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"Principled and Civil Debate" . . .
or Undercover Hate?

The characterization of Governor King as "Looking Faggy" again highlights the difference between CMF's call for "principled and civil debate" and their private bigotry. This disparity was made clear in CPR's last issue in which we reported Jonathan Malmude, Professor at St. Joseph's College and Advisor to CMF, as saying, "Have a great day, punch out a gay!"

This is the complete drawing of "The Great Train Robbery," by John Lockman, brother of CMF's Vice-chairman, Lawrence Lockman.


The Watershed Workshop for People with AIDS

by Skip Brushaber

The Watershed Workshop for People with AIDS is held every summer at the Watershed Center located in North Edgecomb, Maine. It was established in 1991 as an eight-day residency program for persons with HIV/AIDS to work in clay. The program is coordinated by Lynn Duryea, a ceramic artist, and D. Mackenzie Harris, PhD, a psychotherapist.

The cost of the week long session is $375 per person which includes room and board, all studio time, materials, and firing expenses. The program is supervised by two full time facilitators. Scholarships are available.

The summer studio is located in a former brick factory and it is open twenty four hours throughout the session. The Center is located on thirty rolling rural acres surrounded by farms, nature conservancy land, and the Sheepscot River.

This year, in addition to the regular June workshop, a second week has been scheduled for August. The second week was added because of the growth and popularity of the workshop over the past four years.

The Watershed Workshop stresses both the creative and the healing process. The program brochure states that "No prior experience with clay is necessary, but a 'demonstrated interest' in creative work is." Working in clay and creating objects of art which may exist long after the artist is gone from this life,

See WATERSHED, page 23

MWD vs. CMF --
Face off in Augusta

The Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature held a public hearing, May 2, to hear comments on CMF's anti-gay referendum. Maine Won't Discriminate had over 600 supporters. Concerned Maine Families had perhaps 60. Cosby told reporters, before the hearing began, that MWD's people were from out of state. Cosby's Virginia lawyer stood nearby.

More photos on pages 4-5
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FUND-RAISERS FOR MWD
Saturday, May 20th:
8:00 AM-4:00 PM - Yard Sale, 42 Clark St. Portland. Rain or shine!
Dance with live music, 8:00-11:00 pm, Brunswick Recreation Center, Federal St. Music by Dixieland jazz band, 6 Basin Street. $10 donation (or less, if unable to pay) at door. Sponsored by Brunswick Area chapter NOW and Maine branch Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Sunday, May 21st:
Maine’s finest female impersonators in a production of "We Are Family." Featuring Lexi Love and guests from all over the state! An all day affair at CITI, 145 Kennebec Street, Portland, 207/772-JOYY. Kick-off beer bash and BBQ at 4:00 pm. Tickets are $7 in advance, $10 at the door available at Katahdin, Drop Me A Line, MWD Campaign Headquarters.

Tuesday, June 6th:
Bonnie Raitt Concert - Arrangements have been made with the artist for special Golden Circle Seating and private Artist's Reception with Bonnie Raitt to benefit MWD. For more information and tickets, call 1-800-761-1788.

Sunday, June 18th:
Auction at Temple Beth El in Augusta beginning at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, June 25th:
Concert with Susan Savell and Janet Hood from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, Portland.

For more information about this and/or other fund-raisers, call the MWD office at 1-800-761-1788 in the Portland area.

The Pride Corner
Pride Weekend - June 16-18

by Michael Rossetti

"Another lost weekend." That's what some national political's called last year's Stonewall Celebration in New York City. We had the first March on Washington in the late 70's, followed by ridicule and a continuation of federal hiring bans. We had the 1988 March on Washington along with the Hardwick decision which stated that no-one had a constitutional right to privacy. We had the 1993 March on Washington and we got "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." We had the Stonewall Global Celebration in 1994, and ended up with the International Lesbian and Gay Association losing its United Nation's consultative status AND the biggest rejection of progressive politics in the U.S. since Reagan's election. National marches, politically, pose no pretty picture of successes.

But one needs only look to the first Pride marches in New York to see what Pride celebrations, which are after all, what the National Marches are, really accomplish.

The first march in New York to commemorate Stonewall was in 1970, starting a chain of controversy and healthy organizing which only served to benefit their community. The debates that followed, year after year, about the images of celebrants in drag or leather, as we've experienced in Maine, began to build confidence for various factions of the community. The battles with City Hall to go from side streets to the prestigious route of Fifth Avenue, as well as other matters, helped to bring a broad field of otherwise hostile factions together in an annual campaign. Ultimately, New York's annual commemoration of Stonewall focuses the New York lavender community in one time and one place like no other event.

Pride is a chance for renewal and focus for our community. Here in Portland, if all goes as planned for 1995, we will demonstrate how Pride focuses the community for growth, rather than being a political demonstration.

Our events attempt to involve all elements of our community. The Friday night, June 16, PieR Dance will be our feature fund-raiser following the rally at City Hall. Smaller events, like the Women’s Chem-free Tea or the Payson Park Pet Picnic or Movie Night or the Canoe Brunch will help round a full week. Pride Day will start with an Interfaith Service which will feature some of Maine's most prominent religious leaders. The Parade and Blockparty on Saturday, June 17, will be an event to remember. The Festival following includes music, crafts, the Names Quilt display, a vintage auto exhibit, awards, and a show by Maine Gay Visual Artists.

All organized groups and all floats/automobiles must register for the Parade for instructions and safety concerns. Parade lineup positions are by first come, first serve. The registration form requests a donation to help share the costs of the insurance, parking, permits and police. To register please call Richard at 207-871-9946.

For any other events, members of the Pride Committee are able to be of assistance. For general information or to discuss any Pride related matter, please call the Director for Pride, Michael at 871-9940. For Vendor applications call Deb at 871-0154. The Pier Dance is $5 admission and you must be 21 or over. For further information, call Scott at 874-0635. Ticket sales to the Maine Gay Men’s Chorus Concert on Pride Day, with special guests, The Flirtations, may be purchased at the State Theater Office. 879-1112.

Above all, volunteers are greatly needed. Our volunteer coordinator has a list of tasks for every event, and can counsel you on finding a job that fits your interests. To volunteer call Sheldon at 871-1650.

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CMF's desire to encourage fear and hatred amongst and between Maine's handicapped, elderly, racial and homosexual communities. Even though it has never been shown that granting equal rights to one group denies equal rights to any other group, Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson of CMF continues to spread this particular lie in hopes of gaining support for her anti-equal rights amendment.

These other cartoons are earlier attempts by the Lockmans to play on the divisive theme of pitting the handicapped and the elderly against homosexuals. It also should be noted that several months ago, Lawrence Lockman wrote letters to the "Portland Press Herald" denouncing J1 reference in the "Maine Times" characterizing Cosby as the "Big Bitch." Apparently characterizing the Governor as a homophobe.

White House to meet with gay and lesbian elected officials - June 13

WASHINGTON, DC.- For the first time in history, the White House has scheduled a meeting with gay and lesbian elected officials. According to San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal, the liaison between the Administration and gay and lesbian elected officials, the meeting will be held at the White House on Tuesday, June 13. "This much-awaited meeting will give gay and lesbian officials the opportunity to provide input to the Administration and to discuss with Administration officials issues of common concern," says Leal. On the morning before the meeting, the gay elected officials will meet with key legislators.

Elected by popular vote, openly gay and lesbian officials epitomize the strides that the gay and lesbian community has made towards dispelling anti-gay stereotypes and achieving political equality. "We have spent the past two years laying the groundwork for this unprecedented event," said Leal, "and now, to paraphrase Harvey Milk, we will give the American people the chance to judge us by our own leaders, and by our own legislators." Among 32 Victory Fund winners invited to the meeting are Supervisor Leal, U.S. Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, and Rhode Island Senator Will Fitzpatrick.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is assisting Supervisor Leal in convening this meeting and established a scholarship fund for those openly gay elected officials who could not otherwise be part of this ground-breaking event.

NOTICE
Support for advocates of lesbian and gay civil rights

"Winnie! Could you please get this in the next issue of CPR? You and your staff are in the trenches and we hope you'll join us!" This note, signed by Vivian Wadas, was on an announcement from the Womenspace Counseling Center.

The facts are these: Starting Thursday, June 1, 1995, and on every following Thursday night until the referendum vote, from 7:00-8:30 pm, Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Avenue, Portland, Maine, will offer an on-going, drop-in, facilitated support group, free of charge, for anyone who is working to support civil rights for lesbians and gays.

The women offering this support group explain that, "Fighting oppression is hard work. Sometimes the stress and strain of confronting discrimination, righting wrongs, advocating for those who are not yet able to advocate for themselves, takes a toll on us. Even supporters need support.

"Womenspace Counseling Center recognizes the wonderful work that those of you in the front trenches are doing for all of us and would like to thank you by offering you a safe, caring space to unwind, vent frustrations, tell your stories, get nurtured before going back to the battle.

The Community Pride Reporter encourages those engaged in the struggle for equal rights to take advantage of this generous offer. For more information call either co-facilitator: Vivian Wadas, 774-2403 or Joanne Clary, 871-0377.

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State Senator Dale McCormick said, “The question is should I be fired from a job solely because I’m a lesbian?” That’s what this referendum would do. McCormick read a letter from Governor Angus King to the Judiciary Committee in which he said the referendum is wrong, that it is not Maine values. He concluded by saying, “I will be speaking against this referendum and I urge you to do likewise.”

State Representative Fred Richardson (D) Portland, member of the Judiciary committee predicted a 9-4 vote against CMF which means the initiative would most likely go to referendum in November with a legislative recommendation to the people of “ought not to pass.”

Pat Ryan, Executive Director of the Maine Human Rights Commission, said, “Make no mistake... this measure makes it legal to discriminate.” She also pointed out that if L.D. 310 passes, the poor and children will suffer because they will be subject to discrimination.

Paul Madore, Chairman of the Citizen’s Committee for the Repeal of Special Rights in Lewiston, and failed Maine House candidate, said that an anti-discrimination law for homosexuals would mean that other people’s right of freedom of association would be taken away.

Andrew Ketterer, Maine Attorney General rose to speak against Cosby’s referendum. He said, “In my view, in a democracy, we are only safe when all of us are safe, not just some of us. What each of us wants is the freedom to be left alone and the freedom to be who we are.”

Kathryns Weare, owner of the Cliff House in Ogunquit, Maine said, “My first ancestor came to Maine in 1640 to escape persecution... when you have discrimination you do not have opportunity... It is simply and totally intolerable for the state of Maine to set itself apart from the rest of the world... business and hospitality community by entertaining this referendum and urge you to vote no.”

Mike Heath, Executive Director of the Christian Civic league, also criticized Lockman’s attack on Assistant Attorney General, Steve Wessler. Heath said, “I have met with Steve Wessler many times and I found him to be an honest representative of the Attorney General’s office and I do not believe for a second that he is the man represented here earlier.” To further underline the rift between Heath’s Christian Civic League (CCL) and Cosby’s Concerned Maine Families, Heath said, “Until now we have been alone in our (CCL’s) defense of traditional morality on this issue (equal rights) we are pleased to now be joined by Concerned Maine Families.” Cosby has insisted that she lead the fight against gays. She and Heath stood on opposite sides of the room and did not speak to each other.

Photos by Bruce Balloni Processing by Everett Horr
Studio 101
(Exceptions: Dale McCormick and Michael Heath photos)
Lawrence Lockman, Vice-Chairman and brother of cartoonist John Lockman, accused the Attorney General's office and Steve Wessler, Assistant Attorney General of creating false anti-gay hate crime statistics. Lockman said, "The highest law enforcement office in the state is not telling the truth." Lockman spoke derisively. He said there is no crisis of anti-gay violence in Maine only a crisis of credibility in the AG's office.

Michael Schools, Board member of CMF and Director of All Catholics for Truth (ACT) said he didn’t want to be there, that he was “deeply grieved” to announce that, “a representative of the Bishop of Maine plans to testify in opposition to CMF’s initiative.” To Schools chagrin the crowd erupted with applause and cheers.

Dennis Daigle, CMF’S “Liaison for Handicapped & Minority Affairs” spoke at the hearing. He also writes the newsletter, “The Christian Observer,” which was distributed at the hearing. The first story was, “Volle’s claim in ‘gay press untrue.” Daigle was referring to CPR’s story last issue in which we reported Paul Volle, head of Maine’s Christian Coalition, saying that the National Christian Coalition did not support CMF’s referendum. Daigle said the National does support CMF. He has since admitted he is wrong. They do not. Daigle also named Volle, “Bimbo of the Month” because “Paul Volle has come out in support of the gays and against CMF’s referendum.” Daigle is wrong all around. CPR told Daigle that Volle does not support an equal rights amendment for homosexuals and he intends to vote for the referendum even though he thinks it’s unconstitutional. Daigle said he would not retract the “Bimbo of the Month” designation and he would not say why. CPR tried to reach Paul Volle for comment but he was out of town. Paul’s wife, Caroline Volle, said, “It’s Cosby’s work.”

Cosby congratulates Bruce Fein, her Virginia lawyer, after his presentation to the committee. Many in the crowd waved watches to indicate that Fein was speaking too long. Judiciary Committee Chairman, Peter Mills (R) Skowhegan interrupted Fein suggesting he submit his remarks in writing. Steve Whiting is at right, he is Cosby’s Portland lawyer.

State Senator Joel Abromson (R) Portland said, “I urge you as strongly as I can that you unanimously report out L.D.310 (the referendum) “ought not to pass.”” Abromson delivered an impassioned defense of freedom citing his visits to the concentration camps of Poland and Germany where he learned that homosexuals as well as Jews, were murdered. Abromson equated the legitimizing of discrimination by Cosby’s L.D. 310 with Germany’s Nuremberg Laws of 1935 which legitimized discrimination against Jews. He concluded by saying, “I look forward to the demise of L.D. 310, to the defeat of the referendum put forth by Concerned Maine Families and to joining forces in a bipartisan coalition to pass Maine’s Equal Rights law in the next (legislative) session.”

Support for “Maine Won’t Discriminate” comes from all quarters.
Malmude quote generates controversy

by Bruce Balboni

"Have a great day; Punch out a gay!" So said Jonathan Malmude, Professor at St. Joseph's College and a member of the Board of Advisors for Concerned Maine Families (CMF). CPR reported this statement in its April/May 1995 issue. In the wake of this report, there has been a flurry of faxing, memo writing and letter sending on the part of St. Joseph's, Malmude and CMF.

Malmude's efforts at damage control may have proven fruitless however. Malmude was notably absent from the May 2 Augusta Civic Center public hearing on L.D. 310 (the anti-equal rights referendum question). Also, at SJC's retirement dinner for outgoing college president, Loring Hart many people preferred to stand rather than sit with Malmude.

CPR has decided to print all of the correspondence generated by our initial report. These include an apology from President Hart (right), a memo written by Malmude, a letter written by Cosby and CPR's response letter.

INTER-OFFICE MEMO
To: My Colleagues
From: Jonathan Malmude, History Department
Date: May 1, 1995
Subject: Message to my Colleagues

Please be advised that I hereby condemn the unscrupulous and unprincipled attack made upon myself and St. Joseph's College, led by Bruce Balboni, the writer-editor of the Community Pride Reporter, dated, "My Colleagues," dated, May 1, 1995. We feel it necessary to respond to several points raised in these letters.

Not only did Bruce Balboni print false allegations against me, he also encouraged a barrage of hostile communications, directed at me and the College, through his focus on my position as a history professor at a traditional Catholic college. One of the messages left on my machine was: "I am not surprised to find a homophobic Jew-bastard teaching at a Catholic college."

Bruce Balboni and the Community Pride Reporter have practiced irresponsible journalism by promoting a campaign of defamation in an attempt to silence my political voice and politically pressure Catholic higher education in Maine.

How far these people will go in their intimidating efforts, toward a greater use of pressure tactics and the fabrication of allegations or evidence, remains to be seen. Any effort to frighten people into compliance with an imposed political view ought to be seen for what it is and condemned by all.

CAROLYN COSBY'S LETTER
April 29, 1995
Dr. Loring Hart
President
Saint Joseph College
Standish, Maine

Dear Dr. Hart,

As you may know, Dr. Malmude is an Advisor to the Concerned Maine Families' Board, a vocal spokesman for CMF's referendum, and a well-known commentator on various public policy issues in Maine and the U.S.A.

Please be informed that the current attack upon Dr. Malmude, Concerned Maine Families, and those associated with this excellent man may be coming from an individual who stole documents from my personal office, may have altered them and provided such materials to CMF's opposition, and may now be engaged in an ultimately foolish and futile game of political deception, disinformation, and character assassination.

I hope this insight into the current, disturbing situation may be helpful to Saint Joseph's College, a fine institution with high ideals and a wonderful regard for ethics, social betterment, and academic freedom.

Incidentally, may I recommend for your reading the excellent opinion piece by Dr. Malmude just published in today's, April 28, 1995 Press Herald newspaper: "Maine's Civil Rights System Must Serve the Neediest First."

Finally, my best wishes to you in your retirement. Certainly you have had a proud and fruitful career, including your tenure at Saint Joseph's. God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Carolyn H.T. Cosby
Chairman, Concerned Maine Families

CPR'S RESPONSE
May 8, 1995
Dr. Loring Hart, President
Saint Joseph College
278 Whites Bridge Road
Standish, Maine 04084

Dear Dr. Hart,

We are in receipt of Carolyn Cosby's letter addressed to you, dated April 29, 1995, and, Jonathan Malmude's inter-office memo, addressed to, "My Colleagues," dated, May 1, 1995. We feel it necessary to respond to several points raised in these letters.

First, however, we would like to comment on the hysterical tone of Mr. Malmude's memo. In our April/May issue of the "Community Pride Reporter," (CPR) we quote a nine word statement made by Malmude. He is quoted as saying, "Have a great day. Punch out a gay." Malmude characterizes our quoting him as, "an unscrupulous and unprincipled attack made upon myself and St. Joseph's College."

Malmude is not St. Joseph's College, nor is he Catholic higher education. Nowhere in the article in question do we mention St. Joseph's College (or Catholic higher education), except to
identify who Malmude is. Malmude, himself, uses his status as a professor at St. Joseph's to enhance his credibility when making statements on behalf of Concerned Maine Families (CMF). He does this in violation of St. Joseph's Faculty Handbook, Section 6.2.1.h, a fact made known to us by you, in your letter to CPR, dated April 28, 1995.

In the second paragraph of Malmude's memo, he denies that he made the statement and adds, "I refuse to dignify any attack being made on Catholic higher education. We submit that Malmude is trying to use his status at St. Joseph's to protect himself from the consequences of his own statements.

As for the veracity of the statement — there is absolutely no doubt that Malmude made this statement, "Have a great day, Punch out a gay." If he did not make this statement, he can take appropriate legal action. He knows that the statement is true and he knows we have a witness who will testify in court that it is true.

In the third paragraph, Malmude states, "he (Bruce Balboni) also encouraged a barrage of hostile communications, directed at me and the College, through his focus on my position as a history professor at a traditional Catholic College." It is Malmude who focuses on his position at St. Joseph's, and further, we are not responsible for the consequences of what Malmude says — he is.

In Malmude's fourth paragraph, he states that we have practiced irresponsible journalism. On the contrary, it is our duty to point out the difference between CMF's public position, which claims to be "civil and principled," and their private bigotry. We are not necessarily trying to silence the likes of Malmude and his ilk, but if that is the effect, then we've done our job. As for pressuring Catholic higher education — what more can be said on this absurd charge? Is Jonathan Malmude so egotistical that he equates himself with Catholic higher education?

Carolyn Cosby raises the issue of who our source is in her letter. The "individual" she refers to was not some insider as Cosby implies. The documents provided by this source were not stolen and they are accurate and unaltered. More importantly, the statement made by Malmude is not in a document. Again, if Cosby and Malmude say the statement is untrue, let them take the proper legal action.

Cosby also refers to Malmude's Op Ed piece in the "Portland Press Herald" April 28, 1995. This piece is another example of Malmude using his status as a professor at St. Joseph's College to enhance his credibility as a spokesperson for CMF. We might add, by the way, that Bishop Gerry and the Catholic diocese in Maine opposes CMF's referendum.

We intend to report everything we can about Concerned Maine Families and its members. We will do this unrepentantly and without apology. These people are attempting to deny basic human rights to homosexuals. It is the duty of this newspaper and, beyond that, of every freedom-loving person to oppose them.

We stand by our story one hundred percent.

Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor
Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor
cc: Mr. David Putnam, Chair, Board of Overseers
Sr. Bernadette, Secretary to the President
Sr. Mary Ellen, Dean of the College
Patricia Sparkes, Dean of Distance Education
Sr. Mary de La Salle, Professor of History
Dr. Jonathan Malmude
Ms. Carolyn Cosby, Chair, Concerned Maine Families

The Dennis Adams, Sinn Fein President
SINN FEIN HEAD SUPPORTS INCLUSIVITY
A spokesperson for Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, in Portland to kick off his American Fund-Raising Campaign, said that Sinn Fein supports a policy of inclusivity for all peoples in Ireland. "We can't push for inclusivity in the Peace Process and start excluding people," The spokesperson said. "Inclusivity means everyone, period." President Adams praised the people of Portland, Maine and President Clinton as instrumental in the fight for peace in Ireland. ΔΔ

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AROUND THE STATE

by Malcolm Smith

PRESQUE ISLE—A month after allegedly assaulting a fellow college student and being charged under Maine's Hate Crimes Law, a Patten man has signed a consent decree promising no further harassment of people because of sexual orientation.

Expelled Northern Maine Technical College student Robert L. Tozier, 35, allegedly attacked a homosexual student, referred to by officials only as "John Doe," earlier this year. After failing to provoke Doe into a fight, Tozier allegedly threw him on a desk and started choking him.

Doe was a friend of Tozier's roommate. The decree also prohibits Tozier from the school grounds.

AUGUSTA — The legislature began hearings last month on a bill submitted by the Maine Attorney General's office designed to improve the protection of women's reproductive rights.

"As the recent events in Oklahoma City tragically demonstrate, we live in a time where extreme political and social passions on occasion erupt into extreme and unthinkable violence," said Stephen L. Wessler, an assistant attorney general. "In the context of the violence and extremism that has taken place elsewhere, this bill is a victory for dialogue, consensus and, most importantly non-violence."

The bill, discussed April 26 in the Judiciary Committee, is the result of a continuing forum that includes the Maine Pro-Choice Coalition, the Maine Pro-Life Coalition, as well as the attorney's general office. During previous forum debate the scope of the proposed bill was widened to prohibit various activities that interfered with anyone's civil rights.

Under the bill, it would be illegal to obstruct building entrances, make repeated disruptive phone calls, set off smoke bombs, or make noises, after being warned by a police officer, that endangered the delivery of health care.

Opponents of the bill said it violated the rights of free speech and freedom of assembly.

More legislative workshops are planned.

ORONO — A student in Orono was fired from his school's radio station after making controversial comments during a broadcast.

Twenty-year old University of Maine senior Peter Cross's March 25th show consisted of a parody of F. Lee Bailey's questioning of Det. Mark Fuhrman's use of the word "nigger," and talk of Greg Louganis' HIV status, Jeff Tardif, station manager of WMEB told the "Bangor Daily News."

"There were racial, sexual and homophobic comments that weren't 'prudent' for WMEB broadcasting," Tardif said.

Cross said he did not want to insult anyone, but understood how people might have been offended.

"I know a lot of gay people and I have a couple of gay friends," Cross said. "We weren't making fun of Louganis because he's gay."

He said the Louganis material was criticism of the driver's decision to conceal his illness after his Olympic diving accident.

The station voluntarily shut down for a week rather than risk Federal Communications Commission discipline after a listener sent that agency a copy of the broadcast. ΔΔ

AROUND THE NATION

NEW YORK — A federal judge ruled President Clinton's controversial, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," military policy unconstitutional last month, setting the way for a possible Supreme Court challenge.

"To presume from a person's status that he or she will commit undesirable acts is an extreme measure," U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson wrote in his March 30 opinion. "Hitler taught the world what could happen when the government began to target people not for what they had done but because of their status."

Beatrice Dohn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, wanted active duty gays that the ruling was just the first step in the legal battle.

"We don't want people to read the paper and think they can come out tomorrow," she said.

The ruling applies only to the one female and five male service members involved in the lawsuit. Nickerson called the policy "Orwellian," and said it violated free speech and equal protection rights. He said the government failed to prove its key argument that the status alone could harm unit cohesion.

The government will appeal the March ruling.

"We believe the challenged policy is constitutional, and we remain committed to defend it," Carl Streim, Justice Department spokesman said after the ruling.

RICHMOND, VA. — The Virginia Supreme Court dealt a blow to a mother's custody fight for her son last month when it ruled the child would suffer "social condemnation" because of the mother's sexual orientation.

"We have previously said that living daily under conditions stemming from active lesbianism practiced in the home may impose a burden upon a child by reason of the 'social condemnation' attached to such an arrangement," Justice A. Christian Compton wrote in the April 21 decision. "We do not retreat from that statement; such a result is likely under these facts."

The justices overturned an appellate decision that private sexual conduct was not grounds for custody, which was the original reason Sharon Bottoms lost custody of her 3-year-old son Tyler Doustou to her mother, Kay Bottoms.

The high court also cited other reasons for their 4-3 ruling, including "difficulty controlling her temper." The elder Bottoms said her daughter neglected the baby.

An American Civil Liberties Union attorney said the court "relied on unsubstantiated allegations by the grandmother" as to Bottom's fitness, and ignored testimony portraying Bottom's role as a loving mother.

The younger Bottoms was awarded visitation rights for one night a week, but not at the home shared with Bottom's partner, April Wade, who is not allowed to see the child.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on arguments over the right of a homosexual group to march in a Boston parade versus the free-speech rights of the parade's sponsor.

The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston said their exclusion from the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade violates a state law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Forced inclusion violated the organizer's free speech rights because the Irish-American group's message did not agree with the parade's traditional religious and social values, Chester Darling, lawyer for the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, told the court during the April 25 hearing.

LEIGH, N.C. — During remarks at a North Carolina hearing on April 20, a state lawmaker said that women who are raped cannot get pregnant.

"The facts show that people who are raped — who are truly raped — the juices don't flow," Republican Rep. Henry Aldridge said while addressing North Carolina's House Appropriations Committee. "Medical authorities agree that this is a rarity, if ever."

Aldridge's comments came as he was trying to apologize for previous remarks implying victims of rape or incest were sexually promiscuous.

CINCINNATI, OH. — On May 12, a federal appeals court reinstated a voter-approved amendment to the City Charter denying gays special protection against discrimination. The court ruled that sexual orientation is not "an identifiable class" worthy of inclusion in the city's human rights ordinance. Further, the court contended that a federal judge misconstrued legal precedents when he rejected the amendment. ΔΔ
THE VAPORIZATION OF DENIAL:
AIDS as cultural analysis

By John Holburn, HIV Prevention Education Supervisor, The AIDS Project

From a strictly theoretical, if still unrecognized, point of view, the goal of HIV education is to prevent the transmission of an emerging virus which kills indiscriminately. But cultural assumptions generally begin with, and often rarely go beyond, rubber stamping the latest news update of the HIV epidemic with that most American of American dreams, EDUCATION = BEHAVIORAL CHANGE.

"If those people would just stop doing (whatever), well then this wouldn’t be happening. I mean, all they have to do is use some common sense and say no to (whatever). But what can you expect; they aren't like us anyway, are they? All we have to do is tell them to do (whatever) and IT will all just go away."

This sit-com approach to community denies a reality which clearly documents that motivation for change is more complicated than just saying, "NO!", that changing behavior is deeply rooted in changing cultural assumptions and healing painful personal issues. These assumptions and issues are the connective tissue which hold the body politic together, and this is the body in which HIV spreads most easily.

Since the HIV/AIDS epidemic began, the predominant transmission routes and the most affected populations have been highly charged with differing cultural values and diversity issues. Particularly in rural areas, the assumption to maintain by some has been, "HIV won't happen here, and if it does, it will happen to them, not to us. After all, aren't they getting what they deserve anyway?"

And yet, anyone who follows the HIV epidemic knows that the virus respects no one. It continues to spread through denial that we are all sexual beings. It spreads through silence and social disconnection. It spreads through poor individual self-worth where inner feelings of pain are regularly medicated by culturally affirmed activities and substances.

As we struggle to respond to the second decade of the epidemic, it is impossible to avoid the assumptions that HIV identifies and illuminates as silent, tending we by culturally affirmed activities and substances. Our cultural denial vaporizes, we face the HIV epidemic knows that the virus re­inforced cycle - of pain and low self-worth. The "thems" are us; we are all connected and there are limits to our knowledge, our resources, our economics, our power and control. That is the new American dream and that is the challenge we face together for the new millennium.

The screens of homophobia, religious judgment, anti-pleasure, anti-sex, racism and classism require the most conscious deconstruction to remove the cultural blinders which obscure the fundamental reality that low self-worth and pain in isolation are core elements in behaviors that medicate that pain, while often confirming and repeating feelings of low self-worth.

Without breaking this cultural re-inforced cycle - of pain and low self-worth being medicated through behavior, HIV will continue to spread across the landscape.

Effective HIV/AIDS prevention education will be easier, more effective, welcomed, even less needed when our fear based culture can change by restoring sexuality to a healthier and less shaming place in human activity. Positive elements of this new atmosphere could include:

- communicating effectively with family and friends
- seeking further information about sexuality as needed
- enjoying sexual feelings without necessarily acting upon them
- expressing love and intimacy in appropriate ways
- communicating and negotiating sexual limits
- communicating desires not to have sex and accept refusals to sex
- choosing to practice health promoting behaviors
- understanding the consequences of sexual activity
- talking with a partner about sexual activity before it occurs, including limits, contraceptive and condom use, and its meaning in the relationship
- When we all demystify, and affirm natural human needs for pleasure and sex by talking and teaching openly about anatomy, healthy physical activities, role modeling and mentoring healthy choices, then HIV/AIDS prevention education activities will become seeds falling on more fertile ground where healthy choices can be made from places of wholeness. When this happens, HIV will be stopped.

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EDITORIALS

... And Another Thing...

In fact that subject -- criticizing our own -- is one we deal with all the time. Many people apparently think that CPR is the newspaper of Maine Won't Discriminate -- well, it's not. Naturally we agree with the idea of equal rights for all but CPR is determined to maintain its independence from any and all organizations and individuals, friendly or otherwise.

For example, it is wonderful that Governor King is opposed to CMP's referendum, but in his letter to the Judiciary Committee, read by State Senator Dale McCormick, May 2, at the public hearing in Augusta, King said one of the chief reasons he opposes Cosby is because her referendum would take away local control. Local control is great when it goes your way and it sucks when it doesn't. The point is, no one can have it both ways. Local control is not the answer to equal rights and neither is state control. All of this electoral activity takes place because the Supreme Court of the United States will not step up to the plate and take the responsibility for stating the obvious -- no one's civil rights should be subject to popular vote.

In Solidarity,

Bruce Balboni

CPR MAIL BAG

Dear Editor,

I am appalled and amazed about the letter to the editor regarding the Maine Gay Men's Chorus in CPR's last issue are a most welcome sign.

Nothing else in this newspaper has elicited so much reaction from the community. Even though we stand by the review, it is refreshing to have people care enough about one of the gay community's most important cultural institutions that they would actually take time to write to CPR.

Just to clear the air a bit however, let's get one thing perfectly clear -- WE LOVE THE CHORUS!!! That doesn't mean that from time to time we won't criticize it, if we think that's what's accurate and reasonable.

The flurry of letters regarding the review and letter concerning the Maine Gay Men's Chorus in CPR's last issue are a most welcome sign.

Community Pride Reporter

Dear Editor-

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The Community Pride Reporter is printed on recycled paper using soy-based inks. This practice reflects our commitment to responsible use of our earth's resources. We welcome your comments.

May edition of CPR and really just wanted to send you all a big, wet, warm and sloppy kiss of admiration for the work you do. I thought the stories about Maine's Radical Right were simply great reporting. Bruce Balboni did an outstanding job on those enlightening articles. It had the kind of interviews that only CPR could do. I mean I just love the idea of CPR calling up Paul Volle and Mike Heath to ask them questions I am sure they would rather not be answering. Nice work, guys.

The review of the last Maine Gay Men's Chorus concert by Winnie Weir had just the right touch of disappointment without ripping the Chorus apart for its apparent amnesia concerning its own homosexuality during most of the first two-thirds of the concert. I love that Chorus, but the next time they do tunes form "West Side Story," how about sing - ing to "Mario" instead of "Maria." Just a thought.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know that I really appreciate the work that you do for all of us.

With much admiration,

Michael Martin

Dear Editor,

Recently while visiting friends in Portland, I had the good fortune to pick up a copy of The Community Pride Reporter. I was impressed with your magazine's commitment to the Commu-
by Skip Brushaber

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." — from "A Tale of Two Cities," by Charles Dickens

In our community, it is a time for anticipation and renewed commitment. With some trepidation at being labeled our recent heritage, large numbers of known fact is that when the death camps were liberated, the homosexual survi-

tors were turned over to the German authorities to be further incarcerated. How do we start building a strong community? We must give up our petty squabbles and try to accept ourselves with pride for who we are. We must also learn to accept ourselves with pride for who we are. Lesbian men exercising their white male privilege or separatist women labeling all men as oppressors will do nothing to stem the tide of homophobia. Racism, misogyny, male-bashing and ethnic intolerance have no place in our community.

We also need to stop reacting to the conservative right and calling them derogatory names. That may be a part of their tactics but we can be a power of example. Action does not have to lead to reaction. The "Washington Blade" ran an article last year covering a talk by Mary Hunt, a feminist theologian. In her talk she spoke about homosexual marriage and, that possibly, couples should reconsider accepting the heterosexual marriage norm. She goes on to state that lesbian and gay marriages may focus too much on the couple when it's time to be focusing on community. These marriages may help reinforce the myth that when you find Mrs. or Mr. Perfect, the relationship will last forever and you will be totally fulfilled. Hunt's solution is to create a world with community rather than with coupleshoot as the ultimate goal. So as a community, let us celebrate lovers, our friends, and our support networks as well.

Communication and mutual support are utmost to community building. Social and affinity groups which are all inclusive offer an opportunity for dialogue and help build a sense of belonging. Many people who belong to smaller groups within our community may feel a sense of isolation. We need to break down barriers which exist in our community if we are to remain a strong and viable political force. So write a letter to the editor, write an article, form a group, build an intentional family, volunteer your time, and most of all, bask in the glory that you are not alone. We have community.

Let us always remember as part of our recent heritage, large numbers of homosexuals died in the streets and the camps at the hands of the Nazis. Hence our symbol of liberation, freedom and pride — the pink triangle. A lesser known fact is that when the death camps were liberated, the homosexual survivors were not even recognized as a group and were turned over to the German authorities to be further incarcerated. How do we start building a strong community? We must give up our petty squabbles and try to accept ourselves with pride for who we are. Lesbian men exercising their white male privilege or separatist women labeling all men as oppressors will do nothing to stem the tide of homophobia. Racism, misogyny, male-bashing and ethnic intolerance have no place in our community.

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May - June, 1995

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Our Mission

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

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SYMPOSIUM XXI

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SYMPHONY 26-29, 1995
**MAY - JUNE '95 CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, May 17:**
- **6:30-8:30 PM** - Support group for adult female survivors of incest and/or childhood sexual abuse, offered by The Rape Crisis Center, free and confidential. Co-facilitated for eight consecutive Wednesdays in Portland. FMI & to register, Anne Marie at (207) 774-3613.
- **7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B)** - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

**Thursday, May 18:**
- **8:30 PM** - Kate Schrock with Dave Fields on drums and Ross on Bass, performing at CITI, 145 Kennebec St., Portland. Tickets $3. FMI, (207) 772-JOY.

**Friday thru Sunday, May 19-21:**
- **6th Northeast Regional Conference on Bisexuality at Northeastern University, Boston, MA.** Events include workshops, entertainers, erotic story telling, dance-party & more. Open to bi and bi-friendly people. FMI, (207) 774-2413.

**Friday, May 19:**
- **7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B)** - Northern Lambda Nord sponsor Women's Night at the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. Smoke/Chem Free. FMI, Sheila-(207) 764-7838.
- **7:30 PM** - Building Inclusive Community of Auburn sponsors "Spirituality, Religion and the Gay Community" a panel of religious and secular leaders. Unitarian Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn. Free admission.

**Saturday, May 20:**
- **8:00 AM-4:00 PM** - Benefit Yard Sale for MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE at 42 Clark St., Portland. Rain or shine.
- **9:00 AM-4:30 PM** - Cancer Screening Clinic for Lesbians. The Lesbian Health Project of So. Maine will provide lesbian and bisexual, knowledgeable practitioners who will offer the following cancer screening services: pelvic and breast exam; pap smear; information; referral. Location: Tri-County Health Services, Lewiston. FMI or to schedule an appointment (207) 772-2069.
- **8:00 PM** - Women in Harmony Concert. Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. Advance tix $10, door $12. FMI, 207/774-4990.
- **8:00 PM** - Pretty in Pink Prom where boys will be with boys and the women will be handsome. USM Student Center. Adv tix $6 indiv, $10 couple, door $7-512. FMI, 207/776-2413. Sponsored by Outright Portland.
- **8:00-11:00 PM** - MWD benefit sponsored by Brunswick Area NOW and Maine chapter, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Dance to the music of Dixieland jazz band, 6 Basin Street. Soft soled shoes only. Brunswick Recreation Center, Federal St. $10 donation (less is unable to pay). FMI, 729-5843.

**Sunday, May 21:**
- **1:00 PM** - Out Among Friends sponsored activity—walk. OAF is a lesbian support/discussion group. All women welcome at OAF activities. FMI, call (207) 846-5233.
- **3:00 PM** - Women in Harmony concert. Unitarian Church, Main St. in Kennebunk. FMI, call 207/774-4940.
- **4:00 PM** - Beer Bash and BBQ at CITI, 145 Kennebec St., Portland. Kicks off all day affair for MWD fund-raiser.
- **6:00 PM** - 12th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization Sunday hosted by NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Gather at Monument Square, light candles and march to St. Luke's Cathedral on State Street for memorial presentation of the AIDS Quilt, calling of NAMES, songs and music by local performing artists. Bring your own candle and a cup to shield flame from wind. FMI, 934-5055.

**Tuesday, May 23:**
- **7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B)** - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Wednesday, May 24:**
- **9:00 AM-4:00 PM** - Challenging the Radical Right, a workshop presented by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Leslie Kantor, national speaker and consultant, facilitator. Learn how to get involved in your community to ensure all rights are represented and respected. $75. FMI or to register, 1-800-488-9638.
- **7:00-9:00 PM (ME), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B)** - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

**Thursday, May 25:**
- **7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B)** - The Matlovich Society, Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland, presents "Long Term Relationships," a panel of gay and lesbian couples who have over sixty years combined experience living together. Come and hear their life experiences. Free hotel parking. Accessible to the mobility impaired. **May 26 - 29:**

**Tuesday, May 30:**
- **7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B)** - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Wednesday, May 31:**
- **7:00-9:00 PM (ME), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B)** - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

**JUNE**

**Wednesday, June 1:**
- **7:00-8:30 PM** - Support group for AIDS-affected and supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights. Drop-in, facilitated support group, free of charge. Service provided by Womanspace Community Center, 236 Park Ave. Portland. For more information call Vivica Wadja, 774-2403 or Joanne Cleary, 871-0377. Continues weekly until referendum vote.

**Friday, June 2:**
- **3:00 PM - Women's Tea at Cathedral, State St., Portland.**

**Saturday, June 3:**
- **6:30 PM - Support group for TS, CD, TG, SO."**

**Sunday, June 5:**
- **11:00 AM - Out Among Friends sponsored activity—walk and picnic. OAF is a lesbian support/discussion group. All women welcome at OAF activities. FMI, call (207) 846-5233.
- **3:00 PM (ME), 4:00 PM (N-B)** - Northern Lambda Nord's monthly meeting at Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Monday, June 6:**
- **6:30 PM - Rainbow Business and Professional Organization meeting monthly meeting. This is a group of gay and lesbian community professionals and business owners organizing, supporting and promoting gay owned businesses and professionals. FMI, Victoria Zavaski - 207/775-0015, or Carolyn Bohn - 207/775-7755.

**Tuesday, June 7:**
- **7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B)** - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Wednesday, June 8:**
- **7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B)** - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Friday, June 9:**
- **8:00 PM - Pier Dance at Portland State Pier, Commercial Street, Portland.**

**Sunday, June 10:**
- **11:00 AM - Out Among Friends sponsored activity—walk and picnic. OAF is a lesbian support/discussion group. All women welcome at OAF activities. FMI, call (207) 846-5233.

**PRIDE PREVIEW**

**June 16 - 18**

**Wednesday, June 14:**
- **8:00 PM - Women's Tea at Womanspace Community Center, 236 Park Ave., Portland.**

**Friday, June 16:**
- **3:00 PM** - Rally at City Hall w/guest speakers.
- **9:00 PM-11:00 AM** - Pier Dance at the Maine State Pier, Commercial Street, Portland. Sponsored by CITI. Tickets are $5 available at CITI, Blackstones or mail request: Pride Dance, PO Box 11502, ME 04104. Must be 21 with ID.
- **9:00 PM - Teen Dance (TBA)**

**Saturday, June 17:**
- **9:00 AM - Blockparty on Pine Street**
- **10:00 AM - Interfaith worship service at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, State St., Portland.**
- **11:30 AM - Parade Line-up**
- **12:00 noon - Parade kicks off**
- **1:00-4:00 - Pride Festival**

**Stage:**
- Tomato's Park
- Vendors: Post Office Park
- Vintage Autos: Federal St.
- Raffles: Quiet Temple St.
- ME Gay Visual Artists-3 Spring St.
- BBQ $8 - Maine Gay Men's Chorus, with The Flirtations, State Theatre,

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Meeting dates & times for Maine Won't Discriminate can be found in the box on page 2 of each issue of CPR.

Healing Circles
Portland - Healing Circles, a workshop for women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, will be offered in Strong and Portland this June by breast cancer survivors, Regina Kelley and Ginny Keegan. Kelley, a noted sculptor and Professor at the Maine College of Art (MECA) and Keegan, an area businesswoman, created Healing Circles two years ago as they underwent diagnosis and treatment and their search for the "healer within" in response to their own breast cancer. Healing Circles is a support group concept based on the strengths of women in coping and women's special needs unique to breast cancer. With the help of a grant from the Maine Women's Fund they are taking Healing Circles to four sites in Maine. Kelley and Keegan are currently working on "The Cancer Empowerment Manual," a course offered through the Maine College of Art. MECA is the official sponsor of Healing Circles. Free child care is available. Call 865-1677 or 773-1152.

Join them as they gather to share stories and support each other through diagnosis, treatment and the search for the Healer Within. Sponsored by The Maine Women's Fund and the Maine College of Art.

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BUSINESS ORGANIZATION
Δ The Rainbow Business & Professional Network has expanded its membership to welcome gay men and persons not necessarily business owners. We welcome dreamers and visionaries to our mailing list.

Strong/Farmington, Saturday, June 17, 1995, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Foster Memorial Building, Maine Street, Strong, Maine.
Portland: Tuesdays - June 20 & 27, 1995, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, The Cummings Center, 134 Congress Street.

We 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 network. We also are planning to have social times together. FMI, call Vicky Zawinnik, (207) 775-0015 or Carolyn Jalbert, (207) 878-3755. ΔΔ

HELP WANTED
Δ Part-time worker(s) for rare plant nursery in Bath area. Outdoor work in beautiful area. Get dirty, have fun, get paid! Possibility for permanent job with nationally known company. Call 207/371-2888, 7 am-9 pm. ΔΔ
Δ Part-time workers for gay-owned landscape company. You must be willing to get dirty and do moderate lifting. Must work in greater Portland. We work hard but also have fun. Experience helpful, but will train right people. Call Brad at (207) 773-4252. ΔΔ
Δ Staff reviewers for CPR. Want free tickets to gay, lesbian, bi, trans-themed (or interest) plays, concerts, openings, movies, etc.? Are you willing to attend and write a timely review for A & E pages of this paper? Do you have a thick skin and ability to take it on the chin? If you answered in the affirmative, we want to add you to our roster of writers. Submit a sample of your writing with brief introduction to CPR, 142 High St., Suite 623, Portland 04101, Attention: Skip Brushaber, A & E Editor. ΔΔ

PERSONALS
Δ Small endowments: Short in stature? Like us? Tired of guys searching for only tall or well hung? Finally stories, advice and personals devoted to the small man and our admirers. 10034 nationwide. 42 High P.O. Box 610294, Bayside, NY 11361-0294. ΔΔ
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MISCELLANEOUS
Δ Battered Lesbian Project forming for W.I.L.D., Women Igniting Love and Diversity. Volunteers needed. Seeking to connect with battered and formerly battered lesbians to assess community needs and provide assistance. If your partner/lover is verbally, emotionally, or physically abusive to you, we can help you get free. All inquiries strictly confidential and all calls returned discretely. Call Gabrielle at (207) 761-8138. If leaving message, specify full name and best time to return call. Or write to: W.I.L.D., c/o Community Pride Reporter, 142 High St., Suite 634, Portland, ME 04101. ΔΔ
Δ Call for Papers: Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgendered People and Education. Deadline for proposal submissions is May 1, 1995. Deadline for papers is September 1, 1995. To receive a Call for Papers contact: Harvard Educational Review, Gutman Library Suite 349, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138; phone (617)495-3432; fax (617)496-3584. ΔΔ
COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL
MLGPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, policymakers, and media about GLI issues. Primary goals are to involve the L/G Community in Maine's political process, promote civil rights, develop and review legislation, endorse elections, build a database, and oppose anti-gay legislation and referenda. Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every month in the Portland area. MLGPA Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Come and celebrate our children and friends just the way they are! (See listings for Maine & New Hampshire under PHONE SUPPORT and SUPPORT GROUPS.)

Northern Lambda North is an educational, informational, social, and educational organization serving gay, lesbian, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are held the first Saturday of every month at 1 pm (EMS), 2 pm (MNB), at the Gay/Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every weekday at 207-498-2088. The Matlovich Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the third Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm. Anonymous. DIAL KIDS: 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered children and their families, call Ingraham Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (777-4537).

The Metlach Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the third Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm. Anonymous. DIAL KIDS: 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered children and their families, call Ingraham Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (777-4537).


Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) Contacts in Maine
(* indicates monthly meetings)
Hallowell: August/Autumn 623-2349
Bangor/Brewer: 598-5180
Brunswick/Rath: 728-0519
Oakland: Steve, 465-3870
Lewiston/Auburn: 783-7989
Manchester: Rita, 766-5158 or Sue, 774-3441
Waldoboro: 832-5899

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- Thursdays: Women Living with HIV meets from 1:15-2:45 pm. People living with HIV's me from 3:30-5:00 pm. The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor.

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Out on the Town

by Skip Beusher, A & E Editor

I am back from my visit to the Wild West. New Mexico was enchanting, but very cold. It was warmer back in Maine. The measure of a good vacation is that I’m rested and glad to be home.

Remember “Pride Poetry and Prose?” I hope we get some last minute submissions because they are rather sparse. There are many talented writers in our community. So submit, already…!

Books on Review

“The Roots of Healing - A Woman’s Book of Herbs”
Author: Deb Soule
Publisher: Carol Publishing Group

by Rose Mary Denman

There are lots of books out there on herbs, but none quite like “The Roots of Healing.” The first refreshing aspect of the book is that the author does not begin at the beginning - with a short history of women’s herbal wisdom. She proceeds to discuss how we might create our own herbal apothecary, or medicine chest. The rest of the book contains chapters on particular women’s health issues such as menstruation, pregnancy and aging. Each chapter is filled with information as to finding, harvesting and drying herbs, and finally, preparing herbal remedies.

“The Roots of Healing” is, however, more than a book on herbs; it is spiritual at its very essence. Soule encourages each woman who reads that book to allow her spirit to meet the spirit of the plant, and to acknowledge that this spirit is as much a part of the healing properties of the plant as are the flower, stem, leaves and roots.

In an era when so many are seeking to re-establish a more holistic approach to health and healing, it is refreshing to read a book that does just that. “The Roots of Healing” is tonic for both the body and soul!

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OAK STREET

“INTRAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE”

by Marilee Ryan

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Rounder Records had the wisdom to sign “Disappear Fear,” and in June, the self-titled album, which is absolutely amazing, was released. By the time you read this, both “Deep Soul Diver” and “Live at The Bottom Line” will be released by Rounder, and each will contain a new song.

Originally, “Disappear Fear” was Sonia’s, her guitar, and Cindy. Today, Cindy sometimes sings with them and also is raising her son, which keeps her from touring extensively. “Disappear Fear” is as much a state of mind as it is a band. It’s the message that matters. The current line-up, which I saw recently here in Portland at USM, and at the Somerville Theater near Boston, consists of five dedicated musicians with a zest for both music and life.

Talking with everyone before the USM show, it was evident that the band believes in what they are doing. They have a tremendous amount of respect for what “Disappear Fear” is. Michael Savri, guitarist, like everyone else in the band, fully appreciates the large following of gay women Sonia has drawn because of her honest, and certainly fearless, songwriting. “It’s beyond this people group—it is PEOPLE. If you have two lungs, two eyes and a heart, you’re gonna love this,” said Savri.

“This is not a gay thing or a straight thing. Whatever you love to do is cool; this is just a thing,” added bassist Christopher Sellman. Keyboard and accordion player Brian Simms also understands and believes in what Sonia is saying. “The fact that Sonia happens to be gay is to me, as far as the music, not a non-issue, but is certainly incidental to what she’s saying. There’s definitely the scene and the crowd that comes to our shows, which has always been wonderful, but the songwriting stands on its own.”

Drummer Marc Lawrence, also in tune to the message, does hope to reach a broader fan base. This point is important because art should be judged on
Theatre on Review: Mrs. Warren’s Profession

“Tis pity she’s a whore”

by Alexander Wallace

In “Mrs. Warren’s Profession,” a woman of independent means discloses to her young daughter that the money that has paid for the kid’s high class education and her ‘place’ in London Society has come from a string of cat-houses run by ole Ma Warren. Horrors! The daughter, a straight-arrow ‘modern woman,’ is alternately repulsed and attracted, and the play is really not about prostitution any more than it is about women. It’s about ‘them that has and them that gets and how they keep it that way.’ And, as Ivan Boosky and Mike Milken will tell ya, even a year in the slammer don’t matter if you still have thirty million dollars waiting for you when you get out!

What does defy political correctness in this play is Shaw’s ability to create entirely believable women and the four men who prey on them. Using the English drawing room comedy format, Shaw places the English upper classes for their latent Fascism and hypocrisy and in that, the play is perfectly ‘right’ for all the incipient Ivana Trumps, Carolyn Cosbies and Leona Helmsleys - and their male counter-parts - out there.

Given an absolutely smashing production by Director Greg Leaming, the ensemble cast waltzes, fox-trots and tangos through this period-piece without period as if born to The Rouge. If it’s a woman’s play, the women triumph! Watching Sybil Lines, as Mrs. Warren, slip effortlessly from the elegant English lady she’s become back to the Limey slattern she was, without a break, is to understand why NOTHING will ever replace live theatre. Lines is charming, imperious, conniving, arrogant to the men and desperate and heartbreaking when she loses her daughter. BRAVO! Lisa Dove, almost androgynous and ever-so-slightly-butch as she struggles to become a whole person, fighting the men who would cage her in Victorian laces AND her mother, who wants a doll not a daughter, is properly unsettling at first and then grows into a role that demands she become impossible and alone, at the end. We grieve for her and root for her in her Bravt-New Role.

Bushell is a master story teller and uniquely beautiful writer. Again, like Patricia Nell Warren, Bushell writes about the love between two men with passion and romance.

This book captures the reader in its spell, rich in history and myth. It also contains one of the most graphic and horrific descriptions of political torture since Orwell’s “1984.” For some, this part of the book may be difficult to read, but it is important and compelling.

Bushell explains with clarity and utilizes the confusing politics of Central America to tell her story. “Days of the Dead” is rich in love, but also contains man’s most base greed and desire for power. In this region, man’s inhumanity to man appears to be status quo. The reader is also reminded of the Cuban Revolution and the present government’s homophobic policies.

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Artist Profile -- Jonathan Woodward as “MR. SLOANE”

by Alexander Wallace

"Entertaining Mr. Sloane." Joe Orton’s outrageous low-class version of a high-class English drawing room comedy of bad manners and low morals, presented last month by Vintage Repertory Theatre, revolves around the very desirable, very attractive, ambiguous seventeen-year-old orphan-killer, Mr. Sloane. Courted by a looney sister-and-brother team, Sloane must evade an drogynous sex appeal, total innocence, ambiguous morality, explosive violence and has to be convincingly a teenager. Fortunately, 21-year-old local, Jonathan Woodward, was available. I interviewed him at my home recently.

AW: Where are you from?

JW: I’m originally from Idaho. I went to Cape Elizabeth Schools. I worked with Dick Mullins there. We sort of laid the groundwork for me. I did plays in high school... branched out into community theatre... tried to test the waters.

AW: So the bug hit early?

JW: Yeah, back in the sixth grade. Dick Mullins asked me to do a kid’s role in “Pippin”... that was big-time for me, a 6th grader, in a high school production. I thought that was fairly glamorous. I realized there was little else I felt like doing other than being on stage and completely captivating an audience, at a price.

AW: When were you convinced you should be an actor?

JW: A wise Italian man once told me you shouldn’t be an actor because you want to, you do it because you have to! I wasn’t fully convinced. I went to Clark University for a year, left Clark, auditioned for NYU Theatre School... it was a big thing for me... I couldn’t go down there to audition in person. I did it on videotape. I did a monologue from “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern,” standing at a urinal... and I did a couple of songs. They accepted me, and it was at that point I finally decided that if people like that believed in me, if NYU would want me... I put a lot of stock in them, a lot of faith in what NYU wanted.

AW: And when did you know?

JW: I started 8-hour, 3-day a week sessions; that was just one class... intensive professional training... and I absolutely ate it up; absolutely thought I’d died and gone to heaven; I was in foot puppets? JW: Yes and my sister is a jeweler in Baltimore, my aunt is a cellist with The Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

AW: But when did you decide that NOT being a millionaire stockbroker was okay?

JW: I have no tolerance for that stuff, absolutely none. It’s not just that I believe in the words... it’s the awesome power of holding the attention of a number of people and doing that better than anyone else.

AW: Sounds like an actor to me!

Was there any consideration that acting’s not macho or that it’s gay?

JW: When I need money, I work construction for my dad and I always run into these... severe working class guys, talking to me about what I did and I told them I was an actor. I got the biggest range of reactions! Seventy-five percent of the time these guys were really impressed by that! Well, there was one guy, ran a backhoe and there was an archi.

Jonathan Woodward, young co-star of Vintage Repertory Theatre’s recent production of Joe Orton’s “Entertaining Mr. Sloane,” at home in Cape Elizabeth.

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what it is, not who produced it. “No­body is up here because they’re making a million dollars; they’re up here because we’re building this together, we’re believing in it,” says Sonia of the band.

Sometimes you might just catch Sonia and Cindy playing acoustically somewhere. Such was the case at New York City’s Bottom Line Theater last month. I wished they had more time to play, but they sounded great, and their harmonies continue to attract new listeners.

I did touch briefly on the exhausted range of reactions! Seventy-five percent of the time these guys were really impressed by that! Well, there was one guy, ran a backhoe and there was an archi.

Seen on the liner notes of Deep Soul Diver album, this is what you’ll read: “I’m gonna LOVE OUT LOUD till my heart breaks, till my heart breaks.” On the liner notes of the Deep Soul Diver album, this is what you’ll read: “I’ve gotta LOVE OUT LOUD till my heart breaks, till my heart breaks.” On the liner notes of the Deep Soul Diver album, this is what you’ll read: “I’m gonna LOVE OUT LOUD till my heart breaks, till my heart breaks.”
tect running around in sandals and he said (backhoe-guy dialect): "Dere's one of dem architects, runnin' around in sandals. Must be one of dem homosensual kinda guys!"

AW: I never met an architect who was gay. But what about contemporaries—is it an issue now? 

JW: I might not have even noticed...  I tran into a couple of times... it was not enough to stop me.

AW: Now, Mr. Sloane, in the play, is a drifter, a murderer with A Clockwork Orange explosive violence; he projects an ambiguous sexuality, more undecided than amoral; he's young enough to be undecided, yet sexually experienced; he's trapped into an unpleasant three-way, yet by the end of the play, we still don't know what his sexual nature is. Now: was that your interpretation? Was Orton's or the Director, Jane Bergeron's?

JW: Oh, that's a good question! Oh! I'm glad you were paying attention! And you got that right. Gold Star you need.

AW: Is he 17 in the script?

JW: Seventeen in the script.

AW: With apologies to the two of them or he's NOT, but he's gone, he's not playing the most physically attractive and he does like these two... .Ed and Kath.

JW: Yes.

AW: Do you want to be a star?

JW: I never even thought about it! I read the reviews and I thought, "Christ! I'm gonna be an Elvis Presley impersonator, in Vegas! That's what my career is gonna look like!"

AW: My next comment is, don't ever let anyone cast you as Elvis.

JW: I would have a hard time with that. I really have very little respect for that scene.

AW: And you don't look anything like Elvis! (In a subsequent performance, "Elvis" had disappeared completely!)

AW: Would you suggest theatre as a career to someone in high school in Maine now?

JW: That's a sneaky...

AW: That's very sneaky. But there'll be lots of young people in the Gay Community reading this, wondering, "Can I do it?"

JW: Well, as the wise Italian told me, don't be an actor because you WANT to, do it because you have to, and that passion will drive anyone. Passion will take you, and if you have to do it, you can't be unhappy with it.

AW: Would your answer be different to a gay person as opposed to a straight person?

JW: To a straight person, I'd say: "You're not going to be happy if you can't live with gay people." To gay people I'd say: "You're not going to be able to handle yourself if you can't ACT 'straight.'" If you've got a gay part, it's got to be believable... and you've got to say to the straight man, you've got to be able to play gay and be believable. Because of the relationship between Sloane and Ed... it doesn't bother Sloane that Ed is attracted to him and wants and loves Sloane's body. Intellectually, I thought, this isn't a problem for me, but in rehearsals, I thought, "I have to not even notice this and I have to respond to Ed willingly and lovingly completely," and you have to find an attraction for Ed that's just as believable as an attraction for Kath and the fact that she's a woman and he's a man. There should be no distinguishable difference between my expressions of affection.

AW: With apologies to the two actors who played Ed and Kath, they're not playing the most physically attractive people.

JW: I don't think I had to play Ed like a complete schlub, with that wig on!

AW: Sloane is able to find them attractive and he does like these two... Ed and Kath.

JW: Yes.

AW: Do you want to be a star?

JW: "Do I want to be a star?" Gee, that's a toughie...

AW: Long pause.

JW: Long pause... pregnant pause... what I want to do is maintain my integrity. I want to be successful... support myself, have a family, in any form it might take. I want success and a sense that I haven't sacrificed or prostituted myself for anything I didn't really need in the first place.

AW: What's next for Jonathan Woodward?

JW: School again. I'm so eager and I'm so thirsty for the training I'm going to get, it rivals the first semester. See SLOANE, page 23
Flaunting IT!

by Brian Kaufman, PhD

Once again, inspiration and contemplation for this article were generated by a succession of articles appearing in, of all places, the sacred and stodgy old "Wall Street Journal" (WSJ). An encouraging headline stated, "Big business boosts effort to win share of gay market: trade show signals change in what has become a field for small concerns." I love the fact that people who are concerned with the ebb and flow of the nation's economy are taking a serious look at our community and embracing us for the resources we have, not the objects of our desires and dreams. It seems that at the National Gay and Lesbian Business and Consumer Expo, held in New York City at the end of April, more than half of the 225 exhibitors were mainstream, non-gay (I love that term) companies. International Business Machines and American Airlines were two of the dozen or so national concerns who interacted with the more than 15,000 attendees of the Expo.

According to Rick Cirillo, who holds the title "sales manager, gay and lesbian community" for American Air

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To Your Health:
Chlamydia Should Concern Lesbians - Part II

by Peaches Bass

(Last month's column described chlamydia infections. This month's focuses on how chlamydia affects lesbians. It's only in the last couple of years that we've realized that chlamydia can be sexually transmitted between women. At the 1995 National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, Nina Carroll, MD, of Boston presented data from a small study she conducted. She interviewed lesbian patients at the Fenway Community Health Center and performed chlamydia screening tests on these patients. She discovered that most lesbians who are out to their health care providers are not offered chlamydia screening as part of their routine medical care, though this screening is considered routine for women who are sexually active with men. In addition to this weakness in their health care, Carroll also discovered through the screening that many of her lesbian patients were infected with chlamydia, including a significant number who hadn't had sex with any men. It is known that chlamydia can be transmitted to the eyes by hand, if that hand has been in contact with chlamydia-infected vaginal secretions. It stands to reason that hand-vagina contact can also transmit chlamydia from woman to woman.

Dr. Carroll's findings make it clear that regardless of the gender of your past or present sex partner(s), if you're a woman who has sex with women, you should be testing for chlamydia. When you visit your health care provider for a pelvic exam and pap smear, you should request a chlamydia test. A swab of discharge from your cervix is used to prepare a specimen for laboratory diagnosis.

If a woman is infected, her partner(s) should also be tested and treated to prevent further infection. She and her partner(s) should refrain from having sexual contact until they are both free of the infection.

See CHLAMYDIA, page 21
The June 1994 issue of "Out & About" offers the most hotels/Bed & Breakfasts, a variety of activities - beaches, bars, shops, "Damron Address Book" lists over 60 gay-owned or gay-friendly restaurants. Although efforts of southern Maine's gays and lesbians. "Maine lia" written by Michael Rossetti, Dorothy was right, as history begins eventually to be mowed. Summer is on its way. I thought that this would be a good opportunity to write about some summer travel plans. Of course, summer means Ogunquit and Provincetown. Both Ogunquit and Provincetown offer the most hotels/Bed & Breakfasts, and guest houses according to price, cleanliness, and overall attractiveness. Some of the highly recommended places were: Brass Key - $90-185 800-842-9858; Bradford Gardens Inn $105-185 800-432-2334; Beaconlight - $65-140 508-487-2266 - just to name a few. You'll notice that I put phone numbers in these listings; that's because these places are seasonal properties and generally don't like dealing with travel agents. They don't pay commissions because they figure they can sell their rooms without having to pay them. They are better off calling them on their own. If you would still prefer to have your travel agent make your reservations, expect to pay a fee (generally $25 or less) for an agent to do this for you. For those wanting to try something different, you might leave your car in Boston and take the ferry to P'town. It's a relaxing 3-hour cruise, leaving Boston around 9 AM and returning from P'town around 2 PM. The same philosophy holds true for Ogunquit. The 1995 "Damron Address Book" lists 8 hotels and B & B's that are gay-owned and operated. Some of the others listed are: Admiral's Inn (207-646-7093); Seasons Hotel (207-646-6041); Leisure Inn (207-646-2737); and Ogunquit House (207-646-2967). There are two bars in town: The Front Porch (Ogunquit Square - 207-646-3976) and The Club (13 Main Street - 207-646-6655). The Front Porch is a piano bar (and you'll usually find quite a few people gathered around singing), while The Club is a disco. The Club has a cover charge every night and is THE place to see and be seen, especially on the weekends. Ogunquit boasts a 3 mile long beach. The gay/lesbian section is something close to home, but not near the beach - you might try either the Stone Wall Bed & Breakfast in Lovell (800-413-1080) or Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell (207-622-2708). Both are gay-owned and operated.

SHORT TAKES:
There is gay weekend planned for Disney World - June 1-2. Organizers are expecting up to 30,000 gays and lesbians. The weekend includes "Gay Day" at Disney World, a gay/lesbian expo, and several fund-raising shows and activities. There is still room available on some of the package tours. TNT/Haley out of Boston is offering some really great last minute packages to Mexico and the Caribbean. For example, airfare and 7 nights at the Silver Sands Hotel in the Bahamas for $399 per person; airfare and 7 nights at the Summit Resort in St. Martin for $499 per person; airfare and 7 nights at the Clipper Club in Cancun for $399 per person. ▲

CHLAMYDIA, from page 20

vaginal, anal and oral sex until a post-treatment follow-up test can confirm that the infection is cured. Practicing safer sex will help prevent the spread of chlamydia between women. Preventive methods include using a latex or "plastic wrap" barrier during oral sex, and taking care not to move one's hands from one vagina to another without changing latex gloves or hand-washing. Sex toys, like vibrators and dildoes, should be treated like one's hands, covered with latex and washed between each contract.

For lesbians who are planning to get pregnant, chlamydia screening is important. An untreated chlamydia infection can impair a woman's ability to conceive; it can also cause miscarriage, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, premature delivery and post-childbirth infection. Also, the infection can be transmitted during childbirth to the baby. Chlamydia is preventable and treatable, and its serious complications are avoidable with proper health care and safer sex practices. We used to take it for granted that lesbians didn't need to worry about STDs, but our growing awareness makes it clear that we have to be just as informed and conscientious as everyone else when it comes to being and staying well. If you want to have more information about chlamydia or to be tested for it, contact your health care provider, or your nearest STD or family planning clinic. ▲

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**TIME OUT!**

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"Maine lia" by Michael Rossetti

Dorothy was right, as history begins eventually to be mowed. "there's no place like home."

Far too often, to participate in organized sports or recreation events, the Boston community becomes the hub for some of southern Maine's gays and lesbians. That's unfortunate, because eventually one's social life also begins to center out of state and we lose another person to the western drift. The other unfortunate part is that energy and membership, which helps local events and clubs succeed, is siphoned off. Whether it's swimming, running, hiking or biking, local attempts at organizing them still calling details, how often that person rides, (generally, a measure of skill and speed) and that person's preferred locale for riding (mud, road, mountain). There will be a tree for each of the major communities from Portsmouth to Bar Harbor. Non-gay and lesbian bicyclists, but certainly gay positive, are also welcome on the trees since a good cyclist only discriminates by pace.

With a little care and volunteer effort, summer should not only be a fun time but also some memorable weekend rides and enduring new friendships.

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One of the things I have learned over the years is that we all have a story to tell. Each of us has triumphed over some sort of adversity. We have all, at one time or another, had to reach deep into our own resources to find the inner strength with which to cope with life’s ups and downs.

Over the course of a semester, as students write their reflective work for Psychology class, I am always renewed in my awe of the depth and breadth of the human capacity to rise to meet the challenges of life.

A fifty year old sister dies; a child is struck with cancer; a spouse loses a husband and young son on a nearby lake. By the end of the semester I feel a sense of community with the faces and names of that semester. That is the gift of teaching—how can I not celebrate the journey of the human soul?

When I think of these things, I am reminded that if my hope is tied up with when papers are due, test grades and GPAs, that I can lose sight of the fact that my students are people who, just like me, are being confronted with their own demons and dragons.

And I am reminded that if my hope is that others will walk gently and with compassion into my life, then I need to be gentle and compassionate as I walk into theirs.

This can be especially difficult when it feels as though a particular student is trying to “catch” me and “show me up.” If you’re a teacher, you know the type. If not, please take my word on it. This is the student who takes offense to every word that comes from the teacher’s mouth; who dismisses the world of gossip with a wave of the hand (and very little clear thinking), and who takes anything less than an “A” as a personal attack.

These are the times when it is particularly hard to remind myself that, perhaps, this very student, the one who is being the most obnoxious, may very well be the one most in need of compassion. These are the times when I need to remember that we are each traversing our own heavens and hells.

A long time ago, while I was a graduate student working as a Youth Director in a parish, I was taught this very important lesson. The Board had hired me, and my first official act was to meet the congregation after the Sunday service during a reception “tea.” One man of about fifty, seemed to take an instant dislike of me, and over the next months, did everything in his power to make my life miserable. Things got so bad that the senior minister decided to make a house call to confront this man about his behavior. When the minister got to the man’s house, there was a picture of a young woman on the mantel.

According to the senior minister, this woman in the picture looked just like me. It was at this moment that he realized there must be a story behind the man’s behavior toward me. As it turned out, the young woman in the picture was the man’s daughter. Several years earlier, pregnant with her second child, she went for a short rowboat ride with her husband and young son on a nearby lake. While out on the water with her family, she shot and killed her husband, her child and, finally, herself. Whenever this older man looked at me, he was reminded of his daughter and what she had done. Each time he saw me, he felt his own devastation.

Before knowing this, I felt anger and even hatred for this man. When the senior minister told me the story of his grief, I felt a flood of warmth and compassion for him. That was easy. It wouldn’t take a St. Francis of Assisi to feel compassion and understanding for this man once his story was known. The real trick is to feel compassion toward another even when we do not know the particular names of the demons and dragons with which they deal.

Often we wish others would treat us well, in spite of or bad behavior. We wish that they would trust that we are good people having a bad day. We wish they would realize that if we treat them with less than gentleness, it is only because we have left our own heaven and have stepped into our own private hell.

Why won’t they cut us some slack? Maybe it is because they are just like us. We too have a difficult time taking ourselves out of the center of things long enough to realize that “the other” may need us to treat them well, to trust that they are good people having a bad day, and to realize that if we treat them with a bit of gentleness, ours may be the very hand that pulls them out of hell and into the light of heaven.

It is when I think of these things that “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” makes the most sense.

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**Trans Forum: Notes from the Deep End**

by Daralyn Maxwell

Denial - exotic Egyptian hotspot or emotional defense mechanism? We all possess the ability to determine a comfort level that allows us to breathe and, at the same time, keep our deepest fears under control. The trick in this context is to create a balance where our “breathing” lets us grow while we slowly deal with the fear of discovery, or peer contempt or just that we exist as such.

I lead a full and varied life within my mind and the confines of my apartment. Suggesting that I might like to take a daylight stroll is enough to make me catatonic. I’ve only been out mentally for ten months for God’s sakes! Where is your sensitivity, anyway? Sorry, lose my head.

We all, in some way, still hide things we don’t want to, or cannot, face. It isn’t necessarily our dysphoria that makes us crazy but it is the most glaring aspect of our lives, hidden or not. I have less trouble dealing with the pending death of my mother than I ever will in telling my sister that I am designed to be her sister. This is denial as much as going into the “purge” mode is. It is an act of denial, emotional and psychological, submission which, to create a balance, will confuse the issue by helping us avoid the very issues that we need to stand firm and face (easy to say from the comfort of my living room, he?)

One of the reasons that support groups are a good thing is that they remind us we are not alone, we have company of a similar mindset; we are cared for by someone (even if we do have someone compassionate at home). That is also why denial is a bad thing; it strips us of what little dignity we can hold onto, robs us of not only our self-esteem but our identities as well, and costs a lot in purging! Who needs denial? It’s just another form of guilt (and if you have a Jewish mother, you have a cornucopia of that anyway!).

So, ladies, let’s all rally ‘round the flag of truth in personhood. Where is it written that we have to be so wrecked with guilt that we can’t bear the thought of actually going out somewhere? Easy for you to say, Dale. Oh, sure! I know that I am as guilty as anyone of putting up a “false front” but I aspire to greater things such as strolling without fear, dressing to go out as opposed to getting domestic exercise, of being the woman who is dying to be me.

We have a right to invoke the denial exercist to rid ourselves of undue anxiety at our lot in life. I like my lot in life, I just wish the rest of the damn world did as well.

**Ten items to consider when going out dressed**

by Daralyn Maxwell

1. Don’t let your nose hairs grow too long you look like a member of ZZ Top.

2. Don’t apply your base with a putty knife - it leaves tracks.

3. Don’t shave your armpits with a weed wacker - it leaves a razor burn.

4. Try not wearing the clothes you stole from Grandma that she wore the day she had lunch with Al Capone.

5. The “Minnie Pearl” look is out unless you are under 5’2” in Texas and you’re a hick.

6. Don’t dress like the bimbo John Travolta dated in Saturday Night Fever - not long enough ago to be vintage. Just tacky.

7. Try wearing earrings that aren’t tacky.

8. Don’t do “enie-meenie-minie-mo” when you are standing at the restroom doors.

9. Yelling, “Yo, anudder brew, my man,” at the bartender is a dead give-away.

10. Let “Bruno” in on your secret before you let him kiss you goodnight.
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there.
AW: How much?
JW: Thirty, probably thirty-five thousand a year. I will make it! I have no choice!

VINTAGE REP'S final production of the 1995 Season will be the classic American drama, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, by America's greatest playwright, Tennessee Williams. Probably no other writer, with the exception of Gore Vidal, is so publicly identified with the "Gay Creative Conscience" as Williams, yet the homosexual context of "Cat..." was censored out of the film version most people know the play by. See the 'uncut' original, May 25-June 10 at the Oak Street Theatre. ONLY: $10.00! CALL 774-1376 for tickets and times!

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is an important aspect of the Watershed Workshop. The workshop celebrates life rather than concentrating on disease and death. Participants are encouraged to get in touch with their process in a supportive and loving environment. They gain insight and personal growth through their artistic expression in clay.

Patrick Clark said of his experience at Watershed in 1992, "I shed many layers of my outer casing during this workshop. I wrote, I painted, I made a few pots. I returned home vulnerable and with humility: more in touch with my being than I thought possible."
For more information about the Watershed Workshop for People With AIDS, contact Lynn Duryea at Box 7635, Portland Maine 04112 or call 767-7113. ΔΔ

MAINE AIDS WALK

The Maine AIDS Walk has raised $22,000 so far and money is continuing to come in according to Associate Development Coordinator, Susan Tremblay. She said there were 15 registered teams of walkers and that the Lincoln Middle School Green Team had the most people. The Williston-West team raised the most money. "Despite a very blustery day the Walk was well attended," said Tremblay.

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