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Carter establishes Greens as Maine's Newest Political Party

By Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

In a stunning political achievement, sure to have far-reaching consequences, Green party candidate for governor, Jonathan Carter won over 7% of the vote thus establishing the Greens as a political party in Maine. Carter did much better than expected. The Greens will now be on the ballot in the next state election. Carter won an impressive 10% of the vote in Portland. In his concession speech Carter said, "The Green message is the message of the future. We are the harbingers of the new mainstream."

Angus King won the gubernatorial election by two percentage points over Joe Brennan. King received 36% of the vote to Brennan's 34%. Brennan did not make a public appearance on election night. This defeat must be especially bitter for him. It's his second consecutive losing campaign to be Maine's governor, a post he once held for 8 years. Speculation is that this defeat spells the end of Brennan's political career because during the campaign he promised that



Carter lost the election, but predicts a bright future for the Green party in Maine.

this would be his last.

King hailed his victory as a "new approach" to governing that transcends partisanship. King did well in traditional Democratic strongholds, in the suburbs and along the coast. King becomes the second independent governor elected in recent memory. James B. Longley, father of the winner

of the 1st Congressional District race, was elected governor as an Independent 20 years ago.

King appeared at the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) banquet last spring. He stated then that he would sign a gay rights bill "if it gets to my desk." This is a distinction from Brennan's position expressed at the same function, where he said he would "make gay rights a governor's bill." Nevertheless, in the October issue of CPR, King answered nine questions of interest to the gay

community. Brennan did not. King is generally supportive of issues of concern to the gay community with the exception of same gender marriage. Hopefully, King will keep his word.

Olympia Snowe (R) defeated Tom Andrews (D) by a wide margin for the privilege of taking George Mitchell's seat in the U.S. Senate. In her acceptance speech, Snowe thanked the voters and her "great husband who helped me every step of the way. He is

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Anti-gay rights initiatives defeated!

By Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

Anti-gay rights initiatives were defeated in Oregon and Idaho. The Oregon bill, known as Measure 13, lost by a 52% to 48% margin. In Idaho, the anti-gay rights law went down to defeat by 51% to 49%.

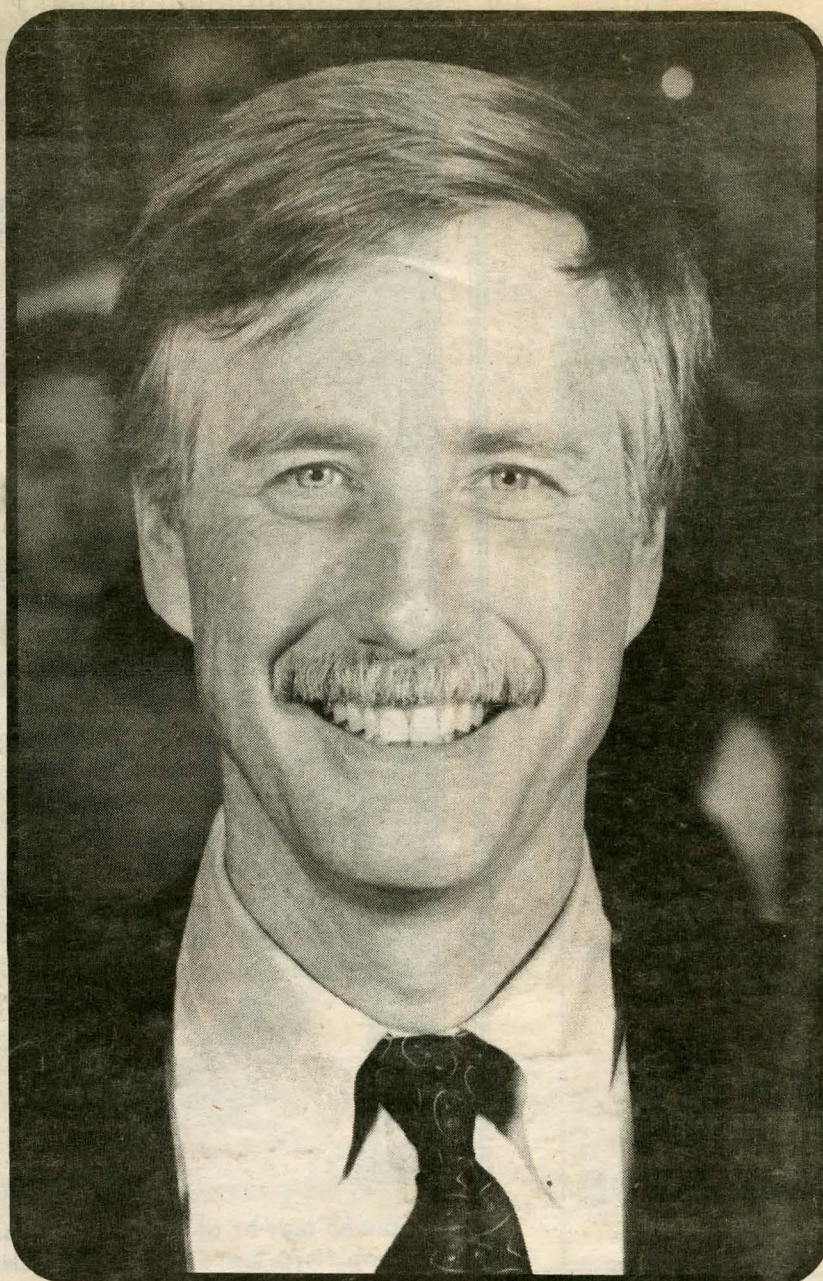
Measure 13 is a revision of Measure 9, which was defeated in 1992. Lon Mabon, leader of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA) talked about the "new language" of Measure 13, in much the same way his counterpart here in Maine, Carolyn Cosby, brags about the ingenious "language" of her anti-gay referendum. Measure 13 was confusing because a "Yes" vote means "No" to gay rights and a "No" vote means "Yes" to gay rights. This is because the question is worded, "Shall constitution bar governments from creating classifications based on homosexuality or spending public funds in a manner expressing approval of homosexuality." Despite the

confusion, Measure 13 lost.

Measure 13 was advertised as a law to protect children because teachers could not discuss homosexuality in a way that would "express approval" and young people could not read public library books which discuss homosexuality. Measure 13 lost support when the OCA claimed, two weeks ago, that "Nazism was largely an out-growth of Germany's gay-rights movement."

Apparently Mabon and other members of OCA were tired of being called Nazis. In reference to the fight against gay rights, Mabon is quoted as saying, "I'd rather get off this. It's not a pleasant thing to deal with. I've been called a Hitler and a Nazi -- I'm not." To retaliate, Mabon employed the very wise playground strategy, "I'm rubber and you're glue. What you say, bounces off me and sticks to you."

In Idaho, the fight against discrimination was led by a group known as, No on One. They won narrowly. ΔΔ



CPR congratulates Maine's new Governor, Independent Angus King. We trust he will keep his promises to the gay, lesbian, bisexual community.

Republicans make major gains but Christian Conservatives lose

By Bruce Balboni

The Republican Party picked up 12 governorships, and gained control of both the Senate and the House. They won 53 seats to gain a majority in the House of Representatives for the first time since 1954. Newt Gingrich, long-time foe of gay rights will be the new Speaker of the House. The Republicans gained 8 seats in the Senate giving them a majority and thus establishing some of the most conservative politicians in the country in powerful Senate committee chairmanships. These include Jesse Helms as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Strom Thurmond as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Orin Hatch as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Alfonse D'Amato as Chairman of the Housing and Banking Committee.

Oliver North, the darling of the radical right, lost his bid to serve in the U.S. Senate, as did David Beasley (R), candidate for governor of South Carolina the other major candidate sponsored by the Christian Coalition. Neither one of these candidates was able to transform their fanatical support amongst extremist Christians into a victory. These radical religious groups number approximately 13% of the voting population. As it happens, the percentage of African-Americans in both those states is 13% and these citizens gave over 90% of their votes to the Democratic candidate. The

Christian Coalition's strength, though feared, has been shown to crumble in the face of united opposition.

Gay votes also can take partial credit for the Robb victory over North in Virginia's Senate race. There are large numbers of gay voters in northern Virginia, particularly in the area closest to Washington, DC. These voters were solidly for Robb and probably provided the margin of victory.

Openly gay Congress persons Steve Gunderson (R) Wisconsin, Barney Frank (D) and Gerry Studds (D), both of Massachusetts, were re-elected. Openly lesbian candidate for New York State Attorney General, Karen Burstein, was defeated by Dennis Vacco (R). The Burstein-Vacco race got bitter when Guy Molinari, (R) from Staten Island Borough President, said a lesbian should not be Attorney General. Even Vacco repudiated that remark, but he did so repeatedly. His repudiation of the remark became his method of using Burstein's lesbianism against her.

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts came from behind to defeat Mitt Romney soundly. Diane Feinstein squeaked through to victory over Michael Huffington. Feinstein's supporters had taken to calling him "Nothington," as he was one of the typical Republican candidates with no political experience and no political program. ΔΔ

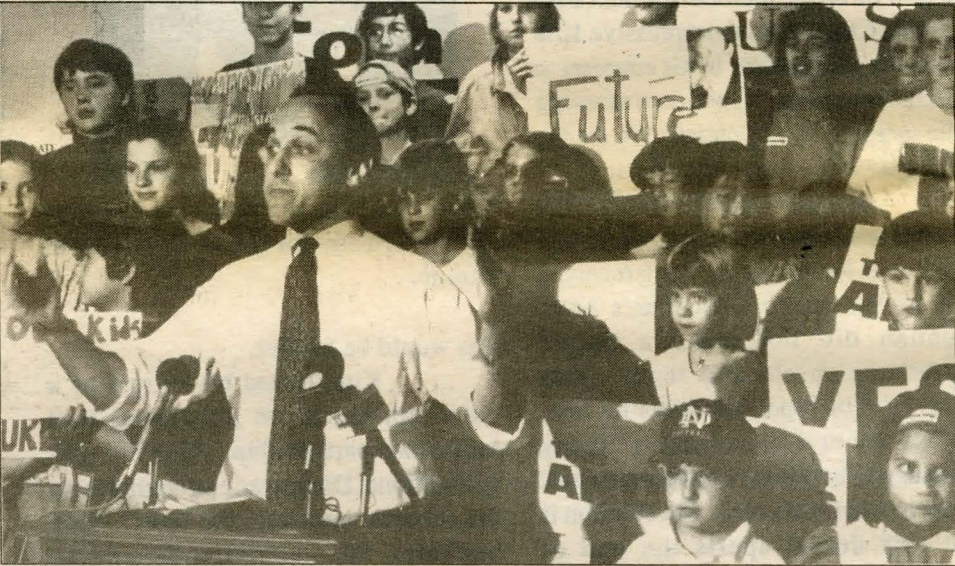
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the greatest political strategist in Maine, if not the U.S." Someone from her crowd of supporters yelled, "If you like Jock, you'll love Olympia." Snowe responded, "I hope so."



The campaign trail led to victory for Olympia Snowe

Andrews was typically graceful in his concession. He stuck to his courageous image and said, "I would rather lose an election doing what I think is right than win doing what I think is wrong."



Balboni Photo

Tom Andrews rallies the children on Munjoy Hill. Too bad they couldn't vote!

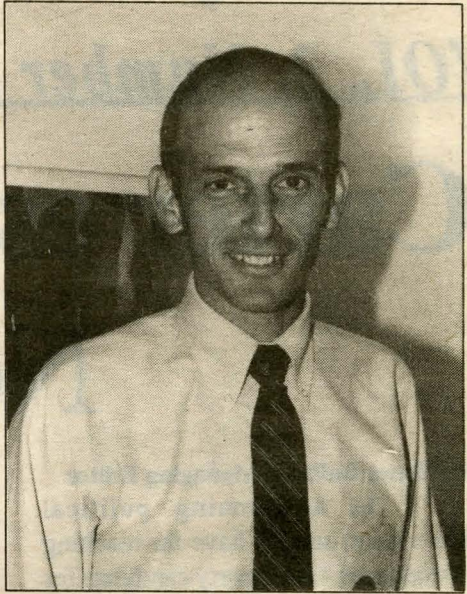
James Longley won a cliff-hanger over Dennis Dutremble for the 1st Congressional House District taking 51% of the vote. Both candidates were cautious throughout the night as the tally favored one then the other. Longley's win over Dutremble is another example



Longley won by a hair.

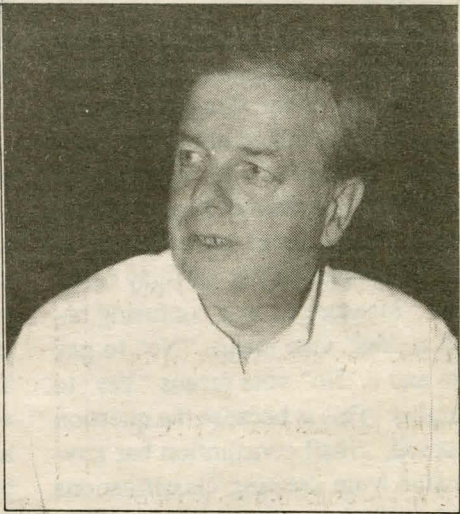
of a national trend where candidates with no political experience are defeating candidates who are career politicians. In this case, Longley has never held political office whereas Dutremble was a State Senator for 16 years as well as Senate President.

John Baldacci (D) defeated Richard Bennett (R) for the 2nd District House seat vacated by Olympia Snowe. He won with 46% of the vote to Bennett's 41%. Baldacci choked up during his acceptance speech when he referred to his



Baldacci's margin of victory was second only to Snowe's. He is seen here visiting The AIDS Project in Portland.

father who died recently. Baldacci is the first Democrat to hold this seat in 22 years. Bennett lost despite his campaign stunt of walking 750 miles across the vast northern sections of Maine. Maine's voters continue to show their independent spirit by rejecting the mainstream parties, and once again electing an independent to the Blaine House. ΔΔ



A Brennan farewell ? ?



His thumb may be up, but his fortunes are down. North lost to Robb in Virginia.

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Partial Results of Maine Legislative Elections

By Bruce Balboni

In the October issue, CPR endorsed several candidates for the Maine legislature. At press-time, results were complete. The following candidates, endorsed by CPR, won their elections.

State Senate

District 1, Frenchville, Caribou — Judy Paradis (D)

District 6, Brewer — Richard Ruhlin (D)

District 7, Orono — John O'Dea (D)

District 9, Bangor — Sean Faircloth (D)

District 10, Newport — Alton Cianchette (D)

District 11, Liberty — Susan Longley (D)

District 12, North Haven — Rochelle Pingree (D)

District 14, Belgrade — Richard Carey (D)

District 15, Augusta — Beverly Bustin (D)

District 16, Gardiner — Vicki Kelly (D)

District 18, Gardiner — Dale McCormick (D)

District 20, Lisbon Falls — Michael Huston (D)

District 21, Lewiston — Georgette Berube (D) — this is a "must win"

District 22, Auburn — John Cleveland (D)

District 26, Cumberland — Jeffrey Butland (R)

District 28, Portland — Anne Rand (D)

District 29, Westbrook — Donald Esty (D)

Maine House Candidates

District 9, Sanford — Mona Walker (D)

District 26, South Portland — Peter Cloutier (D)

District 27, South Portland — Birger Johnson (D)

District 28, Westbrook — William O'Gara (D)

District 36, Portland — Elizabeth Townsend (D)

District 37, Portland — Michael Brennan (D)

District 39, Windham — Carol Kontos (D)

District 51, South Harpswell — David Etnier (D)

District 53, Bowdoinham — David Shiah (D)

District 54, Bath — Arthur Mayo, III (R)

District 62, Rockland — Paul Chartrand (D)

District 74, Auburn — Susan Dore (D)

District 79, Wayne — Wendy Ault (R)

District 80, Manchester — Elaine Fuller (D)

District 83, Monmouth — Bonnie Green (D)



Dale McCormick, openly lesbian candidate for State Senate District 18, Hallowell-Richmond area, won an impressive victory in the election, November 8.

District 88, Lewiston — Patricia Lemaire (D)

District 90, Lewiston — Gerard Bouffard (D) — a "must win"

District 91, Gardiner — Sharon Treat (D)

District 94, Augusta — "Libby" Mitchell (D)

District 97, Athens — Dorothy Rotondi (D)

District 98, Skowhegan — Pamela Hatch (D)

District 106, North Vassalboro — Gail Chase (D)

District 107, Winterport — Joseph Watson (D)

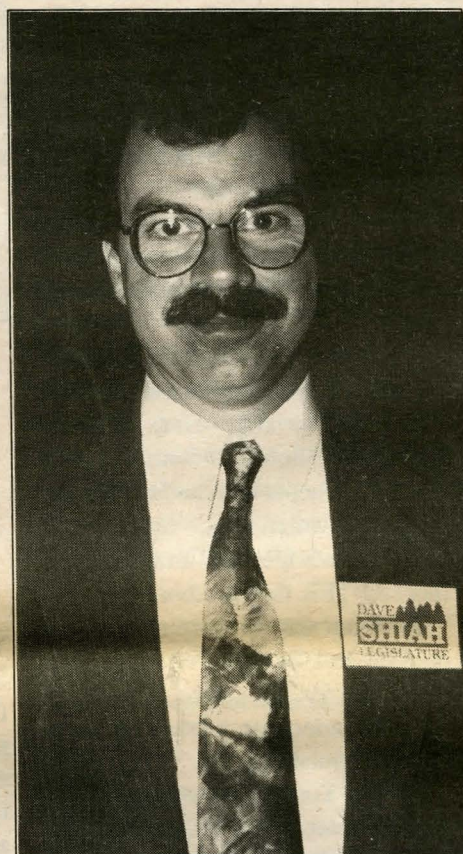
District 123, Orono — Kathleen Stevens (D)

District 127, Ellsworth — Ed Povich (D)

District 129, Sedgwick — Paul Volenik (D)

District 133, Machias — John Gilmore (D)

District 151, Eagle Lake — John Martin (D)



David Shiah, candidate for House District 53, Bowdoinham area, also endorsed by CPR, won.

Church bomber's niece now male

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - An Associated Press article recently revealed that a woman whose testimony helped convict a Ku Klux Klansman in the bombing of a church that killed four black girls in 1963 has broken a long public silence - and now speaks in a man's voice.

Elizabeth Cobbs was a minister, wife and mother when she gave testimony in 1977 that helped send her uncle, Robert Chambliss, to prison for life for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Today she is a 54 year old man by the name of Pete Smith, a stocky, bearded man who has written a book, "Long Time Coming."

The book recounts how testifying about the bombing started Smith on a personal journey filled with fear of Klan retribution and sexual uncertainty.

"All of that threw me into a psychological matrix," said Smith in an interview in Saturday's Birmingham Post-Herald. "Suddenly, honesty was the most important thing on the face of the Earth."

Cobbs testified that Chambliss told her the day before the bombing: "You just wait until after Sunday morning and they will beg us to let them segregate."

After the conviction, Cobbs resigned as minister of a Methodist Church and was divorced from her second husband. She became the first pastor of the city's Metropolitan Community Church, which ministers mainly to gays.

She moved to Texas in 1979 and took the name Petrice Smith. After surgery and hormone therapy, she was legally declared male in 1981. ΔΔ

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Anti-abortion protests heat up in Bangor

By Malcolm Smith

The battle over abortion is heating up in Bangor. A woman's health clinic there was stoned and the number of protestors has increased.

"We will not stop (providing abortion services)," Ruth Lockhart, Executive Director of the targeted clinic said, a few days after the incident.

On October 12, the usual lone abortion protestor outside the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor was joined by three others, and during that day's protest, two rocks were thrown through back windows, shattering three panes of glass. Neither Lockhart nor Bangor police are able to link the rock-throwing incident with anti-abortion protestors.

"It smells like an inside job to me,"

protestor Terrence J. Hughes, Orono, said in an interview a few days after the incident. Hughes was not there that day. He is a regular Saturday protestor.

Lockhart labeled his charge, "Absurd."

Hughes does not believe in violence, but prefers to recite rosaries and display large photos of aborted fetuses in his protests against "Bangor's Auschwitz."

Abortion protestors had indicated that they would move their efforts to the Bangor area when Dr. Gregory Luck's office in Falmouth closed at the end of September due to protestor harassment. The Bangor Daily News reported that Ed Gerrish of Stockton Springs is leading the protests at MWWHC. His number is unlisted, and he could not be reached for comment.

Lockhart said the increase in protesting activities had not affected clients seeking their services, which are wider ranging than just abortion.

"We've had some women call to ask about it, but none have stopped coming in," she said. "We have pretty strong security."

The clinic is set off from the street and is surrounded by other businesses.

Pro-choice supporters showed their support October 21 with a protest of their own. People marched in the rain, holding signs which read, "Stop intimidation, Choice is the law," and "Will you be there AFTER they are born?"

Lockhart said future trouble is hard to predict, and Bangor Police Lt. Tim Reid said he felt the police department could offer adequate protection from further law violations.

Rollin Stearn, treasurer of the Bangor Chapter of the Maine Right To Life said he did not feel the violence would escalate to murder, as it has in Florida.

"I know the people up here in Maine," Stearn said, "These are not people that are going to pack iron."

Stearn said MRTL does not participate in demonstrations as a group, but members may participate as individuals, if they choose. $\Delta\Delta\Delta$

MCLU Elects Board Officers

PORTLAND: Patricia Peard was elected President of the Maine Civil Liberties Union at a meeting of the MCLU Board of Directors on October 12. Peard was elected to the MCLU Board in 1991 and has been an active member of the MCLU Legal Panel for six years. She has previously served as Vice President of the organization and as chair of its Development Committee.

Peard is one of two lawyers leading the legal effort to defeat the ballot measure proposed by Concerned Maine Families that would authorize discrimination based on sexual orientation. She was recently made a partner at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson and practices in the firm's Portland office. Peard also serves on the board of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance.

Liisa Hamilton, a partner in the Boothbay Harbor law firm of Berry and Hamilton, was elected Vice President. Hugh Calkins of the Portland law firm



Photo by Donald E. Johnson

Patricia Peard, President of MCLU

Calkins and Pouravelis was re-elected Treasurer. Calien Lewis, Executive Director of Maine PreTrial Services, is serving as Secretary. Richard Maiman was re-elected to represent the MCLU on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union. He is Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern Maine. $\Delta\Delta$

Whoopi Goldberg, Armistead Maupin join in fighting the radical right

Over 100 Celebs, Individuals, Groups, Condemn Anti-Gay Initiatives

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 1, 1994 ... Some 110 notable figures and groups from the political, entertainment, religious and other fields have lent their name; and support in the coalition effort to fight the Radical Right's campaign against lesbians, gays and bisexuals,

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Equality Statement Endorsement Project has asked major political organizations, civil rights groups, unions, elected officials, government bodies and others to sign onto a statement supporting fundamental equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. The statement condemns Radical Right-sponsored anti-gay ballot initiatives.

"We support equality for all Americans," reads the statement. "Every American's right to be free from discrimination in jobs, housing and public accommodations must be defended and protected. No person's fundamental civil rights should be denied by a ballot initiative or any other means."

The Endorsement Project has garnered the support of Hollywood and entertainment celebrities Whoopi Goldberg, Armistead Maupin, Nora Ephron, John Landis, and Sweet Honey in the Rock's Bernice Johnson-Reagon; political leaders in the U.S. Congress, including Senators Paul Simon and John Chafee and Representatives Patricia Schroeder, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds; elected officials from Austin, Texas; Broward County, Fla., San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif; Seattle and New York; the AFL-CIO, AFSCME,

United Auto Workers and other unions; American Library Association, National Lawyers Guild, PEN (international writers' association) and numerous additional professional associations; Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a host of other religious affiliations; plus dozens of advocacy groups, businesses and governmental organizations.

NGLTF is distributing the list of endorsees to state and local groups that will use it to build coalitions for fighting ballot initiatives. This year started with 10 states targeted for anti-gay initiatives. The Radical Right failed to place measures in all but two states — Idaho and Oregon.

"It's important to have heavy-hitters from the political, entertainment, business, religious and other communities sign on as part of our struggle to defeat the Far Right," said NGLTF Fight the Right organizer Sue Hyde. "This battle affects all of us working toward a justice-seeking society."

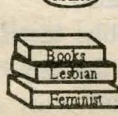
The NGLTF Equality Statement Endorsement Project, part of NGLTF's Fight the Right efforts, began early this year and will continue through the 1994 fall elections.

The NGLTF Fight the Right Project was formed in the wake of the 1992 Republican National Convention, which featured prime-time Radical Right attacks on the gay and lesbian community. Since then, the project has provided direct campaign assistance to communities battling anti-gay initiatives and is helping build a strong grassroots gay and lesbian movement for long-term change. $\Delta\Delta$

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Nurturing Nature at Grandmère's Farm

By P. Hayes

Watching Mother Nature scatter her handiwork of fast growing scrubs and trees over what was once cleared, working farm land got the best of Vivian Holmes. She purchased the fourteen acre parcel and turned it into what is now Grandmère's Farm, a self sufficient, working farm created solely through the love, determination and sweat of one woman (and 'a little' help from her family and friends).

What sets Grandmère's Farm apart is Vivian's alliance with the natural scheme of things. The rampant overgrowth of the pastures and farming land was not ravaged by a plow, but cleared as nature would have it, by the Wiltshire Horned x Dorset sheep that Vivian purchased to do the job.

They've made a deal. The sheep are well fed and well cared for, and in

return they keep the land cleared and provide food for the table when winter comes. The nurturing of nature and respect for the natural order of things are values that Vivian teaches and lives by. Grandmère's Farm is not a business venture, it's a way of life.

"I only keep what I can consume," she says. "No extra animals, and I try very hard not to get to know them as pets. We have a working relationship. I provide well for them and they provide well for me."

Also sharing their worth at Grandmère's Farm are two dozen chickens, ten geese and a number of quail. Quail eggs, Vivian said, are a delicacy and she soon hopes to be packaging pickled Quail eggs and marketing them at local gourmet food stores.

The maintenance and growth at Grandmère's Farm is a full time job in itself, however Vivian also works for the University of Maine system teaching in the areas of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry both through formal education and open workshops for the general public.

As with any business, the initial investment is often the most difficult part. The difference in the field of agriculture is that the initial investment occurs over and over again each spring. Coupled with health care and feeding, this is not only financially draining to the farmer but also restrictive to the amount of business she can do.

Community Supported Agriculture is a nation-wide concept that involves the addition of share holders to the farm-



Cultivated pine trees line the trail waiting to add to winter holiday observances.

ing process. Share holders make an initial investment in the livestock. The farmer raises, feeds and cares for the animals. At the end of the season, the share holders divide the meat according to their investments. It is this idea of community supported agriculture that Vivian is offering to the gay community on a smaller scale.

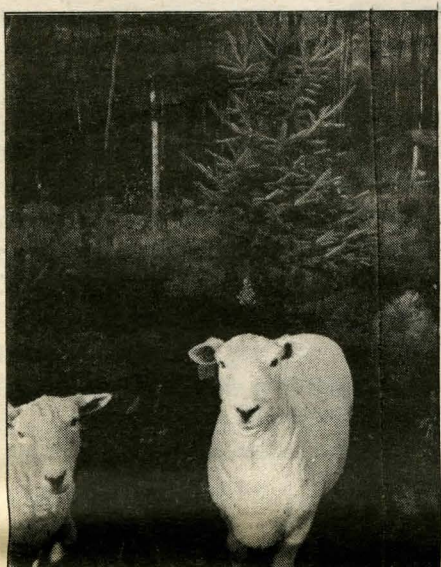
This concept provides quite a different dinner table than Shop and Save. The share holder knows exactly where her food has come from and that it was fed and cared for in a clean, healthy environment. Through this practice of inter-community support we not only give ourselves a product of value, but we increase the strength of our own community.

While recognizing the need for wide spread community support, Vivian's personal vision is the emergence of a cooperative network within the gay community; a network of pro-

fessionals and non-professionals promoting and supporting each other, leading to the increased strength of each individual and the gay community as a whole. By actively participating in the growth of each member of the community, we can reach higher levels of recognition and maximize our voice.

After Thanksgiving, Grandmère's Farm will be open for 'cut your own' Christmas tree outings. Most are what Vivian calls 'table tops' but there are also some six footers scattered about. Please call ahead to arrange your visit and you'll be greeted with a fire, cider, a chance to see the animals and especially some time to talk with Vivian, who is one amazing woman.

Grandmère's Farm is located on East Buckfield Road in Buckfield, Maine. ΔΔ



Sheep safely graze (and pose for the photographer) at Grandmère's Farm.

Time Out in Space

By Michael Rossetti

From years of camping without campfires, I've found that even the most disinterested stargazer learns to recognize certain stellar arrangements from years of occasionally looking up. This is the very process that led the ancients to map out the skies and chart the eternal change of seasons using the constellations.

Constellations are truly arbitrary. The Chinese, the ancient Greeks, both early north and south pre-Colombian Americans, even the primitive aborigines of Australia, had their own versions of constellations. They all used very much the same warehouse of stars, predominantly those visible from the northern hemisphere. The creatures and mythological heroes and heroines varied, but the stars were the same.

Now that most of us will be leaving work after dark, we might replace that after work walk or bike ride with a few, intermittent star gazing sessions. Keep in mind that the stars change their position very slowly in a period of a 365 day cycle. So, if you mean to chart the heavens, give yourself a week or two between studies so as to note the movements. Also be sure to go out at exactly the same time each evening because, like the sun, each constellation traces an arc

across the sky during a ten to twelve hour period.

For successful stargazing, here are some suggestions. Find an open, unobstructed area, with no tall structures, with as much horizon circumference visible as possible. Stay away from brightly lit areas. Stargazing during a full moon is not as revealing because of the bright moonlight. Binoculars will help you see the different colors of stars, but they will prevent you from seeing enough sky to recognize star patterns. Bring a little portable music, some cheese, wine and a close friend.

Conceive of the night sky as two flat disks. The larger disk consists of all the stars you could possibly see throughout the year. The smaller disk contains only the stars that you can see on any one night. Both disks revolve around Polaris, the North Star with the smaller disk moving around the larger disk simultaneously.

Pick a night and time, say about mid-November, 9:00 PM and you will find some of autumn's big shots. Face south and look straight overhead, bending back just a bit. You will see five bright stars forming an arc. There are two additional stars that imply the shape of a small pan with a handle. This is Ursa Major or, the Big Dipper. The handle part will be to your right, or west.

To the east of Ursa Major, your left, there are two large stars. These are Castor (northern) and Pollox (the southern of the pair). Castor and Pollox form the bottom part of a "U" shape arrangement of seven stars known as Gemini. South of Gemini is a sure sign of autumn, Orion. Orion is most easily recognized by a set of three medium sized stars close together in a line. This is Orion's belt.

Above and below the belt are a pair of stars, one bright and larger, the other smaller, in each pair.

Just south of Orion, still near the horizon, is Aldebaran, a very large bright star and the brightest of the constellation Taurus. Taurus will be more visible in December. Going south reveals the night skies most interesting little

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"Build coalitions," NOW exhorts conference audience

Participants learn skills to Fight the Right

By Malcolm Smith

A group of various state activists concluded at last month's annual state conference of the National Organization for Women that coalition building is the key to defeating the agenda of the religious right.

The event, hosted at Bangor High School by NOW's Greater Bangor Chapter, gave activists a chance to talk and get to know each other, as well as get their batteries charged. "We're a big state," Cynthia Phinney, assistant coordinator said.

The round table discussion began with moderator Christine Torraca's acknowledgement of the wide range of diversity represented by the groups present at the conference. "The family may not always be a happy family under the progressive umbrella, but we are here."

Panel members were asked for their definitions of the Right, as well as effective strategies to combat it. "If I had to define the Right, I would say it's wrong," said Judy Guay, president of Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods.

Rep. Susan Farnsworth listed various national right-wing organizations,

including the American Family Association and the Christian Coalition, and said they had access to church members nation wide, even if the supporting churches were not necessarily affiliated with the groups. "It's a pervasive threat," she said.

Panel members pointed to coalition building as a solution, and MLGPA representative Lois Reckett pointed out that, in the case of the gay community, com-

up on news, then elected new officers, including Merrie Allen, State Coordinator; Cynthia Phinney, Assistant Coordinator; Penny Hilton, Secretary; and Annie Lunt, Treasurer.

Candidates in several races addressed the group, including Joseph Brennan and John Baldacci, as well as several State House candidates. Candidate Mary Morse-Dwelle estimated that there were 21 religious-right candi-

Dwelle said. "It scares me that people aren't looking into who they're voting for."

Before lunch, symbols of women's oppression were deposited into the "Freedom Trashcan II" by various audience members. The original trash can was hosted by activists at the 1968 Miss America Pageant, where the discarding of a bra by activist Robin Morgan earned feminists the incorrect term "bra burner." NOW activist JoAnne Dauphinee told the crowd that the first Miss America Pageant was held in 1920, the year women won the right to vote.

"To our sisters everywhere, past, present and future, we now dedicate Freedom Trashcan Two," Dauphinee said.

NOW member Chris Rusnov spoke of the effects of eating disorders as she threw a Barbie doll away. Cosmetics, an ashtray, a diet drink, high-heeled shoes, a bra, welfare forms, and a mock Oscar trophy, signifying the glorification of rape in the movies, were all thrown out. Members laughed at a hemorrhoid ad that suggested a women's hemorrhoids were more delicate than a man's. Merrie Allen threw away a bottle of a "women's" deodorant.

"Strong enough for a man, but made for a woman," Allen said. "Pee-you."

Dauphinee smashed a plate of glass, calling it the glass ceiling.

"Good luck to all of you," she said.

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Page Photo, courtesy of "The Maine Campus
NOW member, Mary Donnelly updates on progress made by NOW's healthcare efforts while member, Chris Rusnov listens.

ing out was useful.

In the case of abortion protestors, it was suggested reversing tactics and protesting at the protestor's home. Persistence was also called for.

Panelists suggested looking at the makeup of current successful coalitions, and suggested groups find things in common. The alliance between MLGPA and the Maine Chamber of Commerce was cited as such an example. These two groups are united in fighting CMF's anti-gay initiative.

NOW member Chris Rusnov said the Maine Civil Liberties Union needed volunteers to verify petition signatures.

Valerie Howard suggested reading the book, "When God Becomes a Drug" by Leo Booth, which relates the fanatical actions of religious zealots to more emotional dysfunctions rather than moral concerns.

During the morning session of the day-long conference, members caught

dates running for state legislature. "They're very well organized," Morse-

Changing Women, Change Your Practices Cosmetics, hygiene, and natural skin & body therapy

By Merrill A. Abramson

How many of you practice daily self-healing body and skin rituals that are loving, healthy and natural, bringing harmony and balance to your full being? I know, many of you are already thinking, "that would be pampering myself and that's not allowed." I disagree.

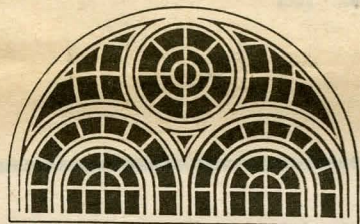
Do you know what ingredients are contained in the cosmetics (body and skin products) you purchase and use daily? Don't let the word 'cosmetics' throw you off course from creating healthy, botanical and revitalizing home-care treatments. According to renowned herbalist Rosemary Gladstar, "Cosmeos" shrine is most often found in the least conspicuous room in the house, the bathroom. Within the confines of your bathroom, the temple of Cosmeos, you can create ceremonies to awaken the goddess energy. The word cosmetic, from the Greek root *Kosmetiko*, really means the art of beautifying the body. The older meaning of *Kosmea* is to harmonize. We've gotten off course by allowing the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry and even the FDA, to assume that the care of women's bodies can be superficially, synthetically and expensively manufactured, packaged and sold.

Glitzy packaging, seductive models, and promises of external beauty and youthfulness all cram the market place. How many women are protesting this manipulative multi-billion dollar business? Do we have to buy into their methods and philosophy just to take care of our personal daily body and skin needs? No! The cosmetic and women's health care industry need to integrate the use and practice of purely natural botanicals into a form that can be applied as a part of holistic, natural hygiene routines.

Hygeia is the goddess of health. In our culture, hygiene has been limited by the industry's superficial and contrived notion that it relates to feminine cleanliness (artificial smelling deodorants, synthetic perfume douches, and animal and petroleum based face, body and hair cleansers.) I view hygiene as the science that deals with the promotion, preservation and practice of health. Isn't it time we experienced our daily self-care practices with pride, pleasure, and integrity? Why not create ritualistic, healthy, earth-centered routines that rejuvenate and regenerate our bodies, minds and souls?

Perhaps we are fooled and confused about the meanings of such words as *well-being*, *goddess*, *beauty*, *health*, and *hygiene*. From a holistic view, *well-being* is the care and support of our emotional, physical and spiritual

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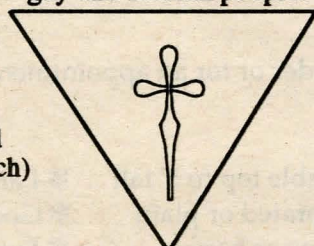
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The Remnant of EPL - Part III

By Rich Austin

Last month we ran Part II of our in-depth look at the history of the Equal Protection Lewiston campaign as it struggled to uphold a city council enacted ordinance that would have prohibited discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. EPL Spokesperson, Celeste Branham, Finance Manager Jan Welch, Steering Committee members Ray and Kevin Gagnon, Glen Esman and Roland Blais spoke with this reporter about their experiences.

Last month we talked about the legal, media and religious support Concerned Maine Families received from organizations around the country. We also looked at internal rifts in the EPL organization, with hindsight again proving to be 20/20. This month we conclude our series.

CMF's SCARE TACTICS

By November 2nd, the people of Lewiston were ill-informed, having heard numerous allegations and scare tactics from the opposition, but only a droning chant from EPL. CMF scare tactics included charges that affirmative action would result from passage of the ordinance. They claimed business owners would be legally forced to hire gays and lesbians. Though the ordinance itself had a specific provision stating there was no affirmative action requirement, Branham said, "EPL could cite it until we turned blue. People still believed they were going to be required to do these things."

Branham continued, "One of the opposition's newspaper ads that we were very fond of because it was so outrageous said, 'If you're a psychologist or a psychiatrist and you want to speak out against homosexuality you can be jailed under this ordinance'." EPL tried to rely on Portland as an example, pointing out that the predicted immoralities and injustices simply had not happened. CMF's campaign was one of scare tactics, but the people of Lewiston would not listen to reason, according to Branham.

Also, during the challenge to Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance there were three televised debates in which the irrational venom of the religious right's anti-gay movement in Maine became clear. Though there were three televised debates scheduled in Lewiston, Madore and CMF strategically declined to appear. "It would have helped us enormously to have that kind of visibility and to show what we were up against," Branham commented. "The extremism, the fanaticism, all the lies and the hatred that was coming out of their campaign could have been exposed on television."

THE DEFEAT

Tuesday night, November 2nd, 1993. "It hurt deeply, very deeply," said Welch. "Everybody felt equally as bad that night. For some reason, I was the one who was crying. It meant so much, it was so deep, so close, we all worked so hard, we pretty much devoted our lives to this for a year because it was such an important issue and it was so personal. I personally felt betrayed because this was MY HOME TOWN. I had hopes

for this place."

R. Gagnon commented, "When we lost, I felt the realization of the lack of dignity and self-respect that people who are gay and lesbian in this community (Lewiston) have. They feel they have to hide. And they perceive that people are making them hide."

"I knew it in the morning when I voted," Branham remembered, "because I looked at the faces of the people coming into the voting area and they were so stern, so grim. The polls closed at 8 pm., and I think we started the concession speech at 8:15 pm. For me, everything sort of stood still, and I just wanted to understand how it was that I had failed to explain, in ways people could understand rationally, that this was about fair treatment of others. It was very difficult to conceive of an entire community not understanding that this vote was about equitable treatment."

Esman added, "After the vote I felt crushed, hurt. That, and then going to the Sportsman's (for the pre-planned victory party) was disgusting to me."

FACES OF THE OPPRESSORS

The many faces of Paul Madore and his hate campaign were unmasked as CMF's effort progressed. Branham recounted, "We were getting ready the night before the vote to appear on Channel 6 and he (Paul Madore) was late. Thirty seconds before it was to start he waltzed in. They said for us to check and see that we were both on the monitor. I was a little off the monitor so I asked him if he minded if I moved a little closer so that I could be on the monitor as well. And he said, 'You'll want to be cautious because I have a cold,' and then he looked at me, deadpan, and said, 'don't worry, it's not a virus.' I let it pass. When the interview was over I said I thought it would be important for him to understand that colds are viruses, and it didn't really matter to me that he had a cold. So he looked at me and said, 'I wasn't referring to colds' and I said, 'Yes, I know that.'"

"There was another interesting comment he made to our field coordinator," reported R. Gagnon. "Our field coordinator asked, 'Jeez, Paul, do you really believe all that stuff you're spewing out?' and Madore looked at him and said, 'No, but they do.'"

POLITICAL CAREER UNDERWAY

With the Lewiston vote as his stepping stone, Paul Madore has launched a political career for himself by leading the fight in the Lewiston area against the State of Maine's auto emissions testing law. Says R. Gagnon, "People at my workplace all signed this petition immediately because the emissions debate keys into their fear of money. It's not that we need cleaner air, or the clean air credits that are going to go to whoever, it's just 'Oh, I have to spend my money.' It's a scare tactic, just like what they did to us. Madore appeals to that level because he knows this community (Lewiston) is prime for it."

Paul Madore is running for the Maine Senate, and his wife, Susan, is running for the Maine House of Representatives. Welch commented, "Talk

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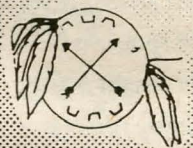


On Wednesday, October 26, the Matlovich Society hosted Patricia Nell Warren at a special meeting. Pictured above, l to r are Jim Neal, co-owner of Drop Me A Line, author, Patricia Nell Warren and Roger Mayo, co-owner of Drop Me A Line. Jim and Roger arranged for Ms. Warren to be in Portland, and hosted a book signing at their Congress Street store. Ms. Warren was in town to promote the sequel to her classic work, "The Road Runner." With the publication of "Harlan's Race," those of us who twenty years ago wondered what happened to Harlan Brown and his lover's unborn child, will once again be caught up in the fluid and fascinating writing of Patricia Nell Warren.



On Thursday, October 27, the Matlovich Society hosted a program honoring our community's first gay newspaper, "Mainly Gay." Three of the original group responsible for "Mainly Gay", pictured above, shared stories about the struggles and the joys of what it was like to be gay in Maine 20 years ago. Susan Henderson, Peter Prizer and Stan Fortuna, (l to r), enjoy one of many pleasurable moments during the evening. The men and women of "Mainly Gay" were activists, out and proud, addressing the need for equal treatment long before the existence of allies and the broader base of support we have today. Susan brought copies of past issues and audience members got a chance to see our history in the news twenty years ago.

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In These Times: Living With Homophobia

By David Smith

Editor's Note: In lieu of David's regular column, CPR is reprinting a letter from David addressing his needs around a discrimination suit he has filed against his previous employer, The Connecticut State Department of Education. David contends he was fired because he is gay even though Connecticut has a law protecting gays and lesbians from such treatment. Ironical, isn't it?

Dear Family, Friends and Colleagues,

I'm writing because I need your help. Although Connecticut has a strong statute protecting the rights of lesbians and gay men, not all agencies and individuals follow the law. The Connecticut State Department of Education has followed a pattern of harassment and has now relieved me of my job responsibilities because I am openly gay. As a result of this, I have filed a civil rights complaint with the State Human Rights Commission and am pursuing further legal action against the State. This legal action costs money and my finances at this time are obviously limited. Therefore, I am seeking any financial assis-

David
Smith



tance you may be able to offer in pursuing this case.

All of this began in February of 1993 when I responded to a student's question, "Are you gay?" I answered, "Yes, I am." I was visiting a school district in my capacity as a consultant for the State Department of Education. Several weeks later, I was suspended from work without being told why. Subsequently, I was informed that this incident was the reason for the suspension. After several days on leave, I was asked to return to work. I then filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission. For a year I negotiated with the State, asking only that they do the training of employees called for in the gay rights legislation. I got nowhere. In June of 1994, I hired an attorney to pursue this matter. When the State was notified by my attorney that she was representing me, they immediately convened a meeting of the Department of Education Cabinet and decided to fire me. They told me of their decision by phone the next day.

I am pursuing this case because I want my job back. But more importantly, I am waging the battle to stop a government agency from blatantly discriminating against lesbians and gay men. If this can happen in Connecticut, what happens in states without a gay rights law? Additionally, many people still think it is OK to require gay men and lesbians to be silent when dealing with students. I believe it's particularly important to gay and lesbian youth to change this.

I hope you will be able to support this cause. Thanks for helping to pay the bills and supporting gay rights.

Sincerely, David Smith

Editor's Note: Checks may be made out to David Smith Legal Defense Fund and sent to Community Pride Reporter. Letters and messages of encouragement may also be sent to the CPR office for forwarding to David. CPR, 142 High Street, Suite #634, Portland, ME 04101. ΔΔ

MONEY TALK: Investments Parts II & III

(Due to an oversight, this column was omitted from the October edition of CPR. We apologize to our readers and to Peter, who faithfully provides us with financial information.)

By Peter J. Callinan, CPA

This article is a continuation of the general discussion about the various components of investment decision making. The process of selecting an appropriate investment for your income level and life-style involves evaluating several factors. The result of this evaluation should facilitate your selection of an investment. This month I will discuss two factors which generally will directly relate to each other.

Security of the investment is the first factor to consider. This involves assessing RISK OF LOSS. Generally, the potential risk of loss will directly relate to the potential rate of return. Investments with the highest rate of return are also the ones with the highest risk of loss. If you purchase a lottery ticket for \$1, it's possible to win \$millions\$, but it's likely you will win nothing and lose your dollar. There is a high level of risk and a high level of return. The opposite is also generally true. The investments with the lowest risk of loss are also the ones with the lowest rate of return. A basic bank savings account is a good example. Your investment is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) so there is almost no risk of loss but, the bank will only pay you between 3.5% to 4.5% on your savings balance. Each type of investment carries a different level of security which can be evaluated as part of the selection process.

The next factor to consider is Rate of Return. This is the measurement of your investment's income and growth or the increase in its cash value. Profits are a positive rate of return which increase cash value. Rate of Return is determined by comparing the increase or decrease in cash value of an investment to its original amount. If you put \$100 into a savings account and in a year it was worth \$104.50, there would be a 4.5% Rate of Return on your investment. The simple formula to determine the Rate of Return is the investment earnings (\$4.50) divided by the original investment (\$100). Rate of Return should be measured periodically to determine if an investment is performing well when compared to other possible investments. Should you keep your \$100 in a savings account earning 4.5% if you could move it to one earning 6%? It can be considered a means of keeping score where the winners are the highest rates of return and the losers are the lowest. Rate of Return is often referred to by other names such as Return on Investment, Return on Assets and Return on Equity, but they all boil down to similar calculations determining profitability or increased cash value.

Next month I will discuss some of

the other factors such as After Tax Yield, Marketability & Liquidity, Diversification and Size of Investment. The goal is to use these factors as tools in making and managing investments to maximize the results. You work for your money so why not learn to make it work for you. Good luck!

Part III

This series of articles began with a brief discussion of the investment decision making process where I outlined various factors which should be considered when choosing any investment. In Part II, I discussed Investment Security and Rate of Return, which are the first two of these factors. In Part III, I will briefly go over the remaining four which are After-Tax Yield, Marketability and Liquidity, Diversification and Size.

After-Tax Yield is the factor which considers how much income taxes will reduce the Rate of Return of the investment. To determine the After-Tax Yield, simply subtract from the Rate of Return, the Rate of Return multiplied by your combined top Federal and State income tax rates. For example, suppose I have an investment which gives me a 7% return, my Federal tax rate is 28% and my State rate is 5%. My After-Tax Yield is: 7% minus [7% x (28% + 5% or 33%) = 2.31%] or 4.69%. It becomes important in the decision making process when evaluating tax free investments like municipal bond funds when compared to other sources of investment income which are taxable.

The general rule of thumb to keep in mind here is the higher your personal income tax bracket is, the lower your After-Tax Yield will be. Consider how much of your earnings Uncle Sam will want in evaluating the Rate of Return an investment will give.

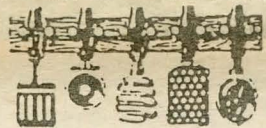
The Marketability and Liquidity factor involves determining how easily an investment can be converted to cash. Marketability refers to someone or something wanting your investment and Liquidity refers to them, or it, giving you cash. Each investment has a different marketability which will directly relate to its liquidity. The more people that want your investment, the more likely you can get cash for it quickly. Evaluating this factor means determining before you make the investment the eventual resale of it. After all, what good is a priceless antique if nobody wants to buy it from you when you need the money. Look ahead and make sure that when you're ready, someone will give you cash for your investment.

Remember the old saying, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket?" Well that pretty well sums up the Diversification factor. To diversify your investments means to spread them around. By doing so, you maximize your return and hopefully reduce your losses. If I buy

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stock in four companies and one has losses but three have income, I will make money. But, if all my money is in one company and it loses money, then I lose money. Mutual Funds are a method of diversifying in the stock market because a mutual fund is a large group of investors pooling their money to buy stock in many different companies. Diversification also includes having many different types of investments like real estate, Certificates of Deposit, retirement accounts, collectibles, mutual funds etc. The idea is that by having your money in many places, it's more likely to increase overall.

Size is the final factor to consider when assessing an investment. It is not necessary to have large amounts of money to begin investing. It can be started with very little cash, such as with an IRA or savings account. Keep in mind that an investment is expected to grow over time and eventually there will be more money to invest. There are investments which may have a minimum dollar amount to start with, such as some mutual funds. The size of the investment you can make will influence what types of investments you can make and the rate of return you may earn. However, the final decision regarding the amount of money you will want to invest is a personal one and should be tailored to your income level and life-style.

This article concludes my brief discussion of the investment decision-making process. This is only a brief overview of a very complex topic in personal financial planning. I hope that it will take some of the mystery out of choosing an investment. It doesn't need to be all guess work. These factors can be used as tools to help you make good and profitable investment choices. Good Luck! ΔΔ

CHEW ON THIS

Last month I wrote about the benefits of meditation and introduced two simple forms of the practice, Mindfulness of Breathing and Development of Loving Kindness. As with any discipline, in order to be of optimum benefit, meditation must become a regular part of our daily lives. Either first thing in the morning or just before bed is best. Trying to schedule a time for meditation in the middle of the day is not usually recommended. Typically, once we get out and begin our day, the time gets eaten up by so many demands that we can easily get sidetracked and forget all about our resolve to take time out for ourselves through meditation.

This month I would like to talk about the physical place where we do our meditation. Most authorities encourage creating a special place set aside for the purpose of meditation. If you are one of those few, but fortunate, folks who have loads of space to claim as your very own, and can create a whole room for meditation and other spiritual practices, go for it! Most of us, however, do not have such luxury and, therefore, must be more creative. Giving over a corner of a room is more realistic for most of us.

I have my own bedroom and have enlisted an old coffee table to serve as my "shrine." It sits in front of a window and is covered with a lovely cloth. I have placed many things which I hold sacred and precious on my shrine: a bronze statue of a Buddhist Bodhisatva named Padmasambhava (he brought Buddhism to Tibet), a figure of the god-

Rose Mary Denman



dess, a feather, several candles, incense, gemstones, a piece of charcoal left from my firewalk experience from two summers ago, and a painting of a sacred wild woman.

There are no rules about what belongs or doesn't belong in your sacred space. The goal is simply to have one. Creating a sacred space where we can be alone with our thoughts and hopes and dreams somehow brings a sense of stillness and peace to us just by being there. Working in the space we have created increasingly brings a sense of power to that space, our holy work there empowers the space, and in turn, the power we have deposited in the space nurtures and empowers us.

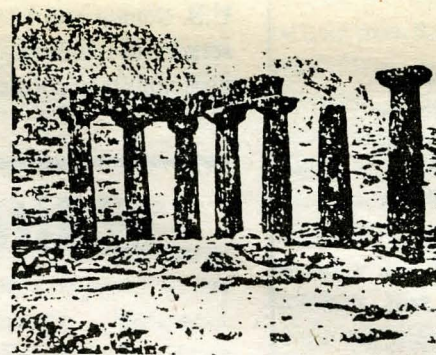
Meditation is but one of the activities that can be done in our sacred space. Let your imagination run wild as you think of ways you can use your shrine or altar. Do you do tarot, I Ching or cast Runes? Do you chant, or like the idea of chanting? There are many tapes on the market now that have chants on them. I have two. Each has only one chant on it which is repeated over and over again for half an hour. I love to play them, not only when I am at my shrine doing spiritual work, but also when I am at the kitchen table painting

or drawing. The continuity of the chanting brings me back to my center and helps me to find that place of calm within.

One wonderful thing about creating a "shrine of one's own" is that you don't have to subscribe to a particular faith in order to have your own shrine. A Christian shrine might have candles, incense, a cross or crucifix, a picture of Jesus or a favorite saint. A goddess shrine might hold many of the same things, but substitute a cross or crucifix for a picture or statue of the goddess. A shrine can be cluttered and gaudy like mine, or as simple and stark as some Zen practitioners who have just one candle or a flower. You can spend lots of money creating your shrine, or hardly any at all. It's all up to you.

Having a shrine of our own, housed in our own private space, does not mean that there can't be other places we hold sacred, other places where we can go to encounter the "OTHER." When I think of my other sacred places, I think of St. Francis Chapel in Providence, Rhode Island, or Pine Point in southern Maine where I love to walk alone along the shore, Mackworth Island just outside Falmouth, the cemetery on Stevens Avenue in Portland, or "The Stonehenge of North America" in Salem, New Hampshire. These are all places where I know I can go to find the peace I may have temporarily lost or the comfort I seek in the midst of pain.

I encourage each of us to consider the importance of having sacred spaces, both at home and away. Places where we can be ourselves, places where we can go to get recharged, places where we can affirm ourselves and be affirmed by the powers of the universe. ΔΔ



Dear Pythia,

I work with a guy at my restaurant who is homophobic. He knows I am gay and yet he continues to tell homophobic and racist jokes. For example, he wound an elastic around his hand and said, "What's the last thing you saw when the gerbil went up your boyfriends butt?" He then made the elastic disappear into his clenched hand. I wanted to hit him. His comments made me very angry. I wanted to prove to him what a bigot he is and maybe even what a closet homosexual he is himself since he talks of nothing else. What should I do?

Pissed off in
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Dear Pissed-off,

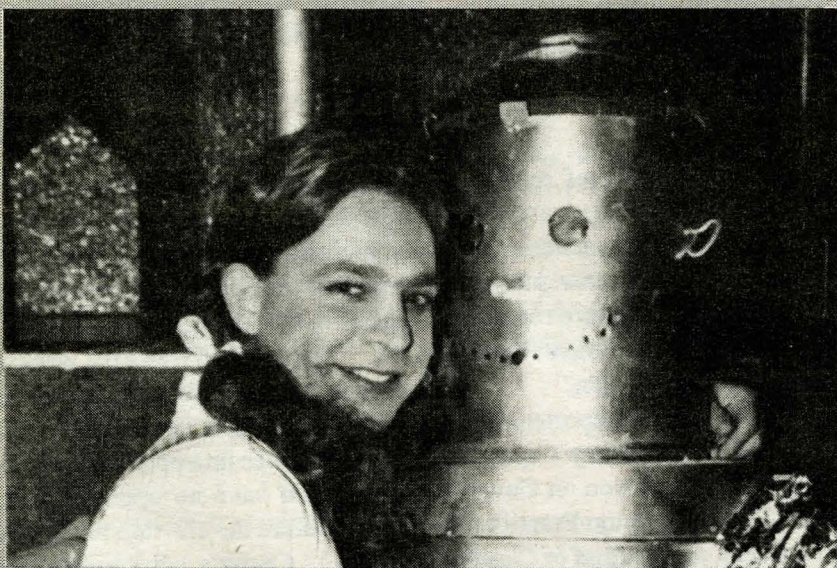
I certainly understand your feelings. One would have to be senseless not to be angered, and indeed to wish all possible harm on your detestable coworker.

On the other hand, "proving to him what a bigot he is," is only a fantasy. You wouldn't feel the desire in the first place if it were possible to reason with him.

The important thing is to waste as little of your time and spare as much of your feelings as possible. Keep in mind that you matter and he doesn't. I think the thing for you to do is to sit down with the owner or the manager of this restaurant and detail the behavior of the employee in question. Indicate to them that this behavior is unacceptable and illegal and you should not be expected to tolerate it in your work environment. These people should be able to respond appropriately to the inappropriate behavior.

Good Luck, Pythia

Questions? Problems? Write to: Pythia c/o CPR, 142 High Street, Suite 634, Portland, ME 04101. ΔΔ



Balboni Photo

Dorothy and Tin Man made a dashing duo at the Halloween bash hosted by KAOS on Saturday October 29. Creativity and costumes were everywhere. Contestants pranced in front of a panel of local judges to vie for cash prizes. Tin Man won first place in the OZ category.

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EDITORIAL . . .

During a production meeting early in October, we made a conscious decision to hold our November issue until the day after the elections so that we can bring our readership the election results and comments. The election results are disheartening to these editors, (and it's not just because it's 3:00 am on Wednesday and both of us are sleep deprived having pulled an all-nighter on Monday as well.) Nevertheless, it's been exciting to be so involved in this year's political struggles.

It's also been disappointing. We've had to contend with people in our own community who disagree with our decision to be so public about who we endorsed for political office and why. It's been said that CPR hurts candidates by endorsing them. They are then tagged with the unpopular image of being gay-friendly. We acknowledge this line of reasoning, but we also reject it. Homosexuality will never be accepted until it is discussed freely, openly and graphically. Coming out of the closet is a struggle with many battlefields and the political arena is one of them.

The other disappointment is far more disturbing because it actually confirms the fears of those who advised us to keep quiet. The radical right, under the aegis of Carolyn Cosby, leader of Concerned Maine Families, has indeed used, twisted, manipulated and lied out-right about candidates we endorsed.

Prior to our October issue, we asked nine questions of gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives candidates and based our endorsements accordingly. We based our

decision to endorse Maine legislative candidates on one thing — their support for the gay rights bill.

CMF and Tom Minogue, State Senate candidate, District 7, lied in various campaign literature they were distributing the week before election day, when they implied that we asked the legislative candidates those same nine questions. Cosby was more clever about her attempt at deception because she achieved her purpose by merely printing an insert with a list of legislative candidates alongside the list of CPR's nine questions without ever saying the candidates we endorsed were also asked those questions. They weren't, and she knows it.

Minogue, on the other hand, states flatly that the list of nine questions is from the "same article," which contains our legislative endorsements. He knows this is untrue because he had to cut out the articles in order to assemble them for photocopying. The article fragments are from separate articles on different pages.

The point needs to be made that it is not our responsibility when irresponsible, unscrupulous people commit unethical and possibly criminal behavior in their quest for power. Some would say we are naive. We think not. We knew the risks involved and we went ahead because we believe that being open and honest about who we are helps others to do the same.

CPR is prepared to seek justice in this matter wherever that leads. Carolyn Cosby and Tom Minogue engaged in unethical political campaigning, per-

haps they did worse. We'll find out.

We also want to thank Sheila Tenggren, Editor and Publisher of the Lincoln News, for taking a courageous stand for principle, and for keeping CPR informed about the unprincipled behavior of Minogue and Cosby.

The election results in Maine, and around the country are sounding a wake up call, make that a wake up scream, to lesbian, gay and bisexual people. Diversity in this country is fast becoming unpopular, resulting in laws being passed that are blatantly unconstitutional. We have made some strides, however, particularly with the ballot initiatives in Oregon and Idaho. Our work for equality has been made more difficult. It is more important than ever before that each one of us continue in our coming out process and in making allies, one at a time. For if our gayness, our homosexuality or bisexuality, remains faceless, homophobic people will never have to deal with human beings who could be their brother, sister, niece, nephew, mother, father, etc.

We welcome your letters for our December issue, expressing your feelings and opinions about the election (or anything else).

In Solidarity,

Winnie Weir
Bruce Balboni

Editor of Lincoln News refuses to insert CMF "Propaganda"

By Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

The Lincoln News, an independent weekly paper out of Lincoln, Maine refused to insert a tabloid prepared by Concerned Maine Families (CMF) and largely written by its leader, Carolyn Cosby. Sheila Tenggren, Editor and Publisher of the Lincoln News, told CPR that the 4300 inserts were first presented to her last week as campaign literature for Tom Minogue, Republican candidate for State Senate for District 7 (Orono, Lincoln, Old Town). When she saw them, she realized they were CMF "propaganda."

A Mr. Ireland, campaign manager for Tom Minogue, approached Tenggren and asked her to insert the tabloid and told her it was Minogue campaign literature. Tom Minogue's name is mentioned only once in the four page tabloid. She ordered Minogue to remove the 4300 inserts from the Lincoln News premises.

In a shameless effort, timed to

eliminate the possibility of response, CMF and Minogue included a series of dishonest and misleading statements in the insert as well as in other pieces of Minogue campaign literature regarding opponent O'Dea's (and others) alleged support for the "gay agenda."

Community Pride Reporter (CPR) has contacted the Attorney General's office and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in Augusta to seek prosecution of Carolyn Cosby (CMF's leader) and Minogue for unethical campaign tactics and copyright violation.

Cosby responded personally to Tenggren's refusal. Tenggren provided CPR with a copy of the letter Cosby sent to her following up on her phone call, in which, according to Tenggren, she tried to pressure Tenggren into allowing the insertion. In Cosby's letter, we learn that Mr. Ireland works for CMF. Also, Cosby, incredulously claims that the in-

sert in no way endorses any candidates. She also denies that candidates are prevented from responding, but confuses response to CPR with response to her insert in the Lincoln News.

The Lincoln News is a weekly that comes out on Thursday. If this insertion went in on November 3 as planned, the candidates misrepresented in the insert would have no opportunity to respond before the election in the Lincoln News. Cosby's letter to Tenggren is re-printed at right.

Tenggren told CPR that she refused the insertion because she felt "deceived by Minogue;" because, "it gives candidates no time to respond;" and, because the juxtaposition of the list of candidates on page 3 of the insert, right next to 9 questions of interest to the gay community was, "pretty underhanded." It is a fact that the legislative candidates en-

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Carolyn H.T. Cosby
48 W. Glen Haven Rd.
Portland, ME 04102 758-0020

November 3, 1994

M. Sheila Tenggren, Editor and Publisher
% Lincoln News
Lincoln, Maine 04457

Dear Sheila,

I called this morning for the purpose of determining your reason for refusing to distribute Concerned Maine Families' tabloid. Your paper is only one of several that is distributing our tabloid.

For the record, Mr. Ireland is a volunteer for Concerned Maine Families. We have many volunteers who have assisted in the distribution of this tabloid. So it happens, Mr. Ireland is also a volunteer for one of the local campaigns for state office. Though our tabloid distinguishes those candidates who favorably responded to our candidate survey, we did not endorse any campaigns. While Mr. Ireland may have believed our tabloid to be beneficial to his candidate, it was never intended to be a piece expressing individual candidate support. I am truly sorry for that misunderstanding. But, in no way, can it be said that Mr. Ireland or CMF attempted to deceive you. Our all-volunteer staff at CMF always works hard to be straightforward and clear. This is why I personally called you in a genuine attempt to straighten out the confusion.

Your further concern that candidates would be denied an opportunity to respond is surprising. Please note (attached page) that candidate endorsements by the Community Pride Reporter are in the October issue which means this particular month's publication of the CPR has been in circulation for sometime. To my knowledge, no candidate endorsed by CPR has publicly denounced the endorsement, so in no way can CMF be accused of denying candidates a chance to respond. In fact, in the political world, this is old, if not ancient, information.

Perhaps you agree that this information, widely distributed, will have a negative affect on those candidates endorsed by CPR. We think it will, too. However, that is the candidates choice, not ours.

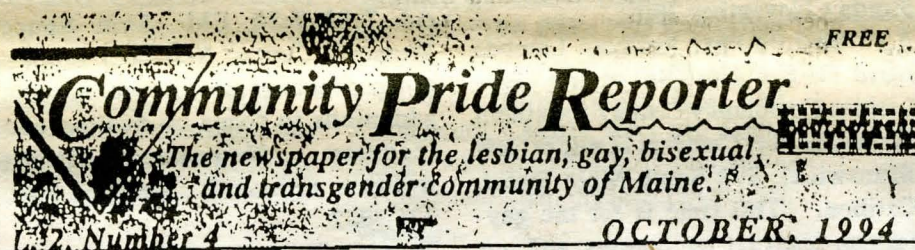
As you will note, CMF bears full responsibility for the tabloid as indicated on the back. Your paper obviously is merely a conduit for distribution purposes. However, it is, of course, still your right to deny CMF distribution access via your paper. In exercising this right, in a way which is politically biased, you may, in fact, be violating the purpose for which a newspaper such as yours exists; namely, to disseminate true information of use to the citizens in a free society who wish to exercise their right to make informed political choices. Think about it, Sheila, do you want to participate in "press" discrimination and cover-up?

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cosby
Mrs. Carolyn H.T. Cosby, Chairman of Concerned Maine Families

cc: Mr. Dave Ireland

Letter sent to Lincoln News Editor by Carolyn Cosby in which she asked if Ms. Tenggren wanted to "participate in 'press' discrimination and cover-up."



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Key race

The areas of inquiry are a combination of local and national concerns, some of which were suggested to us by the Washington Blade. The candidates were asked to, "Please answer/comment on ALL of the following issues:"

1. The anti-gay rights referendum in Maine and the tactics of Carolyn Cosby, leader of Concerned Maine Families.
2. Same sex marriage rights
3. Domestic partnership benefits
4. AIDS funding
5. Do you oppose efforts to deny lesbians and gays custody of their own children?
6. Adoption rights
7. Will you appoint openly gay and/or lesbian people to your state jobs?
8. Condoms in high schools AND prisons
9. Programs to support lesbian and gay youth

All of the clippings shown above are taken from the same article from the same newspaper.

Researched by Landon Smith

The following legislative races focus on districts in which there is a clear choice between candidates who support the gay rights bill and those who do not. If both candidates in a district either support or oppose gay rights legislation, they are not mentioned. The following list of candidates constitutes CPR's endorsements for the 1994 Maine State Legislature:

State Senate

- District 1, Frenchville, Caribou — Judy Paradis (D)
- District 2, Easton — Carolyn Mahoney (D)
- District 4, Easton — George Townsend (D)
- District 5, Sargentville — Glenith Gray (D)
- District 6, Brewer — Richard Runkin (D)
- District 7, Orono — John O'Dea (D)

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dorsed by CPR were NEVER ASKED THOSE QUESTIONS. Tenggren commented, "These tactics are like those used by Nazis in Germany."

Tenggren faxed CPR other materials gathered from the Minogue campaign. The most blatant misrepresentation of O'Dea by Minogue is a sheet of paper which includes CPR's masthead and two separate sections of different articles. Minogue falsely states at the bottom of the page that, "All of the clippings shown above are taken from the same article from the same newspaper."

This statement is false. Minogue knows it is false. The list of questions on the left is from an article in CPR's October issue on page 3, entitled, "U.S. Senate and House candidates respond to CPR." The list of legislative candidates on the right is from an article in the same issue on page 4, entitled, "Key Races for the Maine Legislature."

The pairing of these two articles in Minogue's campaign literature had to have been done knowingly and with self-serving intent. The articles had to be cut out and pasted down in order to be presented as they appear. It is an attempt to divide liberal voters by sensationalizing gay rights and by implying that these politicians have endorsed every plank in the platform that supports equal rights for gays and lesbians in Maine. Perhaps some do — but no one at CPR, nor apparently, anyone from CMF has asked these questions of the contenders for seats in the Maine Legislature.

There she goes again

This incident is not the first time Cosby has been involved in unethical campaign practices. Robin Lambert, who worked for Susan Collins' bid to be governor, ran in the Republican primary for State Senate in 1990. The day before the election Cosby, who was campaign manager for Karen Evans during that election, allegedly mailed, or caused to have mailed, 6000 flyers which "outed" Lambert. Lambert lost the primary. The Ethics Commission tried to question Cosby but she walked out of the hearing stating that she was a "free, white and sovereign woman" and would say and do as she wanted.

The ironies in this latest scare tactic by CMF cry out for redress. On page 3 of the insert, right below the inaccurate juxtaposition of legislative candi-

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Our Mission

Community Pride Reporter serves as a source of local, state, national and international news, information, ideas and opinion by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people of Maine and seacoast New Hampshire. CPR strives to increase awareness and acceptance of the rich diversity among us, with the intention of infusing the word community with renewed meaning and vitality. CPR pledges to present materials that contribute in positive ways to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

Our Editorial Policy


Views and opinions, political and personal, expressed in Community Pride Reporter are those of the individual authors only. Community Pride Reporter may endorse candidates we feel represent our community most completely. Community Pride Reporter disclaims legal responsibility for errors in editorial, or advertising content, as all reasonable care is taken to prevent such errors. If an error has significantly detracted from the clarity of information presented, the Publisher may consider printing a clarification at her discretion.

Submissions Welcome

CPR encourages readers to write! Material submitted for publication must be legibly signed and include address and/or phone number for verification. Please keep letters to the CPR Mailbag to 300 words or less. Slightly longer and more composed submissions may be considered for a guest editorial at the Publisher's discretion. If requested, the Publisher may agree to withhold the name of an author for appropriate reasons.

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This is the piece of "campaign" literature Tom Minogue distributed in a bulk mailing using bits and pieces of October's CPR, without permission.

November 1994 Calendar

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 10th-12th: Vintage Repertory Company presents "The Maids" at Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. \$10. FMI, 774-1376.

Thursday, November 10th:

ΔΔ 7:30-9:00 PM: The Matlovich Society presents, "Sex, Lies, and Videotapes: the Radical Right's Media Machine." See and discuss the video and print propaganda produced by groups which promote hatred and homophobia under the guise of "family values." Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to the mobility impaired; free hotel parking.

Friday, November 11th: Veterans Day

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: Informal and causal. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

ΔΔ 8:30 PM-Midnight: Gay Veteran's Day Dance with Chris Ricciotti of Lavender Country and Folk Dances of Jamaica Plains, MA. At the UU Church, corner of Pleasant and Elm in Auburn. Sponsored by Building Inclusive Community. Open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning people and our friends and allies. Sliding adm: \$3-\$6. No partners needed.

Saturday, November 12th:

ΔΔ 6:30 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Pot Luck Dinner- New Sweden. Theme: Truck Stop Diner. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber of ME, 207/498-2088.

Sunday, November 13th:

ΔΔ 1:00-3:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Monthly Meeting.

Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine, 398 South Main St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber of Maine, 207/498-2088.

Monday, November 14th:

ΔΔ 7:00-8:30 PM: General membership meeting of Maine Won't Discriminate/Portland chapter (formerly Equal Protection Maine) at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, 143 State St., Portland (across from Mercy Hospital). Parking in lot on Park St. behind church.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM: Seacoast Gay Men meets at the Unitarian/Universalist Church, Portsmouth, NH. Bob Vaccaro introduces Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapy. FMI, Al Santerre, 603/898-1115.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's

Center: Self-help support group. Meetings move beyond specific addictions to focus on healing and recovery. Newcomers always welcome. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.

•• 7:00-9:00: Divorce Mediation: An Alternative. A free informal educational meeting sponsored by the Maine Association of Dispute Resolution Professionals describing divorce mediation and what it may offer you. Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI, 775-6371.

Tuesday, November 15th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, Computers: The Gay Network with Paula Stockholm, (Rm. B).

Wednesday, November 16th:

ΔΔ 6:00-9:00 PM: MLGPA General Membership meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Winthrop St., Augusta. Please note change in date and time!

ΔΔ 7:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Fold & Stuff the newsletter. Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine, 398 South Main St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber of Maine, 207/498-2088.

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17th-19th: Vintage Repertory Co. presents "The Maids" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. \$10. FMI, 774-1376.

Thursday, November 17th:

ΔΔ 6:00 PM: Maine Won't Discriminate/Bangor Chapter meets at Peace & Justice Center, 359 Main St., Bangor. FMI, 990-3420 or 223-5630.

ΔΔ 6:30 PM: Coalition Building Committee of Maine Won't Discriminate/Portland. FMI-761-1788.

Δ 7:30 PM: Marilyn Frye, Professor of Philosophy & Women's Studies at Michigan State and Author of Willful Virgin and The Politics of Reality will read from her current work, "The Necessity of Differences" at the Moot Court Room, USM Law Building, Portland. A discussion will follow.

Friday, November 18th:

Δ Intervention Strategies for Sexual Abuse of Individuals with Disabilities, a program presented by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, designed to enhance the skills of professionals in responding to cases of

sexual abuse of individuals with disabilities. Primary focus will be on people with developmental disabilities. Child and adult protective workers, police officers, legal, medical and mental health personnel are encouraged to attend this workshop. FMI, 1-800-488-9638.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House:

Informal and causal. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM: Women's Night at the Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine, 398 South Main St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber of Maine, 207/498-2088.

ΔΔ 7:30 PM: Building Inclusive Community presents: Love in 3-D: Understanding the Complexities of Sexual Orientation, with Bobbi Keppel, LCSW, Coordinator of the Maine People's Bisexual Network. Lewiston Multi-purpose Center, 145 Birch St., Lewiston.

ΔΔ 8:00 PM: Valerie & Friends appearing at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. A showcase of live music. \$5 cover.

Saturday, November 19th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center: Creativity Night-Cornucopia Collages. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

Sunday, November 20th:

ΔΔ 1:00-2:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord OPEN HOUSE at the Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine (the only Center in Maine or New Brunswick), 398 South Main Street, Caribou. This time is for the gay-lesbian-bisexual community and our friends. From 3:00-5:00 PM the Open House is open to the general public. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber of Maine, 207/498-2088. Join us!

ΔΔ 7:00 PM: Maine Won't Discriminate/Ellsworth Chapter meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church on the Bucksport Road, Ellsworth. FMI, Peter Rees, 667-2358.

Monday, November 21st:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center: Self-help support group. Meetings move beyond specific addictions to focus on healing and

recovery. Newcomers always welcome. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM: Seacoast Gay Men's monthly literature series at Stroudwater Books & Cafe, 775 Lafayette Rd. Portsmouth, NH. Gay literature swap at every meeting. FMI, Al Santerre, 603/898-1115.

Tuesday, November 22nd:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, The Military: An Inside Perspective, (Rm. B).

Friday, November 25th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and causal. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

Sunday, November 27th:

ΔΔ 1:00 PM: Seacoast Gay Men tour the historic USS Albacore Submarine Park in Portsmouth, NH. Easy to reach at exit 7 of I-95. Group rate: \$2. FMI, Al Santerre 603/898-1115.

Monday, November 28th:

ΔΔ 7:00-8:30 PM: General Membership meeting of Maine Won't Discriminate/Portland chapter (formerly Equal Protection Maine) at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, 143 State St., Portland (across from Mercy Hospital). Parking in lot on Park St. behind church.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center: Self-help support group. Meetings move beyond specific addictions to focus on healing and recovery. Newcomers always welcome. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.

Tuesday, November 29th:

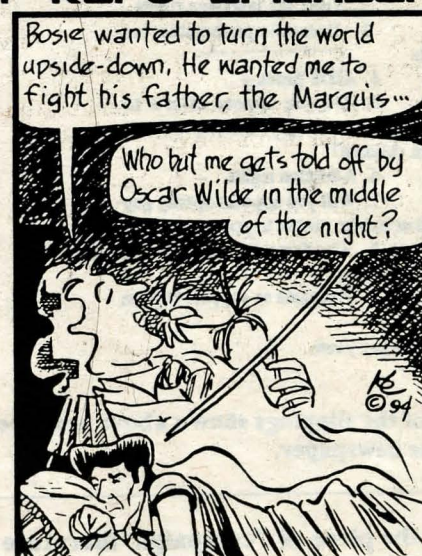
ΔΔ 6:00-9:30 PM: AIDS Foundation of America fundraiser for "Candles Around the Country." Dinner & variety show, \$26. Variety show tickets only, \$20. Augusta Civic Center. For tickets call 626-2400.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, A Discussion on Bisexuality with Bobbi and Bob, (Rm. B).

Wednesday, November 30th:

ΔΔ 8:00 PM: Lesbian Movie Night at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. \$5 to insure more films being shown.

MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen

December 1994 Preview

Thursday-Sunday, December 1st-4th: American Renaissance Theatre presents "Love's Labor Lost" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. FMI, 774-1376.

Friday, December 2nd:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

Saturday, December 3rd:

• **11:00 AM:** Krackerjack Theatre Company presents "The Gift of the Magi" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. Live children's theatre returns to Portland. \$5. FMI, 774-1376.

Sunday, December 4th:

ΔΔ 4:00 PM: Maine Won't Discriminate/Bangor Chapter meets at Peace & Justice Center, 359 Main St., Bangor. FMI, 990-3420 or 223-5630.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center: Spirituality & Empowerment Night, Facing the Dark Time of the Year: Inner and Outer Changes.

Monday, December 5th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center: Self-help support group. Meetings move beyond specific addictions to focus on healing and recovery. Newcomers always welcome. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.

Tuesday, December 6th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, Sexuality in High School (the Boiler Room).

Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 8th-11th:

American Renaissance Theatre presents "Love's Labor Lost" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. FMI, 774-1376.

DAMRON redesigns its classic Gay Travel Guide

SAN FRANCISCO - The Damron Company has once again set the industry standard for gay travel guides. The post-modern design of blue sky and clouds on the cover of the 31st edition of the Damron Address Book announces that the guide has moved firmly away from the style of a traditional book of addresses, a style Damron has perfected since its first edition in 1964.

"We remain very serious about thoroughly researching our information, but we want it to be presented in a format that is both easy and fun to read," said Damron Company president, Gina M. Gatta. "After all, people use our guides to plan vacations, and vacations are supposed to be fun! So we've added little touches throughout like choosing more vibrant colors and designs for our introductory pages or letting more of the staff's offbeat humor show up in the listings for the travel calendar at the end of

the book."

Gatta added that the new look allows important information that was often overlooked in the past to leap off the page. Now readers can easily find Damron's invaluable one-page listing of phone numbers for national AIDS and cancer services, hate crime hotlines, youth services hotlines, chemical dependency hotlines, and national lesbian/gay legal organizations. They'll also enjoy expanded explanations on how to use the guide's 8000 listings more effectively before they leave home and when they arrive. And peppered throughout the address book are "no-nonsense travel tips that even your mother will love."

The release of the **Damron Address Book 1995** marks the Damron Company's 31st year of publishing. The pocket-sized 650 page guide lists the names, addresses, phone numbers, hours, and clientele codes for gay-friendly accommodations, bars, restaurants, travel agencies, and other resource services in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The book will be available by November 15th. ΔΔ

Thursday, December 8th:

ΔΔ 7:30-9:00 PM: The Matlovich Society presents, "Discrimination on the Job: Could It Happen to You?" A film and discussion of issues facing sexual minorities in the workplace. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to the mobility impaired; free hotel parking.

ΔΔ 8:00 PM: Maine Gay Men's Chorus, Pickard Hall, Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Tickets:

Friday, December 9th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

Saturday, December 10th:

• **11:00 AM:** Krackerjack Theatre Company presents "The Gift of the Magi" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. Live children's theatre returns to Portland. \$5. FMI, 774-1376.

Sunday, December 11th:

ΔΔ 1:00-3:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Monthly Meeting at the Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine, 398 South Main St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phoneline of Maine, 207/498-2088.

ΔΔ 2:00 PM: Maine Gay Men's Chorus, St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, 143 State St., Portland. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Tuesday, December 13th:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, Good News and Bad: Christianity, Culture Wars and Sexual Justice with Marvin Ellison, Professor of Christian Ethics, Bangor Theological Seminary.

CPR Personals

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MAINE

Bangor **DO AS I SAY NOT AS I DO:** Ronnie, I've got a blonde man here who says he's gonna do whatever I tell him, I could use some suggestions- #10614

Casco **KEVIN 27**, looking to meet other men betw 18-36, fun loving guy, easy going like hiking, biking, travelling, outdoors, own a small pet store, lv name and # and I'll call you- #1284

ME **LIKE HIDE THE SAUSAGE?** 5'7 145, brn/hazel, looking for another guy to have fun games with, I'm clean shaven- #10879

Portland **RANDALL**, 27 6' brn/brn full beard hairy body, well end'd, have many interests, from music theatre sunrise/sunset quiet eve @ home #12508

Sanford **ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE:** Mark, 39, 5'11 165, dk/dk must, lkg to meet guys in my area-I can get into anything- #11347

Southern VT **GM** 5'7 145, hazel, hairy body, like to meet a man to share friendship with- #10769

Dexter **HARRY** 35, GWM, Divorced, brn beard, must hairy, like outdoors, quiet eves w/someone special, like to meet in my area for friendship, poss rel- #9878

Kennebunk **I DON'T DO CEILINGS!** Chris, 5'11 brn/brn, looking to meet a good friend, partner, married, gay bi-curious, I'm a self made renaissance guy, painter, discreet good friend, movies, biking, like long intellectual talks- #9703

ME **ALEX**, 23, 6'1, hisp male, blk/brn, looking for someone to party with, not into the attitude and games, someone to hang around with- #8923

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ME **SWM** 18, looking for others to have fun, musc build, hairy, built, - #9486

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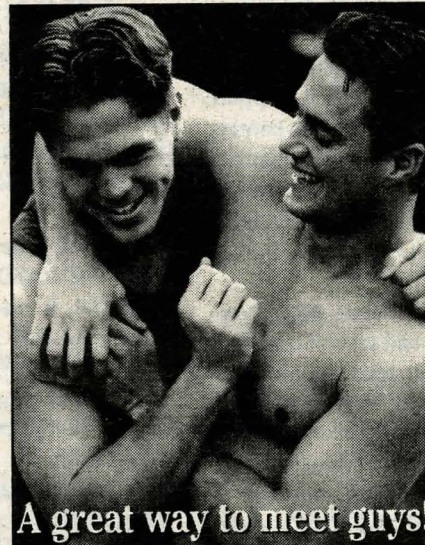
Seattle **ROLL IN THE PAY:** Alex, 22, 6'1, 170, hisp blk/brn lkg 418-34 clean shaven/smooth-med build/ top this message is for you- let's get together- nothing long term, just play- #8923

Waterville **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC:** GWM looking for other GM teddy bear pref, 6'2, 230, brn/green looking for other big guys 6+ 200+ #9615

Waterville **HOME COOKIN'** Greg, 39, GWM 5'11 155, brn/blu must lkg to meet

younger BM or oriental, 21-30, slim, like 2 horseback ride, snuggle, cuddle, sports movies, theatre, bowling, rollerskating, country music, I can cook too! pls gve a call- #10238

SONY SEEKING MAGNAVOX: Mike, - like being called Sunday, I'm a TV - 166 5'10 looking for other TV's-you won't be disappointed #7012



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Brunswick **CHANGE HAS DONE ME GOOD:** Hi, I'm a 5'10 male to female TS 30 red/brn, thin looking for a special person to be a special friend, health care prof'l - out, open, honest and warm - if you're a special person, call me- #6878

Farmington **23 GWM** 5'11 lkg for another 22-36 like to hike, camping, swimming, movies, just lkg for friendship or more- #6712

ME **PAUL**, 29 GBM 165, 5'9 int any men that are men, not fem, pref, hisp or black men, any color, for friendship- poss rel- #8581

N. VT **HELLO!** I'm Tom, I live in Northern Vermont- I'm into hiking biking, boating travelling looking for taller man in late 20's- I'd like to talk to you! #6472

Readsboro **GWM** 19 blnd/blu 6'3, 165, looking for nice looking guy - for friendship and more- #7264

Waterville **I KNOW WHAT I WANT:** 42 yr. old sub male, looking for an assertive male. I am willing to make my and your fantasies come true. #5705

Lewiston **GOOD BI GUY:** Amy yes, I'm looking for a bi man-weird but true- like bi men- they're the greatest-fun-enjoy them better than reg men - if you're looking for a friend or whatever, I'm open in my relationships-I'm 18 short blond/blue eyes- #2387

ME **SOME ENCHANTED EVENING:** GWM 18 into fun in the sun, Broadway show tunes seeking anyone for long term rel- #2023

ME **YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL:** Mark 5'11 170 must like big, hard and hot- like as much as I can get- #2786

Roxbury **CRUISE DIRECTOR:** 35 6'1 brn/blu, mustache 175 just moved into area- lkg to meet around my age to get to know the area- #2878

Rutland **THE GAY OUTDOORS:** Joe-30 5'6 180 brn/bm animals, outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, boating looking for someone 19-45 to share this with- looking to relocate to the Maine/NH area- #2191

Rutland **MAY/DECEMBER ROMANCE:** Kurt, older man late 40's-looking for a younger man to have hot times with- like to get together with you- #28308

Sanford **BABY, I'M BURNING:** Mark 5'11 170 hot, mustache-like big, hard, hot, men! #3132

VT **HEY BABE-** like to get to know ya big hillbilly guy here in VT like athl clean cut intell disc 18-25 couch potato myself nice guy won't be disappointed- college students welcome go for it dudes! #1925

Brattleboro **WE'LL TALK AFTERWARDS:** 37, 5'9, slim, goattee, looking for younger, intelligent men for summer fun and good conversation. #34746

Goosebay Harbor **MAINE-LY OUTDOORS:** Ben-160 6' brn/dk eyes attr, interested in music and outdoor

activities, good times. Want to meet people around 20 with similar interests in my area. #34893

Bangor **NELSON**, 6' 165 prof'l ft student to find someone to spend some good quality time together- biking camping skiing together, dining out watching movies quiet eves at home- #34858

ME **ERIC** Oriental male, 25 5'7 145 seek loving honest resp guy 20-35- #1660

Rutland **PET SHOP BOY:** Kevin 26 5'11 155 own a small pet shop moving to Maine soon looking for friendship or poss more like to hike, camp, dance, #1284

Bangor **TOUJOURS L'AMOUR:** French Canadian looking for someone quiet, nice responsible who knows what they want- someone to camp, hike watch movies, spend quality time together. #34858

Bangor **GWM 27** dk green 5'11 looking for someone to build a rel with who likes hiking, camping and other outdoor activities. #34858

Bennington **BUILT FOR LEASURE NOT FOR SPEED:** 6'1", 325 lbs, very lonely and very willing to please, looking for guys to share in some time. #33010

Glover **MANHUNTER:** MO, pre-op TS looking for good looking man for a relationship for great summer fun. #34205

ME **MAINE MAN:** Hi I'm from southern maine 30's 155 brown hair blue eyes I like to have fun and laugh alot I like to stay in shape. like to meet someone 21-30 to talk and have fun or whatever. #34189

ME **LOOKING FOR LITTLE BROTHER:** looking for an athletic clean cut guy, not into drugs or alcohol I like car trips, generous big brother type likes to pay alot of attention to someone I care about. 18+ #34291

Stanford **ARM CHAIR CHAMPION:** Indoor sports action buff, 39, 5'11", looking for bi man-to-man action. #33051

Bangor **BACH RULES:** 37 yr. old GWM, Bln/Brn, into classical music, sailing, and sharing special times, looking for someone who is the same and 25-40 yrs. old. #32396

ME **DADDY'S HOME:** Daddy, 50, looking for a mass young son 18-28 yrs. old. I'll take care of you. #28308

ME **NEW TO THE AREA:** 37 yr. old, Bln/Blu, GWM, into classical music sailing (slow cruises to nowhere). You are 25-40 yrs. old and share the same passions. #32396

Warren **SHARP AS A TAC:** Bob, looking for Mr. Right. You are down to earth, slim, sharp, 20-30 yrs. old, and financially stable. #32677

Portland **TWO NIGHTS OR MORE:** 5'9", 38 yr. old, clean shaven, musc, into bowling, the beach, gardening, and especially music, seeks men, 5'9" or taller, stach, masc for more than a one nighter. #31184

Portland **OUT AND ABOUT:** 30 yr. old, GWM, 6'2", seeks men who have something going for themselves. I sing and give great massages. #31554

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COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL

ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and media on L/G issues. Primary goals are to involve the L/G community in Maine's political process, promote civil rights, develop and review legislation, endorse candidates, build a coalition, and oppose anti-gay legislation and referenda. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month in Augusta. FMI call 1-800-55-MLGPA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a support, advocacy and educational group for parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. See complete listing under PHONE SUPPORT for contact numbers.

Northern Lambda Nord is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at Lions Community Ctr., High St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline in addition to hosting special events for recreation and action. Call 207/498-2088.

The Matlovich Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessible to the mobility-impaired. Call 207/773-1209.

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 in Maine. 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.

HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS: Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General -626-8844.

MUSIC & ART

Women In Harmony is an eclectic choral ensemble open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to P.O. Box 7944, Portland, ME. 04112, or call 772-0013.

Maine Gay Men's Chorus is a community chorus which brings men together to enhance social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 883-8099 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

A new Women's Jazz Ensemble aims to bring women musicians together to sharpen sight reading skills and explore improvisational, compositional and arranging abilities in a non-competitive, nurturing environment. A little knowledge of music, and willingness to commit to a weekly rehearsal schedule

and have fun this summer are all you need. For more information write Kate Austin, P.O. Box 7944, Portland, 04112.

The Maine Gay Visual Artist's League will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. The League is a non-profit, creative support network for Maine's gay & lesbian visual artists community. For meeting place, call 775-3420.

PHONE SUPPORT

Region by region

National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Project: 1-800-528-NCLR.

Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY): 1-800-347-TEEN.

Portland:

The AIDS Line: 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

DIAL KIDS: 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

Ingraham Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (774-4357).

The AIDS Project: 774-6877. Located at 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick.

Bangor: Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

Belfast: Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

Brunswick: Merry meeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

Bridgton: Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608

Rumford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

Lewiston: Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: 786-4697

Waterville: Dayspring: 626-3432

Ellsworth: Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

Oxford Hills: Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: 743-7451.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

Contacts in Maine

(* indicates monthly meetings)

Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2349

*Bangor/Brewer: 989-5180

Brunswick/Bath: see Waldoboro

*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-9789

*Portland: 766-5158

Waldoboro: 832-5859

Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline: 603/623-6023

Plymouth: 603/968-7516

Nashua: 603/880-8709

Manchester: 603/668-0741

Monadnock: 603/547-2545

Hanover: 603/763-4603

Concord: 603/746-3818

New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/668-0741.

Seacoast: Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-3893 or 5196.

Monadnock Region: Meets 4th Monday from 7-8:30 pm at Unitarian Church, Peterborough, FMI call 603/547-2545.

Nashua: Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Medical Support

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Confidential screening and treatment for STD's for residents and non-residents at a walk-in clinic. Low cost, medicaid accepted. Anonymous, confidential HIV testing by appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 to 6 pm at Portland City Hall Room 303. FMI call 874-8784.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England: Serving men and women, offering annual exams, pregnancy testing, birth control info. & supplies (free condoms!), testing and treatment for infections and STD's, menopause support and more. Evening hours, affordable services, and complete confidentiality. Medicaid welcome. 970 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call 874-1095.

Identity Support

AA Gay and Lesbian Speaker/Discussion meeting every Thursday, 7:00 pm in Saco. Great meeting at The Open Hand on School St. Come share your experience and hope. FMI, call 934-5701.

Out and About is a nonprofit, lesbian (over 18) support and educational group. Newsletter & calendar of local, current monthly events. Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm. FMI, call 603/659-2139 or write POB 332, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0332.

Out Among Friends: Meets Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. Lesbian support/discussion group. Free or \$1 donation to help w/rent. FMI write O.A.F., P.O. Box 727, Biddeford, 04005, or call 799-0297, or fax 676-4433.

Dignity, Etc.: Meets third Sunday at 5:15 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral (Emmanuel Chapel), Portland. All are welcome. Fellowship & potluck supper follow 5:15 pm service. We minister to the lesbian and gay community. FMI, write P.O. Box 8113, Portland 04104.

The Appollo Society: an out-reach, networking and social organization for New England's gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenes. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and fun! FMI, 773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

Circle of Hope: An inclusive Christian worship group following a model developed by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Meetings are each Saturday at 4:00 pm at 156 High St. Portland (Immanuel Baptist Church). 'The Circle' is not affiliated with Immanuel Baptist Church. FMI: MCC, PO Box 1671, Portland 04104. Join us!

Lavender Womyn: Lesbian/bisexual women's discussion group. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, First Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. FMI, call 783-0461

Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group: Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Pizza Get-Together: 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 6:00 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey-594-2957.

Q-Squad: Support group for lesbian, gays, bisexuals, & transgendered. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message, 778-7380.

TransSupport Group: Meets regularly, providing confidential support, education and

social activities for cross dressers, transsexuals, their families, friends, & others interested in gender dysphoria issues. FMI write TransSupport, P.O. Box 17622, Portland, 04101.

Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse: A support group for survivors of childhood abuse and/or sexual assault meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 pm. Free, confidential, safe, facilitated. For more information and location call 874-6593. Sponsored by USM's Womyn's Forum.

Maine Bisexual People's Network: Meets to affirm in all a positive nature of bisexuality and work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. Support and referrals available. FMI write P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME. 04104.

Wilde-Stein Club: Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group: Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Resource Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono. FMI call 581-1425.

Am Chofshi: A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call Rheatha at 874-2970.

Seacoast Gay Men: Meets Mondays at 7 pm at the South Unitarian-Universalist Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth NH. Support, guest speakers, parties, events. FMI call 603/898-1115 or write P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03802-1394.

Lewiston/Auburn: A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Lewiston/Auburn area meets every Monday at 7 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring Street in Auburn.

Building an Inclusive Community: Meets to explore ways of building an inclusive and safe community, offering support, activities and education at Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition, 4 Lafayette Street, Lewiston. Call for times. 795-6219.

Bangor Lesbian Support Group: This Lesbian Support Group welcomes any woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each another as lesbians. Confidentiality, open-mindedness and respect are required. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: 947-5337.

Mountain Valley Men (MVM): A group of gay men of all ages in the western Maine, Eastern NH area who get together for potluck dinners, hiking, canoeing, skiing and other activities. FMI, write to Box 36, Center Conway, NH 03813-0036 or call Paul at 207/925-1034.

'Let's Do Brunch': Potluck social gathering from 11:00 am-2:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month at a York County location. Meet new people, see old friends, exchange news and information. FMI, 985-2784.

Parents

Partners of Parents: A group to support gays and lesbians who have partners with children. An informal discussion group addressing issues and situations unique to the non-traditional blended family. Meets every 3rd Monday from 7 to 9 pm at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. FMI call 774-5032.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group: Meeting in the Portland area. For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 13, Augusta, Me 04332-0013.

Mothers and Kids Group: Social events

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and group support for lesbians and their children. Emphasis on inclusion of lesbians in the process of becoming pregnant or adopting. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI write: P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

Youth Support

OUTRIGHT TOO: Sundays, 6pm at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Harlow St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual youth ages 16-22. FMI, call 285-7180.

OUTRIGHT/Central Maine: Weekly, confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call "First Call" at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042 and ask about OUTRIGHT.

OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets every Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm at Williston West Church, 32 Thomas St., Portland. Safe and supportive discussions with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning young people. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5370 Station A, Portland, ME. 04101.

OUTRIGHT/Seacoast: Meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Church annex building adjacent to the fire station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call Teenline at 1-800-639-6095 or write P.O. Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03801.

F.A.T.E. Fight AIDS-Transform Education: A project of ACT UP/Portland whose purpose is to fight HIV, AIDS, and homophobia in all Maine public schools; to form empowering groups for teens and queers and to create a context in which pro-teen, pro-queer groups are able to exist and proliferate in Maine. Straight or queer, boy or girl, HIV+/-, black, brown or white. All welcome. Meets first and third Fridays of each month at 5:30 PM, YWCA, 87 Spring St. Portland. Wheelchair accessible. FMI: ACT UP/Portland, PO Box 1931, Portland, ME 04104. Phone/fax 828-0566.

COLAGE: A national support group run by and for the children of gay, lesbian or bisexual parents. FMI, COLAGE, 2300 Market St., #165, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94114.

HIV Related Support Meetings

Portland:

Mondays: HIV negative partners of people living with HIV, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Tuesdays: People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, lovers, and caregivers, 10:30 am-Noon.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Living Well focuses on quality of life and empowerment for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Thursdays: Women Living with HIV meets from 1:15-2:45 pm. Men Living with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm.

The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor. Call Jane O'Rourke at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Lewiston: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Women's Support Group. Call Diana Carrigan at The AIDS Project office at 783-4301.

Auburn: Thursdays: People Living with HIV meets at 7 pm at American Red Cross, 70 Court St., Auburn. Call Claire Gelinas at Andi. Valley AIDS Coalition at 786-4697.

Brunswick: Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, 8 Lincoln Street. FMI on meeting days and times call Brian at 725-4955.

Gardiner: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physicians Building behind Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency Annex. Call Brian Allen at MASS at 725-4955.

Biddeford: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: Family and Friends Who Care (about people with HIV disease) meets at 7 pm at Southern Maine Medical Center, Cafeteria #3, 2nd floor. Call Roger LaChance at 284-4102.

Rumford/Mexico Area: Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phoneline meets from 7-8:30 pm at Mexico Congregational Church, Main Street, Mexico. Call 364-8603.

Androscoggin Valley Aids Coalition: Thursdays: Support for people with HIV & their families. 7 pm, 70 Court St., 2nd floor, Auburn. FMI call 786-4697.

Maine AIDS Alliance

Member Organizations

AIDS Coalition of Lincoln County: P.O. Box 421, Damariscotta, ME 04543-0421. Call 563-8953.

AIDS Lodging House: P.O. Box 3820, Portland, ME 04101-3820. Call 874-1000.

Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243. Call 786-4697.

Children's AIDS Network: P.O. Box 793, Portland, ME 04104. Call 761-1872.

Community AIDS Awareness Program: P.O. Box 457 Rumford, ME 04276. Call 823-4170.

Community Task Force on AIDS Educ.: P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.

Dayspring: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330. Call 626-3432.

Down East AIDS Network: 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.

Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Serv.: P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011-0057. Call 725-4955.

Names Project/Maine: P.O. Box 4319, Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-2198.

Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.

People With AIDS Coalition of ME.: 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.

St. John Valley AIDS Task Force: c/o NMMC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 834-3355.

The AIDS Project: 22 Monument Sq., 5th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.

Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

FOR SALE

△△ Photos of Gay Games IV and Stonewall. Team Maine and color prints of the physique show (men and women) held at Madison Square Garden available. Call CPR office, 879-1342.

FOR RENT

△△ **MOODY BEACH:** Two bedroom apartments. Great for a weekend get-away. Fully furnished kitchen, color cable TV, large porch. Overlooking Moody Beach and the Rachael Carson Reserve. Rent by the week or for two days. Call and ask for Danny evenings. Tel. 207/646-5608 or write Danny Beamis, PO Box 637, Wells, ME 04090. △△

HOUSE TO SHARE

△△ **MALE** and two cats seeking non-smoking male to share house in quiet, wooded Portland neighborhood. Your own bedroom, study, separate telephone line and space in 2 car garage. Sun deck, oil heat, woodstove in living room. \$200 plus 1/2 utilities. Call 797-8488. △△

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△△ **English tutor** wanted to help me with grammar, sentence structure, tense and usage, etc. Pay is excellent. Call Suzen, 799-1951. Leave message. △△

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△△ **LESBIAN PARADISE!** 20 charming rooms, 100 mountain acres, pool, hot tub, hiking/skiing trails, yummy breakfasts, peace and privacy. We're your perfect vacation choice year round! Week-long and midweek discounts. **HIGHLANDS INN**, Box 1180P, Bethlehem, NH 03574, (603) 869-3978. △△

SUPPORT GROUP

△△ **Toward a More Positive Identity:** Join our gay men's support group Wednesday evenings. Insurance reimbursable. Sliding scale fee. Chris Behan, LMSW; Fred Wolf, S.T.D., M. Div. The Family Institute of Maine. 773-6658 for more information. △△

PERSONALS

△△ **GWM**, late 30's looking for persons from 18 to late 30's for occasional get-together, watch a video, lend a hand, safe-sex only. Contact Boxholder, PO Box 4229, Portland, ME 04101.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

△△ I am a lesbian graduate student interested in talking with lesbians who currently (or in the past) have hit or physically hurt a female lover/partner. My study will educate helping professionals about this important topic.

Your privacy will be respected and your identity held as confidential. If you can help me, please send your name, address and/or telephone number to: Boxholder, PO Box 66732, Falmouth, Maine 04105. Thank you. △△

△△ **OUTRIGHT/Central Maine** needs adults to help continue to offer a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youths to meet. If you are interested in serving as an adult facilitator for the group meetings or serving on a steering committee for OUTRIGHT to help with such activities as advocacy, outreach, fundraising and planning events, call Ray at 783-2557.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

△△ The Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Network is looking to expand its membership. We have met three times and are in the process of developing a directory of gay/lesbian/bi owned or friendly businesses. We plan to conduct seminars on issues related to being a business/professional lesbian/bi women. We also are planning to have social times together. FMI, call Carolyn Jalbert, 879-5247 or Winnie Weir, 879-1342. △△

FLU SHOTS

•△ The Portland Public Health Division will be holding flu clinics throughout November. Flu shots are recommended for people over age 65 and for anyone with health problems such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, impaired immunity or kidney disease. Clinics will be held from 8:00 am-10:00 am and 4:00 pm-5:30 pm at the following locations: Riverton Health Station, 1600 Forest Ave., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Reiche Health Station, 166 Brackett St., Tuesday and Thursday.

City Hall, Room 303, 389 Congress St., Monday and Wednesday. Closed on holidays, first come, first served basis while supplies last. \$6.00. FMI, 874-8784. △△

WORKSHOPS

△• **Magnified Healing Workshop** w/ Kristen Erico. Access the healing energies of Kwan Yin for yourself, others and for Mother earth. Using flower essences, touch & meditation. Become initiated into this compassionate work. Dates: November 9th and December 7th at Collective Works, 61 India St., Portland. FMI, 773-1346. △△

△• **Introduction to Womyn's Mysteries** with "D" Howard. She is a wise woman in the Ancient Tradition from Concord, NH. Cost: \$30. Date: Tuesday, November 22nd. Time: 7:00 PM. Place: Collective Works, 61 India St., Portland. 871-0273. △△

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Arts & Entertainment

Theater in Review: THE MAIDS

By Alexander Wallace

As I got myself comfortable at the cozy, intimate Oak Street Theatre, I paused to reflect on the scene I had just passed up on Congress Street: several hundred people, no doubt some lesbians and gay men among them, littering the street, waiting to hear some no-name rockers scream unintelligible gibberish - and at Genet's "The Maids" - live, unmiked, and in brilliant English (well, French, originally) - less than 50 people!

I do think some people are afraid of live theatre. They prefer the plastic ease of TV, the raucous meaninglessness of rock 'concerts,' the casual in-and-out of the video tape; hell, even the idiocy of Sega Genesis! The challenge of live theatre - where one has to pay attention, keep up, think - can be intimidating. But when a play is great, as in Genet (a major international artist who also happened to be gay), brilliantly written, superbly staged and acted, the thrill sur-

passes almost everything except, maybe sex with Albert Einstein AND Tom Cruise!

And what a play "The Maids" is! Taken from an actual incident where a pair of French sisters who were maids, murdered their mistress, Genet elevates the incident to the metaphysically outrageous and the theatrically daring! The two sisters, played by male actors, David Blair and Skip Emerson, engage in a love-hate relationship with their mistress, in a brilliant cameo by Jane Bergeron. Alternately, they play-act at BEING Madame, donning her gowns and jewelry, and planning her murder; play-acting at what they think being Madame would be like and plotting her poisoning because they never can really be Madame.

The sisters' relationship is macabre. They change into each other's personalities as easily as they change gowns and roles and it is incestuous and les-

bian, with some dominance-submission and whips thrown in. Genet was not what you would call Noel Coward! You will NOT be able to guess who actually gets murdered in the end.

While sinisterly comic, "The Maids" is NOT really a 'drag show.' It's neither Ethel and Lucy nor "La Cage Aux Folles." Blair and Emerson do not try to impersonate women; they really don't even try to hide the fact that they're men. They do act what it is to BE women, but not some DALLAS or DYNASTY or Madonna pseudo-women. Emerson, as the less pretty, older sister, is Mother Courage with a twisted mind: his dumpy, frumpy sister, sneaking peeks at Gary Cooper in a fan magazine and whirling that whip is feminism pushed into the dirty linen closet. Blair, with little, feminine moves while he's playing Madame, and curtsying demurely to the Master on the telephone, is every Gidget with a dirty secret. Together, they are The Maids From Hell and a terrific advertisement for efficiency apartments and robots.

All three performances could easily go over the top. GENET demands the dramatic, the bizarre, the outré. At times the audience laughed nervously, but since this play is about the delusion of life, where the real is ghastly and the unimagined unimaginable, playing it right on the edge is the only way to go. With Blair and Emerson veering between high camp and the tragic, Bergeron's broad, brittle, careless Madame balances the play. The sisters have l-o-n-g Genet set pieces - he felt that the more one wrote the more understand-

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Left to right: Skip Emerson (Solange) and David Blair (Claire). Vintage Repertory Company's production of Jean Genet's, "The Maids." Photo by Joe Cimmet.

Boston Gay Men's Chorus releases first professional CD

BROOKLINE VILLAGE, MA: The Boston Gay Men's Chorus, under the continued leadership of Music Director Robert Barney, announces its 1994-95 season as well as the completion and release of its first commercial recording, **Visions: Words for the Future**. **Visions** features nine premiere recordings of new music commissioned by gay choruses. Six of the nine works were commissioned by the BGMC itself. Among composers represented on the recording are Daniel Pinkham, Conrad Susa, David Conte and Bill Cutter.

Available on compact disc and cassette, the project was recorded in the acoustic splendor of historic Jordan Hall by noted engineer Scott Kent and has been released on the AFKA label. Guest artists for the recording include Boston Symphony Orchestra flutist Fenwick Smith (in Susa's *A Winter Serenade*) and the Capital Brass (in Jeffrey Brody's *Psalm 100*.) Funding for the project was provided, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and by the Alfred Nash Patterson Foundation for the Choral Arts.

The project represents one of the most ambitious projects undertaken by a gay or lesbian chorus. The nine selections demonstrate the diversity, power and talent that the gay choral movement has inspired during the last decade.

Music Director Robert Barney stated, "I'm proud of what a unique offering this CD is. It is a musically significant contribution to the choral music field as well as an important document about what the gay and lesbian choral movement has accomplished. As a community chorus, we tackled extremely difficult music and met the challenge with flying colors." Chorus President, John Strumwasser, a BGMC singer since the very first rehearsal, stated, "Doing a recording is something we have talked about for years, but we wanted to wait until the time was right so we could produce something of real quality. The disc will help us increase our visibility in new ways."

The CD and tape will be available in local retail locations or by contacting the BGMC at 617/738-SING.

Founded in February, 1982, the acclaimed Boston Gay Men's Chorus has matured into an innovative 90-voice, community-based chorus committed to musical excellence. Under Robert Barney's direction, the BGMC enhances the cultural richness of Boston and New England and provides a positive and affirming image of the gay and lesbian community. The Chorus is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), an international organization of over 125 men's, women's, and mixed-voice choruses. ΔΔ

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Women's theatre ensemble established in Portland

PORTLAND: Finally, Portland has a women's theatre ensemble. Get ready for THE FURIES. They will amuse you, shock you, make you cry, and may even incite a riot. Most of all they will give Maine what it desperately needs; a female voice in the theatre. Despite all the theatre in Southern Maine, there is not one group dedicated to feminist theatre. Where are all the female producers, writers and directors? THE FURIES will fill this void, creating a forum for female expression and bringing the works of women to life on stage. They take their name from Greek

mythology. THE FURIES lived in the underworld and their mission was to pursue sinners on earth. Misogynist directors beware!

THE FURIES made their debut in September at the Oak Street Theatre in Portland with an original work by Marilee Ryan, "Intreat Me Not To Leave Thee." Opening night set an attendance record for Oak St. THE FURIES next project is a modern adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" which will be performed in December at a location to be announced. In March of 1995, THE FURIES return to the Oak St. Theatre for Women's History Month.

THE FURIES are Marilee Ryan, Creative Director; Edie Hoffman, Producer; Joanna Amato, Diva. ΔΔ

Church gig with Two Lizards & Monica Grant

By: Aimsel L. Ponti

The Lesbian Lounge Lizards played one of their last shows together at First Parish Church in Portland, October 1. I can't think of a better venue than a church for the duo's showcase of zany comedy numbers and snappy songs, which included many "lesbianized" versions of oldies such as, "A Few of My Favorite Things" and some Zoe Lewis originals. And, I might add, Julie Wheeler sporting a black, slinky lounge dress is a sight to behold.

Zoe Lewis and Julie Wheeler have been playing together for about four years, and have decided to call it quits in order to pursue other things. They have a big following in both Provincetown and Northampton, Massachusetts where both have lived. Their act is legendary in many lesbian music circles although they never actually released an album.

Those of us who have seen the Liz-



Lesbian Lounge Lizards 'retire'.

ards live understand that their act must be experienced, not just listened to. And although I was sad to hear they were parting ways, I suspect both of their names will pop up again. Wheeler plans to pursue theater in New York City while Lewis is off to Seattle to play with the "Minky Sisters," an eclectic-acoustic act.

Lewis, a native of England, has two solo cassettes: "Soup Kitchen

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ON REVIEW: An evening of song with 3 DIVAS

By Alexander Wallace

An evening of theatre art songs? By three different composers, including the popular Stephen Sondheim?

"Who would go?," I wondered. Not even me, ordinarily. Not that I dislike theatre art songs, it's just that having seen and heard most of the original performances going back to Gertrude Lawrence in the original "Lady In The



3 Divas in Concert: l to r: Marie Pressman, Judith James, Deborah Hall. R. Diamante Photo.

Dark," I'm seldom impressed by newcomer's attempts and really dislike the songs taken out of context.

But was I ever wrong! Accompanied by 'just' a piano, "3 Divas", Deborah Hall, Marie Pressman and Judith James, delivered an absolutely breath-taking, faultless, better-than-Broadway level tour de force to a sold out audience in the Portland Museum Auditorium.

Singing relatively unknown songs from the Sondheim repertory (from "Not A Day Goes By" - a beautiful love song from "Merrily We Roll Along," that belies critics complaints that Sondheim can't write a melody, to the wicked, sexually suggestive "I Never Do Anything Twice" from the film, "The Seven Per Cent Solution), blonde, pretty Deborah Hall went from ingenue to Hermione Gingold without a miss-step.

Marie Pressman, soignée in black, presented selections from a composer unknown to me: Maury Yestern. His "December Songs," 11 inter-related songs sung without pauses for applause, were nostalgic, romantic, New York-ish and constantly interesting. Sung in a lovely, straight, declamatory style, Pressman conveyed all the emotions necessary with a beautiful voice and elegant, minimalist hand gestures. "I Had A Dream About You," a comic beguine, was a stand-out. And what was the OTHER beguine you've ever heard besides "Begin The Beguine"?

Judith James, perhaps a little young for Kurt Weill, nevertheless triumphed with aplomb far beyond her years exhibiting an innate understanding of Weill's anti-fascist, "Three Penny Opera." Attired in a militaristic black leather trench-coat, James covered the Lotte Lenya-Marlene Dietrich-Edith Piaf front brilliantly. Her encore of "My Ship" from "Lady In The Dark" was more beautifully sung than Gertrude Lawrence's version, but then, Lawrence only had charm, not James' voice.

And speaking of encores: while Edward Reichert played Sondheim's classic "Send In The Clowns," each of the "3 Divas" encored HER encore, contrapuntally and in three-part harmony! It was one of the most awesome, breath-taking moments in this theatre-goer's history!

And speaking of 'just' that piano: the evening was Reichert's as much as it was the "3 Divas." Elegantly un-noticable, Reichert's accompaniment was always there, essentially Sondheim, intuitively Yeston and basically Weill. Without drawing any attention away from the women, Reichert anchored the evening with a seemingly effortless, thoroughly artful, professional musicalism.

While "3 Divas" may be gone by the time you read this, Reichert is planning more musical comedy. If you see the name, GO! ΔΔ

Artist Profile: Tanja Alexia Hollander

By Landon Smith

Tanja Alexia Hollander has teamed up with Jessica Tomlinson to present, "2 hoe production co." Together with painter Brett Chenoweth, they have opened "The Dead Space Gallery" located on Avon Street in Portland. This gallery would fall under the heading, "very alternative," when compared to Portland's mainstream art community. Their first exhibit is, "Sexy American Self-Portrait," which opened along with the gallery on October 8.

Hollander began her photography career in her junior year at Portland's Deering High School. After high school she attended The Portland School of Art and Hampshire College in Massachusetts. I asked her why she chose Portland to open The Dead Space Gallery. She replied that Portland is desperately in need of an alternative gallery.

Community Pride Reporter (CPR): Do you see your work as being political?

Tanja Hollander (TH): I guess I find my work very political. But that's not foremost when I'm creating it. I'm creating it for myself and not necessarily for an audience. . . until it's done. The audience I envisioned for this gallery was first women, second dykes, and then the public.

CPR: Why women first?

TH: Because this space is more about investigating representations of the woman's body throughout photographic and art history and pornographic history. This wasn't about investigating the lesbian body . . . although that is inherent in the work, even if I took the sex pictures out.

CPR: Have people ever been shocked or angered by your art work?

TH: Yes, some people have, but no one has actually said anything to me,

which is surprising. I got a more critical response from people at Hampshire and from anti-pornographic people than I have here. Everybody here has been very supportive of my work. It's been quite a relief.

CPR: How does being a lesbian affect your work?

TH: I think that me being a dyke is inherent in the work, but I don't want anything to ever be — "this work is lesbian." I don't ever want that! I don't ever want it to be this work is just self-portraits, or this work is just feminist. Because to me it involves so many things that you just can't say just one thing about it.

CPR: When did you first know that you were a lesbian?

TH: I feel the same way about myself as I do about my work. No, I am not just a dyke. I'm 50 other things also, that's why I hesitate answering questions that are like- when did you come out, or when was your first kiss, because I don't think that is important to who I am or what my work is about. It's not that I am defining it, I just don't care to tell.

CPR: Are your parents supportive?

TH: Oh yeah! They are very supportive of my work. When I hung it at school my father came down for the weekend and helped me hang and clean glass. He bought beer and pizza for the crew. They are very supportive of my work."

The next show will be paintings by Brett Chenoweth. After that there will be a call for work. Artists are encouraged to contact The Dead Space Gallery at 11 Avon Street in Portland. If you're into alternative art, check out The Dead Space Gallery — right behind Joe's Smoke Shop. ΔΔ

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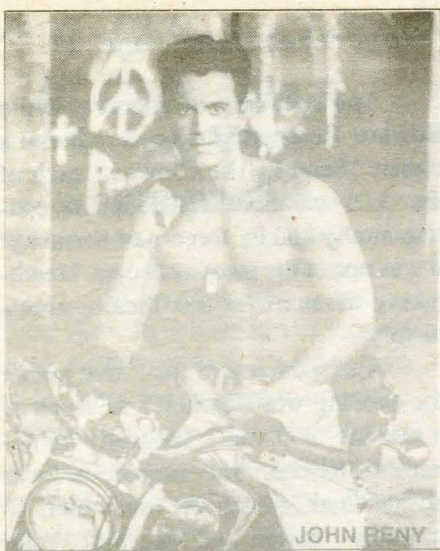
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Augusta native named Mr. Gay All-American

WATERVILLE: John Reny, 29, of Augusta, Maine, was named Mr. Gay All-American 1995 at the Round-Up Saloon on September 18 in Dallas, Texas. A 1989 graduate of the University of Maine and a licensed cosmetologist, Reny competed against 31 men from across the country. He also won the formal wear phase of competition and his lively piano vocal rendition of "Great Balls of Fire" won him the talent award. Reny has been active in many AIDS

related and gay service organization and anticipates more involvement nationally. He is a free lance print model and plans to become an on-location hair stylist for motion pictures.

As Mr. Gay All-American 1995, Reny will promote further participation in the contest with the focus being on developing a greater sense of unity for gay men and women across the country. In addition, his special training in piano, voice, theater and dance will assist him in the extensive performance schedule the title entails. The Mr. Gay All-American contest is a division of Norma Kristie, Inc. symbol of excellence since

1972. For information on bookings and other questions, contact Gib Hauersperger, National Coordinator, 400 North University, Penthouse D, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, 501/666-2321 or 6900.

As Mr. Gay All-American 1995, Reny seeks to become a national spokesperson for AIDS related and gay service organizations dealing with awareness, education, public policy and activism. He also intends to continue his volunteer work for local, state and national organizations dealing with gay humanitarian issues. ΔΔ

Krackerjack Theater brings live theater for children back to Portland

On Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM, children from kindergarten through 5th grade will be able to enjoy showcase performances of the most popular shows from Krackerjack Theater Company's six year touring history. Each show in the remaining season will run for four weeks.

December will find an adaptation of the classic O. Henry short story "The Gift of the Magi." One of the KTC's most requested plays, the tale details how a young couple discovers the true spirit of giving at Christmas as they each sacrifice their most prize possessions to buy each other a gift. Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, this play contains timeless messages of caring, generosity, and love that are not limited to any particular faith. This humorous and warm presentation will be suitable for all ages and will be presented each of the four Saturdays in December.

On February 18, 1995 KTC will present the first installment of "Stories from Planet Earth," focusing on tales from Japan, Sweden, and Nigeria. Folklore has always been a vital thread for all cultures on the planet — a means for

learning, for laughing and for experiencing beyond one's own experience. Each of these three stories is heavily researched and written, in part, to portray a bit of the flavor of that culture's literacy and performance history. However, the focus of these works is on the fun of watching these stories come to life — each in a style quite its own.

From Japan, "The Singing Turtle" will be presented by two actors wearing replicas of traditional Japanese Noh style masks. Basic themes of hard work, duty, honesty and honor will be presented. The Swedish tale, "The Sausage," follows what happens when the wife of a woodcutter is unexpectedly granted three wishes for a good deed. What she soon finds out, however, is that when you can have anything you want in the whole world it's not so easy to decide what to wish for. The final tale, Nigeria's "The Talking Skull," is one of the most common tales in all Africa, and warns of the danger of speaking out of turn, or talking too much. With a little imagination, the whole audience will feel like a

part of an African community, sitting at a fire listening to the storyteller.

The next production, "The Emperor's Nightingale," is based on the fable by Hans Christian Andersen. This participation piece allows the audience to become part of the scene and play the parts of the people of China. Opening on March 25, 1995, performances will take place four consecutive Saturdays until April 15, 1995.

The final piece of the season will be three more "Stories from Planet Earth," representing the Iroquois, French and Russian cultures. From France, "The Rich Man and the Shoemaker" was written by Jean de La Fontaine. While the dialogue of the play is very easy to follow and to understand, the flavor was taken from Moliere's style of comedy. The Russian piece "The Master and the Laborer," and the Iroquois story "The Turtle's War Party," will bring to life those respective cultures for kids and adults alike. This second installment of "Stories from Planet Earth" will be performed from May 13, 1995 to June 3, 1995.

Commenting on this unique partnership, OSP's Michael Levine said "We're very excited KTC has chosen the Oak Street Theatre as their first home in Portland. KTC is a respected veteran of the children's theatre circuit, and we think Portland families will be delighted with the professional quality of the work they create with merely a few simple props and costumes." The signing of KTC completes what promises to be a ground-breaking theater season at the Oak Street Theater, with three different companies rotating adult shows on the weekend and KTC performing most Saturday mornings around the masked set pieces of other shows. Both James Hoban (American Renaissance Theater) and Jane Bergeron (Vintage Repertory Company) have been very cooperative in working with us to get this children's program off the ground."

KTC husband and wife team Mark and Jude Bedell have been nominated for national awards: Jude for acting and Mark for play writing. But since most of their performances take place outside the greater Portland area, children in this area haven't had the opportunity to see these popular

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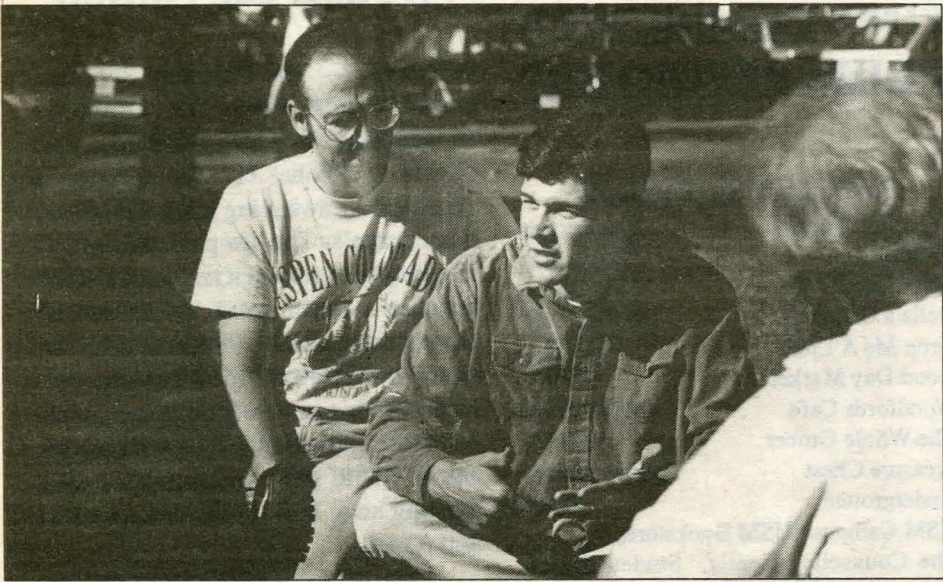
PORTLAND: American Renaissance Theater announces the first in a series of non-traditional theater offerings for the 1994-1995 season under the auspices of its ALTERNATIVE STAGE wing. *Savage/Love*, a total theater piece written by Sam Shepard and Joseph Chalkin will be presented on November 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at 8:00 PM at The Cave, 30 Forest Avenue, Portland. Admission is \$5 and no reservations are necessary. Richard O'Brien is director.

Written in 1979, *Savage/Love*, as a text, is neither strictly dramatic nor wholly poetic, and therefore a great landscape for theatrical innovation. While avant-garde in terms of structure, the piece is firmly rooted in the common trials of love in an ever-fermenting, unstable American culture. *Savage/Love* beckons to the imaginative capacities of artist and audience alike, and calls for a staging that is involving, environmental

and intimate.

Says Director Richard O'Brien, "I see *Savage/Love* as an exploration of the difficulties of love for those on the margins of the popular culture as well as the majority. By placing widely disparate elements of desire side-by-side, commonalities emerge. Procreation, pornography, bondage, homosexuality, identity, obsession - these are the territories explored in *Savage/Love*."

ALTERNATIVE STAGE has been developed to fulfill the needs of theater artists and audiences devoted to challenging and controversial material - both classical and modern - in innovative formats and settings outside of the performance mainstream. ALTERNATIVE STAGE addresses the need to keep the avant-garde perspective of expressive communication styles present in the Portland theater scene. ΔΔ



UMaine Coming Out Week was celebrated Oct. 12-22 at the University of Maine at Orono. Events included performances by comedian Gail Hand, musician Martin Swinger, several discussions, Blue Jeans day, a Speak Out and an open house. In this photo, UMaine students Tom Nichols (left) and Ben Rafuse listen to the speak-out discussion in front of Fogler Library.

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dates and the nine questions put to national candidates and governors only, Lawrence Lockman of CMF writes, "CMF remains committed to conducting its referendum campaign in a mature and responsible manner. We at CMF will not stoop to the hate-mongering and vicious stereotyping of our adversaries. From the beginning CMF has been committed to a principled and civil debate."

The lies and dirty tricks of the Minogue campaign and the CMF insert are about as irresponsible as one could imagine except for the infamous statement on a CMF brochure which reads, "Lesbians are now having babies conceived by homosexual semen." Try having a "principled and civil debate" with people who make such outrageous claims. $\Delta\Delta$

Editor's Note: Carolyn Cosby returned our phone call but declined to comment on these matters when CPR confirmed its intention to file a complaint. She did claim to have no knowledge of the Minogue campaign literature.

OUT OF TOWN!

Paul T. Bernard

This month I thought I would write about some of the special programs that are offered by the airlines for discounted travel.

For those of you who are "senior citizens" (62 or over), the airlines have special rates for you. Almost all of the major airlines offer a 10% discount off any published fare. And many of these allow you to take along a friend at that 10% discount even if the other person is not 62 years of age or older. The airlines also offer another discount program for seniors. This program allows you to purchase four coupons at a fixed price of \$596. Each of these four coupons is good for a one-way ticket anywhere in the continental US. This makes your round-trip cost only \$298. For travel to Hawaii, it takes two coupons for each one way trip. This puts your round-trip cost to Hawaii at \$596 - a considerable savings over the regular cost of \$810. There are some restrictions however.

You must make your reservations at least 14 days ahead, and in most cases you must use all four coupons within one year of purchase. Also, there is no sharing of coupons. Each person must purchase their own four coupon book. For seniors with a flexible schedule, this offers a substantial reduction in air travel costs. Continental Air Lines also offers a program where you can purchase unlimited travel for 1 year. The price for a domestic 1 year pass is \$1999 or an international pass for \$4499. In addition, they also offer a 4 month domestic pass for \$999, but travel is restricted to Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

TWA just announced last week that they were going to offer a similar 4 coupon book for students ages 14-24 for \$548. It works the same as senior coupons. Each coupon is for a one-way

Paul Bernard

ticket anywhere in the continental US. You must make your reservations at least 14 days prior to travel and seats are capacity controlled and there are some black-out dates around the holidays. This program is ideal for college students who want to come home for school vacations.

Some airlines also let you purchase books of tickets in quantity. For instance, Delta has a program aimed at business men or women who travel to/from Florida at least 10 times a year. By pre-paying for these 10 round-trip tickets, a considerable amount of money can be saved.

Finally, for those with a dream of traveling around the world, several of the larger international airlines, Delta, United, Northwest, Air France, etc. offer an "Around the World" fare. I recently did one of these tickets for a client and it cost her \$3899 for a Business Class ticket that took her around the world. These tickets are very flexible. You can make as many stopovers as you want and stay as long as you want, but you have to plan out your trip and book definite dates for each leg. The rules also state that you must continue in the same general direction and you are not allowed to back-track. Around-The-World coach tickets can be purchased for about \$1900. For anyone with six months to a year to explore the world, this is a great deal. Someday, I hope to win MegaBucks and take one of these trips! $\Delta\Delta$

"EQUAL RIGHTS --- NOT SPECIAL 'GAY' RIGHTS" WHY DID NEARLY 70% OF LEWISTON VOTERS REJECT SPECIAL 'GAY RIGHTS'?"

What's Wrong With Special "Gay Rights"? You Be The Judge

Myth #1
SPECIAL "GAY RIGHTS" BOILS DOWN TO THREE PHONY ARGUMENTS...
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BUT... Are gays really hurting? Consider these facts:

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2) "AMERICA GAVE BLACK AND HISPANIC PEOPLE, WOMEN AND THE DISABLED SPECIAL STATUS - NOW, WHY NOT GAYS?"
BUT... Do Gays Qualify for special minority status?

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that, in order to be a "special minority status," one must be a "disadvantaged group" (i.e., not defined by behavior, and not politically motivated). Women, Blacks, Hispanics, and the disabled all meet these qualifications. Do you think gays meet them? Why shouldn't gays have to meet them like the others did? Homosexuality is mere behavior or desire. If we give special status to... we give special status to... self-alleged... foot fetishists?

Gays are not a true minority, but a wealthy special interest group!
3) "WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING SPECIAL" - WE JUST WANT TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE."

BUT... Are gay militants telling the truth? Gay militants have tried again and again to get special, protected minority status, locally, statewide and federally. Rejecting "gay rights" doesn't take any rights away from gay people. It just prevents gays from getting a special status they don't qualify for anyway. According to prominent Civil Rights leaders, gays already have the same basic Constitutional rights as anyone else. That means they are equal right now. Denying them protected status simply means they'll stay equal, no special.

STOP SPECIAL STATUS FOR
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* In the spring of 1993, Maine people -- by the thousands -- supported Governor McKernan's veto of the state-wide "gay rights" bill. * In South Portland, the Civil Service Commissioners and the City Councilors became the first city officials to unanimously reject a proposed gay rights ordinance just before the thunders of Lewiston's referendum in November of 1993. * On August 22, 1994, Concerned Maine Families delivered to the Secretary of State nearly 67,000 signatures finally giving Maine people a chance to vote directly on "gay rights." But some candidates seeking your vote in the November elections are unwilling for you to vote on this issue. They don't want to debate the issue of even having your voice heard!

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Affluent "Gay" Consumers Bring Mainstream Companies Out of Closet

Portland Press Herald, October 7, 1994

"Disadvantaged"? Not at all!

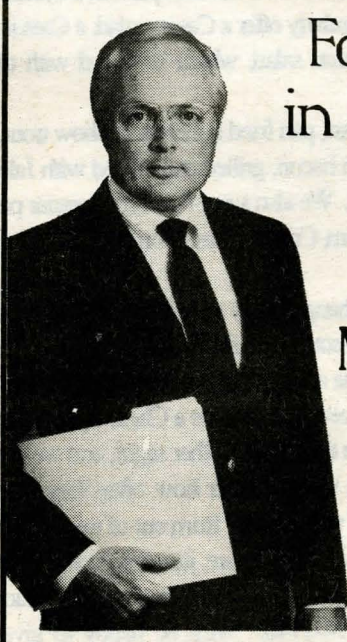
By Carolyn H. T. Cosby, Chairman of Concerned Maine Families

Robert Bray, a frequent spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, campaigns about the "oppression" and "marginalization" of gays in America. Then, almost in the same breath, he coddles up to business with statements like this: "Gay greenbacks are very powerful, and the gay and lesbian community is a virtual moneymaking machine."

The militant homosexual lobby is intercepting something utterly unprecedented in the history of American politics. While an ambitious public image campaign that portrays homosexuals as a struggling disadvantaged minority is played out before the American public on an almost daily basis (with the generous help of the media, I may add), the powerful, wealthy gay lobby is bankrolling one of the most expensive political campaigns the nation has ever seen -- all to gain the status and benefits of America's powerful minorities.

The power of the gay lobby is also a moneymaking machine. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national gay Political Action Committee, ranks among the top 1/10 of 1 percent of America's political action committees. Anyone wondering why politicians have the "courage" to publicly claim gay sexual orientation might be interested to know that homosexual militants have established a Washington-based "Victory Fund," with a current budget closing in on \$1 million a year, to bankroll the political campaigns of local candidates willing to claim gay "orientation."

Is it any wonder that politicians are following the money rather than the people? They can be paid for coming out of the closet! And how can we call Maine Attorney General Carpenter's reserved pleading, again, for the very same law that the gay lobby rejected just over a year ago, anything but a campaign of deception? Compromise was rejected.



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Maine AIDS Walk Update

By Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

"This was the best walk ever" said Susan Tremblay, Associate Development Coordinator, following the annual walk to raise much needed funds for AIDS service organizations in Maine.

There was a bit of a chill in the air and a few sprinkles fell, but they did nothing to dampen the spirit of the more than 450 people who walked in the Portland AIDS Walk. Participants were treated to tidbits of entertainment by local theatre companies while gathering at the gym of Cheverus High School prior to step-off time. Fresh fruit, juices and baked goods were plentiful thanks to donations from various businesses and

individuals. Ed Suslovic, Chair of the 1994 Maine AIDS Walk in Portland did a great job in organizing this fund-raising event.

As of the first week in November, \$36,658.35 has been raised in the southern Maine area. Tremblay said this amount "is a 64% increase" in funds raised from this event. Added Tremblay, "This year's Walk was the most successful in the event's five year history!" Thank you to everyone who participated with their time in organizing and working hard to insure a successful day. Thanks to those who walked and to those who gave money, and to the volunteers who did countless other tasks without anyone even knowing about it. ΔΔ

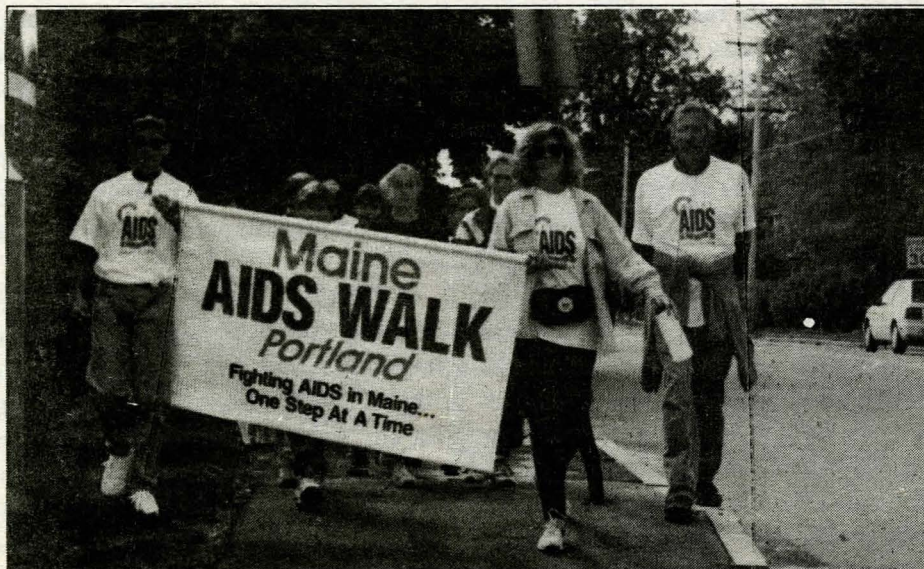


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Katahdin is within walking distance of most of Portland's gay night spots. The Underground is a couple of blocks down on Spring Street, Sisters and Blackstone's are a five minute walk away, and the Chartroom is right next door. So the next time you go out on the town, consider a stop at Katahdin. You can enjoy our Good Cookin', go out dancing and not even have to move your car.

Our regular menu hasn't changed much over the past year and for good reason. We believe that our customers have a right to expect certain dishes to be available to them when they come in. Appetizers on our basic menu include lobster spring rolls, grilled duck sausage served with spoonbread, shrimp & corn fritters and pan fried oysters with sour cream mustard sauce. As for salads, we regularly offer a Caesar salad, a Caesar salad with pepper grilled chicken breast, and a garden salad, which is served with all our dinners.

Dinners on our regular menu include pot roast, pan fried boneless rainbow trout, crab cakes, medallions of port tenderloin wrapped in bacon, grilled and served with Jalepeno butter, and many other innovative Maine dishes. We also serve two very popular pastas - an angel hair pasta tossed with smoked cured ham, Crimini mushrooms, leeks and cream. Both are available in full and half portions.

Our other menu lists the Chefs' Specials. It changes daily and reflects what we receive from the fishmongers, the farmers, and our other sources of fresh local produce. The Blue Plate Special, the Fresh Catch of the Day, and the appetizer, salad and vegetarian specials are included on this menu. There are two main reasons we have a Chefs' Specials Menu. We would be bored if we had to cook the same thing every other night, and we want to offer our regular customers something new to try no matter how often they eat here.

At this time of year we realize that many of you may be from out of town. If you're unfamiliar with the Portland area and don't know where we are, just close your eyes, click your heels, and repeat these words: "There's no place like Katahdin, there's no place like Katahdin." If that doesn't work, call us at 774-1740. We'll be happy to give you directions.

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Around the Nation

DENVER — The Colorado Supreme Court struck down the infamous Amendment 2 by a near unanimous vote of 6-to-1, October 11. The decision is considered a sweeping legal victory for homosexuals. The law passed by a 53% majority last year but it never took effect because a lower court had issued an injunction against it. If approved the law would have forbade local governments from enacting laws to protect gay people from discrimination in jobs and housing and it would have overturned already existing such laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

The decision marked the first time that the highest court of any state had found it unconstitutional to deny certain rights to homosexuals. The court said that Amendment 2 singled out a class of people for denial of basic rights and thereby violated the equal protection clauses of the Colorado and Federal Constitutions. The court said, "States have no compelling interest in amending their constitution in ways that violate fundamental Federal rights."

State Attorney General Gale Norton said Colorado will appeal the decision to the United States Supreme Court arguing that the decision had "troubling implications for the right to vote."

Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense Fund said, "This is a decisive affirmation of lesbian and gay rights, and a crushing blow to the radical right's efforts to curtail important constitutional protections."

The dissenting judge's opinion was unintelligible. The majority upheld the Denver District Court which ruled that Amendment 2 had fenced out a particular group of people from the political process. "The right to participate in the political process is clearly affected by Amendment 2," wrote Chief Justice Luis Rovira.

Attorney General Norton claimed that protecting homosexuals would lead to a flood of legal claims that would overwhelm the courts. But Jean Dubofsky, a former State Supreme Court justice who led the legal team opposing Amendment 2, noted that a dozen other states have anti-discrimination laws and that none had seen any deluge of claims.

This decision is important in Maine because a similar referendum will possibly face the votes, November 1995. Concerned Maine Families (CMF), led by Carolyn Cosby, anticipated the demise of Amendment 2 in the courts so they wrote their proposed law differently. Cosby cleverly does not mention homosexuals by name, she lists all the currently protected minorities and states that the Maine Human Rights law will include no other groups. Cosby hopes that this trick will stand up in court, though everyone knows her efforts are identical to those so soundly crushed by the Colorado Supreme Court. Stay tuned. ΔΔ



Around the Nation

SAN FRANCISCO — Steven Damron and Victor Rohanna were walking near the Castro District, October 14, holding hands. Two men in a passing four-wheeler jeep yelled at them. Rohanna answered back and the driver backed up 100 feet, drove onto the sidewalk and pinned Rohanna against a wall, got out of the car and shot him in the chest.

The assailants fled after the shooting. Rohanna, 24, is in stable condition. Damron said, "They didn't like that we were holding hands."

MISSISSIPPI - Officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are calling for a federal investigation into the October 8 murder of two gay men by a Black 16-year-old. Said SCLC President, Joseph Lowery, "Although a 16-year-old Black male has admitted to the murders, his first confession was without benefit of legal counsel." The youth has been charged with murder and the motive has been declared by the Sheriff's Office to be robbery despite the fact that the victims were found still in possession of a diamond ring, gold watch and credit cards.

Gay activists charge that the 16-year-old's account of what happened, namely that the two dead men picked him up for a drug buy then drove him to a secluded area where they threatened him with a beating if he didn't perform oral sex on them, constitutes a textbook example of the age-old "Homosexual panic" defense. This defense says, in effect, that gay or lesbian victim deserved what they got because they acted outside the scope of society's morals.

Peri Jude Radecic, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director said, "Even if this story is true, no one deserves to die for sexual solicitation." $\Delta\Delta$

WASHINGTON - According to an article in the October 28 edition of *The Washington Blade*, The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the National Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Health Clinics have joined to create the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association (NLGHA). Executive Director Christopher Portelli stated, "We were dissatisfied with what 'wasn't' happening on the national scene when it came to Lesbian and Gay health issues. In response to the lack of commitment, the lack of time and the lack of resources that [the Human Rights Campaign Fund] and [the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force] had to devote to health issues, NLGHA was formed. There is a significant need for an organization dedicated to health issues."

Joyce Hunter, President of the Board of Directors said, "We will be advocates for Lesbian and Gay health care, legislation, and Gay youth. We look forward to working with NGLTF, HRCF and the other organizations, but our organization should be carrying the ball. We will take the lead on Lesbian and Gay health issues. Lesbians and Gays are in the midst of a health care crisis. We have to move now." $\Delta\Delta$



Building Inclusive Community group ready for fall season

By: Nina R. Mollicone, Contributor

Building Inclusive Community (BIC), the Lewiston-Auburn based lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered group, kicked off its fall schedule on October 21 at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center. Karan Geraghty, President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance and Vice-chair of the Portland Bias Crime Task Force joined us for the evening. Also joining us was Jayson Hunt, spokesperson for Maine Won't Discriminate. They spoke about candidates, bills and referendums. Karen explained to the group that the bill coming before the Legislature in January, 1995 will add sexual orientation to the list of protected classes under the present Maine Human Rights Act. The legislature passed this bill in 1993, but Governor McKernan vetoed it.



Bob Woods and Nina Mollicone, Building Inclusive Community organizers, pictured at the SpringOut Dance last April

The referendum likely to appear on the November 1995 ballot is a private endeavor, initiated and led by Carolyn Cosby of Concerned Maine Families, and seeks to limit protected classes to those categories presently listed under Maine law. They are race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, familial status, and marital status. If successful, the referendum will void all statewide and local laws and ordinances prohibiting discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.

Jayson shared his own experience of growing up in rural Maine, then led an interactive discussion about other people's experiences. Karen stressed the importance of writing or calling our political representatives to make our feelings known. Closeted individuals can use pseudonym or write anonymous letters. Another way of showing support is by hosting a house party. People interested in hosting a house party can call 1-800-55-MLGPA for information. Because of the vital importance of both the bill and the referendum, ML/GPA and Maine Won't Discriminate are joining forces in fund-raising efforts. The



ML/GPA banquet, which will be held in February, is another way to show support, meet new people and share community.

An education/resource table displayed almost fifty items including information about political organizations, social events, HIV, safer sex, gay friendly businesses, counselors and lawyers. The purpose of the table is to make information that can be difficult to obtain, readily available. People are invited to send leaflets, business cards, and other information of interest to the gay community for the education/resource table.

Of special note, OUTRIGHT/Central Maine is seeking advisors for the youth meetings and volunteers to serve on a steering committee. Inquiries about OUTRIGHT will be forwarded.

On Friday, December 16th, at 7:30 PM at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center, Building Inclusive Community will present Queer Holidays: Planning Alternative Celebrations for Singles, Couples, Friends and Families. The discussion will draw from Pagan, Jewish, Christian and other rituals. Planning for speakers and events for next year has already started. We value your input and your help. Send ideas for topics, speakers and events to Building Inclusive Community, P.O. Box 3184, Auburn, ME 04212-3184. $\Delta\Delta$

Call for Justice Hotline

WASHINGTON, DC - Activists monitoring the murder investigation of two gay men in Mississippi, which stunned the gay and lesbian community nationwide in early October, can now make a "Call for Justice" to Attorney General Janet Reno. A 1-800-hotline with Western Union has been established to link local activists with Reno's office. By calling 1-800-651-1417, individuals may speak to an operator who will add their name and address to a letter urging Reno to intervene in the investigation and to further address the rising tide of anti-gay/lesbian murders and violence across the country.

NGLTF was joined by the Southern Christian Leadership Council in requesting federal intervention into the murder investigation following ten months of escalating hate violence and homophobic comments by the local sheriff and deputies. The bodies were discovered some 15 miles from Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist-lesbian retreat. The camp, outside Overt, Mississippi, has been the center of anti-gay harassment since its establishment in 1993.

NGLTF is working in coalition with other groups to prepare a hate crime strategy for the 104th Congressional session. One goal is the creation of a Department of Justice Task Force on Hate Crimes to review local, state and federal responses to the rising tide of hate crimes and to issue federal recommendations.

ACTION: Call 1-800-651-1417 to send a telegram to Attorney General Janet Reno. Demand federal intervention on behalf of the civil rights of the two Mississippi murder victims and the creation of a hate crimes task force. Western Union will bill your credit card or phone bill \$6.50 for this service. $\Delta\Delta$

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about a perfect political play! Paul Madore is putting himself in a very strategic position to win the senate seat from Georgette Berube. She's an incumbent, and people don't want incumbents any more. Susan's opposition is not an incumbent, so it's an open seat, and she's likely to win because she's better known."

Welch continued, "So your going to have the Paul and Susan Madore duo in the state legislature, fighting against our rights, and that going to be their primary goal up there, and they're not the only ones who are going in who are religious right wingers." The new legislature will be 35 to 40 per cent new faces, and 25 per cent of those will be right wing fundamentalists, Welch predicted. If people don't become informed about their local legislative races, Welch admonished, gay and lesbian Mainers will never see an anti-discrimination bill at the state level either.

The political implications to the civil rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people in Maine are stunning. "People are just not grasping this," Welch continued. "Yes, all the gubernatorial candidates agreed to sign the statewide bill (LD 246- the anti-discrimination legislation passed by the state legislature, in 1993), but they can't sign the bill if the legislature won't pass it. People need to read the paper, or call their candidates and find out what they stand for. They can do that anonymously, and then vote to make sure the religious right wingers don't get elected."

FAMILY VALUES

"Branham said, "the loss in Lewiston was very devastating for the people who were committed to equal rights. It took a long time to rebound from that and I think that we tried to stay together as best we could, and we continued meeting as a group. But it's just been falling away ever since, it's been very hard to keep everyone together."

She continued, "I do think there is a dimension of family involved. In every family you have your members who aren't as easy to get along with as others, but we're still a family. I've felt the family slipping away, not so much those of us who are here tonight (listed at opening of story). Since the vote, we've been together for really joyous occasions and really sad occasions, going together through a lot of different experiences."

Esman added, "We've really learned to embrace the diversity among us. We rarely agree on any one thing, but we all embrace that difference."

Branham went on, "And I really think that's made it less difficult in the aftermath of the vote, because there are these bonds that are enduring bonds. We know we did the right thing even though we lost, and we know that the important thing is we've made these connections for life and we've been changed by virtue of having this experience together. As painful as it was, I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

IN RETROSPECT

After the journey through the mine field of feelings that were all as intense as they were when two out of three people in Lewiston voted 'YES' for fear, we arrived at the big question: Is any anti-discrimination law even possible in Lewiston, and if it is, would the remnant of EPL do it all over again? One by one, they responded.

"I'm not real clear on what I can do anymore," said R. Gagnon, "What can I do without the support of the community? And my other personal question is, do I want to? Am I interested in pursuing this goal that the majority of

the gay and lesbian community in Lewiston did not get behind and support? I tried being educational to my gay brothers and lesbian sisters, I tried being confrontational, I tried being sweet, I tried everything, and to no avail."

He concluded, "I would not do it again in Lewiston. No. Definitely not. There's hope for it, maybe in 5 or 10 years, but next year or the year after I don't think there's hope. If I could do it again, I would not do it my way. I would do it the community's way. That was the most important missing piece, we didn't do it their way."

K. Gagnon said, "I would do it again. But before I would do it again I would have to see a lot of education happening. People aren't going to vote for something they don't know. A lot of people said even though they were sure they associated with gays and lesbians and didn't know it, the fear of God was put into them just because of the community we live in."

Welch added, "I would do it again, but I would do it very, very differently. I believe in the cause. It would be nice if every gay and lesbian person in this area could feel the freedom that goes with people respecting you for having the guts to come out and be comfortable with yourself as a gay or lesbian person. We are only made to be lesser human beings because we are able to be legally discriminated against."

Branham agreed with R. Gagnon, "The timing is not right here. But I hope we don't lose sight of the fact that we did something important. We didn't succeed on our own terms, but it was none the less a very important thing to do. I would do it again, but the timing is not right here."

Esman's feeling was simple, "Yes, I would do it again. I would do it because I believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every human being."

PARTING SHOT

By mid August, the remnant of EPL was unsure if the organization could, or would continue. After such defeat at the hands of a carefully orches-

trated hate campaign, each member of EPL is wondering what they could possibly do next to further the cause of establishing and protecting their own civil rights as gay, lesbian and bisexual people. Their biggest enemy is no fire breathing fundamentalist with a petition and a camcorder. Their biggest enemy is fear.

R. Gagnon elaborated, "I was going through a gay bar in Lewiston during the campaign and I asked people why they weren't involved. Each time I got one of the same three responses: I got, 'Well, my landlord knows I'm gay, as long as I don't talk about it he'll let me stay there.' I got, 'My boss knows I'm gay, but as long as I don't say anything, he doesn't care,' and I got, 'My parents know I'm gay, but we just don't talk about it.'"

K. Gagnon agreed, "It's just fear of the unknown. Nobody knows what's going to happen. I didn't know what was going to happen when I came out. I thought all the bad stuff we hear about was going to happen, but none of it did."

Fear is what immobilizes people, it keeps them quiet, keeps them uninvolved, and uninterested in even casting a ballot for their own civil rights, said Welch. "If the gay and lesbian community doesn't start mobilizing and organizing and taking a stance with the religious right wingers, we will become the lost civilization. We are never going to make it if we don't start waking up and acting on our own behalf."

At the close of this story, consider again what difference could be made if every person who reads these words sends \$1 to EPL, c/o Jan Welch, 8 Royal Oaks Drive, Auburn, Me., 04210. If the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community ever needed people like the dedicated activists of EPL, people who stand and fight for human rights, we need them now. ΔΔ

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treasure. It is a cluster of seven stars very close together. Keep in mind that in actuality all stars are great distances apart. This cluster is Pleiades.

Almost due south is a large square arrangement. There are three more bright stars on the southern horizon of this arrangement. The square forms Pegasus. The linear arrangement leading south from Pegasus is called Andromeda.

Finally, face due north and look back overhead to the Big Dipper. Follow that imaginary line to about three quarters of the way toward the northern horizon and you will find Polaris. Polaris is the end of the handle for the Little Dipper, and is the most significant guiding star in the heavens. The axis of the earth's rotation points toward Polaris and explains why the night sky rotates around it. Polaris is also visible throughout the northern hemisphere all year, making it a mariner's and camper's reassuring friend. Happy stargazing! ΔΔ

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able it is - and there's enough French existentialism for twelve bad operas, but one's interest never flags. There are even some telling references to the effect of film and bad novels on the individual and societal mind: is Genet kidding us or is Life really this artificial, or are we ALL - Bill Clinton, Roseanne, Madonna, The Pope, Harveys Feirstein and Milk - all just characters in a Danielle Steele mini-series?

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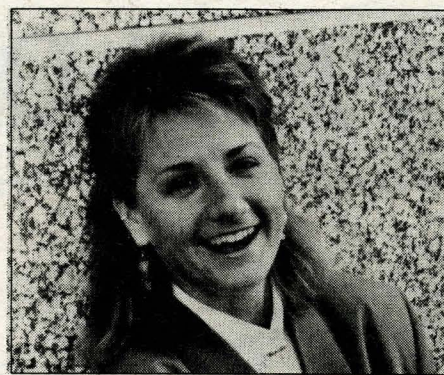
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Swing" and "Little Piece of Sky." Both are quite enjoyable. The latter is an especially good display of Lewis' songwriting and vocal skills.

The duo's show here in Portland was a classic, madcap, musical adventure, complete with audience participation and a re-make of "Copacabana." Their on-stage rapport is very comfortable and it extends to the audience — always. The Lesbian Lounge Lizards have earned themselves a unique niche in the history of lesbian comedy and music.

The opening act, Monica Grant, was equally excellent. It was my first time hearing her and I was left feeling a bit sad that she lives in California because the opportunity to see her again may not present itself soon. But remember her name and make a point of seeing her, whenever that may be. She does have albums out there, keep an eye out.

Grant mixes stand-up comedy and



Monica Grant, truly a delight.

musical brilliance in a way that is rare. From her haunting coming out song, "Two Rivers," to her hysterical Ferron impersonation, to her tap dancing routine, Monica Grant was an unexpected surprise. She covered every topic from intimacy and job-hunting, to the idea that the 90's are the "Decade of the Dykes". She was funny one minute and serious the next; a very enjoyable emotional ride. ΔΔ

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shows. "This will be the first consistent series of Saturday morning professional children's theater in Portland since 1986 — when Children's Theatre of Maine moved to Westbrook and subsequently became a community youth theatre, doing far fewer performances somewhat sporadically throughout the year." Said KTC, "We now have an opportunity to revive the theatrical experience for the children of the children who so loved the Saturday morning professional theatre provided by the old Children's Theatre of Maine."

Tickets to all the above performances will be \$5 for all ages and will be available by calling 775-5103. All seating will be general admission in the 90-seat Oak Street Theatre. Located at 92 Oak Street in the heart of Portland's cultural corridor, the Oak Street Theatre offers a variety of entertainment options at reasonable ticket prices.

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selves. *Hygiene* are the practices that promote and preserve health. According to Webster's dictionary, *health* is the condition of optimal well-being, *beauty* is a delightful quality associated with such things as harmony, and *goddess* is woman of great beauty. Each of us has the power to create, harmonize and care for our own well-beings. Through the use of natural, botanical daily practices, we can learn to reclaim our power of health, beauty and wellness. It is time to reclaim the herbal healing practices of Cosmeos and Hygieia!

Next month I will discuss the revival of an ancient healing method called Aromatherapy. In the meantime, here are some interesting facts to ponder about your skin.

Your skin is the largest organ of your body. One-half to one-third of your total blood supply goes to your skin which contains 19 yards of blood vessels and 9,500,000 cells. The skin absorbs many ingredients which affect the functions of all systems. If you care about your life, your environment and how you nourish yourself, care about what you put on your body.

The process and act of nourishing ourselves from the inside out and the outside, can be a powerful stimulating tool for our body, mind and spirit. Claim consumership and question the labels and ingredients in your products. Align with nature. Choose a natural approach to your daily hygiene rituals. ΔΔ

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