"Let the games begin..."
by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

It didn’t really hit me until I went onto the field at Columbia’s Wien Stadium to wait for Team Maine’s entrance. The pre-procession entertainment died down. The teams who had been kept waiting in an outside staging area were then brought into the stadium.
The procession started with the teams from foreign countries. Each one was introduced by name by the announcer’s booming voice and accompanied by martial music... and then it happened, unexpectedly, especially for this skeptic. My eyes filled with tears as we walked onto the playing field in such magnificent glory. Beautiful people all, with such heart-rending enthusiasm, the crowd of over 20,000 roared its welcome, and the teams, each with its own banners and flags, roared back its appreciation. It was perhaps the most unforgettable moment of gay pride I have ever known.

Mayor Rudolph Guiliani welcomed the crowd in person as did Mayor Frank Jordan of San Francisco (California’s team had over 1,000 athletes). Not everyone was happy to hear from these guys. As Jordan walked out to the microphone the crowd was silent, then a plaintive shout shattered the calm, “Asshole” rang out. Jordan was Police Chief in San Francisco when Harvey Milk was assassinated.

President Clinton and Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, sent letters welcoming the Gay Games. Both of them expressed their support of gay pride -- filled weekend of parading, celebrating and camaraderie, screams of “Give us your wallet, faggot” filled the night air on Pride Sunday, June 19th. In an exclusive interview, Donald Scott, a self-identified bisexual and a student at Waynflete School. Ms. Riback recounted her struggles in at...
Bangor Pride Festival

EPM/Bangor sponsors celebration

Jim Martin, Contributor

There is a common misconception that a gay and lesbian "community" does not exist in Bangor. Well, the Bangor chapter of Equal Protection Maine has been working tirelessly to correct this inaccurate perception. In the past 4 months, the organization has steadily grown. Currently, we maintain a mailing list of 400 and have begun the process to reach 6000 others through various organizations. We are networking with local candidates and communicating with our religious communities. Gay, lesbian, bisexual politics are alive and well in eastern and central Maine.

But, politics is not all we do. On July 9th, 1994, EPM will sponsor the Bangor Pride Festival. People from across the state will grace our city to celebrate freedom and diversity. We are looking forward to a parade that will start at 11:30 am on Pine Street (in front of Fleet Bank) at 11:00 am. The parade will end with a block party on Pine Street and you could feel the pride welling up from the festivities with their hospitality. Our Grand Marshal, Frannie Blick, rode regally in a car decked in the FLAQ, ACT SISTERS, Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance.

YOUR SUMMER HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your frugal ways lead your friends to consider you a "cheapskate." So what if you clip coupons, buy day-old bread, and dine at Kathadin? There is value. Towards the end of July you discover a personal reservoir of resources.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may have to work with someone who irritates you. Speak softly and carry a big stick. A very old and very wealthy relative may visit this summer. If so, it is important to make a very, very good impression.

leo (July 23-August 22): It would be wise for you to pay more attention to your diet. Go vegetarian now and then. Kathadin's Wild Mushrooms Rastiv is a seasonal Vegetable Ruth is a delicious choice. Be wary of someone trying to influence your talk among friends.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): The summer heat may oppress you at times. A bowl of Gelato's ice cream; or sherbet can offer sweet relief. You find the answer to an old riddle in August when a camping trip turns damp.

LIBRA September 23-October 22: Avoid money-making projects. If it seems too good to be true it probably is. An old classroom buddy backs into your life and you discover that some people look better or get older. You make up for lost time, and to your amusement, rediscove ricabo.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): You will read more than ever this summer-trusty books by the pool, magazines in waiting rooms, and writing of all the names and what we at Kathadin. Keep in mind that clothes make the man (or woman). Dress to impress.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-Dec. 21): Your diplomacy is put to the severe test when you are asked to settle a bitter dispute. Offer advice without making accusations. A special friend may ask to see your tax limits.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): All work and no play makes you a dull person. Take up an activity such as hiking or scuba diving, or buy tickets to see in Kathadin or by our new friends. Start saving for a winter vacation.

aquarius (January 20-February 18): Do not act blind and wait for things to come to you. Be busy and turn your dreams into reality. If your dream involve chocolate, try Kathadin's pine-walnut Chocolate Mountain. A relationship needs time to mature. Go easy.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Having dinner with a stranger could jeopardize an important relationship. As the moon from the Fourth, some things are too hot to handle. Advice is received from someone at a distance as the situation clears. You discover a previously unsuspected mechanical ability.

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Michael Rossetti, Chair of Portland Pride, who challenged us "not to underestimate the value of our own personal struggles." He went on to remind us that "every great movement or idea started with just one person" referring to the one person in the doorway who refused to leave the Stonewall Inn 25 years ago.

The Rally ended with a reception at First Parish Church where the PRIDE BANNER was on display along with the banner raising money to support Lepida Sequiero, a lesbian activist, traveling from Nicaragua to attend Stonewall 25 events.

We drifted away from the evening's events with hugs and promises of "See you tomorrow at the parade" hanging in the air.

Dykes on bikes led off the Pride Parade - an awesome sight!

That "We can have a unity of purpose with a multiplicity approach." Anne Rand, recent winner of the democratic primary for the Maine Senate, was next to speak. She spoke about her labor background and told the cheering crowd that "The AFL-CIO loudly supports gay rights." She brought greetings from Tom Andrews, who could not attend because of congressional votes taking place that day. Andrews said in a letter sent to Richard B. Freed, "I pledge to you that I will continue to take as strong a stand as I can against discrimination. That's why I am an original co-sponsor of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1994, a bill that would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation." Alan Stearns, representing the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance spoke next, enthusing those gathered to find ways to say "YES" to our identity as lesbian, gay and bisexual people. "Hang photos of your family at work, flaunt, hold hands in public, come out," steams. His pro-active message urged us to become politically involved,уетиру еи количество где важны дизайновать. Во всем мире будут описать и ты просмотреть нашу работу с любым, и наши новинки. Стремись сохранить для изначальной.

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lesbian, gay, bisexual students at her school. According to Riback, the administration continually shut down her attempts. Enos spoke about the work ACT UP!Portland and FATE (Fight AIDS—Transform Education) are doing in the high schools forming and educating student groups about the use of latex and safer sex.

Activist Beal Bell called on the various facets of our communities to work together now more than ever, saying, "We have to do it differently then when we did Equal Protection Portland and Equal Protection Lewiston," alluding to the myriad of opinions voiced on how to conduct a successful campaign and the rift that continues to challenge our unity of purpose. Bell contended that "We can have a unity of purpose with a multiplicity approach." Anne Rand, recent winner of the democratic primary for the Maine Senate, was next to speak. She spoke about her labor background and told the cheering crowd that "The AFL-CIO loudly supports gay rights." She brought greetings from Tom Andrews, who could not attend because of congressional votes taking place that day. Andrews said in a letter sent to Richard B. Freed, "I pledge to you that I will continue to take as strong a stand as I can against discrimination. That's why I am an original co-sponsor of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1994, a bill that would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation." Alan Stearns, representing the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance spoke next, enthusing those gathered to find ways to say "YES" to our identity as lesbian, gay and bisexual people. "Hang photos of your family at work, flaunt, hold hands in public, come out," steams. His pro-active message urged us to become politically involved, IBF ALL AGK FLOAT! Portland, Equal Protection Lewiston, Sisters, Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance and many more put the number of parade participants up around 1000. We stretched for three city blocks once the entire lineup was out on Congress Street. We were an awesome sight!

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Saturday morning dawned with full sun and accompanying hot temperatures. The block party on Pine Street (Longfellow Square area) was festive and you could feel the pride welling up and overflowing. Blackstones threw open their doors and added so much to the festivities with their hospitality. Parade Director, Richard B. Freed, along with his parade marshals and other assistants managed to 'whip' the line-up into shape so that we stepped off on time, led by Dykes on Bikes!

Our Grand Marshal, Frannie Peabody, rode regally in a car decked with rainbow flags and a PEABODY HOUSE banner along both sides. Deputy Marshals, Beal Bell and Roland Blais were transported in a place of honor to the cheers of their friends along the sidelines. There were floats from Blackstones, KAOS, the Underground, and cars carrying local celebritieamong them our own Ms. Barbara (Bush, that is), and Miss Maine, Josette Hunte. Many organizations were represented with striking banners and equally striking men and women proudly marching behind them. F-FLAG, ACT UP! Portland, Equal Protection Lewiston, Sisters, Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance and many more put the number of parade participants up around 1000. We stretched for three city blocks once the entire lineup was out on Congress Street. We were an awesome sight!

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moved out to the street so as not to further disturb the residents of the house. According to Scott, the officer began taking a report. At one point during the report, two teens approached and stopped when they saw police. Scott remarked that he thought he recognized one of them at which time the officer went to the youths, questioned them and let them go.

As questioning continued, Scott says he became more and more agitated and upset. 'The officer accused one of them at which time the officer let them go.

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It was approximately 1:40 AM. According to Scott, he received a less than favorable reception from the Emergency Room and waited, unattended, head still bleeding, until 3:00 AM when he made his way to Randy's house, and Randy called his mother who took them both to the hospital.

As of 6:30 PM Monday, I was informed by Randy that they still had not been contacted by Lt. Dion or anyone else in the Portland Police Department. I encouraged them to keep the messages for Lt. Dion. On Tuesday morning I called the Attorney General's office in Augusta and relayed the story to Stephen Wesler, Assistant Attorney General and Director, Public Protection-Civil Rights Unit. He made contact and so did Lt. Dion by 12:00 PM Wednesday afternoon.

Inquiries will follow up on this story in our August issue with additional statements from the victim, Maine Medical Center and the Portland Police Department.

The U.N. Postcard Campaign

NEW YORK: The U.N. Postcard Campaign is petitioning the General Assembly to demand equal rights for all lesbian, gay and bisexual people. We want the U.N. to amend Article II of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to include the words, "Sexual Orientation."

We plan to accomplish this by delivering 1,000,000 postcards to the full session of the U.N. General Assembly.

An estimated 3.5 million cards have been mailed to over 2,500 lesbian and gay organizations with a request that they distribute them to members. Over one million cards have been mailed to bookstores and community centers. There remain some postcards waiting to be mailed.

The response has been overwhelming, with returns reaching 1,000 cards a day. Many returned cards are also requesting additional cards be sent. This is truly a grassroots phenomenon. Among groups distributing cards are PFLAG-Denver, LA, and Puerto Rico, the Office of Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Concerns of the Unitarian Universalist Association-Boston, Dignity-New York, Texas Riders-Houston, Save Your Own Lives-Binghampton, NY, and many others.

Community Pride Reporter has obtained about 800 cards which will be inserted in this issue, going to subscribers and to rural areas in the state. If you want a card, check out your local bar or gay book store or write to The U.N. Postcard Campaign, 245 Eighth Ave., Suite 217, New York, NY 10011. Every returned card counts!

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these politicians endorsed the basic idea behind the games which is the attainment of a personal best, and in that regard, Team Maine distinguished itself brilliantly.

Team Maine won 4 gold medals and several silvers and bronzes.

Andrea Weiss (third from left, holding banner) won 2 gold medals, a silver and a bronze in badminton. One of the gold medals was in the masters singles, the other in the mixed open. She won the silver in the mixed masters and the bronze in the women's open singles.

Weiss' trip was financed by contributions from 36 Mainers and Californians who gathered $1400. There were two people who spearheaded the effort to send Weiss to New York, her partner Donna and her friend, Meredith.

The group of contributors is comprised of people from all elements of the community, not only gays and lesbians.

This group supported Weiss because they love her and because of their confidence in her abilities. In March this same group of people helped Weiss go to the U.S. Senior Nationals in Badminton in Niagara Falls, Canada, where she took a bronze in the mixed doubles.

Weiss said she wanted to participate in the Gay Games because of their desire to make a statement about being visible and being gay.

Paul Alpert (second from left in photo) won the gold medal (55 to 59 age group) in the triathlon, which became a biathlon when the swimming component had to be canceled because of fog.

John Beam of Portland won a silver medal in the 4 x 400m mixed relay along with teammates Jim Estes who also won the silver for the 400m individual and the bronze in the 4 x 200m mixed relay.

Marilyn Gelash, in the 40 to 44 age group, won a gold medal in the 4 x 100 mixed relay, a silver in the 10k and a bronze in the 5k. Jim Bruni fought tenaciously to win the silver in wrestling in the over 36 age group. Beth Thompson won the bronze on the relay team with Estes in the 4 x 200 mixed relay.

But despite these honors, medals were not what these games were about. Royal Fraser, Team Maine's swimmer achieved a personal best in in the 100m freestyle and John Niles Merrill of Augusta, skated beautifully to music from "A Chorus Line." He executed his double jumps and flying spins with grace and skill in spite of a painful back injury. Reflecting on the Games, Merrill said, "I've competed a lot as an amateur and it was never very friendly, but in New York everyone got along. There was no rivalry."

The figure-skating competition was held at Abe Stark Arena out in Canley Island, and because of the intense heat and humidity, there was a mist hovering just above the ice to about knee level on the skaters. This effect gave the skaters' performances an otherworldly quality that was truly sublime.

The other members of Team Maine are John Cronin, Steve Moskey, Pat Moynahan, Roy Rodgers and Adrienne Turner — Track & Field; Jen Kinner and Bob McCormack — Marathon; Sam Manning — Karate; Gina Scott — Tennis; and, Dan O'Neil — Wrestling.

The Opening Ceremonies were a multi-media extravaganza. There were speeches by Bill T. Jones, the choreographer, and Judith Light, the writer; the national anthem was sung by Joe Steffen, the midshipman, first in his class at Annapolis, who was kicked out of the Navy when he declared his homosexuality; huge video screen greetings from Billie Jean King, tennis pro and coach to Martina Navratilova, and from Greg Louganis, the Olympic Diving gold medal winner who came out that night, saying, "It's great to be out and proud." Louganis later attended the diving competition.

Dr. Tom Waddell, 1968 Olympic decathlon participant and founder of the Gay Games, who died recently of AIDS spoke to the crowd via video. At the conclusion of that tape Waddell's daughter made a presentation in honor of her father.

There was music and dance and at the end there was a final dance number that culminated in the lighting of the Olympic Flame as fireworks erupted all around the stadium.

These events set the stage for this writer's involvement with the Gay Games. I did my best to get to as many events as possible where Mainers were competing. The attempt proved to be grueling. The 98 degree heat, in concert with the scattered venues, and bus and subway travel finally took its toll, and by Saturday I was near collapse. Even though Community Pride Reporter had a press pass, and I had access to all the athletic events, the organizers were not always on their best behavior. I was no rivalry.

The Physique competition was one event in which there were no Mainers but, nevertheless, could not be missed. Held at Madison Square Garden to a sell-out crowd, it was fabulous. Judy Tenuta emceed, and the contestants did not disappoint. They were brought out onto the stage in groups in their various categories and then asked to strike their favorite pose — one fellow removed his swim trunks. The audience gasped. He lost. Aside from the athletic events, I attended several cultural happenings including the Bill T. Jones dance ensemble at City Center, the Elizabeth Streb Dance group at the Joyce Theater and a party at Industria, OUT magazine's photo studio. Nan Goldin, the famous New York photographer, accompanied me on these adventures and her notoriety made them all great fun.

The Jones dance group was the best modern dance performance I have ever seen. The joy of these artists swept over the audience and filled you with an undefinable sense of gladness.

Elizabeth Streb's group was another story however. Their work is terribly avant-garde, involving spring-loaded and sound-equipped mats onto which the dancers threw themselves. It looked painful, and when they got out the climbing gear I headed for the door.

To illustrate the kind of confusion this performance created — someone asked me, "Why are they (the audience) laughing?"

The party at Industria was different. It was a celebrity photo-shoot where people paid $250 to have their pictures taken by famous photographers. PAT?!, the androgynous character from Saturday Night Live, emced the floor show and Cyndi Lauper sang. There was a trio of 50 year old triplet singing sisters who did country & western favorites. Sir Ian McKellen and Armistead Maupin attended. Madonna showed up. She walked in, looked around, said, "This sucks" and left. I missed it.

Closing Ceremonies

Yankee Stadium hosted the Closing Ceremonies. Over 57,000 people attended. The procession of the athletes was less formal than at the Opening, but the entertainment was no less exciting. At that morning's press briefing we were told that Barbra Streisand might make a surprise appearance and that special permission to land a helicopter had been requested. She didn't surprise us, but if she had, her legend as an icon in the gay community would have been secured to infinity ... and beyond. (The same rumor surfaced at the Great Lawn Rally at the end of the Stonewall 25 march and See GAMES, page 22
The faces of PRIDE - a world view by Bruce Balboni
Maine-ly For You Festival draws over 200 womyn for weekend of fun

by Faith Worthley, Contributor

Two-hundred-fifty women gathered together on 3 3 plus acres in Harrison, Maine to enjoy the Maine-ly For You Womyn's Music Festival. Gates opened at 12 noon on June 2nd offering a full weekend of music, softball, volleyball, get-togethers by the campfire and lots of laughs. Workshops, entertainment and playing in the great outdoors carried right through Sunday afternoon and lots of laughs. Workshops, entertainingleyball, get-togethers by the campfire as the glorious weather and abundant energies fed a warm, relaxed weekend of fun.

My experience at the festival was probably a bit different from that of the campers as my attendance was as a work exchange participant. The work wasn't too hard to take as my role was to act as the artist liaison, greeting the performers at the Bed and Breakfast and making sure they had everything they needed throughout the weekend. The wonderers at the Bed and Breakfast and making sure they had everything they needed was a riotous commentary concerning the need for more stalls in the women's bathroom, as the apparel requiring removal warrants more time for women to do their thing than is needed by men. As Leah launched into the specifics of zippers versus buttons, Tania Hubacher's sign language interpretation sent the audience howling. Truly a hilarious performance by both.

Bear Mountain Village is a lovely campground which sits on a lake at the base of Bear Mountain. On the top of the mountain is a little red cabin which I found myself wanting to investigate. As I sat on the sandy beach watching the paddle boats, canoes and friends dumping each other in the water, I couldn't help but wonder about the images available from such a magnificent viewpoint. Needless to say, I did not make the climb as the opportunity to relax by the water, listen to the open mic performers and soak up the sunshine was far more appealing.

Mid-afternoon, Saturday, was spent watching the softball game, and I want you to know these girls were serious. It was about 180 degrees on the field, but that didn't hinder their enthusiasm, energy or impressive skills. The 2 steppers from P-town kept score using twigs.

Late afternoon I found myself in the middle of the lake in a canoe and it was gorgeous. Just enough of a breeze to keep the bugs at bay while we floated aimlessly, listening to the birds, watching the waterbugs and me still wondering how it would be like up there that cabin. As we headed back to shore the wind kicked up and my stamina was put to the test. My canoe partner did not help but wonder about the images available from such a magnificent viewpoint. Needless to say, I did not make the climb as the opportunity to relax by the water, listen to the open mic performers and soak up the sunshine was far more appealing.

When we finally made it back, it was time to go back to the Inn, do a last minute check on everybody's status and head back to the campground for what proved to be a rich night of entertainment. Julie Wheeler's antics and wit as M.C. for the evening were a welcome addition to the night's festivities. Her之间的-the sets monologues were hilarious, and performer introductions were both heartfelt and fun. Leah Zieal began the evening with humor, political commentary and songs from the heart. Truly an eclectic songwriter, Leah's lyrics are both accessible and poignant, which in turn are enhanced by her skillful guitar playing. Her rendition of "Glory, Glory", gay style, offers her social consciousness while engaging her audience. My favorite tune was a riotous commentary concerning the need for more stalls in the women's bathroom, as the apparel requiring removal warrants more time for women to do their thing than is needed by men.

Barbara Berkson, Smith & Bakken in the living room sharing songs and stories. This was one of the highlights of the weekend for me as it was truly an illustration of the warm energy and interactions that were the theme of the festival. It was also an opportunity for me to hear some of Laura's music which was captivating and so genuinely reflective of the strength of the human spirit. I was sorry not to be able to stay on Sunday to enjoy the rest of the weekend's line-up.

Laura Berkson, Smith & Bakken and the Lesbian Lounge Lizards performed Sunday under another glorious blue sky, encouraging concert attend­ees and offering a lucrative afternoon for the 20 or so vendors who were there. I said my good-byes reluctantly Sunday morning thanking Rita and Kare for putting on a wonderfully rich, active and restful weekend in a setting that generates warmth, camaraderie and good feelings. I hope to see you all in August (the weekend of the 25th), when we will be given an opportunity to enjoy another outstanding line-up of performers in the perfect setting to share with friends, old and new.

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Portland Pride Festival at Tommy's & Post Office Parks. Photo by Doc
In These Times: Living with homophobia

All of us live with homophobia in our daily lives. It is both overt and covert, expressed knowingly and unknowingly, and experienced by lesbians, gay men and bisexuals consciously and unconsciously. In this series, I want to explore with you not just the meanings our daily lives. It is both overt and summed to be heterosexual. For us that sexuality.

Blinking and sometimes violent at-tacks on gay people occur every day in America. Unfortunately, too many of us have been the subject of those attacks. While many of us, thankfully, don’t suffer from physical attacks, we still suffer from attacks. Each day our invisibility as gay men and lesbians is also pointed out to us. We are dehumanized.

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"Where Do We Go From Here?" Seacoast NH P-FLAG hosts discussion on antidiscrimination law.

STRATHAM, NH—Two journal-ists from the Seacoast area [of New Hampshire] will lead a discussion at P-FLAG’s next support meeting about how members and friends can help with a second try to pass an antidiscrimination law in the NH Legislature next year. To spark discussion, reporter Lance Helms from the Portsmouth Herald and a gay man, and broadcast journalist Susan Gage, will show video excerpts of an April, 1994 press conference sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

The next regular support meeting will be held Tuesday, July 6, at the Stratham Community Church, Emery Lane (just south of the junction of Routes 108 and 101 in Stratham). Small support groups will begin promptly at 7:00 pm, followed by refreshments and the program at 8:00 pm. Support meet-ings for Parents, Families and Friends NH: Seacoast are held regularly at this location on the first Tuesday of each month.

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rule. We are never supposed to talk about being gay - that is how they try to keep us invisible. If we do mention our homosexuality, we are often accused of flaunting it. People say, I don’t care what you do but why should I have to hear about it? Yet, we are bombarded by het-erosexuality all the time. People who are heterosexual often talk about their partner or spouse or family. The media presents heterosexuality as the only way people are created.

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old stereotypes about lesbians and gay men being repulsed? Most importantly, if homophobia didn’t exist how would your life be different? Write soon and include an address and phone number so that we can contact you if we choose to print any of your comments. Thanks. See you next month. AA

were already set up as was the stage area and we moved into the next phase with speeches, entertainment, socializing, spending money and trying to find a shady spot to cool off... Following the festival, folks wandered off to various Tea Dances and parties lasting well into the wee hours, sponsored by the local bars.

The Maine Gay Men’s Chorus per-formed at the State Theater at 8:00 PM to top off a spectacular day in Portland Pride history. This was by far the best Pride event in Portland to date. As a community, we owe much to the Pride Committee members who worked so tirelessly to organize and pull off this event without a major hitch. AA

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NACHAS!  
By Rita M. Kissen

(NACHAS: a Yiddish word meaning "pride," pronounced with the accent on the first syllable, which rhymes with "back.")

On Friday, June 17, I had the honor of speaking at the Portland Pride rally on the steps of City Hall along with other members and allies of Portland's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. This month's column is the text of my words at that rally.

I'd like to dedicate my words tonight to all the families living with HIV and AIDS, who teach us by their example that the most important thing we can do on this earth is to love each other, right now—right here.

We are standing here because 25 years ago this month, a group of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, transsexuals, cross dressers and drag queens stood up to call us names, but you are not going to silence us any more.

Crowd at Portland Pride Rally listen attentively to speakers. Photo by DOC.

Down the streets of New York City, UNIIB IN SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN. "She was marching beside her gay son Morty, who had been beaten and pushed down a stairwell during a gay rights demonstration in front of the New York Hilton Hotel, while the police looked on. The cheers that greeted Mrs. Manford were so overwhelming that for a few blocks she thought they were meant for Dr. Spock, the famous baby doctor-turnt-activist, who was marching behind her with a contingent of Viet Nam veterans. But the cheers, the applause and the tears were for Jeanne Manford, the first parent to say they had a gay relative. It's the closet that's killing gay men and lesbians, and we need to change that.

We are there for our sons and daughters, our sisters and brothers, our aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, when they are gay baited and gay bashed at school, at work, in the street. We are there for the mothers and fathers who have suffered the most unspeakable tragedy any parent can endure, the death of a child, while America continues to respond to AIDS with indifference and denial.

We are there when demagogues speaking in the name of religion call our children evil and sick, when landlords and employers fire them and evict them from their homes. We are there to say NO MORE—and to demand that our lesbian, gay and bisexual relatives and friends be treated with dignity and equality.

Let me tell you a little story about what coming out of the closet really means. Last Tuesday, which happened to be election day, a father I know went into the post office in a small town in rural Maine. Before he could mail his letters, a couple of people beckoned him over to a table and asked if he wouldn't like to sign a petition to keep homosexuals from being elected in the state. "They just had the vote this week," they said, "and you can't vote unless you sign the petition." The father raised his voice. "You mean you want to deny people the right to vote?" "That's right, sir," they said. "Right there, right now." "What would you say?" "I am a member of P-H..AG. Do you know what that stands for?" "I don't."

"It stands for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—and I'd like to know who gave you permission to solicit signatures on federal property!" The signature seekers' mouths dropped open. The postmaster stopped counting his change.

The customers stopped licking their stamps. Everybody listened, and everybody heard. You can be sure that by now everyone in that town knows that one of their neighbors has a gay child—but more important, they all know that that dad loves his child as much as they love theirs. That's what coming out of the closet can lead to.

This year, P-FLAG has changed its name to reflect our expanded mission in the '90's. We are now Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Our new name is our way of telling the world that we know the real meaning of family values. Many of us come to P-FLAG asking what we did wrong to make our kids gay, and how we can fix it. It doesn't take us long to realize that it's not our kids who need fixing. It's not our kids who need change. It's the world that needs changing, and we're working to change it, one step at a time.

In the introduction to his last anthology, A Member of the Family, John Preston wrote, "I had to leave my family to be gay." When you march down Congress Street tomorrow, whether you grew up in Maine or moved here last week, know that this is your home, and that we will be marching with you until every gay, lesbian and bisexual person is at home in their family, in their city, and in their world. We are your children, and we love you!

Editor's Note: It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have Rita Kissen in my life as a friend and ally, and as a regular columnist in CPR. Rita, you will be missed and I look forward to your return to these pages when you are ready. Good luck with your projects. I can't wait to read the book!

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by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

The Family of the Year Award is a project that was launched in 1993 as a collaborative effort between the Family Institute of Maine, their affiliate Dialogue Center and the non-profit affiliate, Center for Training and Special Programs, according to Cynthia Lambert, Executive Director of Family Institute of Maine.

In a letter to CPR, Ms. Lambert said, "We believe this project reflects one answer to the growing and important need for all of us to face the rapidly changing nature of family life in our culture. These changes do not always need to be seen as 'family deterioration' or 'crisis in the American family,' but, as we see it, a reflection of the creative perseverance of people and their capacity to evolve new structures and new ways of being together. In our view, these are complex and exciting times. We want to honor people who transcend the struggles and do 'family' well."

According to their Statement of Purpose, families may nominate themselves or may be nominated by agencies, therapists, physicians, employers, friends or other sources. Two references must be submitted for all nominations. The family selected will receive a cash award of $1000 and will be videotaped in dialogue with selected staff of the Family Institute and Dialogue Center. These tapes will serve as an historical archives of the changing nature of family in our community, state, nation and world, and of the creative measures in which families engage in order to persevere and meet the challenge.

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GUEST EDITORIAL: Gays, lesbians and the struggle for just-us?

by B.J. Broder

When we say the word men, we mean to include women. Everyone knows this.

Homosexuality is just a phase. It's a stage of development. They'll outgrow it.

Exclusive language. Inaccurate, condescending remarks about our sexual orientation. We've all experienced them. They frustrate, but don't surprise most of us anymore.

Yet equally disappointing and problematic are the exclusive language used and condescending remarks made within our own community. I refer particularly to the lack of acknowledgment and legitimacy given to bisexuals, transgendered individuals, and people who do not identify with the categories of "gay" or "lesbian." We are also not recognized in the same way that we recognize, celebrate and support the achievements of our straight friends, we may wake up to a very different state of affairs after the November election.

"I'm not political" is a suicidal statement in these times. Ask Scott Horsley (see page 1 story) if he wants "special rights" or just plain protection from rowdies who think it's okay to beat up and rob "faggots." How quickly the euphuism of Pride celebration is disintegrated. We are so afraid of being labeled radical or similar to the radical right. We must begin to think, act, develop strategies and move NOW, not after the summer, or when weather gets cooler. Every minute counts. Attend, and become involved in an Equal Protection Maine meeting in your area. If there isn't one, start one. Join in several other groups addressing this attack on our rights.

Switching to a lighter note, it was with a real sense of accomplishment that I typed in Volume 2, Number 1 on the front page masthead this month. Twelve issues of CPR published! There were times...A heartfelt thank you to the many people who volunteer their time and talents to bring this paper to the community. A thank you to the many advertisers who continue to be supportive. And a big thank you to you, the readers. Here's to typing Volume 3, Number 1!

As you have probably noticed, CPR has undergone a few changes since our last issue. We have expanded the physical size of the paper to accommodate both our expanding advertiser base, and our expanding news coverage. We hope you like our addition of a more formalized Arts and Entertainment section with A & E editor, Joe Morgan. HAPPY 4th BIRTHDAY to Drop Me A Line. Jim, Roger and the staff were front page on CPR's first issue. Many happy returns for both of us!

In solidarity,
GUEST EDITORIAL: EPM / Bangor invites candidates to PRIDE

by Jim Martin, Co-Chair, EPM/Bangor

During the heat of a political campaign, candidates make many promises hoping to gain our support in the voting booth. Yet, when the election results are tallied and the winners announced, candidates suddenly fail victim to a form of amnesia which leaves them unsure as to the exact promises made. This disorder is particularly common among candidates who work to elicit gay, lesbian, and bisexual support.

Why do politicians work so tirelessly for our endorsement? First, we are mostly conscientious constituents who VOTE! Second, we have a lot of energy and we are willing to support our campaign, candidates make many promises and then leave us in the cold. This year we must be particularly cautious about whose promises we heed. We, as citizens of Maine, have every right, and the responsibility to ask the candidates where they stand, what they have done in the past, and what they will publicly endorse, the latter being the most significant commitment in today's political climate.

In this year's race for the Blaine House, we were fortunate to have four gubernatorial candidates supporting civil rights, to a greater or lesser degree. They also stated that they do not support the anti-gay initiative being circulated by CMF. Therefore, we are extending a challenge to all those who would have us donate our time, energy and votes by inviting them to our Pride Festival. Our invitation, however, does not include the use of our microphone. In an effort to determine true commitment, candidates can participate in our parade and festival, meet their would-be constituents and set up information booths at Paul Bunyan Park. We want the politicians to have an opportunity to answer OUR communities' hard questions.

It will be interesting to see the distinction between those who are willing to stand against hate and those who just spit out the rhetoric when appropriate. Will Brennan make an appearance after snubbing the MLGPA gubernatorial forum? Will Republican hopeful Susan Collins hold true to her support of civil rights for gay and lesbian citizens? What about Angus King and Jonathan Carter? Come out and meet those who say they can best represent your interests.

I wonder what Concerned Maine Families will do, considering there are NO gubernatorial candidates in support of its hate campaign. Sorry Carolyn!

JUST-US, from page 10

includes lovers and partners, too. We can't list everyone. Where will it stop?" Hopefully nowhere, just yet.

The point is that the struggle for equality and justice do not stop with just us. When we exclude or discriminate against those differing from us, we do unto others as has been done unto us, rather than as we'd have done unto us. True justice is not attained here, but rather is used as a means of and for justice.

And so long as there is a "just-us" for anyone, anywhere, there will be "justice" for everyone, nowhere. 

B.J. Broder recently completed his theological studies at Andover Newton Theological School where he served on their Committee on Institutional Racism and Sexism for 2 years. He will enter the University of Maine School of Law this fall.

CPR MAILBAG

The following letter was sent to the Maine Sunday Telegram with copies to the gay press

Dear Editors:

It was disappointing to see the Sunday Telegram's coverage of the eighth annual Portland Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride celebration on June 18 limited to a single photograph of a drag queen, buried in a back section of the paper.

Seeing only this photo, your readers would have no idea of the tremendous diversity among the 1500 people — parents and youth, religious groups, musicians, political and social organizations, AIDS activists, straight allies, etc. — who marched down Congress Street in joy and affirmation. Later that evening at the State Theater, a sell-out audience of 900 people heard the Maine Gay Men's Chorus present an extraordinary concert of songs of freedom from around the globe.

This year's Portland Pride celebration was the most successful ever, a reflection of a self-confident and productive community which grows stronger in spite of efforts from the radical right to stereotype us and deny us our freedom. Like America itself, the greatest strength of the lesbian, bisexual and gay community is its diversity — women and men, grandparents and children, teachers, farmers, clergy and drag queens. A responsible press must accurately reflect that diversity.

Yours truly,
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Saturday, July 9th:
△ 11:00 AM - Assemble for PRIDE PARADE at Fleet Bank, Exchange St., Bangor. Bring banners! Decorate your vehicle! Celebrate! Show your PRIDE! FMI, 990-3428.
△ 11:30 AM - BANGOR PRIDE PARADE steps off, winding its way through downtown to Paul Bunyon Park.
△ 12:30 PM - FREEDOM FESTIVAL at Paul Bunyon Park on Main Street.

Sunday, July 10th:
△ 12:30-3:00 PM - Mothers and Kids Group: Social gathering for lesbians and their children. Those interested in becoming parents are welcome. FMI and location, call 774-5549.
△ 1 PM (Maine)/2 PM (NB) - Northern Lambda Nord Library Day at Paul Bunyon Park on Main Street. Regular monthly meeting follows at 4 PM/5 PM with a barbecue at 6 PM/7 PM. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Monday, July 11th:
△ 7:00 PM - Equal Protection Maine/Portland Chapter. St. Luke’s Cathedral, 143 State St. Parking lot off Park St.
△ 7:00 PM - Seacoast Gay Men host Kim Gallagher of Seacoast Astrological Association. Unitarian Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI, Al Santerre (603) 898-1115.

Thursday, July 14th:
△ 7:30-9:00 PM - The Matlovich Society: Coming Out of the Closet — How I Did It. Hear how members of our community have experienced the coming-out process. Holiday Inn By The Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to mobility-impaired. Free hotel parking.

Friday, July 15th:
• 7-9:30 PM - GRAND OPENING Open House, SAFE SPACE WOMEN’S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends, share thoughts & ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Saturday, July 16th:
• 7-9:30 PM - Creativity Night, SAFE SPACE WOMEN’S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Bring your latest creative project to work on or learn new crafts. FMI, 725-7632.

Sunday, July 17th:
△ 7:00 PM - Seacoast Gay Men PrescoFT Park Arts Festival night at Broadway musical Annie. Cookout on the harbor at 3:00 PM (free/optional donations). Information & directions: Al Santerre (603) 898-1115.
△ 7-9:30 PM - Self-help support group for women. SAFE SPACE WOMEN’S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Focus is on healing & recovery. FMI, 725-7632.

Wednesday, July 20th:
△ 7:00 PM - EPM/Portland Coalition Building Committee, 50 Morning St.
△ 8-9:30 PM - Lesbian Movie Night at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. $5 donation. Out For Laughs and Frames Lesbian Fashion.

Friday, July 22nd:
• 7-9:30 PM - Open House, SAFE SPACE WOMEN’S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends, share thoughts & ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Monday, July 25th:
• 7-9:30 PM - Self-help support group for women. SAFE SPACE WOMEN’S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St. Topsham. Focus is on healing & recovery. FMI, 725-7632.

Send your organizations meeting time, dates and other important information to Community Pride Reporter 142 High St, Suite #634 Portland, ME 04101

Information should be sent by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s edition.

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UPCOMING FESTIVAL DATES:

Thursday - Monday, August 18th-22nd:
• A Sophomore Summer Retreat for Women, Walnut Hill in Raymond, NH. Workshops, games, dancing, entertainment, concert featuring LATE AUGUST. $80 for weekend pass including food: $25 additional for lodging on site. For brochure call (603) 659-2139 or write Keryn & June, 20 Bay Road, Lot 19, Newmarket, NH 03857.

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That bring me to the next step. Take your surplus and invest it to reach your financial goals. Use your budget to provide the money and then make funding your financial goals part of the budget. Maybe your goal is purchasing a house. Start making a house payment to yourself. Before you know it, you’ll have enough for the down payment and be accustomed to budgeting for the mortgage payment.

Keep in mind, a budget is a financial tool to reach your financial goals. It can empower you by giving you control over your earnings, but it is not set in stone. Don’t discard your budget if one month you blow it. Anyone who has a budget can tell you that this happens. Budgets are flexible. The key is to revisit it occasionally and make revisions as needed. It is not meant to be restrictive. It is meant to be helpful. Good luck! ΔΔ

INTRODUCING: Safe Space Women’s Center of Maine
by P. Hayes, Special Features Writer

The newly hung sign at 67 Main Street in Topsham reads “Safe Space Women’s Center of Maine.” Inside is a beautifully renovated home, but even the sparkling title and wood floor’s glow cannot outshine the love and hope with which Safe Space has been created. Our days whistle by consumed with work, commitments, day care and microwave dinners. We converse with answering machines and automated voices. We play phone tag with those we love promising time together, but that time never surfaces in the everyday flood of life.

Safe Space Women’s Center of Maine offers respite from these overloaded days by offering women of all ages and backgrounds an environment in which one can learn new skills, expand their options, or just relax, in the company of friends.

Both Carla Jean Gill and Ariel Rose Gill, founders of Safe Space, are experienced in women’s issues. Carla is an advocate against child abuse and a group facilitator dealing with conflict resolution, recovery, self-esteem and empowerment. Ariel is a teacher, healer and crafter. She has worked with women’s groups around the country for twenty-five years.

Together, Carla and Ariel will open Safe Space to the public with an open house on Friday evening, July 15th, at 7:00 PM.

Safe Space will be open every Monday and Friday evening from 7:30 PM. On Monday evenings a support group will be held in the McNally meeting room. All women are welcome regardless of the issues they face. The steps to growth and peace are not to be taken alone, according to the beliefs of the founders of Safe Space.

Fridays will continue to be an open house, allowing newcomers to explore, and old friends to have time together. First Sundays of the month will offer Spirituality and Empowerment time from 7-9:30 PM.

Throughout the year, Safe Space will sponsor professional workshops on life skills, self-esteem, journal writing, creative expression and diversity in community.

A creativity night is planned once a month where one can bring her own project to work on or learn a new one. The Creativity room, dedicated to Beth Schine, is always open during Safe Space hours for anyone’s use and enjoyment. Supplies are available or bring your own.

Carla and Ariel are accepting donations to increase the offerings in their rapidly growing library. Books presently available cover a wide range of topics from women’s issues, novels and poetry to creativity and bird watching. The library also offers updated listings on community activities, health and social services.

Safe Space Women’s Center of Maine is a non-profit organization providing women with a variety of ways to come together, to learn and to grow. Our grandmothers and great-grandmothers shared the company of women through their time-honored quilting bees. New Carla and Ariel Gill offer us the same chance for community by opening the doors of Safe Space. For more information or to be placed on their mailing list, write Safe Space Women’s Center of Maine, P. O. Box 112, Topsham, Maine 04086 or call (207) 725-7632.

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a support, advocacy and education group for parents, families and friends of lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month at Pride's Corner, Westbrook. For resource and meeting information call Rita at 766-5158.

Northern Lambda Nord is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (NB), at Loma Community Center, High St., Caribou. Call 1-800-888-5055 or 539-6101 to reach every Wednesday by The Phoneline in addition to hosting special events for recreation and action. Call 207-994-2088.

The Mastiock Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, men and women committed to sharing our history as well as preserving person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 7:30 am at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessibility to the mobility-impaired. Call 207-773-1299.

National Association of Social Workers, ME. Chapter, Sexual Minority Issues Committee welcomes new social work members. Our purpose is to educate, provide resources, and lobby legislators on issues involving sexual minorities. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5 pm at the Community Counseling Ctr., 343 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call Perry Sutherland, 874-1030.

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**From the desk of O & E Editor**

**Joe Money**

Welcome to the grand opening of CPR's Arts and Entertainment page. While CPR has always had reviews of concerts, movies, books and videos, we've now decided to allot space in each issue for these articles, all in one place. We're excited about this change, and while we'll continue to provide Piercingly insightful commentary on arts events of interest to the community, we look forward to branching out in new directions. We hope to highlight noteworthy events for each month and feature an artist's profile. We're always open to suggestions for articles and information about coming events. 

(Call Joe at 874-0419 or Winnie at 879-1342.)

For July, be sure to catch the Rodin exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art, running July 2 through September 4, as well as an exhibit of Winslow Homer watercolors running the same dates, and several other ongoing exhibits.

The Audubon Society has an outdoor sculpture exhibit continuing through July: see the review in this issue. Also, for next month, the Penobscot Theatre Company has announced its Shakespeare on the River production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, on August 4, 5, & 6 at 8 pm in downtown Bangor, on the banks of the Penobscot River. Sounds like a fantastic way to spend a summer's night out-of-doors (call 207-942-3333 for more information; admission is $5.00).

Portland poets have been invited to contribute a poem inspired by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to a collection as "Hollywood's Famous Poets Society join the country in mourning this great woman... Won't you take a moment to send your poem to: Dr. Richard Huntington, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 730, Hollywood, CA 90028." The collected poems will be passed on as a tribute to the Kennedy family.

We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions about this new feature. We want to give the artists of our communities as much support as we can. You can help by providing information on exhibits, performances, or published (or about to be published) works.

See you next month. **Δ**

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**CONCERT ON REVIEW:**

**Tori Amos plays the State**

by Amsel Ponti, Contributor

Deep breath, Aimsel.

Attempt number four at this review, 4:25 pm.

So, this is a review, I think, for the Tori Amos show I saw on Saturday night, June 25th, at the State Theater. I guess the only way to get through this is to share with you my personal experience. I don't know what other people thought of the show, I don't even know if you know who Tori Amos is. All I know is that the show was two days ago, it's ninety degrees in this office and I'm still getting the chills thinking about what I saw and heard. During the Melissa Etheridge show, I danced and was merry. During the Indigo Girls I even got up to use the rest room, but while Tori was on stage, it was all I could do to breath.

There are three elements that make up the music of Tori Amos. First of all, she's got a voice that can soothe you and hold you in its arms and then reach inside of you, overpowering anything in its way. It is beautiful and sincere. She says music is her first language, not conventional techniques. Tori Amos is one of the best pianists I have heard. Ever.

Thirdly, she writes songs that have such honest and intense lyrics that's it's like reading her diary, and being invited to read it. You don't have to wonder what her songs are about. She tells you. And most of her songs are not about the joys of life. Most are about the pain that we all go through. I don't listen to Tori and cry. I listen to Tori and nod my head in agreement.

Tori performed songs from 92's "Little Earthquakes" as well as quite a few from her newest release, "Under the Pink." The sold out show began, however, with the Rolling Stones song, "Angie."

I turned around and there was Tori sitting at her piano, singing this song and then many others, including several encores. Tori Amos' songs are like friends. Really honest, genuine, loving friends. I don't think they're trying to prove anything to anyone, or at least, not to me.

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**Sculture and the Landscape**

curated by June LaCombe through July 1994 at Gilsland Farm Maine Audubon Society 118 U. S. Routhe One, Falmouth

by C.J. Sullivan

Searching for something to do? If you're feeling like taking a summer's walk, consider taking it through Gilsland Farm. Its abundant natural beauty makes it an idyllic setting for a nature walk. During the Melissa Etheridge show, I danced and was merry. During the Indigo Girls I even got up to use the rest room, but while Tori was on stage, it was all I could do to breath. It is beautiful and sincere. She says music is her first language, not conventional techniques. Tori Amos is one of the best pianists I have heard. Ever.

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just when you think they can’t possibly tickle your funny bone, move you to tears, or inspire your soul to greater heights any more then they did at their previous performance, The Gay Men’s Chorus does just that and more!

On Saturday evening, June 18th, the historic State Theater in Portland was the setting for yet another history making event. Over 900 men and women, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered and straight sat in rapt attention as over 50 gay men captured our emotions and held them in the palm of their hands for over two hours.

At first, I noticed the vastness of this beautiful auditorium. As I sat waiting for the performance to begin, I realized that what was bothering me was the loss of the intimacy that First Parish or Emmanuel Lutheran affords. Once these talented and generous men began singing, the distance dissolved and the feeling of being in an intimate setting returned.

The selection of music for this performance was no less than brilliant. Each piece built on the Pride I would venture to guess we all were feeling on this particular night. Light One Candle, a particularly inspiring piece, ended the first set with the full chorus.

The Maritones, under the direction of Delmar Small, hummed into a Gershwin Medley featuring such favorites as Fascinating Rhythm, S’Wonderful, Summertime, and~

Music Director, Bruce Fithian. It was a Venture to guess we were feeling on light of what followed. True Colors saw the rainbow effect wash over the backdrop and one could sense a resurgence of the feeling of pride. The Rainbow Connection, a personal favorite of mine, and Over the Rainbow ended the program to a standing ovation (not the first one of the evening, either) with cheers and whistles and chants of “more.”
Springfest Womyn's Musical Festival
by Sylvia Sims, Contributor

I was extremely skeptical about the promise of over 500 attendees at Springfest, as less than 100 women, including vendors, turned up at Fallfest, on a cold, rainy weekend last September. I wondered about the capacity of the only large open area to hold any more than that number, and also, as a vendor for a Portland publishing company, whether or not it was worth our effort to haul our books there; but perhaps it was the drawing power of the artists headlining the concerts, or the greatly increased advance publicity, or just the promise of a clear, sunny weekend, but in terms of numbers alone, it was a tremendous success!

The campground was sold-out and three neighboring motels were filled. We were promised “…good entertainment, quality workshops, a gentle atmosphere, friendly faces, lots of fun-filled activities…” and we got them and more. The open area where the craftswomyn/vendors and the large tents were situated had been greatly enlarged. The concert and workshop area had been formed out of two huge open-sided tents which easily held the 530+ I estimated attended the Friday and Saturday night concerts.

The vendors were either crowded together in a rather small tent, or had supplied their own coverings. They ranged from potters to drum-makers, basket-makers, stained glass artists—(all the way from Toronto); photographers. A tarot-reader and massage therapist were there as well as women selling everything usually sold at festivals—clothing, buttons, bumper stickers, discs and tapes, crystals, stones, jewelry and books.

An activities area was set up nearby for the athletically inclined, and there were trails in the woodlands among the spring flowers for those who wanted some time to themselves.

The highlights of the whole weekend, of course, were the concerts. Pixie Lauer and Diane Hansen opened on Friday night. Suave, polished, original and very sensual, they delighted the capacity audience, packed into the tents with their lawn-chairs and bug-repellent. Kris Williamson and Tret Fure lived up to their billing and more! Our enthusiastic response to their music, both familiar and new, inspired them to treat us to two sets that, combined, were over three hours long. This was their billing and more! Our enthusiastic response to their music, both familiar and new, inspired them to treat us to two sets that, combined, were over three hours long. This was

And there was “Bella’s Dyke Do’s!” She was mobbed all weekend, transforming some of us from our not-to-radical workaday looks into real dykes! Two food vendors, Gloria and Sue’s Buns, and Sisters Cafe, offered those who didn’t want to return to their campsite or go off the grounds and miss something, a good variety of food, and drink, both for the vegetarian and the carnivore.

French-Canadian view of the USA, lesbianism, gay rights, etc. in her haunting voice. She saddened us by announcing that she was giving up record-making and going back to school for her Master’s in music. Pat. D. a very funny lesbian comedian, opened for Lucie Blue.

A festival like this takes an incredible amount of organization and imagination. Carol and Mary of C-PJ Productions, and the many women involved, deserve our thanks for pulling it off with so few glitches. The official count was 531 women registered. Parking, as anticipated, was a problem, and the shuttle van that took women to and from the motels, and up from the limited parking area at the bottom of the very steep hill to the concert area and back down again, never seemed to be there when needed or scheduled, especially for up and down the hill! (A couple of handicapped parking spaces would have been appreciated at the top.) Vendors would appreciate some security arrangement overnight—one either packed up every night or trusted that honesty prevailed. Alcohol and smoking were banned in the entertainment area, and never became a problem.

An informal poll of some participants revealed an enthusiastic response to the festival and many firm intentions of returning for Fallfest, the second weekend of September. I just hope that the weather is as kind, but remember, women, there won’t be any blackflies! ΔΔ

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Sisters contingent chants down Congress Street

Our own Barbara Bush greets the throngs along parade route

More PRIDE on Parade

by Paul T. Bernard

I'm sure you all have heard of friends who have taken this fantastic vacation trip somewhere and paid this ridiculously low price. How does that happen and how can you do the same? Well, they probably bought into a "last minute" special. These last minute specials are offered by major tour operators, like TNT/Haley, GWV, or GoGo Tours, to name a few. The trade-off for these cheap prices is that you can't make plans ahead of time or be guaranteed that what you want will be available when you want to go.

These companies run charter flights to various destinations - the Caribbean, Cancun, Bermuda, etc. About a month prior to the flight date, they take a look at how many empty seats they have on these flights. If they have quite a few, they will put them on sale. Their philosophy is that it is better to have a full flight, so it is to their advantage to fill it - even at a lower price. For instance, if you wanted to go to Aruba in July, you could buy a package that included your airfare from Boston and a hotel for 7 nights for as little as $569 per person. Or St. Martin for $549 per person. You could go to Cancun for $499 per person or Cozumel for $599 per person. Weekend packages are also available at varying prices.

You can also purchase just the airfare from these tour operators, and it is usually cheaper than regularly scheduled air carriers. However, there is a trade-off. The flights leave from Boston and are limited in number - they usually fly once a week (typically, Fridays or Saturdays or Sundays - depending on the destination). One tour operator - TNT/Haley - also operates twice a week charter flights from Boston to San Francisco for $349 round-trip. This compares to the current round-trip fare of about $650.

Cruise lines also offer special deals for last minute travellers. For instance, Dolphin Cruise Line is offering a 7 day cruise out of Aruba for $999 per person. This price includes round-trip air from Boston and all you meals while on board the ship. Additionally, if you were willing to take a chance - you could fly down to Miami and make the rounds of the cruise ships docked there and see who had the best last-minute walk-on price. You can't be guaranteed that you would get the ship or itinerary that you wanted, but you would be sure to find a cabin at a reduced rate.

For those who are interested in last minute travel, there are even clubs that you can join that will send you newsletters listing some of the last minute deals that you can get. Membership in these clubs usually costs money - but the savings can make up for the membership cost.

One final word of advice - always work through your local travel agent. Don't deal with a tour operator over the phone. Your local travel agent will be able to tell you if a particular tour operator is legit and, if something should go wrong, the agent can assist you in dealing with them.

A big thanks to Studio 101

Winnie Weir & Bruce Balboni

We salute and offer our heartfelt thanks to Studio 101 and its owner, Everett Horr. Everett has been working with us for the past several months doing our film developing, some photography and consultation. This month, for this July issue, Everett has gone more than the extra mile.

Bruce went to the Gay Games and the Stonewall 25 Parade and Festival. He returned with 15 rolls of film! Everett made the contact shots in record time, staying late, arriving early at his studio, and followed that with reprinting our selections of photos to appear in this month's and August's issue.

Everett, we thank you. To our readers, we want you to know that Everett teaches photography classes, takes our wedding photos, and much more.

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Vaginitis Demystified: Part III

by Pacheco Bas

(Over the last two months, this column has discussed the anatomy and physiology of the vagina and monilia, or yeast infection. This month closes out this series with a discussion of other vaginal infections and their treatment.)

Another vaginal infection is called bacterial vaginosis, or BV. BV is also called hemophilus, or corynebacterium, and gardnerella (the bacterium that causes it), but no matter what you call it, it's still an infection. BV produces a foul-smelling, grey, thin, pasty, vaginal discharge. Since gardnerella normally lives in small, harmless amounts in the vagina, an infection results when the pH of the vagina becomes unbalanced. It can also be transferred by penile-vaginal intercourse.

It is thought that gardnerella bacteria interact with other vaginal bacteria to create the actual infection. The incubation period is five to ten days. Diagnosis is made by viewing discharge under the microscope, where "clue cells," vaginal cells with bacteria attached, will be seen. Another method of diagnosis is called a "whiff test" because mixing a drop of discharge under the microscope, with a drop of potassium hydroxide and a drop of 10% KOH, will cause a fishy odor to develop. Diagnosis by symptoms alone results in 20-40% error rate.

When a woman has vaginitis, she knows it. An itch is not present without an infection, and the discharge will not have its normal characteristics. Whether you choose to treat yourself with home and herbal remedies, take a prescription or over the counter drug, you should see a health care professional for an exam and diagnosis; for one thing, gonorrhea and chlamydia are serious sexually transmitted diseases, should be ruled out. Allergies to soaps, detergents, fabrics, and spermicides (if you're using them) should also be disqualified. Additionally, all the vaginal infections can co-exist with each other; it's not unusual to have more than one type of vaginitis, with the symptoms of one masking the others and complicating treatment. Diagnosis by symptoms alone results in a 20-40% error rate.

If you're going to have a check-up, don't douche or use tampons for twenty-four hours before your appointment. Doing so will decrease the amount of discharge needed for diagnosis. Women shouldn't really douche for more than a few days in a row; if the symptoms don't subside quickly, prescription treatments are recommended.

A few common sense precautions will prevent vaginal infections for most women. Don't douche; don't overuse tampons; don't use feminine hygiene sprays or vaginal deodorants; don't wear synthetic panty hose and underwear or pants with a tight crotch. Do make sure that you wipe from front to back; eat a well-balanced diet that's low in refined sugar, get enough sleep and exercise, and keep yourself healthy and relaxed.

In terms of sexual activity, make sure your hands are clean before lovemaking. Keep vibrators, dildoes and other sex toys clean, and don't put anything in the vagina that has been in the anus or rectum. Use a water-soluble lubricant for vaginal penetration to avoid irritating the vaginal walls, and avoid abrasive vaginal intercourse. Post-menopausal women may also want to use a lubricant if they are experiencing vaginal dryness. If you're not familiar with your partner, ask her if she has any infections before things get too hot.

A good booklet on alternative remedies is HOME REMEDIES FOR VAGINITIS, which can be obtained by sending $5 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Santa Cruz Women's Health Center, 250 Locust Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

In America, a health care provider who specializes in women's health, like a family planning clinic or women's health center, is your best bet for the correct diagnosis and treatment of vaginitis. Some are more experienced than others when it comes to lesbian health and sexuality. You may have to do a little shopping around. Ask your friends for referrals, too. 

The ABC's of transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes

Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

The summer edition of the Tapestry Journal, a publication for persons interested in crossdressing and transsexuality, published by the International Foundation for Gender Education, Wayland, Massachusetts, carried an article about the coming out process of transgendered individuals. While it is a particularly informative article, the part I want to reprint here can best be described as a primer of definitions. My hope is that as we in the lesbian, gay and bisexual community become better educated around these terms, our awkwardness and judgment will dissipate.

- Transgendered - an umbrella term encompassing one or more individuals dealing with transsexual, transvestite, transgenderist or androgyne issues.

- Transsexual - an individual who transitions in progressive stages, interpersonally, physically and socially, aimed at living as a member of the opposite sex full-time. Wishes genital reassignment surgery in addition to hormones and other surgical and cosmetic procedures.

- Transvestite or Crossdresser - an individual who crossdresses on occasion as an opportunity to explore opposite gendered experiences. Wishes to retain original gender role and social position.

- Transgenderist - individual who wishes to cross live part to full-time. Feeling most comfortable in the medium ground between a transsexual and a transvestite. Not interested in genital reassignment surgery, but commonly interested in hormones or other cosmetic or surgical procedures.

- Androgyne - an individual who wishes to take on the characteristics of 'either' or 'neither' gender part or, usually, full-time. Rarely interested in genital reassignment. Occasionally interested in castration, hormones or cosmetic surgical procedures.

- Sexual Identity or Orientation - indicates to whom we are attracted, whether it be the same, opposite or both genders.

- Gender Identity - basically indicates how we feel inside and what our presentation is to the world.

- Biological Gender - indicates our genital sex at birth.

More information will be presented in future issues of CPR.
CHEW ON THIS

This month, I would like to begin a discussion of Candida Albicans, and its relationship to many chronic health disorders.

Candida Albicans is the name of a yeast. Yeasts are in the same family as molds, mildews and fungus. Yeasts and bacteria are in different families, or categories. Friendly and unfriendly germs live everywhere, including our bodies. Our bodies are full of friendly bacteria who work for us by helping to digest foods, produce vitamins and so on. A few yeast hang around also. They don’t seem to do work for us, but they don’t harm us either, because the good bacteria won’t let the yeast grow into colonies large enough to cause problems.

Antibiotics kill bacteria, both the good and the bad, but they don’t kill yeast. The past abuse of prescribing antibiotics for anything and everything that had to do with illness, plus the huge amounts in our food supply, are causing the bacteria in our systems to die out. This gives the yeast a chance to over populate and fill our intestines so that the good bacteria gets crowded out.

Candida yeast spits out toxins that our bodies have to deal with, which, in turn, makes us sick. It also weakens our immune systems.

Some of the symptoms of Candida in our intestines are recurrent vaginal, prostate or urinary infections; feeling worse on damp days or in musty, moldy places; fatigue; depression; headaches; irritability, memory loss or a feeling of being "spaced out"; loss of sexual interest or impotence; sugar cravings; digestive problems, especially bloating, belching, rectal gas, constipation, diarrhea or abdominal pain; unusually dry skin, or skin that itches, tinges or burns; aching, weak, still or swelling muscles, bones or joints; and sensitivity to particular foods.

Answering yes to eight or more of these symptoms means that your health problems are probably yeast connected. If your score is twelve or more, your stool sample test will be provided (at your physical) is sent to a laboratory for testing. The results can tell you if you have a yeast infection in your intestines, and alert you to other medical problems. The lab also tests your stool samples against known medications, and provides you and your doctor with the names of those which will best treat your health problems. If you test positive for yeast infection, you will be given one of these medications, as well as a diet and other self-help directives.

Unfortunately, not all traditional medical doctors are up to date on the issue of Candida Albicans. You might need to seek the services of a more holistic health care professional to get to the bottom of it all.

Case in point... For years I have had more than twelve of the aforementioned symptoms. I have been told everything from "you need to slow down" to "you might want to consider anti-depressants". Finally, during a visit with my chiropractor, I mentioned some of my symptoms. She suggested we do the stool sample test. It’s rather expensive, especially since I don’t have health insurance, but it seemed the most sane advice I had ever received on this subject. Two weeks later the results were in. I did, indeed have Candida Albicans.

I have been taking an herbal remedy and following a specialized diet and exercise program for two weeks now, and I must say, the results have me convinced. Each day I notice that my mood is brightening, that my body is feeling more healthy and that many of my other symptoms are abating. My doctor tells me that in a month I will notice a marked change in how I feel, and that in four months I’ll feel like a new woman.

Over the next few months, I’ll be writing more about the treatment for Candida Albicans. I will include information on the type of diet recommended, along with some recipes that I am discovering... recipes that are great, even if you don’t have Candida Albicans. I’ll also be discussing what other treatments are involved as I experience them first hand.

From what I have been reading, it seems it would be worth anyone’s while to consider the possibility of having Candida Albicans, especially if they answer “yes” to eight or more of the symptoms listed above. Too many health care professionals are treating symptoms without knowing the cause. True healing can only happen when we know the cause and seek to cure it, instead of the symptoms.

If you would like to do more reading on your own, I can recommend the following: THE YEAST CONNECTION, by William G. Crook, M.D.; THE YEAST CONNECTION COOKBOOK, by William G. Crook, M.D. and Majorie Hurt Jones, R.N.; and COPING WITH CANDIDA COOKBOOK by Sally Rockwell, Nutritionist. Much of the information I have provided in this article comes from these sources.

Just who and what is MLGPA?

--or all the questions you always wanted to ask but...

by Judith Carter, Chair MLGPA Education Committee

Since 1984 the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) has been a voice for civil rights in Maine. Working with legislators and in coalition with other groups, MLGPA has helped to bring gay, lesbian and bisexual issues to the floor of the Maine legislature with growing success. The MLGPA board is all a volunteer group that meets on the third Saturday of every month. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend the meetings and voice their views. Only with the participation of many different people can MLGPA hope to successfully represent the gay, lesbian and bisexual people of Maine. The following are some commonly asked questions about MLGPA.

Q: Who sits on the board?
A: The board is made up of volunteers who wish to promote gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights. Every MLGPA member is eligible to run for a seat on the board.

Q: Do I have to be a Board member to work and vote in a committee?
A: No. Every one who is interested in Civil Rights is welcome to participate on MLGPA committees and board meetings.

Q: If my schedule won’t allow me to come to meetings, in what other ways can I help?
A: A few examples of ways you can help are: clipping articles relating to our issues from your local paper and sending them to MLGPA, volunteering to call your legislator in reference to important bills, contacting your regional representative to see what is going on in your area.

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The police devised the most ingenious method of crowd control I've ever seen, and they managed to convince people that it was in case of "emergency." The Lawn was sectioned off into quadrants by vehicle-wide, fenced-off corridors that could not be passed. One had to "go around" to cross from one side to the other. People in the crowd defended this absurdity as necessary, in case an ambulance had to get through. I guess they didn't notice the hundreds of police milling about in these "demilitarized zones."

Never mind though, not the heat, not the cops, not the myopia could dampen my enthusiasm. The political speakers got a little tiresome, but when Ru Paul came out everyone who had sought the relief of the outer extremities of the park for shade came running back into the lawn area. After Ru, they filtered back to the shade, but when Liza Minnelli sang there was a stampede. Liza reminded us that this was the anniv-

ersary of Judy's death, the reverence was palpable. There was a dispute over the number of people present. The police offered the ridiculously low figure of 12,000. The New York Times said 500,000. The march organizers said 1.1 million. I don't know why we don't accept the organizer's figure. It reminds me of adults' aversion to accepting what younger people say ... well, out of the mouths of babes. ∆∆

STONEWALL 25 — THE MARCH

The Tri-State Alliance (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) marched to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion. They were among 1.1 million others from all over the world. This march was a little bit different from past New York pride marches as it took a controversially different route.

This march went up 1st Avenue, terra incognita to most homosexuals, and past the U.N., which is ignored by just about everybody. The purpose of this divergence was to demand that the U.N. Charter on Human Rights include gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association) has already received provisional recognition.

ACT-UP, with about 15,000 supporters, marched up the traditional route, 5th Avenue, and the police dealt. They blocked intersections as the march approached and then re-opened them as it passed. There were more police in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral than there are in all of Maine. Cardinal O'Connor, whom artist David Wojnarowicz called a fat cannibal (to the chagrin of Senator Jesse Helms) was safely holed up inside, continuing to try to block condom distribution in the public schools and further violate the constitutional requirement of separation of church and state.

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more."

We were treated to additional selections and probably would have stayed for hours. It was an incredible performance. Delmar Small is such a talented accompanist. At one point he was playing in total darkness and didn't miss a note. Bruce Fithian is a master director who obviously enjoys what he does. Sign language interpreter, Douglas Packard was also masterful in his interpreting duties. The dedication and hard work of each member of The Maine Gay Men's Chorus is nothing short of inspirational. They present priceless gifts to their audiences with every song they sing, every dance step they take and certainly every flip of the wrist they make! BRAVO! \( \Delta \)
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