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## COMMUNITY NOTES

Governor Angus King will serve as honorary chair of the fourth Annual Diversity Day Celebration to be held at the University of Southern Maine Campus Center on Sunday, October 4, 1998 from 12noon - 6pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy music, performances, displays, ethnic food, and workshops. Admission is FREE. This family-friendly event is an opportunity for everyone in Southern Maine and beyond to experience the variety of cultures within the larger community and for immigrants and refugees to connect with community resources.

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## MUSIC SCENE

By Greg Safranski

As always, the Maine Music Scene is a vibrant one. A few of the releases are Lynn Deever's Connecting the Dots, The Zula Leprechauns - Mixed Messages and a Maine Composers' Forum release entitled New Sounds: Vol. 1.

The Lynn Deever release, Connecting the Dots is a fine example of a dynamic, young Maine singer-songwriter. Every cut sounds good with "Connecting the Dots," "Stand Up" and "Fear is their God" being particularly nice. Great acoustic Folk/Rock! You can expect to hear more from Lynn.

Mixed messages by Zula Leprechauns is a great album with fine percussion throughout. It's the kind of sound that really grows on you. Percussionist Annegret Baier also played with Inana, a women's drumming group that appeared at the Maine Festival last summer. The Leprechauns also played recently at The Stone Coast in the Old Port and the Left Bank in beautiful downtown Blue Hill.

The Maine Composers Forum ed, New Sounds: Vol.1 one of the more diverse collections I have ever seen. It contains folksy cuts such as Abbe Anderson's Sharp Edges, jazz from Neil Lamb, choral pieces from Robert Greenlee and the Bowdoin Chamber Choir, a classical piece by Nick Humez, rock from Nat Jussey and many more great cuts.

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Keeping with the atmospheric theme of the concert, the orchestra will also perform Gyorgi Ligeti's Atmospheres. Film buffs will recognize the work from 2001: A Space Odyssey. The film's director Stanley Kubrick found Ligeti's music so evocative that he decided to use it in the movie even before imagining how he would shoot the scene. The listener's ear becomes focused not on the melody or harmony in this unusual piece, but rather on the subtle flow of texture through an uninhabited imaginary musical space. This work also calls for a large orchestra, comprising over 90 musicians.

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In addition to National Coming Out Day, HRC sponsors the

National Coming Out Project, an ongoing project to promote honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay or bisexual on campus, in the workplace and at home. Its public education and outreach programs, such as Coming Out on Campus, open a dialogue with gay and straight Americans and urge gay, lesbian and bisexual people to come out and get involved.

For more information, contact the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project at 1-800-866-6263.

## A MESSAGE FROM ELIZABETH BIRCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Some of the most difficult and important decisions in the lives of gay, lesbian or bisexual people surround "coming out," that is, deciding to be honest and open about our sexual orientation. The fact that you are holding this booklet is a sign that you may be questioning your sexual orientation<sup>1</sup> or you know someone who is doing so. This booklet aims to answer some of those questions and refer you to other helpful resources.

For people are everywhere, and every day, more of us are deciding to live honestly. This is critically important to our community because the only way we will stop the discrimination we face is to reveal our true selves to our friends, our families and our neighbors. National polls have shown that people who know someone who is lesbian or gay are far more likely to support equal rights for all gay people. So in effect, coming out may be one small step for a gay man or lesbian but it contributes to the giant leap we are making for all gay people, today and in the future.

If you are thinking hard about whether and how you should come out, you're probably wondering, "What is this going to do to my life? Will my family accept me,

will my friends still like me? How do I know if this is the right thing to do?" These are all very real questions and you are not the first person... nor will you be the last... to struggle with them. But it's my fervent hope that just as the earliest gay activists paved the way for me, today's lesbian, gay and bisexual leaders are helping to make life easier for you.

Let me assure you that while being an openly lesbian, gay or bisexual person in this society isn't easy, it is so much more gratifying than being in the closet. Lying and hiding, worrying that someone will discover your secret, consumes a lot of personal energy and detracts from the quality of a person's life. No one should be denied the opportunity to thrive and flourish as a full human being because his or her sexual orientation is different from that of the majority.

Our community has come a long way in the decades since GLAAD's rebellion at the Stonewall Inn which began the modern gay rights movement, but it still has a long way to go. We will point you toward other resources that can help you as you grapple with the life-altering and potentially life-enhancing decision for you to come out.

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means about it. But you can do it. Millions of people have, and many say it was the best thing they ever did.

In creating this publication, we have talked to some prominent gay men and lesbians about their experiences of coming to terms with their sexual orientation, and coming out to others. Among them: U.S. Congressman Barney Frank, actor Wilson Cruz, and Essence magazine Executive Editor Linda Villarosa. We hope you find what they say helpful.

**How Do You Know?**  
There is no one way people realize that they are attracted to the same sex. Some always know it. Some learn it at puberty. Some figure it out in college. Some recognize it only after getting married

to someone of the opposite sex. But whenever the feelings come up, almost everyone wonders: How do I know if I'm really gay, lesbian or bisexual?

On the one hand, it's very simple: If your strongest emotional and sexual attractions are to people of the same sex, you're gay or lesbian. If they're equally strong to the same and the opposite sex, you're bisexual.

On the other hand, sexual orientation is confusing because most of us are raised to think of ourselves as heterosexual. Our parents, teachers and our culture told us that some day, we'd meet someone of the opposite sex and get married. No one ever said we might fall in love with someone of the same sex. That's why we're shocked when it happens.

Unless there's someone gay in your family, you probably never considered the possibility that you yourself might be lesbian or gay. Moreover, you probably have heard many negative stereotypes of gay and lesbian people... but most of these are based on erroneous or inadequate information; what you need are the facts.

### THE FACTS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

No one knows how many people are gay, lesbian or bisexual. The best estimates we currently have indicate that between 3 percent and 6 percent of the population is gay. However, even the most reputable estimates are colored by the fact that many people are afraid or unwilling to be identified as gay or lesbian, even in an anonymous survey. So the true number is probably even higher. But whatever the number, the facts are the same:

**Homosexuality is Not a Choice; Homosexuality Chooses You**

Some people say that homosexuality is a choice to discourage you from being in a gay or lesbian relationship. But think about it for a minute: Did you choose to have feelings of same-sex attraction? Why would you? The fact is: Homosexuality is not a choice any more than being left-handed or having blue eyes or being heterosexual is a choice. It's an orientation, a part of you who are. The choice is in deciding how to live your life.

### Gay People Are Mentally Healthy

In the 1970s, the American Psychological Association and American Psychiatric Association revised their positions on homosexuality. Both determined that homosexuality is not a mental disorder. Nonetheless, some people might try to tell you that you are sick and that you need professional help to "cure" it. There is no scientifically valid evidence that people can change their sexual orientations, although some people do repress it. But because being gay is not a disorder, there is really no reason to try change yourself.

But it's OK to seek help in dealing with the confusing feelings you might be having about your sexual orientation. Coming out is a major life decision and as with reaching any other personal milestone, you might seek professional help through the process. Just remember: The anxiety you are feeling is probably the result of family or social prejudice against homosexuality, not homosexuality itself.

## Gladd Calls '98 TV Lineup An Increasing Reflection Of Gay Community

LOS ANGELES, AUGUST 19 GLAAD announced that the 1998 fall television lineup will include a unique array of regular and recurring lesbian, gay and bisexual characters of color. Joining them will be national television's first gay male lead character on the new sitcom Will & Grace.

In years past, gay characters of color, and particularly lesbians of color, have been virtually nonexistent on television. However, this year, nearly one quarter of the 22 lesbian and gay characters are people of color. Showtime Networks recently introduced Jackie (Rain Pryor), an African-American lesbian of color on its irreverent new comedy Rude Awakenings. Also, on the cable channel's new show Linc's, Rosalee (Tisha Campbell) is currently questioning her sexual orientation. On CBS, the new sitcom The Brian Benben Show will feature Latino weatherman Billy Hernandez (Luis Antonio Ramos). In addition, prime-time NBC will welcome back two African-American gay male characters: Chicago Hope's Dr. Dennis Hancock (Vondie Curtis-Hall), and Carter Heywood (Michael Boatman) on Spin City, a GLAAD Media Award-winner.

Joan M. Garry, GLAAD Executive Director, said this figure represents a decrease from last year's record setting number of lesbian and gay characters. Nonetheless, she is heartened by the quality of the upcoming season: "The 1998 TV lineup is significant in that it demonstrates an increase in the number of characters which genuinely reflect the uniqueness and diversity of our community in a way we have not

yet seen." Garry continued, "No longer are lesbian and gay characters strictly peripheral on network television and GLAAD hopes to see these portrayals continue to grow-reflecting the realities of diversity, family and faith."

Lesbian, gay and bisexual characters will be returning to such shows as Friends, Mad About You, Nash Bridges and NYPD Blue. In all, the season will include five new regular and recurring characters.

**"The Fall '98 TV lineup marks a significant year for unique and diverse images of lesbian and gay Americans,"**  
Joan M. Garry, Executive Director

After Ellen DeGeneres' groundbreaking year, NBC will make a little history of its own with Will & Grace. The new Monday night comedy will feature television's first gay male lead character, Will Truman (Eric McCormack). The sitcom also brings Will's sassy friend Jack (Sean P. Hayes) to the small screen.

William Horn, GLAAD Assistant Entertainment Media Director said of NBC's Will & Grace, "We are delighted with such a smart sitcom which tells the story, in an extremely funny, witty, and at times poignant way, of two best friends-one of whom happens to be gay." Will & Grace possesses the qualities of a hit TV show: a great cast, an accomplished director and incredible chemistry between a talented cast."

For a detailed list of this season's characters, please visit GLAAD's "TV Scoreboard" at <http://www.glaad.org>.

GLAAD is the nation's lesbian and gay multimedia advocacy organization. GLAAD is dedicated to promoting fair, accurate and inclusive representation of individuals and events in the media as a means of challenging discrimination based on sexual orientation or identity.

### Being Gay or Lesbian is Natural

You've probably heard people say that men are "meant" to be with women, and women with men, that being gay or lesbian goes against nature and morality. But if homosexuality were unnatural, why would it occur, generation after generation, despite strong societal prohibitions? The fact is same-sex love has occurred throughout history, in every nation and culture on Earth. It is a natural variation among humans, and if you look hard enough, you'll probably also discover that it has occurred somewhere in your family's history. When people say homosexuality is unnatural, they mean it is against their preconceived idea of what is natural.

### Being Gay or Lesbian is Not a "Lifestyle," It's a Life

It's sometimes said that gay and lesbian people live a gay

"lifestyle," a word chosen to trivialize us and to imply that all gay men and lesbians subscribe to the same values, characteristics and dreams. The fact is we're not all the same any more than heterosexuals are. Some of us have one lifelong relationship, some have many. Some wear distinctive clothing, some do not. Some are liberal, some are conservative. Some are affluent, others are poor. The only thing we all have in common is that we love people of the same sex.

### Gay Men and Lesbians Constitute Families

Some people talk as if there are two options in life: You can marry someone of the opposite sex and become a family or you can be gay or lesbian and be excluded from the definition of family. This is patently untrue and is a position perpetuated by religious political extremists who have a stake in portraying gay people as outside the

the following comes from a free booklet that can be obtained from the Human Rights Campaign

### INTRODUCTION

Being attracted to someone of the same sex can be frightening... so frightening that you deny your feelings, or throw yourself into dating the opposite sex, just to prove you are not gay or lesbian. But then the feelings come up again. You try to put them out of your mind but you can't. Finally, you stop resisting, and in that instant, your world changes. You discover that being with someone of the same sex feels better than being with the opposite sex ever did. But what will this mean for the rest of your life?

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## Coming Out cont.

mainstream. The fact is that lesbian or gay male couples are as much family as heterosexual couples.

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### Some of the Most Talented People Are...

If anyone ever suggests that your life won't add up to anything if you're gay, remind them that: Plato was a lover of men. So were Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Bayard Rustin, a leader of the black civil rights movement, was gay. So were Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein, Marcel Proust and James Baldwin. Shakespeare wrote about a man's love for a man. Poet Emily Dickinson wrote about her love for a woman.

More recently, musicians K.D. Lang and Melissa Etheridge, and actresses Ellen DeGeneres and Amanda Bearse have come out as lesbian; and actors Wilson Cruz and Mitchell Anderson, record producer David Geffen, Olympic swimmer Greg Louganis and Olympic skater Rudy Galindo, and U.S. Rep. Barney Frank have come out as gay.

### COMING OUT

Coming out means identifying yourself as gay, lesbian or bisexual. The first and toughest person you have to reveal this to is yourself.

Then you can deal with friends and family. For many people, the coming out process is difficult. But most people come out because, sooner or later, they can't stand hiding who they are any more. Once they've come out, most people have to admit: It feels much better to be open and honest than to lie and hide.

Melissa Etheridge, singer: "[People] think they'll lose everything if they come out. This did not happen to me at all. In fact, everything came back tenfold.

Ellen DeGeneres, actress: For me, [coming out] has been the most freeing experience because people can't hurt me anymore.

Andrew Sullivan, writer: ...to me, it was like being in a black-and-white movie that suddenly converted to color.

### Coming Out to Yourself

"Growing up, I felt there was something about me that truly set me apart from other kids. But I didn't have a grasp on what it was," says Candace Gingrich, a spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign and half-sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I had a few fleeting crushes on girls and, then, a full-blown crush. Inside, they felt right and normal. But at the same time, I didn't have any way to process those feelings because I didn't know any gay people or know that I knew them. I felt that I would risk something if I expressed my feelings."

Candace started playing on a rugby team, and for the first time saw women being openly affectionate to each other. "It was like being dropped into what was origi-

nally a foreign country but, once there, I realized it was my country of origin. I thought, Wow, the feelings I've been having are normal. It is OK to be who I am."

Coming out to yourself means recognizing and accepting that you're primarily attracted to the same sex. But how do you get from recognition to acceptance? It helps to talk to someone. But who? And what should you say?

### Coming Out to Others

Some people come out when someone asks them if they're gay or lesbian. Others make a point of pulling people aside and saying, "There's something I have to tell you."

If you choose the latter option, ask yourself: "Who is the most open-minded and caring person I know who is also the least likely to be shocked, threatened or put off?" This might be a friend, a relative or a teacher. Tell that person you have questions about your sexual orientation, or you're trying to come to terms with your sexual orientation, and you'd like to talk.

If you don't already know someone like this, consider talking to a school counselor or a member of a gay and lesbian student group. Gay-straight alliances exist in many high schools and colleges. Many communities have lesbian and gay switchboards. You might seek out nearby churches or synagogues that minister primarily to lesbians and gay men. And there are many gay youth hide-out centers on sites on the World Wide Web, including the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out site, which you can access through <http://www.hrc.org>.

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## Free Open House at the Debuts at Shambhala Meditation Center

The Shambhala Meditation Center of Southwestern Maine are introducing a coffeehouse-style "Shambhala Open House" in Brunswick, Maine, on the first Sunday of every month starting October 4th. The Open House, which is intended to help introduce newcomers to meditation and the Shambhala community, is free and open to the public.

"Listening to good teachers, contemplation and meditation are the three classic ways to learn about spiritual practice," says Resident Director Shambhala Training Christopher St. John. "But in the modern era, experience shows that informal conversation among students at various levels is a pleasant and effective way to get started, too. We invite everyone, especially beginners, to join us for good coffee, cake and conversation."

The Open House will be held on October 4th, at 98 Maine Street (above Mailboxes Etc.) in

Brunswick. It will consist of group meditation at 9 a.m., meditation instructions for beginners at 10 a.m. and a social hour at 11 a.m. All are welcome to arrive at any time of the morning. There is no charge.

"Meditation is an ancient technique for awakening the mind and inquiring into the nature of one's existence," adds St. John. "The human ego labors under the illusion of being permanent and somehow separate from the rest of the world—an illusion that leads to fear, aggression, craving, tension and other suffering. Meditation helps to dispel this illusion so people can awaken to, and enjoy, the world as it really is."

For more information, please call 207-582-1750.

"I hope people will join us," concludes St. John, "and continue to uncover their natural wisdom, gentleness and fearlessness."

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A free new educational brochure about debit cards, *A Smart New Way To Pay*, can be ordered by calling 1-800-847-1756. It's also available on Master Card's Web site at [www.mastercard.com](http://www.mastercard.com)

## Boston Globe Finds That Sometimes, Just Being Gay Isn't Enough

GLADD: "Call 1998 the year that gay politicians came of age," staff writer Matthew Breilis states in the Aug. 30 *Boston Globe*. He writes, a record 10 openly lesbian or gay candidates seek state or congressional offices. "But this year there is a further sign of the maturation and political savvy of the gay movement: Openly gay candidates are not automatically winning endorsements from gay political caucuses. Rather, they are supported or opposed based on the qualities that define any candidate: their stands on issues, their record, and their personalities." He cites the state's 8th Congressional District, where the Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance of Massachusetts endorsed Marjorie Clapprood instead of Susan Tracy, the only openly lesbian candidate in the race - who did gain Victory

Fund support. Breilis also makes the point that all four openly lesbian candidates seeking congressional seats, including Tracy, are "offering themselves as candidates who happen to be gay, not gay candidates."

Breilis' timely report goes beyond surface sensationalism: While he could simply have focused on the fact that a regional lesbian and gay community organization had chosen not to endorse an openly lesbian candidate, he moves beyond that. Breilis examines what his state's political landscape really is saying about our community's political participation in 1998. His insightful analysis uses both statistics and pertinent quotes to provide a positive and accurate snapshot of a community's political coming of age.

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## Shaw's and Shop n' Save to Test Market Wines

For the next few months the two major grocery chains in Maine will be test marketing wines which are represented in New England by Cellars of Maine. The wines will be featured at the Shaw's Mill Creek Store and at the Shop n' Save Maine Mall and Forest Avenue Stores.

We need your help! If you shop at any of these stores or are looking for variety in your wine purchases, please consider our brands. The volume of sales of our wines in the next few months will determine if the wine will be carried through out New England. Needless to say this is quite important to our business.

Cellars of Maine's mission it to provide a value added service to wineries in the exportation and marketing of their products in New England.

Steve Linn and David Ulrich founded Cellars of Maine in 1996 based on the realization that few Pacific Northwest wines were in the New England wine market. From the beginning Cellars has focused on service to both the winery and the distributor, which as led to our rapid success.

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## Old Fort Western Seeks Volunteers

Old Fort Western is looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions. All are part-time, and all offer flexible hours and an opportunity to help the Fort succeed on a number of fronts.

First, the Fort is looking for one or more volunteers to help maintain and update its web page. As the Fort's basic on-line brochure, page content changes only occasionally but pictures and other graphics as well as specific feature information needs to be added as required. Volunteers must be proficient in HTML.

The Fort also seeks volunteers to serve as curatorial assistants and library assistants. Curatorial assistants help to maintain the collections catalog, take collections inventory, maintain collections files, mark collections objects, and do collections research. Library assistants help maintain the Fort's research library, catalog new acquisitions, re-shelve library materials, link shelf with vertical file resources, and help with historical research. Successful candidates must be able to work with computer databases.

Old Fort Western also seeks new members for its James Howard's Company, its Singing School, and its Ladies Association. James Howard's Company is the Fort's military company. Members portray the soldiers who were stationed here, interpret military history during special events, and help maintain the Fort's military equipment. Singing School members meet to learn about and sing the music of 18th-century New England. The school performs annually during the Fort's winter lecture series and on Independence Day. The Ladies Association provides a female interpretive presence during special events, learns about textile and other period arts, and helps to make and maintain the historical clothing worn by the interpretation staff and others.

For more information or to inquire in person about volunteering, call Jay Adams, 626-2385.

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### MAINE the way life COULD be!

Organizers are planning on 3,000 people attending the Rally at Paul Bunyan Park on Saturday, October 10th. The March will be starting from the Maine Center for the Arts at the University of Maine in Orono. The Committee has been networking by developing County by County contacts and building conditions to begin awareness about the March. It is our desire to get organizations in local communities and rural areas involved. With 16 counties in the state, the Committee is looking for at least 200 from each county to reach it's goal of 3,000. To date, we have over 50 organizations from around the state participating in our network, including such statewide groups as the Maine Council of Churches, the Maine Civil Liberties Union, the Maine Woman's Lobby, the Maine Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance, Bangor Theological Seminary, the Maine Speak Out Project, the Maine Rural Network, the Maine's Woman's Fund and OUTright.

We are looking for a few thousand people who voted NO in February or wish they had. We are looking for a few thousand people who believe that basic civil rights protections, regardless of a person's sexual orientation, are worth standing up for. We are looking for a few thousand people who are willing to march in the tradition of Gandhi, Mandela and Martin Luther King; saying that we, too, are people who have been judged and stereotyped unfairly, that we, too, are worthy of dignity and our full rights and responsibilities as citizens in our towns, our state and our country.

**TEN MILES...ON THE  
TENTH DAY...OF THE 10th  
MONTH...**

**October 10th March & Rally ...  
a coalition is growing...  
a coalition is coming together...**

We are asking people that on Saturday, October 10th - gay and straight, young and old, friends and family, coworkers, faith communities and those people committed to social justice - to march with us the 10 miles from the University of Maine - Maine Center for the Arts thru Orono and Veazie to downtown Bangor and then to our

Rally at Bass Park (Paul Bunyan Park). Together, we hope to march in the same spirit as Gandhi and King marched - in the spirit of love, respect, and civility toward the goal of a peaceful, safe, just and inclusive society. Please come join us.

March & Rally organizer Ron Hersom hopes that "the March & Rally will reflect what we are, friends, neighbors, and family, people who make positive contributions to our communities in our day to day lives."

People marching the entire 10 miles must register by completing the registration form in our flyer or sign-up at the Maine Center for the Arts the morning of the march from 7-9am. The March will start promptly at 9am.

Participants may also join the March at Cascade park in Bangor or along the route on State Street and Main Street in Bangor. Participants may also wait at Paul Bunyan Park for the Marchers and join us for the Rally starting at 1:30pm. Live music at Paul Bunyan will begin at noon with performers including - a "Disixland" band, an A Capella chorus, and Darthe Jennings. There are two other events

occurring in conjunction with the Maine Civil Rights March & Rally.

The first is on Friday, October 9th, at 7pm at the Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor, ME. A "Candlelight" Interfaith Service entitled "What Binds Us Together" will be offered in preparation for the events on the next day. The service will be multi-denominational and will have music, prayer, reflection and words of inspiration. For information about this service call the Hammond Street Congregational Church at 207-942-4381 or the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bangor at 207-947-7009.

The second is on Saturday, October 10th at 8pm at the Maine Center for the Arts, University of Maine, Orono. Entitled "Civil Rights Celebration", the evening of music and comedy will be emceed by Tim Sample and includes performances by Suede, a popular jazz vocalist and musician, Steve Schalchlin, composer / lyricist of the off-Broadway hit "The Last Season" and the Maine Gay-Men's Chorus. For tickets for this event call the Maine Center for the Arts at 581-1755 or 1-800 MCA-TIXX. Ticket prices are \$10 for balcony and \$12 for orchestra.