Referendum drive fails

by Terri Jones
Editor

AUGUSTA—The effort by Concerned Maine Families to repeal Portland’s Human Rights Ordinance and prohibit future such ordinances has fallen short by nearly 20,000 signatures. The organization had been spearheading a six-month drive to collect enough signatures to place the repeal question on the 1994 Maine state ballot.

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Discrimination suit settled

by Laura Smith
Contributor

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Health benefit limits for AIDS/HIV found to violate federal civil rights law

by Terri Jones
Editor

NEW YORK—The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York has found the Mason Tenders District Council Welfare Fund to be a covered entity under the employment provisions of Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Fund was sued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission because it excluded coverage of AIDS-related expenses from the health benefits it provides to its members. The ruling came as a denial of the Fund’s motion for summary judgment based on its opinions that it was not an “employer” as defined by the ADA.

Title I of the ADA prohibits discrimination based on disability or perceived disability. The prohibition of discrimination extends to all aspects of employment, including training, hiring practices, promotions, pay, and benefits like employee health benefits. Under the ADA, insurance companies can limit benefits if the limitations are based on sound actuarial data but the limitation will be considered suspect if it targets a particular disability, such as HIV.

The determination by the court that the Fund is covered is a major continued on page 5

Craig Hickman performs 'Language of Mirrors' at the Matlovich Society

craig hickman, performance poet, singer and satirist performed to a large crowd at the January 27th gathering of the Matlovich Society. Hickman co-authored and performed in Through the Fire, a portrait of his experiences as a black, gay man. Thursday's performance featured pieces from his book The Language of Mirrors, a collection of poems ranging from the experiences of a drag queen to reflections on his parents.

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Bagel Works 'accepts no guilt' for firing Johnson.

photo: Rebecca Foster

What is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

See the sidebar in 'National News' on page 5.
Portland woman settles out of court with Bagel Works in discrimination suit

Johnson attributes her dismissal to Bagel Works' homophobia.

"Hopefully employers will be enlightened by Leslie's case", states Kaign Smith, Leslie's lawyer. "She brought a meritorious claim that has been satisfactorily resolved... Leslie stood up for her rights... Everyone in the community is made better for it."

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Who are we? Why are we here?

That’s probably the only time you’ll hear us quote Admiral James Stockdale in an editorial, but this won’t be the last time you hear from us. In fact, we are going to be coming at you monthly with all the top news which is relevant to the lesbian and gay community throughout Maine.

We are a group of people who see Maine as a place in dire need of a quality publication devoted to news for the entire lesbian and gay community of the state. Do the names Jasper Wyman and Carolyn Cosby send a shiver down your spine? We’ll keep you posted on their activities. Is the latest Symposium of interest to you? We’ll keep you up-to-date on relevant stories from across the country. Are you looking for interesting gay/lesbian literature and music? We’ll give you reviews and information about gay/lesbian arts as well.

Our monthly forum will be an outlet for discussion among members of the gay and lesbian community. Each month we will present a topic, and we encourage you—our readers—to respond with your opinions, biases, and viewpoints. We will publish the answers we receive. And of course, we wholeheartedly welcome financial support from 10% Enterprises.

10% Enterprises is a private, non-profit organization seeking tax-exempt status. This means two things: (1) we aren’t here to make a profit on the lesbian/gay community, and (2), eventually your contributions and subscriptions will be tax-deductible. If you would like to see a responsible news and information source for the lesbian/gay community, you can directly support this cause by making contributions to 10% Enterprises.

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Maine’s lesbian/gay community deserves a quality publication dedicated to the news which affects us—especially when zealots are firing away their loose cannons at the entire state. We are here to bring you the publication you want.

In the past two years this state has seen passage of a human rights ordinance in Portland, the defeat of a similar ordinance in Lewiston, a Governor McKernan veto of a statewide gay rights bill, and most recently a failed drive to potentially prohibit any future gay rights laws in Maine.

With these developments in mind, our monthly forum question for March is:

What is the best strategy to gain support for a gay rights bill in Maine?

Send your replies to:

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MLGPA president named for 1995-94

AUGUSTA—Ms. Karen Geraghty has been elected as President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance for the 1995–94 year. Ms. Geraghty is a Portland resident who has been active in MLGPA, as well as the Equal Protection—Portland and Equal Protection— Lewiston campaigns.

Questions regarding MLGPA activities, and all media contacts should be directed to Karen at the MLGPA telephone number: 761–3752.

Northern Lambda Nord applies for financial support

CARBOU—Northern Lambda Nord has applied to two funding sources to assist them in reaching their goal of building Maine's first community center for lesbians and gay men. Northern Lambda Nord is a predominately non-profit group which serves the gay community of northern Maine.

OUT: A Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation is part of a national group committed to supporting grassroots groups. OUT lists projects that reach isolated (rural) areas as one of their priorities.

The other fundraising assistance source pursued by Northern Lambda Nord is MaineShare, an alternative to the United Way. MaineShare requires that their members do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, creed, disability, or sexual orientation in the areas of service, employment, membership or leadership. One requirement for funding from MaineShare is providing state-wide services.

Panel discussion on lesbian parenting and pregnancy

BANGOR—A panel discussion on the real-life experiences and challenges of pregnancy and parenting for lesbians will be offered on Saturday, February 12, at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor. The program is being offered free of charge.

Three lesbian couples will share their experiences with adoption, alternative fertilization, pregnancy and parenting. There will be ample time for audience participation.

"Having and raising children is one of the most important topics for many lesbians. It is a part of the complex nature of our family life, with concerns around health, sexuality, economics, family roles, civil rights, and relationships," according to Peaches Bass, coordinator for the Lesbian Health Project at the Wadsworth Women's Health Center. Potential discussion topics include: concern about children and age, sexual identity, mental health, aging, family health, substance abuse, being smart healthcare consumers, and having kids, to name a few.

AIDS Lodging House aims for creative fundraising

PORTLAND—The AIDS Lodging House of Portland has added a creative bent to their fundraising efforts with the inclusion of the "Comfort at Home" program.

The aim of the program is to get donors to sponsor one or more of the monthly operating bills of the AIDS Lodging House. ALH receives funding from the city of Portland, the state, as well as the United Way, but constant increases in operating costs has forced the non-profit organization to depend on the contributions of individual donors.

The AIDS Lodging House is a 4-unit building which currently provides safe and affordable housing for five persons living with AIDS or HIV disease. With the help of the community, the ALH offers a service that would not otherwise be available to sufferers of AIDS or HIV, many of whom do not have attractive and safe housing options.

Further details on the fundraiser and incentives for donors will be released in March.

For more information, or if you would like to be a "Comfort at Home" sponsor, contact John Devou at 879-0007.
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Ruling prohibits excluding AIDS/HIV-related expenses from health coverage

The Fund had argued that it was not covered by the ADA because it was not an employer—it simply provides health benefits for its members. The EEOC and the court disagreed, relying on an earlier case brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Spirit v. Teachers Insurance Annuity Association. In Spirit, a broad definition of “employer” was used to find that a university's retirement plan administered by an independent insurance company was covered by Title VII. The EEOC, in its interpretive guidance of the ADA, provides that the term “employer” has the same meaning under the ADA as it does under Title VII.

The finding opens the way for significant progress in stopping insurance limits for individuals with HIV. By finding Mason Tenders a covered entity, it falls to the Fund to show that its AIDS-coverage exclusion is based on sound actuarial data and is not a subterfuge to avoid the ADA.

Dept. of Justice goes after bigoted dentists

WASHINGTON, DC—In its first lawsuit to stop discrimination against people infected with the AIDS virus, the Justice Department filed suit against dental offices in Hous-

What is the Americans with Disabilities Act, and how does it relate to HIV and AIDS?

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on January 26, 1990. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, the delivery of public service and access to public accommodations. While the law does not contain a “laundry list” of covered disabilities, it includes HIV as an example of a covered disability in many of its provisions. While caselaw under the ADA is not extensive as yet, it appears to be a significant source of protection for individuals with disabilities.

One important facet of this law is that it protects people who have HIV as well as people who are perceived to have HIV. A classic example of this protection, and one that is particularly significant for the gay community, is when rumors circulate that an employee is gay. If his/her co-workers treat this worker as if s/he has HIV because they are aware of his/her sexual preference, then that individual may turn to the ADA for protection. Other examples of this protection could arise in situations where individuals are fired from their jobs because they have HIV or AIDS, or where an individual is refused service in public accommodations like restaurants, doctors' offices, dentists' offices (see related story in National News) and hotels and motels. Equally, or perhaps more, important is continued scrutiny by the EEOC of any efforts to limit employer-provided insurance benefits solely on the basis of a disability like HIV.

Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against on the basis of disability can file a complaint with the EEOC or the Department of Justice. If you want more information about the complaint process or have questions about the ADA, you can contact the New England Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center. The Center is a federally-funded office that provides ADA information and materials to individuals. The Center's toll-free hotline is (800) 949-4252 (voice/TTY), Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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read: “Due to the recent discovery of your health problems, Castle Dental Center has decided to cease providing you with orthodontic treatment.”

In the other case, filed in Federal District Court in New Orleans, the Justice Department alleged that a dentist denied dental services to two men, both of whom were informed that the office was going to change the treatment.
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**Bowling** (ten pin, big balls) at the Loring Air Force Base lanes on February 4 at 6:30 p.m. 75¢ per game. Call the *Northern Lambda Nord* Phoneline on Wednesdays for information. 498-2088 (voice/TTY).

**Fortune 500 to self-employed: Gays and lesbians in the business world** will be the topic of a panel discussion at the Matlovich Society's February 24 meeting. Local gay men and lesbians share their lives in the world of business. Matlovich Society, Thursday, February 24, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. Free hotel parking, fully accessible.

**History of Transgender** will be presented by Leslie Feinburg in a slide-show format at Lewiston at Bates College. The event takes place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Chase Lounge on Friday, February 11.

**Jonathan Katz,** from City College of San Francisco's Department of Gay and Lesbian Studies, will present *Culture and Subculture: How Gay Men Put Post-War American Painting on the Map.* Monday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the USM Campus Center, Portland.

**Lesbian Parenting** will be the topic of discussion at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Intown Plaza/Harlow Street in Bangor on Saturday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. Three lesbian couples will discuss the issues related to parenting, with plenty of time available for audience questions and discussion. For more information, contact Peaches Bass (621-2924) or Ruth Lockhart (947-5557).

**Leslie Feinberg,** author of *Stone Butch Blues,* a controversial portrayal of the complexities of living as a transgendered person, as she presents *An Illustrated Lecture on Transgender History.* Matlovich Society, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. Free hotel parking, fully accessible.

**Night at the races!** Join Northern Lambda Nord for a night at the off-track-betting parlor at CHAMPS Grill and Bar on State Street in Presque Isle. Starts at 7:00 p.m. on March 11.

**Pot Luck Supper/Bottle Drive** for Northern Lambda Nord. Monthly potluck supper starts around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27. Bottle drive is to help increase the fund for a community center. Call 498-2088 (voice/TTY) for more information.

**Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance**'s eighth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 5. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by Lisa Keen, senior editor of *The Washington Blade.* Dancing at 9:30 p.m. Information for non-members is available from Ms. Judy Edgerly at 626-9509.

**Maine Pride's Tri-State Meeting** with New Hampshire and Vermont will be held on Sunday, February 13. Call 871-9940 for more information.
Mothers and Child

by Maggie Fournier
Contributor

This is the first in a monthly series about lesbian parenting. Throughout the year, this column will explore a wide variety of issues important to lesbian women who are thinking about becoming pregnant and to those engaged in raising children. Please feel free to write me in care of this paper if you have specific questions or areas which you would like to see addressed in this column.

When I was pregnant, a friend told me that being in labor was like riding a roller coaster from which there was no getting off. It was not particularly helpful advice at the time as I was pretty anxious about the giving birth. As it turned out, bringing out child into the world was a most joyful experience. True, there was a lot of pain and it was an exhausting ordeal but not quite like the way my friend had foretold. I like to think of labor as pain with a purpose. I was so determined to hold our child in my arms that I gave to that experience every ounce of courage and energy I had.

It had only been recently that I have thought about my friend’s words and now, I think that being a parent is like riding a non-stop roller coaster. Well, sometimes I think that way. Since giving birth our lives have jumped into fast-forward. Time races on as though we are in some type of speed everyday I grieve a little for the child who is now a sweet memory. The roller coaster dips and turns and climbs once more.

The challenges of parenthood are enormous for everyone who embarks on that journey. They are even greater for lesbians because lesbian moms are blazing new trails. There are not many books or experienced role models for guidance. Often, my partner and I feel as though we are flying by the seat of our pants. We have the support of many friends as well as the lesbian moms group to which we belong. And we have discovered that our roles as parents include being good teachers to others about who we are as a family. Pediatricians, teachers, colleagues, neighbors, and playmates of our child all understand that we are two moms. Our daughter introduces us to friends as her two moms. She is as clear as seven year-old can be about the special way in which she was conceived. She knows that her family is different and very special. She is proud of us. She is proud of herself. There are no secrets in our home and the closets are where we hang our clothes. Our guiding principle has been one of honesty. As we continue on this exhilarating ride, we feel secure in our love as a family and look forward to the new turns around the bend.

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Legal developments around the nation

by Will Sandstead

December 1995 brought good news and bad news from the legal front for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. Conference panelists on the legal front for Florida and Pennsylvania will have a big impact on our community.

Colorado

The most exciting news comes from Colorado, where Amendment 2 has been held unconstitutional. Amendment 2 was the State of Colorado from adopting or enforcing laws or policies protecting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from private or government discrimi­

on December 14, a Colorado district court judge ruled that the Amendment 2 prohibition of sexual orientation "legitimate minor­

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In Ohio, a state appellate court refused to overturn a trial court's decision giving a lesbian mother sole custody of her three children. The court rejected the father's argument that the trial court had "neglected to recognize traditional family values and standards which have been de­

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In Oregon, a bill was passed that would allow gay and lesbian students in public schools. The law was signed by Governor Weld on December 10, 1995.

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In Pennsylvania, a transsexual AMTRAK employee lost a sexual and disability discrimination case brought in federal court. The transsexual plaintiff originally applied for her job as a man, but later informed her supervisors that she was currently undergoing hormone treatment in anticipation of a sex change. Her supervisors told the plaintiff that she would not be allowed to use the women's rest room and would need a doctor's note in order to wear women's clothes to work. In addition, the plaintiff's desk was moved to a location outside the public view and her supervisors refused to ad­

The plaintiff sued her employer al­

Source: Gay Law Reporter

Will Sandstead is an interim board member of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Law Association (MeLaGAl) and is an associate at Farnsworth & Associates in Hallowell.
**Music Reviews**

**Ferron’s latest CD shares a life with the listener**

by Chris
Contributor

Let’s begin 1994 with the sharing of optimism, love, trust and openness. Ferron has combined music and lyrics to express all these emotions and more in her newest album. A seasoned musician, Ferron at 40-years old is a mentor for womyn young and experienced. Her family issues, love situations, and paths of spiritual growth are shared with us all. Many say what makes a great songwriter is life experience. Ferron shares her life by way of a song and lyrics to ponder on.

Connect with Ferron by listening to *Driver*. Let Ferron share with you what has driven her. All of us womyn have the need to know how others have made it through these different paths of life. Ferron is a woman mentor of our time teaching us through music what we may have not had a chance to experience yet, and reminding us how much we have grown for those of us who have experienced it.

Ferron’s Driver (1995)

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This album is deep. You can listen to the music but you will miss something special if you don’t take the time to listen to what the words say. Listen again with your thoughts, and the beauty of her music will shine even more.

Listen to *Driver* with stereo headphones and experience the different instruments used in each song to create that special feeling felt by your heart and soul. Enjoy 63 minutes of *Dri* and answer Ferron’s question: “Who is driving?”

Ferron is also a must see in concert. Her humor, love and caring draws womyn from many miles away.

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**Mixed bag of lesbian flicks**

by Lise Wagner
Contributor

Given the relative lack of lesbian-oriented films, you may want to see any of them you can lay your hands on. Nevertheless, you want to lay off trying to forget her past and the other trying to find it. Roswitha (Rosel Zech), a German librarian, escaped from East Germany, leaving behind her husband shot by the border guards. Kottebue (k.d. lang) seems to be an Eskimo, but has no idea who her parents were (in fact, she’s named after the town). To add to her identity crisis, people often don’t realize she’s a woman because her hair is cut so short and she barely speaks to or looks at anyone long enough for them to figure it out.

While this sounds like an interesting premise, for the most part the film is incomprehensible. It’s shot in shadows so it’s difficult to tell who people are and what they are doing. For example, the famous “nude scene” – I had to rewind to see if that really was the famous nude scene. Numerous actors mumble, especially k.d., so following the dialogue can be torture. It is hard to tell exactly what Kottebue does (she seems to work either for a mine or a refinery). Zech, as the librarian, has some acting ability, but she’s about the only one. Even Chuck Connors, as the Bingo caller, doesn’t seem to know why he’s there.

Kottebue develops a crush on Roswitha after throwing some books around in the library and proceeds to follow her around. A romance is attempted, but unfortunately, it is so melodramatic that it is laughable. Melodrama seems an apt description here: for example, Kottebue stands in a huge satelitte dish and howls and all the dogs around howl too. Instead of causing me to understand the angst she is feeling, it caused me to roll my eyes.

Well, this longtime k.d. lang fan has doubts after seeing her in *Salmonberries*. No two ways about it, this movie is awful. Its only redeeming quality is k.d. (repeatedly) singing “Barefoot”. It was rather a shock, after being so impressed with her vocal ability and expression, to see lang so inept and untalented. The best advice to those interested in k.d. is to rent *Harvest of Senn Vines*. You’ll see her doing what she’s really good at—singing.

The second of these two films, *Claire of the Moon*, is not terrific, but

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**Video Reviews**

**Salmonberries**

1 hour, 54 minutes
Director: Percy Adlon
Starring: k.d. lang, Rosel Zech, Chuck Connors

**Claire of the Moon**

1 hour, 32 minutes
Director: Nicole Conn
Starring: Faith McDevitt, Karen Trumbo, Trisha Todd

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It is much better than the first. Written and directed by Nicole Conn, the movie is set in the Pacific Northwest at the Arcadia Women Writers Retreat. The story is about two women who are roommates at the retreat, initially hating each other and yet, you guessed it, ultimately falling in love. This is a film filled with cliches; in fact, it could be an amusing party game to keep score. Maggie (Faith McDevitt) is the stereotypical butch who runs the retreat. She thinks it’s a great idea to put lesbian Noel (Karen Trumbo), a “mysterious therapist who made brooding a fine art,” in the same cabin with straight Claire (Trisha Todd), who spends most of her time smoking, drinking coffee, and being extremely sexually active. From their first meeting, the two women don’t speak civilly to each other, and within a short time they’re slamming cabin doors in the kitchen. Isn’t it interesting that Claire finds Noel intriguing once Noel comes out to the writing group? They can even talk pleasantly to each other after that.

While the writing group deals with Noel’s “announcement” and the abandonment of one of the other writers by her husband, Claire spends a lot of time fantasizing about Noel. Noel also fantasizes about Claire. They talk about fantasies. They sit on the couch reading each other’s books. Sexual tension builds. You get the picture. And we are actually rewarded with both an erotic all-woman dance scene and a steamy sex scene.

So, while you are counting the cliches, you can enjoy lovely Pacific coast scenery. Try to figure out the symbolism of when and why various women’s long hair is pulled back or let down, and take bets on whether Claire is just experimenting or whether this is just what she needed to know her true self.

It’s easy to poke fun at this film because it takes itself too seriously, particularly given all the stereotypes it expects us to swallow. Although this is a relatively enjoyable movie, one certainly hopes that the budding lesbian film industry can generate some films which will challenge its audience and not merely rely on a sex scene or two to satisfy the audience.
It will be the brass. I miss the most was the first thought into my mind when her lips stopped moving. She's got a soft light down on her face that is only brought only by this kind of afternoon sunlight. I'll never strip her out of a bra again. Helen was the first woman I'd ever met who wore anything other than a plain beige or white bra. Her hair was long, wavy flowers and burgundy and purple flowers with fuchsia stamens, they had lace or were made out of silk. I was attracted to her before she took her shirt off. She threw me off her mood.

Helen's bras were not some polycotton blend that is only a bounce which occasionally threw me off her mood. She was short and walked solely on her toes, so her walk was a bounce, always a bounce that I could follow along with. She was sitting in an identical chair while I hung up the phone and walked over to sit in rooms or on store counters with a woman in Connecticut. Theresa had almost rationalized my being there. I always thought of an amputee as someone who'd been in a war or a car accident. Not me. Not just me.

I walked over and climbed up on the bed as the mattress caught my weight. I caught her back. "You are a breathtaking woman in rooms or on store counters with a woman in Connecticut. I grimaced thinking about the fact that she let me come in front of her without any apologies. It was half my fault and I don't have the energy for them."

She turned around holding the stuffed animal in front of her. Then one night as I stepped out onto the porch, Helen said either come back inside or stay here. She didn't let me in. I wanted to tell you myself."

She leaned forward and we kissed. "I'm glad you asked him to call and I'm sorry, Helen."

She set the dog down on the window sill. She took a deep breath. "You know it's true. That was when I thought of bras, all manner of bras. Then I looked at her and came out of the chair, all in one piece. My hands coming to rest on her face and the other at the small of her back. "You are a breathtaking creature." She cried then, leaning in toward my breast and neck. Her hands coming to life; sliding up my sides to my face. Then her right hand descended until it stopped on my breast. Stopped; just resting. Her hand reflecting and amplifying the sound of my heart until I was sure she must feel it even through my flesh."

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