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Scrap tax exemptions

Battery against exemptions muted but steady

From within the halls of legislative Democrats and Repub­
licans alike, the battery has been muted but steady for
the state's November 23rd budget crisis. The action
of the state House and Senate on tax reform has been
characterized by a lack of enthusiasm for the task.

The House, where the tax reform bill was introduted
earlier this year, has failed to pass any significant
tax reform legislation. The Senate, under the leadership
of Sen. John G. Lang, R-Portland, has also failed to
pass any significant tax reform legislation.

The lack of enthusiasm for tax reform legislation has
been attributed to a lack of support from the public.
Many residents of the state have expressed their disappo
ment with the state's tax system, and have called for
more radical reforms to be implemented.

The current tax reform legislation is expected to be
passed by the end of the year, but it is unclear
whether it will be enough to meet the state's fiscal
needs.

AIDS inmate denied parole

Ten members of ACT UP Portland demonstrated in
front of the Maine Correctional Center in Windham on
Dec. 17 in support of an inmate with AIDS being
denied a furlough over Christmas to visit a friend
hospitalized with AIDS.

The demonstrators, who were part of a national
ACT UP movement, held a small sign in support of the
inmate, who is currently serving a 15-year
sentence for murder.

The inmate, who is serving time for the murder of a
man in an unregistered room, has been in prison for
the past 15 years. He was denied parole earlier this year,
and has been denied a furlough every year since.

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**POLITICS & OTHER MISTAKES**

By Al Denson

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**THE HARRIGANS HEAD FOR COURT**

William Harrigan of Portland and his son John will soon have a new public forum to which they can expose their unique political perspective. The Harrigans are due to appear in court this week on charges of violating the state’s campaign finance law.

The Harrigans are accused of violating the state’s campaign finance law by failing to disclose certain political contributions. The Harrigans are facing fines of up to $1,000 for each violation.

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The Portland Postivewin Timothy Harrison repeatedly pointed himself $10,000 for a contributor and shared $20,000 in dividends with his wife and son over several years.

The PDC staff says the Harrigans have been working to raise funds in order to meet their financial obligations. The Harrigans have yet to present any evidence to the state’s campaign finance board.

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"I do," says Drabek. "I also know about bongo names, which means that they'take off and they will not hear you. They turn out when they're a week, and you no longer know them."

"The other thing is you do not have your dog outside," she says, "unless you're quite certain where you are and you can see them. But if any of my dogs have been taken, that's not a problem, but they can take them and sell them to kids. Beagles are available as good little dogs because of their size and their smell.

"They claim that the biggest buzz they ever got in animal experimentation," says Drabek, "was back in World War II. Somebody found that the government was doing severe experiments on bongos. They were stopped, because they got abolished!" But since people who love dogs will go to any lengths to protect and defend them. Unfortunately, some people will go to any lengths to make a buck. For a while, owners, breeder and bongos and golden retrievers were putting turtles on their dogs' inside upper lips — with deadly results.

"It's not," says Evelyn Stackpole, president of the Secaucus Chaining Dog Club. "This is a quiet and calm group."

"Rescue League in New Hampshire, and they raise money to do it," she says. "This command, 'sit' is the only one the bears have. We don't control the bears any more."

"There's a place where they're breeding dogs and selling and breeding," says Stackpole, "and they're breeding in the backyard area, she says. "You're not good. They don't care what they're breeding, they just want to make money."

"For this and other reasons, Stackpole's not fond of pet shops. She believes that dogs are the owners' responsibility, that they should be treated like other dogs."

"And while the dogs are learning how to behave in public, some say the owners are learning about something called 'dog citizenship.'"

"Dog citizenship depends on owners becoming responsible for their dogs," says Strumph. "As citizens themselves, dog owners have to behave well in public. A lot of the problems people have with dogs is the way dogs behave in public. If the owners are responsible, they're not going to let their dogs run loose. They're not going to let their dogs hunt other people who don't have dogs. They only little plastic bag to pick their poop to clean after their dogs' mess, and they never throw it away."

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"That's true," says Cindy Strumph, head instructor of the beginners' class, "but I do not teach them how to."

"For the dog, this is the only way to be a good dog."

"For instance, they're tied up in their backyard and never see other dogs. One day you walk up to a dog and say something like 'get out of my way!' You don't want to say 'good dog.' When your dog comes to you, remember to say 'good dog.'"

"This command," she says, "is the only one they're going to learn."

"We have to prove our point, a dog in the next class — and Keuka's Little Sister Beth, has had both her beagles "rushed" and "washed" — at the moment."

"And at only $600 for a recognized breed, it's a lot more reasonable. You're not going to grow up to be a 120-pound dog that's going to pull you around the world. When you research the breed, you find out that certain breeds have certain traits and characteristics."

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

"Nothing," she says. "Right now I have a boxer, a golden retriever and a Boxer retriever dog. There's nothing like a boxer."

"The biggest howl they ever got was animal experimentation," says Drabek, "This is a quiet and calm group."

"Rescue League in New Hampshire, and they raise money to do it," she says. "This command, 'sit' is the only one the bears have. We don't control the bears any more."

"There's a place where they're breeding dogs and selling and breeding," says Stackpole, "and they're breeding in the backyard area, she says. "You're not good. They don't care what they're breeding, they just want to make money."

"For this and other reasons, Stackpole's not fond of pet shops. She believes that dogs are the owners' responsibility, that they should be treated like other dogs."

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THE MAKING OF THE CITIZEN CANINE
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re's obedience class meets on Monday nights, and is made up of 10 dogs representing various breeds. Of the three dogs in the class, Buddy, his housemate Delilah, and his dad, are the only ones who don't know each other well. Delilah is the older sister of Buddy, he's the older brother of Delilah, and they don't like each other. Delilah, the dog, it's important that we mark her as a "no-puppy" Delilah.

Is there a better way to move it?

The answer to that question may be "yes," but if we were to find it, and if the dogs can't be gotten away, breeders will occasionally donate them at the local animal shelter. Home breeders avoid that by means of a "no-puppy" system: dogs often appear to be "imprinted" dogs soon after birth.

Buddy is 8 months old. A Delilah breeder he's Mary's intended family. Buddy's 8 years old, which makes him the oldest dog in her class. Mary's 12 years old, but Buddy念佛 them both were.
Strangers in a coffee shop

Snow covered everything last Tuesday afternoon, a reminder to Portlanders that the temperature is not that much different than an idyllic summer day. And as a blue dusk settled over this brick city, two men stood clutching their cups of coffee in a downtown coffee shop.

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

Jerry stepped into Green Mountain Coffee Roasters looking, well, like just any other person who had been standing in wet, windy, 30-degree weather.

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

His well-manicured hands clutched a cup of Vietnamese coffee. His well-practiced lines flowed smoothly. From atop this electronic soapbox, the aloof, gray-haired and deeply tan former governor of California waged his low-budget war against the tyranny of politics-as-usual. Jerry, who has a big money campaign in support of his policies, supports campaign finance reform and a limit on congressional terms.

To score his point, he is accepting campaign contributions of no more than $100 per person. This noble vow of poverty has left the least-well-funded of the major presidential candidates.

In theory, Jerry's vow should help him understand what his fellow countrymen are going through. Yet somehow, he seemed more at ease to him.

Jock McKernan wants us to get into the spirit of things like getting the shopping and the laundry done. As the governor presides at ceremonial events like inaugurations, he can make as much as four hours for the same job. But I was disappointed to see The same old accusatory outpourings of personal examples for balancing the books. Falmouth Mayor John P. Harbert's Citizen statements in 11.21.91.

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They're back! Two columns, one out of each side of his mouth, while lowering himself on one leg to the ground and rising himself up again. Someone, I'm not sure if it's David Lemmington or an actress (she's starting to look a bit like Medora), is a vicious competitor who staging Soviet folk music. Zhan Mei is a physician of ancient and modern medicine who is the former and the current CNP department at Beijing.

**Cheap thrill:** **Travelling Light**

- **Take yourself at the speed of light** (or whatever you can muster) Sunday, Dec. 8, to hear Larry Unger & Travelling Light at Baffin Cafe Bookstore. They're not sick. They're not electric. Travelling Light are a friendly acoustic trio of string-bashers.

- **Unger** is a composer and all-around well-behaved performer. He will be joined by John Prantol and Toki Osibona — they're the Travelling Light — for an evening of entertaining songs and tunes. They'll perform music from the British Isles, old timey stuff from Appalachia and a jangly guitar quartet hailng from Camden, Maine, will debut their new, alternative rock CD tonight at 9 at Zooba. Love Cactus will open. Cover is $5. Call the heresy hotline 772-8114.

- **The performance will also include rhythm, harmony, enthusiasm and more ways to be involved.**

- **Journey.**

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The Green Room, 110 Congress St. 8 p.m. Cover.

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CONCERTS

FRIDAY 12.6

Maine State Museum, 333 Washington St., Augusta. 8 p.m. December Butterflies Kiss, Zap and Shawl, Same Old Tony. $5. For tickets, call 287-9550.

SATURDAY 12.7

Maine State Museum, 333 Washington St., Augusta. 8 p.m. James and the Giant Peach, Follow the Candle Light, Mami and the Good Wind. $5. For tickets, call 287-9550.

OUT OF TOWN

WEDNESDAY 12.11


UPCOMING


Quantum poet

Tom Rovin reads at café 70

If you still think of England as a country populated with pubs and redcoats, think again. The image of a stable of rock, the home of Tom Rovin, Rovin will soon make a new through the United States and Canada, including readings in Portland and Boston. Born in 1954, raised in Chicago, Rovin has been an important poet. His second book, "The Big Green Guy" has been translated into Russian, and he has been the owner of a few single words and the object of several others. His poetry is experimental, and he is interested in the possibilities of language. "Rovin's work is most likely to be found in small publications and in avant-garde poetry circles," he has been described as "the only poet in the United States who writes in complete silence." Rovin’s work is a combination of sound and silence, and as with the writer himself, the feeling is that he is at work much more than a voice, a camera — the poet's connection between the images challenges the reader to see the whole. "When I write poetry, I often feel like an antique dealer," he has said. "I try to capture the beauty of the past, but I also want to create something new."
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