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Concerned Maine Families cries foul

Primary Roundup

Hawaii's legislature fights back

Gubernatorial forum shows progress but little difference

by Terri Jones
Editor

AUGUSTA- The May 21 Gubernatorial Forum was a combination of old and new for the spectators who turned out to hear the positions and views of the candidates for the 1994 governor's race. The forum, sponsored by the Maine Lesbian\Gay Political Alliance, the Maine Civil Liberties Union, the Maine AIDS Alliance, the Maine Chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Women's Issues Working Group from the University of Maine at Augusta, was held at Jewett Hall on the University of Maine-Augusta campus. Participating in the forum were Democratic gubernatorial candidates Tom Allen, Richard Barringer, Donnell Carroll and Robert Woodbury, and Green Party candidate Jonathan Carter.

The old piece was the absence of front-runner Democratic candidate Jo-

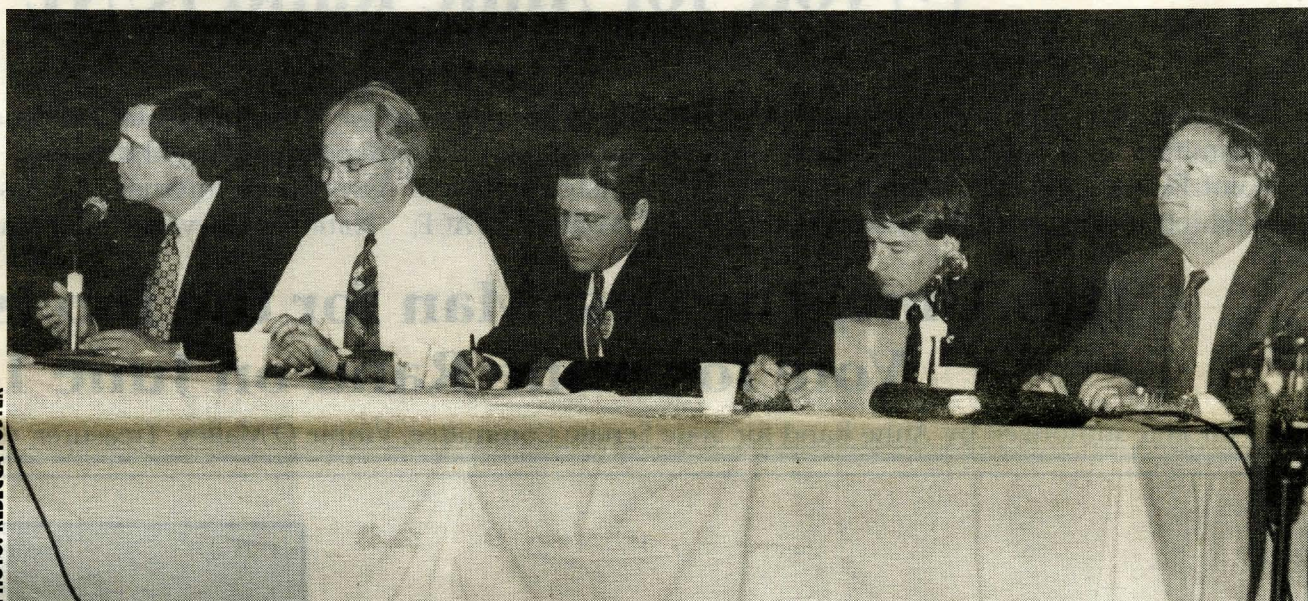


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Forum participants were (l. to r.) Tom Allen, Richard Barringer, Jonathan Carter, Donnell Carroll, and Robert Woodbury.

seph Brennan who maintained his refusal to engage in any public debate with the other Democratic hopefuls. Several references to his absence

were made by the participants and the forum failed to provide the Democratic candidates with any meaningful opportunities to distinguish themselves

from each other.

Also absent from the participants were the eight Republican candidates

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Gay contingent marches in Maine State Parade



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The annual Maine State parade featured its first ever gay presence among the floats, bands, cars and horses. Marchers fought brisk winds in an effort to celebrate gay and lesbian culture. This year's theme for the May 14 event was "Color Me Green".

USM grapples with claims of homophobia

by Laura Smith
Contributor

PORTLAND-The University of Southern Maine (USM) has come under fire for what some perceive as homophobia and the quelling of diversity within the the University staff and curriculum. USM's decision not to renew Dr. Chris Castiglia's contract and a vote to discontinue Dr. Chris Reed's contract have instigated a flurry of letters to the University's campus newspaper, The Free Press, a student organized "speak out" and a letter to USM's president calling for action.

"The Chrises" as they have become known through this controversy, are openly gay lovers. They are also well-regarded scholars on the verge of publishing whose resumes are filled with references reflecting their interests in gay and lesbian studies.

Castiglia and Reed met in the early 1980s as undergraduates at Amherst College, where they both worked with the gay/lesbian student organization

and were involved in gay and lesbian political work. During their 12-year relationship, they both went on to receive their masters' degrees and doctorates' degrees in their respective fields - Castiglia in English and Comparative Literature and Reed in Art History.

Castiglia claims that he was lured to USM by the College of Arts and Sciences who were initially looking for a person to fill a tenure track position. Ultimately, Castiglia was offered a two-year, fixed-term position utilizing his expertise in both the English Department and the Graduate program in American and New England Studies.

Castiglia's claim of homophobia stems from this change in the position offered. Castiglia was told that the Director New England Studies, Joseph Conforti, would not recommend hiring him as tenure-track due to personal reasons, while the English Department enthusiastically endorsed hiring him. He accepted the position with encouragement from the English Department that they would "work something out."

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According to Dave Davis, the current Vice President for Academic Affairs and Acting Provost and the former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the decision not to hire Castiglia on in the tenure track was a budgetary one.

"Both departments [English and New England Studies] applied for a tenure track position to be added. We couldn't do both. This was the compromise." Of Conforti's "personal" problem with Castiglia, Davis couldn't comment.

Meanwhile, though the English Department will most likely apply for, and receive another tenure track position, Castiglia's departure, will, in many students' and faculty's opinions, represent a major loss to the University.

"It's horrible and unconscionable that we're being punished for being out there", says Castiglia, "They don't even get that it's important. That's why they seem surprised [by my claim]. Their ignorance is in itself homophobic."

As one of the few professors at USM teaching courses specifically on gay and lesbian studies, the loss represents a significant step backwards in the promotion of cultural diversity at USM. Castiglia's "Introduction to Gays and Lesbians in Literature" was filled to capacity (30 students) with a waiting list of approximately 25, clearly indicating a strong interest on the part of students for courses in this area.

Chris Reed, who teaches in the Art Department and is on tenure track, has also come under scrutiny. As a tenure track professor, his contract is reviewed every two years. In his informal annual review, he got a "glowing review" and was told he was doing "extremely well".

However, this year, a committee reviewing his tenure contract raised questions about his value to the University based on comments made on student evaluations. Historically, very few students fill out the evaluations, which are administered at the end of a semester and ask questions relating to the teacher's performance with a section at the end for student comments. Though these evaluations are not publicized, Reed indicated that out of all comments written, approximately 1/5 contained negative feedback, a statistic he feels hardly represents the majority of student reaction to his courses.

"There is a similar kind of pattern here", says Reed of his situation to Castiglia's. "People are suspicious of professors teaching gay and lesbian studies", says Reed. He feels that certain individuals question his "agenda" in stressing the importance of gays and lesbians in contemporary art. "How can you teach contemporary art without teaching [Robert] Mapplethorpe?", asks Reed.

Reed's course offering on post-modern art necessitate the study of the artist's sexuality. His class, "Gender Identity and Modern Art", which ran twice per semester, has been filled to capacity with a substantial waiting list.

Some students feel that the USM is trying to "protect" them from post-modern thought. A press release titled "USM Censors Freedom of Thought" and distributed on campus commented in reference to Reed's plight, "[t]his appears to be a blatant case of homophobia which has been masked by the art department in an

effort to "protect" USM students from learning about Post-Modernism." This idea seems to have been authored by Reed himself who admits that he spoke to his students about his situation and encouraged their petition and rally.

The controversy surrounding "the Chrises" doesn't end with their claims of homophobia. Comments made by Reed at the "Speak Out", an event organized mainly by USM students in response to the perceived homophobia, have been viewed by some as sexist and misogynistic. Comments suggesting a link between lesbian separatism during the 1970s and the homophobia that exists at USM today have been criticized by several members of the faculty and student population. Reed's "outing" of Art Department chair Rose Marasco in a letter to the May 2 Free Press saddened and dismayed many. Reed contends that Marasco's partner, Elspeth Brown, attended the "Speak Out" to defend the Art Department on Marasco's behalf (she was out of town) and therefore, opened herself up to response.

Regardless of the personal feelings and differences, the University has been called to task on the issue of homophobia and diversity.

In a letter to USM President Richard Pattenau, Larry Bliss, Director of Career Services and Cooperative Education, and Julien Murphy, Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences proposed that the President appoint a task force to "address gay/lesbian/bisexual concerns and the campus climate." The two are openly gay and in their letter they recommend that the task force be set up immediately and include students, faculty, professional staff and administrators.

"The appearance of homophobia requires that we respond", says Bliss, "We can't just sit here as an institution with our heads in the sand. We must respond."

According to Bliss, several issues regarding gay and lesbian faculty, professional staff and students need to be addressed, including gay and lesbian course content and domestic partnership benefits.

Although USM has a non-discrimination clause protecting individuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation, it does not apply to professors who's relationship with the University is contractual. Unless it is specifically written into their contract, they are not protected.

The President's Office has not yet given a formal response to Bliss' and Murphy's request, but Acting Provost Dave Davis agrees that homophobia exists at USM.

"There are 10,000 students and over 1000 faculty, staff and administrators, to say that there is no homophobia at USM is silly", he says. But he doesn't agree that the creation of "a flashy committee that would preach amongst itself and ghettoize the issue" is the solution.

He feels that "the campus workshops, a broad-based coalition focusing on consciousness-raising, and creating opportunities for staff and the student body to have input" will help make sure USM is tolerant and provides diversity.

"The President takes these issues very seriously", he says, "He takes them to heart." "This is a complex social phenomenon... We don't want people to feel uncomfortable here... we want them to

have fair opportunities... [but] we don't want quick fixes."

While he feels that "the Chrises" controversy has created a lot of personal anguish for people, Davis says he doesn't feel that USM actively contributed to the perception of homophobia, but feels that it may be "guilty by negligence if we don't watch out."

Chris Castiglia has accepted a position with Temple University in their Women's Studies Department teaching "American Women in Writing". As of May 20, Reed had gotten an unofficial re-appointment from College of Arts and Sciences. Reed, however, recently received a prestigious Mellon Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania and will be leaving USM for a year of research.

USM is also losing another professor who offers courses in gay and lesbian studies. Leigh Gilmore, a professor in English and Women's Studies is leaving USM. This, combined with the loss of Castiglia and the temporary loss of Reed (if he returns after his fellowship year) effectively eliminates much of the University's gay and lesbian studies offerings.

Neither Reed nor Castiglia believe that gay and lesbian studies needs to be taught in and of itself, rather that it can be woven and integrated into regular course work as another dimension in the continuum of human understanding.

"But", says Reed, "it takes the USM's and faculty's commitment and research." The University's response to lesbian and gay studies has been met with indifference and sometimes hostility, according to Reed. "We can't work in an environment where most people don't care and a few people are out to get you", says Reed.

There are other courses at USM that integrate the gay/lesbian experience into them. The Criminology Dept. looks at masculinity and sexuality, including a homosexual orientation. The Women's Studies Department offers a course in lesbian representation.

Dr. Rich West, an Assistant Professor in the Communications Department at USM, currently teaches "Communications and AIDS" and will be teaching "Human Sexuality" in the fall of 1994. His students are also exposed to gay and lesbian relationships in the context of his new course, "Relationship Termination."

West contends he has experienced no homophobia at USM. "If I felt discriminated against in my work, my course contents, my research, I would leave... I'd look elsewhere for employment", says West. In fact, West has just received a \$3000 grant approved by the USM Senate to help with his research on communication within gay and lesbian families. West's book, Gender and Communication will be published in November of this year.

On the subject of Castiglia's and Reed's situation, West says that "homosexuality should not be used as a political agenda because it only serves to factionalize, alienate and segregate the [gay/lesbian] community... it pits gay men against lesbians."

West would like to see USM put together a task force to look at integrating gay and lesbian thinking into the curriculum.

As of press time, no official word had been given by the President's Office as to whether he'll support the formation of a task force.



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Wake up, Lewiston!

commentary by Janet Welch

It's been a long time since November when the people of Lewiston made it clear that it's okay to discriminate based on sexual orientation. If the gay-lesbian-bisexual community in Lewiston was closeted before the Equal Protection Lewiston campaign, they're even more closeted now. And who can blame them - being the target for bigots is not a state of existence any one of us would choose - some of us avoid it to the point that we actually deny who we are. I suppose we can justify it by feeling safer behind our little mainstream facade.

Well, Lewiston this is a wake-up call. The elections are upon us and those of us who don't vote regularly had better take a serious look at who is running for those legislative seats in Augusta - the winners of these upcoming elections are the people who will be voting for or against our rights next legislative session. A statewide bill is sure to be introduced and, if we elect a Democrat to the Blaine House, it is sure to be signed (all of the candidates have assured us of that).

Because of the political earthquake caused by Senator George Mitchell's announcement that he won't be running for re-election, a huge number of seats in the State Legislature will be changing hands. New faces with new ideas about every issue that can and will possibly come up in bill form will fill the State House halls. Only we voters have the power to assure those faces and ideas are friendly and supportive of our rights. Don't think the "radical right" isn't at work in Maine - it is. It was at work behind the scenes last year helping our opposition in Lewiston. It continues to be at work helping Carolyn Cosby with her anti-gay referendum petitions, and it's clearly at work in the legislative races.

A couple of those races in Lewiston deserve our serious attention. Remember who successfully led our opposition in Lewiston - Paul and Susan Madore?! Apparently, that success has spurred them on to think they can continue their campaign of bigotry, hatred and intolerance at the state level because, guess what? They're both running for the Maine State Legislature! Susan Madore is running for the newly redistricted House District 90 and Paul Madore for the newly redistricted Senate District 21. Please don't think their primary objective won't be to make sure a gay rights bill won't pass at the state level, or worse yet, introduce an anti-gay rights bill themselves, even though their campaign rhetoric downplays the issue. Lewiston residents, call the Lewiston City Clerk's office and find out what district you are in, make sure you register and VOTE!

Both of these races have primary competition so we need to pay attention to the June 14 primary. Both of the Madores are running as Republicans. Mrs. Madore has a primary opponent - Joan Snyder Nason. My sources tell me neither is more supportive of gay rights than the other. There is also a primary

race for this seat on the Democratic side - Erik M. Tiner vs. Gerald Bouffard. Check these two men out and don't be afraid to call them up on the phone and ask them where they stand on any issue of concern to you, especially gay rights and be suspicious of any unclear answer you may get. Needless to say, the general election in November requires that we all vote and that we all vote for the right person. Clearly neither of the Republicans in this race are the right person so we must make sure the right Democrat wins on June 14 and in November.

The Senate District 21 race is the tricky one for those of us who live in that district. Paul Madore has no primary opposition so he's assured of a clear shot at the Senate seat in the November election. Unfortunately, the two Democrats competing in the primary are both friends who have been supportive in the past - James Handy and Georgette B. Berube. It's truly a tragedy that we will lose one of these fine politicians on June 14. Because of redistricting, they are forced to run against each other for a seat from the new district despite the fact that each is currently serving in the Maine Senate. Senator Berube has served us well for six legislative sessions in the Maine House of Representatives and five legislative sessions in the Senate. She has been supportive at the state level both vocally and by her voting record.

Senator Handy has also served us well for five terms in the House and one in the Senate. He has been supportive at the Legislature and in Lewiston. The primary race is tough decision for any voter. Both Senator Berube and Senator Handy deserve the highest respect and admiration. However, whoever does win, must also win the general election against Paul Madore. In order for that to happen, each District 21 resident MUST VOTE. We can't rely on the general public to elect our supportive Democrat to that seat - we must rely on ourselves. If our Democrat were to lose by one vote, two of us in that district who had chosen not to vote could have changed the outcome of that election simply by going to the polls and putting the check mark in the right box.

Those of you in the Androscoggin-Oxford-Franklin Counties area should also know that one of the candidates running for District Attorney was extremely supportive in our Lewiston effort. He is Paul Gauvreau.

A good source of information on candidates for all the races across Maine is Maine NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) They have published a voter guide that is available by calling 623-2729. Also, call your local Town or City Clerk and find out what district you're in and who the candidates are. Call the candidates and ask them questions. Know who you're voting for and how well they'll represent you and the issues that are important to you before you vote. Our future depends on it.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Maine News

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— Mary Adams, Paul Young, Jasper Wyman, Susan Collins, Charles Webster, Sumner Lipman, Judith Foss and Pamela Cahill —vying for their party's nomination and Independent candidate Angus King. Both King and Lipman have pledged support for gay rights legislation.

The new message for Maine's lesbian and gay voters was agreement among all candidates to sponsor and sign gay rights legislation, to oppose referendum efforts to ban gay rights legislation, to continue and expand support to AIDS education, prevention and services and to extend domestic partnership benefits to unmarried partners of state employees.

Allen and Barringer were asked to respond to the issue of condom distribution and safe sex education in public schools. Both men expressed support for the concept but maintained that the issue was best left to local schools.

Panelists queried Carter and Barringer for concrete steps that they would take to confront Concerned Maine Families' referendum effort. Barringer recommended early organization against the effort and pledged to lead the opposition against including urging Maine citizens to refuse to sign it. Both he and Jonathan Carter asserted that the best way to fight the effort was the immediate introduction of gay rights legislation in the legislature.

Woodbury and Allen spoke eloquently of the importance of civil rights for the gay and lesbian community. Woodbury termed the legislation key to an inclusive society, while Allen noted that Concerned Maine Families' efforts were contrary to Maine's tradition of a tolerant society.

When asked if they would support the extension of domestic partnership benefits to state employees, each candidate replied with a quick and succinct "Yes".

Bath florist slain

BATH—The body of businessman and florist, Melvin B. Henderson was found on May 5 at his business, Kennebec Greenhouses in Bath. Henderson, 74, was shot to death.

The next day, Maine State Police arrested 30-yr.-old Mark Gessner charging him with the murder. According to court documents, Gessner was charged after a friend reported Gessner admitted to the murder. Gessner visited the friend approximately six hours after Henderson's body was found, asking if he could borrow a gun. Gessner reportedly told the friend that he wanted to "shoot the other queer."

Community members turned out in the hundreds to attend a memorial service for a man who was remembered for his generosity and good deeds for his neighbors. When asked about his lifestyle, neighbors noted that they knew he was

gay but that "it was his business".

Gessner had worked for Henderson as a teenager.

Police officials contacted by 10% have refused to comment on the crime or to characterize it as a hate crime despite the court documents' reference to "the other queer".

A bail hearing for Gessner was postponed at the request of his attorney and last reports from jail authorities had Gessner separated from other prisoners after he reportedly tried to commit suicide by cutting his wrist with a staple.

Concerned Maine Families step up campaign

AUGUSTA—Citing a post office confrontation with a gay activist as an example, Concerned Maine Families has accused 10%—Maine's monthly newspaper for lesbians and gay men and Community Pride Reporter of inciting "illegal, criminal activity". The charge, made in a fax to Equal Protection Maine member Patricia Peard and on local television, refers to 10%'s May news article asking people to contact 10% if they sight CMF collecting petitions.

This news piece "smacked of illegal, criminal tactics to deprive all of Maine citizens of the free expression of their constitutional right to lawfully petition their government", according to Cosby, who also appeared on a Channel 13 news broadcast holding a copy of 10% as she was interviewed about her confrontation with local ACT/UP member Richard Freed.

A similar charge was leveled at CPR reporter Rich Austin for a September 1993 commentary that mentioned interfering with the collection of signatures, but urges the lesbian and gay community to "take the high road and do the right thing all the way."

In a related story, CMF petitioners have been active in the Augusta area within the last two weeks. Augusta area resident, Illeanna Ruiz, reported being approached by a CMF petitioner. The petitioner characterized gay rights legislation as detrimental to or detracting from protections offered to other minorities. Ruiz, who is Cuban and a woman of color, rebuffed the approach by explaining that she needed gay rights protection because she is "a woman, black, Cuban AND a lesbian" making her the target of four types of discrimination in our society.

10% is continuing to collect reports of CMF petition-gathering activities. If you see CMF activities, please contact 10% at P.O. Box 11265, Portland, ME 04104.

The full text of CMF's fax is reproduced on p.4.

Local author, activist John Preston dies

PORTLAND—John Preston, 48, long-

Primary Roundup State Senate and House Races

The large number of primary candidates has made it difficult to accurately research and publicize candidates' stands on the issues. In an effort to help the lesbian and gay community sort out the candidates, 10% provides the following list of State Senate and House candidates that have expressed opposition to gay rights legislation (collected by MLGPA). If a candidate in your district is listed, call his/her campaign office and ask where the candidate stands to confirm his/

her opposition.

Maine's primary rules allow voters to pick a party designation on the day of the primary by going to your town or city hall and registering. If you have already chosen a party designation and would like to change it, you must change it no later than 15 days prior to the primary date. This year, the Bureau of Elections was recommending that changes be made by May 28.

State Senate Races:

District 1—Malachi Anderson
District 2—Leo Kieffer
District 3—Margaret Ludwig,
Michael Michaud
District 4—Vinton Cassidy
District 8—Stephen Hall
District 11—Robert Gould
District 16—Charles Begley

District 20—Albert Stevens
District 21—Paul Madore
District 25—Dana Hanley, Donald Twitchell
District 27—John F. McDonough (has waffled on issue)
District 32—Charles Plourde
District 34—Willis Lord


State House Races:

District 1—Kenneth Lemont
District 3—John Marshall
District 4—Wesley Farnum
District 5—Eleanor Murphy
District 8—Jack Libby
District 9—Robert Carr
District 10—Robert Bailey
District 13—Robert St. Onge, Robert Ullenbruch
District 14—James Libby
District 16—Mark Anthony
District 17—Carl F. Sheltra
District 22—Gerald Hillock
District 24—Santo DiPietro
District 42—Joseph Taylor
District 43—Ernest Greenlaw
District 45—Harry True
District 51—George Barnes
District 53—Daniel Billings
District 58—Charles Heino
District 59—Robert Spear
District 61—Richard Simoneau
District 63—Lawrence Nash
District 65—Alvin Barth
District 66—Edward Dexter
District 67—Ida Luther
District 69—Brenda Birney
District 70—Robert Cameron, Phyllis Erwin
District 71—Rosalie Aikman
District 73—David Ladderbush
District 75—Roy Nickerson
District 75—Vivian St. Onge

District 82—John Marsh
District 83—Steven Ridlon
District 87—George Ricker
District 92—Peter Hanley
District 100—Paul Jacobs
District 102—Marc Vigue
District 103—Thomas Poulin
District 104—Sumner Jones
District 105—David Lindahl
District 107—Robert Tufts
District 109—Walter Whitcomb
District 111—Richard Gould
District 112—Ruel Cross
District 114—Debra Plowman
District 116—Richard Campbell
District 125—Donald Strout
District 126—William Reed
District 133—Theone Look
District 134—Harry Bailey
District 134—Albion Goodwin
District 135—Joseph Driscoll
District—Clyde Hichborn
District 138—James Dudley
District 140—Herbert Clark
District 141—Henry Joy
District 142—Catherine Bell, Dean Clukey
District 144—Richard Kneeland
District 145—James Donnelly
District 147—Wilfred Bell, Julie-Marie Robichaud
District 150—Douglas Ahearne



National News



time Portland resident, AIDS activist and nationally-known author died of AIDS on April 27 at his home.

Preston was the founder of the first gay community center in the nation, Gay House, Inc., which opened in Minneapolis in 1970. Later, he served as editor at *The Advocate*, the nation's first major national gay magazine.

Leaving that post, he moved to Portland in 1979, where he began a career as a writer of erotic stories including "Fanny, the Queen of Provincetown", later made into a 1984 Jane Chambers Award-winning play.

In 1987, Preston learned that he was infected with HIV and he stepped up his work as a safe sex educator and lecturer. He became president of the board of the AIDS Project in 1990.

Preston's memorial service, held on May 7, attracted hundreds of mourners and admirers.

PWA Coalition moves to new address

PORTLAND- The People With AIDS (PWA) Coalition is relocating to 696 Congress St. The new location, renovated during the month of May is expected to be ready for occupancy on June 1. The agency, founded in 1988, is excited about the move.

"It gets us off Cumberland Ave., out of a storefront space and into a more homey environment", says June Seamans, the PWA Coalition Board President. "We'll continue to provide a safe space for people with HIV and AIDS to gather."

The PWA Coalition's stated mission includes "represent[ing] people across the state of Maine now living with AIDS and HIV infection", and "work[ing] actively with other AIDS organizations to increase services already provided and to present AIDS with a human face."

To that end, Living Room North, the PWA Coalition Drop-In Center offers a safe place to meet other people living with AIDS and HIV infection. The Program also offers meal programs at no cost to PWAs and the Food Pantry supplements many PWAs with necessary items. The Food Pantry currently serves 100 individuals and families.

"The PWA Coalition is run by people with HIV/AIDS for people with HIV/AIDS," says Seamans, "It's a self-empowerment organization. With the exception of one paid part-time administrative person, it is run completely by volunteers." Funding comes partly from state grants and federal food emergency funds but mostly from fundraising and individual donations.

The Coalition space provides a place to go, support, social gatherings and a monthly newsletter, *The Scoop*, a publication dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness.

Donations may be made by contacting the PWA Coalition at 773-8500.

GLAAD/LA initiating a new awareness project.

The GLAAD/LA Awareness Project involves the Los Angeles public transit system through placing 200 bench ads at bus stops around the greater Los Angeles area. One hundred and ninety-five benches have been chosen throughout the county (with an additional five in Sacramento near the State Capitol Building). Total exposure for the benches over the three-month period is estimated to be over 172 million.

The ads are slated to appear Memorial Day Weekend and run through at least Labor Day (September 3).

The ads will help create awareness among Los Angeles residents that lesbians and gay men are present in every walk of life. The ads will feature a photograph by Tony Franza of Los Angeles area lesbians and gay men. The volunteer "models" have come from GLAAD/LA, Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, Gay Men of Color Consortium, League of Asian Pacific Island Sisters (LAPIS), and Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team.

CNN & CBS interested in Gay Games telecast

NEW YORK-Both CNN and CBS-TV have expressed an interest in covering Gay Games IV in New York City during the week of June 18, 1994. Such coverage would be a first for the Games and a milestone in mainstream media recognition of this international sporting event.

To encourage these networks to include the Gay Games, the results and attendant personality and human interest profiles contact: Jim Walton, Sports Director, CNN, 1 CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30348; (404) 737-3323; CBS-TV Sports, 524 W. 57 Street, New York 10019.

TV gearing up for "Day of Compassion"

A national "Day of Compassion" has been scheduled for June 21, 1994. On that day, television daytime dramas, talk shows and news programs are encouraged to feature role models, topics and storylines reflecting compassion for individuals who are HIV infected or have AIDS.

Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman have already taped a Public Service Announcement (PSA) which, with the support of ABC-TV, will air with the re-run of "Roseanne" on the evening of June 21. This would be the first prime time presence for "Day" according to Neil Tadken, coordinator for this growing international event.

Also committed for 1994 is Spanish language programming from Telemundo productions.

Gay wedding bells sound on "Northern Exposure"

Wedding bells rang in Cecily, Alaska for Ron and Erick (Doug Ballard and Don McManus) on the May 2 season finale of "Northern Exposure" (CBS-TV, Mon., 10:00 pm).

Titled "I Feel the Earth Move," the series' only homophobic character, Maurice, "Northern's" macho ex-astronaut, actually helped the couple get over their pre-marital differences.

The scheduled kiss between the two men was deleted.

One sponsor and some affiliates objected to the subject matter of the show. Nestle Corporation withdrew as a sponsor, and two CBS affiliates, KNOE-TV of Monroe, LA and WTVY-TV of Dothan, AL, announced their refusal to air the show. A third affiliate, WDRW-TV of North Augusta, South Carolina replaced "Northern," without warning, with an episode of "Deep Space Nine.")

To express your opinion about the show or the affiliates and Nestle write: Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90036; Andrew Schneider, Executive Producer, "Northern Exposure," 3000 Olympic Blvd., Suite #1540, Santa Monica, CA 90404; Tim Crull, CEO, Nestle Corporation, 800 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203; CBS affiliates: WRDW-TV, 1301 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841; KNOE-TV, P.O. Box 4067, Monroe, LA 71211; WTVY-TV, P.O. Box 1089, Dothan, AL 36302.

Hawaii's Legislature defines marriage to thwart court ruling

HONOLULU- Hawaii's state Legislature has passed a bill designed to nullify an earlier Hawaii Supreme Court ruling find the state's marriage law unconstitutional because it did not allow same-sex marriages. The bill, HB2512, defines marriage as between a man and a woman and proclaims marriage law an issue for the legislature rather than the courts. The bill also creates a commission to study discrimination based on sexual orientation with gay and lesbian representatives as well as Catholic, Quaker and Mormon members.

The Hawaii Supreme Court sent the case back to district court to give the state the opportunity to show a compelling state interest in limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples. The hearing is scheduled for April 1995.

The case was brought on the behalf of three gay couples. The legal challenge is being led by the Marriage Project of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Although some observers have suggested that the commission may help create the first state level domestic partnership initiative, gay rights activists have expressed determination to receive the

same marriage rights as heterosexual couples and are expected to appeal the district court decision if it does not affirm their right to marry.

Austin voters repeal domestic partnership law

AUSTIN- On May 7, 62% of Austin, Texas voters to repeal a city policy that offers insurance benefits to unmarried partners. The policy was the target of an aggressive campaign by the Mainstream Austin Coalition that characterized the policy as irresponsible government spending and morals. Another member of the repeal forces, Concerned Texans, termed the repeal drive as a taxpayer issue and not a gay issue.

Observers of the campaign have identified a new strategy by Christian fundamentalists that doesn't mention gay rights but tells voters not to allow their governments to "pay for behavior that they don't approve of." The strategy represents a continuing effort by the religious right to overturn gay rights progress without appearing to be anti-gay.

Approximately 20 cities around the country allow unmarried couples, including gay couples to register as partners and receive domestic benefits.

Gay lieutenant slated for dismissal under "don't ask, don't tell"

SACRAMENTO- A California National guard lieutenant has been recommended for dismissal because he informed his superiors that he is gay.

1st Lt. Andrew Holmes, 35, appeared before a board of military officers to examine whether he should be one of the first service personnel recommended for dismissal since the "don't ask, don't tell" policy went into effect on Feb. 28.

The National Guard admitted that Lt. Holmes' service record and character were not in question.

The recommendation goes to the Sixth Army at the Presidio in San Francisco for ratification.

Stonewall 25 parade details still unclear

NEW YORK- With less than a month before the march, Stonewall 25 officials are still reporting difficulties with the Mayor's Office that have prevented the establishment of an exact parade route for the commemorative march scheduled for Sunday, June 26.

Organizers have accused New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani of attempting to "hide" the march by proposing a low visibility parade route.

At this writing, Stonewall 25 organizers are advising attendees to contact their local organizers for details and to watch for "Stonewall guides" to be posted in major areas to answer questions about locations.

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Stonewall 25 Update and Activities

As of this writing, the New York City Mayor's Office is still impeding the planning of the Stonewall International March. The International March office is asking that people refrain from calling the Stonewall 25 office and seek information from their local committees. In Maine, more information is available by calling 871-9940.

To disseminate information about the details of the March, The NY lesbian and Gay Community Center will have a welcome office set up Friday-Sunday, June 24-26. The center is located at 208 W. 13th St. in Greenwich Village, about 1 block from Greenwich and 7th Ave.

Stonewall guides will be posted at major subway stations near Greenwich Village, at major transportation hubs, and at airports. The local gay press including the "Pride Guide" will be available at newsstands and will contain useful information.

Schedule of March- Sunday, June 26

10am - 12pm Line-up. Maine is schedule to march with Vermont and New Hampshire in the first third of the U.S. contingent. The U.S. contingent follows a scheduled 64-nation International portion.

1pm (likely) Step-off, near United Nations, east side, ask marshalls for Tri-State Alliance or for Maine location.

Buses are leaving Bangor and Portland leaving late Saturday, June 25 after 9pm and returning early Monday morning, June 27. Costs \$40 and \$45, For more information, call 871-9940.

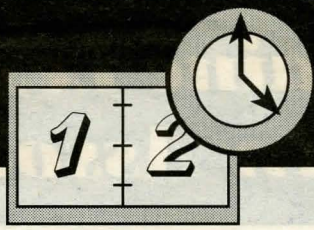
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**Freedom
Fest - Bangor**

Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition meets every Tuesday from 7:30-9pm at Lafayette St., Lewiston. Drop in any Tuesday or call 786-4697 for more information.

Boston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, June 1-12, For more information call the Harvard Film Archive (617) 496-4700 or Museum of Fine Arts (617) 267-9300, x. 300.

Boston Gay Pride Celebration and Rally, Saturday, June 11. For more information, call (617) 446-9036.

Equal Protection Maine holds a Miss Gay Maine Benefit at the Underground, Spring St., Portland on June 19.

Freedom Fest Maine-Bangor meets on the first Sunday of the month to plan Bangor's 2nd Pride March scheduled for July 9. Meet starts at 2pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 359 Main St., Bangor. For more information, contact Malcolm Smith at 866-4320.

Lesbian ACOA meeting, Tuesday, 7-8:30pm at 7 Middle St., Brunswick (behind the Unitarian-Universalist

Church by the public library). For more information, contact Jo at 725-5103.

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance meets on the third Saturday of the month. This month, the meeting takes place in Portland just before the Portland Pride Festivities. The meeting will be held on Sat., June 18 at 9am at USM in Room 220, Payson Smith Hall.

Maine Gay Men's Chorus, Saturday, June 18, 8pm at the State Theatre, Congress St., Portland. For tickets, call 879-1112 or st Drop Me a Line, Congress St., Portland.

Maine Primary Day, June 14. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!!

"Our Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Lives: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going?" a talk by Howard Solomon, professor of gay and lesbian history and co-chair, University Task Force on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues, Tufts University. Unitarian-Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. 7pm, Friday, June 10.

Partners of Parents meets every 3rd Monday, 7-9pm at Woodfords' Congregational Church, Woodfords St., Portland. Meetings provide support to lesbian and gay men whose partners have children. The group is self-led and meets for discussion. For more information, call 774-5032.

Pride Fest Maine '94 - Portland, from Silence to Celebration, June 17, 18 and 19 see below for details.

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

"Stonewall 25 Celebration- New York City, Sunday, June 26. See opposite page for details

"Substance Use and Abuse in the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Community", a panel discussion at the Holiday-Inn-by-the-Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland, 7:30pm, June 9. Presented by the Matlovich Society. Free parking and wheelchair access. For information, call 773-1209.

New England Pride Events

VERMONT- Saturday, June 4, Burlington, VT Noon Parade and Festival. For more information, call (802) 439-6453

BOSTON- Saturday, June 11. Rally at Copley Sq., 11am. Parade from Copley Sq. through South End to the Esplanade, 12noon. Festival at the Hatch Shell, 1-5pm

NEW HAMPSHIRE- Friday, June 17, 6pm rally and parade, Concord. Saturday, June 18, festival, Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH

PORTLAND PRIDE FESTIVITIES

Friday, June 17 - Afternoon Press Conference "tea" and 7pm rally at City Hall Plaza Speakers include Anne Rand, MLGPA, Stonewall 25. Reception to follow for Stonewall 25-Maine.

Saturday, June 18 - 10:30 am Pine St. block party. Parade begins at 12noon from Longfellow Square and will proceed down Congress St. to Exchange St. and into Tommy's Park. The Festival begins at 1pm with vendors and Martin Swinger, a wedding, "Women in Harmony" and others

The Maine Gay Men's Chorus performs at 8pm at the State Theatre, Congress St. Portland .

Sunday, June 19 - Bicycle brunch with Time Out, 10am and Dignity/Integrity Service at St. Luke's Church, 135 State St. in Portland.

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June 3rd

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National legal trends

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Domestic Partnerships

A Colorado Court of Appeals has ruled that domestic partners are not members of the "immediate family". In December 1991, a social worker employed by the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals applied for family sick leave benefits when she took three days off to care for her domestic partner. The Department had an anti-discrimination rule which included sexual orientation. However, the Department denied her application on the grounds that the domestic partner did not qualify as immediate family under the Career Service Authority Rules. The Court affirmed the Department's decision.

The Court held that the anti-discrimination rule did not supersede the Rules' definition of immediate family. Further, the Court held that there was no evidence that the definition of immediate family (which included husband and wife, but not domestic partners) discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation, because the definition applied equally to homosexuals and heterosexuals. Instead, the definition relied on the distinction between married and unmarried employees. The Court rejected the argument that because they cannot get married, gays and lesbians must be distinguished from unmarried heterosexuals. The Court stated that it was really a "perceived unfairness of the state's marital laws" for which the state legislature was responsible. *Ross v. Denver Department of Health and Hospitals*, 1994 WL 115870 (Colo. App. April 7).

A New York County Court ruled that a surviving gay partner was not entitled to inherit from the estate of his deceased partner who died intestate—that is, without a will. New York's intestacy laws, like those in Maine, give all the property of a deceased person (without a will) to the legal spouse, if one exists, or otherwise to blood relatives, such as children, parents and siblings. No one else may receive, and if no relatives exist, then everything goes to the state. The Court ruled that the intestacy laws do not violate the U.S. Constitution because they do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and the state has a "compelling interest in the orderliness of [the] transfer of property rights at death." Most interesting is the Court's rejection of the surviving partner's claim that he and his deceased partner could not have gotten married. The Court asserted that New York law "has no requirement that applicants for a marriage license be of different sexes." (Apparently the judge is inviting a challenge to the presumption that lesbian and gay couples cannot get mar-

ried in New York. *Matter of Gary S. Petri*, NYLJ, p. 29 (Apr. 4).

Same Sex Marriage

In Arizona, a trial court held that the Arizona statute which restricts marriage to opposite sex couples is constitutional. The Court found that the decision whether to allow same-sex couples to marry is a political question and, therefore, a policy matter more properly dealt with by the legislature. In the words of the Court, "The underlying foundation of this question is whether community morals are a valid basis for enacting and upholding legislative statutes. In Arizona, moral judgments are generally left in the hands of the legislature...The statutory definition of marriage is a passive recognition of Arizona's societal desires, Arizona marriage statute was not enacted to selectively discriminate against any particular individuals. It merely codifies what has traditionally been defined as marriage." *Callender v. Corbett*, Pima County Superior Court, Docket #296666 (Az. Apr. 13).

Sodomy Laws

The Mississippi Supreme Court unanimously decided that the state's "crimes against nature" law does not violate the right of privacy provided in the Mississippi Constitution. Defendant James Miller was convicted of having oral sex with a 17-yr.-old male (underage in Mississippi). Miller argued that the sodomy law violated his right to privacy. The Court held that while the state's constitution provides a right to privacy, the right to privacy does not extend to "homosexual sodomy." *Miller v. State*, 1994 WL 125291 (Apr. 14).

Adoption

In Washington State, a court of appeals held that a biological mother who put her child up for adoption could not regain or reassert parental rights to block adoption of the child by a male couple. The mother sought to revoke her consent to the relinquishment of parental rights because she did not understand its implications and because the idea that her child would be adopted by gays was her "worst nightmare". In addition, she sought to adopt the child herself. The court held that the mother had no right to adopt the child and no right to be involved in the adoption proceedings involving the gay foster parents. Any rights she may have once had were lost when she relinquished her parental rights. *State v. Lucas*, 1994 WL 117238 (Apr. 11).

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Mothers & Child

Remembering Stonewall

by Maggie Fournier
Contributor

While working as a summer life-guard, I fell in love with a woman named Sunny. Our love was natural and spontaneous and I was happy in a way that I had never imagined. At once, I felt whole and genuine. The year was 1968 and I was seventeen.

Growing up in a French Canadian home and attending twelve years of Catholic schools gave me no context in which to frame my new relationship. I didn't know the words lesbian, gay, homosexual.... I didn't care. Yet somehow, I knew intuitively that my love was a secret to be guarded above all else. Who could ever accept this kind of love? Who would ever support me and understand?

With a fake I.D., I danced in clubs with names like *The Continental* and *The Pink Triangle*. There were others there. Like my love and I, we were socialized into closets. We learned about subtle codes and messages amid the smoke and darkness. We grew accustomed to lying to those who must never learn the truth.

At the time, the Stonewall Rebellion meant little to me. I thought that those people must be crazy. It seemed so safe and easy to stay hidden. Why risk it? Never flaunt it. Besides, they were not like me....

Today, I understand the high price I paid to be in the closet during that period in my life. I hope that no young person will ever hold inside them the beliefs that I did which were so depressing and hurtful to me as a young woman.

I believed that being a lesbian was shameful.

I believed that no one but other lesbians and gay men would care about me if they knew.

I believed that I must never reveal myself except in gay bars or at exclusive parties.

I believed that no church would embrace me.

I believed that my family would hate me if they knew the truth.

And, I believed that I would never have a child of my own to love and to hold....

In the June of 1969, something important happened which would influence my life. I didn't know it until many years later.

As the years passed, I gradually gave up some of my earlier notions. For this, I thank my life partner, Cheryl, most of all. Also, I am grateful to all the people in my life who were braver than I. I met some wonderful role models who helped me see that I could come out from the shadows and just be me.

It was during my pregnancy that I discovered the strength to come out of the closet completely. I made a

vow never to go back. To raise kids, you cannot be living a lie. The best legacy is one of truth.

I found the embrace of the Unitarian Church....a community which celebrates diversity and openness.

I became involved in the movement for our rights, particularly in the area of domestic partnership.

Today, I understand the high price I paid to be in the closet during that period in my life.

There was something else, too....a baby shower given to Cheryl and I by dear friends in Massachusetts. Many of the women in attendance were in their fifties and sixties. They told us how lucky we were because the world was changing for lesbians and gay men. With profound regret, they spoke about how they wished that they could have had their own children. At the time, it was simply not possible. They lived their lives in the closet. There were no fertility clinics, no willing physicians, no supportive nurses. Our impending birth was bittersweet for them. Their empathy and tenderness toward us was moving.

This summer, we will remember the women and men who came before us and those who bravely rebelled on Christopher Street. They have given us a gift of courage to live our lives openly and with pride. They have given us the valor to have our babies. I'll tell our daughter about Stonewall someday so that she will know this piece of her mothers' history more clearly. And understand the destructive nature of oppression.

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 Ciechomski. Maggie and Cheryl live in Portland, Maine, with their eight year-old daughter, Emily.

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The pageant was hosted by Miss Gay Maine 1993 Lexie Love who was given a special award recognizing her contribution to the art of female illusion.



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Lexie Love, Miss Gay Maine 1993 accepts a plaque from contestant, Miss Joanne. She was recognized for her contributions to the art of female illusion in Maine.



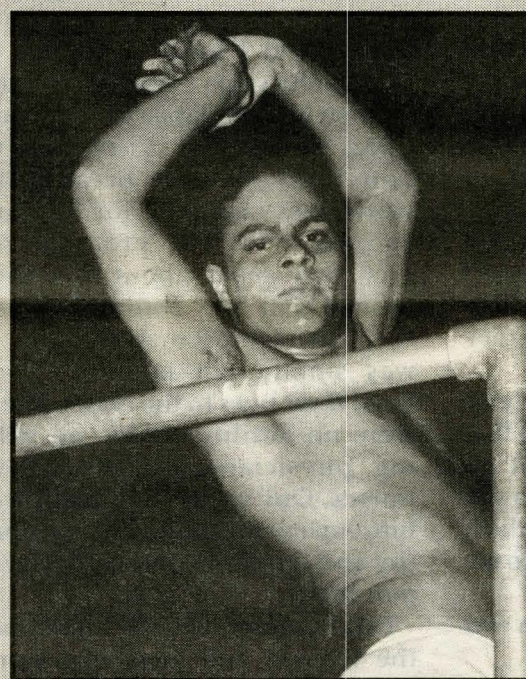
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Pictured above (l. to r.) is 1994's Miss Maine Female Illusionist of the Year, Miss G, with second runner-up and winner of Miss Mike's Place 1994 pageant, Tiffany, and 1st runner-up and winner of the pageant's congeniality award, Crystal Rose.

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Fitness

Countdown to P-Town

by Martha Atherholt II
Contributor

As I am sure you are aware, summer is right around the corner. Reservations for Provincetown have been made and the deck chairs placed in their respective summer positions. It's time to put on that bathing suit and get outside, right? ...wrong!

We, here in Maine, are fortunate enough to have 12 weeks of great summer weather and 40 weeks of absolutely bone-chilling, frigid temperatures. Unfortunately, this does not promote much of an active, outdoor lifestyle on a consistent basis. Many of us simply sit inside and become faithful members of the fraternity known as Delta-Kappa-Couchpotato. Ugh! The last thing you want to do is hop off that couch and into bathing suit!

Now I'm not saying that everyone gives into gravitational pull their sofa gets

Let me briefly explain each of these steps. Remember to adapt a program that is appropriate to your lifestyle. Do not try to do more than you have time for.

Our first and most important part of the program is the cardiovascular training to strengthen the heart and lungs. There are, however, other benefits. The best one is the effect this has on the body fat percentage. As you train cardiovascularly, provided that you keep your heart rate elevated for 30 minutes, your body will burn body fat as a fuel source for your muscles. But the best part is that your metabolism will remain elevated for as long as 3-4 hours after your workout has ended!

Cardiovascular exercise is as easy as a brisk walk, a light jog, a bike ride, a roller

1. $220 - 25 = 195$ max. BPM

2. $195 \times .6 = 117$ BPM

3. $195 \times .8 = 156$ BPM, so your THR would be 117 - 156 beats per minute.

An easy way to count this is to divide this number by 6 and take your pulse for 10 seconds, instead of trying to count for an entire minute. So the above THR would be 20 - 26 beats in 10 seconds.

To find your pulse, place two fingers on the side of your neck directly under the back of the jaw. If you find that your heart rate exceeds the 80% point, you will need to slow your activity level down until you get below this level. Physiologically, your body is not able to burn stored body fat if you exercise above the 80% max. heart rate.

Strength training is the next portion

nutrition. All of the exercise in the world cannot make you healthy if you have a poor diet. The premise behind a healthy diet is keeping the intake of fatty foods to a minimum, specifically keeping the percentage of calories from fat to no more than 20% of your daily intake of calories.

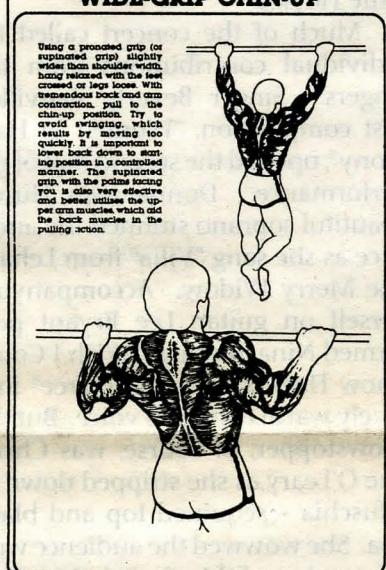
If you measure your fat intake based on the number of grams you eat, 20% of the average adult's caloric intake would be 25 - 35 grams of fat per day. By keeping the fat intake in your diet at this level, this would be considered a low - fat diet.

All of these steps are fine on their own, but in combination, they will work wonders. Keep in mind that summer is only weeks away, and all it takes is a few hours a week to give you that super summer body!

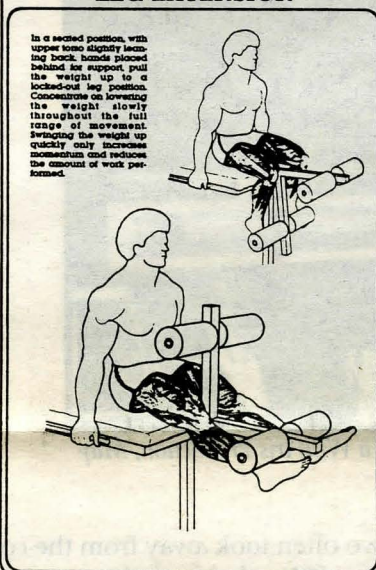
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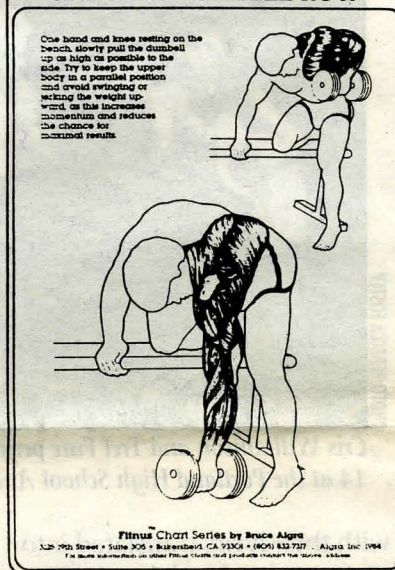
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after the first frost. Some of us choose to join a health club and avoid the needless anxiety associated with the spring thaw. But for those that have been slacking since last September, guess what time it is?! It's time to quit that fraternity!

The quest for a lean, fit body is not as difficult as it may seem. There are three basic parts to a solid exercise program. First, it is necessary to exercise cardiovascularly to strengthen the heart and lungs. This should be done for 30 minutes, 3-4 times per week. The next part is a moderate strength training program, also done 3-4 days per week. Finally, nutrition is the piece of the puzzle that ties it all together. The diet should be low in fat.

blade, etc. Basically, it's an activity that can raise your heart rate and keep it there for an extended period of time. So now you're asking yourself, "How high does my heart rate need to be?"

The terminology for this is target heart rate (THR). THR is, quite simply, 60-80% of your maximal heart rate, measured in beats per minute (BPM). Use the following formula to calculate your THR:

1. $220 - \text{your age} = \text{maximum heart rate}$

2. $\text{Max. heart rate} \times .6 = 60\%$ of your maximum heart rate,

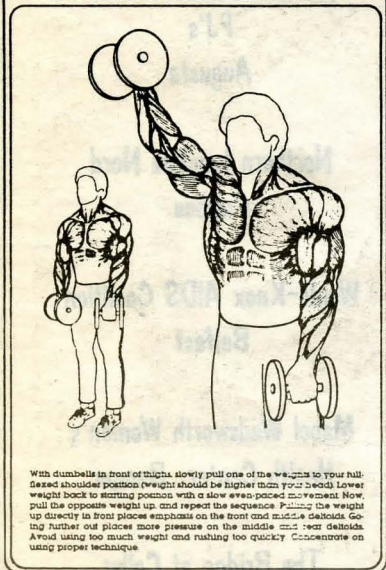
3. $\text{Max. heart rate} \times .8 = 80\%$ of your maximum heart rate.

For example, if you are 25 years old, your THR would be:

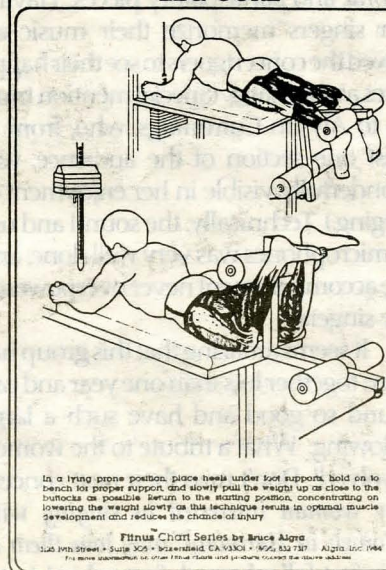
of your workout program. These exercises must be performed with a particular focus on correct form. When strength training exercises are done incorrectly, there is a great risk of injury to the back and neck. I have outlined a series of exercises which are good basic strength training techniques to use. Keep in mind that you need to use weights which can be lifted comfortably for 10 - 12 repetitions. Begin with 1 set of each of these exercises and gradually progress to 3 sets of 10 - 12 repetitions per set. If you are unable to workout in a fitness facility, try to locate a friend or relative that has weights you may use.

The final piece of the fitness puzzle is

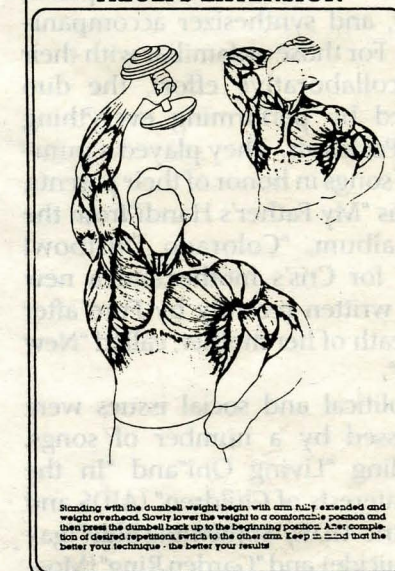
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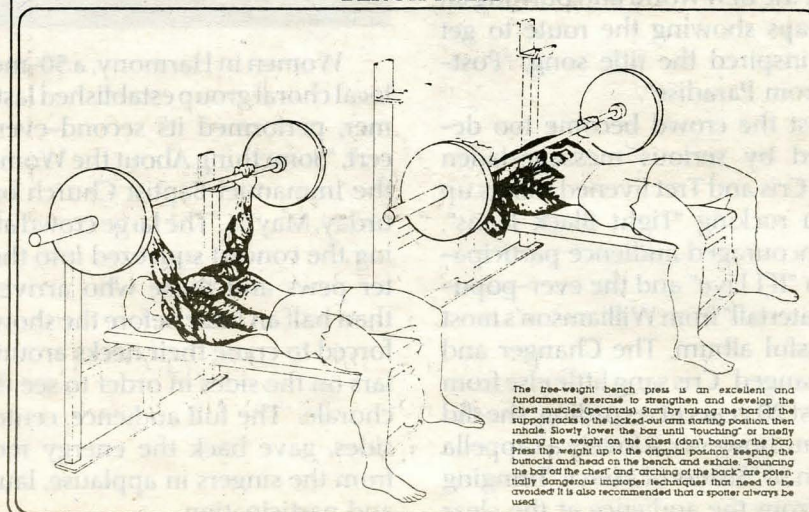
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Reviews

Women's music sweetens Portland air

by Lise Wagner
Contributor

A virtually sold-out house of women (and approximately six men) packed the Portland High School auditorium to hear Cris Williamson and Tret Fure perform their new album, *Postcards from Paradise*, on Saturday, May 14. Brought to town by Wild Iris Productions, Cris and Tret drew a largely lesbian audience, many of whom were thrilled to be in the presence of Williamson, one of the living legends of the women's music scene. No slouch herself, Fure's excellent guitar work livened up the evening.

Performing on a simply adorned

beauty of her voice.

Although the duo played well, they lacked some spontaneity while performing due to their reliance on pre-programmed rhythm tracks on the synthesizer. Not only was the synthesizer at times loud and jarring, it allowed the musicians no leeway for improvisation.

The only other drawback to the concert was the amount of time Cris and Tret spent talking during the performance. While many in the audience enjoyed the stories, particularly about their trip to Russia, the banter between

The Women, conducted by Sonja Dahlgren Pryor, sang a variety of classical, pop, and folk songs, accompanied on piano by Linda Marks and frequently by Linda Stevens on drums and Carol Jones on guitar. The entire concert was interpreted for the hearing-impaired by Tania Hubacher (no easy feat, particularly when the words are in Latin!)

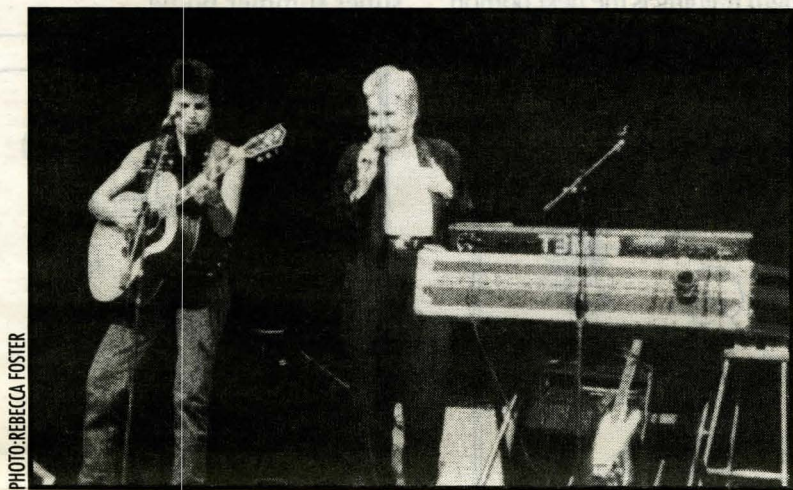
The majority of the first half of the concert was in celebration of children, including a hilarious rendition of the Ugly Duckling tale (kudos to Meg Braley as the Duckling) and the Odetta-style singing of Lynette Breton in the solo, "All the Pretty Little Horses."

Much of the concert called for individual contributions from the singers. Singer Beverly Banville's first composition, "Women in Harmony", opened the second half of the performance. Donna Jean Hurd's beautiful soprano stunned the audience as she sang "Vilia" from Lehar's *The Merry Widow*. Accompanying herself on guitar, Lee Bryant performed Nina Simon's "Wish I Could Know How It Feels to Be Free" in a lovely warm contralto voice. But the showstopper, of course, was Christine O'Leary, as she stripped down to a fuschia-sequined top and black boa. She wowwed the audience with her version of "My Guy" - "My Girl", delightfully backed by the rest of the chorus.

The whole group performed well, particularly on the lively Holly Near piece, "Riverboat", which had terrific accompaniment of spoons, tambourine, drums, and guitar. The dynamics and diction were nicely done in Bernstein's "Somewhere" from *West Side Story*. Although amusing and certainly singable, the medley of tunes from the 60s might have been confused with a commercial for an easy-listening station, but was nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

It is clear that Sunny Pryor's enthusiasm and talent not only infuses the women she conducts but her audience as well. She arranged a good mix of solo, choral, and participatory pieces. Having her singers memorize their music allowed the concertgoers to see their happy faces as they sang. (Special mention must go to Alyson Cummings, who, from at least one section of the audience, was wonderfully visible in her enjoyment of singing.) Technically, the sound and use of microphones was very well done, and the accompaniment never overpowered the singers.

It seems amazing that this group has been together less than one year and can sound so good and have such a large following. What a tribute to the women involved! Don't miss their next concert. Any woman interested in singing with "Women in Harmony" may join them at their first fall rehearsal, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland.



Cris Williamson and Tret Fure performed at a Wild Iris Production, May 14 at the Portland High School Auditorium

stage, with their lyrics translated into sign language by local interpreter, Tania Hubacher, Cris and Tret focused on the new release, with piano, guitar, and synthesizer accompaniment. For those unfamiliar with their first collaborative effort, the duo obliged by performing everything from *Postcards*. They played a number of songs in honor of their parents, such as "My Father's Hand" from the new album, "Colorado Dustbowl Days" for Cris's mother, and a new song, written recently by Fure after the death of her mother, called "New Year's".

Political and social issues were addressed by a number of songs, including "Living On" and "In the Best Interests of Children" (AIDS and pediatric AIDS), "Something Blue" (gay teen suicide), and "Garden Ring" (Moscow in the winter). Cris's intriguing fantasy about Columbus deciding to stay in the new world and burning all the maps showing the route to get there inspired the title song, "Postcard from Paradise".

Lest the crowd become too depressed by serious message-laden tunes, Cris and Tret livened things up with a rocking "Tight Black Jeans", and encouraged audience participation in "If I Live" and the ever-popular "Waterfall" from Williamson's most successful album, *The Changer and the Changed*. Cris sang little else from her past 20 years of recording; she did perform, however, a lovely a cappella version of "Sisters of Mercy," bringing sighs from the audience at the clear

the two often took away from the continuity of the show, causing some to believe they'd stumbled into a comedy club or lecture hall. The lecturing was especially fierce at the end of the evening when, to a highly appreciative and almost full house, Cris decried what she saw as disinterest in women's music evidenced by the dwindling size of audiences. The diatribe seemed a bit odd, since she was preaching to the converted.

The audience was forgiving, however, and gave Williamson and Fure an instant standing ovation. The applause was particularly loud and long for Tret. Cris redeemed herself by singing her fans out with the beautiful "Lullaby (Like a Ship in the Harbor)."

Women in Harmony

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Women in Harmony, a 50-member local choral group established last summer, performed its second-ever concert, "Something About the Women", at the Immanuel Baptist Church on Saturday, May 21. The large crowd attending the concert squeezed into the center pews and those who arrived less than half an hour before the show were forced to crane their necks around pillars on the sides in order to see the full chorale. The full audience, center and sides, gave back the energy received from the singers in applause, laughter, and participation.

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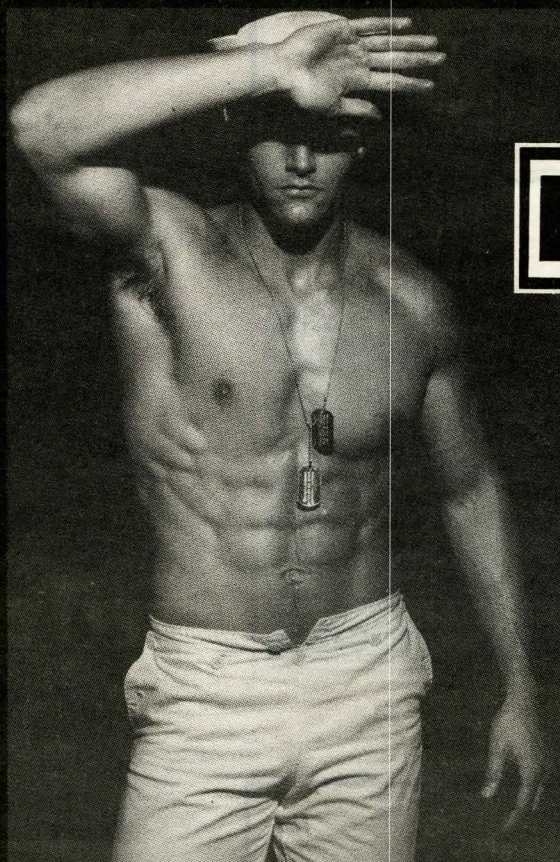
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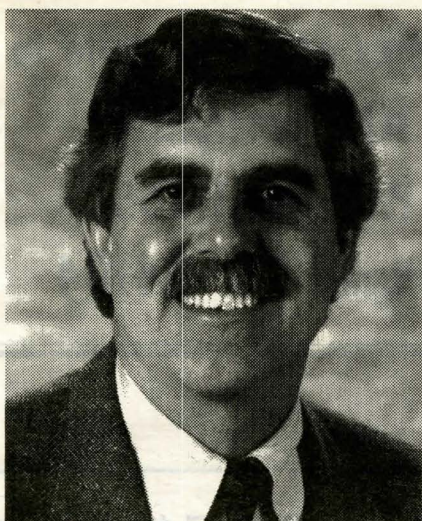
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