This is a personal computer. Fifteen years ago it was touted as a tool to organize address books and sort recipes. These days, it's viewed as a window to a vast new world of online information. With a modem and a phone line, computer users can browse card catalogs in California, compare notes about acid rain with students in Seattle or ask scientists hunkered down at the South Pole about weather conditions. And the online resource base just keeps expanding.

Information-age savants say that those who can use this tool will prosper in life. Those who don't, won't.

All this puts a burden on public school administrators who don't want their students left behind. Portland-area schools are all heeding the call, but some school districts are moving into the info age with more alacrity than others.

The state recently awarded Freeport's school department one of a dozen hefty technology grants, which it will use to create a community computer network. Windham's schools are launching an aggressive technology program, spending $1 million over the next five years to link its students with the community and the online world beyond.

Meanwhile, Westbrook is scrambling for funding to get computers into its elementary schools. And Falmouth, faced with swelling enrollments, hasn't come up for air long enough to make plans to usher students into the online world.

All of which leads some to wonder: Is anyone in Maine concerned about the growing gulf between the information-poor schools and information-rich? And is anyone going to do anything about it?

This is Warren Galway. He's principal of Biddeford High School (BHS) and he doesn't much believe in machines. He has nothing against them, but he doesn't think they'll ever replace good teachers. "Education is labor-intensive," he says.

Galway's internal drive is personal. He flies around the school, rarely resting. When he went to the doctor to have a checkup recently, he wouldn't stop running on the treadmill.

"Stop," his doctor finally told him. "You can't beat a machine."

Before students drop out of BHS, they have to sit down and talk with Galway. If they won't in his tiny office, chances are they've been past the three-step width of the room. "I tell them animals in the same forest mate with each other," he says. "I tell them dropouts marry other dropouts. Dropouts don't marry college graduates. By dropping out, they've impacted what they earn, eat, wear and drive for the rest of their lives."

When Galway came to BHS in 1990, the dropout rate hovered near 9 percent—or more than 80 students per year. In four years since, the dropout rate has fallen to 1.2 percent, with fewer than a dozen students dropping out.

"I take a personal and active role in trying to keep them in school," he says. "I try to change their attitudes, feelings, respect. You can't get that from a machine or a computer."
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A conversation with Bob Thurston

Bob Thurston, 77, has been leading a one-man fight against the new Portland South Portland bridge for the past 11 years. He's that kind of guy. That the new bridge will worsen traffic problems rather than improve them, particularly on the South Portland side.

Before construction began, unobstructed traffic flowed from the bridge onto Waterman Drive, which weakened from two lanes to four before intersecting with Broadway. The new configuration, Thurston says, requires bridge traffic to be rerouted through a five-way intersection at Broadway and Waterman. This, he claims, is a guaranteed recipe for an apocalyptic traffic mess.

Thurston has spent hundreds of dollars of his own money fighting the bridge. He's commissioned illustrations of projected traffic flow and has taken out ads in newspapers to draw attention to the design flaws.

What's the problem here, really?

I just can't get over the fact that they're spending 600 million for a reduction of vehicle traffic flow. When they first said this deal to Portland, the bridge was supposed to be 800 million, 700-foot long and flat. They're making this thing so damned high now just to allow supermaxes up the Penobscot. They got a 200-foot opening. You realize how much that is? You could have the QE up here and still have 15-foot clearance! And why does a tanker need to come up into Portland Harbor when a pipeline out the harbor's entrance could do the job better and safer?

We're going to have a terrible congestion of traffic from day one. The moment that thing goes into effect, you've got all the cars trying to get on that ramp. It won't handle it. It works well right now and has for 30 years.

Why don't you believe the engineers who say the new bridge will be for the better?

Well, I've seen a lot of predictions of what was going to happen. And I've seen a lot of predictions of what was going to happen never happen. No, you don't need a higher bridge.

You live in Portland. Why get all bothered about this bridge?

I used to be a South Portland resident and I still have a house there. And, well, I have a vitamin against consulting firms. They always have the brilliant ideas, but they don't prove out. And they still get paid. So I went to Winchester one night with a group and they had a meeting of consulting groups from all over New England. These guys all talked about the interesting projects they had, and one of them had a cousin they called Bob.

By Wayne Curtis, photo by Carla Middle
Cladding can accomplish only so much when it comes to concealing a double chin, but at least it provides a connection of sorts for the skin-obsessed who might want to consider liposuction as an option. This innovative technology allows surgeons to target problem zones without having to go through the invasive and painful process of surgery. Of course, the cladding technique is not without its drawbacks, particularly in the area of aesthetics. But it is likely to be necessary for patients to wear a chin strap at night in the post-op period.

Liposuction is now the most commonly performed cosmetic surgical procedure because it eliminates troublesome fat deposits that are resistant to diet and exercise. While it is not a cure for obesity or excessively overweight patients, it can be helpful for those who already have healthy body weights but have trouble looking trim. If you’re considering using a vacuum liposuction technique, you should know about some of its possible complications. If you are considering using a vacuum liposuction technique, you should know about some of its possible complications. If you are considering using a vacuum liposuction technique, you should know about some of its possible complications.

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GOP candidate expelled for two sex assaults

There is a new twist to the story of Tracey, Jr. The GOP candidate who was suspended from Congress for his role in the cross-dressing scandal of 1922, has now been expelled from the party for his role in the most recent scandal.

"I kept saying no" was how the woman involved in the latest incident described his behavior. The woman, who is a prominent political figure in the state, said she had been trying to get Tracey to stop for years. "It's just not right," she said. "He's beenharassing me for years now.""I've been trying to get to know those colleagues who were just..." Reed wrote.

Career opportunities

Republicans in the House will need new assistant floor leader under the current occupant, who is otherwise unoccupied. Representative Stephen Zinckl of Ohio, former floor leader, was stopped from asserting his role only a few minutes ago. The third rank Republican, House Majority Whip, agreed to stop fighting to be assistant floor leader because he was offered the position of House majority leader. The new-floor leader had been waiting for the job for months.

Libby spent his first term at the University working hard on education, labor and budget issues, but still managed to get occasional personal side jobs. His colleagues were a couple of hours for $5 million. "Joe comes across as nice and well-spoken, but..." one Republican legislatore said. "He's just a little weird."

Curtains managed to wipe out a lot of the good will he's built up over two years. He's currently in a house by vote against a Democratic state senator despite the GOP proposal to restrain the attorney general's internal documents on the budget trimming.月亮人，an attorney, felt the release would violate some arcane standard of legal ethics to him. It was a matter of principle.

Libby's political career has now come to an end. This is usually an issue of political secrets, or the lack thereof.
The motivation to learn shows an upward spike. Online conferences are now underway. For instance, the National Geographic Society for an educational program called "CoCoNet (Community Communication Network), which will provide a simple, inexpensive gateway to link all schools together and the Internet, with only phone charges and no additional setup.

"Schools have been conditioned in the minds of students to believe that the Internet belongs to the future," says John Leith, a teacher in the state of Maine. "The Internet is one of the biggest things around," he says. "It's the future of education, and that's what we need to focus on."
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