

Town Assumes Annual Clock Upkeep Bill Ambrose

ollowing a somewhat contentious public hearing, the Town Council voted 6-1 (Csoros) to assume the financial responsibility for the annual maintenance cost for the Town Clock. The January 5 meeting featured First Parish Church member Clyde Grant and Church Moderator Mark Faunce speaking on behalf of the church.

The 1868 Tower Clock, manufactured by the E. Howard Clock Company, was a gift to the town by Toppan Robie, a prominent citizen of Gorham. It was placed in the First Parish Church steeple because of its central location in the village. It is one of the few remaining clocks of its kind in New England that has not been electrified or otherwise moved or modified. It is an outstanding historical artifact, valued in excess of \$100,000.

In 2005, the clock finally succumbed to an advanced state of decrepitude, caused by 140-years of exposure to the elements and deferred maintenance. After several public hearings and council discussions, an agreement was worked out with the First Parish Church and the Town government in March 2007.

This agreement specified that the clock mechanism would be restored and placed in the church vestibule where it could be viewed by the public and protected from the elements. Shortly afterward, it was discovered that structural and space constraints made this plan impractical, so the clock works were placed on a platform on the second floor, in the organ loft.

Among other agreed-upon items, the Church accepted the obligation to provide for the annual inspection and maintenance of the timepiece's mechanism, an estimated \$800. It was this provision that precipitated the present controversy, and caused the council to invite the church's representatives to ask the Town to discuss and to possibly modify the agreement.

Speaking first at the hearing, Grant, who oversaw the clock's restoration as the clerk of the works, told the councilors that the \$800 maintenance expense was not consistent with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, in that it directed the church to expend its funds in a particular way.

Faunce recounted the history of the agreement, including a March 2008 meeting of the church congregation, at which the members decided to not follow through with the part of the agreement having to do with the \$800 maintenance expenditure. He said that their opposition stemmed from the notion that it was not part of the church's charitable program or its Christian mission.

In remarks directed to Faunce, Councilor Matthew Robinson stated that he opposed the 2007 agreement to keep the clock at the church, and saw the present controversy as indicative of "no good faith attempt to keep your part of the bargain."

Councilor Burleigh Loveitt expressed the opinion that the March 2008 meeting showed that "the congregation decided to 'welsh' on the agreement with the town." He believed that the council was "stonewalled" by the church pastor, the Rev. David Butler, who did not respond to three letters in 2009 from the Town Manager about the maintenance issue. Loveitt said that this was an "example of an organization in disarray." Faunce told the council that he regretted that the church did not respond to the town in a timelier manner.

After expressions of dismay and disappointment on the part of other councilors, Loveitt told the council that it was "time to lay this (the clock issue) to rest." He proposed an amended motion that would have the town assume the annual cost of the clock maintenance. This motion was approved despite Councilor Phil Csoros voting nay due to his strongly held contention that all Town property needed to be kept under the Town's control.

Boys Dip for a Great Cause



Members of Team DX try to stay warm while waiting for their dip in the Atlantic Ocean as part of the 22nd Annual Lobster Dip for Special Olympics. From left to right: Brandon Desjardin, Tony Cooper, Jonah Bird (who observed) and Noah Bird. **PAGE 6**

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE New School Progresses

Gorham Times Staff

A lthough physical construction is almost at a standstill, progress is continually being made to bring a new elementary school to Gorham. The following is a recap of the status of the new school project.

The state of Maine will contribute 90% of the funds for the approximate \$30 million price tag for the new school while the remaining 10% will come from local funds. When bids were originally received for the new construction, the economic conditions had a favorable result for Gorham as many of the bids came in lower than expected. A lower overall cost means that the building committee was able to include several extra items that were desired. As a result of the potential "savings," the state reduced the amount they will provide to this project, however, the contribution still represents 90% of the cost to build the school.

Ground work for the site began last fall. The initial roadway into the site is now visible from Route 237 and the foundation for the building has been poured. Progress on the building will slow down during the winter months with the exception of the holes that will be drilled for the geothermal heating/cooling system. This is done to avoid drilling in the spring when soil is too soft and muddy.

As with any construction project, there will be cost overruns. In a school project, "change orders" are required when going over budget. Some changes occur during the ground preparation phase and others during actual construction. The Building Committee has approved a couple of change orders to date. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3 when the committee plans to select exterior colors.

This is an exciting project. After so many months of discussion, deliberation and planning, it is underway. The Building Committee will continue to update the community as progress is made.

USM Art Department Faculty Exhibition PAGE 12



The USM Art Gallery in Gorham is pleased to present work from a wide range of disciplines by members of USM Art Department faculty in an exhibition taking place from January 22-February 14. Left: Corliss Chastain's *Burning Bear*, a mixed media on wood panel.

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Legislative Session Preview Phil Bartlett

The people of Maine are tough. Every year we hunker down and weather the harshest winter elements—ice storms, nor'easters, and freezing temperatures. No matter what the conditions, we make it through the worst of the worst. Now in the middle of another winter season, we find ourselves weathering a different kind of storm: the economic recession.

Households and businesses around the state are doing their best to outlast this economic slump – and the State House in Augusta is doing the same. Although our individual economic challenges vary, all of us are feeling the financial pain and making the difficult fiscal decisions.

The 124th Maine Legislature is back in session and working with economic recovery in mind, despite the many challenges facing our state. The way I see it, every challenge before us must also be seen as an opportunity to do something positive for the people of this great state.

It is no secret that the major challenge this session is the budget shortfall of \$438 million. Back in December, the Governor announced his revisions to the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget and the Legislature will be working throughout this session – listening to public testimony, reviewing the Governor's proposal and searching for the best way to bring our budget into balance.

Last session, the state's two year budget was reduced by \$500 million down to \$5.8 billion and the budget reductions this session will drop the budget down to \$5.5 billion, which is the same as the budget in 2004. Contrary to people's claims about wild increases in spending, during the past seven years, the budget has increased by less than 1%.

We are aware that these budget reductions will create difficulties and hardships for Maine people. Unfortunately, we have few choices. People are making the difficult decisions at home and so are we at the State House.

At the same time, the Legislature understands the importance of longterm investments in energy sustainability, infrastructure, education, and research and development. We must protect these interests and ensure the well-being of our most vulnerable citizens.

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ure, public participation is essential as the legislature tackles the budget. Throughout the process the public will be invited to share the impact of proposed cuts and to help us find better ways to deliver services.

I always welcome feedback. Please feel free to contact my office anytime, (207) 287-1515 or sign up for periodic legislative updates, www.mainesenate. org/bartlett.

In this extraordinarily difficult time, we all recognize that we are in this together and we all agree that we must do all we can to strengthen our communities so Maine has a stronger, more vibrant economy when we emerge from the recession.

Sen. Phil Bartlett

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Dear Gorbam Times,

A couple of years ago, I was aware that a group of people along with some of the local youth were attempting to work towards a Gorham Skateboard Park. They had meetings and were trying to raise money by taking donations and putting out collection containers etc. I felt it was a timely project and I donated money to the collection containers, as did other people.

Last Spring the collection containers were picked up and I tried to get information about the status of the project. I talked to a few people who I was told were involved. Nobody knew anything so I assumed the effort defunct.

I do feel that as the public supported the money raising effort, those in charge of collections could have acknowledged the help. A small notice in the *Gorbam Times* would have been sufficient. Of course, it was not big money but every little bit counts. If the program did not work out, then perhaps the money could have benefited some youth group in Gorham and not just fallen through the cracks.

M. Jane LeCours

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BUSINESS PROFILE

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Neu-Du Salon

A Full Service Salon Offering an Old Port Feel,

Located in Gorham Jackie Francis



Neu Du stylists (I to r) Elizabeth, Dawn (owner), and Alyson are looking forward to serving the Gorham community.

ocated at the corner of Route 25 and 114, the Neu-Du Salon officially opened for business a few days before Christmas. What was once Sierra's Bar & Grill has now been transformed into a tres chic salon with literally no traces of the previous décor. The original floorboards have been stripped and sanded to reveal beautiful rich floors that have lain dormant for decades, and the interior walls have been exposed to showcase underlying brickwork giving the salon elegant character and an "Old Port feel," which is what owner, Dawn Gray, had in mind.

Having recently moved to Gorham with her husband and three children, Gray, with close to 20 years experience in cutting hair, sold her successful hair salon in Ellsworth and thought carefully about locating her new salon. "I wanted to offer something back to the community I live in," says Gray, "and this corner location seemed perfect."

Neu-Du (a former client came up with the clever name and it stuck), is open Monday through Saturday with extended hours by request. There are three full-time employees and one parttimer who all live in Gorham. There are discounts for college students. A shampoo/cut/style is \$27 and a shampoo/style is \$20. Men's haircuts are an affordable \$18. Along with precision haircuts, Neu-Du offers colors, perms, conditioning treatments, waxing and tinting. Spa services such as manicures and pedicures will become available as soon as equipment arrives.

Along the walls of the sun-filled salon are shelves filled with Mantra Hair care products which until recently, have only been available in the Boston area. An expert colorist, Gray prefers to use the Jingles hair color line because of its "gentle nature and the natural shine effect of its botanical oils."

Gray is proud of her hairstylists and their Gorham roots...no pun intended. She is confident the training and expertise of her stylists will fill the need of her Gorham clientele. "We pride ourselves on keeping up with new styles and trends...we hope that your experience here leaves you excited and wanting to come back soon."

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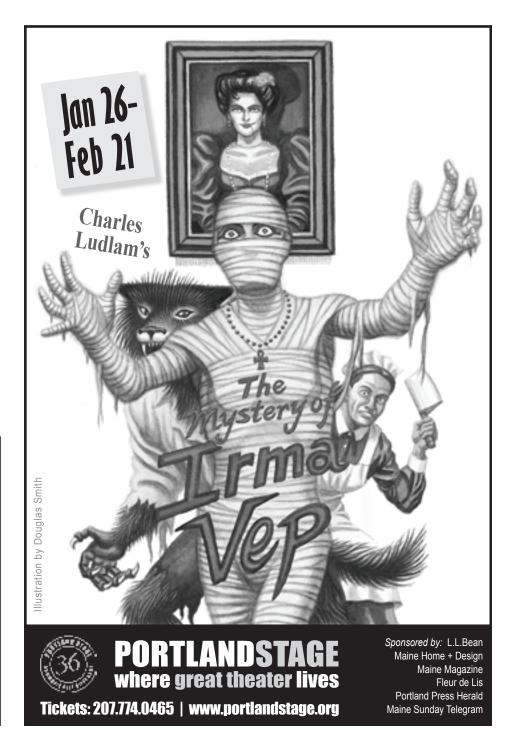
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Please remember that dog licenses expired December 31. The Town Clerk's office has received copies of rabies vaccination certificates for vaccinations given in 2009 from the Department of Animal Welfare for dogs that are kept in Gorham. Some of these dogs have not been licensed. If a dog owner or keeper does not come in to license the dog, and we receive a copy of the rabies certificate for the dog, the Animal Control Officer will be notified and the owner or keeper will be subject to being summonsed for keeping an unlicensed dog. Dog licenses must be paid no later than January 31st to avoid a late fee. The fee is \$6.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered. A late fee of \$15.00 will be charged for all dog licenses paid on and after February 1. To license a dog, you need to show the dog's current rabies certificate. If the dog is spayed or neutered, you need to show the neutering certificate if we have not seen one previously. For your convenience, the Town of Gorham participates in online licensing. There is an additional \$1.00 fee to license your dog online. Please visit our website at www.gorham-me. org and click the green box near the bottom of the home page for "online dog licensing.²

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT Frustration with Budget Stacy Sallinen

n its January meeting, the School Committee approved minutes from a regular meeting in November and a special meeting in December. There was no public comment.

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the following:

• In December, Hannah Prince received the Ms. Maine Field Hockey award. Sharp acknowledged her efforts and those of the

entire field hockey team.

Elizabeth LaMontagne was recognized as an outstanding delegate for Model United Nations in November.
The district was able to avoid Reduction in Forces for the FY10 budget as a result of state curtailments but this will not be the case for FY11.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT Sawyer Estates Deliberated

Christine Ludwiczak

he Planning Board started off the New Year with discussions around a few key items.

Proposal for the 109-lot Sawyer Estates Subdivision was deliberated, as board members reviewed Chase Custom Homes' development, to be built off South Street, near Crestwood Drive and the Heartwood Development, on over one hundred acres of land. The proposal will be assessed under the Town's Development Transfer Overlay District provisions.

Amendments to the Gorham Land Use and Development Code, relating to Shoreland Zoning and the Official Gorham Shoreland Zoning Map, were approved and recommended to the Town Council for adoption.

The Board also discussed amendments to the Code as it relates to utility lot size. This item is slated for further review at the February 1 workshop, with a Public Hearing scheduled on March 1.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT Council Hears About New Marijuana Laws Christine Ludwiczak

"Medical marijuana for some indications is perfectly reasonable," stated Dr. Mark Publicker, Medical Director of Mercy Hospital Rehab Center. "But marijuana is an addictive drug, and any concept that this is a benign, non addictive drug, is wrong."

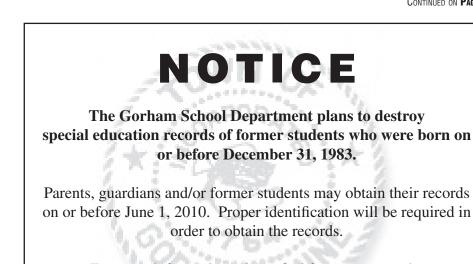
r. Publicker reported to the Town Council in their first meeting of 2010, addressing specifics on the recently approved citizen initiative to create a regulated system of distribution for medical marijuana. Dr. Publicker expressed his concerns with the new law. "I think we want to particularly protect adolescents from developing the belief, if this is a benign healthy substance, than why shouldn't I smoke it?"

In respect to monitoring distribution, Dr. Publicker explained that presently there is no official record keeping in place. Dispensaries are regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services, with a certain number of registrants certified for each particular location. "Dispensaries are able to grow six plants per patient," Dr. Publicker explained. "The maximum amount of cannabis that can be provided to a medical marijuana patient is two and a half ounces every two weeks. That's a lot of marijuana."

Also discussed at the January 5 meeting was a proposed order to amend specifics around signage in the Land Use and Development Code. Planning Board Chairman, Susan Robie, explained reasoning behind changes to the code, advising that the revisions came about as result of various problems pointed out meeting after meeting, from unintended consequences of what was written. "They're basically corrections that seemed fair and logical to the group," Robie said. The item was voted to be postponed until the February meeting, on account of revisions necessary to language surrounding the Code Enforcement Officer.

A request from Paul Gore to rezone two parcels of land on Bartlett Road was also postponed until next month's meet-

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HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND A Great Year for Fitness Stacey Coleman

oday's fitness facility is a far different place than that of 10 years ago. Workouts used to be about machines and bodybuilding. Today's facilities are about whole body wellness and enjoyment for everyone. Fitness trends in 2010 will focus on accessibility, enjoyment and effective use of limited time.

Government and health/fitness professionals are joining forces to spread the word about health and fitness. This is not surprising considering the prediction that 75% of American's will be overweight by 2015 and 41% will be obese. The goal is to improve overall quality of life and to encourage more of the healthy behaviors needed to feel good and to avoid doctor visits. A priority will be to reach children at a young age in order to prevent obesity and its related health issues. Healthy lifestyles should include the entire family. There are facilities which provide these services and professionals who can help you make the needed changes.

In recent years, fitness has moved away from body building and workouts focused on specific muscles, to a whole-body wellness. Workouts include the use of functional training methods and equipment, such as free weights, Kettlebells, stability and balance devices. Functional training works the whole body by engaging multiple muscle groups simultaneously. A workout session builds strength, stability and cardiovascular endurance.

One thing that will not change in 2010 is our need for efficient use of time. No one wants to waste hours with long, boring workouts. A shorter, efficient workout can prove to be even more effective than hours at the gym. This trend means shorter, higher intensity workouts like boot camp, interval training and circuit training.

In 2010, we need convenience. Find a facility that offers 24 hour access and the ability to train when it fits your schedule. My favorite quote to clients is "No Excuses." Find a Gym that offers children's programming, not just a daycare. Exercise guilt-free by enrolling the kids in yoga, tumbling or sports conditioning class that meets at the same time as your workout. Look for facilities with indoor playgrounds, community programming and an overall kid friendly atmosphere.

Consumers are seeking fun in their workouts, judging by the popularity of dance fitness classes such as Zumba. Look for a facility that feels like home and is a clean, inviting place you look forward to visiting. Community facilities have trainers who know your name and your goals, and are places where you are not just a number, but a neighbor.

Group fitness has always been popular and can be more motivating than working out alone. Having a specific time and place to show up for your workouts helps encourage consistency. The competitive environment in group fitness tends to help you push harder than you would on your own.

2010 will be a great year for fitness. Make your health and fitness resolutions a reality by catching some of these trends.

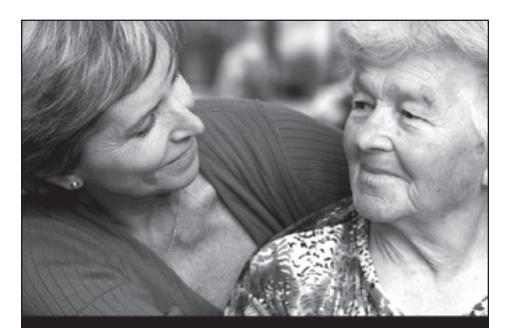
Stacey Coleman is a NASM certified personal trainer and owner of the Gorham Fitness Studio located at 127D Railroad Avenue. Stacey has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 10 years of professional experience. A GHS 1998 graduate, she and her family reside in Gorham. Stacey can be reached at 239-0602.



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Village Students Take a Dip

Lisa Bird, PR Director, Special Olympics Maine

hree young boys from Gorham decided to start 2010 off in a really cool way-literally! They took a swim in the icy waters of the Atlantic on January 1 as part of the 22nd Annual Lobster Dip for Special Olympics. The dip is Maine's largest and original ocean plunge.

Noah Bird, Tony Cooper, and Brandon Desjardin, who all attend the fifth grade at Village School, formed Team DX and worked for weeks raising money in support of the event. Other Gorham team members who raised money but were not able to participate due to weather were Paddy Owens, Dylan and Tyler Weeks, and Jonah Bird.

Three years ago, Noah Bird was the first of the team to take the plunge. He had wanted to take part for years but had to wait until he was old enough.

Steven and Katherine Garrard

TD Bank

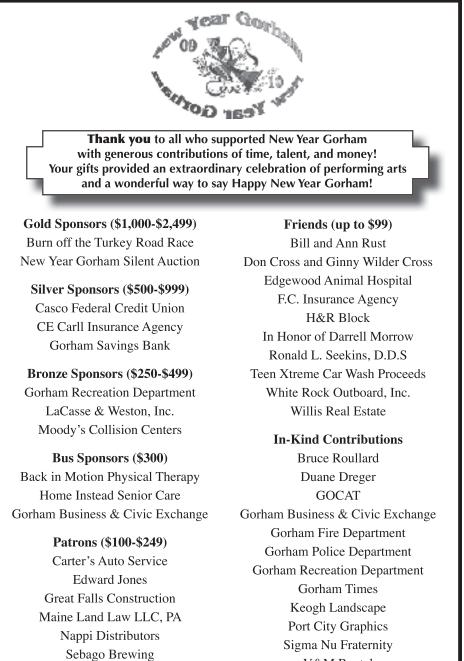
The following year, he recruited two other friends to join him and this year he organized an entire team. "We have lots of kids at our school and in our classes who go to Special Olympics," said Bird. "When they come back from their events they wear their medals and are really happy," he replied when asked why he wanted to participate in such a crazy event.

The 2010 Dip was a record breaker for Special Olympics Maine raising over \$71,000 and bringing in well over 300 dippers. Team DX has raised over \$800 for Special Olympics so far. The team is still taking pledges until April on their team DX fundraising page at www.firstgiving.com/dxdip.

Team DX thanks everyone who has sponsored them so far and are looking forward to 2011.

One for Haiti GHS Students recently collected money for the vicitims of the earth-

quake in Haiti. They determined that if everyone at GHS contributed \$1 to the fund they could potentially collect \$800. Once the day was over, the total money collected was \$1007.11! A small group will investigate which non profit organization will best utilize the funds.



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A Busy GMS Student Council



GMS recently celebrated the end of a great fundraising season. The animals were helped at the Westbrook Animal Refuge League, St. Anne's kitchen was stocked with plenty of food items and five GMS families were supplied food and gifts for the holidays. With the help of students from Sebago Educational Alliance, stockings were also stuffed for the adolescent wing at Spring Harbor Hospital. Student council members, as well as the whole GMS community, put their best efforts forward to help others enjoy a great holiday season. Pictured above: Principal Robert Riley (right) and Vice Principal Susie Hanley (left) pose with Student Council representatives.

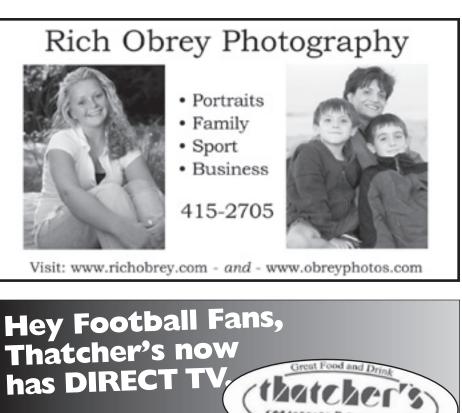
Giving Tree Amy Smith, GHS Social Studies Teacher

ach year at Gorham High School the Giving Tree Committee works to provide gifts for needy students at GHS and their families. The 4th Annual Giving Tree was able to provide gifts and food to over 50 students and their families. This would not have been possible without the help of students, faculty and GHS staff, and many local businesses who donated to this cause. In December, students of Gorham High School participated in a Change Challenge which encouraged students in homeroom to donate loose change to benefit the Giving Tree. Students raised close to \$1,000 which was then used to purchase gifts. The Student Council and the CBE classroom

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also helped to purchase gift cards and stockings. Additionally, many area businesses reached out to help. These include Gorham Savings Bank, Shaw Brothers, Sam's Club, the Bookworm, the Windham Shaw's, the Scarborough Shaw's, Dr. Albanese's office, Morgan Dental, Shawnee Peak, the Gorham Dunkin Donuts, and the Windham Walmart. The Giving Tree Committee thanks all of the students, faculty and staff, and businesses for their generous donations. Their commitment to helping our cause is sincerely appreciated. Anyone who would like to donate towards next year's fundraising should contact Laura Ryan or Amy Smith at 222-1100.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM PAGE 4

- The Department of Education is proposing changes to the Maine Special Education Regulations to bring them in line with Federal Special Education Regulations.
- The district's website is in the second phase of redesign. Sharp thanked Dennis Crowe and his team for the their efforts.
- PATHS and WRVC have proposed to merge and consolidate programs. A committee has been formed to explore the proposal.

Chairman Dennis Libby expressed his frustration with the budget, saying that the state is projected to be at 43% for Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding, when LD1 requires the state portion to fund 55%. At this time, the state has no plan to get back to the promised 55%. He urged people to contact their legislators to urge the issue.

Theresa Merrill, GMS nurse, informed the School Committee that nine flu clinics have been held in the district, resulting in 38% of enrolled students receiving seasonal vaccinations and 52% of students receiving H1N1 vaccinations. Absenteeism rates from H1N1 peaked right before the Thanksgiving break at 8-10%. Merrill extended thanks to Nick McKinney for volunteering two complete days at the clinic, as well as the Gorham rescue units, Food Service, Maintenance, Volunteer Coordinators and Home Health Visiting Nurses.

Merrill said the clinics went well despite having a very limited supply of vaccine, little notice to when it would arrive and moving the clinics from building to building. In the future, parents will accompany children to the clinics to clarify paperwork questions.

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Sharp thanked Merrill and the entire team of nurses for all of their hard work during the flu clinics. He also mentioned that Gorham was randomly selected by the Centers for Disease Control to do an assessment on how the program went and how it impacted absenteeism rates.

Brad Smith provided an update on the K-5 transition. The new school is anticipated to hold approximately 475 students, Village is anticipated to hold 425 students and Narragansett is anticipated to hold 300 students. FMI on K-5 Transition, please visit www. gorhamschools.org.

Norm Justice, Facilities Director, shared his first impressions of the facilities. He commended his predecessor in maintaining and operating safe facilities. Justice stressed the importance of capital improvement with the facilities, as well as electric, mechanical and energy management systems.

Roger Marchand informed the

School Committee that Percent for Arts committee, consisting of Marchand, Catherine Falwell, a Gorham artist, Lyndon Keck of PDT Architects, and two members from the Maine Arts Commission, will be meeting in February and the public is welcome to attend.

The School Committee voted (6-0, Marie South was absent) to accept a federal Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant for White Rock, Village and GMS.

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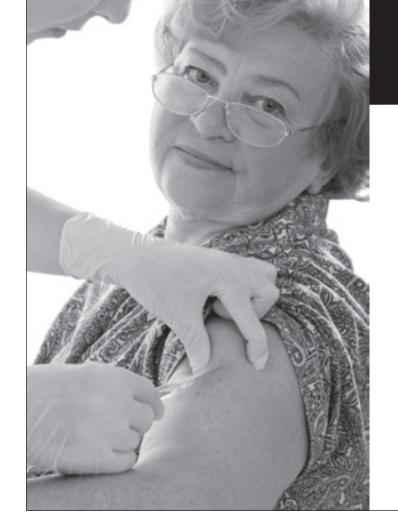
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Gorham Rocks to the Sounds of Elvis with The Maine Red Claws Jeff Pike





Clockwise from top left: **Gorham native Aaron Duffy** (center) produces a variety of promotional videos for the Maine Red Claws. Recently he was at work in the team's locker room with cameraman Jim Cole, taping player interviews and a public service announcement with Red Claws head coach Austin Ainge (left). During the January 8 Gorham night at the Maine Red Claws Game. **Gorham native Chris Sedenka** is pictured above doing the radio play-by-play on 96.3 WJJB-FM. **GHS boys' basketball head**

The Portland Expo rocked all night with Elvis songs and plenty of enthusiasm from Gorham residents on January 8. This date was officially designated as Gorham Night as the Maine Red Claws hosted the Springfield (MA) Armor in an NBA Development League game. Close to 300 fans from Gorham attended. They and the rest of the sell-out crowd were treated to quite a game as the Red Claws pulled out a last-minute win, 95-91, after trailing for most of the fourth quarter.

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange, the Gorham Recreational Department, The Dance Studio of Maine and the Gorham Middle School Chorus sold tickets to the game and were recognized by the Red Claws for their attendance along with the Gorham High School boys' and girls' basketball teams. The Gorham Middle School Chorus provided a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem prior to the game while two groups from the Dance Studio of Maine performed after the first and third quarters.

Perhaps the most excitement for Gorham came when GHS boys' basketball coach Josh Longstaff was chosen from the crowd to participate in a shooting contest to win a Chevy Camaro. To win, he needed to sink a lay-up, foul shot, three-point shot and half-court shot within a limited amount of time. Longstaff calmly hit the first three shots and then just missed his half-court shot.

But he still had a chance to win \$1,000 if he could hit his second halfcourt attempt. Longstaff carefully linedup the shot, took a half-running start and launched a clean swish to win the cash. The crowd went berserk, especially the section that included the GHS basketball players. Even several members of the Red Claws team marveled at Longstaff's achievement.

The overall event of a Red Claws game is something to see and is quite entertaining. The level of basketball talent is impressive, and the organization puts on quite a show during game breaks. The January 8 game featured an Elvis Presley theme with several Elvis imitators performing throughout the night and the Red Claws cheerleaders dancing during breaks to Elvis music. Fans don't have much time to rest during the breaks as there's always music playing, and the organization runs contests and giveaways that allow the fans to win pizza, t-shirts and other prizes.

The Red Claws organization has several ties to Gorham with town natives Chris Sedenka doing play-by-play on the radio and Aaron Duffy producing a variety of promotional videos. Current GHS sophomore Courtney Burns, who plays for the girls' basketball team, is a ball girl at all of the games. Rich Obrey, who is also a Gorham Times photographer and who took pictures for this issue, is the Red Claws team photographer as well.

So if you're looking for a fun time and enjoy watching talented basketball players, the Red Claws offer a great opportunity. The team's regular season schedule runs through early April and includes upcoming home games January 22, 29 and 31. For more information on the Red Claws or to order tickets, visit www.nba.com/dleague/ maine/ **coach Josh Longstaff** takes a lay-up as his first shot during a contest to win a Chevy Camaro. Longstaff sunk the shot and then went on to sink a freethrow and a three-point shot before missing a half-court shot that would have won the car. He was then given a chance to sink another half-court shot for \$1,000 and calmly swished the ball through the net to win the prize money and send the crowd, particularly the Gorham fans, into a frenzy. **Dance Studio of Maine dancers** entertain the crowd. Two groups of dancers performed during the break after the first and third quarters. **The Gorham Middle School chorus** performs the National Anthem prior to the game.

Huskies at the Winter Classic



Three youth hockey players from Gorham who play for the Gorham-based Huskies Bantam Ice Hockey Team helped the team write an essay as part of the Boston Bruins Team Challenge. The Huskies were one of 25 teams picked, and the only one from Maine, among thousands of New England youth-team applicants. For their efforts, the team won a trip to attend the NHL Winter Classic on New Year's Day at Fenway Park to see the Bruins play the Philadelphia Flyers. The three players from Gorham, pictured above with their team at Fenway Park, were Colin Harvey, front row third from left; Shawn Sullivan, second row, second from left; and Blake Babineau, second row, fourth from left with the C on his jersey. Babineau is a freshman at GHS while Sullivan and Harvey are eighth-graders at Gorham Middle School.

in the Zone

Rare Triple-Double: GHS girls' basketball junior Mia Rapolla achieved a rare type of triple-double as she scored 21 points, pulled-down 11 rebounds and stole the ball 10 times during a 41-28 win over Bonny Eagle on January 13. During the Rams first 11 games this season, Rapolla has led the team to a 7-4 record by scoring 20 or more points five times including one game in which she topped 30 points. Rapolla has also been in double digits for rebounds four times and steals twice. Through January 13 she was fourth in scoring for the SMAA (Western Maine Class A) conference with a 16.6 pointper-game average and first in steals with 4.7 per game.

Chairman of the Boards: Jon Day, a GHS boys' basketball senior, was leading the SMAA (Western Maine Class A) conference in rebounding through games played January 13 by averaging just over 13 rebounds per game. He had 20 rebounds in a 50-41 win over Massabesic on January 12.

State Qualifiers: The Gorham girls indoor track team started their regular season with a 3-2 record led by five athletes who have turned in performance that qualify them for the Class A State Meet. Seniors Rachel Wilkinson and Kelsey Rex both qualified for the 1600 and 800 meters while fellow senior Emily Southard qualified for the triple jump and 55 meters. Junior Jenny Thuotte qualified for the 1600 meters while freshman Lindsay Chapman qualified for the high jump.

Second by a Hair: Marissa Roberts placed second for the GHS girls' ski team in the slalom during a January 9 four-

team meet against teams from Yarmouth, Fryeburg Academy and Windham. She finished with a time of 1:42.20—just .06 off the winning time.

Double-Event Winners: Two GHS athletes won two individual events at recent three-team indoor track meets: On January 6 vs. Thornton Academy and Portland, freshman/sophomore Julian Nijkamp won the Jr 45 Hurdles with a time of 6.70 and the Jr. 400 meters with a time of 1:03.5. On January 9 vs. Noble and Cheverus, senior Jake Willis won the Sr. 40 with a time of 4.70 and the Sr. 200 with a time of 25.30.

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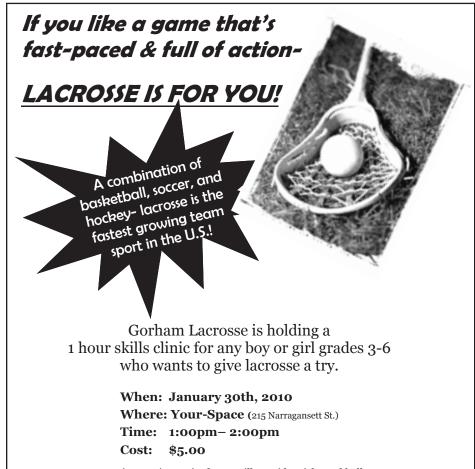
GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, January 22

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7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Sanford @ GHS Gym
Saturday, January 23
8:00 a.m. Boys' Indoor Track vs. Bonny Eagle @ Portland Expo
9:35 a.m. Girls' Indoor Track vs. Bonny Eagle @ Portland Expo
1:45 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. South Portland @ Portland Ice Arena

6:10 p.m. Girls' Hockey @ Falmouth (Family Ice Arena)

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules and details of all GHS sports, visit www.digitalsports.com



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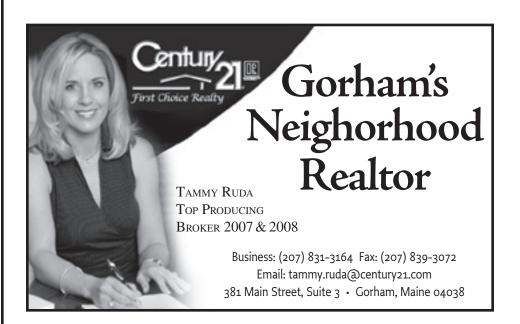
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Jacqueline Lara and Samuel Sturgis, both of Gorham, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Ct.

The following Gorham students made UNE's Fall 2009 Dean's List: Samantha Adams, Holly Beaulac, Jennifer DeRoy and Jessica Portlock.

Erin Cole (GHS '06) has been named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. Cole is Biology and Art major and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David O. Cole.

of interest

Lawrence Academy congratulates senior Elizabeth Plowman, who earned academic high honors for the fall trimester. Elizabeth is the daughter of Bonny and Stephen Plowman of Gorham.

Owen Hughes, voted Most Artistic Boy at Gorham High School in 2009, will attend the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in the Fall of 2010. Owen is the son of Ivonne Vazquez, Gorham and Gareth Hughes, Wells. **The Baxter Memorial Library** will be closed for staff training on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will host another Community Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at First Parish Church UCC. The meal will be held on Monday, January 25. Roast beef and turkey, casseroles, salad, bread and desserts will be on the menu. The public is invited. We hope to see you. Bring a friend. Donations will be accepted. Please note the new time: 5:30 p.m.

Free piano and voice master classes will be offered at the USM Gorham Campus by opera conductor and pianist Mark Gibson, former music director of the New York City Opera. On Saturday, Jan. 30 a piano master class will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Corthell Hall, Gorham Campus followed by a voice master class from 3-6 p.m. On Sunday, Jan. 31 a piano master class will be held from 1-4 p.m. and finally, a voice master class from 5-7 p.m. All classes are FREE and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008.

4-H members from the Gorham area were among those recognized at the Annual 4-H Winterfest Celebration held in Standish this past December. Gorham 4-H members included: Katie Thuotte, Aryn Martin, Ashley Martin, Chelsea

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The USM Art Gallery in Gorham is pleased to present work from a wide range of disciplines by members of USM Art Department faculty in an exhibition taking place from January 22 through February 14.

Opening reception is Thursday, Jan. 28 from 5-7 p.m. USM's Art department faculty are practicing artists and art professionals, who exhibit and publish regionally, nationally, and internationally. They are leaders in initiating art events and activities in the greater Portland area and throughout Maine. For more information, please contact gallery director Carolyn Eyler at 780-5008 or visit www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

Burnham, Charlene Landry, Samantha Grant, Julia Waters, Tim Clark, Tom Grant, Allison Merriman, and Molly Creeden. Ashley Martin and Tom Grant received the Citizenship Award and Katie Thuotte received the Lamp of Knowledge Award. Volunteer Leader David Smith of Gorham was honored for his outstanding commitment to 4-H with over 10 years of service.

Krissie Bodkin-Rubino of Gorham was a recipient of USM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's (OLLI) newly established New Horizons Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to students with undergraduate degrees interested in exploring graduate studies at USM.

The Gorham Community Chorus is welcoming new members through the end of January. Rehearsals are at Village School in Gorham. A \$35 fee is due at registration. FMI, awormwood@roadrunner.com

Jazz pianist, singer and composer, Mark Shilansky, will give his first School of Music faculty concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29 at Corthell Hall at the USM Campus as part of the Spotlight Concert Series at the University of Southern Maine. Tickets \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555. Photo courtesy of USM Art Galler

The Gorham Democratic Caucus will be held January 31 at 2 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School cafeteria. Election of officers of the local committee, selecting Gorham's state convention delegates, and meeting candidates running for local and statewide election in 2010 will be on the agenda. Unregistered voters may attend and register. FMI, call David Farrington 653-7694.

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange will host "Insurance Tune-Up for 2010 - How to Maximize Coverage While Minimizing Cost" on January 26, at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive. Cost is \$15 GBCE Members, \$25 Guests. FMI: 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.

close to home

Vivid Motion, Inc., Portland's "innovative and kinda quirky" dance company, is holding dance auditions for its upcoming spring production, the seventh annual spring dance show on January 31, from 1-3 p.m. at Acorn Productions in the Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge St, Westbrook, ME. No formal preparation needed; audition will be conducted in class style format. Many styles of dance will be included in this show, and danc-

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New time: 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 25

COMMUNITY FROM PREVIOUS PAGE



Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal financial service organization in Scarborough, recently helped raise money for YourSpace in Gorham by matching funds at the recently held Motor Booty Affair Dance and silent auction held this fall. Sandy Warren (YourSpace) and Timothy Graham (Modern Woodmen).

The Gorham Woman's Club (GWC), an organization that supports community and volunteerism, will be mailing scholarship checks totaling \$4,000 to five former Gorham High School students now enrolled in college: Caitlin Caldwell, Jennifer Wiacek, Tyler Jones, Katie Thuotte and Erica Benson. Scholarships are awarded in honor of charter members Elizabeth Fox, Lena Day, and Frances Cotton. The Edward A. Taber III scholarship was first established in honor of Margaret Taber, a fifty year member of the GWC. The Gorham Woman's Club has contributed to Project Graduation, the Maine Youth Leadership Conference, Art Contests for GHS students, Newspaper Subscriptions in elementary schools and Book Bags for preschoolers at the library, and at each meeting, members bring items to contribute to the Gorham Food Pantry. The GWC meets monthly (except through the summer) in the Fellowship Hall of the First Parish Church at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Guests and prospective members are always welcome to join. FMI, call Marie Woodbrey 839-4213 or vmwoodbrey@ myfairpoint.net. Above: (I to r) Brenda Caldwell, Recording Secretary; Allene Bowler, Vice President; Nancy Taber, Corresponding Secretary: Gloria Tewhey, Treasurer; Marie Woodbrey, President.

ers of all skill levels are welcome. FMI www.vividmotion.org

The Salvation Army is mobilizing resources and personnel to assist with the international relief effort in Haiti following a severe earthquake that damaged much of the country's infrastructure, housing and commercial buildings. The Salvation Army is accepting monetary donations to assist in the effort via, www. salvationarmyusa.org, 1-866-674-4391, or you may send a check to The Salvation Army, "Haiti Earthquake," P.O. Box 3647, Portland, Maine 04104-3647.



what's happening

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Route 22/Broadturn Road. \$5/under 3 Free! FMI, 839-6972.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, Baxter Library. 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting, 6 p.m. \$7pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.
- Gorham Business & Civic Exchange - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. "Insurance Tune-Up for 2010 - How to Maximize Coverage While Minimizing Cost." Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive. \$15 GBCE Members, \$25 Guests. FMI: 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

 Baxter Memorial Library closed for the day for staff training.

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

- Baby & Me Story Time, ages 0-18, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 8939-5031.
- Toddler Time, Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Jewelry Making Workshop, grades 3-8, Baxter Library, 1 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- UCC Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church Community Dinner, 810 Main St., Westbrook, 12 noon, Open to everyone. \$4

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

 Craft and Chat Group, 9:30-11a.m., BML, Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI, 222-2532.

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The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9-11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church.

 USM Faculty Concert, Jazz Pianist Mark Shilansky, 8 p.m. \$15/\$10/\$5.
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SUNDAY, JAN. 31

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MONDAY, FEB. 1

 Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St. Gorham. FMI, 222-1620.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

 Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham. FMI, 222-1670.

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- GHS One-Act Play FMI (Eileen_ Avery@gorham.k12.me.us).



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Bill 207-329-6433 mtnmediav@yahoo.com Road north to the current boundary of the industrial zone, and determine if they are interested in rezoning their lots. Councilor Noah Miner expressed his concern with the item. "I'm not in favor



of getting the ball rolling on any new industrial zone," Minor said. "I personally feel that our industrial zone is very unrestrictive. Before I support a motion to rezone any land as industrial, I would



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like to see some transitional zoning created that takes those high impact industries that have affected us in the past, and puts something in the language that prevents them from being disruptive to their neighbors."

"We've had some instances in the past, and if we don't address it before we start zoning more industrial, I think people are going to recognize Gorham as a place that takes anything. And I don't want Gorham to be viewed that way."

Councilor Matthew Robinson stressed that he is not opposed to the idea behind this item. "I'm interested in collecting revenue for the residents to keep the taxes down," Robinson explained. "Industrial is our most valuable land; with the right businesses in there we could generate a lot more revenue."

The Council unanimously voted in favor of requesting a proposal from Portland Water District on engineering services to design a sewer line, and a pump station if necessary, to serve South Gorham via Route 114, between Route 22 and Gorham Village.

Also approved, pending conditions, was authorization for an application for a Community Development Block Grant for sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Routes 114 & 25.

Additional items addressed at the January meeting:

- · School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby, advised that the final flu vaccine clinic will be held January 14, and also noted the improved school website, ww.gorhamschools.org.
- During his report, Town Manager, David Cole, congratulated Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre for being named Cumberland County Fire Chief of the year, agreeing that it is "very well deserved.'
- Councilor Miner also reported that Ecomaine's excellence awards are quickly approaching, advising anyone wishing to nominate an individual for an Eco excellence award to contact Shelly Dunn at Ecomaine.

For a complete listing of the meeting's agenda and minutes, please visit: www.gorham-me.org/Public_ Documents/GorhamME_WebDocs/ agendas

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Jaywalking Deer

Caller reported that there were eight deer crossing Main Street by the police station—outside the crosswalk.

The Maine DOT reported cameras were stolen from the bypass.

Caller reported receiving e-mails from an unknown subject regarding private details that subject knows, which caller found disconcerting.

Quincy Drive caller reported that their two daughters did not come home from school.

Balsam Lane caller reported they came home to discover the door to the house had been kicked in and the shed door was open as well.

Norway Road caller reported that a backhoe had been left on their property, but they were not having any work done.

South Street caller reported that there was a loud party at the down stairs apartment with possible underage drinking. People were drunk in the bushes and vehicles were parked all over.

Preble St. fraternity wanted to make the Gorham Police Department aware that there would be a party that evening.

A taxi company advised that they had an intoxicated passenger who was passed out in the cab.

A cab driver stated they dropped off subject at their residence on Buck Street, but subject did not pay for the ride.

Preble Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding severe damage to their vehicle which had been parked on the side of the road.

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Several people living in the Garden/ Lawn/ Sunset/Primrose Lane area reported their vehicles had been broken into.

South Street woman was arrested for furnishing a place for minors to consume/possess liquor.

Western Avenue caller reported that their cat was missing and that the animal had a microchip from Florida.

Tow Path Road caller reported people were throwing apples at caller's residence.

A female subject was at the call box but couldn't figure out how to use it.

Spiller Road caller reported that there were juveniles going into the barn on property caller was selling and making lots of noise. Caller believed underage drinking was going on there.

Equestrian Lane caller reported that two of their sheep had been killed either by a dog or a coyote.

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