

Third issue of Detritus, Bangor art and literary magazine, released

BY EMILY BURNHAM
OF THE WEEKLY STAFF

For the third issue of Detritus, a Bangor-based art and literary publication, editor and artist Chris Peary looked well beyond the borders of the state to fill its pages.

Detritus, which comes out on a yearly basis, this year features an array of essays, poems, visual art and comics from contributors and from Peary himself. The first 200 issues feature hand silkscreened covers, also created by Peary.

“[Detritus] originally was intended just for my own comics,” said Peary, a native of the Aroostook County town of Washburn and a University of Maine graduate. “Believe it or not, as an artist in Bangor, Maine, it’s easy to feel isolated... So as it progressed, it became a way to get some sort of dialogue going between other artists and writers that I knew.”

The magazine contains a little bit of a lot of things, drawing on publishing methods ranging from higher-end literary quarterlies and art publications to comic books and ‘zines -- small scale, DIY publications. Peary, in addition to drawing and writing the poignant, drily humorous comics contained within the magazine, is also a visual artist whose work has been displayed at the University of Maine, the Bangor Public Library and the Center for

Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport.

“I’m still trying to figure out what Detritus is. It doesn’t fit neatly into any category that I’m familiar with. It’s not solely a comic book; it’s not a literary magazine; the closest thing I can compare it to is a “zine,” although it doesn’t really fit that description either, due to its more polished production values,” said Peary.

In addition to writers like Dana Wilde, Adam Lacher and Eryk Salvaggio, artist Amy Gagnon, all of whom have contributed before, Detritus issue three features photography from Todd Heller and art from graphic designer Megan Lynn Kott, both residents of Oakland, California. Peary’s girlfriend, Laura Szupica, herself a former resident of Oakland, helped to coordinate their work and its appearance in the magazine.

Val Mayerik, an acclaimed comic artist known for his work with Marvel Comics and independent comic “American Splendor,” and as co-creator of Howard the Duck, has a two-page comic titled “Tales of the Enemy” featured in the issue.

Closer to home, Bangor native Sarah Farnham has contributed poetry, and Bangor violin maker Nathan Slobodkin contributed an essay about a rather odd friendship. Peary hopes that Detritus

can continue on as a yearly publication. He’d like to increase it to twice yearly, but as the sole driving force behind the magazine, that might be a tall order.

“I find that once a year is plenty of work... it’s quite an undertaking,” said Peary. “But I’d like to figure out, somehow, how to do that.”

Detritus can be purchased locally at The Rock & Art Shop in Bangor, and online at detrituspress.com. Back issues are available at places including Bookstacks in Bucksport, The Store Amper-sand in Orono and Longfel-low Books in Portland.

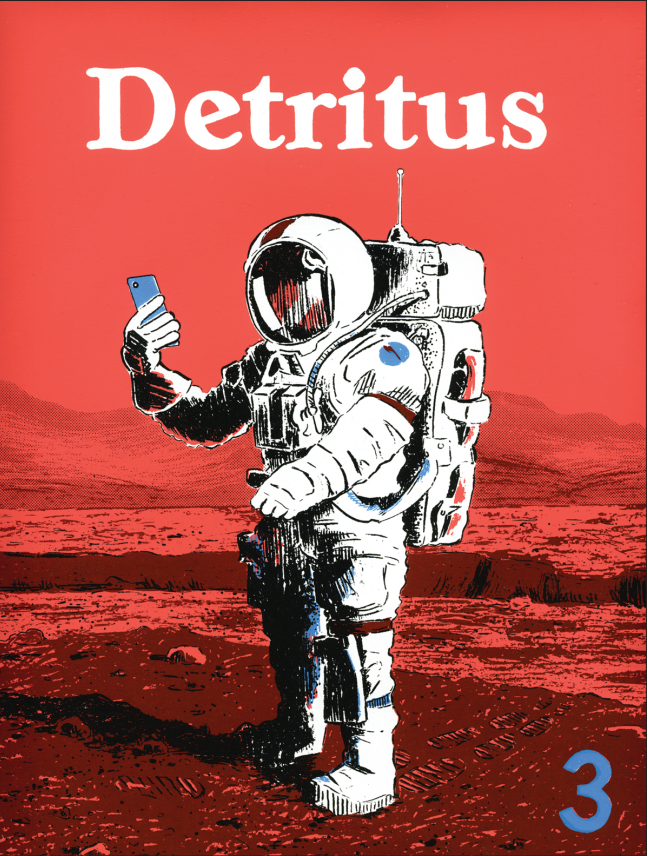


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The third issue of Bangor art and literary magazine “Detritus” came out in Sept. 2015.

WLBZ to shift 6 p.m. Bangor newscast to Portland starting Oct. 8

BY JUDY HARRISON
OF THE BDN STAFF

Local station WLBZ-TV will no longer broadcast a 6 p.m. weekday news show out of its Mount Hope Avenue studio beginning Oct. 8, it was announced Friday.

The 6 p.m. newscast will instead originate in Portland on affiliated station WCSH-TV, as do the weekday morning, noon, 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. broadcasts.

Weekday 6 p.m. WLBZ anchor Chris Facchini will be reassigned to report on major stories and do investigative pieces, Judy Horan, president and general manager of the Bangor station, said in a press release issued Friday afternoon. Co-anchor and multimedia journalist Katie Bavoso will anchor the weekend morning shows originating in Portland at 6 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

“We have been solely focused on staffing the evening news time period,” Horan said in the release. “The audience no longer has to accommodate this schedule, and we must accommodate their desire to access news and information throughout the day.”

Of the 39½ 1/2 hours of news produced each week by News Center staff in Portland and Bangor, the 6 p.m. newscast in Bangor ac-

counts for just 2½ 1/2 hours, according to Horan.

Content generated by both the Bangor and Portland newsroom staffs is used in the 39.5 hours of programming. Horan said in an email to the Bangor Daily News that the change means Bangor staff and future additions to it will be seen more often in morning, 11 p.m., and weekend newscasts instead of primarily in the early evening.

“Technology, social media and smartphones have shifted habits and the ability of the audience to get news whenever and wherever they want it,” she said. “We need to deploy our staff so they can produce content from central and eastern Maine all day, on television and digital devices.”

The weather broadcasts originating in Bangor will not change. Meteorologist Steve McKay will continue to provide the majority of the evening weather forecasts on Channel 2, Horan said. He will also be seen on the weekend evening news. Portland-based meteorologists Todd Gutner, Tom Johnston and Joe Cupo will deliver the weather during other times of day as usual.

The number of Channel 2 reporters gradually will increase as additional news positions are being advertised, Horan said.

Barefoot

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“This forces you to slow down and be conscious of every move you make,” she said. “It’s a remarkable experience. Your whole mind-set changes. You can stop and talk to people. You can see everything around you. You see things you’d never normally see. I hear sounds that I’ve never heard before, all sorts of birds and animals and things.”

Frothingham’s summer sans shoes has inspired several of her friends to try barefoot hiking, and

last week, she and her husband celebrated their tenth anniversary with a barefoot hike -- Cameron’s first ever, after Katie had done it for months. Later this fall, they plan to hike barefoot on Mt. Desert Island and in Vermont. And while she hasn’t shared her barefoot hiking stories with her students at the Adams School, she does encourage them to kick off their shoes every once in awhile.

“The world becomes a much more magical place when you stop to look at it,” she said. “It’s good to feel connected to the ground.”

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