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 received 10% of the vote in Portland. In his concession speech Carter said, “The Green message is the message of the future. We are the harbingers of the new mainstream.”

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

King hailed his victory as a “new approach” to governing that transcends partisanship. King did well in traditional Democratic strongholds, in the suburbs and along the coast. King becomes the second independent governor elected in recent memory.

James B. Longley, father of the winner of the 1st Congressional District race, was elected governor as an Independent 20 years ago.

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

Anti-gay rights initiatives defeated!

By Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

At an anti-gay rights initiative was 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."

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

James Longley won a cliff-hanger over Dennis Dutremble for the 1st Congressional House District taking 51% of the vote. Both candidates were cautious throughout the night as the tally favored one then the other. Longley’s win over Dutremble is another example of a national trend where candidates with no political experience are defeating candidates who are career politicians. In this case, Longley has never held political office whereas Dutremble was a State Senator for 16 years as well as Senate President.

John Baldacci (D) defeated Richard Bennett (R) for the 2nd District House seat vacated by Olympia Snowe. He won with 46% of the vote to Bennett’s 41%. Baldacci choked up during his acceptance speech when he referred to his 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 squeezed through to victory over Michael Huffington. Feinstein’s supporters had taken to calling him “Nothington,” as he was one of the typical Republican candidates with no political experience and no political program. ΔΔ
Partial Results of Maine Legislative Elections

By Bruce Balboni

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

**State Senate**

District 1, Frenchville, Caribou — Judy Paradis (D)
District 6, Brewer — Richard Kabin (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)
District 22, Auburn — John Cleaveland (D)
District 26, Cumberland — Jeffrey Butland (R)
District 28, Portland — Arno Rand (D)
District 29, Westbrook — Donald Esty (D)

**Maine House Candidates**

District 5, Sanford — Mona Walker (D)
District 26, South Portland — Peter Cloutier (D)
District 27, South Portland — Birger Johnson (D)
District 28, Westbrook — William O’Gara (D)
District 36, Portland — Elizabeth Townsend (D)
District 37, Portland — Michael Brennan (D)
District 39, Windham — Carol Kontos (D)
District 51, South Harpswell — David Elmer (D)
District 53, Bowdoinham — David Shiah (D)
District 54, Bath — Arthur Mayo, Ill (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)

District 8, Lewiston — Patricia Lemaire (D)
District 90, Lewiston — Gerard Bouchard (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 Velinuk (D)
District 133, Machias — John Gilmore (D)
District 151, Eagle Lake — John Martin (D)

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

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

**Church bomber’s niece now male**

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

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

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

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

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

Cobb testified that Chambless 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.

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Anti-abortion protests heat up in Bangor

By Malcolm Smith

The battle over abortion is heating up in Bangor. A woman's health clinic there was stoned and the number of protests 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," said a woman's health clinic protester Terrence J. Hughes, Orono, who was stoned and unlisted.

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 protestor harassment. The Bangor Daily News reported that Ed Gerrish of Stockton Springs is leading the protests at MWWHC. His number is unlisted, and he could not be reached for comment.

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

"We've had some women call to ask about it, but none have stopped coming," 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 PoliceLt. Rollin Reid said he felt the police department could offer adequate protection from further law violations.

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

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

Steam said MRTL does not participate in demonstrations as a group, but members may participate as individuals, if they choose.

Whooip 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 names; 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 endorsers to state and local groups that will use it to build coalitions for fighting ballot initiatives. This year started with 10 states targeted for anti-gay initiatives. The Radical Right failed to place measures in all but two states - Idaho and Oregon.

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

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

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

Watching Mother Nature scatter her handiwork of fast growing shrubs and trees over what was once cleared, working farm land got the best O, Vivian Grandmère's Farm, a self sufficient, working farm created solely through the love, determination and sweat, of one family and friends).

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

"They've made a deal. The sheep are well fed and well cared for, and in return they keep the land cleared and provide food for the table when winter comes. The nurturing of nature and respect for the natural order of things are values that Vivian teaches and lives by. Grandmère's Farm is not a business venture, it's a way of life. I only keep what I can consume," she says. "No extra animals, and I try very hard not to get to know them as pets. We have a working relationship. I provide well for them and they provide well for me."

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

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

As with any business, the initial investment is often the most difficult part. The difference in the field of agriculture is that the initial investment occurs over and over again each spring.

Coupled with health care and feeding, this is not only financially draining to the farmer but also restrictive to the amount of business she can do.

Community Supported Agriculture is a nation-wide concept that involves the addition of share holders to the 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 a chance to talk with Vivian, who is one amazing woman.

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

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

Time Out in Space

By Michael Rossetti

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

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

Now that most of us will be leaving work after dark, we might replace that after work walk or bike ride with a few, intermittent star gazing sessions. Keep in mind that the stars change their position very slowly in a period of a 365 day cycle. So, if you mean to chart the heavens, give yourself a week or two between studies so as to note the movements. Also be sure to go out at exactly the same time each evening because, like 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 two additional stars that imply the shape of a small pan with a handle. This is Ursus Major or, the Big Dipper. The handle part will be to your right, west, above and below the belt are a pair of stars, one bright and larger, the other smaller, in each pair.

To the east of Ursus Major, your left, there are two large stars. These are Castor (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.

PICK A NIGHT AND TIME, SAY ABOUT 9:00 PM AND YOU WILL FIND SOME OF AUTUMN'S BIGGEST STARS. FACING SOUTH AND LOOK STRAIGHT OVERHEAD, BENDING BACK JUST A LITTLE. 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, WEST, ABOVE AND BELOW THE BELT ARE A PAIR OF STARS, ONE BRIGHT AND LARGER, THE OTHER SMALLER, IN EACH PAIR.

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The holidays are coming! Celebrate the Solstice or Christmas with a walk in the woods, hot mulled cider and cutting your own Yule tree.

Call to place your order or for an appointment to harvest your tree.
"Build coalitions," NOW exhorts conference audience

Participants learn skills to Fight the Right

By Malcolm Smith

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

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

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

Panel members were asked for their definitions of the Right, as well as with moderator Christine Torraca's Maine Association of Independent Neighborhoods.


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

NOW member Chris Rusnov said the Maine Civil Liberties Union needed volunteers to verify petition signatures. Valerie Howard suggested reading the book, "When God Becomes a Drug" by Leo Booth, which relates the fanatic actions of religious zealots to more emotional dysfunctions rather than moral concerns.

During the morning session of the day-long conference, members caught up on news, then elected new officers, including Merrie Allen, State Coordinator; Cynthia Phinney, Assistant Coordinator; Penny Hilton, Secretary; and Annie Lunt, Treasurer. Candidates in several races addressed the group, including Joseph Brennan and John Baldacci, as well as several State House candidates. Candidate Mary Morse-Dwyer estimated that there were 21 religious-right candi
dates running for state legislature.

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

Before lunch, symbols of women's oppression were deposited into the "Freedom Trashcan II" by various audience members. The original trash can was hosted by activists at the 1968 Miss America Pageant, where the discarding of a bra by activist Robin Morgan earned feminists the incorrect term "bra burner." NOW activist JoAnne Dauphine held 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," Dauphine 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, signaling the glorification of rape in the movies, were all thrown out. Members laughed at a hammer ad that suggested men's hemmorhoids 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."

Dauphine 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 'cosmetic' throw you off course from creating healthy, botanical and revitalizing home-care treatments. According to renowned herbalist Rosemary Gladstar, "Cosmos" shine is most often found in the least conspicuous room in the house, the bathroom. Within the confines of your bathroom, the temple of Cosmos, you can create ceremonies to awaken the goddess energy. The word cosmetic, from the Greek root kosmetikos, really means the art of beautifying the body. The older meaning of Kosmos is to harmonize. We've gotten off course by allowing the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry and even the FDA, to assume that the care of women's bodies can be superficially, synthetically and expensively manufactured, packaged and sold.

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

Hygiene is the goddess of health. In our culture, hygiene has been limited by the industry's superficial and contrived notion that it relates to feminine cleanliness (artificial smelling deodorants, synthetic perfume douches, and animal and petroleum based face, body and hair cleansers). I view hygiene as the science that deals with the promotion, preservation and practice of health. Isn't it time we experienced our daily self-care practices with pride, pleasure, and integrity? Why not create ritualistic, healthy, earth-centered routines that rejuvenate and regenerate our bodies, minds and souls? Perhaps we are fooled and confused about the meanings of such words as well-being, goddess, beauty, health and hygiene. From a holistic view, well-being is the care and support of our emotional, physical and spiritual
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 Law voting campaign as it struggled to uphold a city council enacted ordinance that would have prohibited discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens. Speaker's Corner, Portland, Finance Manager Pam Welch, Steering Committee members Ray and Kevin Gagnon, Glen Emanuel 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 drooling chant from EPL. CMF scare tactics included charges that affirmative action would result from passage of the ordinance. They claimed business owners would be legally forced to hire gays and lesbians. Though the ordinance itself had a specific provision stating there was no affirmative action requirement, Branham said, "EPL could cite it until we turned blue. People still believed they were going to be required to do these things."

Branham continued, "One of the opposition's newspaper ads that we were very fond of because it was so outrageous said, 'If you're a psychiatrist or a psychologist and you want to speak out against homosexuality you can be jailed under this ordinance.' EPL tried to rely on Portland as an example, pointing out that the predicted immoralities were getting ready the night before the vote. 'It 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.'" We 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.'"

Branham recounted, "There was another interesting comment he made to our field coordinator," reported R. Gagnon. "Our field coordinator asked, 'Joe, 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 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 for this place."

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

On Tuesday, 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 were so much devoted our lives to this for a year because it was such an important issue and it was so personal. Personally felt betrayed because this was MY HOME TOWN. I had hopes..."
In These Times: Living With Homophobia

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

Dear Family, Friends and Colleagues,

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

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

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

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

MONEY TALK: Investments

Parts II & III

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

By Peter J. Callinan, CPA

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

Security of the investment is the first factor to consider. This involves assessing RISK OF LOSS. Generally, the potential risk of loss will directly relate to the potential rate of return. Investments with the highest rate of return are also the ones with the highest risk of loss. If you purchase a lottery ticket for $1, it's possible to win $millions$, but it's likely you will win nothing and lose your dollar. There is a high level of risk and a high level of return. The opposite is also generally true. The investments with the lowest risk of loss are also the ones with the lowest rate of return.

For example, a basic bank savings account is a good investment. Your investment is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) so there is almost no risk of loss but, the bank will only pay you between 3.5% to 4.5% on your savings balance. Each type of investment carries a different level of security which can be evaluated as part of the selection process.

The next factor to consider is Rate of Return. This is the measurement of how much of your investment's income and growth over the increase in its cash value. Profits are a positive rate of return which increase cash value. Rate of Return is determined by comparing the increase or decrease in cash value of an investment to its original amount. If you put $100 into a savings account and in a year it was worth $104.50, there would be a 4.5% Rate of Return on your investment. The simple formula to determine the Rate of Return is the investment earnings ($4.50) divided by the original investment ($100). Rate of Return should be measured periodically to determine if an investment is performing well when compared to other possible investments.

Should you keep your $100 in a savings account earning 4.5% if you could move it to one earning 6%? It can be considered a means of keeping score where the winners are the highest rates of return and the losers are the lowest. Rate of Return is often referred to by other names such as Return on Investment, Return on Assets and Return on Equity, but they all boil down to similar calculations determining profitability or increased cash value.

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

Part III

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

After-Tax Yield is the factor which considers how much income taxes will reduce the Rate of Return of the investment. To determine the After-Tax Yield, simply subtract from the Rate of Return, the Rate of Return multiplied by your combined top Federal and State income tax rate. The result of this computation becomes important in the decision making process when evaluating tax free investments like municipal bond funds when compared to other sources of investment income which are taxable.

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

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

Peter J. Callinan, CPA
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stock in four companies and one has
tors pooling their money to buy stock in.
But, if all my money is in one
vity is a large group of inves­
company and it loses money, then I lose
The idea is that by having your money
many different companies. Diversifica­
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rt by many demands that we can easi­
t easier to sidetrack and forget all about
our resolve to take time out for ourselves
This month I would like to talk
I have several other shrines in the man­
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ner corner of a room is more realistic for
in the middle of
Its purpose is to bring us back to the center and
We can be surrounded by many things that make us
not have many of the same
roners. We can create a sacred space with the same
of our sacred space. The goal is simply to have one.
A Christian shrine might have candles,
A goddess shrine can be cluttered and gaudy like
It's all up to you.
I encourage each of us to consider

CHEW ON THIS

Last month I wrote about the ben­
and introduced two
simple forms of the practice, Mindful­
ness of Breathing and Development of Loving Kindness. As with any disci­
line, in order to be of optimum benefit, meditation must become a regular part of
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
by so many demands that we can easi­

This article concludes my brief dis­


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
ty 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 behav­
ior.

Good Luck, Pythia

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

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
an elastic around his hand and said,
"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 what a bigot he
is and maybe even what a closet homo­

Dear Pissed-off,

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Dear Pissed-off

I certainly understand your feel­
ings. One would have to be senseless
to not be angered, and indeed to wish
all possible harm on your detestable co­
worker.

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.

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His comments made me very angry. I
wanted to prove to him what a bigot he
is and maybe even what a closet homosex­
ualism is himself since he talks of
nothing else. What should I do?

Pissed off in

Portland

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EDITORIAL . . .

During a production meeting early in October, we made a conscious decision to hold our November issue until the day after the elections so that we can bring our readership the election results and comments. The election results are disheartening to these editors, (and it’s not just because it’s 5:00 am on Wednesday day 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 burts candidates by endorsing them. They are then tagged with the unpopular image of being gay-friendly. We acknowledge this is a legitimate reasoning, but we can 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 used, twisted, manipulated and lied out of right and about candidates we endorsed.

Prior to our October issue, we asked nine questions of gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives candidates and based our endorsements accordingly. We based our decision to endorse Maine legislative candidates on one thing — their support for the gay rights bill.

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

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

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

CPR is prepared to seek justice in this matter whatever that leads. Carolyn Cosby and Tom Minogue engaged in unethical political campaigning, perhaps 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 across 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 one of each one of us continue in our coming out process and in making allies, one at a time. For if our gayness, our homosexuality or bisexuality, remains faceless, homophobic people will never have to deal with human beings who could be their brother, sister, niece, nephew, mother, father, etc.

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

In Solidarity,

[Signature]

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 Senate District 7 (Orono, Lincoln, Old Town). When she saw them, she realized they were CMF “propaganda.”

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

In a shameless effort, timed to eliminate the possibility of response, CMF and Minogue included a series of dishonest and misleading statements in the insert as well as in other pieces of Minogue campaign literature regarding opponent O’Dea’s (and others) alleged support for the “gay agenda.”

Community Pride Reporter (CPR) has contacted the Attorney General’s office and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in Augusta to seek prosecution of Carolyn Cosby (CMF’s leader) and Minogue for unethical campaign tactics and copyright 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, incredulously claims that the insertion in no way endorses any candidates. She also denies that candidates are prevented from responding, but confines response to CPR with response to her insert in the Lincoln News.

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

Tenggren told CPR that she refused the insertion because she felt “deceived by Minogue,” because, “it gives candidates no time to respond;” and, because the juxtaposition of the list of candidates on page 3 of the insert, right next to 9 questions of interest to the gay community was, “pretty underhanded.” It is a fact that the legislative candidates endorse...
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dorsed by CPR were NEVER ASKED THOSE QUESTIONS. Tenggren commented, "These tactics are like those used by Nazis in Germany."

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

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

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

There she goes again

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

The ironies in this latest scare tactic by CMF cry out for redress. On page 3 of the insert, right below the inaccurate juxtaposition of legislative candidates, is a word community with renewed meaning.

Submissions Welcome

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

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Thursday-Saturday, November 18th-20th:
Vintage Repertory Company presents "The Maids" at Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. $10. FMI, 774-1376.

Thursday, November 18th:
Δ 7:30-9:00 PM: The Matlovitch 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 19th:
Veterans Day
Δ7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: Informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.

Saturday, November 19th:
Δ 8:30 PM-Midnight: Gay Veteran's Day Dance with Chris Rizzieri of Lavender Country and Folk Dance of Jamaica Plains, MA. At the UU Church, corner of Pleasant and Elm in Auburn. Sponsored by Building Inclusive Community. Open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning people and our friends and allies. Sliding scale: $3-$6. No partners needed.

Saturday, November 19th:

Sunday, November 20th:
Δ 1:00-3:00 PM: Northern Lambda Nord Monthly Meeting.

Monday, November 21st:
Δ 7:00-8:30 PM: General membership meeting of Maine Won't Discriminate/Bangor 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.

Monday, November 21st:
Δ 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.

Wednesday, November 23rd:
Δ 7:00-9:30 PM: The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, The Military: An Inside Perspective, (Rm. B).

Friday, November 25th:
Δ 7:00-9:30 PM: Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI, 725-7632.
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**Thursday-Sunday, December 1st-4th:** American Renaissance Theatre presents "Love's Labor Lost" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. FMI 774-1376.

**Friday, December 2nd:**
- **6:30-9:30 PM:** Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.
- **Saturday, December 3rd:**
  - **11:00 AM:** Krackerjacket Theatre Company presents "The Gift of the Magi" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. Live children's theatre returns to Portland. $5. FMI 774-1376.
  - **Monday, December 5th:**
    - **6:30-9:30 PM:** Safe Space Women's Center Open House: informal and casual. A time to meet new friends and relax. 67 Main St., Topsham. FMI 725-7632.

**Monday, December 6th:**
- **6:30-9:30 PM:** Northern Lambda holds a meeting at the Gay-Lesbian Community Center of Northern Maine, 398 South Main St., Caribou. FMI, Gay-Lesbian Phoneline of Maine, 207/498-2088.

**Tuesday, December 7th:**
- **6:30-9:30 PM:** Maine Gay Men's Chorus, St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, 143 State St., Portland. Tickets: $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

**Tuesday, December 13th:**
- **6:30-9:30 PM:** The Gathering, USM's Portland Campus Center presents, Sexuality in High School (the Boiler Room).

**Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 8th-11th:** American Renaissance Theatre presents "Love's Labor Lost" at the Oak Street Theatre, 92 Oak St., Portland. FMI 774-1376.

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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 postmodern design of blue sky and clouds on the cover of the 31st edition of the Damron American Edition announces that the guide has moved firmly away from the style of a traditional book of addresses, a style Damron has perfected since its first edition in 1965.

"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 Jeff M. Gatta. "After all, people use our pocket-sized 650-page guide lists the noth- ing long term, just play. "

"In November, the release of the Damron: Portland, Oregon, will make it possible for us to present it in our own way. The guide will be designed to be presented in a more user-friendly manner, but we still want it to be presented in a 'for the people' way."

"The release of the Damron Address Book announces the end of legal organizations. They'll also enjoy the addresses, a style Damron but we want it to be presented in a 'for the people' way."

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**Women Seeking Women**

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**Recording your ad:**

"Figure out what you want to say before coming. Write down what you want to say. Keep it short and simple. Just describe yourself and what you're looking for. Our complemented system will work through the rest. Have a pen ready to write down your face number.

**SOUTH OAK IN THE PATTY**

Alex, 22, Caucasian and very good looking man, very laid back and cool.

"We've added little touches throughout like choosing more vibrant colors and designs for our introductory pages or letting more of the staff's offbeat humor show up in the listings for the travel calendar at the end of the book."

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

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

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**MAINE**

**BANGOR**

Beers DO AS I SAY NOT AS I DO. Home. The girl you go out with wins. A friend, I am called. For information: "I am called." I am called. For information:

Coos KVN 27, looking to meet other men 18-34, fun loving gay, easy going, hang out hiking, traveling, outdoors, own a small pet, in the Full of fun games. I'm clean. Please phone: 713196.

**PORTLAND**

Randal 27, fun love, hairy body, well endowed, 1 love many things, in the Full of fun games. I'm clean. Please phone: 713196.

**ALL KINDS OF TOUGH**

Mark 28, 6'11, 165, ddf/m/m, fun to go to meetings in my area. Please phone: 713196.

**TODAY'S IRONIC ADDRESS**

7/4/94 141, level, hairy body, like to meet a man to have meetings with. Our number is 713196.

Dexter HARRY 33, DMV, Divorced, 1am met, hairy,1 love parties, cran to meet someone special. Our number is 713196.

**DON'T I DON'T GRUNGE!**

Chris, 21, 6'1, hairy, looking to meet a special man, looking for fun. I am called. No drugs or men, meeting the same passions, as long as you have 22-36 like to have, comping, I can get in to anything. Our number is 713196.

**LEAFY**


**ASAP**

Paul, 29, 165, 5'9 any men looking for someone to party with, not in to drugs or men, meeting the same passions, as long as you have 22-36 like to have, comping, I can get in to anything. Our number is 713196.

**DOING CPR**

1-900-884-4297

- "I am called. For information:

- "I am called. For information:

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**MAINE MALE**

- "I am called. For information:

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**1-800-367-2"
COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL
ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and the media. Our 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, Gay, and Gender Non-Conforming People
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People
给你一个任务，按照指定的标准将上述内容分类。
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, 6-8 pm, 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 1-800-339-6042 and ask about OUTRIGHT. FMI post office to 823 Market St., Portland.

SAFE Routes: Meets every Friday from 7:30-9 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 5370 Station A, Portland, ME 04101.

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

F.A.T.E. Fight AIDS-Transform Education: A project of ACT UP/Portland whose purpose is to fight HIV, AIDS, and homophobia in all Maine public schools; to form empowering groups for teens and queers and to create a context in which pro-teen, pro-queer groups are able to exist and proliferate with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & question ing young people. FMI call 774-TALK or write P.O. Box 5370 Station A, Portland, ME 04101.

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Meredyth AIDS Support Services, 8 Lisbon Street. FMI on meeting days and times call Brian at 725-4955.

Gardening 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physician's Building behind Kenebec Valley Regional Health Agency Annex. Call Brian Allen at MCESS 725-4955. Bideford: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: Family and Friends Who Care (about people with HIV disease) meets at 7pm at Southern Maine Medical Center, Calais Rd #3, 2nd floor. Call Roger LaChance at 284-4102.

Rumford/Mexico Area: Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phone line meets from 7:45-9:30 pm at Maine Congregational Church, Main, Mexico. FMI call 364-8603.

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

Maine AIDS Alliance Member Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box 2058, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

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

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


St. John Valley AIDS Task Force: PO Box NMCC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 774-1884.

The AIDS Project: 22 Monument St., 5th floor, City Hall, Room 303, 389 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-2198.


St. John Valley AIDS Task Force: PO Box NMCC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 734-3355.

The AIDS Project: 22 Monument St., 5th floor, City Hall, Room 303, 389 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-2198.


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PERSONALS GWM, late 30's looking for persons 18 to late 30's for occasional get-together, watch a video, lend a hand, sex-safe only. Contact Boxholder, PO Box 4229, Portland, ME 04010.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED I am a lesbian graduate student interested in talking with lesbians who are in the process of developing a context in which pro-teen, pro-queer groups are able to exist and proliferate with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & question ing youth. My study will educate helping professionals about this important topic. Your privacy will be respected and your identity held as confidential. If you can help me, please send your name, address and telephone number to: Boxholder, PO Box 66752, Falmouth, Maine 04105.

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

FLU SHOTS The Portland Public Health Division will be holding flu clinics throughout November. Flu shots are recommended for people over age 65 and for anyone with health problems such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, impaired immunity or kidney disease. Clinics will be held from 8:00 am-10:00 am and 4:00 pm-5:30 pm at the following locations: Riverton Health Station, 1600 Forest Ave., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Resche Health Station, 166 Brackett St., Tuesday and Thursday. City Hall, Room 303, 389 Congress St., Monday and Wednesday. Closed on holidays, first come, first served basis until supplies last. FMI, 874-8748.

WORKSHOPS Magnifying Health Workshop w/ Kristen Erico. Access the healing energies of Kwan Yin for yourself, others and for Mother earth. Using flower essences, touch & meditation. Become initiated into this compassionate work. Dates: November 9th and 10th at Collective Works, 61 India St., Portland. FMI, 771-1346.

Introduction to Womyn's Mysteries with "D". How she is a wise woman in the ancient tradition said Concord, NH. Cost: $30. Date: Tuesday, November 22nd. Time: 7:00 PM Place: Collective Works, 61 India St., Portland. 871-0273.

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Theater in Review: THE MAIDS

By Alexander Wallace

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

I do think some people are afraid of live theatre. They prefer the plastic ease of TV, the raucous meaninglessness of rock 'concerts,' the casual in-and-out of the video tape; hell, even the idiocy of rock 'concerts,' the casual in-and-out and roles and it is incestuous and les-

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

While sinisterly comic, "The Maids" is NOT really a 'drag show.' It's neither Ethel and Lucy nor "La Cage Aux Folle. Blair and Emerson do not try to impersonate women; they really don't even try to hide the fact that they're men. They do act what it is to BE women, but not some DALLAS or DYNASTY or Madonna pseudo-women. Emerson, as the less pretty, older sister, L. Mother Courage with a twisted mind: his dumpy, frumpy sister, sneaking peeks at Gary Cooper in a fan magazine and swirling that whip is feminism pushed into the dirty linen closet. Blair, with little, feminine moves while he's playing Madame, and curtseying de-

murely to the Master on the telephone, is every Gidget with a dirty secret. To-

gether, they are The Maids From Hell and a terrific advertisement for effi-
ciency apartments and robots.

All three performances could eas-
ily 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 ghastly and the
unimagined unimaginable, playing it right on the edge is the only way to go.
With Blair and Emerson veering be-

tween high camp and the tragic,
Bergeron's broad, brittle, careless Ma-
dame balances the play. The sisters have a-o-n-g Genetic set pieces - he felt that the more one wrote he more understand.

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Women's theatre ensemble established in Portland

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

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

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

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

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

Available on compact disc and cassette, the project was recorded in the acoustic splendor of historic Jordan Hall by noted engineer Scott Kent and has been released on the AFAK label. Guest artists for the recording include Boston Symphony Orchestra Pianist Piers Ferguson Smith (in Susa's A Winter Serenade) and the Capital Brass (in Jeffrey Brody's Psalm 150). Funding for the project was provided, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and by the Alfred Nash Patterson Foundation for the Choral Arts.

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

Music Director Robert Barney stated, "I'm proud of what a unique offer-
fing this CD is. It is a musically sig-
ificant contribution to the choral mu-

sic field as well as an important doc-
ument about what the gay and lesbian choral movement has accomplished. As a community chorus, we tackled ex-

tremely difficult music and met the chal-


enge with flying colors." Chorus Presi-

dent, John Strumwasser, a BGMC singer since the very first rehearsal, stated, "Doing a recording is something we have talked about for years, but we wanted to wait until the time was right so we could produce something of real quality. The disc will help us increase our visibility in new ways."

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

Founded in February, 1982, the ac-

claimed Boston Gay Men's Chorus has matured into an innovative 90-voice, community-based chorus committed to musical excellence. Under Robert Barney's direction, the BGMC enhances the cultural richness of Boston and New England and provides a positive and af-

firming image of the gay and lesbian community. The Chorus is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), an international or-

organization of over 125 men's, women's, and mixed-voice choruses. ΔΔ

Left to right: Skip Emerson (Solange) and David Blair ( Claire). Vintage Repertory Company's production of Jean Genet's "The Maids." Photo by Joe Ciminnet.
The Lesbian Lounge Lizards played one of their last shows together at First Parish Church in Portland, October 1. I can't think of a better venue than a church for the duo's showcase of zany comedy numbers and snappy songs, which included many "lesbianized" versions of oldies such as "A Few of My Favorite Things" and some Zoe Lewis originals. And, I might add, Julie Wheeler sporting a black, slinky lounge dress is a sight to behold. Lewis and Julie Wheeler have been playing together for about four years, and have decided to call it quits in order to pursue other things. They have a big following in both Provincetown and Northampton, Massachusetts where both have lived. Their act is legendary in many lesbian music circles although they never actually released an album.

Those of us who have seen the Lesbian Lounge Lizards 'retire'.

By Aimsel L. Ponti

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

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

CPR: Why women first?

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

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

TH: Yes, some people have, but no one has actually said anything to me, which is surprising. I got a more critical response from people at Hampshire and from anti-pornographic people than I have here. Everybody here has been very supportive of my work. It's been quite a relief.

CPR: How does being a lesbian affect your work?

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

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

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

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Artist Profile: Tanja Alexia Hollander

By Landon Smith

Tanja Alexia Hollander has teamed up with Jessica Tomlinson to present, "2 ohe production co." Together with painter Brett Chenoweth, they have opened "The Dead Space Gallery" located on Avon Street in Portland. This gallery would fall under the heading, "very alternative," when compared to Portland's mainstream art community. Their first exhibit is, "Sexy American Self-Portrait," which opened along with the gallery on October 8. Hollander began her photography career in her junior year at Portland's Deering High School. After high school she attended The Portland School of Art and Hampshire College in Massachusetts. I asked her why she chose Portland to open The Dead Space Gallery. She replied that Portland is desperately in need of an alternative gallery.

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

ON REVIEW: An evening of song with 3 DIVAS

By Alexander Wallace

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

"Who would go?", I wondered. Not even me, ordinarily. Not that I dislike theatre art songs, it's just that having seen and heard most of the original performances going back to Gertrude Lawrence in the original "Lady in The 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 breathtaking, 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 ingenuous to Hermione Gingold without a miss-step.

Marie Pressman, soignee 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, 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 triumphed with aplomb far beyond her years exhibiting an innate understanding of Weill's anti-fascist, "Three Penny Opera." Attired in a militaristic black leather trench-coat, James covered the lot with enthusiastic aplomb. With a bravura performance of "They Say" (from "Lady In The Dark") was more beautifully sung than Gertrude Lawrence's version, but then, Lawrence only had charm, not James' voice.

And speaking of encores: while Edward Reichert played Sondheim's classic "Send In The Clowns," each of the "3 Divas" encored HERS encore, contrapuntally and in three-part harmony! It was one of the most awesome, breathtaking 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 Yeston and basically Weill. Without drawing any attention away from the women, Reichert anchored the evening with a seemingly effortless, thoroughly artful, professional musicalism.

While "3 Divas" may be gone by the time you read this, Reichert is planning more musical comedy. If you see the name, GO!
Augusta native named Mr. Gay All-American

WATERVILLE: John Reny, 29, of Augusta, was named Mr. Gay All-American 1995 at the Round-Up Salon on September 18 in Dallas, Texas. A 1989 graduate of the University of Maine and a national known figure, Reny was named the first Mr. Gay All-American.

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 all across the country. Reny, who envisions 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 Krusie, Inc. symbol of excellence since 1972. For information on bookings and other questions, contact Gib Hauersperger, National Coordinator, 400 North University, Penthouse D, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, 501-666-2231 or Gay@hrc.arkansas.edu.

As Mr. Gay All-American 1995, Reny seeks to become a national spokes person for AIDS related and gay service organizations dealing with awareness, response and action. He also intends to continue his volunteer work for local, state and national organizations dealing with gay human rights issues.

Krackerjack Theater brings live theater for children back to Portland

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

December will find an adaptation of the classic O. Henry short story “The Gift of the Magi.” One of the KTC’s most requested plays, the tale details how a young couple discovers the true spirit of giving - a part of the Magi. One of the KTC’s most requested plays, the tale details how a young couple discovers the true spirit of giving - a part of the Magi.

From Japan, “The Singing Turtle” will be presented by two actors wearing replicas of traditional Japanese Noh style masks. Basic themes of hard work, duty, honesty and honor will be portrayed. 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 Empress’s Nightingale,” is based on the fable by Hans Christian Andersen. This participation piece allows the audience to become part of the scene and play the parts of the people of China. Opening on March 25, 1995, performances will take place four consecutive Saturdays until April 15, 1995.

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

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 on November 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at 8:00 PM at The Cave, 30 Forest Avenue, Portland. Admission is $5 and no reservations are necessary. Richard O’Brien is director.

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

Says Director Richard O’Brien, “I see Savage/Love as an exploration of the difficulties of love for those on the margins of the popular culture as well as the majority. By placing widely disparate elements of desire side-by-side, commonalities emerge. Prostitution, 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. They were going to offer a similar 4 coupon program aimed at college students who want to come home for school vacations.

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

Finally, for those with a dream of traveling around the world, several of the larger international airlines, Delta, United, Northwest, Air France, etc. offer an "Around the World" fare. I recently did one of these tickets for a client and it cost him $3899 for a Business Class ticket that took her around the world. These tickets are very flexible. You can make as many stopovers as you want and stay as long as you want, but you have to plan out your trip and book definite dates for each leg. The rules state 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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Paul Bernard

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AIDS service organizations in Maine.

There was a bit of a chill in the air and a few sprinkles fell, but they did nothing to dampen the spirit of the more than 450 people who walked in the Portland AIDS Walk. Participants were treated to tidbits of entertainment by local theatre companies while gathering at the gym of Cheverus High School prior to step-off time. Fresh fruit, juices and baked goods were plentiful thanks to donations from various businesses and individuals. Ed Suslovic, Chair of the 1994 Maine AIDS Walk in Portland did a great job in organizing this fund-raising event.

As of the first week in November, $36,658.55 has been raised in the southern Maine area. Tremblay said this amount "is a 64% increase" in funds raised from this event. Added Tremblay, "This year's Walk was the most successful in the event's five year history! Thank you to everyone who participated with their time in organizing and working hard to insure a successful day. Thanks to those who walked and to those who gave money, and to the volunteers who did countless other tasks without anyone even knowing about it. ΔΔ

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Freetport: Sister Creations
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Rockland: Mr. Paperback
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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 form 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 unmoving. The majority upheld the Denver District Court which ruled that Amendment 2 had fenc ed 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 have led 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 would possibly face the voters, November 1995. Concerned Maine Families (CMF), led by Carolyn Cosby, anticipated the decision 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 vote that this trick will stand up in court, though everyone knows her efforts are identical to those so soundly crushed by the Colorado Supreme Court. Stay tuned. ΔΔ
Building Inclusive Community group ready for fall season

By: Nina R. Mollicone, Contributor

Building Inclusive Community (BIC), the Lewiston-Auburn based lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered group, kicked off its fall schedule on October 21 at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center. Karen Geraghty, President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance and 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 the bill in 1993, but Governor McKernan vetoed it.

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

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. ΔΔ

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

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

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Call for Justice Hotline

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

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

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

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

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FAMILY VALUES

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

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

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

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

IN RETROSPECT

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

"I'm not real clear on what I can do anymore," said R. Gagnon. "What can I do without the support of the community? And my other personal question is, do I want to? Am I interested in pursuing this goal that the majority of the gay and lesbian community in Lewiston did not get behind and support?" I tried being educational to my gay brothers and lesbian sisters, I tried being confrontational, I tried being sweet, I tried everything, and to no avail."

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

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

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

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

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

PARTING SHOT

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

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

Fear is what immobilizes people, it keeps them quiet, keeps them uninvolved, and uninterested in even casting a ballot for their own civil rights, said Welch. "We're not in a field of feelings that were all as intense as they were when two out of three people in Lewiston voted 'YES' for fear, we arrived at the big question: Is any anti-discrimination law even possible in Lewiston, and if it is, would the remnant of EPL do it all over again? One by one, they responded."

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