

STUDENTS REJECT PHOBIA

Bremerton, WA (Bay Windows) - Students at Bremerton High School have rejected a proposed amendment to the school's constitution that would have allowed the student council to eject members who were openly homosexual.

The measure, which identified homosexuality as an "immoral behavior" akin to indecent exposure and sexual harassment, was turned down by a vote of 635 to 475, said principal Marilee Hansen.

"I'm delighted it's not going to be added to the constitution," she said. "But I'm a little taken aback by the number of students who have this feeling. We have a lot of educating to do."

The proposal was approved with a 49-47 vote at the school's annual constitutional convention, where changes are made to school rules.

The measure would have made it possible for students discovered practicing "immoral behavior," which would have included indecent exposure, homosexuality and sexual harassment, to be impeached from elected office by their peers on the council "in order to preserve the integrity and high moral standards of the school."

MAYOR SAYS STAY AWAY

Pensacola, FL (Washington Blade) - The mayor and one of the city council members in Pensacola are asking gay tourists who visit the popular city during holidays to stay away so Pensacola will not develop a reputation as a gay hot-spot.

Mayor Jerry Maygarden, a Democrat, said he supported City Council member Doug

"OOPS, I SAID THE 'O' WORD"

by Edie Hoffman

It's definitely the longest orgasm I've ever had. It began April 16 when my ex-partner, Michelle Gagnon, and I spoke to Portland,

Maine's Deering High School students as part of their Diversity Day program. We were invited to speak on gay and lesbian issues by the Bias Crimes Task Force of the Portland Police Department. During our talk a male student asked us if we

had ever had relationships with men. I told him I had, but not very satisfactory ones, and that the first time I was happy in a relationship was when I was with a woman. In fact, I told the students, the first time I had an orgasm was with a woman. The rest of our discussion went along peacefully, and quite productively.

The first sign of trouble didn't come until about a month later when Michelle rushed over to my apartment with the *Portland Press Herald*. A partial transcript of what we had said to the students was printed in the paper, accompanied by a story on the concerns some parents had over the content of our discussion.

How did the press find out about my orgasm? Noreen May, leader of a group called Citizens for Excellence in Education, attended our workshop. Deering High School had advertised the day as being

open to the public and this is how May, and half a dozen other parents (none of whom have children at Deering) were able to attend. May tape-recorded our session. Neither Michelle nor I were aware of the



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Deering High School

recorder until a teacher attending our session pointed it out. After checking with the students, we consented to the taping because we didn't want the students to feel any shame about what we were discussing that day.

May told everyone the recording was just for "personal use." Of course, her personal use was to make it public, which she achieved by going to the school committee with the transcript knowing full well the press reported on school committee business.

Why did I find it necessary to use the word "orgasm?" And why did that term cause such an uproar? One has to understand the mood Michelle and I wanted to create in our workshop. The first thing we told students is that is that we would answer any sincere question with an honest answer. We did want to "talk dirty" in a sense, nitty gritty dirty; real ideas, real fears, real questions. Our goal was to demystify lesbians so they wouldn't beat us up on the street. As we all know, when lesbians are attacked, they are not only beaten physically

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Dear *APEX*:


A letter appeared in June's *APEX* thanking Rick and Jim for their part in organizing the Maine contingent for the March on Washington. Let me relate what this "organizing" has imposed on me.

Last February, as I had been central to arranging accommodations and transportation on the previous March on Washington in '87, I volunteered to help with the local Washington March effort. I was told by Jim that Rick wanted to head up the project, stalled because of John's health problem. We stalled yet another four weeks for Rick who never headed up the committee. Jim headed up both the March committee and the EPP anniversary celebration. Jim insisted in telling people that I was too busy being that I had offered to help lead or co-lead either. The lost weeks of time that resulted from this nonsense could have helped Wilde-Stein fill their accommodation and transportation arrangements in DC. Their bookings were far superior to Portland's later arrangements. Wilde-Stein had to default, leaving no eastern or northern Maine contacts. Those good kids got no thank you letter in *APEX*, just a bad rap.

I had offered to put together a Maine delegation reception at the March. The least expensive rate for this was about \$10 per person. I requested that we add a little to the bus tickets to ensure that I not be forced to make a donation that I couldn't handle. However, the bus ticket price was set without the increase, Rick or Jim making the decision on their own. I was forced to frantically get the word out to charge at the door, and to request that attendees give prior notice. I

had tried to reach Rick many times to sense the progress of the ticket sales and whether to cancel the breakfast. He never returned a single call. Jim claimed that he had no idea how the bus tickets were going as late as the Monday before the March. I fretted for several weeks, but went ahead with the booking, passing the cancellation date. About 200 people showed up (not all eating or paying). Jim was able to realize recapture of his investment, selling off his stock of T-shirts. Door charges and passing the hat collected \$736 in cash, but I ended up with \$441 remaining on my credit card despite my early requests.

When I asked for repayment, Jim told me that Rick was in finals and that I had to wait to see if any cash was available, as Rick was the bus contact, checkbook and mailbox person. When I asked again, I got the same story. Nearly a month later, when I asked yet again, on May 14, Jim led me to believe that there wasn't any surplus to pay me. Reluctantly, I said I would probably recover financially over time. I discovered, however, that I had been excluded from several meetings and that there was actually a balance of \$371 left over after the bus payment, nearly covering my needless debt. Yet on May 17, the remainder was used to pay about \$100 of Rick's or Jim's long distance calls and the balance of \$270 was withdrawn. Incredibly, the balance was simply given away to a committee person who needed cash to start a business. Jim told me there was a misunderstanding. The recipient told me that "the money had been earmarked for that purpose."

Further, I had also offered the Gay & Lesbian Information Line as a contact number. Rick and Jim preferred to use only their names and numbers 

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as contacts. As expected, since I had used the Info Line's number anyway in my assigned advertisements, the line got calls from people concerned about their transportation who could reach neither contact person.

The committee's getting word out across Maine consisted largely of dropping off the March on Washington tabloid, attempting to reach groups via mail and selling T-shirts in bars. The tabloid had no information on local transportation to the March, except for Rick's and Jim's numbers. To help broaden the effort and provide options beyond the Portland muddle, I put out a fact sheet on all known NH and Maine area contacts. I was informed before I started the distribution, however, that Jim needed to approve my work. As it was information in the public domain and I had had enough of waiting, I printed and distributed the full information statewide at my own expense with self-declared "official" approval.

I'm still out \$441.71 after two months of intense anxiety. I'm greatly pissed off at what feels like a swindle by otherwise "nice guys."

The moral: There are many determined activists throughout the Maine community very much like myself, who don't struggle for the limelight. None of us deserves to be disregarded so carelessly as I've experienced, nor should expertise be lost. Gays who can't support a simple walk down Congress Street shouldn't be leading us down Pennsylvania Avenue. There are just too many straight-a-likes advancing their own future plans for political office using gay and lesbian issues, however minor a delusion they may have. I'm offended by the substitution of "wanna-be's" or political know-it-all's for the full voice of gay and lesbian people. This means substitution for ACT UP, Queer Nation, blatant faggot drag queens, PWA's, leather S/M machos, sex gods, the chemically addicted, butch/dyke separatists who drive 18-wheelers, the physically challenged, limp-wristed milktoast wimps, married rest stop

cruisers and every other part of our exotic culture, pretty or not. This is NOT politics! It's LIFE! It's community coherence, concern, and the tolerance that so many say they're working toward. From now on, I will examine a person's history of dedication to and/or fear of our community, all of it, before I quietly trust them to represent my rights, my hard-earned cash, or my voice. So should you.

Ever hopeful,
Michael Rossetti

Dear Phoenix Press,

....I'm impressed with what you are doing. Having lived as a WASP male in the U.S. most of my life, I can make little claim to know about being discriminated against. However, I have experienced a small taste of it here in Japan. My conclusion from this is not that now I know what being a social outcast is like - more it's that I realize how incredibly unaware I am of what it would be like to be treated in the way that American society treats gays and lesbians. Reading APEX has given me a deeper insight into this whole world that is largely beyond my personal experience.

I was particularly captivated by the exchanges around the "dyke with a boyfriend" letter to Thighmaster (APEX Vol. 2, No. 1). It seemed to me that several points of view were well articulated. My guess is that APEX provides an excellent forum for the community to engage in dialogue. I look forward to each issue, and I read them cover to cover.

I wish you continued success.

Bruce Lilly

An open letter to all lesbian & gay health care professionals:

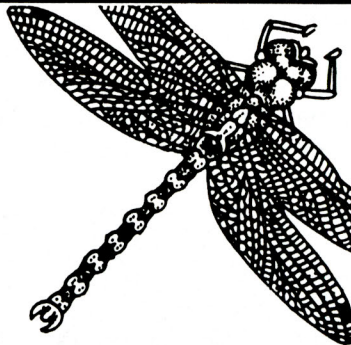
Thank you!

Recently I had the unpleasant task of admitting my Dad to the hospital. He was in the beginning phases of a diabetic attack, his systems were beginning to shut down and doc said that he could have gone into a coma at any time. I was extremely con-

cerned, and felt very vulnerable and confused. The question kept running through my head, "When did my Dad get so old?" (He's 73.) I helped the woman who admitted him bring him upstairs to his room and his charge nurse met us as we got off the elevator. Our eyes met and she smiled and winked at me and we both knew. I immediately felt a little better. A few days later, when the crisis was over and the docs began to look at when he was going home instead of what his sugar level/temp/pressure was at that moment, we began setting up meetings with dieticians and the diabetic teaching nurse. Once again she/they walked into the room and that little radar thing happened. I somehow felt better just knowing that my chosen family was taking care of my biological family. Thanks go out to all people in the health care profession - not just the docs and nurses - but the people in the kitchen and the housekeeping staff. Your friendly smiles and helping hands do not go unnoticed. When you notice that one of our own is stricken or concerned for a family member and make that small gesture of recognition it really helps!

Thank you.

Connie Pelkey



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WHERE WE'VE BEEN - an exploration of lesbian and gay history

by Stan Clough

Les Aspin, current Secretary of Defense, has recently recommended that women be allowed to serve in limited combat roles. This issue divides many feminists: for some, feminism encompasses the concept of pacifism; for others, women should be allowed to serve with men in all branches of the military on an equal footing, especially in combat. The historical reality is, many women, while disguised as men, have served as soldiers in America's early wars. Examples of these women are to be found in the Civil War (1861-1865).

Sarah Edmonds joined the 2nd Michigan Infantry when the war began in 1861, enlisting under the name of "Frank Thompson." General George McClellan employed Edmonds as a spy during his ill-fated Peninsula Campaign in 1862, never guessing her true identity. On one foray behind the Confederate lines near Yorktown, Edmonds disguised herself as a young male slave by blackening her face with silver nitrate. She slipped undetected into enemy territory, and returned unharmed.

Edmonds was able to successfully carry out spying missions eleven times. In an interesting twist, Edmonds, while disguised as Thompson, in turn disguised "himself" as a female slave. Another time, Edmonds risked certain death if caught by dressing as a Confederate soldier. These daring missions came to an end when she contracted malaria in 1863. Edmonds, not wanting her true identity revealed, deserted back to civilian life.

Another woman who took up arms for the Union was Jennie Rodgers, a feisty Irishwoman. She enlisted in the 95th Illinois Volunteers as "Albert Cashier." She served in Grant's army during the siege of Vicksburg (1863), and in the Battle of Nashville the following year. Rodgers left the army at the cessation of hostilities in 1865, successfully keeping her identity secret throughout the war. In 1911, however, her identity was revealed when she was involved in an automobile accident. When the Bureau of Pensions debated terminating her army pension, Rodgers' wartime comrades quickly testified to her bravery. Chastened, the

Bureau ruled Rodgers was entitled to her pension.

It is not known how many women passed as men to serve in the Yankee and Rebel armies. Unless they were wounded or became ill, they, like Rodgers, could escape detection. Of the women we do know about, many were lesbians. Sarah Edmonds had taken the identity of Frank Thompson from age fifteen. Thompson, a successful Bible salesman, was known as "quite the ladies' man." While serving in the army, Edmonds, as Thompson, fell in love with a nurse named Alice. Nothing was thought of a soldier, while on leave in Washington, escorting his lady friend on a Sunday stroll. "Thompson's" relationship with Alice would have therefore raised no eyebrows in an extremely homophobic culture. Edmonds' male-warrior persona was an ideal way of hiding her attraction for women. This is not to say that lesbians purposely joined the army in the Civil War so as to hide their sexuality; but the army, for at least two women, became a perfect place to meet and fall in love.

General Philip Sheridan, in his memoirs, recalled how two women, who enlisted as men at different times, became lovers. The *beaux*, one a teamster and the other a cavalry trooper, were detected when they became drunk on applejack during a foraging party. One fell in a creek, and while being resuscitated, was discovered to be a woman. Sheridan, while impressed with these "Amazon's" martial valor, was mystified as to how they could possibly stumble across one another.

In a male-dominated world, many women found a way to participate on an equal footing with men by passing as men. It is not surprising that many of these lesbian warriors, who in the process of community building throughout American history, were at the forefront of tearing down gender barriers.

Books to read:

Jonathan Katz, *Gay American History*

Sylvia G.L. Dannett, *She Rode with the Generals*

James I. Robertson, *Tenting Tonight: The Soldier's Life* (Time-Life's *The Civil War*)

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NO BUSINESS AS USUAL - this month in local activism

by Bee Bell

To Keith, for new fear, new clarity, and faggy joking pissy despair

I don't know everything about my friend Keith Dickens. I know that he was a Seneca man of full Iroquois blood and a gay man and a poor one. He spoke English not broken but slow, since it was not until he was eight or so that he lived with full-time English speakers. "That's why I sound kind of burnt all the time," he explained to me. And his dark intelligent eyes always kept me reminded that he had something to say. But he died anyway, last week. It is a very undignifying thing to be cut off mid-sentence: even with his liver cancer, he was supposed to live several weeks longer at least.

Keith really delighted in ACT UP, and as a man with AIDS who loved and appreciated the whole ACT UP phenomenon he heartened us and kept us going when precious few people did. He first encountered ACT UP when he hitched to Kennebunkport for a national march on Bush on Labor Day, 1991. He never stopped telling stories about that massive, powerful demo. I met him when I drove him and his lover to ACT UP/Portland's march and power-walk on Bush on Memorial Day of last year. Keith wouldn't wear a "Bush AIDS Flag" (skulls and stripes) on

his person as others were doing, because it resembled the U.S. flag and he was Native American: "That's not my flag." He loved the anger and the campy Bush-mocking street theatre of the "Power Walk," and though he came undone

at the die-in he was back for Queer Nation and ACT UP protests such as the Family Values Protest Picnic at Bush-Quayle HQ later in the year. Most recently, Keith participated in the Augusta action of ACT UP/Portland that contributed to the defeat of Dracula Bill L.D. 1002, a bill promoting non-consensual HIV testing in Maine.

Keith's life and death were very much that of a disabled and poor Native faggot living in the USA. His semi-literacy in English impeded his ability to fill out the forms to get the housing, food, transportation, and services he needed. His social service workers were overburdened and didn't always get it, anyway. He was jailed for weeks in York County without anybody visiting him. For various reasons - not simply discrimination but also the triage that AIDS workers are forced to perform

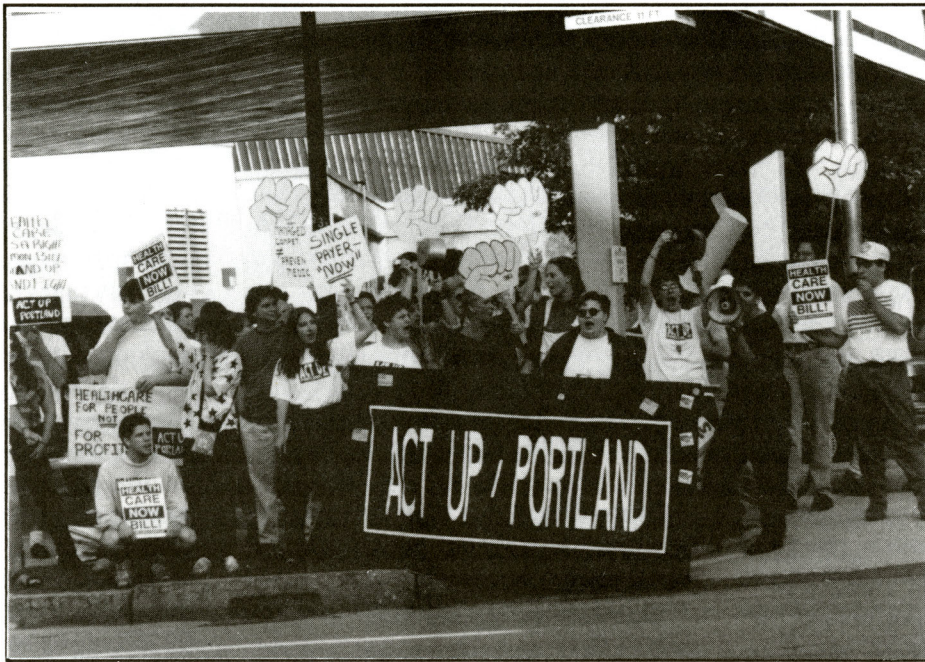


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THIS DYKE'S PERSPECTIVE - a few critical thoughts and questions

by Ana R Kissed

This column is for lesbians only. I define lesbians as females who are born female and choose to be sexual only with other females. I am sometimes so amazed at the confusion around what it means to be a lesbian. And then I question who benefits from this constructed confusion around gender. I don't think it's lesbians. That is for a future column, though; this month I want to make some announcements.

I am distributing National Lesbian and Bi-Women's Health Surveys. This survey is being conducted by and for lesbian and bisexual/wombyn loving wombyn to determine if we are at increased risk for cancers and other health concerns, and to find effective ways to reduce our risks. It is especially important that this survey be filled out by older wombyn, wombyn of color, and low or no income wombyn as these wombyn have not been well-represented in surveys and may be at even higher risk for certain health concerns. If you haven't filled out a survey yet and/or if you have a place to distribute them, please get in touch with me c/o APEX.

The other announcements are about two lesbians and another wombyn who are in jail for defending themselves. The first wombyn is Aileen Wuornos, a lesbian self-employed prostitute who killed several men who attacked and tried to kill her. She has been sentenced to death. For more information,

there's an excellent article by Phyllis Chesler in the June '93 issue of *Off Our Backs* or you can contact the **Aileen Wuornos Support Committee, 208 West 13th St., NY, NY 10010, (212) 967-7711, ext. 3204.** You can write to the governor of Florida, **Lawton Chiles, Executive Office of the Governor, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001** and request executive clemency. You can also write **Aileen Wuornos, A#150924, DR1, Broward County Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 8540, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024.**

The second wombyn is Norma Jean Croy, a Native American who has served 15 years of a life sentence for the death of a policeman. There was no evidence that Norma Jean fired a weapon. Her conviction and sentence are being appealed. For more information, contact the **Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee, 473 Jackson St., 3rd floor, San Francisco, CA 94111** or write to **Norma Jean Croy, CCWF #14293, P.O. Box 1508, Chowchilla, CA 93610.**

The third wombyn is Debra Reid. Debra, an African American woman, was in a four year lesbian relationship with Jackie Gary who emotionally and physically abused her. Jackie isolated Debra from family and friends through violence, threats, embarrassment, distortion of reality, jealousy and intimidation. Over time, Jackie's violence escalated to physical restraints, slaps, beatings, repeated

stranglings and threats of mutilation. Because of the isolation and abuse, Debra eventually had no income, no car and no friends or co-workers to provide her support and to help her leave the relationship. Debra had no information or contact with lesbian organizations or with battered wombyn's shelters. Even so, Debra tried to leave Jackie several times. On the night of Jackie's death, Jackie attacked Debra while Debra was cooking. Jackie assaulted her with a wine bottle, choked her and threatened to hurt her badly. In the physical struggle that ensued, Debra ended up stabbing Jackie with the knife she was cooking with while she was trying to push Jackie away from her. Jackie was taken to a hospital where she died shortly thereafter. Debra was arrested on the spot and later charged with murder. Please send letters in support of Debra's commutation petition to **Governor Weld, Executive Office, Rm. 360, State House, Boston, MA 02133** or **Governor's Executive Council, State House, Rm. 184, Boston, MA 02133** or **Advisory Board of Pardons, 27-43 Wormwood St., Ste. 300, Fort Point Place, Boston, MA 02210-1606.** You can also write directly to her at **MCI-Lancaster, P.O. Box 123, Lancaster, MA 01523.** ▽



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SYMPOSIUM XX

by Kathy Stadig

"Creating Unity; Celebrating Diversity" was the theme at Symposium XX, a gathering of gay men, lesbians and bisexual people held over Memorial Day weekend. For the past 20 years, folks in northern, central and southern Maine have taken turns hosting this annual event, which is thought to be the longest continuously running gay/lesbian happening in the country. This year it was central Maine's turn and about 300 people converged on Unity College in Unity, Maine.

Highlighting Symposium were talks by Joan Nestle, founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, housed in New York City and John Calvi, a well known healer from Vermont. Joan facilitated a discussion and slide show presentation featuring the Mabel Hampden Story and read excerpts from her writings. John presented an intensive workshop on "Intimacy in the age of AIDS."

Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center of Bangor offered a women's health clinic and co-sponsored a workshop facilitated by Bobby Poulin

of Down East AIDS Network on sexuality and safer sex for Lesbian and bisexual women. Other workshops, discussion groups and fun activities were offered throughout the weekend.

entertainer Martin Swinger, a *cappella* group Shira, a folksinger, a poet and other local talent started the weekend off right.

A rendition of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" took first place in the lipsync contest and many people danced to rock & roll on Saturday night and enjoyed contradancing on Sunday night. No doubt, the loudest event was the "Dykes and Fairies" basketball game (won by the cheerleaders, of course!).

Fundraising efforts, contributions from participants and grants from Haymarket Fund, Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation, Maine AIDS Alliance and Northern Lambda Nord made it possible for about 70 people to receive full or partial scholarships and for childcare to be available.

Next year's Symposium will be hosted by folks in southern Maine. Mark your calendar now for next Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee call Kathy Stadig at (207) 469-7916. ▼



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Even with the full schedule, folks still had time to visit the art exhibit featuring several very fine Maine artists, shop for handcrafted items at the craft booths, browse through Gulf of Maine books, and reminisce over the display of memorabilia from past symposia.

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OPEN DOOR SLAMS SHUT

by Stan Clough

A gay rights ordinance will not become law in Portsmouth - for now. After hours of public debate at City Hall, beginning early in the evening of June 7, the city council voted 5-4 to defeat a proposal to protect the city's gay and lesbian citizens. Mayor Eileen Foley, who had originally been friendly to the proposal, changed her mind and voted against it: in addition to claiming she had always been skeptical of the need for the ordinance, she felt a state-wide law protecting gays and lesbians would be more beneficial. It is likely, though, the Portsmouth proposal will go to a city-wide referendum in November. When asked of Foley's change of mind, Tom Kaufold of Open Door City Coalition (ODCC) believed the mayor was "copping out, knowing a state-wide referendum would in all likelihood be defeated in a right-wing state like New Hampshire."

Many of the supporters came to the June 7 city council meeting on a high after the May 24 rally held at the Unitarian Church, which celebrated the expected passage of the gay rights ordinance. Al Santerre, co-ordinator of Seacoast Gay Men (SGM), said ODCC and its supporters "counted their chickens before they hatched."

The May 24 rally was not without controversy. It was held in the same church and on the same night that SGM holds its programs. ODCC invited SGM to the rally, but Santerre declined, saying SGM's programs were booked a month in advance. Sarah Luiz, a transsexual who has appeared on national television, was SGM's scheduled speaker that night. In responding to the declined invitation, Santerre said, the ODCC spokeswoman exclaimed, "Oh, well, you guys at SGM are just men who want to become women."

Santerre went on to say that ODCC was dismayed at SGM's anger at the Coalition. "They've been fucking us around," said Santerre. Jim Splaine, assistant mayor and ODCC spokesman, "is only interested in using us to get what he wants. We're important to politicians like him when we're needed, but when we're no longer useful, he sees us as disposable. Well, we've been around for 20 years - we're not the ones going away."

After the June 7 defeat, many of the ordinance's supporters decided to protest the vote by marching on City Hall on June 14, silently making their presence known. These same supporters had verbally battled the Bible-thumpers at the June 7 meeting, and were now changing their tactics. Kaufold, while getting ready for the march that began at the Congregational Church in Market Square, simply summed it up: "We're not giving up. We'll just have to get ready for the likely November referendum." ▼

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in places like Maine with truly shitty service funding - this just doesn't usually happen to well-off white guys when they get sick. Even Keith's dying went like this. My heart fell when he excitedly told me about the famous AIDS doctor he'd recently gotten in Portland. This guy struck me and most of Keith's other friends as disgustingly inattentive during Keith's hospital stay. Ain't Medicaid grand?

So even comprehensive, well-funded AIDS research is not going to solve things for queer people, or for everybody else. Keith Dickens and people like him would by no means be assured access to a cure for HIV disease even if we had one. I see no way of fixing things, short of a total redistribution of wealth and resources. A step on the way to doing that is universal health care. Done properly, this would mean an expansive set of benefits for everybody living in the U.S., regardless of queerness, poorness, job status, skin color, or citizenship.

So ACT UP/Portland's 6/19 protest was dedicated to Keith. Since Clinton's staff did not bother to answer our faxed request for a health care reform discussion, we had to create our own forum. With tactical prowess courtesy of older dyke activists, we managed to get in Bill's face twice as we tailed him from hotel to hotel--at least as in-his-face as you could get with no bail fund, what with sharpshooters on the roof of the Holiday Inn and fed cops frisking you with electronic rods every half hour. We dissed Bill's upcoming health care reform plan--known as "managed competition"--with fists on sticks saying "Manage THIS!" and "It's single-payer, stupid!"

Single-payer plans means health care for all and lower health care costs for the country. It saves all but the richest people money by eliminating the billing bureaucracy: no premiums or deductibles, no bills at all. Everybody gets a card entitling them to quality health care, paid for by a progressive payroll tax and a 1-2% social-security-type tax. Various countries have this and it works.

Unlike managed competition. It doesn't exist anywhere yet, and Bill doesn't even expect it to cut down on medical costs. Managed competition (MC) keeps insurance companies alive and predatory as they are now, just altering the ways that they can run your life and limit your medical care. That's why Blue Cross keeps happily advertising its support

More BUSINESS ➤ *page 11*



photo by Madeleine Winter

"Senators recently toured Navy ships to solicit young men - solicit their opinions, that is, on whether gays should be allowed on shipboard. A photograph showed Senators John Warner and Sam Nunn Leaning over and talking to three sailors lying prone in their bunks aboard a submarine. The bunk space was so small the sailors couldn't raise their chins off the mattress. The answer to the gays-on-shipboard debate was right before the senators' eyes. There's no room to get it on, with anyone, not even yourself." - *San Francisco Examiner* columnist Rob Morse.

"Constitutionally all citizens have the right to serve their country as long as they abide by the rules and regulations of military service. There have been gays and lesbians serving our country for many years. There haven't been any more problems than there have been in situations like Tailhook with heterosexuals. I do not believe they should be asked to leave the military." - *Former First Lady Betty Ford, speaking in a Washington Post interview.*

"The difference between a straight Marine and a gay Marine is a six-pack of beer." - *U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Justin Elzie, quoted in Details magazine.*

"This is not the time to raise the white flag....The issue raised in this debate is one of fundamental civil rights. On this, there can be no compromise. Rosa Parks did not fight for the right to sit in the middle of the bus, and we cannot accept a compromise that continues to require us to live a lie." - *Openly gay Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass, rejecting Rep. Barney Frank's proposed compromise on the Pentagon ban.*

"He says he knew he was gay when he enlisted in the marines, but he wanted to toughen himself up and get away from his parents. 'A lot of guys enlist for that reason,' he says. 'Some of them worry maybe they're gay, and they associate being straight with being tough. So they join the marines to get straight and tough. But it doesn't always work out...'" - *"Alan," a gay marine quoted in Details Magazine, June 1993.*

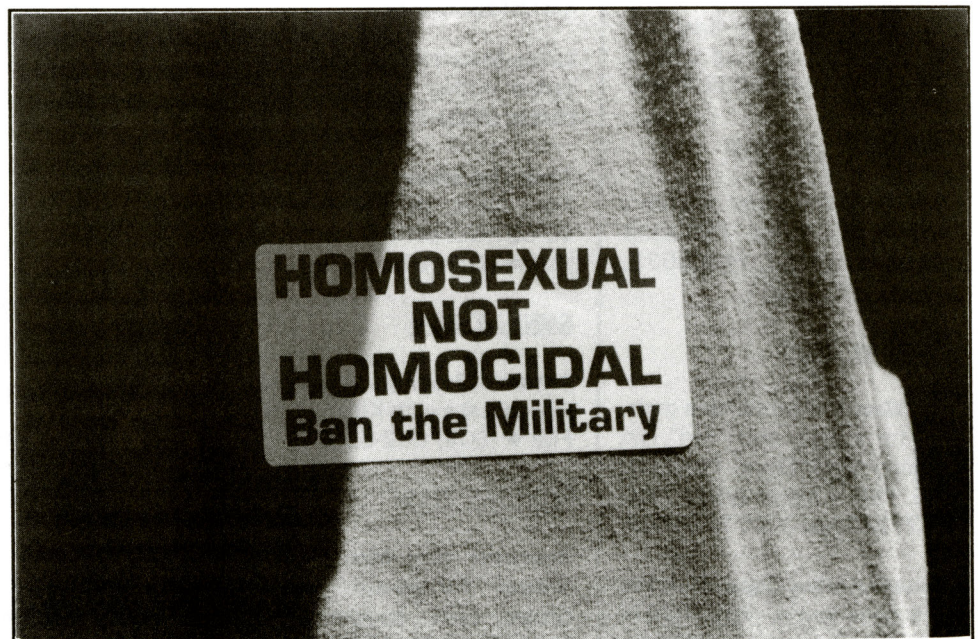


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CALENDAR . . .

FRI.-MON. 7/2-4

National NOW conference, Boston, MA. FMI ☞ Worcester NOW (508)755-3645.

Time Out camps in Bar Harbor. For itinerary or FMI ☞ (207) 871-0432 by 7/2.

SUNDAY 7/4

Seacoast Gay Men Annual 4th of July Potluck Cookout, 6pm, Mt. Agamenticus summit, Cape Neddick, ME. Fireworks at dusk on Ogunquit Harbor. FMI ☞ AI (603) 898-1115.

THURSDAY 7/8

Marty Whitehead, Lt. Col., US Air Force (ret.), discusses her 22 yrs of military service, including 2 tours in Vietnam. Hear her speak on **Lesbian in the Military - Surviving the Witchhunts: A Personal Odyssey.** Matlovich Soc., Rines Aud., Portland Library, 7:30-9pm, Wheelchair accessible. FMI ☞ (207) 773-1209.

SATURDAY 7/10

Annual MAW Pool Party at Marty & Sue's in Keene. FMI ☞ (603) 352-6741 (Shelly).

Amelia's Hike up Mt. Cardigan. Meet at Mandy's and bring a picnic. FMI ☞ (603)632-7146.

SUN.-SUN. 7/11-18

19th Annual Feminist Women's Writing Workshop. FMI send SASE to FWWW, POB 6538, Ithaca, NY 14851.

SUNDAY 7/11

Gay Games Team Maine gathers for supper and "fun" run around Back Cove, Portland, ME. FMI ☞ Kevin (207) 773-4971 or Royal (207) 761-2566.

Time Out bikes Cape Elizabeth and does lunch. FMI ☞(207) 871-9940.

Fundraiser Dance Party for the Matlovich Society! Zootz, 31 Forest Ave., Portland, ME. \$4.

MONDAY 7/12

Cut-a-thon to benefit Equal Protection Lewiston. 9am-9pm at Taboo Hair Design, 168 Main St., Auburn, ME. \$8 adult donation; \$5/kids & seniors.

Equal Protection Lewiston Gen. Mtg. Multipurpose Ctr, 145 Birch St., Lewiston, ME, 7pm.

Protect yourself! Don't be a victim! Demonstration of the new safe pepper spray. Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☞ AI (603) 898-1115.

SAT.-MON. 7/17-19

Gathering of Women Living with HIV in Maine. Rest, relax, explore, renew, bond, learn, share, heal, have fun! Sebago Lake, free to women in ME. Workshops, discussion grps, fun activities. FMI ☞ Bobby at Down East AIDS Network. 1-800-484-7009 at the intercept operator, dial 9519.

SATURDAY 7/17

Lakes-Mountain Connection canoe outing and barbeque. FMI ☞ (603) 726-3667.

Time Out bikes northern NH. Two days, moderate pace, 40-50 miles per day, camping. FMI ☞ (207) 871-0432.

SUNDAY 7/18

Amelia's Meeting & Potluck on Crystal Lake with Kit and Holly FMI ☞ (603) 632-5690.

MONDAY 7/19

Seacoast Gay Men Annual Sunset Portsmouth Harbor Cruise, 7pm. Potluck - cold food only, rain/shine. \$10 by

mail: SGM Cruise, POB 1394, Portsmouth, NH 03802-1394. Ltd. capacity. Heritage Cruise Dock, Ceres St., opposite Sheraton Hotel, downtown Portsmouth, NH, FMI ☞ AI (603) 898-1115.

THURSDAY 7/22

Stanwyn Clough, M.A. candidate at USM, presents an illustrated lecture on **The Queer Frontier: Native Americans, Cowboys and Pioneer Women.** Matlovich Soc., Rines Aud., Portland Library, 7:30-9pm, Wheelchair accessible. FMI ☞ (207) 773-1209.

FRI.-SUN. 7/23-25

Fourth Annual Northampton Lesbian Festival, Cummington, MA. FMI ☞ WOW Productions (413) 586-8251.

SUNDAY 7/25

Equal Protection Lewiston Brunch at Parsley and Sage Restaurant, 90 Main St., Auburn, ME. 11am, \$20.

MONDAY 7/26

New Boston improv gay come-dy, Naked Brunch. Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☞ AI (603) 898-1115.

SATURDAY 7/31

Seacoast Gay Men day at Prescott Park Arts Festival. Potluck cookout at Four Tree Island, 2pm (rain/shine). Broadway musical "The Big Broadcast" at 8:30pm. Volunteers and FMI ☞ AI (603) 898-1115.

MAW Picnic at Greenfield State Park. Children welcome. FMI ☞ (603) 352-6741 (Shelly).

NOTICES

Equal Protection Lewiston (EPL) desperately needs your support

in time and money. Please send donations to POB 7804, Lewiston, ME 04243-7804. FMI ☞ (207) 784-5818 (fax (207) 777-3299). And please come to a meeting to find out what you can do. EPL meets every other Monday in the Lewiston Multipurpose Center.

New Lesbian Book Catalog Launched - Two Vermont women have announced the opening of Heartland Books, a catalog business carrying exclusively lesbian & feminist books. The catalog contains 125 book selections covering such categories as fiction, erotica, biography, relationships, sexuality, health & humor. Free upon request: POB 1105E, East Corinth, VT 05040.

The 42nd Street Theater announces the opening of its new studio and office space, located at 136 Maine St., Brunswick, ME. Artistic Director Lynne McGhee and Director Brian P. Allen will teach a series of seminars and classes for both children and adults scheduled to begin June 22. Please call the 42nd Street Theater for information and registration at (207) 725-2688 or stop by the office located next to "Old Books."

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

National Women's Studies Association Journal seeks articles for series on reproductive rights, sexual harassment, diversity, multiculturalism, and "political correctness," politics of health care, philosophical, political and cultural implications of an ethic of care. Contact Patrocino P. Schweickart, Editor, NWSA Journal, English Dept. U of NH, Durham, NH 03824, (603) 862-0019.

Lesbians Experience with Menopause, anthology accepting submission. Menoproud, POB 7726, Albuquerque, NM 87194.

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MEDIA

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KGAY is on the air! This gay-owned radio station is broadcasting via satellite on Galaxy 5, transponder 6, at 6.3 & 6.46 mhz, or on Spacenet 3, transponder 22, at 6.2 & 7.4 mhz. FMI = KGAY studio - 1-800-733-5429; office - 1-800-758-6642.

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but they are raped. We're raped because some homophobes believe all we need is a good "you know what" and we'll straighten ourselves out. This is why Michelle and I believed it was so crucial to discuss our encounters with men. To say in effect, yes, we've tried it. Thank you, but no thanks.

Now, to get that message across, was it necessary to use the word "orgasm." Probably not. But did we use the terms "vagina," "penis," "clitoris," or "ejaculation?" No, and all those words are commonly used in sex education classes. The difference is we used a sexual term to describe gay sex, a term synonymous with pleasure, and no one should get pleasure from gay sex. To really top it off, my disclosure suggested that women can and should have orgasms, and we can have orgasms without men. This is why parents like Noreen May are hysterical, and why they are using scare tactics to incite panic amongst all parents. ▽

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of MC systems in huge ads in the *Portland Press Herald* - which should be enough in itself to send you screaming onto the streets.

So, during his \$1000-a-plate fundraiser for toady Sen. George Mitchell, ACT UP/Portland treated Bill to the melodious dinner-time strains of "Cut the costs, not the care" (and "cut the costs, not your hair") as well as "Managed competition: it's a lie. It's a sham. IT WON'T WORK." A little street theatre illustrated how managed competition would work, as giant-calculator-bearing accountants in charge of medical decisions blocked dying patients from getting to their doctor.

In state news this month, the neat Needle Bill passed into law, making needle access easier for IV drug users. And the Dracula Bill went down to final, resounding defeat. Remember the Maine Medical Association, who wrote the bill - and Keith, who fought it - and triumph in your own splendid queerness next time you have blood taken at a doctor's office.

No thanks to the MMA, Maine health providers still have to get your consent to test you for HIV. ▽

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Proffitt in writing a letter to a local television station complaining about a pride weekend, called "Our Pride," which attracts gay tourists to the city, according to an AP article.

"He made it clear that this community does not want to be known as the gay capital of the South, and I agree." Maygarden said. "This community is built on family values."

Some business owners say the mayor's views could be harmful to the city. "That's an awful lot of money he seems to be wanting to turn away," said Nancy Stanton, general manager of the Pensacola Grand Hotel. Stanton said a large part of the clientele at the hotel during annual pride weekends is gay.

"[The gay community has] been doing this for years," she said. "Why raise such a fuss now?"

MISS AMERICA HITS SNAG

Jacksonville, FL (*Washington Blade*) - Leanza Cornett, the reigning Miss America, has hit roadblocks in her advocacy of

AIDS awareness at schools in her home state. AIDS education is Cornett's platform for her reign, but she was forbidden to use the words "condom" or "AIDS" during her speeches to students last month, the Associated Press reported.

At one school, where she was asked to not use the word "condom," she circumvented that request in talking about doctors protecting themselves with patients.

"It is important to put on a glove. Make sure it is a latex glove," Cornett, 21, told students, speaking slowly. "I hope you understand what I said," she said and winked.

At elementary schools near her hometown of Jacksonville, Cornett was asked not to say "AIDS," so she told the children to be aware of "peer pressure to use drugs or have other behavior" that could be harmful.

Students seemed to get her message; one 5th grader said, "She said we should work hard, stay in school, don't do drugs and make the right decisions. I'll listen because she's pretty and has been on television." ▽



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Dear Thighmaster:

We're a couple, which is great. But now our friends seem to have taken us out of their little black books, and filed us permanently in some book they never open under "Happily Married." If they can't get together with both of us, they want to wait until we're both free. They don't ask us to go clubbing anymore, except maybe as a couple. If one of us is out of town, or even just busy or grumpy, it's like the other is expected to stay home and Easy-Off the oven for fun. The worst part is that people are totally freaked out if we're honest about our sexual interest in other people. We can't even talk about it, let alone do anything about it, without getting recommended to some kind of counselling to "work it out." We'd rather work it.

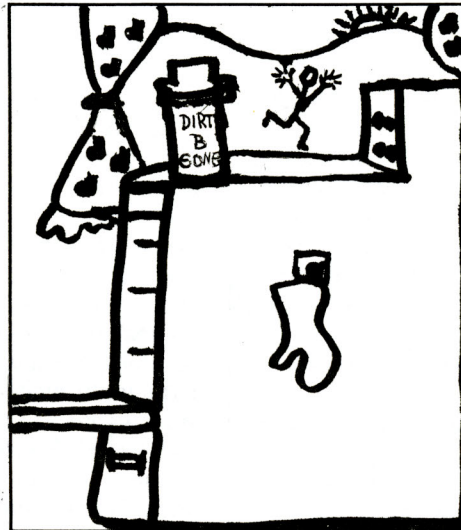
What gives? In the 1970's, feminism taught us that monogamy was possession, and that we all get to own our bodies. Who changed the rules?

June and Ward Cleaver - Not!

Dear Domestic Duo:

Sorry, flattery will get you nowhere. As you know, Thighmaster is an oft repeater of that "nobody gets to own your body" line so subtly inserted into your oily text. And you're probably expecting Thighmaster, who has promoted extra lovers as a cure for everything from earthquake stress to fashion failure, to marshal every antimonogamist Thighmaster gray cell

in your defense. But no go. Why is Thighmaster being so callous? Because in most facets of queer culture, couples have status and privileges that makes these complaints about "couple oppression" seem rather whiny.



drawing by Naomi Falcone

Couples are constantly being trotted out as poster children for that please-give-us-some-rights-because-really-we're-just-like-you-and-we-won't-cause-any-trouble-but-just-be-grateful-and-quiet-neighbors brand of hide-the-queerness civil rights activism. Couples, under the name "domestic partners," are constantly being made the beneficiary of political activism that should really be directed elsewhere. O.K., so if straight people can get access to healthcare by hooking up with someone who has job "benefits,"

queers should be able to get healthcare that way, too. But healthcare activism should really be about dismantling this totally perverse system in which access to healthcare is doled out as a reward for having a cushy job, or for engaging in longterm fucking or cohabitation with someone who has a cushy job. It should not be about enshrining "domestic partnership" of any kind, queer or straight, as some legitimate criterion for acquiring healthcare, which it isn't - healthcare is everybody's right, regardless of social arrangements or income.

Queer couples have more legitimacy with straights, and more legitimacy with most queers, too. And your letter is proof. Why are you so confident that being a couple is "great?" Why does it seem like the most horrible travesty of social justice that you might have to pick up the phone yourselves in order to hit the dance-floor nonsolo, or that you might be asked to justify your behavior? Because you're accustomed to having everything about your social arrangements be convenient, and to getting acceptance, no questions asked - and you get it until you violate the rules of coupledness by announcing your roving eye and philandering body parts. How often have you been asked to justify why you're in a couple? Thighmaster guarantees that the time you have wasted on this admittedly annoying topic is nothing compared to the huge amount of time that

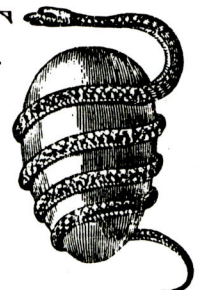
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happily single people are forced to spend explaining over and over that they really like living alone, or rebutting suspicions about "fear of commitment," or defending their lovers against that "your lover must not be giving you what you need if you don't want to settle down" line.

However, Thighmaster will validate you on one thing. You would have less reason to be miffed if the feminist dictum that you get to own your body actually did hold sway. And everyone else would be better off, too. After all, the big catastrophe of antifeminism is not really that you don't get to go public about other lovers without having to burden your trash can with unsolicited therapist references, or that people think you get off on oven cleaner. Take your mind out of the oven and think really hard. Does the issue of reproductive rights come to mind, perhaps? Or unequal distribution of power and resources - food, clothing, housing, money? You say you'd rather work it than work it out. Fine. Thighmaster, of course, thinks you should work it, all willing, to your body's content. But in this case, Thighmaster (apologizing in advance for shaking up your Thighmaster expectations further) also thinks that working it sexually is not the cure for what ails you: working it politically is. At the very least, it will give you something to do besides inflicting toxic dumping on your appliances. ▼

Thighmaster eagerly awaits your submissions. No problem too complicated or twisted! Thighmaster, c/o Phoenix Press, PO Box 4743, Portland, ME 04112. ▼

Keith Dickens, an avid member of ACTUP Portland, ME and graduate of Serenity House, died on 6/8/93 at 7:45 a.m. Although my friend's life was cut short by AIDS, his influence will be felt by many well into the next century.

Keith was proud of his sexuality and his Native American heritage. He participated in many *demon strations* and marches from 1991 to 1993.

These activities rejuvenated Keith and he took delight in them.

One of many that bears mentioning occurred on Memorial Day 1992 when ACT UP Portland marched with the Kennebunk American Legion to illustrate to George Bush and the nation that the war with AIDS is indeed just that - a war. And that many "soldiers" have lost their lives in battling AIDS. The march culminated in Dock Square with a die-in. While Scott Fur-

row sang *Amazing Grace*, Keith wept openly and was captured by CNN for all the world to see.

I met Keith at Serenity House in January of this year. He came to the house at a time when many of the clients were struggling with homophobia. Keith's power of example and willingness to work the program changed the attitude and outlook of the clients. Keith took hold of the program with unrivaled enthusiasm. He used the

tools of recovery to chisel away the many labels that people (including the *Portland Press Herald*) had attached to him. I was amazed at his willingness to clean up his past and take charge of his life. His Native American spirituality played a big part in his recovery. Keith graduated from Serenity House on May 19th.

Keith's greatest show of courage by far

was dealing with his own death. As the hospital stays became more frequent and of longer duration, he embraced his support system all the more. One of the most powerful and special moments of my life will always be giving Keith his nine month sobriety medallion and hearing him share how important the program was to him. Keith showed an entire community that recovering alcoholics with HIV can stay sober.

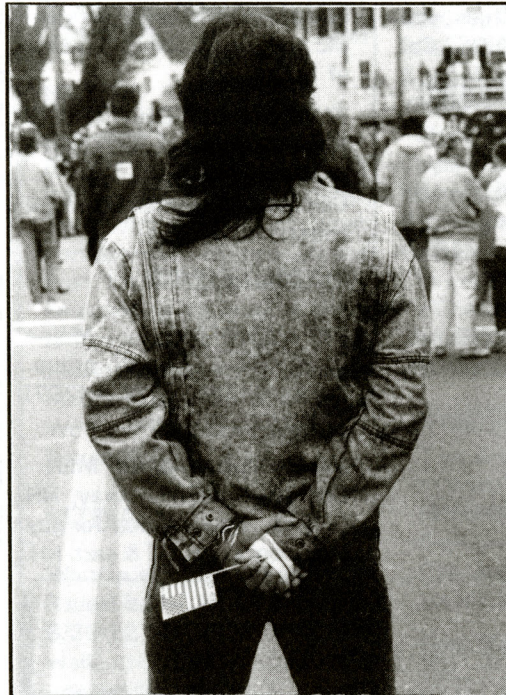
Many men from Serenity House

have told me that knowing Keith changed their views about homosexuals. I believe that Keith's quiet influence in this way was his greatest gift.

Thank you for making the road a little less rocky for the rest of us, and for leaving this world a better place than you found it. I will carry on your work.

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Love, Mike



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SEACOAST GAY MEN meets Mon. 7pm, Unitarian-Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH, PO Box 1394, Portsmouth, NH 03802. FMI ☐ (603) 898-1115.

TIME OUT - Outdoor recreation and environmental club for lesbians, gay men & friends. Free newsletter lists outdoor sports, instructional and environmentally related events for the NH and ME area. FMI ☐ (207) 871-9940 or SASE to Time Out, POB 11502, Portland, ME 04104.

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ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY AIDS COALITION (AVAC) - 70 Court St., 2nd Fl., Auburn, ME. Support grp for people with HIV & their loved ones. Thurs. 7pm. FMI ☐ (207) 786-4697.

CHRONOLOGICALLY ADVANTAGED LESBIANS - Meetings for lesbians over 60 in Vermont. FMI ☐ (802) 658-5510.

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GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL PARENTS GROUP OF MAINE - FMI ☐ (207) 772-4741 (Frank).

L-A COA/AL-ANON - Lesbian mtg. Tues. 7-8:30 pm, 7 Middle St., Brunswick, ME (behind U.U. Church on Pleasant St. in dntwn Brunswick, opp. public

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MIDCOAST MAINE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG) - 18 Douglas St., Brunswick, ME 04011. Info. & HELPLINE (207) 729-0519 (Sally & Gene). Lit. for & about parents, coming out materials, speakers, contacts with over 300 PFLAG chapters.

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OUTRIGHT/CENTRAL MAINE - Group for lesbian and gay youth 22 & under, meets Fri. 7:30 pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. PO Box 802, Auburn, ME 04212 ☐ 1-800-339-4042.

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RUMFORD/MEXICO AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP - Mon. at Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church") 7-8:30pm. Main St., Mexico, ME. FMI☐ (207)369-0259.

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