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NH Senate scuttles gay rights bill

by Terri Jones
Editor

CONCORD—Hopes of a New Hampshire gay rights bill in 1994 were destroyed when the New Hampshire Senate voted 13-10 to kill HB 1452. HB 1453 would have added “sexual orientation” to the state’s civil rights legislation.

HB 1452 passed the largely Republican House of Representatives but included a “disclaimer” attached to it which stated that the additional civil rights protection for lesbians and gays is not necessarily acceptance of their “lifestyle.”

After House passage, concern had been raised that New Hampshire Governor Steve Merrill would veto the bill. At that time, spokespeople for the Governor had expressed the possibility that he would work out a compromise with the Senate.

Gay presence planned for Lewiston’s ME State Parade

by Rebecca Foster
Editor

LEWISTON—Parade viewers attending the Maine State Parade in Lewiston on May 14 will view a sea of rainbow, doves and puppets carried by a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender contingent. The “Color me a rainbow” parade idea is being organized by Maine Pride/Stonewall 25 in conjunction with Lewiston-Auburn’s lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender group “Becoming an Inclusive Community.”

According to organizers of the contingent, the parade presence is intended to be a celebration not a protest. Marchers are planning large puppets in the style of “Bread and Puppet Theatre” featuring a moose and doves of peace. Marchers will be encouraged to carry rainbow banners and placards with the United Nations’ symbol in preparation for the march on the United Nations.

Crowded gubernatorial primary awaits Maine voters

by Terri Jones
Editor

PORTLAND—Maine’s June 14 Democratic and Republican primaries present voters with 13 gubernatorial candidates with a wide variety of previous experience. From former Governor Joseph Brennan to perennial Republican candidate Jasper Wyman, voters will be asked to narrow the field to just two, one from each party.

While the specifics of programs have been somewhat slim, this year’s Democratic primary features a new and encouraging field for lesbian and gay voters. All five Democratic gubernatorial candidates made an appearance at March’s MLGPA Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony to pledge their support for a gay rights bill for Maine, an unprecedented occurrence in Maine politics. The five candidates are Thomas Allen, former mayor of Portland, city councilor and lawyer, Richard Barringer, on leave from his post as director of the Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, former Governor and Representative Joseph Brennan, State Representative Donnell Carroll and Robert Woodbury, chancellor of the University of Maine system.

On the Republican side, eight candidates are vying for the opportunity to succeed current Governor John McKernan. Among the Republicans are legislators Judith Foss, Pamela Cahill, Paul Young, Charles Webster, and Sumner Lipman, former Cohen staffer Susan Collins, community activist Mary Adams and former Christian Civic League director Jasper Wyman. Of these, consultant on page 4
Miss PJ's 1994

Contestants in the Miss PJ's contest April 22 competed in talent, evening wear and an interview portions of the pageant for the opportunity to represent PJ's at the May 22 Miss Gay Maine Pageant, hosted by PJ's. Above, contestants display evening wear. At right, Miss PJ's 1994, Valene Royale.

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Do the primary thing

Now that the dust has settled from Senator George Mitchell's surprise departure from political life, Maine voters face a daunting, endless list of primary candidates including 15 gubernatorial candidates, numerous 1st and 2nd Congressional District hopefuls and countless local races. Sheer numbers, coupled with the lack of media coverage and/or opportunities to hear each candidate make the primary season seem too complicated to tackle.

Readers of 10% editorials may have noticed a theme during the first issues - be vigilant, be educated and vote. That third thing, vote, is on for June. At this point you might be saying to yourself, "Do gay community.

Wyman is seldom considered a likely candidate, the large number Wyman the opportunity to use the governor's race as a forum for the first issues - be vigilant, be educated and vote. That third thing, should give pause to the registered Republicans in the lesbian and gay community.

Imagine the luxury of having a gubernatorial race with a Democratic candidate, Lipman, King and Carter. So, before you dismiss the primary season, consider what it would mean to the lesbian and gay community to be able to debate the more mundane, essential issues like health care and education, knowing that at least the governor's race would deliver for the lesbian and gay community.

If that pleasing thought isn't enough motivation, remind yourself how hard the lesbian and gay community worked last year to pass the gay rights bill. The testimony, the scrutiny and the personal risks people took to tell their stories in public. The endless, constant lobbying. Then remind yourself how all that momentum ran smack into Governor John McKernan. Wouldn't it be nice to know that we could count on a governor's support and signature?!

Still need more reasons? How about another huge encouragement? Jasper Wyman, remarkably quiet for the last few months, is among the Republican candidates. Think about what he could do to further the agenda of the Christian Civic League and Concerned Maine Families as a candidate for governor? Maine's lesbian and gay community cannot risk giving Jasper Wyman the opportunity to use the governor's race as a forum for spreading the message of a referendum on gay rights. While Wyman is seldom considered a likely candidate, the large number of candidates could produce a highly splintered field, allowing a candidate to win the nomination with a small percentage of the vote. Rest assured, prayer meetings and other forms of right-wing organizing are mobilizing behind him. They can and will show up at the polls. We should, too.

Still think it's just a primary??

Organizing to oppose the referendum
by Patricia A. Peard, Esq.

There will be a referendum fight in Maine in November, 1995. In order to defeat the challenge of the radical right to our basic civil rights we will have to raise at least 1.5 to 2 million dollars. Unfortunately, these are two facts of life that we must all begin to accept and to deal with as directly as possible.

The good news is that an organizational structure is already in place and we have begun to raise money. But to be successful, we must have support from everyone. There will be and there is room for everyone in this campaign regardless of your previous campaign experience or your level of time commitment.

Concerned Maine Families recently held a three and one-half hour prayer meeting at the Catholic Church in South Portland at which they discussed their two-handed approach to their campaign. First, they will use the hand of restraint to deny us our equal rights under the law. Secondly, they will extend the hand of compassion to show us that they truly care for us. They contend this will not be a campaign of open hatred. Yet as those who attended the meeting can attest, the room was full of hatred and fear. The radical right is earnest in its intention to achieve their goal through legislation because they know that over time they will be defeated in the courts just as has taken place in the battle over a woman's right to choose.

The legal opposition to Concerned Maine Families is in place and well-prepared but we cannot assume we will win in the courts. We must do all that we can to be ready to fight a long, hard referendum battle for our rights. This is a fight we can win if all of us join in. No one can afford to sit this one out. Please come to a meeting and volunteer in any way you can for as much or as little time as you have available.

For information on the dates and times of organizational meetings for Equal Protection Maine, turn to the calendar page.
Crowded primary field for Maine candidates, only Sumner Lipman has pledged support for a gay rights bill and sent a representative to the MLGPA Banquet to announce his position.

To help sift through the candidates, the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance has invited the candidates to attend a gubernatorial forum, Saturday, May 21 from 7-9pm at Jewett Hall, University of Maine at Augusta. The forum is co-sponsored by Maine AIDS Alliance, Maine Chapter of the National Organization of Women, Maine Civil Liberties Union and the Women’s Issues Working Group-University of Maine at Augusta.

Northern Lambda Nord holds first planning session for ’95 Symposium CARIBOU-The first monthly planning meeting for the 1995 Maine Lesbian and Gaymen’s Symposium was held on April 2 in Presque Isle. Organizers have set May 26-29, 1995 as the next date for Maine’s 20-year-old statewide gathering. The event has been scheduled for the University of Maine at Presque Isle campus.

Symposium ’95 planners are seeking input and suggestions for a theme, keynote speakers, entertainment, workshop topics, workshop facilitators, leisure time activities and new possibilities for symposium events. Also being sought is information about the 1994 Symposium which would have been hosted in Portland. ’95 organizers are attempting to find out if anyone is hosting a 1994 event.

Ideas and suggestions for Symposium ’95 should be sent to P.O. Box 990, Caribou, Maine, 04736-0990 or call the Gay-Lesbian Phone Line, Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9pm at (207)498-2068.

Concerned Maine Families sighted PORTLAND—ACT-UP/Portland has reported that representatives of Concerned Maine Families (CMF) have been sighted in Bangor post offices collecting signatures for a November 1995 referendum question. The question would ask Maine voters to approve a cap on Maine’s Human Rights Act that would prohibit any additions to its protected classes, effectively barring gay rights protection in Maine.

Under Maine’s signature-gathering rules, Concerned Maine Families can collect signatures until approximately August 1994 without “losing” signatures that were originally collected for the November 1994 ballot.

Anyone seeing CMF collecting signatures should contact ACT-UP/Portland at 828-0566 or on FAX at P.O. Box 10536, Portland, Maine, 04104.

Gay dance club opens in Portland PORTLAND—Portland’s second new lesbian and gay bar this year is slated to open Friday, May 6 at 137 Kennebec St, near Portland’s Marginal Way. The bar, KAOS, will be emphasizing progressive music and house dance music, non-stop dancing and live entertainment.

The bar will be open Thursday through Sunday at 9 with extra late hours (9pm-1am) on Friday and Saturday. KAOS is located at the site of a previous gay spot, Ravens, but features an expanded dance floor and renovated facilities.

Portland gay pride activities announced PORTLAND—Portland’s Pride Committee has set June 17-19 as a weekend-long celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender pride. Events will begin with a Friday evening rally at Portland’s City Hall Plaza from 7 to 8pm. Following the rally, Stonewall 25/Maine will hold a letter-writing reception with information about Stonewall events and the International Appeal for Human Rights.

Saturday, June 18 has been designated Pride Day with a parade and festival. Parade formation will start at Pine St. near Longfellow Square. This year’s parade will be led by Dykes on Bikes, a balloon arch and a Stonewall 25/Maine float. Registration for groups and floats is required by June 4 (207) 774-3930 registration fee.

Parade organizers are looking for volunteers to act as peace keepers during the parade. Volunteer peacekeepers must attend an orientation session on Sunday, June 5, from 4 to 6pm. The session will be led by the former security coordinator for Boston Gay Pride.

After the parade, entertainment and festivities will continue at Tommy’s Park and Old Post Office Park. Music, comedy, vendors, information tables, and side shows will be featured and Wild Iris Productions is sponsoring a women’s craft fair at the First Parish Uni­tarian-Universalist Church on Congress St. That evening, the Maine Gay Men’s Chorus will present a concert at the State The­atre (Tickets available from the State Theatre).

The weekend will conclude with a Time Out bicycle brunch on Sunday, June 19 and Dignity/Integrity Services at St. Luke’s, 143 State St at 5pm.

For more information and registration, call 871-9940.
Inter/National News

Illinois municipality extends domestic partner benefits

OAK PARK—In a unanimous vote, April 19, Oak Park, Illinois became the first Illinois municipality to extend domestic partner benefits to city employees. The 7-0 vote extended benefits to same-sex partners, but a motion to extend similar benefits to unmarried heterosexual partners was defeated by a vote of 4-5. Also defeated was an amendment that would have created a domestic partnership registry. Village board members felt that community religious opposition to such a registry was too high but left open the possibility of a registry in the future.

Approximately 190 speakers spoke at the ordinance hearing. One resident remarked that he was "very angry and very depressed" at the tone of the debate. He said, "I'm angry about what I've heard in the village in the past few years—people using Christianity to promote hatred, bigotry and to promote lies. The Oak Park tradition is to welcome diversity." Objections raised to the ordinance included blasting homosexuality as an "abomination" and "immoral" and characterizations of gays as "counterfeits of genetic engineering."

With the extension of domestic partnership benefits, Oak Park joins at least 13 other cities who have approved such measures.

Atlanta judge throws out domestic registry

ATLANTA—A Fulton County Superior Court has ruled that Atlanta's domestic registry ordinance is unconstitutional. The law was the only remaining portion of a package of laws granting legal recognition to unmarried heterosexual and homosexual couples. Judge Isaac Jemette found that the registry was "outside the city's authority under the municipal home rule act and the Georgia Constitution. Earlier this year, the domestic benefits portion of the law was nullified when city officials realized that state insurance laws did not allow Atlanta to define unmarried partners as dependents.

The ruling means that the city must stop registering couples. To date, about 60 couples have registered and received certificates similar to marriage licenses.

Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell has appealed the ordinance and has ordered city's lawyers to appeal the ruling. Gay rights activists are optimistic that the Georgia Supreme Court will uphold the ordinance.

Blackmun, dissenter in Bowers, steps down from high court

WASHINGTON—Justice Harry Blackmun announced his retirement from the United States Supreme Court last month. Blackmun will be remembered fondly by the gay and lesbian community for his 1975 Roe v. Wade majority opinion affirming a woman's right to choose and his dissent in the 1986 Georgia sodomy case, Bowers v. Hardwick.

In his Bowers dissent, Blackmun wrote, "I can only hope... that the court will reconsider its analysis and conclude that depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our nation's history than tolerance of non-conformity could ever do."

Rochester votes for domestic partner benefits and registry

ROCHESTER—The Rochester City Council has voted to extend domestic partner benefits to its city employees and to set up a registry for gay and unmarried heterosexual couples. The ordinance was co-sponsored by openly gay council member, Tim Mains and fellow council member, Brian Curran. After passing Mayor William Johnson addressed the Council and expressed his intention to sign the ordinance. Credited with the work leading up to the vote was the Coalition for Domestic Partnership, which worked in conjunction with clergy from the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Unitarian Churches, the National Organization for Women, the American Civil Liberties Union and Parents and Friend of Lesbians and Gays to secure passage of the code.

Hawaiian legislature works on anti-gay bill

HONOLULU—A conference committee has been appointed to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions of HB 2312, a bill that seeks to overturn the recent Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that found the limitation of marriage rights to heterosexuals as unconstitutional under Hawaii's state law.

The House version of the bill defines marriage as between a man and woman with a preamble that finds prosecution as the major purpose for state licensure of marriage. Under the Senate version, marriage is defined similarly, but the bill maintains that marriage law is a legislative issue and not one for the courts to decide. It also sets up a commission to study sexual orientations.

The committee must finish its work during the month of April.

GLAAD announces 1994 media awards

LOS ANGELES—The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has announced its 1994 awards for fair, accurate and inclusive representations of lesbians and gay men in the media. Among those honored were "Angels in America" for theatre, a NBC News piece, Gays in the 90s, CBS television drama, Other Mothers, "Philadelphia" and independent film, Forbidden Love: The Unshamed Stories of Lesbian Lives". Openly lesbian columnist Deb Price of the Detroit News also received an award.

A special award was given to MTV for its focus on gay and lesbian musicians.

Japanese court issues pro-gay ruling

TOKYO—Tokyo's District Court has ruled in favor of a lesbian and gay group that sought to stay overnight at a public lodge but were barred by the Tokyo metropolitan government.

The Association for the Lesbian and Gay Movement (OCCUR) used the Fuchu Youth House, run by the Tokyo government, in February 1990 but claimed that they were harassed by other guests. When they reapplied to use the facility again, their application was rejected by government officials. Officials cited a policy that forbids members of the opposite sex from sharing a room and asserted that other guests would be disturbed because they would assume that the group's members would be having sex.

District Court Judge Toshiaki Harada rejected the officials' justification noting that the authorities had no basis for assuming that the OCCUR members would be engaging in sexual activities. The court awarded OCCUR $2,600 in damages.

Ikea ad wins praise

"Ikea ad wins praise" is the news piece, 5% of May 1994.
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The evening wear display from the 1994 Miss Mike's Place Pageant held April 16. Contestants were interviewed by judges and displayed evening wear and talents for an enthusiastic crowd.
**Listing of Events**

**Saturday**

- **NLL's 14th "Religious Community" Float-making Party**
- **Equal Protection Maine** will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 9 at 7 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral, 145 State St., Portland.
- **Equal Protection Portland** meeting to discuss the principles of the campaign for EPM/Portland, Thursday, May 5 at 7 pm at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson, 100 Middle St., 5th floor, West Tower, Portland.
- **David Webb** of KLANWATCH will discuss "Hate Groups and Hate Crimes in America. Gays and Lesbians under Attack," on May 12 at the Holiday-Inn-by-the-Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. The event is sponsored by the Mattlovich Society and marks the Society's third anniversary. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking available. For information, call 773-1209.

**Do you have any events you would like to list on this page?**

If you would like your non-profit event or activity listed, send us the time, date, place, phone number and a brief description of the event or activity by the 20th of the month.

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**Sunday**

- **The Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition** meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 pm at 4 Lafayette St., Lewiston. Drop in any Tuesday or call 786-4697 for more information.
- **Coalition-Building Committee** of EPM/Portland will meet Monday, May 16 at 7 pm at 50 Morning St.

**Tri-State Stonewall planning meeting** (NH/ME/VT/MA) May 8 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, State St., Portsmouth, NH. Noon to 4 pm with potluck supper. March update, bus and volunteer planning.

**Time Out after work bike ride.** Wednesday, May 11, Portland to Fort Williams Loop, Beginner level. Call 871-9940 for details.

**Time Out Evans Notch day hike** at Blueberry Ridge May 22. Beginner level hike; for details and meeting location call Michael at 871-9940.

**Time Out Acadia Weekend.** May 27 and 28. Saturday day hike of Mt. Champlain. Steep grades with ladders, but a beginner capable hike. Sunday is day ride of selected Mt. Desert carriage trails starting from Bar Harbor. To participate, call 871-9940 before Thursday May 27.

**Upcoming...**

- **The State of Queer Youth: Present and Future**, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth talk about their lives in Maine. June 23, 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. A Mattlovich Society program.

**Monday**

- **The Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition** meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 pm at 4 Lafayette St., Lewiston. Drop in any Tuesday or call 786-4697 for more information.
- **Northern Lambda Nord's 14th Anniversary Party and Dance**, celebrate with NLL on May 7. For more information, call (207) 498-2080.
- **'Our Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Lives: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going?'' a talk by Howard Solomon, professor of lesbian and gay history, and co-chair, University Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues, Tufts University.**, Unitarian-Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. 7:45 pm, Friday, June 10.

**Partners of Parents,** meets every 3rd Monday, 7-9 pm, at Woodford Congregational Church. Meetings provide support to lesbian and gay men whose partners have children. The groups is self-led and meets for discussion. For more information call 774-3052.

**Portland Pride Fundraiser, 'Disco Dance Party,' Sunday May 8, 7 pm at the Underground, Spring St., Portland. To benefit Gay Pride Parade and Rallies, June 17 and 18.**

**The Religious Community as a Partner in Social Action**, a one-day conference sponsored by MaineShare. Topics to include funding from religious sources and the role of churches in social action. 9:30 am-4:00 pm, Sat. May 7 at Jewett Hall, University of Maine at Augusta. The site is wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact MaineShare at 622-0105.

**Sexual Minorities on Film**, a discussion led by Wayne Bryant, a Boston film historian. Presented by the Mattlovich Society on May 26, 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Wheelchair accessible. For more information and evening performance by<br>**Substance Use and Abuse in the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Community**, a panel discussion at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. 7:30 pm, June 9. Presented by the Mattlovich Society. Free parking and wheelchair access. For information, call 773-1209.

**Time Out Birddwatching Breakfast** May 8 at Gilford Forest, Gilford. Call 871-9940 for information.

**Time Out Camden bike tour.** Intermediate level ride. May 15, for time, meeting location and details, call 871-9940
Mothers & Child

Choosing pregnancy
Part Two
by Maggie Fournier
Contributor

Now that you have made some decisions about a healthcare provider and scheduled an appointment, get out a small notebook and cuddle down with your partner and a cup of herbal tea. You've got some important things to talk about. If you intend to raise your child together as co-mothers, it is vital from the beginning that each of you have a part in this unfolding drama.

Discuss ways that the mom who will not be carrying your child will feel included. Perhaps she can manage the temperature taking and recording routine, handle the ovulation predictor tests and schedule appointments. She can assure that the appointments are made at a time that is convenient to each of you. By all means, she should go right into the examining room to ask questions and get to know the nurses. Docs, and, or midwife. If you are there for an insemination, inquire if your partner might actually do the procedure. If an intrauterine insemination (a procedure where a small catheter is inserted directly into the uterus...much less painful than it sounds...) is being done, your partner can be there to comfort and hold your hand. There are countless ways for both of you to feel that this is a joint effort.

Discuss ways that the mom who will not be carrying your child will feel included.

Don't forget romance! Lesbians make babies a little differently, for sure, and at times things can seem a bit too clinical. Flowers on the way to an appointment, a gift of a journal to record all the special moments, loving makings after an insemination, a picnic on the way in the examining room to share it is an individual decision which bears some early discussion between the moms-to-be. Expect mixed reactions. Remember that this is your life and what you intend. The news of the pregnancy of a lesbian daughter is met with a great deal of hostility. How much information to share and when to share it is an individual decision which bears some early discussion between the moms-to-be. Expect mixed reactions. Remember that this is your life and your decision to make. Know that research demonstrates that children of lesbians do just fine...no better or worse than kids raised by heterosexual parents. It's love and caring that grows healthy children.

One last thought. Dealing with families of origin can be easy or a daunting challenge on a host of factors. If you are "out" to your families and have a good relationship, sharing your plans and pregnancy is likely to go fairly well. Sadly, in many situations, the news of the pregnancy of a lesbian daughter is met with a great deal of hostility. How much information to share and when to share it is an individual decision which bears some early discussion between the moms-to-be. Expect mixed reactions. Remember that this is your life and your decision to make. Know that research demonstrates that children of lesbians do just fine...no better or worse than kids raised by heterosexual parents. It's love and caring that grows healthy children.

So, if your families go off the deep end for awhile, in all likelihood they will get over it. Give them a little time to adjust. After all, this is their grandchild...whether their daughter is the biological mom or not.

Maggie Fournier is an associate professor of nursing at the University of Southern Maine. She is currently conducting research on the topic of co-mothering and is writing a book on lesbian parenting with her partner, Cheryl Cichomski. Maggie and Cheryl live in Portland, Maine, with their seven-year-old daughter, Emily. They celebrated their 22nd anniversary in April.
**National legal trends**

by Will Sandstead, Esq.  
Contributor

Asylum granted to gay Mexican

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has granted asylum to a gay Mexican. The man, "Jose Garcia," whose real name was not released, presented evidence that he had been harassed, beaten and raped by Mexican police solely because he was gay. The INS concluded that asylum should be granted because Garcia presented a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

Unemployment compensation benefits

On March 1, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that a gay male who quit his job due to an anti-gay working environment could not be disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits. The Court found that Raymond Hanke had good cause to leave his job because he was frequently harassed due to his sexual orientation and because he had no reasonable expectation that his employer would prevent further harassment.

Hanke was a hair stylist for Safari Hair Adventure. A fellow employee repeatedly told him that she would "get him" married to a girl if she had anything to do with it," and once told him that she did not want "a bunch of fags in the salon." Hanke did not immediately complain to his boss, Vernon Cole believing that Cole was homophobic. However, once Hanke did report the harassment to Cole, Cole insisted that the fellow employee was not capable of making such comments and that Hanke and his co-worker should work out their differences on their own, because Cole could not "control the opinions of what other people feel or think." (sic) Hanke decided to quit at the end of the conversation.

The Court likened the case to that involving sexual harassment, and concluded that while it was Hanke's burden to report the anti-gay harassment, it was Cole's responsibility to respond in a manner that would give Hanke a reasonable expectation that Cole would take steps to prevent future harassment. Hanke v. Safari Hair Adventure, 1994 WL 57956.

Lesbian co-parent adoption

In New York State, the lower courts are split as to whether NY law would permit a non-biological lesbian co-parent to adopt the biological child of her lesbian partner. In Putnam County, the court took a restrictive reading of the NY adoption statute and ruled that the non-biological lesbian co-parent has no right to bring an adoption petition. The court held that the non-biological mother did not fall within any of the statutory classifications of who may adopt. The court appeared to ignore the fact that the N.Y. statute explicitly provides that unmarried adults can adopt, and instead focused on the provisions for married couples. Matter of Dana, NYLJ, 1/26/94, 20 Fam.L.Rep. 1189.

Conversely, a Monroe County, N.Y. court took a broad approach and granted two separate petitions for second-parent adoptions presented by lesbian non-biological parents. The court concluded that nothing in N.Y. law requires adopting parents to be a particular gender and that sexual orientation discrimination is prohibited by the regulations governing adoptions in N.Y. The court refused to strictly interpret the law requiring the termination of the biological mother's parental rights. Matter of Caulin and Emily, NYLJ, 1/25/94. 20 Fam.L.Rep. 1184.

Domestic partnerships

An Austin, Texas referendum regarding the city's current domestic partnership ordinance will be on the May 7 ballot. The ordinance currently extends spousal benefits to same-sex and opposite-sex unmarried partners of city employees. If passed, the referendum would amend the city charter to define "spouse" as including only husbands and wives; and it would limit city employee benefits to an employee's spouse, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, and the parents or grandparents of an employee's spouse.

AIDS related cases

On February 22nd, the Supreme Court announced that it would not hear the AIDS discrimination case of Bradley v. University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 5 F3d 922 (5th Cir. 1993) cert. denied, 114 S.Ct 1071. In Bradley, the Fifth Circuit upheld a hospital's decision to transfer a surgical assistant to a clerical position after he revealed in a newspaper that he was HIV-positive. The hospital defended its decision to transfer Bradley on the grounds that there was a chance that an HIV-positive surgical assistant could transmit the HIV virus to a patient.

Finally...

Germany has repealed the final remnants of Paragraph 175 of the Criminal Code. Paragraph 175 was the provision under which gays were sent to Nazi concentration camps during World War II.


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The roots of a movement

by Terri Jones

Editor

The anniversary of the Stonewall Riots provides an excellent excuse to probe the history of lesbian and gay communities across the country. In preparing this issue, I have been pleasantly surprised by the depth and variety of material available to the historian. The history of the gay community, oral history and the metamorphosis of the lesbian community form the centerpiece of an excellent book.

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have provided the lesbian and gay community with a look at the the "gay experience" throughout different eras. In Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy's and Madeline D. Davis' book, Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community, oral history and the metamorphosis of the lesbian community form the centerpiece of an excellent book.

Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community traces events in Buffalo, New York from the 1950s to the early 1960s. Drawing on the history of the lesbian community, oral history and the metamorphosis of the lesbian community form the centerpiece of an excellent book.

One of the strongest themes explored by Davis and Kennedy is the central role that the "bar" played in the development of a lesbian community. In their opinion, the creation of public space to discover and live out intimate relationships played a vital role in the beginnings of political consciousness. In the 1950s and 60s, the bars were times seamy, slightly dangerous bar scene of the 1940s and 50s was in and of itself a validation of feelings that had thrown many isolated, isolated. Individuals could finally meet and share ideas and experiences and know they were "the only person that felt that way!" From this new base, women could examine and challenge societal messages about "gay life".

Several women interviewed for the book discussed the sense of excitement and discovery they felt at their first "bar experience". One woman, only fifteen, believed that the experience transformed her life. "I wasn't concentrating on my school work. 'cause I was so enthused and so happy..." Another could hardly get back to the bar after her first visit and met her partner for the next eight years during one of her first visits. The writers theorize that part of the excitement lay in the dramatic contrast between the acceptance and warmth found in these gathering places and the isolation and hostility lesbians experienced in their daily lives.

Another facet of the developing women's community was the rise of the butch-fem dichotomy. Kennedy and Davis discuss the development of a butch as a personification of the difference that was the lesbian community. A butch's active effect to define herself as aggressive, autonomous and interested in women confronted and challenged heterosexist society in each day of her existence. The author see the butch-fem struggles of this era as central to the ongoing lesbian search for solutions to the contradictions of gender and sex.

This book does a great service by presenting the story of a women's community. It is easy to forget that there was a time when property laws impoverished women and it was unheard of and impossible for women to live without a man. The Stonewall Riots were an incredible act of courage, but to be gay in the 1950s, 40s and 50, meant few gay books, no gay papers and an abuser of words to describe the relationships lesbians knew to be "right for" them. Hearing the voices of these women through Kennedy's and Davis' work reminds us of those living in the 1950s, 40s and 50s, a time that has been forgotten.

The women in Buffy had far less organization and fewer resources yet they prevailed and survived.

The style of writing is both academic and exhaustive and may be trying for some readers. It uses extensive source material from other writers to place the Buffalo community in the context of both the national events of the time and the more general body of research on the development of a lesbian and gay rights movement. For all of this weight, however, the dedicated reader will be rewarded with the words of women whose very acts made today's lesbian and gay communities possible. Their words are inspiration and might sustain those readers who struggle against the homophobia of today's society.

The quest for these stories was a task of love for the authors and is reflected in their dedication, "fibo the women who have gone before us, brave women, outlaws, who sought only to find a life of love and dignity, and some of them did."
Classifieds and Personals

T-SHIRTS—5, M (child's), L, XL XXL 100% cotton Beefy-T-Shirt. “TREAT ME WITH RESPECT OR I'LL LEAVE” large front logo, blue on yellow; “DO IT NAKED” small left breast logo, black on white; “Out!” large on front logo, black on pink. $11.95 + 2.95 s&h each. Ashley Lenartson, 84 Irving St, Portland, ME 04103. (207) 761-1924. Reg 17.95, 15% discount on 5 or more ordered. Think Summer. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

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Roommates/Real Estate

Looking for 1 or 2 women to share home Mid-coast area. Waldoboro to Belfast. Either existing home or new one. Prefer rural setting. I have 2 cats. Call 766-5608.

For your real estate needs, call Susan Nadeau, broker with Rollerson Realty, Searsport, Maine, (207) 548-2280

Personals

This thirties GM is rather cute (blue eyes, runner’s build), bright enough (Ivy League way back when), good-hearted (in the helping professions, card-carrying liberal), out (it took awhile, but hey), active (Zootzing, skiing, running), well-rounded (pianist, writer, French-speaker) and single. Go figure. And you? BOX -#04-01

Yer, yestablishecl gay male couple looking for a third partner. What we are looking for is a loving & caring 3-way relationship. We are attractive, in our early-30s, sexually versatile. Please send photo. No fats or fems. HIV status unimportant with the right person. BOX -#04-02

Free, but not cheap. 30+, scoping for cute (me & you), sound, financially stable, 29-39, snappy dresser with all her teeth, who loves life & canine companionship. Get your pen out & give it your best shot! BOX -#05-02

Young, affectionate, and very lonely seeking someone to hold at night, and someone who wants to care for me. I am 6', 175 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes, very good-looking, yet lost in a world of pettiness and backstabbers. Be my knight. Student at UMO, 21. Seeking same age and build. BOX -#04-03

GF, a very young 40, good-looking, seeks woman 30-40 with strong sense of self, honesty, sense of humor, who loves an active lifestyle, biking, skiing, skating, anything outdoors. Must love cats, HBO and pizza. Write! What have you got to lose? BOX -#05-01

HIV-negative Taunus, middle-age, fairly trim, Country Music fan, romantic. Like ocean waves, hiking, cooking, XXX movies, sightseeing, hairy chests, 40-50s. Don’t like heavy, fems, drugs, boozing, tobacco. I pay my own way; expect same from you. Can we meet and talk? Expect no more at first meeting, but... Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick. BOX -#04-04

Son wanted by GWM 49, who is loving, healthy, sincere, supportive, encouraging and caring. Let’s enjoy long walks, the outdoors, the beach, travel, some arts, antiques, exploring new ideas, sex, etc. If you need a real friend contact me. BOX -#04-05

Old-fashioned country boy! Mature GWM, 50, likes old-fashioned values and exploring modern ideas with younger man. I'm flexible and into travel, outdoors, leather, safe sex, antiques, craftsmanship, etc. Looking for a real friend? Contact me, I'm in the Wells area. BOX -#05-01

GWM, 27, would like to meet other average or normal GMs for friendship and maybe possible relationship. I have varied interests such as short travels, shopping, movies, etc. I am honest, warm (to those I know), caring, and monogamous. Photo appreciated.

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