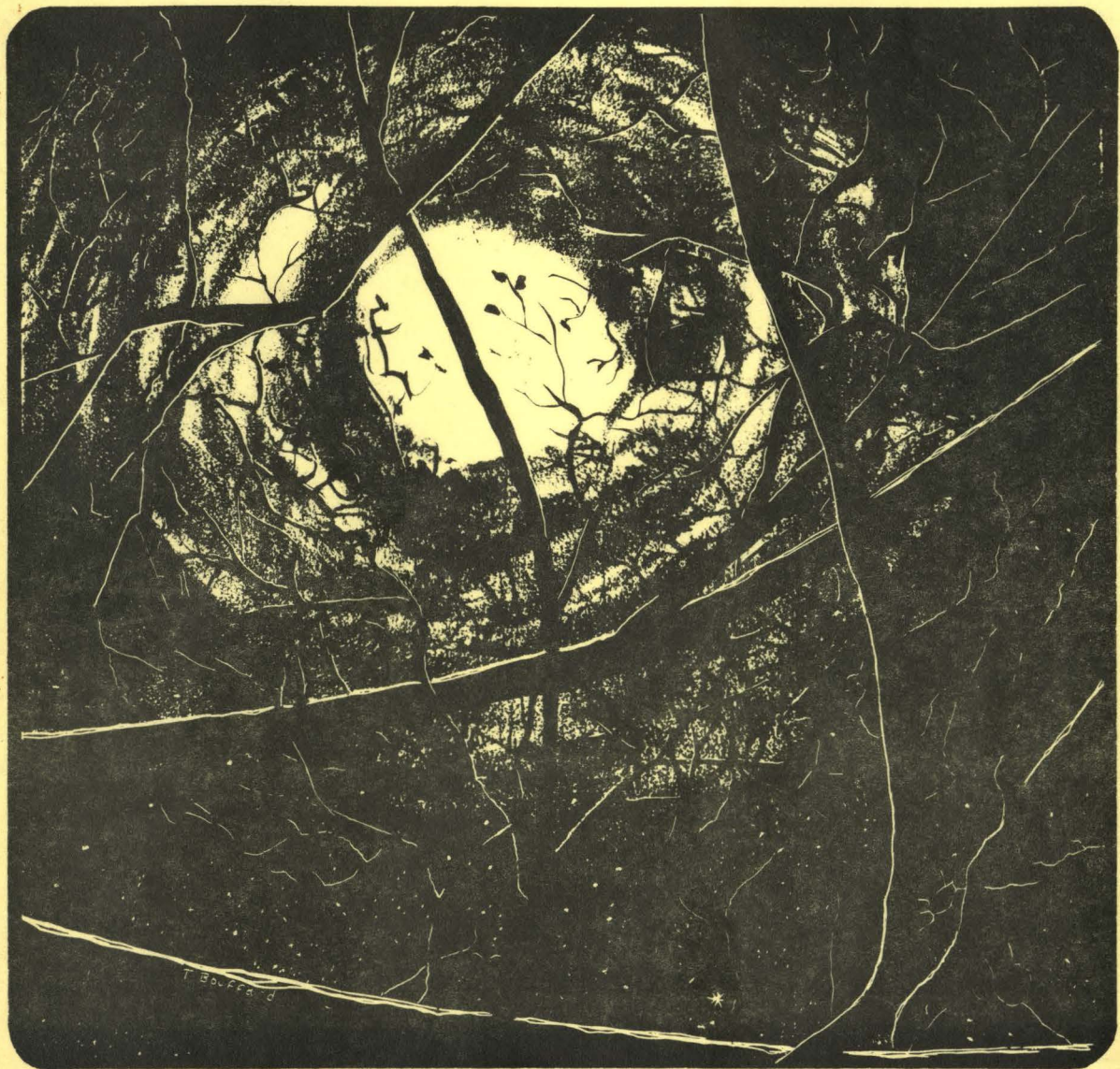


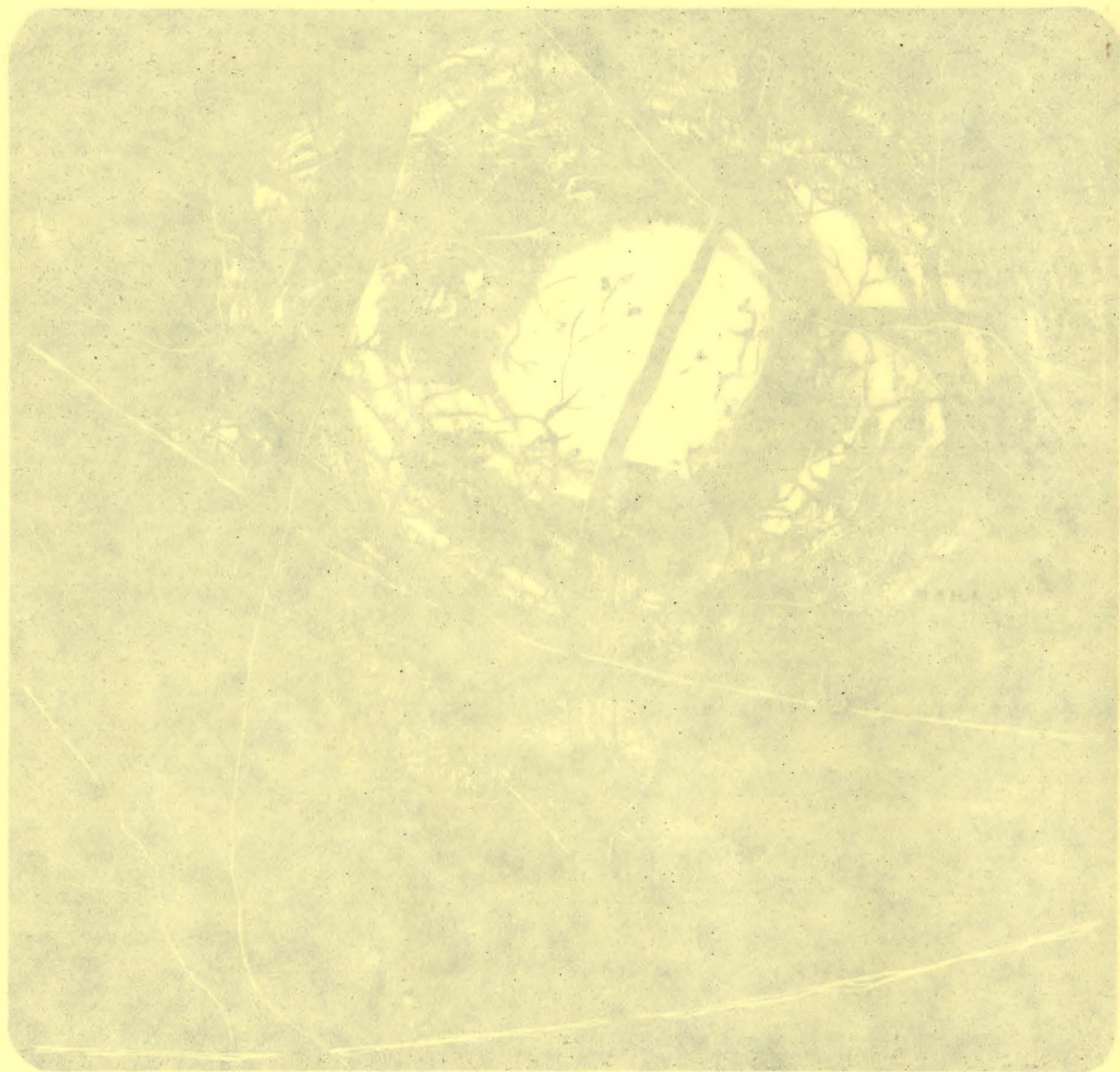
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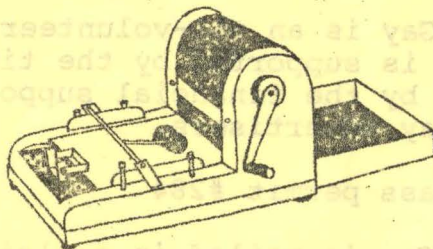
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## - Note To Readers -

UNLIKE our friends in the commercial press (for example, the Portland Evening Express), we at MG feel no compulsion to run hard-hitting editorials in each and every issue--even if all that's commented on, in a manner hard-hitting, ends up to be standard commentaries familiar to the above newspapers like ring-around-the-collar and inconsiderate frisbee throwers.

Every once in a while, however, something occurs which stikes us (collectively, of course!) as P-A-R-T-I-C-U-L-A-R-L-Y noteworthy and therefore worthy of editorial comment.

Such an occurrence recently came to our attention (from--where else?--Washington), and this issue's editorial seeks to address the whole predictably assinine caper played so brilliantly by our elected representatives.

All this is not a plug for our collective opinion, but to let you know that the anti-gay amendment so stoutly supported by Reps. Emery and Snowe was, ultimately, tossed out of final consideration by Senate conferees, who apparently had more on the ball than the above two congresspeople. Which doesn't say

a whole lot, really, for the Senate, but there you have it. Next year, we can watch the whole petty sequence unfold again, as it did last year...

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THE "Getting In Touch" conference set for Labor Day in the Bath area did not occur; it has been rescheduled and (hopefully) we'll have a full report in the next issue.

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THE COVER is by Tim Bouffard, who we've retained as a full-time cover artist. We think Tim does pretty fine covers, and all he asks in return is a few pounds of health food. He can be contacted care of this mag.

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PLUG The cartoons herein are by Nicole Hollander in her recently published book, "Ma, can I be a feminist and still like men?" We got a review copy and liked it.

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THE following is a list of dead-lines for upcoming issues of MG.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	Nov. 5
JANUARY/FEBRUARY	Jan. 5
MARCH/APRIL	Mar. 5

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## Editorial

# THE TWO FACES OF OLYMPIA SNOWE

With a current arrest and conviction rate significantly higher than that of low-income, unemployed urban youths, the United States House of Representatives has not, of late, been an American institution of great public esteem. Indeed, the U.S. House often comes across as a very laid back massage parlor, where elected, tax-payer-salaried officials peddle their political influence to all takers at surprisingly bargain basement rates. In public opinion polls, the only national institution that consistently rates lower than the "Presidency" is our Halls of Congress.

Small wonder, then, that remarkably shallow individuals who manage to appear somewhat above the day-to-day sleaze of Washington often look half-way decent to the folks back home. In this category, Maine's First District Rep. David F. Emery comes easily to mind. David may be a right-wing, churlish bore, but as far as we know, he ain't no crook.

The distinguished Representative from Georgia, one Larry McDonald, has fairly substantial crook credentials, for anyone who cares to look at his record of catering way above and beyond the call to private business interests, but his particular claim to fame in Washington is that he - and probably without serious disagreement on this - the most notorious asshole in the entire U.S. Congress. (We editors are sensitive to "name-calling" and the abuses inherent in labels, but hours of research have led us to inescapably conclude that the only word which definitively, accurately and - yes - fairly describes Rep. McDonald is "asshole." In fact, we blush as we type this.)

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Rep. McDonald has allied himself with The Hateful Christians (a.k.a. fundamentalists), the John Birch Society (he's a member) and other basically negative, scapegoating, backward-looking movements. From time to time, he sponsors extremely bigoted, discriminatory legislation that usually singles out gay people as special targets of legislative arrogance.

Many of Mr. McDonald's colleagues in the House are aware, no doubt, of his esteemed assholehood, yet all are careful to accord him the quiet deference deserving of duly elected, unindicted, sitting House member.

The point of all this, Dear Reader, is that Larry McDonald recently sponsored yet another right-wing, discriminatory, bigoted anti-gay amendment, and Maine's two Representatives, Olympia Snowe and David Emery, voted for the measure (H.R. 7584, which authorizes funding for the Legal Services Corporation. McDonald's amendment to Title V of this bill says, "Provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be used by the Legal Services Corporation to provide legal assistance in promoting, defending or protecting homosexuality.")

That's right. Emery and Snowe both said "aye" to a piece of legislation that DIRECTLY singles out Lesbians and gay men as targets of official state discrimination.

Now, we editors, aware as we are of Dave Emery's insensitivity and indifference, are not surprised to learn of his stand on this measure. Homophobia is as natural to Dave as machismo is to the Rockland waterfront.

However, we were a little surprised at Rep. Snowe's vote on this regressive amendment, as we had seen copies of letters she had recently written to gay consti-



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tuments indicating some sort of latent concern for dealing with state-sanctioned discrimination that many gay people face daily. "HMMMMMMMMM," we thought, perusing letters from her Washington office, "perhaps there's potential for growth here."

So much for the "growth" and so much for her "concern" for anti-gay discrimination and her "reappraisal" of the whole deal. David, at least, is consistently hostile.

Rep. Snowe can not plead ignorance on this vote; the language very specifically spells out what the amendment intends to do.

At this time, the Senate may elect not to include it in the final House-Senate version of the Legal Services Corporation bill, but, given the increasingly right-wing slant of the Senate, the amendment just might remain in the final version.

We don't know how other Mainers may feel about this action by our elected representatives, but our late summer agenda has been amended, too, and into the mailbox will go: 1) a polite letter to Dave Emery congratulating him on his wisdom and general decor; and 2) a very serious letter to Rep. Snowe wondering what we can expect from her the next time she faces a patently discriminatory measure by a notorious homophobe. Stay tuned...

(For others who may wish to contact either Rep. Emery or Snowe or both, their mailing addresses are:  
Rep. David Emery, 425 Cannon Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202-225-6116)

Rep. Olympia Snowe, 1725 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202-225-6306)

Contacting their district offices may be helpful, too, but only if done by at least a half-dozen callers.) ●



## Feedback

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Dear Peter, Susan & Stan,

Please renew my subscription to Mainely Gay as it is my one and only solid link with the Gay World. Your contributors all turn in fine work and I find it always informative and nourishing to this recently retired teacher.

Believe it or not, after a lot of study and literally over one-hundred set-backs, my thesis and overview passed the board of Review from Northwestern College in Tulsa, Oklahoma and I received my Phd. in Psychiatric Counseling on June 14th. At the advanced age of 56 I am beginning a new and exciting career and I can't wait to start. I sincerely hope that any gays who might just want to chat with me will feel free to do so. This is in no way an advertisement for clients or gay contacts, only my way of thanking Michael, the beautiful person in my life, who urged me on, for suggesting a way in which I might benefit the gay community. My phone number is 897-3620 and I am at home most afternoons.

Thanking you for your fine magazine and kindness, I remain,

Sincerely,

Ted Burgoyne  
Livermore Falls, Me.

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Dear Mainely Gay,

I have been gay all my life and have no desire →

to be otherwise. At about my eighteenth birthday (I am now 25) I began to yearn for a child or children of my own to raise. As I grow older my desire for this is becoming greater. Adoption for gays in Maine is obviously out of the question. Marriage is out because I could not live in deceit. The nieces and nephews in my family bring me great joy, but also an enormous sadness that I might die without ever knowing the experience of raising a child.

I am a Roman Catholic of French decent and a firm believer in God. I have spent countless hours wrestling with my conscience in the past years to conclude that I, too, have a right to parenthood. That I also have an abundant supply of love in which to nurture a child.

My employment status has become quite secure, so I now feel financially able to deal with the cost of having and raising a child. I am very much aware of the problems, now and in the future, a child and a single gay parent would bring. I believe the strong desire I feel in bringing up a child will see me through the most difficult of times.

I would like to make contact with a woman who would bear my child. This letter is written with sincerity. I am not looking for a "baby machine". I hope to hear from someone who is sensitive to my wanting a child, a most natural part of life, which, because I am a gay man, have no alternative way to have one.

There are, of course, many personal, medical, legal, and financial aspects which I am aware exists and which I realize and intend to work out with the woman.

My present intention is to have the child conceived by artificial insemination. I hope that if you feel you might want to discuss this further →



with me, you will write me care of Mainely Gay.

In closing I would like to add that at least I have something many parents fail to have if the birth occurs by chance, and that is the want from my heart to have a child.

Most sincerely,

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G. F.

Dear Friends,

I just received my first copy of Mainely Gay last night from a friend and was so pleased to find such a sensitive, caring and at the same time humorous issue, (May/June 1980). My only disappointment was that it ended.

I am a rural lesbian/feminist living in north-central Wisconsin and imagine that I share many of the same reactions to my choice in mates as do many of your readers. I have not yet been to Maine and am therefore in the dark as to what is offered in terms of gay/lesbian community there. I am certain that your magazine provides much needed outreach to our community.

I will look forward to receiving my next issue. Thank you for energy and sharing.

In sisterhood,

Kathryn Jeffers  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

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## News

IRVINE, CA --The National Organization of Women adopted a resolution opposing the investigation of alleged homosexual activity aboard the USS Norton Sound. The resolution, passed at the annual state convention of NOW recently held in Irvine, urged the membership to write letters to elected officials and Navy commanders.

BOSTON, MA --A coalition of woman attorneys, law students, and legal workers will be hosting the 12th National Conference on Women and the Law. The conference is planned for April 3, 4, and 5 of 1981 and will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel. Over 300 people from all over the country are expected to attend.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN --A lesbian-feminist has been nominated for the Minnesota House of Representatives by the Democratic Farm Labor Party. Karen Clark was endorsed in District 59-A by a vote of 128-56.

LARAMIE, WY --A new organization has appeared on the campus of the University of Wyoming. Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming (GLOW) is now an officially recognized organization and has been afforded

the full use of campus facilities for distribution of literature and information pertaining to gays. For information: GLOW, SBA Women's Center, Room 406, Wyoming Union, University of Wyoming Campus, University Station, Laramie, WY 82071 or call (307) 766-6258.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA --Although not expected to beat Jimmy Carter, David McReynolds is the Democratic Socialist candidate seeking the nomination of the Peace and Freedom Party. If elected, he would be the first gay president of the United States, unless you count James Buchanan.

HACKENSACK, NJ --A former Passaic New Jersey policeman has admitted helping another officer set fire to a local gay bar, The New Bell of Route 4, as part of a paid arson scheme. James Connors, 27, testified that he discussed the plan with Passaic Patrolman Thomas J. Trotta, 33. The bar was destroyed by fire on March 4, 1976.

PHILADELPHIA, PA --Now The Volcano, edited by Winston Leyland, an anthology of Latin American gay literature, was awarded the Gay Book Award for 1980. The Gay Book Award is given every year by the Task Force on Gay Liberation of the American Library Assoc. led by Barbara Gittings.



MINNEAPOLIS, MN --A favorable employment ruling came from a municipal court in Minneapolis, where gay activist Tim Campbell was awarded over \$30,000 in back pay, damages and attorneys fees. A Minnesota company, in violation of a Minneapolis Civil Rights ordinance, had discriminated against him in his application for a job.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA --A former Alameda County Sheriff's lieutenant is trying to prove that he isn't gay after two men accused him of making homosexual advances, charges that cost him his job. William Ziegler, 32, had been a deputy for almost 12 years when he was accused last fall of what he considers to be "probably the worst thing you can accuse a cop of being--a homosexual."

SACRAMENTO, CA --With \$5200 in back wages owed, the California state's only remaining lobbyist for gay rights resigned July 1. Alan Robertson termed his resignation a "personal financial crisis."

ARLINGTON, VA --An Arlington County high school student and a Marine Corps serviceman were arrested in separate incidents

last week in connection with the beatings of an unknown number of gay men on the grounds of Iwo Jima Monument. A spokesperson for Arlington Hospital said several persons were admitted to the emergency room on the nights in question, shortly after the assaults occurred, and treated for facial lacerations.

LOS ANGELES, CA --Bail remains at \$250,000 for William Bonin, 32, a truck driver who is a suspect in several murders of young male hitch-hikers, despite the plea for reduction of the amount by his attorney. There has been speculation that Bonin may be linked to the Freeway Killer murders.

NEW ORLEANS, LA --Gay and lesbian dentists and their guests will hold daily hospitality events during the American Dental Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans on October 11-16. The hospitality events will be held every evening between 6-8 pm at Lafitte's Guest House, 1003 Bourbon St. in the French Quarters. For info. call: (504) 581-2678.

CAMBRIDGE, MA --Plainclothes police are patrolling a wooded area known as the Bird Sanctuary and arresting gay men on charges of sexual offenses as a response to the beatings of gay men there

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MILWAUKEE, WI --The Milwaukee Common Council passed an ordinance on July 8 which bans discrimination against gay people in city and city-related employment. The ordinance is now on the desk of Mayor Harold Meier who has three options: he can sign the bill, return it without signature, or veto it. In the first two cases the bill automatically becomes law; in the event of a veto, a two-thirds council vote would be required to override.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA --A group based here is calling for a "gay boycott" of the disco group Village People and the new-released movie musical in which the group appears, *Can't Stop The Music*. According to a leaflet prepared by "Can Stop the Village People," the group is organizing the boycott "to protest the way this movie totally refused to acknowledge the gay Greenwich Village (New York) culture and audience which gave the Village People their support--and mostly to protest the way the film was edited so as to create an illusion that the hundreds of gays who were 'used' to film the final disco scene in San Francisco actually appeared to be a large straight crowd cheering the Village People

BOSTON, MA --An estimated 1200 people marched through the Fenway neighborhood to the Victory Gardens on Thursday night, June 26, in honor of the slain Charles Kimball and to raise the issue of increased violence in the Fenway area. A forum on violence and community response was held after the march and an estimated 150 persons attended.

ROCKFORD, IL --United of Rockford is the area's first social and service organization for gay people of the metropolitan Rockford area, including parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. United of Rockford, P.O. Box 6374, Rockford, IL 61125.

CHICAGO, IL --One day while campaigning in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Reagan chatted between stops. Asked her views on gay rights, she said pleasantly that homosexuality was a "sickness" and an "abnormality." Should gays be allowed to teach in schools? "As long as they don't try to indoctrinate people," the former actress said, smiling expressively. How about the military? "I think it would be uncomfortable for the other men," she said, shifting her weight uneasily. A few minutes later, impatient at the line of questioning, Mrs. Reagan said edgily: "You're really hung up on something I haven't thought about at all!"



WASHINGTON, D.C. --The Gay Activist Alliance, for the most pleased with the results of its Metrobus poster campaign last month, is having to contend with a self-proclaimed Nazi who says he's been tearing down "Someone in Your Life is Gay" placards.

NEW YORK, NY --In a New York magazine interview Ronald Reagan felt compelled to assure a questioner, without prompting, about his son's sexuality. "He's all man," said Reagan. "We made sure of that." Ronald Reagan Jr., the youngest son of Reagan, is training with the Joffrey Ballet.

ERIE, PA --A Pennsylvania state legislator, on trial for allegedly having sex with a 17-year-old boy, has resigned from his position. Rep. David Hayes, a Republican from Erie, lost his bid for renomination for another term in the May primary.

HOUSTON, TX --At least four separate investigations are underway into the June 28 shooting death of a gay activist by an off-duty city policeman. Fred Paez, 27, secretary of the Houston Gay Political Caucus, was shot once in the back of the head at approximately 2:30 am by police officer K.M. McCoy, 25, a four year veteran of

the force. The shooting of Paez occurred while McCoy was attempting to arrest him for "public lewdness." The shooting occurred just before Gay Pride Day and in the same week that vice squad officers had raided a popular gay bar and arrested 61 persons, most of them on public intoxication charges.

SAN DIEGO, CA --An estimated 75 lesbians participated in a candle light march June 13 and picnic June 21 as an alternative to the Gay Pride Celebration held June 21. The Lesbian Solidarity March sought to make a political statement on lesbian issues, fearing that efforts to depoliticize the regular Gay Pride Celebration and stress "celebration" would transform the latter into a "circus."

NEW YORK, NY --The National Lawyers Guild, an organization consisting of over 6,000 progressive lawyers, law students, and legal workers, recently adopted guidelines requiring it to take affirmative action to promote lesbian and gay issues in its coalition work.

NEW YORK, NY --Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials are investigating a report that a subway conductor on a northbound Seventh Avenue train announced, "Last stop for all fags" 3 times.

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APARECIDO DO MORTE, BRAZIL --Brazilian Jose Alves de Mourza, a gatecrasher who has gained notoriety by penetrating security and kissing Frank Sinatra, Pele, and South American singing idol Robert Carlos, vowed he would do the same to Pope John Paul II. He almost succeeded in the town of Aparecido do Morte, but he was recognized by a police officer. The officer promised to introduce him personally to the Pope at City Hall, but once there he locked de Mourza in the municipal jail for the duration of the papal visit.

PERTH, AUSTRALIA --A recent resurgence of bashings of gays in and around beats and night spots in Perth may soon be halted, thanks to the quick-wittedness of a few individuals in the gay community. Following an assault on a man in Inglewood, a passing gay noted the numberplate on the car in which the gang of bashers drove off, and notified the police of both the assault and the registration number. One week later, a twenty year old man was convicted of the assault and remanded for pre-sentence report. The magistrate said he believed the man should be jailed. A check through the files of the Homosexual Counseling and Information

Service revealed that the man's name and car registration appeared in reports going back to last June.

LONDON, ENGLAND --A world renowned opera singer has talked openly at last about the 40-year relationship with Benjamin Britten, one of the foremost composers of the twentieth century. In a story in the London Observer, Sir Peter Pears, at the age of 70, agreed to discuss the homosexuality of the two men, who were lovers and also colleagues in various musical endeavors, most notably Death in Venice.

WESTERN CANADA --The popular notion that Western Canada was settled by farming families under a strict regime of law and order has been challenged by recently assembled evidence that male homosexual activity may have been a wide-spread aspect of settlement. Australian writer Terry Chapman has written a study called "Sexual Deviations in Western Canada: 1890-1920", revealing that criminal records of the period relating to buggery, sodomy, gross indecency and indecent assault on males indicate the occurrence of much homosexual activity.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN --A large group of lesbians and gay men in Stockholm recently phoned in sick to



their employers, reporting they felt ill with homosexuality. The protest moved the Swedish State Board to reverse its classification of homosexuality as an illness. Furthermore, the Board agreed to destroy all records of individuals classified as having been stricken with the "disease."

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AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS --

Dutch lesbians and gay men dressed in police uniforms quizzed arriving tourists about their sexuality at Schilpol Airport in Amsterdam. Wearing badges identifying them as members of the "Homo Squad," the four questioned incoming American visitors about their possible homosexuality. The action was a protest against a policy of barring foreign visitors suspected of homosexuality from the U.S.

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ULSTER, NORTHERN IRELAND --

Lesbians and gay men are fighting attempts to close down the first lesbian play to be performed in Ulster. The musical, "I Like Me Like This," was produced by the Gay Sweatshop Women's Company. The all lesbian production deals with a lesbian feminist household, and with the questions of open relationships, rape, and revenge.

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LONDON, ENGLAND --The much heralded television series of eleven and a half hours about gays in London has drawn a surprisingly universal disquiet, disappointment and disillusionment from the majority of gay organizations and a large number of individual viewers. Women's groups feel the lesbian content was "tokenism in the extreme."

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MOSCOW, USSR --Soviet security men seized an Italian gay man in Red Square here when he attempted to handcuff himself to a fence near St Basil's Cathedral. The Associated Press reports that the security men also detained three Western reporters briefly and confiscated film from four photographers and a television crew after scuffling with them at the scene. The gay man, Enso Francone, 32, was seized as he tried to pull a pair of handcuffs from a pocket and chain himself to a small fence. Earlier, he said he wanted to unfurl a towel banner calling for a easing of strict Soviet laws against homosexuality and for the release of two men imprisoned in the Soviet Union on charges of homosexuality. Francone, who came to the Soviet Union on July 15 with tickets to events of the Olympic Games being held in Moscow, said he wanted to protest the "repression of the body..."



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LEWISTON, MAINE --Dignity is an international organization of gay/lesbian Catholics, friends and supporters who are seeking a more constructive interrelation with the Roman Catholic Church. After a year in formation, Dignity/Maine is now established, the first in the Pine Tree State, and adds its service in coordination with over 100 chapters throughout the United States. Members of Dignity believe, from the Statement of Position and Purpose, that gay/lesbian Catholics are part of Christ's mystical body and have "an inherent dignity as God's Creation", and a "duty to live the sacramental life of the Church" so as to become instruments of God's love working among all people". Dignity/Maine is prepared to minister through various pastoral services and to offer an understanding and wholesome atmosphere of social and spiritual interaction to the gay/lesbian community, recognizing them as full and equal members of the one Christ. Contact: DIGNITY/MAINE, P.O. Box 7021, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA --TAYU ORDER, a gay spiritual order with roots dating back thousands of years

announces the formation of TAYU FELLOWSHIP, a spiritual fellowship open to all gay men and women consciously dedicating their lives to the path of Truth. Members of the Fellowship receive GANYMEDE, a gay spiritual journal published quarterly, which contains articles, spiritual instruction, and information about workshops, social gatherings, and other activities of the Fellowship or of interest to members. With each issue, members also receive a separate listing containing the names, addresses (or other way to contact) and personal information about other members of the Fellowship who wish to contact or be contacted. Members of the Fellowship are encouraged to meet and/or correspond, and thereby exchange insights and experiences. Local, regional, and national meetings of the Fellowship are held periodically. For more info contact: TAYU FELLOWSHIP, P.O. Box 42555, San Francisco, CA 94101. (707) 823-2963.

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS --The Rev. Kuiper has refused to withdraw from the Dutch Reformed domination "out of principle". Although the church adopted a statement which condemns the homosexual lifestyle as unChristian and unScriptural, the Rev. Kuiper stated that it does not warrant his removal, especially since the



Theological Commission of the Reformed Church affirmed the need of the church to minister to the gay community and has the courage to state that the interpretation of scripture on the subject is not entirely conclusive. "It was because of my deep faith in God that I, finally, dared to accept my sexuality," the Rev. Kuiper said. "I have acknowledged my sexuality in light of my Christian church "for too long, has oppressed people in every land and age." He feels compelled to make a witness to that church to place emphasis on the fact that "God loves all people."

SAN FRANCISCO, CA --Former Black Panther leader Eldrige Cleaver, a born again Christian, has started a new church called Christlam, a combination of Christianity and Islam, which is based on male supremacy, and includes a group called "Guardians of the Sperm" and a course for young men which will teach them to accost young women on street corners. Cleaver told reporters that the course will teach men how to deal with the following situation: "You see a good looking woman on the street corner. Immediately you want to screw her. We teach pursuit. How to in-

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sinuate yourself into her life once you find her, how to pin her down." He continued: "You take this battered wife thing. That's mostly lesbian propagan-da. I consider it an insidious movement. There are all kinds of institutions to service and defend those so-called battered wives. What nobody's saying is that most of the time the bitch needed her ass kicked." Anita Bryant has not commented on Cleaver's remarks.

CONCORD, MA --Trustees in a Northern California school district and fundamentalist religious groups have struck a compromise on the use of the feminist magazine MS in high school libraries. The students can keep reading the magazine--but only if they have a note from their parents.

LYNCHBURG, VA --The Faith Partners, a religious group, has sent out a mailing in which they issue a "Declaration of War" to "help bring...an end to abortion, pornography, homosexuality, socialism, and the breakup of family life." In a computerized letter which conveniently plugs your name into a blank space, they ask you to pledge \$10, \$15, \$20, or more per month. You get a "Jesus First" pin which can only be worn by Faith Partners and their loved ones.



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ROCHESTER, NY --An organization was formed called Americans Against HR 2074 "The Gay Rights Bill". Pastor Fletcher A. Brothers asks for \$15, \$20 or more, more, more. They want to raise \$250,000 so they can send out one million letters to defeat the gay rights bills. With the donations, he offers the contributor a subscription to The Christian Inquirer. The pastor states: "I don't know about you, but I am scared to think of what our children and grandchildren will face 10 years from now, if we do not act now."

ALBUQUERQUE, NM --The 1980 Continental General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Churches of North America, held June 13-18, has passed, by greater than a two-thirds vote, a resolution calling upon its member churches to renew their 1970 commitment to end discrimination against gay, and lesbian, and bisexual persons.

DALLAS, TX --The James Robinson Evangelistic Association filed recently a review of the Federal Communication's decision that broadcast preachers are not exempt from requirements of the fairness doctrine. Robinson vowed to appeal to the Supreme Court

ROCKFORD, IL --Anita Bryant has felt the harsh hand of discrimination in Rockford. Originally scheduled for a benefit appearance at the Coronado Theatre in Rockford for June 5, Ms. Bryant was cancelled as a result of the marital problems she has faced recently. The purpose of the benefit was a fund-raiser for Don Lyon, the ultra-conservative former preacher, to help defray the expenses for his most current bid for the 16th Congressional District's seat in the House of Representatives. Because divorce is considered anti-family and anti-Christian by Lyon and many of his followers, it was decided that Ms. Bryant would not be welcomed at the benefit.

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# Review

BY BENJAMIN HYATT

Which Way Out of the Men's Room? Options for the Male Homosexual. By Gordon Johnston. New York: A.S. Barnes and Company, 1979, p. 330, \$12.95.

If you are a Gay man and have a desire to better understand yourself and Gay male society, Which Way Out of the Men's Room? is a must!

Johnston has written a new and badly-needed form of Gay non-fiction, different from the religious, scientific, historical, or "pop" books on male homosexuality we've been offered in the past. This is the first book I've read (or heard about) which looks at the current attitude and behavior of Gay men, as individuals and as a society, and asks a question most of us have avoided: Why?

Why do I cruise? Why do I dress with the current vogue? Why does the "macho" image appeal to me? Why do I have trouble developing a long-lasting relationship with another man? Why do I separate sex from love? There are many more questions to be asked. Don't think you know the answers; what you know most likely are the rationalizations.

Growing-up and living in straight society makes it difficult for Gay men to learn self-esteem and self-acceptance. As members of a Gay community, we find agreement and support for our beliefs, our behavior and our lifestyle.

There is a trap in that, however. Going from the disapproval of straight society into the acceptance of Gay society, that acceptance becomes very important to ourselves. We argue and defend our beliefs and behavior against anyone who threatens it. Usually the threat is from straight society, but not always. We protect ourselves from ourselves as well; we do not question our own values and lifestyles. For to do so runs the risk of losing the acceptance we found among ourselves. So, we never ask. We accept



unquestioningly. As Gay men, we have--sadly, understandably--fallen back on the same rationalizations to argue ourselves and our lives which are used by straight society to argue theirs: "That's what everyone thinks or does. Because that's the way it is."

To ask is to risk learning how we have been living is not really worth living. What a horrible thought! Yet--and this is very important--we must realize to ask questions is not to fall into condemning ourselves as Gay men as straight society does. It is the opposite: it is to look at our homosexuality and ourselves, to understand the "why's," and to come to choose our beliefs and behavior, and to grow as Gay men and as persons.

Gordon Johnston asks us and himself these questions. The central theme of Which Way Out of the Men's Room? is that Gay men are socialized as men during their childhood, and that their behavior--emotional, sexual, etc.--reflect our obedience to straight masculinity's dictates, a conclusion demonstrated by many different sources, including The Gay Report by Jay and Young, Homosexualities by Bell and Weinberg, Gay Men: The Sociology of Male Homosexualities edited by Martin P. Levine, and Masculine/Feminine or Human? by Chafetz.

Johnston goes beyond this conclusion, and takes a long, hard, thoughtful look at how this has shaped and controlled what we Gay men believe and do and the structure of our society. In Johnston's words:

*This book provides moments for re-evaluation of the fictitious social and psychological spaces reserved for homosexual male's concepts of masculinity. Within these narrow and narrowing spaces, the homosexual male must define himself and his life. He often lives in socially ascribed "rooms" as a person less than he could be, less than he should be. Others convince him of his own fictions. The homosexual then becomes an imitation of the heterosexual male's own frightened self-distortions...*

*The following comparison of monologues and dialogues is offered to redefine options for the homosexual to achieve his*



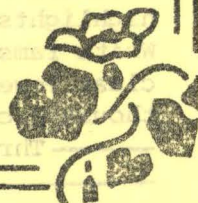
creative potential for a positive life. Strategies for actualizations of the whole person will lead the homosexual towards an emergence from men's rooms...

They exist primarily in the mind and heart. To such areas are addressed the following reconstructions. How did we get in? What happens to us there? How may we get out?

Johnston's book is not an easy one. It raises many new thoughts and questions, but provides some insights, too. It is a book which asks us to think and to feel. Due to Johnston's ponderous writing style, it is also difficult to push through the text. If there is a major fault with his book, it is here. He is a "wordy" writer and his book has tones of a college textbook on Freudian psychology. It also, alas, cost \$12.95. These are items which have often made me reject a new book. For Which Way Out of the Men's Room? I paid my money and took the time and thought to read it. It was well worth it.



To Whom it may concern,  
I will be coming out officially  
on Saturday October 12.  
Everything that happens  
before then doesn't count.



Nicole Hollander



# State Street Straw

BY PETER PRIZER

In a pleasant departure from the regular menu of political and social commentary, I've presented, instead, thumbnail reviews of ten currently running or soon-to-be-appearing in Maine. Happy viewing!

## COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER (1979)

A warm, All-American biography of the "Grand Ole Opry" diva Loretta Lynn. But before you settle back with your \$1 popcorn, the fascist, neo-nazi country music may freak you out. Directed by Michael Apted, written by the same ghost who did many of Nixon's bios.

Starts Oct. 16 in Veazie.

## NIGHT OF THE LIVING RABBITS (1968)

It would be fun to dismiss this as undoubtedly the best movie ever made in Pittsburgh, but it also happens to be one of the most gruesomely terrifying movies ever made--and when you leave the theater you may wish you could forget the whole horrible experience. It's about a night when dead rodents rise and eat the living. With Kermit, Miss Piggy and Fozzie Bear. Commentary by Marlin Perkins.

Starts Nov. 23 in Caribou.

## JAWS 3 (1979)

Pentagon bigwigs rush neutron bombs into production to battle latest version of plastic shark. Shot on location in the Sheepscot River near Wiscasset; highlights include sequence in which the Great White rams a water intake valve at Maine Yankee Nuclear Power plant, effectively shutting down fifty thousand can openers in the Boston area.

Through Sept. 23 in Portland and Meddybemps.



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### THE HOUSE THAT SCREAMED (1980)

That great spangled ham George C. Scott and Julie Andrews in William Cohen's farce about Ronald and Nancy Reagan's first night in the White House. Ronnie fancies himself to be, in succession, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln (including a memorable scene in which he reads "Forbes" with the aid of an 18th century kerosene lamp) while Nancy shows the black servants how to cover furniture with clear vinyl. Directed by Reagan himself.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dates pending.

### RAISE THE TITANTIC! (1980)

With Jason Robards and Alec Guinness. Standard fare until Guinness suddenly appears as Obi-Wan Kenobi and raises the old boat by using the Force. In New York and Los Angeles, the movie premiers were marred by theater riots, but the ado seems to have died down lately.

\_\_\_\_\_ Starts Oct. 14 in Camden and Weld.

### LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (1979)

A brilliant comedy about a pair of aging heterosexuals, one of whom has had a gay son; the son is eager to marry, his lover is extremely unconventional, and his family wishes to make the acquaintance of *his* family... Oh, forget it! With a commentary by Jerry Falwell.

\_\_\_\_\_ Through Oct. 30 in Eastport and Wells.

### INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS (1980)

Undiluted boredom and waste. The script writer supplies some funny lines, but this variation on the low-budget, B-movie classic is depressingly real as it is dull. Cameo and commentary by Barry Goldwater, who looks a little worn.

\_\_\_\_\_ Until Nov. 15 in Augusta and Fort Kent.



Ellie

Huff Puff



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OH NO, IT'S SALLY! SHE GOT HER HAIR CUT. LOOKS REAL NICE.

YES. SIXTH TIME THIS YEAR!



LESBIANS SURE DO MOVE AROUND ALOT, DON'T THEY? I KNEW A WOMAN CLAIRE WHO BEAT YOU - 13 TIMES IN ONE YEAR!

WHO'S THAT UNDER THE CHAIR?

ELLIE, IS THAT YOU MOVING AGAIN?



SOUNDS LIKE MY CLOSE FRIEND WHO NOW LIVES IN CALIFORNIA. HER NAME (puff puff) HAPPENS TO BE CLAIRE TOO.

WELL, THE CLAIRE I KNOW CAN'T POSSIBLY BE YOUR CLOSE FRIEND! (hee hee). SHE'S PRO-NUCLEAR! HA HA!

I WISH SHE'D GIVE ME A HAND INSTEAD OF STANDING AROUND LOOKING IMMENSELY ATTRACTIVE!

YEAH, SURE (VERY FUNNY)

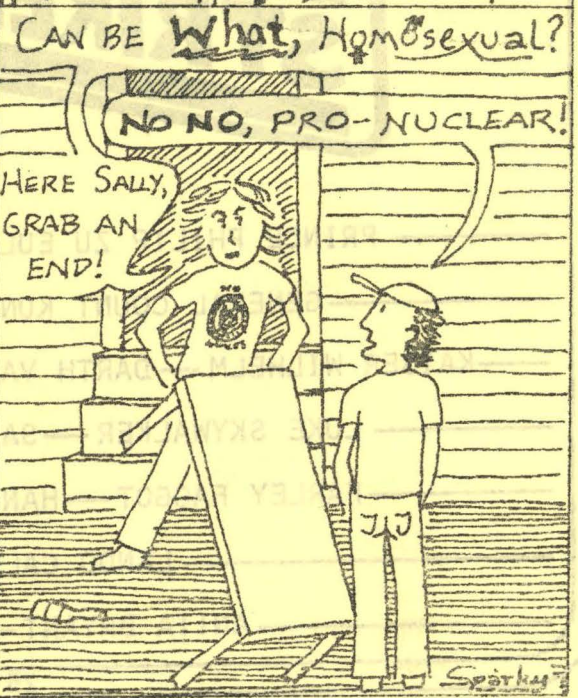
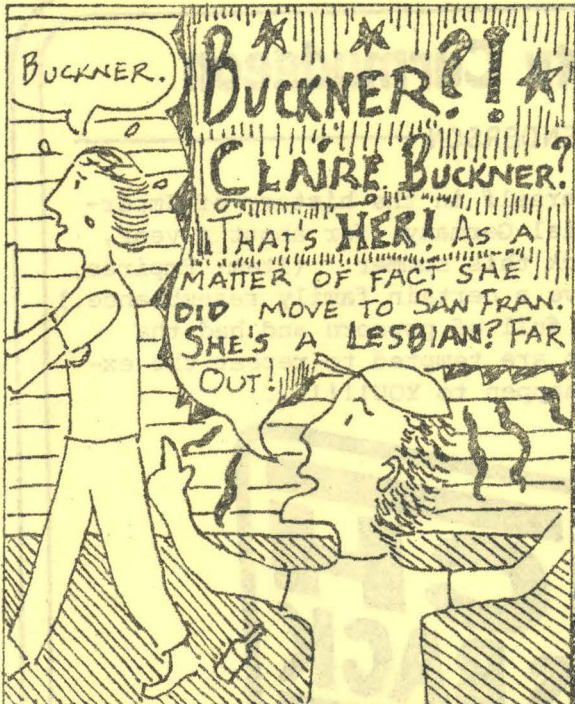
OUT OF CURIOSITY WAAT'S YOUR FRIEND'S LAST NAME?



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here it comes...





Sporking



# Cumberland County Curmudgeon

BY SUSAN HENDERSON

Yours Truly, after immersing herself in the history of Imperial Germany (especially Gay Imperial Germany) for about a year, went to see *The Empire Strikes Back* this summer. (Item: Empires, in whatever galaxy, do seem to have a certain family resemblance.) Thereafter she went to bed overly full of popcorn and had the strangest dream. Those of you who are tempted to repeat the experience, be warned. *This could happen to YOU!!!!....*



PRINCE PHILIP ZU EULENBURG-HERTEFELD

GENERAL COUNT KUNO VON MOLTKE

KAISER WILHELM — DARTH VADER — PRINCESS LEIA

LUKE SKYWALKER — SAPPHO MACRADCLIFFE

FARLEY FAGGOT — HAN SOLO — CHEWBACCA

LANDO CALRISSIAN

ANITA BRYANT — BOB GREEN



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Prince Philip zu Eulenburg-Hertefeld, retired diplomat and ex-friend of the Kaiser, sat at his piano writing *Lieder*. His lover, General Count Kuno von Moltke, was sitting at the Frederick-the-Great vintage desk near him. On the desk were scattered pieces of the telephone receiver.

"Whatever are you doing, Tutu? You're making a mess! They'll never get that thing back together!"

"Stop fretting, *Liebchen*. It only has a broken wire." Kuno twisted two pieces of wire together with a tiny pair of pliers, his violinist's hands surprisingly delicate for a man built like a horseguardsman. He held the receiver to his ear and heard a faint buzz. "There, it's fixed."

"Not that it matters. Nobody's called since the scandal. We might as well be dead."

"*Liebchen*, if you start getting those chest pains, you'll need it to call a medical droid."

"A what?"

"A doctor. I learned the expression from that nice young man we met at the Love-That-Dare-Not-Speak-Its-Name Ratskeller. He had a very picturesque name - oh, what was it - Skywalker!"

"Oh, yes, I remember him well."

"He had that big, furry thing with him."

"That big furry thing, *Liebchen*, is a Vookie."

Kuno put the cap on the receiver and held it to his ear again. "Phili, come here. I'm hearing the strangest message..."

Eulenburg stopped working out harmonies and came over to listen. A woman's voice came faintly through the static.

"Help me, Princess Leia! You're my only hope!"

"The young woman who was with Skywalker," Kuno whispered.

"I remember. A superb diplomat! How fortunate for her galaxy that they hire women..."

He was interrupted by the loud slamming of a door, and a well-built man with a spiked helmet and a jauntily upturned mustache came tearing in as though all the devils in Hell were after him.

Kuno folded his arms across his chest and put on his haughti-



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est expression. "Kaiser Wilhelm! I thought I detected your unique stench. Rifle oil mit sauerkraut, to be precise."

"I am most surprised to see Your Majesty here," Phili added coolly, "after what you did..."

"What are you talking about?" demanded the All-Highest. "Have you forgotten yourselves? I am your divinely appointed ruler..."

"I'm talking about your throwing us out like garbage just because some newspaper said we were queer! I *thought* you were my friend."

"You deserved to be thrown out for being a pervert!"

"And being a false friend is not perverted, I suppose?" fumed Eulenburg, his blood pressure starting to rise.

"Pervert," echoed Kuno. "I like the sound of that." A wicked, fun-loving gleam came into his eye. "You like me because I'm a pervert," he hissed, breathing in Wilhelm's face. "There aren't enough perverts in your life."

"Mind your manners, *Schweinhund!*" Wilhelm spluttered, hastily backing up and throwing out his chest. "I stand in shining armor as the moral guardian of the *Reich*..."

"And what was the moral guardian of the *Reich* running from when he burst into this nest of perversion?" Phili cut in drily.

Wilhelm the Shining Knight turned to jelly. "That crazy man! He's after me again! He wears a long black cape and a grotesque black mask, and has henchmen that look like bugs. He wants to take me away with him..."

"Sounds romantic," purred Kuno, giving him a sidelong look.

"You watch your insinuations!" Wilhelm shot back. He would have said more, but at that moment an altercation broke out in the corridor outside.

"*Meine Herren!*" protested the butler's voice. "Do you have any idea what hour of the night this is? Prince Eulenburg is not receiving..."

"We are not interested in Prince Eulenburg," rumbled a deep voice in reply, "we are interested in his emperor." Heavy footsteps clumped in the corridor and the door was flung open by two white-armored Imperial Stormtroopers, blasters at the ready. The deep voice was heard again - "If he resists, we will put him into carbon-freeze" - followed by labored breathing as though someone



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were blowing across a tube. And then through the doorway, in all his raven glory, regally swept the terror of the galaxy, the Dark Lord of the Sith - Darth Vader.

"Your destiny lies with me, Kaiser Wilhelm," he hissed, backing Wilhelm up against the piano. "Do not resist the inevitable. Come with me and we will rule the galaxy together."

Phili felt impelled to defend his erstwhile friend, in spite of himself. "But Lord Vader, why do you want another Kaiser? You already have one."

Vader hyperventilated more loudly than usual. "We used to have one..." he began, but his words were drowned by the screech of a 1907 Mercedes laying a patch outside.

There were more footsteps in the hall, and a blonde young man with a winning smile rushed in. "Sorry to disturb you, Phili, but this is an emergency. May I use your comlink?"

"His what?" Kuno asked.

"The telephone," Phili translated. "Go ahead, Luke."

Luke Skywalker grabbed the telephone like a drowning man clutching a straw. The voice on the line was still pleading, "Help me, Princess Leia! You're my only hope!"

"Sappho MacRadcliffe! This is Luke Skywalker! Do you copy?"

"Luke! Thank Goddess!"

"What in the name of chaos are you doing here?" interrupted Darth Vader. "I specifically told you you couldn't have the landspeeder tonight!"

Luke heaved a give-me-patience sigh. "Dad, I didn't take the landspeeder, I borrowed the Emperor's."

"What nonsense are you talking..."

"I'm telling the truth. I felt this awful disturbance in the Force that told me Sappho needed help and knew I'd be able to reach her here. So we got out of the Millennium Falcon and right nearby was a funny-looking land transport. The man with it said it was the Kaiser's, and I knew "Kaiser" meant "Emperor" in this system, so I liberated it for temporary use of the Alliance." He cast a conspiratorial look at Phili and Kuno. "He's showing the latest symptoms of the Dark Side of the Force. It's called Possessive Parenthood." →



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"Who's this Sappho MacRadcliffe? One of those wild-eyed Rebel friends of yours?"

"She's a perfectly nice person - the one who gave the baked..." He thought twice. "She's an old friend." He turned back to the phone.

"Is Leia there?" the voice on the other end demanded.

"She was right behind me. Where are you calling from?"

"The phone booth at the Ratskeller. I couldn't get through the time warp to your galaxy, so I came here hoping to find you."

"I knew I felt a disturbance in the Force. What's wrong?"

"It's Farley Faggot. You remember him? That sweet, innocent guy who was collecting spare change for the Gay Cuban Refugees?"

"Sure do. Did he ever figure out how to exchange our galactic credits for American dollars?"

A sob came over the line. "He didn't have a chance. He's been taken prisoner."

"How? By who?"

"He went into this building with a sign that said 'Save Our Children,' thinking it was a refugee organization." She choked.

"It was the Anita Bryant Ministries. He told them he wanted to help the Gay Cubans and they locked him in the counseling center. They're using electric shock treatments on him to make him go straight."

"Mind probes!" Luke gasped. Darth Vader perked up at the words, and Wilhelm took advantage of the distraction to start sneaking toward the door when his way was blocked by the entrance of Princess Leia, Han Solo, and an eight-foot Wookiee. At the sight of the Wookiee, Vader promptly drew his lightsaber and the creature gave him a warning snarl.

"Cool it, Chewie," soothed Solo, patting his copilot's furry shoulder. "Hey, Lord Vader, you're not still sore about that baked bean banquet, are you?"

Vader drew himself up to his full two-meter height. "Captain Solo, I forgive nothing. That Wookiee vaporized the Emperor!"

"What is this? Vaporized your Kaiser? What has happened, Luke?" demanded Eulenburg.

Luke relinquished the phone to Leia and told them. He, Leia, Han, and Chewbacca had gone through the time warp to attend the



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baked bean banquet to raise money for the Gay Cuban refugees, sponsored by the Dade County Gays for the Force, organized by Sappho. Chewie had eaten a whole soup-kettleful. Then they'd had to hurry back, because Luke was under orders from his immediate paternal ancestor to appear at the Emperor's Court reception that night or be grounded for a week in the Imperial detention block. They had made a stir, running into the Great Hall of the palace, causing whispers and stares among the assembled troops and bureaucrats and drawing a particularly malevolent excrescence of the Dark Side of the Force from Darth Vader, who was standing with ignited lightsaber as honor guard at the foot of the throne. At that moment, Chewbacca felt the natural consequences of the baked beans and let out a *sotto voce* bellow into Han Solo's ear.

"Well, don't do it in my direction, then," Solo snapped, looking around nervously for Imperial revenue officers. Chewbacca thereupon turned his back squarely on the throne and let fly a Wookiee-sized blast of Earthling Baked Bean gas. The mere fallout fogged the eyepieces in Vader's mask so badly that they couldn't be ground smooth again and had to be replaced. The Emperor, who was directly in the line of fire, was vaporized instantly.

"That," said Phili, "must be why Lord Vader is looking for another Kaiser."

Han Solo was nonplussed. "Another Emperor? But I thought you wanted the job yourself, Vader."

"I do not have time," Vader replied haughtily, "to put down this miserable rebellion and rule the galaxy too. The new Emperor shall perform the ceremonial duties, such as presiding at Court and appearing in holograms, until I am ready to take over the job myself."

"And what will happen to the Emperor then?" asked Kuno.

"That," replied Vader ominously, "will depend on the circumstances."

Meanwhile, Princess Leia was handling the serious business on the phone. "Where are they holding him, Sappho?"

"In the Anita Bryant Ministries building, in the counseling center."

"Do you have schematics of the building?"

"No. I could get them at the City Building Inspector's →



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office."

"There may not be time. Did you say you were at the Love-That-Dare-Not-Speak-Its-Name Ratskeller?"

"Yes."

"Good. We'll pick you up - Luke commandeered a local land-speeder. The Falcon's at the Tempelhof Parade Ground. Over and out."

"Over and out," Sappho repeated.

"All right, you flyboys," Leia continued briskly. "Let's get moving before Farley Faggot gets his brains fried."

Vader collared Wilhelm. "You are coming with me."

"Unhand me, you *Schweinhund!* Eulenburg, Moltke, do your duty and defend your lord and Kaiser!"

"Don't worry, *Majestät*, we're right behind you." Phili and Kuno scrambled after them.

The battered passenger compartment of the Millennium Falcon was more than a little crowded with Sappho MacRadcliffe, Phili, Kuno, Leia, Luke, Vader, the two Imperial Stormtroopers, and three Prussian Horseguardsmen who had set out to retrieve the Kaiser's Mercedes and arrived just as the party was leaving. The soldiers withdrew to their own comradely corner. The Imperials showed the Prussians how a laser rifle worked and the Prussians taught them how to play skat, though the fact that galactic credits and Reichsmarks were not exchangeable deprived them of the pleasure of gambling. Darth Vader, feeling cramped and humiliated at having to travel in this dingy bucket of bolts, and yearning for the bridge of an Imperial Star Destroyer, paced up and down, periodically stalking into the cockpit and making Han and Chewbacca nervous. Kuno sat back on a padded bench, thigh-boots stretched out in front of him, with Phili on his lap. Luke and Leia were giving Sappho an accelerated course in Basic Lightsaber by levitating empty beer cans while she tried to slice them in half with Luke's heirloom weapon. Han put the Falcon on automatic pilot and wandered into the passenger section.

"What are you cutting up those beer cans for? They're worth money!"

"Bad news, Han, old buddy," Luke replied. "Sappho says the



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cans are negotiable in only five or six states of the Earth system. Florida, where we bought these, is not one of them. They're good for nothing but scrap metal."

"You mean I've been using up fuel hauling useless scrap metal around the galaxy?"

"It's not useless at all," Leia reproved him. "You see what good targets they make for lightsaber practice."

Solo threw up his hands and was about to go back to the cockpit in disgust when a trapdoor in the passageway lifted up and a dashing Black man poked his head out.

"Hey, Han, will you give me a hand sorting this stuff?"

"Sure, Lando, what are you doing with it?"

"What have you got in there?" demanded Vader, alert for military contraband.

"Weed," replied Lando Calrissian, "or, as it is known in the Earth system, marijuana."

Vader immediately lost interest. "Well, don't make any dust with it. My respirator's giving me enough trouble as it is." He resumed his pacing.

Luke came over to squat by the trap door and whispered, "What the hell are you carrying a cargo of weed for?"

"Man," replied Lando, "we are going to sell it in Miami and make us a bundle."

"On weed? It grows wild all over the galaxy. Nobody's going to pay for that stuff!"

Lando sighed at his naivete. "My friend, for some strange and unexplainable reason, weed is illegal in the Earth system. Which means, of course, that people will pay its weight in gold for it."

"But you know their money's not exchangeable for ours, and there's nothing to buy there that we'd want."

"What their money is valuable for," explained Han, "is scrap metal. American coin metal makes excellent X-wing fighter parts, especially the Kennedy half-dollars. We'll take the coins back and melt them down to make fighters for the Alliance." He looked past Luke's shoulder to make sure Vader was out of earshot.

Back in the passenger hold, Phili Eulenburg stood up and stretched. "I think I'll go slip into something more comfort- →



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able."

"Need some help, *Liebchen*?" cooed Kuno, giving him the bedroom eyes.

"Later, Tutu," Phili teased, and disappeared behind the door of a locker. When he came back, he had taken off his wing collar, tie and dinner jacket, and instead had put on, over his white shirt and pin-striped trousers, a long, loose brown homespun robe with a hood hanging down the back. Luke Skywalker, coming back from the trap door, almost fell over in surprise and had to hold onto an instrument panel.

"Ben! Ben Kenobi! Is it really you?" He ran to hug his old friend, spinning him around in his joy. "Phili Eulenburg, are you really Obi-Wan Kenobi?"

"In the time and place where I live now," Eulenburg replied, taking him by the shoulders and looking into his eyes, "I am Prince Philip zu Eulenburg-Hertefeld. But we sentient beings are ultimately made up of energy, you know, and energy can travel to any time and place. Long, long ago in a galaxy far, far away, which is where you first knew me, I was indeed Obi-Wan Kenobi. One never really forgets old habits, and when I came aboard this ship, I felt a longing for my old, comfortable garb." He sat down and stretched his legs luxuriously.

Kuno, awed, crept over to him and hesitantly took his hand.

"Phili, is this really true? Are you really this Kenobi person?"

"Yes," Phili replied, "but I'm also still the Phili Eulenburg you always knew and loved. You've just discovered something new about me, that's all." He gave Kuno a tender kiss. "Tutu, there are so many marvellous things in this universe that I want to show you." He cupped his hand, fingers pointing out, and a beer can obediently rose from the A&P carton where it lay and floated tantalizingly just beyond Sappho's reach. "Fraulein MacRadcliffe, would you like a little more practice?"

At that moment, Darth Vader stalked in from his latest haunt of the cockpit, took thirty seconds to register the change in Eulenburg, and instinctively went for his lightsaber. Luke was about to grab his own from Sappho to defend his long-lost mentor, but Eulenburg raised his hand in a restraining gesture.

"On this mission, we are on the same side, Darth."

"How so, Obi-Wan?"



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"We are all going to rescue Farley Faggot, are we not?"

"That is true. He is strong with Gay Love, which I have learned is a powerful aspect of the Force. He will be a great asset to the Empire."

"Indeed," murmured Eulenburg cryptically.

A loud Wookiee-roar came over the intercom, followed by the voice of Han Solo. "Fasten your seat-belts. We're set to go through the time warp. Next stop, Miami."

The vessel rattled and shook as they went through the time warp, and then slowed to sub-light speed, the better for Solo to navigate the unfamiliar galaxy. Vader, fretful and fidgety, picked up a sheet of paper on which Kaiser Wilhelm had been doodling a battleship.

"That thing will never fly," he muttered, and proceeded to doodle an Imperial Star Destroyer. Wilhelm came over to look, careful at first to stay out of Vader's reach, but intrigued by the strange vessel that was materializing under the writing instrument.

"That thing will never float!"

"It is not intended to float; it is an interplanetary destroyer vessel. I command a fleet of them at home."

"Ah, then we are both admirals!" Wilhelm exclaimed, delighted to discover a common interest in weaponry. "I'm having a fleet of these built." He pointed to his own drawing. "They're sea-going battleships." He brought his fist down on the table with a thud that almost made Vader jump. "So help me, we'll blow the English right out of the water if they dare to challenge us!"

"These English, I take it, belong to a rival system?"

The cool steadiness of Vader's voice made Wilhelm a little sheepish. "You might say," he replied.

A burst of cheering as Sappho split another beer can drew their attention.

"That blonde boy is your son, Lord Vader? How German that name sounds."

"Yes. He has been misled by political malcontents, but a son to be proud of, nonetheless."

"I know the problem well. What we fathers have to bear! But how can you let him keep company with perverts like Eulen- →



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burg - look at him in that negligee - and Moltke and that Sappho woman?"

"How do you mean? I thought that Eulenburg and Moltke were your friends."

"They were my friends - until I learned the truth. They're unnatural in their affections! They frequent an unspeakable bar in Berlin!"

There was very little in the universe that Vader found unspeakable. "Is it a hideout for the Rebellion?"

"It's worse!" Wilhelm leaned over and whispered conspiratorially into Vader's coalscuttle helmet. "The men love other men instead of women - you know what I mean."

Waves of sheer bafflement exuded from the other side of the sphynxlike ebony mask.

"I fail to comprehend," Vader replied, "what difference that makes."

Wilhelm was aghast. "You mean you don't care if your pure, manly young son *makes* love to other men?"

Vader's incomprehension was tinged with annoyance. "In my galaxy, it has never occurred to anyone to object. As long as he is not plotting rebellion, his romances are no concern of mine." And he undid his seat belt and swept off toward the starboard gun turret, more regal than any emperor.

Kuno, watching the lightsaber practice, overheard the end of the conversation.

"Is that true?" he asked Luke. "Do people in your galaxy not care if you're - how does Sappho put it - Gay?"

Luke nodded. "We don't make your distinction about Gay and straight. It never occurred to us to make an issue of such a thing. I love Leia, you love Phili - what's the difference? Yoda, the Jedi master, taught me that all love is part of the Force. Even my father, who hasn't felt love in years, understands that."

"Hasn't felt love in years? But how tragic!"

"Don't waste your sympathy," replied Luke. "He's chosen the Dark Side of the Force and he's perfectly happy."

Kuno was not quite convinced, however, and left the group to stretch his legs a little - sitting for a long time in thigh-boots made the backs of one's knees sore. He wandered, half-



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purposefully, into the starboard gun turret, and found Vader standing with his hands clasped behind his back, looking out at the alien stars.

"Appalling," the Dark Lord was muttering to himself. "Absolutely appalling!"

"What is?" asked Kuno. Sensing Vader's hesitation, he added, "I am a warrior and a nobleman like yourself. You may confide in me."

Vader considered that and decided to talk. The Prussian was the next best thing to another Jedi, after all.

"Count Moltke, I have followed the Dark Side of the Force for many years now..."

"I understand what the Dark Side of the Force is. Go on."

"Until this day I thought I had seen every enormity that human beings and several other species could commit. But to brand a creature an outcast simply for loving another of the same sex - it beggars common sense! For the first time since I set foot on the dark road, I feel - moral outrage!"

Kuno smiled. "If the foremost practitioner of the Dark Side finds homophobia a moral outrage, then your galaxy has much to teach ours." He looked at Vader appraisingly. "You know, you have very nice shoulders."

The Dark Lord blushed beneath his mask. "Lord Moltke, you are causing a disturbance in the Force that I have not felt since my teens. It is most unsettling."

Kuno gave his gloved hand a squeeze.

"Let the memory of that disturbance keep you warm on cold, starlit nights on the bridge of your Star Destroyer."

At that moment, they were interrupted by Han Solo's voice on the intercom.

"Fasten your seat belts. We're coming into Miami."

# PART ONE OF TWO PARTS



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## Homophobus Americanus

When we last heard from Tuffy Laffin, illustrious state legislator and renowned homophobe (Homophobus americanus), he was shepherding people around Greater Portland behind the wheel of a Metro bus. During many hours spent behind the wheel - hours, perhaps, spent in quiet contemplation of a life gone astray - Tuffy might have emerged as a renewed person, newly wise to the sins of his past and dedicated, at last, to the lonesome and largely unrewarding struggle of advancing human dignity at all levels and at each barricade. Tuffy recently resurfaced from underneath the flat rock he calls home in Westbrook and addressed, anew, the socio-politico-economic status of Gay people, this time in the Portland, Evening Express. His comments were made to staff writer, Sheila Wellehan, in a series of articles on Gay life in and around Portland. The articles appeared August 11-15.

"I don't care what people do in their own homes, but when you put it on the books it's a different matter. Those people are nothing but a bunch of creeps," Laffin said in a recent phone interview.

"I think we should put the whole bunch of creeps on an island on Casco Bay and let them die there, because they didn't reproduce, you know. Let them live in a creepy crawler colony."

Apparently, Rep. Laffin still has a few more miles to drive and a couple more thoughts to contemplate before he makes the noble transition to a Gay rights advocate. We certainly won't hold our horses.

--Editors



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Dear Mainely Gay,

Enclosed with this note is an article I clipped from our regional gay newspaper, Chicago Gay Life, that some of MG's readers may find interesting. Many of the points made in the article, "Title," are valid, I think, but some are a little questionable. What do other readers think??

We enjoy receiving MG and are careful to donate our copy, after reading, to the local library's exchange paperback booth. I've never been to Maine, but the summers must be really pleasant (a little on the hot side here in Indiana.)

In gay affection,  
Maria Conley, Hammond, Indiana

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## 25 Ways

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# To Shaft The Movement

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In 1972, the New York City newspaper Gay ran a feature by Alice Ford called "25 Ways To Shaft the Gay Movement." It raised many eyebrows at the time, and generated strong reaction within the gay community. Some of her ideas are just as relevant today, eight years later, as they were then. So, J.F. Guthrie, National News Editor for the Philadelphia Gay News, took it upon himself to revise and update the list. The new "25 Ways" appeared in Gay News in the May 30-June 12 issue.

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1. Make sure that the most dedicated people in your group do every bit of work. This ensures that they will burn out quickly, so that there'll be a high turnover.
2. Maintain that it is never possible for lesbians and gay men to work together. All men should adopt the word "dyke" as a perjorative expression. All women should denounce gay men as "sex-ist."



3. Denounce all fundraising as a capitalist venture. Make sure that the movement does not have the money to do its work.
4. Make sure that the movement is always too serious and so heavy that nobody ever has a good time. Especially denounce humor, social events and other non-political happenings.
5. Always fault groups for not meeting an ideologically pure stance on such issues as racism and sexism. Spend all your groups time arguing these matters instead of working for lesbian and gay rights.
6. Establish rules of procedure so complicated that no one is ever empowered to take any action at all. Make it easy for a handful of disgruntled individuals to halt proceedings completely.
7. If you are a person of means, never give financial support. Decide that you needn't give money, because others will.
8. Make commitments and don't follow through. When an individual makes a commitment, but asks for additional resources or other help, ignore them.
9. Make sure that no one else in the community knows what your group is doing. Duplicate as much work as possible. Avoid working with the lesbian and gay press as much as possible to reach the community, especially if you don't like their editorial stance on one or more issues.
10. Force any group or committee that is working at top efficiency to give new members their say immediately. It is important to waste time rehashing old methods and ideas which have been found to be ineffective.
11. Underplay lesbian and gay professionals working in the movement. Fail to support lesbian and gay business. After all, our rights are their fight too.
12. Alienate as many other lesbian and gay groups as possible. Publicly criticize them and sabotage their work. If possible,



bring your complaints before a straight government body.

13. Disparage all religious faiths, especially those within our community. Make sure lesbians and gays must choose between their god and their sexuality.

14. In the media, identify the movement for lesbian and gay rights with every other radical movement for social change. This will ensure that the public knows we stand for everything they find abhorrent.

15. Isolate all lesbians and gays who are not politically correct. Make sure that those who hold conservative right-wing views on other issues are not welcome in the movement.

16. Use the term "sexual preference" instead of "sexual orientation." Prove that being lesbian or gay is only a matter of free will, so that others will believe it's possible to make us into heterosexuals.

17. Always find fault with the media. Criticize every bit of coverage the movement gets. When invited on a talk show, denounce the host as a bigot, so that no lesbian or gay will ever be invited back.

18. Make sure that the public knows that child molesting is one of the aims of the movement. Demand that age of consent laws be lowered to age 10.

19. Denounce all militant action such as demonstrations and marches as counterproductive. Never participate in mass support for lesbian and gay rights.

20. Choose the worst public stereotypes to represent the movement in public. Make sure the ignorant, the indifferent and the irresponsible represent us before the public, especially the media.

21. Denounce all leaders of the movement as self-seekers. Never allow any real leadership to emerge, especially on a national



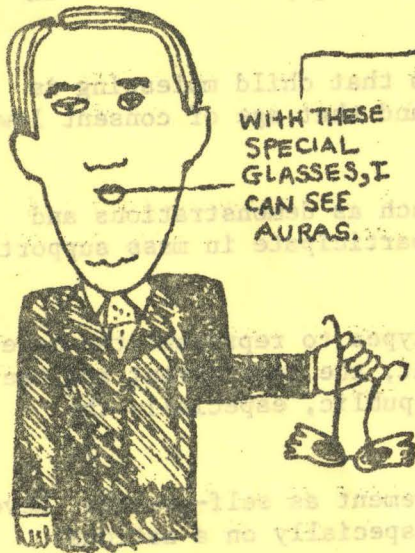
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22. Make no demands of members. Do not require them to show up at meetings unless they feel like it. When the indifferent do show up, always give them a free rein to criticize whatever the group has been doing in their absence.

23. Manipulate people for your own ego satisfaction. Having done so, make sure they know they've been manipulated so they won't ever want to work in the movement again.

24. Never take any action requested by any lesbian or gay group. Do not write letters to members of Congress, state legislators and other elected leaders in support of lesbian and gay rights. Especially refuse to give them support when they take a courageous action on your behalf.

25. Maintain that to impose an admission charge on any event is oppressive. Always make it optional for everyone, even the millionaires.



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MY PEOPLE REMOVE THESE WOMEN TO A RETRAINING CENTER SOMEWHERE IN FLORIDA.

Nicole Hollander



# THE NIGHT WON'T BE TOOK WITHOUT TAKERS

CHICKIE/DIANE

For the past two months, women in the Portland area have been organizing a "Take Back the Night March." Recently, the date was changed from September 27 to November 1, due to the immensity of the undertaking and the many tasks yet to be completed.

The focus of the workshops, rally, dinner and the evening March through Portland is to unite women in addressing the issues surrounding violence in our lives and to promote positive changes and collective support.

For this event to take place, many women are desperately needed to participate in the following task groups:

1. **OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS -**  
One of the major purposes of the March is to educate the community on the trauma and impact that violence has on our lives. We need help in mailing, leafletting, contacting and/or speaking to community groups, and media outreach.
2. **WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATION TABLES**  
We want to offer workshops that address the political, social, psychological, economic and legal aspects of violence against us, in its many forms, and strategies to combat such acts of aggression. We welcome individuals and organizations to facilitate workshops, set up information tables, and/or conduct presentations (e.g. self-defense, martial arts, theatre). For this task group, contact: Ann Houser, 224 Ocean Avenue, Portland, Me. 04103, 774-7166.



3. DINNER, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, RALLY, POST-MARCH CELEBRATION -

These activities will be a statement of our strength and a celebration of our spirit and unity. Much womanenergy is needed to organize these events.

4. ART, RITUALS, SONGS, CHANTS -

Women have been working to create expressions of our rage, unity and power through a variety of artistic mediums. If you are musically or artistically inclined, or wish to be, contact: Gina Kelly, 773-7152.

5. FOLLOW-UP, FUTURE ACTION -

Hopefully, organizing efforts, continuing education and political change will emerge from the events of November 1. Calling all activists and potential burn-outs!!!

6. CHILD CARE -

We are welcoming men to help us by providing child care throughout the day and evening. We feel such support will increase the direct participation of in all "Take Back the Night" events.

7. FUNDRAISING -

We are hoping to have Andrea Dworkin as a keynote speaker at the rally. Money is needed for speakers-fees, printing and postage. Need we say more?!?!  

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In the past few years, women have been marching to "Take Back the Night" throughout the United States and Europe. It's time for women in Maine to make a statement. Collectively, we have the power and the potential to "Take Back the Night" and to affirm our right to be free from violence and harassment. If you are interested in participating on any level, please contact: Betsy Whitman, 101 Danforth Street, Portland, Me. 775-0232.  

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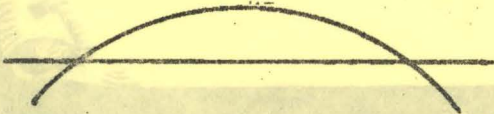
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**SYMPOSIUM VIII**

The first meeting of the Maine Gay Symposium VIII planning committee was held on 13 Sept. 1980. A tentative date of 18 April, 1981 was set; the symposium will probably be held on the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 4 October 1980 at 1:00 PM in Jewett Hall at the University of Maine at Augusta. The room number will be posted. All persons interested in participating are urged to attend.



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*Nicole Hollander*

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