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Four-Year-Old's Quick Thinking Saves Family from Fire

Sheri Faber

Joseph Lamoin had been excited by the fire prevention program at his day care center, Creative Adventures Day Care in Gorham.

Gorham Firefighter Daleleen Leighton presents programs on fire safety and prevention to Gorham day care centers and schools. She was very pleased to hear that her program made a difference in the life of Joseph and his family.

Just a month after Leighton's presentation, Joseph, who turns five this month, knew what to do when he woke up and smelled smoke.

He crawled from his room to his mother's room and awakened her and his four-year-old sister. The three of them then crawled upstairs from the basement apartment to alert his grandmother who was sleeping on

the first floor.

Everyone got out of the home safely, but the fire caused about \$20,000 in damage to the apartment as well as smoke damage upstairs to the house on the corner of Brackett and Day Roads.

Gorham Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre believes the fire was caused by an aquarium heater which was being used to warm a tank where a pet snake was kept.

The family is staying with relatives and the Red Cross is helping them as they got out of the house with just the clothes they were sleeping in and didn't even have shoes on.

Chief Lefebvre will make a presentation to the Town Council recognizing Creative Adventures Day Care and Joseph Lamoin on March 2.

Contact Firefighter Daleleen Leighton at 839-6762 to arrange for a free fire prevention program at your facility. The Gorham Fire Department also does birthday parties for children that include fire prevention activities.

Downtown Shuffle in the Works

Sheri Faber

Carson Lynch, owner of the Gorham Grind, and Matt Mattingly, co-owner of Pine Crest Bed and Breakfast, are exploring the possibility of a move that could change the face of downtown Gorham.

Under their plan, Lynch would move the Gorham Grind from its location on South St. to 80 Main St., a vacant former bank building on the corner of Main St. and Water St. Mattingly would then open a wine store at 80 Main, as well. The property at 80 Main would be leased from Kevin Gagne, who owns the Village Mall.

Mattingly and Lynch have been

through a preliminary administrative review process with the Town and have run into some potential stumbling blocks. The Town is suggesting that the preferred permitted access to the site would be through the Village Mall, although the site currently does have access to both Main St. and Water St. and previously had been a bank with a drive-thru window.

Lynch would welcome having a drive-thru window for his business and both parties feel that not having access from either Main or Water would be a problem. In addition, having the only

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Gorham Food Pantry Celebrates One Year in New Home

Dede Perkins



Photo Credit Cherry Finck

Fran Doucette, (left) Director of the Gorham Food Pantry is seen honoring Shelby Zaner for the 2008 Volunteer of the Year and Paul Willis for the 2009 award. Shelby is the Assistant Director at the Gorham Food Pantry and a volunteer coordinator, and Paul Willis is President of the Board of Directors and was instrumental in obtaining, moving and remodeling the new home for the Food Pantry. Their names have been added to a permanent plaque that hangs at the Food Pantry.

It's been one year since the Gorham Food Pantry began distributing food from its new location in the renovated portable building at 299B Main Street. To celebrate, on the last Thursday of January 2010 Fran Doucette, Food Pantry Director, handed out cupcakes and punch to clients and volunteers. Later that evening, she brought a cake and sparkling cider to the Board of Directors' meeting.

How has the Gorham Food Pantry changed in the last year? According to Doucette, although the fundamental mission and support from the community has stayed the same, the Gorham Food Pantry has seen a number of changes in the last year.

The most obvious change is that the increased space now allows volunteers to sort and distribute more food than in the past. Specifically, the staff now gives a larger amount to food to each client as well as a much wider variety of food rather than just the basic neces-

sities that were given before the move.

While quantity and quality have increased, the most significant difference is that clients now "shop" off the shelves with the guidance of a food pantry volunteer. In the past, clients were able to choose a few items, but the bulk of the groceries were pre-bagged based solely on family size. "It's a big difference. The clients get what they want instead of what we think they need," said Doucette. "There's much less waste."

In the last year, the Gorham Food Pantry has also seen a demographic change in its clientele base. "We are serving more families with young children," said Doucette. "We've been surprised by the number of requests for baby formula and toddler food."

When asked what's stayed the same, Doucette pointed to the client wheeling the cart filled with groceries down

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Photo credit Rich Obrey

Hockey Freeze Frames PAGE 8

The boys' hockey team squared off against South Portland at the USM arena on Saturday, January 30 in a game that the Rams lost, 4-3. Shown in action is senior defender **Kenny Estes** gathering the puck behind his own goal.

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Dear Gorham Times,

The Gorham School nurses are very thankful for the press coverage during the H1N1 pandemic and clinics.

Things are quieter now and back to normal and we are hopeful it stays that way!

Your attention to this important public health issue is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Gorham School Nurses

Dear Gorham Times,

My name is Molly Johnson. I am a fourth grader at Evansville Day

School. I am doing a state report on Maine. I would appreciate it if you could publish my letter in your newspaper. I would like it if your readers to send me information, postcards, brochures, etc. about Maine, would be excellent.

Please send their information to:
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Thank you,
Molly Johnson

NEWS FROM AUGUSTA



The Truth About the Cost of State Government

Rep. Linda Sanborn

Over the past few days I have been pouring over the line items in the budget regarding the proposed cuts to the developmentally disabled, my "assignment" as a member of the Health and Human Services Committee. Despite all the talk about the "bloated" state government and all the fat that could be cut, I am not seeing it as it relates to services for the developmentally disabled.

I have spoken to a number of providers of services for those on MaineCare, Maine's Medicaid program, and continue to hear the same message over and over. Providers, who are employed in large and small communities throughout the state, have been cut so much over the past seven years that we are down to the bone. If further cuts are made, more small businesses will be forced out, jobs will be lost, and consumers will be injured. Surprisingly, even for

those who beg not to be cut further, they almost always think that somebody else could withstand the cut less painfully. There is a real "not in my backyard" phenomenon going on.

So perhaps some of these facts will help clarify why we are at this point and what actions state government has taken in response.

As a result of the economic downturn, state revenues have fallen by \$1.15 billion in the last twelve months. Responding to these shortfalls, the Legislature cut \$556 million from the budget last session. The Governor's current budget proposal would cut another \$438 million in the next biennium.

State government has eliminated 1,000 positions, about 8.8 percent of the workforce, over the past seven years. The number of individuals accessing MaineCare has increased by 120,000 in the last eight years, yet

Rep. Jane Knapp Recognizes Gorham Fire Chief Lefebvre



Photo by Shawn Roderick

Robert Lefebvre and Representative Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) stand in the House Chamber on February 2, 2010. Rep. Knapp honored Robert with a legislative sentiment as he was named Fire Chief of the Year by the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Lefebvre has served as Fire Chief for the Town of Gorham since 1984.

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Around Town

Town Boards and Committees Seek New Members

The Town Council Appointments Committee will be meeting soon to review applications for upcoming vacancies on Town boards and committees. If you would be interested in volunteering your time to serve the Town of one of these boards and committees, please complete an application and submit it to the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

You can also go to the Town's Web site at www.gorham-me.org to access information about the Town of Gorham's boards and committees and to download and print an application.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.

The Movie Gallery located in the Village Mall on Main St. will be closing sometime in March. They are currently having a going out of business sale. The chain is closing hundreds of its stores nationwide including the one on Forest Ave. in Portland.

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An Open Letter to the Gorham Town Council

Rev. David E. Butler, *senior minister of the First Parish Congregational Church, UCC in Gorham*

I write to you concerning the recent controversy regarding the payment for annual maintenance of the town clock located in our building. I write as the senior minister of First Parish Congregational Church, but as always, I can only speak for myself and not for the entire congregation, which is as diverse and opinionated as your own constituencies.

Please forgive the open nature of this communication, but as so much of the misunderstanding that has passed between the town and the church lately has happened in open meetings covered by our local press, it seems appropriate for this letter of clarification to be written openly as well.

On watching the Town Council meetings in December and January via our local access television station, I was stunned by what I saw. The level of apparent animosity directed toward the church from some members of the council was disturbing and quite confusing.

Let me first clarify the church's actions and understandings regarding the clock. When the Town Council agreed to return the clock to its historic home, the decision (though I agreed with it) was not without complications for us. We clearly agreed to pay for its annual maintenance (according to our original proposal to the town, accepted by your then chair, Norman Justice) "until such time as the town shall agree to resume that responsibility." From the start, some members of the church were not happy about committing our congregation to maintaining the town's property at some considerable expense over the course of the next 99 years.

As a result, the church leadership

agreed to raise the issue in negotiations with the town. At a meeting here in early 2008, we did that and received assurances that it was still, at least, an open issue. At no time did we plan to refuse to provide or pay for that maintenance in the meantime.

When we received letters from the Town Manager about what we were doing to provide for that maintenance, we should have responded in a more timely fashion, and for that I personally apologize. We didn't respond because we had not yet decided how to approach the maintenance issue.

We had not yet developed a plan and hence had nothing to communicate and the time, for annual maintenance was not even close. Response seemed unnecessary. When the time for maintenance arrived, the church arranged it and paid for it as agreed. A member of our church later asked a Town Council member if he could arrange for us to have a discussion with the appropriate town body about the future of the maintenance. And that is all that we ever did.

The response was inexplicable. In December, the church was referred to in an open council meeting as "fraudulent," "deceptive," "operating in bad faith." In January, our moderator (a hard-working volunteer) was belittled, condescended to and treated with abusive disrespect when he came before the council to try to explain. The church was said to be "welshing" on the agreement and called an "organization in disarray." I was personally mentioned in a very unflattering light even though I had worked to stay out of the entire issue.

I fail to understand the virulence of

these responses to a simple request to discuss the clock maintenance. It is baffling to see the town's oldest religious institution attacked for so little reason. I would have thought that members of our Town Council owed it to all of our citizens to treat guests at meetings with respect and to approach our other town institutions with respect and civility.

First Parish is an extraordinary community. We have served the people of this town since 1750 (which actually makes us older than the town government incorporated in 1763). We give over \$2,000 in direct aid each year to Gorham people in need. We helped to establish the town's food pantry and support it with regular and major donations.

We provide space free of charge to over 40 local organizations. We sponsor Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We provide meals for the elderly, food baskets to the needy on holidays, and youth programs open to all and serving many beyond our congregation.

We serve our town well and do our utmost to embody God's love here in Gorham. This is not to even mention the huge efforts we make to embody that love both regionally and internationally.

Members of this church are also largely citizens of our town. We want the best for Gorham, as I know you do as well. We have no quarrel with our town government. We wish to accord you the respect and gratitude that you deserve for your hours and

hours of service. We hope for nothing but cooperation and mutual good work. Please accord our church that same respect.

The Town of Gorham paid nothing for the restoration of the clock or for its reinstallation. All of that was done with private donations. I applaud the members of the council who helped to raise those donations. But much effort and labor was contributed by the members of the church.

We have honored our agreement in every particular (in some cases, way beyond what it called for) and will continue to do so. I applaud your willingness to take over the responsibility for the maintenance of your property.

Let us please go on from here with an attitude of mutual respect. No religious community should ever have to pay the kind of price in reputation and public image that we have had to pay in working with our town government.

I thank you for your time and hope to meet each of you in the future with friendship and good feeling. Our whole community, I'm sure, would want that as well.

Editor's Note

In the interest of fairness, and to allow the people of Gorham a chance to hear both sides of this issue, the *Gorham Times* offered the members of the Town Council the chance to give their version of events. They respectfully declined.

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TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Council Rejects Bartlett Road Rezoning

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

A proposal by Paul Gore to rezone land on Bartlett Road to become industrial was rejected at the February Town Council meeting. The town had received nine responses from property owners in this area asking that the rezoning proposal be rejected, and when discussion of this item was opened to the public, several residents of the area argued that the rezoning would alter the residential appeal of the neighborhood. Councilor Caldwell agreed with residents and expressed concern that there would be no positive impact to Gorham to build industrial property in this area, stating, "I'm all for industrial expansion in the town of Gorham, but not here. It's a beautiful area and we just can't put industrial in the middle of that residential area." After a Council vote this proposal was rejected.

Also discussed at the meeting was an amendment of the Land Use and Development Code to update the town's Shoreland Zoning regulations. A resident argued that the amendment would infringe on personal property rights, and that he would be directly affected by having to file a conservation plan with the town in order to continue to maintain his property that borders on a shore. The regulation states that all areas within 250 feet of wetland are affected by the Shoreland Zoning proposal. It was determined that the 250-foot rule is a state mandate and cannot be altered. While the amendment passed, Councilor Csoros opted out of the vote stating, "I think that this is an egregious invasion of personal property rights."

The Council authorized the Town Manager and Finance Director to solicit bids for any property acquired by tax

lien foreclosure where the outstanding balance of taxes, interest, and costs exceed \$20,000. This was pursuant on the agreement that the prior owner of record be provided with a final 30 day opportunity to make a full payment of the entire amount owed. Councilor Miner requested an amendment to extend the 30 day notice to 60 days. Councilors Csoros and Caldwell both argued that the 30 day notice would be sufficient due to the fact that the town makes numerous efforts to collect payments prior to this final notice going out. Councilor Caldwell added that the town provides residents with the opportunity to set up a payment plan with the town for the collection of back taxes. The Council voted unanimously to pass this proposal.

Additional items addressed at the February meeting:

- A proposal to amend regulation of signs was approved. The amended regulation states that the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Planner can now approve the request of an additional sign without having to send the request back to the Council to go through a more cumbersome process.
- The Town Council passed a proposal that the School Department be authorized to utilize the Little Falls School beyond the 2011/2012 school year.
- Due to state regulation, action to consider scheduling a vote on the school budget validation referendum process was passed by the Town Council.
- Action to consider approval to renew a liquor license for Lucky Thai restaurant was approved.
- A proposal to refer the draft of the updated zoning map to the Planning

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CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

USM Student Mugged



A female student who was returning to campus about 2 a.m. on Feb. 1, was assaulted and robbed at the intersection of School and Church Streets by a white male in his early twenties. The man, who was described as very thin and about 5'8", struck the woman in the face causing her to fall to the ground. He stole cash and credit cards from the student and headed over to Main Street. The case has been assigned to Detective Sears Edwards and is a priority case for the Department. The victim believes she can identify the assailant and has met with a sketch artist. The photo will

be distributed to police departments around the state. See sketch below.

Recent Grand Jury indictments:

- Bradley Hall, 26, of Gorham was indicted for burglary, theft and violating conditions of release on charges brought by the Westbrook PD.
- Alan Riley, 23, of Lyman was indicted for aggravated criminal mischief on charges brought by the Gorham PD.
- Damond Teachout, 35, of Gorham was indicted for OUI (with priors) and leaving the scene of an accident on charges brought by the Gorham PD.

Mugging Suspect

The suspect in the assault and robbery in Gorham on February 1, is described as:

- White male in his early to mid-20s
- Light hair and a beard
- Approximately 5'8" tall
- Described as "Very Thin"
- Wearing a black jacket and dark pants at the time

Police ask that anyone with information contact Detective Sears Edwards at the Gorham Police Department at 839-5046.



Fatal Accident Claims Life of Retired USM Professor

Sheri Faber

Marijane Fall, of Gorham, a retired USM professor, was killed in an accident on Feb. 5 when her SUV crossed the center line on Rt. 202 in Hollis and hit an oncoming pickup truck. Speed and alcohol were not considered to be factors in

the accident. The driver of the pickup truck, Clayton Parker and his passenger, Mary Parker, were taken to the hospital, but their injuries were not considered to be life-threatening. Fall was pronounced dead at the scene.



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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Pass the Popcorn— Collecting Vintage Movie Posters

Marc Badeau, *Guest Columnist*

Original vintage movie posters command high prices and have become increasingly sought after by collectors. When originally issued, these posters were only loaned to theater owners and were returned after the movie was shown. Authentic vintage movie posters have a studio notation on the bottom stating "Property of National Screen Service - Licensed for Display Purposes Only, Must Be Returned".

Before the monopolization of the movie theater industry, movie posters were also used throughout the community to promote upcoming films. The barber shop, drug store and local hardware store displayed movie poster "inserts" and "window cards" which were smaller ads for the movie. Today, only the "one sheet" movie poster is produced and displayed in theater lobbies.

In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, a theater owner received a 15-cent credit for returning a movie poster to his regional exchange. Compare this figure with the cost of a gallon of gas (18 cents) or a loaf of bread (12 cents) and it's easy to understand why very few movie posters survived from this period. Alternatively, the posters would be shipped directly to the next cinema along with the film print. These film posters often traveled the exhibition circuit until they literally fell to pieces. When a movie went out of circulation, studios frequently discarded any remaining posters.

Ultimately, most vintage movie posters were destroyed. If the austerity of the times and the frugality of theater owners was not enough to keep movie posters out of the hands of the general public, the sweeping paper drives of the war years also did their part to keep movie memorabilia out of general circulation. It's no surprise that movie posters from 1930 through 1945 are quite scarce and command prices worthy of classic oil paintings. For many landmark films of the era ("The Grapes of Wrath", "The Wizard of Oz", "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", "Flash Gordon". etc.) it is believed that less than a dozen of each particular poster have survived. The record auction for a vintage movie poster was \$690,000 for a copy of the "Metropolis" poster from 1927. Over 200 titles issued before 1945 have set records over \$25,000.

Why collect movie posters? Somewhere, somehow we have all been touched by films—they connect with us at a very visceral level. The sight of a poster can bring back a lot of the feelings originally associated with a film. What makes a good movie poster



can be very subjective. We may react to the images, the colors and the overall design of a movie poster without ever having seen the movie. And that's as it should be, because posters were created to excite interest. As with art in general, the reasons for collecting are personal and unique to you. Your collection should not be based on its potential investment value but on the pleasure you derive from viewing it. Who knows what your "Animal House" poster might be worth some day!

Marc Badeau is President and CEO of Top Shelf Collectables, an international collectables firm dealing in Hollywood memorabilia, autographs, original art and many other unique items. Marc can be reached at (207) 222-2346 or www.topshelfcollectables.com

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A Digital Educator Series

Terri Dawson, *GMS Tech Integrator*

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When it comes to children we are naturally protective. One of the greatest responsibilities of society is to provide conditions in which our children will thrive. School laptops are a powerful learning tool and students need to learn how to use them safely, appropriately and effectively. Schools can teach the kids how to be a digital citizen, but

parents don't often see the difference between the real world and virtual world divide! Do you know where your kids are? Do you know who your kids are talking to online? Who are they inviting into your house even when you're home? What are they saying to one another?

Join us for an evening discussion on how to be a digital parent and learn the secrets of keeping kids safe in their digital environment. The more you know, the more you can protect the "net" generation.

White Rock Students Reach Out to Help Haiti



Photo credit Rosalie Mosher

White Rock students (l to r) Joshua Allen, John "Jack" Cunningham, and Jonas Hood show their compassion by making a donation to the school's Haiti collection jar.

My Brother's Home

Peggy Snyder, *Village Lead Secretary*

Army Private First Class TJ Moore recently paid a visit to his sister, Brooke Woodbury, and her class at Village Elementary School. Moore, home from Afghanistan for two weeks, shared his experiences with the children of Lois Turner's third grade class.



Photos credit Martha T. Harris

It started out with an introduction in a shy little voice. "This is my brother T. J.," said Brooke Woodbury, a third grader in Mrs. Turner's class at Village School.

"T. J." is Private First Class Thomas J. Moore, son of Peter and Tammy Mountain Woodbury, grandson of Pat Mountain (a former teacher in Gorham) and big brother to Brooke.

PFC Moore is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army. He has served in the Army for three years and has been to such places as Germany, Kuwait, and most recently, the Arghandab River Valley and Qalat in southern Afghanistan. He will return there to the 4th Brigade of the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, to finish out his tour of duty.

As the children in Mrs. Turner's class asked questions, T.J. told them about living in a tent, the rare luxury

of living temporarily on a base with real provisions, and lastly, spending time at an abandoned school in Afghanistan that at one point had only mud walls as barriers from the enemy.

Most of the kid's questions were in regard to parachuting from planes. T.J. clicked with the kids when he likened parachuting to "standing on top of a couch with your dad holding on to the top of your jeans—you jump and he doesn't let go of your jeans—the jolt is like the harness of a parachute". There were questions about medals, guns and the weather (yes, it does snow in Afghanistan).

As the visit concluded, the children discussed why they thought T. J. was serving in Afghanistan—to serve our country, to protect the freedom of Americans and to help the people in Afghanistan. For that, he was thanked and applauded.

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Pennies for Peace

Gorham Times Staff

The students at Village School are learning about the power of a penny and the power of one person to make a positive change in the world. They are joining children from around the globe to collect Pennies for Peace, a program that helps build and support schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A penny doesn't buy much in the U.S., but in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, provide an education and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, a pencil can empower a child to read, write and learn. Worldwide, 120 million children, two-thirds of whom are girls, do not have access to education due to gender discrimination, religious extremism, exploitation and corrupt governments. Students at Village don't think that's fair and they are trying to do something about it.

Pennies for Peace is a program of

the Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Three Cups of Tea and his new book, Stones into Schools, which promotes the idea that peace for the region can be better served with books, not bombs. To date, CAI has built 131 schools serving 58,000 students, more than half of whom are girls.

Mrs. Adolf's fifth-grade class has been collecting pennies since the beginning of the school year. "It's amazing and satisfying to know that we're helping kids on the other side of the world get an education," one student said. Her students encourage everyone to look for pennies everywhere.

If you have any questions about the Pennies for Peace campaign, please feel free to contact Kim Meggison Dyer (222-1270) or Chris Crawford (222-1330) or visit the P4P web site at: www.penniesforpeace.org

Food Pantry FROM PAGE 1

the ramp and into the parking lot. "That cart is filled with bread, canned and fresh fruit and vegetables, pasta, frozen meat, canned soup, rice, kids school snack, juice boxes, and more," said Doucette. "We're still doing what we've always done—serving our neighbors," she said. "That service and the incredible support we continue to receive from the churches, businesses, town officials, and individuals of Gorham are

what's stayed the same."

What does she see for the coming year? Doucette is looking for a co-director to open the pantry one additional night a week. This person would be responsible for his or her own front and back room volunteer crew. If you're interested in speaking with Doucette about this possibility, please email info@gorhamfoodpantry.org or call 839-2593.

Downtown FROM PAGE 1

access be from the Village Mall would probably mean substantial costs for Gagne, who would have to make those changes to the property.

Because of these limitations, Mattingly describes the whole plan as "pretty much up in the air" at present.

Zoning Administrator Sandra Mowery said that "anything we can reasonably do to help move the project along, we will do" but noted that having multiple driveways, one at 80 Main Street, two at the gas station next door and one into the Mall would increase the number

of accidents. Mowery added that the proposed drive-thru lane would be too short for multiple vehicles, and during the potentially busy morning hours might cause traffic to back up on Main Street. Mowery did not see a problem with cars coming west on Main St. turning into the site but left turns from the site onto Main Street would not be permitted due to the proximity of the driveway to the intersection.

The Town is waiting for Mattingly and Lynch to present a new plan that "will work" for the site.

Family to Volunteer Around the Globe

Gorham Times Staff

It's an idea that many people dream about but few will ever do—to pack up, leave it all behind and hit the road for a trip around the world, but on March 1, John and Traca Marshall of Gorham will be doing just that. Along with their two children, Logan and Jackson, the Marshalls will begin a six-month trip that will take them to five continents, across all 24 time zones, and be back in time for the new school year in September.

The Marshalls have added an interesting twist, they will be globe trotting volunteers by working with six different organizations in six different countries, spending roughly a month at each. The itinerary includes working with orphaned animals at a rainforest sanctuary in Costa Rica, getting back to the land on an organic farm in New Zealand, teaching English in a rural community in Thailand, helping with the day to day operations at an Ashram in Southern India, assisting a Buddhist monk in a school on the Tibetan border, living at an orphanage in Northern Tanzania and then relaxing for a week in the beautiful Algarve region of Portugal.

"It's been a dream of Traca's since we first met," John says, "and to share it with our kids now before they head off on their own is an experience we will all never forget."

For those looking for a little armchair travel, the Marshalls will be blogging when they can. Check the *Gorham Times* blog at gorhamtimes.blogspot.com or halfyearaway.blogspot.com and take a look. They can also be reached at cowlimp@hotmail.com.

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Red Sox Welcome Gorham Family to Fenway



Photo Credit Mike Ivins, Boston Red Sox

As winners of the **Opening Day Experience** contest conducted as part of the 2010 Red Sox Road Trip presented by Coca-Cola, Dan and Dorene Caron of Gorham, along with their family, were invited as guests to Fenway Park January 29 to receive their Red Sox opening day tickets and have lunch with Red Sox manager Terry Francona, Executive Vice President/General Manager Theo Epstein, and President/CEO Larry Lucchino. One winner from each New England state was chosen and invited to Fenway to have lunch with their group or family and receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the ballpark. Francona and Epstein are on the left while Lucchino is on the right. Dorene Caron is standing next to Lucchino while Dan Caron is the first one on the left in the front row.

sports Etc.

Pitching, Defense and Hitting Clinics: USM, Feb. 21 and 27 for players ages 8 to 18. Pitching and defense clinics run from 9 a.m. to noon. Hitting clinic runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Fee for each session is \$30. If a player attends both sessions on a particular day, the fee is \$50. For More Info: Call (207) 780-5474

Wilderness First-Aid Course: Saint Joseph's College of Maine will offer a three-day wilderness first aid course to teach the treatment of injuries and illnesses in a delayed-help situation. Participants will receive an Adult CPR certificate and a Wilderness First Aid Basics certificate. The course runs Feb. 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 27-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$110. To register or for more information, contact Ann at amauer@sjcme.edu or 893-6615.

Women's Football: The Maine Rebels women's football team, which competes in the Independent Women's Football League against teams across the nation and Canada, is looking for more women to join the team. For more information, contact Gloria Verrill at 221-2910 or via e-mail at bike_4_fun@yahoo.com.

Free Sports Clinic Feb. 28: Saint Joseph's College will host a free multi-sport event for girls in grades 4-8 Feb. 28, from noon to 2 p.m. Varsity female athletes from St. Joe's basketball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, softball, cross country, lacrosse and cheer-leading teams will provide skill instruction and fun competitions in each sport. There will also be raffles for St. Joe's gear. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Harold Alfond Center on the day of the event. Girls should bring a pair of clean sneakers to wear in the gym. For more information, contact Anne Manzo at 893-6672, or e-mail amanzo@sjcme.edu.



College Sports Commitments

Several GHS athletes have committed to playing a sport in college with several more expected to commit in the near future. Here are the athletes that have been reported thus far to the *Gorham Times*—watch for more announcements in future issues.



Photo credit Stacie Leavitt

Lauren Chouinard
Soccer and Softball
Saint Joseph's College of Maine



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Lindsay Wilson
Soccer
Colgate University



Photo credit Alana Foley

Hannah Prince
Field Hockey
University of Massachusetts



Photo credit Nancy Robitaille

Kristi Zarrilli
Soccer
University of New Hampshire

Hockey Freeze Frame



Photo credit Rich Obrey

The Gorham-Bonny Eagle girls' hockey team faced off against Cheverus High School on Jan. 30 at the Cumberland County Civic Center. Shown in action above is Rachel Little, at left are Sami Grant (white helmet) and Chelsea Black.

Hockey Freeze Frame



Photo credit Rich Obrey

The boys' hockey team squared off against South Portland at the USM arena on Jan. 30 in a game that the Rams lost, 4-3. Shown in action above are senior defender Justin Bahr battling against a South Portland player.

in the Zone

Sophomore boys' hockey goalie **Nate Holloran** has played outstanding in three straight starts, posting two shutouts vs. Cheverus and Westbrook and coming-up with 25 saves in a 4-1 loss to Edward Little. Over the three games, he posted a 1.33 GAA with a .939 save percentage.

Senior mid-fielder **Kristi Zarrilli** was one of four high school girls' soccer players from Maine chosen to the ESPN RISE All-America Team.

Justin Broy, a goalie for the 8th-grade Gorham Middle School A Team and the Bantam Breakers local club team, has been chosen as one of the top two goalies in Maine to represent his age group at the New England Festivals. Broy and 16 other players his age from Maine will compete against teams from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont during the weekend of March 26 in the Manchester, NH.



The GHS girls' basketball team finished the regular season at 13-5 with a sixth-place ranking in the Western Maine Class A. The team was scheduled to play McAuley High School Feb. 15 in the playoff quarterfinals. Junior **Mia Rapolla** was selected to the all-conference first team as well as the all-defensive team while fellow junior **Natalie Egbert** was named all-conference honorable mention. Senior **Kristi Brown** was selected to play in the conference senior all-star game March 3 at Deering High School, and freshman **Kristin Ross** was selected to the conference all-rookie team. Head coach **Laughn Berthiaume** was named conference coach of the year.

University of Maine at Farmington senior center **Josh Tanguay** (GHS Class of 2006) was named to the ESPN The Magazine/COSIDA Academic All-District 1 Men's Basketball Second Team for the College Division. A psychology major, Tanguay has a cumulative GPA of 3.90 and is a four-year starter for the Beavers. He is averaging 11.8 points and a team-best 9.4 rebounds per game this season while leading the team in field-goal percentage (.601) and blocked shots (13).



Photo courtesy of the UMaine-Farmington

Racing for a Reason



Photo courtesy Downing family

Three toboggan teams from Gorham entered the National Toboggan Championship at the Camden Snow Bowl Feb. 6 and 7 and raced down the icy chute in memory of Terri Downing, who passed away last year from cancer. All wore t-shirts and hats with an image of Terri. There was enough excitement and frivolity to make her proud! Among the team members were her husband Michael Sr. as well as her sons Michael Jr., Peter and Kevin. Pictured above are Gorham residents and family members who either competed or cheered the team on. Front row, from left to right Debbie Thayer, Martha Tole, Dennis Downing, Kim Ballantyne, Cherry Finck, Mike Downing Sr., Allissa Downing, and Jeannie Flaherty. Back row: Greg Flaherty, Alden Thayer, Michael Downing Jr., Doug Finck, Peter Downing, Kevin Downing, Dennis Downing, Alex Downing and Jan Downing.



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Gorham Food Pantry Needs Your Help this March

We are coming into a critical time in the life of a food pantry. February and March are generally low in donations and high in demand. Heat and bills need to be paid. We have always been supported by the citizens of the Town of Gorham. **Please consider donating today.** Items in need are: baked beans, canned ravioli, canned spaghetti, kids juice boxes, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, tuna (chunk), kids gummy snacks, size 4 diapers, and feminine care products. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

GHS Indoor Track Athletes Placing at Western Maine Class A Championships

February 6—Portland Expo

GIRLS

Rachel Wilkinson, (3rd-place) Sr
800-meters, 2:29.90
Kelsey Rex (4) 2-mile, 12:35.8
Emily Southard (4) 300-meters, 43.5
Solange Carpenter (5) Sr
800-meters, 2:39.60
Jenny Thuotte (5) 1-mile, 6:04.8
Lindsay Chapman, Quincy Shaw,
Abby Hodgkins and Clara Stickney
(6) 840-meter relay, 2:01.9.

BOYS

Joe DeRoy (3rd place) Jr.
800-meters, 2:13.40
Adam Hawkes (5) 2-Mile, 10:43.60
Matt McKenney, Julian Nijkamp,
Alex Thuotte and Jesse Orach (5)
Jr. 560-meter relay team, 1:10.50
Jesse Orach (6) 1-Mile, 5:03.50
Kamron Alexander (6) 300-meters,
37.30
Julian Nijkamp (6) Jr. 400-meters
1:01.20
Jon Foster (6) Sr. 400-meters, 58.70
Alex Thuotte (6) Jr. 800-meters,
2:17.60



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How To Register:

Discounted tickets are available until Friday, March 5th. Discounted price is only \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets after the 5th will be \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

For information or tickets call Pam at LifeChurch (839-6354) or Steve (839-0435). Checks should be made out to LifeChurch and please indicate in the memo area that the check is for Total Money MakeOver. Please mail to LifeChurch, 8 Elkins Road, Gorham, ME 04038.

*Funds raised above and beyond the cost of the event will be donated to Project Blessing, a local charity that works with over 20 social service agencies to provide household items to people moving from homelessness to housing.

For more information please check out www.daveramsey.com/live/simulcast

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community

dean's list

Kelly Potts (GHS '09), has been named to the Southern Maine Community College's Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester. She is the daughter of Keith and Karen Potts.

Lindsey Profenno (GHS '07), has been named to the Dean's List at Lyndon State College for the 2009 fall semester. She is the daughter of Timothy and Marcia Profenno and majors in Television Studies.

Arielle Sorenson of Gorham has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester at Drew University in Madison, NJ.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at the University of Vermont: **Kristen Hamilton** (GHS '09), Political Science major and **Katelin Perkins** (GHS '08), Psychology major.

graduations

Janna Nichols of Gorham, has been awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Kaplan University in Miami, FL.

of interest

Brianna Amato, Regina Arey and **Colin Walker** of Gorham were inducted into the National Honor Society at Cheverus High School.

Brad Wise (right), Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Hannaford, was appointed to the Gorham Savings Bank Board of Directors.



Andrew McLean of Gorham was appointed by Gov. Baldacci to the Maine Commission for Community Service.

Tammy Farthing (right) has joined the staff of C.E. Carll Insurance Agency in the Standish location.



School of Music alumnus and current music faculty member,

Dan Hunter, will put the spotlight on the often-overlooked voice of the tuba in his Spotlight Series concert, "Tuba: The Other Solo Voice," on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in Corthell Hall on the USM campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra will perform a world premiere program of "The Lost Art of Steam Heating," a new piece by composer and teacher Travis Ramsey, for orchestra and two cast iron radiators on Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School, Weeks Road. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham will host a Community Bread Bowl Dinner consisting of Chili and Corn Chowder. Proceeds will help sponsor students on a mission to local shelters and community service organizations in NYC. 5-7 p.m. \$6 pp. FMI, call 450-1815 or atea@portveritas.com

Better Homes & Gardens/The Masiello Group is holding a free "First Time Homeowners Seminar" in their Railroad Avenue office, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m.

IRS trained and certified volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide are available to help all ages and income with Federal and State of Maine Income Tax Returns each Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the

At a recent luncheon reception hosted by the American College of Dentists and the ADA, Meghann (Foley) Dombroski (GHS '02), and graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine was awarded the 2010 Senior Dental Award for Outstanding Achievement in Academics, Leadership and Initiative.



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GHS Class of 2000 will hold their 10-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland at 7 p.m. FMI, gorhamhighschool2000@gmail.com.

GHS Class of '65 is looking for the following missing classmates for an upcoming 45th class reunion: Ernest Bonney, Carolyn Borge, Christine Leberge, Douglas Mallory, Dennis Lorenzo, and Robert Wallace (Cole). Email marthat@maine.rr.com with information.

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange will hold a February Luncheon - "Bookkeeping and Business Information Management" on Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Moody's Collision Center, 200 Narragansett Street. GBCE Members - \$15, Guests - \$25. Everyone is welcome. FMI, 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.

Gorham Middle School students Will Bessette, Bryan Conover, Andrew Johnson, Jimmy Fleming and Tommy Pequino, along with Gorham High School students Scotty Fleming, Kelsey Pequino and other members of Stainless, the youth group at Life Church in Gorham, will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine on Feb. 26 & 27, by going without food (consuming only juice and water) to experience what the poorest children and families face every day. FMI or to donate visit: www.30hourfamine.org/portal/onlinegiving/donate/103682444-002

The Stainless Teens, a youth group at Life Church in Gorham, will collect gently used or new blankets, pillows, pots, pans, cooking utensils, flatware, bedding, towels, and other household items for Project Blessing, a ministry serving those moving from homelessness to housing in the southern Maine area. They will construct a Cardboard City visible from New

Portland Road and members of the community are asked to stop by to see the "City" and to donate items for the food pantry and Project Blessing on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 12 noon - 5 p.m. FMI, 347-0240.

A Royal Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 27 from 8-10 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Dress as your favorite Prince or Princess and raise money for The Dream Factory of Maine, an organization that grants dreams to critically ill children. \$7 per child (free breakfast for parent). FMI, 839-8570 or 939-9972 or kskillinsmith@maine.rr.com. Tickets available at the Bookworm.

A Basic Sign Language Course will be offered at the Baxter Memorial Library for the next three Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Recommended for students in grades 3-5. FMI, 839-5031.

2nd Annual Gun Show at the Windham-Gorham Rod & Gun Club, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buy/Sell/Trade guns, knives, ammo, sporting goods. Free admission. 8 Tow Path Road, Little Falls, FMI www.windhamgorhamrodandgunclub.org

close to home

The Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake will present A Little Food, Some Ducks, and a Bench by a Lake, an evening of one-act plays, from February 26 through March 7 in the Black Box Theater. FMI, 642-3743.

Dramatic readings of plays submitted to Acorn Productions at 90 Bridge St. in Westbrook will be read on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Free with a suggested donation of \$5. FMI, 854-0065.

There will be a Community Meal at the Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church in Westbrook (810 Main St), On Feb. 25 and March 4 at 12 Noon for residents of any age and from any community. \$4 pp.

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The late Eunice Kennedy Shriver believed "no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit. Dignity, acceptance, and a chance to reach one's potential—these are human rights worth promoting for everyone." Since 1968, Special Olympics (SO) has promoted this message to the world: people with intellectual disabilities can and will succeed if given the opportunity.

The SO website contains stories spanning the globe about athletes and their coaches—Michelle Kwan coaching skaters in South Korea, a Japanese cyclist at a SO clinic and Special Olympians in Tanzania competing in foot races, soccer and volleyball. We can be proud that Maine is serious about supporting the Special Olympics.

Each year young athletes are coached and attend SO events; they proudly show what they are capable of accomplishing. In Gorham we have many deserving young athletes and dedicated coaches. Two such people are Cole and Jordan Shiers, children of Lisa and Darren Shiers.

Cole, a Gorham High School sophomore, has been a Special Olympian for 10 years. He loves sports and being part of the team with his favorites being snow-shoeing, track and field and Unified Flag Football. Jordan, Cole's big sister and GHS senior, has also been involved in SO for 10 years. Starting out as Cole's cheerleader, she moved on to trainer, fundraiser, coach and chaperone.

The SO "Best Buddies" program's mission is "to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development." As well as organizing several "Best Buddies" events, Jordan was also selected to attend the SO World Games in Idaho last year as part of the Global Youth Summit Council to promote inclusion, acceptance and tolerance.

Recently a delegation went to Washington, DC to meet with legislators to explain what SO means to them and why more funding is needed. Cole and Jordan were Maine's representatives at "National



Photo credit Lisa Shiers

Jordan and Cole Shiers pose with Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Lewis at National Special Olympics Day on Capitol Hill.

Special Olympics Day on Capitol Hill." Meeting with Senators Snowe and Collins, Congresswoman Pingree and Congressman Michaud, they presented a letter from Philip Geelhoed, President/CEO of SO Maine outlining the many ways Maine participates and supports SO and the tremendous need for continued funding.

They also met Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Lewis. Cole was thrilled when he was able to have his picture taken with Joe Jonas. Jordan enjoyed meeting the officials and other women from Maine, an experience and opportunity she will never forget, but the best part of the trip for her was being able to 'hang out' all week with Cole.

Cole and Jordan Shiers have taken to heart the essence of SO: "to be a fan of hope, respect, opportunity, generosity, inclusion and joy."

We congratulate them for making Special Olympics and all of its participants from athletes to coaches to best buddies to contributors what they really are—"special." Want to help? Go to www.specialolympics.org or www.specialolympicsmaine.org.

what's happening

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

- Lenten Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Church, Gorham, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, \$8/\$4. Bring a friend!

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, United Church of Christ at North Gorham, 4:30 to 6 p.m. \$8 adults / \$4 under 10. FMI, 892-9532.
- Community Bread Bowl Dinner, First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham, 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 pp. FMI, call 450-1815 or neatea@portveritas.com
- First Time Homeowners Seminar, 10 a.m., hosted by The Masiello Group, Railroad Ave., Gorham. Free!

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

- AARP Income Tax Return help available, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., BML. Call 839-7439.
- Pre-School Story Time for ages 3 to 5 yrs, 9:30 a.m., BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting, 6 p.m. \$7 pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

- Basic Sign Language Course for grades 3 to 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., BML, FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

- GB&CE February Luncheon, "Bookkeeping and Business Information Management," from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Moody's Collision Center. Members \$15, Guests \$25. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.
- Baby & Me Lap Time Fun, 0 to 18 mos., 9:30 a.m., BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time Stories & Games, 18 to 36 mos., 10 a.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club for all ages, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

- Craft and Chat Group, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI, 222-2532.
- Lenten Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Church, Gorham, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Knight's of Columbus, \$8/\$4. Bring a friend!

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.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

- Royal Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Dress as your favorite Prince or Princess. 8 to 10 a.m., \$7/child (free breakfast for parent). FMI, 839-8570 or 939-9972 or kskillsmith@maine.rr.com.
- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Route 22 / Broadturn Rd., 5 to 6 p.m., \$5. Under 3 free! FMI, 839-6972.

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

- Piano Concerto Extravaganza #1, 2 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus
- Piano students with Laura Kargul at the second piano. Free.

MONDAY, MAR. 1

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 2

- AARP Income Tax Return help available, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., BML. Call, 839-7439.
- Pre-School Story Time for ages 3 to 5 yrs, 9:30 a.m., BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3

- Basic Sign Language Course for grades 3 to 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., BML, FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, MAR. 4

- Early Release for grades K to 12.
- Baby & Me Lap Time Fun, 0 to 18 mos., 9:30 a.m., BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time Stories & Games, 18 to 36 mos., 10 a.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.
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- Board for public hearing and recommendation was passed.
- A motion was made by Town Manager David Cole to postpone the discussion to authorize a referendum for a bond to repair to local roads until next month's Town Council meeting.
 - An action to consider updating the mission statement for Baxter Memorial Library was postponed pursuant upon review from the Ordinance Committee of the content. The Ordinance Committee is to report back to the Town Council. Councilors Caldwell and Csoros stated that they preferred the current language of Baxter Memorial Library's mission statement, with Councilor Csoros stating, "I don't want an exchange of values at the library. I just want to exchange my books."
 - An action to consider asking the Capital Improvements Committee to review the condition of the town's heavy rescue truck, squad one, was amended pending a presentation from the fire department at the next Town Council meeting.
 - The Town Council unanimously passed a proposal to authorize the Portland Water District to design a sewer line and a pump station, if necessary, for South Gorham. This will allow the Portland Water District to proceed with phase one of this project at an estimated cost of \$27,500, with the appropriation coming from the sewer fund balance.



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Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported their home had been burgled.

Gateway Commons Drive caller reported that two snowmobiles were literally doing 100 mph on the street with children and animals playing in the area.

Maple Drive caller reported there were two subjects at the door stating they were Fire Department personnel and they were there to help caller. It was confirmed that deputies were evacuating the area.

Gray Road caller reported that someone had spray painted their front door.

Cressey Road caller reported that for the third night in a row there was loud music coming from a nearby apartment. Caller requested that police quiet them down.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported seeing a teenager in pajamas and slippers walking through Daigle's potato field as

well as a male in a dark vehicle parked on the road with its lights on.

Canal Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a tree company, working for caller's neighbor, dumping all the branches onto caller's property.

Elkins Road caller reported a verbal domestic disturbance occurring with two small children in the house.

Gordon Farms Road caller reported an unknown person stole an ice shack off their property.

Caller reported a dog going through the trash in the dumpster behind Mr. Bagel.

Caller from the church on County Road believed that someone may have taken some heating oil from the tank at the church.

Caller reported a female staggering and almost hit by traffic with her thumb in the air.

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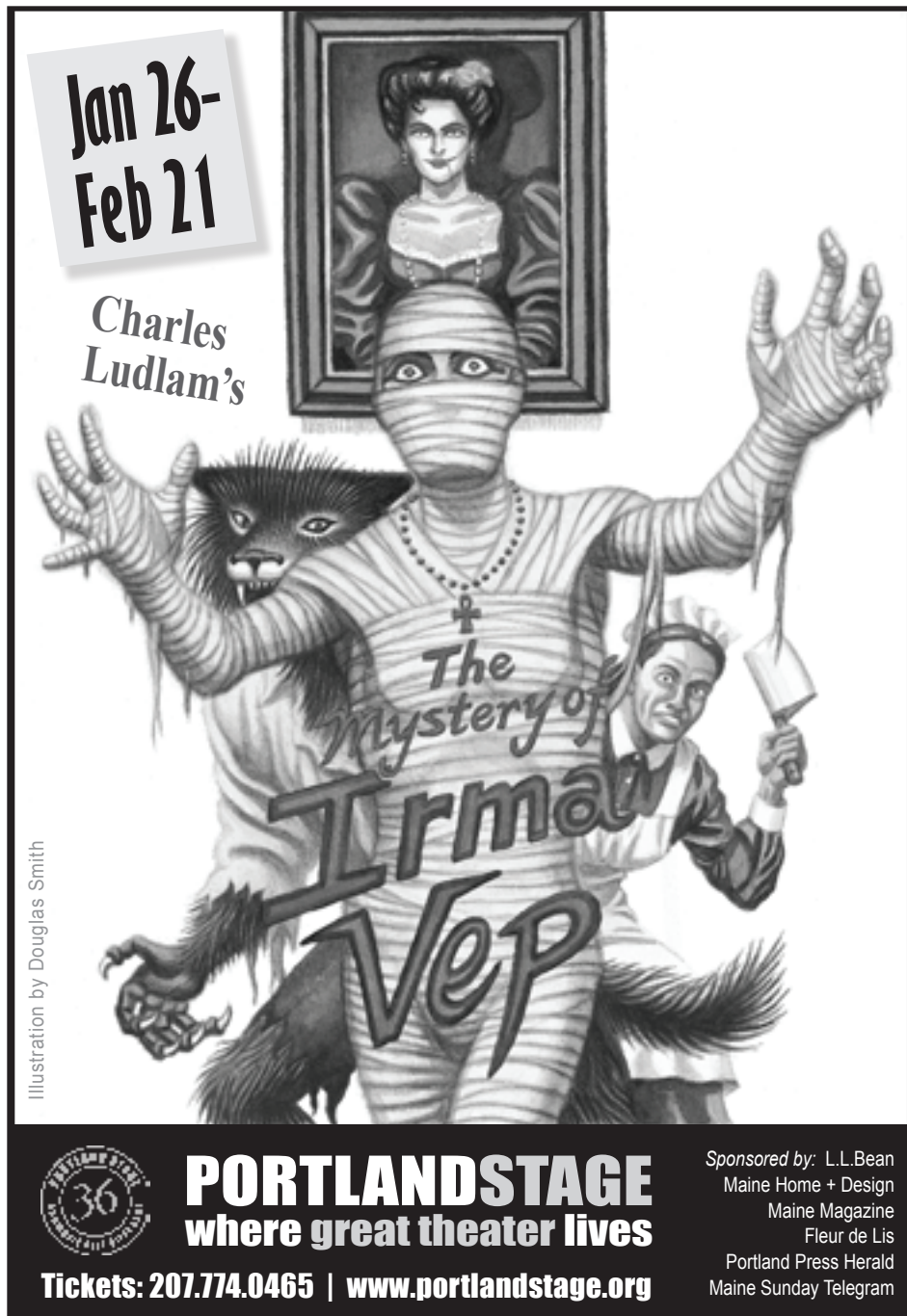
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