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Maine Youth Protection Council has new Executive Director

Erik Richard looks to bring fiscal stability and credibility to Council

Portland, ME: Since 1993, the members of the Maine Youth Protection Council have worked with issues of racism, homophobia, and sexism. The organization had undergone tremendous growth and revitalization in the past year including the addition of several new members and a new Executive Director, Erik Richard. In 1996, with broad based community programs, the Council will take steps toward ensuring that once again youth will take an active role in making their community and schools safer for minority youth.

The Council was originally established to identify all programs affecting youth in Portland and to offer recommendations to Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council for solutions to these issues. In the early stages, MYPC identified the homeless rate as a top priority. "The organization has been recognized for its contributions and funded by Haymarket Peoples Fund and The Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC) as well as community supporters. Listed among the members of the Haymarket Peoples Fund and the Community Training and Assistance Center are representatives of the Maine Youth Protection Council, the Landmark Center for the Arts, and the Violence Prevention Project.

Erik Richard, Executive Director with a vision  

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Further investigation reveals inconsistencies in employee's claims about Windham restaurant

Owner of Miller's Diner disputes charges made by former employee

by Bruce Balboni

"There were two facts in the article that were correct - he worked here and he was fired," said Don Miller in reference to the article in CPR's December issue regarding the termination, November 11, 1995, of Bruce Grover from the employ of Don Miller, owner of Miller's Diner on Route 302 in Windham, Maine. CPR spoke with Don Miller, Friday, January 12th and Dan Boynton, Saturday, January 13th, in an effort to clarify and bring balance to the allegations made by Bruce Grover and published in the December issue of CPR.

Grover had claimed that since he was awarded unemployment benefits, November 13, 1995, that proved that he had been fired without cause. However, Don Miller appealed that decision. When CPR interviewed Grover mid-December, 1995 he indicated his intention of attending the appeal hearing and fighting for his unemployment. According to Don Miller, Grover did not attend the hearing, held early January. When one of the parties to an unemployment dispute does not attend the hearing, the absent party usually loses by default and, in this case, Grover would probably have to pay back whatever benefits he had received.

Grover made several claims against his employer, Don Miller and against fellow employees, especially Dan Boynton. Grover states that he was fired November 11, 1995 and when he asked 'why' Don Miller refused to tell him. Miller has confirmed that he was unwilling to discuss the reasons for firing Grover with him, but Miller goes on.

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Landmark Federal Court ruling against dentist who refused to treat patient with AIDS

Boston, MA- In a landmark victory for people living with HIV and AIDS, a federal court in Bangor, Maine has ruled that a dentist's written policy of refusing to treat people with AIDS or HIV is illegal discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This is the first legal decision in the country to reject the argument that a doctor can refuse to treat a patient with HIV or AIDS because of the fear of transmission of HIV from a patient to a doctor or other patients," according to Bennett H. Klein of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders in Boston, MA, co-counsel for the plaintiff. Added co-counsel, David Webbert of Augusta, Maine, "The Court has sent a clear signal to doctors and dentists that discrimination against the one million Americans with HIV will not be tolerated and is medically unjustified."

The case is Sidney Abbott vs. Randon Bragdon, D.M.D., refused to treat patient from a patient to the dentist or other patients. See LANDMARK, page 3

Ethics Commission subpoena's records

Concerned Maine Families (CMF) asked to turn over finance records from campaign

by Winnie Weir

According to a news story appearing in the Portland Press Herald's January 18 edition, the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices served Concerned Maine Families (CMF) with a subpoena requesting campaign finance records. This action by the Commission is yet another attempt to resolve alleged inconsistencies and errors in reporting contributions made by CMF during the course of the referendum campaign. Carolyn H.T. Cosby, leader of CMF, is calling the actions of the Commission "political harassment" of her and CMF.

Folkers continued to be in contact with the Commission and pointed out inconsistencies in the explanations Cosby provided to the Commission. When the Commission voted in September to continue the investigation, see ETHICS, page 18

Bruce Grover: Did he tell CPR and the Unemployment Bureau the truth?

Bubbins photo

Carolyn Cosby's 'home away from home.'
and to show him good faith I gave him half the raise right then because I really thought the guy was going to do it. He said, 'Oh, great, no problem, I'll really take care of these things and there won't be another problem.' Nothing changed, not a damn thing changed.'

As far as Grover's claim that he was a shift supervisor Miller explained that Grover was 5th in the chain of command below Dan Boynton. Miller added that the only reason Grover had the keys to the place is that he was the last one out on the weekend nights. Further, Miller does not remember telling Grover that he, Grover, was "one of the most diplomatic employees . . ." Miller takes exception, specifically, to any claim by Grover that anything that went on at Miller's Diner had to do with Grover's sexuality. Grover had said that the "trouble" started when he, Grover, began hanging around with the two lesbians who work at the Diner, but Miller says that just the fact that there were lesbians working there proves he has no bias against gays and lesbians, as Grover claims.

One of the most successful youth events of the year was the MYPC's youngest Executive Director in their history has the support of both Council and Board Members. These members believe that Erik's dedication to the Council's objectives and his commitment to the 1996 agenda can help make this the organization's best year ever.

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Erik Richard, once the youngest person to run for public office in the city of Portland, heads up the Council as Executive Director. Erik was honored last August as one of the Top 25 Youth Activists in the nation by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Richard began working on youth issues in 1987 when he founded Community Kids, Inc. in Rumford, Maine. That organization was successful in promoting alternatives to drug use and abuse by youth in that community. In 1992, Richard left his home town at age 15 to avoid the continuous harassment by peers after being "outed."

"As Executive Director I want to bring the Maine Youth Protection Council to a point of fiscal stability, heighten its credibility and growth in the State of Maine, as well as have the Council stand as a national role model not only to other youth, but to society as a whole," Erik states.

The 1996 projects begin with the Maine Safer Schools Program, the Youth of Color Caucus, and Youth Day '96. The Maine Safer Schools Program, modeled after similar projects in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Washington, and Minnesota, focuses on guaranteeing equal educational opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans youth in their schools. The Council will lead efforts to build the Coalition and create the Steering Committee. The effort will start by holding hearings state-wide giving youth the opportunity to testify as to their experiences with homophobia within their school system. It can be assumed that the Coalition will submit recommendations to the Department of Education in late 1996 or early 1997.

The Youth of Color Caucus will be a Portland based project offering unity and embracing diversity among Portland's youth. This project was created in light of the recent and not so recent event of harassment and violence directed toward young people of color. Recently, Advisory Board Member Victoria Hershey said, "When you have a city as diverse as Portland, we need to take responsibility to sit down and learn about each others traditions. What better way to start working together than through a youth caucus." The Council is currently reviewing possible coordinators for the Caucus to form organized goals and objectives as well as offering guidance and advice.

Thirdly, the MYPC is also slated to begin to form a sub-committee for its annual Youth Day in late February. The Council hopes that Youth Day '96 will generate an even more enthusiastic response than last year's event.

One program that is currently nameless will focus on sending questionnaires regarding racism and homophobia to guidance counselors, principals and school board candidates. Erik Richard feels very strongly that though he was defeated in the race for the Portland School Committee last May, that issues of racism and homophobia entered into discussion when they otherwise may not have if he had not run.

"It is unfortunate that these issues seldom play a role in School Board elections in our state. It is important for constituents to know where their officials and candidates stand on crucial issues that can tear apart community and lives," said Richard. It is the Council's goal to find out how the candidates' opinions compare to those of the school administrators.

With 1996 promising to be the Maine Youth Protection Council's most active year, any interest and participation from community members is welcome. In addition, personal donations to assist with the Council's work are needed. For more information about these projects or to join MYPC's efforts, contact the Council at: PO Box 4427, Portland, ME 04101 or (207) 775-4944.
Anti-Gay Bill Moving Forward in Legislature

by Karen Geraghty

A week after Senator Dale McCormick, (D-Hallowell) announced her plans to withdraw a state-wide anti­discrimination measure and called for “healing” after the divisive battle of Question One, Senator Georgette Berube (D-Lewiston) announced her intention to proceed with an anti-gay bill in the current legislative session. This bill is a “hold over” from the first half of the session, which began in January 1995.

The bill is L.D. 1448 - An Act to Reconcile Rights and Responsibilities with Respect to Sexual Orientation. The bill was drafted by Michael Poulin, a Lewiston attorney who worked to defeat the Human Rights Ordinance in that city. Most serious of MLGPA’s objections to this legislation is that it provides protections based only on orientation, not behavior. That can mean you aren’t covered if you “practice” sexuality. The bill seems to devote more attention to loopholes and exclusions from protections than even to the limited protections it offers.

It treats gay people differently in age of consent and child abuse, and it bans us forever from adoption, foster care, school curricula, marriage, domestic partnership - even employment benefits. It specifically exempts any agencies and organizations that work with anyone under 18 years of age. That this bill does little to correct inequalities was clear to its drafters: it specifically permits “different treatment” in policies and practices based on sexual orientation.

The limited protection from discrimination that it offers is only the result of your “crim ine victim status”: if you are the victim of a hate crime and as a result of reporting that crime your employer finds you out you’re gay and fires you then you might be protected from discrimination based on crime victim status.

Within the last week, Senator Berube indicated that she may try to amend her bill so that the only two items still included in the bill will be a ban on same gender marriage, and the protection from discrimination when gays are beaten up.

In MLGPA we are directing our efforts at pressuring Senator. Berube to follow Senator McCormick’s lead and withdraw her bill, or in the event that fails we are trying to get a unanimous “Ought Not to Pass” from the Judiciary Committee. At this time there has been no indication if there will be a public hearing on the bill.

Members of the Judiciary Committee are listed below. If you are represented by one of them, please call and voice your opposition to L.D. 1448. Then call MLGPA at 1-800-556-5472 and let us know you made the call.

Sen. Peter Mills (Senate Chair), R-Skowhegan, District 13; Sen. Sean Faircloth, D-Bangor, District 9; Sen. Joseph Penderkat, R-Scarborough, District 31.

Senators can be reached at 1-800-423-6900 (toll free during session only) or 287-1540 (anytime).


Representatives can be reached by calling the clerk’s office at 1-800-423-2900 (toll free during session only) or 287-1400 (anytime). 

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Patients was a “direct threat to the health and safety of others” under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Dr. Bragdon attempted to challenge the scientific basis for policies of the United States Centers for Disease Control and the American Dental Association that people with HIV may be safely treated with the use of standard infection control procedures known as “universal precautions” which are utilized for all patients.

In a twenty-eight page decision written by United States District Judge Morton Brody, the Court rejected Bragdon’s argument that “performing invasive dental procedures...creates a significant risk of transmission of HIV” through contact with plaintiff’s blood by a needlestick injury or spattering and misting of blood or bloody saliva. Dr. Bragdon, according to the Court, offered only “speculation,” “conjecture” and “tangential statistic” about the likelihood of HIV transmission during dentistry. In determining whether the possibility of HIV transmission justifies discrimination against a patient, the Court stated the “[N]either the duration or severity of HIV transmission outweigh the evidence as to how the disease is transmitted and the slight probability of transmission...in light of modern dental methods, treatment of plaintiff does not pose a direct threat to the health and safety of Defendant, his staff, or his patients.” The decision is particularly important in light of Dr. Bradgon’s zealous belief that health care providers should not be required to treat patients with HIV. Dr. Bradgon has spent thousands of dollars to mail his writings to the entire membership of the Maine Dental Association to persuade dentists not to treat patients with HIV. Although there is no documented case of HIV transmission from patient to dentist, Dr. Bradgon argued that HIV could be transmitted in dentistry through needlestick injuries, splashes and splatters of blood or bloody saliva; that masks and goggles are inadequate barriers; that HIV can survive in dental suction and water unit lines as well as aerosols created from dental drilling; and that HIV-positive patients have a high risk of having active tuberculosis. If the Court had been persuaded by Dr. Bradgon’s claim, a doctor or nurse would have been able to refuse even to draw blood or assert an IV line in a patient with HIV.

(Editors note: In speaking with Bennett Klein, Exec. of GLAD, he indicated that this case would “undoubtedly be appealed.” CPR will be following the developments.)

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance Reacts to Anti-gay Bill in the Legislature

On hearing today that Sen. Berube will be sending a bill to the legislature to pass an anti-gay bill in this Legislature, Karen Geraghty, President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) issued the following statement:

“I am outraged and so will every other single person who voted "no" on Question One. The radical right elements in our state still haven’t gotten the message. Maine voters said loudly and clearly that Maine shall not make laws whose purpose is to limit the rights of any group of people -- including gay men and lesbians.

Senator Berube proposes that the only protection from discrimination that a gay person should get is when he or she becomes the victim of a hate crime. MLGPA, anti-discrimination bill sponsors, and Governor McKernan and his staff all considered a similar set of protections for hate crimes victims in 1993. It became clear to us then that such a proposal could never be translated into practice. For instance, how could it be administered, how long would it last, what types of crimes does it cover, etc. The real issue is that discrimination against gay people should not take place. It’s moronic and inhumane to say that we will only be protected from job discrimination if we get beaten up first.

Senator Berube also proposes a pre-emptive prohibition of any partnership benefits or marital status for gay couples. This sounds like another “monster in the closet scenario” -- imagining things that are not there. We haven’t even proposed gay marriage or domestic partnership benefits but our opponents already want it prohibited. Many respected and successful corporations have long provided partnership benefits to unmarried employees whether they be heterosexual or homosexual...
News from the Granite State

Former Congressman, Tom Andrews (D-Maine) to discuss
“The Politics of the Family.”

On Saturday, January 27, at 2:00 pm, the Social Concerns Committee of the Unitarian Universalist South Church in Portsmouth will sponsor a forum on the “Politics of the Religious Right.” The former Democratic Congressman from Maine, Tom Andrews, will be the featured speaker. Andrews was selected in August, 1995 as the new President of People For the American Way, a nationally respected advocacy organization with more than 300,000 members across the country. This group has been in the forefront on THE defining issues of our time including civil rights and free expression, reproductive freedom and the challenge to the Religious Right’s so-called culture war.

Tom Andrews served two terms (1990-1994) as a Democratic member of Congress from Maine and was elected president of his freshman class. He begins his week as a congressman who is both courageous stands and political risks. In 1994 he ran for the Senate at the urging of retired Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. He lost to Olympia Snowe. Since January of 1995 Andrews has been a consultant to the National Democratic Institute and the Economic Policy Institute in Washington.

Andrews will speak about “The Politics of the Family,” relating how the Religious Right, while calling itself “pro family,” has pushed a political agenda that greatly harms American families. The Religious Right has been extremely successful in using language, symbols and (frequently untrue) stories to advance its extreme right-wing political and economic social agenda. Andrews will offer progressive activists a new way to respond to these increasing attacks on families.

UU South Church is located at 292 State Street, Portsmouth. For further information, call JoAnne Dowd, 603-659-4754; Paige Roberts, 603/427-0034; or Bo Statius, 603-659-8524. △

Sexuality, Orientation and Gender:
Providing competent health care services to sexual minorities

Flora Piterak and Jim Brentz, inspired by nationwide grass roots groups working on rural issues, came home from the Detroit Gay and Lesbian Task Force Conference more determined than ever to build a strong coalition in the state. Piterak and Brentz are starting a “Rural Concerns Consortium.” A planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 27 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Keene. Participants will work on plans for a Symposium in Manchester or Concord sometime this spring. The agenda includes planning workshops in the morning, a town meeting in the afternoon and an evening dance. For more information on the planning meeting, call Jim at 603/536-4011.

An Opening Night for the “Rainbow Network” (The Net), happened in December, 1995. More than 250 people gathered in the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth to take the first steps toward building a unified gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Warren Blumenfeld and Senator Dale McCormick (D) Maine, gave insightful, amusing and moving talks. Founders of “The Net,” Ruth Rosenhek and members of several area gay, lesbian, bi and trans groups shared their vision - - to end the fragmentation in the gay, lesbian, bi and trans community. “The Net” held its first general meeting to develop an organizational structure on January 9 at Portsmouth City Hall. For more information, call Ruth at 207/439-7085. △

Source for news: PFLAG, NH’s January-February Newsletter

House Judiciary Committee Hears
Anti-Discrimination Bill

HB1294, protecting gays from discrimination in housing, public access and employment was scheduled to be heard by the House Judiciary & Family Law committee on Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 pm. The primary sponsor of the bill is Rep. Bill McCann of Dover, NH. Jim Brentz of the Coalition to End Discrimination (CED) has urged PFLAG members and others to get involved by telephoning or writing their State Representatives to urge support for this bill.

( Editor’s Note: More on this story as the bill makes its way through the long process.) △
In the December/January issue CPR, we ran a story on the unveiling of The Maine AIDS Plan and said we would allocate space in each issue of CPR for reprinting portions of the Plan for our readers. We cannot hope to reprint the entire document and would urge readers to secure their own copy or borrow a copy and read it cover to cover. It's a monumental work well worth the read. In this issue we are printing excerpts from the Introduction and Executive Summary along with some facts about HIV/AIDS.

**A Blueprint for Action:**

AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, was first recorded in the United States in 1981. Since then, over 270,000 people in this country have died from the epidemic. In Maine, more than 200 people have died of AIDS, and another 2,000 are estimated to be living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the virus that leads to AIDS.

Economically, the cost of this disease is staggering: an estimated $102,000 for each individual diagnosed with AIDS. Taking into consideration the number of Mainers believed to be infected today, a minimum of 204 million dollars will be required over the next decade for care and treatment alone.

And those are only the financial costs. The life costs are far greater: the loss of loved ones, family members, friends, relatives and co-workers.

For those who become ill, the costs are all too visible. This virus has caused many to live and die in isolation and poverty. Thousansd have had to suffer through stifler barriers of oppression just to get treatment. Thousands more have been so afraid of losing their jobs, their insurance, their homes and the love of friends and family, that they have literally wasted away without care.

The great tragedy of this disease is that it's almost completely preventable. In medical terms, we have the knowledge and the technology to stop the spread of HIV in Maine.

But HIV is not simply a medical issue. Our fear of this disease and denial of those who have contracted it have forced HIV to become an issue of basic human rights. In fact, this disease would never have progressed as far as it has if it weren't for discrimination.

With some irony perhaps, HIV has been referred to as "the equal opportunity disease." The virus has not discriminated; men, women and children from all walks of life have been infected. And even though HIV is not particularly vigorous as viruses go, it has thrived in an atmosphere of stigma, fear and misinformation.

The "Maine AIDS Play" begins with the plain facts, such as how HIV transmission occurs and how to prevent it. In practical terms, such issues are easy to talk about and easy to understand. In fact, our society is already well aware of how to prevent HIV.

In social terms, however, we're still far behind. As a country, we have been unable to address this epidemic effectively. Yet one of the most powerful ways we can prevent HIV is by ending discrimination; by respecting people whose lives may be different from our own; and by standing together as a community in times of crisis, such as this.

These actions require more than knowledge. They take courage and commitment.

In summer of 1992, responding to the lack of activity from our state leadership, 25 people gathered together to think about Maine's future and AIDS. Among them were health care practitioners, educators, service providers, bureaucrats, legislators, activists and people living with the disease. For four days they shared their ideas and formulated a strategy. When the conference ended, they had resolved to construct a specific, five-year course of action addressing HIV treatment, prevention and policy. This was the foundation for the "Maine AIDS Plan."

... The "Maine AIDS Plan" is a resource guide with basic information, statistics and personal observations about how HIV affects different populations throughout the state, and how each sector of society can enlist its best resources to meet the challenge.

The Maine AIDS Plan is a profile — of courageous, caring individuals, each of whom, in his or her own way, has made us all stronger. And this Plan can help every one of us make a small but crucial difference in our homes, community or workplace.

The Maine AIDS Plan is a blueprint for action. The Plan is a grassroots, community effort written by and for Maine people all across the state. The Plan is user-friendly ...

The Plan is a tool with up-to-date facts and resources, concrete steps for action and local, state and national resources.

The "Maine AIDS Plan" is, in the end, a process.

**HIV/AIDS in Maine: Who is at risk?**

Anyone who engages in unprotected sex or who shares needles for injecting drugs (or otherwise piercing the skin) may be at risk for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Even though HIV/AIDS has affected all segments of Maine's populations, since the late 1980s three significant epidemiologic trends have become evident:

**Rural**

The increasingly rural character of HIV/AIDS: Recent AIDS diagnoses are more likely to have occurred among residents of non-metropolitan and rural communities in the central and northern areas of the state.

**Women**

The slow but persistent increase in the number and proportion of women with HIV and AIDS: From one woman in 1988 to 11% of all Maine AIDS cases in 1993. Presently, close to 40 Maine women have AIDS, and many more are HIV infected. Because some women have such little knowledge of (or control over) their partners’ habits, they may be at risk unknowingly.

**Male-to-Male Transmission**

The majority of recently diagnosed cases of AIDS in Maine (73%) are among men who have sex with other men: Because HIV/AIDS is so closely associated with sex and with gay men, people living with HIV/AIDS have been shunned, discriminated against by all segments of society and denied necessary services. Because of society's wounding response to this disease, America's gay community itself has organized against this disease: from education and treatment efforts to the formation of service organizations and actually changing the way society treats all terminal illnesses.

**HIV affects other populations**

**Hemophiliacs**

Although hemophiliacs have proportionally suffered the greatest infection rate from HIV and AIDS, since 1985 the blood products used to treat hemophilia have been tested and treated to eliminate the risk of HIV and other diseases. Still, from prior dependency on the blood supply, it is estimated that 70% of all hemophiliacs nationally are infected with HIV.

**Maine Youth**

Twenty-three percent of Maine persons living with AIDS are between the ages of 20 to 29; most of them probably became infected in their teens. According to a survey conducted by the Department of Education, of the 54% of high school students who have had sexual intercourse, only 50% indicated that they (or their partner) had used a condom during the three months prior to the survey.

Fifty-six percent of high school seniors and 51% of juniors reported at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the 30 days prior to the survey. In a separate survey, up to 46% of college students said that their having sex was due directly to alcohol use.

Approximately 25-30% of children born to HIV infected mothers will have HIV infection.

**Injection Drug Users**

Sharing needles for injecting drugs accounts for 14% of AIDS cases in Maine. Over 22% of positive HIV antibody tests in 1993 were attributed to injection drug use.

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**Building Bridges: Leadership Training**

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Task Force asks AG Reno to take action on Oregon Killings

Put Feds on alert in anti-gay initiative states says NGLTF

Washington, DC: Citing the recent murders of two lesbian activists in Medford, Oregon, and a tragic history of violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people in other states with anti-gay ballot initiatives, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has asked U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno to lend federal assistance in investigating and stopping homophobic homicides.

“We are writing to inform you of a situation which unfortunately is becoming too commonplace in our country and to seek your assistance in helping protect the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people,” said the three-page letter. “As you may be aware by now, two women were murdered ‘executing’ style in Medford, Oregon [in early December]. While the specific circumstances of this case are not yet known, we are concerned that these seemingly calculated murders were motivated by hatred toward gays and lesbians.”

Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, both openly lesbian activists and upstanding community citizens, were abducted on Monday, December 4. On Thursday, December 8, the bodies of Ellis, 54, and Abdill, 42, were found in a pick-up truck in Medford. Local media reports indicate the two were bound and executed at close range.

Ellis and Abdill were prominently involved with the local chapter of Parents, Friends & Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), and their community church. Both played highly visible leadership roles in the battle against Measure 13. The measure, sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, was defeated in November 1994. The police are investigating the killings as hate crimes, and is expected to rule early this year.

“Our concern is that however the facts in this case turn out, hate crimes and violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons continue to be an epidemic in this country,” said the letter. “In the atmosphere of hatred and gay-baiting which are expected to be waged by the Far Right during anti-gay ballot and legislative state initiatives, it is clear that such crimes will increase.”

The letter went on to detail the rise in anti-gay violence, especially in states with homophobic initiatives. The ballot initiatives are designed to overturn existing protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and prohibit such protections in the future. Typically accompanying the measures is a wave of incendiary propaganda ranging from charges of child molestation to “special rights” to bestiality and “AIDS spreaders,” disseminated by initiative sponsors to persuade voters to support the measures.

In the letter, signed by NGLTF executive director Melinda Parais, the Task Force asks the Department of Justice to monitor the situation in Medford and, if possible, “lend assistance to local law enforcement in assuring the collection of all information necessary to determine whether or not this was a hate crime.” The letter also states, “We strongly urge you [Reno] to consider the possibility of having local FBI or other federal offices in states with anti-gay and lesbian initiatives or legislation be on alert for increased violence and civil rights violations against our communities.”

The record of anti-gay hate violence in initiative states and nationwide includes:

From January 1992 to early December 1994, a total of 151 anti-gay murders were reported ... This includes 59 murders in 1994, 62 in 1993 and 30 in 1992. "One way to look at this data," said the letter to Reno, "is that in the years since anti-gay initiatives emerged on the scent in Oregon, Colorado, Idaho and Maine, and made national headlines, anti-gay murders have almost doubled.

In 1993, the Lesbian Community Project in Portland, Oregon tallied 968 incidents of anti-gay violence, more than any other violence service agency in the U.S. in that year. Measure 9 was introduced in Oregon in 1992.

From 1991 to 1992 anti-gay violence rose 129% in Colorado (from 89 to 204 incidents). Most recently, the Maine Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance (MLCPA) reported at least 10 known anti-gay incidents between June and October 1995, the height of the anti-gay Measure One campaign. ... By contrast, MLCPA reported only four such incidents in all of 1994. During the week after the initiative was defeated, yard signs by Maine Won’t Discriminate ... were found with bullet holes in them.

“We are concerned about the high incidence of hate crimes that continue to occur in this country. We are especially concerned about the documented increase in such crimes that occur in connection with right-wing sponsored ballot initiatives. However the facts turn out in the [Oregon] case, these deaths are another wake up call, reminding us of the increased violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people which we can expect beginning in 1996 as the Far Right begins initiative and legislative campaigns against our communities.”

Activists expect ballot measures in at least Oregon, Idaho and Washington, among other possible states in 1996. The US Supreme Court held hearings on Colorado’s Amendment 2 last autumn and is expected to rule early this year.

Put Feds on alert in anti-gay initiative states says NGLTF

Task Force raises level of concern on Oregon murders to Feds following recent statements by killer

Knowing victims were lesbian, "made it easier to kill"

Washington, DC: New developments in the case and jail house statements by the confessed killer of two lesbian activists in Oregon have raised the level of concern about the cause of the murders, which have been reported in the press as a "botched robbery."

In a letter to U.S. Attorney Janet Reno, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director Melinda Parais cited recent statements made by Robert James Acrament, who has been apprehended and has confessed to killing Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill of Medford, Oregon. "Mr. Acrament's reported comments of this past weekend have increased the concerns about the motives behind the murders, said Parais.

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MONEY TALK: Earned Income Credit

by Peter J. Callinan, CPA

In a previous article, I mentioned the Earned Income Credit (EIC) which is available to low income taxpayers. It is a tax credit which was expanded in 1994 to include taxpayers who do not have children. To qualify for the credit without a child you need to meet the following requirements:

- Have adjusted gross income less than $9,230
- Be between 25 and 65 years old
- Not claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return
- Have a home in the U.S. for at least half of the year
- Are not electing married separate status
- Have earned income less than $9,230.

Earned Income can include non-taxable payments such as voluntary salary deferrals to retirement plans, voluntary salary reductions under cafeteria plans and employer provided dependent care benefits. There are other special rules for military personnel, clergy, household employees and prison inmates that I won't discuss here but are covered in the instruction booklet.

Keep in mind that it is an earned income that is used to calculate this credit with the EIC Table and not total income, adjusted gross income or taxable income. It is separately computed using a worksheet in the instruction booklet. The maximum credit available to taxpayers without a qualifying child is $314.

If you have a qualifying child, the requirements are different. A qualifying child is generally any child you can claim as a dependent but it isn't a requirement. To be a qualifying child they must be:

- Your child, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or a foster child who lived with you all year,
- Under 19 years of age at the end of 1995 (24 years of age if a student),
- Not claiming the child as their own for a tax return.

The maximum credit available to taxpayers with a qualifying child is $2,396 ($2,667 if more than one qualifying child)

Keep in mind that it will figure the amount of your credit for you if you simply write EIC on the line where you take the credit and list your non-taxable earned income. You will still need to attach Schedule EIC if you have a qualifying child.

Well, that is a brief summary of how to take advantage of the earned income credit. If you qualify it is a good opportunity to reduce your tax liability. Good Luck!

New Hope Sponsors Moveathon, Seeks Business Sponsors

Rockland, ME: New Hope for Women, the Rockland-based organization providing support services for victims of domestic violence in Midcoast Maine, is planning their first annual Women & Friends on the Move Moveathon for June 1, 1996. This Moveathon will take place simultaneously in Damariscotta, Rockland and Belfast, and will consist of walkers, bikers, runners, hikers, kayakers and anyone else eager to sponsor New Hope by completing a 3.6 or 12 mile course. This is a major fund-raising event for New Hope for Women and is will raise community awareness about domestic violence.

At this time, New Hope is seeking help from local area businesses willing to sponsor the event. Sponsor's logos will be used in event advertising and major sponsors' logos will appear on all event brochures and advertising. New Hope estimates that hundreds of concerned citizens will participate in this event, either as active movers or through financial pledges. Business people interested in sponsorship or supporting a team of employees should contact the New Hope offices at 207/594-2128.

A meeting of all people interested in volunteering to help with this Moveathon will be held January 24 at 6:00 pm in the PBMC Room of the Knox Center for Long Term Care in Rockland. Volunteers unable to attend this meeting should contact New Hope for Women for more information.

New Community Educator hired at TAP

by Winnie Weir

The AIDS Project (TAP) has announced that Victor R. Rash, MSW, has been hired as Community Educator.

According to a recent press release from TAP, "A new year means new beginnings and some of the new beginnings to be implemented by Victor at TAP include: expansion of the diversity of community outreach to include all populations affected by HIV, and educational workshops targeted at specific populations to increase awareness of self-esteem, safer sex and HIV (as well as prevention of HIV)."

One of TAP's goals for the new year is to be very accessible to the community as a valuable educational resource for HIV information. A major piece of this involves volunteers to expand programs and services. The AIDS Project invites everyone to be a part of this exciting new growth. Call Victor Rash at 207/774-6877 to volunteer.

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TO YOUR HEALTH: Where's the fat??

by Tania Jo Hathaway

Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) such as heart attack and stroke are the #1 killer of women in the United States — beating out all cancers combined.

CVD is one of those illnesses that, for most people, accumulates over the long-term; ice cream and potato chips, brine and chocolate torte, cheese and butter are so delectable that we work these seemingly little consequence (other than in the United States — beating out all expanding waistline). Or so it seems.

Truth is, fatty accumulations on the walls of our arteries narrow the passage-way through which blood must pass, and those same fats are known to contribute to high blood pressure. There you have it — a body that is a prime candidate for heart attack or brain attack (stroke). All from this too many bowls of chocolate fudge brownie, too much buttered popcorn, too many french fries — you get the picture.

Lesbians, get your mammograms and pap smears (for early breast and cervical cancer detection) and on the way home, get a good low-fat cookbook and get started on living well now for future health.

But isn't some fat good? Which kind and how much do our bodies need in order to function well? Here's a short answer to a complex question. Saturated fat (dairy products, coconut oil, palm oil, meat) will clog arteries; unsaturated fats do not clog arteries, and in fact, two types of unsaturated fats are necessary for good health.

The two types of unsaturated fats that are essential for good health are polyunsaturated fats known as Omega-6 (extracted from vegetables such as corn, safflower, and sunflower) and Omega-3 (fish oil, flaxseed and walnuts). Generally speaking, our bodies need no more than one to two tablespoons of high-quality oil per day.

One more note on fats: trans-fatty acids should always be avoided. Trans-fatty acids are found in nearly every processed food (product on the market (chips, cookies, TV dinners). Read your food labels to get an idea of how much of this damaging product you get in one day! Any partially saturated or hydrogenated oil is trans-fat. Trans-fat not only clogs arteries but prevents good oils from doing their work! NOTE: Any oil which has been made into margarine has trans-fats! Use small amounts of butter instead — it's better for your arteries!

One key to lowering fat in your diet is figuring out what percentage of your daily intake of calories is calories from fat. For many Americans, it is near 40%, way high by even 'liberal' fat experts like the American Heart Association, who says that total calories from fat should not exceed 30%. Most whole food gurus suggest between 20 to 25% of daily calories should come from fat. In order to calculate the percentage of fat calories in your diet, you will need three things: 1) the formula 2) a good-fat-and-calorie-counter book 3) the determination to keep track of fat.

OUT OF TOWN!

by Paul T. Bernard

BITS & PIECES - I received a call the other day from a panicked customer who had lost her ticket. She wanted to know what to do. Well, this is how the airlines deal with a lost ticket:

When you show up at the ticket counter on the day of your flight, most airlines will make you fill out a Lost Ticket Application AND buy a new ticket. WHY DO I HAVE TO BUY A NEW TICKET? It's the airline's way of making sure that you are serious. After about 4-6 weeks, you will receive a refund for this new ticket - minus the fee for processing the Lost Ticket Application (usually $50-$60).

Remember, those tickets are almost as valuable as cash.

Even though it is difficult for someone else to use your tickets or cash them in, you should always treat these tickets as if they were cash. That means putting them in a safe place until you are ready to travel. I have had two calls within the last 4 months about tickets being stolen from customers' offices. Put your tickets in a safe place - preferably locked up. I almost had to follow this procedure a couple of years ago. I had accidently included my air tickets in with a bunch of envelopes that I dropped in the mail one day. Fortunately, someone at the post office called to tell me that they had found them and I was able to pick them up before my flight.

New Security Measures - About 4 months ago, the FAA and DOT increased security levels at all airports in the US. This was in response to threats from several terrorist groups. Now, when you arrive at the airport, you must provide some sort of positive ID before you will be allowed to check in. This means that the ID provided must match the name on the air ticket. For domestic flights, allow at least an hour or more, and for international flights, the airlines recommend checking in at least two hours before your flight.

Gone are the days when you could buy the return half of someone else's ticket. I don't see this changing in the near future. This means that you should allow plenty of time to check in at the airport as the process has now been slowed down.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Below is a list compiled from several sources showing just some of the tours available to gays and lesbians. Those listed as (M) are Men Only and (F) are Females Only. Unless otherwise stated, these tours are available for males and females.

- Honduras Diving, February 10 with Undersea Expeditions
- Sea of Cortez Sailing (W), February 10, with Mariah Expeditions
- Carnival in Rio, February 10 with Above & Beyond Tours
- Caribbean Cruise, February 10, with All About Destinations
- Caribbean Cruise, February 11 with RSVP
- Costa Rica, February 11 with Our Family Abroad
- Bahamas Cruise, February 16 with Ocean Voyager
- Maui, February 17 with Toto Tours
- Caribbean Cruise, February 18 with RSVP
- Mardi Gras-New Orleans, Feb. 20 with Ski Connections
- Sydney Mardi Gras-Western, February 21 with Pink Triangle Adventures
- Winterfest - Munich, February 22 with Ski Connections
- Mardi Gras-Sydney, February 22 with Men on Vacation
- Thailand, Singapore & Hong Kong, February 27 with Our Family Abroad
- Yellowstone Ski Extravaganza (W), March 3, with Woodswomen
- Hawaii for HIV+(M), March 3 with Destination/Discovery
- Bahamas Reef Recovery (M), March 4 with Men on Vacation
- Cozumel Diving, March 6 with Above & Beyond Tours
- Exploring Costa Rica (W), March 7 with Woodswomen
- Nepal, March 8 with Himalayan High Treks
- Egypt, March 15 with Our Family Abroad

These are just some of the hundreds of tours available to gays and lesbians. Contact your local IGLTA travel agent for more information. ∆∆
Insurance Tips: Do you need Renters or Tenant Homeowners coverage?

by Carolyn A. Jalbert

Personal loss exposures exist when personal resources are subject to perils that may adversely affect an individual's or family's financial condition in the event of a loss. Two of these for your consideration are personal property losses and liability exposure. Can you afford to replace all you own if you suffer a major loss?

If you are renting, it is likely that your landlord provides insurance coverage for the building. However, your landlord is not responsible for your personal property. You must carry renters or tenant homeowners coverage which provides you with both personal liability coverage and protection for a specified amount of your personal contents. In addition to what is covered, you should also be aware of what may be specifically excluded.

If you can be found negligent for damages to your unit or the premises, coverage is provided up to the liability limit specified under your tenant homeowners. Example: You accidentally allow the bath tub to overflow which results in structural damage that the landlord may seek to recover from you. Another example: You are found liable for an injury to another tenant or guest if they were to trip over an item you left near your entrance or stairway.

Your liability protection provides you with coverage for the costs of investigating claims and defending lawsuits up to the limit you carry. The insurance carrier reserves the right to appoint your defense counsel and investigate.

Your personal property is covered for the named perils listed in your policy. Review these. Most homeowners and tenant homeowners policies provide no real coverage for your business exposures in the home. When in doubt, we recommend that you contact your agent and be specific about your in home business. Never hesitate to request clarification of what is or is not covered by your policy from your agent. They prefer you call them to inquire rather than for you to assume you have coverage that you do not.

Jewelry, collections, silverware, fine arts, golfer's equipment, cameras and rare coins have very limited coverage under a homeowners policy. They can be insured under a Personal Articles Floater which will provide you with coverage on a direct basis for a specific dollar amount supported by an appraisal of value. Antiques must be insured under a Personal Articles Floater to avoid being depreciated in the event of a loss. Coverage under the Personal Articles Floater is worldwide with the exception of Fine Arts pieces or collections.

We recommend that you consider purchasing Replacement Cost coverage for your personal property/contents which will allow you to replace 'old' with 'new' without depreciation for a covered loss. It is important to remember that you only have coverage up to the limit stated on your policy even though you carry Replacement Coverage. The Replacement feature allows you to replace an old couch or television with a new model, otherwise you would be reimbursed at the depreciated level.

Boats, snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles can be insured separately or often times can be endorsed to your policy to provide you with liability and physical damage protection. Again, when in doubt, call to be sure you understand whether or not you are adequately protected.

This coverage is relatively inexpensive. An average tenant homeowners policy which provides coverage for $20,000 in contents, $300,000 liability, $1,000 medical payments, replacement cost coverage and carries a $250 deductible costs about $100 annually. Most companies offer discounts when you place your homeowners/renters/condo and auto coverage with them. For further information, contact a qualified insurance agent.

55+ Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group Forming in Portland

by Winnie Weir

Recently Cliff Fisher stopped by the CPR offices to talk about a support group he is attempting to facilitate in Portland for gay, lesbian and bisexual people 55 years old and above.

CPR: Tell me something about yourself and about this group.

CF: I am a graduate student at USM in the counseling program and I hope to graduate at the end of the summer. One of my courses requires that I lead a group dealing with a topic in which I have special interest.

CPR: What is your special interest in older lesbian, gay and bisexual people?

CF: First, I've noticed a relative lack of support groups for older people, both in the gay community and generally. I guess because we're older, we are supposed to be well connected, but I wonder if that is true. My guess is that there are some older gay/lesbian/bisexual people who would welcome a support group designed specifically to focus on what it's like being older in our community.

CPR: What else is motivating you?

CF: I think it's really important to ask older people to share their life experiences and stories with others. Our society doesn't do that very much. It helps to have someone listen to our stories, and I think it helps others to hear how their own lives have been similar or different. I think this is true especially in the gay community where many of us do not have children to pass our life experiences on to. I think it's important to have a safe place where our stories can be shared.

CPR: How long will the group run, and how often will it meet?

CF: As soon as there are three or four people who are interested in coming we will start. I need to limit the size of the group to eight or nine people. My involvement in the group will need to end at the end of the semester, but my hope is that the connection people will make will continue on in the form of get-togethers to talk, potluck dinners, or for whatever reason people find they have things in common with other group members. We will meet as often as once a week, but the frequency and location can be decided later depending on the needs of those who are interested.

CPR: Is there any fee involved for this group?

CF: No, the purpose of the group is for people to get to know others in our community, and for me to gain experience in leading a group.

CPR: How do people get in touch with you?

CF: Look for the announcement in the classified and resource sections in this issue, and give me a call. If I'm not there, people can call back in the evening until 10:00 PM or leave a number where I can call them.

GOOD COOKIN' KATAHDIN Thanks for a great year!

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RANT: “Yes, Columbus did discover America”

by David Cook

I recently saw a marvelous photograph at the Portland Museum of Art depicting a car completely covered with social activism slogans in front of a storefront similarly decorated. The 1938 work by Jon Gutman is entitled "Yes, Columbus Did Discover America," from one of the slogans which ends... and the international bankers have taken it away from us saps." Another line declares that all we get from the government is "fear, war, lies, hunger." Viewing this powerful photograph got me thinking about how little popular outrage there is now at America's economic plight compared to what there was during the Great Depression. In the 30s, the labor union movement was loud and vociferous. Many people were publicly condemning capitalism. Some were openly supporting the Communist Party. There was widespread agreement that poor people in general and the working poor in particular were taking it on the chin so that the rich could eat there. Now what have we got? An impotent union movement, an unforgivable health care, schools that don't work, people without homes, children without parents, workers without jobs, and the highest concentration of wealth in the history of the country. Where's the outrage? Where's the protest? Why isn't the country shutdown from coast to coast as a community. It comes as no surprise to any of us that during the referendums the campaign differences of opinion are as wide as differences in philosophy and methodology. Left some wounds that need healing. Work is being done toward that end and our community will be the stronger for it. Good thing, too. There's another biggie on the horizon and the homophobes are already poised to spring into action.

I speak of the marriage bill in Hawaii, a bill that hasn't even passed yet and already rock-solid opinions are being formed in the larger gay community. We, of course, don't have to stretch much to know that the right is trying to head the bill off by passing prohibitive legislation. What rattles my cage is the charge that same gender couples marrying is mimicky of heterosexual marriage, therefore we should not expend energy or finances to secure that right. The right to marry is one piece of a much larger picture. The right to adopt is one piece of a much larger picture. The right to be free from fear of losing a job or an apartment or being beaten up with a general strike.

The answer is simple: Americans don't really believe that government should work for the collective good. Benefits that Europeans have enjoyed for years — free health care, free education, protection from disabilities, long vacations, an empowered union move- ment — are considered downright sinful by Americans. What's worse, not only isn't our government used to do good for its people, but it is actually used to feather the nests of big businesses and their rich owners. In particular, de-regulation initiatives during the eighties (widely supported by voters) resulted in the destruction of many large enterprises and brought about serious concessions from labor, usually followed by layoffs. (As I write this, AT&T has just announced a 40,000 worker layoff which is a much larger picture.) The right to adopt a much larger picture. The right to marry is one piece of a much larger picture. The right to be free from fear of losing a job or an apartment or being beaten up because you love someone of the same gender is a piece of this larger picture. It's the picture of full and complete equality — no caveats, no qualifying restrictions that don't apply to all citizens. In any fight for justice and equality there are many pieces, but throughout the battle it is imperative that the larger picture remain in focus.

I don't want to adopt children, but that doesn't mean I don't want that right for by brothers and sisters who do. I want to get married to my partner. That right should be there for us when we decide that's the next step in our relationship. If you don't want to marry, exercise your freedom of choice not to. It's not about church or religion, it's a matter of justice and equality. I want the whole plate full, not just the crumbs from some radical right winger's table! How about you? ΔΔ

WINNIE WEIR

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. Using recycled paper sometimes results in the paper having a toned down or grayish tinge. However, we feel this is a small price to pay as Community Pride Reporter does its part to Color ME Green.
GUEST EDITORIAL: HIV is the cause

by David Sondras
(The former president of Search For A Cure, an AIDS education advocacy organization based in Boston.)

It is unfortunate that the debate of the cause of AIDS has been sidetracked by ideologically charged causes of words. I think I know why the AIDS Action Committee was angry at seeing the Provincetown Coalition’s August, 1995 newsletter, which basically suggested that HIV does not cause AIDS. I was in editor at the Coalition’s position has suggested that AAC’s response was inappropriate, excessive or misleading, and undervalued the Coalition’s freedom of speech. It was also suggested that those who support the Coalition’s position have suggested the cause of AIDS. Basically suggested that HIV does not cause AIDS. For example, the people in France who received HIV contaminated blood got AIDS. The group of people who received the blood cut across all groups — some were older, some younger, most straight, some gay, some without drugs, most were not drug abusers. I mention this because Duesberg’s drug-consumption and other non-contagious risk factor hypothesis as a co-factor or cause of AIDS is essentially disproven by this horrible “natural experiment.”

There is the compelling fact that levels of HIV virus very clearly match the stage of the illness, that when the virus levels go up after a long period of asymptomatic infection, CD4 levels crash, opportunistic infections occur of a more and more serious nature, and AIDS is the diagnosis. In the United States, hundreds of thousands have died so far of the disease. Almost all have been tested for HIV. All have had the virus. The handful of HIV negative people who have been shown to have immune suppression who are proving as proof that something else might cause AIDS, have been shown to have either errors in measurement of T cells or have had other known diseases which compromised their immune system. In addition, there is a massive amount of data about HIV itself that points to its causing the disease. HIV launches a massive attack on T-helper cells, which are clearly reduced and dysfunctional in AIDS. When neurological symptoms occur, HIV can be shown to be present in large amounts in brain cells. The most important information to date that backs up those who believe that HIV causes AIDS are two facts. First, people with HIV who do not progress (or progress very slowly) to AIDS all have very low levels of the virus. Secondly, some people who have AIDS, with wasting syndrome, opportunistic infections and very low T-cell levels here in Boston who have taken the Abbott protease inhibitor which reduces HIV by a factor of about 1,000, gain weight dramatically, have significant increases in their CD4 counts and see disappearance of opportunistic infections.

You know, the flat-earth society disbanded only in the 1970s and there are still people who believe that NASA faked the moon landing. There are people who believe that the Harvard Primate Center invented AIDS and distributed it to the world and there are people who believe that Elvis Presley is still alive.

This issue is too important for anyone to make up their mind based on letters to the editor. The scientific evidence is clear, convincing, and most importantly, available for you to look at yourself. For example, pick up a copy of the September 7 issue of “Nature,” the premiere scientific journal of Great Britain which has a study of over 6,000 hemophiliacs, showing that those who got HIV got AIDS, and those who did not get HIV, did not get AIDS.

To be sure there are many questions left about how the virus causes AIDS, but NOT about whether the virus is the culprit. No one in the scientific community seriously doubts that getting rid of the virus would get rid of the disease.

Dear CPR:

Yes, we won and the joy of this Christmas is well deserved. However, I agree with many that we haven’t seen the last of Carolyn Cosby and Controlling Maine Christians (CMF). Think of her as a hemorrhoid that is chronic and irritating as hell.

Early on in this circus, I ran into State Senator Ann Rand, who was so supportive in passing Portland’s ordinance. I mentioned my disgust about the whole thing and Ann told me not to be discouraged, that Cosby is a very intelligent woman. Pick up any gay newspaper and you will have no doubt that the religious right has us in their sights. If we can continue the spirit that drove Maine Won’t Discriminate, we can beat them again. They should remember that we are the community that provided the last of Carolyn Cosby and Controlling Maine Christians. We know what it’s like when a religious group runs amuck.

As an AIDS educator, I feel compelled to report that AIDS diagnoses in this country have surpassed the half-million mark and don’t appear to be stopping. It sometimes seems that we get all the challenges in life, but we are the best people for it.

Don’t give up the fight.

Ben Moore, Northport

When you hit them in the purse, you make them take notice. A restaurant owner here in Belfast was heard to loudly proclaim that he voted yes, which is unusual for somebody Jewish. That establishment is no longer on my family’s approved list. And it was one of my favorites.

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Mr. Balboni’s editorial on reopening Deeraking Oaks Park to “gay” cruising was just as objectionable as it was perfectly ridiculous. I would ask that Mr. Balboni put himself in their proper context, particularly as they do or do not pertain to the gay community.

The Oaks was frequented not by openly gay men celebrating their sexuality, but mainly by married men soliciting male prostitutes. Most of these men self-identify as heterosexual (including the prostitutes, who are often soliciting for drug money). These men are looking for brief, anonymous, non-defining sexual encounters, not pursuing gay liberation. To suggest otherwise is absolutely ludicrous.

It’s also extremely hypocritical to lambaste homophobic bigotry for disseminating false and scurrilous lies about gay men and then to advocate for anonymous, public sex on the stereotypical basis that its what liberated gay men do rather than what straight and closeted men do.

Finally, to suggest that men having anonymous, public sexual encounters are practicing safe sex is highly irresponsible. Studies have shown that they are taking inadequate precautions at best, and that many, despite HIV and AIDS awareness, still engage in high risk behaviors. Many behave as if they supposed heterosexuality is an impenetrable shield against the disease.
FEBRUARY

Friday, February 2:
• 7:00 PM - State Theatre in Portland presents "The Capitols Steps" a "politically correct, bipartisan" comedic troupe of former D.C. Congressional Staffers. Touted as the "only group in Washington that attempts to be funny, not Congress." Tix: Cabaret $22.50 + $15.00 entree, Reserved floor - $19.50, Reserved lower balcony - $20.50, Reserved upper balcony - $16.50. FMI, 207/885-1112.

Saturday, February 3:
• 10:30-11:30 AM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women, FMI, 207/892-2192.

Sunday, February 4:
• 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Pleasant Dayhike sponsored by EMS. 4 mile hike with Eric Wood of EMS. A great opportunity to begin the winter hiking season. Bring snowshoes or use our for the day.
• 7:00-8:00 PM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, 772-6599.

Tuesday, February 5:
• 7:30-9:00 PM - Portland Chapter of PFLAG meets at Woodfords Congregational Church, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.
• 7:00-9:00 PM - Women in Harmony choral group rehearsal, Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI, 207/886-8016 or 207/885-0995.

Wednesday, February 6:
• 7:00-9:00 PM - Portland Chapter of PFLAG meets at Woodfords Congregational Church, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.
• 7:00-9:00 PM - Women in Harmony choral group rehearsal, Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI, 207/886-8016 or 207/885-0995.
GENERAL
ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization fighting to educate the general public, politicians, and media on L/G issues. Primary goals are to involve L/G community in defining its own political agenda, develop and review legislation, endorse candidates, build a coalition, and oppose any anti-gay legislation and referral. Meetings are 2nd Saturday of every month in Augusta. FMI call 1-800-55-ML/GPA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay and bisexual persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Come and celebrate our children just the way they are! (See listings for Maine & New Hampshire under PHONE SUPPORT and SUPPORT GROUPS)

Northern Lambda Nord is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 2 pm (ME), 2 pm (NB), at the Gay-Lesbian Center, 343 Forest Ave., Portland. Free parking is available.

The StateWid Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing political and social activities open to everyone. Membership is open to all women regardless of sexual orientation. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Lowell & Central, West End, Portland. FMI call 603/772-5196.

HATE CRIMES & BIASS INCIDENTS: Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Department of the Attorney General at 626-8444.

Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights (CAGLR). New Hampshire’s oldest progressive gay and lesbian rights organization, welcomes all those interested in goals to weekly meetings, programs, socials and various other events. Newsletter. Call info-line (603) 224-1688 or write to P.O. Box 730, Concord, NH 03302-0730.

The Rainbow Business & Professional Association: a statewide, non-profit organization established to create a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered "chamber of commerce" for Maine. Meetings for networking or dinner with speaker events, held in the Greater Portland area, second Monday of the month. FMI write P.O. Box 6627, South Portland, ME 04106-6627, call 207.775.0015 or e-mail wildboys@maineline.net.

MUSIC & ART
Women In Harmony is an eclectic choral ensemble open to women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to P.O. Box 5136 Sta. A, Portland, ME 04101, or call 207.774-4940.

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

The Maine Gay Visual Artist’s League will meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm, Portland. The League is a non-profit, creative support network for Maine’s gay & lesbian visual artists. FMI, call 775-3420.

PHONE SUPPORT
Region by region

National Center for Lesbian Rights Projects
1-800-528-NCLR

Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGGY)
583-6608 - 77~6877. Located at 91 High St., Boston. Open 7 days a week. Staffed by trained volunteers. Offers confidential counseling, including telephone counseling. No fees charged.

National Hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered youth: 774-3457. 3457 TREN. Sponsored by the Indianapolis Youth Group. 7-10 PM on Tuesday from 7:00 PM to midnight Friday and Saturday. Staffed & trained. (youth under 19 yrs). FMI call 603/774-3457.

New Hampshire: Teen Crisis Line - 1-800-639-6095

Portland: The AIDS Line: 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call 77 Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:00 PM. Anonymous.

DIAL KIDS’ TALK: Call 774-HELP (4357) for kids 12-18 yrs, weekdays 4-9 PM. Open to all kids in New England. Free

Volunteer: Call 774-HELP (4357) - 3:00-9:00 PM.

SAGE Project: 774-HELP (4357) - 3:00-9:00 PM.

Transpeople: 1-800-851-AIDS.

Northern Maine: AIDS Project: 774-HELP (4357) - 3:00-9:00 PM.

Franconenter: Cy Gordon, 503-547-2545

Hauser: Shirley/Tom, 303-664-8311

Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

PLUS: NH Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered support group. FMI call 603/774-8744. Meetings every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Newcomers always welcome. FMI, write ON OUT ON MD/MI, PO Box 367, Southeast Harbor, ME 04676-0367. Call 207.288-2902 and leave a message.

Out and About: A Maine Gay/Lesbian support group, meets monthly. FMI call Ingrid, 603/772-622.

Exeter Congregational Church: United Church of Christ in Exeter, NH. Meetings are every Sunday at 10 a.m. at 21 Front St. (near Court St.) Co-pastors the Revs. Michael L. Henderson & Jane Geffens Henderson. FMI, call Ingrid, 603/772-622.

The Appollo Society: an outreach, networking and organizing group for New England’s gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethnics and humanists. Free speed/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and more. FMI, call 773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04102.

Community of Hope: A Christian congregation which claims a primary ministry with gay and lesbian people and strives to be a safe place, a loving place. Meetings every Wednesday, 6:15 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 546 High St., Portland. FMI write Community of Hope. P.OB 1671, Portland, ME 04101.

Central Maine Gay Men’s Support Group: Meets Fridays from 7-8:30 PM. FMI call 603/774-3811.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Discussion Group: 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 7-9 PM. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Portland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey, (207) 594-2957.

W.O.W. (Wild Outdoor Women) Social group meeting monthly for outdoor recreational activities followed by pot luck. Activities include kayaking, skiing, sliding and other seasonal outdoor fun. FMI: Jen @ 207/787-2379 or 207/780-4535.

O-Squad: Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered. Services always welcome. FMI, write OUT ON MD/MI, PO Box 367, Southeast Harbor, ME 04676-0367. Call 207.288-2902 and leave a message.

Music in Marlboro: A Pine Tree Church/Ambrose Church Association.

P.O. Box 1124, Marlboro, NH 03448.

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

Out Of The Closet: The Out Of The Closet Saturday Night Support Group. Calls every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Newcomers always welcome. FMI, write OUT ON MD/MI, PO Box 367, Southeast Harbor, ME 04676-0367. Call 207.288-2902 and leave a message.

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Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring St.,
S.N.A.P.: meetings are required. Meets 1st and 3rd
saturdays for all age groups. A safe and supportive
environment where people of all ages and
backgrounds can come together to share their
experiences and support each other.

Seacoast Gay Men:
7-8 pm, Quaker Mtg. House, Central Ave.

Lesbian Support Group welcomes any
woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They
meet monthly in the greater Portland
area. FMI: write P.O. Box 2235, Portland,
ME 04116.

Youth Support Group:
OUTRIGHT: Sundays, 5 pm at Mt.
Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Harlow
St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay,

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

OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets every Fri-
day from 7:30-8:30 pm at The People's
Building, 155 Brackett St., 2nd floor, Port-
lane. Safe and supportive discussions with
and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning
young people. FMI: call or write P.O. Box 5077, Portland,
ME 04101.

OUTRIGHT/Seacoast: Meets every Fri-
day from 7 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Church
annex building adjacent to the fire station,
206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI:
call 603/431-1013 or write P.O. Box 842, Port-
mouth NH 03801.

COLAGE: A national support group run by
and for the children of gay, lesbian or bi-
sexual parents. FMI: COLAGE, 2300 Market St.,

The Maine Youth Protection
Council: Work to create safe communities
and schools for minority youth. If racism
or homophobia affect you, help be part of the
solution. Call 207/775-4944 for information
on the council and sub-committees.

There is a place for people of all ages and
backgrounds.

The Maine AIDS Project:
142 High St., Portland, ME 04101.

Customer Support:
FMI, call 774-4955.

The AIDS Project:
142 High St., 5th flr.,
Portland, ME 04101.

The AIDS Project:
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This is not about Snow...

by Ainsel Ponti

Already well into January we are, and it's probably snowing out, but we're not bitter - we live in Maine. So, there I was, thumbing through the pages of my new Alice Brady Cookbook that my brother Tom gave me for Christmas, contemplating just what to throw into my new crock pot, when it occurred to me: What's a gal like me going to write about this month? Thankfully, the media has already handled the snow situation quite amply so I can skip that and talk about my constant passion - music.

I've always been respectful of the generation of musicians who paved the way in the 60's and 70's and still are on the scene today. Among those women are Holly Near, Carole King, and Joni Mitchell. I certainly have developed quite a taste for old Joni albums, and finally gotten my turntable in working order after about three years, I also recommend dusting off the occasional Carly or Carole album and have a nostalgia attack from time to time.

Alrighty then, let's talk TORI...

Heard the first single yet? Oh, I'm sorry I got a little bit ahead of myself. I mean Tori Amos, goddess supreme, who has a brand new album out on January 23rd. It's called "Boys for Pele" and the first single, "Caught a Lite Sneaker," is quite cool. Tour, Tori, Tour...

Sarah McLachlan, resting on the laurels of "Freedom Sessions" recording is back with a song that was for the film "Brothers McMullen." Never saw the film, but the single gives new ears the opportunity to enjoy Ferron's songwriting gift.

My point is, hey, don't forget about all the musicians who have been constants in our lives in some capacity for many years, whether you've been aware of it or not. Nothing's finer than putting Joni Mitchell's "Blue" in the CD player, followed by some Nina Simone, Judy Garland and Janis Joplin. Having finally gotten my turntable in working order after about three years, I also recommend dusting off the occasional Carly or Carole album and have a nostalgia attack from time to time.

I began to work toward my goals as a performer. I started saying I will end up in film as an actor, director, story teller. I enjoyed doing scene work and shows at the Pavilion Theater at UMO because it was a smaller space and there was more contact with the audience. You could really work the small bits and communicate like you can in film. After college, I went into television production because I wanted to get experience working on a set. I was writing, directing, and producing commercials for Fox 51 and I was working on their Kids Club running promotions and that sort of thing. It was a wonderful experience. None of that was actually film experience. It has been very difficult to work my way into that vein.

I want to have it here. I'm really holding out for the film industry here in Maine. I want to help make it really happen!

CPR: What was the motivation to make the film you're working on right now?

Bob: It started as a character study for a feature length script I am working on; a character bio that has since grown into a completely different story. Mostly what I saw in that character was a personal struggle which has been my own. It's about growing up Roman Catholic and dealing with my sexuality.

A lot of this film is about asking questions about what faith, morality and the value of human communication means to each of us. It frustrates me to see other people in the same boat just taking whatever is given without questions. We're all born with a full plate and some people just eat it. They don't even know what it is.

CPR: Tell us a little bit about the film.

Bob: It's a documentary. The first character to appear in the film I read about in Casco Bay Weekly. His name is Robert Lippo, the Extension Cord King of Munjoy Hill. Robert embodied everything I wanted to say about connecting to a community. He's amazing. He's developed an amazing connection with the community by doing volunteer work.

Robert is a developmentally disabled man. I find it amazing that on the first sweep society would say he is one of the more likely not to succeed in the work place or in social circles. He has developed a huge network of friends and extended family through his involvement.
THEATRE REVIEW:

"The Turn of the Screw" by Henry James.

Adaptations by Jeffrey Hatcher. Directed by Greg Leaming.

by Chris Milliken

The “Turn of the Screw,” at Portland Stage Company (through January 28th) is a production well worth experiencing. The play, directed by Jeffrey Leaming, P.S.C.’s artistic director, is masterfully crafted. Susan Appelt, who plays the woman, gives a solid exercise through a world of physical and psychological tension. She is the precise example of the flawed heroine. Joey L. Golden, who plays the man and other supporting characters, is convincing in his ability to change personalities within the sight of the audience.

The story is a ghost tale, spinning bits of biblical innumeros and teachings, with horror, and the challenges of child rearing. The play begins with a young governess who, by the seduction of words, takes the responsibility of two emotionally disturbed children. Unaware of their trauma before arriving at their country estate, the young woman finds herself with duties beyond her ability to perform. Reaching into her past, she draws upon her own religious upbringing in an attempt to succeed at her much prized position.

The conflict this heroine encounters is the supernatural, and like Sisyphus, she is destined to repeat her fate/mistakes over and over again. The viewer is left to decide whether the phantoms of this tale are real or imaginary which lends a magic potency to the production.

Virginia Woolf wrote of Henry James’ ghosts, “They have nothing in common with the violent old ghosts... they have their origins in all of us. They are present whenever the significant overflows our powers of expressing it; whenever the ordinary appears ringed by the strange.”

Woolf’s assessment of these demons is very accurate and Mr. Leaming, supported by his actors and exceptional technical crew have brought these ghosts to life. The story is decidedly fictitious, but what it says about sex, power, and abuse is very real. The play’s success lies in its ability to haunt our souls by appealing to the darkness within us all.

Like all successful art, “The Turn of the Screw” delivers a message that is specific in its time and place, but transposes itself to the universal. The insights to the complexities of child rearing live in this story and one cannot leave without addressing his/her relationships and responsibilities to children. More important, the boundaries people dare not cross between generations and personal experiences create lasting memories and challenges for the audience. “A word to the wise, if you are a survivor of child abuse you may wish to view this play with some support in place.”

In closing, the great strength of this production is the professional manner in which all aspects of the play come together. The lighting and sound by Dan Kottoloski and JR Conklin respectively were seamless and natural. The set by Judy Gaileen provides an imaginative and convincing atmosphere for the story to grow and seduce the viewer.

Very well done, Portland Stage Company! ΔΔ

James Schrock greater booking potential and will surely gain her a new legion of fans. We wish Kate and her manager, John the best of luck and ask that they please let us know when they’re heading back to this area.

Kate Schrock has been playing the piano for most of her life. Her unique ability to play something after hearing it only a few times is amazing as are her own compositions and the passionate way she plays them.

Schock independently released her album, “Refuge,” at the end of 1994, and since then it has received airplay in Maine and other states as well. With the song “Mission Beach,” Schrock has become a household name in the local music scene. Although Schrock says she’ll definitely make it back to Maine to play some shows, here are the listings for the last show...

The Chocolate Church Arts Center 804 Washington St. Bath (207-442-8455) Sunday, January 28th, 2 p.m. with a full Grand Piano $7 in advance/ $9 day of show Tix available at Bull Moose Music (Brunswick & Portland), Play It Again (Yarmouth), Chocolate Church Box Office.

Try to catch one of these performances, especially if you’ve never heard Kate perform live. With her sweet, powerful vocals and accompanying piano, these shows will surely be her memorable “So Long...” to Maine. ΔΔ

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By Jessica Payson (11 years old)

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Bob: What I hope to do for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community is to deal with issues more realistically than a lot of film makers do. Some straight film makers have difficulty dealing with the issues and don't. Some gay film makers don't deal with them either so as not to expose their sexuality in public. Some of them only deal with the gay aspect of life. That's not bad, but I hope to give a more realistic representation of what we're all about. I want to hold up some of the things the right wing community points to and say yes this is part of our culture. I want to take it further and say, "yes, and this is why."

There was an article in CPR about gay cruising recently. It's not about good, bad, unhealthy or immoral; but why does this happen? Why is this a major source of connection for many people? What system has fostered this? I was introduced to sex in that dark public place. Growing up, I didn't know that being gay could be a positive thing. My first experience was in a Deeping Oaks kind of setting. I'm not very happy that was my first sexual experience, but that was the only connection I had because I was growing up Roman Catholic. Being gay was a bad thing.

CPR: Do you have any role models as film makers?

Bob: Not one in particular. I've never been to hold one person on a pedestal and say I want to be that person. I can admire someone and ask, "How does she do that so well?" But there is no one role model, but there are people whose talents I admire.

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\[\text{\textsc{LITTLE PIGS from pg. 17}}\]

Piggie picked up twigs. That's what he built his house with. The third little pig had enough money to build a big strong house.

Soon after, the first little pig came home from the market. He heard something. He looked out the window and saw the Big Bad Wolf. The wolf came to the door. "Little pig, little pig, let me come in," called the B.B.W.

"Not by the hair of my chinny-chin-chin," said the little piggy. "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," he said.

He huffed and he puffed and he took a deep breath and said, "The average pig makes $50,000 a year!" The little pig ran out of the house to get away from the lies and ran to the second little pig's house.

Luckily he was home. But the Big Bad Wolf wasn't far behind. "Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in," he called. "Not by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin!" "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," he called. He huffed and he puffed and he took a deep breath and his wolf suit came down. It wasn't a wolf at all, she was Carolyn Cosby! (Even worse!) She said, "Militant pigs are waiting at the border!"

The pigs ran out of the house to their brother's house. (He was eating roast beef.) But Carolyn Cosby wasn't far behind. "Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in," she called. "Not by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin!" "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," she said.

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\[\text{\textsc{ETHICS, from pg. 1}}\]

they authorized using a subpoena in order to verify CMF's total reporting. Records were still not forthcoming and so the subpoena was served on January 3. It required a response by January 17 from CMF and on January 16 Cosby appeared in Superior Court in Portland armed with a civil complaint attempting to avoid compliance with the subpoena. The motion was not considered by a judge due to the clerk's office not collecting the $100 filing fee. The deadline for a response from CMF has been extended in order to allow time for a judge to hear the argument.

Cosby charged that "The kind of information that they are now continuing this investigation for is information that is outside their authority."

CPR: What's your dream or ambition as a film maker?

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\[\text{\textsc{LITTLE PIGS from pg. 17}}\]

Piggie picked up twigs. That's what he built his house with. The third little pig had enough money to build a big strong house.

Soon after, the first little pig came home from the market. He heard something. He looked out the window and saw the Big Bad Wolf. The wolf came to the door. "Little pig, little pig, let me come in," called the B.B.W.

"Not by the hair of my chinny-chin-chin," said the little piggy. "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," he said.

He huffed and he puffed and he took a deep breath and said, "The average pig makes $50,000 a year!" The little pig ran out of the house to get away from the lies and ran to the second little pig's house.

Luckily he was home. But the Big Bad Wolf wasn't far behind. "Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in," he called. "Not by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin!" "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," he called. He huffed and he puffed and he took a deep breath and his wolf suit came down. It wasn't a wolf at all, she was Carolyn Cosby! (Even worse!) She said, "Militant pigs are waiting at the border!"

The pigs ran out of the house to their brother's house. (He was eating roast beef.) But Carolyn Cosby wasn't far behind. "Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in," she called. "Not by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin!" "Then I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll blow your house in," she said.

"How does she do that so well?" There is no one role model, but there are people whose talents I admire.

\[\text{\textsc{HEROIC PIGS from pg. 18}}\]

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\[\text{\textsc{AIDS PLAN from pg. 5}}\]

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\[\text{\textsc{CORRECTION}}\]

Correction/Apology - I want to apologize to Don Miller and Dan Boynton for not checking with them prior to printing the article about Miller's Diner and the firing of Bruce Grover. It was my responsibility to contact them and I did not. I apologize for this lapse in professional conduct. We are printing a follow-up story this issue which contains Don Miller's and Dan Boynton's responses to the claims made against them by Bruce Grover. - Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor
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