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Originally from Yarmouth, Robert Slaughter lives in Portland, where he is an employee of Central Yarn Shop on Congress Street. In addition to retail, Slaughter teaches knitting.

When did you start knitting, and why?

When I was 15 I taught myself to knit. I had to knit a sweater without ever really knowing what the hell I was doing. I'd been teaching students to knit for a long time now. I've had all women up until now. I've never had a male student in the classes. I've taught a lot of guys (unofficially) both in the store and at a lot of stores.

How do students react to being taught by a male teacher?

It's funny, because they start talking to me about the store and the schedule and all that stuff. Then they realize I am saying "My class, my schedule." And either they think, "Oh, this is the perfect time to ask," or they get silent. Do you prefer teaching women or men?

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What do your parents think of you doing knitting?

They've always been proud of me. I'm a retail whore. I, for the most part, hustle to make a living. I love my job. I love being a knitter. I love it. It's my job, and I love it.

Are most of your students women?

Most of my students are women. I think they're better off not being taught by a male teacher.

Do you think you are better off not being part of the knitting community?

I'll be honest with you. I'm a retail whore. I, for the most part, hustle to make a living. I love my job, and I love it. It's my job, and I love it.
As many of you know by now, December 27th is my birthday and ever since I opened my birthday party, I’ve held a party for you on my birthday. To celebrate we have a really big sale. I’m still in my 40s—so just about everything in the store is 40% off. Now, you don’t have to buy me a gift, but I also have my eye on those soft organic knit shirts.

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Dear Santa

My list is quite short, so I’m true to type.

The busy phallic bakers are out on a stroll along Portland’s Exchange Street and are strewing their way one Walsh of buns. The Christmas cookies, too, have begun their holiday playground, causing the city to sing with delight. These signs mean only one thing: It’s time to remind Santa who’s helped make the lives of every queer person in Maine better and who’s earned to make one’s life even sweeter.

But, alas, who’s been naughty this year? I hear the queers have been naughtier in their actions. The spirit is out, and who’s naughty this year?

As an editor, I will tell you, I love repetition. Mentioning the same thing once is never enough for me. That’s why my first entry on the naughtiest list this year is called civil rights reform and its architect, Michael Vout, director of the Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA), state Sen. Mark Dionnisios, Rep. Beth Simone, and Sen. Susan Petersen, by my true fair lady’s head. The entry is a fair lady’s head, and we in the Catholic Church that left us a bit of a burning spirit. Let’s hope the good people were writing something positive to their loved ones in the diary. Let’s hope the good people were writing something positive to their loved ones in the diary. Let’s hope the good people were writing something positive to their loved ones in the diary.

You can, and should, make a positive change in the lives of others.

Of course, the real suspects made the list. Paul Vout, the executive director of the Christian Coalition in Maine, and Michael Vout, the executive director of the Christian Coalition, are the logical choices. And any other group whose civil rights are protected by the U.S. Constitution, the Maine Constitution, and any other group whose civil rights are protected by the Constitution of the State of Maine. So be it. And if you punish anyone for something that’s not happening. This, everyone else in the naughtiest list. I think you should be heard and you and your point person for the potential. The last entry is by Safford and Associates, a law firm who claims to be the first in a long line of stepping stones toward equal rights for gays and lesbians. Santa says he’s been good to you this year, because of your support of the equality law firm. I’m sure Santa will be very, very good to you this year.

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The open-seat shuffle
Portland-area politicians ponder prospects for two state Senate vacancies in 2002

Chris Russ

With the 2004 election officially behind us, local politicians are gunning for the Senate seat between the Mayoral mansion and the U.S. Capitol. The seat will be vacated this year by the retirement of Sen. David Davis, a Democrat who has represented the state's 19th district for 17 year as of Jan. 1.

Davis' retirement has left a seat in the Senate that is up for grabs among a number of local politicians. With the seat up for grabs, the political class is already turning its attention to the race, with several names already being floated as possible candidates.

Among the possibilities are current Oregon Secretary of State, State Rep. Russell Printz, and State Rep. Ray LaHood, both of whom have been mentioned as potential successors to Davis.

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How Maine’s gay rights campaign nailed itself with a bad deal and a bad strategy.

By Allen Darman

Supporters of gay rights should have been more careful about what they wished for. They wanted to hold their referendum on a state civil rights bill during a high-stakes election. They wanted to work out a deal to get the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland to support the bill.

They got their wishes. And that killed them.

It was virtually guaranteed that Maine’s gay rights backs would be against the wall if the vote on Question 6 had gone against them. The church was already organizing to mobilize voters in support of the no vote, if only to keep the church’s name off the ballot. Alas, it was too little, too late, for the diocese had the last laugh.

A deal with the devil

The congregation could not have been more pleased with the speed at which the deal was arranged. It is not unusual for churches and religious organizations to make official decisions by a vote of the membership simply to avoid having to be accountable for what it is the church represents as a whole. Many Christian denominations have a policy of “plurality in the governing body,” which means any organization’s board of directors is, in fact, a full-fledged voting body. The church’s national leaders may claim to be the church but are not accountable for what it is the church represents as a whole.

When the last votes were finally tabulated on Nov. 8, the bill had been rejected by a disparity of just 9,430 votes. The numbers were too close for comfort for the church. If the no vote had been only 5,000 votes, the church might have responded with some defense of the church’s position on Question 6. But the church did not have an agenda that could be defended with a vote for the no vote. The church had an agenda that could be defended with a vote for the no vote.

The church also kept a tight grip on parties, too. Even though the church is大量 supported nonprofits, it has been under a lot of pressure to provide an any services that have been provided by the church. The church’s leadership has been under pressure to do this.

According to David Garth, the director of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) and a co-chair of the Yes on 6 executive committee, the church wasn’t supposed to do much. “The church needed us, but they didn’t join the coalition,” Garth said. “I think some people have expectations of their actions if they were complicit partners, for that we would be correct.”

“Question 6 was their top priority,” said Margaret Farnsworth, the campaign manager for Yes on 6. A review of 25 campaigns, including last year’s successful effort to defeat Question 6, has found that domestic partners from the Catholic Church’s mass society were not helped after a vote. Still, Mark Matty, director of public affairs for the Diocese of Portland, acknowledged they took a stance as a question that was not new.

“It was our conviction from the beginning that the issue is too important, that an approach that was aggressive would have an opposite effect of that

which was blanketed,” Matty said. “We felt that we would need to approach it carefully and present the information in a way that wouldn’t put people off.”

“It seemed kind of low-key,” Garth said. “But it was a serious effort to defeat a campaign, to work out a deal to get the church to support the bill.”

The church had the last laugh.

I don’t think the church’s heart was in it, to be honest.

— Mark Matty

Director of Public Affairs

Diocese of Portland

DECEMBER 21, 2000
Defeat is a six-letter word

The six-letter word that most people think of when they say "defeat" is not the same thing as a six-letter word, although it is often used in that context. The word "defeat" is a verb, while a six-letter word is a noun. The word "defeat" can be used to describe the act of overcoming a challenge or achieving a goal, while a six-letter word is a word made up of six letters.

Another example of a six-letter word is the word "incredible," which can be used to describe something that is amazing or incredible. However, it is not a six-letter word itself.

In conclusion, while "defeat" is a verb and "six-letter word" is a noun, both are important words in their own right and can be used to describe different concepts. It's important to understand the context in which each word is used to ensure proper communication.
COMMENT

Keep playing

First they tried to rid the Old Port of teen-agers. Now, in their ongoing campaign to make the area as sterile and boring as a suburban shopping mall, some merchants are complaining about street musicians.

So noted

As tourism in the downtown Victorian holiday celebration. The Half Moon Jug Band, which has played several of the open air events on Exchange Street for years, was told get out.

Responding to complaints from merchants, Amy Krawczyk, marketing director for the Portland Downtown District, asked the band to move along.

One solution would be to enforce an ordinance that supposedly requires huskers to buy a $10-per-day permit from City Hall although city officials disagree about whether the ordinance is enforceable. For those who hate huskers, it would solve the problem, because no husker in his or her right mind would pay that much to stand on a street corner.

Another solution is just to let the street performers alone.

But some merchants and city officials seem determined to chase the Old Port of anything wildly and eccentrically behaving.

Old Port merchants demonstrated that two summers ago when they tried to change the city’s longtime ordinance to get rid of teen-agers hanging out and in the area. Instead of real kids, most owners apparently want the downtown to resemble a movie set for some commercial drama. As part of the Victorian holiday promotion, small groups of musicians and singers, dressed in costume, perform Christmas songs.

So the Portland Downtown District sponsors tiered bands of cardboard carols, which the objections to Husker the Half Moon Jug Band? Why not if there are bands of street musicians downtown, particularly during the winter.

City officials and merchants should chill out. The huskers, like teenagers, are part of the diversity that downtown Portland should and should be left alone.

DANA TILLY

Lights up!

While everyone else at Half Moon Jug Band Christmas dinner is on an all-nighter, HMJBHQ decided that our night has been the most of the time, we hit the road. We have some of the best music downtown. "2:14:00"

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**A Sid & Vickie Xmas**

You want an authentic Victorian-era Christmas? Get drunk, get stoned, get beat up, get laid.

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**Brend Williams**

Portland loves the spirit of a Victorian Christmas, complete with a parade of horse-drawn carriages, social events in Victorian mansions and Colonial centers in the streets. The Victorian era's image of elegance and grace is nearly a四周市ide for Portlanders. In December, Portland's parades and events focus on the spirit of the season.

Williams said that Portland's Victorian Christmas is a reflection of the city's cultural heritage. "It's a beautiful city with strong elements of tradition," said Williams.

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**Shack Jocks in Love**

La Pompe! The former home of local activist Matt Cavanagh and his friends, is many ways a holiday film. For one thing, the film's plot line started when one of the actors got up to go to New York for Christmas in a single-story car. No period! "La Pompe!" is a character who undergoes a change of heart when he realizes someone cares about him. "A Christmas Carol" at a time," said Cavanagh. And, in the spirit of giving back, proceeds from the film will benefit Portland's homeless and underserved.

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**December 21, 2000**

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For The Record

Greetings from Area Code 207!

Sitting on the edge of a new year, it's a good time to look back on the music of the past year. Here are my picks for the top albums:

3. Richard Buckner - "Relation" - "The Opposite of War"
4. Cerberus - "The Opposite of War" - "The Opposite of War"
5. Belle & Sebastian - "Steve Albini's Inclination" - "The Opposite of War"
6. Death Cab for Cutie - "The Opposite of War" - "The Opposite of War"
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Nick Denger and the Goodtimers burn up with club ping at the Free Street Tavern on Fri., Dec. 22.

For the Friday after Christmas, enjoy Nick Denger and the Goodtimers. The evening will be spent with rockabilly, reggae, and 60s music. The show takes place at the Free Street Tavern on Fri., Dec. 22.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. For more information, contact the venue or visit their website.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

"SOLSTICE SERENADE" WITH REBECCA WING

Since the only thing that Baby this time of year. New Edge Events is preparing to launch each annual "SACRED DRUMMING & JOURNEYING" with Rebecca Wing, a multi-award-winning independent artist and globetrotting percussionist. The event, titled "SOLSTICE SERENADE," which takes place at 7 p.m., will focus on paying respect to the Solstice, an ancient time of balance and peace, through musical performance. For $20, attendees can enjoy live drumming, music, and stories that celebrate the beauty and power of the winter solstice. The event is open to the public and takes place at the Portland Orpheum Theatre, 1288 Congress Street, Portland.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

BOSTON POPS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra is set to make the first Portland appearance by a Boston Pops located in 20 years, led by maestro Keith Lockhart, the conductor performs traditional holiday favorites to help ease your holiday season anxiety you are feeling as a result of you feeling no stress and playing around the Civic Center in the central fall among the most prestigious ensembles in the world. Boston Pops perform at 8 p.m. throughout the weekend at the Portland Coliseums, 100 Congress Street, Portland.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

"COOL SCIENCE. THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION"

In case you haven't heard, there's a new exhibit opening this week called, the International Space Station. The Children's Museum of Maine is presenting a special program for families, and kids will be able to learn about the science and technology behind this space station. The program features a live presentation by a space expert, interactive exhibits, and hands-on activities. The event takes place at 11 a.m. at the Children's Museum of Maine, 160 High Street, Portland.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

"GIFT OF THE MAGI"

Proving beyond any reasonable doubt that its shows are not just for senior citizens, punk rockers and others like that, New Edge Events is presenting its sixth annual "GIFT OF THE MAGI." While not your typical holiday sing-along, "GIFT OF THE MAGI" promises to be a unique and entertaining way to celebrate the Christmas season. The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Portland Stage Company, 208 Middle Street, Portland.

Tuesday-Saturday, December 26-30

"PRIZZIG" - "Call before Christmas Day 2016"

If you love Christmas, you can't miss "PRIZZIG." This unique event brings together the best of the holiday season in one amazing production, combining the talents of Portland Stage Company and the Plus Minus Dance Company. The event features a variety of performances, including dance, music, and holiday traditions. The event takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Portland Stage Company, 208 Middle Street, Portland.

QUICK PICKS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

SAT., DEC. 23

Keep winding up your Christmas spirit this weekend and see who's got the best interpretations of this year's holiday classics, dance, and music at "A Christmas Carol: The Victorian Christmas Party." The event features live music by Tony Montanaro and friends performing at 7:30 p.m., and Judkins is joined by magician/comedian Magical Mystical Michael at 7:30 p.m. at the Portland Stage Company, 208 Middle Street, Portland.

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Barnett in perspective

The Portland Museum of Art's "Barnett in Timeless Mood" is the first exhibition of American artist Frank Stella's works in the state. The show, which runs through Jan. 29, presents paintings from 1963 to 1986. The show includes works by artist Robert Rauschenberg, who is known for his use of bold, graphic images and intense colors.

The exhibit features a range of works from the early 1960s to the late 1970s. The paintings are displayed in a curator's guide that highlights the artist's use of color, form, and technique. The guide also includes a piece by the museum's curator, who explains the artist's influence on contemporary art.

The show runs from Dec. 21, 2000, to Jan. 29, 2001, at the Portland Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1 Museum Place in Portland, Maine. For more information, call (207) 794-1200 or visit the museum's website, www.portlandmuseum.org.
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PERFORMANCE

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DANCE


THEATER/COMEDY

The Babies That Love You Back! Lee Middleton Original Dolls, Holid~y with Coupon. Dec. 23: Chris McGuire at 7:30 pm, 111 Congress St. Portland. The Maine Play Productions, Inc. presents Michael Lane Trautman and Wright Brothers at 2 pm; John Saccone and Sarah Lemonte perform improv. At the Comedy Station, Union Station Theatre, 215 Myrtle St., Portland. Tix: pay-what-you-can; canned goods for charity are welcome. 842-0800.

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"Wells & Wales: Through the Decades," Dec. 23 at the Palace Theater, 215 Myrtle St., Portland. The Maine Play Productions, Inc. presents Michael Lane Trautman and Wright Brothers at 2 pm, Michael Lane Trautman and Wright Brothers at 4 pm; Tony Montanaro and Friends at 6 pm; Randy Judkins at 8 pm. 771-5611.


Nobody gives me music for Christmas. Over the years, I’ve compiled a list of songs and songs I’ve bought 10 or more times, where I’d want to hear it more than once. My tastes have not included re-issued material, except for Nos. 33, 57 and 59 because I was mostly out of 200 CDs this year. Listed below are my favorites in this year’s order:

1. Elvis Costello - "Loves You Like a Friend"
2. Greg Brown - "The Return of Frank James"
3. Various artists - "Old American Ballad Session"
4. Various artists - "Anthology of American Folk Music"
5. Various artists - "Ballads for Violin and Cello"
6. Various artists - "Positive Friction"
7. Various artists - "Red Karen"
8. From the City, From the Sea: Franco-Belgian and American Acoustics
9. Various artists - "History of Mississippi"
10. Various artists - "Transfer Notebooks"
11. Various artists - "Solo Sessions"
12. Various artists - "Selma Songs"
13. Various artists - "Four Songs from the Oltl"
14. Various artists - "Aloha Maria"
15. Various artists - "A Hawaiian Christmas"
16. Various artists - "Baltimore County"
17. Various artists - "Tarbox Ramblers"
18. Various artists - "Stevie Wonder: Songs in the Key of Life"
19. Various artists - "The Big Book of Children's Christmas Stories"
20. Various artists - "Forever and a Day"
21. Various artists - "Time Is an Illusion"
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However, when the protagonist's business fails, he begins to feel neglected by his wife. They argue about the future of their marriage, and the protagonist's dreams of a successful bar begin to fade. His wife, although understanding, begins to question his ability to provide for them.

As time passes, the protagonist's business starts to pick up, and he becomes more confident in his ability to make a living. He begins to appreciate his wife's support and patience, and they realize that they are a team.

In the end, the protagonist's business becomes successful, and he and his wife are able to enjoy their small-town life together. They learn to appreciate the simple pleasures of life and the strength of their bond.

As for the economics of the story, the protagonist's business is struggling at first, but with hard work and dedication, he is able to turn it around. His wife's support is crucial to his success, and they learn the importance of working together for a common goal.

In conclusion, the story is a reminder that even in difficult times, with the right attitude and support, success is possible. It also highlights the power of perseverance and the importance of family support.
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**Astronomy**

When you look at the night sky, you're seeing a vision of what you'll find when you go backwards in time. The first men on the moon didn't find life, they found the fossil remains of ancient life forms. Some of these living organisms were 500 million years old. That's a very short time compared to the 4.5 billion years the Earth has been around. It's possible that there may be other forms of life on the moon, but we simply haven't found any evidence of it yet.

**Self-esteem**

Some people lack the confidence to express themselves freely. They may feel unimportant, inadequate, or inferior. Learning to love oneself can be a difficult process. It involves recognizing one's worth, overcoming negative self-talk, and developing a strong sense of self-worth. By practice and perseverance, people can learn to love themselves and feel good about themselves.

**Divorce & Relationships**

Grief & Loss

In the case of divorce, the emotional pain and grief can be overwhelming. It's important to allow yourself to feel your emotions and express them in healthy ways. It's also important to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. This might include seeking support from friends and family, joining a support group, or seeing a therapist. With time and effort, it is possible to move on from divorce and rebuild a stronger sense of self and relationships.

**Pet Therapy**

Bald Eagle

Bald eagles are known for their intelligence and adaptability. They can learn to perform tasks such as flying a kite, riding a bike, or even driving a car! This ability to adapt and learn from experience is a key characteristic of intelligent species. It's important to remember that while some species may seem more intelligent than others, all species have unique talents and abilities that should be respected.

**Meditation**

Some people have a natural sense of how to meditate, while others struggle to find the right technique. There are many different types of meditation, each with its own benefits. It's important to find the one that works best for you and to practice it regularly. With time and effort, meditation can become a natural part of your lifestyle, helping you to reduce stress and improve your overall well-being.

**Tattooing**

Some people see tattoos as a way to express themselves, while others view them as a form of body modification. There are many different types of tattooing, each with its own style and techniques. It's important to choose a reputable artist who can create the design you want while also taking into account the potential long-term effects of tattooing on the skin.

**Reiki**

Reiki is a form of alternative medicine that uses hands-on touch to promote healing and relaxation. It's based on the belief that there is energy within the body that can be accessed and channeled to promote health and well-being. Reiki is often used to treat physical and emotional conditions, and can be a helpful addition to traditional medical treatments.

**Intuition**

Intuition is an inner sense that allows individuals to perceive information that is not available through the five senses. It's a natural ability that can be developed and cultivated. Intuitive practices such as meditation, visualization, and trust in one's inner guidance can help to enhance intuitive abilities. With practice and dedication, it is possible to develop a powerful intuition that can guide you in your life decisions.

**Self-hypnosis**

Self-hypnosis is a practice that involves using guided imagery and positive affirmations to induce a relaxed state of mind. It can be used to help manage stress, improve sleep, or achieve specific goals. It's important to use self-hypnosis in a safe and controlled environment, and to seek guidance from a qualified practitioner if you're new to the practice.

**Weight Loss**

Weight loss is a common goal for many people. It involves creating a calorie deficit through diet and exercise. It's important to set realistic goals and to focus on sustainable, healthy practices that can be continued over the long-term. With dedication and effort, it is possible to achieve weight loss and improve overall health and well-being.
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