bay!

Relax, Create, Socialize

A section of the Sea Wall that Terry Edwards built, Barry Shaw faced in stone, and Woodard & Curran designed for the Cashman's on Peaks Island... see page 11