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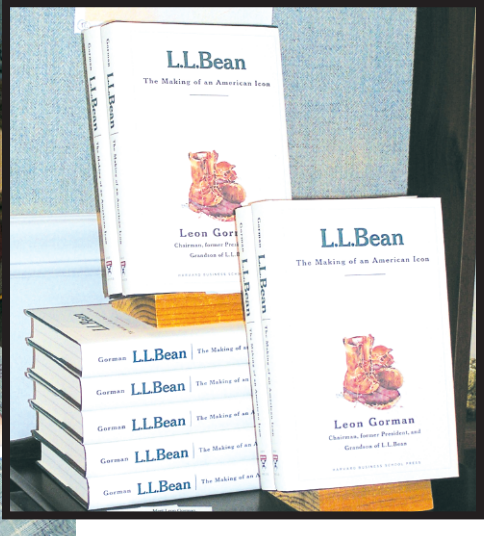
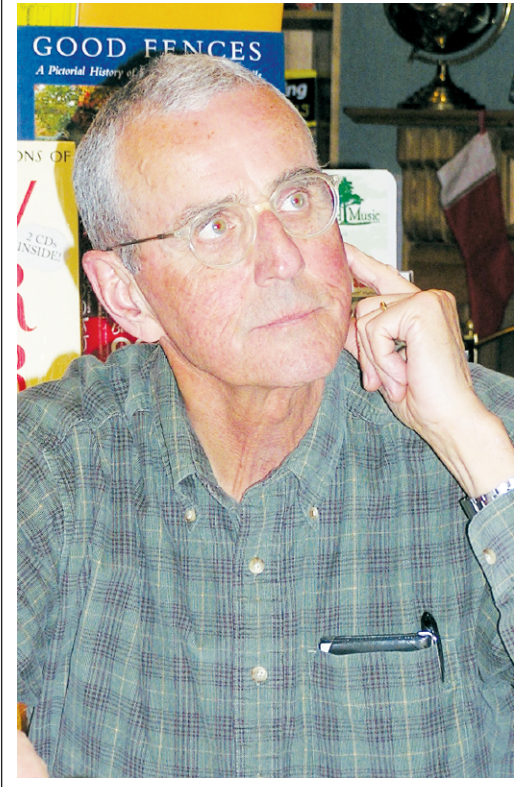
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## Behind the Scenes at L.L. Bean

—by Georgeanne Davis



Leon Gorman has written an engaging account of his 30-plus years as head of the company founded by his grandfather

When Harvard Business School Press came to Leon Gorman, president of L.L. Bean, in the late 1990s and asked him to write a book on the legendary retailer, they no doubt expected a corporate success story: details on strategic positioning, marketing and branding, and the challenges of meteoric growth and maintaining family ownership in a volatile arena. What it received was a story that, while appealing to managers and business leaders, is also a compelling read for those whom Gorman described, at a recent booksigning, as members of “the Bean fami-

ly.” That would include almost anyone living in Maine, anyone who, along with the phone book, always has a Bean catalog on hand, and those who come to the flagship store in Freeport as if it were the Mecca of outdoor sportsmen — whether from Jackman or Japan. Gorman was signing his book, *L.L. Bean: The Making of an American Icon*, at the Owl and Turtle Bookshop in Camden last Saturday. His signing tour had begun on September 18 and taken him all the way south to the Bean retail store in Tysons Corner in McLean, L.L. BEAN continues on page 11

## Farnsworth Holiday Event for Families

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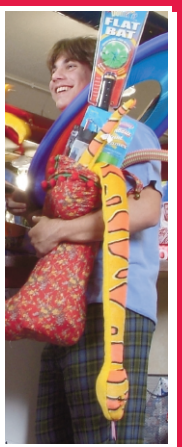
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## Recount Results — It's Officially Official: Giles, Beebe-Center Win

The last of the recounts of November 7 election results in races in the midcoast area was concluded Monday, November 20, and Anne Beebe-Center (D) has now officially been reelected Knox County Commissioner for District One (Rockland, Rockport, Owls Head and South Thomaston). November 7 results had Beebe-Center with a 17-vote lead over Brad Carter, at 2,811 to 2,794. After the Monday night recount in Augusta, under the supervision of the Secretary of State's Office, the final, official tally was 2,908 for Beebe-Center; 2,876 for Carter. Both candidates picked up a number of votes during the recount — Beebe-Center added 97; Carter 82 — but it was still Rockport's vote that gave Beebe-Center the win.

	Nov. 7 Results		Recount Results	
	Beebe-Center	Carter	Beebe-Center	Carter
Rockland	1,245	1,328	1,280	1,355
Rockport	875	698	904	727
Owls Head	355	392	382	410
S. Thomaston	336	376	342	384

And Last Thursday, a recount of results from the General Election in House District 43 (Belfast, Belmont and Northport) was completed. At the conclusion of that recount, Jayne Crosby Giles (R) of Belfast remained the winner. Walter E. Ash, Jr. (D) of Belfast requested the recount after unofficial results from Election Day indicated that he lost the election by 13 votes. The recount determined that 2,067 votes were cast for Giles, while 2,049 were cast for Ash.

## Brian Harden Elected to Second Term as Mayor of Rockland



Brian Harden won reelection to the Rockland City Council on November 7. And on Monday, November 20, at the Council's annual organizational meeting, Harden was also reelected Mayor on the first ballot by a 3-2 vote (with Councilors Faber and Perry voting for Perry).

In Rockland, each November the City Council elects a mayor to serve until the following year. Harden now begins his second consecutive year as mayor and he made the following remarks after the Council's vote:

"When I stood before you at this organizational meeting one year ago, I talked about taxes and jobs and about the challenges that small Maine communities like Rockland face in trying to provide the services that their residents want or need without allowing property taxes to rise so high that people are forced out of their homes. Those challenges are still before us tonight.

During the year just past, this Council made some important decisions which sought to move Rockland away from complete dependence on property taxes for most of our municipal revenue. While the Council showed courage and innovation, a citizens' petition and referendum returned us to reliance on residential property tax. We must continue to seek new ways to keep property taxes from going up. In my six years on the Rockland City Council keeping taxes stable has been my most important goal. And that will continue. But I have just won a very close battle for reelection to this Council. Many Rockland voters are clearly troubled by what they are being told about city budgets. To all of you I say — Be sure you get the facts before you believe the rhetoric. And participate in the process. None of us here on this Council wants to burden any of you any more than is absolutely necessary to provide services that you need and we ALL welcome your input.

So how should we proceed this year to show Rockland people that we heard their plea?

2007 must be a year when this Council works closely with planners and our chamber of commerce to encourage new business development and existing business growth.

2007 must be a year when each councilor puts aside personal prejudice and animosity and settles down to work as a cohesive group solving common problems.

2007 must be a year when the politics of hate and the politics of fear that blossomed at some of our meetings last year are banished — and a year when we work with facts not fantasies, fears or frustrations.

2007 must be a year when we finally begin to fund for ROCKLAND'S "NEW" MAYOR continues on page 33

## Post Iraq: It Gets Harder Not Easier

by Thomas McAdams Deford

There's a famous story about that well-known tippler, Winston Churchill: At a dinner party, the woman sitting next to him made the mistake of noting, "Why I do believe, Sir Winston, you are tipsy."

(Parenthetically, before completing this introductory digression, let me digress further: when one considers the relative successes of the two war-time leaders, perhaps George W. should hit the bottle again — it certainly couldn't worsen his performance.)

In any case, Churchill responded, rather un-gallantly: "And you, madam, I believe, are ugly. The difference is that when I awake tomorrow I'll be sober."

The White House, the Pentagon, the NSC, CIA — they're all focused, as obviously is the US electorate, on one way or another of getting Iraq behind us. Now, fearful apparently of what the Baker Iraq Study Group — made up essentially of pragmatists from Bush 41's days — is going to come up with, 43 has enlisted the Pentagon to do a quick-march study to come up with its own solutions: to avoid being upstaged by Baker, or to, "coincidentally," come up with similar recommendations ("See, these are my ideas, not my daddy's.")

But back to Winston Churchill: for the fact is, when Iraq is finally behind us — and some day, as we saw even in Vietnam, it will be — we'll wake up the next morning with the much older, much bigger Israeli-Palestinian quagmire still front and center, continuing to destabilize an already highly unstable area. Even as I write this, CNN is interrupting its regular news to report the assassination of Pierre Gemayel, one of Lebanon's anti-Syrian Christian cabinet members.

Instability in the Middle East, the root cause of which remains the unresolved Palestinian issue, is not, as is Bush's war in Iraq, killing thousands of American soldiers and ruining us, long-term, economically; but when the history of George Bush's wrecked presidency is being written 50 years from now, his refusal to deal with the problem and his active support of Israel's aggressively apartheid-like suppression of Palestinians will in retrospect be seen as at least as disastrous for America's position in the world as his occupation and destruction of Iraq.

The Israeli occupation of Palestinian land is now in its 40th year, so obviously Bush is not the only American president who hasn't resolved the issue. But he is the first one who has pro-actively made it worse.

Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy after the '73 War ultimately set the stage for Sadat's peace deal with Begin, overseen by Jimmy Carter at Camp David. Bush 41 and Jim Baker put substantial pressure on Israel, paving the way for the 1993 Oslo accords and, subsequently, for Clinton's work with Arafat and Rabin that helped develop the necessary trust between the two that was so promising until Rabin's assassination.

There is still disagreement over how close Clinton brought the two sides in the last days of his presidency, but there can be no disagreement that Bush, by snubbing Arafat, leaving Abbas dangling, and thus encouraging the rise of Hamas, even as he unleashed Israel, has made the likelihood of any serious talks, much less any real narrowing of the widening gap, remote indeed. Six lost years — and two more to come.

A 1,500-word front-page article in Saturday's NYTimes — hardly a bastion of pro-Palestinian propaganda — outlined the lives of Palestinians under Israeli occupation. The "imprisonment wall" (as ex-President Carter terms it in his new book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*) and checkpoints

throughout the West Bank are having a devastating effect on both the economic and social life of Palestinians. The key West Bank cities of Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, and Hebron — the economic and cultural heart of Palestine — are virtually cut off from each other.

To quote from the NYTimes article: "Israel has increasingly isolated [Jenin]." The wall "blocks travel in three directions." It quotes an engineer living near Nablus whose once 20-minute commute now takes two-and-a-half hours or more: "There are always two checkpoints and one recent day there were seven." The article notes that one of the Nablus checkpoints, "15 miles from the closest West Bank boundary ... resembles an international border." Imagine what it would do to the fabric of midcoast life if there were anywhere from two to seven checkpoints, manned with occupying soldiers, between Thomaston and Camden or Camden and Belfast.

"In the northern West Bank, jobs are extremely scarce and the movement restriction on men under 35 has made it virtually impossible for them to look elsewhere in the West Bank for work," the Times reporter points out. Quoting the UN head of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: "The whole fabric of life for the Palestinians has been disrupted." The reporter adds, "The obstacles have effectively divided the West Bank into three sectors — northern, central and southern — and limited movement among them." Three mini-states in an area only slightly bigger than Rhode Island.

The Israelis justify the imprisonment of Palestinians in their own land, the article notes, to "protect the 250,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank." Of course, the Israelis gloss over the fact that the settling of even one Israeli in occupied Palestinian land was against international law. Sharon always said his policy of settlements was designed to "create facts on the ground." And so it has: 250,000 facts have trapped both Israelis and Palestinians in a situation that is almost beyond resolution — certainly no Israeli government will willingly give back the land it has taken and uproot a quarter of a million citizens it has encouraged to settle the West Bank.

Yesterday's NYTimes' lead story, about the much larger percentage of occupied land originally in private Palestinian hands, as opposed to state-owned, brings a personal note to the occupation but will hardly change Israel's attitude.

The real issue is not the flaunting of international law but the manner in which Bush has permitted the Israelis to turn the West Bank and Gaza into an increasingly dysfunctional society, which, in a vicious circle, Israel, and the US, can hold up as an impediment to peace. But as Carter's book notes, "Israel's continued control and colonization of Palestinian land have been the primary obstacles to a comprehensive peace agreement."

He concludes: "The bottom line is this: Peace will come to Israel and the Middle East only when the Israeli government is willing to comply with international law.... The United States is squandering international prestige and goodwill and intensifying global anti-American terrorism by unofficially condoning or abetting the Israeli confiscation and colonization of Palestinian territories." Six wasted years — and two more to go.

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## Memorial Service for Soldier Killed in Iraq Will Be Held Sunday at GVHS

A memorial service for Staff Sgt. William "Jack" Jackson II, who grew up in Thomaston and was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq on Veterans Day, will be held Sunday, November 26, at 2 p.m. at Georges Valley High School. Following the service, there will be a fellowship meal at Calvary Baptist Church in Warren which everyone is welcome to attend. The church is right on Route 1, just over the bridge from Thomaston.

Jackson's funeral will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 29. Sgt. Jackson's parents, Bill and Carolyn Jackson, and his sister Victoria and brother David all now live in Warren. Jackson's wife Kate and four young children live in Saginaw, Michigan. A memorial fund has been established to help the children, who are all under the age of six. Damariscotta Bank & Trust in Warren is handling contributions; checks should be made payable to "Jack Jackson Memorial Fund," and mailed to Damariscotta Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 1067, Warren, ME 04864, or dropped at the bank, 289 Camden Road in Warren.

For more information, contact Pastor Scott Townsend, the Jackson family's minister, at Calvary Baptist Church, 273-2061.

## Be Prepared for Holiday Travel

### Advice from Airports, Airlines and TSA — Knowing "3-1-1" Helps to Ensure Secure, Efficient Screening

The Air Transport Association (ATA), Airports Council International — North America (ACI-NA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) wish to inform the traveling public that by preparing in advance for security screening passengers can greatly improve their experience at the airport during the busy holiday travel season.

The agencies listed above advise passengers who must carry liquids, gels and aerosols through the security checkpoint to remember and follow in advance the **3-1-1** rule:

- All liquids, gels and aerosols must be placed in a **3 ounce** or smaller container.
- These containers must be placed in a **1 quart**, clear, plastic, zip-top bag.
- **1 bag** per passenger placed in a plastic bin for screening.

The limitation on liquids reflects changes made after the foiled terror plot involving the possible use of liquid explosives in London this past August. In response, TSA banned all liquids at security checkpoints. The ban was modified on September 25 after testing showed that small amounts of liquids, gels and aerosols did not pose a significant threat.

TSA Administrator Kip Hawley said, "By knowing the rules and remembering 3-1-1, travelers can make a big difference in TSA's ability to efficiently and effectively screen all passengers and their baggage. Each time a physical inspection of a carry-on bag is required, it not only slows the individual traveler down but the entire security line."

ATA predicts 25 million passengers will take to the skies over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Below are other tips travelers should know before they leave home this holiday season. A full list of tips and prohibited items is available at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

**Do not wrap gifts.** If a security officer needs to inspect a package they may have to unwrap your gift. Please wrap gifts after arriving at your destination.

**Pack smart.** Bringing prohibited items to the airport will delay the screening process for you and other passengers. If you're not sure which items are allowed, check TSA's Web site for a complete list.

**Arrive on time.** Arrival time recommendations vary by airline and day of travel, so check with your carrier. You must have a boarding pass and valid government photo ID to enter the security checkpoint. Remember to give yourself adequate time to check your baggage and move through security.

**Dress the part.** Metal in your clothing may set off the walk-through metal detector. Pack coins, keys, jewelry, belt buckles and other metal items in your carry-on bag. Remember that all shoes must be removed and screened by TSA. Passengers also need to remove blazers, suit coats and bulky sweaters in addition to outer garments.

**Film.** Undeveloped film should go in your carry-on bag. Hand film that is faster than 800-speed to a security officer for physical inspection to avoid being X-rayed.

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## Smoke But No Fire at Train Meeting — by Melissa Waterman



In right foreground Julia Schulz, a neighbor, Gordon Page, director of passenger services, and Gordon Fuller, chief operating officer for Maine Eastern Railroad, listen to public comments during Wednesday night's meeting.

Representatives of the Pleasant and Broad street neighborhood, Rockland city councilors, and officials from Maine Eastern Railroad, Maine Department of Transportation and Governor Baldacci's office met together for more than two hours of generally cordial exchange Wednesday, November 15, at Rockland City Hall. The meeting, long sought by neighbors concerned by the impact of noise and diesel fumes from the seasonal train, was facilitated by Rockland city manager Tom Hall.

Prior to the roundtable discussion, city councilors heard from members of the public primarily against the train service. Ben Levine stated, "I'm not against the train but this isn't being done right." David Stuckey, another neighbor, echoed Levine, saying, "I love trains. I hope that working from a common interest in reducing pollution we can find a compromise and work this out." Debbie Atwell pointed out that the pollution coming from the diesel engine train is a problem not just in Rockland, but in Falmouth and Brunswick as well. "Seven state legislators have a bill sponsored by Senator Libby Mitchell to scale back the legal idling time of the trains," she said. "This should be a win-win situation." Local lawyer Barry Faber said, "I don't support business to the detriment of the health and safety of residents. We cannot accept this pollution."

Rockland code enforcement officer John Root has served Maine Eastern Railroad with two notices citing the company for violations of city noise and pollution ordinances. However, as was made clear by Maine Eastern Railroad chief operating officer Gordon Fuller, the train complies fully with existing federal regulations on train operation given by the Federal Railroad Administration. In addition, according to a letter from the railroad's lawyer to Rockland city council, the railroad falls under federal interstate commerce laws, which preempt any state or local regulations. State Department of Transportation railroad manager Nathan Moulton confirmed to roundtable participants that assessment.

Sandra Schram, speaking for the affected neighbors, asked Fuller if the train could be stored overnight and then warmed up in the mornings at the train roundhouse off New Coun-

ty Road, thereby eliminating the diesel fumes and noise that have proved so annoying this year. Fuller replied, "It's not good at the roundhouse because there is no shore power [an electric connection from building to train cars], no water connections, insufficient track capacity, and we would have to run the train across more roads, making more noise as we do so."

Tom Molloy, a neighbor on Pleasant Street, asked Fuller if the company will ever run more than a tourist train. "This is the first step in an expanding transportation network in Maine. Yes, it's an excursion now but I think trains are here to stay," Fuller answered. Alan Stearns, a member of Baldacci's staff, added his thoughts, saying, "Rockland has a pivotal voice on this [future expansion of train service] as the last town on the line. We want to keep a rock-solid working relationship between the state and Rockland." Asked when the line would connect to Portland, Stearns would only say, "It is what we are looking for."

The ebb and flow of discussion during the meeting provided the opportunity for each city councilor and the neighborhood representatives to query the railroad officials thoroughly. Fuller offered specific guidelines to alleviate noise and fumes to Mayor Brian Harden which he said the company would do their best to adhere to. These include shutting down the air conditioner compressors no later than 11 p.m. in the summer, turning on the compressors no earlier than 7:45 a.m., and starting the main engines up no earlier than 7:30 a.m.

Interviewed after the meeting, Hall said the meeting had accomplished a critical goal: allowing all concerned parties to meet and talk with each other. "The residents could speak up and clear their minds. I, at least, took away from last night the company's willingness to cooperate and to be good neighbors." The question of whether federal interstate commerce provisions preempt the company's two zoning ordinance violations likely will be decided by lawyers, Hall continued. "I expect that the council will meet with the city attorney in executive session soon to discuss what options to pursue," he said. "We would need to prove with real numbers the effect of the noise and fumes and overcome the interstate argument."

## MEBSR Conference Set for Dec. 1 in Belfast

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MEBSR keynote speaker Kevin Hancock.

The conference, entitled "Practical Tools for Business Success," features keynote speakers Kevin Hancock, president of Hancock Lumber, on "Stewardship," and John Warner, director of the Center for Green Chemistry, on "Necessary Steps to a Sustainable Future." Complementing the keynote addresses, two dozen Maine business leaders and experts will present nine related workshops throughout the day on topics from lean manufacturing (reducing waste of all kinds) to green chemistry (reducing toxicity in everyday products and services), from Internet marketing to the delicate balance of supporting "local" in a global economy, and from growing your micro-business to business problem-solving.

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Left: Rachel Doody as *The Princess of Incomparable Beauty* and right, Charlotte Herbold as a fortuneteller in the Belfast Maskers production of *The Firebird*.



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Dodson welcomes a large and diverse crew with returning regulars, including The Quasimodal Chorus, The January Men and Then Some, Leila Percy and Muriel Havenstein, Matt Szostak, David Dodson and Grove Street Bypass (Szostak, Dodson, Cindy Kallet and Will Brown).

Doors open at 7 p.m. and advance tickets are available at Wild Rufus in Camden and Rock City Books and Coffee in Rockland; or by mail from Beech Hill Music, 7 Grove Street, Camden ME 04843. Tickets may also be reserved in advance, to be held at the door. Tickets are \$12 adults advance, \$14 suggested donation at the door; children ages 6 to 12 \$6 in advance, \$7 suggested donation at the door; free under 6 years. Refreshments will be served. For more information or reservations, call 236-9576.

## Barbershop Concert in Camden

The Windjammer Barbershop Chorus is losing its longtime director, Kathy Chamberlain. To give her a sendoff, the chorus is hold-

ing a barbershop concert at the Camden Public Library on Saturday, December 2, beginning at 4 p.m. Admission to this Christmas By the Sea event is free, with donations welcome.

The chorus is searching for a new director to lead practices and singouts in the midcoast area. For the past 13 years the Windjammers have hosted an annual show in September and performed around the midcoast, at fairs, the Lobster festival, boat christenings, birthdays, special events or celebrations, for tour groups, doing singing Valentines and entertaining residents and staff at local nursing homes. If interested in working with a group of singing gents, contact Asger Bagge, search committee chair, at 236-8503, or Nick Greenwood at 236-2159, for more information. New chorus members are also needed. Rehearsal nights are Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Den on Lions Lane in Camden.

## Owls Head Museum Hosts Holiday Concert and Open House

On Sunday, December 3, the Owls Head Transportation Museum will host its annual holiday concert featuring the Midcoast Community Band. Admission is free to the general public all day. The museum opens at 10 a.m.

The band will play a variety of holiday favorites beginning at 2 p.m. The museum closes at 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

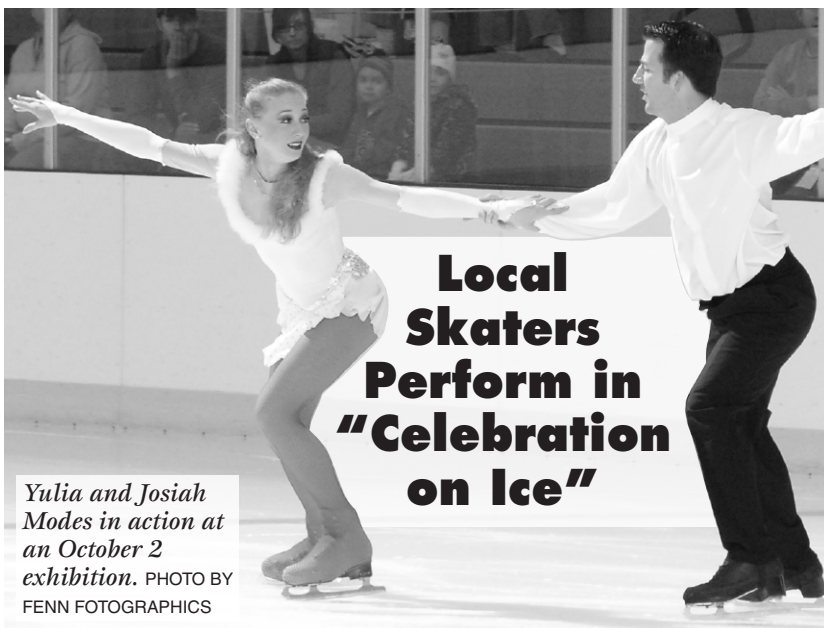
Family activities are scheduled throughout the day, including ornament making and a special reading and reenactment of the children's book *The Flying Santa*. Following the concert, the museum will unveil its newest exhibit, a replica of a Gemini V space capsule.

Open year-round, the Owls Head Transportation Museum is located on Route 73 in Owls Head, three miles south of Rockland. For information, call 594-4418 or visit the museum online at [www.owlshead.org](http://www.owlshead.org).

On Friday, December 1, at 6 p.m., aspiring figure skaters of the Skating Club of Maine will perform in a "Celebration on Ice" at Midcoast Recreation Center (MRC) on Route 90 in Camden as part of Christmas By the Sea celebrations. This skating exhibition will feature the club's advanced skaters and national and international competitors and ice show stars Josiah and Yulia Modes.

After group numbers and soloists entertain the crowd, the youngest members of the Learn-to-Skate program will escort Santa in for an hour of public skating with Santa, from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission for the skating exhibition, including the Skate with Santa, is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, or families capped at \$25.

The skating exhibition coincides with the beginning of the skating club's second session, which begins Wednesday, November 29, at MRC. Basic Skills classes are held Wednesdays at 4:50 p.m., and the Snowplow Sam class is at 5:20 p.m. Classes also are available on Saturdays at 10:50 a.m. for Basic Skills and 10:20 a.m. for the Snowplow Sam class. Snowplow Sam is designed for chil-



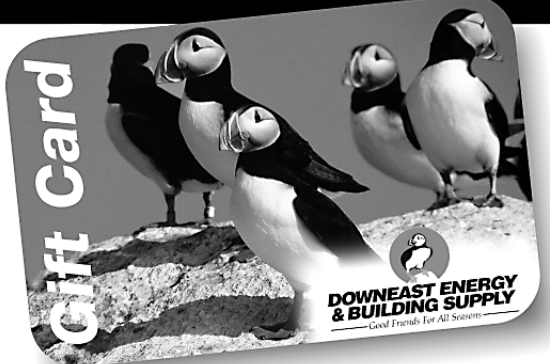
Yulia and Josiah Modes in action at an October 2 exhibition. PHOTO BY FENN FOTOGRAFICS

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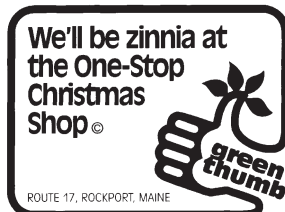
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Virginia, but the Owl and Turtle signing was home turf; Gorman has a house on Bay View Street in Camden, as well as in Yarmouth.

The idea of writing a book, said Gorman, has been with him for a very long time, ever since taking a writing course while in college at Bowdoin. In between signings on Saturday he talked about his story.

In 1960, after graduation and 3-1/2 years in the Navy, he went, still in uniform, to ask his grandfather Leon Leonwood "L.L." for a job. Gorman said his grandfather believed in higher education, even though he'd never gone beyond eighth grade, and had a high regard for Bowdoin — one of his sons was also a graduate of the college — and for the Navy, but that high regard "did not translate into wages." His grandfather started him out at \$2.50 an hour.

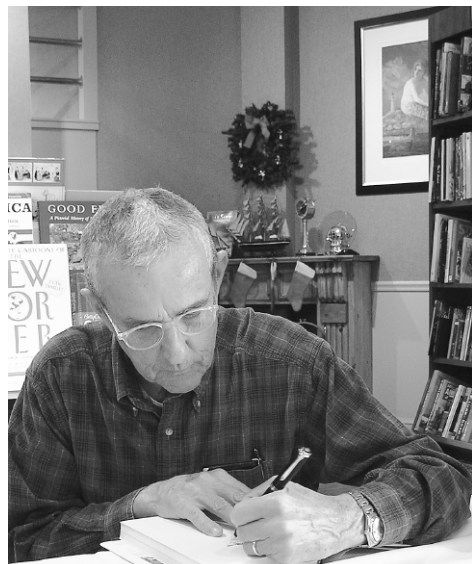
When Gorman began working for L.L. Bean, the company had a nationally recognized brand, and even during the war years it had prospered. But the business was slowly running down, as its founder was by then 87 and his son and heir apparent Carl was 60. L.L. never intended to retire, Gorman said. His grandfather firmly believed that "if a man retires, he's done for." And, says Gorman, his grandfather was not eager to do things in a new or different way or to expand the business. "I must have heard him say 100 times, 'I already eat three good meals a day and can't eat four.'"

When Gorman, an energetic 25-year-old, tried to update methods of sales reporting and inventory management or add new products to the catalog, there was bound to be frustration and conflict, especially with Carl. L.L. died in February 1967 at age 94. Carl died that October, just eight months after his father, of terminal cancer. Gorman said Carl was basically an "ornery" guy, but that his illness, during the years when Gorman first began working for the company, "probably affected his attitude towards anyone who was young and healthy."

Gorman succeeded Carl as president of L.L. Bean in 1967, a position he retained until 2001, when he named Chris McCormick president, passing the leadership of the company to a non-family member for the first time.

In 1967 when Gorman took over the helm the company was growing by 25 percent every year but had no computer systems or mailing list system and an archaic warehouse. At the same time, it had a devoted workforce, thanks in part to L.L. and Carl's habit of sharing profits with everyone in the company and giving generous cash bonuses. It was relatively small and uncomplicated, but poised to explode.

The story that Gorman tells as he keeps the company's course balanced between growth and tradition is an amazingly dynamic one. When big decisions arise — retail expansion as opposed to catalog? expanding into the Japanese market? creating a line of clothing for professional women? dropping the outdoors market in favor of casual apparel? —



*How to maintain a legendary tradition and succeed in business — Leon Gorman's story of running the company that's synonymous with Maine.*

the outcomes are, of course, known to the reader, but it still makes for suspenseful moments. Gorman is a fine writer, with a very clear voice, and draws the reader right into the drama of his moments of decision.

The narrative is broken up by interwoven interviews gathered together by Kent Lineback, who spoke with everyone from Gorman's mother to the late Maine writer John Gould, and Bean employees, from chief financial officers to the current chief executive Chris McCormick. It was Lineback's idea to do the interviewing, Gorman said, and he also helped pull the manuscript together.

Asked if Harvard Business School Press had given him any guidelines as to the balance of biography and business in the manuscript, Gorman said the only instruction Harvard gave was "keep it under 300 pages," which did impose some discipline on the project. Gorman had no shortage of material to draw from for his book.

He'd kept little black notebooks full of notes, made in what he describes as his indecipherable handwriting, all his life and, like all thrifty Yankees, "never threw anything away." He began the book in 1999, but was still working for the company, so it wasn't until 2002 and 2003 that he could really concentrate on the project. "I had so much to wade through and make sense of," says Gorman, "lots of corporate material, company newsletters and outside articles." The wealth of material fleshes out the saga in a way that most business books cannot begin to approach. When it was mentioned that it seemed the business section of the bookstores was too confining a position for this book, Gorman, ever the entrepreneur, said, "Perhaps they should put it in two places: business and general interest."

Although Gorman has retired from L.L. Bean, he is still chairman of the fourth-generation family-owned company. While family members take rotating positions on the board, none of Gorman's five children or four grandchildren work for the company. His cousin's son and three nephews, who serve in middle-management positions, are the only family members working for the company. Gorman meets with McCormick once a week to keep informed on the company, which is still in an expansion phase, planning more retail stores in the Northeast and eventually moving westward. In addition to his chairmanship, Gorman serves on the board of Land for Maine's Future and hikes, bikes, skis, fishes and hunts — both in Maine and around the world.



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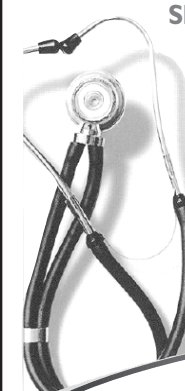
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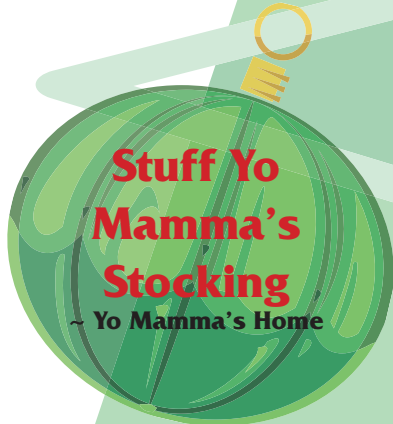
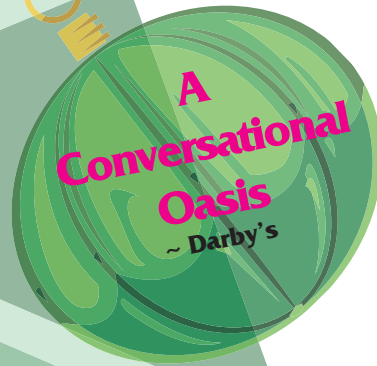
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### Sunday, Nov. 26

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## Nutcracker at Camden Opera House



The Atlantic Ballet Company will present its annual production of *The Nutcracker* ballet at the Camden Opera House on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m., and two matinees, on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m., as part of Camden's Christmas by the Sea weekend. This holiday tradition features the students of People to People Dance, members of Atlantic Ballet Company, and guest artists.

Clara, played by Stephanie LeClerc, and Fritz, played by Eddie Socker, are the brother and sister excitedly anticipating the big Christmas party being put on by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Von Stahlbaum (Joseph Fabian and Michele Cox). The festive Von Stahlbaum household is soon full of families dressed in their beautiful holiday finery, with adults and children alike dancing before the sparkling Christmas tree. Suddenly the mysterious Dr. Drosselmeyer arrives, and while he frightens the children at first, he soon enchants them with his magic, especially the giant Soldier Doll, Feline Doll and Mouse Doll.

The best present of all is the special Nutcracker doll that Dr. Drosselmeyer presents as his gift to Clara. The children all chase Clara, grasping for her precious gift, the most persistent being her jealous brother, Fritz, who finally gets hold of it, only to fall and break it. The heartbroken Clara falls asleep dreaming of her Nutcracker and the many toys and treats of Christmas. In her dreams toy soldiers and her Nutcracker come to life and battle giant mice. After defeating the Mouse King (Fabian), the Nutcracker (Enton Hoxha) becomes Clara's guide through the land of sweets and dreams, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy (Kari Cameron), angels, jesters, flowers and dancers from many lands.

Tickets for these performances are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at HAV II, and Wild Rufus, Camden; The Reading Corner, Rockland; Fertile Mind Bookshop, Belfast; The Personal Bookshop, Thomaston; and at the Camden Opera House door. Call 236-2395 for more information.

## DaPonte String Quartet December Concerts to Include Favorites



Whatever musical spirit moves you will be found on the music stands of the DaPonte String Quartet during the month of December. Before officially celebrating the holidays, the quartet will begin the month with the second program of the winter season. Specifically, that program will include: String Quartet in F minor, Opus 20, No. 5 by Haydn; String Quartet in F Major, Opus 96 ("American") by Dvorak; and String Quartet No. 5 (1936) by Bartók.

The performances will take place on Friday, December 1, at St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 2, at the State Street Church, Portland, at 7:30

p.m.; and Sunday, December 3, at the United Methodist Church of Brunswick at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20; seniors, \$18; 21 and under, free. There is no advance sale; tickets are sold at the door.

On Sunday, December 17, the DSQ invites the community to the Second Congregational Church of Newcastle for its annual free holiday concert. It won't feature Christmas carols, but there will be an array of festive music associated with the holiday season. This free concert is the DaPonte String Quartet's gift to the community. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 529-4555.

## Musicians Wanted for CHRHS Concert

The Camden Hills Regional High School (CHRHS) Winter Band Concert will be held on Thursday, December 7, at 7 p.m. at the Strom Auditorium. Groups to be featured include the CHRHS Concert, Symphonic and Jazz bands. The repertoire will include holiday favorites, an African work celebrating Kwanzaa, traditional band repertoire and big-band favorites.

The concert will culminate in a holiday sing-along led by CHRHS chorus director

Kimberly Murphy. Adult instrumental musicians from the Five Town community are invited to sit in with the bands for this piece.

Musicians interested in performing should contact Nancy Laite, CHRHS band director, at 236-7800, extension 294, or e-mail Nancy\_Laite@fivetowns.net to receive a copy of the music and concert/rehearsal details. Recent performing experience is not necessary; in other words, get those old instruments out of the closet!

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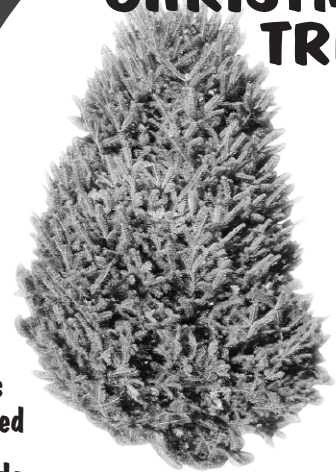
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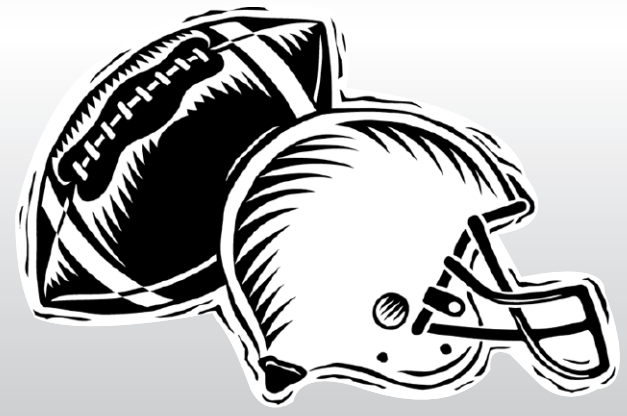
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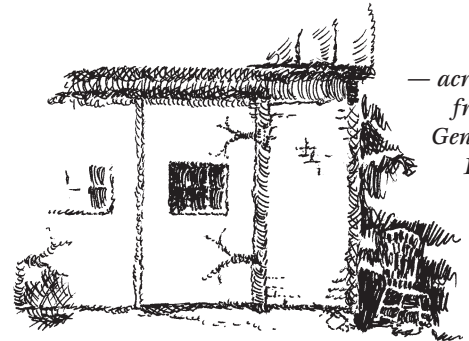
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## Belfast Library: A Year of Poetry Readings

On Tuesday, November 28, at 7 p.m. the Tuesday Talks series continues at the Belfast Free Library with an evening of poetry readings by three Maine poets — Robin Merrill, Stuart Kestenbaum and Leo Tanguay. This poetry reading will complete a year of varied poetry events at the library: Belfast's Fab Four for the January poetry reading; love poems for Valentine's day; two poetry writing workshops; a Maine Humanities Council-sponsored poetry discussion series "American Traditions, American Innovations"; and paintings and poetry for the Belfast Poetry Festival in October.

Merrill has an MFA from Stonecoast and a BS from Maine Maritime Academy. A former merchant mariner, she abandoned seafaring to marry a deckhand and to teach physical science at a home for at-risk teens. Her most recent chapbook, *Laundry & Stories*, was featured on Garrison Keillor's "Writer's Almanac."

Kestenbaum is the author of two collections of poems, *Pilgrimage* (Coyote Love Press) and *House of Thanksgiving* (Deerbrook Editions). His poems and writing have appeared in numerous small-press publications and magazines including Tikkun, the Sun, the Beloit Poetry Journal, Northeast Corridor, Maine Times and others, and also on "Writer's Almanac." He has been the director of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts since 1988.

Tanguay is a poet, teacher and musician from Lowell, Massachusetts. He has been writing poetry since his father's death in 1975. He has lived alternately in Colorado and Maine for the last 20 years and his work has been published in literary magazines in both of those states.

The reading is free and open to the public. For more information, call 338-3884, extension 10.

## Susan Lubner Signing at Owl & Turtle Saturday



Children's author Susan Lubner is returning to the Owl & Turtle Bookshop, Washington Street, Camden, on Saturday, November 25, from 1 to 3 p.m., to sign her latest picture book, a story about the trials of bedtime.

*Ruthie Bon Bair Do Not Go to Bed with Wringing Wet Hair* tells the story of a little girl who refuses to dry her wet hair before she goes to bed.

In addition to unruly tangles, Ruthie's hair begins to sprout mushrooms and ferns and moss. Lubner co-authored *Noises at Night*, another story that turns bedtime into a time of magic. She lives in Massachusetts with her two daughters, who often go to bed with wet hair.

## Holiday Book Sale and Author Signing

Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance invites the public to its annual Holiday Book Sale and Author Signing on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, Federal and Exchange streets in Portland. Twenty Maine authors will meet the public and autograph books, including Lily King, Hannah Holmes, Sarah Sherman McGrail, Wesley McNair, Scott Nash, Elizabeth Peavey, Betsy Sholl, Amy Sutherland, Sara Thomson, Lea Wait, Monica Wood, the Moon Pie Press poets and others. In addition, autographed books by other (non-appearing) Maine authors will be available.

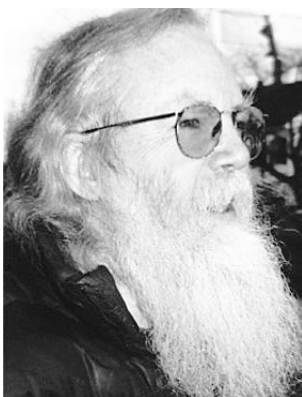
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## CONA's Potluck and Poetry

CONA's (Citizens Offering New Alternatives) annual Potluck and Poetry will be held Sunday, December 3, at the Second Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Newcastle, with the potluck

beginning at 6 p.m. and poetry at 7 p.m. This year's event will be dedicated to the memory of Ruth Ives of Pemaquid, who died November 13. Ives was the founder of CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Project) and co-founder of The Carpenter's Boatshop. She was a longtime member of CONA.

Gary Lawless will be the featured poet for the evening. Co-owner of Gulf of Maine Books in Brunswick and editor/publisher of Blackberry Books, Lawless is poetry editor of Peace Talk and edits the Brunswick Book of Peace Weblog. In the last few years he has given poetry readings in Italy, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia and Cuba. His book *Caribouddhism* was recently published in Italy, in Italian, as *Caribudismo*. He lives with his partner Beth Leonard at Chimney Farm, in Nobleboro.

There will be an open mike after Lawless does a brief reading, and anyone who would like to share an original poem or read a favorite one is welcome to do so.

The event is free and open to the public. Bring a dish to share, and enter through the side entrance of the church.

"Windspooning," featuring Martin Steingesser with Judy Tierney, will be presented at Jackson Memorial Library in Tenants Harbor on Sunday, December 3, at 2 p.m.

Steingesser's poems have been published in the OpEd page of the New York Times, The Progressive, and Poetry International, and can be read in several anthologies including *The Maine Poets*, edited by Wesley McNair, *Motion: American Sports Poems*, and *Where It Can: Poems From the Amicus Journal*. Essays and articles by Steingesser have appeared in The Christian Science Monitor, Village Voice, Maine Times and more. Tierney, who will accompany him, created and hosted a weekly program celebrating poetry on WRFR, Rockland's community radio station.

Baron Wormser, past poet laureate of Maine, writes: "Martin Steingesser's poems articulate the many seasons of the heart — joy, outrage, longing, whimsy, sadness — a burning, tender voice that rejoices in the ungainly splendors of feeling and in poetry's capacity to find images that illuminate and shadow those feelings."

## Steingesser Featured Poet at Jackson Memorial Library

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# Dialogue Begins on Camden's Economic Future

— by Georgeanne Davis

A standing-room-only community meeting to discuss options and plans for the future of Camden's working waterfront was held last Thursday, November 16, in Camden's Washington Street Conference Room.

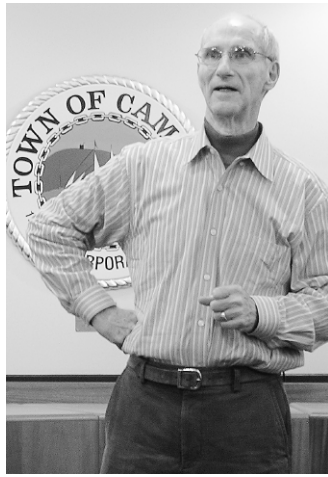
It turned out to be a favorable portent of the tenor of the discussion to come when participants, asked if they wished to move upstairs to the roomier Camden Opera House, decided they were comfortable in sardine-like proximity to each other. And, in fact, the discussion was both spirited and positive as the meeting, convened by the Camden Area Futures Group (CAFG) and moderated by professional moderator John Bird, with assistance from CAFG president and former Camden town manager Roger Moody, unfolded.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss ways to protect the best of the waterfront, and, to start things off, Camden resident Philip Conkling, president of the Island Institute, asked, "What is a viable, vibrant, year-round community?" and noted that, because the waterfront means different things to different people, "We are a community in conflict."

Conkling said that Camden was very similar to island communities in that at times it's a seasonal economy, as in tourism, that the town embraces, while at other times traditional economies are dominant. The key, he said, is to find the balance between seasonal development, the mills on the river and boatbuilding on the waterfront.

Referring to the report on waterfront-related issues that was commissioned by CAFG from Professor Jack Kartez of the Muskie School of Public Service at USM, Conkling reported that Kartez said of Camden, "We want to have our cake and eat it too — we want businesses to be able to respond to change, but we want things to remain the way they have been."

The body of the discussion focused on four questions that Kartez asked in his report. Moderator John Bird stepped in to ask the questions while Jane Lafleur of Friends of Midcoast Maine wrote down the answers as audience members spoke. All were first asked, "What do you like about Camden's working waterfront?" Many said they liked the accessibility — "being able to look at what's going on." Others liked the mix of houses, condos and businesses and the low profile of the buildings, and many mentioned appreciating the green space around the harbor. People said they liked the fact that Camden



Mediator John Bird at the Camden Area Futures Group meeting.

was not like Boothbay Harbor or Nantucket. Jim Grimes said he liked the fact that businesses like restaurants and schooners bring something visual to the harbor.

The second question asked was, "Are you concerned about changes that might happen to the waterfront?" Anita Brosius Scott and others voiced concerns about outsiders building outside of the New England architectural aesthetic predominant in town and would like building design controlled. Beedy Parker mentioned that in Rockport harbor little Capes were taken down and different style homes put up. She also asked if Wayfarer Marine were to leave if the town would have to rezone the area for highest and best use. Several people said they thought seasonal condos made the area feel dead when no one was there. Mary Ann Shanahan said she specifically chose to move to Camden

because it was a year-round community and she feared it was becoming less and less so. Ray Williamson said he feared loss of public access for boats, with not enough moorings, dinghy storage and floats. Several mentioned that they were afraid the town didn't have the tools necessary for businesses to survive on the waterfront, such as tax incentives or contract zoning.

Beedy Parker initiated talk about what was referred to by Kartez in his report as "the elephant in the room" — Wayfarer Marine — when she questioned how big a shed expansion Wayfarer needed, asking, "Are we at a peak of boat bigness?" Jack Sanford of Wayfarer answered that boats were generally getting bigger. The company's current Travelift can lift 110 tons, or up to 90-foot boats, but Wayfarer has made the decision that they don't want boats over 100 feet because it makes more sense to address the needs of those with 30- to 40-foot boats. The bigger boats, Sanford said, come in summer to be worked on, then travel to the Caribbean in winter. It keeps the skilled workforce together to have jobs in both summer and winter rather than just six months a year.

The third question presented to the group concerned other properties around the waterfront, such as the Town Landing and Harbor Park.

Conkling asked what had happened to the idea once proposed that a bridge connect the Town Landing with Harbor Park. Roger Moody replied that the merchants had felt threatened by the bridge, because it would mean fewer people walking by the shops on Main Street.

Some questioned whether making any changes to the town landing would have a negative impact on lobstermen, to which Howard Vultee replied that there were only three remaining lobstermen in town and soon would probably be none. Tom Laurita said that when he first moved to Camden he couldn't believe a space with "the best view in America" was a parking lot, and now that he's lived here he "still can't believe it." Others, however, felt the parking lot added a "dynamism" to the area.

Wayfarer Marine was not the unmentioned elephant in the room. Before the question period was over, Sanford was asked what their commitment was to the town and he replied, "We live here too. We are as concerned as you are." He told the audience that 60 to 100 people are employed by Wayfarer and that only three businesses in town pay more than \$20 an hour to their employees: Tibbetts Industries pays \$22 and Knox Semiconductor the same, but Wayfarer pays \$24 an hour and offers "good jobs for good people." Many other businesses, including yacht sales, sailmakers, sandblasters and others, are directly impacted by having Wayfarer remain in town. When asked what the company's vision was, Sanford replied that they need a large shed so they can have a clean room for painting yachts. He explained that all painting is done on a per-foot basis and "if we can squirt one time, we make money," but to do so they need that separate clean space. They also need to do something with the currently empty "red sheds" and to have something off site, north of town. Wayfarer, said Sanford, had hired the head of the Urban Design Center at Harvard University for help with future planning, but they felt that many ideas had been "shot down" by the community. Wayfarer hadn't done a good job of informing the public of their vision earlier, Sanford acknowledged, and said that "if people knew what was at stake, they would help us come up with a 50-year plan."

The final request of the evening was for additional ideas. Most present thought that the conversation that had taken place was an important one for the whole town, not just the waterfront. Richard Anderson said the balance was swinging to fewer jobs in the community and there should be a focus on job creation. Kit Parker and others spoke of the need to have a wider audience. Asger Bagge said, "5,000 other people in town are not here" and asked how CAFG was going to keep people from going off on tangents.

The next meeting of CAFG is planned for December 5. John Enright suggested that, to prepare for the meeting, people read the town's comprehensive plan and the recent Brookings Institution report, "Charting Maine's Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places." CAFG's Web site is [www.camdenareafuturesgroup.org](http://www.camdenareafuturesgroup.org).

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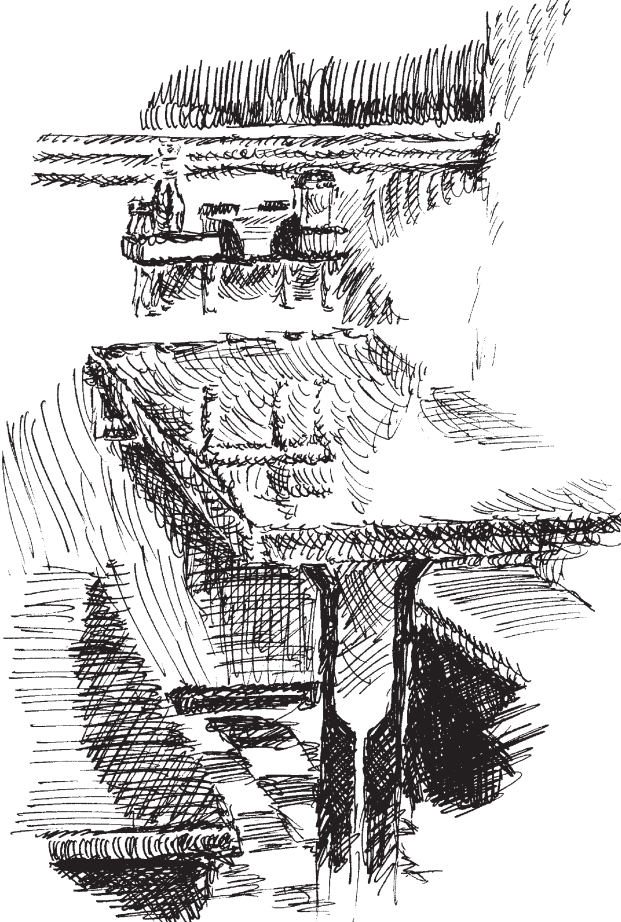
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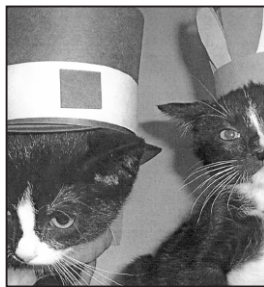
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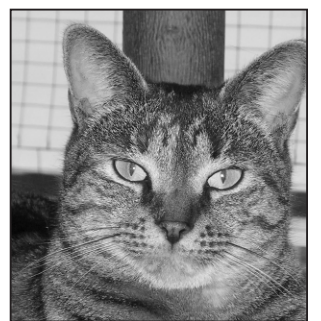
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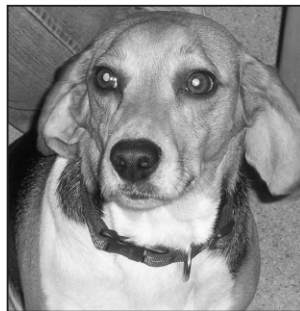
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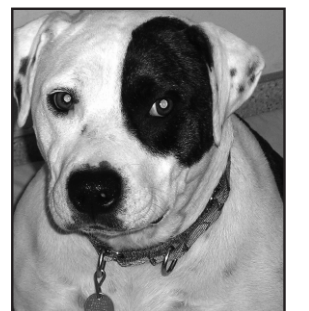
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Bayhead Apartments	9:37	11:05	12:38 pm
Belfast Center	9:43	11:11	12:42 pm
Belfast Sq. Apts.	9:46	11:14	12:45 pm
Pine Apts.	9:50	11:18	12:49 pm
Belfast Co-op	9:54	11:22	12:53 pm
Main St. Market	9:57	11:25	12:56 pm
Ambassador Apts.	10:00	11:28	12:59 pm
Renys Plaza	10:03	11:31	1:02 pm
Hannaford	10:07	11:35	1:06 pm
McLeod's Trailer Park	10:12	11:40	1:11 pm
Belfast Agway	10:14	11:42	1:13 pm
Penobscot Shores	10:16	11:44	1:15 pm
Huntress Gardens	10:20	11:48	1:19 pm
Waldo City Gen Hosp.	10:22	11:50	1:21 pm
Volunteer of Amer. Apt.	10:29	11:59	1:30 pm
Belfast Birches	10:32	12:02 pm	1:33 pm
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#### Tuesday Talks Series

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**November 21, at 6:30 pm.** Coastal Mountains Land Trust co-sponsors a talk by naturalist Mike Shannon titled "A Natural History of the Belfast Area."

**November 28, at 7 pm:** An Evening of Poetry. Readings by three Maine poets, Robin Merrill, Carl Little and Stuart Kestenbaum. Free and open to the public.

#### November Events for Youth

##### Celebrate Children's Book Week: November 13-19

The Belfast Free Library joins other libraries in celebrating Children's Book Week, "More Books Please!" Original book illustrations by John Hassett will be on display in the Kramer Gallery.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Hours:</b> Thur. - 9:30-6 Mon. - 9:30-8 Tues. - 9:30-6 Wed. - 12-8 Fri. - 9:30-6 Sat. - 10-2 Sun. - Closed	<b>New Children's Story Hours</b>	Mondays 10am - Terrific Toddlers (ages 2-4) Tuesdays 3:30pm - Ages 4 and up Thursdays 10am - Lap Sitters (0-12 mos)	1	2 WERU goes to the Movies 7pm	3 Foreign Film Series 7:30pm Tsotsi	4
5	6 MSBA book discussion group meets 5-6:30pm	7 Election Day	8 Peace & Justice Film 6pm <i>The Laughing Club of India</i>	9 Midcoast Audubon: Katahdin, An Historic Journey, w/John W. Neff 6pm	10 Library Closed Veterans Day Foreign Film Series 7:30pm Bon Voyage	11
12 Children's Book Week November 13-19	13 Friends of the Library meet 11am	14 Tuesday Talks LTAI Jewish Lit #4 7pm	15 Genealogy Group 2pm Children's Book authors Ann & John Hassett 6:30pm	16 BBWC presentation 6:30pm	17 Audubon Expedition Presentation: 6 Chicks in the Sticks 6pm	18
19	20 Living Landscapes Group meets 6pm	21 Tuesday Talks CMLT presentation with Mike Shannon 6:30pm	22	23 Thanksgiving Library Closed	24 Library Closed	25 Mini Book Sale 10:30am-1:30pm
26	27	28 Tuesday Talks An Evening of Poetry 7pm	29	30		



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**FARNSWORTH** cont. from page 1

Last year's event was so successful that Camden National Bank has agreed to be a sponsor of this year's celebration by underwriting the day's events and providing volunteers to help with the many activities.

The "Share the Wonder" exhibition in the Wyeth Center includes a model-train installation that features two trains traveling through a terrain of familiar landmarks from the midcoast area. There is a *Wind in the Willows* tree with woodland creatures made of natural materials. There will be a model of a castle built by Nat Wyeth and painted by his father, N.C. Wyeth, and numerous drawings by James Wyeth of holiday-related themes.

There will be an opportunity to meet Jamie Wyeth and have him sign a gift poster or book from 2 to 4 p.m. while visiting the exhibition of his work on the second floor of the Wyeth



Model trains from the "Share the Wonder" exhibit. PHOTO BY GEORGE HOYT

## 11th Annual Holiday Show at Downtown Gallery

On Friday, December 1, the Downtown Gallery opens the doors of its 11th Holiday Show and Sale in the Masons Corner Building on Route 220, Washington village. From 5 to 8 p.m. visitors can view the show and enjoy hot drinks and holiday treats.

Affordable art on display will include engraved wood creations by Mary Boothby; silk-screened shirts by Paula Green; and jewelry, painted floor cloths, scented pillows and handmade bags by Carol Sloane. This year, the gallery also welcomes pottery by Dale Tognoni

and velvet scarves by Kathleen Colton. Garden art, paperwhites in pottery bowls, decorative "bundles" by Abbie Read, card collections by gallery artists, calendars, journals and notebooks and poetry books will also be available.

The holiday show will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 1, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.

The Masons Corner building is located on Route 220 in Washington village. For more information, call 845-2201 or 845-2406.

## Photography Exhibit at Gibbs Library —

The Gibbs Library in Washington village is sponsoring an exhibit of color photographic prints by local photographer Paul Connell. The exhibit will run through the end of December. A reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, December 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The pictures are all digitized images — photographed with a digital camera or converted from scanned film negatives. Connell has taught both English and photography at the community-college level and is now retired from a 36-year teaching career at Quinsigamond Community College in Massachusetts. Call 845-2663 for more information.



## Annual Holiday Show at Fireside Pottery

The opening of Fireside Pottery's 16th annual holiday show will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 1, 2 and 3. Featured will be creations by owner Nancy Button and local artisans Megan Cafferata, Nan Galland and Kate Chandler. Light refreshments will be served.

Button, a second-generation studio potter for the past 30 years, creates fine hand-built pottery, ranging from lamps to dinnerware to jewelry.

Cafferata of Camden began making Sisters Soap when her sister Cait (of Appleton Creamery) found herself with a surplus of goat milk during kidding season. She currently makes over 30 varieties, or "flavors," of soap. The soaps are made with vegetable-

based oils (olive, palm and coconut), goat milk and other natural ingredients to add nutrients, texture and visual appeal.

Galland, of Live Edge Pottery in Stockton Springs, creates two bodies of work — wood-fired functional stoneware and decorative primitive-fired pottery. The wood-fired work is fired for 22 hours, in which the path of the flame, as it travels through the kiln, melts the natural ash that falls on the pots, creating flashes of chestnut brown, gold, tan and black.

Chandler's company, Elsa's Love Patchwork, is a work-at-home-mom-owned business, making hand-felted and patchwork toys and accessories for babies and children. She is now adding items for adults as well.

The show will continue until Saturday, December 23. Fireside Pottery is located at 1478 Camden Road, Route 90, in Warren. For more information, call 273-3767.

## 3D@LSC Benefit Holiday Show

An exhibition of ceramic art and functional clay pieces will be on exhibition and for sale at Lincoln Street Center's Art Gallery to benefit the center and the 3D@LSC Clay Program. This show of fine arts and crafts will be on view daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Artists will be at the opening reception on Friday, December 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., and refreshments will be offered. A closing party is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, from 3 to 5 p.m.

This Benefit Holiday Show for Friends of 3D@LSC includes students, members, instructors, and studio members past and present. See what the local potters have been up to and find out more about this facility by

attending the opening, or visiting during gallery hours.

The show is the first by the clay department at Lincoln Street, which offers regular classes for children and adults and holds Open Studio each Thursday evening for the public to visit and use. There are several pottery wheels and hand-building tools as well as on-site kilns, clay and glazes. Joseph Barberio, Peter Chamberlain, Ann McClellan and Matthew Silverio are the instructors and organizers of 3D@LSC and exhibitors in the show, along with other Friends of 3D@LSC.

For more information about the 3D@LSC program, call Lincoln Street's office Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 594-6490 or e-mail info@lincolnstreetcenter.org.

## Framing for the Emerging Artist

On Thursday, November 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Round Top Center for the Arts in Damariscotta, Brad Perry of Salt Bay Framers will talk about framing pastels, oils, watercolors and other works on paper. He will explore the choices of materials that work to support and protect the work on the inside of the frame, glazing choices, and finally the frame that sets it all off. Perry will also discuss why oils and pastels require different and special care for presentation.

This talk is for both artists and art lovers who would like to either frame their own work or pay a professional framer. Whether the work of art is to be hung in the home or as part of a show, participants will leave this talk with a better understanding of the function of framing.

The discussion will be held in the farmhouse at Round Top and is free of charge.

For more information, contact Rebecca at 563-1507 or rtilden@roundtoparts.org.

## 30 Artists! 30 Bright Lights



"Tools of the Trade," chromogenic print by Catherine Le Roy.

Art Space Gallery invites the public to join its 30 members in celebrating Rockland's Festival of Lights on Friday, November 24, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 342 Main Street opposite the Strand Theatre. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

During the holiday season eight artists will be featured in the main gallery, including Len

Clark, Regina Clarke Clark, Erik Amundsen, Judith Fischer, Kalla Buchholz, Catherine Le Roy, Beth Schaab, and Dan Kirchoff.

In addition, the work of the rest of the member/artists will be on view at Art Space and there will be satellite displays in neighboring businesses such as Rock City Books and Coffee. Artist-designed cards, calendars and small works will be showcased in the gallery as well.

During the holiday season the public can see the work of all 30 artists, from 17 midcoast Maine towns, each with his or her own vision and choice of media. As an added bonus, one or more of the members is on duty to provide information about the art and artists.

The cross-fertilization of ideas, media and creative energy among the 30 artists is expressed in their work. The full roster includes: Erik Amundsen, Angela Anderson, Krisanne Baker, Joe Barberio, Laurie Lofman Bellmore, Kalla Buchholz, Len Clarke, Regina Clarke, Amy Cornell, Gil Coyle, Albie Davis, Randy Fein, Judith Fischer, Kathleen Fox, Davidson Graves, JoAnne Houslen, Mark Kelly, Dan Kirchoff, Annadeene Konesni, Sharon Larkin, Catherine Le Roy, Ken Martin, Judith Olson, Andrew Reichline, Rebecca Rivers, Elizabeth Schaab, Alison Shapiro, Marianne Smith, Marjorie Strauss and Dayle Tognoni Ward.

During the holiday season the gallery will be open daily except on Mondays. For more information, call 594-8784 or visit www.artspacemaine.com.

## Art Show at Miles Hospital

The new art exhibit at Miles Hospital in Damariscotta continues through December 29. A wide variety of work is on display created by the 12-member Visual Arts Committee which operates as a sub-group of the

Miles Hospital League. Each year the committee meets to jury new exhibits, select original art to add to the permanent collection and provide a continually changing display in the hospital corridor.



"Visuals," watercolor by Gretchen Conklin.

Work ranges from acrylics to watercolor to pastels. Most pieces will be for sale. As is standard practice, a portion of the sale of each item will benefit the Hospital League. The members participating in the show include Debra Arter, Julie Babb, Gretchen Conklin, Jan Kilburn, Barbara Klein, Priscilla Mathews, Jane Murdoch, Karen Rutan, Carol Smith and Jean Williamson. Many of the members of this team have served for years and are established artists as well.

## Chairs: North by Northeast

"Chairs: North by Northeast" opens at the Messler Gallery in Rockport on Thursday, November 30. The 20 chairs on display illustrate the current vitality of the chairmaker's craft in northern New England as well as its breadth of inspiration.



Co-curators Jonathan Binzen, former editor at Fine Woodworking magazine, and Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, furniture maker and president of the North Bennet Street School in Boston, have assembled many of the woodworkers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. "Chairs are immensely challenging," comments Binzen, "and these makers have not only solved the ergonomic and structural requirements, but have met our additional criteria of style and superb craftsmanship."

The chairs range along a stylistic spectrum that reaches from the 18th century — in a piece like David Sawyer's Windsor high chair, which was created with fidelity to the methods as well as the forms of the past — to the present, with work like Jeff Kellar's minimalist yet comfortable Checkerboard chair.

There are iconic yet seldom-seen gems from the past, including William Doub's reproduction of the Mackmurdock Thistle chair, a design which prefigured Art Nouveau, and Michael Podmaniczky's rebuilding of the 1808 Gragg Elastic chair. Other makers, like Howard Hatch and James Becker, drew inspiration from the Arts and Crafts movement and managed fresh designs from that style. Jere Osgood has made a new version of his classic side chair, and Garrett Hack, who studied under Osgood 30 years ago, blends elegance and elements of country furniture in an extremely light side chair with a woven cord seat.

Exhibitors from Maine are Douglas Green, Sherwood Hamill, Jeff Kellar, Gregg Lipton, Mike Podmaniczky, Kevin Rodell, Tim Rousseau, Lee Schuette and Joseph Tracy; from Vermont are James Becker, Bruce Beekin, Jeff Parsons, Timothy Clark, Garrett Hack, Mario Messina and David Sawyer; and from New Hampshire are Ted Blachly, William Doub, Howard Hatch, Jere Osgood and William Thomas.

The opening for "Chairs: North by Northeast" takes place on Thursday, November 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Messler Gallery and the public is invited. The show will run through March 9, 2007. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Messler Gallery is located on the campus of the Center for Furniture Craftmanship, at 25 Mill Street in Rockport. Work from the exhibition can also be viewed on the Center's Web site, [www.woodschooll.org](http://www.woodschooll.org).

The Center for Furniture Craftmanship is a nonprofit school offering courses in furniture making and related arts such as carving and woodturning. For more information about the Messler Gallery or the Center, call 594-5611 or e-mail [cfc@woodschooll.org](mailto:cfc@woodschooll.org).

## Montpelier to Hold Holiday Open House

Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, welcomes visitors from 1 to 4 p.m. for two days of holiday Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. Admission is free. Visitors may buy fresh baked goods and items from the museum gift shop while they are served refreshments.

Local flower shops bedeck several rooms of the 18th-century mansion with traditional Christmas greens and fruits: the Withdrawing Room by Andrus Flowers of Rockland, the Gentlemen's Room by Uniquely Yours Florists of Thomaston, and Caroline's Bedroom by Bridal Bouquet of Thomaston.

Volunteers join in the annual holiday decorating tradition: the Oval Room is by Julie Stackpole of Thomaston, the Dining Room by Sandy and Diana George of Montville, and the Salon Hallway by volunteers from the museum's landscape committee. Trustee Sandra Freeman Orluk of Thomaston has decorated the Museum Gift Shop, and veteran volunteers Barbara Backus, Teddy Backus and Pat Kristensen, all of Waldoboro decorated the 1790s Kitchen, which is expected to hum with the normal 18th-century activities of spinners and a chair caner.

The Knox Museum's high-ceilinged rooms will be the setting for seasonal and period music. Saturday's performers are Baroquen Consort, led by Beverly DalPozzal from 1 to 2 p.m.; PenBay Christian School students from 2 to 3 p.m.; and harper Mary Chamberlain from 3 to 4 p.m. On Sunday, from 1 to 2 p.m., David Pierce plays classical and popular guitar; from 2 to 3 p.m., Oliver Curtis leads Harbor-side Harmony, an cappella singing group; and from 3 to 4 p.m. harpist Millie Crocker completes the concert program.

Montpelier is on Route 1 in Thomaston. For more information, call the museum at 354-8062.

## An Old-Fashioned Christmas at CMBG



Celebrating Christmas is all about traditions, but finding the time to begin or sustain them can be a challenge during the holiday season. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (CMBG) in Boothbay can help. An Old-Fashioned Christmas, a special event in the Visitor Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, is an opportunity for friends and families to slow down, enjoy activities and craft things together. The focus will be on building and creating family traditions, with hot mulled cider and homemade cookies provided.

One feature of this event will be craft stations offering some of the materials and all of the expertise to make the following items and gifts: Seasonal greens — Learn how to weave a wreath or garlands. Greens and decorations will be provided. Potted tabletop balsam fir trees — Bring a pot or take a tree home to pot up there. Miniature boxes and ornaments — Using Christmas cards from years past or those on hand. Potpourri bags — Stuff a handmade bag and spend a few minutes sewing it up by hand. Personalized Calendars — Bring a family photo for each month of the year; everything else will be provided.

The Holiday Boutique, open for the occasion, will have an array of gift items. Visitors will find scarves, socks and slippers, cards, bloom boxes, soaps and other scented items, gardening specialties and more. An assortment of tree ornaments made during workshops throughout the fall will be displayed on a Christmas tree, and signature Gardens Christmas wreaths will be available for purchase.

Fees will vary depending on the activities selected. For details, call 633-4333, or stop by the office in the Visitor Center at the Gardens, off Barbers Island Road in Boothbay. To learn more about CMBG, visit [www.maine gardens.org](http://www.maine gardens.org).

On the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving, the shops, galleries and light-house on the St. George Peninsula will open their doors to herald the yuletide season. To begin the tour, take Route 131 south from Thomaston to Wileys Corner and the House Gallery at the Route 73 intersection. From there continue on 131 south to Tenants Harbor, to the Pond House Gallery. Soon thereafter find the Barn on the Bend with its garden cottage next door.

On the way to Port Clyde, stop in at Harborside Market and Gardens for fresh Christmas trees, wreaths, kissing balls, greens and berries and more. Continuing south on Route 131 through Martinsville and past the old mill pond, Noble Clay's showroom features classic designs by potters Steve and Trish Barnes. Before the turnoff to Drift Inn Beach, the Greek Revival barn that houses the Mars Hall Gallery will have fine art by Maine painters. In Port Clyde, Stonefish will present, along with its selection of antiques, home and personal accessories and one-of-a-kind ornaments. Next door to Stonefish's is Village Ice Cream and Bakery, where muffins, homemade doughnuts, coffee and other pastries will be available. The Port Clyde General Store will be cooking up extra gallons of its fish chowder.

From Port Clyde village, follow Factory Road and the signs to the Marshall Point Lighthouse, where the lighthouse museum is filled with local lore and a gift shop with unique items for young and old.

Heading back up Route 131 to Martinsville, turn left just before the mill pond onto Ridge Road and into Hedgerow to visit the studio-turned-gallery of Anne Cox and Julie Wortman, rustic-furniture makers. A stone's throw further up Ridge Road is Oyster Ledge Farm, where Jean Dowling and friends present home accessories and personal gift items.

At the other end of Ridge Road, in the 19th-century white farmhouse overlooking Turkey Cove, find the work of artists Marjorie Strauss and Joe Barberio.

The tour concludes with a drive north on the Turkey Cove Road, then bearing left on the Wallston Road, where, about a mile later on the left, is Wiley Farm Art, with works by Jan McCoy and Bob Conrad.



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Gary Speers ringing the bell during the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive last year.

## Volunteers Needed for Kettle Drive

Bells will be ringing again this holiday as the red kettles of the Salvation Army begin appearing at local businesses Monday, November 27.

Volunteers are needed to ring the bell as a key part of the local Kettle Drive. "These are the folks who bring our kettles to the public, and who give people the opportunity to make their contributions to the kettle," said Salvation Army Damariscotta Region human services secretary Greg Latimer.

As in past years, the Damariscotta/Newcastle Rotary Club and the Damariscotta Lions Club will provide many of the volunteers who ring the bell during the local Kettle Drive. But many other volunteers have helped make a difference in the past, and this year they will be even more important, according to scheduling coordinator Larry Townley of the Damariscotta/Newcastle Rotary Club.

"This is a great way for people to benefit their community, and taking the time to ring the bell is also a heartwarming experience for the volunteers," Townley said. "Greeting your friends and neighbors at the kettle, and meeting other people who truly share the holiday spirit through their donations, is truly a reminder of what the season is all about."

The bell-ringing experience can be fun when shared with a friend, relative, or favorite dog, according to Townley. "This can be a great way for a parent or grandparent to introduce a child to the true meaning of the holidays," he adds.

This year the Salvation Army Damariscotta Region Human Services Unit will have a kettle at the Damariscotta Post Office and at the Yellowfront store in Damariscotta. Many one-hour volunteer shifts are available. For more information, contact Townley at 563-5535. For more information about the Salvation Army, contact Latimer at 563-7961.

## Kettle Drive Begins in Knox County

The Salvation Army's kettle drive in Knox County will be from Friday, November 24, through Saturday, December 23. Kettle stands will be in Rockland at Wal-Mart, J.C. Penny's and Shaw's. Kettle stands in Camden will be at French & Brawn and Reny's. Hannaford will have donation coupons available at the registers. Dunkin Donuts will have paper kettles available. To volunteer this season, call 594-5326.

## Food Pantry Benefits from Ending Hunger Tour

On November 13, the fifth annual Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger Walking Tour paid a visit to Rockland and made contributions to help end hunger. For the fifth consecutive year, Maine's credit unions have partnered with Cross Roads Ministries, an Old Town-based hunger agency that serves thousands of Maine people, to cover the state of Maine on foot to raise awareness about the problem of hunger in Maine. In all, the tour will visit 47 communities this year. In Rockland, the tour stopped at Knox County Federal Credit Union (FCU), where the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry in Rockland received a contribution from Maine's credit unions.

Throughout November, Brenda Davis, executive director of Cross Roads Ministries of Old Town, is traveling around the state from Madawaska to Kittery, covering more than 1,200 miles and promoting awareness that the problem of hunger exists in Maine. Davis is stopping at food pantries, hunger organizations and credit unions in each town she visits. At each credit union, Davis picks up a contribution from the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger as a way to support her cause. In addition, the campaign is contributing nearly \$5,000 to food pantries throughout Maine. The walk, which is expected to encompass between 600 and 700 miles on foot, will conclude with a ceremony in Old Town on Monday, November 27.

Davis began her month-long journey on Monday, October 30, in South Portland. In all, the Maine Credit Unions'

Campaign for Ending Hunger has pledged to contribute more than \$20,000 to help end hunger in Maine through this year's Ending Hunger Walking Tour.

In its first four years, Davis has walked more than 2,000 miles to raise awareness for ending hunger and Maine's credit unions have contributed \$53,000 of the \$60,000 that the tour has raised for ending hunger. Since 1990, the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger has raised over \$2 million to help end hunger in Maine.

For more information about the tour and to track its progress, visit [www.maineicul.org](http://www.maineicul.org).



At Knox County Federal Credit Union (FCU) in Rockland (l-r) A. Bosica, president/CEO, Brenda Davis of the Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger Walking Tour and Alice Dole of the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry in Rockland, exchange checks to help end hunger. The stop was part of the Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger Walking Tour's visit to the area.

## Remembrance Services in Belfast and Rockland

Coastal Family Hospice Volunteers (CFHV) and Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care and Hospice will hold their annual Service of Faith and Remembrance at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, at the Rockland Congregational Church on Limerock Street in Rockland. The service is a quiet hour of healing and celebration in words and music during what can be a difficult holiday season for those grieving losses. The event is open to all who wish to remember loved ones, whether the loss is recent or in the more distant past. Included in the service are the reading of names and a candle-lighting ceremony.

For more information, call Lucy Levenseler, CFHV bereavement coordinator, 593-9355, or Sarah Dwellley, Kno-Wal-Lin Hospice program coordinator, 594-9561.

Waldo County Home Health and Hospice and the Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County will hold a remembrance service for family and friends of those who have died in the past two years on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. in Waldo County General Hospital's Education Center, 118 Northport Avenue, Belfast.

People are invited to bring a photograph or other remembrance of the person they have lost. There will also be time to talk and share stories about loved ones. Refreshments will be served before the closing ceremony.

For more information, call Margie Spencer-Smith, LCSW, at 338-2268, or Flic Shooter at 930-2677.



**Toys for Tots Campaign Under Way** — The Marine Corps League, a veterans group, is once again organizing the collection of new, unwrapped toys for local agencies to distribute in Waldo and Knox counties. Here, Dr. Steven Wilson, a physician at Donald S. Walker Health Center in Liberty and former Marine, and his daughter, Dana, place toys in a collection box in the lobby of Waldo County General Hospital. There are currently requests for toys for over 2,000 children in the area. Boxes can be found in a variety of local businesses and will be picked up on Friday, December 15.

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*Tufted Titmouse —*  
**Birding with Don Reimer**



*Tufted Titmouse feeding on woolly bear caterpillar, photographed mid-November in Warren.*  
 PHOTO BY DON REIMER

The lively Tufted Titmouse is a small crested bird with gray topsides, white underparts and rusty flanks. A rectangular patch of black feathers adorns the forehead. The large, dark eyes are outlined by a dark eye-ring, adding to their overall impression of size. Nesting across the eastern half of the U.S., the titmouse has greatly expanded its range northward in recent decades. They are related to the Black-Capped Chickadee, and, in addition to its typical "peter, peter, peter" song, a hoarse chickadee-like "de-de-de" call is often heard. These species will often join other small birds in mixed winter flocks, but the titmouse pairs (and an occasional offspring) remain together throughout the winter. Titmice prefer to nest in moist hardwood forests, where they find a vacant tree cavity or other suitable nest hole. Up to one half of their summer diet consists of caterpillars, in addition to seeds and nuts. Titmice do not migrate southward in winter and are daily visitors to many local bird feeders.

The National Audubon Society's 107th Christmas bird count takes place this year beginning in mid-December. As they have since 1900, birders go into the fields and woods to count birds, adding to the records used by researchers and biologists to determine populations, distribution and health of the country's songbirds and waterfowl.

**Audubon Christmas Bird Counts**

Today there are over 2,060 count areas in North America, involving more than 57,000 participants that last year tallied 652 species and 61,579,355 birds. Maine has 28 counts, and Mid-Coast Audubon will sponsor three of them this year.

The Thomaston-Rockland count, established in 1939, will be Saturday, December 16 — led by Don Reimer (273-3146). The newly established Bunker Hill count in Jefferson will take place on Wednesday, December 20 — led by Peter Liss (549-3731). The Pemaquid-Damariscotta count will happen Saturday, December 23 — led by Joe Gray (563-3578). Those interested in participating should call one of these count leaders.

**A Beltie Holiday at Aldermere Farm**

As part of Christmas by the Sea in Camden and Rockport, Aldermere Farm in Rockport will be offering children's pictures taken with a Beltie calf and the chance to make a Beltie Christmas ornament on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be a Belted Galloway calf with a big red bow attached to its halter that the Aldermere staff will have available for youth to pet and pose with for a photo. Aldermere staff will take a digital picture and then some of the Farm's 4-H club members, the Aldermere Achievers, will help them make a fun and easy Beltie Christmas ornament to take home.

This helps support Aldermere Farm's 4-H club and the many other programs run for youth at the farm throughout the year. The cost is \$5 a child, and children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a free Christmas frame available to go with the pictures for those who arrive early, and there will also be free hot chocolate available, with some baked goods for sale made by the Aldermere Achievers.

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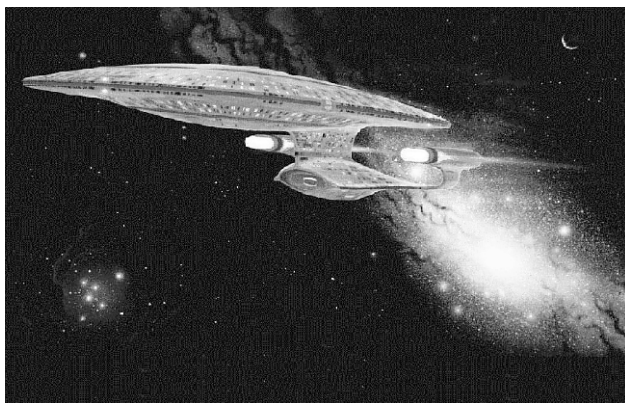
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## Sci-Fi Film Talk at Rockland Library November 30

On Thursday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friends Community Room of the Rockland Public Library, Liz McLeod, author and historian of American popular culture, will give a talk on how science-fiction films have reflected the particular fears and issues of the times from the '20s to the present day. McLeod's talk, "Science Fiction Films as a Mirror of the 20th Century," will illustrate how futuristic settings have been used in film to present thinly veiled commentary on the issues of the moment, from "Metropolis" in 1926 to the various "Star Trek" films of more recent years. A member of the programming committee of the Saltwater Film Society, Rockland resident McLeod is well known as a historian and author dealing with mass-media and cultural-history topics. She is also a member of the Strand Theatre staff. Her talk is a prelude to the Saltwater Film Soci-



ety's Sunday, December 3, "Star Trektacular" event at the Strand featuring the film "First Contact," with guest director and Star Trek star Jonathan Frakes in attendance. The talk is co-sponsored by the Saltwater Film Society.

Special accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made with 48-hours' notice; call the library at 594-0310. Admission is free.

## Silent Comedy with Live Music at Strand



The Strand Theatre in Rockland will show silent comedy master Harold Lloyd in "The Kid Brother" (1927), considered by many to be his greatest film. There will be one show only, on Sunday, November 26, at 3 p.m.

Although Lloyd is better known for the "human fly" sequence in "Safety Last," it is in "The Kid Brother" that Lloyd reaches the top level of silent-comedy stardom, alongside Chaplin and Keaton.

Accompanying the film on piano will be Doug Protsik, who also played piano for Buster Keaton's "The General" last year at the Strand Theatre's grand opening. Protsik has written, memorized, arranged and improvised music for "The Kid" to allow for a seamless flow from scene to scene.

"The Kid Brother" is a classic Western romantic comedy with plenty of action and laughs. Lloyd plays meek country boy Harold Hickory, who is smitten by Mary Powers (Jobyna Ralston), who is traveling with her late father's medicine show. When the town's money is stolen by thugs from the medicine show, Harold's father is accused, and with encouragement from Mary, Harold sets out to find the real crooks. Lloyd showcases his famous athletic agility in the complex and satisfying final showdown with The Bad Guys. "The Kid Brother" will be preceded by a silent short film. Advance tickets are on sale at the Strand Theatre Box Office window during regular show times. Prices are \$10 adults/\$8 for children and seniors. For more information, call 594-0070 or see [www.rocklandstrand.com](http://www.rocklandstrand.com).

## C-R-L Chamber Dinner Set for December 6

Dinner on Wednesday, December 6, at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Key sponsors are Union Trust and the Samoset Resort. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and award presentations will start at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will feature the second annual Jewelle Awards, created by Patti Kissinger of Prism Glass Gallery and designed to honor community members as "Jewels of the Maine Coast." Awards will be presented for public improvement, economic enhancement, education, special recognition, student volunteer of the year, community spirit, small business, Chamber volunteer of the year, building improvement, environmental and public recreation. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the "Townsperson of the Year Award," given annually to that individual who has distinguished him or herself through extraordinary service to the community.

Tickets are \$45 per person; reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 28. Call Crista Crews at 236-4404 or e-mail [c crews@camdenme.org](mailto:c crews@camdenme.org) to reserve a table, sponsorship or for additional information.

## Animal Rescue League Holding Raffle

On each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through December 16 the Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League will host its Harvest Moon Raffle at the Camden National Bank branch located in the Camden Square shopping center. Tickets will also be sold at Critter Outfitter, 56 Elm Street in Camden, on December 1, 2 and 3. The proceeds benefit the cats and dogs at the shelter, and each ticket holder becomes eligible to win a gift certificate or special item donated by one of the local businesses who contributed prizes for this event. The drawing will be held on December 16, allowing time for the raffle winners to receive their gifts before Christmas. The tickets cost \$1 apiece or \$5 for a group of six. Tickets may be purchased at the bank from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and at Critter Outfitter from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3.

For more information, contact League director Wanda Burnham at 832-5815.

The Camden-Rockport-Lincolntonville Chamber of Commerce will hold its 66th annual Chamber Awards

## OHTM to Host Tour and Discussion of European Automotive Innovation

In conjunction with the upcoming Camden Conference on "Europe: Old Continent in a New World" to be held in February, the Owls Head Transportation Museum invites the public on a walking tour and discussion of its automobile collection, featuring its European models and focusing on 100 years of European automotive innovation.

Led by Ethan Yankura, the museum's education director, the tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, and is free to the public. Owls Head Transportation Museum is on Route 73, two miles south of Rockland.

Using the operational antique automobiles at the museum, Yankura will discuss the history and development of the automobile in Europe at the turn of the 20th century. The European arena was a hotbed of automotive technology and enjoyed exponential growth and advancement in only a handful of years. The transition from stationary engines to automotive applications will be illustrated with such vehicles as the operating 1885 Otto gas engine, a reproduction 1885 Benz Patentmotorwagen, an original 1898 Leon Bolle tricarb, and a 1903 Mercedes Simplex.

Community Events of the Camden Conference are underwritten by Bangor Savings Bank. The Camden Conference is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization fostering community discourse on global issues through a program of foreign-affairs events. For more information on the Camden Conference, call 236-1034, or consult its Web site, [www.camdenconference.org](http://www.camdenconference.org).

## New Program for Moms & Sons; Daughters 'n Dads Returns

Knox County Community Health Coalition (KCCHC), Mid-Coast Integrated Health Collaborative and the Penobscot Bay YMCA announce they will be offering a new program much like the Boys Night Out and Daughters 'n Dads programs, but for boys and their moms. A response to all who have asked for a program for moms, the answer is "Moms & Sons."

All Knox County and Lincolntonville boys in grades 3, 4 and 5 and their moms, step-moms, grandmothers, aunts or other significant woman in their life are invited to attend the first session of "Moms & Sons." The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Street Center for the Arts in Rockland. In addition, they will be offering the second cycle of their "Daughters 'n Dads" program Wednesdays, November 29, December 6 and 13, for all Knox County and Lincolntonville girls in grades 3, 4 and 5 and their dads, step-dads, grandfathers, uncles or other significant male in their life.

Both programs will be led by veteran educator Henry Lunn. The evening will start with a "Getting to Know You" activity; the rest of the evening will be divided into Food — sharing a healthy dinner; Facts — a short discussion on making healthy choices about things such as not using tobacco or other substances, anti-bullying, increasing physical activity, and good nutrition; and Fun — an opportunity for games and activities that all can participate in equally.

The series is free, but those attending must register to participate. Class size is limited, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, contact Connie Putnam at 594-5440, extension 1, or [c-putnam@verizon.net](mailto:c-putnam@verizon.net).

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— Seth Yente upholds the tradition of cellos accompanying fiddles at the Waldo County Fiddler's Showcase at Northport's Blue Goose.  
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Where would we be in New England without fish? Thriving fishing stations were operating year-round on Damariscove Island well before the Pilgrims arrived in 1620. Explorers from Champlain to Waymouth lauded the bounty they found beneath their keels as they sailed along the New England coast. A gilt codfish sits atop the old Massachusetts State House roof, symbolic of the wealth that fish provided the state. Even the Pilgrims never would have survived if a Patuxet Indian man hadn't shown them the benefits of planting shad or alewives at the base of their mounds of squash and corn in the spring as a means of fertilizing the young plants.

Well folks, according to a new scientific study authored by 14 fisheries research scientists from the U.S., Canada, Panama, Sweden and Britain, we are just about out of fish. On a global scale. The report, released in the journal *Nature*, stated that commercial fishing has reduced populations of every species of large fish by more than 90%. As a result, the protein derived from wild-harvested fish may soon disappear, erasing a vital source of food for populations in developing countries and wreaking havoc on the fine ecological balance of marine ecosystems.

What startled the scientists was the speed with which this depletion took place. Since the onset of industrialized fishing in the 1950s, it takes on average just 10 to 15 years to deplete any fish community by 90%, the study found. The scientists went on to show that among large fish, such as tuna and swordfish, and groundfish stocks, just 10% of historical levels remain swimming in the world's oceans.

Think back 10 years: Bill Clinton was in the White House, the Internet miracle was bubbling along, and groundfishermen in New England were just two years into a dramatic reduction of their days at sea because of new fishing regulations prompted by a federal lawsuit. And where are we today? The Portland Fish Exchange says its volume of fish landed is at record lows; only seven million pounds of groundfish have been landed so far this year, just half the amount landed in 2004 and 20 million pounds less than in the peak year, 1992. Fishermen's days at sea are now down to a miniscule 40 or so per season. And most

of the fish I see at the grocery store in my price range is farm-raised tilapia, salmon, or frozen shrimp. It's an odd thought to ponder during the Thanksgiving season — no more fish. One of the study's authors, Daniel Pauly, a fisheries scientist at University of British Columbia, said in an interview "... if we don't make major changes there will be little left in the ocean but plankton."

The fault, dear Brutus, lies with us. Like a cranky two-year-old, many people in developed countries want what they want when they want it and praise economic efficiency over long-term consequences. Add to this demand the fact that boat owners are subsidized to go fishing and the problem magnifies. According to another report, this time by the World Bank, global fisheries subsidies vary between \$14 billion (U.S.) and \$20 billion annually, with Europe and Japan leading the way. By some estimates, government payments account for one dollar in four in the fishery sector.

I grew up on the New England coast and so I suspect I have a native affinity for fish and fishermen. I like the way a codfish looks, a dapper creature with a dangling chin barbell and a clean white stripe running from head to pectoral fin. I like the way most fishermen operate, blunt and straightforward and highly skilled at reading the sea. But I don't like the fact that we as a society are ransacking the oceans of everything we want. Rapacious plunder is what pirates do, not civilized communities.

In some places, like California, the government is taking small steps to conserve what's left. That state's Fish and Game Commission recently began instituting a series of marine refuges covering 200 square miles of ocean from Santa Barbara to Half Moon Bay. In these refuges, no one can fish. In adjacent conservation zones, limited fishing is allowed. The idea behind the refuges is to leave the creatures that frequent those areas alone to grow large, reproduce and generally restock the marine seascape.

Thanksgiving is an ode to plenty. As family and friends we gather to symbolically celebrate the harvest, our relative safety and abundance. It's a painful irony that while our tables are laden indoors, the oceans that surround us are growing increasingly empty.

## Abundance



by Melissa Waterman

## Grants Available for Sportfish Habitat Restoration

The FishAmerica Foundation has up to \$800,000 in grant monies available for marine and anadromous sportfish habitat restoration projects across the coastal United States and the Great Lakes basin. These grants will be awarded to community-based, on-the-ground projects to restore marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, seagrass beds, mangrove forests and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species such as salmon and striped bass that spawn in freshwater and migrate to the sea.

The FishAmerica Foundation will accept grant proposals through February 5, 2007. Grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded in June of 2007. Eligible applicants include community-based nonprofit organizations, such as local sporting clubs and conservation associations, as well as state and local agencies. Applicants are encouraged to partner with NOAA staff in order to strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects. The announcement and full grant package are available at [www.fishamerica.org](http://www.fishamerica.org).

Projects previously funded through the partnership include:  
 - A \$30,000 grant to the Willapa Bay Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group in Washington to restore fish passage to more than four miles of stream and enhance spawning and rearing habitat in the south branch of Middle Stream of the Willapa Bay watershed.  
 - A \$50,000 grant to the Galveston Bay Foundation in Texas to restore 100 acres of seagrass beds and protect an additional 200 acres of eroding salt marsh fisheries habitat

in Snake Island Cove located in Galveston Bay.

- A \$36,000 grant to the Lynnhaven River 2007 project in Virginia to restore oyster reef fish habitat and improve water quality at the mouth of the Lynnhaven River in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

- A \$15,000 grant to American Rivers in Pennsylvania to restore fish passage to five miles of stream and enhance fish habitat along Wyomissing Creek in the Schuylkill River watershed.

- A \$7,866 grant to the White River Partnership in Vermont to restore valuable spawning and rearing habitat along the White River in the Connecticut River watershed through riparian restoration, streambank stabilization and instream habitat installation.

The FishAmerica Foundation is the conservation and research foundation of the American Sportfishing Association. Since 1983, FishAmerica has provided more than \$9 million for more than 900 fisheries conservation and research projects nationwide. Visit [www.fishamerica.org](http://www.fishamerica.org) for more information.

## Snowmobile Safety Offered Through MSAD 40 Adult Education

The six-hour Snowmobile Safety course will instruct participants how to properly operate and maintain a snowmobile. Law, responsibilities and personal safety will also be covered. This course is held at the Trap Barn, 8 Sandhill Drive in Nobleboro. Bring a bag lunch and beverage. Class meets one day only, Sunday, November 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for this course is \$5. For more information or to register, call Reggie Read at 442-8421.

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## Data from Mirror Lake Weather Station, October 2006

### Monthly Water Almanac

#### Precipitation

October 2006 . . . . . 9.72" Year-to-date 2006 . . 51.11"  
 October 2005 . . . . . 17.49" Year-to-date 2005 . . 63.74"  
 October avg. yr. . . . . 4.53" Year-to-date avg. yr. . 38.12"

The lowest precipitation for October from our records was in 1924 when 0.00 inches were recorded. The high was in 2005 when 17.49 inches were recorded.

#### Temperature Data

DEGREES FAHRENHEIT  
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Warmest Day, 10/10  
 Max. Temp.: 75  
 Coldest Day, 10/27,  
 Max Temp.: 47

Warmest Day, 10/3  
 Max. Temp.: 73  
 Coldest Day, 10/26  
 Max. Temp.: 43

#### Mirror Lake Data

Mirror Lake is approximately 4.1' from being full. There were 92,310,000 gallons of water delivered to the distribution system this month.

During the month of October, 67,583,000 gallons of water were pumped from Grassy Pond to Mirror Lake.

## Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition Plans December Hikes

The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition will lead three hikes in December. On Saturday, December 2, there will be two hikes to Mt. Waldo in Frankfort for geology and views of Mt. Katahdin. Both hikes, the longer and the shorter, are under two miles, but one is a more difficult descent to the quarry and return. Participants should meet at 10 a.m. and bring lunch, water, extra warm clothes and binoculars. To reach the meeting point, drive north on Route 1A from the junction of Routes 1A and 174 in Prospect for 1-1/2 miles. Park on the right at the boat launch by the Penobscot River and carpool to the trail.

On Saturday, December 9, there will be a hike along the Ducktrap River Trail in Lincolnville. Participants will walk through mixed coniferous/deciduous forest, looking for signs of deer, porcupine and resident winter birds, with glimpses of the river in places. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Belfast YMCA to carpool. Bring a picnic lunch, water and extra warm clothes, also if weather permits, skis or snowshoes.

For information on the hikes, or in questionable weather, call Skip Pendleton, 338-4427, or Cloe Chunn, 338-1147. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals working to support conservation and stewardship of natural, scenic, historic and public access resources of the Belfast Bay Watershed through research, community-building and education.



— a bit of lingering foliage in Highlands, North Carolina.  
 BY DAN KIRCHOFF

ROCKLAND AREA TIDES November 23 to November 30				
	High AM	High PM	Low AM	Low PM
Thursday	11:58	---	5:47	6:24
Friday	12:37	12:41	6:29	7:08
Saturday	1:22	1:29	7:15	7:57
Sunday	2:12	2:23	8:08	8:50
Monday	3:07	3:21	9:07	9:46
Tuesday	4:06	4:24	10:11	10:46
Wednesday	5:06	5:29	11:16	11:45
Thursday	6:05	6:34	---	12:21

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST for Knox County	
THANKSGIVING DAY:	Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
THURSDAY NIGHT:	Mostly clear, with a low around 32.
FRIDAY:	Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
FRIDAY NIGHT:	A chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 40%.
SATURDAY:	A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
SATURDAY NIGHT:	Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.
SUNDAY:	Partly cloudy, with a high near 41.
SUNDAY NIGHT:	Mostly clear, with a low around 29.
MONDAY:	Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

# LETTERS OPINIONS

## It's Up to Us to Help —

If your mail is like mine, the annual deluge of requests for contributions to charities and other good causes has already started coming in. And if you're also beginning, like me, to feel put upon by the other annual holiday-season pressures, anxieties and expenses, you're probably tempted (as am I) to throw all these letters out.

Well, don't; or at least give it some thought before you do. Just remember that we have a pretty special way of life here in the midcoast, and a lot of that "specialness" is provided by these organizations now asking for our help, be they churches, environmental groups, special schools, social service providers, etc., etc. Government won't or can't do it all, so it's up to us, the beneficiaries of these organizations, to help them do what they do, usually on very tight but efficient budgets, and through the efforts of some very dedicated and underpaid people.

So go through those requests, single out the ones that you think really benefit your family and your community and give them what you can afford. It'll be appreciated. And involve your kids in the process; it'll help teach them how our communities work and how they can get involved. And while you're at it, look for some opportunities to do some volunteer work. It can be fun and it'll help you better understand the organizations you're "investing" in.

CHARLIE GRAHAM  
Camden

## Freedom's Flame

monthly update from the  
Midcoast Chapter  
of Amnesty International



### Oil and Human Rights

by Travis Chapman, Camden

As individuals, it can be difficult to see how we are all connected, how we are all citizens of the earth. We hear it said that humans share common needs such as adequate food, clean water, shelter, peace, protection of human rights, etc. Why is it then that this perspective can be very difficult to hold onto when filtered through numerous identities built from diverse ethnicities, social customs, political inclinations, religious or non-religious preferences, gender, and so on?

Global perspective and the protection of human rights are all too often prey to indifference. They are so easily lost in our adherence to identity and a relentless need to feel more important through comparison. But even when ethnocentric attitudes have been firmly rooted in our minds, the fact remains that worldwide we share incalculable things in common on this planet. Not only our humanity, but also the earth and its resources, notably oil, a resource we often take for granted. The question arises, as US citizens consuming 25 percent of the world's oil and only 4.6 percent of the world's population, can we concern ourselves with more than the price of a barrel?

Oil is the economic bloodstream of many nations. It affects all nations, often through outright dependency, and is thus a common trigger for conflict. Amnesty International has documented numerous cases worldwide where the extraction and exploration of oil has fueled armed conflict and human-rights abuses. These abuses range from violent repression of protest, violence against communities and human-rights workers by security forces protecting oil interests, and arbitrary detention of journalists and researchers, to forced displacement of large populations of local people.

For example, the Niger Delta is the main oil-producing region of Nigeria, which is the largest oil producer in Africa, and the fifth-largest oil producer within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Many international oil companies such as Chevron, Shell, and ExxonMobil operate in the Niger Delta. Local communities in the Niger Delta have long suffered from an inadequate standard of living and see little of Nigeria's oil revenues. They suffer poor water quality, erratic or no electricity, inadequate health care, no official security, and lack of functioning schools. The environmental damage from unchecked oil exploitation continues to despoil the land, poison water supplies, and cause illnesses. According to Nigerian writer and human rights campaigner Ken Saro-Wiwa: "Oil exploration has turned Ogoni into a wasteland: lands, streams and creeks are totally and continually polluted; the atmosphere has been poisoned, charged as it is with hydrocarbon vapors, methane, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and soot emitted by gas which has been flared 24 hours a day for 33 years in very close proximity to human habitation. Acid rain, oil spillages and oil blowouts have devastated Ogoni territory. High-pres-

## War-Tax Resistance —

I cannot willingly spend my money to kill other people. Therefore, I am a war-tax resister. I withhold the part of my federal tax that pays military expenses, about 50%.

Then I got cancer and began receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. I was very grateful for this assistance, and then was notified that the IRS would take 15% to pay my war taxes. The November check arrived the day 47 Iraqis and 2 Americans had been killed. One, a Thomaston native, left behind a wife and four children. I cried, knowing my money had helped pay for those deaths and many injuries. How ironic — money from my disability check is used to help disable others!

Back in 1953 Dwight Eisenhower observed, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies ... a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." Yet our laws do not allow for the taxes of people who object to war to be redirected to peaceful means. If we earn a taxable income and refuse to pay for war, we face a levy of our income at any point. If we accept SSDI or Social Security, a portion is likely to be seized.

I receive my SSDI check each month with a prayer of thanks and many prayers for the people affected by the wars my dollars help support. I share my story knowing there are others who oppose war and pay taxes. If enough of us refused to pay even a symbolic portion of our war taxes, our government would take notice. It might even take steps to redirect part of its budget to helping the hungry and cold!

NAN STONE  
Swanville

sure oil pipelines criss-cross the surface of Ogoni farmlands and villages dangerously."

Oil accounts for over 98 percent of Nigeria's exports and oil revenues for nearly 80 percent of the national budget. Although the Nigerian government has enjoyed windfall gains with global oil prices doubling, local communities of the Niger Delta are among the most deprived oil communities in the world. 70 per cent live on less than \$1 a day.

Eghare W.O. Ojhogar, Chief of the Ugborodoo community, one of whose members died during a protest at Chevron Nigeria's Escravos oil terminal, writes: "It is like paradise and hell. They have everything. We have nothing. They throw our petitions in the dustbin. They are the cause of all our problems. If we protest, they send soldiers. They sign agreements with us and then ignore us. We have graduates going hungry, without jobs. And they bring people from Lagos to work here."

Amnesty International reports that steps undertaken by the Nigerian government to see to long-standing demands of local people living in oil-producing states are inadequate. Protests are routinely stifled with force. On February 4, 2005, Nigeria's Joint Task Force and Chevron-hired security guards fired on 200 demonstrators protesting the lack of jobs and development in the oil-rich Niger Delta. Thirty people suffered injuries and one was shot dead during the Ugborodo protest at Chevron's Escravos terminal. Chevron denies responsibility for the shooting, and has failed to investigate the tragedy.

Chevron, one of the largest oil companies in the Niger Delta, is a signatory of the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights. Intended to guide companies in maintaining the safety and security of their operations within a framework that ensures human rights, there is concern over many companies' adherence to these principles, as no monitoring mechanism exists for them. The principles are designed for corporations to live up to international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Amnesty International believes Chevron has not lived up to its obligation under the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights in its handling of the Ugborodo protest and in its failure to meet its promises to local communities.

Sadly, the Niger Delta is only one example where entire communities in oil-producing lands are suffering poverty and human-rights abuses. As U.S. consumers of oil, contributing a quarter of the world's carbon emissions, is it not our responsibility to educate ourselves about where and under what circumstances our oil comes from and how it affects people living in oil-producing areas? Can we help ensure the rights of these communities when evidence is out that many of them are suffering? In the very least, we could get out our pens and paper to take action in helping impoverished people in oil-rich lands by putting pressure on oil companies to be accountable for their business practices and their effect on local communities and to uphold their obligations within the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights. For more information and actions, visit [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org).

Amnesty International Group #371 welcomes you to attend and participate. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Camden. For more information, contact Mitch Kihn at 273-4046 or Kit Harrison at 354-8551.

## Parent Group Says Thanks —

The Georges Valley High School Parent Group would like to thank the community for their terrific support of the Georges Valley High School Auction! On the stormy night of October 28th, auctioneer Bruce Gamage led over 75 bidders, who braved the wind and rain, through a collection of over 150 items donated by 130 area businesses and individuals. The auction raised over \$8,300 that will help fund field trips, special programs, equipment purchases and scholarship awards for the students at Georges Valley.

The generosity of Bruce Gamage, local merchants and our community helped the Parent Group to exceed our fundraising goal. As we said, this event was "for the kids," and it is great to know that so many others endorse that concept! Thank you!

GVHS Parent Group  
Thomaston

## LSC Board Thanks All Who Braved the Storm —

The board of directors at the Lincoln Street Center for Arts and Education in Rockland would like to thank all of the people who braved a fierce wind and rain storm on the night of October 28th to attend the Harvest Moon Ball at the gymnasium at LSC. To our surprise and elation, about 90 costumed Halloween partygoers showed up for an evening of food and dancing, which included an impressive dance/lesson demonstration by Swing and Sway of Rockland and a twice-around costume parade for judges Dagny Ernest, Bill Hahn and Bill Ebberly. Warm-up music for the event was provided by The Perkins Van Moore jazz trio from the LSC-based Watershed School, featuring Danji Buck Moore, Michael Whitehead and Lizzie Moore as vocalist.

Dance music for the evening was provided by the Li'l Mojo band with Bill Hahn on keyboards, Hal Ahlen on drums, Doug Kennedy on bass, Ray Faria on saxophone, Louis Pelletier on trumpet and Stephanie Gallotin, vocalist. Lincoln Street Center director Angela Anderson not only hosted the ball but added some outstanding vocals of her own during the evening.

Food for the ball was donated by Penobscot Bay Soup Company, Cafe Miranda, Black Bull Tavern, Sage Market and Hannaford Brothers. Prizes for the costumes were donated by the Rockland Golf Club, Monhegan Boat Line, The Ocean House Hotel (Port Clyde), Shining Sails Bed and Breakfast (Monhegan) and The Country Inn (Camden). The fishing vessel *Scottish Pride* (Port Clyde) donated 25 pounds of lobster, which were won in a drawing by Phil and Cyn-di Clayton of Rockland.

None of the above could have happened without the work of director Angela Anderson and committee members Hugh and Ginger Lane, Steve Payor, Shirley Anderson, Sally MacVane, Ben Perry, Bill Hahn and Kathleen Hendrick.

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## Haunted Halloween Walk —

A Haunted Halloween Walk sponsored by the Camden-Rockport Historical Society (CRHS) brought several brave souls to walk the spooky paths at the historic homestead. CRHS would like to thank the following people who were responsible for creating and/or assisting in the walk: Pat and Ralph Miller of Miller Farms, Bangor Savings Bank, Brenda Barrett, Chris Blum, Frank Carr, Barbara Hendricks, Andrea, Kevin, Erin, Claire and Shawn Pierce, Destiny Barrett, Julie, Daryl and Anna Sanborn, Patrick Blum, Kerry Blum, Joanna Duke, Megan Thill, Susan, Scott and Reilly Simmons, Claire Frye, Brenda Richardson, and other spooks and goblins who created a spooky skit in the barn. If you missed the walk this year, plan on joining us next year for additional Halloween and fall activities.

MARLENE HALL  
Executive Director, CRHS

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## To the Democrats—

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Democrats for regaining control of Congress as it will give them the opportunity to define who they are and what they stand for. In order to accomplish these goals, the first thing that they need to do within the first 100 hours of taking control on January 3, 2007, is to unveil the specific details and timelines of the unified Democratic plan for fighting the war or exiting from Iraq. Also within the first 100 hours, they need to unveil the specific details of the unified Democratic plan for fighting the War on Terrorism. Because the economy is in good shape with a 4.4-percent unemployment rate that makes Bill Clinton envious, continued job creation, rising hourly wage rates nationwide, low inflation, low interest rates, lower taxes, increased tax revenues, decreasing federal deficits, a stock market that has reached historical highs, lower heating and gas pump prices, and growing business profits and growth in the value of personal assets, the Democrats will not have to deal with the economy, and instead, can spend their time and energies on resolving the severe problem of immigration and securing the Mexican-American border.

However, Bush and the Republicans can take some solace in knowing that Rumsfeld is gone, conservative Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman will vote with the president and the Republicans on issues involving national security and a strong defensive foreign policy, and that Speaker-Select Pelosi has publicly stated that impeachment is off the table and that the Democrats will not impeach Bush.

By the time of the 2008 election the Democrats will have records which they can use to try to retain control of both houses and to regain control of the White House, as well as a record that they will need to defend.

In summary, the Democrats need to take advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate to the American people that they are smarter and better at governance, and not spoil it by engaging in subpoena and investigative activities reminiscent of the old House Un-American Activities Committee.

In closing, since the mainstream media, including PBS, MPR, CBS, NBC, BBC, NY Times, Washington Post and MSNBC, led by ABC and CNN, openly helped the Democrats to win the 2006 election, they are now obliged to criticize the Democrats in the same manner that they have criticized Bush and the Republicans.

RODNEY LYNCH, *Rockland*

## Bizzaro World —

I trust that when future historians comment upon our recent mid-term elections they will note the can-you-top-this series of weird events that preceded the vote and threatened to turn our nation's capitol into a theater of the absurd.

The pre-election shenanigans started off with the disclosure of rampant greed practiced by several Congressmen under the guidance of Lobbyist-in-Chief Jack Abramoff. California's Republican Rep. Duke Cunningham was crowned the undisputed winner of the Ill-Gotten-Gains Competition — a feat that gained him the longest jail sentence of all of Abramoff's miscreants. While it is true that every one of Jack's boys shared his Republican credentials, Democratic Congressman William Jefferson demonstrated that bribery is a bipartisan art by depositing his \$90,000 pay-off in his freezer.

Then of course there were the pedophilic activities of Florida Representative Mark Foley — the co-chairman of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. While Mr. Foley eventually fessed up and resigned, his boss, Dennis Hastert, stonewalled any suggestions that as Majority Leader he should have acted to disrupt Foley's follies.

The pre-election period was further sullied by incredibly stupid comments by two spokesmen from the Republican side and one from the Democratic. Veep Dick Cheney opined that he thought waterboarding torture of prisoners by the U.S. was just ducky ... radio giant Rush Limbaugh attacked Michael J. Fox for "faking" his Parkinson's tremors in a TV commercial backing stem-cell research ... and Senator John Kerry botched a joke with a punch line that amounted to an assault on the intelligence of our troops serving in Iraq.

In at least one man's view, however, the most bizarre pre-election happening of all — and the only one with a happy ending — concerned the Reverend Ted Haggard. The Rev had reached the pinnacle of Evangelical Christianity as the founder and pastor of the New Life Church with its 14,000 congregants in Colorado Springs AND as president of the 30-million-member U.S. National Association of Evangelicals. From those two bully pulpits, Haggard also reigned as the chief demonizer of homosexuality and all who practice that nefarious lifestyle. Shortly before Election Day, Haggard voluntarily stepped down from all three positions when it was disclosed that he had been purchasing the services of a male prostitute for the past three years.

As shattering as this fall from grace must have been to his legions of True Believers, the event did provide some valuable lessons. First of all, from now on Evangelicals would be well advised to be leery of any preacher who strides about his stage, flaying his arms, shouting and sweating enough to bring back memories of Jimmy Swaggart at his peak.

The second bit of advice — for those who delight in railing against homosexuals — would be to undergo a rigorous self-examination. To assist in this endeavor, they should read (or re-read) *Hamlet*. Two quotations in particular should be helpful: "She doth protest too much, methinks" and "To thine own self be true."

CHUCK FRYER, *Camden*

## LETTERS OPINIONS

### In Support of Rail Service —

There has been much discussion on the train service. The present train travels between Brunswick and Rockland with a stop over of four hours in Rockland. My sailing business, Morning in Maine, provides the sailing portion of the "Rail and Sail" program, developed as a collaborative effort with Maine Eastern Railroad.

From June through October we had almost 200 passengers from the train sail with us. On one trip we carried eight percent of all the people that were on the train that day. Not only has the passenger service helped my business greatly; it has had a positive effect on the restaurants and shops in Rockland.

Passenger rail service is a new and exciting asset for the midcoast region and Rockland in particular. We need to continue to support the rail service and work to connect Brunswick and Portland.

CAPT. BOB PRATT, *Owls Head*

### In Appreciation of Maine Eastern Railroad —

I'm writing to express our appreciation for the Maine Eastern Railroad. As a board member of the Toy Library Center of Rockland, I worked with the Maine Eastern RR last year on the fund-raiser of the Polar Express. It was a great success!

The Toy Library Center is a great resource for the midcoast community and has been for the past 31 years. This year we have enrolled 55 families. The money raised from the Polar Express provided full scholarships to a number of those families and helps to continue our program. The Polar Express fund-raiser has been the most successful fund-raiser we have had.

Maine Eastern Railroad was generous enough to let us use their train to hold the event. Without the train, the Polar Express as we know it would not be possible. It is a huge community event — we had at least 150 volunteers last year and plan to have that many or more this year.

There were 880 riders last year and this year there will be 1,220. These people come from all parts of the state, as far away as Bangor. We even had a family from Massachusetts. The kids' and adults' enthusiasm to ride the train certainly is why this event is so popular. And it is the reason why we sold out last year.

The Polar Express was a wonderful experience for all, from the youngest of riders to the oldest. Even our volunteers have come back to help again, just to see the magic and wonder in the children of the midcoast and beyond. We plan to run this wonderful fund-raiser for the Toy Library for years to come. We hope that the Maine Eastern Railroad will be there to provide us with the vehicle to do so.

NOREEN MULLANEY  
Board Member, Toy Library Center  
*Rockland*

### A Thank You to the Citizens of St. George —

Each year the State of Maine takes seven days in November, the 8th to the 15th, to recognize the recycling efforts of its citizens. Statewide, the Legislature has targeted a 50% recycling goal in each community.

The recycling rate achieved by families and businesses in St. George far exceeds that goal: 64.5% in 2005, and steadily increasing in 2006. Overall, the recycling efforts of our citizens saved the town of St. George nearly a quarter of a million dollars in 2005 — a combination of income from sales of 232 tons of recyclable materials (including cardboard, paper, magazines, junk mail, plastic and much more) plus tens of thousands of dollars saved by avoiding landfill costs. The Second Hand Shop removes many reusable items from the waste stream while providing bargains for area shoppers.

This letter is to say "thank you!" to the citizens of St. George. You made the choice to reduce solid-waste costs through recycling and you've done an outstanding job of it.

ST. GEORGE SOLID WASTE &  
RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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## Rockland's Mayor—

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tax stabilization, equipment replacement, and capital improvements IN ADVANCE and GRADUALLY, so that past practices of burdening the taxpayers with expenses postponed by councils trying to curry favor with the public are left behind permanently and the Council has the courage to budget based on business principles not on emotional pleas.

And 2007 must be a year when we again show better appreciation for the hardworking staff and volunteers who contribute so much to Rockland's continued success. I miss Greg Dorr. I miss David Chittim. I miss Bob Armelin. And I shall miss Jean Chalmers.

Of course there are challenges both new and old for us to face. We will continue to seek solutions to the odor problems at our landfill. We have welcomed the return of train service to Rockland, but should help protect those who live so close to the tracks from ill effects. We are not yet able to charge commercial haulers for the thousands of tons of refuse they bring to our transfer station. We should work with SAD #5 to encourage consolidation and progress toward economically stable educational excellence. Thank you for showing your continued faith in me. Now let us work together to prove to the taxpayers of Rockland that they can have continued faith in the Rockland City Council."

## Belfast's Mayor Receives Sierra Club Public Service Award

Mayors Michael D. Hurley of Belfast, Jim Cohen of Portland, Mark Johnston of Saco, and Wallace Nutting of Biddeford each received the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club's 2006 Public Service for the Environment Award — Cool Cities for Maine — at the club's recent annual gathering in Freeport. These mayors received recognition for their commitment to curbing global warming by signing the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The agreement was initiated by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and is gathering support across the country. More than 300 mayors representing 49 million Americans have signed on, pledging to reduce global-warming carbon-dioxide pollution in their cities to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

The Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club in collaboration with the Maine Council of Churches, Maine Energy Investment Corporation, American Lung Association of Maine and the Physicians for Social Responsibility of Maine have joined to form the Maine Partners for Cool Communities. The group is encouraging Maine mayors and town councils to sign the US Mayors Agreement.

In addition to the four mayors, awards also went to Matt Scease, Hallowell, Volunteer of the Year Award; David Moses Bridges of Bethel and Vera Francis of Sipayik, Leadership in Promoting Conservation at the Grassroots Level; and The Bangor Daily News for Environmental Reporting.

## Belfast's "Shoot the Parks" Photo Contest

Entries in the "Shoot the Parks" photo contest sponsored by the Belfast Parks & Recreation Department may include pictures taken between October and mid-December of the following parks or pictures taken from the following parks in Belfast: City Park, Kirby Lake (The Muck), Sportsman Park, Eleanor Crawford Park, Heritage Park, Belfast Common, Steamboat Landing or Wales Park.

Judges from the Belfast Photography Club will choose the winners for this contest, which focuses on changing seasons. The winning selection will be presented to the local papers and also will be enlarged, framed and hung in a public location. All photos remain the property of the Parks & Recreation Department. Only one photo per participant will be accepted. Entry forms and contest rules may be picked up at City Hall. The contest will run until noon on December 13, at which time all entries must have been submitted to the Parks & Recreation office in City Hall. Categories are black-and-white and color. Age categories are grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12; and adults 18 years and over. The winner in each category will be awarded \$25. "Best of Show" will receive \$50. Only one award per category is permitted. For more information, call the Director of Recreation at 338-3370, extension 27.

## Public Hearing on Waldo County Budget

On Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m., a public hearing on the Waldo County 2007 Budget will be held in the Maine District Courtroom, at 103 Church Street in Belfast.

The final Budget Committee meeting will directly follow the public hearing. And after that meeting, there will be a joint meeting of the Budget Committee and Waldo County Commissioners.



# Calendar of Events

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

Calendar listings should be mailed to:  
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## Noteworthy

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23:**

► **St. Peter's Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, 1:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 11 White St., Rockland. St. Peter's invites anyone in the community to attend this free turkey dinner. To help with preparation and serving of the meal or contribute food or cash, call 596-0502 or 594-8191.

► **First Congregational Church Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, 1 p.m., Pilgrim Hall, Elm St., Camden. All are invited to this free turkey dinner with all the trimmings. For reservations, call 236-4821.

► **Thanksgiving Church Service**, 10 a.m., Christian Science Society, Granite Way, off Rte. 90, Rockport. Includes readings from the Bible and Christian Science textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, the President's proclamation on Thanksgiving, hymns and testimonies of gratitude from church members. No collection; childcare provided. FMI: 236-3078.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24:**

► **Rockland's Festival of Lights**, Fri.-Sun., Nov. 24-26, downtown Rockland. Events begin at noon on **Fri.** with Santa's arrival in Harbor Park by Coast Guard boat. From 12:30 to 3 p.m. he will greet children in his workshop and accept letters to the North Pole. At 6 p.m. the city tree lighting ceremony takes place, with the largest Lobster Trap Tree on the coast, music and refreshments. Stores remain open until 8 p.m. On **Sat.**, from 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. The Project Puffin Visitor Center will host activities for children ages 8 and older. Reservations required; call 596-5566. \$5 donation suggested. Festival of Lights Parade begins at 6 p.m., traveling from North Main St. to Harbor Park. **Sun.:** Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Trade Winds Motor Inn, \$4/\$2 children/\$10 family. 1-4 p.m., Historic Inns of Rockland Holiday Open House, \$10 suggested donation or bring a coat for the Coats for Kids campaign. *For complete schedule, see the special supplement in this issue of The Free Press.*

► **Aztec Two-Step Anniversary Tour**, 7:30 p.m., The Grand, Ellsworth. After 35 years together, Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman are still touring, promoting the release of their new album "Days of Horses." \$17. FMI: 667-9500.

► **Yuletide in St. George**, Fri. & Sat., Nov. 24 & 25, travel the St. George peninsula on Rte. 131 and stop in at the House Gallery, at the intersection of Rte. 73, then on to Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde, for participating galleries, shops and studios, and on to Village Ice Cream and Port Clyde

General Store for hot food. On Ridge Road, Hedgerow, Oyster Ledge Farm and works by Marjorie Strauss and Joe Barberio, in the white farmhouse overlooking Turkey Cove, are also part of the tour.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25:**

► **Belfast's Old-Fashioned Christmas**, 5 p.m., City Hall, 131 Church St. Caroling and a tree-lighting ceremony with glow sticks for all children and United Mid-Coast Charities luminaria lit up all along Main St. Waldo County TRIAD will also hold a fish chowder supper outside, across from City Hall.

► **Holiday Craft Market**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Samoset Resort, Rockport. Pen Bay Regional Chamber event features over 70 crafters. Photos with Santa taken from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$2/under 12, free. FMI: 596-0376.

► **Nutcracker Neighborhood Event**, noon-4 p.m., Maine Discovery Museum, Bangor. Bangor Symphony Orchestra will perform live music, there will be Nutcracker characters from the Robinson Ballet Co., and an instrument petting zoo. Tickets for the BSO's *Nutcracker*, held at 2 & 7 p.m., Sat., Dec. 2, and 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 3, at Maine Center for the Arts, Orono, will be on sale. Museum admission is \$6. FMI: 942-5555 or 1-800-639-3221.

► **Booksigning with Thomas Hanna**, 1:30-3 p.m., Fertile Mind Bookshop, Belfast. Hanna will sign copies of his memoir *Shoutin' into the Fog: Growing Up on Maine's Ragged Edge*.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28:**

► **Reading by Three Poets**, 7 p.m., Belfast Library. Three Maine poets — Robin Merrill, Stuart Kestenbaum and Leo Tanguay — will read from their works. Free and open to the public. FMI: 338-3884, ext. 10.

► **"Joyous Sounds for a Festive Season,"** 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. USM Chamber Singers present carols from the U.S., Ireland, Ukraine and Nigeria, as well as works by Grieg, Palestrina, Britten and Praetorius. \$9 suggested donation. FMI: 780-5555.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:**

► **Service of Faith and Remembrance**, 7 p.m., Rockland Congregational Church, 180 Limerock St. Coastal Family Hospice Volunteers and Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice sponsor an hour of healing and celebration, including the reading of names and a candle-lighting ceremony. FMI: 593-9355 or 594-9561.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:**

► **The Firebird**, 8 p.m., Maskers Waterfront Theater, 43 Front St., Belfast. Belfast Maskers' final production of the season features music, dance, fantasy, special effects and sets all wrapped around Russian folk tales. Shows run Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. through Dec. 17. Thurs. show is a special preview for \$7; other shows are \$15/\$10 age 13-19 and \$5 under 12. Tickets available at Fertile Mind Bookshop or by calling 338-9668.

► **The Kruger Brothers in Concert**, 7 p.m., Bangor Opera House. The virtuoso acoustic trio will present an evening of American folk and original music. Proceeds benefit Bangor Symphony Orchestra's education outreach program. Tickets, \$20/\$8 youth, available by

calling 942-3333 or online at penobscottheatre.org.

**COMING UP:**

► **Christmas By the Sea Weekend**, Fri.-Sun., Dec. 1-3, Camden, Rockport & Lincolnville. Holiday shopping extravaganza, musical entertainment, parade at 6 p.m. Fri., followed by community tree-lighting ceremony at 7 p.m., with cocoa and caroling, horse-drawn wagon rides, Holiday House Inn Tour, photos and children's story hour with Santa, who arrives by boat. *For complete schedule, see pgs. 40-41.*

► **The Nutcracker**, Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 & 3, 3 p.m., Camden Opera House. The family-friendly classic production by Atlantic Ballet and People to People Dance Company. Tickets, \$15/\$12 seniors and under age 12, available at Sherman's Books, HAV II and Wild Rufus, Camden; Reading Corner, Rockland; Personal Book Shop, Thomaston; and Fertile Mind Bookshop, Belfast.

► **Robin Spielberg: In the Heart of Winter**, Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., Franco-American Heritage Center, Lewiston. Original melodies, popular tunes and traditional holiday music by noted Steinway artist Spielberg. Advance tickets \$23/\$19/\$2 more at door. FMI: 782-7228. Pre-concert meal available to concert-goers at the Munroe Inn Restaurant. For reservations, call 782-4984.

► **Polar Express Train**, Fri., Dec. 1, 5 & 7 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 3, 4 & 6 p.m., Maine Eastern Railroad, Union & Pleasant sts., Rockland. A ride to the "North Pole," with a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *Polar Express* story, a visit from Santa, entertainment by elves, hot cocoa & cookies, caroling and a gift for each child. Come dressed in your pajamas. \$15. Benefits The Toy Library. FMI: 691-6321. Tickets available at Planet Toys or by calling 596-6770.

► **DaPonte String Quartet in Concert**, Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle. A performance of works by Haydn, Dvorak and Bartok. Concert will be repeated in Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the State Street Church, Portland, and on Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Brunswick. Tickets, \$20/\$18 seniors/21 and under free, sold at the door. FMI: 529-4555.

► **MEBSR Sustainable Business Conference**, Fri., Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., University of Maine Hutchinson Center, Belfast. Keynote speakers at the Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility's "Practical Tools for Business Success" conference are Kevin Hancock, president of Hancock Lumber, whose topic is "Stewardship," and John Warner, director of the Center for Green Chemistry, who will speak on "Necessary Steps to a Sustainable Future." There will also be nine related workshops throughout the day. Space is limited; advance registration is required. Cost is \$150 for MEBSR members/\$175 non-members/\$15 students. Scholarships are available. FMI: www.mebsr.org or 338-8908.

► **Open House at Montpelier**, Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 & 3, 1-4 p.m., Knox Museum, Rtes. 1 & 131, Thomaston. Free admission to the greens-bedecked museum. Musicians Saturday include the Baroquen Consort, PenBay Christian School students, and harpist Mary Chamberlain. Sunday: David Pierce, guitarist; Harborside Harmony; and harpist Millie Crocker. FMI: 354-8062.



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► **New Vaudeville Revue**, Sat., Dec. 2, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, Belfast. Regular emcee Ando Anderson and humorists Peter Conant and Kristen Burkholder welcome special guests mask theater performer Beverly Mann and old-time country musicians Bennett Konesni and Julie Plumb. Musical support by Annadeene Konesni and David Lewis. Tickets, \$10, available at Fertile Mind Book Shop or at the door. FMI: 322-7123.

► **BSO's Nutcracker**, Sat., Dec. 2, 2 & 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m., Maine Center for the Arts, Orono. Bangor Symphony production with the Robinson Ballet. FMI: 942-5555, 1-800-639-3221 or www.bangorsymphony.com.

► **Christmas at the Cathedral**, Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, 3:30 & 7 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 317 Congress St., Portland. Concert by the Choral Art Society with the Portland Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$15/\$20 in advance, \$20/\$25 at the door, available at Gulf of Maine Books, Brunswick or by calling 828-0043.

► **Christmas Tea**, Sat., Dec. 2, 2 & 4 p.m., Hartstone Inn, Camden. Tickets are \$25, with proceeds benefitting the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry. Reservations required: 236-4259.

► **Holiday Book Sale & Signing**, Sat., Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Salt Institute, Federal & Exchange sts., Portland. Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance Sale features 20 Maine authors, including Lily King, Wesley McNair, Lea Wait, the Moon Pie Press poets and others. FMI: 228-8263.

► **Windjammer Barbershop Chorus in Concert**, Sat., Dec. 2, 4 p.m., Camden Library. Concert is a festive send-off to longtime chorus director Kathy Chamberlain. Free; donations welcome. A new director search is under way; those interested can call 236-8503 or -2159.

► **Christmas Inn Tour**, Sun., Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m., Camden. Tour of Abigail's Inn, Belmont Inn, Blackberry/The Elms, Blue Harbor House, Camden Maine Stay, Camden Windward House, Captain Swift Inn, Hartstone Inn and Hawthorne Inn. Donations accepted. Proceeds benefit the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry.

► **Owls Head Community Tree Lighting**, Sun., Dec. 3, 4 p.m., village green. Caroling and refreshments afterward at Owls Head General Store.

► **Sheepscoot Valley Chorus Holiday Concert**, Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m., Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church, Rte. 27. Concert includes Vaughan Williams' "Hodie," other seasonal pieces and a sing-along finale. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Sherman's Book Store, Boothbay Harbor; Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, and Treats, Wiscasset/ \$10 at the door.

► **"Windspooring,"** Sun., Dec. 3, 2 p.m., Jackson Memorial Library, Rte. 131, Tenants Harbor. Performance poet Martin

Steingesser, with Judy Tierney. FMI: 372-8961.

► **OHTM Holiday Concert & Open House**, Sun., Dec. 3, 10 a.m., Owls Head Transportation Museum, Rte. 73. Free admission all day, with family activities, including ornament-making and a special reading and re-enactment of the children's book *The Flying Santa*. Midcoast Community Band plays a variety of holiday favorites starting at 2 p.m., followed by the unveiling of the museum's newest exhibit, a replica of a Gemini V space capsule. FMI: 594-4418.

► **Anne Dodson & Friends Holiday Program**, Sun., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary, First Congregational Church, Camden. Dodson welcomes The Quasimodal Chorus, The January Men and Then Some, Leila Percy and Muriel Havenstein, Matt Szostak, David Dodson and Grove Street Bypass (Matt and Anne, Cindy Kallet and Will Brown). Tickets, \$12/\$6 in advance, at Wild Rufus, Camden or Rock City Books & Coffee, Rockland, or call 236-9576. Tickets at door are \$14/\$7/under 6, free.

► **Adventskaffee**, Sun., Dec. 3, 4 p.m., Penobscot School, 28 Gay St., Rockland. German Advent celebration with singing of German carols, traditional refreshments dessert potluck, coffee and more. Free; donations appreciated. FMI: 563-5722.

► **Remembrance Service**, Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m., Waldo County General Hospital Education Center, 118 Northport Ave., Belfast. Service for family and friends of those who have died in the past two years, sponsored by Waldo County Home Health & Hospice and Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County. Bring a photograph or remembrance to share. FMI: 338-2268 or 930-2677.

► **CRL Chamber Dinner**, Wed., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner and awards presentation at 7:30 p.m., Samoset Resort, Rockport. \$45. Reservations must be made by Tues., Nov. 28. FMI: 236-4404.

► **PSO's "Magic of Christmas" Concerts**, Fri., Sat. & Sun., Dec. 8-10, and Thurs.-Mon., Dec. 14-18, Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland. Portland Symphony's "Home for the Holidays" Christmas concerts feature soloists, children's choirs, dances from Maine State and Portland Ballet companies, The Magic of Christmas Chorus, and an organ prelude by municipal organist Ray Cornils. FMI: 773-6128 or www.portlandsymphony.com.

► **Ottmar Liebert in Concert**, Sat., Dec. 9, 8 p.m., Camden Opera House. Liebert is a Grammy-nominated guitarist and composer who has brought flamenco mainstream. Tickets, \$32, at Wild Rufus and HAV II, Camden; Grasshopper Shop, Rockland; Mexicali Blues, Newcastle; Belfast Music; or 1-866-468-7619.

► **The Australian Pink Floyd Show**, Sat., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Portland Sports Com-

plex at the Dome, 510 Warren Ave. The best of Pink Floyd live. Tickets: 775-3331 or www.ticketmaster.com.

► **Martina McBride's "The Joy of Christmas" Show**, Tues., Dec. 19, Civic Center, Portland. The country singer brings her show incorporating theater, video, special effects and audience interaction to Portland. FMI: 775-3458.

## Children's & Teens' Events

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25:**

► **Farnsworth Holiday Event for Families**, 1-4 p.m., Rockland. Passport trail for kids includes five stops to have their passports stamped, which they then present in the museum store for a prize. Stops include train exhibit; Victorian Christmas ornament-making and cookie-decorating; a calling-card workshop; and story time. Free.

► **Booksigning by Susan Lubner**, 1-3 p.m., Owl & Turtle Bookshop, Washington St., Camden. Lubner will sign copies of her latest picture book *Ruthie Bon Bair Do Not Go to Bed with Wringing Wet Hair*.

► **Project Puffin Visitor Center Children's Activities**, 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m., 311 Main St., Rockland. Fun educational activities and holiday crafts for ages 8 and up while parents shop. \$5 suggested donation per child. Reservations required: 596-5566.

► **Benefit Show for Tragically Bored Area Youth**, 5-11 p.m., Blue Goose Dance Hall, Rte. 1, Northport. Live performances by Marc Rizzo and Coldread from Massachusetts, and local metal favorites The Divine Ruin, Tomorrow's Tragedy and Soullkill. Tickets, \$10, available at Belfast Music; Wild Rufus, Camden; and Good Tern Natural Foods, Rockland.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28:**

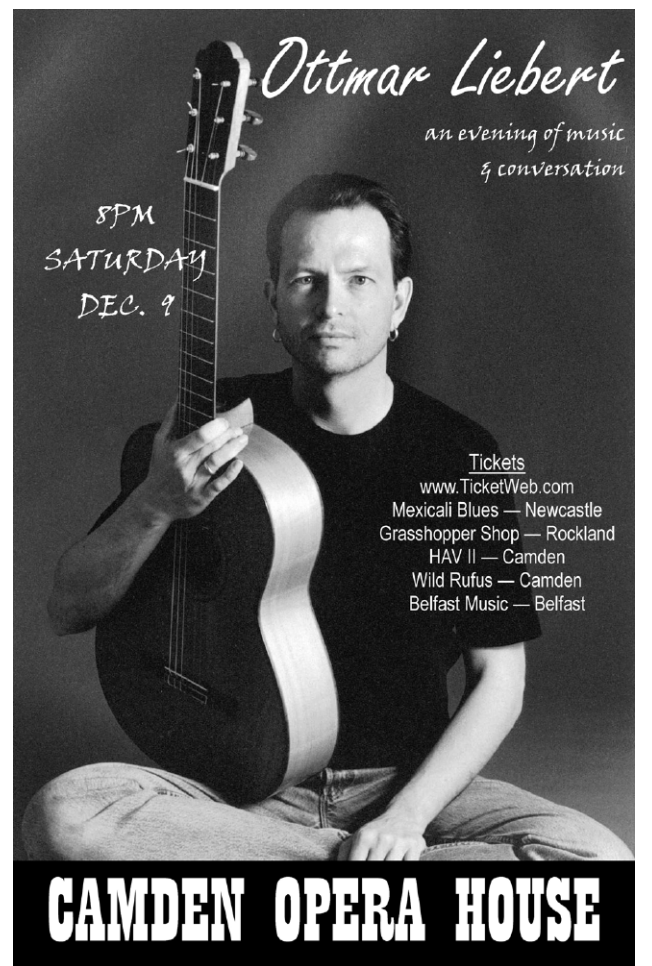
► **Children's Music Classes Begin**, 10-week Preschool Music classes for ages 3-5 and Music Together for ages infant to 5 years with parent start at Bath Dance Works. FMI: 443-5400 or e-mail sharonmusic@gwi.net.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:**

► **Ski & Snowboard Information Night**, 5:30 p.m., Camden Snow Bowl. Learn about all the youth ski and snowboarding school and race programs for the 2006/2007 season. Pizza dinner will be provided by the Ragged Mountain Ski & Snowboarding Club. FMI: 236-3438.

► **New Parent/Toddler Session Begins**, 9-11:30 a.m. on Thurs. & Fri. through Feb. 16 at Ashwood Waldorf School, Rockport. For interested parents, the school will schedule a free class, with no obligation, so they can see what a typical day is like. FMI: 236-8021.

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**1 pm**—FREE photos with Santa at Teen Center, 10 Knowlton St., Camden, made possible by photographer Mark Haskell & Maine Coast Photo. Bring your holiday gifts to be wrapped! Donations to the Teen Center will be accepted.

**1 to 4 pm**—Holiday Open House at Montpelier Museum. Rooms decorated in traditional greens & fruits. Entertainment in the oval room. Baked goods sale. Montpelier Gen. Henry Knox Museum, Rt. 1, Thomaston. 354-8062

**1 pm to 4 pm**—Holiday Cookie Decorating Party at the Inn at Camden Place. For the child in everyone. Cookies and decorations will be provided. Cold milk, hot cocoa, and warm cider will be served. 14 Tannery Lane, behind the Bagel Café, next to the fire station. Camden

**2 pm to 3 pm**—"Fairy Houses Everywhere" with Tracy Kane. Come see model Fairy Houses and Fairy Surprises. Sherman's Books & Stationery. 8 Bay View St. Camden. 236-2223

**2 pm to 4 pm**—Nativities From Around the World. View wonderful nativity scenes from various cultures. Mulled cider & holiday cookies. Nativities will remain through the end of day. John Street United Methodist Church. Free, gifts accepted. 98 John St., Camden. 236-4829

**2 pm & 4 pm**—Camden B&B Association Annual Christmas Tea at the Hartstone Inn, Camden. \$25 per person & 100% tax deductible. Proceeds will be donated to the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry. Limited space, reservations required. 236-4259

**3 pm**—"It's a Wonderful Life" FREE matinee, Bay View St. Cinema, Camden. 236-8722

**3 pm**—*The Nutcracker* presented by the Atlantic Ballet Company. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 children 12 & under/seniors. At HAV II, Wild Rufus Records, The Reading Corner, Fertile Mind Bookshop. Camden Opera House, Elm St., Camden. 236-6777

**3 pm**—Christmas by the Sea Holiday Concert presented by the Lincolnville Community Band and the Midcoast Chorale. Sponsored by the Camden-Rockport Historical Society. Free admission, donations accepted. Congregational Church, Camden.

**4 pm**—Tree lighting, bonfire and sing along at Lincolnville Beach. All are welcome. Santa arrives by fire engine around 4:30 pm!

**5:30 pm**—Old-Time Maine Public Supper. Baked beans, covered dishes and home baked pie. \$7 adults/\$3 children. John Street United Methodist Church, 98 John St. 236-4829

**5:30 pm**—Carolers from Windjammer Barbershop Chorus stroll through downtown.

**6 pm to 7 pm**—Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at St. Thomas' Church 33 Chestnut St., Camden in the Parish Hall. Hot chocolate will be served. Public welcome. No charge.

**6:15 pm**—Christmas Gift to the Community, Holiday Concert solos, duets, instrumental & choral pieces in celebration of the season. Free. John Street United Methodist. 236-4829

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**Sunday, December 3**

Church services with seasonal music throughout the CRL area. Contact the Chamber or local papers for information on places of worship.

**10 am to 1 pm**—Holiday Bazaar at Merry Spring featuring plants, greens, handmade crafts. Conway Rd., Camden. 236-2239

**10 am to 3 pm**—Pet Photos with Santa at Critter Outfitter courtesy of the Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League. Info: 832-5815

**10 am to 3 pm**—Holiday brunch at Prism Glass Gallery and the Gallery Cafe. Complimentary mimosa or glass of champagne or juice. Watch a live glass blowing demonstration. 297 Commercial St., Rockport. 230-0061

**10 am to 5 pm** - The 3rd Annual WINTERWORK Sale will take place at Hope Spinnery. Head to the hills of Hope this holiday season... find unique gifts, support local artisans, and contribute to arts in the schools (5% of all sales will be donated to Partners for Enrichment). For more information about the sale contact Hope Spinnery at 763-4600. Located at 725 Camden Rd. (Rt. 105).

**10 am to 6 pm** - 10% off wreaths, garland, Christmas greens, holiday decorations and gifts at Simple Abundance. 4 Sand St. off Route 105, Camden. 236-8189

**10 am to 8 pm**—Open house at Stonecutter's Jewelry. Cider and sweets! Handcrafted jewelry, colorful stones, Maine Tourmaline. All price ranges! Rt. 1 Rockport. 236-2554

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**11 am to 2:30 pm**—FREE horse & wagon rides leaving from the Camden Riverhouse Hotel

**11 am to 6 pm**—"The Art of Giving," an exhibition and sale of Maine made artworks by Randy Fein, Etienne Perret and other Maine artists. 20 Main St. Camden. 542-5221

**12 pm to 4 pm**—Kids can create their own candy biplane ornament (12-1PM), hear the story of "The Flying Santa" (1-2PM) followed by a flyover (by Santa Claus! - weather permitting). Free holiday concert by the Mid-Coast Community Band (2-3:30PM) refreshments. See the newest exhibit: the Gemini V Space Capsule! Owls Head Transportation Museum, Rte. 73 Owls Head. 594-4418

**1 pm to 4 pm**—"Christmas at the Inns" Tour of Bed & Breakfasts and Inns in Camden & Lincolnville. Open house at some of midcoast Maine's loveliest B&B's, decorated for the holidays. Free

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**1 pm to 4 pm**—The Camden Area History Center and the Camden-Rockport Historical Society cordially invite you to join us at our open house. Take a tour, view special holiday displays and enjoy refreshments. 4 Union St. Camden.

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**7:30 pm**—19th Annual Holiday Concert with Anne Dodson & Friends at the First Congregational Church Sanctuary, 55 Elm St., Camden. Tickets: In advance, \$12 adults/\$6 children 6-12 at Wild Rufus, & The Second Read. Suggested donation at the door, \$14 adults/\$7 children 6-12. Doors open at 7pm. 236-9576

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**Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League Update****Lost****Belfast** — Miss Kitty, a short-haired female, white, with tiger stripes.**Camden** — Otis, an 8- to 10-year-old, spayed female, short-haired torti on Cross Street; Deuce, a large short-haired, neutered male, orange tiger, 1 year old in Quarry Hill.**Rockland** — Willow, a neutered male cat, white with gray spots on his head, 5 years old, on Otis Street; an older orange faded male short-haired cat, pink nose with a black spot.**Warren** — Toby, a 4-year-old yellow lab, neutered male, wearing an orange collar with a license tag.

If you have information about any of these animals, please call the shelter at 236-8702.

**Featured Dog** — Ed is a wonderful 4-year-old beagle. He's a real talker and extremely affectionate. He loves to go for walks and to track, so will need to be kept in a fenced-in yard or on a leash. He's got loads of energy and thinks cats are the most fun to chase. Ed's pretty stressed out about being at the shelter, so he's spending his days with us and his nights with one of our fabulous foster families. If you're a beagle person, Ed could be just the guy for you.**Kittens and Pups** — Yes, we still have kittens, but they're going fast! We did just get a couple of real cuties in this weekend, and our gorgeous Quillen is still available. Quillen is FIV positive, so needs to be an indoor cat in a single-cat home, but he is such a striking blue gray and so affectionate you really won't need anyone other than him to brighten your home! Our sweet little Shar Pei mix, Copper, is still available and raring to go as well. He's an absolute doll who loves to frolic and play.**Adult Dogs and Cats** — We still have too many cats to tell you about, but one sad and scared little girl is named Pumpkin. She's a beautiful orange tiger and would really

much rather be in a home. She spends a lot of time hiding at the shelter, so needs someone patient and gentle to make her a part of his or her family. For dogs: Katey, Siri, Dixie and Lucy are all still available as well.

**Thank you!** — We need to say thank you to many people this week: Kim Murphy from Camden Hills Regional High School invited us to set up a table in the lobby during the *Cats* performances, where we collected piles of canned cat food for the homeless kitties; and we need to thank all the donors of that food as well! Shaw's in Rockland allowed us to hold an impromptu bake sale in their vestibule during all that wind and rain at the end of October when we were supposed to be hosting A Bark in the Park, but had to cancel due to the weather. Amelia couldn't have been more helpful! Also, thanks to all the people who stopped by the table to purchase something or to make a donation! Everyone who donated to the shelter through United Mid-Coast Charities, we want to thank you as well as the organization itself! Your donation will make a huge impact! And Camden National Bank has once again stepped up to the plate and is allowing us to use their entryway at the branch in Camden Square to sell Harvest Moon Raffle tickets.

How can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets, bake for or work at bake sales and for gift-wrapping during Christmas By the Sea. If you're interested and have time to offer, please contact Wanda Burnham at 832-5815. We can also always use help at the shelter walking dogs, playing with cats and kittens, and, of course, cleaning, so if you're interested in helping hands-on with the animals, please contact the shelter manager, Michelle Mank, at 236-8702. In addition, we are always looking for foster families, so if you're interested, let Michelle know.

**What we need** — Bleach, kitty litter, paper towels, Windex, Odo-Ban, cat food, dog food, cat and dog treats, paper bags, laundry detergent and cash donations are always welcome, and bottles can always be dropped off at Coastal Redemption in the shelter's name.

All the animals at the shelter as well as the staff and board would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for and the generous support of our community is on the top of our list!

**Spay & Neuter Program** — We've taken in almost 300 cats this year, which is a new record for the shelter. With that new record in mind, we would like to remind people to please spay and neuter their pets. If you can't afford to pay for the procedure, please contact the shelter regarding our spay and neuter program sponsored by Blake Veterinary Hospital in Northport or talk to your vet about a payment plan.**★ASTROlogically★  
Speaking**WITH ANANUR  
[www.AstrologyWithAnanur.com](http://www.AstrologyWithAnanur.com)**NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 30****Apology Offering:** Last week I wrote something that was a mistake. How many of you noticed? The person who is the fifth caller to correctly identify my mistake will receive a free half-hour chart reading (value \$44). — Ananur, 594-2565**Friday, November 24** — Jupiter is now in Sagittarius (as of last night) and will remain there until December 19, 2007. This is great news for all Sagittarians. Jupiter brings blessings, opportunities, increased awareness, travel, spontaneity and the thirst for learning. Venus is aspecting Uranus until Saturday night, nudging you to express your individuality in unique ways. This aspect can also be the bearer of shocking news, such as the break-up of a relationship that you thought would last. Between 10 a.m. and noon the Moon will aspect Neptune, increasing your psychic sensitivity. From 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. the Moon will be aspecting Mars — you'll have plenty of physical energy and enthusiasm.**Saturday, November 25** — Venus will be aspecting Uranus until later on this evening. You're feeling restless and in need of breaking free from the debilitating patterns that are so easy to fall into in a long-term relationship. You need to add an adventure to your routine. Between 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. the Moon will aspect Jupiter, increasing your need for spontaneity and playfulness (adventure). From 3 to 5 p.m. the Moon in Aquarius will aspect the Sun in Sagittarius. Your hopes for the future are in an upward swing. This is an ideal time for being with friends.**Sunday, November 26** — From 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the Moon will be aspecting Mercury, which is known to create tension and a sped-up nervous system. Mercury will be aspecting Neptune until Tuesday night, which would explain why your brain is foggy. Be careful to avoid misunderstandings. Between 3:15 and 5:15 p.m. the Moon will be conjunct Neptune, causing more confusion and also hyper-sensitivity.**Monday, November 27** — Mars is harshly aspecting Saturn until Tuesday night, causing obstacles and frustration. This is worse than Mercury being retrograde, but it

will last for these two days only. Your energy level is likely to be lower. Try not to fall into negative thought patterns. Between 8 a.m. and 3:21 p.m. the Moon will be "void of course." This is not a good time for making major decisions or for signing an important legal document.

**Tuesday, November 28** — The Moon is conjunct (close to) Uranus in Pisces from 8 to 10 a.m. Now is the time to pay close attention to your gut reactions and psychic knowingness. Act on them. Mercury is aspecting Neptune harshly, causing you to doubt yourself, until later on tonight. Your mind is easily distracted and it's hard to concentrate. Mars is harshly aspecting Saturn until late tonight, stirring up tension and frustration. The best time for clear thinking today falls between 7 and 9 p.m. while the Moon is aspecting Mercury. It's easier to express your thoughts and feel you've been heard.**Wednesday, November 29** — Mars will be nicely aspecting Pluto. You should be feeling your inner strength taking hold. Your confidence and courage are increased, that is until tonight. Be more assertive. Between 9 and 11 a.m. the Moon will be in a positive aspect with Mars, bringing lots more vitality to your words and physical being. Venus is in a favorable aspect with Neptune. Allow yourself to daydream; it's actually been discovered to be healthy. This could be a romantic time for anyone who was born on December 10 or 11, February 6, 7 or 8; April 7, 8 or 9; or August 10, 11 or 12 of any year.**Thursday, November 30** — The Sun is aspecting Uranus until late Saturday night. This will ignite those with anger and short attention spans. Between 6 and 8 a.m. the Moon in Aries will be nicely aspecting the Sun in Sagittarius. You will be feeling inner peace at this time, enjoying music, most likely. Your intuition is waiting for you to pay attention to it from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. while the Moon is aspecting Uranus. The evening will prove to be romantic while the Moon nicely aspects Venus and Neptune, from 9 p.m. until midnight.*Ananur Forma lives in Rockland and can be reached for a personal astrological reading in person or by phone at 594-2565.*

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# Baking Bread on a Raw November Day

— chosen by Elizabeth W. Garber

Let the cold drive you into the quiet of a day at home. Follow these directions carefully. As time moves slowly through your day, watch the light move gently through your house.

## French Bread

When the north wind tears the last leaves from the trees, and the sun of late November peels the earth of all pretenses, hunker down and see what you see. Measure everything in ones:

one tablespoon each of shortening, sugar, and salt into the white ceramic bowl. Add one cup of boiling water followed by one of cold.

While the mixture cools to lukewarm, drink your morning coffee, and watch the way the light of early winter creeps across the pine floor.

When you're ready, sprinkle one package of dried yeast into the bowl and wait for it to sink to the bottom. Then slowly stir until it dissolves. Let it stand for five minutes before adding cups

of flour—one plus one plus one—mixing carefully with a wooden spoon after each addition. Then continue—

one plus one—until the dough is stiff enough to knead. Lift it with floured hands and feel

its weight before you begin, the heel of your hand pressing down, fingers lifting and folding in one continuous motion until the dough is smooth and its surface shines like satin. Place it in a greased bowl.

You will have time now to do whatever pleases you while the yeast expands and the sun begins to move toward its zenith. Maybe you'll notice the way the bones of the earth have surfaced, or feel the hollowness

November brings to the air before the dough has doubled itself beneath a checkered cloth, before you must punch it down, knead it once again, shape it—

one plus one plus one—into three even loaves. Place these on a greased baking sheet and let them rise again while you go in search of whatever remains of the day. Return within one hour to brush the loaves with beaten egg whites and gently mark each one

with three diagonal slashes. Place them in the oven at 425. Perhaps now, while you wait for precisely fifteen minutes, you will see sun and moon equally balanced in the late afternoon sky.

Carolyn Locke lives in Troy, is an English and Humanities teacher at Mount View High School in Thorndike, and has been writing poetry for many years. She received an MFA in Creative Writing from Goddard College in 1996. Her poems have been published in various publications and have received several awards.

After you have your house warmed with fresh hot bread, you need a poem for the rest of your meal. M. Kelly Lombardi is a practicing and teaching poet who lives in coastal Washington County in a book-filled, music-laden house with her faithful dog Lucca. She goes to Ireland each year to refresh on Irish music and sit in on poetry readings, as well as Italy, where she stays at a 12th-century Augustinian monastery and writes, writes, writes. Ireland is her ancestral home, Italy is her spiritual home, and Maine is her safe harbor. *Tuscany Light* is her most recent chapbook, published by Moon Pie Press.

## Dining with the Poets

I have made enough 27 bean soup with harvest vegetables, morsels of ham, and chopped greens to feed a hungry horde. Toscana grain bread is baking and filling the house with its fragrance.

Chopped and steamed curly leaves of kale have been lightly spritzed with olive oil, white Modena balsamic vinegar, and dressed delicately with a bit of hot pepper jelly.

Shredded cabbage is marinating in honey and lime juice with paper thin strips of green pepper, chopped bits of carrots, golden raisins and a few dried cranberries for the salad.

The bowl of apples is ready, all sliced, and mixed with the last of the raspberries from the summer's bounty for the fruit crostata which will be slightly glazed with Amaretto mixed with wild currant jelly and sprinkled lightly with toasted almonds.

The poets are coming for lunch.

I am open to your suggestions about particular poems and Maine poets. You can write to me at ewgarber@adelphia.net or at 66 Miller St., Belfast, ME 04915.

Remember, poetry is food for our lives.

Lower the heat to 350 and continue to bake for half an hour, filling the house with the scent of yeast, sugar, salt, shortening transformed by heat into the lightness you crave.

# Letters About Literature

Students in grades 4 through 12 invited to submit entries by December 8.

For the seventh year in a row, the Maine Humanities Council (MHC) is the Maine sponsor for the national essay contest "Letters About Literature." This free annual contest is open to all students from grades 4 through 12 and invites participants to write a short letter to an author — living or dead — explaining how that author's book changed their way of viewing the world and themselves. The deadline for entries is Friday, December 8. Applications, samples of winning letters, a sheet of tips and resources for teachers are available online at [www.mainehumanities.org](http://www.mainehumanities.org) or by contacting the Maine Humanities Council at 773-5051.

Last year, more than 700 students from nearly every part of Maine participated in Letters About Literature and 47,000 participated nationwide. A student from Bucks Harbor was one of six national-level award winners.

Letters About Literature offers young readers the opportunity to reflect on the work of their favorite authors and think about why reading their works excited, surprised or inspired them, and then express those thoughts and feelings in a letter format. The style of the letters is often friendly and conversational, and the content varies widely from anecdotes relating to characters in the book to interests or qualities that a reader shares with a character or the author.

A panel of Maine educators and community leaders, including First Lady Karen Baldacci, will review the Maine semifinalists and select the winners in early spring.

Maine's first-place winners in each level receive cash awards of \$100 and a \$50 Target gift card. Second-place winners receive gift certificates for book purchases. First-place winners automatically advance to the national competition, where two students from each level will be awarded a \$500 Target gift card and a paid trip with their parents or caregivers to the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.

National sponsors are Target Corporation and the Library of Congress; in Maine the contest is supported by the Maine Humanities Council's Harriet P. Henry Center for the Book.



— a young spectator at the Waldo County Fiddler's Showcase at Northport's Blue Goose. BY DAN KIRCHOFF

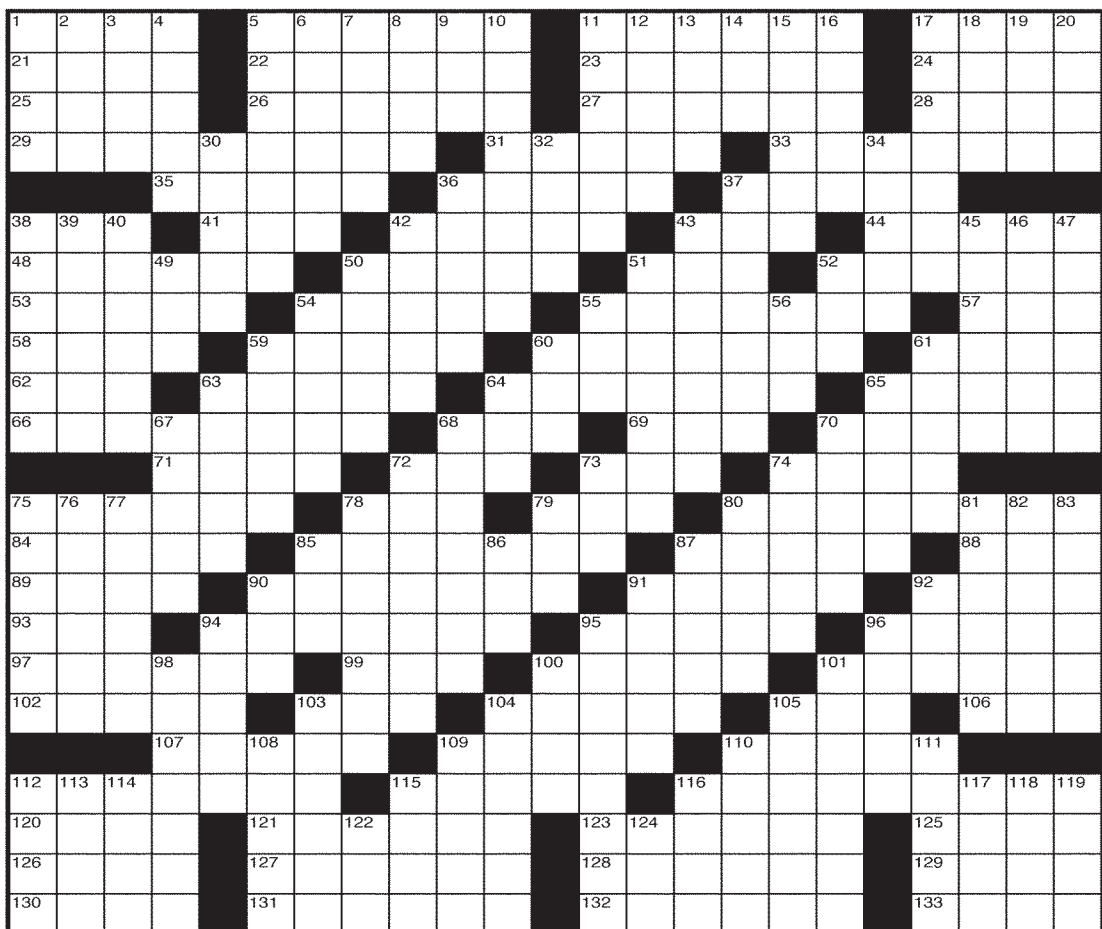
### ACROSS

- 1 Lap dog
- 5 Excuse (2 wds.)
- 11 Job
- 17 Cathedral part
- 21 Take — — from me!
- 22 Egyptian god (hyph.)
- 23 Eloquent speaker
- 24 Chocolate cookie
- 25 Leaves in a hurry
- 26 New England port
- 27 Make bubbly
- 28 Watched
- 29 Verdi opera
- 31 Soft-furred pet
- 33 Honey sources
- 35 Sons and uncles
- 36 Giggle (hyph.)
- 37 Politician picker
- 38 Ms. Thurman
- 41 "Kidnapped" monogram
- 42 "Cheers" in Chihuahua
- 43 Regulation
- 44 Gauges
- 48 Enya's music (2 wds.)
- 50 Pullman amenity
- 51 Sequel's sequel
- 52 Almost never
- 53 Madrid museum
- 54 Makes smooth
- 55 Star's companions
- 57 Electronics mfr.
- 58 Turkish currency
- 59 Not clear
- 60 Swallow, so to speak
- 61 Wild swine
- 62 German article
- 63 Scoundrels
- 64 Polish
- 65 Constructed
- 66 Date (2 wds.)
- 68 Delt neighbor
- 69 Figured out
- 70 Squanders
- 71 One, to Helmut
- 72 Six-shooter
- 73 Chinese dynasty
- 74 Cozy dwelling
- 75 Finally (2 wds.)
- 78 Single digit
- 79 RSVP word
- 80 Triviality

- 84 Cook in embers
- 85 Veined
- 87 Vacuum tube
- 88 Place to stay
- 89 Nursery-rhyme trio
- 90 "I Write the Songs" singer
- 91 Formal, maybe
- 92 Crumbly cheese
- 93 Cassius Clay
- 94 Inventory
- 95 Very short time
- 96 Eyewash acid
- 97 Slightly marred
- 99 Unser and Gore
- 100 Two-door car
- 101 Castle feature
- 102 Legalese
- 103 Bikini half
- 104 They may be read
- 105 Calendar square
- 106 Want —
- 107 Used a beeper
- 109 Blisters
- 110 Patella neighbor
- 112 Kind of fishing (hyph.)
- 115 Gain admission
- 116 Caparison
- 120 Equal to the task
- 121 Peak
- 123 Some time
- 125 Ooze out
- 126 Cougar's pad
- 127 Take long steps
- 128 Better organized
- 129 Tube trophy
- 130 Storm centers
- 131 Mollusk
- 132 Opera heroes, often
- 133 Forest grazers

### DOWN

- 1 Young salmon
- 2 Needle case
- 3 "Cujo" author
- 4 English Derby locale
- 5 Patti of pop music
- 6 Waxes theatrical
- 7 Course finales
- 8 Not deceived by
- 9 To and —
- 10 Engine components (2 wds.)
- 11 Extended credit
- 12 "Good night" girl
- 13 Deviate
- 14 Give — — whirl
- 15 Later! (2 wds.)
- 16 Welcome
- 17 Air passage
- 18 Field of study
- 19 Swerve
- 20 Practically forever
- 30 Slow, to Handel
- 32 "Nah!"
- 34 Gives up land
- 36 Not on time
- 37 Least humble
- 38 Disconnect
- 39 Soft wool
- 40 Medals
- 42 E-mails
- 43 Contact
- 45 Deft
- 46 Place
- 47 Brainpower
- 49 Java alternative
- 50 Poorly
- 51 Not kosher
- 52 Sault — Marie
- 54 Glove leather
- 55 Briefcase item
- 56 Festive night
- 59 Intended
- 60 Razor brand
- 61 Arrests, slangily
- 63 Bank job
- 64 Marshy tract
- 65 Bandleader Count —
- 67 Pester in fun
- 68 Spanish towns
- 70 Proceeds
- 72 Big ape
- 73 Lay low
- 74 Rodeo gear



- 75 Large fleet of warships
- 76 Hard worker
- 77 Shoestrings
- 78 Pewter mug
- 79 Fix a seam
- 80 Brother's daughter
- 81 Mountain chain
- 82 Let loose
- 83 Passes, as a bill
- 85 Slicker
- 86 Lumberjack commodity
- 87 Trickle
- 80 Zany
- 91 Marching band instruments
- 92 Dedicated to
- 94 Alpha followers
- 95 Open-minded
- 96 Hoard (2 wds.)
- 98 Hip-length coats
- 100 Part of TLC
- 101 Meddles with
- 103 Pageant winner
- 104 Kiln user
- 105 Merchant
- 108 Painter's undercoat
- 109 Catty
- 110 Corn-chip name
- 111 Miffed
- 112 Cartoon chipmunk
- 113 Auction site
- 114 Wiesel or Ducommun
- 115 Put out heat
- 116 Easier said — done
- 117 Verne skipper
- 118 Willing to try
- 119 The — the limit!
- 122 Lady's title
- 124 Pint-size

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MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 27, 2006. A grid of TV listings for Monday evening, including channels 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69.

TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 28, 2006. A grid of TV listings for Tuesday evening, including channels 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69.

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THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 2006. A grid of TV listings for Thursday evening, including channels 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69.

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That eviscerates their value. So grab the \$300 offer, Joy!

**TOM:** No! Don't listen to him. My guess is that you're looking at a value somewhere in the \$2,000-\$2,500 range. And rather than sell it cheap to a guy up the street, your best bet is to check out Hemmings Motor News. That's where people who love old cars buy and sell stuff. You can place an ad there. You might get lucky and find a Hemmings reader who knows this car well, and will give you what it's really worth.

**RAY:** Or you might get really lucky and find someone who doesn't know this car well, and will give you more than it's worth. Good luck, Joy.

**DEAR TOM AND RAY:** I am a very poor nursing student with a '97 Nissan Sentra that has developed a very large trunk leak. I poured water over the trunk, and it was very obviously coming in behind the seal between the yellow taillight and the trunk itself. Can I repair this myself? Is there a quick, cheap fix? I'm pretty much a novice at car repair, but I do own tools. Thank you for your help. — *Kelli*

**RAY:** Sure, you can do this yourself, Kelli. I mean, if you can replace bandages, change bedpans and subdue over-stimulated old codgers during their sponge baths, this will be a piece of cake.

**TOM:** It's possible that the gasket between the light fixture and the car's body has failed. Unfortunately, you'll probably have a hard time buying only that gasket.

**RAY:** So, there are two other options. One is to replace the gasket with silicone caulk. To do that, you have to remove the whole taillight assembly. The nuts come off from the back, inside the trunk. And then the whole assembly should pop off.

**TOM:** So you take off the assembly, remove the old gasket, clean the site of the wound and then caulk everywhere that the assembly touches the body of the car. Before you do this, you might also want to change all of

**TOM:** Well, I, too, owned a 1963 Dart at one time, Joy. It was the apple of my eye.

**RAY:** Yeah, an apple with more worms in it than an acre of prime Iowa farmland.

**TOM:** Anyway, I paid \$2,200 for it about 10 years ago. But it was a convertible, Joy. Yours is a sedan.

**RAY:** It also had a body like my brother's: severely weathered. So that's not a good comparison.

**TOM:** It's impossible to judge a car's value without seeing it. For instance, it might run fine, but it might be getting ready for another engine rebuild.

**RAY:** But if you want a general estimate, a pristine version of your car might be worth about \$4,500.

**TOM:** But then you need to subtract \$1,000 because the paint job is not the original one. Subtract another \$500 if the upholstery is torn. And take off another \$500 if it has more than 100,000 miles on it now.

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the bulbs in there, because you may never be able to get to them again!  
**RAY:** That's true. I can't remember whether the bulbs are accessible from the trunk on this car.  
**TOM:** It's possible, however, that when you remove the assembly, you'll discover that the plastic lens or the housing is cracked or broken. In that case, the silicone might not work. You can try to caulk up the crack if it's small enough, but you might not be able to make

it watertight. If not, you'll have to go for the transplant, Kelli: You'll have to replace the whole taillight assembly.  
**RAY:** You can get one of those at your local auto recycling center, a.k.a. junkyard. Make sure the one you buy has a good gasket and no cracks. The good news is that unlike with human transplants, there's very little risk of rejection with Sentra taillights, Kelli. Good luck.

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## Winterize Your Car Before Driving Conditions Get Dicey

Autumn is upon us and that means cold, sleet or snow is not far behind for much of the country. If you live in a climate that experiences harsh winter weather conditions, the Better Business Bureau advises you to start winterizing your car this month, before driving conditions get dicey.

Paula Fleming, vice-president of communications and marketing for the Better Business Bureau, Inc., notes that proper car maintenance also benefits the family's budget. "Installing a clean air filter and driving on properly inflated tires, for example, can improve your car's gas efficiency. That is going to save you money at the pump," she adds.

To help your family vehicles make it through winter's worst, the BBB recommends the following protective measures:

- Read your owner's manual to make sure your vehicle is up-to-date on recommended maintenance.
- Your battery should be in top condition as it takes more power to start your car when it's cold outside. Are the cables clean of corrosion or dirt and the connections tight?
- Make sure your cooling system is working efficiently. Flush and refill the radiator and add anti-freeze if necessary.
- Be sure your tires (including the spare) are in good condition and properly inflated. Thin or uneven tread wear can be very dangerous in winter weather. Also check your brakes and brake fluid level.
- Change your oil and oil filter. Check your owner's manual for the different grades of oil that are recommended for winter. Maintaining a full tank of gas and adding a de-icer to your fuel can help keep moisture from forming.

- Have a professional inspect and replace your air filter, rubber hoses and drive belts. Old, damaged or loose hoses and belts can pose a danger in severe weather conditions.

- Inspect headlights and flasher hazard lights and check your wipers and washers to make sure they are in good working order. Fill your washers with windshield washer fluid that is appropriate for cold weather. You may want to consider switching to winter wiper blades, which function well under extremely cold and snowy conditions.

- Be sure your heater, defroster and exhaust system are working properly. Make prompt repairs, if needed.

- Equip each family vehicle with winter safety supplies, including an ice scraper, spare bottle of washer fluid, battery jumper cables, warm clothing, first aid supplies, flares, blankets, flashlight with spare batteries, a small shovel, some sand for traction and bottled water and high-energy snack bars. Encourage family drivers to always travel with their cell phone.

Unless you are an auto service pro, the BBB suggests that it is probably best to engage the services of a reputable auto repair shop to perform these procedures.

"Ask friends and family for recommendations and check with your Better Business Bureau ([www.bosbbb.org](http://www.bosbbb.org)) about the shop's reliability," Fleming advised. "You should also look for auto repair facilities that display certification, like an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Seal."

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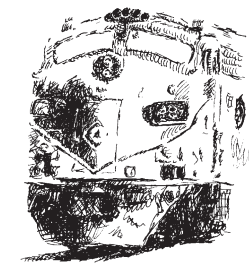
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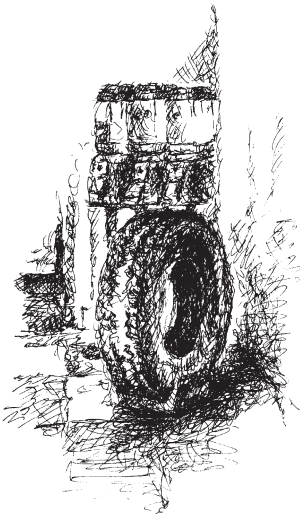
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