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

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 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.

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 ingenuous "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.
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 won 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, Orrin 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, D.C. 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.

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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 Dutreuble 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 Christian Coalition's strength, though feared, has been shown to crumble in the face of united opposition.
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 3, Brewer — Richard Murnin (D)
District 7, Orono — John O’Dea (D)
District 9, Bangor — Sean Faircloth (D)
District 10, Newport — Alton Blanchette (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 Cleland (D)
District 26, Cumberland — Jeffrey Bullard (R)
District 29, Westbrook — Donald Eby (D)

Maine House Candidates
District 5, Sanford — Mona Walker (D)
District 26, South Portland — Peter Coutier (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 41, South Harpswell — David Binner (D)
District 53, Bowdoinham — David Shiah (D)
District 54, Bath — Arthur Mayo, III (R)
District 62, Rockland — Paul Charrand (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 Vollenkem (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.

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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 Cobb's 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 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."

Cobb 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, Cobb 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. ∆∆
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," protester Terrence J. Hughes, Oroso, 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 Lack's office in Falmouth closed at the end of September due to prosecutor 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," 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. 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 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. (Maine)

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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 hate measure proposed by Concerned Maine Families that would authorize discrimination based on sexual orientation. She was recently made a partner at Bernstein, Shurr, Sawyer and Nelson and practices in the firm's Portland office. Peard also serves on the board of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance.

Lisa Hamilton, a partner in the Boothbay Harbor law firm of Berry and Hamilton, was elected Vice President. Hugo Calkins of the Portland law firm Calkins and Pouraveix was re-elected Treasurer. Cullen Lewis, Executive Director of Maine Pre-Trial 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.

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 endorses 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's Gifford Reinhart. "This battle affects all of us working toward a justice-seeking society." The NGLTF's 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.
BUSINESS PROFILE: Nurturing Nature at Grandmère's Farm
By P. Hayes

Watching Mother Nature scatter her handwork 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 Homed 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 farming 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 professionals 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. "A

Time Out in Space
By Michael Rossetti

From years of camping without campfires, I've found that over 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 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 brightest faces. 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 Cassiopeia (northern) and Pollux (the southern of the pair). Castor and Pollux 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 exults 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,指出 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 Rockett 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 Coor­ dinator; 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. Candi­ date Mary Morse-Dwelly estimated that there were 21 religious-right candi­

dates running for state legislature. “They’re very well organized,” Morse-Dwelly said. “It scares me that people aren’t looking into who they’re voting for.”

Before lunch, symbols of women’s oppression were dropped into the “Freedom Trashcan Two” 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 hem­ orrhoid ad that suggested a man’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.

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, “Cosmos” shine in most often found in the least conspicuous room in the house, the bath­ room. Within the confines of your bath­ room, the temple of Cosmos, you can create ceremonies to awaken the god­ dess energy. The word cosmetic, from the Greek root kosmeto, really means the art of beautifying the body. The older meaning of Kosmea is to harmo­ nize. We’ve gotten off course by allow­ ing the pharmaceutical and cosmetic in­ dustry and even the FDA, to assume that the care of women’s bodies can be su­ perficially, synthetically and expensive­ly manufactured, packaged and sold.

Glitz packaging, seductive mod­ els, and promises of external beauty and youthfulness all cram the market place. How many women are protesting this manipulative multi-billion dollar busi­ ness? 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 natural botanicals into a form that can be ap­ plied as a part of holistic, natural hy­ giene routines.

Hygiene is the goddess of health. In our culture, hygiene has been lim­ ited by the industry’s superficial and con­ trived notion that it relates to femi­ nine cleanliness (artificial smelling de­odorants, synthetic perfume douches, and animal and petroleum based face, body and hair cleansers.) I view hy­ giene 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 cre­ ate ritualistic, healthy, earth-centered routines that rejuvenate and regenerate our bodies, minds and souls? Perhaps we are fooled and conf­ used 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 health. See CHANGING, page 24

MCC/Portland has applied for membership in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a denomination founded by Troy Perry, a gay man, in 1968 to make God's love known to all persons.
The Remnant of EPL - Part III
By Rich Austin

Last month we ran Part II of our look at the history of the Equal Protection League-Winston campaign as it struggled to uphold a city council-mandated ordinance that would have prohibited discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals.

Spokesman/Campaign Chair Paul Madore, Finance Manager Fan 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's 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 and its 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 immorality and crimes 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's 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 one 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 HOMETOWN. I had hoped for this place."

R. Gagnon continued, "When we lost, I felt the realization of the lack of victory and what that would mean for the others who were involved and lesbian in that community. If I recall now, they felt the same way as I did when they perceived the people they trusted the most betrayed them."

The poll closed at 8 p.m., and I think we started the concession speech at 8:15 p.m. 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. Esman added, "After the vote I felt crushed, hurt. That, and then going to the Sportman'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

On Wednesday, October 26, the Matthew Society hosted Patricia Neil Warren at a special meeting. Pictured above, l to r are Jim Neal, co-owner of Drop Me A Line, author, Patricia Neil 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 Neil Warren.

On Thursday, October 27, the Matthew Society hosted a program honoring our community's first gay newspaper, "Mainely Gay." Three of the original group responsible for "Mainely 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 memorable moments during the evening. The men and women of "Mainely 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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David addressing his needs around a help. Although Connecticut has a strong statute protecting the rights of lesbians and gay men. Ironic, isn't it? My ties because I am openly gay. As a result of this, I have filed a civil rights complaint with the State Human Rights Commission and I am pursuing further legal action against the State. The legal action costs money and my finances at this time are obviously limited. There's still a chance that I may be able to recover some of my lost income. It is clear that the financial burden of this matter will be significant. When the State was notified of my complaint, 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 appealing 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 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.

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Money Talk, from page 8

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 get 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 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 Bodhisattva named Padmasambhava (he brought Buddhism to Tibet), a figure of the godness, 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 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, 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 Pulaski, 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 go to get recharged, places where we can affirm ourselves and be affirmed by the powers of the universe.

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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 would lean on his side and say, "What's the last thing you saw when the gerbil went up your boyfriend's 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 that 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 Portland

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 space 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 workplace. 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.

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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.
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 5:00 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 is not our reasoning, but we will not 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 battles 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 contacted the Attorney General's office and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in Augusta to seek prosecution of 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 alliances, one at a time. For if our gayness, our homosexuality or bisexuality, remains faceless, homophbic 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,

Bruce Balboni
Managing Editor

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 alleging opposition 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 violations.

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, incredibly claims that the insertion 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 was 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 underhand." It is a fact that the legislative candidates endorsed...
Lincoln News, from page 10

dored by CPR were NEVER ASKED
THOSE QUESTIONS. Tenggren com-
mented, "These tactics are like those
used by Nazis in Germany.""5

Tenggren faxed CPR other mate-
rials gathered from the Minogue cam-
aign. The most blatant misrepresenta-
tion 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 cli-
pings shown above are taken from the
same article from the same newspaper."

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

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November 1994 Calendar

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 10th-12th: Vintage Repertory Co. presents "The Maids" at Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. $10. FMI, 774-1736.

Thursday, November 10th:
$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
$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.

Saturday, November 11th:
$8:30 PM: Midnight: Gay Veteran's Day Dance with Chris Rizzicotti 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, transgender and questioning people and our friends and allies. Sliding scale: $5-50. No partners needed.

Saturday, November 12th:

Sunday, November 13th:
$1:00-3:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Monthly Meeting.

Monday, November 14th:
$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 lots Park St. behind church.

Tuesday, November 15th:
$6:00 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.
$6:00 PM: Valerie & Friends appearing at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. A showcase of live music. $5 cover.

Saturday, November 19th:
$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.

Sunday, November 20th:
$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 St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phone line of Maine, 207/498-2088.

Monday, November 21st:
$6:00-9:30 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 22nd:
$7:00-9:00 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, The Military: An Inside Perspective, (Rm. B).

Friday, November 25th:
$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:
$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 Santore, 603/898-1115.

Monday, November 28th:
$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.

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Tuesday, November 29th:
$6:00-9:30 PM: AIDS Foundation of America fundraiser for "Candles Around the Country." Dinner & variety show. $25. Variety show tickets only. $20. Augusta Civic Center. For tickets call 626-2400.

$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:
$6:00 PM: Lesbian Movie Night at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. $5 to insure more films being shown.

Murphy's Manor

by Kurt Erichsen

Bowser wanted to turn the world upside down. He wanted me to fight his father, the Marquess.

"Who let me fall off by Oscar Wilde in the endtail of the night?"

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I think you covered the love that rare

Not speaking his name.

What's the weather?

"I can see the thrill of Oscar Wilde"

and his pride.

"In my day, we didn't celebrate a salon""
Thursday-Sunday, December 1-4th: American Renaissance Theatre presents "Love's Labor Lost." at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. FMI, 774-1376.

December 2nd:

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4:00 PM: Maine Won't Discriminate/Bangor Chapter meets at Peace & Justice Center, 359 Main St, Bangor. FMI, 999-3250 or 223-5630.

December 7th:

2:00 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.

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7:00-9:30 PM: Northern Lambda presents, Good News Page. Now: readers can easily read guides to plan vacations, and vacations names, addresses, phone numbers.

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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 American Announces that the guide has moved firmly away from the style of a traditional booklet of addresses, a style Damron has perfected since the launch of its first guide 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 Larry, "Damron's goal is to make the guide as user-friendly as possible, and we believe we have succeeded."
COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL
ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and the LG community. The primary goals are to involve the LG 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 1-800-555-MLGPA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gay youth (PFLAG) is a support, advocacy and educational group for parents, families and friends of 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 gay, lesbian, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month at 7 pm (ME), 2 pm (NB), at Lona Community Ctr., High St., Caribou, and can be reached by the Project Hotline in addition to hosting special events for recreation and action. Call 207/498-2088.

The Matisch 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, providerssourcees, 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, 874-1020.

HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS: Have you or a loved one been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General. 626-8444.

MUSIC & ART
Women In Harmony is an ecclectic 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 2094, Portland, ME 04112, or call 772-0013.

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PHONE SUPPORT
Region by region
National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Projects, 1-800-528-NCLR
Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY)
Ingraham Volunteers: <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, bisexual youth under 19 yrs.
Ingram Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (744-5369).
The AIDS Projects: 774-6877. Located at 22 Monument Square, 5th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick, Bangor, and Eastern Maine AIDS Network. 990-3626.
Wells, Baldco-Know AIDS Coalition: 338-1427.
Runford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4710.
Lewiston: Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: 786-4697.
Watersville: Daypring: 626-3432.
Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) Contacts in Maine
(* indicates monthly meetings)
Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2346.
Bangor/Brewer: 998-5180.
Brunswick/Bath: see Waldoboro.
Lewiston/Auburn: 783-9798.
Hallowell: 766-5158.
Waldoboro: 832-5859.
Contacts in New Hampshire
P-FLAG NH 24 hour helpline: 603/626-6023.
Plymouth: 603/968-7516.
Manchester: 603/668-0741.
Monadnock: 603/547-2345.
Hanover: 603/763-4063.
Concord: 603/436-3818.
New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings
Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm at First Congregational Church, 69 North Main St., Concord. FMI call 603/348-8709 or write M.G.M., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME 04104.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUPS
Medical Support
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Center for Women’s Health, 485 kg. for residents and non-residents at a walk-in clinic. Low cost, medical aid accepted. Call 628-2097 to make an appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3-6 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 counseling, and supply (free contraceptives). FMI call and leave message.
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Great meeting at The Open Hand on School St. Every Thursday, 7:00 pm. FMI call 497-3501.
Out and About is a nonprofit, lesbian (over 18) support and educational group. Newsletter & calendar of local, current, non-political events. Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm. FMI, call 603/659-2139 or write P.O. Box 332, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0332.
Out Among Friends: Meets Thursdays 7:30-9:30 pm at the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. Lesbian support/discussion group. Free or by donation to help w/rent. FMI call 809-3700 or write 795-6463.
Dignity, Etc.: Meets third Saturday 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 813, Portland, ME 04104.
The Apollo Society: An out-reach, networking and social organization for New England’s gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethical humanists and Heileachers. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering information, free literature, religious de-programming and fun! FMI: 775-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04104.
Circle of Hope: An inclusive Christian worship group following a model developed by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Churches. Meets at 6:15 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at 400 High St. (Immanuel Baptist Church). The Circle is not affiliated with Immanuel Baptist Church. FMI: MCC, PO Box 1671, Portland, ME 04104. Join us!”
Lavender Women: Lesbian/bisexual/woman discussions group. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church, 2000 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI: call 581-1425.
Leaverton:A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Leaverton area meets every Monday at 7 pm at the United Methodist Church on Spring Street in Auburn.

Building an Inclusive Community: Meets to explore ways of building an inclusive and safe community, offering support, services and activism at Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition, 4 Lafayette Street, Lewiston. Call for times. 795-4218.
Bangor Lesbian Support Group: This Lesbian Support Group welcomes anyone who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create a woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each other as lesbians. Free, confidential, non-judgmental and non-discriminatory support is offered. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Mabel Cohen, 1339 Main St., Waldoboro, 04572. FMI: call 985-3430 or fax 676-4433.


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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 youth. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5730 Station A, Portland, ME 04101.

OUTRIGHT/Seacoast: Meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the United Church annex building adjacent to the first station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call Teeline at 1-800-639-4095 or ask about OUTRIGHT.

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 to create a context in which pro-teen, pro-queer groups are able to exist and pro-teen, pro-queer activities take place.

OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets at 1:15-2:45 pm. Men Living with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm at the Riverton Health Station, 1600 Forest Ave, Riverton, ME 04055.

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Theaters 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, unmixed, 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 live theatre. They prefer French, originally - less than 50 people!

When a play is great, as in Genet (a masterpiece), the raucous meaninglessness of rock 'concerts,' the casual in-and-out of the video tape; hell, even the idiocy of live theatre. They prefer French, originally - less than 50 people!

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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 DY-NASTY or Madonna pseudo-women. Emerson, as the less pretty, older sister, L. Mother Courage with a twisted mind: his dumpy, frumpy sister, sneaking peaks 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 curtseying dully 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 outre. At times the audience laughed nervously, but since this play is about the delusion of life, where the real is ghostly 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 one-on-one Genetic set pieces - he felt that the more one wrote the more understandable.

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The women's theatre ensemble was 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!
Artistic Profile: Tanja Alexia Hollander

By Landon Smith

Tanja Alexia Hollander has teamed up with Jessica Tomlins on "2 hoe production co." To team up 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 circles. Their opening will pop up again. Their two solo cassettes, "Soup Kitchen" and "Minky Sisters," are an eclectic-acoustic act.

Tanja Hollander (TH): I guess I asked her why she chose Portland. She replied that Portland is desperately 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.

CPR: Do you see your work as being inter-related?

TH: Yes, I see my work as being inter-related. From the Sondheim repertoire (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. Hollander began her photography career in her junior year at Portland's Deering High School. After that she attended The Portland School of Art and Hampshire College in Massachusetts.

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.

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. No 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 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 repertoire (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 mis-step.

Marie Pressman, loveliness in black, presented selections from a composer unknown to me: Maury Yeston. 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, minimalistic 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 triumphant with a palpable 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-Ludwig Piatf 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.

3 Divas in Concert 1 to r: Marie Pressman, Judith James, Deborah Hall. R. Diamante Photo.

And speaking of encores: while Edward Reichert played Sondheim's classic "Send In The Clowns," each of the "3 Divas" encored HSR 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-noticeable, Reichert's accompaniment was always there, essentially Sondheim, intuitively Vston 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!
Augusta native named Mr. Gay All-American

WATERVILLE: John Reny, 29, of Augusta, 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 local entrepreneur, Reny nominated himself against nine others from across the country. He also won the informal week-long 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 organizations and anticipates more involvement nationally. He is a free lance print model and plans to become an on-location hairstylist 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. An interactive telephone network linking theater and dance will assist him in the extensive performance schedule that the title entails. The Mr. Gay All-American contest is a division of Norma Krusin, Inc., symbol of excellence since 1972. For information on bookings and other questions, contact Gil Hausnerperger, National Coordinator, 400 North University, Penthouse D, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, 501666-2231 or Gil@Hausnerperger.com.

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.

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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 Molière’s style of comedy. The Russian piece “The Master and the Laborer,” and the Iroquois story “The Turtle’s War Party,” will bring those respective cultures to Portland area families will be delighted with the first installment of “Stories from Planet Earth,” focusing on tales from Japan, Sweden, and Nigeria. Folklore has always been a vital thread for
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From Japan, “The Singing Turtle” will be presented.

The Swedish tale, “Toe 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. Both James Hoban (American Renaissance Theater and Jane Bergeron (Vintag 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: Mark for acting and Mark for playwriting. 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

See KRACKERJACK, page 24

Non-traditional theater from ALTERNATIVE STAGE

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 Chaikin will be presented at the Oak Street Theater, 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."
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.

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 stopsovers 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 that you must continue in the same general direction and you are not allowed to backtrack. 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!

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Around the Nation
DENVER — The Colorado Supreme Court struck down the infamous Amendment 2 by a near unanimous vote of 6-0-1, 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 unanimously unimpeachable. The majority upheld the Denver District Court which ruled that Amendment 2 had fencended 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 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 Amendment 2 by a near unanimous voice 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.
Around the Nation

SAN FRANCISCO — Steven Danmon and Victor Rohanna were walking near the Castro District Oct. 16 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, 34, is in stable condition. Danmon 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 murder, his first confession was without benefit of legal counsel."

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 attacked him, is a "imest." if he didn't perform oral sex on them, constitutes a textbook example of the age-old "Homosexual panic" defense. The defense says, in effect, that gay or lesbian victims deserved what they get because they acted outside the scope of society's morals.

Pam Jule Radecic, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director, said, "Even if this story is true, no one deserves to die for sexual solicitation." △△

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 our health and our 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 our health, the 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 able to work 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."

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 (BIC), the Lewiston-Auburn based group, kicked off its fall schedule on October 21 at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center. Karen 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.

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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, PO Box 3184, Auburn, ME 04212-3184. △△

The referendum likely to appear on the November 1995 ballot is a private en­dowment that can now be voted statewide 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. △△
about a perfect political play! Paul Madore is putting himself in a very stra
tegic 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 in
cumbent, so it's an open seat, and she's likely to win because she's better known."

Welch continued, "So your going to
to have the Paul and Susan Madore duo
25 per cent of those will be right
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in the state legislature, fighting against
likely not an in­
civil rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual
read the paper, or call their candidates
what they stand for. They
don't get elected."

This month's feature:
Serving dinner

--November, 1994--

FAMILY VALUES

"Branham said, "the loss in Lewiston was very devastating for the people who were committed to equal
took a long time to rebound from that and I think that we tried to stay together as best we could, and we con
formed 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 ev
ey family you have your members who aren't as easy to get along with as oth
we're still a family. I 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."

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IN RETROSPECT

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pursuing this goal that the majority of
the gay and lesbian community in
Lewiston did not get behind and sup
port? Tried being educational to my gay
brothers and lesbian sisters, I tried be­
ing 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 hap
pening. 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 com
munity we live in."

Welch added, "I would do it aga
in, but I would do it very, very different."

Eisman's feeling was simple, "Yes,
I would do it again. I would do it be
cause 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 pos
do next to further the cause of es
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 camcorder. Their biggest enemy is
fear.

R. Gagnon elaborated, "I was go
through a gay bar in Lewiston dur
ing 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 heard about
was going to happen, but none of it did.
Fear is what immobilizes people, it
keeps them quiet, keeps them uninvol
ved, and uninterested in even casting a ballot for their own civil rights, said Welch. "If they said 'Gay and lesbian community doesn't start mobilizing and or
ganizing and taking a stance with the right wing, 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
would do something, in the 10th Ave Corridor, 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.}

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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 south from Pegasus is called Andromeda.

Finally, face due north and look
back overhead to the Big Dipper. Fol
low that imaginary line to about three
quarters of the way toward the northern horizon and you will find Polaris, the North Star. The scene on October 2nd at the Chevrus gym prior to The 1994 AIDS Walk. More than 450 people walked to raise an whooping 64% more than in any previous year! by DOC
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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, Harvey Feinsten and Milk - all just characters in a Danielle Steele mini-series?

There's some great theatre by France's pre-eminent gay writer down at The Oak Street. Take your ears and go. ΔΔ

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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. Sh: does have albums out there, keep an eye out.

Grant mixes stand-up comedy and 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 a 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 Hygiesta!

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 art of nourishing ourselves from the inside out and the outside, can be a powerful stimulating tool for our body, mind and spirit. Claim consumerism 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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