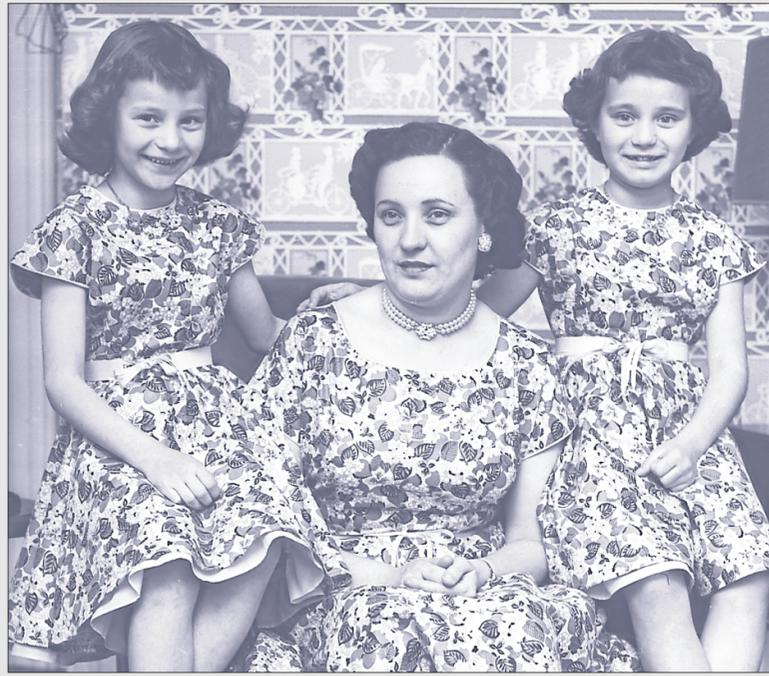


PICTURE FROM THE PAST



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Mrs. Irving Estey of Elm Street and daughters Jeannette (left) and Jean (right) were ready in May 1954 for the Family Square Dance at St. John's School Hall. Mrs. Estey was the president of the St. John's Parent-Teacher Association, which sponsored the affair. Parents and children of the parish were invited to the dance. Many mothers and daughters planned to attend wearing identical dresses, as those worn by Mrs. Estey and her two daughters.

YESTERDAY ...
10 years ago - Feb. 25, 2006
(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

At rock bottom, an addict's choice is blunt and excruciating: keep using or stay alive.

More than two decades ago at the Portland Rescue Mission in Portland, Ore., Bill Rae made his choice.

Rae, 55, is now the executive director of Manna Ministries Inc., the faith-based nonprofit agency that nine months ago launched the Derek House, an extended-care substance abuse treatment facility. It was designed in part with his own recovery as a blueprint.

"My drug of choice was methamphetamine," Rae said from an upstairs office with three colleagues at Manna's headquarters in Bangor. "Speed. I cooked it, I sold it, I shot it."

Rae healed his body in Oregon, but found that it was spiritual healing that would be paramount in his recuperation.

"I stopped doing drugs, but there still was that turmoil. Then God gave me that foundation," he said. "They kept telling me that God loved me, and finally it set in. ... Then there was freedom."

Through the Derek House, Rae and a group of the program's planners are integrating Bible study and spiritual therapy into traditional substance abuse therapy methods, in hopes that what worked for him and some of them will work for others.

In a few months, they will see the results as the program's first residents graduate.

"From 1991, [Manna has] had the soup kitchen, day care, the food pantry," Rae said. "But people would come to us and say, 'What can you do for addiction? You're sending me back into the street with no help.'"

"Someone made a sizable donation" to Manna, Rae said, "and we flew by the seat of God's pants. It just made sense to us."

25 years ago - Feb. 25, 1991

ORONO — The United States' quickness to check Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait is justified, but a little late in coming, a Kurdish Iranian said Saturday.

Also during the weekend, the start of the ground war prompted peace activists to gather in Orono and Bangor.

Reza Jalali, a Kurd who was imprisoned for opposing the Iran-Iraq war and who was "adopted" by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience, said he hoped that interest in the plight of the Kurds continues after the Persian Gulf war ends.

Jalali told of human rights violations against the Kurds, including a ban on speaking their own lan-

guage. It was an Iraqi village of Kurds that Saddam Hussein attacked with chemical weapons years ago.

"I guess our only crime was ... that Kurds had a dream of having their own homeland," Jalali told about 100 people who attended a teach-in on the war at the University of Maine. Later, the group attended workshops and held an anti-war protest on the university mall.

According to Jalali, the United States and the other countries now composing the allied forces not only turned a cheek to the Kurdish massacre, many in turn sold armaments and munitions to Saddam, who now points them at incoming allied soldiers.

Current reports of Iraqi atrocities being committed in Kuwait are old news to Jalali and others who tried for years to warn the world about Saddam Hussein.

"But I guess what we're saying was not very popular at that time, so no one paid very much attention to us," he said.

The current U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf, however, is consistent with American history, according to Doug Allen, a UMaine philosophy professor who said that World War II was the origin of the United States' attempt to control world oil supplies.

Vietnam and the end of the Cold War were other watersheds in U.S. foreign policy that have led to the current intervention in the Middle East, according to Allen. President Bush, like Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, long for the unchallenged influence the United States enjoyed before the invention of nuclear arms, he said, and as a result tend to solve political problems militarily.

And while there are many components to U.S. policy, the main one is economic, Allen said.

On Sunday about 100 peace activists gathered at the Federal Building in Bangor for a demonstration organized by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

Several weeks ago a demonstration at the Federal Building resulted in one arrest as hundreds of protesters took to the streets to protest the war.

Acting Bangor Police Chief Randy Harriman said Sunday that he received word of the demonstration planned for Sunday and police took extra precautions in case the demonstrators planned a repeat performance.

Harriman said extra police officers were brought in and deputies from the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police troopers were notified and ready to lend assistance if needed.

Harriman said Penobscot County's van used to trans-

port prisoners would be available if trouble broke out and a city bus was also made available, Harriman said.

But the extra effort was not needed and the protesters gathered peacefully chanting anti-war slogans and carrying signs that read, "Peace will support the troops."

The protest lasted for about one hour with about six Bangor police cruisers parked across the street, but ended without incident.

50 years ago - Feb. 25, 1966

ORRINGTON — Cy W. Greenhalgh talked on "Hydrology" at the Monday evening Woman's Club at the Community House. Introduced by Mrs. Robert Covell, the evening's speaker stated that home use of water still represents less than 10% of the nation's consumption. Mr. Greenhalgh said that nearly half of the water goes for irrigation, another 40% for industry. Mrs. Francis McGuire, Magazines for Friendship chairman, said that nine packages of Magazines had been sent to India. Mrs. Harold Swift, district Two president for the M.F.W.C. spoke briefly. The group voted to order 100 cookbooks "Favorite Recipes of New England Meats," a general federation project.

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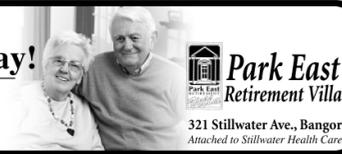
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