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Final Sale of Rockland Waterfront Property Scheduled for Today

— by Melissa Waterman



Sale of the former MBNA call center, now owned by Bank of America, on Rockland's waterfront will be concluded on Thursday, March 29, according to Stuart Smith, one of three business partners purchasing the 10-acre property.

Smith and his partners Matthew Simmons and Jay Kislak have been working on finalizing the purchase for several months. "We've been negotiating the fine details with Bank of America, and we are very happy. They are a good company to work with. It just takes time to do this," said Smith. "Now we want to get the building back into shape to rent. There's nothing wrong with it; it's just been moth-balled for three or four years now."

The partners have been approached by a number of businesses interested in renting space in the 78,000-square-foot building, said Smith, including "a computer company, call centers, real estate firms, and a restaurant."

"This will be a multi-use facility," which, he says, will include space for the Ocean Energy Institute [Simmons' proposed research center]. And, he said, the three Rockland wind-jammers currently using the property's great wharf will continue to have berths during the 2007 summer season.

Also, said Smith, "We've received permission from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for possible future development in the parking lot." When MBNA began construction of the office building in 2001, the company took part in DEP's Voluntary Response Action Program within the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management. Through the program, MBNA completed remediation of contaminated soils at two sites on the property, which had been the location of Fisher Snow Plow manufacturing for many years.

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Shane Flynn at the CAFG meeting of March 22.

Wayfarer Presents Plans to CAFG

by Georgeanne Davis

"We need what we're asking for"

— Shane Flynn, Wayfarer Marine

Wayfarer Marine presented what new partner, and former MBNA executive, Shane Flynn described as a comprehensive plan to bring the company well into the future to about 125 Camden area residents at a meeting of the Camden Area Futures Group (CAFG) on March 22.

The plan hinged on four pieces and, said Flynn, if one piece doesn't go forward, that means that the next won't work. "We need what we're asking for," Flynn told the audience.

In developing the plan, information was gathered from managers of Wayfarer, Wayfarer customers, neighbors of the Camden boat yard, and from input gained from previous CAFG

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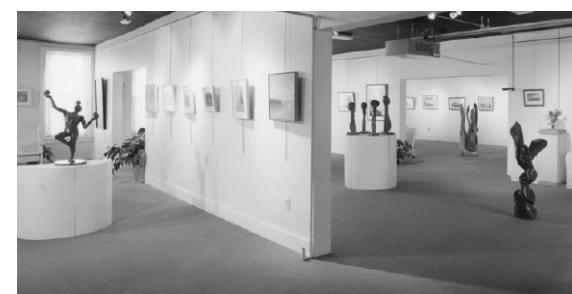
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We The Six Billion

by Joe Steinberger

Date Line

I left Chicago at noon on Wednesday, March 21, on a Japan Airlines jet and headed northwest, on the great circle route over Alaska to Japan. The trip took 12 hours. The sun remained high overhead the whole time, falling behind just a bit, and when we arrived in Tokyo it was just 3 p.m. Here is the thing, though: in Tokyo it was no longer Wednesday, March 21, but Thursday, March 22.

I might not have noticed this surprising transition, but my wife Keiko had made a reservation for me for the 5 p.m. flight from Tokyo to Sendai — on the 21st. This detail was of course noticed by the very polite woman at the All Nippon Airways ticket counter. Fortunately, she was kind enough to get me on the March 22 flight, so I did not miss my connection and Keiko, who had spoken to me on the telephone just before I left Rockland and knew that it would take me 35 hours to get to Sendai, met me at the airport without realizing her mistake in booking my flight.

Not even the extraordinary power of Japanese hospitality, however, could bring me back the day I had lost. Here I was happily extending my Wednesday by flying with the sun when suddenly, in broad daylight, it had become Thursday. What had happened, of course, is that I had crossed the international date line. If I had flown East to Japan instead of West, and thus had flown through the night, the transition from Wednesday to Thursday would have seemed quite natural. Considering that, and considering the fact that what day it is now in Japan ought not depend on what route I took to get here, the date line does seem a reasonable, if sometimes confusing, convention.

Anyway, the earth has continued to spin since my arrival here and it is now Sunday morning (Saturday evening in Rockland) and I've been getting used to the fact that not only has the time changed, but also the conditions on the ground.

On the large high-definition television screen in my mother-in-law's living room there is a news report of an earthquake that happened just a few minutes ago in Ishikawa prefecture, with images of objects swaying in the local television newsroom and people looking both worried and bemused as they hold on to tables in their swaying building.

Then there is our breakfast: miso soup with two kinds of seaweed, rice, natto (the slimy fermented soybeans that I have learned to love), grilled salmon, fresh fruit, green tea, and some rice flour doughballs with a sweet black sesame paste on top.

The house we are in is brand new, built after a fire destroyed the old one, a tragic event that cut short Keiko's mother's visit to us in Rockland two years ago. The new house covers most of a small lot in a suburban subdivision. We are area 3, block 34, lot 6 — one of thousands of homes that nestle on the level spaces among the lines of small steep hills.

The new house is brick-faced with a tile roof and is home to Keiko's mother, Keiko's brother, his wife and their two daughters. The house is a mixture of Japanese and Western styles. Entering, shoes must be taken off. The varnished hardwood floors are spotless. The guest room has a tatami mat floor, traditional sliding panel doors framed in flawless blond wood all around. There is a dark mahogany Shinto shrine in one corner. Keiko and I are sleeping on futons on the tatami, so our quarters are quite traditional, but elsewhere the house is more Western, with hinged doors, a diningroom table and chairs, etc.

The most modern rooms of all, and at the same time the most Japanese, are the toilet and bath, rooms kept separate for reasons of sanitary propriety, a Japanese preoccupation. Both rooms exhibit the height of Japanese plumbing technology, with dauntingly complex electronic controls.

The toilet is fully automatic. Sensing your approach, the seat cover lifts with a soft whirr. Should a gentleman wish to lift the seat as well, there is a button for that, located with other buttons on a convenient wall-mounted console. The seat, should one choose to sit, is heated. After one's business is done one may, by pushing the correct button, wash the appropriate orifice with a precisely aimed spray of warm water. Flushing and closing the cover require no button pushing, they happen automatically as your departure is automatically detected.

If this seems ridiculous to Western sensibilities, the bath must nevertheless be rated sublime. One enters an anteroom in which there is a large sink and cabinets for towels and other accessories. A glass door opens into the bath proper. The smooth, deep, oval tub is kept full of hot water, its temperature regulated by an electronic control and displayed on an LED panel. Right now it reads 41 degrees celsius. The bath is beautifully inviting, but wait, you mustn't get in yet. First you must wash yourself from head to toe. The bath water is shared by other household members and is for clean bodies only! The small stool there is for that purpose. Sit and use the shower head on the flexible hose, or use the plastic basin there. A gleaming chrome control allows you to choose the spigot for filling the basin or the shower head, the temperature is automatically regulated with that dial. Here is the soap. Don't forget to wash behind your ears, and rinse off well. Now you can get in the tub. The warm water, a pale milky color from the special lotion additive, is just right and should the bath water cool off even a degree it will automatically be reheated to your selected temperature. So relax, slide down a bit until the water is right up to your neck, and enjoy.

I will leave you to soak for a while. I hope to be back next week with some tales of adventure, but for now let's just take it easy and recover from the shock of our jet-jump from one day to another with no night in between.

Trundling Around the Middle East: For Real or Just a Charade?

by Thomas McAdams Deford

Another bad week for President Bush: his buddy, Attorney General Gonzales, is rapidly becoming an even bigger albatross than father-figure Rumsfeld was; the Senate follows the House in setting a timetable for troop withdrawals; and Secretary of State Condi Rice — once again — returns empty-handed from the Middle East. Why does she bother?

Recalling what C.S. Lewis famously wrote about Jesus Christ — either he was a madman or he was the son of God — if Condi is not mad, does she know something the rest of us don't? Has Bush told her he is committed to finding a solution to the Palestinian problem, even if that means — as it surely must — that he is willing to put a lot of pressure on Israel and to put up with even more pressure from Israel's supporters, not just the Israel lobby but Bush's own Christian fundamentalist base as well.

Sounds unlikely, to be sure, but then there's not much else to do if self-redemption is her, and her boss's, goal: North Korea has developed a nuclear arsenal under their watch, Afghanistan looks bleaker than ever (unless you're in the opium business), Russia pursues its own undemocratic vision of the future, and radical theocratic Iran — thanks to 500,000,000,000 American dollars and over 3,000 American lives — dominates the Middle East as it hasn't since Xerxes held sway.

Last month, the Saudis got Palestinian president Abbas and the Hamas leadership, meeting in Mecca, to agree to a national unity government. Rice was reportedly furious at this attempt by our Saudi friends to finesse Hamas's isolation by Washington. But as she surely must realize, after trying to sideline Hamas for a year, any permanent peace between Israel and the Palestinians will necessarily involve Hamas — during the negotiations it can be behind the scenes, but certainly front and center in any final deal.

This week, on her fourth trip to the area in as many months, Rice was ostensibly pursuing a new and different strategy, pushing for Palestinian-Israeli talks that would reach agreement on the "political horizon" of a final peace, the exact opposite of the step-by-step approach Bush Sr. initiated and Clinton pursued during the '90s. The assumption then was that trust-building measures would create the mutual confidence needed to make the final hard decisions, on borders, Jerusalem and refugees. On the surface, that appeared rational. But, in fact, as the step-by-step approach dragged on, with Israel doubling its settlers in the occupied West Bank and the Palestinians responding with attacks against civilians inside Israel, there was less and less trust on both sides.

On this trip, her new approach was shot down publicly by the Israelis: the best she could get was an agreement that Olmert and Abbas would meet bi-monthly to discuss mundane issues relating to the occupation; and she was left spluttering about the two sides being "at the beginning" of a path "to build confidence" before proceeding to the bigger problems. Isn't that step-by-step all over again? Does that turn the clock back to 1990, or merely back to 2000, when Bush took over and pushed the Palestinians to the backburner?

Meanwhile, the Arabs have reaffirmed the Saudi plan to recognize Israel if it gives up the land it occupied in 1967 and grants Palestinian refugees the right of return — an offer King Abdullah first made at an Arab Summit in 2002, but that Bush and his neo-con advisors ignored, preoccupied as they were with cooking the intelligence to justify invading Iraq. With almost 300,000 Israelis settled on Palestinian land in the West Bank, a retreat to the pre-'67 borders, as the Saudi proposal envisions, is hardly realistic. As for the refugees: if even half of them returned, Israel would no longer be a Jewish state.

For the moment, though, forget about the ostensible gap between the Arab and Israeli positions — they are, after all, just staking out their maximum positions: the good news is that the Arabs themselves are pro-actively seeking a final, peaceful resolution. In the past, the Egyptians and Jordanians were willing to make a separate peace with Israel,

ignoring Palestinian interests, but no Arab state was willing to negotiate seriously on behalf of the Palestinians because the downside risk of not appearing sufficiently supportive of the Palestinian cause — which a compromise would entail — was too great.

Today, an Arab World in turmoil over Iraq, facing as well a serious Sunni-Shia split and the further radicalization that implies, realizes that so long as the Palestinian issue remains an open wound — witnessed daily by millions of Arabs courtesy of al-Arabiyya and al-Jazeera — the political danger to their autocratic regimes is greater from non-action than from promoting eventual compromise.

Unfortunately, at the very time their Arab neighbors are willing to normalize relations, the Israeli government is weaker than ever; the Palestinians, more divided than ever; while Bush's administration is staggering under its own incompetence. But there's never a good time for peace — that's a given. When key Arab states need normal relations with Israel, though — that's a sea-change. The real question is whether Bush will disown his past six years of unwavering and unjustified support for Israel to return to a more even-handed approach — and face the heat, from Republicans as well as Democrats, that such a policy will provoke.

In a weird, ironic twist, the neo-cons' game plan had anticipated exactly the opposite of what has happened: they envisioned a democratic Iraq, under George W. Bush's benevolent tutelage, recognizing Israel and flooding the world with cheap oil; and somehow inducing the Arab kings and rulers-for-life to opt for democracy — I know, a brief summary doesn't do full justice to the inanity of the neo-cons' vision. Instead, we have Arab autocrats that see a future in which the Palestinian problem is not only no longer a political advantage but has instead become a much greater plus for their enemies, the wild-eyed Shiites running Iran and the extremist Sunnis supporting al-Qaeda.

And if Iran and al-Qaeda are a threat to moderate Arabs, they are, long-term, an even greater threat to Israel. Therein, one can hope, lies the impetus for compromise, if — and a very big if — Bush is serious about getting the Israelis to compromise rather than, as appears increasingly the case, being more interested in the *appearance* of movement to placate moderate Arab governments more frustrated than ever with how he has wrecked the Middle East.

Bush needs a fix bad. What could bring peace to the Holy Land is the possibility that he actually knows more than he lets on: that — despite his blather about how history will judge him favorably long after we're all dead — what he has created in Iraq dooms his legacy to the rock bottom of presidencies.

But for all the tough-guy image he likes to foist on us, does Bush have the guts to bring Jerusalem and Mecca together? Or are Condi's Middle East forays just a charade? So far, charade is winning hands down; will next month's visit prove any different?

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North Dakota, Vermont, Maine Ranked Safest States

For the fourth consecutive year in a row, Nevada has repeated its designation as the nation's most dangerous state, according to *Crime State Rankings 2007*, an annual reference book published by Morgan Quitno Press, a Kansas-based research and publishing company.

North Dakota repeats as the nation's safest state, for the 10th time in the 14 years of the rankings. Next in line came Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Wyoming. Last year Maine was second safest; this year Vermont edged it out.

Joining Nevada at the top of the dangerous list (in descending order) were New Mexico, Arizona, Maryland and Tennessee. "The story for Nevada remains the same as in previous years," said Scott Morgan, president of Morgan Quitno Press, in a prepared release. "As a rapidly growing state, it struggles with crime and other problems. It has some of the highest murder, robbery and motor vehicle theft rates in the country."

Former MBNA Call Center continued from page 1



MBNA built the two-story call center in 2001 and developed the 10-acre waterfront property, including a popular open-to-the-public walkway. About 300 people worked at the center when it closed in 2005. Bank of America acquired the property when it bought MBNA in 2005.

Simmons, an international energy expert and chairman and founder of an energy investment bank headquartered in Houston, Texas, intends to organize a research institute, which will be located within the building, to study the energy potential of the world's oceans.

Rockland City Manager Tom Hall expressed delight over the sale. "I'm pleased that the day is finally here," he said. "The possibilities for what they can do in putting the building to use are very exciting. And it's great that people with local connections are buying the building." (Stuart Smith of Camden owns Maine Sport, Lord Camden Inn, a good deal of Camden's waterfront property, and was a partner in the redevelopment of the former Van Baalen factory — now Breakwater Marketplace — in Rockland. Matthew Simmons also owns the Strand Theatre in Rockland, and he as well as Jay Kislak are part-time Rockport residents.)

Hall added that the Water Street property was nominated to be part of the city's Pine Tree Zone on Tuesday. As part of the economic development zone, businesses located on the property are eligible for tax incentives in exchange for bringing well-paying jobs to the city. The Department of Economic and Community Development must approve the nomination.

The property, appraised at \$17 million, was put on the market by Bank of America for \$9,450,000. Smith declined to comment on the final purchase price, noting that the information will be made public after completion of the sale.

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meetings, at which people expressed their desire to retain the working waterfront and marine jobs as well as public access to the waterfront. Concerns about environmental pollution and noise as well as aesthetic and architectural concerns for the views from the town's parks and harbor were also expressed.

Wayfarer Marine, said Flynn, has an excellent reputation and has been given a "Maine Clean Boatyard and Marina" designation, one of very few awarded by the state. However, they are in a highly competitive, capital-intensive industry and the yard has inadequate winter storage, an inability to work on stored boats, and deteriorating buildings, as was clearly illustrated in his slide presentation. "We're falling behind day by day," Flynn said.

To become a "destination within a destination" — a premier harbor for large boats — Wayfarer is asking the town once again for a change of use on the 7.8-acre "infamous Laite property" — the area located on Route One just outside Camden near the entrance to Camden Hills State Park that is owned by former Wayfarer partner Parker Laite Sr. Wayfarer would like to build and operate heated storage and work bays as well as a centralized machine shop to work on boats there, which would require the town to amend the ordinance governing the area. The Laite property was discussed first at the meeting, said Flynn, because it is the most critical part of the proposed plan and is needed so that construction activity in the remainder of the yard can take place.

In Camden, the upper portion of Wayfarer's property on Sea Street, the four-and-a-half-acre Bean yard, would be developed by the company itself and contain seven duplex cottage-style condominiums covering three-and-a-half acres around an open-space horseshoe of one acre, with a small pier for dinghy use. This phase of the plan would require a change from "harbor business" to "traditional village" zone.

Other changes to the yard would include rebuilding of the

Board Approves Pen Bay Healthcare Budget

15 staff members to be laid off; 12 vacant positions eliminated

On Tuesday, March 27, Roy Hitchings, president and CEO of Pen Bay Healthcare (PBH), notified the staff that the board of trustees had approved a budget for the fiscal year that begins April 1 that eliminates the \$5 million deficit that was projected in the original draft.

Several weeks ago PBH announced that up to 50 positions could be impacted by the need to reduce the operating deficit. Under the approved budget, 43 positions will be affected, as follows: Twelve vacant positions have been eliminated (six of these positions were management); two positions will have a reduction in hours; 14 individuals in one department will have their work hours reduced by one hour per week; and 15 staff members will be laid off (with some opportunities to fill other vacant positions within Pen Bay Healthcare).

"This financial plan preserves our mission and core services, keeps our wages competitive and supports necessary investments in equipment, IT, and facilities," wrote Hitchings. "This process was not easy and involved many difficult decisions.... I cannot express enough how regrettable these layoffs are. We realize the impact on people's lives and families. They are not a reflection of a particular employee's performance in any way, but a financial necessity."

The upcoming budget does provide funding for wage increases for most staff, because, said Hitchings, "in order to retain and attract quality staff, our wages and benefits must be kept competitive."

"Much has been written, both internally here and in the press, about the reasons for the budget problems — be it the \$9 million owed to PBMC from the state or increased operating costs. I don't think it is productive to re-hash these issues today," said Hitchings. "We feel confident this budget is sound and we will do our utmost to operate within it without compromising our values."

Christopher Burke, director of marketing and communication, said that PBH has 1,700 employees throughout its whole system. With its \$140 million annual budget, PBH tends to be seen as a wealthy organization, but, he says, "We're a classic non-profit organization; 60 percent of our budget is wages and benefits." He goes on to say that with a \$1.2 million weekly payroll budget that calls for a margin of \$1.5 million after operating expenses, "We have a break-even budget." Any cushion comes from PBH's gains on their modest investments and from ongoing community support and fund-raising. "Without that," says Burke, "our gain is \$2,000 after expenses."

Besides cuts to payroll, Burke says that PBH is undertaking other money-saving initiatives, for example, in their efforts to convert to fully electronic medical records. "We've trimmed back the extent of our investments," Burke said. "We'll move ahead, but not to the extent we originally budgeted for."

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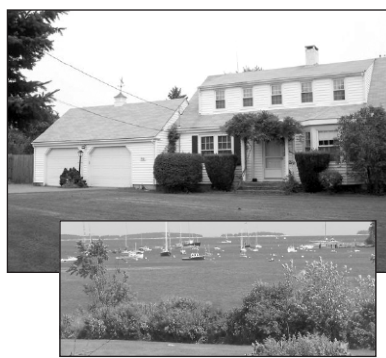
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Each month ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST editors select properties currently for sale. This wonderful house is in the December issue.

This beautiful Greek Revival seaside house, on Arey's Cove, is in superb condition. From dawn to dusk natural light fills the house. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3rd floor finished; powder room, laundry room, open kitchen and dining (all with sea views), living room with fireplace and a study. **Year round house!** Very private yet near town and a short walk to 40-acre ocean-front beach and preserve. **Vinalhaven \$1,200,000**



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Bates Hosting Genocide Conference

"The Legacy of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda" set for March 30 & 31

Scholars and human-rights advocates will join survivors of the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda to discuss its origins and outcomes on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, at Bates College in Lewiston. "Rwanda: From National Disintegration to National Reunification: The Legacy of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda" is open to all free of charge.

This interdisciplinary gathering will gather speakers from Rwanda, Europe and the United States, including members of the Rwandan diaspora living in New England. "Envisioned as a place of encounter and relationship-building, it will allow survivors of the genocide of the Tutsi to share stories, struggles and hopes to promote a better understanding of this traumatic legacy," says Assistant Professor of French Alexandre Dauge-Roth, the event's organizer.

In a prelude to the conference, students in Dauge-Roth's seminar "Documenting the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda" will offer posters and performances reflecting their correspondence with genocide survivors at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, in Pettengill Hall. The presentations are part of the Mount David Summit, a celebration of academic achievement at Bates.

The conference itself begins with remarks and a reception at 7:45 p.m. Friday in Chase Hall Lounge. It continues with a day of panel discussions in Pettengill Hall's Keck Classroom (G52) starting at 9 a.m. Saturday and concludes with a Rwandan dance performance and remarks at 8 p.m. in Chase Hall.

The panel presentations will proceed chronologically from a discussion about the origins of the genocide to eyewitness accounts of the massacre, to an examination of the country's efforts to rebuild and to

effect national reconciliation.

Speakers include faculty in diverse disciplines from Bates, Bowdoin and Colby colleges and the University of Paris; experts on the genocide including a Human Rights Watch specialist on Rwanda, a Rwandan national prosecutor and the director of the Refugee and Immigration Services at Catholic Charities Maine; and survivors, including founding members of an association for the genocide's widows and children and two authors who bear witness to the massacres in their works.

The event takes place about a week before the 13th anniversary of a genocide whose scale and ferocity stunned the world. As Dauge-Roth points out, 2007 is midway through the timeline for the Rwanda government's Vision 2020, a program, devised in the wake of the tragedy, for the impoverished nation's reconciliation, reconstruction and economic revitalization.

Dauge-Roth, a Swiss native who started at Bates in 2005, organized the conference as an extension of his own research into the Rwandan genocide. He is exploring the personal, literary and film narratives created about Rwanda in the years since Hutu extremists massacred as many as a million Tutsi and moderate Hutu. During a 2006 trip to Rwanda, where French is an official language, Dauge-Roth established a network of genocide survivors who have corresponded with Bates students in this winter's "Documenting the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda" seminar.

"I hope that students will reflect on what it means to listen to a survivor," says Dauge-Roth. "There's a lot to learn from them about the ability to struggle and to live on despite horrific loss.... My hope is that these conferences will be a key step to building personal relationships with Rwandan community partners for future projects."

For more information, contact Dauge-Roth at 786-6281 or adaugero@bates.edu.

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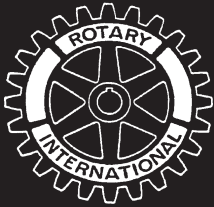
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Firefighter Training in Rockland –

Last Wednesday evening the Rockland Fire Department firefighters had a training session in the maintenance and use of power saws. Firefighters used a K-12 saw to cut through steel bars, simulating the use of the saw to cut through a barred window or gate.

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Bangor Airport Exercised Disaster Response Plan During Recent Storm

That late-winter snowstorm that hit the Northeast the weekend before last gave Bangor International Airport an unexpected opportunity to exercise its Disaster Response Plan, says airport director Rebecca Hupp. With 1,200 unexpected overnight “guests,” the airport staff and emergency-response community sprang into action.

In all, there were five diverted flights (two Aer Lingus and one each from Icelandair, Lufthansa and Continental) that deplaned passengers, who stayed overnight at area hotels and the airport. Three other airlines — Jet Blue, Delta and American — diverted to Bangor, but after a delay went on to their destinations. Approximately 130 of the domestic passengers deplaned in Bangor to pursue ground transportation. Air France also diverted to Bangor, but since those passengers were traveling internationally, they were not allowed to deplane.

“This was an excellent opportunity for us to test our emergency preparedness and response efforts in a real-world situation. We are very grateful to the organizations that responded quickly to assist the stranded passengers,” said Hupp.

The Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross provided blankets, cots, personal care kits as well as personal assistance to passengers. As the numbers grew, St. Joseph’s Hospital provided more blankets for the stranded passengers and the Maine Air National Guard brought more cots.

Also on hand to help with the situation were Bangor’s police and fire departments, who sent staff to assist with crowd-control measures. The offices of Transportation Security Administration and U.S. Customs and Border Protection were also called into extra duty to handle the unexpected situation and process passengers.



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Midcoast Magnet Hosts Talk on "Bringing Business to the Coast"

"Bringing Business to the Coast" will be the featured topic at a panel discussion hosted by Midcoast Magnet on Tuesday, April 3, at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland. Speakers will include Maine Commissioner of Economic Development John Richardson; Matt Jacobsen, CEO of Maine & Company; and Jonathan Daniels, president of Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

Drinks and appetizers will be served in the library from 5 to 6 p.m. Prior to the panel discussion, David Berez and Stuart Rich of Spatial Robotic Solutions and its parent company Pen Bay Media will provide short demonstrations of their work in film and technology. Berez will present footage from his recent tour of Iraq, and Rich will demonstrate robotic technology. Pen Bay Media, a technology company based in Camden, is a Pine Tree Zone program participant. And the evening will include a musical interlude with the Odeon Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble.

Midcoast Magnet seeks to develop innovative projects that support creativity, livability and economic sustainability in midcoast Maine. Bangor Savings Bank is a major sponsor of the nonprofit organization.

Pat LaMarche to Address Rockland Kiwanis on April 2

Author, broadcaster, consultant and sometime political candidate Pat LaMarche will speak to the Kiwanis Club of Rockland on Monday, April 2, at 12:45 p.m., when she will discuss and read from her book, *Left Out*

in *America: The State of Homelessness in the United States*.

With a sense of humor that often belies her altruistic spirit, she has worked to live up to her mother's credo that every ounce of strength we have should be put to the use of those less fortunate.

LaMarche ran for governor of Maine on the Green Party ticket in 2006 and used her candidacy for vice president of the United States on the Green ticket in 2004 to tour the 14 homeless shelters described in her book.

She has worked in television and radio and was the first and only female host at Portland's talk radio station WGAN. A graduate of John Bapst High School in Bangor, she received her bachelor's degree at Boston College and studied abroad at the University of Amsterdam.

The Kiwanis Club meets every Monday at noon at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Lunch will be served at 12:05 p.m. and is \$13 per person. For more information, contact club president Jane Dagley at 594-0390, e-mail president@rocklandkiwanis.org, or visit www.rocklandkiwanis.org.

Consumer Complaint Mediators Wanted

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is recruiting new volunteer consumer mediators for its spring class. Training begins on Monday, April 23. Volunteers will mediate consumer complaints over the phone or by mail, in the Attorney General's Augusta office. The Attorney General thoroughly trains its mediators in consumer law and mediation techniques. Mediators are asked to volunteer approximately six hours a week on a schedule convenient to them. During the past year the Consumer Mediation Service recovered over \$690,000 for Maine consumers. Those interested in volunteering can visit the Web site www.maine.gov/ag/ or contact Assistant Attorney General James A. McKenna at 626-8842 or jim.mckenna@maine.gov.

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"Ourtown" Premieres Tonight

What kind of town do you want to live in? This is the question posed by "Ourtown," a documentary that will premiere at the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta on Thursday, March 29. Created by Red Door Media, the film follows the story as local residents respond to the announcement that the largest retailer in the world plans to come to town. "When I heard that Wal-Mart wanted to build a SuperCenter in our town," said Jenny Mayher, "it was as though everything I love about Damariscotta was threatened."

Mayher and Eleanor Kinney, mothers-turned-activists, believed that the impact of a huge retailer could irreversibly alter Damariscotta, and they decided to do something about it.

After researching their options, they launched a citizens' initiative to vote on a size cap limiting new retail construction. At the same time, others in town applauded the proposed retail center. The range of citizen responses soon created a fissure that divided the community. On one side were those who wanted convenience, jobs, increased tax revenues and rolled-back prices. On the other side were those who sought to protect the local landscape and economy from out-of-scale development and out-of-town corpo-

rate colonization. For many of the individuals who participated in the debate, the experience ignited democratic ideals considered beyond reach or tarnished by politics.

Produced by local filmmakers Michael Richard, Doreen Conboy and Wendy Hebb of Red Door Media, the film has been hailed by Bill McKibben, author of *Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future*, as "... a thrilling film. We get to see people not just defend community, but build it in the process. There's more life here in this small place than in a 100 cavernous Wal-Marts."

"I enjoyed this film, for its landscapes, and for the kind of controversy it depicts, and above all for the reassurance it offers — that the small and local can now and then prevail against the powerful and multinational," said Tracy Kidder, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner.

Red Door Media's first collaboration, "Closing the Circle," was a winner of the 2005 Maine Documentary Film Competition. "Ourtown" shows at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a conversation with Ourtown cofounders Kinney and Mayher. For more information or to purchase the DVD, visit www.ourtownmaine.com.



The Waldoboro Public Library will celebrate the grand opening of its new building at 958 Main Street on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Grand Opening of New Waldoboro Public Library March 31

Maine's First Lady Will Attend

The general public is invited to attend the grand opening of the new Waldoboro Public Library at 958 Main Street on Saturday, March 31. The event will begin with a few words of welcome from Maine's First Lady, Karen Baldacci, a strong supporter of libraries and literacy programs in Maine. Next, Jacqueline Fawcett, president of the board of trustees, will preside over the ribbon cutting, and Lee Smith, Waldoboro's town manager, will conclude the ceremony with a few words on behalf of the community.

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., the new building will be open for all to visit. Visitors may tour the facility, enjoy entertainment and refreshments and sign up for door prizes. Residents of Waldoboro and SAD 40 may obtain their free library cards and borrow books.

Leading off the entertainment while guests explore the new space and enjoy Laura Cabot's delicacies will be harpist Carla White, a local student. Keeping the children entertained in the new children's room will be Carol McFadden with stories, puppets and songs. McFadden is currently a children's librarian in Walpole and Needham, Massachusetts, but will be moving to the area in the spring. The Sheepscot Sound Barbershop Quartet will stroll and sing around the stacks beginning at 11 a.m. At noon, eight members of the Tapestry Singers, a midcoast musical group established 15 years ago, will perform. The McFravis Fiddlers will play from 1 to 2 p.m. At about 2 p.m., Ellie Libby, an educator and library trustee, will be singing and reading to children.

LCCT Gets Grant for Renovations

Lincoln County Community Theater (LCCT) recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Libra Foundation to support the planned renovation of the audience and performance spaces in the theater next year. The new plans call for raked seating, a new and updated sound and lighting system, installation of acoustical panels, air conditioning, new seats, and a new sound-and-light booth. The stage will be lowered to one level, new dressing rooms created, and a handicapped-accessible restroom added backstage.

LCCT's goal is to be a major community resource, offering education, mentorship, opportunity and recognition to all members of the community. With this renovation project, LCCT will have the opportunity to improve the quality of entertainment and programs it offers. A capital campaign continues as the theater works towards raising \$1.3 million, and the community is encouraged to participate. For more information, contact LCCT executive director Barbara Bowers at 563-3424.

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Tooling Up for the New Season

Surveying the kingdom on a damp March day, I think that the first item on my dream-tool list for the coming year should be "flame thrower." One flick from its earth-scorching flame and all those unruly raspberry canes would be gone. Brush piles? Equally gone. Thinking realistically about what tools I could acquire, I realize that some of the most useful items I already own are inexpensive and easy to find. Because my old-fashioned wheelbarrow wants to wobble over onto its side when heavy materials like stones or gravel are piled into it and since even my garden cart is too heavy and unwieldy to use in many situations, I find one of my most useful tools for transporting dirt clods and stones, weeds and leaves, is that old standby, the blue plastic tarp. I lay it flat on the ground, rake stuff onto it, and then gather up the corners and drag it off to the compost heap, like a cave man dragging home a brontosaurus for dinner. But if I were going to spring for a new wheeled solution, I think I'd go for one of the spiffy wheelbarrow/cart contraptions that weighs in at around 30 pounds and is a happy marriage of the two bicycle-style wheels of a cart with a polyethylene wheelbarrow-style tub that can be tipped and poured like a traditional barrow but can't roll over on its side thanks to those two large balancing wheels.

After the tarp, my second most useful garden helper is probably the tool carrier known as a bucket buddy — a recycled five-gallon plastic bucket lined with a canvas tool organizer that fits inside it and has lots of pockets for all the other things you need in the garden: tape measure, string line, stakes, waterproof marker, gloves, insect repellent, hand tools, scissors, Band-aids, seeds and sometimes my phone. If you don't already have one, get one with a lid that pops on, thus making the bucket into a portable seat for the garden as well as a tool carrier.

Lately, I've found that some of my old standbys are becoming too heavy and unwieldy for me to use. My mattock, a combination tool with a grub hoe on one side and a pick head on the other, while great for grubbing out shrubs and digging holes, has a very thick handle and weighs a ton. I'd like to replace it with a new super shov-

el with a fiberglass handle that looks just like a traditional spade but has wickedly sharp teeth on its carbon steel blade. It could be used in place of the mattock to chop through roots and matted grass when making a new garden bed. Fiberglass handles absorb shock and thus reduce fatigue, a strong selling point for us weekend warriors who tend to overdo once set free in the garden.

Since my garden hose spent the winter curled up in a galvanized tub, a good winding hose reel might make putting it away a lot easier. Let's add that to the list. This also might be the year to spring for some tomato ladders or supports in rust-proof steel — something that can be hosed off at the end of the season, stacked away in the storage area and brought out again the following year. The hinged-cage types that fold flat don't even need to have the tomato plants tied to them. If, like me, you have a small garden, these ladders and cages are real space-savers. Another space-saver that I saw in a catalog but that could easily be knocked together by a resident handyman is a slanted trellis. It's a four-foot-square wood frame covered with plastic mesh. Two legs hinged to one end allow it to be stood up at a slant so that cucumbers can grow up over its mesh face, while lettuces can be planted in the shady area beneath the cuke vines, and thus be protected from wilting or bolting.

April is National Orchid Month and if you want a break from pruning and starting seeds, the Eastern Maine Orchid Society is holding its annual Spring Orchid Sale and Show on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clapp Greenhouses of the University of Maine in Orono. Plants available for sale range from hybrid phalaenopsis to more exotic and challenging species, and growers will be available to give growing tips and pass out care sheets for the plants being sold. If you attend the sale, be sure to tour the university's orchid collection. For more information, call 567-3822 or 848-5656.

MOFGA to Teach Organic Gardening

The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) will sponsor Grow Your Own Organic Garden at more than 20 locations on Wednesday, April 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. The workshops are open to the public and to people of all skill and experience levels. Participants will acquire an understanding of the basics of soil science, and how to enrich soil to produce healthy, high-yielding plants; composting methods; the principles of crop rotation, and how to incorporate green manures and manage nutrients in the garden; the difference between cultivated plants and weeds, and basic weed control strategies; and common insect pests and methods of natural insect control. The presenters are seasoned MOFGA farmers and gardeners from around Maine.

In Belfast, call Belfast Adult Education at 338-3197 for information. The classes will be taught by Liz and James Deane. In Boothbay, call Boothbay Adult Education at 633-3224; Chris Riser will instruct the class. In the Camden area, call Five Towns Adult Education at 236-7800, extension 274; instructors there will be Rosey Guest, Beedy Parker and Diane Shivera. In Wiscasset, call Wiscasset Adult Education at 882-9710; Margaret Youngs will be the instructor. For further information, call 568-4142. A registration fee of \$5 will be collected at the door to cover the cost of handouts. Some adult education programs will be charging an additional administrative fee.

Troy Howard Receives Award for Healthy Greens Initiative

Troy Howard Middle School (THMS) in Belfast was selected from more than 650 children's gardening programs nationwide to receive a 2007 Youth Garden Grant from the National Gardening Association, based in South Burlington, Vermont. This award-winning youth gardening program will receive an assortment of books donated by the National Gardening Association and a \$250 gift card and plaque from The Home Depot, which recognizes that today's youth are the future of American gardening.

Garden Project teachers were specifically recognized for their individualized and accelerated approach to middle school math, economics and technology education in their project The Healthy Greens Initiative. Their approach to teaching small business skills and essential math concepts within an agricultural setting has been modeled in other schools and featured on school gardening Web sites and in two curriculum manuals.

For more information about The National Gardening Association or the Youth Garden Grants Program, contact National Gardening Association, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403; (800) 538-7476; or www.kidsgardening.org. To learn more about the THMS Garden Project, visit www.sad34.net/garden or the blog at gardenproject.wordpress.com.

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Élan Hosts Kennedy-Naruse Duo in Concert



Pianist Chiharu Naruse

The Kennedy-Naruse Duo will perform a concert of chamber music for violoncello and piano at Élan Fine Arts in Rockport on Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. This intimate concert is the second musical event of the 2007 season at Élan.

Currently Jim Kennedy is principal cellist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. He maintains a regular touring and solo-performance schedule, most notably, a recent concert tour of France which included several recitals in Paris and Normandy.

Pianist Chiharu Naruse holds a master's degree in music

performance and music instruction from the Hochschule Für Musik Hanns Eisler in Berlin. She has performed in countries throughout the world, including Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Upcoming events include a Beethoven concert series at Colby College, a Mozart piano concerto performance with the Augusta Symphony and concert tours in France and Japan with Jim Kennedy.

The concert will feature J.S.Bach's Sonata No. 3 in G minor; Ludwig van Beethoven's Seven Variations on Themes from Mozart's "Magic Flute," Op.46; and Felix Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Op. 58.

Seating is limited for this concert and reservations are advised. For information and reservations, call 236-4401. A donation of \$20 is suggested.

Cellist Jim Kennedy



James (left) will be joined by bassist Dan Wilson in the Camden Library Coffeehouse concert.

Jim James at Camden Library Coffeehouse

Jim James will be performing at the Camden Library Coffeehouse on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. James will be joined by bassist Dan Wilson; singer-songwriter Erica Soucy will open the coffeehouse.

James is a true-life troubadour from Belfast and Liverpool, England. His musical journey started in the days when Mick Jagger was doing floor-spots at the Ealing Rhythm & Blues Club. He then moved on to the Liverpool scene of the late '60s, traveling around the globe with guitar and backpack, to the Camden schooners and his own Windjammer Days, and ultimately to Belfast. He and Wilson play a blend of songs learned and written along the way. James has been a mainstay at the Camden Library's Songswaps and at Belfast's New Year's By the Bay celebrations, where he and his friends provide all types of music — everything from traditional English to boppin' blues. Sailor, musician, artist, and actor, James adds, "And still enjoying the heck out of it all!"

James's roots are in the English coffeehouse scene. "Basically, my whole musical life is up through those folk clubs," he says. "We went back recently to my old club, where they've been going for 40 years! They do manage to bring in youngsters; the original players are now playing music

with their grandchildren."

Soucy recently recorded a CD with her band, Jet Black Dress, and sings occasionally with Tree by Leaf, the band led by her brother Garrett Soucy. Samples of her music can be found at jetblackdress.com, which features her original songs, guitar playing and singing.

Admission is \$5, \$4 for seniors and students. Call the library at 236-7319 for more information.

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Lakes, Ponds and Rivers at Risk

Due to some warmer-than-average early-winter weather and frequent heavy rain last fall and early winter, midcoast lakes, ponds and rivers are at risk, according to the Lincolnville Lakes and Ponds Committee.

The rain and snow event that took place on March 16 and 17 not only caused initial damage and phosphorus runoff, but also set the stage for runoff and erosion problems throughout the spring.

Landowners can reduce the effects of runoff in a number of ways: erecting staked silt barriers; placing hay-bales in ditches to absorb and redirect the flow of water; and/or building berms to divert water. Keeping culverts cleaned will also help.

Storm-water runoff contains phosphorus, an element that, when it enters a stream, river, pond or lake, can contribute to continual and damaging algal blooms, which will have a long-term, adverse effect on fishing and recreation and depreciate real estate values.

Now that spring has arrived, with already saturated earth and the deep frost leaving the ground, it won't take much of a rain storm

to create instant water runoff, causing further problems with erosion and phosphorus pollution.

All Maine residents are reminded that if they feel they have to use fertilizer on their lawns this spring, to use non-phosphorus types that are readily available. Legislation pending in Maine would, after one year, make it illegal to sell lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus except for special circumstances. Soils tests done throughout Maine show that nearly every region in the state has enough natural phosphorus to keep lawns healthy.

The Lincolnville Lakes and Ponds Committee was formed by the town in 2003 to help preserve and enhance the natural characteristics and water quality of lakes, rivers and ponds.

For more information on how to prevent soil erosion on your property, contact Laura Wilson at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program, 581-2971, 800-870-7270, or e-mail lwilson@umeext.maine.edu.

Spring Vacation Camp at Chewonki

The Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset has announced open enrollment for its upcoming Spring Vacation Camp with indoor and outdoor activities for kids. Monday through Friday, April 16 to 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily on Chewonki's 400-acre campus and inside its Center for Environmental Education.

Events and activities are designed to be fun and educational and are geared for children in grades 1 through 8. Some of the activities for younger students include arts and crafts with nature and photography, bugs, beach day, farm day, seeing live animal presentations and exploring nature in the spring-time on the Chewonki campus. Older participants will participate in activities such as learning survival skills, climbing the high ropes course, beach day, ravine crossing and



live animal presentations.

All programs are instructed by Chewonki's experienced naturalists and teachers. Enrollment is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, visit www.chewonki.org under Camp Chewonki, e-mail amorin@chewonki.org or call 882-7323, extension 35.



Friendship Harbor

The Medomak Valley Land Trust (MVL) is hosting a conservation forum to discuss the nature and future of the Medomak River watershed and Muscongus Bay region on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Medomak Valley High School auditorium in Waldoboro. There is no fee to attend and refreshments will be provided.

A recent report by the Brookings Institution indicates that changing development and growth patterns throughout Maine, especial-

MVLT Hosts Conservation Forum

ly in the midcoast, are resulting in the loss of rural landscapes, rapid suburbanization, declining home affordability and a changing natural environment.

What does this mean for midcoast communities? The Conservation Forum will help provide a local context to these findings by exploring the natural resources of the region and the industries that define its rural character. Representatives from local land trusts and a variety of natural-resource-based industries, including aquaculture, marine research, clamming, farming, forestry and ecotourism, will provide information on existing uses of the watershed and the link between economic productivity and protection of natural resources.

In addition to individual presentations, the forum will include a panel discussion and opportunities for participants to share their concerns and ideas on the future of the region. Participating organizations include Medomak Valley and Georges River land trusts, GrowSmart Maine, Maine Sea Grant, Woods Hole Group and the Maine Audubon Society.

For further information, contact MVL at 832-5570 or by e-mail at admmvlt@midcoast.com.

Cornell's Birdhouse Network: A Decade of Dedication

Citizen scientists keep tabs on the lives of nesting birds.

For 10 years, a network of dedicated birders has made it their mission to help birds by providing nest boxes where birds can raise their families — and by recording information for scientists. Together, they've kept a decade of meticulous records about when the birds build their nests, how many eggs they lay and when the gawky fledglings take their first flights. Combined, they have sent nearly 70,000 nest records to The Birdhouse Network, a citizen-science project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. These efforts have helped expand scientific knowledge about bluebirds, tree swallows, house wrens and other cavity-nesting birds for whom the motto may be rephrased, "Hole Sweet Home."

• **Getting Oriented:** Using records from participants, scientists have examined factors that affect the success of nesting birds across time and space. They have found, for example, that in northern latitudes, nest boxes facing east or northeast produce more fledglings. The hypothesis is that cavity entrances facing toward the sunrise remain warmer on cold spring mornings, increasing survival rates. In contrast, the orientation of the nest box has no effect in southern latitudes.

• **Some Don't Like It Hot:** A significantly higher number of eggs fail to hatch in the South than in the North. Researchers are investigating whether prolonged warm temperatures cause some of the eggs to start

developing before the female begins incubating, leading to abnormal development. Birds in warmer climates tend to produce more broods, perhaps to balance the loss. Scientists will be keeping close tabs on rates of hatching in the face of global climate change.

The Birdhouse Network invites participants to help in a study called "Personality Profiles." Participants follow an experimental protocol and observe how birds react to harmless novel objects placed near nest boxes. Scientists use the information to learn more about birds, such as why some species fare better in cities or around people. They invite anyone interested in animal behavior to help by joining the study.

People of all ages and skill levels can be part of The Birdhouse Network. "Without the data sent in by participants, we would not be able to track large-scale trends in the reproductive cycles of these birds," says project leader Tina Phillips. "Whether they monitor one box or 100, our participants are so dedicated to the birds, and the data they provide us year after year are incredibly powerful."

To sign up or find out more about The Birdhouse Network, visit www.birds.cornell.edu/birdhouse, or call (800) 843-2473. The project fee is \$15 (\$12 for lab members). Join in this spring to "keep your eye on the birdy" and help scientists develop a clearer picture of the lives of cavity-nesting birds.

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These are the words and phrases found in an article entitled “Still Waters” in the April issue of National Geographic. Authored by writer Fen Montaigne, the article describes the unimpeded decimation of bluefin tuna populations in the Mediterranean Sea and eastern Atlantic Ocean. These migratory animals come to the Mediterranean each year to spawn. An armada of purse-seine vessels then catch the fish, transfer them to cages and hold them in offshore pens to fatten up before being butchered for the Japanese market.

Under the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna, to which the United States and 42 other nations are signatory, the annual quota for bluefin tuna is 32,000 metric tons. According to Montaigne, the actual take is between 50,000 and 60,000 tons. Despite acknowledging that overfishing is occurring, the Commission, chaired by U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) director William Hogarth, refused to reduce the quota for 2008. Hogarth lobbied strenuously, as did the Commission’s own biologists, that the quota must be decreased and violations punished. He is quoted in the National Geographic article as saying, “The bottom line was that, as chairman, I felt I was sort of presiding over the demise of one of the most magnificent fish that swims the ocean.”

I read the piece and gazed at the disturbing pictures on a quiet afternoon last week. The next morning, my telephone rang. It was Kate Simmons, a local representative for the National Environmental Trust, asking me if I would like to participate in a conference call organized by her group with Fen Montaigne, National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry, a representative from William Hogarth’s office, Congressman Tom Allen, New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) chairman John Pappalardo and Craig Pendleton, Maine fisherman and director of the North Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) in Saco. After pondering for about 10 seconds, I said, “Certainly!”

A little background: The National Environmental Trust, based in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit organization established in 1994 whose reason for being is to disseminate information about environmental issues. The Trust uses public education campaigns to inform people of complex environmental issues in order to get them to take action. As one of its tools, the Trust uses local people in individual states to help link national problems to local issues. Kate Simmons, of Camden, is one such employee of the Trust.

A bit more background: The FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization, part of the United Nations) announced last year that, based on 2004 data, 24% of global fish stocks are exploited or depleted. In the Northwest Atlantic (which includes Newfoundland), at least 13% of our fish stocks are overfished. Around the Antarctic, 46% of the fish found in that inhospitable latitude are overfished. Krill, the tiny shrimp-like invertebrate upon which the southern ocean’s food chain is based, comprises most of that commercial catch. And in the Gulf of Maine region the debate continues about whether our codfish stocks can ever be rebuilt to their former glory.

The telephone conversation last week among the writers, regulators and a few reporters ebbed and flowed like the tide. The ethos of the two National Geographic people became clear in the first few minutes. “During my 30 years as an undersea diver I have seen the degradation firsthand,” said Skerry, who hales from Massachusetts. “I wanted to put a face on our seafood. We don’t know about the ocean animals we eat, that these underwater creatures are as amazing as lions on the Serengeti. I also wanted to shed light on the human costs worldwide [from overfishing], the social ramifications and loss of protein.”

The wholesale depletion of bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean shook Montaigne profoundly. “I found a personification of the tragedy of the commons there,” he said. He spent two summers in the Mediterranean and off North Africa to complete his story. “There is a complete lack of enforcement [by the EU] in those waters,” he said. Furthermore, what happens in the Mediterranean directly affects tuna fishermen in U.S. waters. “The fact that the tuna do an east-to-west migration means poor seasons in New Eng-

land. Fishermen could only harvest 13% to 14% of the allowable quota [of bluefin tuna] last year.”

Speaking on behalf of William Hogarth, NMFS chief science advisor Steve Murowski spoke of the agency’s efforts to reduce the bluefin tuna quota. “He [Hogarth] wanted a 15,000-ton quota. He really worked hard for that,” Murowski said. Murowski also praised the U.S. fishery management system. “We have to be able to rebuild many stocks,” he said. “The Atlantic sea scallop has rebounded as a result of cutting fishing effort and closed areas.” He noted that under the newly reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, the NEFMC must eliminate overfishing on 48 listed stocks by 2010. “We are holding scoping sessions now to give guidance to the Council on how to do this,” he said.

Craig Pendleton had a few specific thoughts on how to go about the task. “Get rid of days at sea. It’s just wrong,” he said. Over the past 12 years NAMA has offered the Council several alternative means of managing fish stocks that don’t penalize fishermen. “This year we have an expanded group working on Amendment 16 [an amendment to the New England Groundfish Management Plan to end overfishing required by law to be in force by 2008]. It’s the scale at which we do fisheries management that is out of whack. We need to be looking at inshore and offshore areas.”

John Pappalardo, who is also a member of the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen’s Association, admitted that there was merit in the much-touted concept of area management, now under consideration by the Council. “Community-based fishery management is very intriguing. There’s a lot of hope and promise in that direction,” he said. He noted that currently there is a sector allocation of the Georges Bank cod quota for his organization. “The guys no longer feel that they have to go get them. Now they self-monitor each other with peer pressure. There’s been a major change in perspective in the past three years.”

Skerry emphasized that all is not lost, that there are measures being taken now to revitalize the marine environment and all the creatures living under the sea, such as the marine protected areas in place in New Zealand. In these “no take” zones, nothing may be disturbed. As a consequence, vegetation and myriad marine animals have rebounded, creating a type of marine refuge that then seeds other underwater areas. “There are solutions out there,” Skerry said. “Better fisheries management is one. Marine protected areas are another.”

At the close of the hour-long conference call, I put down my pen and looked out the window at the serene spring landscape around my home. All looked barren. The grass was a dull beige, the maple trees dripped melted ice, and mud billowed like frozen waves around the driveway. Yet I knew that underneath the soil bulb shoots were beginning their insistent march up to the light; the lilac and forsythia buds were swollen and ready for just a few more hours of sunlight before they would pop; hidden perennial plants ringing my porch were drawing on reserves of sugar laid in last summer to fuel their sudden emergence from the ground.

While my landscape might look barren, in fact it was rich. In the oceans, however, such fecundity is being erased.

— residents of Camden Harbor. BY DAN KIRCHOFF



MARINE MATTERS

by Melissa Waterman

Fox Sparrow —

Birding with Don Reimer



Recent photo of a Fox Sparrow in Warren.

PHOTO BY DON REIMER

One of the largest sparrows, the Fox Sparrow passes through the midcoast area during the seasonal migration periods. Identified by its stocky build, grayish head and bright rufous spotting and striping, this species could be mistaken for a thrush. Of the several races that nest between northern Maine and Alaska, the eastern race is by far the reddest; by comparison, western races are nearly gray. Fox Sparrows use both legs simultaneously (called “double-scratching”) to rake through ground cover in search of seeds and insects. They will visit feeding stations and may remain at a site for a week or more to take advantage of seed tossed on the ground. During Audubon’s time in the early 1800s, Fox Sparrows were commonly trapped and sold for 10 to 12 cents each as cage birds.

CMLT Seeks Volunteer Stewards

Coastal Mountains Land Trust is looking for 10 to 15 new volunteers to help with its stewardship program, which takes care of the almost 5,500 acres of land

protected by the organization. Donate a couple of hours a month to help monitor a preserve, blaze a boundary, or maintain a trail. Volunteers are needed to serve as land stewards for individual preserves and conservation easements throughout its 15-town service region, from Rockport to Prospect. Additionally, the land trust is seeking volunteers to work on invasive-plant control projects at various locations.

The land trust will be hosting an orientation session for new volunteers at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, and will host several field training sessions in April. Contact conservation lands manager Ian Stewart at 236-7091 or by e-mail at ians@coastalmountains.org for more information.

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Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. West wind between 10-18 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 39.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Monday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Monday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday: A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 39. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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	High AM	High PM	Low AM	Low PM
Thursday	8:56	9:31	2:41	3:15
Friday	9:48	10:16	3:35	4:02
Saturday	10:33	10:56	4:21	4:44
Sunday	11:14	11:31	5:03	5:21
Monday	11:51	---	5:40	5:55
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HSKC Board Member to Match Up to \$5,000 to Lost Pet Luau Funds



Gabby, Humane Society of Knox County staffer Mandi Waldron and Starz the cat.

An anonymous board member of the Humane Society of Knox County is honoring the staff's dedication and initiative in organizing their own fund-raiser by pledging to match all revenues generated by the Lost Pet Luau fund-raiser, up to \$5,000.

"I was elated when I heard about this very generous offer. The staff has worked very hard in putting this event together to earn

money to purchase a pet-tag engraving machine. We have a wonderful opportunity to raise money for the engraving machine and to keep the important programs that we offer moving forward," said executive director Tracy Sala. "Donors can feel great that whatever they give will go twice as far now," Sala added.

The Lost Pet Luau will be held at the Time Out Pub in Rockland on Friday, March 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight. This island party will feature live music from classic rock and roll band The Pickled Beats, performing music from the '70s, '80s and '90s; Hawaiian-themed appetizers catered by Lisa Tapken Catering, including donations from

Curtis Specialty Meats, Mainly Poultry and Hannaford; a 50/50 raffle; and prizes for best male and female Hawaiian-themed outfit, courtesy of Breakwater Bookland and Breakwater Café.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Humane Society at 65 Dexter Street Extension in Thomaston or at the door the night of the event.

A Look Behind Dreamgirls Glamour

Monday MovieTalk Extra at Strand

Fans of the Saltwater Film Society of Midcoast Maine's popular Monday MovieTalk programs at the Strand Theatre will enjoy an extra added attraction this month with a special program accompanying the theater's presentation of the hit musical *Dreamgirls* on Monday, April 2. Musician/composer Walter Riley King, long familiar with the pop/R&B music scenes as a member of the legendary B.B. King Blues Band and nephew of B.B., will introduce the film and lead an informal half-hour discussion at its conclusion.

King will offer an insider's perspective, based both on his own experiences in show business and on his recent participation in Billboard magazine's Film And TV Music Conference alongside *Dreamgirls* director Bill

Condon. The film is based on the longrunning Broadway hit, which follows a Supremes-like R&B girl group through its heartbreaking climb to the top of the 1960s pop scene.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. The regular second-Monday schedule for Monday MovieTalk resumes on April 9 with a special showing of the hard-hitting family documentary *51 Birch Street*.

The Saltwater Film Society of Midcoast Maine is a nonprofit organization committed to building community and downtown vitalization through appreciation of and education about cinema. For more information, visit the society's Web site at www.saltwaterfilmsociety.org.

Girls Unlimited Tec-KNOW Conference Rescheduled for April 7

Hardy Girls Healthy Women and Platform Shoes Forum (PSF) are hosting the third annual Girls Unlimited! Tec-KNOW Conference on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield. KeyBank and Time Warner Cable are key sponsors. The title is "Biz Whiz: Be Miz Independent," and middle school girls from all over New England will be sharpening their entrepreneurial skills at a series of day-long workshops. KeyBank is offering a \$250 cash prize, and the Maine Women's Network is giving a second cash prize of \$100, which can be used as start-up capital for two lucky winners. Adults will be offered workshops; the admission price is \$20 for girls and \$35 for adults with registration before April 2. To get more information on ticket prices or to register, call 861-8131 or visit www.hghw.org.

The keynote speaker is Gabrielle Melchionda, owner and president of Mab Gabs! Melchionda started out cooking up recipes for her popular lip balms and went from being math-phobic to a financial whiz. She has received the Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility Eagle Feather Award.

Hardy Girls Healthy Women advisory board member Alyssa Matthews said, "The conference is great because here, girls can experience things they wouldn't get to experience in other places. They may think they can't do something but this conference gives them a perspective on life and on the opportunities they have as a woman that they might not otherwise experience."

"Our other key sponsor, Time Warner Cable, is as excited as we are to encourage middle-school girls toward new technologies, and now they are offering a one-year membership to Zoey's Room for each girl who attends the GU! Tec-KNOW Conference. We couldn't be more pleased," said Erin Reilly, executive director of PSF.

Zoey's Room (ZR) is a model online education program to teach 10- to 14-year-old girls about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Hip cyber-hostess "Zoey" hosts her own chat room for tween girls every day after school. She encourages them to explore STEM topics through fun challenges called Tec-Treks™ and leads informative chats with "Fab Female" role models in STEM professions. The Girls Unlimited! Tec-KNOW conference is an annual event for ZR members and other girls, allowing them to step away from their virtual lives and participate in a day full of fun-filled activities. Additional sponsors of the conference include New Girls Fund, Office of Substance Abuse, Department of Labor, and Know Technology.

Platform Shoes Forum (www.PlatformShoes.org), the developer of Zoey's Room, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify educational gaps for youth and provide innovative solutions through community outreach and technology platforms.

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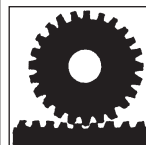
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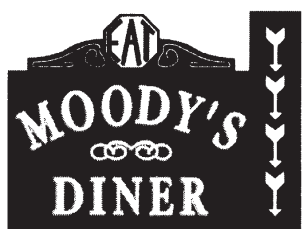
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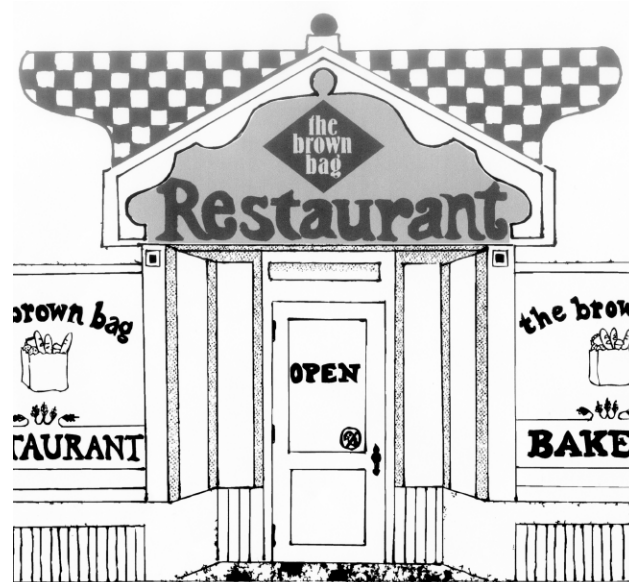
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— by Deena Carafelli

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was completed it was determined that even more space was needed for the bakery and kitchen area, so once again an axe was taken, this time to the wall on the right. This became the bakery department, with tables, glass showcases and large baking ovens in back.

All three rooms have brick walls, loaded with paintings by local artists for sale. There are newspapers available for patrons to read while they eat. The menu changes daily and is hand printed on chalkboards mounted from the ceiling.

From the start the idea was simple — offer fresh, healthy foods at affordable prices. At first the Brown Bag offered baked goods such as muffins, pastries and bagels with coffee or tea. Because of customers' requests they expanded the menu to include more breakfast items and soon lunch took off as well. Catering services both on site or in-house for parties of 30 or more are still offered. For a short time in the beginning, fine dining in the evening was offered, complete with white tablecloths and china. Although quite successful, this proved too exhausting and has since been discontinued.

Several other branches were opened — in Bangor, Brewer and Somesville — and manned by other family members, but in time these branches closed, leaving the Rockland business still going strong.

A very popular meeting place for breakfast and lunch, it continues to draw large crowds throughout the year. The bakery is not a sideline but an integral part of The Brown Bag's reputation. Catering to special orders, they even ship whoopie pies across the country. The Brown Bag also prepares entrees to go, especially around the holiday season.

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Violinist Wieck and Organist Birch Next Up in Friends of Music Concert

The First Congregational Church of Camden will hold the second in its Friends of Music Series on Sunday, April 1, at 4 p.m. Organist Kevin Birch and violinist Anatole Wieck will perform music by Bach, Biber, Locatelli, Kreisler and Shostakovitch.

Birch holds a doctor of music degree from the University of Iowa, with previous studies at the New England Conservatory and Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam. He is a member of the music faculty at the

of Boston."

Wieck teaches violin and viola and conducts the University of Maine Chamber Orchestra. Born in Latvia, he received his



Kevin Birch, organist

University of Maine, teaching organ and harpsichord and conducting the Athena Consort. Since 1992 he has served as director of music at St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor. Birch has performed for several national conventions of the Organ Historical Society in churches and colleges throughout the United States. He can be heard on the Organ Historical Society recordings "Historic Organs of Connecticut" and "Historic Organs



Anatole Wieck, violinist

early musical training in Riga and Moscow. In 1973 he came to the United States to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, where he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. He has performed throughout North America, South America and Europe and is on the roster of the Maine Touring Artists program. He has also been conductor in residence in the Rocky Ridge Music Center in Estes Park, Colorado.

The concerts will take place in the church's sanctuary. The facility is handicapped accessible, with parking in the rear of the building. A free-will offering will be taken to support the local food pantry. For more information, call 236-4821.

Coffee with Champions April 5

Reverend Fred Lipp, founding president of the Cambodian Arts and Scholarship Foundation, will be the speaker in the Coffee with Champions series at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, in the Porter Meeting Hall of Skidompha Library in Damariscotta.

The Cambodian Arts and Scholarship Foundation (CASF) is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of children in Cambodia through education. A particular focus is work with poor, at-risk girls who are, for a number of reasons, often denied equal access to schooling. In Cambodia, CASF collaborates with local communities to identify potential students, provides financial, emotional and medical support to these students and their families, and sustains this support for as long as the child wants to learn. In Maine, CASF supports the Cambodian Institute of Portland, which teaches Cambodian dance, music, customs and language to school-aged children.

Lipp says that his eyes were opened to the educational needs of girls in Cambodia by writing his children's book *The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh*. "While I am proud that my

book was named a Notable Book for a Global Society by the International Reading Association, the real excitement was discovering how the meaning of life is becoming rooted in a world consciousness. The time has come when thinking about the world is no longer relevant without thinking of emerging nations. We must seriously consider the need for clean water, good health care, basic education and, finally, equal disbursement of the wealth of the world.... Change the world, one child at a time."

Lipp retired to write after 35 years in active ministry for the Unitarian Universalist Church. He lives in Head Tide and runs the foundation with the help of his wife, Kitty. Coffee with Champions attendees will get a sneak preview of his latest children's book, *Running Shoes*, which has been published in the United Kingdom and will be published in the United States in September. It is also being published in Korea and Spain.

Coffee with Champions is a collaborative program of Skidompha, Maine Coast Book Shop and Round Top Center for the Arts. A donation of \$5 is appreciated.

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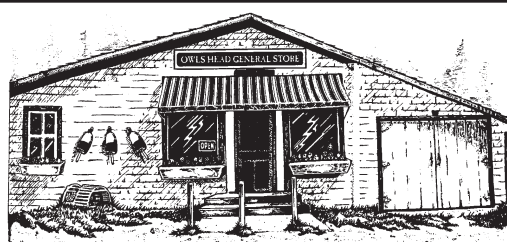
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Watershed Students Attend Model UN Conference



During the week of March 5, nine Watershed Community School students traveled to New York City to take part in the 33rd annual National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) conference. Sparked by student interest, Watershed's United States history class organized the five-day trip in response to a course focus on post-WWII U.S. foreign relations. Assigned to represent the Kingdom of Tonga, the Watershed group spent several weeks, leading up to the conference, briefing themselves on the history and political climate of this small, South Pacific island nation. Students researched key questions from the perspective of their country and submitted position papers addressing topics including Global Literacy, the Morality of Economic Sanctions, Border Security and International Law.

In addition to participating in the model UN committee sessions, students attended an opening ceremony held in the General

Assembly room of the United Nations, visited the permanent mission and embassy of the Kingdom of Tonga to meet with the Deputy Minister, and explored highlights of New York City including the New York Public Library, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Station and the Carnegie Deli. Students were accompanied by Watershed's history teacher Will Galloway, Spanish teacher Billy Smith and Annie Bailey of Thomaston.

Over 2,500 other students from around the country and around the world participated in the Model UN conference held at the UN building and at The Hilton New York. The conference was hosted by 70 college and university undergraduates from a number of countries around the world. NHSMUN simulates international diplomacy while educating high-school delegates about real-world responses to some of the most imminent crises that threaten the political stability of an increasingly global society.

Tenants Harbor Student Accepted Into People to People Forum



Anna Mynick

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Anna Mynick, a student at the St. George School in Tenants Harbor, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Mynick joined a select group of students in Washington, D.C., this week to earn high-school credit while

monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Mynick will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience firsthand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus and foster change. Mynick was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

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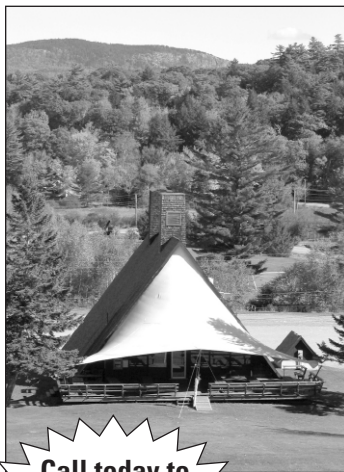
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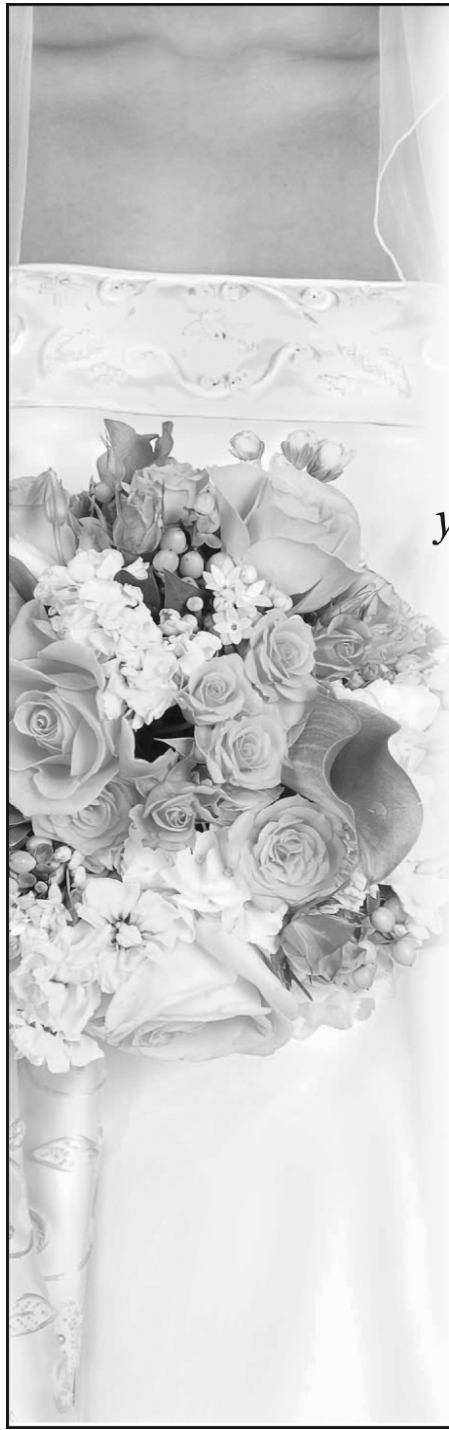
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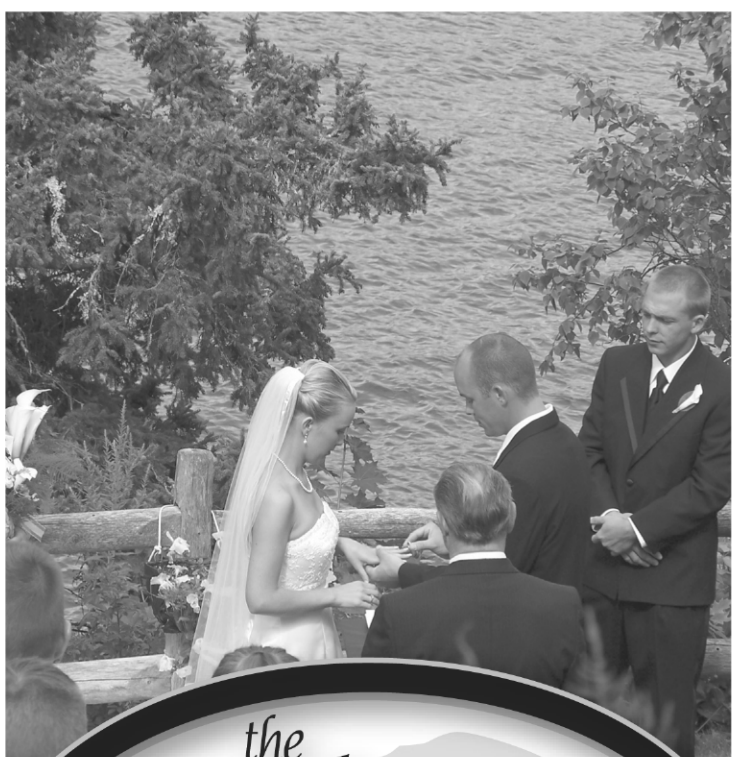
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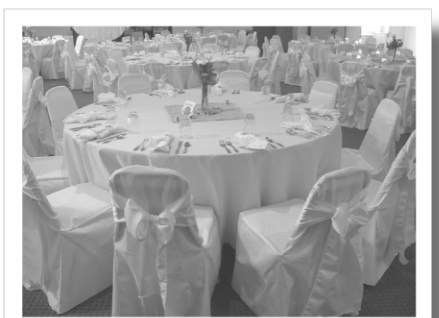
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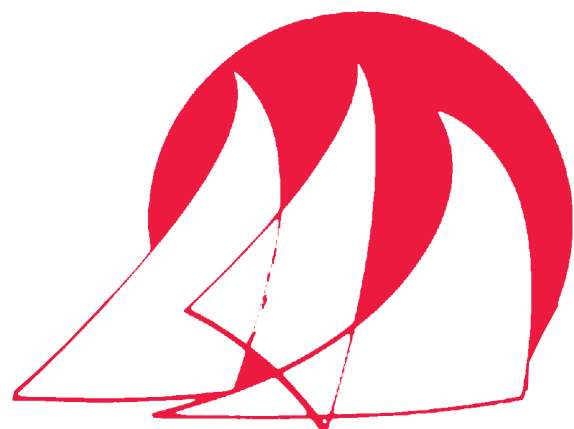
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Debra Arter Show Opens at Camden Public Library

Debra Arter will show recent prints in a solo exhibition entitled "Under Pressure" in the Jean Picker Room of the Camden Public Library from April 1 to April 29. A reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The exhibition illustrates the nature of printmaking, which has formed the basis of Arter's "visual language" for the past 20 years. Monotypes, serigraphs, collagraphs, and mixtures of all three show the Damariscotta artist's willingness to explore visual imagery.

Arter first studied printmaking under Yoshi Takahashi in Austria. Since then she has stud-



ied at Bennington Collage with Karen Kunc, Deborah Cornell and Susan Rostow as well as at the Boston Museum School and the Decordova Museum.

Arter's work is found in many collections, including the Farnsworth Museum, and her work is featured in Newell and Whittington's *Monoprinting*. She is currently enrolled in Vermont College's MFA program. She lives with her family in Damariscotta.

Library hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday until 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.



Mulford Gallery Presents The Maltese Falcon

The Robert Eddy model of super yacht The Maltese Falcon, a 289-foot clipper yacht. The original vessel was built in six years in Turkey by the Italian company Perini Navi and finished in 2006. This model was just completed and is 18 inches long. The cork in the image is for scale.

The Mulford Gallery, formerly Nan Mulford Gallery, is now owned and managed by Elizabeth May. As an art history major, May is excited about continuing with the artists that Mulford exhibited, as well as adding new ones.

The Mulford Gallery will officially start business for the season at the end of May, but will be open Saturday, March 31, from noon to 4 p.m. for a viewing of Rob Eddy's model of *The Maltese Falcon*.

Eddy, a jewelry designer and model cre-

ator, has completed a scale model of a 289' custom yacht. Taking over a year and a half to complete, he and his associates have reduced it to a desktop size of 18", maintaining every detail in precious woods and metals. This piece, as well as all his work, demonstrates Eddy's craftsmanship.

For a complete schedule of the gallery times and openings, as well as any further information, contact May at liz@mulfordgallery.com or visit the Web site at www.mulfordgallery.com.

Artist Judith Olson at Rockland Library -



On Thursday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Friends Community Room at the Rockland Public Library there will be a slide-talk by artist Judith Olson titled: "Creativity and Transformation." Olson will show images of her paintings and speak about the creative process. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made with 48 hours' notice; call the library at 594-0310.

Jefferson Artist in Tidemark Gallery Show

The Tidemark Gallery's current artist show, "Two for Two, Pastels by Cabanas and Wiley," features the work of Jefferson artist Carol Wiley.

Wiley studied art history at Mary Washington College. Working in education, she continued studying and, now retired, practices art full-time. Taking courses at the Round Top Center, pastels became her medium of choice.

In discussing her choice of pastels as a painting medium, Wiley relates, "I love the vivid freshness of the colors you can achieve in pastels. But more importantly, I love the immediacy of the medium and the kinesthetic pleasure I derive from the direct contact with the paint on the paper. Pastels allow me to experiment with numerous techniques and mix in other mediums."

An avid plein air painter, Wiley says, "In Maine, finding landscape settings is easy, the hard part is deciding what to focus on."

In addition to guest artists, the Tidemark



"Old Rusty," pastel, by Carol Wiley.

Gallery also displays works by Audrey Bechler, John Blamey, Joe Devenney, Mary Devenney, Karen Edelstein, Ardy Greatorex, Holly-Marie Haining, Gregory Holmes, Sara Hotchkiss, Emy Kanewske, Ann Makuck, Eric Michelsen, Lavendier Myers, Louise Price, Patience Sampson and Dianne Schelble.

The Tidemark Gallery, located at 902 Main Street in Waldoboro, and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CRL Chamber Unveils Photo Contest Winner

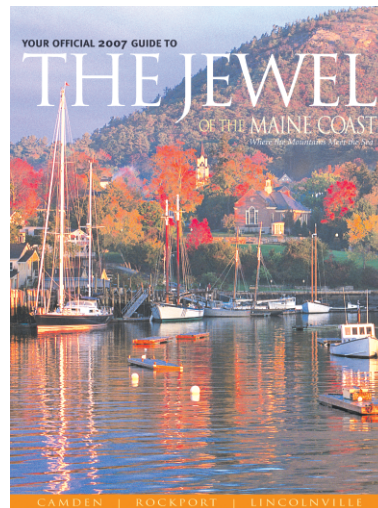
Greg Currier Receives Honors

The Camden Public Library played host to a *Jewel* unveiling last Wednesday afternoon as the Camden-Rockport-Lincolntonville (CRL) Chamber of Commerce held a reception to introduce the cover of its annual guidebook, *The Jewel of the Maine Coast*.

For the first time, the Chamber held a photo contest for the cover of the publication. From hundreds of entries submitted, Greg Currier's shot of Camden harbor in autumn emerged as the winner. The cover was presented poster-sized at the reception, and postcards were available as well.

"Selecting the cover photo was very difficult," said CRL Chamber executive

director Claire Adams. "We went through so many amazing entries, it was hard to choose. But Greg's photo stood out because it captures the beauty, and essence, of Camden harbor."



Last year the guidebook was circulated to nearly 100,000 people from all over the world. For the first time, the guidebook was made available on its Web site — www.VisitCamden.com — for downloading.

Based on the popularity and results of the photo contest, the CRL Chamber will continue the practice for its 2008 guidebook. A formal announcement of that contest is expected sometime in April.

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Jewelrymaking with Precious Metal Clay Courses

Freedom Hamlin, certified jeweler and co-owner of By George Jewelers in Rockland, will be facilitating several jewelrymaking workshops featuring precious metal clay this spring.

Hamlin has taken extensive courses in metalsmithing and jewelry, which featured instruction by artisans Tina Rath and Sharon Portelance, among others. She is certified in stone setting, which she studied in Arizona.

Her courses will focus on metallurgy and design concepts. Students will use real precious metal clay (PMC) to get used to the beginning process of making a piece of jewelry. Students will draw a design before molding and shaping the PMC and will then fire their creations using a torch. Finally they clean up, polish and maybe set a few stones

in the pieces to make them complete.

Hamlin is offering two one-day workshops. The first session is Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McLain School in Rockland. The second session is Thursday, May 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. The fee for the workshop, including materials, is \$65.

Hamlin will also lead a longer, more in-depth class, starting Tuesday, April 24, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Rockland District High School. Several projects will be completed, including creating weaved pendants or earrings, freestyle pieces, and more. The instructor will work with those with previous experience on an independent project to suit their skill set. The cost of the four-week course is \$105, including materials.

For information on registration, call 596-2018 or visit msad5.org/adulteducation.



Eva Wagner working with a student.

March Madness Family Saturday at the Farnsworth

The Farnsworth Art Museum is hosting its Family Saturday event for March, "March Madness," on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 3 p.m. Join instructor Eva Wagner for an exploration and discovery of spring. Wagner will use the Elizabeth Noyce Bequest Exhibition for inspiration as she teaches all age levels the basics of watercolor. After viewing the floral paintings and other spring-themed works at the Farnsworth Art Museum, students will be encouraged to develop their skills and creativity in a watercolors workshop at

the Gamble Education Center's studio.

Wagner received her BA in fine arts and master's in teaching from the University of Maine and has completed the Maine College of Art's Foundation Program. She has been teaching art at various grade levels for the past 10 years, including Gardiner High School, Pittsfield Elementary School and the Community School in Camden. Skilled in working with all types of media in her classes with children, she has been involved with art programs at the Farnsworth Museum for more than seven years.

CMCA Announces New Director of Development

The Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA) in Rockport has announced the addition of Elaine Ng (pronounced ENG) to its staff as director of development. She will be responsible for building and expanding support for the 55-year-old organization.



"I'm excited to connect with people who care about the art of our time," said Ng, who is an artist herself.

Prior to joining CMCA, Ng served as managing director of the Gotham Chamber Opera in New York, New York, where she was the chief executive responsible for development, marketing and public relations, and production. Ng also served as director of development and external relations for Studio Art Centers International at the Institute of International Education. Before moving to New York, Ng was associate director of San Francisco Contemporary Music Players. She has both a master of business administration degree and a master of arts degree in arts administration from Southern Methodist University. Her bachelor's degree is in music and pre-veterinary medicine from the University of California, Davis.

"The director of development does more than raise the much-needed funds that sustain our organization and help it grow," commented Oliver Wilder, president and chief executive officer. "Elaine will be communicating the significance of contemporary art and CMCA to our community, and connecting the artists and audiences we serve and those that make it possible."

Ng's primary responsibility will be to lead the fund-raising efforts for the organization. Her duties will include identifying and developing relationships with current and prospective donors, including individuals, businesses and foundations.

For more information about CMCA, call 236-2875 or visit www.cmcanow.org.

Saturday ARTblast at Waterfall Arts

Waterfall Arts Belfast presents the first-ever ARTblast on Saturday, March 31. An ARTblast is a day's worth of seasonally inspired short workshops for all ages and abilities, designed to get creative art-making energy flowing. This month's theme celebrates April Fools with mad art, the exquisite corpse, wild words, poetry workshops and a midday puppet show for young and old.

"Foolish Word Art" with Jennifer Howard, aka the "Mad-Libber," will take place from 10 to 11:15 a.m.; Howard will work with 3- to 5-year-olds in weaving wild stories and creating collage posters. At the same time, Russell Kahn will help 6- to 8-year-olds make life-size, flat, silly and highly decorated clowns and Kenny Cole will lead 8- to 12-year-olds in drawing the "Exquisite Corpse," a round-robin drawing game invented by surrealists. From 9 a.m. to noon, Beth Henderson will head up a Collaborative Corpse 3-D

Creation Workshop suitable for adults and teens. Barbara Maria will work with teens from 1 to 3 p.m. in a Slam Poetry Workshop focusing on writing poems and delivering them in a high-energy spoken word/slam style. The cost of each workshop is \$5. Call 338-2222 to register or for more information.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Linda Stec and Lynn Doubleday of Out of Hand Puppets will present "Foolish People-Foolish Animals," a shadow-puppet performance for parents and kids full of foolish antics based on cultural folk tales. Requested donation for the puppet show is \$5 per family.

During the Saturday ARTblast visitors can view the "Exquisite Corpse" exhibit in the Studio 1 Gallery and the "4 Levels of Absurdity" show in the Corridor Gallery, which runs throughout the Waterfall Arts building at 256 High Street. To find out more, visit www.waterfallarts.org or call 338-2222.

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Guest Column —

**Downtown Rockland —
It's Like Christmas Morning**

by Alan Hinsey, Economic Development Specialist,
Knox/Waldo Regional Economic Development Council

Have you been to downtown Rockland lately? The amount of renovation work going on in downtown Rockland is tremendous. It is truly an exciting time here. Many of the renovation projects are hidden under construction wraps and papered-over windows. I feel like a kid waiting for Christmas morning, when all of the wrapping paper goes flying and we all get to see what we get.

I just wanted to say thank you to all of the businesses (large and small) who have invested their time and money in downtown Rockland. The business owners who are investing in their properties are not only improving their businesses but they are also improving the downtown for all of us. The best way to say thank you to the businesses that are investing in downtown Rockland is to shop/bank/eat in their renovated buildings.

Another big thank-you must go to Rockland city officials. The foresight and hard work of Tom Hall and Rodney Lynch, among others, are what brought the Façade Renovation Grant funds to Rockland. Those funds, once matched by private investment, have helped spur many of the renovation projects happening right now. A thank-you should also go to the Rockland Economic Development Committee (a hard-working group of volunteers), who worked with city officials to design, administer and oversee the Façade Grant program.

This balanced mix of public and private investment will help keep the Rockland downtown a vibrant and thriving center of the community — but only if we all value the downtown and use it. As more and more consumer choices become available in the Rockland area, remember to patronize your downtown merchants too. They are doing their part — now let's all do ours.

**First-Ever Mid-Coast
Wedding Expo —**

On Saturday, March 3, brides and wedding professionals came from throughout the state to the premiere of the Mid-Coast Wedding Expo, the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce's newest annual event. Held at the Camden Hills Regional High School campus, the state-of-the-art facility was transformed into a glamorous wedding reception. The show would not have been possible without the support and contributions from our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, board of directors, Chamber members and staff.

Brian and Theresa Spencer from Wallace Tent and Party Rentals did a fantastic job pulling the look of the show together and erecting a full-size wedding reception tent, with all the furnishings inside. Also thanks to their excellent staff for a great job on the pipe and drape that made the show look spectacular. Captain AV Nickels Wedding and Event Center and The Lady Nickels Bridal Boutique in Searsport were instrumental in the planning of the show as well as the incredible full-length fashion show they produced.

Special thanks to the professionals who enhanced the beauty and supplied the attire for the runway models: Ciao Bella (wedding gowns), Patricia Buck Bridal (wedding gowns), Lady Nickels Bridal Boutique (wedding gowns, flower girl dresses, ring-bearers' tuxedos), For Joy Designs (wedding gown), Creative Images Hair Salon (hair and makeup), From This Day Forward (makeup), Beauty Mark Spa (makeup) and House of Cards (tuxedos). Everyone looked beautiful. Appreciation for the beautiful flower arrangements that adorned the stage, entryway and reception tent tables goes to: The Garden Café, Andrus Flowers & Gifts, and Harmon's and Barton's Flowers. Applause to our prize sponsors: Sweet Sensations (wedding cake), Michael Good Gallery (wedding bands) and Samoset Resort (Romance on the Coast accommodations package and Golf Play package). Additional thanks to Camden National Bank (shopping bags), Imagewright Annie Higbee (Tablescape sign displays) and Tango (music and vocal entertainment). Special mention to the delectable hors d'oeuvres passed throughout the event by Toast of the Town Caterer, Nebo Lodge and King Eider's Catering. Further thanks to our dedicated Chamber volunteers: Dianne Couture, Sharon Lombardo, Julee Johnson, Christopher Pope and Larry Jobe; committee chairperson/board member Peggy Bade; committee members Carol Hawkes (board member), Donna Hastings, Beth Barbuor, Annie Higbee, Ted Skowronski (board member), Michelle Painchaud, Sherri Hansen, Deltena McCormick, Nancy Grover, Julie Raye and Pete Cella (board member); and board members Mason Johnson III, Bobbie Knapp and William Maddox. Finally, for bringing the people and the event to fruition, the devoted Chamber staff: Roxanne Jobe, Linda Silvia, Shari Closter and Bob Hastings.

SUMNER KINNEY, Board President
Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce
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LETTERS
OPINIONS**Thanks to Those Who Helped
with the Start of Friendship's
Bicentennial Celebration —**

Friendship's Bicentennial Celebration of Incorporation on Sunday, February 25, started with the ringing of church bells at noon. This was the beginning of Friendship's year-long celebration. With much enthusiasm, women were spotted wearing vintage hats and clothes as they emerged from their church services.

The activities began at the Friendship Town Office at 2 p.m. with hundreds of people crowded inside and in the doorways to listen to the presentations of congratulatory letters, posters and gifts: A big thank you goes to all the residents, special dignitaries and guests who participated and generously donated their time and effort to make this a memorable event. Thanks to:

John Black, town moderator, for stepping in at the last minute as master of ceremonies for Bill Michaud; Sen. Olympia Snowe's representative, Deborah McNeil, for presentation of letter; Sen. Susan Collins' representative, William Card, for presentation of letter; Congress Rep. Thomas Allen's letter and gift of a U.S. flag that was flown in the U.S. capitol on February 1 to commemorate Friendship's 200th; Rep. Wesley Richardson's letter and obtaining the declaration from the House of Representatives and members of Senate; Sen. Dana Dow for co-sponsoring the declaration in the House and Senate and presenting it to the Town; Friendship Sloop Society commodore Roger Lee for his letter; Pam Cabanas for organizing the lobster buoy project to represent the colors of past and present Friendship lobstermen and women; Albert Simmons, a Friendship lobsterman for nearly 50 years, for placing the first miniature wooden lobster buoy in the case, representing the first lobster license in the state of Maine; Charles Murphy, a Friendship resident, for making some of the buoys and displaying his model of a 42-inch wooden lobster boat, with a hull designed by Winfield Lash; Wesley and Irvin Lash for making some of the buoys; Arthur "Bubba" Thompson for designing and donating the buoy case; Susan Lott of the Friendship Museum for the loan of Friendship artifacts and the presentation of Friendship history; Diane Cowan of The Lobster Conservancy for the presentation on Friendship Long Island with a poster and the works of the Conservancy.

At the Hahn Community Center, special thanks to the following:

Eldon Downing for directing the chorus group of residents singing sea chantey songs; Carol Ehle, pianist, for playing and organizing musical accompaniment; Margaret Gagnon for organizing the cakes, the residents' photo yearbook and the picture posters in the Hahn Center; Susie Simmons for helping with the cakes and hall decorations; Carl Simmons, 82, our town's longest-living working lobsterman had the honor of blowing the birthday candles.

Thanks to all the cake makers for the beautiful and delicious quilt cakes; Robin Reed for the notices around town; Charles Mason for taking all the pictures throughout the day; Friendship Methodist Church for the loan of the tablecloths and the use of the church for chorus rehearsals; to Friendship Homes display workers; and Friendship Village School's grade 6 for Finding Friendship CD displays. Thanks to all that helped set up and clean up as well.

We appreciated the generous contributions of Rockland Hannaford for the silverware and paper goods used and Tim Horton for the great coffee and hot chocolate. Thanks for supporting our local community.

Thanks to radio stations for announcing our birthday celebration and to our local newspapers that covered our celebration.

Thanks again to all those who attended, participated and celebrated our community spirit.

ELIZABETH-ANN BARTLETT
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Letter from Kuwait*The Sultans of School*

by Christine Parrish



Iola Cook from Hope, Maine, coaches Kuwaiti students in writing during an English class at Al-Bayan.

"Ah, you teach at the school of the sultans," an American embassy official said to Iola Cook, an American who teaches at Al-Bayan, a private bilingual school in Kuwait City.

"And, it's true," said Cook, a veteran teacher from Maine who came to Kuwait to teach middle-school three years ago. "Many of the sons and daughters of the royal families come to Al-Bayan. I've never gone to the palaces where they live, but some of the other teachers have."

In spite of announcing billions of dollars of excess oil revenues in 2007, Kuwait has all the hallmarks of a developing country with a two-tiered society that benefits a thin slice of the population—native Kuwaitis with the right pedigrees.

Many of the elite own well-staffed houses overlooking the Gulf and vacation homes in the United States and elsewhere. And many of their sons and daughters attend Al-Bayan Bilingual School because it is known to have a track record for prepping students to attend prominent American universities.

"The expectation is that all Kuwaitis will go to college," says high school guidance counselor Tammy McDonald. "About sixty to seventy percent of [Al-Bayan] students go to American colleges, mostly on the east and west coasts because their families have homes there."

If students are accepted into business, engineering, and architecture programs at American colleges approved by the Kuwaiti government, they are eligible for scholarships that cover full tuition and offer generous monthly stipends, according to McDonald.

The Al-Bayan school complex doesn't look like the school of sultans. It looks like an inner-city community college with a recent injection of cash. Asian maids in cheap blue uniforms and kerchiefs endlessly sweep the dust and garbage from concrete courtyards that separate the new brick elementary school from the crumbling middle school.

Cook, who taught at Hope Elementary School for years and was selected as a Maine Distinguished Educator in 2001, works with an American-based curriculum at Al-Bayan. The material is familiar, but teaching students in their second language requires additional skills. She picked them up quickly and was asked to represent the school at conferences in the United Arab Emirates and Thailand. In 2006, she served on an accreditation team in Syria.

Students may be taught by veteran educators and headed to the United States, but this is Kuwait, where the tenets of Islam are intertwined with public policy. Assistant school librarian Susan Mauldin, a Texan, says the Ministry of Education makes surprise visits several times a year to make sure there are no banned books on library shelves.

"Sometimes I'm surprised what they take," says Mauldin. "They've taken anatomy books before, but left one this time. They took some art books, including one with a DaVinci that showed some really mild nudity. I mean, it didn't show a breast, just the curve of the body and a hip. And they took a book on Christianity because the Star of David was on it."

The Star of David is a religious emblem often associated with Israel, which Kuwait does not recognize as a country.

Mauldin says they told the librarians to black out certain passages and pictures from children's books, including *Urban Mother Goose*. It surprised her, but no more than when a book was banned from a library in her home state of Texas.

"Harry Potter is allowed, even though it's sometimes banned in the States," says Mauldin.

After the last class of the day, the Asian maids are still sweeping the concrete blocks in an exercise that looks as unrewarding as the labor of Sisyphus, who had to push a boulder up a mountain, over and over again. A few steps away, Al-Bayan students have started a pick-up game of volleyball while their Filipino nannies sit and chat, watching and waiting for children they are employed to raise.

Christine Parrish of Lincolnville is in Kuwait for the next several weeks. This is the second in a series of letters from her that will appear in The Free Press.

ATLANTIC BAKING CO.

Savor the Tastes of Spring

Spring has blossomed at Atlantic Baking Co. on Main Street in Rockland, bringing a whole new array of seasonal treats and specialty coffees to enjoy at the bakery or at home. The popular bakery and cafe is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Monday hours will resume on May 14.

With Easter and Passover just around the corner, Atlantic Baking Co. will offer its popular Challah loaf beginning on Tuesday, April 3, and will also be preparing a special braided brioche for holiday orders. Both are perfect for a spring brunch. Call the bakery at 596-0505 to place your order for these special treats.

Also available for holiday orders are ABC's delectable breakfast muffins, scones, and croissants, and its award-winning breads and rolls for dinner. A complete list of the bakery's offerings can be found on ABC's website www.AtlanticBakingCo.com, or by picking up a list on your next visit to the bakery. Visit and find out why customers have consistently voted ABC the "Best Bakery" and "Best Bread" in the Midcoast region for three years running!

ABC Manager Judy Getman and her staff are also offering a range of coffees and pastries for spring. "We're extreme-

New Coffees and New Springtime Treats on the Menu

ly excited by the new coffee we've selected for the bakery," Getman says. "Our new signature blends—ABC Dark, Panama Berlina, ABC Atlantic Sunrise Blend, and Decaf ABC Sunrise Blend—were created especially for us by Coffee By Design. We realized that our coffee wasn't as perfect as it should be, or as hot as our customers wanted. We wanted to serve a coffee that would

be a perfect fit for the bakery," says Getman. "In response to our customers' requests, we guarantee that it will be HOT, and it will be delicious." The new coffees also will be available in one-pound bags (either whole-bean or custom-ground by ABC) to savor at home.

To complement the new coffees, ABC's pastry chefs have been busy developing new tastes for spring. These include a Raisin Almond Swirl, a heavenly pastry featuring a combination of chopped almonds, almond cream, and raisins, and a new version of the bakery's yummy Cinnamon Swirl. Also new on the menu is

an Apricot Pecan scone, which will be available on Wednesdays. It is one of three new fruit



scones, chosen in a recent customer vote, that will debut at ABC this spring. Also returning for the spring season is ABC's popular bran muffin.

A new organic whole wheat baguette joins ABC's French baguettes to help meet increasing customer demand for whole grain breads. "The new baguette is terrific for hors d'oeuvres, and pairs perfectly with our artisan cheeses," Getman notes.


For those who want a quick and delicious breakfast or lunch, ABC continues to offer its freshly made sandwiches, salads, and homemade hot soups to eat in or carry out. The bakery's made-to-order grilled cheese sandwiches are especially popular. Customers can add bacon or eggs for a breakfast treat, or ham, bacon, tomatoes, spinach or other custom ingredients at lunchtime.



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Karin Spitfire Reading in Tenants Harbor

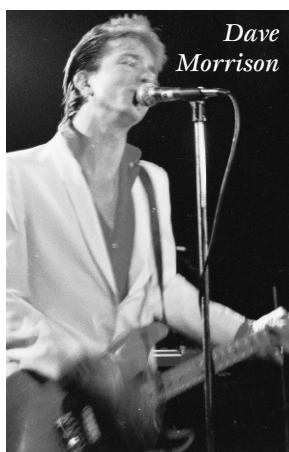


Karin Spitfire, poet and current Poet Laureate of Belfast, will read from her poem collection, *Standing with Trees*, as well as some of her latest work at Jackson Memorial Library in Tenants Harbor on Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m. From 1982 to 1986, Spitfire toured nationally performing her poem "Incest: It's All Relative" in words and dance. Spitfire's poetry and essays have appeared in *Currents: The Journal for Body-Mind Centering* and online at *Trivia Voices.net*.

Spitfire says, "I first was a prose writer, but it was too linear for me. It took me a while to figure out that I was a poet! When I begin a poem, it is a journey to find a way to express something I don't know yet. I've been involved in the women's movement for nearly 40 years; my poetry reflects that dedication."

With a master's degree in women's studies, and through *Moving Matters*, which provides movement and massage therapy in Belfast, she has been engaged in teaching, facilitating, writing, performing and working as a healer in Belfast locally and nationally for most of her adult life.

For further information, contact Yvonne Gloede, library director, at 372-8961.



Dave Morrison

Rock & Roll Poetry

On Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m., Camden writer Dave Morrison will be reading poems inspired by music at Zoot Coffee in Camden. He will also read the short story "Have Mercy," which will be featured in the forthcoming music fiction anthology *Tribute to Orpheus*. Admission is free.

Morrison began playing guitar in Boston's rock and roll bars at 17 and proceeded to play in (almost) every bar on the East Coast (including a two-nighter at Camden's Mr. Kite's in 1983). Morrison says, "I don't come from a literary background — my education can pretty much be summed up by two years of night school and a library card. Music really drives the way I write."

Zoot Coffee is located at 31 Elm Street in Camden.

Copies of Morrison's book *sweet*, in book and audio book form, will be on sale at the performance.

Poetry Discussion Series at Belfast Library

April is designated as National Poetry Month, and in celebration of this the Belfast Free Library will host Belfast's Poet Laureate, Karin Spitfire in presenting a four-part reading and discussion series on the liberation poets. It will take place on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The Maine Humanities Council has awarded the library a grant in support of this program.

The series, "Reading Out: The Rancor, Hope, Passion, and Brilliance of Liberation Poetry," will focus on the liberation poets from the 1960s and 1970s through the present: Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich, Joy Harjo, Rosario Morales, Sonia Sanchez, Judy Graham, Chrystos, Robin Morgan, Nanao, Amiri Baraka and Gary Snyder — poets who talk class, race, sex and ecological politics from the specifics of their lives. Discussed will be their historical and current relevance today.

The dates and theme for the discussions are: April 5, "The White Women" — Robin Morgan, Judy Graham and Adrienne Rich; April 12, "The Men" — Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones), Nanao and Gary Snyder; April 26, "The Black Women" — Audre Lorde, Pat Parker and June Jordan; May 3, "The Native American Women and Latinas" — Chrystos, Joy Harjo, Rosario Morales and Sonia Sanchez.

Spitfire is the author of a collection of poems called *Standing with Trees*. She received degrees in women's studies from Hampshire College (BA) and Norwich University and has been engaged in teaching, facilitating, writing, performing and working as a healer in Belfast, nationally and internationally for most of her adult life. She has taught at Unity College, the Downeast School of Massage and the School for Body-Mind Centering.

This series is free and open to the public. Those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up in advance. For more information or to sign up, call or stop by the main circulation desk of the library, 338-3884, extension 10.

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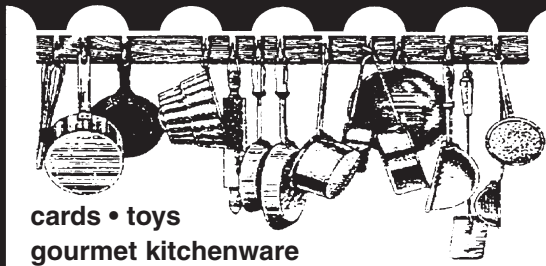
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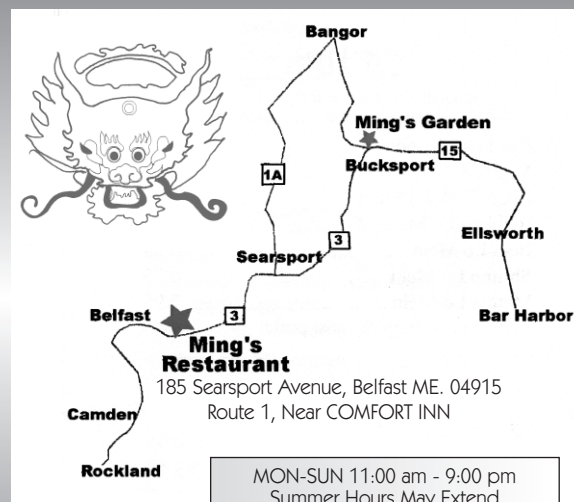
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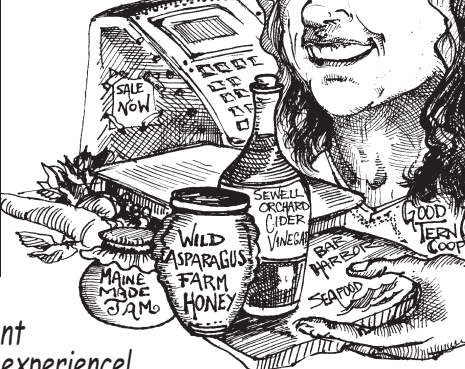
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Restorative Justice Project Honors Volunteers

On Saturday, March 31, the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast (RJP) will honor more than 60 community volunteers who have helped to introduce the project to the midcoast. The project is only about two years old, but, according to its organizers, its remarkable achievements have inspired several other counties in the state to build upon the RJP model. The Saturday celebration will be from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Boat House, 35 Commercial Street, in Belfast, and will include food and folk singing by Viki Diamond. All are invited, including children.

Margaret Micolichuk, the executive director of the project, says that because crime injures people and communities, healing can take place only when all the parties — the victim, offender, and affected members of the community — actively participate in responding to the offense. The RJP, says Micolichuk, focuses on how harm can be repaired and relationships restored, rather than focusing on what the punishment will be.

During the past 24 months, the RJP has conducted community resolution team meetings with 31 juvenile offenders whose crimes ranged from vandalism and criminal mischief to physical assault and illegal entry and robbery. In 75% of the cases, the victims were present and helped shape an agreement that was monitored by an RJP-appointed mentor. The agreements range in length from three to six months and generally include restitution, community service, and rehabilitative work, such as counseling, extra-curricular school activities, YMCA programs, or scouting. According to the RJP, of the 31 juvenile offenders, 20 have successfully completed their agreement and nine are still in progress; only two have returned to probation for court hearings.

During the past 18 months, the RJP has also assisted 11 inmates in their re-entry into the community. Teams of two mentors work with each participant, providing assistance with employment, housing, education, health care, counseling, transportation, divorce, and child custody. The relationship begins at least six weeks prior to release, in order to allow time to coordinate efforts with family, peers, work, or school, and continues for at least six months following release. The RJP reports that only one of the eleven participants has re-offended or violated probation; the total number of days they have been out of jail is over 1,800.

In an effort to reduce juvenile crime and assist young people in making healthy choices, Troy Howard Middle School is now working with RJP to utilize the Community Resolution Team process in handling school discipline issues.

Six months ago, RJP began working with the District Attorney's office and the courts to accept adult offenders who are assigned for Deferred Disposition, which is an alternative to probation or incarceration. In certain cases, the court sets conditions and a mentor is appointed from the RJP, usually for a six- to 12-month period. If the conditions are successfully met, the offender may avoid incarceration or punishment. RJP is currently involved in four deferred-disposition cases, with several additional cases pending.

Maine Ghana Youth Network Benefit —

Last Friday, March 16, a group of hardy souls braved the raging snowstorm to attend the Concert for Kissehman, a benefit performance for the Maine Ghana Youth Network in Rockland.

Thanks to this enthusiastic and generous crowd, we raised over \$800 for the organization that will help fund more educational opportunities for children in Kissehman, Ghana. We'd like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the music, dancing, food and helped support a good cause.

It was great to see how generous people can be, from the time and talent donated by all of our performers, to the support of the great people at the Unitarian Church, especially minister Mark Glovin and Aimee Moffitt-Mercer. Thanks to Mike Whitehead and Friends for their hot jazz; to Michael, Shakley and Graham for their funky sounds; to Jeff Wolovitz, Denyse Robinson and the members of Djump for bringing some African rhythms to a cold Maine night; and to all the people who stuck around and helped clean up after the event. The generosity of local businesses helped make the event a success: Good Impressions Printing, Huston-Tuttle, Good Tern Co-op, Fresh off the Farm, Rockland Hannaford, Rising Tide Natural Foods, Rock City Coffee, and the Common Market.

IAN JONES, co-director
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LETTERS OPINIONS

Wrong Moral Direction —

Every year, a great deal of legislation is proposed here in Maine — some might say too much for a state with a relatively small population. Others say that the people should have as much voice as possible in their own political affairs, and there is certainly some truth in that. The danger, though, of too many legislative documents (LDs) is that important issues may not get enough attention. A recent case in point is LD 503, which, as the summary states, “clarifies the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a permit to a beagle club to take live snowshoe hares for use by that beagle club.”

Sounds harmless enough until you read further. “Taking” means trapping and “for use” means the trapped hares will be confined and transported to a place where they will be used for “practice,” though that seems like a pretty neutral term to describe a life-or-death struggle between two animals pitted against each other in an artificial situation created by humans. Unless the hares can also “practice,” it would seem that this bill endorses a form of cheating that would not be allowed in any other sport. More importantly, this bill allows an animal to be trapped and caged and then, hungry and frightened, released so it can be chased and killed by a dog. Several terms could be used to describe this practice, but “sporting” or “humane” would not be among them.

Yet the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife recently decided that LD 503 Ought To Pass (OTP), with only one dissenting vote. If this bill is approved by the legislature, it would become legal to trap snowshoe hares and use them in the gruesome practice of rabbit penning and hounding — yet, with the exception of box traps, which were banned in 1929, Maine has not allowed rabbits to be trapped since 1905.

And let's not forget that traps are indiscriminate devices that can capture any animal that triggers them. New England cottontail rabbits, a candidate for listing on the Threatened and Endangered Species List, will inevitably be captured in devices set for snowshoe hares, a similar animal. In fact, the language of the bill clearly indicates this problem, as it directs trappers who inadvertently capture cottontail rabbits to release them. LD 503, which exposes the cottontail, already at risk, to the additional jeopardy of indiscriminate traps, is irresponsible and ecologically reckless.

This bill also promotes blatant cruelty. There are no restrictions in this bill regarding the “use” of these hares, no language requiring the provision of food and water, no limit on the length of time the animals can be chased, or what happens to the hares if they become injured or ill — though we can make a pretty good guess what their fate would be. It's almost as if there's an assumption that these animals are, well, just animals and don't have the range of emotions we humans do. But anyone who's ever had a pet knows that isn't so. Domestic animals experience fear, anxiety and despair, among other things, and they feel pain. There's no reason to think wild animals are any different.

It's been said by the bill's proponents that other states allow this practice, but if that argument has any validity — that is, if Maine should do what other states do — then we wouldn't still be trapping bears. A clearer perspective is whether the animal involved is exposed to inhumane treatment, and if that's the case, it should be realized that cruelty to animals in one area is often connected to cruelty in another. As a board member of the local Humane Society, I have seen instances of pet abuse that could well have had its roots in the maltreatment of wild animals, not to mention that there is a well-established link between animal abuse and the abuse of spouse or child.

In short, if trapping hares so they can be “used” by beagles is not a blood sport, it is certainly very close to one — but whatever it's called, it has no place in the 21st century, nor should such a repulsive activity be approved by the people's representatives on behalf of all the state's citizens, particularly the vast majority who do not hunt or trap.

Maine governor Percival Baxter once wrote, “I have not hesitated to plead for the animals of our state, who are unable to speak for themselves. I have called attention to the duties we owe all of these creatures and have emphasized the need for our being kind and merciful toward them.” LD 503 flies in the face of the kind of treatment Baxter advocated, but the bill will not become law until the entire legislature casts their votes. It is therefore not too late to oppose this inhumane measure — and reverse a step in the wrong moral direction.

DON LOPRIENO
Bristol

Time to Increase the Homestead Exemption

by Rep. Jayne Crosby Giles

It is no secret that Maine people want property tax relief for their homes. To help with this problem, I have submitted legislation to increase the state's Homestead Exemption from \$13,000 to \$25,000. The bill, LD 624, is titled “An Act to Increase the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amount to \$25,000.” (Anyone following the bill will see another legislator named as the prime sponsor. We submitted the same bill, and I am listed as a mandatory co-sponsor, along with several other legislators.)

Following is an excerpt from testimony that I recently provided to the legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:

“An increase in the Homestead Exemption will provide direct property tax relief to Maine people for their homes. The current amount of the exemption is the first \$13,000 of property value. An increase in the exemption will provide much needed property tax relief to Maine homeowners.

“The amount of Homestead Exemption appropriated out of the state's General Fund has steadily declined in Maine over the past decade, from \$41 million/year to the current \$28 million/year proposed in the 2008/09 bi-ennium budget. Why has this appropriation declined at a time when property tax relief is needed?

“During the past decade, many communities have revalued their real estate base as property values have risen. Through this process, municipal mil rates may have declined, thus lowering the DOLLAR amount of tax paid on the first \$13,000 of valuation. However, as property value assessments have increased, the TOTAL tax bill for the homeowner has gone up. The net effect is that, despite the \$13,000 in Homestead relief provided, Maine residents have paid more in total real estate taxes on their homes.

“What will a higher Homestead Exemption do? Let's take a town with a \$20/mil rate. The higher exemption will provide \$260 in direct property tax relief to the homeowner. I live in the midcoast of Maine where property values have risen considerably and revaluations have meant large increases in property taxes, sometimes as large as 100, 200 or 300% in one year. A \$260 decrease in a tax bill will be very much appreciated by all.

“As a way to fund the increased exemption, I suggest that the Taxation Committee consider ‘exporting’ some of Maine's tax burden to out-of-state property owners.

“A higher Homestead Exemption, which applies only to Maine homeowners, shifts more of the tax burden to out-of-state property owners. As example, the state of Idaho has a \$75,000 homestead exemption for Idaho citizens. Two other tax changes to consider would be: (1) a separate user tax for out-of-state ownership and (2) more tax on property sales involving non-Maine residents.

“Finally, any increase in the exemption should be fully funded by the state so we do not place the burden back on the municipality. The time has come — let us work together to provide a greater amount of tax relief for those who need it most, our Maine homeowners.”

Rep. Jayne Crosby Giles of Belfast represents House District #43, including Belfast, Belmont, and Northport. She serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Faith of Seasons

In Winter's exodus
the ground softens;
the clutch
of frozen skies
releases the flood
of Spring's returning hue.

The gritty, brown
snow recedes. New grass
untangles itself
from thick mud.

As long as the day
will wait, the sun
pursues every inch
of the swollen earth.

Soon, the din
of an April
breeze resonates
like a choir hymn
among the rafters
of a church. The air
is clear; my faith
returns with the pale blue
salvation of Summer, awaiting
the resurrection of Autumn's
blazing harvest moon.

By Michelle Dee, Rockland

MPBN & The humble Farmer—

To MPBN Radio, Attn: Charles Beck:

I am writing on behalf of 14 or so regular attendees of the Coastal Senior College coffeehouse, held weekly in Thomaston, Maine. We wish to go on record as more or less regular listeners to your broadcasts, who are saddened by the story in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor, which described the attempt to censor or muzzle Robert Skoglund, leading up to dropping his regular program.

"The humble Farmer's" Friday evening program of wit, wisdom, commentary and entertainment (interspersed with his selection of music) has been a staple of MPBN for at least the past 20 years. It has been enjoyed by a wide-ranging audience of people who believe in free speech and who value good-natured criticism of the foibles of their neighbors and/or political figures. It is we who will be the losers if MPBN continues its faltering race to the middle of the swamp of mediocrity.

We hope you will invite Bob back to the microphone.

PETER HAVILAND

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Shut Up, They Say —

Maine Public Broadcasting has demanded that The humble Farmer shut up. Skoglund has been slapped with a list of restrictions on his speech or be shut down. For 30 years, Skoglund has been making us laugh til we cry about politics. Now, he is being curbed. Is he a terrorist or a patriot?

DEBBY ATWELL, *Rockland*

Four Years Ago —

I recall watching television coverage of the Iraq invasion some four years ago, writing bits and pieces of a poem as I watched. On the surface, the TV images were triumphant, contradicting, even scorning the words coming from my pencil. Most commentators and politicians promised "Iraqi freedom will ring," but the Iraqi faces, the false smiles on the tense Iraqi faces, spoke of foreboding tragedy. Now in our fifth year of war, we know those faces told the truth. Our mission was doomed from the start, and it breaks your heart.

A weary soldier extends his hand
to the children of this tribal band.
They shout AMERIKA, but give no thanks
To our alien boys in their space age tanks.
Smile, kid, this is freedom!

And the radio sings "Iraqi freedom will ring."
What a curious thing; such a curious thing.

Unlike their friends, these kids survived
the suicide bombs, the martyrdom prize.
Our troops face ambush around the bend.
A warrior's survival could well depend
on reading a smile.

And the radio sings "Iraqi freedom will ring."
What a curious thing, such a curious thing.

Behind the cheers are two tyrant fears
A cleric preaches "there's no water for tears.
Past betrayal, not elation, dulls hunger and sorrow.
Now you must eat. You can fight on tomorrow.
Smile and say HI."

And the radio sings "Iraqi freedom will ring."
What a curious thing, such a curious thing.

This winter of war will end in the spring
No one can say what the summer will bring
Except widows and orphans will grow up like weeds
Unwanted by anyone, with all of their needs.
Surviving on a smile.

Yet the radio sings, "Iraqi freedom will ring."
What a curious thing, such a curious thing.

JACK KENNEDY, *Nobleboro*

LETTERS OPINIONS

Full-Scale Greenhouse Long Overdue for Five Town CSD

Belfast has one, Medomak has one and even tiny Isleboro has one.

We are talking about a full-scale greenhouse for our schools. Imagine students growing produce for the cafeteria and the community, and selling flowers and seeds for fund-raisers. Students will develop life-long good eating habits and some children will taste tomatoes for the first time. Kids of all ages will learn from hands-on experience about seeds, soil, solar power and Spanish herbs.

Rob Lovell runs a wonderful greenhouse at our high school. But we envision a larger greenhouse that could enrich students at all three schools as well as our community, food banks and seniors. The high-schoolers can mentor elementary students and programs can be tailored for each grade level.

The template exists for this type of program already. Schools nationwide are on board. Our community has a wealth of impassioned and gifted gardeners who are ready to become involved.

We have been trying as a group for four years to bring this vision to fruition.

We have met with greenhouse suppliers, administration officials from multiple schools, school board members, enthusiastic students, staff and parents. Key people in the administration and on the school board have expressed their support. We have recently received encouraging support from the middle school. However, there are still many hurdles to overcome. Sadly, we are no closer now to a greenhouse than when we started.

The message has always been that the time is not right. There's always another pressing issue or project that takes priority. We often wonder whether these are of greater benefit to our young people than a full-scale greenhouse would be. This is not a budget issue. We are confident that we can obtain grants and funding for the cost of the greenhouse, construction and supplies.

The greenhouse at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast has received national acclaim. A full-scale greenhouse here is long overdue. We are reaching out to the community to ask anyone interested in this project to support us in making this a reality. Please contact one of us and we will tell you how you can help.

BECKY THOMPSON

Lincolnton

PATRICIA WELTE

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The Bond Package: Cultural Organizations Are Part of Maine's Infrastructure, Too —

The legislature and the governor are considering a bond package over the next few weeks to submit to the voters. Most of the discussion will be around transportation needs, water, research and development, and preserving threatened land.

For a truly balanced and fair bond issue, funding needs to be provided to help the state's cultural organizations — which are just as important a part of our state's "infrastructure" as roads, sewers, and high-tech development that support our economic development.

The governor has recommended in his package a \$5 million bond issue for the New Century Community Program, which provides grant money to cultural organizations and institutions throughout the state. Public libraries, historical societies, museums, artists, galleries will be beneficiaries. Many of the grant programs of the Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Library and Maine Archives can match funds that are raised locally. Since a match can double the amount of money available to meet a need, we should bring that kind of support to the tasks whenever possible. That kind of collaborative approach has proven to be very effective, and it is that kind of approach we should encourage.

Knox County's cultural organizations are very important to our quality of life and our economic development prospects. The vibrancy of our libraries, historical societies, public schools, museums and theaters is one of the factors that make Knox County a great place to live.

Let's make sure that all of Knox County's needs are included in any bond package.

LEE WEBB

Union

Response to March 15 "Road to Ruin" Guest Column

On March 15, The Free Press featured a guest column by state Senator Christine Savage and Representative Chris Rector about the poor condition of Maine's roads and bridges and how it poses a risk to drivers and contributes to the state's struggling economy. The solution, they write, is to re-prioritize government spending in favor of "our neglected transportation infrastructure" in order to "encourage business to invest here and create quality jobs."

If the legislators had their druthers, what current "priorities" would they replace? Perhaps ones that don't involve agencies that lack accountability to taxpayers and that hand out lucrative construction contracts at taxpayer expense — as does the Maine Department of Transportation. Or perhaps the sundries of underfunded programs, like the Maine Clean Elections Fund. "You have a right to an economy stimulated by intelligent and responsible funding, not sabotaged by reckless spending." Of course, the legislators don't acknowledge the criminal spending of their Washington allies on national "defense" that could be re-directed to actually benefit people rather than feeding the war machine.

Regarding money for road repair, "We are already deeply in debt." If this really concerns them, they would have to work toward balancing the state budget. Forget it — that would require nothing short of fundamental tax-system reform. As politicians, they have little incentive to implement meaningful reform because of intricate ties politicians enjoy with business.

The ties grow only stronger as Mr. Rector's "jungle of business regulations" is cut. For example, business-backed initiatives are under way to make it harder for towns and school districts to tax second homes (of rich people) and investment properties. Never mind that such measures erode local tax bases and encourage sprawl. What matters is they support a system that supports politicians, and they are "business friendly."

Maine's "natural resources, high quality of life ... and unrivaled coastline" mean we can overdevelop like the rest of the country? Pretending we could, even the Silicon Valleys of the world don't bring the quality of life offered in an egalitarian society. That's not how capitalism works. Mr. Rector doesn't mention the other part of his scenario: the Subways, Home Depots (and other generic enterprises that send profits back to headquarters) that would pop up along a self-created "mobility corridor" such as the long-planned East-West Highway through Maine. Offering a business climate more friendly than where jobs are being outsourced to these days would not be pretty. This same corporate-friendly mentality at the national level is what destroyed Maine's quality jobs long ago.

"They (companies considering Maine) don't like congestion." So let's widen roads to handle more cars, more commuting, more commercial trucking. Meanwhile, scientists are linking global climate disruption to anthropogenic carbon loading; biologists are reporting unprecedented loss of biodiversity to climate change. The U.S., who refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, produces ten times more greenhouse gases per capita than the world average. Maine has the highest rate of adult asthma nationwide. Are we to assume that more asphalt and sprawling development will not exacerbate these trends? Is this change inevitable? If so, sustainable?

While detractors of global warming warn us against alarmism, they use alarmism to voice their own urgencies. Our legislators cite TRIP, a group that researches data on highway transportation. For Maine, the research shows how many bridges and roads are bad, how few are good, how many should be good, how much damage is done to vehicles, etc. "Would they (business coming to Maine) like to hear that our roads and bridges are in such bad shape that our vehicles get beat up ... (costing \$285) extra per year?"

Although TRIP exists to provide statistics for myopic politicians to lament over, much of the same information supports a different argument. "Commercial trucking in Maine is projected to increase 52% by 2020." This is good for some major supporters of TRIP: businesses involved with engineering, construction and financing of highways. But it also should get us thinking:

TRIP arose out of the Eisenhower-era highway craze. The interstate highway system came about because a growing need was accommodated. Years later, the growing need has intensified and is projected to continue intensifying. Continuing to accommodate it should be seen as the problem itself. Otherwise, we end up like our myopic politicians, protecting the status quo and rejecting meaningful alternatives. That is what guarantees a road to ruin.

SCOTT M. SMITH

Camden

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Georges Valley High School

2007 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 16	Hall-Dale	12:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 18	Wiscasset	12:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 23	Jay	4:30 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Hall-Dale	4:30 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Mountain Valley	4:30 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Lisbon	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 2	Madison	4:30 pm	HOME
May 4	Dirigo	4:30 pm	HOME
May 7	Wiscasset	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 11	Mount Abram	4:30 pm	HOME
May 14	Livermore Falls	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 16	Boothbay Region	4:30 pm	HOME
May 18	Carrabec	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 21	Monmouth	4:30 pm	HOME
May 23	Winthrop	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 25	Telstar	4:30 pm	HOME

Varsity Softball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 16	Hall-Dale	12:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 23	Jay	4:30 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Hall-Dale	4:30 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Mountain Valley	4:30 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Lisbon	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 2	Madison	4:30 pm	HOME
May 4	Dirigo	4:30 pm	HOME
May 7	Wiscasset	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 11	Mount Abram	4:30 pm	HOME
May 14	Livermore Falls	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 16	Boothbay Region	4:30 pm	HOME
May 18	Carrabec	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 21	Monmouth	4:30 pm	HOME
May 23	Winthrop	4:30 pm	AWAY
May 25	Telstar	4:30 pm	HOME

Boys Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 23	Hall-Dale	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 25	Wiscasset	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Dirigo	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 30	Boothbay Region	4:00 pm	HOME
May 2	Monmouth	4:00 pm	HOME
May 4	Winthrop	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 8	Mount Abram	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 11	Madison	4:00 pm	HOME
May 14	Mountain Valley	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 16	Lisbon	4:00 pm	HOME
May 18	Jay	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 21	Carrabec	4:00 pm	HOME


Girls Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 23	Hall-Dale	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Wiscasset	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Dirigo	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Boothbay Region	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 2	Monmouth	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 4	Winthrop	4:00 pm	HOME
May 8	Mount Abram	4:00 pm	HOME
May 11	Madison	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 14	Mountain Valley	4:00 pm	HOME
May 16	Lisbon	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 18	Jay	4:00 pm	HOME
May 21	Carrabec	4:00 pm	AWAY

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Noteworthy

THURSDAY, MARCH 29:

► **UMaine Bands in Concert**, 7 p.m., Strom Auditorium, Camden Hills Regional H.S., Rte. 90. The UMaine Symphonic Band presents a varied selection of works by Bach, Shostakovich and others. The UMaine Jazz Ensemble will perform blues and big band music. The CHRHS Symphonic, Concert and Jazz bands will join the university ensembles for a selection at the concert's end. Free.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30:

► **Maine Home and Garden Show**, Fri., Mar. 30, noon-7 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 31, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sun., Apr. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Costello Sports Complex fieldhouse, USM, Gorham. Outdoor garden and interior designs, spas, post-and-beam structures, alternative energy systems and many vendors. \$7/\$2 ages 7-17/under 7, free.

► **State of Maine Sportsman's Show**, Fri., Mar. 30, 4-9 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 31, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sun., Apr. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Augusta Civic Center, exit 35 off I-95. 150 exhibitors, including a catch-and-release trout pond for kids, hunting and fishing seminars and a virtual offshore sport fishing experience. \$7/\$4 ages 5-12/under 5, free.

► **Sounds Good! Music Series**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson Hall, 280 Water St., Gardiner. Spring music series features Miscellania, Bowdoin College's only all-female a cappella group. \$10/\$4 students. FMI: 582-7144.

► **DaPonte String Quartet in Concert**, Fri., Mar. 30, 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle. A program of works by Beethoven, Barber and Brahms. Concert repeated Sat., Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m., State Street Church, Portland, and Sun., Apr. 1, 3 p.m., United Methodist Church of Brunswick. \$20/\$18 seniors/21 and under, free. FMI: 529-4555 or www.daponte.org.

► **Poetry Reading by Dave Morrison**, 7 p.m., Zoot Coffee, 31 Elm St., Camden. Morrison will read poems inspired by music as well as his short story "Have Mer-

cy." Copies of Morrison's poetry collection *sweet* (in book & audio form) will be on sale at the performance as well as at Owl & Turtle in Camden, Mr. Paperback in Belfast and Village Books & Prints in Washington.

► **Mac McHale & Emery Hutchins in Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St., off Rte. 202. Songs from Ireland, the mountains and the sea by members of the Old Time Radio Gang and the Angel Band. \$10. FMI: 948-7469 or show@unitymaine.org.

► **Lost Pet Luau**, 7 p.m.-midnight, Time Out Pub, Main St., Rockland. Island party features live music from the Pickled Beats, Hawaiian-themed appetizers, a 50/50 raffle and prizes for best Hawaiian outfits. Benefits the Humane Society of Knox County. \$15.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31:

► **Caribbean Night**, 7 p.m., Opera House at Boothbay Harbor, 86 Townsend Ave. Limbo, Hawaiian shirts and music by the 25-member Yarmouth-based Pan Fried Steel drum band. \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door. FMI: 633-5159.

► **Eliza Gilkyson & Mary Gauthier in Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Strand Theatre, 345 Main St., Rockland. Urban folk and country noir music from two of today's most insightful singer/songwriters. \$20. FMI: 594-0070 or www.rocklandstrand.com.

► **A Reading for Chechnya**, 3 p.m., Gulf of Maine Books, Maine St., Brunswick. Readings by poets Ken Rosen, Michelle Morgan, Jim Mello, Otto Emmersleben, Karin Spitfire and Gary Lawless. Bring a book of poetry to send to the poets and readers at the university library in Grozny, Chechnya, and donations to help pay for the mailing of the books.

► **Local & Sustainable Foods Conference**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St., off Rte. 202. All-day open house features information by groups working on food issues in Maine, speakers, forums and workshops, concluding with a dinner of local foods from 6-8 p.m. and music by local musicians. \$15/\$10 dinner. Donations of non-perishables are welcome and diners are encouraged to bring place settings for lunch. To register, call 692-2571 or 1-888-874-3593.

► **Warren Community Involvement Fair**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Warren Community School, Rte. 131. WAVE (Warren-A Vision for Everyone) Fair will offer information from 35 organizations with strong links to the town — churches, youth groups, fire dept., library, school, land trusts and more. To participate, call 273-3154.

► **Ashwood Waldorf School Fund-raising Auction**, 5-10 p.m., Owls Head Transportation Museum, Rte. 73. "Simple Gifts of Maine" will feature a buffet dinner by L'Acadie Catering, dance music by the nine-piece band Roundabout and an online auction. For tickets or information, call 236-8021. To view auction items, visit www.ashwoodwaldorf.org.

► **Fund-raising Dinner and Auction**, 5 p.m., Wave Café, Camden Hills Regional H.S., Rte. 90, Rockport. Proceeds go to Boy Scout Troop 200 for upcoming camping trip to Gettysburg National Military Park. Dinner features spaghetti, salad and dessert. Rosey Gerry will auction off items donated by local businesses and individuals. A table valued at \$1,200 made by furniture maker Kurt Quint of Lincolnville will also be raffled. Raffle tickets, \$10 each (maximum of 120 sold), available by calling 763-3387, 691-2958, or 236-8805. Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$8 and available at Village Variety in Camden.

► **Penobscot Bay Singers Spring Concert**, Sat., Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Apr. 1, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, High St., Belfast. The program features Bach's Cantata 106 ("Actus Tragicus") with three vocal soloists and a seven-instrument ensemble. Admission is by a suggested \$10 donation.

► **All-Brahms Concert**, 8 p.m., Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 27 Bartlett St., Lewiston. Bates College and Maine Music Society concert features 260 musicians for an evening of works by Brahms, including his Requiem, sung in German and with full orchestra. \$15 in advance/\$17.50 at the door/free to students. Tickets: 782-7228. For general information or to reserve student tickets, call 786-6135.

► **Opening of New Waldoboro Library**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 958 Main St. Maine's First Lady Karen Baldacci will speak and visitors are welcome to enjoy tours and entertainment by harpist Carla White, the Sheepscot Sound Barbershop Quartet, and the Tapestry Singers, try Laura Cabot's refreshments, sign up for door prizes and sign up for new library cards. In the children's room, Ellie Libby will sing and read to children and Carol McFadden will entertain them with stories, puppets and songs.

► **Auditions for The Glass Menagerie**, 10 a.m., Maskers Waterfront Theater, Front St., Belfast. Roles available for two males ages 20 to 30 and two females ages 20 & 45. FMI: www.belfastmaskertheater.com. (Continued on p. 35)

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Passover: A Special Ecumenical Potluck Supper

Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 PM, with Rabbi Amita Jarmon

The Midcoast Interfaith Alliance invites you to enjoy a multi-church celebration of Passover. Reservations are required.

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 5, 6:30 PM

This communion service of tenebrae, or "shadows," takes us into the experience of Gethsemane with Jesus and the disciples.

Easter Sunrise Service – Samoset Resort

Sunday, April 8, 5:30 AM

Gather in the lobby for a special waterfront service on the Golf Course at sunrise, followed by breakfast at the church.

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 8, 10:00 AM

Our traditional Easter celebration with special music by combined choirs, handbells, trumpet and baritone horn, and organ.

ROCKLAND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

2007 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 20	MCI	1:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Belfast	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 2	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	HOME
May 4	Maranacook	4:00 pm	HOME
May 7	Mt. View	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 9	Winslow	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 11	BYE		
May 14	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
May 17	MCI	1:00 pm	HOME
May 18	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
May 21	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 23	Waterville	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 25	Belfast	4:00 pm	HOME
May 29	BYE		

Junior Varsity Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 20	MCI	1:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 25	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Waterville	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 30	Belfast	4:00 pm	HOME
May 2	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 4	Maranacook	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 7	Mt. View	4:00 pm	HOME
May 9	Winslow	4:00 pm	HOME
May 11	BYE		
May 14	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 17	MCI	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 18	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 21	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
May 23	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
May 25	Belfast	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 29	BYE		

Varsity Softball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 20	MCI	1:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Belfast	4:00 pm	AWAY

May 2	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	HOME
May 4	Maranacook	4:00 pm	HOME
May 7	Mt. View	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 9	Winslow	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 11	BYE		
May 14	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
May 16	MCI	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 18	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
May 21	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 23	Waterville	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 25	Belfast	4:00 pm	HOME
May 29	BYE		

Junior Varsity Softball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 20	MCI	1:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
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May 23	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
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May 29	BYE		

Boys Tennis			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 13	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Belfast	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 2	MCI	4:00 pm	HOME
May 4	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
May 7	Maranacook	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 11	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
May 14	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
May 16	MCI	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 18	Belfast	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 23	Last Countable		
May 25	Singles Round of 40		
May 26	Singles Round of 16		

May 28	Singles, Semis & Finals		
May 29	Regional Team Prelims.		
May 31	Regional Team Quarterfinals		
June 2	Regional Team Semifinals		
June 6	Regional Team Finals		
June 9	Team State Championship		

Girls Tennis			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 13	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 23	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 25	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Belfast	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 30	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
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Track			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 20	Lewiston	10:00 am	AWAY
Apr. 24	Camden Hills	3:30 pm	AWAY
Apr. 28	Waterville Relays	9:00 am	AWAY
May 4	Winslow	3:30 pm	AWAY
May 11	Morse	3:30 pm	AWAY
May 15	Waterville	3:30 pm	AWAY
	Freshman Invitational		
May 18	Leavitt	3:30 pm	AWAY
May 21	Mt. Ararat	3:30 pm	AWAY
May 26	KVAC Championship	9:00 am	AWAY
May 28	KVAC rain date	TBA	AWAY
June 2	State Meet	TBA	AWAY
June 9	New England	TBA	AWAY

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May 25	Rockland	4:15 pm	AWAY

Junior Varsity Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Waterville	1:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 20	Winslow	1:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 23	Lincoln Academy	4:15 pm	HOME
Apr. 25	Maranacook	4:15 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Mt. View	4:15 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Rockland	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 4	Camden Hills	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 7	MCI	4:15 pm	HOME
May 9	Medomak	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 11	Oak Hill	4:15 pm	HOME
May 14	Waterville	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 16	Winslow	4:15 pm	HOME
May 18	Lincoln Academy	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 21	Maranacook	4:15 pm	HOME
May 23	Mt. View	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 25	Rockland	4:15 pm	HOME

Varsity Softball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 18	Waterville	1:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 20	Winslow	1:00 pm	HOME

Varsity Softball (continued)

Apr. 23	Lincoln Academy	4:15 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	Maranacook	4:15 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Mt. View	4:15 pm	AWAY
Apr. 30	Rockland	4:15 pm	HOME
May 4	Camden Hills	4:15 pm	HOME
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May 23	Mt. View	4:15 pm	AWAY
May 25	Rockland	4:15 pm	HOME

Boys Tennis

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Apr. 20	Waterville	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 25	MCI	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 27	Rockland	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 30	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 2	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
May 4	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	AWAY

Boys Tennis (continued)

May 7	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
May 9	Maranacook	4:00 pm	HOME
May 14	Medomak	4:00 pm	HOME
May 16	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 19	Rockland	4:00 pm	HOME
May 21	MCI	4:00 pm	AWAY

Girls Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Apr. 20	Waterville	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 25	MCI	4:00 pm	AWAY
Apr. 27	Rockland	4:00 pm	HOME
Apr. 30	Camden Hills	4:00 pm	HOME
May 2	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 4	Lincoln Academy	4:00 pm	HOME
May 7	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 9	Maranacook	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 14	Medomak	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 16	Oak Hill	4:00 pm	HOME
May 19	Rockland	4:00 pm	AWAY
May 21	MCI	4:00 pm	HOME

Boys/Girls Track

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 20	Brunswick, Mt. Blue, Maranacook	11:00 am
Apr. 25	Camden Hills, Rockland, Messalonskee	3:30 pm
Apr. 28	Waterville Relays	10:00 am
May 4	Erskine, Lincoln Academy, Medomak	3:30 pm
May 11	Morse, Rockland, Maranacook	3:30 pm
May 15	Freshman Invitational	3:30 pm
May 18	Edward Little, Mt. Ararat, Camden Hills	5:00 pm
May 26	KVAC Championship	10:00 am
June 2	State Championship	TBA

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LOW-RISK DISCS

By Gordon MacLachlan

The DVD of "The Good Shepherd," which was quite good, is being released Tuesday. And Pedro Almodovar's "Volver," already recommended in this column, is on its way too, and that's a must-see.

But it wouldn't matter if the documentary footage of the burial of Jimmy Hoffa was coming out next week—there's only one thing on my mind right now, and it's a dream come true, and a very strange dream at that.

Fans have waited over 15 years for it. Doesn't matter that it's been available on VHS, because the image and the sound are so striking that only a DVD could do them justice. And word is, justice has finally been done. The Second Season of the finest show in TV's short history arrives Tuesday, completing the digital incarnation of David Lynch and Mark Frost's "Twin Peaks."

Back in 1989, when rumors were flying that the smartest visionaries from both TV and film were collaborating on a surreal, soap-opera murder-mystery, expectations were high. But we had no idea what we were in for. Though the series tends to polarize audiences—it asks for a lot of patience and stretches credibility to its limits—no open-minded viewer could deny that the writing, acting, and photography this show offers make most programs look like something bootlegged off of local cable access in Nebraska. At times bizarre, funny, philosophical, and terrifying, you could always depend on the show's originality and good-hearted characterizations, and its compelling interweaving of storylines. And there's still nothing like it to be found; despite claims that it has influenced a host of modern dramas and comedies, most critics are hard-pressed to find much that bore its mark until more than a decade after its sad demise, which came in the form of the cliffhanger at the end of Season Two. If I ever get to Heaven, I'll trade my place for a Season Three; but I'm afraid my getting through the pearly gates is a lot more likely than such closure ever happening. It's over, and all we can do is enjoy what we've got. And I will.

Like many worthwhile goals, obtaining all the episodes in the series to view them in chronological order is difficult but doable. You first need to get a hold of the Pilot, which, for ownership reasons that ultimately don't matter but always seems to crop up when it comes to Lynch, isn't part of the Season One box set. To complicate matters, a version of the Pilot was released in Europe that contains an "ending" which includes footage from later episodes. You don't want to see this tacked-on stuff until it appears in its rightful place throughout Season One. So, you want to find the original TV Pilot on DVD, and of course it's only available as an import, word being that a Canadian version may be the best choice for sound and image quality. You may also try to seek out a Twin Peaks fan (we're creeping around everywhere) and borrow whatever version she has—VHS, bootleg, transfer, or what have you.

Finding the Pilot's the tough part—everything else is pie. Once you've seen the Pilot, you just watch the Season One box set, then Season Two. Of course, they've stopped making the Season One box set. I told you this wouldn't be easy.

But it's worth it, it really is. I actually caught an airing of the Pilot on DIRECTV the other day, on a new channel called Chiller, which specializes in terror-tinged programming. So it's in the air. And it's still as good as it gets.

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Documentary and Short Film Competitions Seek Entries

The 2007 Maine Documentary Film Competition and Maine Short Film Competition are seeking entries.

The two competitions are sponsored by the Maine Film Office and the Maine Film Commission and are open to Maine residents age 19 and older. All entries will be judged by juries of Maine film professionals.

Winners of the two competitions will have their films screened at the Maine International Film Festival in Waterbury this summer.

All entries must be received by the Maine Film Office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.

For more information and a registration form, e-mail the Maine Film Office at filmme@earthlink.net or call Katie Woodbury at 624-7483.

VIDEOS & DVDs

Just Released 3/27 —

HAPPY FEET G/Family/Dir: George Miller (Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman) Into the world of the Emperor Penguins, who find their soul mates through song, a penguin is born who cannot sing. But he can tap dance something fierce! A great new animated film is ready.

Recent Releases —

BLOOD DIAMOND R/Action & Drama/Dir: Edward Zwick (Leonardo DiCaprio, Djimon Hounsou, Jennifer Connelly) A farmer, a smuggler, and a syndicate of businessmen match wits over the possession of a priceless diamond.

BORAT R/Comedy/Dir: Larry Charles (Sacha Baron Cohen, Ken Davitian, Pamela Anderson) Kazakhstani TV talking head Borat (Cohen) is dispatched to the United States to report on the greatest country in the world. With a documentary crew in tow, Borat becomes more interested in locating and marrying Pamela Anderson.

CASINO ROYALE PG-13/Action/Dir: Martin Campbell (Daniel Craig, Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen, Judi Dench) James Bond's first mission, where he must stop a banker from winning a casino tournament and using the prize money to fund terrorist activities.

THE DEPARTED R/Thriller/Dir: Martin Scorsese (Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson) Two moles, one a mobster working as a Boston cop, the other a cop working for the Irish Mafia, are ordered to find and kill their counterparts if they want to live. Colin Sullivan (Damon), hand selected by mob boss Costello (Nicholson) to infiltrate the police, must ferret out his nemesis, ex cop, ex con Billy (DiCaprio), now employed by the mob.

THE GUARDIAN PG-13/Action Drama/Dir: Andrew Davis (Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Derek Adams) In an effort to find his place in life, a troubled young man enlists in the Coast Guard, where he's taken in by a renowned rescue swimmer who's hardened by the loss of his team from an old accident. Together maybe they can both mature and overcome their personal problems.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE R/Drama/Dir: Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Farris (Abigail Breslin, Greg Kinnear, Paul Dano, Alan Arkin, Toni Collette) A family determined to get their young daughter into the finals of a beauty pageant take a cross-country trip in their VW bus. In the process they learn more about themselves than they could have imagined.

OPEN SEASON PG/Animated Comedy/Dir: Roger Allers, Jill Culton, Anthony Stacchi (Martin Lawrence, Ashton Kutcher, Gary Sinise) Boog, a domesticated 900 lb. grizzly bear, finds himself stranded in the woods three days before open season. Forced to rely on Elliot, a fast-talking mule deer, the two form an unlikely friendship and must quickly rally other forest animals if they are to form a rag-tag army against the hunters.

STRANGER THAN FICTION PG-13/Comedy/Dir: Marc Forster (Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson, Dustin Hoffman, Maggie Gyllenhaal) Kay Eiffel (Thompson) is an author attempting to cure her writer's block by killing off her story's main character, IRS auditor Harold Crick. But Crick (Ferrell), who is a dull, by-the-numbers worker bee, turns out to be a real person, suddenly able to hear the author's voice in his head. With his crush on Ana (Gyllenhaal), the baker he's auditing, Crick must stop Kay before she writes his death.

In Our Theaters

mostly by Lisa Miller Week of March 30 – April 5

Short descriptions of movies that are playing locally

300 R/Drama/Dir: Zack Snyder (Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, Dominic West) The battle between a Persian army of thousands and 300 brave Spartans spills onto the screen. Scenes of spearing, beheading and dismemberment are part and parcel of the heroic effort to stop a Persian advance on Greece at Thermopylae, a narrow mountain pass. Gerard Butler appears as King Leonidas, leader of the remarkable 300 hardened soldiers determined to hold their position against all odds. Back in Sparta their queen (Headey) pleads with council bigwig Theron (West) for permission to send more troops.

AMAZING GRACE PG/Drama/Dir: Michael Apted (Ioan Gruffudd, Richard Bailey, Alex Blake) The idealist William Wilberforce maneuvers his way through Parliament in 18th-century England, endeavoring to end slavery in the empire.

BLADES OF GLORY PG-13/Dirs: Josh Gordon, Will Speck (Will Ferrell, Jon Heder, Will Arnett) Permanently banned from competitive men's singles skating, two former Olympic rivals (Ferrell and Heder) agree to enter the pairs skating competition as partners. Dorks wearing Spandex sets the stage for a glide into goofiness that could raise the fun quotient of this serious-minded sport.

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA PG/Family/Dir: Gabor Csupo (Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Zooey Deschanel) Fifth grade kid Jesse Aaron wants to be the fastest runner in his grade. Sadly, a new girl named Leslie Burke arrives at school and takes the title. Despite losing, Jess becomes Leslie's friend. While playing together they discover a magical kingdom in the woods, where the two rule together as monarchs and the adventure really begins.

DREAMGIRLS PG-13/Musical/Dir: Bill Condon (Beyonce Knowles, Jennifer Hudson, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy) "Dreamgirls" is a musical biopic depicting three decades of song, fashion and decor, loosely based on Motown Records and The Supremes. Hudson portrays The Dreamette's first lead singer, replaced by the prettier, cutthroat singer (a thinly veiled Diana Ross), played by Beyonce Knowles. Jamie Foxx stands in for Berry Gordy Jr., Motown's founder and manager of The Dreamettes. Both Hudson and Knowles render a compelling song each, but the watermark character, James Early, belongs to Murphy. He's an R&B singer fighting addiction, and waning public interest, whose struggles provide an achy-breaky vignette.

GHOST RIDER PG-13/Action/Dir: Mark Steven Johnson (Peter Fonda, Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes) Based on the Marvel character, stunt motorcyclist Johnny Blaze gives up his soul to become a hellblazing vigilante to fight against power-hungry Blackheart, the son of the devil himself.

THE HILLS HAVE EYES II R/Horror/Dir: Martin Weisz (Daniella Alonso, Jacob Vargas, Michael Bailey Smith) In the New Mexico desert, a group of intelligent mutants, altered by nuclear testing, attack a clutch of National Guard trainees.

THE LAST MIMZY PG/Fantasy/90 min/Dir: Robert Shaye (Timothy Hutton, Chris O'Neil, Rhiannon Leigh Wryn) In a field of wild flowers, beneath a clear blue sky, a teacher from a future utopia tells her students the tale of Emma, a little girl instrumental in helping a stuffed bunny, known as Mimzy, to save mankind. The group of fresh-faced urchins are enthralled as the instructor explains that this was to be the last of several Mimzys sent into the past. In the present day, we see young Noah and Emma Wilder (O'Neil and Wryn) find a box of oddities while vacationing at the Washington seaside. The Mimzy toy was part of a kit containing seemingly innocuous items. Before long, Mimzy speaks to Emma in drones understandable to her alone.

LITTLE CHILDREN R/Drama/Dir: Todd Field (Kate Winslet, Jennifer Connelly, Patrick Wilson, Jackie Earle Haley, Gregg Edelman) Based on the novel by Tom Perrotta, this film centers on a handful of individuals whose lives intersect on the playgrounds, town pools and streets of their small community in surprising and dangerous ways.

MEET THE ROBINSONS G/Animated Family/Dir: Stephen J. Anderson (Daniel Hansen, Wesley Singerman, Angela Bassett, Laurie Metcalf) Lewis (Hansen) is an orphan and inventor. At age 12, while attending a science fair, Lewis' memory scanner is boosted by a time-traveling, bowler-hat-wearing thief. Wilbur (Singerman), a young stranger from the future, offers to take the inventor forward in time to meet Lewis' descendants and retrieve his gizmo. Highly imaginative scenarios and terrific animation.

PREMONITION PG-13/Thriller/Dir: Mennan Yapo (Sandra Bullock, Julian McMahon, Nia Long, Amber Valletta, Peter Stormare) Housewife Linda Hanson (Bullock) suddenly finds herself living each day out of chronological order. One morning she awakens to find her husband is dead, the next morning, he's alive and everything is fine. Can she unlock the clues to his unexpected death and prevent it?

SHOOTER R/Action-Thriller/Dir: Antoine Fuqua (Mark Wahlberg, Michael Pena, Rhona Mitra) Wahlberg appears as Bob Lee Swagger, a retired sniper pressed into service to protect the president from an assassination plot. Instead, Swagger is framed, compelling him to flee the law along with the underground group responsible for framing him.

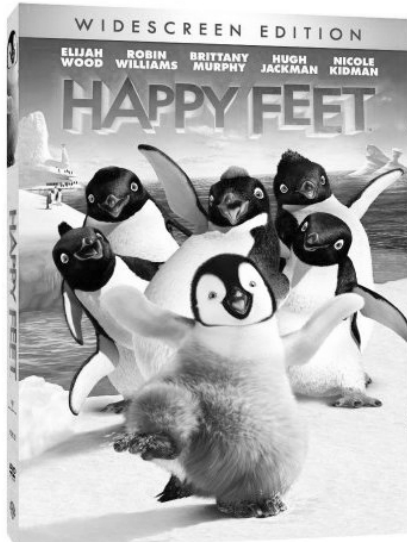
TMNT PG/Animation/Dir: Kevin Munroe (Patrick Stewart, Mako, Chris Evans) Ninja turtles Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael reunite in order to defeat the master (Stewart) controlling an ancient army of stone soldiers. Sarah Michelle Gellar voices turtles pal April O'Neil, while Laurence Fishburne narrates.

WILD HOGS PG-13/Comedy/Dir: Walt Becker (Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta, William H. Macy) Four friends buddy up to escape on a road trip astride their "Hogs" — Harley Davidsons. But the joyride soon spirals out of control when the guys accidentally blow up a bar frequented by a sadistic gang of motorcycle-riding bullies. Our goofy heroes ride off, hoping to avoid the inevitable showdown with the bikers.

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Calendar of Events

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► **"A Birder's Year at Weskeag,"** 2 p.m., Ross Center, Merryspring Nature Center, Conway Rd., off Rte. 1, near the Camden/Rockport line. Don Reimer will give those attending the inside scoop on what to see and when at the Weskeag Marsh in Thomaston. \$5/free to members and children. Cookies and tea served. FMI: 236-2239.

► **Talk on James Beard,** 6:30 p.m., Camden Library. Josh Gamage of Maine Coast Catering will present Beard's cookbooks, recipes and biography, along with samples from the cookbooks.

► **Midcoast Young Professionals Network After Five Social,** 5:30-8 p.m., Narrows Tavern, Waldoboro. The group is open to young professionals (ages 21-40) from Brunswick to Waldoboro. FMI: 563-8340.

► **"The Herbalist Is In,"** 12:30-2 p.m., Good Tern Co-op, 750 Main St., Rockland. Herbalist Deb Soule from Avena Botanicals will answer brief herbal and health-related questions.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30:

► **Italian Cooking Class,** 6-8:30 p.m., Penobscot School, 28 Gay St., Rockland. Class with Nancy Harmon Jenkins highlights the recipes and food of Puglia. \$60 fee includes food and wine. FMI: 594-1084 or www.languagelearning.org.

► **Free Dinner,** 5-5:30 p.m., Salvation Army headquarters, Rte. 1, Rockland.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31:

► **Spring Campus Open House,** noon-3:30 p.m., Southern Maine Community College, 86 Fort Rd., So. Portland. Open to anyone interested in learning about the college and the degree programs it offers. Tour campus and residence halls, learn about off-campus options, athletics, and how to enroll. FMI: 877-282-2182.

► **Mid-Maine Rose Society Meeting,** 11:45 a.m., Stratton Manor, Rte. 194, Pittston Village. FMI: 832-7074.

► **March Madness Auction,** 5-6 p.m. preview and hot food items served; 6 p.m. live auction, D.R. Gaul Middle School gymnasium, Rte. 17, Union. Over 200 items, including Red Sox tickets, gravel, jewelry, certificates for local businesses and more. Benefits eighth-grade class trip to NYC.

► **Slide Lecture by James Dodson,** 2 p.m., Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Barters Island Rd., Boothbay. Dodson will speak on his botany-related trip to South Africa and other adventures chronicled in his book *Beautiful Madness — One Man's Journey Through Other People's Gardens*. \$15. FMI: 633-4333.

► **Plants Unlimited Arts & Crafts Festival,** Sat. & Sun., Mar. 31 & Apr. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rte. 1, Rockport. 15 Maine artists and

crafts people will exhibit their work in the new display greenhouse called The Farmhouse. Rustic garden furniture, raku pottery, paintings and photographs, birdhouses and more will be featured. Free.

► **Mini Book Sale,** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Belfast Library, 106 High St.

► **Maine Maritime Academy Open House,** 7:30 a.m. registration, Alford Student Center, Castine. Programs on academic majors, extracurricular activities and options in student lifestyles. Continental breakfast and lunch free to all participants. To register, call 1-800-464-6565.

► **Pancake Breakfast,** 8-11 a.m., Knox County Flying Club, Dublin Rd., Owls Head. \$5 per person includes coffee, pancakes and sausage. For fly-ins: located on the south side of RWY 13-31 at the clubhouse. Contact club on 123.05 for pick-up.

► **Book Sale,** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., People's United Methodist Church, So. Thomaston. Sale of used books, CDs, tapes, magazines, and videos.

► **Dance with Ed Beaudoin and The Fugitive Band,** 7-11 p.m., Thompson Community Center, Rtes. 17 & 131 S., Union. BYOB; snack bar is open. Door prize and 50/50 raffle. \$8/\$15 couples. FMI: 785-2202.

► **Restorative Justice Project Celebration,** 3-5:30 p.m., Boat House, 35 Commercial St., Belfast. The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast will honor more than 60 volunteers at an event that will include food and singing by Viki Diamond. All are invited.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

► **Morris Farm Volunteer Training,** 1-3 p.m., Rte. 27 N, Wiscasset. Volunteers will be shown information about the programs offered and allowed to choose the activities for which they'd most enjoy donating time. FMI: 882-4080.

► **April Stools Day Event,** 1 p.m., Belfast Boathouse. Friends of Belfast Parks encourage area dog owners to join them in some much-needed spring clean-up. Pick-up and garbage bags provided. Rain date is Apr. 15. FMI: 338-1704.

► **Mid-Coast Bluegrass Jam,** noon-4 p.m., Waterfall Arts Center, 256 High St., Belfast. Martha Hills and Don Depoy host a session in which all levels of players are welcome. \$3 listeners/\$2 musicians. FMI: 323-4800.

MONDAY, APRIL 2:

► **Talk by Pat LaMarche,** 12:45, Kiwanis Club of Rockland, Samoset Resort, Rockport. Author, broadcaster and sometime political candidate LaMarche will discuss and read from her book *Left Out in America: The State of Homelessness in the United States*. Lunch is served at 12:05 and is \$13 per person. FMI: 594-0390.

► **"Divorce & Beyond" Support Group,** eight Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Center, 150 Broadway, Rockland. Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute offers a

program that uses a faith-based book to discuss the difficulties and emotions that occur during and after a divorce. Open to all faiths, but registration is required; no new participants will be allowed after the second session. \$20. FMI: 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 772; e-mail familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

► **Tray Favors Group Meeting,** 10-11:30 a.m., Waldo County General Hospital Education Center, 118 Northport Ave., Belfast. The group will meet to make tray favors for patients in the hospital on Easter. Anyone interested may drop by; craft supplies are provided. FMI: 930-2677.

► **Meeting of Appleton Historical Society,** 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Sennebec Rd. "Appleton History in Photos" will be presented by Carolyn Brown, who has digitally archived photos from the 1900s to the present. Free and open to the public. FMI: 785-4293.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3:

► **New Weight Watchers Sign-up,** 12:30 p.m., Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber, Breakwater Rm., Park Drive, Rockland. FMI: Kathy at 892-3004 or 653-1007 or Roxanne at 596-0376.

► **Parkinson's Support Group Meeting,** noon-1:30 p.m., Quarry Hill, Camden. Carl Barker, president of the Maine Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association, will put his own upbeat spin on coping with Parkinson's. FMI: 230-6224.

► **College Planning Workshops,** 1-4 p.m., University College at Thomaston. Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) assists in choosing a college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career counseling; and college and financial aid applications. All MEOC services are free. To sign up, call 1-800-281-3703.

► **Seminar on Financial Empowerment for Women,** 6:30 p.m., Camden Library. Presented by Sarah Ruef-Lindquist of Union Trust Company. FMI: 236-8490.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4:

► **Third Night Seder,** 5:30 p.m., Rockland Congregational Church, 180 Limerock St. Passover Seder led by Rabbi Amita Jarmon of Adas Yeshuron Synagogue is open to community members of all ages and is followed by a potluck. *Sign-up requested by Thurs., Mar. 29.* FMI: 594-8656.

► **CMLT Volunteer Orientation,** 5:30 p.m., Coastal Mountains Land Trust, 101 Mt. Battie St., Camden. Volunteers wanted to help with CMLT's stewardship program and on invasive-plant control projects. FMI: 236-7091.

► **Social Lunch Program,** 11:30 a.m., Coastal Community Center, Overlook Bldg., 521 Main St., Damariscotta. Lunch is followed by a program on "Senior Preparedness" with Karen Hoffman, director of emergency services for the midcoast chapter of the American Red Cross. Donation is \$4.50/\$3.50 for those over age 60. *Call by noon on Tues. for reservations; 563-1363.*

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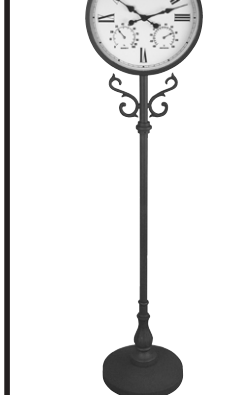
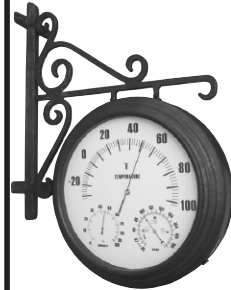
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The benches are made of recycled plastic, cedar in color, are made by a Maine company in Biddeford and cost \$550 each. Individuals and organizations are welcome to purchase them; the price includes a memorial plaque and engraving, if desired. They must be purchased before Saturday, March 31, with half the cost mailed to the Town of Warren (put "for Old Mill Park benches" on check), and the remainder due in June 2007. Those desiring a memorial bench should note that, as forms will be available.

Further information, pictures, forms, etc., may be obtained by calling Joan at 273-2622.

Maine Media Women Panel on Self-Publishing

Four self-published authors and a digital print publisher will discuss "Self-Publishing: Why and How" at the next meeting of Maine Media Women (MMW) on Saturday, April 7, at the Bremen Public Library. Networking and coffee begin at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Moderating the panel will be Bess Urbahn of Camden, who will discuss the publication of her book, *Poles Apart: The Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Colonel Bernt Balchen Odyssey*. Other panelists are Ria Biley of Rockland; Davene Fahy, Thomaston; Christopher Fahy of Thomaston, author of 15 books, who will talk about his self-published novel, *Breaking Point*; and Jane Karker, the owner of Custom Museum Publishing in Rockland. Urbahn, Biley and Davene Fahy are members of Maine Media Women.

The meeting is open to the public. Suggested donation is \$3 for MMW members, \$5 for nonmembers. For more information about this program or MMW, contact Janice Lindsay, 563-6835, janice@janice-lindsay.com., or visit www.mainemediawomen.org.

D.R. Gaul March Madness Auction

The seventh-grade class from D.R. Gaul Middle School in Union will host the fifth annual March Madness Auction in the middle school's gymnasium on Saturday, March 31. Members of the community are encouraged to attend. A preview of items is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6 p.m. Hot food items will be available beginning at 5 p.m. Over 200 items will be auctioned. Highlights include: a seven-drawer dresser (cherry top/crackled vintage onyx base); several lobster traps; two Red Sox tickets, fourth row, behind the opposing team's dugout, Thursday, May 17, vs. Detroit; gravel; two Adirondack chairs; 18" pearl necklace; gift certificates from local businesses; and more. The auction benefits the seventh-grade class and is a fund-raiser for their eighth-grade class trip to New York City in 2008. The school is located on Route 17, next to Mic Mac Market. A complete list of items can be requested by e-mailing lizchase@tidewater.net.



Skidompha's New Spanish Study Program for Kids —

Lissette Gonzalez, Spanish instructor for Skidompha's new Spanish language program for second, third and fourth graders, with her daughter, Martha. Gonzalez, a native of Guatemala and resident of Damariscotta, teaches at the Ashwood Waldorf school in Rockport. The pilot project

will be held Thursdays after school at Skidompha starting April 5 and concluding May 3. There will be no class April 19 because of school vacation.

Old Mills of East Union



Morgan's Mills in 1985.

Continuing its 2007 theme of "All About Union," Union Historical Society will present a program on "Old Mills of East Union" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, in the Robbins House on Union

Common. Speaker Richard Morgan owns the Morgan's Mills complex in East Union and has made an extensive study of the history of the buildings.

In 1797 homesteader John Lermond built a saw mill at the dam on the pond which bears his name. Over the years, the water-powered complex has manufactured flour, shingles, barrel parts and granite monuments. In 1978, the empty buildings were purchased by Morgan, who restored the mill and its machinery to their original function of grinding flour. Morgan's Mills is now listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. For more information, call 785-5444 and leave a message.

Palm Sunday Pageant—



Rockland Congregational Church, 180 Limerock Street, will present HOSANNA!, a Palm Sunday Processional, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, in the sanctuary. This dramatic pageant features a costumed cast and a live donkey and lamb, as well as music by the Chancel and Handbell choirs, the Midcoast Brass Quintet, and organist Dick Einsel.

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Friday, March 30 — Venus is aspecting Saturn, bringing hidden problems to the surface in personal relationships. Someone feels that their needs aren't being heard or considered. It's time for an open, honest, in-depth conversation if you want your relationship to grow and blossom. Mercury and Uranus are close together in Pisces, suggesting that your intuition is clear as can be. Some brilliant insight may come to you today. Venus is nicely aspecting both Mercury and Uranus until Sunday night. Your relationship stands a chance of evolving if both of you are ready to make some changes and give a little more to the other. Between 5 and 7 p.m. the Moon will harshly aspect the Sun — not a good time for a serious, honest discussion. This would be the time to be alone and get really clear about where you stand in your relationship.

Saturday, March 31 — From 10 a.m. until noon the Moon will aspect Saturn, offering you patience and good concentration. Between 1 and 3 p.m. the Moon will aspect Jupiter. This aspect is known to encourage optimism and increased faith, but not good old common sense. It's a great time for daydreaming. Pluto will be turning retrograde at 4:33 p.m. and will remain so until September 7. What is meant by "turning retrograde" is that the planet is moving so slowly compared to the speed of the other planets that it is calculated as if it were moving backwards, but it's not. While Pluto is retrograde, world events are still focused on what is going on and progress is somewhat stifled until there is a major shift in consciousness. This shift would be reflected by outer events becoming more harmonious. Pluto is still located at the "galactic center" of the Milky Way, which is 26 degrees of Sagittarius. Pluto has been at this position since late January 2006. This is a huge opportunity for personal transformation of old ways of thinking, going back eons. We can all evolve and grow and see the shift take place on the planet for all of humanity if we each do our part. That means putting your attention on becoming a better individual: more loving, compassionate, honest and giving. When this takes place within each one of us we will see wondrous results in the outer world.

Sunday, April 1 — Fool's Day: Happy is he/she who knows that glorification of ego-personality is indeed a joke. Religions teach this, yet miss the mark when preaching certain dogma particular to their own religion. With Pluto in Sagittarius since 1995, religions worldwide are being scrutinized closely. It's time to search deeply within yourself to discover what you really believe in. With Pluto retrograde until September, you've got plenty of time to do so. We're aiming for the Full Moon midday on Monday, so emotionally you might be a bit topsy-turvy now. Venus is aspecting Saturn harshly, suggesting that your feelings are hurt

more easily. Mercury and Uranus are close (conjunct) and are in a positive aspect with Uranus. A new relationship could start up quickly due to a strong sexual attraction.

Monday, April 2 — Mars is nicely aspecting Pluto, offering you plenty of physical energy and determination. You can accomplish your goals and more if you're organized. The Full Moon will take place at exactly 1:16 p.m. with the Moon in Libra and the Sun in Aries. Your feelings are apt to be more explosive. You may find yourself blurting out thoughts you had intended to keep private. Mercury is aspecting Jupiter, which would also suggest the tendency to speak out too quickly.

Tuesday, April 3 — Venus is aspecting Neptune until late tonight. Watch out for the expectations your mind conjures up — they could set you up for a big disappointment. Mars is aspecting Pluto until Wednesday night. Your self-confidence is increasing and it feels great. You need to be physically active; playing sports would be fulfilling. Mercury is still aspecting Jupiter, so watch out for the tendency to get scattered. Your mind is having a hard time focusing. From 7 to 9 p.m. the Moon will aspect Mars, increasing your physical energy. From 8:30 until 10:30 p.m. the Moon will aspect Pluto, offering you insights.

Wednesday, April 4 — Mercury will favorably aspect Neptune, favoring music and art for personal expression. There's an easy flow taking place that bypasses the mind. Mars is aspecting Pluto until later on tonight. I picture you with lots of energy and enthusiasm all day long. Venus is aspecting Neptune until late tonight. Your fantasies of how romantic love should be are confusing you about the reality of what it really is. It's likely that you're not seeing your partner clearly, because you don't want to feel the disappointment. Hey, we're all "perfectly imperfect." Seeing clearly means that you may not want to continue on in this relationship. Life is full of changes.

Thursday, April 5 — Mercury is in a positive aspect with Venus. You'll find that if you write out your thoughts and feelings words are flowing more easily. The Sun is nicely aspecting Uranus — I'm hoping that you will find new ways to express your individuality by taking some artistic risks. Step out of the box. Jupiter will be turning retrograde at 7:55 p.m. and will remain so until August 7. While Jupiter is retrograde you will struggle with finding the right words to convey your innermost thoughts. Perhaps this is meant to be, so that you have more time to process them. Certain words or phrases mean different things to different people; this can muddy the waters when it comes to communicating clearly. We've got until August 7 to learn from this.

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Erin Reilly Honored for Innovation in Education

Executive Director of Platform Shoes Selected as National Finalist for Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards



Erin Reilly with a Zoey's Room member.

Erin Reilly, the executive director of Platform Shoes Forum, a nonprofit consulting group in Rockland, is being honored by the cable industry for creating and implementing innovative ways to educate students and for making a substantial contribution to learning in her community.

Time Warner Cable and Cable in the Classroom (CIC), the cable industry's education foundation, announced that Reilly has been chosen as a finalist for the 2007 Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards. The annual awards program, now in its third year, honors exceptional administrators, educators, community leaders and policymakers who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in education.

Finalists will be eligible for a national Cable's Leaders in

Learning Award that includes \$3,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony at the Library of Congress this coming June.

Hundreds of applications were received from across the country for the 2007 Cable's Leaders in Learning Award. Reilly is one of only 43 finalists, and she is being recognized in the General Excellence award category for co-creating Zoey's Room, a national online community that encourages girls ages 10 to 14 to expand their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and other 21st-century skills. Zoey'sRoom.com, designed to introduce or re-engage young girls with STEM using a "culturally savvy, cool tech community," is the only character-driven Web site providing girls with one-on-one access to Zoey, who chats online with girls every day and encourages them to try online challenges.

Keith Burkley, Time Warner Cable New England Division president, said, "We congratulate Erin for being named a Cable's Leaders in Learning Award finalist and for her extraordinary contribution to education in the Rockland community and beyond, a commitment to children's learning that Time Warner Cable shares and applauds."

Reilly has had great success with her program. "I have heard from numerous after-school program leaders that girls who participate in Zoey's Room are more confident than other students, and in a recent evaluation of the Web site, 52 percent of girls said that because of Zoey's Room they are more interested in STEM," she said.

Up to 15 finalists in five categories will be chosen to receive a Cable's Leaders in Learning Award.

For more information on the awards and the 2007 finalists, visit www.leadersinlearningawards.org.

Union Chamber of Commerce Awards Announced

Over 60 members and guests attended the Union Area Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner last Thursday. Martha Johnston-Nash, president of the group, reported



Kathy Graffam, owner of Mic Mac Market, accepting the award for Business of the Year.

a strong year with many accomplishments, including a new Web site and a guide/map to be introduced before the summer tourist season.

The Organization of the Year award went to the Union Masonic Lodge 31 and Mount Olivet Masonic Lodge 203 of Washington, who were recognized for the numerous activities they perform for the good of the communities and the people of the communities they serve. Tom Heath, master of Union Masonic Lodge 31, accepted the award. Chris Vigue, master, accepted the award on behalf of Mount

Olivet Masonic Lodge.

Francina Pearce of Hope was named Community Volunteer of the Year. She was recognized for her unselfish devotion to the community. Pearce has served her town as a selectman and school board member, has headed up many dinners to benefit the Hope Fire Department and has been the Hope correspondent for The Camden Herald for 20 years.



Community Volunteer of the Year Francina Pearce of Hope (left) with Union Chamber president Martha Johnston-Nash.

The Business of the Year award went to Mic Mac Market in Union. A gathering spot on Route 17 for many years, Mic Mac Market was recognized for its strong support of the community as well as for its dedicated employees.

Cliff Richards Still on the Job After 46 Years

Clifton H. Richards was presented with a special birthday gift from his colleagues and staff at the Camden Public Library during an in-house celebration on March 7 recognizing his 91st

year. Richards, born in 1916, is still on the job after 46 years. A brass plaque with the following inscription was presented by Charles (Todd) McIntosh, which will be mounted to a Camden Harbor Park bench this spring. The plaque reads, "Clifton H. Richards, Library Custodian, Grounds Keeper 46 Years." Elizabeth Moran, director, and David Jackson, parks and grounds director, also gave presentation remarks.



Richards, left, is presented with a plaque honoring his 46 years of service by Todd McIntosh.

Richards is one of three Pitcher/Richards family members credited with 120 years of Camden Public Library service. Cliff Richards began full-time library employment on April 1, 1959. Philemon Pitcher, Richards' father-in-law, was the library custodian/grounds keeper for 36 years. Many people still have vivid memories of Phil's mechanical and exhibit talents. Pitcher's wife, Doris Ogier Pitcher, was a longtime library director, with 37 years of service.

The 2003-2004 Camden Town Report was dedicated to Richards. As one of Camden's treasures, he was also included in a recent oral history interview project, which can be accessed at the library and the Camden Area History Center.

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Jeffrey Charland, Farnsworth Museum store manager and Downtown Rockland Alliance member, presents a check to Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce director Bob Hastings as the Alliance joins the Chamber. The Alliance held a meeting, sponsored by Waterworks Pub and the Historic Inns of Rockland, at Waterworks recently to plan their upcoming event schedule. Membership in the Downtown Rockland Alliance has been opened to all area businesses and the public. The group meets at 8 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber office on Park Drive. For more information, e-mail downtown_alliance@hotmail.com.

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Down East Enterprise is a winner of the 2007 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. On behalf of Governor Baldacci, the award was presented to Down East Enterprise president and CEO Bob Fernald by Mike Mahoney, chief legal counsel for the governor.

The awards ceremony took place at the 56th annual Colby Institute for Leadership luncheon at Colby College in Waterville. The award, administered by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), recognizes Maine companies that demonstrate a high level of commitment to their community, to employees and to manufacturing or service excellence.

"I am very proud and happy, and we're grateful to Camden National Bank for nominating us for the award," Fernald said. "Not only is 2007 the 40th anniversary of Down East Books, but we have published Down East Magazine for 54 years and we've been online for a decade. We've always maintained a "take a 360-degree view" of our

Bob Fernald Receives the award.



business and built on our strengths. Because we know those strengths stem from the people who work for us, we have always made sure to invest in our employees along with everything else."

The beginnings of Down East Enterprise date back to 1954, with the kitchen-table launch of Down East: The Magazine of Maine. The current company purchased the magazine and Down East Books in 1977 and expanded the business from a 12-person operation to one that now employs more than 70 people and brings in sales of \$12 million.

Located in Rockport, Down East publishes four magazines (Down East: The Magazine of Maine, Fly Rod & Reel, Shooting Sportsman and Dick Berggren's Speedway Illustrated, for a combined average of 700,000 monthly readers) and more than 20 new book titles annually. The company also operates Web sites for its brands and performs custom-publishing and digital production work for outside clients.

Down East covers health and dental benefits and offers employees a wellness reimbursement program, product discounts, and a 401K plan with a generous match. It also negotiates a heating oil rate for their facility that is passed on to employees, too.

Allen Agency Announcements

The Allen Agency, the Camden-based, employee-owned insurance and financial services company, announces two appointments as the result of the stockholders' annual meeting in December.

Michael Dufour: Board of Directors

Michael Dufour has been elected to the company's board of directors.

Since joining the Allen Agency in 2002, Dufour has worked in the company's commercial lines department, working with local businesses.

Dufour, a Maine native, is a 1981 graduate of the University of Maine in Presque Isle. He has worked in the insurance field in Maine since then.



Dufour

J. Michael Pierce: Vice President

J. Michael Pierce has been appointed vice president of the company.

Pierce, 37, is chief operating officer at the Allen Financial Group, the Allen Agency's financial services division. Allen Financial Group specializes in investment management, retirement planning, employee benefits and insurance planning for businesses and individuals.

Pierce joined the Allen Financial Group in 1998. A graduate of Kennebunk High School,

Pierce graduated from Boston College and Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

His prior work experience includes designing and implementing employee benefit programs and 401K plans for businesses throughout New England as part of the Guardian Life Insurance Company. He also was a consultant for Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP) in Boston, in their tax and financial planning division.

Rebecca Robinson: Commercial Lines

The Allen Agency also announces that Rebecca Robinson has joined the company's Commercial Lines Department.

Robinson began working in the Allen Agency's Personal Lines Department in January 2004. She previously worked for a major national insurance company for 14 years. She will be working with Gene McKeever.

The Allen Agency specializes in providing vessel owners from around the world with choices in coverage from a variety of the industry's best insurance companies. McKeever has more than 25 years of experience in the marine insurance sector and is one of the East Coast's best-known marine insurance agents.



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TV Listings

CHANNEL LINE-UP

Table listing channels and their corresponding programs for Knox County, including channels like CKSH, UPN, FOX, CBS, NBC, PEG, ABC, and various news and entertainment programs.

Table listing additional channels and their programs, including MTV, GAC, VH-1, Lifetime, Spike TV, CMT, Weather Channel, NECN, FOX News, CNN, Headline News, Knox TV, CNBC, MSNBC, Court TV, TCM, Movieplex, TNT, Comedy, FX, USA, TBS, Oxygen, A&E, AMC, Ovation, Bravo, E!, HGTV, Food Network, Travel Channel, EWTN, Hallmark Channel, TBN, History Channel, TLC, Discovery, TV Land, BET, ABC Family, Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, Animal Planet, SCI-FI, TV5, PIN, INSP, and Cartoon Network.

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 30, 2007. A large grid listing TV programs from 7:00 to 12:30 AM across various channels, including shows like Friends, Seinfeld, The Simpsons, WWE Friday Night SmackDown!, and various news and sports programs.

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SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 31, 2007. A large grid listing TV programs from 7:00 to 12:30 AM, including shows like Sex and the City, Seinfeld, College Basketball, Green's Maine, Conversations with Carlos Watson, Made in Maine, American Idol, College Basketball, Movie: 'Swing Shift', Walk Off Sox, AHL Hockey, MLB Preseason Baseball, NHRA Drag Racing, Wild Out, Movie: 'The Secrets of an Undercover Wife', This Week at War, Tim Russert, Jeffrey Dahmer, Forensic, (6:15) Movie, (6:40) Movie: 'The Age of Innocence', (6:00) Movie: 'Father-Part II', Scubs, (5:30) Movie: 'I, Robot', (5:00) Movie, (5:15) Movie: 'Erin Brockovich', Flip This House, (5:30) Movie: 'Magnum Force', Jools Holland, Top Design, Iron Chef America, (6:00) Movie: 'The Parent Trap', Coral Ridge Hour, Modern Marvels, Flip That House, MythBusters, Gunsmoke, Movie: 'Independence Day', OddPar, Zack & Cody, and Funniest Animals.

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 1, 2007. A large grid listing TV programs from 7:00 to 12:30 AM, including shows like (6:00) Movie: 'Sour Grapes', The War at Home, 60 Minutes, Dateline NBC, America's Funniest Home Videos, Amer. Value, Pussycat Dolls, 60 Minutes, (6:00) Movie, Impossi-Golf, NBA Basketball, Women's College Basketball, Baseball Tonight, True Life, (6:00) Movie: 'Party Never', CNN Live Sunday, Diabetes, Dangerous Mnd, Beach, (6:00) Movie: 'Paris-Sizzles', Warren Miller's Higher Ground, (6:00) Movie: 'Overboard', (6:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (6:00) Movie, (5:30) Movie: 'Remember-Tnts', Dog, (5:30) Movie: 'Where Heart Is', John Cleese, Law Order: CI, Unwrapped, (6:30) Movie: 'White Fang', Youseff, Ten Command, Shalom-Home, Deadliest Catch, Gunsmoke, (6:30) Movie: 'Hook', Choice, Hannah Montana, and Wild Kingdom.

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 2, 2007. TV schedule grid with columns for time slots (7:00-12:30) and rows for channel numbers (3-69). Includes programs like Friends, Seinfeld, Prison Break, and various sports events.

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 3, 2007. TV schedule grid with columns for time slots (7:00-12:30) and rows for channel numbers (3-69). Includes programs like Friends, Seinfeld, American Idol, and various sports events.

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THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 5, 2007. TV schedule grid with columns for time slots (7:00-12:30) and rows for channel numbers (3-69). Includes programs like Friends, Seinfeld, Happy Birthday Elton, and various sports events.

Friends Speak Out ... by Don Tescher

In the Winter 2007 issue of Quaker Action, a publication of the American Friends Service Committee, contributing editor Mark Graham writes:

"The final countdown to 2007 had hardly begun when the world got another stark reminder of the Iraq war's terrible toll: the announcement on December 31 of the 3,000th U.S. military death in Iraq...."

(That "body count," increasing daily, does not, of course, include the over 10,000 wounded and the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians killed.)

Graham goes on to quote Peter Lems of the AFSC's Middle East Peacebuilding Program:

"AFSC is calling on Congress and the Bush administration to bring the troops home from Iraq, fund an Iraqi-led reconstruction effort, engage in vigorous diplomacy with Iraq and with all of Iraq's neighbors, and ensure that the United States does not repeat the mistakes made in Iraq."

As longtime co-worker and member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, these attitudes reflect my own. When I receive with the magazine a window-size poster for

individual display, I fill it in as follows:

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This column has for several years reflected my lifelong opposition to violence and war. The poster will proclaim that position again. It may be seen in my front window.

A page in my chapbook of poetry *Without Further Ado* is entitled "On the Death of Young Men." It bears repeating:

GAME

The old ones stay at home and give the order,
The young ones take their turn to kill and die.
The old ones move the pins that mark the border,
The young ones win the hole in which they lie.

My thanks to The Free Press for the opportunity to speak out.



The Visit ... by Don Tescher

My work table is covered with untidy piles of clippings, coffee cups, cracker crumbs and clutter. I shuffle through them again looking for the hook, the trigger, the Epiphany ...

"Epiphany," I mutter.

"What's that mean?" asks my young visitor.

"That trickle of insight, my boy, occurring at midnight that's gone while I search for a pen; they slither and slide and huddle and hide in some tiny dark bin of my brain ... somewhere in one of these piles ... DON'T touch anything, laddie, we might lose it, I lose things, you know. When I got back from Florida I had lost one of my hearing aids. Know where I found it?"

He peered at me from under the table.

"No, where, Grandpa?"

"In my ear, of course, so don't touch any of this stuff ... look at it ... A plethora of platitudes and a paucity of poems ..."

"What's a poem," he asks, coming out from under the table.

"Nobody knows; this morning's poem is yesterday's prose ... Epiphany, Epiphany, you'll be the death o' me ..."

"Hmph," he says. "Big words ..."

"Exactly, my good fellow, exactly!"

He keeps at a respectable distance, pointing at one recent-looking news clip. "What about that one?"

"Let's see," I fish it out. It announces, PRISON LAND MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL. It might work.

"Mebbe next week, let's go to the meeting and give them our wish list."

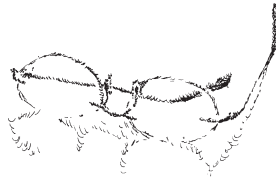
"What will we ask for," he says.

"How about a community center where we can play ping pong, and a health center we can walk to, and a nice little drug store where we can get hearing aid batteries ..."

"YESS!" he hollers.

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— a pair of tired reading glasses at the end of a busy day writing epiphanies. BY DAN KIRCHOFF



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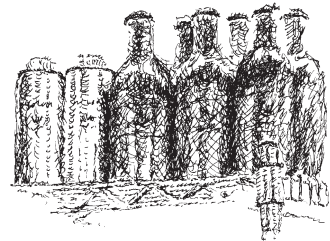
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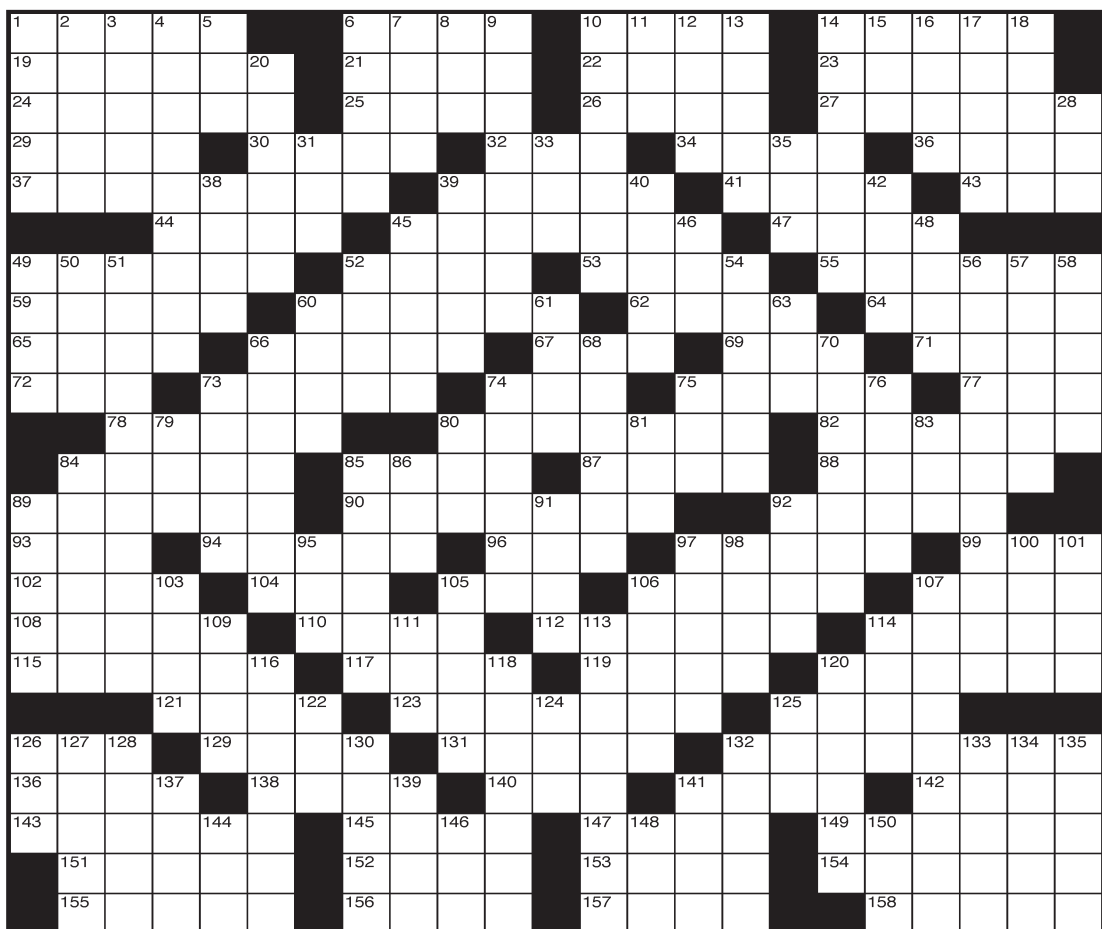


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- 143 Hospital staffer
- 145 Island near Java
- 147 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
- 149 Gibberish
- 151 Couch
- 152 Steel ingredient
- 153 Nefertiti's god
- 154 Legislature
- 155 Jung's inner self
- 156 Drain problem
- 157 Pale-green moth
- 158 Leering sort

DOWN

- 1 Walk heavily
- 2 Fuel tanker
- 3 Weak vowel
- 4 Fast food orders (2 wds.)
- 5 — Lingus
- 6 Farm enclosures
- 7 Stringed instrument
- 8 Ingested
- 9 Bad advice (2 wds.)
- 10 Rough
- 11 PC key
- 12 A piece of cake
- 13 Hard to climb
- 14 Car or bus
- 15 French friend
- 16 Podium feature
- 17 Make folds
- 18 Join the army
- 20 Tankards
- 28 Neptune's kingdom
- 31 Tiny legume
- 33 Addams' hairy cousin
- 35 Iceberg part
- 38 Coolidge or Gam
- 39 Tire center
- 40 Horned animal
- 42 Em, to Dorothy
- 45 Lazy —
- 46 Team cheer
- 48 Mild expletives
- 49 Ostrich kin
- 50 Cartoon shrieks
- 51 Avoid a trial (2 wds.)
- 52 Trucker, often
- 54 Number components
- 56 Raves over
- 57 Magic lamp dwellers
- 58 "Leda and the Swan" poet
- 60 Eurasian range
- 61 Arctic floater
- 63 Stripling
- 66 Priests swing them
- 68 Rumors, often
- 70 Saw fit
- 73 Fragrant flower
- 74 Lama's role model
- 75 Kickback
- 76 Basement appliance
- 79 Ullmann of cinema
- 80 Rest room sign
- 81 Holbrook or Roach
- 83 Tax shelter
- 84 Litter of piglets
- 85 Stone monuments
- 86 Kind of talk
- 89 Caused (2 wds.)
- 91 Frolic
- 92 Actress — Sedgwick
- 95 Long time division
- 97 Quaffs
- 98 Make sharper
- 100 Road crew's supply
- 101 Yips
- 103 Winner's feeling
- 105 Kitchen tool
- 106 Evening wrap
- 107 Swindling
- 109 Mex. miss
- 111 First space lab
- 113 Like the soil in a delta
- 114 Freight hauler
- 116 African plain
- 118 Making baskets
- 120 Rookie surfers
- 122 Journey stage
- 124 Historical period
- 125 Large vat
- 126 IV squared
- 127 Singer — Ronstadt
- 128 Wedding-dress fabric
- 130 Block-shaped
- 132 Hartford competitor
- 133 Pertaining to snow
- 134 Minotaur's island
- 135 Conger catcher
- 137 Name in jeans
- 139 Countess's husband
- 141 Trotsky or Uris
- 144 Play bumper-cars
- 146 London lav
- 148 252 calories
- 150 Old-time auto



Crossword solution on page 42.



CLICK & CLACK *talk cars*

Newer Cars Are Safer for New Drivers; Dent in Oil Pan Not Always Cause for Action; A Question of Ethics for Tom and Ray

DEAR TOM AND RAY: My fix-it-type father is offering to give my 16-year-old daughter (and new driver) his old car. It will be in perfect running order, with new brakes and a sound engine. He is even offering to pay for insurance. She is the apple of his eye. Unfortunately, his car is a 25-year-old GM sedan without any of today's safety features, such as air bags or anti-lock brakes, etc. He dismisses the lack of safety features by saying the car is "as solid as a rock," "you know where it is on the road" and "they don't make cars like this anymore." He has kept it going

all these years. My maternal impulse is to say, "Thanks, but no thanks." He is my dad, and I don't want to seem ungrateful, nor do I want to accept the car only to not let my daughter drive it. We own two fairly new and well-built cars that she is able to drive. Having her own car would be great, but at what expense? — Donna

TOM: Gee, that's really nice of your father. It's a very sweet gesture. But I have to side with you, Donna.

RAY: Me too. He's right that they don't

make cars like that anymore. And I, for one, am grateful. Modern cars are much safer. Plus, they drive better, stop better, are more reliable and are easier to handle. That's especially important for a relatively new driver, who has enough to concentrate on without worrying whether the starboard outrigger is clipping a mailbox.

TOM: So here's what I'd do. I'd tell your dad that it's a wonderful, sweet gesture, and you're very grateful that he has such a great relationship with your daughter. But you want her to drive a car that has modern safety features.

RAY: If he's game, you can suggest that he sell the old heap, and then he and his granddaughter can make a project of using the proceeds to find her a newer used car. He'd get to spend time with her and help her check out and buy her first car, and he'd probably enjoy that.

available only for a few years now, and it'll be harder to find in the used-car market.
RAY: And if he doesn't bite on that suggestion, maybe he'll let his granddaughter drive his new Lexus once in a while (we know he's getting one with air bags, stability control, anti-lock brakes and seat heaters as soon as he figures out a way to dump his old clunker).

DEAR TOM AND RAY: I have a 2004 Honda Accord, which I recently took to the dealer for the 30,000-mile service. The dealer tells me that my oil-pan underneath the car has a large dent, though there is no oil leaking. He says that I should spend \$400 on getting this replaced ASAP, since otherwise my oil pressure could drop to zero. I am not sure how big this problem is, since there is no leak. How urgent is it? Why would a dent affect oil pressure if the pan is intact? Thanks. — Amit

RAY: Well, there are two ways in which a dented oil pan can affect your oil pressure. The first is if it actually breaks. Then all of your oil will leak out and you'll have no oil to pressurize!

TOM: But you're fortunate to have a steel oil pan on this car. Steel often can survive a dent. As long as there's no actual "crease" in the metal, you're probably OK. In our expe-

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rience, the oil-pan dents that look like somebody punched them or you ran over a basketball rarely turn into leakers later on.

RAY: But the other potential problem is that the dent itself may be pushing up against, and blocking, the oil pickup tube. The tube that sucks the oil out of the pan and delivers it to the pump sits very close to the bottom of the pan. If the dent were in just the wrong place, it could create a phenomenon called "oil starvation" — especially at high engine speeds or on hills.

TOM: That might be why the dealer is urging you to replace it. But if you have some reason not to trust this dealership's opinion, you can always have the engine tested. Another mechanic can perform a complete oil-pressure test for you. He can even jack up each end of the car to simulate going up and down hills. He'll hook up a gauge to your car, then run it at various RPMs, and see if the pressure meets specifications for all the engine speeds. If it does, you have nothing to worry about.

RAY: Of course, if the test determines that the oil pressure IS low, you'll be out the cost of the oil-pressure test AND a new oil pan. So speak to your dealer again and ask him, specifically, why he's urging you to replace the pan. What, exactly, is he concerned might happen? That'll give you some more information to go on, Amit.

DEAR TOM AND RAY: OK guys, here is a somewhat hypothetical ethics question, and since you are the most ethical guys in the business, you get to answer it. Suppose that The Jalopy Garage (not the real name) diagnoses a problem dealing with excessive use of fuel (it could be anything, but this will work). Jalopy Garage then makes the repair, including parts and labor, and tells the customer it is guaranteed for 10 days. Nine days later, the customer comes in and states that the repair not only did not work, but it created a worse situation than existed BEFORE the repair — i.e., more wasted gas. Jalopy Garage, after inspection, agrees, and does the work again without charge. (Yeah, I know that might be hard to believe by itself.) HOWEVER, the customer wants to be reimbursed for the extra wasted fuel during the nine days, saying that the garage, by making the situation worse, is responsible for the difference in what would have been used and what actually was used. So ... it could be a gallon or 20 gallons — the question is, should the garage be responsible for the increased loss of fuel? Thanks a lot — really.

— Gene

RAY: Gene, you chiseling weasel! Hypothetical, my butt. I'm guessing you asked your mechanic to pay for the gas, and he threw you out, right?

TOM: As well he should have. Most warranties do not cover consequential damages. For instance, if your new car breaks down, and you miss a job interview and end up with a career at Hammertoes Fried Eel instead of Bank of America, the car company will fix your car for free, but it won't cover the difference in salary and perks for the rest of your life.

RAY: Or if you buy a cell phone, and it fails and you miss a call from your mail-order bride from Kamchatka, the company will replace the phone, but not the bride.

TOM: They're responsible for the work they do. And if they messed up the repair, they have to make it right. If it was clearly their fault and the car was disabled because of their mistake, many garages will cover the towing fee, too. But other than the direct mechanical results of their work, you're out of luck, Gene. So, unfortunately, the gas is on you. Sorry, man.

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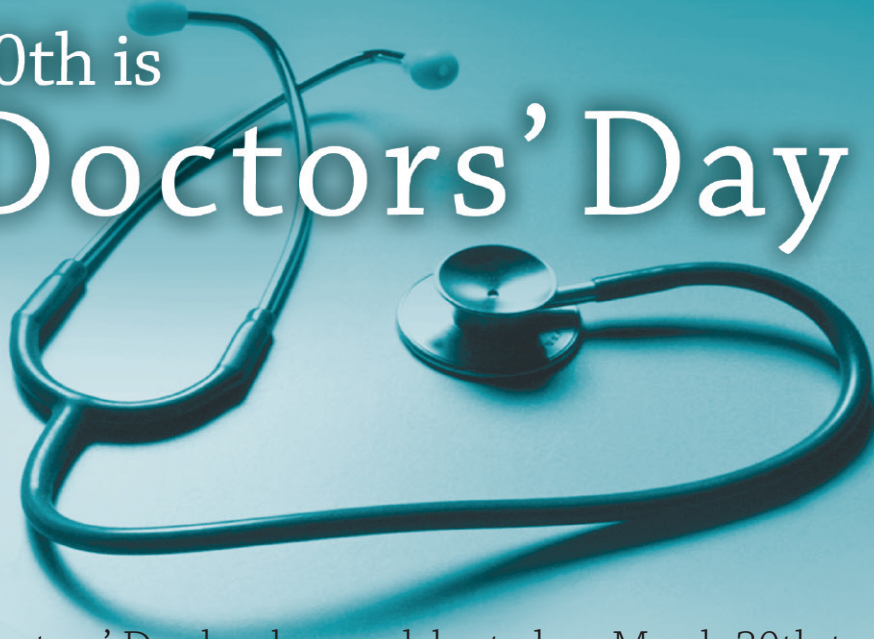
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