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Gorham Man Helms Haiti Relief Effort

Gorham Times Staff



Village School students Sarah Baxter and Anna Slager admire some of the toys collected from several Gorham schools for children in Haiti.

When the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, demolishing homes and destroying lives, many were left wondering just what they could do to help.

Not Greg Brooks of Gorham.

He knew that he could help, and he had the means to help: His 220-foot ship *Sea Hunter*.

The *Sea Hunter* is normally used to search for shipwreck treasures, as part of Brooks' business Sub Sea Research, a marine salvage and treasure hunting company.

Brooks, who has led many expeditions to Haiti in the past several years, mustered his 12-man crew (most of whom are from Maine) and began collecting supplies for an effort to bring aid to an orphanage in Les Cayes, on the south coast of Haiti.

Once word got out about his mission, donations both large and small began pouring in from many sources: Hannaford Supermarkets donated 31,000 bottles of water. At the pier in Portland where the *Sea Hunter* was berthed, people from all over Maine arrived with items for Brooks to bring to Haiti.

Donations ranged from medical supplies, to food, to clothing and shoes for those who had lost theirs.

The ship, which was scheduled to depart from Portland last week, will make several stops on the east coast, picking up relief supplies along the

way. When fully loaded, the vessel is capable of carrying 845 tons of cargo on deck and 300 tons in its two cargo holds. It can also transport 120,000 gallons of fuel and 68,000 gallons of water to a country where both are in short supply.

The ship has a 40-ton crane and, with its shallow draft, should be able to reach places that other, larger vessels are unable to go.

This is not Brooks' first time coming to the rescue. In 2005, he launched a similar mission to the Gulf Coast to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

How You Can Help

Even though the *Sea Hunter* has departed for Haiti, there are still ways that you can help, both locally based and national. Here's how you can lend a hand:

The Sub Sea Research Haiti Relief Mission

Though they've departed on their mission, Greg Brooks and the folks at Sub Sea Research are still accepting donations to help cover the fuel costs and other expenses. Go to their Web site at www.subsearesearch.com, and click on the "Latest News" link.

Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership

Donations can be made to Konbit Sante,

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Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

The GHS cast of "Fame: The Musical" has been hard at work rehearsing for the mid-March performances of this well-known production. See related article on page 6.

Being Neighborly, Being Safe

Sue Dunn

A large number of Gorham residents gathered on Jan. 27 at the Cressey Road Methodist Church to discuss the need for a Neighborhood Watch program. Precipitated by a few recent home burglaries, the meeting was intended for the Flaggy Meadow area residents, but many people from other areas of town showed to learn more about what they could do to protect their home and neighborhood.

Patrolman Ted Hatch was the moderator of the evening, providing information and handouts to the 60 citizens in attendance. Both Chief Ron Shepard and Sergeant Mike Nault were also on hand to field questions from the public.

Concerned with the recent activity in her area, Linda Faatz organized the meeting and contacted the Gorham Police for assistance. A neighborhood

must officially hold a watch meeting to be able to receive and post "Neighborhood Watch" signs which this area will soon do. The area encompasses Flaggy Meadow Road, part of Narragansett Road and Cressey Road. "We are all watching each other's homes more carefully these days," stated Faatz. "If we all work together, maybe we can stop this from happening again."

"Neighbor" seems to be the common theme in this program. The information stressed watching out for each other. Neighbors need to stay in touch with one another and keep an eye on each other's homes while they are away for extended periods. If anything suspicious should arise, the police should be called. Some other tips

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Biofuel in Maine

Jane Knapp

I am the sort of person who tries to use both sides of a piece of paper, brings a reusable bag when I shop and strives to recycle as many materials as possible. In short, I like to be as efficient as possible while creating the least amount of waste, which is why I am happy to be a sponsor of LD 1632, "An Act To Establish Biofuel and Ultra-low Sulfur Requirements for Number 2 Home Heating Oil." This bill is being worked on by the Natural Resources Committee, of which I am a member.

If passed, this proposal would require that, beginning July 1, 2011, heating fuel sold for use in Maine must have a sulfur content of no more than 15 parts per million and must contain at least 2% biofuel. Biofuel reduces the amount of petroleum that is used and is a cleaner burning, more efficient energy source. Ultra-low Sulfur will also help to reduce particulate emissions as sulfur is the cause of particulate formation during the combustion process. States like Massachusetts and Pennsylvania already have similar legislation on the books and New York is considering the same. Since over 80% of homes in our state are heated with oil, this proposal would have a huge impact on Maine.

Biofuel is a fuel that is derived from plant materials. It is blended with fuel oil or diesel fuel to make bioheating oil used to heat homes and biodiesel that is used as diesel fuel in vehicles. Regarding

biofuel for heating, it can come as B2, B5, B10, B20 or even B100. The number is the percent of biofuel that is mixed with conventional heating oil. B2 = 2% biofuel and 98% conventional heating oil. B100 is 100% biofuel.

Before I signed on as a sponsor I discussed the issue with a representative of Dodge Oil in Gorham, which has been selling biofuel for almost two years and supports this proposal. They sell products from a certified supplier and have access to 2%, 5% or even 20% biofuel.

There are already 8,000 Maine citizens making good wages working in the biofuel industry and many manufacturers have given their blessing for it to be used in equipment that burns heating oil. Homeowners should not have to make any changes to their heating systems in order to incorporate these low-percentage biofuel blends. It has been noted that biofuel burns cleaner due to less sulfur and lubricates heating system components better than conventional heating oil, so it can actually help a heating system run cleaner. Dodge Oil currently sells the 2% mix and to date, has had no issues whatsoever with any heating systems that have gone to the biofuel.

While biofuel sales still represent a very small percentage of overall fuel sales, the goal is that the amount of biofuel used will increase along with Maine biofuel production. The Natural

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a Maine-based volunteer partnership to save lives and improve health care in northern Haiti, through their Web site at www.healthy-haiti.org, or by checks payable to Konbit Sante, P.O. Box 11281, Portland, ME 04104. Please note Earthquake Response Fund in the memo field.

The Breakwater School

Students at the Breakwater School in Portland have launched a Web site to raise money for Haiti. Their site, at www.hand-madeforhaiti.org, offers items made by students, staff and parents.

The Salvation Army

There are a number of ways to give money to the Salvation Army to aid in their disaster relief efforts. To give online go to www.salvationarmyusa.org, or you can make donations by phone at 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769).

To donate via text message, text HAITI to 52000 to automatically give \$10 to The Salvation Army's relief efforts. Finally, you can send a check to The Salvation Army World Service Office International Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 630728 Baltimore, MD 21263-0728. Please designate checks and money orders to "Haiti Earthquake."

The American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is accepting donations for Haiti through its International Response Fund, www.redcross.org. You can also donate \$10 to the American Red Cross by texting Haiti to 90999. The amount will be added to your next phone bill. Checks can be sent to American Red Cross, 2401 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102.

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Dear Gorham Times,

I wish to thank all of the fine people of Gorham who supported my son, Sgt. John Spring Jr. and the Marines of 2/8 Echo Company while deployed in Afghanistan.

My son and his unit returned to Camp Lejeune on November 17 to a very boisterous homecoming celebration. Many of the men in John's unit thanked me and wanted me to thank the people of Gorham for the support you demonstrated. Your generosity was over whelming! I shipped 23 boxes of goods to the men. I want to thank Doug Carter for paying for the shipping for all the packages, he went above and beyond!

John Jr. was home over the Christmas holiday and was in good spirits and health. I feel very lucky

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Around Town

The Town has hired David Twomey as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Twomey has been an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer in Saco since 2005 and before that an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer in Gorham from 2002 to 2005. He will start February 16.

Resources Committee is looking into the amount of biofuel being produced in Maine. There are currently at least five producers in the state.

Maine has always lived up to its motto, "Dirigo," or "I Lead," with its willingness to be at the forefront of many eco-friendly initiatives and I feel that supporting this bill will help the people of Maine continue that effort.

For more information on LD 1632 or to follow the bill's progress, please go to the Maine Legislature's Web site www.mainelegislature.org/LawMakerWeb/search.asp and enter 1632 in the LD# window.

Some information in this article was found at the following: <http://biofuelguide.net/> www.heatingoil.com/ www.maineenergymarketers.com/

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HISTORIC PROFILE

A Cornerstone of Gorham

Sherrie Benner Fontaine



Then

Photo courtesy of Sherrie Fontaine



Now

Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

Pictured above is the Old Masonic building, from many years past, and also at present day. Gorham has seen many changes but the Gorham Square has remained much the same.

While much of Gorham has changed in the almost 275 years since its founding, what has steadfastly remained in place since the late 1880's is the center of town, at the intersection of Routes 114 and 25. There stand four buildings, the cornerstones of what was once referred to as Gorham Square; the Amatos building, Gorham House of Pizza, Tinsel Bright Trading Company and, the Old Masonic Building, also known as the Narragansett Block.

Since it was first built in 1854 as a two-story wooden structure for the R.G. Harding General Store, the Masonic building's brick structure, at 2 School Street has undergone many changes. Renovations have included adding the third floor, altering the roof from pitched to flat and, of course, being reworked from wood to a brick façade.

The building housed the Post Office and Gorham Savings Bank on the first floor, the C.E. Carl Insurance Agency and the phone company on the second floor, and the Masonic Hall on the third floor when it was gutted by fire in 1916.

It was only 25 years ago that it was sold by the then owners, the Masons, when a new Harmony Lodge was built on Cressey Road. At that time, the

third-floor Masonic Hall was replaced with a dance studio which continues to occupy this space.

Today, the building houses several other businesses, including a driving academy, financial assessment business, photography studio, with the recent additions of a hair salon and music school. Over the years, past tenants have included a specialty shop of imported goods, a health food store, an art studio, a physical fitness center, a Mexican restaurant and most notably the relocated insurance company.

It is interesting to note that there had been talk of possible demolition of this building, in an effort to increase the traffic flow through the center of town. This idea was not without some merit, as the irregular shape of the intersection makes for hazardous conditions. Current owner Rob Coppola is thankful that this plan was never followed through.

In 2004, Rob Coppola relocated from Massachusetts. He had previously purchased a home in Gorham and was then intent on finding a suitable commercial rental income property. It was while stuck in the infamous pre-bypass rush hour traffic at the square, that he spotted the three-story brick building displaying a "For Sale" sign. After an immediate call to the real

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New Youth Services Programs

Mary Collins

Take the time to stop in Baxter Memorial Library and visit with Kathy Stevens, Youth Services Librarian. Stevens and her staff, along with 6 volunteers, are providing exciting and innovative programs for the town's children.

Recently Stevens explained current activities with much enthusiasm. She stated that what most excited her was, "planning for our up-coming Star Wars Day." The afternoon of galactic fun will take place on February 16, 1:00-6:00 p.m. and will have activities for all ages- pre-school to high school. Included will be a storm trooper training course with light sabers, making Star Wars masks, photos with Yoda or other characters, and playing a variety of games. There will also be an intergalactic artifacts museum and a special guest. All characters are welcome in costume or not. Snow date is February 18.

Another new activity is a three week course in basic sign language held on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m., beginning on February 24 and continuing March 3 and 10. The course intended for grades 3-5, will be taught by Library Assistant Becky Sladen.

Stevens also described new learning kits being developed. These kits are intended for families to use together. They can be checked out, just like books, for three weeks. One for pre-schoolers, "Getting Ready to Read," contains activities that will appeal to all types of learners, touch, sound, as well as visual stimuli. Also there are science kits for 3rd grade and up. It includes a child's microscope and plastic slides of insects along with books to read.

The Local History Literacy Kit contains a map of six sites to explore around Gorham with information

about each site to read. It also includes a timeline and description of important events in the history of Gorham. This would make for a great Sunday outing for the whole family.

It is time for the Friends of the library annual writing contest. Age groups include students in grades 3-12 and also adults. Full details are posted on the website, www.baxterlibrary.org or may be obtained at the library. For more information contact Pam Turner, library director, at pturner@msln.net or 839-5031.

The Friends are also sponsoring their annual "March Merriment" author event on March 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This year it will feature John McDonald, Maine author and storyteller. His latest book is "A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar." Catch him on WGAN radio on Saturdays and Sundays from 6-10 a.m. This event is free and open to the public and is sure to please young and old alike.

It's tax season and once again AARP volunteers will be available at the library to answer questions and help to complete forms. The hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. beginning on February 2 through April 13. While walk-ins are allowed, the volunteers prefer appointments. Please call 839-7439. This free service is available to all low and middle income folk, with preference for those 60 and older.

Please join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and help us support the library. For more information go to the library website, www.baxterlibrary.org or call the library at 839-5031.



CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

Arrests Made for Stolen Property

A juvenile had been arrested and charged with two burglaries on Hackmatack and Annie's Way, as well as a third attempted burglary. Most of the stolen property was recovered.

An adult has been arrested for possession of stolen property following burglaries on Flaggy Meadow and Hurricane Roads.

GoCAT and Gorham Times on YouTube

GoCAT and the *Gorham Times* have teamed up to bring you more coverage of the *Gorham Times* print stories, as well as additional informational and musical videos. To see the videos listed below, log on to the *Gorham Times*/GoCAT channel at www.youtube.com/gorhamtimes.

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Brian Cullen	Classical Guitarist
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Teenage Drivers and Car Insurance

Jason Beever

Many of us have lain awake at night waiting for a teenage driver to arrive safely home. Getting a drivers license is an exciting benchmark in a young person's life, but it is also a time for serious discussion between parents and teens.

There are some sobering statistics about teenage drivers. Inexperience and immaturity make it much more likely that a teenage driver will have an accident than an adult driver. According to the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, a driver aged 16-19 is four times more likely to have an accident than an older adult and twice as likely to die in an auto accident. A 16-year-old is three times more likely to have an accident than someone 18-19 years old. Over one third of all deaths in the 16-19 year old range are due to auto accidents.

Given these statistics, it should be no surprise that adding a teenage driver to your auto insurance policy is expensive. Here are some ideas and tips to reduce the cost of covering young drivers on your insurance policy, as well as to help reduce the chance your teen will be in an accident in the first place.

From an insurance standpoint, it is more expensive if your child has a vehicle driven primarily by them. Consider having your teen drive a family car, instead of having his/her own. If your teen must have their own car, consider buying an inexpensive, but reliable, used car.

Anticipate at least one or more fender benders. Generally speaking, you are better off not buying collision insurance and therefore not reporting these minor claims. Multiple small claims in a period of two or three years can lead to higher insurance rates and, in some cases, difficulty finding a company that will cover you.

If at all possible, do not insure your child's auto under a separate policy. While there are some situations that make it necessary for a separate policy, it is almost always advantageous, from both a cost and coverage standpoint, to have your child's car on your policy.

Many car insurance companies offer some type of "good student" discount. Typically, if your teen is an honor student, or has a grade point average of "B" or better, you could be eligible for a significant discount.

Preventing accidents is more important than relying on insurance to fix things when dealing with teenage drivers. Insurance can replace your vehicles and pay for broken bones, but it can't replace the most important thing in life: Your child.

Talk seriously to your child about the dangers of driving, including driving under the influence, horseplay, use of cell phones, and so forth. The Insurance Information Institute has some great statistics to use as discussion points and teaching aids when talking to your teen about the dangers of driving. Visit their Web site at www.iii.org.

Another great online resource is www.parentingteendrivers.com. This free site has some common sense approaches to handling this issue, including copies of "contracts" you might use. After all, driving is a privilege, not a right. If your child violates your rules or the rules of the road, take that privilege away from them until they can demonstrate that they understand the seriousness of this responsibility, and the possible consequences of their actions.

Finally, contact your local Independent Insurance Agent about how best to protect you and your teen driver. He or she can look at multiple car insurance companies to find the best coverage and the best rates for your individual situation. Remember, sound insurance is sound financial planning.

Jason Beever was raised in Gorham and is a fourth generation family owner of C.E. Carll Insurance Agency. He spends most of his free time in the outdoors.

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GHS Presents Fame

Casey Weed, GHS Student

This spring, Gorham High School is proud to present "Fame: The Musical" as its annual spring show. Although performances won't begin until mid-March, the enthusiastic cast began rehearsals in early January and is hard at work rehearsing such show-stopping numbers as "Hard Work," "Dancing on the Sidewalk" and of course, the classic eighties hit, "Fame."

The story, set in the early 80s, follows the last group of students who are fortunate enough to have been accepted at the prestigious Performing Arts School in New York City, the same school that the movie and television series of that era was based upon. The show explores issues that many young teenagers face, even today, such as achieving confidence, finding love and challenging

their own determination.

Returning as director for a third year is Bruce Avery, along with choreographer, Deb Lombard. They are joined by GHS's new musical director, Matthew Murray.

"Fame" is sure to be a huge success. From the energizing opening number, through the fantastic solos, all the way until curtain call, audiences will be engrossed in this exciting and compelling show. Show dates are March 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the McCormick Performing Arts Center with Sunday matinees on March 14 and March 21 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. For ticket reservations call 839-5754.

Fame Cast List

The Actors:

Nick Piazza	Jon Day
Serena Katz	Stefanie Farrington
Joe (José) Vegas	Jason Badeau

The Dancers:

Tyrone Jackson	Nick Reynolds
Carmen Diaz	Stephanie Morin
Iris Kelly	Lia Van de Krol
Mabel Washington	Clara Stickney

The Musicians:

Schlomo Metzenbaum	Ian Hawkes
Grace 'Lambchops' Lamb	Carolyn Lambert
Goodman 'Goody' King	Andrew Ernest

The Teachers:

Miss Esther Sherman	Molly Lortie
Ms. Greta Bell	Alyssa Rojecki
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Featured Dancer: Adam Mosey

Female Ensemble: Courtney Burns, Lindsey Charlton, Kaitlyn DiLorenzo, Tori Geffers, Lauren Garrard, Nicole Gile, Kelsie Kerwin, Katharina Gugerell, Rebecca Morin, Taylor Plaszc, Amanda Richardson, Liza Salenko, Molly Stewart, Emily Stickney, Morgan Stickney, Allie Sturgis, Casey Weed, Amelia Whitten

Male Ensemble: Lincoln Gray, Mitchell Perrin, Forrest Plaisted, Matt Southard, Cameron Cupps

Monitoring the MacBook

Tips and hints for knowing how the school laptop is being used

Sarah Prescott, GHS IT Tech Integrator

Gabriel Moreira Carvalho (above, right), a 16 year-old exchange student from São Paulo, Brazil, uses his school laptop to chat with his parents on Skype, a software application that allows users to make video voice calls over the Internet. Shown with Gabriel is GHS senior Tommy Stirling (left) whose family is hosting him for the semester.

The new laptop initiative provided all students at Gorham High School with their own laptop to use at school and at home. Many parents would like check their son/daughters computer occasionally for appropriate behavior, but find the task rather daunting. Not all parents know and understand the steps and procedures needed to perform routine checks, so here are a few directions to make the process easier.

Ask for your child's password and log in occasionally to check the following:

1. Checking files & added applications

In the Finder (opens automatically when you log in and will say Finder in the upper left hand corner) click on FILE and then FIND. The 'Searching This MAC' window will open and on the left you can choose to search documents, applications, images, movies, etc.

2. How to check Internet research history:

Firefox/Safari—open Firefox and click History in the top toolbar. Choose 'Show All History' and sites visited will appear by the month.

Internet Explorer—open Internet Explorer and click on VIEW >> EXPLORER BAR >> HISTORY in the toolbar

3. How to set browser preferences:

Google—go to www.google.com and click on 'Search settings'. Scroll down to 'SafeSearch Filtering' and choose "Use Strict Filtering". You also have an option to use Google's Lock Safe Search which will not allow users to change the preference once you have set it. To use this feature you must create a Google account. Instructions are located in 'SafeSearchFiltering'.

4. How to check Skype chat logs:

Open Skype and click on CHATS >> RECENT CHATS.

Note: If histories or chats have been deleted then it is important to have a discussion with your child about why he/she has felt the need

to do that. One of the suggestions for Technology Home Rules should be to not allow erasing of search histories and chat logs (if you allow your child to use instant messaging accounts.)

5. How to Change Privacy Settings and Block Users in Skype

Open Skype and log in. Click on SKYPE in the top toolbar. Click on PREFERENCES in the drop down menu that appears. Click on PRIVACY in the top toolbar and change the settings to:



Clicking on MANAGE BLOCKED USERS will allow you to block any contacts you have already added.

Report any abuse to abuse@skype.net. While this may not help immediately, it will help Skype identify problem areas and improve future versions.

Additional Resources

Gorham High School's Technology Wiki
<http://ghstechhelp.wikispaces.com> (click on Parent Info)

Common Sense Media

A national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the impact of media on kids and families.
www.common SenseMedia.org (Parent Advice)

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Lucky Seniors



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Three lucky GHS seniors were chosen to swap parking spots with a faculty member as a result of their SAT performance. In May '09, 150 GHS students took the SAT and qualified to participate in a prize raffle held on January 21 by either meeting the standard (according to the state figure) or by improving over their PSAT scores by at least 5%. Pictured with Principal Record and Assistant Principal Slipp are (l to r): Liz LaMontagne, Mason Roy and Mike Walsch.

Star Reporters at Village School

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit Jane Esty

Molly Sposato and JP Touchette represented Village School as News Channel 13 Kid Correspondents.

WGME News Channel 13 filmed Village School at its best. The TV newscast will feature Kid Correspondents, a segment by students from around the state of Maine who take you inside their school to show you why they think their school is special. At Village School, JP Touchette and Molly Sposato did a great job following the lead of the director and cameraman.

Molly Sposato said, "I learned a lot about the technology of TV broadcasting. The whole experience was really cool. We got to hold the microphone just like real news reporters." JP Touchette commented, "It is always exciting to be filmed and to be on TV." Vice Principal Jane Esty, who coordinated the effort, said, "We can't wait for all of Southern Maine to know what we already know... how great Village

School is. We're so proud."

The Kid Correspondent segments will air daily February 4 through March 3 during the Daybreak show. They will run once during the 5-6 a.m. hour and again during the 6-7 a.m. hour. After a segment airs, it will be available for viewing on the WGME website.

The fun part begins after all of the segments have aired. Village School needs YOUR help. Viewers will be asked to vote online as many times as possible for their favorite Kid Correspondent newscast. On March 3 through March 7, you can go to www.wgme.com to vote for Village School. The school that collects the most votes will receive a trophy and banner. The two kids reporting will receive trophies as well as having their piece run again on March 8.

GMS Geography Bee



Photo credit Jeffrey Carpenter



John Ennis, a seventh-grader at GMS, won his second consecutive title at the National Geographic Society Geography Bee Gorham District finals on January 21. A total of 24 students competed for the title. John received a medal, an atlas, and a \$100 savings bond. He will compete for the state title in April. Sixth-grader Connor Goodall placed second. Those participating were Amelia Aberle, Justin Broy, Tristan Brunet, Thomas Dahlburg, Tyler Divinsky, Coleman Dowdle, Emily Duff, John Ennis, Kevin Frazier, Tucker Gasowski, Connor Goodall, Leanna Gray, Chris Hannon, Andrew Johnson, Charles Jordan, Corbin Kenealy, Aisling Kirby, Kyle Latronico, Tom Lawson, Hannah Meserve, Dominic Morin, Jesse Southard, Cameron Tracy and Michaela Venezia.

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Dave Bass, vice president for retail operations at Hannaford Supermarkets, presents a \$250,000 gift from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation to USM President Selma Botman. This lead gift will help fund installation of a lighted, synthetic athletic and recreational field on USM's Gorham campus.

The Hannaford Charitable Foundation is supporting the improvement of athletic and recreational facilities at the University of Southern Maine through a lead gift of \$250,000 for the conversion of a grass field into a lighted, synthetic field on USM's Gorham campus.

Dave Bass, Hannaford Supermarkets vice president for retail operations, presented the gift to USM President Selma Botman during halftime ceremonies at a USM basketball game in the Warren G. Hill Gym in Gorham. The field, to be known as Hannaford Field, will open following the completion of a \$1 million fund-raising campaign.

"Hannaford and the Hannaford Charitable Foundation are pleased that the new turf field facility will contribute to wellness and quality of life on campus and support outstanding athletic

programs at USM," Bass said.

The men's and women's soccer teams use the existing, natural grass field. After the turf and lighting upgrades, the field will become a multi-purpose field that will be used by both men's and women's soccer and lacrosse teams and the field hockey team. It also will allow for the expansion of recreational opportunities.

"This Hannaford gift will provide us with our first, all-weather surface, giving us much greater flexibility when scheduling field hockey, soccer and lacrosse," said USM Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Al Bean. "The turf, when combined with the lights, also opens up opportunities for USM recreational programs and allows us to explore giving community groups access to the field as well," said Bean.

Track Freeze Frames



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The boys' and girls' GHS indoor track teams competed against Biddeford and Deering January 17 at the Portland Expo. Shown in action, clockwise, starting directly above are John Phinney, Kamron Alexander, Amber Hollivan, Solange Carpenter and Cam Stevens.



in the Zone

Snowboard Champ and Top Finishers: GHS freshman Alex McCarthy earned a gold medal in the Slopestyle event at a snowboard competition sponsored by the U.S.A. Snowboard Association (USASA) January 23 at Sunday River. GHS sophomore Cortlandt Dunn earned two third-place medals on back-to-back days in the USASA Boardercross snowboard event January 16 and 17 at Sugarloaf. GHS freshman Andrew McCarthy earned a fourth place finish in the January 16 Boardercross event.

Girls Indoor Track Stars: Recent performances of athletes who have qualified for the state meet include seniors Marissa Owens in the shot put and Kelsey Rex in the 800 meters. Senior Rachel Wilkinson was chosen Sr. Division Athlete of the Week for her performance in winning the mile in the January 23 meet.

Double Event Winner: GHS junior Kamron Alexander won two events January 23 in a tri-team meet against Bonny Eagle and South Portland. He won the high jump with a height of 5' 7", and he won the 300 meters with a time of 37.30.

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Indoor Track Community Service: Members of the boys' and girls' indoor track teams volunteered at Narragansett School Wellness Night January 28 by giving a demonstration and instruction on snowshoeing.

Moose Hunting Permit Auction: Bids are being accepted for the 2010 Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Moose Permit Auction. Ten moose hunting permits will be awarded to the highest bidders with proceeds going to the Youth Conservation Education Fund. The highest bidders can choose their 2010 season hunting dates, and bids must be submitted by 5 p.m. February 17 with a non-refundable bid fee of \$25. A bid packet is available by calling 287-5207.

Lacrosse Clinic: The University of Southern Maine women's lacrosse program is sponsor-

ing two separate clinics for players in grades 2-5 and grades 6-12 February 14 at the Costello Field House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Players will be given training according to skill level, and goalies will receive goalie training. \$40 registration fee includes raffle prizes. For more information, contact Lauren Reid at lreid@usm.maine.edu.

Gorham Grad Helps Distance Medley Relay Team Set New Record: Jimmy Sawyer, a GHS graduate and a senior at the University of Southern Maine, helped the men's Distance Medley Relay set a school record while competing at the Terrier Invitational at Boston University January 29. Sawyer and his teammates (Tim Even, Corey Gobbi and Justin Richardson) finished fourth out of 14 teams with a time of 10:09.52, smashing the previous USM record of 10:20.63 set in March 2006 by a team that also included Sawyer.

Several Gorham-area hockey players are making a pilgrimage to play hockey in Lake Placid, NY at the site of the 1980 USA Olympic men's hockey team victory over the Soviet Union and their gold-medal win. To raise funds, the team will sell Italian sandwiches for pick-up at USM February 7 from Noon-2 p.m. just prior to the Super Bowl. Cost is \$4 per sandwich or five for \$18. To order, contact Wendy Broy at 575-8241 or email wbroy@maine.rr.com. Payment is due at pickup.

Free Throwing



Photo Credit Rich Obrey

Two Maine Red Claws players, Tony Bobbitt and Chris Lowe, appeared at the annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest held January 30 at the Gorham High School Gym. Pictured above, front row (l to r), are Abigail Hamilton (winner of 12-year-old girls' division), Renee Deering (11-year-old girls), Heather Woodbury (10-year-old-girls), Will Hepler (10-year-old-boys), and Dennis Cloutier (11-year-old-boys). Back row: Karen Knight (13-year-old-girls), Hannah Leclair (14-year-old-girls), Tony Bobbitt and Chris Lowe of the Maine Red Claws, Spencer Ruda (12-year-old-boys), and Dan Holmes (14-year-old-boys). All of the winners advance to district competition in Windham.

GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, February 6

5:00 p.m. Girls' Skiing vs. Cheverus @ Shawnee Peak
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6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Westbrook @ GHS Gym
7:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. Westbrook @ GHS Gym

Saturday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Boys' Indoor Track vs. Biddeford @ Portland Expo
3:30 p.m. Girls' Indoor Track vs. Biddeford @ Portland Expo
9:00 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Cheverus @ Portland 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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GHS Ski Team Previews

Jeff Pike

The GHS boys' and girls' ski teams started their seasons with their first race January 8 followed by races on January 13 and 15. The two teams combined have seven more meets scheduled through February 10.

"This year's team is very young," said head coach Tim Sullivan. "We have four returning racers and eight new skiers, but we also have had solid leadership from the three seniors— girls' captain Katie Smith, Terri Bastarache and boys' captain Mike Walsh."

The boys' team will be bolstered by last year's top finisher, Tom Moutinho, who continues to improve and newcomers Adam Bourgault and Kevin Lubelczyk. Early season finishes have put the boys in position to finish the season strong. The girl's team also has two returning racers, Katie Smith and Danielle Rivard. "Both girls have shown good form in early season races are working their way towards the top of the standings," Sullivan said.

Six new skiers round out the girl's squad: Bastarache, Sarah Moir, Sarah Robinson and Michelle Ramsey as well as freshmen Grace Bourgault and Marissa Roberts, who both add talent and depth. "Roberts trains at Sunday River and is expected to challenge the best skiers in the league this season," Sullivan said. "She finished an impressive second in the second event of the season and will be among the top finishers at each race. The girls' team has had some very good results, finishing ahead of former state champions, and they are moving up in the standings all the time."

Sullivan added that both teams have worked hard to improve their times and will continue to improve throughout the season. "Racing a couple of times each week will get us ready for the State Championship meet at Mt. Abrams February 15 and 16. If any Gorham fans get a chance to attend a race, come and cheer us on!"

GHS Girls' Basketball Wins 10 in a Row

Jeff Pike



Photo Credit Jason Tanguay

10 Wins in a Row The GHS girls' basketball team recently ran-off a 10-game winning streak, and the team's record stood at 11-5 at press time with two more regular-season games left before the playoffs start. Playing for the team this year and pictured from left to right: Courtney Burns, Natalie Egbert, Kiersten Turner, Alyssa Clark, Elizabeth LaMontagne, Vicki Parker, Mia Rapolla, Kristin Ross, Sarah Perkins, Kristi Brown, Lindsey Smith, Audrey Adkison, Sam Peters, and Brianna Nee (team manager). Missing from photo are team managers Shelbi Guimond, Sierra Peters, Allie Lurvey and Taylor Reagan as well as head coach Laughn Berthiaume and assistant coaches Mike Esty, Aaron Ouellet and Ashley Dyer.

As is the case for all sports teams that go on hot streaks, the GHS girls' basketball team's winning ways came to end after 10 straight victories when the Rams lost to McAuley, 42-31, on January 30. But what an amazing streak it was that started December 18 with a win over Portland.

The team improved its record to 11-5 during this stretch after a 1-4 start and has become a contender for the Western Maine Class A playoffs. The team was ranked sixth at press time with two more regular-season games to go. The playoffs begin with games on February 10 and 12 with Gorham's first game date and opponent yet to be determined.

Throughout the streak, the theme for Gorham was DEFENSE, which at times was suffocating. In a 45-27 January 22 win, the Rams held Sanford to zero points in the first quarter.

Against Cheverus, a 35-27 January 26 win, Gorham held the opponent to one basket over the final 10 minutes. The defensive prowess continued in an exciting January 28 35-31 win over Biddeford. Gorham fell behind 21-12 in the third quarter and then limited the Tigers to two points over the next nine-plus minutes during a 17-2 run that gave Gorham the lead for good. Gorham also held league-leading scorer Keila Grigware (21 points per game) to just seven points.

"The offense comes and goes, and we've had different players lead the team in scoring, but we defend consistently and contain the better players on other teams," said head coach Laughn Berthiaume. "We mix it up between full-court presses and half-court presses and try to prevent teams from getting into their set plays."

Berthiaume added that the defense helps set-up the offense since steals often result in fast-break layups. More tipped steals have occurred this year thanks to all the players knowing where they are supposed to be and rotating to their correct positions as the ball moves. Junior Mia Rapolla was leading the league in steals at press time, averaging five thefts per game.

On the offensive side, the team has also had its share of star performers. Junior Natalie Egbert scored 16 and 17 points in the wins over Sanford and Cheverus. Against Sanford, she scored all 16 of her points in the first half and had 9 of the team's first 11 points.

Rapolla leads the team in scoring and demonstrated how she can dominate a game in the win over Biddeford. After Gorham fell behind 19-10, Rapolla scored 18 of the team's final 25 points, including a three-point shot that put the team up for good. During this stretch, Rapolla was also a force on defense with several steals and rebounds.

"But overall it has been the team's defense that has carried us," Berthiaume said. "If one player is out of place, it can result in an easy lay-up, and that means we need all of our starters and bench players to contribute every moment they are on the court."

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dean's list

The following Gorham residents were named to the various school's Dean's List: John Mark Adkison (GHS '08), Harding University, AR.; Erin Cole (GHS '06), Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.; Elizabeth Demski (GHS '08), Keene State College, NH.; Charlie Dresser (GHS '08), Bryant University, RI.; Juhee Han, Middlesex Community College, MA.; Leigha Kerwin (GHS '09), University of Connecticut, CT.; Danielle Moody (GHS '06), Bryant University, RI.; Courtney Smith (GHS '08), Saint Michael's College, VT.

The following students from Gorham have been named to the Southern Maine Community College Dean's List:

Christopher Berry, Heather Bradeen, Amanda Burek, Marcy Burtchell, Jason Byrd, Tucker Conley, Abel Cota, Florence Cousins, Zachery Dandy, Gabriel Douyard, Joseph Fessenden, Tatiana Filatova, Kaitlin Flaherty, Samantha Gale, Derek Goodrich, William Gushee, Danielle Hicks, Lauren Higgins, Julie Hoyt, Mustafa Jamal, Natasha Jordan, Jessica Kobeckis, Anthony Kourinos, Arline Leach, Phillip MacCallum, Alycia MacIsaac, Trinity Macomber, Mia McGill, Adam McGoon, Renee Minard, James Morrissey, Andrew Nash, Anima Nikonthet, Lindsey Poitras, Kelly Potts, Freeman Richardson, Stevi Rodney, Scott Sampson, Cori Sanborn, Nicole Silverman, Stephanie Swett, Katie Thuotte, Bruce Tracy, Lindsey Tremblay,

Brittany Vaughan, Margret Welch, Lavonah Welsh, Kathleen West, Kyle Willis and Dina Yim.

The following Gorham residents were named to the Saint Joseph's College Dean's List (3.5 or higher) for the 2009 fall semester: Chelsea Candage, Emily Cole, Kathryn Cyr, Alexander Dahms, Meghan Garrard, Abby Stiffler, Rachael Tordoff, Elizabeth Wise, Joey Wise and Craig Woodbrey.

The following Gorham residents were named to the Saint Joseph's College Honors List (3.0-3.49) for the fall semester: Jonathan Dahms, Frank Dellasala, Devin Flaherty, Katelyn Hegarty, Brittini Herring, Elizabeth Johnston and Michelle Walls.

The following Gorham students made honor roll for the first trimester at North Yarmouth Academy: Timothy Daigler, grade 9; Aidan Whitis, grade 6; Eleanor Sato, grade 7 and Owen Kelley, grade 6.

of interest

Christopher Robbins of Gorham has been named National Sales Director of Internet Direct Response LLC (IDR), a leader in Internet Marketing Services. Based in Portland, Robbins is responsible for driving overall sales growth for IDR in the North American market.

Sara Steinmetz, of Gorham, a senior

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at Cheverus High School, was one of eleven students to participate in a day-long senior social justice retreat which included tutoring students at Cathedral School in Portland and a visit to the Wayside Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve lunch to 300 people.

First Parish Congregational Church on Route 114 in Gorham will sponsor a Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 5-6:30 p.m. Adults \$9/Children under 12/\$5. FMI, 839-4775.

Gorham Woman's Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at First Parish Church. Ramona Snell of Snell Family Farm will



speak on Community Support Agriculture. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6375.

All You Can Eat Bean Supper: Saturday, Feb. 6 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road, (off Rt 237) in Gorham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

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Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on Saturday, February 20 for a winter walking tour through the old powder mill remains and along the C&O Canal Towpath (weather permitting). Don Wescott, PRLT steward for the Gambo property, will present an historical overview of the Gun Powder Mills and the Canal. The winter walk offers a different perspective and provides easier viewing of the Gambo property topography. The trail should be passable with winter boots. The tour included Meet at 10:00 am at Gambo kiosk. Directions: Follow Gambo Road from Windham. At the end of Gambo Road, just before the river,



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GEF Receives Funds Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal financial service organization in Scarborough, recently helped raise money for the Gorham Education Foundation by matching funds at the 1st Annual the Frederick Robie Cup Adult Spelling Bee and silent auction held this fall. The funds will be used to award grants to teachers for educational supplies and programs within the Gorham school system. Pictured is (l) Gorham resident Timothy Graham of Modern Woodmen and Kristin Wentworth, President of The Gorham Educational Foundation (back row) and several Village School Students.

take a right into the parking lot for the Mountain Division Alliance Trail to park. Once parked, walk back down to Gambo Road and take a right to go towards and over the bridge. Group will meet at the kiosk at 10:00 am. *You can also access the Gambo Property from Shaw Park.

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 Martha at marthat@maine.rr.com with any information.

The Gorham High School Drama Program will be presenting the one act play, *Fourteen Lines*, by Alan Haehnel, February 5 and 6. Performances are at GHS in the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$6 and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

St. Anne's Church will hold a Pie Sale Feb 13 and 5 p.m. mass and Feb. 14 after both 8 and 11 a.m. mass.

close to home

Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb 13 from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Roost in Buxton. All proceeds to benefit Bonny Eagle's Special Olympics Program. Live Band & DJ, Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar. \$18 pp/\$30 couple. FMI, call 727-5235 or kkbvtl@securespeed.us

The UCC Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church in Westbrook (810 Main St), will host a Community Meal on every Thursday at Noon for all ages and from all communities. \$4 pp.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 5

- **Craft and Chat Group**, 9:30-11 a.m., BML. Bring sewing, knitting, etc. FMI, 222-2532.
- **The GHS Drama Program** will present the one act play, *Fourteen Lines*, by Alan Haehnel at GHS McCormack Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$6 and \$4 for students/seniors. Tickets available at the door.

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. 6

- **All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper**, 4:30-6 p.m. White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road., off Route 237 in Goham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.
- **Chicken Pie Dinner**, First Parish Church, Rt. 114, Gorham, 5-6:30 p.m., \$9/\$5.
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MONDAY, FEB. 8

- **Gorham Historical Society Meeting**, 7 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank Operations Center, Route 202 (Gray Road).
- **Maine Orchid Society Meeting**, 7 p.m., St. Anne's Church, Gorham. FMI, 883-2771 or www.maineorchid-society.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

- **Pre-School Story Time**, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- **Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting**, 6 p.m. \$7pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

- **School Committee Meeting**, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St. FMI, 222-1000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

- **Baby and Me Lap Time Fun**, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- **Toddler Time Activities**, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.
- **Sewing Club**, all ages and ability, 2:30-4 p.m. BML. FMI, 839-5031.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 12-5 p.m. Gorham High School.
- **Craft and Chat Group**, 9:30-11 a.m., BML. Bring sewing, knitting, etc. FMI, 222-2532.

MONDAY, FEB. 15

- **Winter Vacation Week**, No School K-12.
- **Baxter Memorial Library Closed**. President's Day

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

- **Star Wars Day!** 1-6 p.m. BML. (snow date 2-18-10) FMI, 839-5031.
- **Keep Me Safe Car Seat Check Up Program**, 2-6 p.m., Gorham Fire Station, Main St. FMI, 939-8175.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

- **GHS Project Graduation 2010 Committee Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Gorham Recreation Department., 75 South St.
- **Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting**, PineCrest Bed & Breakfast, noon-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

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estate broker and a flurry of faxed documents, the brick building once again changed ownership.

As landlord, Coppola has primarily sought to make the building more energy efficient through implementing changes to lighting and installing a state of the art heating system. He is proud to discuss that this was one of the first commercial buildings to switch from oil to natural gas and has been pleased with the realized savings that change produced.

Now that the structural renovations have been for the most part completed, Rob is focusing on the more cosmetic changes. To add a bit of early 19th century charm to the outside of the building, he will be installing reproduction Victorian style lamps

around the perimeter, above the first floor level. Other completed renovations to the first floor space have included painstakingly refinishing the hard wood floors. The second floor will be getting a new coat of paint and carpeting.

When asked about future plans for the building, Rob is pleased to announce that he is currently negotiating with a restaurant which would like to open in the former Sierra's space. It will be a nice complement to rest of the building's tenants, and it will also be nice to see the removal of the "For Lease" sign in the window. It will be yet another business in a long line of businesses to call 2 School Street their place of business, in a building that is a cornerstone of Gorham Village.



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Hayfield Drive caller requested to speak to an Officer. Caller stated it looked like someone tried to blow up their mailbox the previous night and their mailbox smelled like fuel.

Meadow Crossing Drive caller reported that their neighbor's unleashed dog had run up to the caller and had scared them.

Canal Street caller reported that his father had assaulted him and thrown him on the floor.

Tow Path Road caller reported there was a fight involving seven to 10 individuals.

Hutcherson Drive caller reported that there had been fraudulent activity on their business account.

Gray Road caller reported that a car had stopped and someone had gotten out of the car and had run into the bushes. The car left, but it was unknown if the subject was still outside.

Longfellow Road caller requested that an officer check a residence as there was a male who had climbed through the shed window. Caller thought that the male had been kicked out the previous night.

Preble Street caller reported that they were concerned that underage drinking was going on and also felt the Board of Health should be called.

Sanborn Street caller requested to speak with an officer as their son was afraid to go to his truck. He thought officers were waiting for him since he didn't physically have his license on him.



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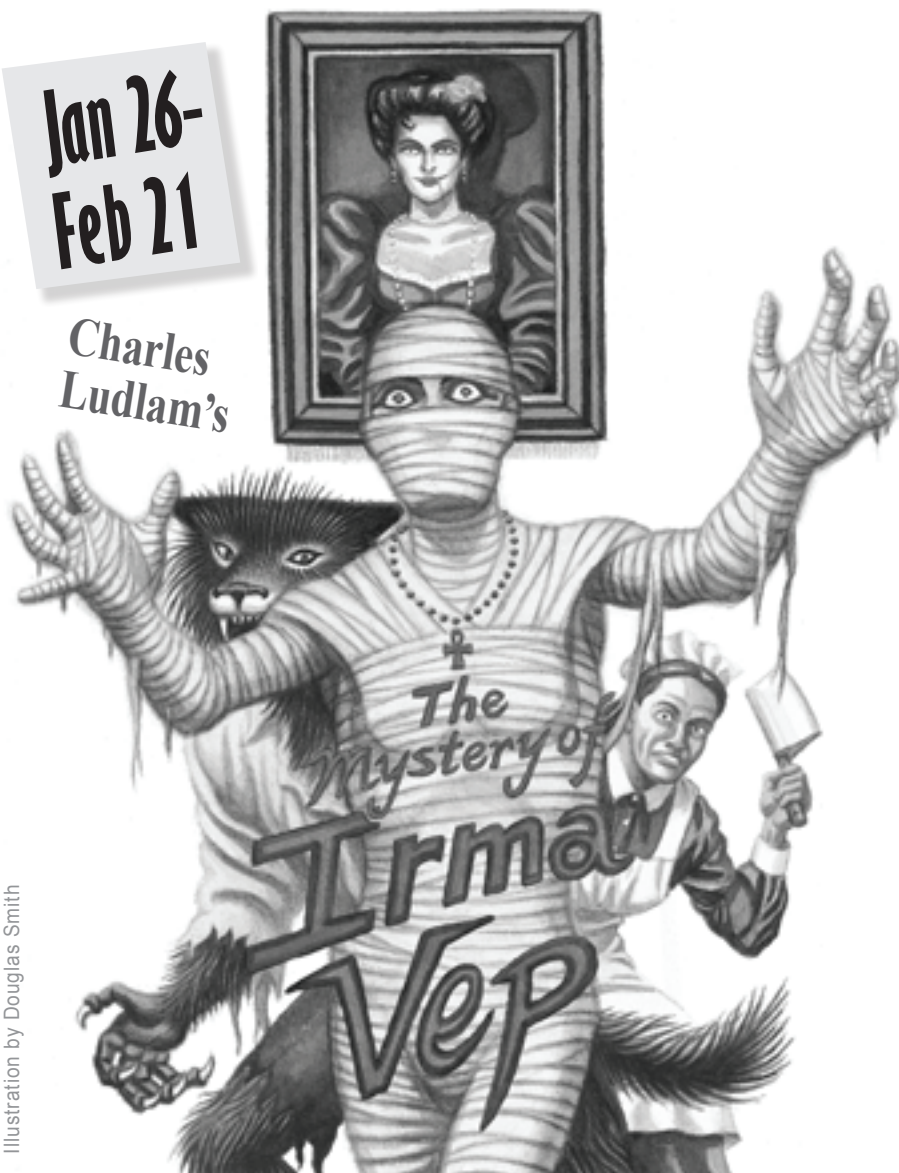


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