On Saturday, July 1, 1995, Stephen Dobson, Rick Mitchell and another man as yet unnamed, are alleged to have attacked and beaten William Clark and another man. Dobson and Mitchell have been charged with aggravated assault, a felony, and harassment.

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by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

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Anti-gay Coalition forms to support referendum
Cosby shunned as national groups take center stage in referendum battle

by Bruce Ballboni

Paul Madore, failed candidate for the state legislature from Lewiston, and leader of the successful fight against Equal Protection Lewiston, has been chosen to lead the newly formed Coalition to End Special Rights (CESR - pronounced "Cesar"). Their first meeting was held Monday, June 19, 1995, at the Christian Civic League (CCL) of Maine, which is the parent of this coalition with support from Focus on the Family, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado and the Family Research Council, based in Washington, D.C.

The emergence of this coalition is a reflection of the fading star of Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson of Concerned Maine Families (CMF) as a leader in the anti-gay political movement. Cosby has been unable to obtain any funds from national groups and is being investigated by the Ethics Commission in Augusta as a result of a complaint by one of her own supporters - Linda Bean.

Ominously, Bob Knight, who holds the absurdly oxymoronic title of Director of Cultural Studies for the Family Research Council, attended the June 19th meeting in Lewiston. The Family Research Council is a Washington, D.C. based radical organization which supports the referendum and opposes any legal reforms regarding the civil rights of homosexuals.

Knight is the author of, "Homosexual Agenda" a series of pamphlets whose "emphases is given to disputing the 10% figure and other faulty research claims, as well as exposing the homosexual agenda in schools."

Knight was the keynote speaker at the first meeting of CESR. According to, "The Record," newsletter of the Christian Civic League, "Knight indicated that the president of the Family Research Council, Gary Bauer, is very supportive of the referendum."

Knight also told CESR that their coalition had received a strong endorsement from Tom Minnery, vice president of public policy at Focus on the Family. "The Record," went on, "Knight is convinced the referendum can be won with hard work and the kind of sincere devotion demonstrated in the successful Lewiston campaign of 1993. Paul Madore closed the productive meeting with a promise to commit himself fully to the task of organizing a statewide grassroots effort and the administrative infrastructure to create a "yes" vote in November. The initial budget for the Coalition is $100,000." The Community Pride Reporter (CPR) spoke to Madore and asked him what involvement, if any, CMF would have in CESR. He said, "I was approached by representatives of principal organizations, both state and national and I was asked to head the coalition and I'm just delighted that they gave me that opportunity. I'm very close to this issue and I share their concerns as well, mainly because I believe I understand the message and I'll be able to bring to the state effort something similar, if not identical, to the results in Lewiston."

When pressed to answer why Concerned Maine Families (CMF) is not included in this coalition and why they were not approached to lead the referendum battle, considering that it was they who gathered the signatures for the petitions to force a referendum, Madore would not answer. He said, "We're going to be very hard at work in the next few months and I expect to work on behalf of the referendum, that's what has been delegated to me."

Paul Madore of Lewiston heads up CESR, a new coalition supporting the anti-gay referendum.

He did offer the following observation as to why there may be a problem between Cosby and other supporters of the referendum, "I hope that we all have an opportunity to speak freely on the issue and to maintain the kind of respect that all parties deserve. If there is a problem at all I think it's that we don't do that. We fail in that effort. I want to maintain a mutual respect for all people involved and beyond that point I have a plate of fried chicken I've been attempting to get to. Let's talk in the future."

Christian Coalition resists pressure to join CESR
Paul Volle, Executive Director of the Maine Christian Coalition, told CPR that Paul Volle has asked him to join CESR but Volle does not believe the referendum is constitutional and that the ends do not justify the means. Volle added, "I'm not willing to compromise my principles because they say the issue is so burning and we have to deal with it. I don't believe that at all. There has been a lot of pressure put on us from national groups and state groups, but we will maintain the position we've had since 1993, which is hands off." The national Christian Coalition has been receiving pressure from Bob Knight of the Family Research Council, which in turn has been applied to Volle. Knight has called Volle. Madore recently spent two hours trying to get Volle to join CESR.

Volle said Madore wants the referendum taken away from Cosby because Madore feels that Cosby is not a credible person. Volle added, "If you really stop and think about it they (CMF) have some real ethical problems going on with their finances and how they got the signatures from the standpoint... they were trying to sell the general public and the media that it's not a gay rights issue but when they were going out and collecting the signatures they were saying, 'Stop the gay rights in the state and overturn the gay rights in Portland.' So it was one way to one group and another way to a different group. I don't think that's an honest perspective. When is she lying? I don't want to be associated with an effort like that."

Commenting on the most recent death threat Cosby received Volle said, "It's another way to get media attention." Volle said that years ago, when Cosby was involved in standing腿tigent candidates Robin Lambeth, she claimed to have received a death threat. CPR asked Volle if he had had any personal experience with gay men or lesbians. Volle said that he had a cousin, Steve, a homosexual, who died of AIDS.

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MLGPA survey "important tool" in equal rights battle

by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

According to Karen Geraghty, President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, surveys similar to the one inserted in this issue of CPR, have been done before, but "opponents of equal rights for sexual minorities have always found fault with some aspect of the information gathered."

Accusations of multiple surveys being filled out by the same person seem to be the biggest stumbling block to overcome.

This particular survey has a space at the end for survey participants to fill out their own name, address and phone number.

Geraghty reiterated the guarantee of anonymity which is printed on the survey, saying "We know this is a hard thing to fill out, but we must have something in the way of identification, even if it's a phone number and address, first name and phone number or address. We won't give it out to anyone."

If you belong to any one of the sexual minority groups in Maine, please consider participating in this survey. CPR will print the results of the survey as soon as they are available. If you have any questions or concerns, call MLGPA at 207-761-3732. ΔΔ
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known to police the night of the attack. CPR asked why the police delayed in arresting him. Dion explained, "If the police establish that there is probable cause against a particular individual for the commission of a felony, then you, as a police agent, can make what we call a PC arrest, a probable cause arrest. You feel there is sufficient evidence and you act. The more common process is, if you reach that point, you gather up all your material, you make an appointment with the District Attorney's office, an Assistant District Attorney reviews the material and then a warrant is issued.

"We scheduled that interview and it appeared that we were going to have to wait quite a few days before someone was going to talk to us about the case and we were prepared to do that. But we also developed information that Dobson was intending to leave his address and that he had shaved his moustache and begun to alter his appearance so we expected flight. I made the decision that the detectives arrest on probable cause and not wait for this appointment."

Police response time has become an issue in this case. Ralph Cusack, owner of Blackstone's said the police were called three times and he remembers that it took 27 minutes for the police to get there. Cusack said Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood checked police records and he said it took 17 minutes.

Contradicting statements made by the man who helped Clark, Cusack said the attackers did make anti-gay statements. He heard, "How many cocks did you suck today?" and statements like, "Are you going to get your boyfriend to beat us up?" These statements were also confirmed by an employee of the bar.

Cusack commends Clark for having the guts to pursue this case publicly. He said he knows gay people who have been attacked but who are afraid to come out and say so. Cusack acknowledged that Clark had been shut off that night, but was not asked to leave the bar. He added that they do not have trouble with Clark as a bar patron.

After the fight, before the police came, Cusack recalls the odd occurrence of the attackers trying to shake hands with the sober patrons of the bar, who were outside. One eyewitness recalls Mitchell saying he was sorry and that he didn't have anything to do with the attack. At this point the attackers were accompanied by a young woman who is reported to be a sister of one of the alleged attackers.

An employee at the bar remembered one of the attackers, Stephen Dobson, from high school, and immediately identified him for the police.

**Arraignment**

Dobson was arraigned July 12. Court was scheduled to start at 9 am. Judge Cote strolled in at 9:20 am. During the 20 minute wait, the court staff was overheard grumbling about the consistent tardiness of this judge and that arriving at 9:20 am was his "common practice."

A probable cause hearing date was set for September 8, at 1:30 pm. The judge then asked if there was an issue with respect to bail. The state asked for $5,000, single surety, 10% cash bail. The state asked for cash because of the seriousness of the assault.

For the purposes of setting bail the defense conceded that there was not an issue of probable cause.

As to bail the state said the crime appears to have been motivated by hate, there is a broken nose, facial cuts, an eye injury and assault by as many as three people against one. There has been an indication of flight and even though Dobson does not have a criminal record as an adult, he does have a juvenile record (sealed).

Dobson's attorney, James Bushell, argued for release on personal recognizance. See **PREJUDICE**, page 7

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**“Get off the steps, fog!” Interview with William Clarke**

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

William Clark suffered broken nose, fractured eye socket & severe bruises.

William Clark was savagely beaten by three men outside Blackstone's, a popular Portland gay bar, the night of July 1, 1995. He has courageously gone public with his story. Mr. Clark consented to an interview with the Community Pride Reporter (CPR), July 10, 1995.

CPR: You were sitting on the steps of the apartment building next to Blackstone's. Three young men came walking by. Do you remember what the first words exchanged were?

WC: They said, "Get off the steps, fog."

CPR: When they first walked by did you say or do anything to get their attention?

WC: No. No. I remember saying to friends of mine, as they were cleaning the blood off my face, while I was crying, that, "All I was doing was just sitting there. I wasn't doing anything. I was just sitting there."

CPR: Were you drunk when this happened?

WC: Yeah. They had just cut me off at the bar and told me to go outside and get some air.

CPR: Describe what happened.

WC: They said, "Get off the steps, fog."

and some other derogatory statements and I really didn't want a confrontation so I got up to leave and the next thing I know - it happened really quick - I'm on the ground getting kicked in the head. I remember "A" ("A" is the other victim who chooses to remain anonymous) coming over and helping out and then the three guys left. Two or three minutes later, they came back and then the five of us went at it again and then the people from the bar came out and then the three guys left again. That was basically it. There were two confrontations. The whole thing lasted ten to twelve minutes from beginning to end.
time the fight broke out. Can you describe what happened that night?

A: I was locking my bike outside Blackstone's and a friend of mine was sitting on the stairs, a black guy (William Clark), he was just sitting there. He was drunk. I guess they had just shut him off at Blackstone's and there three guys were walking up the sidewalk as I was locking my bike up. I don't know what was said but next thing I know, one of the guys had William down on the ground and was kicking him. He was trying to free himself in the face, getting him down on the ground... all three of them were just kicking him.

CPR: As they were kicking him were they making anti-gay statements?

A: No, no. I don't think I had anything to do with "gay." I know what the paper (Portland Press Herald) says but they're wrong.

CPR: Explain why you claim this beating was not a gay-bashing?

A: Because they didn't say anything. Usually they say "faggot" and stuff and that's what the paper said, and it's not right because I saw the whole thing.

CPR: They never once said anything about William or you being gay?

A: They never said anything. They never said "faggot," nothing.

CPR: Do you remember what the first words that were exchanged before the fight actually started were. You said, "I don't know what was said." Do you have any recollection of those first words?

A: From what I saw they were just kicking him saying, "C'mon, get up, you punk," and they just kept on kicking him.

CPR: Wouldn't "punk" be considered another word for being gay?

A: No! I'm not a punk and I'm not gay.

CPR: Right... so you don't know what started it?

A: No idea.

CPR: Did he speak to him or did he speak to them?

A: From what I hear, he said some words to them as they were walking by, but I don't know that for sure.

CPR: OK, so during the beating they weren't saying any anti-gay things?

A: No.

CPR: What happened next?

A: I got done locking my bike up... I'm watching the fight. I'm about ten feet away. At first it was on one and then all three just started kicking him. They were kicking him hard as they could - just kicking him, and when I saw that I walked up to all three of them and I said, "Look, why don't you pick on someone fucking sober."

CPR: Do you know them?

A: No, I never saw them before in my life.

CPR: When you said "pick on someone sober" did they stop beating him and start on you?

A: Well, they said, "What are you getting at... you want us to fight you?"

And I said, "Well, you can either take a walk or we can go one on one. I ain't going to go three on one." And the next thing I know, the biggest guy out of the
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Concerned Maine Families stonewalls Ethics Commission investigation
Finances in shambles, Lockman and Cosby accuse Commission of 'showing favoritism'

by Bruce Balboni

"No one on the staff of the Ethics Commission has any affiliation with any group, personally or politically," said Marilyn Canavan, Ethics Commission Director, in response to Carolyn Cosby's charge that, "It's a politically driven and motivated investigation."

In a series of letters earlier this month Lawrence Lockman has accused Canavan of adopting a "political position" regarding a complaint filed against Concerned Maine Families (CMF) by Linda Bean. Bean's complaint has triggered an investigation of Concerned Maine Families' finances. Bean is a conservative Republican who ran for Congress, against Tom Andrews, four years ago and who supports CMF's referendum.

CMF must file quarterly reports with the Ethics Commission which show all contributions over $50.00. CMF filed a report showing Bean had contributed $3,500 to pay the legal fees of CMF's Virginia lawyer, Bruce Fein. Fein wrote Cosby about the CMF's financial problems.

Bean filed a complaint with the Ethics Commission, April 21, 1995 and

Lawrence Lockman and Carolyn Cosby, leaders of CMF, have
maligned Marilyn Canavan, Director of the Ethics Commission. Canavan seeks CMF's financial records as a result of alleged financial mismanagement.

June 5, 1995 in which she stated that she had not made such a contribution and had only given $250.00. Bean did give another $250.00 as a personal gift to Carolyn Cosby but Cosby listed the total - $500.00 - as a gift from Bean to CMF. In a flurry of letters between Cosby, Bean, Lockman and the Ethics Commission, Bean stated that she doesn't care what Cosby, as payee, does with her $250.00 but that she shouldn't have listed it as a gift from her, Bean, to CMF.

On June 12, 1995, the Ethics Commission met to consider Bean's complaints. The Commission decided to ask for "receipts of all expenditures made by CMF from July 5, 1994 through June 12, 1995. The receipts may be in the form of canceled checks. Contributing records and invoices covering July 5, 1994 through June 12, 1995. Please furnish the aforementioned records by July 3, 1995." The Commission did not order a full audit of CMF as requested by Canavan.

Lockman wrote to Canavan on July 5, 1995 stating that CMF could not meet the deadline which had already passed. Lockman states that the time given was "inadequate." He added, "However, on a more positive note, CMF appreciates the fact that the Ethics Commission, by its letter of June 20, 1995, has effectively scaled back its original request for a full-scale audit, for which there never was any basis.

"Given this movement by the Commission, away from what can only be construed as a political position ... " Lockman goes on to suggest that the Commission seek answers from Bean, not CMF.

Lockman sent another letter to the members of the Commission, July 10, 1995, complaining that Canavan had not responded to his earlier letter of July 5, 1995. Lockman reports a "very serious and threatening exchange that took place Wednesday, July 5, 1995, in the office of the Ethics Commission. As you will see, CMF Board members, Mrs. Carolyn Cosby and Mr. Cliff Tinkham were met with open hostility because CMF asked for certain information stored in the office of the Ethics Commission."

Lockman whines on the investigation is "selective and politically driven and that the Ethics Commission may be working cooperatively with Ms. Bean to oppose and even obstruct the CMF referendum. . . ." Linda Bean has stated publicly that she supports the referendum. 

Is it just a dream . . . !?

by Rick Bouchard

The Dream Part of Our Journey was featured in the June issue of The Community Pride Reporter. This month, I offer suggestions on improving dream recall and how to make the best use of a dream journal.

Everyone dreams. . . . but, not everyone remembers what they dream the next morning. In order to experience some of the benefits of dreaming, of paying attention to our dreams and integrating their messages into our lives, it is important to find ways to improve our ability to remember and keep a record of the dreams we have. Below are twelve suggestions aimed at making the job easier and more satisfying.

Twelve Tips for Improving Dream Recall:

1. Develop a relationship with your "unconscious." When you tell your unconscious ("psyche") that you want to hear what it has to say . . . it speaks! Sometimes, a simple interest in the dream world will stimulate dream recall.

2. Go to bed early. Getting a full nights sleep and having a clear head in the morning will help with dream recall.

3. Before going to sleep, affirm: Tonight, I will remember a dream.

4. Have a paper, a pen, and a subtle light by your bed. This minimizes the obstacles you may experience upon waking to record, minimizes the movements you must make, and makes the job easier. A subtle light will not fully wake you. Date your entry, title your dreams and write the dream in a journal in the present tense. (This allows you to reserve the past tense for when it really happens.) Also, at the bottom of the page, make a few notes about what is going on in your life at the time. This can help you later see patterns.

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7. No alarm clocks. Alarm clocks can decrease recall because they allow you "no twilight time." You are suddenly thrust into an awake state. Instead, try going to bed earlier so you wake up and savor that quiet time before the alarm goes off. Meanwhile, hopefully, memories of the dream images will surface in your silence.

8. Do not move upon awakening. Dreams are best recalled by lying still and letting the dream images surface. Ask "psyche" to let whatever you dreamt come to your conscious mind.

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The attack

on a gay man,

July 1, outside Blackstone's is another sad episode in the history of human relations. This paper's involvement with William Clark, the target of the attack, has been rewarding and reassuring. Mr. Clark's forthright manner in dealing with such senseless violence is inspiring.

There is, however, someone very important to this story who is, perhaps, by his own choice, overlooked. We want to pay tribute to a man who risked his own safety to help someone else. The anonymous man who stepped into the breach, not knowing what might happen, gave the lie to the phrase, "discretion is the better part of valor." Had he been discreet, Mr. Clark may well not have been here to thank him as he intended to do at the City Hall rally, July 13.

Mr. Clark has said that this man not helped him, he might have been killed. As he lay on the ground feeling the kicks to his head from three, strong young men, he wondered if he would survive.

The anonymous man didn't know if these hoodlums had weapons, he didn't know if there were more of them nearby. Quite simply, he risked his life to save someone he barely knew. He is a white man, he is straight. Mr. Clark is black. Mr. Clark is gay. Those are the facts. In our self-righteousness we'd say those facts shouldn't matter, but we know that on the street they do. There is only one word to describe the action taken by the anonymous man. After all the lofty talk about constitutional rights by dignitaries subsides, a simple truth emerges. We are witness to heroism.

Bruce Balboni

Winne Weir

Pride Reporter

Managing Editor

Bruce Balboni, Winnie Weir, Janis Tydor, Steve Hurr, Willy Willette

Dunbar Lighting and David Jury

This summer issue of Community Pride Reporter marks the beginning of our third year in existence serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Maine and seacoast New Hampshire. We are going to take some additional time off to relax, catch up on some office type work, maybe get away to the beach or read a book! Novel concept. Anyway, we will see you in September. We hope the remainder of your summer re-creates you in the way you need most.

CPR MAIL BAG

Dear CPR,

Thank you for your generous help in promoting the Pride Pier Dance and all of this year's Pride events. Without the support of the press, our Pride Weekend would not have been so hugely successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who made our first Pier Dance the biggest and best part of the year. Special thanks go to our outstanding sponsors: Faith Worley and all the off from Citi for host­ing the cash bar, Katabhin restaurant for the balloon arch, Greg Powers Entertainment and Ken Newton for the sound system, Dunbar Lighting and David Jury of Jerky Space Body Optics for the light­ing, Casco Bay Weekly for donated advertising space, Blackstones bar and Redhook Ale for cash contributions which help pay for insurance and promotion. The support and generosity of our sponsors made the Pier Dance possible.

I encourage all members of our community to thank our sponsors through supporting the businesses which support our Pier.

Special thanks also to our four fabulous DJ's: Lisa Vaccaro, Kris Clark, Michael Giller and Laree Love who donated their time and talent to the event.

The help and support of the Portland City Council, the Police Safety Committee, the Police Department and all the city officials and employees who were involved in the permit process is greatly appreciated, as is the assistance of former Mayor Peter O'Donnell.

Thanks to Drop Me A Line for handling advance ticket sales, Johanna Amato for help with promo graphics, Crystal Rose for her "nockout performance of "Over the Rainbow," Annette Dragon who photographed the event for us, Shawn Walsh for loaning rainbow flags, Vic Morrow for arranging the loan of tables, and Michael Wormwood for being Michael Wormwood.

Saving the best for last, I would like to thank all the exceptional people who volunteered for set up and security, especially Kevin Geel who saved the day on set up and Michael McKenzie who trained and directed the security crew. The volunteers who gave their time and energy to this event made it possible for nearly 2000 people to celebrate Pride safely and without incident. They all deserve our thanks.

Beyond presenting a great party to kick off Pride Weekend, the Pier Dance was created as a major fund raiser for the Pride Committee to finance all of the weekend's events. Between the gate receipts and Pride's percentage of the bar proceeds we are able to cover expenses for this year and have sufficient seed money for next year. As is the assistance of former Mayor Peter O'Donnell.

Dear CPR,

I have internalized the depression long enough. I am appalled at the direction that presidential politics has taken, and am at a loss for a solution.

Obviously there isn't a single Republican who I would trust to walk my mother's cat. Imagine the cesspool we would be in if they got more deeply entrenched?

The only option to me is to stick with President Clinton though he has let us down on more than one occasion, e.g. gays in the military, Jocelyn Elders, and his declaration during his campaign that "AIDS will be my passion." Although he did say the "A" word in connection with President Clinton though he has let us down on more than one occasion, e.g. gays in the military, Jocelyn Elders, and his declaration during his campaign that "AIDS will be my passion." Although he did say the "A" word in connection with President Clinton through he has let us down on more than one occasion, e.g. gays in the military, Jocelyn Elders, and his declaration during his campaign that "AIDS will be my passion." Although he did say the "A" word in connection with...
GUEST EDITORIAL

Portland Pride '95: How much success can you take!?

by Michael Rossetti/Pride Director

Without doubt this year's Portland Pride celebration was the biggest and best so far. Pictures and words cannot fully express the fun and support people experienced, so I will not dwell on them, except to say that we have video.

I will, however, give the well deserved thank-yous to the supporters and workers for this year's Pride.

Thanks should first go to the City of Portland for being the sort of place where diversity is not only protected, but may comfortably flourish to the benefit of City life. City Manager, Bob Ganley, deserves note for his support of the Pride '95 Festival proposal that went before the Public Safety Committee and the City Council. Councilors Charles Harlowe, Keri Lord, and John McDonough and the members of the Public Safety Committee deserve thanks for their trust in the Pride Committee to fulfill the obligations of our proposal. The new Portland City Council deserves appreciation for granting this year's celebration official "Declaration of Festival." Former Councilor and former Mayor, Peter O'Donnell deserves thanks for his support and guidance in getting our proposal through the process.

Thanks to the many City employees who freely and graciously gave advice and support.

Thanks is especially expressed to the Portland Police for their support, protection and assistance throughout the weekend. The fact that no incident occurred during the entire weekend is attributable to their presence. They are Stars!!

When it came to raising the initial costs of the celebration, three groups should be recognized. The drag community was instrumental in getting Portland Pride '95's fund-raising off the ground. I have come to believe that their commitment to the confidence, diversity and visibility of gay and lesbian people is without equal. Also, the bars of Portland, especially Blackstone's were stellar in their assistance. Thanks also to National distributors and their Red Hook Ale supplier who were the primary financial backers of our first Pier Dance.

Finally, thanks to all members of the Pride '95 committee and their volunteers. Each was uniquely matched to their event and all were committed and diligent workers. Although they deserve to be better known, the satisfaction of a service well done is its own reward.

This year's celebration was better received by the general press, but the gay/lesbian press can not be thanked enough for their interest and support.

The philosophy of the Pride Committee is that a healthy community does not happen at the State House or the White House, but in our own houses. We have worked hard this year to provide a focus for all our community on the joys of mutual support and open, free lives. We tried hard to showcase our community in the best of light, informing not only each other, but the non-queer community as well. We believe that visibility works only if we work together.

1996 is Portland Pride's 10th anniversary. We are already planning to make it a perfect 10. The Pride Committee meets twice monthly, all year, with a place at the table for everyone. We have no closed meetings and allow great independence for anyone with ideas or energy. To be part of Pride '96, please call me at 207-871-9940, or speak to any Pride Committee member.

Thank you Portland. ΔΔ

RANT

by David Cook

In the days of the Cold War, there was a one-liner that went "What's the difference between a Soviet citizen and an American citizen? Answer: The Soviet citizen knows his government is lying to him."

America was founded on the principles of the Enlightenment, which resulted in the truths enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the basic structures in the Constitution. Now a new America is being founded and it is being built on big lies.

The first of these, ushered in by Ronald Reagan (the father of the big lie himself) is that Government is your enemy and big business is your friend. This is the most important lie, because it provides the foundation for the revolution that is gradually transferring power from the poorer majority to an oligarchy of the already rich and powerful.

The second lie is that America is a free country. This is in spite of the fact that there is little real public dissent, that the two major political parties are virtually indistinguishable from each other, that Congress and the Presidency seem locked in an endless self-defeating struggle for the moral high ground, and that the one party, the Republicans, are the advocates of the American political process is so low now that the U.S. does not even qualify as a democracy by international standards.

The third big lie is that Americans are just good-hearted, kindly people living in a bewilderingly hostile world. This lie works together with our obsessive fear of world terrorism to perpetuate an isolationism born of our very real ignorance of the other people and cultures in our world. It is also a convenient excuse for any kind of military adventure that we might "need" to undertake for the preservation of our "national security." (Like waging a terrorist war against Nicaragua, for example or supporting fascism in El Salvador).

The fourth big lie is that America's stubborn economic malaise is the result of evil machinations from beyond our shores, rather than the inevitable product of nearly two decades of untrimmed greed on the part of big business with the collusion of our increasingly corrupt political leaders. This lie leads us to seek foreign scapegoats for our troubles rather than honestly examining the very real cultural and structural issues that have got us where we are. In the fifth lie, the disabled, the non-white people are the cause of much of America's troubles — they are the enemy. This lie underlies much of the Contract With America which the "Conservatives On America" (the Nation Magazine) and is the excuse for so-called welfare reform and other measures designed to eviscerate the already-rotting corpse of the great society.

The last big lie is that, only through a return to what we are told are fundamental values — the supremacy of the two-parent, heterosexual family, Christianity as the dominant metaphysical belief system, and the disemboweling of government — can the US return to its former splendor and take back its rightful position as biggest, strongest, richest country in the world. This is probably the most galling lie in that it is precisely behind the screen afforded by these values that the most appalling behavior has and is taking place — physical and sexual abuse, oppression of woman and gay people, and an unnecessary and destructive class war. What is especially ironic about all the sanctimonious bleating on the subject of Christian values is that, if ever I saw the nature of the Antichrist, it is on the Contract With America. (Meet RANT, a commentary column by David O. Cook, about broad issues affecting all of us. Opineated, left-wing, and provocative, RANT aims to tell it like it is. The opinions expressed in RANT do not necessarily reflect the opinions of CPR, its owner, editors, or writers — but they are probably not too far off either! To react to RANT, or any other columns in CPR, please address your comments to Community Pride Reporter, 142 High Street, Suite 623, Portland, ME 04101. Attention: Column name. ΔΔ)

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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 influsing 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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JULY EVENTS

Thursday, July 27:
ΔΔ 7:30 - 9:00 PM - The Matlovich Society, Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland, presents "Safe-Care in the Face of Hatred." Vivian Wadas, formerly of Womanspace Counseling Center, will facilitate a program about living with the chronic stress of homophobia and lead us to reflect on ways to alleviate that stress.

Saturday, July 30:
ΔΔ 3:30-6:00 PM - The Rights of Summer, GLAD's 13th Annual Summer Party, The Provincetown Inn. Introducing GLAD's new Executive Director, Amelia A. Craig. ΔΔ 8:00 PM - In concert at First Parish Church, 425 Congress St., Portland: disappear fear with special guest, Kate Schrock. MWD benefit. Tickets $10. FMI: 775-2378.

AUGUST EVENTS

Tuesday, August 1:
Δ Δ 7:00-9:00 PM - Seacoast Chapter PFLAG meets. Viewing "Silent Page 12 CPR ....,..__/

Saturday, August 5:
Δ Δ7:30-10:30 PM - Karaoke AID '95. Sunset harbor cruise on Casco Bay to benefit the work of PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support). Come to the Casco Bay Terminal in Portland. Tickets are $12. FMI: 775-PAWS, ext. #5.

Tuesday, August 8:
• Δ 7:00 PM - Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland. PFLAG Portland chapter meets. FMI: Rita, 766-5158 or Sue, 774-3441.

Wednesday, August 9:
Δ Δ 7:00-8:30 PM - Support group for Advocates and Supporters of Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights. 236 Park Ave., Portland. Facilitated free by Vivian Wadas, (774-2403) and Jewel McHale (773-4211). FMI, call.

Thursday, August 10:
Δ Δ 7:00 PM - The Matlovich Society's annual iown party. Bring something to share, plan to eat hearty. Watch the sunset. Beverages and grill provided. 104 North St. Portland. If lost, call 761-2059.

Saturday, August 12:
Δ Δ All day: Maine Street Art Connection. Several galleries in Portland will donate 15% of days proceeds to MWD. Art raffle, food sale and entertainment from 3-6 PM. FMI: 207-729-3703 or 207-729-6406.

MWD state-wide chapter meeting and summer potluck cookout competition. Searsport, Maine. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI, directions and time: 1-800-761-1788.

Monday, August 14:

Sunday, August 20:
Δ Δ 7:00 PM - Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, Rt. 77. C intricate in Concert sponsored by the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination. FMI: 799-8396.

Wednesday, August 23:
Δ Δ 7:00-8:30 PM - Support group for Advocates and Supporters of Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights. 236 Park Ave., Portland. Facilitated free by Vivian Wadas, (774-2403) and Jewel McHale (773-4211). FMI, call.

Thursday, August 24 thru Sunday, August 27:

Sunday, August 27:
Δ Δ Maine-ly For You Festivals presents You for Women's Campaign on private lake in Western Maine. FMI: 207-583-6980.

Saturday, September 4:
ΔΔ Portland Round Up sponsored by local gay community within AA. University of So. Maine Campus.

Saturday, September 2:
Δ Δ 9:00 PM-midnight - Chem free dance sponsored by Portland Round Up at Williston West Church. $5 at the door. FMI: 207/729-7403.

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1 thru Monday, September 4:
ΔΔ Portland Round Up sponsored by local gay community within AA.

Bias Crime Task Force holds rally to condemn attacks on minority groups

Portland City Hall gathering draws 500 people, July 13, 1995

William Clark stands with Attorney General Andrew Ketterer at the "No Room for Hate" rally. Clark is the victim of the gay bashing July 1st outside Blackstone's. Ketterer said, "Bigotry is a disease of ignorance and ignorance is nothing to be proud of." He added that the AG's office pledges to protect the civil rights of all Maine's citizens.

About 500 people attended a rally, July 13, 1995, on the steps of Portland City Hall. The rally was sponsored by the Bias Crimes Task Force in response to a series of hate crimes the most recent of which was a gay bashing July 1, 1995, outside Blackstone's.

Portland's Police Chief, Michael Chitwood stands with Moses Sebunya, President of the Maine's NAACP. Chitwood said, "We have gathered together to send a powerful message that hate and violence will not be tolerated in our community." He added that "an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us." Sebunya criticized Mayor Dawson of Portland and the City Council for their silence regarding the racist attacks on Somalis in West Bayside.

William Clark stands with the man who came to his defense when he was attacked outside Blackstone's, July 1. This man, who is not gay, chooses to remain anonymous. He suffered personal injury to help Clark. Clark had planned to speak at the rally but because of a misunderstanding did not. He wanted to thank the man who came to his aid and encourage others to help out if they are witness to violence. He also wanted to thank the Portland PD, the AG's office and Chief Chitwood in particular for their support.
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△ 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 discreetly. Call Gabriella 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.

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space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each another as lesbians. Confidentiality, openness and respect are required.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: (207) 947-3337.

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Youth Support

OUTRIGHT: Sundays, 6pm at Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center, Harlow St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual youth ages 16-22. FMI, call 207 947-3393.

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OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets every Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm at The People’s Building, 155 Brackett St., 2nd floor, Portland. Safe and supportive discussions with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning young people. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5077, Portland, ME 04101.

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1st Wednesdays: PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), 5:30 pm. Call 775-PAWS.

Charles Wyant, Program Coordinator.

Maine AIDS Alliance

Member Organizations

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

AIDS Coalition of Lewiston - Auburn: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243-9797. Call 786-4697.

Community AIDS Awareness Program: c/o Mexico Cong.Church/UCC, 43 Main St., Mexico, ME 04257. Call 364-8603.

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

Dayspring: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta. 207-4383.


Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box 2016, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

Maine AIDS Project: 1 Arrowhead Lane, Freeport, ME 04032. Call 834-3355.

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Three Shows, 3 women, 3 venues ...
by Aimsel L. Ponti

It’s hard to know just where to begin with this piece as the music was so great and I am overwhelmed with wanting to tell you about all three shows all at once.

Well, I guess I’ll go in order. Going back to a Tuesday night in early June, the 6th to be exact. The first time seeing any artist usually stands out most in my mind. Such is the case with Bonnie Raitt. Having never seen her live before, I went in with an open mind, and an open pair of ears. Before Raitt even took the stage, the evening was great because of the opening acts Raitt bad on tour with her. There’s nothing quite like “coffee grindin’ music” to a nearly sold-out audience. Ruth Brown’s “I Love Letters” was gut-wrenching and wonderful.

When Bonnie Raitt took the stage, she almost immediately established a comfortable rapport with us. Despite her semi-recent success, Raitt seemed to be poking fun at artists like Sheryl Crow, “Cry like an angel,” and the next she’d singing up on you.”

One of her last songs was “I can’t make you love me.” It was chilling. The show could have perhaps been louder and the crowd more enthusiastic, but Bonnie Raitt is definitely a performer not to be missed.

The very next night, Wednesday the seventh, I found myself in the front row of the lower balcony of one of my favorite venues, the State Theater. Again, I was seeing an artist I had never seen before. Shawn Colvin was absolutely amazing. She wove together music, humor and spontaneity into one of the best performances I’ve seen. One minute she’d have us breathless singing “Cry like an angel,” and the next she’d be poking fun at artists like Sheryl Crow, “This Little Light” on which we had audience participation. Our songs of pride ended the first half of the evening. It was, indeed, “Our Time!” with an added bonus of special guests, The Flirtations.

Following these heavier selections, the Chorus moved into lighter fare with “Reel a Bouche,” “Pineapple Rag,” and “Hit Me With a Hot Note.” Kyle Tardy was responsible for choreography and staging and did an outstanding job as did the MGMC Dancers. How those boys could a completely renewed fan, having experienced a sort of rebirth at Great Woods in Mansfield, Massachusetts on the night of June 19. Keep in mind that I had arrived in Portland at noon that day, having gone on three airplanes and red-eye hell on the way back from a 4 day trip to Santa Cruz, California. In a word, I was bitter and going another 3 hours without you. It was to join the Flirts in three concluding numbers, “On Children,” “Home,” and “That Little Light” on which we had audience participation as well. This section was somewhat disappointing in that the Flirts overpowered the Chorus. I’m sure it was due to some technical difficulties with mikes and monitors.

The concert provided a pride filled conclusion to a splendid day. Although I have it on good authority that the local bars had a dramatic increase in patrons following the concert! Thank you to everyone connected with the Chorus for your gift of singing!
Social gathering for gay men in Portland area

by Winnis Weis, Publishing Editor

In recent months, several gay men have come together to participate in social events in the Portland area. Dubbing themselves the Walt Whitman Dinner Club, "it's an experiment just to bring gay men together to meet in a positive, social setting," said David Garrity, one of the early 'members.'

When asked about the nature of these gatherings, Garrity replied, "Some of us have no interest in bars anymore, and we just thought we'd give it a try." We've had a couple of events that brought together gay men and we all enjoyed it, but we aren't an organization, he continued.

I asked Garrity what the overall goal is. He replied, "Our overall goal is to experience ourselves as community. That's about it, if there is any goal. The only rules we have are no agenda, no politics, no speeches. It's a chance for gay men to get to know each other. That's it.

The group held its first gathering at the Portland Club in April with about 50 men attending. Their second get-together was a barbecue held in mid-July at Diamond Cove. Over 75 men attended and "it seems as though it's going to grow," concluded Garrity.

Movie on Review: "Lie Down With Dogs"

by Frank Girolamo, Provincetown

The last time Provincetown was in wide release on movie screens across the country was in Norman Mailer's entombed "Dead Men Don't Dance." Somebody owes us a good laugh.

"Lie Down With Dogs" is an independent coming-of-age movie shot on location in Provincetown. The movie will open at the New Art Cinemas on Friday, June 30. (Provincetown shares the movie's premiere with New York and Los Angeles.) Production notes say "Dogs" is a "spirited comedy about one gay man's pursuit of romance and happiness." According to writer, producer and director, Wally White, it is "very loosely based" on the summer of 1991, the summer he escaped from New York and came to Provincetown.

Any movie about Provincetown has many juicy possibilities. People come here primed. A traffic sign once marked the spot where route 6 and 6A split in North Truro. It read, "Provincetown either way." Imagine those coming over that hill, reading that sign and eager to believe every word of it. The sign was considered too racy to stay. It's gone, but the message remains. People still arrive here ready to go. Summer in Provincetown is one prom night after another, a second adolescence, a theme park for the libido.

"The market for gay themes is very strong," according to White. "The gay audience is now clearly recognized as a niche market."

Other movies with gay or lesbian themes due out this summer are, "Heaven's A Drag," "Jeffrey," "Wigstock," "Sister, My Sister," and "The Incredibly True Adventure of 2 Girls in Love," (a movie better than its title). "Lie Down With Dogs" is not just another boy meets boy story. White says that seeing the film in Provincetown gave him the freedom not to focus on gay issues. The twenty-eight year old director says, "That's in stark contrast to many other gay movies, which make homosexuality their centerpiece rather than their backdrop. We were in the environment, we didn't have to deal with it. It wasn't an issue."

The film has been shown out of competition at gay film festivals in New York, Dallas and Berlin. There was a sold-out screening in early June at the 1500-seat Castro Theater in San Francisco. They like it.

The film was paid for with nine bulging credit cards for just over $40,000, Hollywood chicken food. Production costs were cut with produce-placement agreements: there will be Coca-Cola. Provincetown businesses also pitched in by providing free lodging, location sites, transportation, copying services and even gym memberships. White estimates the value of services rendered at around $63,000. The film was shot off-season. "We were lucky," he said, "the timing was right."

Unlike Jonathan Demme and "Philadelphia," White was not interested in making a crossover movie, one that would appeal to general audiences. He says his film is "for gay men and their admirers." And besides, "Homophobes don't pay eight dollars to see a gay movie. It just doesn't happen."
TO DO BEFORE YOU DIE

1. Keep your closets clean and sorted (not sorted). Have an arrangement with a friend to pick up that "special box" in the dark corner of your closet the minute your last appearance, so make it look

2. Keep an "IN CASE OF DEATH" folder, an ICOD for short. Your ICOD should include pet adoption papers, a

3. Keep yourself clean, clipped, packed and ready to go. Clip toe nails, clip nose and ear hairs, trim pubies, color your hair your fav shade, etc. Remember, exhaustion is right around the corner. And we all know, these preening and primping exercises will be the first to go (when you're bedridden, sick, etc).

4. Start a memorial service packet. And get those "wailers" planted. Forget that "Oh, he would want you to be happy..." crap. No way, reader. We long-termers want you to be bummed, mega-bummed, very, very bummed, and should you start to fail, what better parting gift for your last visitors, perhaps was feeling, (in the right moment, really...

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7. Tell everyone you're HIV+, infected, or slowly dying. Whatever. Just get the word out. You don't want people to be surprised at your funeral; you want them to cry.

8. Get a job at an ASO (AIDS Service Organization). Be careful, this is a truly tricky tip. It could backfire and kill you.

9. Get your name on all the exclusive homosexual mailing lists, like the fancy Walt Whitman Dining Society ("discriminating gentlemen only"), Maine Won't Discriminate, Matlovich, etc., and do it at once! These memberships can literally double the length of a good obituary AND they make you look busy and important, AND they can be used by just about anyone for just about any farewell or good-by speech, really...

10. Join a gym, Jim. Your lean body mass is a good thing to keep up. Instant Death if you fall below a certain threshold. Do try to get your membership donated. Remember, you are a PWA and people should treat you as such.

11. Talk to Fred Lipp about a free service at 1st Parish Church. The less money you can spend on your last journey, the better. Remember, size is so important to many. Your estate must be the biggest it can be. Get your family and friends to pitch in for "death things."

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11. Tape recording dreams can help you get closer to the experience and feelings you had when you actually had the dream. It reflects back to you what you sounded like, and perhaps were feeling, (in the middle of the night) as you recorded the dream.

12. Experiment with how you remember, record, analyze, and explore your dreams; try drawing, poetry, clay, and so on. Weave them into your day. Dreams can be the source of much inspiration, wisdom, and joy. Have fun and... pleasant dreams!

This article was adapted, in part, from the writings of my own teachers: Barbara Hare Noonan and author Jeremy Taylor. My work is guided and influenced by these wonderful teachers.

Rick Bouchard is a Portland-based dream practitioner and the founding director of The Dream Part of Our Journey. For more information, my brochure is available upon request. (See display ad in this issue, page 2). ΔΔ

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I'm glad we got these free memberships, I'm sure I'll save a vending machine around the corner.

I am firmly convinced that my T-cells laugh and chuckle and guffaw."

Also, start thinking about an obit. Have you seen what the Portland Press Herald does to their obit? Puleasse... (By the way, does anyone know where I could rent/borrow/steal a funeral pyre?)

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The HIV Advisory Committee: A Discussion with Kate Perkins

by Kate Perkins

That was a busy and acrimonious legislative season in Augusta in June. What many people don’t realize is that in the midst of all the budget and welfare reform battles an active and hard working Maine HIV Advisory Committee, commonly known as the Governor’s HIV Advisory Committee, was improving HIV policy and preventing problematic legislation from becoming law. What follows is a brief update on the Committee’s activity.

Last year the legislature passed, and Governor McKernan signed, a bill to re-vitalize the Maine HIV Advisory Committee. This committee, initially created in the late 1980’s, had been instrumental in passing confidentiality and other important legislation that was useful to PWHIV in Maine. However, under Governor McKernan, confidentiality dwindled and the Committee floundered. The revitalization legislation expanded committee membership and broadened the focus of its work.

The Committee has decided to focus on a few different areas: the impact of the Health Care Commission report (and any resulting actions) on PWHIV; HIV Testing Issues - which continues to be a major source of disagreement; and state operations, such as a review of how they assure consistency and quality between programs.

In addition, the Committee will take positions on a variety of issues and prepare to bring forward legislation to complete our work on LD321. The Committee also functions as the “first step” for individuals and organizations interested in starting new programs or submitting legislation. We’ll be working to reinforce this role and hopefully not be “caught off guard” by HIV legislation. The way we see it, the Committee can be a useful sounding board and screening mechanism to provide feedback; and if it’s a good idea, support.

KP: My readers might not have taken an active interest in the Committee and its activities. The meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the State Office Building. Trish Macomber provides staff support for the committee and she can be reached at (207) 874-1092. Folks with e-mail are welcome to contact me at KEPKerkins@aol.com

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CPR: The Committee is charged with advancing the interests of HIV/AIDS patients through increasing public awareness and obtaining legislative change that enhances the quality of life for patients with HIV/AIDS.
KP: True.

CPR: What is the status of the CARE Act now?
KP: We have 61 co-sponsors in the US Senate, which is enough to pass the legislation and enough to overcome a filibuster. Unfortunately, Senator Dole won’t let it come forward for a vote - so we really need folks to call or write to Senator Dole. The House has said it won’t take any action until the Senate takes action and time is running out.

CPR: What happens if the CARE Act doesn’t pass?
KP: Maine would lose $228,365.

CPR: You were just named Chair of the Maine HIV Advisory Committee. What do you see happening in the coming year?
KP: I was truly honored when the Committee recommended, and the Governor appointed, me Chair for the Maine HIV Advisory Committee. I don’t hold out much hope for Rep. Longley, but maybe he’ll surprise me.

CPR: What is the focus of it’s work.
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Focus group is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 1995, in Portland from 7 to 9 P.M. If interested, please call the Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine at 207-657-5864 for further information.

bunch, he wasn't tall but he was chubty, got me down on the ground. We were rolling around on the ground. I got some good shots in, him bleeding, he was bleeding.

CPR: What did the other two do while you were fighting?

A: They were egging him on saying, "C'mon, kill him, kick his ass."

CPR: What was happening to William while this was happening?

A: He was getting his cuts checked out in Blackstone's.

CPR: Did someone in Blackstones call the cops right away?

A: They called them right away and it took the cops right away?

CPR: They were egging him on saying, "you were fighting?"

A: The cops came about 40 minutes later and had William in the back seat of a cruiser getting his story. I told the owner of the bar (Ralph Cusack) that I didn't want anything to do with it. I didn't want my name mentioned.

CPR: Why do you wish to be anonymous?

A: Because it would be embarrassing for me. Even though it was outside a gay bar I really don't think it has anything to do with gay-bashing, but if the news thinks that then fuck 'em, I don't care.

CPR: Do you go to Blackstone's?

A: I go in occasionally to play pool, 99% of my friends are gay but I'm not gay myself.

CPR: So you want to remain anonymous because you don't want to be associated with being gay?

A: Yeah, and I don't like the publicity.

CPR: Why are you so convinced, so certain, that it's not a gay bashing? You're saying that putting that whole beating there wasn't one epitaph about "faggot?"

A: Because he's gay.

CPR: Your recollection is that not one of those three people used one single word about "faggot?"

A: Not that I could hear, I didn't hear one word.

CPR: Were there other people in the crowd who said they heard such words?

A: There might have been but they're all gay. I don't know why they'd say something when it never happened. I'm not happy with the article in the Portland Press Herald either.

CPR: What, in particular, displeases you?

A: That the fight has to do with gays. It doesn't have to do with gays but it doesn't have to do with gay bashing.

CPR: Have you seen the three perpetrators since the fight?

A: Yes, I saw them that same night about two hours later on the corner of State Street and Pine Street waiting for one of us to come out after the cops had spoken to them and everything.

CPR: Are you saying that the police spoke to the perpetrators that night?

A: Someone told me that the cops went up to the West End and spoke to those guys and then let them go. I don't know why they let them go.

CPR: Have you been trying to help the police catch them?

A: No.

CPR: Why not?

A: I don't like cops.

CPR: Why?

A: They don't. They may be here to protect me but I really don't care for them. I really don't want to get involved.

CPR: If you saw the guys who fought you and William again and there was a cop near you would you identify them?

A: No. I'd probably fight them again. If I hadn't had a few beers in me that night I could have waded them.

The goal of this training is to enhance youth leadership and offer educational resources for localized projects. Richard has already submitted a list of possible Maine based projects to be started, but is also "willing to take any suggestions seriously." According to Richard, Alan Stearns, Esq. will act as his mentor, offering guidance and support for the next year.

The National Gay/Lesbian Task Force is offering Richard a partial scholarship to enable his attendance. This leaves just over $500 to be raised within the next two weeks. Any contributions to assist this community-minded gay youth to participate in this training can be sent to: S. Erik Richard, c/o Community Pride Reporter, 142 High Street, Suite #632, Portland, Maine 04101. If you would like more information on this conference, feel free to contact Richard at 207/879-0331.
by Paula Stockholm

On the Fourth of July, 1995 as America celebrated itself, without undue help into the wee hours of Monday night and the morning of the Fourth from other of Bar Harbor took an unprecedented step towards celebrating all of itself in its traditional Independence Day parade.

For the first time among the ninety-four contingents representing the broad diversity of life in this Mount Desert Island town was a proud float belonging to the Bar Harbor gay/lesbian/bi community, "Out on MDI."

The float was primarily the brainchild of Deb Cooper and Rick Henry, with help into the wee hours of Monday night and the morning of the Fourth from other of the community. One of the fifteen-foot rainbow flag were folded, ironed, pinned, and stitched in a remarkable elbow-to-elbow cooperative assembly line. There were the tense moments when it appeared that the chicken-wire mountains adorned with three thousand purple and lilac petal flowers might not quite fit down the stairs as planned. It made it with only a few rumpled petals.

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Out of Town!

Paul T. Bernard

In this issue, I thought I would offer a collection of travel tips to save you time, money, and aggravation.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL: 1) Do as much planning for your trip as possible.

- Contact the local Chamber of Commerce for information on the area you plan to visit. They will send you information on their area.
- Check with your insurance agent to see if you are covered under your insurance policy for car rentals - this can save you up to $15 a day on insurance coverage.
- Arrange for a telephone calling card. This can save you lots of money over making calls from your hotel room.
- If you belong to an auto club like AAA, pick up maps and tour books for the areas you will be visiting.
- Contact your travel agent to arrange for foreign currency and/or foreign travelers checks - this can save money by getting

MONEY TALK: Do you want to retire?

Some planning to insure your financial security after you stop working. Planning for retirement does involve more than just putting money aside for later. There are several questions that need to be considered, like:

- What do you want to do while you are retired? Give some consideration to the activities which you will want to be able to do when you retire. A goal of your retirement may be to allow more time in the day to pursue other interests such as painting, writing, or even go back to school.
- A friend of mine wants to be able to travel around in a Winnebago. Each of these things will require an outlay of money and should be considered when developing a retirement plan, so let your imagination run and envision the life you want to have. How much money will you need to live on? A basic component to a successful retirement plan is a budget for your current expenses and try to project what will they be after you retire. It may be that some costs will decrease and others will increase.
- Many people do not have a mortgage payment in retirement, but real estate taxes will still continue, and home maintenance costs could even increase. Medical expenses will probably increase, possibly even to the point where you may need to reside in a nursing home. Give some consideration to what life-style changes will occur as you grow older and what the related costs may be.

- Where will your income come from during retirement? After you have considered what you want to do in retirement, contact the local Chamber of Commerce for the areas you will be visiting.

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Money Talk: Do you want to retire?
Portland Pride through the lens of Tom Antonik

Free support group offered

PORTLAND: 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 rest, restore, and get nurtured before going back for all of us, and would like to thank you by offering you a safe, caring space to rest, restore, and get nurtured before going back.

This group will meet on Wednesday evening, beginning August 9 and will meet again on August 23. The group will meet weekly starting September 6 through September and October until the November vote. Meetings are from 7:00-8:30 pm at Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Avenue, Portland and will offer on-going, drop-in, facilitated support group, free of charge, for anyone who is working to support civil rights for lesbians and gays.

For more information, call either co-facilitator: Vivian Wadas, 774-2403 or Jewel McHale, 773-4211. ΔΔ

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ment and what your living expenses will be, the next step is to determine where the money will come from to pay for it all. This is where a having a good retirement plan will pay off. The income for your retirement will generally come from the investments you make during your working years.

It may be an annual IRA contribution or funding an employer sponsored plan, but the point is that your retirement income comes from what you put aside in investments and savings today. Social Security was not designed to be a primary source of income in retirement, only a supplement. Plan on having another source of income. It may be that you will need to fund your retirement by working part-time. Many people become bored and restless without work and part of their retirement plan is to continue working on a limited basis so that it allows them time for their other interests.

These are a few broad questions involved in developing a retirement plan. Each of these questions can lead to several other related questions and so on and so on. Also, remember that events rarely occur as expected, so keep your retirement plan flexible and revise it on an as needed basis. Looking forward to the days when working is no longer necessary is fun, but getting there is another matter. The point is, a successful retirement where you have the life-style you desire is something which requires forethought and planning. Good Luck! ΔΔ

March across Maine for equal rights being organized

Deb Cooper of Bar Harbor, activist and member of Out on MDI, is in the beginning stages of organizing a statewide march in October to highlight the important issues for gays and lesbians in the November referendum vote. The plan is to have local coordinators for various regions who will 'gather the troops' and make local media and celebrity connections.

Columbus Day weekend can mark the beginning of a month-long relay march north from Kittery and south from Fort Kent. A mile at a time, a day at a time, we can walk, sing, dance, and campaign our way to Augusta.

This march, like the Unitarian Universalist Church's Speakout Maine project, may be one of few opportunities to bring lesbian voices and concerns to public attention. The march is separate from, but supported by, the MWD campaign. Expand the vision — organize your piece of this historic event! Invite local celebrities! Stage media events! Make it as big a production or as low-key as you like. Just do it!

For more information or to coordinate/participate in the March to Augusta, contact Deb Cooper (207) 276-5916 (dmc@aretha.jax.org). Let's show our neighbors and the nation that the citizens of Maine won't support legalized discrimination and hatred. Remember, it's YOUR LIFE that's being voted on in November!
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