Reproaching the people who approach the homeless

Advocates leave homeless group

By Mary Lee Crawley

Only six months ago, homeless advocates shared an unspoken rule in the newly formed Let’s Talk. Now, there are three groups clamoring to prescribe the “right” solution to Portland’s homeless problem.

Four advocates recently left Let’s Talk, a fledgling advocacy group for Portland’s homeless. Three of the advocates who left say that Let’s Talk Peer Advocate Director Mike Quinn will go to extreme lengths to get homeless people off the street, even if it means having them committed to mental institutions. Another said he left because Let’s Talk approach does not adequately shape state and local policies that could help the homeless.

The people who left Let’s Talk formed their own groups. Let’s Talk has 14 homeless advocates, Operation Crisis has six, and People Helping People has twelve.

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"... AIDS will kill their children"

It seems to me how people become so emotionally extreme about an issue. They seem to be losing reality. What they forget to realize is that AIDS will kill their children. Susan Cummings-Lawrence provided some assistance to community by educating people about the serious risks of unprotected sexual activity. The issue was not a proven factor, because not many people involved in the experiment without whether or not they are married couples. Lessons on sexual morality are not a public educator's responsibility. It is the responsibility of children will make the right choices if they are treated with respect and able to communicate within their family structure.

Andrea L. Bisson
Portland

Portland officials "pretending"

I don't mean to end until you write your article. Fighting Those Who Fight AIDS" (3061 322E00 what a great impression Portland city officials have in the great tradition "but isn't this almost a fact?" I'm a lover of alcoholics, battered partners and other victims of frustration, school officials are pretending that their denial means that alcoholics are not having sex. Then any game of "pretend." First, let's pretend that two purposes of primary and secondary education are to enable young persons to take care of themselves and to contribute to society. Let's pretend that drugs are an obligation of sex to show the young. Let us really see the great fear of burying, that just as they lose suits brought by some jeopardy of losing. Just as they lose suits brought by some jeopardy of losing. Just as they lose suits brought by some jeopardy of losing. Just as they lose suits brought by some jeopardy of losing. Just as they lose suits brought by some jeopardy of losing.

Maggie Nies, Portland

"Lost in a torrent of caustic cynicism"

I disagree completely with Mr. Ventura's assertion that an individual cannot be healthy in an unhealthy world. (3064 4.54.48). I agree that the health, body and environment are in a crisis: a condition many choose to ignore for the sake of comfort. However, speaking openly about illness and the prevention of possible problems is only marginally useful. Unfortunately, Mr. Ventura's flashes of brilliance and insight were lost in a torrent of caustic cynicism, frustration and despair. Not that despair isn't epidemic. But I believe it was to be responsible to the health, realistic, concerned, active, and still see the humor and joy in life. If anyone should have known, it would have come of the education. I believe in the health care system, and I want to be a part of the solution. Let us reach this point, then we become part of the solution. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide their children, and to contribute to society. Let us reach this point, then we become part of the solution.
UPDATES

Water district will conserve

The Westmoreland Water District (WWD) will help its customers modulate water conservation options. Water district general manager says that by implementing several initiatives to encourage water conservation, the district aims to reduce its dependence on imported water and lower the overall cost of water services.

Portland leaders eye nude dancers

Portland officials have made an effort to bring, among other things, a new law allowing "creative expression" in public places. This law, if enacted, would regulate the public's expression of nudity in certain locations. The council will consider the proposal on Mar. 10.

Feds take over Sun Savings

The FDIC has seized Sun Savings of Portland. The bank was insured by the FDIC and is now being taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as a receiver. The bank's deposits will be insured up to $100,000 per account.

Chitwood pushes gun-safety law

Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood wants adults whose weapons are stolen to be held criminally liable. The measure, if enacted, would require a court order to be issued before a stolen firearm can be returned to its owner.

Casco Bay a "significant estuary"

Casco Bay has been named a "significant estuary" by the National Estuarine Research Reserve. The designation recognizes its importance to marine life and provides federal funding to support conservation efforts.

WEIRD NEWS:

- Some birds have the ability to "what you see is what you get" effect. This phenomenon, known as "mental radar", allows birds to "see" objects they cannot actually see.

- A musician has developed an instrument that produces sound waves that can be felt, rather than heard. The device, called a "tactile guitar", is being tested on patients with hearing impairments.

- A team of scientists has discovered a new species of butterfly that can change its color to match its surroundings. The butterfly is capable of rapid color changes to avoid predators.

- A group of researchers has developed a new type of solar panel that can generate electricity even in the presence of water. The technology is being tested in remote, water-rich areas.
In the U.S., 2,400 pounds of hazardous waste are produced for every person, every year.

interface with our ability to safely handle and reduce a substance's toxicity. In addition to keeping their homes free of garbage, toxic-free bodies - an exercise we should all undertake.

While less toxic than household cleaners, pesticides, and other substances, hazardous production is often described as a major contributor to pollution. In addition to being disposed through the rain, many people swallow pesticides as they eat and drink. In industrial effluent, aquatic life, and in the air, pesticides can cause respiratory and dermatological effects. They can also contaminate soil and water.

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Ten ways to reduce your home toxic use

1. Water and be aware
   - There are safer alternatives for every toxic cleaning scheme. "If all my cleaning were with a bottle of 20/30 'super detergent' and some liquid soap, and I used available products, I doubt if I'd buy any more," says homebuilder David A. Hall of his excellent handbook "The Non-Toxic Home." (St. Martin's/ New York.)

2. Go soft and dry
   - Dry cleaning is a major source of pollution. In some communities, it is illegal that meet or exceed this way. At home, use detergents that don't contain phosphates.

3. Eat organic
   - Produce is the largest single consumer source of toxic pollutants. As long as people will buy pesticide-laden food, farmers will grow it. Support growers who don't use toxic chemicals by buying their food.

4. Pump, don't spray
   - All aerosols - even those labeled "CFC free" - threaten the health of the planet. The bigger the aerosol, the more damage it does. Bigger aerosol alternatives exist for most aerosol products. (Besides, the EPA is Kelly tight.)

5. Paint clean
   - Americans use more than three million gallons of paint a day. The makers of oil-based paints include some of the same pollutants in the country, and the paints contain heavy metals and require volatile solvents for cleaning. See lists, and dispose of the solvent properly.

6. Shampoo, end battery
   - Americans throw out 2.5 billion disposable batteries a year, which contain 53 percent of the mercury and 25 percent of the cadmium used in the U.S. These heavy metals leak into the environment by landfills and illegal dumping.

7. Just say no
   - Say no to legal drugs, the production and disposal of which pollutes your environment.

8. Don't dump
   - Neither your toilet, your trash nor your backyard is the place for your household hazardous waste. The EPA give away what you can't use. Call your city or town hall, or the National Resource Council of Maine (622-7296) for more information about what to do with the rest.

9. Time travel
   - People get along for centuries without using hazardous substances. It seems like they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local time traveler: ask an elderly person how they did it, just utilize your local
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Rock & roll confidential

by Sue Marsh

One of the most frequently arguments

about the death of rock music is the

"rock is dead" argument. Then there's the

"Rock Is Dead" argument that came back

in letter to The New York Times. As for this

fierce battle, I think it's not so much about

which band is on and which band isn't,

but rather about the way people consume

music. How does this help anyone decide what

to buy or not buy? For me, the bottom

line is this: Do I like this album? Do I

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