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Maine State Grange to meet in Skowhegan Oct. 20-23

SKOWHEGAN - The 137th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange will be held Oct.20-23 at the Skowhegan Community Center in Skowhegan, according to Master (president) James Owens.

Approximately 145 Granges from across the state will send two delegates to debate resolutions and policies on many subjects ranging from replacing the State of Maine Board of Corrections to making all trash bags biodegradable. They will also work on several resolutions dealing with a wide variety of internal issues. Resolutions passed at the convention will become policy of the Maine State Grange and some will be lobbied for at the Maine State Legislature. Those pertaining to national policies will be sent on to the National Grange Session to be held in November in Charlotte, N.C. where delegates from across the country will consider them.

Many awards will be presented to Granges and individuals at the Maine convention including membership, publicity and community service. Plaques will also be presented to the Grange Farm Family of the Year and Tree Farmer of the Year.

This is also an opportunity for Grangers from across the state to show their talents in the annual art and photo contest. This year the Junior Grange Department is sponsoring a gourd growing contest.

The Fifth Degree will be conferred on Thursday evening under the direction of Vernon Dunn of Mill Stream Grange. Friday will be the annual conferral of the Sixth Degree by the officers of the Maine State Grange, featuring a Rose Drill under the direction of Yvonne Johnson of Cape Elizabeth Grange. Also on Friday evening Dan Bascom, Priest Archon from New Hampshire will be the featured guest for the convention and will be the speaker on Friday evening.

Saturday activities will be in charge of the youth ages 14 to 35, and juniors ages 5 to 13. This will include presentation of awards and announcements by Youth and Junior Director, Sue Hackett. Also on Saturday the Educational Aid and

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Somewhere, someone knows who killed Robert McKee

By LARRY GRARD



A happy and proud Robert McKee sits in a rowboat with his daughter, Antge, and son, Garrit. Antge was 6 and Garrit 3 when their father was killed in Newport in 1975.

NEWPORT - Garrit McKee says he has "maybe a dozen" recollections of times spent with his father.

Remarkable, when you consider that he was only three years old when someone gunned Robert McKee down at a gas station in Newport more than 35 years ago. Garrit McKee, his sister Antge and their mother, Dorte didn't talk that much about the tragedy as the children grew up.

Garrit McKee, saying police work was "his calling," is a Penobscot County Sheriff's deputy. He lives in Dixmont with his wife

and two sons, while his sister is in New Hampshire with a husband and two daughters. Dorte McKee, who met her husband-to-be while he was stationed with the military in Germany, taught German in local schools, and still lives locally. "As far as my mom was concerned," Garrit McKee said, "she married the love of her life, and no one was ever going to fill his shoes."

It was 3:30 in the morning of June 20, 1975 when someone found 35-year-old Robert McKee's body at the old McNally's Texaco, now the home of Irving

Oil. Police believe someone stole \$462.82, including all the pennies and records. And 35 gallons of gas was missing.

Police said the invaders used a small-caliber gun, and that McKee suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the head. They took off down nearby Interstate 95, not to be found.

"They were right handy to the Interstate, and could have gone in any number of directions," said Det. Brian Strout, who has handled the McKee homicide since

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Local Point of Light recipient speaks at Institute

WINSLOW - Susan Morissette, founder of Heart of America Quilt and Daily Point of Light Award recipient, spoke at a gathering of Points of Light Institute Directors following a brief meeting with President George H. W. Bush at his Walker Point home.

The Points of Light movement began more than 20 years ago under President Bush's leadership with a vision that every person could be an agent of change, a "point of light" in his or her community.

Morissette was nominated and chosen as a recipient of a Daily Point of Light Award for her community service surrounding the events of 9/11.

"It was an honor to have been a

recipient and a great honor to have met the person whose vision invoked the award and organization," said Morissette.

After meeting with President George H. W. Bush, Morissette spoke to Board Members of the Points of Light Institute about her story and the effect the Institute has as a leader in service for the country.

"In 1989 President George H. W. Bush called on all of us in his Inaugural Address. "The old ideas are new again because they are not old, they are timeless: duty, sacrifice, commitment, and a patriotism that finds its expression in taking part and pitching in. Being a recipient of the Daily Point of Light

Award is a constant reminder of Duty, Sacrifice, Commitment and Patriotism."

"The point of Light Institute is a beaming light of our country with its ever growing commitment to community service," Morissette said.

The Heart of America Quilt began in the aftermath of the event of 9/11 as a small quilt from Maine. It started on Sept. 13, 2001 to help the children of Maine heal and feel a sense of helpfulness to those that lost so much on 9/11.

Within weeks of its inception, the Heart of America Quilt grew to national level with adorned panels of

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Trash to Treasure Day in Pittsfield Oct. 23

- STAFF REPORT

PITTSFIELD - The Recycling Committee is inviting all Pittsfield residents to participate in the annual fall Trash to Treasure Day from dawn to dusk on Saturday, Oct. 23 in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day." All residents are invited to participate in an effort to promote recycling, reuse and reduction of unwanted items. Items should be placed within easy access and view on your property on this day to encourage others to claim your discards. Items from fall cleaning of barns, attics, homes, etc. will be free for the taking.

At the end of the day, items left over should be disposed of appropriately at the recycling center and transfer station during regular oper-

ating hours. Town Manager Kathryn Ruth reminds residents that anyone running a yard sale is still required to obtain a permit from the town office. However, anyone giving away free items on "Trash and Treasure Day" does not require a permit.

The committee is very excited about its plans to open a re-use facility at the old VFW hall on Peltoma Avenue in the spring in 2011, Ruth said. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or has ideas about the new facility is invited to attend a Recycling Committee Meeting.

For more information, contact Jane at 487-3343 or Kathryn at the Town Office at 487-3136.

Hazel Mitchell at Pittsfield Public Library Oct. 26



PITTSFIELD - The Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library will offer a lively and entertaining program with Hazel Mitchell about the process of illustrating children's books on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Hazel Mitchell, an artist-illustrator of several children's books, creator of commercial artwork, fine art paintings and photographs is from Scarborough in Yorkshire, England. After attending Art College in York and Sunderland in England, she

joined the Royal Navy to earn a living working in military graphics studios. After her naval career, she was CEO of a lithographic printing business in Portsmouth, England.

She will talk about the steps she takes in getting a contract and creating illustrations to complement the text in the book. This special event will be in the library's Warren Community Room.

For more information, please call 487-5880.

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he entered the State Police CID Division in 1997. "It happened after midnight."

Strout added that McKee was working alone - which was not unusual in those days - at the only all-night gas station between Bangor and Waterville.

State Trooper Monty Howard saw McKee alive as he drove by at around 1 a.m. A group of motorists from Rhode Island stopped, and found McKee face-down on the floor inside the station door.

Garrit McKee, a 1990 graduate of Nokomis Regional High School, said his father was not a constant topic of conversation.

"I remember bits and pieces of when it happened," he said. "I remember the morning they came and told my mom. At that age, you're really too young to understand."

When Robert McKee returned home from his military duty, he

and his bride moved to Aroostook County. Robert McKee obtained his teaching degree at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

The McKees then moved to Pittsfield, where he got his first science teaching position at Vickery School. They were living in Newport when he took the summer job to earn extra money, as teachers commonly did then.

"With two young kids and a new home, money was tight," Garrit McKee said.

Dep. McKee doesn't mind discussing the family tragedy that happened all those years ago.

"For me, on the almost-miracle somebody could be convicted, that would mean an awful lot of closure for me," he said. "It would never replace what I lost."

"There's someone out there who knows something. There's someone out there who's guilty of this and they've lived with this all these years."

Square Dance to benefit "Neighbors Supporting Neighbors" food pantry

HERMON - The Le-Vi Rounders Square Dance Club of Hermon is hosting its monthly dance on Oct. 23 at the Hermon Elementary School on the Billings Road in Hermon from 7 - 10 p.m. with early rounds starting at 6:30 p.m. Jim Belanger will be calling mainstream/plus tips and Sandy Burke will be cueing rounds for the evening.

According to Club President Bob Brown, this dance will benefit the "Neighbors Supporting Neighbors" food pantry of Hermon. This food pantry serves the towns of Hermon, Carmel, Etna, Levant and Dixmont and feeds approximately 400 individuals on the 1st and 3rd Thursday

of every month at the Penobscot Snowmobile Club in Hermon. This food pantry is also in the process of building a three bedroom emergency shelter in Hermon which will include a soup kitchen and dining area. Carol Lackeday, Volunteer Director of the food pantry will be at the dance to help with the donations and to answer any questions about the food pantry.

There'll be refreshments, pots of gold, some square dance clothes (donation if you wish), fun dangles and door prizes. Spectators are always welcome. For more information, contact Cindy Fairfield at 631-8816.

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fabric from many other states. At present the Heart of America Quilt has involvement from all 50 of the United States with an addition of over 10 countries, and this quilt in a form of a United States Flag covers one acre when displayed in full form. From a small project it has grown to hold the names of tens of thousands of people from across the world. For more information, visit www.heartofamericaquilt.org.

Points of Light Institute is a thought leader in the volunteer sector and the largest mobilizer of volunteers in the nation. Its mission began more than 20 years ago when President George H. W. Bush invoked the vision of a "thousand points of light" in his inaugural address, resulting in the founding of the Points of Light Foundation and a presidential commitment to the national ideal of volunteer service. This core commitment has continued under every administration since.

Bangor Savings named "One of Best Places to Work" - again

BANGOR - Bangor Savings Bank has learned that it has been named as one of 2010's Best Places to Work in Maine by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Maine Chapter. The bank was also honored in 2008.

The assessment process, aimed at recognizing companies that have established and fostered an outstanding workplace environment, is administered by the Best Companies Group. The group evaluates each company's employee policies and procedures along with responses from the company's employees.

"My colleagues and I are extremely proud of this recognition," said CEO and President Jim Conlon. "Our Executive Team and our

Board of Directors both are very pleased to offer employment to more than 650 Maine citizens, in an environment where people thrive and our customers are very satisfied. Bangor Savings Bank has worked to develop a culture where we deliver not only to the great employees we have here, but to our valued customers. Every individual who is associated with our Bank knows we are sincere about our brand - You Matter More."

Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$2.2 billion in assets, has 54 branches in Maine including offices in Pittsfield, Dexter, Hartland, Skowhegan, Madison, Dover-Foxcroft and Greenville.

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Howe's Nurses Scholarships committees will present scholarships to ten individuals.

All five candidates for governor have been invited to speak during the session; but as of last week, only Republican Paul LePage and independent Shawn Moody have accepted. Throughout the convention attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a straw poll for governor, congressional races and the three ballot questions. Results of the straw poll will be announced on Saturday.

The Grange is America's family fraternity, founded in 1867 to help the farmers after the Civil War. Today the Grange continues to be active in agricultural issues, and focus on Community Service in the communities that the serve. For more information about the Grange visit www.mainestategrange.org.



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Moving Forward Day at Penquis Oct. 28

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Penquis announces a workshop to help people "Move Forward" and make better preparations for a job search. The session will be held at the Penquis Higher Education Center on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are laid off, unemployed or underemployed, this is an oppor-

tunity to meet representatives from the local business community as well as community organizations to assist you.

There is no charge for this service, but space is limited so reservations are requested at 564-7116. Visit www.piscataquisresources.org for more details.

Pittsfield Community Garden Club annual dinner Oct. 22

PITTSFIELD - The Pittsfield Community Garden Club members and guests will meet for the annual pot luck supper on Friday, Oct. 22 in the Warsaw Middle School cafeteria. Gail Watson of Cambridge is coordinating the supper. Members should arrive by 5 p.m.

A special topic and speaker on conservation begins at 7 p.m. and the subject is wildlife habitat. The speaker is Jennifer Irving of the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, a non-profit organization that works with working farms, orchardists and woodlot owners in a 43-town area. This includes towns from Dexter to

China and from Dixmont west to Clinton.

Ms. Irving will describe the work of the trust, show many slides and then open up to a question and answer time. Any questions about mountain lions? Red squirrels? Songbirds?

The public is welcome to attend this program at the Middle School cafeteria anytime after 6:45 p.m. There is no admission charge as this program is sponsored by the Pittsfield Garden club as a community service. For more information, contact Club President Betsy Doane at 487-2293. Bring the kids!

Moosehead Community Chorus rehearsals

GREENVILLE - The Moosehead Community Chorus, under the direction of Ron Dobra, has begun rehearsing every Tuesday in preparation for the annual holiday concert on Dec. 19. Rehearsals are held at the Union Church in Greenville on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and Sunday sat 3 p.m. and last for 90 minutes.

The program includes traditional

and contemporary settings of carols, as well as a few more popular selections. Ability to read music is not required, but an enthusiasm for singing is appreciated and new singers are always welcome. The chorus has members from Guilford to Jackman and Kokadjo. For more information, contact Ron Dobra at 695-3959.

3rd All Servicewomen's Luncheon at Winslow VFW

WINSLOW - All women who ever served in the Armed Forces for any time, in any rank or rate, in peace or in war, are invited to attend the 23rd All Servicewomen's Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Winslow VFW from 10-2. There will be raffles, tables of information of interest, brief speakers on subjects pertinent to all, a delicious buffet and MSgt. Susan Hewes telling about her Afghanistan deploy-

ment. Spouses and other guests are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person. Please give your branch of service, address and phone number, and remit to Janet Michaud, 82 Durham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989. For more information, she can be reached at 649-3085. Attendees are also urged to bring their separation papers to qualify for a Maine Recognition Certificate for Women Veteran.

Financial Aid Night at DRHS Oct. 26

DEXTER - Dexter Regional High School will host Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. Guest speaker will be

Mila Tappan from the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). This session is recommended for seniors and their parents.

Ralph Loveley at Milo Elementary Nov. 15

MILO - The Milo Elementary School 5th Grade presents Ralph Loveley and Company, an evening of country music, blues, bluegrass and classic tunes played on banjo and mandolin by Mr. Loveley. He will be accompanied by his son, Averill, on guitar, and Jack Eastman on bass. The concert will be held Fri-

day, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Milo Elementary School is open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Refreshments are extra. Proceeds benefit the Milo and LaGrange 5th grade spring trip to Boston. For more information, please call 943-2122 or 943-2400.



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Let's Eat Saturday, Oct. 23
BINGHAM - Third Annual Bingham Union Library Chili-Chowder Challenge, Quimby School, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Adults, \$5; children, \$3. Proceeds support programs and computers at the Library. Prizes for winning entries.

BROWNVILLE - Harvest supper, Brownville Community Church, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert, etc. Adults, \$6; children, \$3.

CORINNA - Public chicken pie supper, Corinna United Methodist Church, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Menu is chicken pie, squash, potato, gravy, etc. and dessert. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child 4 to 12, 3 and under free. FMI: 278-5000 or 278-3251.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Benefit baked bean supper with all the fixings for Tom Tash and family, American Legion Hall, 4-7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction which includes a massage, case of oil, bird feeder, load of loam, collectible truck, round of golf, etc.

GUILFORD - Benefit spaghetti supper and silent auction for the Joe and Carla Tibbetts family to help with medical expenses, Guilford Masonic Hall, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

PLYMOUTH - Benefit spaghetti supper for the Edkins family who lost their home to a fire, Plymouth fire station, 5-7 p.m.

SKOWHEGAN - Italian night, Tewksbury Hall, Federated Church, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Menu is pasta fagoli soup, homemade lasagna, stuffed shells, Caesar salad, garlic bread, assorted pies, etc. Adults, \$7; children, \$5.

Friday, Oct. 29
GUILFORD - Pasta dish supper and music by New Relm, Community Fitness, 31 High St., 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$8; children age 5-10, \$4; under 5, free. Proceeds benefit Be-Com-Fit Senior luncheons starting next month. FMI: 876-4813.

Saturday, Oct. 30
HARTLAND - Hartland-St. Albans Lions Club hunter's breakfast, Methodist Church, 4-8 a.m. Eggs to order, ham, pancakes, home fries, baked beans, beverages, etc. Only \$5 per person.

MILO - The 43rd annual hunters' breakfast hosted by the Class of 2011, Penquis Valley High School, 4:30 - 8:30 a.m. It will be an all-you-can-eat buffet. \$4 in advance,

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\$5 at the door. FMI: Katie Joyner-Robertson at 943-7346 ext. 131.

See and Do Thursday, Oct. 21
ATHENS - Meet Republican candidates Rodney Whittemore and Frederick Wintle at the home of Bob and Jean Turnbull, 34 Main Street, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: 654-2499.

Friday, Oct. 22
BINGHAM - Movie night, Quimby Middle School, 6- 8 p.m.

PITTSFIELD - Special program on conservation presented by the Pittsfield Community Garden Club, Warsaw Middle School cafeteria, 6:45 p.m. Guest speaker: Jennifer Irving of the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust. Free admission. Bring the kids. FMI: Betsy Doane 487-2293.

Saturday, Oct. 23
BINGHAM - Fall festival at Quimby Middle School. Craft fair, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; hay rides, 5-6:30 p.m.; chili-chowder cook-off, 6 p.m.; music by Doug Mathieu with Adam, Blaine and Hank, 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by the KVPA, Bingham Grange 237 and Friends of the Bingham Library.

GREENVILLE - "Save the Depot" meeting, municipal building, 9 a.m. Volunteers needed for the Nov.19 showing of "Riding the Icon," a documentary film about the trains of Northern Maine.

GUILFORD - Fall fair, Guilford United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Soup and sandwich luncheon 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hand crafted items, home baked food and candy, cookie walk, men's table and a miscellaneous table.

RIPLEY - Harvest party and pot-luck supper, Ripley United Methodist Church, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate. Games for kids and a scavenger hunt. Adult volunteers needed and welcome. RSVP to Nancy Hoskins 924-7035.

ST. ALBANS - Ole Tyme Jamboree presents Back Porch Bluegrass with special guests Windy Ridge Band, St. Albans Town Hall, 7 p.m. Admission by Donation, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and refreshments, FMI: 277-4331 or 277-3365

Sunday, Oct. 24
GREENVILLE - Moosehead Community Chorus rehearsals for the annual Christmas concert, Union Church, 3 p.m. The chorus will meet on Sundays at 3 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5 p.m. until the concert date in December. New singers welcome. Ability to read music not required. FMI: Ron Dobra at 695-3959.

GUILFORD - First cribbage tournament of the season, Guilford Memorial Library, 1 p.m. All are welcome. FMI: 876-4547.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
GREENVILLE - Moosehead Community Chorus rehearsals for the annual Christmas concert, Union Church, 3 p.m. The chorus will meet on Sundays at 3 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5 p.m. until the concert date in December. New singers welcome. Ability to read music not required. FMI: Ron Dobra at 695-3959.

Friday, Oct. 29
SKOWHEGAN - Adult Halloween party, Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge, 6 p.m. social hour, followed by meal and music by DJ Boz. \$15 per couple. Costume contest, too. Open to members and invited guests. FMI: Louann Barnes 399-0551.

Saturday, Oct. 30
MADISON - Halloween dance with the Dirty McCurdy Band, Madison American Legion, 20 S. Maple St., 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. \$8 per person in advance, \$10 at the door. Costume contest. Smoke-free event. FMI and reservations: 696-5848 after 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.

Sunday, Oct. 31
MADISON - Fall festival, Crossroads Bible Church, Routes 148 and 201, 2 p.m. Bounce house, pony rides, hay ride, games and give-aways. In case of rain, no outdoor activities. Free admission and all are welcome. FMI: 474-7178.

NEWPORT - Haunted woods, Nokomis Regional High School, 4-9 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person. Games, candy and lots of fun.

Saturday, Nov. 13
NORRIDGEWOCK - Craft fair hosted by the Ladies of the First Congregational Church, 31 River Rd., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Table rentals are \$10 and space is still available. Hot lunch served. FMI: Priscilla at 474-6816 or Gerri at 696-4644.

Groups
Saturday, Oct. 23
PALMYRA - Palmyra Historical Society, old town hall on Route 2, 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. FMI: Ann Foss 938-2947 or e-mail naafir@tds.net.

Learning Center
Thursday, Oct. 21
GUILFORD - MSAD 4 Dictionary Day at Valley Grange. Over 50 third graders from Piscataquis Elementary School will visit Valley Grange at 1 p.m. to receive their "Words for Thirds" Dictionaries. The public is invited. FMI: Walter Boomsma at 876-4131.

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Face Off - Maine's 2nd District

"What do you believe are the defining issues of this congressional campaign."

"The economy is issue number one. We need smart policies that will put Mainers back to work and rebuild America.

That's why I wrote a bill that would provide our paper mills a tax credit that recognizes their use of clean energy. Passing this would help them save money, expand and create jobs.

I have also worked to pass bills that make access to capital more affordable and available to Maine's small businesses. I wrote the law that created a new regional commission that will invest in our economic development. And I authored a bill that would change our nation's trade policies to provide our businesses and workers with a level international playing field.

But more needs to be done. We should look at easing the tax burden and making sure red tape doesn't stifle our entrepreneurs. And we must improve Maine's transportation system and promote clean energy. Doing so will create jobs, improve efficiency and position Maine for economic growth and the jobs of tomorrow.

It's not about government creating jobs. It needs to be about providing the incentives and policy framework necessary for the private sector to thrive. This is where our national focus should be."



Congressman
Mike Michaud

Mike Michaud and his colleagues are ignoring the will of the people. How can you call yourself a "Representative" when you refuse to "represent" those who elected you and instead "represent" Nancy Pelosi and partisan special interests? We need jobs, not trillion dollar stimulus packages that do nothing but indebted our children. We need real health-care reform that opens access and lowers costs, not another trillion dollars spent that does neither. When we run out of money in government, we want Washington to stop spending, not do as Congressman Michaud did and vote to simply increase the limit on the tax-payer funded credit cards by hiking the debt ceiling. We want to protect and preserve the great environment of Maine, but we don't want or need to have a massive energy tax that will lose more jobs and put more people in financial turmoil. We also want real immigration reform. We need this for our economy and our national security. We are still a nation at war with an enemy intent on destroying us. We cannot keep our citizens safe if we do not stop the terrorist's ability to walk across our borders unnoticed.



Candidate
Jason Levesque

Right Minded, but Left of Center

Curb your dog and your use of Facebook

BY JOHN CLARK

I'm giving politics a break for this week. Lord knows you're probably as sick of political ads and mailings as I am. Too bad Professor Dick Hill up at UMO can't invent a furnace that runs on discarded political signs and mailing. With the extra hot air they contain, I bet we'd get a lot of heat for not much money.

Anyhow, this week, I'm addressing Facebook and dog poop, which may have more in common than most realize. Beth and I are fairly responsible citizens who like our neighborhood and try to maintain our property accordingly. This means we keep the house in good shape, mow the lawn at reasonable intervals, plant flowers and keep the weekend orgies fairly subdued. It also means we carry poop bags whenever we walk Bernie. Larry, who lives across the street, is also a responsible bag carrier. Since we have a long unbroken stretch of grass on both sides of Pleasant Street, there are others who walk

their dogs regularly. Unfortunately, some of them have determined that some magical entity is waiting just beyond the cemetery to swoop down and clean up whenever their precious puppy leaves something behind. Sorry, ladies, but that's just wishful thinking on your part.

Larry and I have brainstormed various guy-type solutions. Thus far we've discarded shooting them (the walkers, not the dogs) because it would create a bigger mess and draw a lot of predators. We thought about various signs, but couldn't agree on one which wouldn't cause some poor soul to have a heart attack and end up with their car atop an old tombstone. Still up for grabs is hanging a video camera on one of the telephone poles and streaming the offenders and their mutts' activities on YouTube. We're also considering collecting the evidence, following them home and returning said evidence in a not-so-friendly manner. We tried educating one

of the offenders last year, but he wasn't nearly as smart as the dog he was walking, so we're not very optimistic on that route. Unfortunately, these same sterling citizens walk by the library and leave samples there as well. I'm sure you can imagine the look of joy when some poor soul steps in said sample on their way into the library. Hey, where are those right-wing death penalty advocates when you REALLY need them?

I'm a reluctant user of Facebook, but as time goes on, I'm beginning to see some real drawbacks. Nearly everyone under 30 who meets the minimum age requirement is on Facebook. Unfortunately the immediacy of posting there is often akin to giving gasoline and a new lighter to a pyromaniac. It's wicked easy to blast out your thoughts, feelings and bad words about another person, only to realize ten minutes later it was a bad move. Back when you had to do this by phone or letter,



the lag time involved allowed you to realize what was about to happen wasn't a good idea. With Facebook, that buffer is gone. Many users don't realize others can track WHEN you've been on your page. Employers are not only asking for access to your Facebook page before hiring you (to ensure they're not hiring a flaming idiot), but to track your usage while on company time.

A less obvious aspect is that Facebook is doing to personal emails what email did to letter writing. It's killing it off and I lament this.

The Frary Home Companion

Governors and Education

BY PROFESSOR JOHN FRARY

I have laboriously investigated dozens of campaign websites across our great Republic and feel confident in announcing that every single candidate, from border to border and sea to sea, is talking about jobs. I infer that every political consultant in the nation is advising his or employer to talk about jobs, job, jobs and receiving large fees for doing so. Nobody is against jobs and nobody is appealing for votes from the loafing classes.

And all appear to agree that long term employment prospects are dependent on education. Mind you, there are a lot of jobs available for unskilled and poorly educated workers. Unfortunately, they are mostly in China and India. We could get a lot of them back here if we lowered our labor costs to the levels prevailing in those countries, but that proposal doesn't appear to have much appeal.

It follows that education, in the long term, is the central jobs issue for Maine and the nation. All of our candidates for governor appear to agree. It is worthwhile to compare the educational proposals of the two major competitors for a lease on the Blaine House.

Libby Mitchell tells us that she as-

pires to be known as the "education governor," and has the endorsement of the Maine Education Association (MEA). Her website contains four specific proposals: 1) expand pre-kindergarten services; 2) Grants for every qualified high school graduate to go to college 3) Cut the drop-out rate in half by expanding the Jobs for Maine's graduates; 4) Raise public school standards by greater direction from Augusta.

The first three will require large additional expenditures. Our next governor will face a billion-dollar budget deficit. It is not clear where she expects to find the money to pay for any of her plans. The problem with stuffing still more students into college is the rate they drop out. I don't know how many students drop out in Maine, but the national rate is thirty percent. Hard to justify such wastage rates.

The fourth implies a re-allocation of resources. She has suggested "re-negotiating" the state's liquor sales deal and says that she would not wish to see the "profits" from this doubtful negotiation swallowed up to cover the budget deficit. This seems to imply she believes the deficit will somehow take care of itself while she goes ahead with her am-

bitious spending plans. This does not seem very practical.

Paul LePage's proposals all require a re-allocation of resources. He aims to divert funds from the education bureaucracy into the classroom, acting on the assumption that the money available cannot be expanded but must be efficiently prioritized. Like Eliot Cutler, he wishes to expand parents' choices by promoting charter schools. Unlike Cutler, he favors expanding choice by retaining school choice, permitting vouchers for private schools and by encouraging home schooling. He expects these measures to reduce the total educational cost to taxpayers by offering more effective and less expensive alternatives to parents who choose to take advantage of them. LePage also emphasizes local control of education as opposed to top-down mandates from Augusta, and is leery of school consolidation.

Mitchell's advocacy of extending the educational system to the crib is founded on research showing that a child's first five years of cognitive development are vital. From this she leaps to the conclusion that public education needs to take charge of that development. As



against that we have the judgment of "A Nation at Risk," a report of the U.S. Department of Education's National Commission on Excellence in Education, i.e., "If an unfriendly power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

What has happened in the twenty-five years since that report came out that convinces Libby Mitchell we should expand the public education system to equip children with the skills necessary for kindergarten? (Professor John Frary of Farmington, Maine is a former US Congress candidate and retired history professor, a Board Member of Maine Taxpayers United and an associate editor of the International Military Encyclopedia, and can be reached at: jfrary8070@aol.com.)

Just what I thought

Uncle Ivan

BY NORMAN HARTLEY CLARKE

We took a trip to Presque Isle a couple weeks ago to visit my wife's Uncle Ivan (Ricker). We wanted to go where the leaves were at peak for a peek and, according to news sources; the place to go was "The County." We wanted to go up before winter takes over and the county goes into winter mode till June 30th. As a bonus, we stopped in to visit Ivan and do lunch. Ivan is 97 going on 51.

The trip to Presque Isle is long - very long. We have been up there a couple times this year and it doesn't get any shorter. Daughter and grandson made the trip with us. He did quite well sitting in his confining car seat all that time. We did take a couple Elmo videos to entertain him. After listening to Elmo

for about fifteen minutes, it was like someone dragging their fingernails across a chalkboard. For those of you who remember that thrilling sensation. We wanted to tickle Elmo. To death! The leaves were at peak, far off. Apparently, the only way they can provide the necessary touristy color pallet is in mobs. There were a few stubborn holdouts still carrying green leaves so it was almost peak.

The trip from Houlton to Presque Isle has improved since the roads have been redone. Passing lanes help a lot but you can still get behind a big truck or some drive who is apparently in no hurry whatsoever to get anywhere. Especially if it's

an old man, wearing a hat, driving a pick up. I suppose the trip up there is short compared to the ones we took from Connecticut to Corinna when we were kids. It was a 13-hour (one way) trip most of the time. No interstate or turnpike. Just through each and every town and city. I suppose traveling is all relative and Ivan is a relative after all.

Back to Ivan. He had just come back from another appointment with his doctor and had gotten a clean bill of health, again. Ivan remains very active and still maintains a busy schedule. He is involved with his Wesleyan Church, just around the corner from his house and is also a main supporter and worker at the church's camp. He recently commented on some of the "younger" workers seeming to come to meals but not to help with actual work needed at camp. This after he had just returned from carpentry work down there.

Having spent his life, so far, in Presque Isle, he knows everybody and no matter where go, he is always greeted warmly. He should be. He's a friend to all, has always helped people and has done so much for the community. He lost his beloved wife Elaine this year. They had been married 33 years. Cancer took his first wife, Hope, many years ago. Elaine, coincidentally, was from Florenceville, New Brunswick, the next town over from Centerville, where my mother was born. Ivan and



Elaine made many trips back and forth to Canada over the years. I'd bet they just waved him through at the border. He still drives, mows his and his neighbor's lawns and seemingly could work circles around most men half his age.

He has always worked hard. Cutting wood, delivering milk (walking) 30 miles a day when he was a young man, and been a dairy farmer. He never drank nor smoked but has always had a diet of bacon, real butter and most foods that would make a health nut faint. His name is respected and revered up there. We love, respect and admire him. He's the last of the family left in the county. When we visited last, we had a family photo of him, my wife and daughter and the Munchkin. This time, the little tornado-cane didn't sit still long enough. We tired sitting him next to Ivan and the resulting photo we have is of him about to leap off the couch. Maybe next visit. When he gets older, we'll make sure he knows about his Great Uncle Ivan. What am I saying? He can talk to him himself.

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The Maine Conservative Voice

Despotism: The maturation of a lie

BY ANDY TORBETT

I start this column this week with a quote from one of our founding fathers. I hope we can understand the warning in his words. "How prone all human institutions have been to decay; how subject the best-formed and most wisely organized governments have been to lose their check and totally dissolve; how difficult it has been for mankind, in all ages and countries, to preserve their dearest rights and privileges, impelled as it were by an irresistible fate of despotism" - James Monroe, 1788.

Some may find the title of this column unsettling, perhaps, even extreme. To call someone's words lies implies a challenge and demands a reckoning. So that there is no confusion, let the author of this column state clearly that he will challenge the liberal Democrat's candidates Libby Mitchell and Eliot Cutler on their falsehoods, and, with my children's futures in the balance, I dare not fear the reckoning. The warnings of James Monroe cannot, in this present time, be ignored.

One characteristic of despotism is the total disregard of the God-given rights and freedoms of their fellow countrymen by the propagation of lies with callous disdain for the public impact and contempt for the citizen's ability to discover them. This has been exemplified through the Democrats dynamic duo of Libby Mitchell and Eliot Cutler. When fishermen were gathering together to protest their maltreatment by the sitting Democrat President and also the Libby Mitchell-led State Legislature, the Democratic candidates only response was to rebuke the participants for not voicing their frustrations in a proper tone. In doing so, these Liberals have revealed a troubling disposition towards governance. It seems the Senate President feels that if her subjects, my words, do not show the proper respect to her lauded offices then she will not acknowledge their suffering.

Thankfully, our forefathers did not show King George the "proper respect" due his monarchy and told him where he could go. This started a war that, ultimately, gave you and I the opportunity to "disrespect" all arrogant and self-infatuated political leaders who trample our Constitution. Should we stop to think what John and Samuel Adams would have to say to our President? It wouldn't be respectful and, I guarantee, they wouldn't care who was offended by it. Liberty was of the utmost importance to them, not the feelings of the pretentious.

Senator Mitchell, however, seems more concerned with exploiting the anger of hard-working fishermen as an opportunity to attack Paul LePage rather than offering these men



any solutions. While preening her self-effected sense of propriety at the debate in Bangor, she lectured Paul LePage on the proper tone to use towards the exalted office of the Presidency. This she says while she and her party trample the Constitution. We now know that Libby Mitchell enthusiastically endorsed calling President Bush an international Terrorist. This is as extreme and disrespectful as it gets - but the lies continue

Libby Mitchell claims that Paul LePage's name is on the deed of Ann LePage's home. The Senator says the Mayor is lying. Now we find out that the "deed" that supposedly has Mayor LePage's signature is actually a construction loan. Hmmmm...I'm a contractor and I've had my name on construction loans but I don't own the house. The homeowners do. So Libby Mitchell is lying again, unless, she is so detached from reality that she doesn't know the difference between a deed and a loan. On second thought, maybe this could explain the billions misplaced, mismanaged, or misappropriated under her watch. Remember, this Senate President needs someone to show her where she has overspent... oh, if just had enough time....but the lies go on.

Supposedly, Senator Mitchell has quoted Paul LePage as saying he has no association with the Tea Party movement. That's interesting, because the "quote" is really Mr. LePage clarifying that he is not the leader of the Tea Party. This would be laughable if our children's futures were not at stake. If someone asks me if I'm the foreman of a job site and I say no, that doesn't mean I'm not working on the jobsite.

The sinister end of these heinous lies is the total mockery they make of the voters in Maine. Thankfully people, like the Tea Party movement, know better. Libby Mitchell cannot manipulate the Tea Party into endorsing her. If that movement were to abandon LePage at the behest of Mitchell and Cutler, this would send a message that their convictions were more about them than the Constitution.

I know that the Tea Party movement does not want to go down in history as having endorsed the very thing they stood against: despots ignoring the people and trampling the Constitution.

Guest Column

Please vote YES on the Somerset County Charter question

BY ELAINE ALOE

On Nov. 2, Somerset County voters will decide whether or not to adopt the proposed County Charter. The charter is a set of rules by which to govern our county. A Charter Commission of six elected citizens, one appointed citizen, one county commissioner and one legislator all from Somerset County developed the proposed charter.

The biggest change to county government is the addition of two County Commissioners so we will have five commissioners instead of the current three. Currently each commissioner represents approximately 17,000 citizens. Having five commissioners will change that to approximately 10,000 citizens per commissioner. This gives the citizens better representation on the board.

The commissioners will serve 3-year staggered terms. Having two more commissioners will not greatly increase the county budget. Currently, the commissioners are paid \$7,000 a year; so two more will cost the county an additional \$14,000 out of a \$14 million budget. Pittsfield has a 7 member council and Fairfield has a 5 member council. Skowhegan, Madison, Norridgewock, Anson, Palmyra, and Jackman all have 5 member boards of selectmen.

It does not change any of the current elected offices to appointed. However, it does change them to non-partisan positions. This means all county candidates will run for their offices without any party affiliations like the elected officials in our towns do. The exception to this is the District Attorney who is required by state law to be elected in a partisan election. The various departments will continue to be run by their department heads.

The county budget committee will

have 10 members, two from each district, instead of the current nine members, three from each district. They will serve 3-year staggered terms. The budget committee will continue to elect its members and function as it currently does.

The charter also contains provisions regarding the process for charter amendments, elected official recalls, and county referendums. Currently there is no process in place to allow a recall of county elected officials. The charter provides a process to recall an elected official. Charter amendments can be submitted by the commissioners or by citizen petition. The citizens of the county will have the final vote on all of these issues.

Complete versions of the proposed charter are available at the county administrator's office, municipal town offices, and on the commissioner's page on the county website at www.somersetcounty-me.org.

Please vote YES on the Somerset County Charter question. (Elaine Aloes of Solon is Vice Chair of the Somerset County Charter Commission)

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Tongue-in-Cheek - Take this Halloween costume advice and shove it. - By Chuck McKay

When your kid reaches age five, is already smarter than you, an awkward mix of pride and shame antagonizes the ego. You could show a terrier a fire hydrant made of steak and he'd be less confused.

As a child, my Halloween costumes were a series of comic mishaps worthy of a much larger audience. If reality TV had existed back then, I might have been rich and famous.

My parents, God love them, were happy to oblige whatever crazy costume idea I came up with each year. This was exceedingly educational. Read on to partake of my wisdom.

Once I was a mummy. They wrapped me in about \$60 worth of toilet paper, only to find that when-

ever I moved any limb at an angle of five degrees or more, the paper ripped. By the time I got to the car (we lived in the woods and had to drive to the suburbs for Trick-or-Treating) I had inadvertently shredded the costume.

DO NOT DRESS YOUR CHILD AS A MUMMY FOR HALLOWEEN.

Then I went through a series of box-oriented costumes. One year I was a robot, the next, a birthday present. There might have been a jack-in-the-box mixed in there somewhere, as well; I'm not sure.

At any rate, my mother slaved for hours elaborately decorating large cardboard boxes in colored paper and tin foil, only to discover on

Halloween night that the costume would not fit into our undersized Subaru station wagon.

You'd think we would have realized somewhere along the way that the whole box thing was a poor idea.

DO NOT MAKE A BOX COSTUME FOR YOUR CHILD unless you're absolutely certain you won't have to drive him or her anywhere for a while.

I vaguely remember my mother pressuring me to be a pirate one year. I must have been just a little tyke, but the idea of wearing an earring scared me to bits, partially because I imagined searing pain in my earlobe, and partially because boys did not wear earrings in those days

unless they wanted to be picked on relentlessly.

It's too bad that I felt the need, as a six-year-old with big plastic glasses, to assure everyone how manly I was by not wearing an earring. I might have had more fun.

At any rate, needless to say, DO NOT PRESSURE YOUR CHILD INTO CROSS-DRESSING.

Another year, when I was closer to adolescence, I got the idea of dressing as Johnny Paycheck, who sang the famous tune "Take This Job and Shove It." Instead of saying "Trick or Treat" at every house, I wanted to say, "Take this Halloween Candy and Shove It." Thankfully, I was talked out of that idea.

No matter how original and avant

garde your child may feel, DO NOT PERMIT HIM TO DRESS AS A DISGRUNTLED COUNTRY MUSIC STAR. (But a grunted country music star would be fine.)

Also, please resist the temptation to dress your child as a politician. Every year I see shorties running around in Reagan masks and Bush masks and it makes me wonder if there's been a robbery at Midget National Bank or something.

I admit, though, a Paul LePage costume would be pretty scary, but you'd have to instruct your child to curse at people after saying "Trick or Treat." Then, if they don't give the exact candy he wants, he should storm angrily away from the house.

My daughter, wiser than I ever



was, is a bumblebee this year. If my ego can recover from the sting we'll have a great time.

(Chuck McKay is a Maine freelance writer, teacher, and proud papa. His email is chuckrates@gmail.com.)

In 500 Words Or Less... Time travel: A new generation

We recently spent a few days away that required some travel time by air plane and as a result, had the experience of luggage fees, over booked flights, lengthy check in lines and photo id's.

I can remember back in the "old days" when you called a travel agent, booked a flight, could walk up to a check-in counter in an airport, check your luggage and travel to almost anywhere in the world with little to no fuss. What's a travel agent? Today you book your own flight on line and hope that there are not too many changes between now and then. In our case, the flights had been booked for almost 8 months

in advance and changed at least four times. And upon arrival at the airport, the flight was overbooked. The up side? Upgrades to business class at no additional charge.

"Orange" was the color of the day, orange being the warning level for the security threat for travel. There was a time when one only had to worry about the weather, but now terrorist threats too! A quick scan around the waiting area and everyone looked OK to me. So who gets pulled out of the line for a carry-on check and a hand scan? Me, of course! And in all seriousness, the TSA employee questioned my picture on my license. (now known

as a photo ID) OK, so ten pounds lighter and less hair. I should have taken it as a compliment.

One other comment about the TSA employees. After spending some time in several different airports, I was surprised by the fact that, if put on a rating scale, the folks at the Portland jetport were somewhat rude and not very friendly when compared to other locations. I was disappointed by that and hoped that those visiting Maine for the first time did not have a similar, unfriendly experience.

The flights were uneventful, thank goodness, and the reminder of the trip went with few, if any, hitches.

By JAN LAUX

The grandchildren were great and the weather was marvelous.

Travel has become an interesting event, especially by air. But other things have changed as well. The photo ID has become an important part of our way of life. As one moves through a store, a school - and in this case, airports - or many offices, you notice most are wearing a badge with at least a partial name and a picture. I understand the reason, but it serves as a sad commentary on where we have come as a society.

Will we all be wearing badges at some point and time as we move about our daily business? I under-

stand the eye scans or finger print devices to confirm ones identity. But what does the future hold? What will be next?

Recent years have seen a movement for a national ID card, to be produced upon request by someone in an official capacity. Truthfully I never thought much about it until recently, when I was unable to get into my hotel room because the room key had been deactivated by my cell phone and my picture ID was on the other side of the door. SECURITY!!!!

My fear ... that someday each baby, upon birth, will have a chip implanted under his or her skin,



readable only by a scanning device. Now how is that for being paranoid?

Mr. Mike's Musings "Dancing with the Stars" A hit because it's everything we like.

By MIKE ESTRADA - WTOS FM 96.7, 101.1, 105.1 FM

I'm really sorry, but at this printing I can't tell you if Florence Henderson has met her demise this week in the ninth Season of "Dancing with the Stars" on ABC television, seen Monday and Tuesday nights.

Nor can I tell you whether the latest victim is Jennifer Gray, Kurt Warner, Kyle Massey or "teenage activist" Bristol Palin, daughter of 2008 vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin, after another round of elimination dancing.

I CAN tell you that millions of Americans will tune-in to find out who it is. "Dancing with the Stars" continues to be one of the most watched TV shows out there, according to Nielson ratings.

Hosted by former Massachusetts radio guy Tom Bergeron, who can also be seen hosting TV's "America's Funniest Videos," "Dancing" is a broadcast phenomenon. And I know why the show is such a hit - it combines the best of what we love in entertainment. "Dancing" features celebrities from the worlds of film, television, music, comedy and professional sports. It also has competition and sexual attraction, a lethal trio that American viewers apparently find irresistible.

Other shows give you one or two elements of the winning combination; no one has it all together like "Dancing" has in its offerings.

Imagine that manly Monday night television, long dominated by a National Football League game on "Monday Night Football" is now

overshadowed by a glitzy, colorful performance show that features wardrobe, footwork, and judging by points.

Huh, maybe they're not that different after all.

While America's other top TV show, "American Idol," enters another season tentatively with a makeshift cast, "Dancing" continues with its original judging lineup. Len Goodman is a champion professional ballroom dancer and instructor. Bruno Tonioli, and Carrie Ann Inaba are professional dancing choreographers.

Individually they offer critical, and often predictable, analyses of the celebrity dancers.

For example, how is one to judge the dancing abilities of actor/singer David Hasselhoff, who, along with professional partner Kym Johnson, were the first voted-off this current season?

Well, I believe the American perceived that Hasselhoff thought too much of himself. He DID have two successful television series, playing Michael Knight in "Knight Rider," and Matt Buchanan in "Baywatch," but that doesn't override his stiff, unimpressive performance on the television dance floor.

After receiving low numbers from the aforementioned judges, American callers also rated him lowly... and he was gone.

Later, Hasselhoff said he wasn't given fair chance by the producers of the show, whom he claimed



wouldn't let him perform in the image-enhancing lifeguard swimsuit he wore on "Baywatch."

That's arguable.

Other than the physique of "The Hoff," if exposed skin is your thing "Dancing" is the place for you. From the famous six-pack abdominal muscles of Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino to ageless wonder of "Dirty Dancing," star Jennifer Gray, to the lithe, scantily-clad, professional dancing bodies of former champion Cheryl Burke, Maksim Chmerkovkiy, and Lacy Schwimmer, "Dancing" sometime pushes the limit on network TV acceptability.

Hey, all together it works.

Never mind the contrived immunity contests on "Survivor," or the frenetic film editing that makes-up a weekly episode of "The Amazing Race," "Dancing with the Stars," is a real, reality show in the best sense of the word.

If you don't believe it, just try strapping on a pair of shoes and learning a routine of dancing the Waltz, the Quik Step or the Pasa Doble.

Here's Katie: If walls could talk... how sweet it is! - By Katie Oulette

Do newspapers get you going? Well, sometimes I'm inspired by newspapers, sometimes by e-mail, sometimes by television. By the way, Somerset Times can be yours via e-mail, if you are traveling with your laptop and want the latest each Thursday. The fact is that we, of Somerset County, are so fortunate in being able to remain updated by all these news-carriers. Oh, yes, even Walls can talk in Somerset Times!

Well, Walls got going when reading the many articles that have been printed lately about kids. And let's include all ages of public school students here while I dig up some thoughts and problems' solutions of the past and places. First of all, admittedly, this is a different era from 40 or 50 years ago (Oh, my... has it been that long?) and Walls could weep at the thought that the age of innocence and safety are but memories, in many instances, today.

However, Walls invites you to think about these things. Maybe there is a solution with your name on it! Maybe Walls will inspire you all to, like in the musical "Oliver," rethink the situation.

Let Walls explain. The places are Sudbury, Mass. and Mountain Lakes, N.J. The subject is transportation to school. You guessed it. In the '60s, these suburban communities had no school buses. Oh, and should I mention that there were, in some neighborhoods, no sidewalks,

as well? Solution? Neighborhood carpooling! Sometimes it was Dad's day and, most often, it was Mom's day. You see, even in suburbia, Dads and Moms worked shift work and, frankly, the hours for commuters were often staggered in the morning to ease traffic flow into Boston or New York. We neighbors took a specific day of the week as 'ours' in the pool.

Car pool? It was a neighborhood thing, so all ages piled into the front and back seats and the driver would go to each school for the student to grab their books and crawl over their friends to descend onto the schoolyard. Nope, no car seats for young siblings. They sat on their big buddy's lap, while a car-seat-for-baby (certainly not of today's standards) was perched next to Mom. Of course, if Dad was 'chauffeur' that morning, Mom and young 'uns could stay home.

Walls can hear Moms of today, now! But, relax, my dears. Yesterday, it was quite acceptable for Moms to complete the morning task in pajamas, bathrobe, slippers and with no make-up, plus uncombed hair! Yes, mornings were hectic and not at all like Mom on TV's Father Knows Best (also of yesteryear!).

In the afternoon, Moms looked transformed and magnificent when picking up the kids at the end of the school day. An afternoon meeting? Never fear, those meetings were



planned better than the curriculums, as every meeting adjourned in time for the car pool pick-up.

Ah, yes, Moms, times have changed and the Woman's Lib movement that began in my family's Sudbury days have brought Grandmas and Grandpas into the scene, plus Dads assuming the day-long Mr. Mom role.

There were no after-school programs, but there were Cub Scout meetings and Brownie Scout meetings and visits to the local library (no school libraries in the dark ages of the '60s and before). One thing that should never have changed, however, is the importance of wonderful neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, the lust for places in the country and no neighbors to care what we do has a certain deprivation-tone that I would not have liked when I was growing up on Chestnut Street in Skowhegan

And I still live in a neighborhood that cares, right here in East Madison.

If Walls could talk, they'd tell you "How sweet it is."

A House Full See page B4

Guest Column

The Future of the Pro-Family Movement: The need for an all-encompassing perspective

By CARROLL CONLEY, CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE OF MAINE

Since our country's earliest days as a British colony, religious minded people have been active participants in public life. However, from the Scopes trial of the 1920's to the court cases of the 1960's about prayer in public schools, conservative Christians largely retreated from political life and acquiesced to the forces of secularization.

After Roe v. Wade and the legalization of abortion in 1973, the conditions were ripe for Christian leaders and lay people to once again become active in public policy matters. Jerry Falwell led the way by founding the Moral Majority and thus starting the contemporary pro-family movement.

In the ensuing years, Focus on the Family, the Family Research Council, and other organizations have exerted a tremendous amount of influence on the local, state, and national level by lobbying for the election of pro-family candidates and the passage of pro-family legislation. In a relatively short time period, the leaders of these organizations have become well-known figures whose endorsements could make or break the ambitions of a Republican presidential candidate.

The pro-family movement has had some notable success in electing candidates and moving its agenda through the legislative realm on

issues such as same-sex marriage, abortion, and gambling. However, the movement's reach has been limited by focusing its efforts almost exclusively on supporting or opposing particular bills and by aligning itself primarily with the Republican Party.

As a result, the perception—fair or not—is that Christians are naysayers who are only good at arguing against issues. Additionally, many in the mainstream media perpetuate the even more damaging and widespread notion that all Christians are Republicans who are obsessed with a political agenda failing to adequately address the real needs of ordinary people.

In order for the pro-family movement to flourish in the 21st century, it must recognize these perceptions and offer a more all-encompassing message that can build new coalitions and bring support from people and groups with which it has not typically aligned itself.

This means refusing to demonize gay and lesbian people, but instead treating them with dignity and respect, and looking for areas of common ground where we might work together, like responsibly caring for God's creation. This means not merely opposing abortion, but reaching out to women who are considering abortion and by part-

nering with other organizations and faith communities to help these women understand the alternatives to terminating a pregnancy. And, it means not only objecting to legalized gambling, but actively working with individuals and families who have been ravaged by the ills associated with it and connecting them with the necessary help and support they need.

But please understand what I am saying. The emphasis on preventing same-sex marriage, abortion, and gambling should not end. Rather, there needs to be an all-encompassing pro-life political philosophy that doesn't stop at opposing bad legislation, but reaches out in a tangible way to people who support these issues.

A new, more comprehensive approach will not be easy. Frankly, it may be quite difficult at times. We must hold fast to our principles, and continue to speak what we know to be true. But we must recognize that the legislative process is only one way we can live out our faith. This part must continue, but it must be accompanied by offering and implementing ways of showing God's love, grace, and compassion to everyone—including our political opponents.

I'm Just Curious Best of intentions -By Debbie Walker

Usually our home goes dark and quiet at 9 p.m. every night. Going to bed at that time is a habit Ken got into years ago in his early-morning truck driving days. Now, of course, he adds that he needs his beauty sleep to stay handsome. It's okay by me because if he gets over tired he gets cranky! But ask anyone in my family and they'll tell you: No phone calls after 9 p.m. They are all trained now.

It really isn't much of a problem for me. Some nights I let him go to sleep and I am back up in an hour or so. I really enjoy that quiet time to do my writing. Occasionally, there is a little glitch in the system and that is what this column is about.

Have you ever tried really hard to be quiet and then everything goes wrong?

Here's an example of the best of intentions:

Mom and I went to the Marsh River Theater in Brooks to see "Geeshaw 2" one Saturday night in September. Because we were going to church together the next morning, we decided she ought to spend the night with us. (We were living in the 30-ft. motor home for the summer). It seemed like a good plan. Ken didn't care to go, so by 9 p.m. he was in bed; and knowing Ken, probably asleep by 9:10 p.m.

Mom and I arrived home about 10:30 p.m. We were trying so hard to be quiet so as not to interrupt

Ken's snoring - oops, I mean sleeping. Mom had a little upset stomach and she thought a cup of tea would make it feel better.

I latched the folding door that separates the bedroom and bathroom from the rest of the place. I was hoping of course that Ken wouldn't see the light or hear as much noise from us. I decided using the gas stove and a pot would be quieter than the microwave.

I won't make that mistake again! I turned on the burner, put a pan of water on, in a matter of seconds the smoke detector was screaming! I was trying desperately to quiet the thing when Ken wakes up grumbling something about noise, sleep being interrupted, yada, yada, yada. He settled down and was soon snoring again.

Mom had her tea, we were whispering for a bit about the evening and decided we both needed to hit the bathroom and then go to bed. Well, there was one problem with our good intentions. I went to open the folding door so we could get to the bathroom; I couldn't get it open. The latch release on our side of the door was broken! I have to admit by then we were getting a bit silly and couldn't help but giggle and snicker.

After trying everything I could think of to unlock that door nothing would work. The only way we were getting in was to wake Ken and



have him unlock it from his side. Wake Ken! Oh, God, now we'd have to hear more about interrupted sleep, yada, yada. There truly was no other choice. Oh yeah, he was full of the yada, yada stuff; but he got up and unlatched the door for us. He promptly returned to bed and in seconds, once again he was snoring.

I have since decided to replace that folding door with a heavy curtain. If any such thing happens again, I will use the microwave to heat the water. It's a lot quieter than the smoke alarm! Well, we really did have the best of intentions.

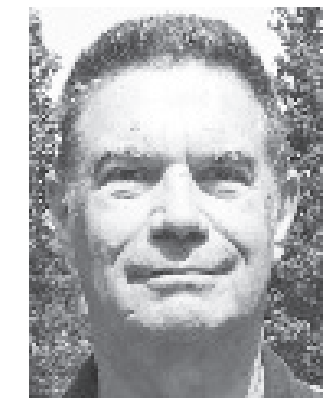
I'm just curious if you've checked your alarm lately. We know our batteries are still good. How about checking yours today?

(Debbie Walker lives in Burnham, Me. and Beverly Hills, Fla. Comedy routine brought to you through SV WEEKLY by Mom, Ken and me!!! Reach me at dwdaffy@yahoo.com, subject line: SVW Thanks again for reading!)

The Other Mike's Column We're taking a week off

By MIKE LANGE

After spending the weekend at the Maine Press Association Fall Conference where I retired gracefully as executive director, I ran out of time to write a column this week. In fact, I ran out of time to even think of a subject to write about. But for the half-dozen people who read The Other Mike's Column each week, take heart. I will return for the Oct. 28 issue.



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The Outdoor Notebook

Controversy over feeding wildlife

By BOB CRAM

As the colder, more barren times of year in the natural world approach, discussions about the pros and cons of feeding wildlife once again come to the fore. Many Mainers enjoy bird feeding during the winter months. This is a great way to observe different bird species up close and an excellent method for learning different things about their habits. It's also a fine way of luring birds close enough to get some really good photographs.

Feeding can be a great boon to local birds in winter but it is a task that requires dedication. Once birds become accustomed to eating at feeders they tend to rely less on natural foods. If the individual doing the feeding becomes disenchanted with the hobby and stops putting out food, it is difficult for some birds to revert back to feeding entirely for themselves, especially in the stark and cold time of midwinter. Some birds even die of malnutrition as a result. So if you decide to feed birds, make up your mind to stay in it for the long haul, at least until enough new growth appears in the spring to make it easier for the birds to feed themselves from nature's re-appearing bounty.

Although feeding usually works well, some bird feeders have asked why birds that had been frequenting a feeder would suddenly stop appearing. Being far less than an expert on the subject of bird feeding, I looked back on my correspondence with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in New York for a possible answer.

It seems that in the depths of winter some birds' nutritional requirements change. During the colder spells their bodies begin to require more fat than they ingest from typical birdseed. The birds often go elsewhere, looking for necessary additions to their diets. When this happens, birdfeeders should put out more suet or prepared feeds with a combination of both fat and seed. The fat provides more fuel to sustain a bird's normally high metabolic rate while the seed addresses other nutritional needs.

If you'd like to learn more about feeding birds, contact the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology at 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1999. The internet address is <http://birds.cornell.edu>.

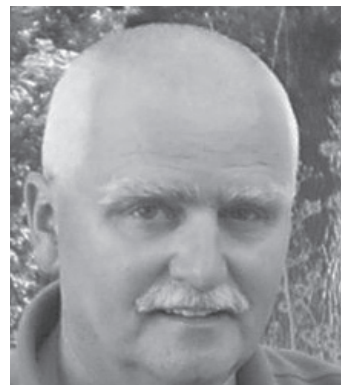
Feeding Deer Not Recommended
 Feeding deer is another hot topic of debate in winter. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (DIF&W) does not recommend feeding deer. Many people

cannot understand this position and continue to feed deer through the winter. As is usually the case when biologists take a position that at first seems illogical, there is more to the deer feeding question than meets the eye.

Just as with birds, it is essential that once a feeding program is

become dependent on the feed put out by humans and are less likely to fend for themselves effectively if suddenly deprived of that food source.

The other reason a feeding program must be continued has to do with the anatomy of the white-tailed deer. As winter approaches, the di-



the like, and evolves to accommodate such winter forage as bark, evergreen tips, and buds. The change-over can take a month or more and is a very gradual process.



This same gradual change occurs in the deer's digestive tract if it begins feeding on human-placed feed. For a while the deer will eat a combination of wild food and feed at the feeding station, slowly ingesting more of the placed feed as its system adapts to it.

Should the human decide to discontinue placing food, a deer's system cannot suddenly adapt to its loss by switching immediately back to an entirely natural diet. Deer can actually die from this inability to change, even though their stomachs may be filled with natural food.

Humans can experience something similar to this, but in reverse. It has happened with inmates of concentration camps or with others deprived of adequate food for long periods. If they suddenly gorge themselves on rich food, their systems may shut down and they can even die as a result.

As you can see, feeding deer in the winter months isn't a good idea unless you make the commitment to carry it out for the long haul. Make sure the feed you place is of the right kind and nutritional value for deer and plan on keeping up the feeding process until the new green growth of spring is available to them. If you can't make that commitment, don't do it at all.

One unfortunate result of feeding deer is that they tend to cross roads in substantial numbers at all hours of the day and night moving to and from feeding stations. Some of these animals are struck and killed by automobiles. Until spring disperses deer to a greater degree, all of us need to exercise extreme caution when driving rural byways, and even the interstate. Deer can't read and often show little regard for approaching vehicles, especially when the lure of a feeding station is just across the road.

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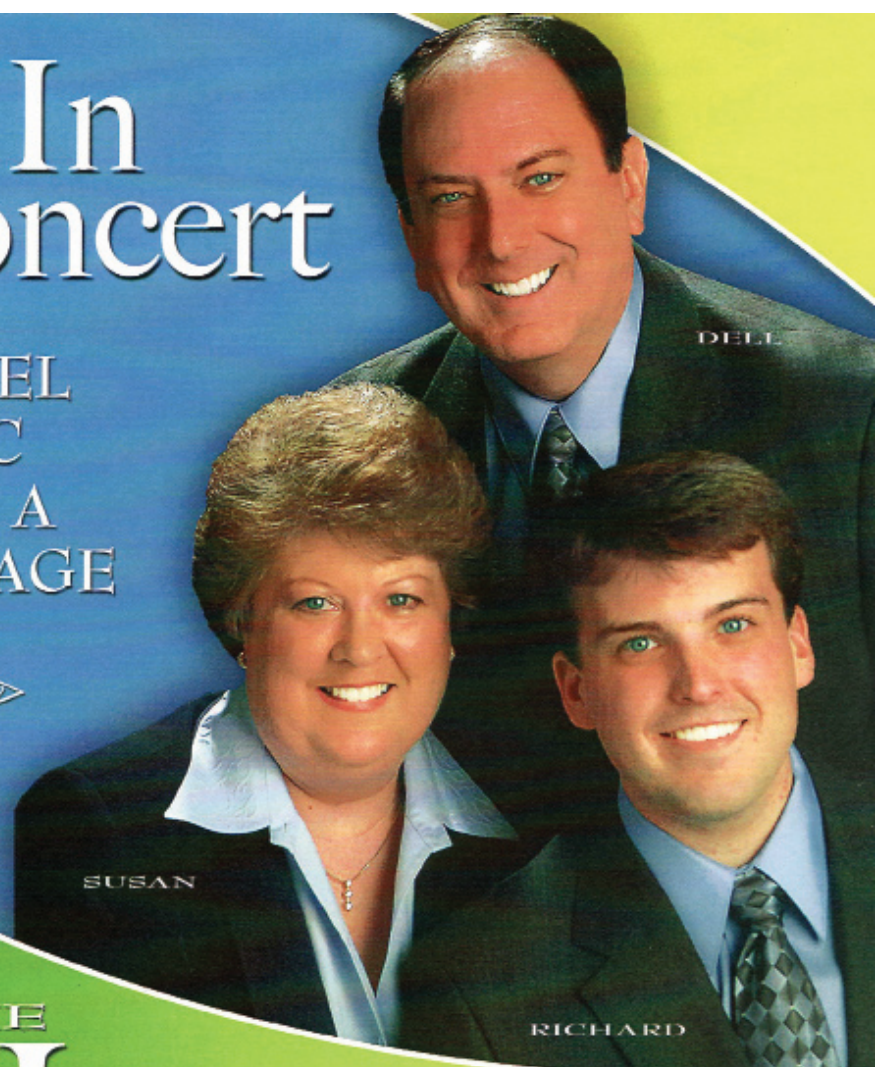
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Madison girls' soccer team awaits its assignment

By LARRY GRARD

MADISON – The Madison Bulldogs will be hitting the road for a Western Maine Class C girls soccer playoff match. Coach Scooter Gleason said prior to Monday's match that a lot of scenarios could play out in the Heat Ratings with Wayne, Jay and Mt. Abram all winding down their regular seasons. Gleason was hoping the Bulldogs could hang onto No. 5 and play at Dirigo instead of slipping to 6 and making the longer trip to Sacopee Valley. On Monday, however, the Bulldogs fell 9-0 to powerful St. Dom's. The play-in game between the 8 and 9 seeds is set for Saturday, Oct. 22 while the girls quarterfinals are scheduled for Oct. 26. Madison has sustained a few tough losses this season, but also has point-worthy wins. The Bulldogs have a solid front line, including striker Natalie Michaud. "She's very fast, and can place the ball very well," Gleason said.

"She's our leading scorer and does a great job on the corner kicks." Kirsta Grant, Kianna Libby and Jen Brown also work well up front. Sam McLaughlin distributes the ball well to the flanks. "They're seasoned players," Gleason said. Freshman Kirstin Wood, who plays center-midfield, has great potential. Wood is quick and aggressive, her coach said. Sweeper Lindsay Weese spearheads the Madison defense. "She knows the field and knows how to manage her defense well," Gleason said. As of Monday, St. Dom's and Georges Valley were the 1-2 teams in the Heat Ratings, followed by Sacopee, Dirigo and Madison. Wayne was just behind Madison, followed by Jay, Old Orchard Beach and NYA. Mt. Abram and Monmouth both were hoping to slip past NYA in the top 9.

Revived soccer Pirates eye top-seven finish

- By LARRY GRARD

GUILFORD – From a winless season to the playoffs, the Piscataquis Pirates have enjoyed a remarkable turnaround this season in boys' soccer. And whether the Pirates compete in the Eastern Maine Class C play-in match on Saturday, Oct. 23 or go right to the quarterfinals on Oct. 27, they have done it with teamwork – and only five seniors. "The interesting thing about this year's team," Coach Tom Cyr said, "is there's no one player that we count on. It's unselfish play. These kids are very generous. They'd rather pass than shoot. I don't really care who scores." In another sign of togetherness, each player on the team wears pink tape on their shoes. They do it for breast cancer. Nick Schmiedlener, who divides his playing time between goalkeeper and field play, sometimes wears a pink shirt and socks to help support the cause. PCHS secured its spot in the top nine last Wednesday with a 3-2 victory over Penquis Valley. The Pirates then defeated Central 2-0

to bring their record to 7-6. The 9 seeds plays the 8 seed in the play-in, but PCHS could move up to No. 7. The regular-season finale was Monday at PVHS. Last Wednesday night in Milo, the boys won 3-2 over No. 3 Penquis, Devin Smith scoring two goals. Tim Roberts booted the dramatic winning goal with just 29 seconds to play. Schmiedlener is actually the team's leading scorer. Often, Cyr will take him out of goal and put him on the field, as he did during the first Penquis game, at the PCHS Homecoming. Schmiedlener responded with two goals as the Pirates won 3-2. Cyr coached the middle school soccer team in Guilford for 20 years before taking over the varsity four years ago. PCHS made the playoffs his first two seasons, but managed just two ties last year. It's important, Cyr said, to finish the regular season with victories. "You're much better going into the playoffs on a winning note," he said. "We want to win out."

Black Raiders had a great fall

By LARRY GRARD

WINSLOW – The Winslow Black Raiders have qualified for the Eastern Maine Class B girls soccer playoffs. But that's nothing unusual. Coach Scott Wood's teams have made it to the postseason for 13 consecutive years now. What might be more unusual this year is that Winslow made the playoffs in both field hockey and girls' soccer. And the cross country teams are the best in years, the boys and girls both placing second in the KVAC Championships. "I would say that with three teams in the playoffs and our cross country team doing well, that's pretty good," said athletic director Carrie Larrabee. Molly Schassberger finished second in the KVACs for the Raiders, who finished second to Hampden. Adrianna Walsh was 13th. Nick Shuckrow (fifth), Mike McCann (10th), Griffin Davis (16th), James Cassidy (17th) and Ryan Turner (18th) gave the Raiders an impressive five runners in the top 20 of the boys' race. Winslow also finished second to Hampden among the boys. Larrabee also happens to coach boys' soccer, which had an outstand-

ing season. Winslow was 10-3 and ranked fourth going into Tuesday's regular-season finale against MCI. The Raiders are looking forward to the quarterfinals on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Wood's girls' soccer team, also winding up its regular season against MCI, was 10-2-1 going into that match. The Raiders look forward to an Oct. 26 quarterfinal. They made it to the state championship match last autumn. While many schools don't fare well in both field hockey and girls' soccer, field hockey is the traditional power at Winslow. The fourth-ranked Raiders, who finished 10-3, hosted No. 5 Gardiner in a quarterfinal game on Wednesday. Brenda Beckwith coached Winslow to state championships in the sport, and Mary Beth Bourgoin was one of Beckwith's stars. Bourgoin, now the coach, conducts field hockey clinics every week, through the town's recreation department. Larrabee said that strong feeder systems are boosting the soccer program. All in all, there's plenty of sports to talk about in the hallways. "There's a lot of excitement going on," Larrabee said.

McKeage wins PASS race and championship; Weston, Austin in top five

GROVETON, N.H. - Dan McKeage of Gorham got around Clyde Hennessey on lap 61 of the Pro All-Stars Series Sportsman season finale at Riverside Speedway in Groveton, N.H. Sunday (Oct. 17) and held off Mike Landry at the checkers to claim his second win of 2010. Landry crossed the finish line second and Hennessey third. McKeage's win sealed a second PASS Sportsman Championship for the Gorham Maine racer. Nate Weston of Madison and R.J. Austin of Smithfield completed the top five in the 23-car field. Hennessey led the field to the green and he was in command for the majority of the laps, but McKeage was in the right place at the right time. Trouble in the low groove gave McKeage the break he needed and he was quick to take advantage. Landry made a pass on the low side to kick Hennessey back to the third spot and the trio raced to the check-

ers in that order. Unofficially, there were several shifts in the final point standings. Defending Sportsman champion Carey Martin trailed McKeage by 14 heading into the finale, but Martin had an afternoon he would rather forget. He came back from a wreck to finish sixth in the feature race, but wound up fourth in his heat race while Landry won the qualifier. The three-point spread was just enough to place Landry second in the final standings. Hennessey remained in fourth and Shane Tatro fifth despite being involved in a late-race wreck that left him 20th at the checkers. Austin's finish helped him move from tenth to sixth, just one point back from Tatro. Look for the final official PASS Sportsman point standings on line at www.proallstarseries.com later this week.

MCI, Foxcroft look for their places in playoffs

By LARRY GRARD

Beat Mount View, the MCI Huskies probably go into the LTC playoffs ranked third, and host a first-round game. Lose, it's probably a sixth seed, and a road game. MCI subdued Mattanawcook last week, while the Mustangs lost 40-13 to Bucksport. But the Mustangs, with quarterback Aaron Santana, can be a tricky team to defend. "They throw, and they run the option," MCI Coach Tom Bertrand said. "They have some skill people - their quarterback's pretty good." Tyler Maloon, Nick Leibowitz, Caleb Chute and Britt Mulholland led a great MCI defensive effort against Mattanawcook, forcing several turnovers. "The turnovers are going to become more and more important," Bertrand said. "When we get the ball back, we need to do something with it." Mount View has battled through injuries to key seniors. They go into the MCI game with only five seniors able to compete. Coach Jack Brady assessed the season. "Although Kris Ravin was a first-year player he really picked up the defensive tackle position very quickly and had he not broken his foot, would have been a tremendous force for us. Kyle Hadyniak is the fastest football player on our team and he had just started to return punts and kickoffs very effectively when he sprained his foot. "One of our captains, Erick Nealey is the best receiver in the conference. His loss to a knee injury was a crucial loss for our offense this year." Captain and lineman, Sebastian LaForge has been a four-year starter and a force for Mount View on both sides of the football. Nate Siguoin is another four-year player, and the team's leading tackler.

The Fearless Five This week's Highschool Football Picks.



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the ball 22 times for 246 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 45-12 romp over Skowhegan last Saturday. Mt. Blue (5-2) at Skowhegan (1-6) Friday, 7 p.m. The Indians wrap up their season at home, against their old rival from across the Franklin County line, Mt. Blue. Though they actually have given up one more point than they've scored, the Cougars are back in the upper echelons of the PTC following several down seasons. Mt. Blue doesn't score much, so Skowhegan would have a shot at the upset if it can take an early lead. Caleb Austin had another fine game for Skowhegan in the loss to Messalonskee. Austin ran the ball 12 times for 103 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown jaunt. Ben Clark threw a scoring strike to Justin Grant for the other Skowhegan score. Austin, lineman Mike Bishop and fullback/lineman Matt Bigelow are among the seniors playing their final games for the Indians. Waterville (3-4) at Winslow (1-6) Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Both teams played perhaps their best games of the season last Saturday in losing efforts. That sets the state for the 82nd Battle of the Bridge. Including 11 exhibition games played in the 1990s and early 2000s, the Purple Panthers leads the series 49-28-4. A missed extra point cost Waterville last week in its 21-20 loss to Hampden. Winslow, meanwhile, gave the unbeaten Leavitt Hornets their toughest game of the year before falling 21-7. "We played our best game of the year," said assistant coach Jimmy Poulin. "The kids wanted to win that game."

Friday, 7 p.m. The Broncos have all but secured home field for the first round of the LTC playoffs. The Warriors would love a win, and they have played well against some good teams. Nokomis is coming off a 62-7 drubbing at the hands of Gardiner, however. Dan Tucker scored the only Nokomis touchdown in the third quarter, but the Tigers had 48 points by then. Assessing his team's effort this season, Coach Haggie Pratt said that first-year player Dylan Hawthorne proved his athleticism by stepping in and becoming the PAT and field goal kicker for most of the season. Chris Scammons has been a two-year letterman at offensive tackle "who just quietly goes about his job day in and day out," Pratt said. "He is a very steady player and a fine role model as the type of student athlete you like to see in the school." And then there's Tucker. "I can't say enough about Dan Tucker," the coach said. "He has been a three-year letterman and a two-year team captain. He works very hard in the weight room in the off season and set several team lifting records. He has had an outstanding offensive career. Every week teams plan all of their defensive strategies to stop Dan, yet week in and week out he has incredible games with everyone keying on him. "He does everything for us... kicking, punting... you name it! He even kicked PATs in our last game. He just never comes off the field." CAMPBELL CONFERENCE Madison (1-6) at Dirigo (4-3) Saturday, 3:30 p.m. The defending state Class C champion Dirigo Cougars, losers to Maranacook last week, look to lock up a spot among the top four in Campbell Conference North. Madison, its defense on the field most of the time, wraps up its season. Coach Matt Friedman's young team got a win over Freeport early in the season. Friedman will try to build on that with a more experienced team next year. Friedman had only four seniors to work with. Zach White, Ryan Turcotte, Luke Klinker and Dylan Dominski will be playing their final games Saturday in Dixfield. LTC

Calais (4-3) at Dexter (0-7) Saturday, 1 p.m. Dexter's season got off to a roaring start when the Tigers returned a kickoff for a touchdown against Foxcroft Academy on Sept. 4. The Tigers, who had broken through to make the playoffs last year, were hopeful. Then they got hit with injuries, and their defense was forced to spend most of the games on the field. Calais/Woodland stunned the LTC early, defeating Foxcroft. But the team has fallen on hard times lately, including last weekend's 24-20 loss to Rockland. Coach Tim Wilson loses seven seniors. Tim Guston, Brandon Leighton, Mike Ellis, Jeremy Davis, Jake Sherburne, Hunter Ogden and Alex Harvey will be playing their final game before the hometown fans. Mattanawcook (2-5) at Foxcroft (3-4) Friday, 7 p.m. Beat Mattanawcook, and the Ponies are in the playoffs. Lose, and they're hoping that their strength of schedule can translate into enough Crabtree points. "We won't have to worry about any of that if we can take care of business," said Foxcroft Coach Danny White. "They are quite physical up front and have Grady Marquis, who is a real tough runner. They have a great deal of youth, like us, so turnovers could play a major factor for either side. It should be a great contest with both teams fighting for playoff contention the last regular-season game of the year." Foxcroft posted a dramatic win over a good Old Town team last Saturday to put itself into contention. Dylan Andrews had 12 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown, Cody Coiley had 89 yards on 11 carries and a score, and Jerrod Boone had 79 yards on four touches. Quarterback Chris Shorey completed a 10-yard pass for a score to sophomore wide receiver Ryan Rebar with eight seconds to go for the 24-20 win. LTC leading tackler Andrews was big again on defense with nine solo tackles and 17 assists - an outstanding effort. Jerrod Boone was in on 14 tackles while Chris Shorey, Cody Coiley, and Don Boyer were involved in 10 or more tackles, as Old Town ran the ball 71 times.

Black Bear hockey team faces unbeaten ND

By LARRY GRARD

ORONO – The University of Maine returns to men's ice hockey action this weekend, with a major attraction. The Black Bears host North Dakota at 7:30 p.m. Friday and again at 7 Saturday at Alfond Arena. The unbeaten and second-ranked Sioux (3-0-1, 2-0-0 WCHA) will provide a great test for Maine (1-1-2). Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by calling the Black Bear ticket office at 207-581-BEAR or 1-800-756-TEAM. Last weekend, Spencer Abbott Spencer Abbott scored a team-record two goals in the span of 10 seconds, but Michigan State skated to a 3-2 win over the Black Bears. The two teams had battled to a 4-4 deadlock the night before. It's "White Out Saturday" at Alfond. Fans are encouraged to wear white T-shirts from W.S. Emerson and University Credit Union. * * * In football, Maine (2-5, 1-3 CAA) is the Homecoming opponent at the University of Rhode Island. Comcast will broadcast the game, set for a 12:30 p.m. kickoff. Maine fell to national defending champion Villanova, 48-18, in its Homecoming game. URI (2-4, 1-2 CAA) held the No. 22 ranked Delaware Blue Hens (7-0; 4-0 CAA) scoreless in the second half last Saturday, but fell 24-17. After allowing 204 yards of total offense in the first half, Rhode's defense responded in the second half as it limited the Blue Hens to just 106 yards of total offense.

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Let's celebrate! Without pants?

BY SHELBY GILCOTT

I learned a lot this last week about a sport that I used to play—soccer. I can remember back when we (first graders) all chased the “golden nugget” around the field and used most body parts except our feet. Our mascot was the Skunks, and the goalie still had the easiest job.

I was reminded of this fond memory when I saw an international soccer game highlight on ESPN and a soccer player who just couldn't keep his pants on. Wait a minute. Before my words deceive me, let me explain.

In the lobby at school there is a big-screen TV that is always tuned to ESPN. About a week or so ago, there were four guys pointing and laughing two feet away from the screen. As I walked by, I saw the reason—a soccer player with no shorts on...celebrating?

My first reaction was “What the...?” I didn't have time to stay and watch, but had to know more. So the first chance I got, I Googled “Soccer player rips off shorts” and found out that he was simply so overwhelmed with excitement that he couldn't keep his shorts on. But, don't worry, he found a better spot for them as he sprinted and yelled—on top of his head. If you don't believe me, find a computer, and see for yourself.

After watching the video, which wasn't hard to find because it was all over the Internet, I got the full story. It was an international-soccer matchup between Montenegro, otherwise known as Roma (red jerseys), and Switzerland (white jerseys) playing for Euro Championship Qualifying. The game was scoreless after 67 minutes (there are 90 minutes in a typical soccer game), but in the 68th minute Mon-



tenegro's captain and striker, Mirko Vucinic, scored.

Now I don't know a lot about international soccer, and I understand everyone celebrates in different ways, but I'm guessing that ripping off your pants after scoring a goal is a little out of the ordinary. Or at least the referee thought so because he issued Vucinic a yellow card (a warning), and I don't blame him.

What else can you do when a player starts stripping clothes off on the field? And just in case I haven't painted the picture well enough, he was not wearing what we like to call “spankies” over his tidy-whities, or white undergarments, as they call them in Europe.

It was also really fun to listen to the announcer, whose reaction summed up the whole situation: “I'm not too sure about his celebration, but they [the fans] do not care one bit.”

The interesting part (well, you make your distinction) of Vucinic's goal was that it not only made Montenegro victorious with a final score of 1-0, but he gained recognition for contributing his 11th goal for his country, which makes him the leading all-time scorer for his team.

So he made history, lost his shorts, gained a yellow card, and found recognition (for multiple reasons). He should be very proud, but I don't think we have to worry about that.

So much for “For he's a jolly good fellow.” But I guess I'm just old fashioned.

Ramsdell one up on his father

SKOWHEGAN – Back-and-forth they go, Joe Ramsdell III and his father Jon Ramsdell Jr.

Through week 5 of the Miller Lite Classic League at Central Maine Family Fun, the elder Ramsdell had best scratch game among the men with a 278. But a week later, Joe Ramsdell III rolled a 279 to take a one-pin edge over his father. Joe Ramsdell III also had high series and average.

Adina Partridge is the No. 1 woman bowler in the league in all three categories.

In the Investment Recovery League, Tony Falco has a 263 for high game among the men. Bob LaFountain Sr. has high series and Dana Bullen owns the top average.

Debbie Ramsdell's 558 scratch series is easily the best among the women. Helene Clement has high game and Ramsdell high average.

Kris Folsom and Charles Robbins III are setting the pace among the men while Delila Robbins and Amanda Culleton are the top woman bowlers in the Tuesday Nite Fun League. Culleton's scratch series of 552 is 69 pins ahead of her nearest competitor. Robbins has a 264 scratch game, 48 pins ahead of second place.

In the Thursday Night Mixed League, parity rules. Gary Hilton, Alan Hilton and Paul Brousseau lead the men's categories, while Jessica Cowan, Ruth Stevens and Pamel Watt at the top women. Hilton's 634 scratch series is easily the best.

Dana Bullen, with a nifty 718, is more than 100 pins better than his closest competition for scratch series in the Friday Morning Seniors League. Bullen also has high average, while Bob LaFountain has rolled the high game. Mary Beth Wallace has scratch game and high average among the women, and Louise Witham has high series.

Miller Lite Classic League
Premium, 96-54; Experienced, 91-59; Pin Crushers, 89.5-60.5; Motor Supply, 75-75; Duratherm, 73.5-76.5; Headhunters, 72.5-77.5; JDR Custom Coach, 63-87; Al's Pizza, 62-88.

Scratch game, men: Joe Ramsdell III, 279; Joe Ramsdell Jr., 278; Carl Smith, 267.

Scratch series, men: Joe Ramsdell III, 779; Tony Albert, 715; Dana Bullen, 702.

High average, men: Joe Ramsdell III, 235.33; Brett Mason, 213.58; Tony Albert, 211.44.

Scratch game, women: Adina Partridge, 191; Judy Albert, 184; Tina Holt and Sue Fickett, 177.

Scratch series, women: Adina Partridge, 529; Sue Fickett, 526; Judy Albert, 504.

High average, women: Adina Partridge, 156.13; Sue Fickett, 150.11; Kelly Ramsdell, 149.33.

Investment Recovery League
The Strike Outs, 39-6; Newcomers, 34-11; Gutter Cleaners, 32-13; Lucky Strikes 31-14; Pin Mixers, 29-16; Split Ends, 27-18; Mixing It Up, 23-22; Racing Strikes, 21-24; Kings & Queens, 21-24; Still Waiting, 20-25; The Whiners and Just Us, 18-27; 3 Turkeys & A Hen, 15-30; 4 For Fun, 12-33; Bums R Us, 11-34; T and B Ninja's, 10-35.

Scratch game, men: Tony Falco, 263; Bob LaFountain Sr., 258; Dana Bullen, 257.

Scratch series, men: Bob LaFountain Sr., 671; Joel Violette, 653; Gary Rowell, 650.

High average, men: Dana Bullen, 205.83; Tony Falco, 198.80; Wayne T. Stetkis, 196.0.

Scratch game, women: Helene Clement, 223; Debbis Ramsdell, 221; Dianna McDougal, 204.

Scratch series, women: Debbie Ramsdell, 558; Sheila Turcotte, 524; Mary Ellen Wallace, 523.

High average, women: Debbie Ramsdell, 167.58; Sheila Turcotte, 161.08; Mary Ellen Wallace, 158.33.

Tuesday Night Fun League
Ball Busters, 96-40; The Swingers and Doug's Auto Parts, 82-54; Terry's Angels, 78-58; Still I Standing, 75-61; Lucky Ones, 59-77; Rick's Pit Stop, 44-92.

Scratch game, men: Gary Rollins, 256; Kris Folsom, 221; Charles Robbins III, 212.

Scratch series, men: Kris Folsom, 675; Rob Culleton, 635; Matt Grenier, 485.

Scratch game, women: Delila Robbins, 221; Tina Holt, 193; Connie Finley, 163.

Scratch series, women: Amanda Culleton, 552; Sherry Lyons, 483; Betty Turcotte, 474.

Thursday Night Mixed League
Source-Um, 34-20; Hooks & Zippers, 31-23; Sandbaggers, 29-25; Bowling Buddies, 28-26; Hit Or Miss and Bowlers Not, 27-27; Tsk Tsk, 25-29; M&M's Gone Yondah and Pin Knockers, 24-30; Misfits, 21-33.

Scratch game, men: Gary Rollins, 256; Alan Hilton, 232; Steven Folsom and Adam Meunier, 214.

Scratch series, men: Alan Hilton, 634; Gary Rollins, 580; Mike Riggs and Adam Meunier, 568.

High average, men: Paul Brousseau, 199.33; Tony Falco, 197.33; Alan Hilton, 191.67.

Scratch game, women: Jessica Cowan, 182; Ruth Stevens, 177; Barbara Eseney, 176.

Scratch series, women: Ruth Stevens, 487; Judy Burkin, 485; Jessica Cowan, 484.

High average, women: Pamela Watt, 160.0; Colette Caron, 156.83; Jessica Cowan, 156.47.

Friday Morning Seniors League
Keglers and Alley Gators, 41-13; Par 4, 32-22; Skittles and Lucky Four, 30.5-23.5; Who Knows, 28-26; Angels, 27-27; Tazmanian Devils, 26-28; Okay, 20-34; U Never No, 19-35; Last Minute, 16-38.

Scratch game, men: Bob LaFountain, 246; Brian Cresoe, 223; Joseph Plourde, 213.

Scratch series, men: Dana Bullen, 718; Taz Whitney, 613; Richard Clement, 585.

High average, men: Dana Bullen, 207.33; Bob LaFountain, 189.56; Taz Whitney, 186.70.

Scratch game, women: Louise Witham, 206; Helene Clement, 201; Jan Uhler, 183.

Scratch series, women: Mary Ellen Wallace, 649; Norma Reichert, 648; Shirley Foxwell, 499.

High average, women: Mary Ellen Wallace, 173.66; Norma Reichert, 163.33; Helene Clement, 153.78.



The students at St. John Regional Catholic School needed some new playground balls including four square balls, footballs, soccer balls and basketballs. Sixth-grader Ashley Mathieu took it upon herself to bake whoopie pies and other baked goods and sell them at a monthly school dinner. Ashley raised over \$50 dollars, took the proceeds to a local store and bought all the items pictured. (Contributed photo)

Foxcroft offers a chance for diversity

BY MADDY KELLY, CHELSIE OLDFIELD, AND COURTNEY EDGERLY

Foxcroft Academy offers a wide range of sports. But what about students who want to experience more than the average high school's range of athletics?

Nineteen boarding and day students were given a chance to experience a sport not commonly recognized in high schools – horseback riding. On Oct. 2nd, the Boarding Program Administration teamed up with Ms. Blay to provide a fun, unusual, and outdoors adventure at Cedar Winds trail riding facility in Charleston. Originally planned for Ms. Blay's three boarding students, it was decided that this opportunity was worth sharing.

Headmaster Arnold Shorey opened the trip to everyone. He thought this experience “was a way for us to all be Ponies together. Instead of doing things as day students or boarding students, we are doing things as one family.”

Once opened, 16 additional people eagerly signed up. Arriving on a mini bus, the group split into two smaller groups. The first group received basic instructions and rode onto the trail with four spotters from Cedar Wind, while the other group ate lunch in a peaceful garden area “The students started out fearful and came back laughing and asking if they were going to go again,” said Ms. Blay.

The trail ride lasted for roughly an hour and a half along a trail of beautiful scenery. “We also had a chance to go through the New Scotland Settlement, which is now only an ancient stone wall,” Blay said. “Everyone had fun and no one fell off. This was a wonderful experience.”

There are plans to go on more outing events to help day and boarding students come together as one student body.

Dexter Regional High School annual open house Nov. 9

DEXTER - On Tuesday, Nov. 9, Dexter Regional High School will host its annual open house from 6-8 p.m. There will be student performances and classroom demonstrations, musical entertainment by the high school chorus, band and a special short performance by the Dexter Regional High School dance class.

Information booths from the Tri-County Tech Center, Dexter Football Boosters French fries and fried dough sale, desserts from Quebec, plus many other displays and fund raising activities from various sports booster clubs and organizations will be there. This year, all of

the displays and fundraising activities will be located in the hallways throughout the school and individual classroom projects will also be on display.

The community is welcome and encouraged to attend this evening of enjoyable and entertaining events, as well as have a chance to get to know and talk to school administration and faculty. Refreshments will also be served.

For more information or if you have a school related group and would like to participate, contact Sharon Mountain, Community Coordinator at Dexter Regional High School at 924-5537, ext. 240.

MCI Community Service Day Oct. 27

PITTSFIELD — Maine Central Institute has scheduled a Community Service Day on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Projects will include yard work, trash pick-up, painting, winterizing, and other activities. More than 500 students, faculty and staff will participate in projects throughout Pittsfield, Burnham and Detroit. The day will reflect this school

year's theme of health and wellness and continues MCI's long-standing tradition of community service.

Organizations and individuals in Burnham, Pittsfield and Detroit can reserve project time for Community Service Day by calling Declan Galvin at 487-3355 ext. 224 or Beckie Geagan at 487-3355 ext. 136.

Key Club Pumpkin Waddle at F-A Oct. 31

DOVER FOXCROFT – The Foxcroft Academy Key Club revives a Halloween tradition this year with the Pumpkin Waddle 5K Road Race/Walk Sunday, Oct. 31 beginning at 2 p.m.

Registration takes place from 1 – 1:45 p.m. at Oakes Field. The generally-flat course winds along W. Main to Sanford to Forest, Park to Dawes and back to the Academy. T-shirts will be available for the first 24 runners.

Prizes include cash or savings bonds for the first male and female runners. There will be a homemade pie raffle and post race refreshments.

Proceeds from the race benefit Dover area families with members in cancer treatment.

The Foxcroft Academy Key Club raises money to assist children and families in need and to benefit the Dover-Foxcroft community.

Cost to register for the Pumpkin Waddle is \$12. Registration forms can be picked up at Foxcroft Academy, or downloaded from the Academy website www.foxcroftacademy.org.

For more information, or to request a registration form, call 564-6542.

Sirois paces Tuesday Men's League at NEC

BY LARRY GRARD

NEWPORT – The Equalizers are far-and-away the top team in the Tuesday Men's League, but The Green Team 420 has the best bowler so far.

Scott Sirois has high game, series and average.

In the well-balanced Sunday Mixed League, Walt Bowden is the leading man. Judy Bowden's scratch series of 384 is only three pins shy of Walt's 387. Kristy Huff and Casey Marquis share honors among the women.

Thad Rines and Cassidy Williams continue as the pacesetters in the Wednesday Mixed League, leading all three categories. Williams' 541 scratch series easily leads the pack.

In the Wednesday Women's League, Judy Bowden has best scratch series, as well as high average. Sara Ayer has the edge over Bowden for high game. Sunday Mixed League

Sox Appeal, 32-24; UMO, Just For Fun and Sandbaggers, 31-25; Beginner's Luck, 27-29; Hellraisers, 26-30; Rollers, 24-32; Sun Nite Stars, 22-34; Goof Balls, 20-36; Ball Bangers, 18-38; We Need Bumpers, 14-42; Top Five, 12-44.

Scratch game, men: Walt Bowden, 168; Matt Huff, 150; Gene Rines, 140.

Scratch series, men: Walt Bowden, 387; Alden Robinson, 362; Matt Huff, 362.

High average, men: Walt Bowden, 121.33; Harold Brown, 119.33; Joel Bowley, 110.00.

Scratch game, women: Kristy Huff, 143; Judy Bowden, 142; Casey Marquis, 141.

Scratch series, women: Judy Bowden, 384; Kristy Huff, 367; Casey Marquis, 351.

High average, women: Casey Marquis, 116.83; Judy Bowden, 113.33; Kristy Huff, 106.56.

Tuesday Men's League
Equalizers, 40-8; The Band, 28-20; The Green Team 420, 25-23; E A Express and Hole In The Wall, 20-28;

Easy Pickings, 11-37.

Scratch game: Scott Sirois, 163; David Hall, 153; Harold Brown, 147.

Scratch series: Scott Sirois, 410; David Hall, 388; Joel Bowley, 363.

High average: Scott Sirois, 121.89; Mel White, 114.67; David Hall, 113.56.

Wednesday Mixed League
All 3 Holes and Brooklyn's, 42-22; Big E's Crew, 38-26; Git R Dun, 32-32; The Gang, 30-34; Kennedys, 26-38; Wishful Thinkers, 24-40; Bipolar Rollers, 22-42.

Scratch game, men: Thad Rines, 251; Dennie Neal, 247; Dave Rines, 239.

Scratch series, men: Thad Rines, 630; Jeff Cote, 620; Roger Blackmer, 615.

High average, men: Thad Rines, 192.21; Roger Blackmer, 191.44; Jeff Cote, 182.95.

Scratch game, women: Cassidy Williams, 217; Jaimee Bird, 188; Michelle Garnett, 186.

Scratch series, women: Cassidy Williams, 541; Jaimee Bird, 512; Michelle Garnett, 469.

High average, women: Cassidy Williams, 155.17; Michelle Garnett, 144.14; Deanna Thompson, 144.08.

Wednesday Women's League
Family Feud, 32-16; Gutter Gals, 31-17; High Five, 25-23; Sunshine Girls, 24-24; Country Girls and Sharp Shooters, 16-32.

Scratch game: Sara Ayer, 148; Judy Bowden, 142; Debbie Smith, 136.

Scratch series: Judy Bowden, 372; Char-Lin Williams, 357; Casey Marquis, 354.

High average: Judy Bowden, 112.06; Casey Marquis, 110.00; Sara Ayer, 101.00.

Smashing pumpkins an educational success at Foxcroft

BY ETHAN PREBLE AND NATE BOULEY

When you think of pumpkins you normally think of pumpkin pie and Halloween.

But when the Foxcroft Academy principles of technology class thinks of pumpkins, they now think of trebuchets – a device used to launch objects - and explosions. PT students ventured to local Stutzman Farm to find some educational value by way of smashing pumpkins. The class of mostly juniors has been learning about forces, so when teacher Julie Willcott heard about Chuckasaurus, she jumped on the opportunity to combine hands on learning with fun.

Sid Stutzman built the trebuchet for the sole purpose of launching pumpkins for entertainment, but was thrilled to teach students with it. When students arrived at the farm anticipation rose as they learned about the demonstration. After many pumpkins were launched, students began to understand the forces and variables involved.

“The trebuchet demonstrated

many principles of physics... and was a lot of fun,” said Willcott. Students returned from the trip with a better understanding of the forces involved in the use of a trebuchet. They gained a lot from the experiment and had fun at the same time.

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Simple fire safety tips

BY CAROL HIGGINS TAYLOR

October is Fire Safety Month, and rightly so, as we gear up to heat our homes and think about holiday lighting. We also spend more time cooking. There is nothing like warm soups and stews when the temperature dips. And then there are the decorative candles which can prove disastrous if left unattended.

So, 'tis the season for fire safety tips.

First of all, smoking is a major cause of fire deaths among the elderly. Decreased senses, which can prevent a senior from immediately smelling smoke, inattention, and medications that cause drowsiness or confusion may all be culprits.

A cigarette could be dropped between sofa cushions and start smoldering pretty quickly. It may not necessarily be a big fire but injury or death can be caused from smoke inhalation. So if you smoke, check around furniture for discarded cigarettes that may have fallen, and use large deep ashtrays. Before tossing the contents in the trash, soak the ashtray to be sure all smoking materials are extinguished. And never smoke in bed.

Cooking is another cause of fire-related injuries among seniors. The most common problem is leaving the area to do other things. Keep an eye on what you're cooking so you can react quickly if necessary.

Here are some tips to make cooking safer:
If you need to leave the stove, turn it off first.
Should a grease fire occur, smother

it with the lid of a pot. Never try to extinguish it with water and it's best not to use baking soda which can splash back. Small five-pound fire extinguishers are available and would be a good investment.

- Keep burners free of spills, grease build-up, even a teakettle. It is easy to turn on the wrong burner or forget to fill the kettle with water.
 - Wear tight or short sleeves to prevent igniting your clothes on a burner. Also, keep towels, potholders, and wooden spoons away from burners as they could easily ignite. Tragically, an elderly man recently died when his clothing ignited while cooking.
 - Working smoke detectors are crucial to your safety. Models are available with flashing lights for those with hearing difficulty. It is also important to have a carbon monoxide detector.
 - If you do call 911, make coming to your aid easier for emergency crews by putting large highly reflective, numbers on your house that are visible from the street. Call your town office for information on the TRIAD House Numbering Project or call Eastern Area Agency on Aging.
 - It is very frustrating for emergency crews to be unable to locate the scene of the emergency. If they can't find you readily, your life or home could hang in the balance.
 - Get your house sign. They are \$12 and make a great holiday gift for a loved one.
- Just a few final points:



Space heaters need three feet of space all the way around. Do not place them near anything flammable such as papers or clothing.

- Have an escape plan and make sure visitors, especially children, are aware of it.
- Candles may add ambience to a room but it's safest to burn them on the stovetop or better yet get flameless or "wickless" candles. They have great fragrances and are not dangerous as they're operated by batteries or electricity.
- Make sure that wood stoves and chimneys are properly maintained. The so called cleaning logs advertised on television should not be substituted for a good cleaning.
- If there is a fire, get out and then call the fire department. No fire is too small to call 911.

A few safety precautions can ensure a happy season.

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Newman's K9 Corner

Our parent's dog

BY BETSY NEWMAN



For a long time I felt that I was a very unfortunate person when it came to my parents. My mother died when I was a teenager and my father died when I was in my early thirties. For years I would feel so alone and left out on holidays or whenever friends would mention doing this or that with parents.

Now circumstances have changed quite a bit. While everyone I know that is around my general age (both personally and professionally) is suffering with making huge decisions about elderly parents I have a "get out of jail free" card. Amazing how things change in life, isn't it?

Whether it is a physical disability or a mental incapacity that is afflicting your parent, my heart goes out to all of you that are dealing with these major life altering decisions in dealing with your loved one. But in my heart I also pray that you consider your parents pet in whatever decision you make. I further pray that you do not make light of your parents attachment to their pet and that you recognize that the love bond they have with that pet may very well be the glue that holds them together every day. It might be tough, but you can work it out.... do whatever it takes for both of your sakes.

Not very long ago I had a very sad situation to deal with. I had a senior woman take my class with an exuberant large breed puppy. She had always had a dog, and unfortunately the person selling the puppy saw only dollar signs and not the reality of the situation. The woman was in love with this puppy and she confided in me that her daughter felt it was a mistake and therefore drew a line in the sand and refused to assist her in any way with the dog. How sad is that I thought as I watched this woman fight against her age with determination.

Several months after her attendance in class I received a rather curt call from her daughter. No details offered just that I needed to help her find a home for the dog. This is something I avoid doing at all costs but I had a sense the owner had passed away and I wanted the dog out of the intolerant daughter's hands. I also happened to know someone who wanted the dog so I agreed to have her bring me the dog. The next day the daughter arrived with the dog and the mother in tow. She triumphantly handed over ownership of the dog to me with the

mother standing there, devastated, with a broken arm and silent tears rolling down her face. The mother never said a word and I never felt more impotent.

On the flip side of that, I take my hat off to a family I deal with every month. The elderly mother lives with the adult children and everyone, including me, finds the mother's little dog a trial to deal with. He comes in for grooming and although he is no spring chicken he hates the process and rallies all of his strength while he is determined to make everyone who has a role in his grooming pay. He is also insanely bonded to his elderly owner and as soon as she is out of his sight he begins his caterwauling.

It would be any easy fix for the family to say the dog had to go. But everyone, including me (even while I don ear protection and welders gloves to deal with the little bugger), recognizes that this little dog is the reason his owner gets out of bed every morning and for that he is worth his weight in gold. The loss of a pet at any age is hard, but to have one taken from you because you are old and someone else is making the decisions for you now must be unbearable.

If you are thinking you are lucky because the parent's elderly pet just died, please allow them to replace it. Don't tell them they are "too old". Don't say "How are you going to take care of it?" Help them to replace it with the right pet. An elderly person does not need a high energy pet. You should be looking for a calm older animal who is content with a slower lifestyle.

There are plenty of older pets out there who have just lost their life-long companions that are in need of a home like your parent could offer. And if it is a dog that they get, help them find someone in the neighborhood that can come in and help take care of the dog with a daily walk or cleaning up the yard or whatever it takes so that you parent can have that constant companion. That reason to get out of bed in the morning. You cannot imagine how good you will feel and how happy your parent will be.

A Full House Lunch anyone?

BY KATHERINE LEBLANC

So my friend Monica, the Zumba lady, posted on her Facebook page one afternoon "Lentils, sweet potato and salmon for lunch." As I read this, I was thinking, you're kidding me. Right? At which time my cousin Tammy responded before I got the chance, "OMG (oh my God) you eat so healthy. I am stuffing my face with Olive Garden and Mountain Dew. I KNOW, I KNOW: Cut out the soda. I can't help it."

At this I chuckled because obviously Tammy has been reading the quick hints that Monica has been sending in. Then I chimed in and said, "Tammy, I was just thinking the same thing. This is probably why I am not losing weight as quickly as I should! I made chili, shepherd's pie and brownies with frosting."

During this whole conversation, the smells that are wafting through the house are completely overwhelming me and taking over my mind. I wasn't even hungry; but brownies, who can resist? Not me. The thought was to make the brownies for the kids because I

usually don't have that much time to bake and sometimes I feel like such a loser not having homemade treats. But when you are dieting, this situation kind of backfires because I just do not have the will-power to walk away from a pan of brownies. Or a cookie. Or a piece of cake. Or a donut. You get the point.

So here I am, all excited about the multiple dishes I have made for my family and Monica tells the world about her wonderfully healthy lunch that she has brought to work with her. And after her healthy meal, she will spend a moment or two meditating.

My mood immediately plummets and I think: Please! Who the heck has time to meditate at work? I know I don't. UGH! Lentils!

Now I just hate her for being cute, perky and eating salmon. All the while I am licking the frosting off of my fingers that I "accidentally" got on them and I am thinking how much I really want to quit this diet exercise thing. Especially if I have to eat lentils! Gross.

After I ate a couple brownies,



tasted the chili and the shepherd's pie, I finally calmed down. It must have been all the sugar. I realized, no, I don't hate the cute perky girl. I really hate that I am not cute and perky. I love brownies, but have to love them in moderation - which for me is really, really hard. I still love Zumba. Most importantly, I will never, not ever eat lentils.

As this fleeting moment in my diet saga has passed, I can look back and laugh and know that we have all been there and done that. I know the frosting was worth every lick on those brownies, and I love the fact that I am looking a little slimmer in my jeans and I feel good! This is all about progress, I think.

Monica's tips for health and fitness

Step Four: Plan your shopping trips to the grocery store and keep a running list. I keep mine in my phone and just add as I go. If a family member requests something, then they text (I know, we've become text junkies) it to you. You are the one who can say year or nay to their requests. Yea to Skinny Cow fudge pops; nay to Little Debbie.

Step Five: Start eating a good breakfast. Gone are the 3-cup coffee mornings. They need to be replaced with wheat bread/wrap, eggs (hopefully, all from farm

stands one day) and some veggies/fruit. Breakfasts = brain activity. I'm not saying it will be smart; I'm just saying your thoughts will be clearer.

Step Six: Plan your sweat time. If it's the mornings you need, then promise yourself that will not throw the alarm across the room when it goes off at 5 a.m. If you are a night guru, then inform your loved ones that you will be out of commission for an hour. Demand your time. Others will pitch in. You just need to delegate tasks and plan it.



Teaching Teams; Parents, Students and Teachers

BY FAYE ANDERSON, ADMINISTRATION MSAD #53

It is hard to believe but we are already half way through the first quarter of the school year. By now your child should have had some initial assessments to determine where he/she is performing academically, especially in math and reading. Teachers are already making sure that the standards students need to accomplish for the first quarter are on target. Students are settling in to the routine with a new teacher and friendships are being established. Where do parents fit in to this scenario?

You are a very important part of your child's education. How can you ensure that your child is "making the grade?" Set up a special time and place to complete homework. Make sure you are available to help your child should he/she need some support. Give your child your full attention showing them you value what they are learning.

Get on your school district's website and look at the curriculum. See what is expected by the end of the year in your child's district.

You can always help by making sure your child knows his/her math facts. They should fluently know their addition and subtraction facts up to grade 2 and multiplication and division facts for grades 3 and 4.

Check your child's backpack to see if there is any information from your child's teacher that needs to be addressed by you. You may want to throw out that left over sandwich too.

Most importantly be sure to call your child's teacher if you have any concerns or to simply check in on their progress. If they continually come home without homework, the likelihood is that they do have homework and they may not be completing it.

Students should be reading at home or be read to each night. Don't worry if they choose something that may be easy or something they have read before, all practice is valuable. It will certainly increase their fluency in reading.

As a team, you, your child, and the teacher, need to work together to ensure your child's success. Remember, you are their primary teacher and supporter.

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2010-107 ESTATE OF HAROLD A. OSGOOD, JR., late of Mills, deceased. WILLIAM I. Melanson, 131 Roscoe Rd., Mills, Maine 04463 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-113 ESTATE OF JANET GRANT, late of Blanchard Top, deceased. Dave Perout, 2690 Willow Drop Way, Orono, ME 04966 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-114 ESTATE OF BUIS F. WORTSTER, late of Dover-Foxcroft, deceased. Penny Cox, 748 Green St. Somersworth, NH 03878-2106 appointed Personal Representative.

The following estate was filed in Somerset County and any Claims must be filed on a proper form with the Register of Probate, Somerset County Probate Court, 41 Court St., Shrewsbury ME 04976.

2010-282 ESTATE OF BLAINE D. CASE, late of Dover-Foxcroft, deceased. Carol Ann Case Espitrick, 843 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 appointed Personal Representative.

To be published October 21 & 28, 2010.
 Dated: October 14, 2010

/s/ Judith Raymond, Register
 Piscataquis County Probate Court

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 1F-A MESA sec. 3-811

The following Personal Representatives have been appointed in the estates noted. The first publication date of this notice is October 21, 2010.

If you are a creditor of an estate listed below, you must present your claim within four months of the first publication date of this Notice to Creditors by filing a written statement of your claim on a proper form with the Register of Probate of this Court or by delivering or mailing to the Personal Representative listed below at the address published by his name, a written statement of the claim indicating the basis therefor, the name and address of the claimant and the amount claimed or in such other manner as the law may provide. See 1F-A MESA 3-811.

2010-234 - Estate of CHARLES GUNTHER, late of Cornville, Me deceased. Joyce Peterson, 64 Lake Shore Road, Etnah, Me 04424 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-273 - Estate of BRIAN R. FERLAND, late of Pittsfield, Me deceased. Lennie A. Ferland of P.O. Box 487, Pittsfield, Maine 04967 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-275 - Estate of CLARA A. CONNELLY, late of West Medford, Me deceased. Daniel A. Connelly, 14 Cardinal Avenue, Shrewsbury, Me 04976 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-276 - Estate of THOMAS EDGEMORE MORRELL, late of Bethel, Me deceased. Karen Merrill of P.O. Box 103, North Anson, Maine 04958 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-281 - Estate of FLORENCE M. SALLEY, late of Shrewsbury, Me deceased. Sandra J. Mander, 23 Pine Street, Shrewsbury, Me 04976 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-283 - Estate of ARMAND FORNIN, late of Shrewsbury, Me deceased. Coline Dennis Burden of 41 Rockaby Drive, Medford, Maine 04958 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-284 - Estate of STANLEY ALBERT GOODWIN, late of Medford, Me deceased. Dorcas L. Goodwin of 933 River Road, Medford, Me 04930 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-285 - Estate of LILLIAN VERNA TUTTLE, late of Shrewsbury Me deceased. Andrew L. LaFolara, 8 Timbercreek Drive, Shrewsbury, Me 04976 appointed Personal Representative.

2010-287 - Estate of ROBERT H. LEMERE, late of Medford, Me deceased. Leonard F. Perout, 725 Ridge Road, Westfield, CT 06109 appointed Personal Representative.

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/s/
 VICTORIA HATCH, Register of Probate

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NOTICE TO HEIRS

Estate of ROBERT H. LEMERE
 Docket No. 2010-287

It appearing that heirs of Robert H. Lemere as listed in an Application for Informal Probate of WOH Appointment of Personal Representative are of unknown address as listed below:

Robert C. LeMere
 Inez LeMere
 Mary Ellen LeMere

And any and all other heirs of said decedent who are unknown and whose addresses are unknown.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given to heirs of the above named estate, pursuant to Maine Rules of Probate Procedure Rule 4(b)(1)(a), and Rule 4(a) a.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Somerset Times, with the first publication date to be October 21, 2010.

Name and address of proposed Personal Representative:
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OBITUARIES

Faith J. Decker

WATERVILLE - Faith Joyce La-Croix Doucette Decker, age 51, died Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Maine General Medical Center, Thayer Unit. She was born in Waterville on October 8, 1959, the daughter of John Neal and Joan Harriet (Oliver) Lewis.

She was employed by SCI, Maytag Superwash and Caswell's Liquidation Center. Faith enjoyed being with her grandchildren, puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles and the New York Yankees. She also loved wrestling and country music.

Faith is survived by a son, Oscar (Ojay) Doucette and partner, Danielle of Waterville; a daughter, Starla Doucette of Winslow; a stepson, Shane Doucette; a stepdaughter, Melanie Doucette and partner, Matthew of Gardiner, Mass.; three brothers, Richard Burgess and partner, Dany of Waterville, Wayne LaCroix and wife, Tanya of Vassalboro, Robert Lewis and partner, Roy of Colchester, Conn.; two sisters, Belinda Burgess of Jacksonville, N.C., and Jean Brown and partner, Robert of Norridgewock; two grandsons, Aiden Doucette of Oakland and Tyson Doucette of Winslow; a granddaughter, Kaelin Malloy-Doucette of Winslow; spe-



cial "other" Mom, Nancy Decca; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church in Waterville, Pastor Betty Palmer presiding. At the request of the family there are no visitation hours.

Arrangements under the direction and care of Dan & Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 445 Waterville Road, Skowhegan.

Althea M. Gifford

SANGERVILLE and DEXTER - Althea Maxine Gifford, 92, died October 13, 2010 at a Jacksonville, N.C. nursing home. She was born May 5, 1918 in Sangerville, the daughter of George and Marguerite Clukey.

She attended Sangerville schools and then moved to Connecticut, where she worked for Pratt & Whitney for 22 years before moving back to Maine. She also worked for Hardwood Products in Guilford and later for Grand Union Grocery. She was a communicant of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dexter and a member of the Ladies Catholic Club in Sangerville.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Eliu of North Carolina;

a son, Frederick Gifford of Florida; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Gifford; two sons, William and Dennis; a daughter, Deanna; a sister, Ruth Russell; and a brother, Donald Clukey.

A Rite of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dexter, with Deacon Frederick Harrigan officiating. Friends called at Crosby & Neal, 61 Main Street in Dexter for a time of visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial was in the Sangerville Village Cemetery.

For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

Andrew J. Marchelletta

ETNA - Andrew James Marchelletta, 20, died unexpectedly October 11, 2010 at his residence. He was born May 9, 1990 in Bangor, a son of Antonio and Kimberly (Karr) Marchelletta.

He attended Nokomis Regional High and was a high school graduate. Andrew had been employed as a groundsman for the Asplundh Tree Service. Andrew was an avid hunter, especially bird hunting with his dog Scrappy, and enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

He is survived by his maternal great-grandmother, Barbara Dimura of Hartland; paternal grandmother, Ruth Marchelletta; his father and stepmother, Antonio and Barbara Marchelletta; two sisters, Courtney and Jaclyn Marchelletta, all of Etna; three step-brothers, Ben Warstler of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Brett Warstler of Bangor and Brandon Warstler of Dover-Foxcroft; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts, including a special cousin, Justin Plourde. He was predeceased by his mother, Kimberly.



Private family graveside services will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery, Hartland. A time of fellowship and celebration of his life will be held following the service at his West Etna Road residence.

Cremation arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com.

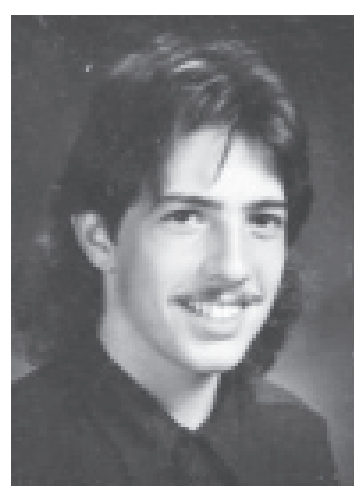
Troy D. Patterson

BURNHAM - Troy D. Patterson, 36, died Friday, October 8, 2010, in Burnham. He was born in Waterville on December 7, 1973, the son of Darrell Patterson and Jane (Flood) (Patterson) Brann.

Troy attended Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and later received his GED. He enjoyed being outside and working with his hands. He liked watching the History Channel and being with his family and friends. Troy loved his family and friends very much and often said how proud he was of his children.

He is survived by his children, Colby, Dakota, Derek and Ava, all of Burnham; mother, Jane Brann and companion, Butch Wright of Burnham; sister, Amanda Patterson and companion, Harold Ketcham of Burnham; brother, Jasper Beam of Florida; grandfather, Clarence Flood of Burnham; grandmother, Thelma Patterson of Burnham; aunts and uncles, Rosemary Overlock and her husband Bob, Freeman Patterson, Sue Hewins and her husband Alan, Mary Poirier and her husband Jerry, Regina Basford and her husband Bruce, and Wade Flood and his wife Christine; special aunt, Jane Reny and her husband, Jim; special uncle, Russell Huff and his companion, Cammie; special close cousin Mike Huff; his nephew, Zackery; his nieces, Molly and Sarah; and several other family members and many friends.

He was predeceased by his father,



Darrell Patterson; grandmother, Lucille Flood; grandfather, Wilfred "Tommy" Patterson; and uncle, Jack Patterson.

A memorial service took place at 1 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2010, at the Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, 191 Hartland Avenue, Pittsfield, with the Rev. Obie Walker officiating. Interment followed at the Reynolds Cemetery, Lower Horseback Road, in Burnham. Family and friends gathered at the Winnecook Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Chapel Lane, in Burnham.

To leave a message of kindness for the family, please visit www.shoreynichols.com. Care for the family has been provided by Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

Kenneth N. Perry



NEWPORT - Kenneth N. Perry, 76, of Newport died on October 14, 2010 at Eastern Maine Medical Center, with his family at his side after a heroic battle. He was born in Belfast on January 3, 1934, the son of Kathryn Newcomb and Mervyn Perry.

Kenneth was a graduate of Clinton High School where he was an outstanding athlete in basketball and baseball. He received his BS in secondary education from the University of Maine at Orono and his masters from the University of Southern Maine. He married Patricia (Jamieson) Perry on September 11, 1965. After graduating college, he served in the US Army.

Kenneth began his teaching career at Milo High School. He also served as principal at Monson High School, Thorton Academy and Georges Valley. In 1967 he established residency in Newport, where he lived the remainder of his life. He ended his career in education as a principal and assistant superintendent at Nokomis Regional High School, Newport. Kenneth was the first principal at Nokomis High School, beginning in 1968 and retiring in 1991.

Kenneth was the president of the Maine Principal's Association, 1984-1985. Kenneth joined the Sebasticook Masonic Lodge No. 146 in 1957, where he was a Master Mason. He joined the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge No. 2531 in 1982.

He was a devoted father and friend and will be remembered as an avid New England sports fan. He enjoyed spending time on the golf course and at his camp on Unity Pond, always wanting his family by his side.

He is survived by two daughters,



Morgan and husband, Michael Sherrard of Calais, and Mysti and husband, Bruce Webber of Etna; a son, Mitchell Perry and girlfriend, Liza Fyrberg of Newport; five grandchildren, Michael and Megan Sherrard, Kathryn (Katie), Kourtney and Konnor Webber; a sister and brother-in-law (and best friend), Barbara and Gordon Keene; and nieces Pamela and David (Pepsi) Perrault, Patricia and Robert Watson and Jeffrey Keene. He will be remembered by special friends, Milton and Marlene Thompson, Donald and Cheryl King, Rudy Charrier and Lauris Monk.

Kenneth was predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Patricia Perry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nokomis Sports Boosters in care of Nokomis High School, Williams Road, Newport, ME 04953.

Friends called from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 at the Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service Center, Newport. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Peoples United Methodist Church in Newport with Rev. Ellen Bridge and Pastor Al Worden officiating.

To sign an online guest book and leave condolences to the family please visit www.PhilipBrownFuneralHome.com.

Philip Ward

GREENVILLE - Philip Ward, 70, died October 15, 2010, in Greenville. He was born in Greenville Jct. on October 22, 1939, the son of Arthur and Nellie (Larabee) Ward.

He graduated from Greenville High School, class of 1958. Philip was a contractor for S.D. Warren and Great Northern Paper Companies, and later worked as a private contractor.

Although Philip grew up in a small town, he traveled extensively, visiting many different places including Hawaii, England, Nicaragua, Las Vegas, and fishing trips to northern Quebec and Labrador. Philip loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He had a passion for picking berries, lake kayaking, saving lady slippers and appreciating rhododendrons.

He is survived by three sons, Steven and his wife, Barbet Mason, and William and his wife, Kimberly Mason, all of Greenville Jct., and Eric and his wife, Jenny Ward of Big Moose Township; a sister, Madeline Jordan of New Hampshire; five grandchildren, Thomas, Ryan, Devin, Peyton and Jack; and a special friend, Sarah Drexel of Greenville Jct.



He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor Ward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the People's United Methodist Church.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday October 22, 2010, at the Greenville Chapel of Crosby & Neal, located at the Masonic building in Greenville. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday October 23, at the People's United Methodist Church in Greenville Jct. Burial will follow in the Greenville Cemetery.

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Reflections: in Faith: What really matters is...the Gospel! By PASTOR JERRY MICK

Sorry to hear about what happened! When I hear this, I think of Paul writing to the Philippians. Two years in jail, a long sea voyage as prisoner, now two years in bonds again! This pioneer's prayers seem unheard and potential untapped. We would be filled with resentment, regret and remorse. But listen to him: 'I herein do re-

joice and will rejoice' (1:18). How could he have this bold, positive attitude?! Notice how central the Gospel was in Paul's life! He was so thankful for people's participation in the Gospel through prayer and financial support (1:5). He realized he was there for the confirmation of the Gospel (7). So, whatever his circumstance his main concern was the advancement

of the Gospel (12). He was acutely aware of his divine appointment for the defense of the Gospel (16) and was not ashamed of... contending for the Gospel (20). He was keen that Christians work side by side in the proclamation of and the faith of the Gospel. Above all, no matter what happens, they were to live a life worthy of the Gospel (27). Amidst evangelical

scandals and persecution, we need Gospel-driven ministers like Paul to model its saving power! When bewildered, stressed or disheartened, I draw strength from Paul phrase: What does it matter? (18) and then I determine whatever happens (27), because things do happen... disappointments even death! At any rate, we must discern and demonstrate: A) what is best

(10) i.e. excellent or Christ-like; B) what is really important (18) viz. sharing Christ and C) what is truly worthy of the Gospel (27). It's not what happens to me, but what happens to the Gospel because of me!

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Symbols at Unity church a mystery

By LARRY GRARD
UNITY - As head trustee, Bill Russell sees to the upkeep of Unity Union Church. Weeks ago, Russell requested money to paint the sign "Union Church," which appears about three-quarters of the way up on the front of the building. It was then that Russell noticed symbols that neither he nor anyone else at the church - thus far, anyway - have been able to figure out. "It's all chipping away," Russell said of the symbols. "One of them

almost looks like a moustache. The other looks like a chain." Russell said that the symbols are either carved into or attached to the building, and painted black. He asked Minister Katherine Rousseau to find him a book on church symbols, and Rousseau complied. Russell said he has looked through the book of symbols, and nothing matches those that are chipping away on the front of Unity Union Church. "From what some of the elderly

folks have said, that was a combination of churches," Russell said. "They're all kind of baffled." Presently, Unity Union Church is a Methodist church. Oral history shows, Russell said, that it was once Baptist, and possibly Episcopal, before becoming Methodist. Russell said he will paint both the sign and the symbols. "It's turned a simple project into a lot of zigs and zags," he said.

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OBITUARIES

Richard "Dick" Tucker



PITTSFIELD - Richard Carlson Tucker, 82, died October 13, 2010 at a Pittsfield hospital. He was born September 15, 1928 in Presque Isle, a son of William and Elsie (Carlson) Tucker.



He attended Boston Latin School in Boston before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He served with distinction as a cryptographer in North Africa. He was also an excellent baseball player, having represented the Navy in games all over the European Theatre. After the war, Dick was the first non-family employee of Laverdierre's Drug Store in Waterville. After moving his family to New Jersey, he was an over-the-road trucker and dispatcher, and also owned his own trucking firm. Dick was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ridgefield Park, N.J., and attended the First Baptist Church of Damariscotta and the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield. He was also a member of the Bristol Grange. Dick loved the ocean and spent many happy hours at the

Jersey Shore. An avid Red Sox fan, he also enjoyed cribbage and crossword puzzles. In his later years, one of his favorite pastimes was visiting his brother- and sister-in-law at their dairy farm in Albion. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Thelma (Hunt) Tucker of Pittsfield; one son, Richard D. and wife, Heather of Hartland; two daughters, Pamela and husband, Stephen Schwartz of Fort Collins, Colo., and Penny and husband Gary Smallman of Number Four, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, Rebecca, Kendra, Julia and Theodore Schwartz, Colleen McCreedy, Han-

nah Brown and Daniel Tucker; five step-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved cat, Lucky Girl. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 17 at the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield, with the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport. Memorial donations may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693B Mt. Hope Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com.

Beth Davis Haley

GUILFORD & SANGERVILLE - Beth Davis Haley, 90, wife of the late Weldon Haley, died October 12, 2010, at a local nursing home. She was born in Guilford on July 31, 1920, the daughter of Alton and Gladys (Foss) Davis. She was a longtime resident of Guilford until moving to Oakes Manor in Sangerville following the death of her husband in 1985. She was a graduate of Guilford High School and the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She was a member of the former First Universalist Church of Guilford and its Ladies Circle, and was affiliated with the Guilford United Methodist Church. She

was also a member of the Conner-Trafton Post #119 American Legion Auxiliary, Guilford Historical Society, Guilford Senior Extension and the former Zephyrus Club. She is survived by two sons, Donald W. Haley and his wife, Debra of Durham, N.H., and Robert Haley and his wife, Ellen of Sangerville; grandchildren, Kristen and her husband, Alan, along with their children, Gabrielle and Toby of Goffstown, N.H., and Kevin and his wife, Cristina, along with their daughter, Brianna of Rochester, N.H.; a brother, Webber Davis of Guilford; a sister-in-law, Jean Haley of Boylston, Mass.; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Ralph

Ellis of Holden, Mass. A sister, Thyril Partinen, predeceased her. Friends called from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday October 15, 2010, at Crosby & Neal, 21 Oak Street in Guilford. A private family graveside service was held at the Lawn Cemetery in Guilford with the Rev. Dr. Margaret "Dodie" Sheffield officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Guilford Memorial Library, P.O. Box 177, Guilford, ME 04443, or to the Activities Fund, c/o Hibbard Nursing Home, P.O. Box 189, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

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Corinna
NIGHT MAZE
Find your way thru the maze at night if you dare, on Friday and Saturday night, Oct 29-30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Thunder Road Farm, Rt. 7/Newport Rd, Corinna. Regular admission rates are \$6 per person 4 years and older, age 3 and under get in free. Courtyard rides \$2 per ticket. FMI: www.thunderroadfarm.com, 278-3708 or email trfarm@tdstelme.net

Dover-Foxcroft
Haunted Harvest Festival, hosted by D-F Shiretown Homecoming Committee, Oct. 29 - 31, 6-9 p.m. Piscataquis County Fairgrounds. Admission to "Scariest" Haunted House is \$3. Haunted House, Pumpkin painting bring cash and enjoy eating the ghoulish trash! Free photo opportunities, so bring your camera!
Slaughter Shack
Lincoln St (across from Bob's Hardware), Oct. 29 - 31, 7-9 pm, \$1 admission.

Lagrange
Halloween Dance, Oct. 29, 6-8 PM. Marion C. Cook School, Lagrange. Open to students K - 6th grade.



Madison
This Halloween, trick-or-treaters can bring their excess candy to Madison Family Dentistry on Old Point Avenue and receive \$1 per pound. Unopened candy will be collected from 1 - 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1 at the office. The candy will then be shipped to troops overseas. For more information call 696-4681 or visit www.maine-dentist.com.

Halloween Craft Night
On Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. join your friends at Madison Public Library at 112 Old Point Avenue for Halloween Craft Night. All children welcome. Little ones may need parental help. Refreshments will be served.



Monson
Frights N' Bites Party Saturday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m., Monson Community Center. This is going to be a party for all ages! All proceeds go to the Monson Food Cupboard. Admission: One non-perishable food item! Bake sale, games, prizes, pumpkin carving, scarecrow and costume contest. Lunch. Get tickets for 8 cords of green, tree-length hardwood to be raffled off. Give the kids a chance to wear their costumes more than once! Lots of crafts and fun.

Parkman
The 8th Annual Children's Halloween Party is on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 6 pm at Parkman Grange Hall. \$3 per person donation to benefit the MS Society. Party consists of pizza and soda and activities such as children and adult raffles, games and prizes, pumpkin

painting, cookie decorating and crafts.

St. Albans
The St. Albans Recreation Department is planning a Haunted House with the theme Little Red Riding Hood on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the St. Albans Town Hall. The cost will be \$2 per person, with a maximum of \$10 per family. People can also purchase a hot dog with chips, apple, and water for \$3. Games and treats will be provided. All funds raised will benefit the St. Albans Playground. For more information please call 938-4568.

Skowhegan
On Oct. 22 and 23, enjoyed Haunted Hayrides from 6-9 p.m. Lead Sponsors: Central Maine Family Fun Center, Franklin-Somerset Federal



Credit Union and Cedar Ridge Rehab. Participating Sponsors: Are You Ready to Party?, The Morning Sentinel, Skowhegan State Fair & York Signs. The spook-tacular fright fest of the Halloween season is back again at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds Oct. 22 - 23. This two-night affair will give the whole family thrills and chills if they dare take the ride. For just \$5 per person you and your family can experience Halloween terror and see multiple scenes designed to stimulate your senses and scare the wits out of you. THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO BE SCARY- so if you don't think your child will be able to handle it - do not bring them. FMI: 474-3621, www.skowhegan-chamber.com or exdir@skowhegan-chamber.com This event is sponsored by Skowhegan Chamber.

Skowhegan Halloween Haunted House Oct. 29-30: The Skowhegan Municipal Building (town office building) will be haunted from 6:30 to 8:30 both nights. Come if you dare! Wear your costume or come as you are and join us in the dark. Be careful as you make your way through the halls and rooms of the Opera House, you don't know what might be around the next corner. No registration is required. Admission \$3 per person. FMI: 474-6901, www.skowhegan.org or skowrec1@skowhegan.org. This event is sponsored by Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department.



We've Got Mail

Letter: Wants to serve on RSU 68 board

To the editor:
Raising kids and running schools are both difficult. I'm doing my best to be a good Dad and I'd like the opportunity to help manage our schools in RSU 68. I'm Brocke Robinson and I'm asking you to support my efforts to become a member of the RSU 68 Board of Directors by voting for me on Election Day. I think we must pay close attention to every penny we spend to make our schools as good as they can be without bankrupting our community. We have to prioritize our spending. I'd like to know if we really

need three administrators running our one school building; and why when cuts are proposed, they always seem to be pointed at the programs that serve kids directly. I ask questions and I'll get answers. I'll work to make sure the money we spend serves kids, not bureaucrats. Kids have to be safe and feel safe before they can learn. I understand that there has been a community effort to make our schools safer and I want to make sure that effort continues and gets stronger. I want to be present in our schools so I can see for myself that they are safe and

that the school climate is healthy and helps learning. I'll be there in our schools listening to students and teachers. I grew up here in Dover-Foxcroft and couldn't be happier to be back home along with my wife and our three sons. Our kids go to school here. This is our home. I hope you'll give me the opportunity to serve our community as a member of the RSU 68 Board of Directors.

Brocke Robinson
Dover-Foxcroft

Letter: "Dream Team" needed on Election Day

To the editor:
If ever we needed a Dream Team to win the Game of our Lives, it's now. Maine's economy is in shambles, unemployment at a record high. Proud people without jobs are struggling to hold their heads up while rampant welfare abuse steals deserved benefits from the ones who need it most. To meet those demands, crushing taxes are waged upon those who do have jobs and own property, while our own government spends that money like a drunken sailor, then demands more. Small businesses are regulated out of existence. Energy and food costs are escalating, creating additional hardships and dependence on government hand-outs. Our education costs are among the highest in the nation, with results among the lowest. Yes, we are a mess. How did this happen to us? Maine was once a flourishing state with ample opportunities for prosperity and growth. But after nearly 40 years of majority rule by liberal Democrats in Augusta, their slow but steady plan of government control over all aspects of our lives has all but ruined us. And it's not just here in Maine. This Big Brother

attitude of doing "what's best for us" because we are considered too stupid to make our own decisions is nationwide. And it's because of many of the people we have elected to office, without knowing who they are or what they believe. But this time we have some of the finest candidates this state has ever had the opportunity to elect. These citizens have stepped up to make a difference. The Republican Dream Team consists of people with integrity and faith in your ability to succeed, if government gets out of your way. And it isn't just fluffy campaign promises. They have proven records. Paul LePage for governor and Jason Levesque for Congress are two shining examples of men with a history of financial expertise, traditional values and constitutional principles - the cornerstones of Maine's proud heritage. All across the state, this year's Republican candidates epitomize the ideals that strong and independent Mainers hold. Within the circulation area of this paper alone, we have some of Maine's finest running for State Senate: Deb Plowman, Mike Thibodeau and Doug Thomas, as well

as new-comers Traci Gauthier and Nicki Farnham, for Piscataquis and Penobscot counties, and Rod Whittemore and Tom Martin in Somerset. House candidates include the trusted and well-respected Phil Curtis, Pete Johnson and Dean Cray, up for re-election, as well as many other top-notch prospects like Larry Dunphy, Brian Hale, Ken Fredette and Fred Wintle. Every Republican candidate listed has the same idea of what Maine should be, and that is unencumbered by strangling regulations, taxes and debt. They know if we don't change the direction this state is headed, we are going under. Their plan is what Maine needs NOW. Our Republican Dream Team is the winning combination for Maine voters this year. I urge you to prepare for the Greatest Victory in our lifetime, when we all win. Vote Republican on November 2nd.
Dena Worster
Somerset County Republican Chair
Palmyra

Letter: Mackey-Andrews is "one of us"

To the editor:
Sue Mackey Andrews is running for the Maine legislature (Senate District 27). Sue has represented us very effectively on many local organizations and winning the confidence of her fellow colleagues and neighbors. She is an Executive Member of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDEC), Director of Pine Tree Hospice and a member of the MSAD 68 School Board and several other organizations. She has worked hard for positive change

for our rural communities. If you ask her a question she will answer it honestly. If an issue needs attention, she will research it and develop a plan of action by collaborating with her colleagues. I have personally worked with Sue at Center Theatre functions, at the PCEDEC meetings and on issues that impact our part of the State. She understands the unique and often desperate economic needs of our rural Counties, as well as the importance of our natural resources that are economically significant to

our region. Sue Mackey Andrews, like so many women in this part of Maine, is a small business owner, a mom, a wife and a tireless volunteer for many organizations. Sue will bring new leadership and fresh ideas to Augusta. On November 2nd, I will be voting for Sue Mackey Andrews because she is "One of Us."
Sharon H. Libby Jones
Greenville

Letter: Morissette best choice in District 54

To the editor:
Susan Morissette has my full support for the Maine House representing Winslow and the southwest portion of Benton. The people of District 54 have given me the privilege of representing them in Augusta over the last eight years. Thank you; and I ask your support for Susan because I know she has

the critical skills and ability to make the important decisions that will face the next Legislature. Susan will make decisions based on facts and a comprehensive evaluation to reach an independent assessment as to what is the common sense solution that will benefit and be sustainable for Maine people. She will do the work and not be

acting to partisan politics. I am convinced that we need Susan Morissette in Augusta because she understands her job is to work hard for the people who hired her: the people of District 54.
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LIFESTYLE

Maggie's Kitchen 5 ingredient meals

BY MARGARET PAULINE

We are all busy. We have families, jobs and many other activities and chores to take care of. So who wants to come home and spend the evening cooking? Five ingredient recipes sound almost impossible, but they are not.

You can add more ingredients to any recipe, but with these recipes you will not have to. As the column says: 5 ingredients. These meals save time in the kitchen.

There is no fuss, lots of flavor and nutritious, while at the same time cutting down on the shopping list. A few items to have on hand to help cut down on ingredients as well as to add to meals: Salsa - tomatoes, green peppers, onions, etc.; seasoning blends as seasoned salt, pumpkin pie spice and Mrs. Dash; salad dressings as Italian and raspberry walnut vinaigrette; Teriyaki sauce; canned cream soups and Italian bread crumbs.

BACON WRAPPED PORK WITH ROASTED PINEAPPLE

1 pork tenderloin (1 to 1 1/2 lbs)
Salt and pepper
6 slices bacon
4 - 6 pineapple slices, canned
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Coat roasting pan with cooking spray. Season pork with salt and pepper. Wrap bacon around pork and transfer to roasting pan. Arrange pineapple slices around pork; add juice. Roast pork and pineapple 25 minutes, until meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Pork will be slightly pink in center, if desired let cook another 15 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing into 1/2" slices. 4 servings

MEATBALL CASEROLE

16 oz package frozen meatballs
1 - package frozen peppers and onions, thawed
2 cups chunky pasta sauce
1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine meatballs, pepper and onions and pasta sauce in 2 quart baking dish and stir well to combine. Top

with cheeses. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes or until casserole is bubbly and cheese is melted. Serves 6

BARBECUE BEEF CUPS

1 lb ground beef
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1 tbs brown sugar
1 - 16.3 oz can refrigerated biscuits
3/5 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In skillet, brown beef over medium heat, drain off fat. Remove from heat, stir in barbecue sauce and brown sugar. Grease 6 jumbo muffin tins and place a piece of dough in each cup, stretching it up the sides. Divide the beef mixture among the cups. Sprinkle each with cheese and bake until golden, 10 minutes or so. Serves 6

MUSTARD GLAZED FISH FILLETS

4 (6 oz) fish fillets
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3 tbs yellow mustard
1 tbs lemon juice
1 tbs horseradish
Preheat broiler. Oil a broiler pan and arrange fish on it. In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice and horseradish. Broil fish 4 - 6" from direct heat source for 2 minutes. Turn fish and spoon mayonnaise mixture evenly on top. Broil 2 - 5 minutes longer until fish flakes when you test it with a fork and the mayonnaise mixture is browned and glazed. Serves 4.

CHICKEN WITH PEPPERS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
2 tbs oil
2 cups frozen stir fry pepper and onions
1/3 cup orange juice
2 tbs lemon juice
2 tbs honey
Salt and pepper
2 tbs cornstarch
2 tbs water
Cut chicken into 1" pieces. Heat oil in heavy skillet, add pepper and onions; stir fry until crisp tender. Remove from skillet. Add chicken and stir fry until no

longer pink. Add cooked vegetables, orange juice, lemon juice, honey and salt and pepper. Stir fry about 4 minutes until mixture starts to bubble. In small bowl combine cornstarch and water; add to skillet Cook and stir until sauce boils and thickens. Serve over hot rice. 4 servings

BAKED CUSTARD

3 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup sugar
1/8 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
2 1/2 cups whole milk
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl mix together the eggs, sugar, salt and vanilla until well blended. Add milk to mixture and mix with whisk until smooth. Pour into 6 custard cups. Place cups in 13 x 9" pan. Fill pan around cups with about 1" water. Bake for 45 - 55 minutes or until knife comes out clean when inserted. Serve warm or cold. 6 servings

APPLE TART

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced paper thin
1/2 cup apricot jam
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup ch nuts
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll

pastry into 12 x 12" square and cut into 9 - 3" pieces. Prick pastry with fork and coat each square with apricot jam. Fan apple slices over the jam. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, cinnamon and nuts, mixing well. Sprinkle over apples; Place tarts on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until apples are crisp tender and pastry is golden brown. Try serving with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Enjoy and spend less time in the kitchen!!

See you next time,
Maggie

Hartland Public Library Notes

BY JOHN R. CLARK, MLIIS

One of the most positive aspects of trading books, etc., with others online is that you develop virtual friendships with some of them and discover they have pretty neat tastes in reading materials. Some have a kindred philosophy to mine and would rather spend a dollar or two to get a book into willing hands than see it languish on a shelf, gathering dust. Gradiel (her online trading name) who runs a bookstore in Michigan is one of these folks. She lists large numbers of advance review copies (ARCs)-books that are sent out to be reviewed in hopes the reviewer will like them and will publish/post a positive review. While many libraries won't add an ARC to their collections, I have no such problem. By my doing so, you get access to many books we would never consider buying or that I would never know about unless I learned about them via swapping.

Last weekend, I spent more than a day cataloging new stuff that was cluttering my computer room at home. Among them were over a dozen ARCs I got from Gradiel a few weeks back. I'm going to mention some briefly so you can be aware of them. Who knows, you might find a winner hidden in them.

85/A by Kyle Smith: "On a sub-zero Chicago morning on January 23, 1989, 15-year-old punk rocker Seamus O'Grady braves the bitter cold at the 85A bus stop, railing against his repressive environment in anticipation of his "the-minute-I-turn-18" move to London."

To Ride The Gods' Own Stallion by Diane Wilson: "After being taken as a slave to Nineveh, thirteen-

year-old Soulai finds his life intertwined with that of the son of King Ashurbanipal and a magnificent stallion and gets a chance to prove to himself and others that he is not a coward."

Pemberly Shades by D.A. Bonevia-Hunt: "Pride and prejudice continues in a lightly gothic tale of Mr. and Mrs. Darcy"--Cover.

Dead Neon: tales of near-future Las Vegas, edited by Todd James Pierce and Jarret Keene. "Cyberpunk short stories set in Las Vegas."

When Foxes Wore Red Vests by Bruce Hopkins: "The deep values of place learned during childhood can extend to living an enriched, responsible, creative and authentic life in adulthood. The lessons in this collection demonstrate how sense-of-place can serve as a role-model for future generations, as well as helping us to learn how we can best live in our communities and with the natural world around us."

Juggler in the Wind by Wim Coleman: "When a ragtag circus shows up in the town of Buchanan, Kansas, fourteen-year-old Randy Carmichael faces a deep mystery. Why is his alcoholic mother so troubled by the troupe's arrival? What does Circus Olympus mean to her past--and to Randy's future? Voices summon him, a godlike figure appears in his dreams and supernatural adversaries lay in wait for him as he embarks on a dangerous quest that will take him beyond mortal reality."

These are but a few of the more than 100 items added in the past week. Coming very soon: more great TV series on DVD, thanks to sales on Amazon.com.

Milo Free Public Library News

BY PAMELA FLANAGAN

Today's article is about special libraries. What are they? Where are they? Well, we think our library is pretty special. Last week we had another exciting Wednesday with the Kiwanis Kids Korner. Twenty-eight children attended with five adults lending a helping hand, including members of Penquis Valley High School Key Club. More new library cards were given out to our young, first time patrons and each one was received with a big smile.

Now, for the other kind of special libraries, the Maine State Library website has a page for those libraries that are found online, in the Northeastern Maine Library District. Just visit www.maine.gov/msl/mrls/membership/mmlid/special.shtml When perusing the site, you'll see that one of the special libraries listed is the Bangor Daily News Library. That's a familiar name to all of us, but it's not so well known that the BDN has their very own library.

Other libraries of interest at the site - and goodness, aren't all libraries interesting? - include the Stephen Phillips Research Library at the Penobscot Marine Museum, and the Bagaduce Music Lending Library. Contact information is given at the site for these and other Special Libraries.

As to your own Milo Free Public Library, here's a list of the newest adult books in and ready to circulate.

Busy Body - M.C. Beaton, Playing the Game - Barbara Taylor Bradford

The Brave - Nicholas Evans
American Assassin - Vince Flynn
Ghost in Trouble - Carolyn Hart
The Grand Design - Stephen Hawking

Djibouti - Elmore Leonard
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New at Shaw Public Library

ADULT

Fiction
"Deep Harbor" by Lisa Tawn Bergren
"Treasure" by Lisa Tawn Bergren
"Chosen" by Lisa Tawn Bergren
"Firestorm" by Lisa Tawn Bergren

Some new-to-us titles:
"Over Her Dead Body" by E.C. Sheedy
"Unspoken Fear" by Hunter Morgan
"The Overseer" by Jonathan Rabb
"Bee Season" by Myla Goldberg
"The Rose Labyrinth" by Titania Harding

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