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## Dale McCormick: putting dreams into action



Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

When you open State Senator Dale McCormick's press packet, you are greeted with a dazzling array of colors first and an enormous amount of information rooted in the accomplishments of this dedicated and politically savvy

woman.

Her campaign literature refers to McCormick as a "trailblazer," "pioneer businesswoman, carpenter and leader" and presents her accomplishments to impressively back up these claims. McCormick has made well thought through statements on many of the most difficult issues facing Americans today, and accompanies them with both her accomplishments over the years and her proposed actions once elected to the US House of Representatives.

During her six years as a State Senator, McCormick has co-sponsored numerous bills to protect children and families, to improve education, and corporate welfare by eliminating loopholes

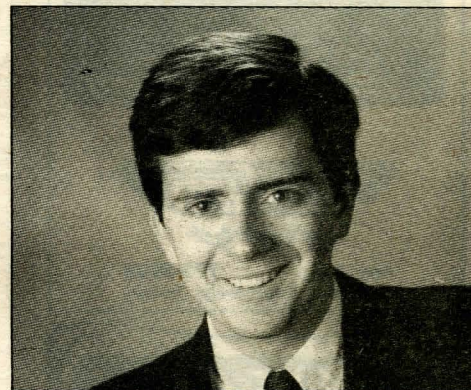
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## Sean Faircloth: New blood for a new age

by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

The weekend of May 17-19 saw Democrats from around the state gather at the Cumberland County Civic Center for the Maine Democratic Convention. On Sunday, May 19 and Monday, May 20, newspapers were reporting their impressions of how well various candidates presented themselves. "Faircloth shines at convention" read "The Bangor Daily News" headline in an article about this Democratic hopeful for the U.S. Senate. "Faircloth is the most impressive," read the "Maine Sunday Telegram," and went on to say that Faircloth made "the most impressive showing, with an impassioned speech and a large outpouring of support."

In my interview with State Repre-



sentative Sean Faircloth on Monday, following the convention, he was still shining and most impressive. Faircloth and his Communications Director, Wayne Besen, were unyielding in their efforts to be interviewed by CPR. With

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## CAGLR holds Awards Night

by Leslie Robinson

New Hampshire Editor

The New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights (CAGLR) honored 10 individuals and organizations during its first annual awards night held April 27.

The crowd of 250 — more than the organizers originally expected — at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester schmoozed and dined before master of ceremonies Brendan Denehy started the program. He noted one legislator had said there are only about eight gays in New Hampshire. "Either this legislator was wrong, or there are a lot of gay wannabes here."

Denehy introduced keynote speaker David Scondras, the first openly gay elected official in Boston. Scondras praised lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people and supportive straight people, and asked each group in turn to stand up and be thanked for their contributions.

Scondras called the audience "freedom fighters," and said they're making history. He joked that there will one day be statues to them. "You should pick your sites early." He would like to see a statue of "New Hampshire's most notorious queen right next to the Manchester Union Leader."

Scondras said, "The time has come to stop being so incredibly polite." We



Ann Mason Photo

Connie Hearing (l), visiting from Missouri, accompanied daughter, Cindy (r), to CAGLR banquet.

can't sit by, he said, as churches send the message to kids that they should hate themselves for what they are. "Children are special! You can't teach them to hate themselves! That should be illegal!"

He said that genuine equality is what we want. The oppression that has lasted for 15 centuries must end with this generation, Scondras said, so that the 1,000 babies being born each day in this country who will grow up to be gay will also grow up unscarred.

Following Scondras' address, the awards were given out. The Gay Positive award went to the late Olivia Howe, member of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays' (P-FLAG) Board of Directors. Howe was described as "a

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## Merrimack voters resoundingly reject right-wing school board candidate

by Suzanne Pyle  
NH Contributor

Community activists' work has paid off with the overwhelming victory Rosemarie Rung had over religious right candidate Ginny Cadarette in a race for a three year term on the Merrimack School Board in a recent local election. The choice between candidates represented a clear choice between religious political extremism and mainstream educational values.

"Merrimack has proved once again that when voters experience the damage brought about by an extreme right-wing agenda, they will overwhelmingly reject that agenda in favor of a mainstream, truly pro-education approach," said People for the American Way Action Fund President, Carole Shields. "Merrimack joins communities in Round Rock, Texas, Vista, California, and Lake County, Florida, by replacing right-wing board members

with members who are more concerned with improving education than appealing for approval from national Religious Right leaders."

With over 6,100 residents going out to vote, it was the largest turnout in a local election in Merrimack's history. The election was held to fill the seat to be vacated by school board chair Chris Ager, who chose not to seek re-election.

Ager, a conservative who was supported by Religious Right groups such as the Christian Coalition and the Traditional Values Coalition, was responsible for implementing extremist policies in the Merrimack School District. The most notorious was Policy 6540, which restricted discussion of homosexuality in the school system. People for the American Way along with local New Hampshire organizations filed suit against the policy in February of this year charging that the policy abridged

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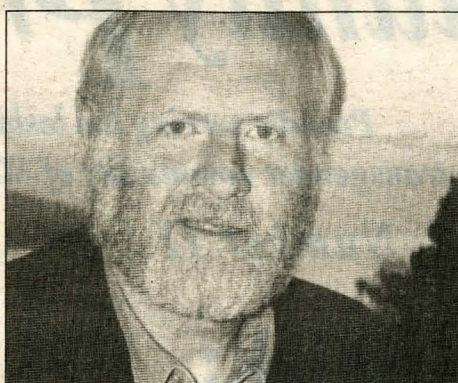
## Peabody House hires new Executive Director

PORTLAND, ME - Thomas W. Cathcart has been appointed Executive Director of Peabody House in Portland. The announcement was made by Peter Haffenreffer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Cathcart will begin his full-time duties on June 3, 1996.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Tom's skill in non-profit management. His health care experience and personal commitment to lead the mission of Peabody House are added strengths. He brings a rich background in community service and human right advocacy to this important work," said Haffenreffer.

"I am very impressed with the way all of the pieces are coming together at Peabody House," said Cathcart. "We have wonderful community support, a strong volunteer program, a highly qualified staff, and now a full house of six residents. I think Peabody House can become a mode of how Maine communities can provide a real home for people in the advanced stages of HIV disease."

A former senior executive at



Thomas W. Cathcart set to take reigns at Peabody House in Portland.

Mercy Hospital, Cathcart has had a long career in health care administration, clinical services and community health. At Mercy he was Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, directing clinical and support services, chemical dependency services and human resources. Previously he served with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine in planning, research and provider affairs. His career has included teaching at Westbrook College, probation officer in New York and street outreach worker in

Chicago.

His current community activities include service as Chairman of the Board of Spiral Arts, Board of Directors at Day One, and Moderator at Immanuel Baptist Church. He is active with the Witness for Peace Program in Central America, Maine Speakout Project for Equal Rights, the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination and United Way of Greater Portland. He holds a degree from Harvard College, and has done graduate work at Bangor Theological Seminary, University of Chicago Divinity School, and University of New England, where he was trained in substance abuse counseling.

Founded in 1994, Peabody House is the only residence in Maine dedicated to serving people in the advanced stages of AIDS. It is named for Portland AIDS activist and nonagenarian Frannie Peabody. With a team of clinical professionals and trained volunteers, Peabody House provides direct care to people with AIDS in a home-like setting. ΔΔ

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## DECLINE TO SIGN !

Karen Geraghty

"I wish Carolyn would find something to do to take her mind off this." This was Governor King's response to the announcement by Carolyn Cosby and Concerned Maine Families (CMF) that they intend to launch another anti-gay referendum.

Well, I think he echoed the sentiments of tens of thousands of Mainer's and certainly the sentiments of the bisexual, transgendered, lesbian and gay communities.

It makes you wonder — what part of "No" did Carolyn and her cohorts not understand?

This latest referendum is an "attempt to clarify Maine law with respect to marriage" according to CMF. They fear that if Hawaii legalizes same gender marriage - then all of us folks here in Maine will fly to Hawaii, marry, and then come back to Maine and demand

our unions be legally recognized.

Well, we could sit around all day and debate how many Maine gay people want to get married, how many can afford to travel to Hawaii (I enjoy it when I can get to Old Orchard Beach myself), and whether or not we should put this at the top of our list of things to work on this year.

But then we have to remind ourselves — this is not about same-gender marriage. The issue of same-gender marriage and the Hawaii case will be decided over the next several years in the federal courts, not at the ballot boxes in Maine.

So what is this about? Well - nationally it's about splitting the country in an election year on a very emotional issue that people have very deep feelings about. All of a sudden the issue of same-gender marriage has been injected into every race from the Presidential on

down to local elections.

And in Maine it's about Carolyn Cosby scapegoating gay people in order to advance a very narrow minded political agenda. No matter how much she has protested over the last three referendum campaigns that she does not dislike gay people - her continued bashing of us, and now our families, speaks loudly to her true intentions. My mother often wonders how Carolyn Cosby and Larry Lockman sleep at night.

So the drill goes like this: CMF has to gather approximately 52,000 signatures between now and next January in order to put a question on the ballot in November 1997. Many activists around the state have had discussions about how to stop this latest petition from getting on the ballot. Thus, DECLINE TO SIGN was born. This is a project that we know has worked successfully in Washington and Oregon to keep anti-gay referenda off the ballot. Since Larry Lockman of CMF read CPR on a regular basis - we won't give away any strategy just now.

"Decline to Sign" had a strong presence and received great support at the Maine State Democratic Convention held in Portland on May 18 and 19. We were able to pass the following resolution:

### Resolution by the Gay Democratic Caucus:

To state the opposition of the Maine Democratic Party to Concerned Maine Families petition to curtail rights for Maine's gay citizens.

The Democratic Party cannot tolerate any further anti-gay legislation in Maine.

This is part of the radical right extremist agenda designed to divide the Democratic Party in Maine and across the country.

We will not be divided. We are a party of inclusion and rights for all. We See DECLINE, page 20

## ARTIST/BUSINESS PROFILE: Todd Goudreault of World Graphix

by Chris Milliken

Many of us are familiar with the image that one of Portland's gay clubs, the Underground, acquired under new ownership, but do you know the designer? Todd Goudreault is one of the many creative members of our community with artistic vision. Raised in suburban Massachusetts, Goudreault came to Portland in 1979 to study graphic design at Portland School of Art now known as Maine College of Art. In addition to the MECA experience Goudreault has studied typography in Switzerland under the tutelage of Saul Bass, one Europe's most distinguished graphic designers. Before starting World Graphix four years ago, the artist owned the Plains Gallery on Exchange Street

in Portland which focused on southwestern and contemporary art. Now he focuses his attention on icon development.

When asked why he chose Portland as his home, Goudreault replied,



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in corporate tax policy, protect Maine's environment, protect the civil rights of all Maine citizens (and has consistently sponsored *An Act to Prevent Discrimination* a.k.a the gay right bill), provide universal access to health care and supported increasing the minimum wage.

While her opponent, Tom Allen, has been quoted as saying universal health care is a world that is past, McCormick passionately reiterates her position. In a May 16 press conference to address Allen's remarks, McCormick said, "I am here today to reaffirm my absolute commitment to universal health care. I am announcing my intent to go forward to Congress with a universal plan based on five basic principles..."

After outlining the principles, she was asked how long it would take to get such a program started. She replied that she would be prepared to introduce her bill the day after she is sworn into office. "This is the nation's number one challenge," said McCormick. "It will be my number one priority in Congress."

McCormick's statement on taxes further reflects her concern for all Americans. "I will continue to fight for relief from the most unfair of our taxes-property taxes, taxes on the working poor. I will continue to support a

balanced budget both in Maine and in Washington. And I will continue to ensure that the path to our prosperity is not paved on the backs of working Maine families, who simply cannot afford to absorb the bulk of the American tax burden."

McCormick has received the endorsement of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW). She is a member of Local 407 of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and in 1975, McCormick became the first woman to complete an apprenticeship and receive a journeywomen's card. "McCormick's 100% 1995 rating from the Maine AFL-CIO, and her work on health care reform, the minimum wage, unemployment benefits and other labor issues as a state senator was a determining factor in this endorsement," reads this document.

During the Maine Democratic Convention, McCormick's campaign provided professional child care at the nearby YWCA and enlisted the help of youngsters to gather and recycle the trash from the convention floor. On her tours to local communities, she and campaign volunteers pitch in with the community to do a project in order "to give back to the people." That about sums up Dale McCormick. ΔΔ

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"The city offers me every thing I want in a community but money," he said with a halfhearted chuckle. Like many Portlanders, he chooses quality of life over economic opportunity. Asked if Portland has changed since 1979, Goudreault answered, "The creative community has changed. For example, the Old Port area used to be filled with artists and creative shops but things have gotten considerably more commercial."

"Also big business has impacted Portland. The small hardware stores and other small businesses have been driven out by the large mega stores. Believe it or not, this has affected the graphic design business on the local level. With fewer businesses there are fewer individual printing needs." Goudreault also commented on the impact of computers and how the desktop revolution has decreased the demand for graphic designers. He said this has also decreased the quality of design because so much is produced with computer program formulas rather than human creativity and

image manipulation.

Goudreault believes in graphic design. He fancies himself an icon designer, the person behind the logo of many small businesses. "When one seen a business icon, lots of ideas are stimulated and brought to the surface," says Goudreault. According to Goudreault, a good design creates levels of understanding. Initially the graphic image invites one to know a business, and as time goes by and a customer develops a relationship with the business their understanding of the icon develops as well. They might say to themselves "I know why that symbol is important to their company now," or experience a warm feeling from having seen an icon that represents a business that has done something good for them individually.

This artist is passionate about design and brings spirituality to the creation of images. Todd Goudreault wants to express the souls of people and their businesses through exceptional graphic design. (See samples below) ΔΔ



deborah eve freedman



## FAIRCLOTH, from page 1

the daily papers already carrying all the standard information on all candidates, I asked Faircloth what he specifically wanted our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered readership to know about him.

Faircloth replied, "To the extent people would want me, as a Freshman Senator, to introduce legislation opposing discrimination, I would be happy to do so... I intend to make civil rights an important part of my advocacy as a United States Senator. I feel that the time is overdue...". Faircloth went on to say that he has received a great deal of support is southern Maine, where he is least known, from the gay community. "People who are in the gay community have helped me a lot and beyond the fact that I think it's morally right, (equal rights) I just appreciate it. People have helped me out and I think it's appropriate not only to say 'thank you' but to say, 'I'll remember that.'"

I asked Faircloth how he felt now that the convention was over. "This past weekend the campaign really has gained tremendous momentum. Three weeks ago, it didn't matter what I said... as they say, I couldn't get arrested in Portland. But with the past fortnight, and especially with this convention, things have really turned our way with a tremendous amount of momentum and support."

Faircloth talked about the sense of excitement and unity he feels developing around the '96 elections generally, and specifically with his campaign. He feels that citizens are tired of the Gingrich tactic of divisiveness and are hungering for unity and justice. Faircloth is quick to name those who have endorsed his candidacy, particularly citing those whose endorsement he was told not to expect. They include seniors, (the legislative director for AARP from York County is helping on the campaign) and labor, with

Local 1458 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, and Local 1825, representing the workers at Bangor Mental Health Institute, and a Lewiston local.

From the feminist community, Laura Fortman executive director of the Maine Women's Lobby, has taken vacation time to work on his campaign. Faircloth has gained a reputation as a powerful advocate for women's rights, from reproductive choice to protection from domestic violence. His innovative child abuse prevention legislation, Healthy Start, has gained wide recognition.

The National Association of Social Workers, in an unusual step, endorsed Faircloth on May 4 saying "Sen. Faircloth's record on social issues is so strong it compelled us to come out and back him early."

In talking with Faircloth, one is struck by his enthusiasm, keen insight, his passion for justice and fair treatment for all Americans, his intellect, and his ability to think and articulate. An endorsement letter from Pat Peard, Harry Gordon, Karen Geraghty and Robin Long said, "during the divisive statewide fight against discrimination just last year, Sean Faircloth was there when we needed him. When we needed an effective spokesman, Sean Faircloth stepped forward... Sean Faircloth doesn't just vote the right way. He speaks eloquently and openly for justice."

During our interview, Faircloth was adamant about continuing his advocacy for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people to the US Senate, as well as his advocacy for children, seniors and labor. He has many innovative ideas which he has outlined in his Corporate Responsibility Initiative. For more information, call his campaign offices: Bangor - 207/947-8422, Portland - 207/775-SEAN.

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# Rita Kissen, author of "The Last Closet - The Real Lives of Lesbian and Gay Teachers," talks with CPR

by Bruce Balboni

Rita Kissen, an only child, was born and raised in Far Rockaway in New York. Many gay and lesbian people in the Portland area know her through her work as a member of PFLAG. "My parents came out of a very liberal tradition of . . . 1930s Jewish progressive people and that rubbed off while I was growing up, so that's a big part of who I am," said Kissen, who earned her B.A. at Cornell and her Ph.D. in English at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She later taught college in Massachusetts, Nebraska and Michigan.

It was during this time that she got married, had two children, Michelle was born in 1967 and Andrew in 1970, and got divorced. She was on her own in Nebraska with the children. Kissen said she learned a lot from the dedicated peace activists she knew in Nebraska. It was while living in Nebraska that she met Norm Rasulis, whom she later married.

She wanted to move back East, so when she got a job at the University of Southern Maine in the College of Education, her family came to Portland with her. Kissen works supervising interns in a teacher education program based in Portland. While all this was happening, Kissen says she got involved in the women's movement and met some wonderful feminists, including some lesbians. "I got to know the lesbian and gay community, and in 1984 my daughter

came out while we were still in Nebraska and that's been a process that is ongoing." Rita and I covered a lot of ground. Following is a sampling of our discussion:

Q: Why did you write this book?

A: My daughter came out just before she left for college at Smith. Later she became involved with Deaf Education and went to BU where there is a great program for Deaf Education, and I know teachers are on the front lines, along with the military, of gay bashing and gay baiting. What she was doing put me in touch with the problems teachers face around this issue, and then, at the same time, I got the job at USM where I'm in the schools all the time, supervising my interns in their certification program. I got much more in touch with what it's like to teach and deal with homophobia, and by that time I was much more active in PFLAG.

In 1992 I worked with Equal Protection Portland. I was on the Steering Committee of that organization which helped to uphold Portland's civil rights ordinance. It all kind of came together and what happened was teachers started coming out to me, which was pretty amazing given that it's not very safe to be a gay teacher, and it was even less so four or five years ago when I started this project. A number of teachers came out to me, some in the Portland area and some from other places and I thought, 'Wow, they really want someone to



Photo by Robert Diamante

know who they are.'

They came out to me because they knew I was a safe person, because I had worked in the community. I wanted to hear more, so I started talking to people about their stories and how they survived, and then I did a paper for a conference based on 10 interviews. I presented the paper at the conference and it went really well.

But it was Norm, my husband, who said to me, 'This is a book; this has to be a book, you have to turn this into a book' and he was right. Colorado and Oregon had their referenda and I thought wouldn't it be interesting to interview teachers there. The idea expanded and I drew up a flier asking people if they wanted to be interviewed. I never had a

problem finding people. I still have a folder with two dozen people whom I never even got to. I interviewed 105 people. People want to tell their stories.

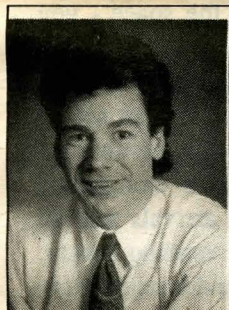
Q: Did you have any difficulty finding a publisher?

A: No. I talked to several publishers while I was at that conference where I presented my paper and when I got back, I got a letter from an editor at Heinemann saying she was very interested and did I want to talk. I discovered later that this editor is a lesbian and she wants to develop a lesbian collection at Heinemann, so this was the perfect moment for them and for me. It was just really lucky, and right before I left for my trip to Colorado, I was notified the contracts were on their way. That was great to go out there knowing I had a publisher. I wrote the whole thing last summer because I was teaching all year. I started in June and I finished in August. I did nothing but write. Norm became a terrific cook and I just spent the whole summer writing, but it was a good way to do it.

Q: Did you encounter any cases where a teacher who had come out (or not) was falsely accused of molesting a student?

A: There was one teacher who was out who told me that when he was student teaching in elementary school his supervisor told him not to have any kids sit on his lap.

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## MONEY TALK: Maine business Property Tax Reimbursement program

by Peter J. Callnan, CPA

Business owners such as sole proprietors, partnerships, corporations etc.

should be aware of a new program in the State of Maine designed to encourage capital investment by reimbursing a business for any property taxes paid on qualifying property first placed in service after April 1, 1995.

Qualifying property includes tangible personal property such as office equipment, machinery, computers, furniture, fixtures and other types of business related items. It also includes construction-in-progress, repairs and replacement parts, improvements and inventory parts. The property must be used exclusively for a business purpose and be depreciable to qualify. Land and buildings do not qualify for this program.

There are procedures which must be followed to qualify for and obtain the reimbursement. The local tax assessor must first be provided with information about the property placed in service. They will provide a statement that must be attached to the claim for reimbursement form when it is submitted. The Business Property Tax Reimbursement Application Form 800 must then be submitted within 60 DAYS after the tax is

paid.

The State of Maine has started sending Business Property Tax Reimbursement Booklets to area businesses. If you have not received a booklet call the Bureau of Taxation at 207-624-7894

and request one be sent to you. This program is a great opportunity for businesses to reduce their overall tax burden. If you are an employee of a business inform your employer of the program. I'm certain they would be grateful. Good Luck!

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# New Hampshire celebrates ninth year of PRIDE!

by Flora Piterak

The New Hampshire Pride Committee has once again been hard at work organizing the PRIDE '96 Celebration. The weekend of June 14-15 will afford our communities several opportunities to come out and celebrate who we are and what we have accomplished over the course of another year. All of the basic information you will need to celebrate PRIDE '96 is in this issue of "Community Pride Reporter." Save this schedule and bring it with you or pick up another copy as you enter the festival at Pat's Peak.

## FLOATS:

Once again we offer the opportunity for you creative souls out there to show your stuff. Why not organize your group around a float? Add color, add rainbow flags, add paper mache' to any vehicle with wheels and call it a float. We would like to see some humor, some Pride and some fun through floats. So give it a try and ride down Main Street in style.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st

and 2nd place in each category. In order for floats to be considered for judging, they must reflect the 1996 theme, "Building Community." It is also helpful to know that Concord's streets are not that wide so remember to plan for turning space during the construction of your float(s).

Every float must have at least one monitor on each side for safety, and if your group is distributing materials, this must be done from the ground level, not off the float itself.

## The categories for Parade Float Judging are:

- Most Outstanding Theme
- Best Selection of Diversity and Unity
- Most Creative
- Most Inspirational
- Most Outstanding Out-of-State Float

This is a great opportunity for your group to get recognition and show your PRIDE. So, start planning now. If you would like to enter a float or need more information, please contact Jim at 603/536-4011.

## New Hampshire PRIDE

### Dates:

**June 14, 1996 - March and Rally Main Street, Concord, at 7:00 pm**

**June 15, 1996 - PRIDE Celebration Day - \$15.00 - Pat's Peak, Henniker, begins at 10:00 am**

**June 15, 1996 - PRIDE Dance - \$5.00 with bracelet - Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH begins at 8:00 pm**

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

For the past eight years, Pride Day has happened thanks to members of our community who have pitched in with volunteer hours to make it a well-organized success. This year is no different. Volunteers are needed to help set-up staging, tents and workshop areas. Traffic control is a major event and takes several people to coordinate parking, taking admission fees and "tagging" participants. Volunteers are also needed at the dance and for Sunday morning cleanup. Needless to say, there is much to do and we need your help. So sign up now. If the cost of admission is too much for you, give us three hours of work and get in free. This offer is limited in numbers, so take advantage now. To arrange being a volunteer at Pride Day - Call Jim Bretz at 603 536-4011.

## THE WEDDING

This year's wedding will take place at 12:15 pm. The Reverend Leanne Tigert, with assistance from Jim Bretz, will perform the ceremony. This is the time to commit to the person in your life, or to renew the commitment of sharing

your lives. The ceremony is held outside, under the trees, on a hillside. For those planning to take part a pre-ceremony workshop will be held beginning at 10:30 am. For more information, call Jim at 603/536-4011.

## VENDORS REGISTER NOW

One of the many highlights of Pride Day is the Vendors' area where our community and supporters show their wares. This year we are seeking to increase our Vendor space and encourage you to sign up now. Want to earn some friends for your group or organization? Consider selling food items or beverages.

The cost for booth space is \$30.00 for "For Profit" groups with one person attending the booth and \$15.00 for each additional person. There is no charge for "Non-profit" groups for booth space. Each person attending is \$15.00.

For those who have not had the experience of setting up a booth this is what you need to know: You must bring your own tables, chairs, and tents or umbrellas (if you want to be out of the sun). The ground is very rocky and hard. It is almost impossible to put stakes in, so plan accordingly. There is no electricity available. Open fires are not allowed. Gas grills are allowed. We provide the space - you must bring what you will need to get set up and running. Vendors can begin set up at 8:00 AM. If you do not set up before 10:00 AM you will probably not be able to drive to your designated vending space. Early arrivals will be able to park near their vending booths. To register, use the vendor registration form. The deadline for Vendor Registration is June 12, 1996. For more information, call Flora at 603/382-9308.

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## NH PRIDE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**JUNE 15, 1996**

**Pat's Peak, Henniker NH**

8:00-10:00 am - Gates open for vendors  
10:00 am - Gates open to public  
10:30 am - Pre-wedding workshop  
11:00 am - Magic for Kids -3rd Floor, Main Building  
11:00 am - Workshops - Annex Upstairs:  
Hot Woods - Meeting Men of Granite  
Downstairs: Legal & Financial Concerns for Non-Traditional Families  
12:15 pm - The Wedding - Annex outside  
1:00 pm - Workshops -Annex  
1:00 pm - Magic for Kids -3rd Floor, Main Building  
Upstairs: A Touch of Kink - for men  
Downstairs: Hands on Massage  
2:00 pm - Keynote Speaker:  
Rick Tromblay, Minority Whip,  
NH House of Representatives  
3:00 pm - femme m'amie  
4:00 pm - Grant King  
5:00 pm - Erica Wheeler  
8:00 pm - Pride Dance - \$5.00 with pride bracelet. Ends at 1:00 am.

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### A Touch of Kink:

S & M 101 for men. Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask! Open and frank discussion - the leather scene, bondage & discipline and S & M. Tools of the trade (show and tell), limits and trust.

### Hot Woods - Meeting Men of Granite:

Men will have the opportunity to discuss what it means to be gay, bisexual or transgendered in New Hampshire, the challenges of meeting a date in a rural environment, and the impact of HIV/AIDS on our lives. We will talk about safer sex basics, making safer sex hot sex, and increasing intimacy and fantasy in safer sex. This will be your opportunity to see how to rope in your cowboy with hot talk of safer sex. Discussion-based, with plenty of

opportunity to learn from each other.

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### Erica Wheeler:

"Insightful, imaginative songs... her imagery can nail down relationships in a single verse." - The Washington Post  
Erica Wheeler is a nationally touring singer/songwriter whose music captures landscapes and whose songs pull on the heart with assured passion and grace. She has appeared as a special guest with artists such as Indigo Girls, The Story, Shawn Colvin and Iris Dement and as a headliner at prestigious folk clubs, coffeehouses and colleges across the country.

She began song writing in the Maryland suburbs of Washington DC during her high school years. After graduation from college, she began performing more seriously and finally released a solo cassette in December, 1989. "Strong Heart" garnered high praise and lead to the release of her CD, "From That Far" in 1992. The CD won her a spot on several "Best of 93" press and radio lists.

"Erica Wheeler won't let you do anything else while listening to "From That Far." She keeps coming up with surprise after surprise until she's got you nodding earnestly saying "Oh I like this, more please." - Hear Music Catalog and Stores.

### Grant King and Dan Martin:

New York based singer-songwriters Grant King and Dan Martin have collaborated on a number of concerts and projects designed to further

proudly lesbian music in the world, including their pioneering work with Outmusic NY; their trio Chosen Family (with percussionist Robin Burdulis), soon to release a live recording; and King's album, "Let Love Out" (a Top Ten Best-Selling CD according to The Advocate), which featured 5 songs produced by Martin. Songs by both Grant and Dan appear on the compilation "A LOVE WORTH FIGHTING FOR: A celebration of Lesbian and Gay Singers and Songwriters."

Grant's song "To Hold and Be Held" was named a Critic's Choice in Billboard Magazine, which said "his voice shudders with and emotional purity and honesty often missing from love songs." Last summer, Grant was seen on national TV serenading Jesse Helms on TV Nation.

Dan, with life-partner and lyricist Michael Biello, has written songs performed from La Mama to Lincoln Center, on ABC, PBS, and a variety of recordings. Martin performed their anthem "What We Believe Is Right" at the 1993 March On Washington. "Fairy Tales," their new musical, will premiere in Provincetown, MA this July.

### femme m'amie:

"These voices soar and blend, deliberate and precise, yet passionate and expansive...The arrangements are accessible and the choral and solo parts divine." - Sing Out Magazine

African Freedom songs are woven together with folk songs, spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz, Renaissance vocal music and original compositions. The group is striking for its clear, precise harmonies, but also for the excitement that the women bring to singing with each other.

The release of Song of Hands, available on both CD and cassette has heralded the "arrival" on the music scene of this group of seven women. However, they continue to be unassuming and passionate about their music and their values.

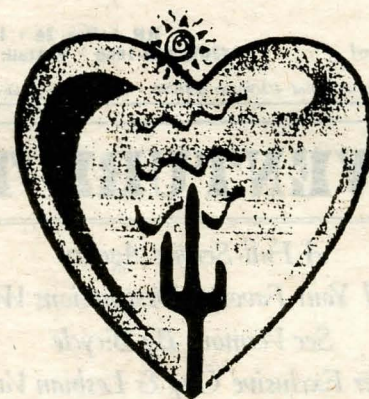
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# News from the Granite State

## GLSTN congratulates MERRIMACK, NH voters on ousting far right school board majority

Hails Victory of tolerance over bigotry

NEW YORK — The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network congratulated Merrimack, NH voters for their resounding rejection of the town's far right school board majority in Tuesday's election, when pro-education candidate Rosemarie Rung trounced her opponent by an over 2-1 majority in the largest-ever turnout in a school board election in the town's history.

endum on that policy, and Rung's overwhelming victory makes it clear that Merrimack voters have no intention of letting an intolerant minority set the agenda for their schools," said Kevin Jennings, GLSTN's Executive Director, who cited the headline in the May 15 Nashua Telegraph— "Conservatives Clearly Crushed"— as evidence for his interpretation. "Local people saw that

said. "They now know that they won't be able to pass such policies with impunity, and that their real agenda — using the schools to instruct young people in the lesson of bigotry — is being found out." Jennings added, "The controversy in Merrimack led directly to the founding of a GLSTN chapter by people in New Hampshire last fall, and there is a lesson to be learned here by the Right: the more you attack us, the more we will get organized and fight back — and we will win."

Jennings cited local activists such as Merrimack citizen Randy Kottwitz as the key to the success of the Merrimack effort. "The fact that local people led this drive made it clear that this wasn't a 'special rights agenda' as the right would have you believe," Jennings said. "We plan to organize community by community every time they launch their campaigns of bigotry, because we won't let that lesson be taught in our schools anymore."

With over thirty chapters, and a membership of over three thousand teachers, parents, and concerned citizens, The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) is the largest national organization working to insure that schools are places where all people are respected and valued, regardless of sexual orientation.

Find out more about GLSTN on our web site: <http://www.glstn.org/freedom/> ΔΔ



Ann Mason Photo

Merrimack activist, Randy Kottwitz, lead the fight against the school boards gag order. He is show here holding the 'smoking gun' evidence of a national right-wing agenda to take over school boards.

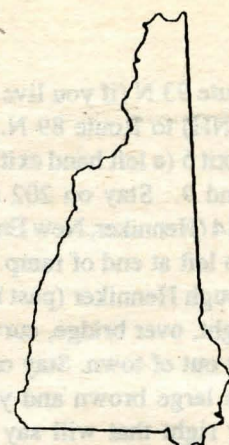
Merrimack was thrust into a national spotlight last year, when it was used as a testing ground by the California-based "Traditional Values Coalition," a religious-extremist organization that coached local school board members in passing a policy that prohibited any program that had the "intent or effect of encouraging homosexuality as a positive life-style alternative."

"Tuesday's election was a refer-

this was all about intolerance, and they rejected that as something that was unfit for children," he added.

Jennings, who attended the school board meeting where the policy was passed last August and spoke at a rally organized by townspeople in the aftermath of that vote, spoke of the national implications of the Merrimack election.

"This election is a wake-up call to the right wing extremists," Jennings



## Picnic Potluck hosted by Rainbow Net

by Leslie Robinson  
New Hampshire Editor

Nearly 100 people took potluck in more ways than one in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, May 11.

The Rainbow Network hosted the "Picnic Potluck Extravaganza" in order to bring together gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and allies in a fun setting. The community-builder featured a potluck dinner, "potluck entertainment," and "potluck merchants."

The room was decorated with balloons and streamers in the rainbow colors. A couple of vendors marketed GLBT goods. Picnickers, ranging from children to senior citizens, sat on blankets on the floor, eating and visiting. A sundae bar offered a particular chance to gorge.

The four-woman group, "Ladies' Choice" kicked off the entertainment, followed by singer-songwriter Heidi Batchelder, and alternative rock band, "Spirit Varnish."

The evening also included door prizes, a hula-hoop contest and a pinata that suffered at the whacks of children, Seacoast Outright members and Spirit Varnishers.

The Rainbow Network works to unify and empower the New Hampshire Seacoast's gay community. During the potluck event, organizers announced they're going forward with plans for a gay community center. ΔΔ

## Community Foundation awards grants promoting equality and understanding

PORTSMOUTH, NH - The greater Piscataqua Community Foundation has awarded grants to two organizations to improve programs and services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

The Women's Health Consortium, a volunteer collaborative of local service providers and community members, received funding for a breast and cervical cancer screening clinic and health and wellness workshops targeting lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. The project will also provide awareness training to health care providers who work with sexual minorities. Out & About, a support and social group for lesbian and bisexual women, received funding for organizational restructuring and membership development.

The grants are part of the Foundations Affirming Seacoast Community Partnership initiative which promotes equality and understanding for all people of all sexual orientations, and makes grants through the Bob Kanan Fund for

an Inclusive Community. The Affirming Seacoast Community Partnership was created through a \$50,000 grant from the National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership and matched with \$50,000 in local contributions to support the initiative and for grantmaking. Grants totaling \$17,000 have been made from the fund.

The next deadline for proposals to the Bob Kanan Fund is June 15, 1996. For more information, call the Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation at 603/430-9182. ΔΔ

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freedom of speech.

Rosemarie Rung, who opposes Policy 6540, joins board members Ken Coleman and Brenda Grady to create a mainstream majority. She is looking forward to returning to the "real business of operating our schools wisely and efficiently." The final tally was Rung - 4,132 votes and Cadarette - 1,953. (Also see related stories on NH pages) ΔΔ



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giver of hope and a one-person educational system." Daughter Gen accepted the award on her mother's behalf. Gen noted that after her mother's death a friend said, "She's probably already started a P-FLAG chapter."

Rev. Mark Travis was awarded the Community Service honor, along with Flora Piterak, who remarked, "Real organizers empty the trash."

The Social and Support award went to Nashua Pride. A member read a letter to the organization that included the line, "Thank you for saving my life."

Though all the Outright groups in New Hampshire were nominated for the Youth award, Concord Outright captured it, having received the most acknowledgment.

Photographer Dan Habib of the Concord Monitor took the Media award, and Randy Kottwitz received the Political award for leading the fight against the gag order imposed by the Merrimack school board. Kottwitz made a point of thanking school board chairman Chris Ager, who proposed the gag, since

Ager's actions have actually led to homosexuality being discussed in homes in Merrimack and across the state.

"We've got our smoking gun," Kottwitz said, and held Time magazine aloft. The Time story revealed that a national group, the Traditional Values Coalition, provided guidance to the policy's backers in the community. Ager has often said the policy was strictly home-grown. "We have 'em now," said Kottwitz. And in three weeks (when elections were due to be held) we're taking our school board back!"



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*Flora Piterak, one of two recipients of the Community Service award.*

(See story on Merrimack Vote in this issue).

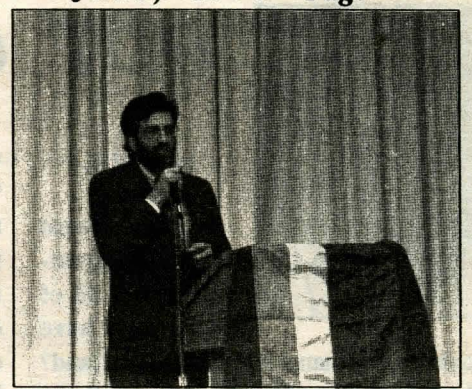
The Education award went to Penny Culliton, the embattled high school English teacher who lost her job over including gay-positive books in her curriculum. She had received the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) Pathfinder Award that morning.

Rick Trombly, a Democrat from Boscawen, was awarded the Legislator honor. He was described as a "voice of reason."

The CAGLR Civil Rights Award went to Bill McCann, the primary sponsor of House Bill #1294. "In January '97, I am convinced we can pass the anti-discrimination law," he said.

"I get sick and tired of hearing Chuck Douglas and his friends in the Christian Coalition talk about 'special rights'." It's about equal rights, he said. Everyone in New Hampshire is equal, said McCann, "with no exceptions."

After the awards, some attendees remained to dance and chat. Clara Amassa of Concord said it was her in-



Ann Mason Photo

*Keynote speaker, David Scondras, Boston City Councillor.*

terest in politics that brought her to the event. She wants to see an end to discrimination, and to help those who are closeted. Speaking of gay youth, she said, "I want to make it so they don't have to go through the crap I did."

Jim Bretz of CAGLR said this evening came about because members had been "looking for a way to do some community-building and networking, and we thought this would be the best way to thank those people who have done so much over the years. The idea was born." ΔΔ



by Carolyn A. Jalbert

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You also have limited personal liability coverage for your watercraft under your homeowners, condo or renters policy. If your boat is under a specified size or length and if the horsepower is within the limit

stated in your policy, you have liability coverage up to the limit you carry under the homeowners, condo or renters policy. Don't assume you do. Be sure to check!

Example: Owned or rented sail boats exceeding 26 feet in length are excluded. Owned or rented watercraft exceeding 50 horsepower is usually excluded. Theft of your watercraft, trailers, furnishings, equipment and outboard motors away from the residence premises is usually specifically excluded.

**Does your Auto policy provide coverage when your boat and trailer are in tow?**

Your basic auto policy will not provide physical damage for your boat since it was not designed to cover this type of property. The boat trailer can be covered under your auto policy for an additional premium. However, if the boat trailer upsets while being towed and a motorist is injured, the liability section of your policy will respond.

If you own a watercraft that is not insured under a watercraft policy or specifically endorsed under your homeowners, condo or renters policy, you may not

have liability or physical damage protection. Insuring for liability only, is fairly inexpensive for boats with low horse power.

Operating an uninsured watercraft leaves you open to a serious liability exposure. The State of Maine has passed a

new statutory wrongful death benefit of \$150,000 for a single male aged 20. Boating accidents can cause serious and permanent injury to others. It only takes a few minutes to check on your coverage and obtain advice on carrying the proper liability limits. Protect yourself for the upcoming season! Don't go bare! ΔΔ

## INSURANCE TIPS:

### Northern Maine Pride Festival Scheduled Event to include all of northern Maine

by Sean Weber

On July 13, 1996 Bangor, Maine will hold its annual Gay Pride Festival. This year we have changed the name because we thought it would be nice to include the rest of the northern part of Maine. As it is in most states, it is almost impossible to hold a gay pride event in small towns, especially in the state of Maine with Carolyn Cosby ranting and raving. We need to be celebrating together and not as separate communities. This is one of the reasons we have decided to work with other groups

from northern Maine. So this July 13, Northern Maine Pride Festival will kick up their heels, shout and scream and have one hell of a good time in Bangor.

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be having several events throughout the day. The biggest event, in addition to the parade, will be the cabaret show starring Sir Monty Rock III! Monty Rock, also known as Disco Tex and the Sex-O-Let's, was the first openly gay disco singer in the 70s. He has been on the Late Show 84 times,

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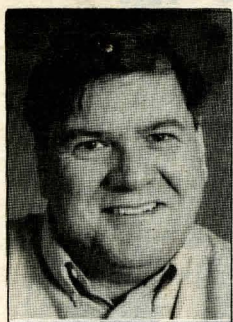
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## OUT OF TOWN!

by Paul T. Bernard

How would you like to experience a little bit of Europe and have to drive less than 6 hours from Portland? Well, you can. I've lived here all my life and last week was the first time I had ever visited Quebec City. I went there on a travel agent familiarization tour and I had a ball.

Quebec City is a very old city - dating back to the 1600s. Because of its strategic location on the St. Lawrence River, it was attacked on many occasions and was ruled, at different times, by the French and the English. One of the most interesting parts of the city is called the "Old City," which is located within the stone walls of the city. The Old City sits atop a high plateau that rises about 200 feet above the St. Lawrence. It's a lot like Portland's Old Port Area - only about 10-15 times the area. There are hundreds of small shops, restaurants, and quaint hotels located in the Old City. Because of its compact area, Quebec City is a walking city. It was very enjoyable walking the Old City, exploring the shops and restaurants. One of the most notable features is the Chateau Frontenac which rises majestically over the Old City.

Though smaller than Montreal, the

city of Quebec has a lot to offer. It has a wonderful night life with lots of small restaurants, open-air cafes and bars. The food is fantastic and the people are incredibly friendly. Most of the people I came in contact with spoke a very understandable English (as opposed to my barely recognizable French). I had heard that, while people in Montreal were very bilingual, the people of Quebec City would make you suffer trying to make yourself understood. Boy, was I wrong. Most people under the age of 30 have had several years of English in high school and I had no problems understanding them or being understood. And if you made even the slightest attempt to speak French, they were most appreciative and helpful.

There are many other places outside of the city worth seeing. Most everything is within 20 minutes of the downtown area. One of the sights to see is Mt. Morency Falls - a waterfall that is taller than Niagara Falls. There is a cable car that takes you from the parking area to the top of the falls where there is a wonderful restaurant. Another 20 minute drive from downtown and you are in the Laurentian Mountains with several very large ski areas.

Also located throughout the region are many "sugar shacks" where you can see how maple syrup is made and sample the products. We visited one particular

sugar shack where we were fed a traditional French Canadian meal consisting of ham, eggs, pork pie, beans, fried potatoes, and pea soup. For dessert, we were given hot maple syrup poured over snow making it into maple taffy. For a change of pace, you should visit Ile d'Orleans - a large island that sits in the middle of the St. Lawrence River. Located only 20 minutes from downtown, it is a community of small farms, boat yards and beautiful homes.

As I mentioned earlier, there is quite a night life in Quebec City - including a pretty fair gay nightlife. Along with another travel agent from Miami, I visited four gay bars in the Old City. One was La Balloon Rouge (the Red Balloon) - it had 3 levels with 2 dance floors, pool tables, and a cabaret area. The sec-

ond one was called Le Drague which also had multiple levels. The third was a leather/levi bar called Bar Male - which had a very neighborhood flavor to it. The last one was a strip bar - one of several in the area. We hit the place on a Tuesday night and it was hopping. The bar was packed with customers and the stage had a continuous flow of good looking guys in various stages of undress. If a particular guy caught your attention, you could pay him \$7 and he would take you to a private area where he would perform a private dance just for you - only inches from your face.

So if you're looking for a great weekend escape, my recommendation would be to head north to Quebec City. It's like Europe being less than six hours away. ΔΔ

## Willy "The Condom Man" Willette Leaves The AIDS Project

by Victor Rash

Anyone who has ever studied anything about organizational development or structure will know that agencies such as The AIDS Project (TAP) start out as grass roots altruism and begin to grow from that point. In order to survive in today's competitive world, however, grass roots groups inevitably grow into bigger, more bureaucratic creatures.

The AIDS Project, which is in its 11th year, is no exception. The agency has grown and continues to grow at a quick pace. For people who describe themselves as a grass roots oriented, such as Willy, there are only two choices to be made in coping with these changes. One choice is to move into the growth and grieve the loss of "grass roots" status; the other is to grow more away from the growth, which tends to leave one feeling polarized from the agency.

This is where Willy began to find himself: torn between his commitment and love for the work he has been doing for this agency and his need to be more fundamental. And so, after working here for over seven years, the outreach worker known on the street as "the condom man" has left TAP. Willy, who began volunteering at TAP in 1987 when there were only a handful of people starting this agency, was involved in the earliest development of this organization doing everything from preparing meals to direct client services.

Willy says that whatever services the client needed, that is what TAP provided. He later was hired by the agency as a street outreach worker. Not a conventional job by any means, but Willy has never been a conventional person. He is an imposing man of 49, with a large frame and a long white beard. If he sounds a little like Santa, well, he does have a gentle nature. Willy has a long history of work and interest in men's health issues; he also helped start the MAINLY MEN. He met someone in 1981 with HIV, and that is how he got interested in this work. Like most people who have pioneered through the early years of HIV, he can't tell you how many losses he has experienced.

Willy is one of those people who not only got involved long before much was known about HIV, but he was one of those rare people who were literally



Photo by Tom Antonik

The "Condom Man," Willy Willette.

on the front lines out on the streets working to educate sex industry workers about the risks of HIV, and teaching about safety with IV drug use and clean needles, as well as passing out condoms at public sex environments for men who have sex with men. It ain't exactly Ozzie and Harriet.

Willy looks back on his years of doing this work with fond memories, even though some may have been a little scary, like the drug dealer who saw Willy hanging out on "his" corner and chased him away. Willy patiently won the man over, and before too long, Willy was back on the same corner educating people. Or a sweeter remembrance is that of the 10-year-old girl who asked Willy for a red condom that she could save for a day in the future. These both seem to be special memories for Willy.

Willy leaves us to go to The Discovery House as a substance abuse counselor; he says that the experience has given him a greater appreciation for his own life, especially the everyday things. We here at TAP wish Willy well in his new endeavors. His departure is further evidence of the change that continues to occur here. Saying good-bye to Willy is also saying good-bye to a little more of the earlier innocence of our grass roots days, and it translates itself into many aspects of our lives. Making room for the changes means dealing with the sadness of letting Willy go. Good luck, Willy. ΔΔ

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# SYMPOSIUM XXII

CPR's roving reporter was lucky enough to catch all 5 of the Symposium XXII Committee relaxing over a potluck dinner, and took the opportunity to ask "The XXII Most Asked Questions About Symposium XXII."

1: First and most important - When and where is Symposium XXII?

A: August 17-19 at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor.

2: Isn't August an odd time to have Symposium?

A: Not really. In the past, Symposiums have been any time from March to July. A lot more great spring events have come along since Symposium was first organized. We love the thought of being on the ocean in August!

3: Isn't that a kind of weird weekend, Saturday noon to Monday mid-afternoon?

A: It certainly will be a Queer weekend! But yes, it is an unusual time frame. We chose this because it will mean we are the only group then on campus. We're taking over! Other dates would have meant overlap with other groups.

4: How much will it cost?

A: It depends. For the whole weekend, all meals and events, and sleeping in the COA dorm, if you register before July 1 (early registration deal) it's \$180, and after that, \$200. If you come and camp there on campus, it's \$120, after July 1 \$130. If you have somewhere in the area to stay so you just need food and registration it's \$110 or \$115.

5: What if someone can come for only part of the time?

A: We sympathize! Call us or write and we'll figure out a fair price.

6: It seems like a lot of money.

A: It is, compared to other Symposiums other years. But our fixed prices are steep, phenomenal food costs more, and you're paying to be on a gorgeous campus in a resort area at the peak of the summer season. You could pay \$180 for pizza and to stay one night at a mid quality hotel in Bar Harbor.

7: What if someone can't afford it?

A: We have scholarship money built into the budget.

8: How will you decide who gets it?

A: We're asking people to specify what they would need, in order to attend. Beyond that, probably it will be first come, first serve. Of course, the more people who come, the sooner we can meet our expenses, and the more we can put into scholarships. We hope to let people know in July so they can plan.

9: Do you have childcare?

A: Yes. We plan a combination of parents and volunteers pitching in to cover, plus some hired baby-sitting for events like the keynotes which no one would want to miss. We also will offer signing and help for anyone with special needs.

10: Is it true that Lucie Blue Tremblay is doing a workshop?

A: Yes! It's entitled "Heart of the Song", open to both men and women, and it's about the process of creating anything which then takes on a life independent of you. It's free, but limited space, though, so register soon!

## THE XXII most asked questions about Symposium XXII



*Symposium XXII Committee: (l to r) Larry L'Italien, Treavor Akerley, Mark Letizia, Lin Gould and Rosemarie Hughts hold "Symposium Forever" banner at dock on College of the Atlantic campus, Bar Harbor.*

11: Is COA located right on the ocean?

A: Yes, and ideal for water sports.

12: I've heard there will be sea kayaking. Isn't this expensive?

A: There will be 3 times for sea kayaking, with room for 10 people in each time slot: Saturday (the first afternoon) 2-4 PM, Sunday morning 6-8 AM, and Sunday afternoon 3-5 PM. It will cost \$20/person for two guides and all equipment. You would pay \$35-50 for something comparable in Bar Harbor itself. Another good reason for quick registering!

13: What are some possible field trips?

A: Story-telling and stargazing on top of Cadillac Mountain, biking in the park, and hikes, including an expedition to Great Head.

14: Is it true that there will be lobster?

A: Yes, Sunday evening, or steak, or a vegetarian concoction.

15: Does that meal cost extra?

A: No. It started when Lucie said that she and her girlfriend would come for the whole weekend except they'd want to go off for a lobster sometime. We decided it was worth building it into the price to keep people there for meals. And we thought it would be fun.

16: Who else is performing?

A: Musty Chiffon, a cabaret singer/female impersonator/diva extraordinaire from Provincetown. Also "The Motion Collective", an improvisational dance group from the Bar Harbor area.

17: How many people can stay at COA?

A: There are 150 beds. Groups as big as 120 have camped there, on the "North Lawn", as well.

18: How big are the rooms?

A: What are you, a size queen?! Mostly two ways, some one ways and a few three ways. Let us know and we will do our best to oblige.

19: What happens when the beds are all taken?

See SYMPOSIUM, page 20

## Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network forms in Maine

by: Janis Tyderle

A group of gay, lesbian and straight teachers and community members has been meeting in the greater Portland area since early April to form a Maine chapter of GLSTN—The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network.

The national organization was begun in the Boston area in 1990 and was instrumental in making Massachusetts the first state in the nation to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in its public schools. Since 1994, over twenty local chapters of GLSTN have been formed. Each local chapter defines its mission, with all chapters supporting the national mission of working "to educate teachers, students, and the public at large about the damaging effects" of homophobia and heterosexism on youth and adults.

GLSTN chapters work to help K-12 public, private and parochial schools develop climates in which the positive contributions of diversity are valued. GLSTN chapters support a variety of activities, including fostering communication among educators, helping schools understand the needs of gay youth, providing schools with strategies for guaranteeing equality for their students, and

creating support for gay, lesbian and bisexual students and teachers.

The Maine chapter of GLSTN will work through the summer to define its specific mission and to design activities which will help realize that mission. Among the activities already planned by the group are participation in the Portland Pride March on June 15 and co-sponsorship of a book signing for chapter member Rita Kissen's book "The Last Closet: The Real Lives of Lesbian and Gay Teachers." The book signing, which will be at Drop Me a Line on Congress Street from 7 to 8 p.m. on June 12, will be preceded by a reception, sponsored by the Portland chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The reception will be held at the Dead Space Gallery, 11 Avon Street, Portland at 5 p.m.

Anyone wanting more information about the Maine chapter of GLSTN can contact Rita Kissen at 766-5158 or Betsy Smith at 773-9547. Any person, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who is committed to working toward creating schools where respect for all people is taught, is welcome to join. ΔΔ

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# EDITORIAL



I received a call at the CPR office the other day from an irate mother wanting to know why a copy of CPR had been sent to her 14 year-old son. Answering the ringing phone was on automatic, as I was attempting to figure out how I was going to get all the information I had collected for this issue of CPR into the allotted number of pages.

This mom's question snapped me to full attention instantly. After she gave me the last name, I was able to flip back in my memory and recall a telephone request about two weeks ago. I explained that it is not uncommon for people to call and request a sample paper. "My son doesn't need to see this stuff," she said. "He didn't request it . . ." She was heading somewhere and not yet able to articulate it. I articulated it for her. "You've heard the myths and

lies spread about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people saying we recruit children, haven't you?" She responded that she had and that she and her husband thought that's what was going on. In fact, she told me she had gone into her son's school to "warn" them in case any other children received copies.

I was angry on so many different levels all at once. Knowing that ignorance was the driving force behind this woman's call, I carefully explained that we do not recruit children or anyone else and assured her that this was not what was going on. I went on to describe the person who made the call (voice and mannerisms) and asked her if she or her son knew such a person. I also asked her if it was at all possible that her son requested the paper. "No, never!" came the reply. After doing what I could to calm her fears, I asked her if she would inform the school of what I had said. She said the school had asked her to inform them of the results of our conversation.

This incident highlighted once

again for me, how critical our vigilance is, both as individuals and as a community. Comforting ourselves with the thought that "they" (who? MLGPA, MWD, Matlovich, Decline to Sign, MCLU, the dyke down the street, who?) are working on issues affecting the community is NOT an option, if it ever was. Cosby is on the streets as you read this gathering signatures for her next hate-filled referendum.

The primaries for Maine are June 11. We have many good friends running for office from national to local positions. I urge you to ask them the tough questions, ask them how they feel about you as a l/g/b/t person and how that will affect their voting on issues. Let Merrimack, NH be a lesson for all of us. Thankfully, the community at large rose to the occasion and demanded their schools back, but it wasn't without pain and expense.

Please, don't wait for someone else to watch out for our interests. Get involved. (The political campaigns of at least two folks I know can use some extra help down the stretch.) Be sure to cast your vote on June 11.

In Solidarity,

*Winnie Weir*



## RANT:

by **Bruce  
Balboni**

**Concerned  
Maine**

**Families, M. D. Harmon and the  
whole Republican mess.**

Concerned Maine Families (CMF), under the leadership of Carolyn Cosby, recently embarked on a fund-raising drive to finance her attempts to put an anti-same-sex marriage law on the books in Maine, before the Hawaiian Supreme Court declares same-sex marriage legal. Typically, CMF will do this through the referendum process (someone in the legislature could simply propose such a bill but . . . who knows why Carolyn wants to do it by a petition requiring 51,131 signatures. PUBLICITY, MAYBE?)

Interestingly, on the back of her mailer is the M. D. Harmon piece from the May 13 issue of the Portland Press Herald. In that piece, Harmon defends Cosby and states that her efforts come none too soon. But why is his essay a part of her fund-raising material? Did he agree to let her use his writing? Is she using it without permission? The question is — is Harmon working for Cosby? Op ed writers are not known for their objectivity (like me, but, this IS a rant!) but where does one draw the line as one heaves the idea of balance out the window. Isn't it enough that he uses his lofty position (top of the op ed page — every time!) to further her "cause," — does he have to help her raise money, too? Hmmm.

Cosby concludes her pleading with the following statements: "Won't you help us with a gift TODAY? The truth is, I feel safer just knowing that we have initiated a referendum to explicitly outlaw gay "marriages" in Maine." And:

**Cosby claims Question 1 was defeated because of, "... rich Washington big shots and CORRUPT MAINE POLITICIANS who thwarted the will of Maine's people on special "gay rights . . ."**

"P.S. Though gays have temporarily switched their public goal from special minority status to "marriage," they fully intend to argue in the courts that to deny gays the right to marry is a form of discrimination — more of which we will write about later. But for now, please, help us help Maine . . ."

**Cosby never conceded CMF's  
loss on Question 1**

Do you remember the scene in the movie, "Citizen Kane," where Charles Foster Kane (Orson Welles) is running for Governor but a scandal has ruined his chances and his electoral defeat is certain. The men in the newsroom of the paper owned by Kane don't know which front page to run. One holds up a front page whose headline reads, "VICTORY - KANE WINS IN A LANDSLIDE" but the editor shakes his head and says, "No, no, we can't say that. He's going to lose." Another holds up a different front page and says, "I guess we'll have to use this one." The headline on that front page reads, "FRAUD AT POLLS." — Sound familiar?

It has always amazed me — the way the vote in Colorado on Amendment 2 is described versus the vote in Maine on Question 1. The totals were about the same, numerically — 53% for the winners and 47% for the losers. And yet, the 53% in Colorado is described as a "resounding victory" for the anti-gay organization that fought to overturn Denver's, Boulder's and Aspen's human rights ordinances. Meanwhile, the 53% here in Maine is described as a "narrow victory," and "not particularly significant." Why is this so? The 53% victory for Maine Won't Discriminate is a blow to Cosby's bigotry, her refusal to recognize it notwithstanding.

That percentage represents a

26,000 vote margin. And Cosby lamely tried to ascribe her loss to voter fraud. Even if her ridiculous claims were true, she was only talking about 300 votes, and we know her claims of fraud are not true because she failed to produce any evidence. Ask yourselves why she couldn't produce it — Did it ever occur to anyone that she couldn't produce the evidence because she was lying about it in the first place? Cosby IS a liar - she proved that with this voter fraud nonsense and still, M. D. Harmon hitches his wagon to her ill-fated star. After Cosby acted out the sore loser on TV, it is surprising that responsible conservatives continue to support her. I don't know why — ask Harmon.

We are also witness to pundits and politicians who seem to have forgotten their Civics 101. George Will and the Attorney General of Colorado said the Supreme Court's overturning of Amendment 2 sends a message to people that their votes don't count and that the will of the majority was denied. Read the Constitution, — this country is not founded on majority rule, but rather on protection of minority rights — this is fundamental, and for such people to ignore these principles is an abdication of their responsibilities.

**Just a word or two about the  
"new" Republican Party**

Why has the Republican Party become a safe haven for every stripe of bigot? The intellectual center of the Republican Party has shifted to the South — that region of unsullied justice. With the ascendancy of Trent Lott, Republican Senator from the great state of Mississippi, to majority leader in the U.S. Senate, that process is complete. Now,

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## Guest Editorial: A word to the wise . . .

I had originally intended to tell my story to seek support and to perhaps 'educate' those in our communities who may be contemplating a family. It was then pointed out to me that my story may also have an impact on the current events facing us in our fight for civil rights.

I am not a politically active member of the community and I'm ignorant of many of the issues facing us. I do know, however, that there have been considerable efforts made by many to speak our voice and obtain equal rights for us. I would like to applaud those who have accomplished what they have and support them to make further strides for us.

With the emphasis today on family values, it saddens me to tell my tale. When speaking of values, rights and my life as a lesbian, I feel

unimportant and not recognized as someone who counts.

I would like to share a conversation between my son and me from July of 1995, just days after my eight year relationship with his of parenthood to our son, Sasha, my former partner, and I have come to a passing that has kept me and Elijah from continuing our relationship. Sasha has employed a legal advisor and I have been unable to see Elijah for nearly four months. Unfortunately, I now have been forced to employ legal assistance in an attempt to gain the right of visitation with our son. There will be a court date, and in the end I hope to be together with Eli. I also hope to set a precedence for similar situations in the future.

I would like Eli's and my story to educate those in similar situations to

seek some sort of custodial agreement during the commitment phase of childbearing. The children and non-biological parent should not be forced to give up so easily. Out of a lack of fairness and not being recognized in my relationship with my son, he and I are experiencing an unnecessary deterioration of our ever so important parent/child relationship. My love, as Sasha's, is just as unconditional. I chose my life. I chose to have a child with Sasha and I choose to continue my commitment. Now, however, I need to gain the right!

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## CPR MAIL BAG:

Dear CPR:

On May 2, 1996 Peaches Bass was awarded the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the health and lives of Maine Women (see "To Your Health" this issue).

Peaches work spans two decades; the fruits of her labor have benefited many lesbians and non-lesbians alike, through both direct services and her "behind the scenes" work with state and national policy makers. Of all the work Peaches has done, the work nearest and dearest to me, and for which I wish to thank her publicly, is for her assistance creating the Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine.

In fact, it was Peaches' monthly column in "Community Pride Reporter," as well as her work developing the Lesbian Health Project at Mabel Wadsworth Center, that first inspired my idea for a southern-based project.

Peaches agreed — after a few phone conversations and some written correspondence — to serve as a mentor for creating the Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine. This meant committing herself to twice-monthly meetings (always at least 2 hours long!) for a year, in addition to many long phone conversations; assistance with networking and fund-raising; reviewing drafts of written work; brainstorming; and lots of moral support. Her willingness to take on this responsibility is yet another example of her commitment to lesbian health issues in this state. This is especially true when considering the numerous other organizations she volunteers her time to.

The value of a good mentor is immeasurable; in fact, good mentoring is hard to come by, something most activists will attest to. The gift that I (and LHP/SM) have had through Peaches' skilled guidance is truly priceless.

So, Peaches, I'd like to say one more time: thank you for making such a big, big difference.

Sincerely, Tania Hathaway,  
Coordinator, Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine

Dear Winnie:

As the announcement in this issue of CPR states, I will be closing down my private counseling practice in Portland in December of this year. As a result, I am no longer taking new referrals. Winnie, I would like to thank you and all those who have been involved with CPR for your wonderful help and cooperation in the establishment of my practice. Over the 2 years, I have served 40 clients. Of that number 22 (55%) found my name in the CPR or were referred by you and your staff. I cannot stress enough how effective you have been at getting my name and the names of other gay/lesbian counselors out to your readers. Many of these clients have come from other parts of Maine, and even New Hampshire.

I would also like to thank you for your professional attitude regarding editorial opinion. As we both know, I have not always agreed with CPR's articles and editorials. I have written some pretty adamant letters in which I expressed strong opinions about the paper. Each time, you have given me a voice with which to express those opinions. That's journalism at its best (and better than most other local papers).

As my partner and I move to Chicago to further our educations (and reshape the learning curve, no doubt), I will keep you in my thoughts. I will also be subscribing to CPR so that I can stay abreast of Maine's gay, lesbian and transgender news. I will miss you, my friend.

Sincerely,  
Bill Barter, Portland

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Dear Ms. Weir:

... I am currently working under a Maine Community AIDS Partnership (MCAP) grant providing public awareness and prevention education to Aroostook County. The goals of this grant include reducing fear and discrimination toward people with HIV, their families, friends and care providers and increasing services for people affected

by and infected with HIV. In my role as HIV/AIDS Community Education Specialist, I also actively support the Maine Speak Out Project (MSOP) as both a speaker and a trainer. I also work with the Northern Lambda Nord HIV Prevention Project phoneline, both as a trainer and on the phoneline. As a straight ally to the gay community in Northern Maine, I am well positioned to influence a shift in the current paradigm from an attitude of intolerance to one of tolerance and acceptance. Ghandi was right when he proclaimed that "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." I hope to be a part of the change that extends the ethics of folks living in Aroostook to include the G/L/B community and those infected and affected by HIV.

Community Pride Reporter is a valuable resource for my work. You have every reason to be proud of this publication. Good luck in your continued efforts with this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,  
Debra Madore, Presque Isle

### RANT from page 12

racists like David Duke, (former leader of Louisiana's Ku Klux Klan), anti-Semites like the Buchanan crowd and homophobes like Representative Robert Dornan from California have found a political home in the Republican Party.

The Republicans consistently violate their own "philosophy" of less government. While they support intrusive legislation regarding women's bodies, and people's private sexual practices, they also lie about taxes and money. What the hell does "more money and power in the hands of average people" mean? The Republicans keep saying they want to do this — yet, it is they who want to cut the Earned Income Credit which would take money directly out of the pockets of the nation's poor-

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est people. And, it is they who tripled the national debt under Reagan, and now they scream about balancing the budget. And, of course, they oppose the increase in the minimum wage.

How can the members of this party support such outrageous hypocrisy? The party of Abraham Lincoln would be unrecognizable to him if he were alive today, and if people actually do spin in their graves at outrages heaped on them after death, then you can bet old Abe is a top. △△



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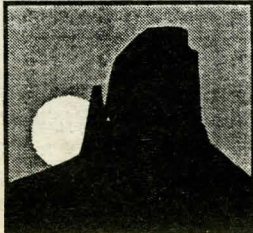
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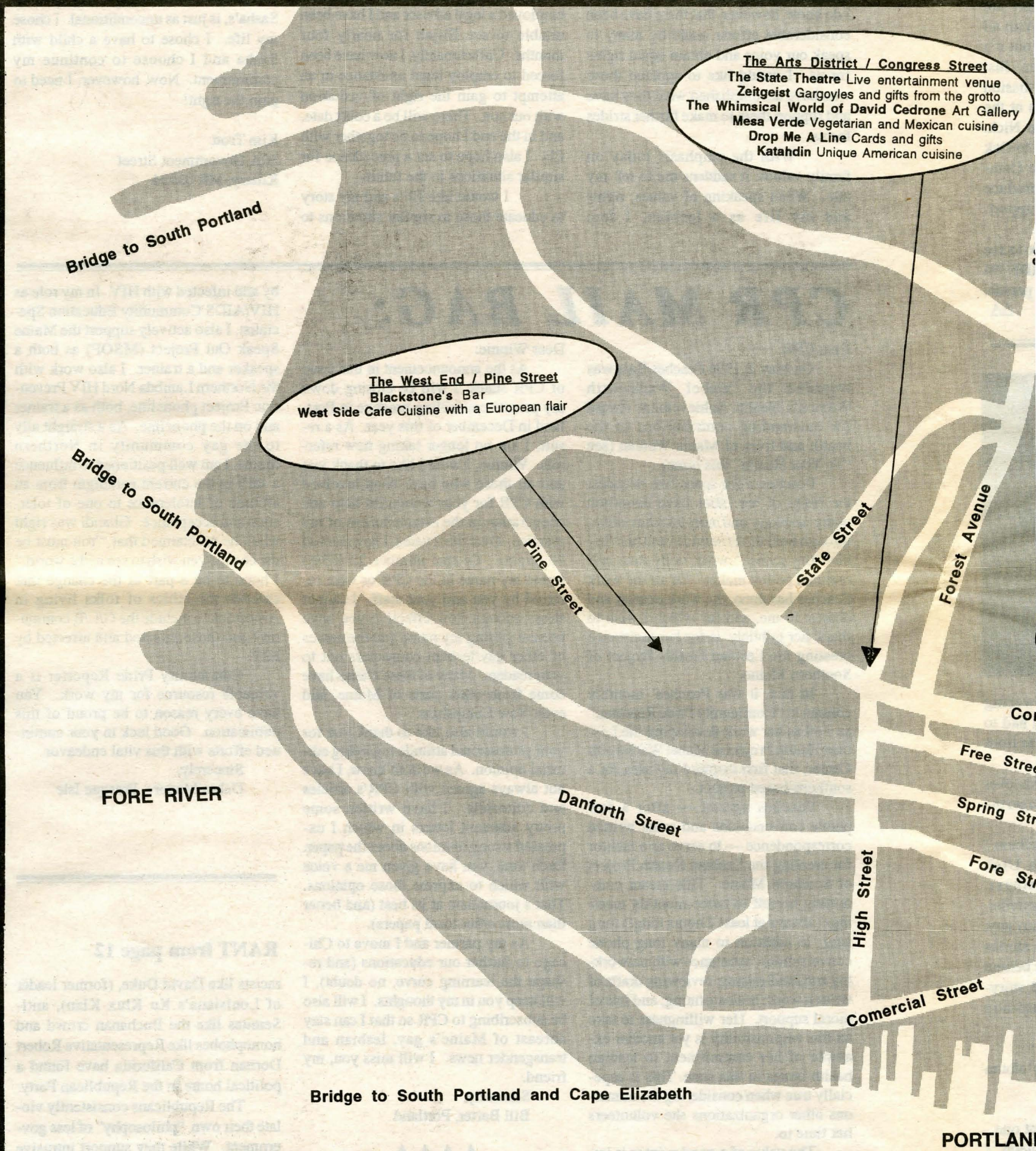
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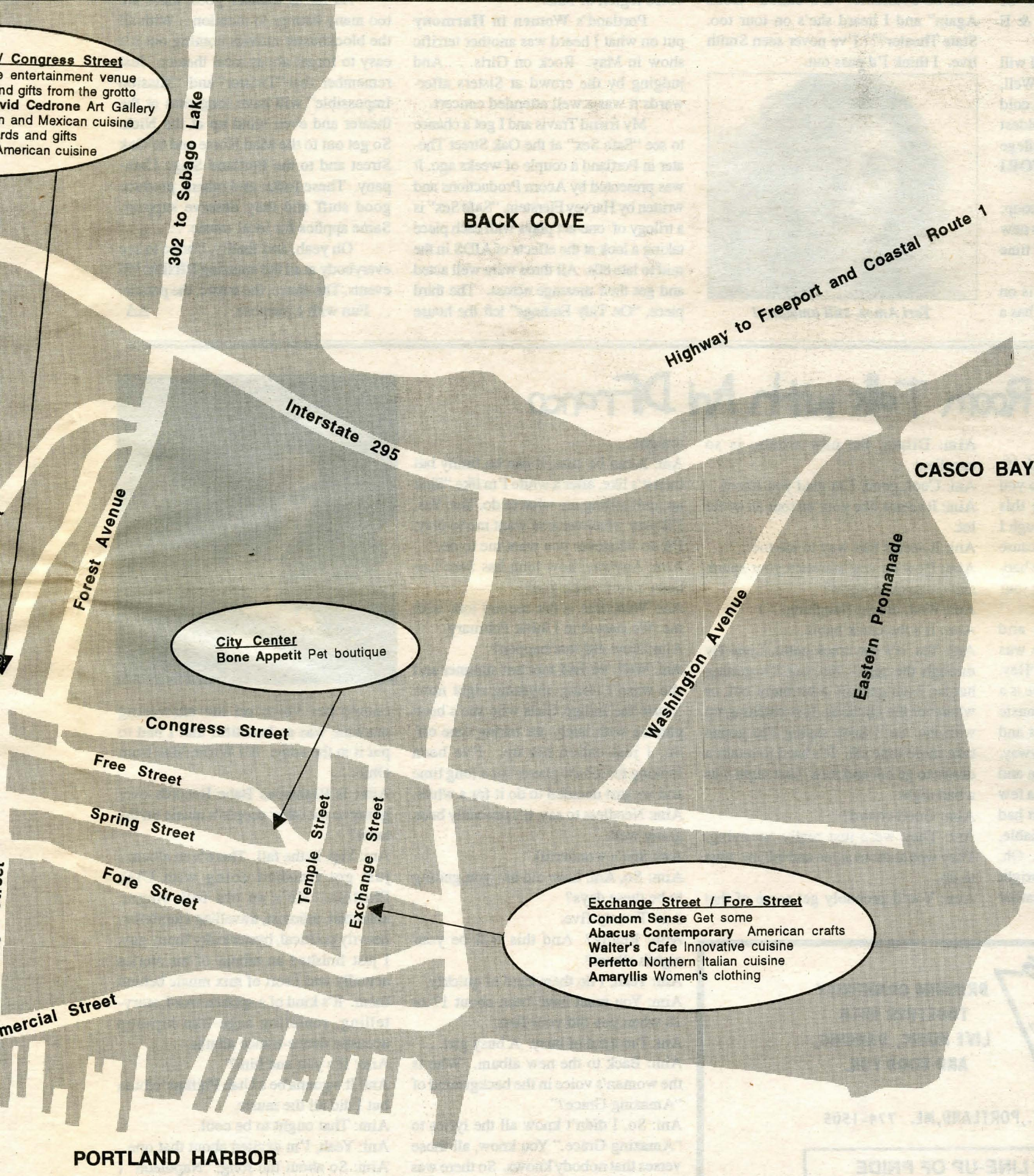
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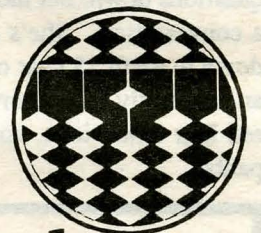
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## From the A & E desk...

by Aimsel L. Ponti

I have much to tell. But where to start? Well, here come's a steady flow of Aimsel's A & E

updates...

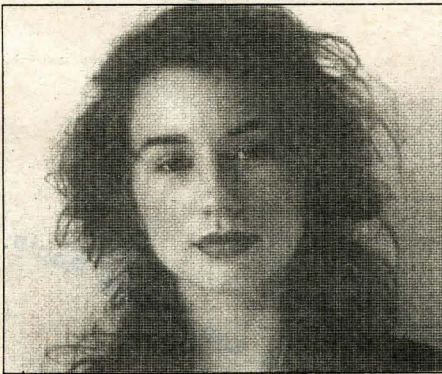
With all due respect to UNH, I will never see a concert there again. Well, probably not. Their hockey rink is cold and drab and I felt like I was the oldest person in there amongst a sea of college freshman. But, besides all that, **TORI AMOS** was amazing!

Now then, here's the music scoop: Don't forget, **Ani DiFranco's** new one "Dilate," should be out by the time you read this.

**George Michael**, who I bet is on the verge of officially coming out, has a

new one "Older." I can finally admit that some of his songs are really good. Why lie about it?

On June 4 a historic event will be happening at record stores around the globe. A new album by **PATTI SMITH** will be available. It's called "Gone Again" and I heard she's on tour too. State Theater??? I've never seen Smith live. I think I'd pass out.



Tori Amos, still amazing!

June 18 is also a bright day in music land. **disappear fear's** new album comes out. It's called "Seed in the Sahara." Hopefully Sonia and company will visit Portland again.

And on June 25, the always soul soothing group **Dead Can Dance** will be offering "SpiritChaser" to their devoted legion of fans.

Portland's **Women in Harmony** put on what I heard was another terrific show in May. Rock on Girls... And judging by the crowd at Sisters afterwards it was a well attended concert.

My friend Travis and I got a chance to see "Safe Sex" at the Oak Street Theater in Portland a couple of weeks ago. It was presented by Acorn Productions and written by Harvey Fierstein. "Safe Sex" is a trilogy of one-act plays with each piece taking a look at the effects of AIDS in the mid to late 80s. All three were well acted and got their message across. The third piece, "On Tidy Endings" left the house

with tear-stained eyes with its sobering portrayal of the conflict between an ex-wife and her ex-husband's gay lover. The two painfully clashed about grief, each stubborn in their convictions. Only after many harsh words and stinging tears are they able to come to terms with each other's emotions.

As far as theater goes, there are too many listings to mention. With all the blockbuster movies coming out it's easy to forget about local theater. Just remember, that "Twister" and "Mission Impossible" will have long runs at the theater and even wind up at the Nick. So get out to the Mad Horse and to Oak Street and to the Portland Stage Company. These folks, and others, produce good stuff and they deserve support. Same applies for local music...

Oh yeah, and finally, I hope to see everybody at all the amazing **PRIDE '96** events. The dance, the music, the parade... Fun with a purpose... ΔΔ

## Locker Room Talk with Ani DiFranco

by Aimsel L. Ponti

The Portland show, on April 19, was at USM's (Portland) gym. So you can understand why I'm calling this piece "Locker Room Talk." Although I was initially denied an interview because of DiFranco's busy tour schedule, it happened, thanks to an understanding tour manager.

Ani led me up the stairs and through a room where Sara Lee was seated. I looked at her and said, "Hey, you're Sara Lee, and you rule." Lee is a very respected bass player in the music biz and has toured with the B-52's and more recently the Indigo Girls. Anyway, Ani and I found a little locker room and just started talking. I had scribbled a few questions down, but mostly we just had a conversation. She's a very amiable, down to earth 25 year old woman. Oh, and currently she's sporting long, bright red hair extensions, and funky leather pants...

Aim: Dilate, the new album, is so excellent

Ani: Cool, good, I'm glad you like it.

Aim: It seems like your on tour an awful lot.

Ani: It seems that way to me too!

Aim: How do you maintain your spunk and enthusiasm for it?

Ani: Well, drugs! (laughing...)

Aim: It's the crack habit.

Ani: Yes, it's the crack habit, I just fly through the gigs. No, but it's getting harder, I am getting a bit burnt out, or whatever the cliché is. It is catching up with me. So, I keep saying I'm gonna take more time off. It's hard to retain a desire to go out and rock. Last night was a bad night...

Aim: Good crowd?

Ani: They were just really annoying. They would shout at me and tell me what to do.

Aim: You'll probably get some of that

tonight...

Ani: It can be cute, it can be funny but then it's like, after a while I'm like "Shut up, quit telling me what to do. Yes, Yes, I'll play whatever you want me to play, I'll do whatever you want me to do."

Aim: Anyway, how long has Sara Lee been on tour with you?

Ani: Well, this is her second tour with me. We started in I think February.

Aim: How did that happen?

Ani: Well, we had met last summer and she wasn't doing anything right now, 'cause the Indigo Girls who she's been playing with lately are taking time off. So, I just called her up. I've been looking for a bass player for a long time and we just decided to do it for a while. Aim: Needless to say, it's probably been going well.

Ani: She's wonderful.

Aim: So, Ani, how old are you getting to be these days?

Ani: Twenty-five.

Aim: Really? And this will be your eighth album?

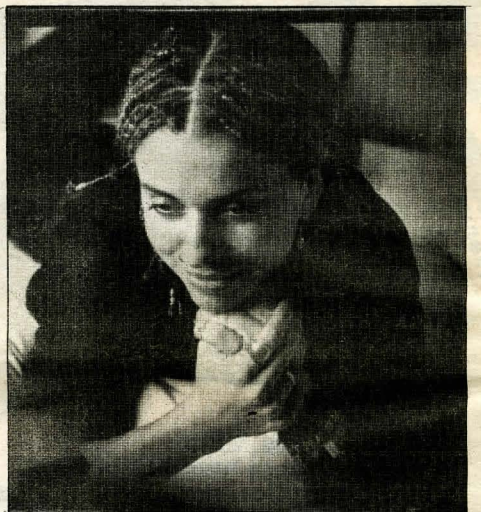
Ani: Yeah, I do them kind of quickly.

Aim: You must have been about 17 or 18 when you did your first.

Ani: I'm kind of busy. A busy girl...

Aim: Back to the new album. Who is the woman's voice in the background of "Amazing Grace?"

Ani: So, I didn't know all the lyrics to "Amazing Grace." You know, all those verses that nobody knows. So there was an assistant engineer and he was like "Oh, my girlfriend has a hymnal with it in it." So he called her up and she said "Oh, well, that's at my mother's house in Ohio." So I call "Mom" in Ohio and I asked her to read me the words over the phone and she was reading them and I said, "Why don't you call back and say them into the answering machine and then I'll write them down. So then of



course her voice on the answering machine was so beautiful that I had to put it in the song. It's Willie Mae from Ohio...

Aim: Is Righteous Babe Records ever going to put other people's music on the label?

Ani: Yep, in the fall. There's an album I just got finished doing with Utah Phillips. He's an old folk-singer, anarchist, unionist, travelling storyteller, heavily political, hysterically funny guy. I just finished an album of his stories actually and I sort of mix music behind them. It's kind of a spoken word, storytelling, rambling sage-like hip-hop acoustic dance-trance album.

Aim: It's you and him?

Ani: It's gonna be a Utah Phillips' album but I did all the music.

Aim: That ought to be cool.

Ani: Yeah, I'm excited about that one. Aim: So about the song, "Napoleon" (on "Dilate") You've probably been offered contracts up the wazoo and that sort of thing. Is it a correct assessment of the song to say that "Napoleon" is kind of symbolic of the entire music industry bullshit scene?

Ani: Yep, that's my little "indie-girl" hymn. Yes, it's very much about that; to engage in and participate in and

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## MOVIE TALK: "Wild Reeds" and "Bar Girls"

by Travis Seawards

"Wild Reeds" is set in rural France in 1962, about the time that the French-Algerian war was winding down. The movie explains in its opening credits that this war was like America's Vietnam, but in France. Thus, the backdrop of this conflict is the setting from which the story unfolds, and no matter what happens, the war is a constant frame of reference for all the characters in the film.

The story centers on four teenagers who, in the beginning, seem to represent four distinct and opposing roles in French society. There is the rural farm boy whose brother is fighting in the war, the innocent intellectual young man, the worldly daughter of the communist teacher in town, and finally, the Algerian-born boy whose anger over the war is a spark for many of the changes all the teens go through by the story's end.

It is hard to pin down what exactly "Wild Reeds" is all about because it is much more than simply a coming of age story, although all the characters undergo a profound change especially in how they see their lives.

For some, there was a sexual awak-

ening, for others a new political understanding of the world, and a combination of the two.

When the farm boy and the intellectual have a brief affair, it triggers an eventual coming out process for one while the other wants to forget it ever happened. When the female communist character and the nationalist boy meet, there seems to be a sexual attraction, but it is really more of an evolving or understanding of the "other side." It's a look into the world of someone who has always been seen as the enemy or the polar opposite.

In the end, all four characters have a completely new identity than when the story began. It is not a tidy, happy ending. We are reminded of how unsteadily life flows and how unexpectedly people can change and grow. Some grew more than others, some are happier than others, and life keeps going whether the answers are there or not.

It is completely amazing that Hollywood is unable to make films like "Wild Reeds." From the simple idea of exploring the lives of four teenagers in rural France we get a beautiful and touching movie. This is much more than

a coming of age story, it also can fit into the "war" genre as well. But in "Wild Reeds" there are no bombs, guns, tanks and such. Nor is there gratuitous violence. Instead, we get a more subtle look at the consequences of war that are just as powerful as any hard-edged blood and guts blockbuster.

"Wild Reeds" gives us a story of how politics is life and how politics define us often without our even knowing it. It also touches on our roles in society as they are defined by our politics, and how these roles are not as concrete as they may seem to be. In this film, the young characters are virtually without any parental guidance. They are left to figure it all out on their own. I'm not sure if this made them stronger, wiser

or even happier, but that is why "Wild Reeds" seemed so real and is a special movie. I highly recommend it when it becomes available on video.

And now for the video section. I had the pleasure of seeing "Bar Girls" recently and I was completely fascinated by it. Let me mention that I did see it with three lesbian friends who didn't like it. I couldn't stop watching it. I thought it was a riot, and yes a bit stereotypical when it came to portraying lesbian lifestyles, but the acting was good and the writing hysterical. For us gay boys out there who just don't understand a lot of our lesbian sisters' way of looking at life, "Bar Girls" was a fun glimpse into the exotic and wild ways of lesbian love and dating.  $\Delta\Delta$

## Frannie Peabody honored at Dance Performance

by Travis Seaward

On April 18, an unusual night of "dance-theater" took place at the Portland High School Auditorium. The performance was put on by Mexican choreographer Esduardo Mariscal to benefit the AIDS Project of Portland and to honor Frannie Peabody on her 93rd birthday for all the work she does in the community on behalf of people infected and affected by AIDS.

Esduardo Mariscal is an award-winning choreographer from Sonora, Mexico and is also a guest artist at the USM this year. He described the three pieces that were performed as part of the artistic current of "comical surrealism." Mariscal said that his personal tendency is to create "different, unrelated situations, characters, images and atmospheres" that create an ending result of chaos.

The idea is that although the pieces are based in dance, his approach is really closer to performance art where everything matters, including the art, the costumes, the scenery, etc. The performance was a community project that included people from the Portland area and also students from USM with many of the dancers having no formal dance training.

The night began with a piece called "Nightmare on Hell Street" which was subtitled "Between Congress and Cumberland." The music was that of Enya and was very dreamy and the stage colors had a lot of blue with the setting conveying a primitive feel. There was a backdrop which looked like mountains or a cliff, and when the dancers entered, it seemed like a ritual was beginning. The dancing was primitive and instinctual with the dancers often crawling around the stage and rolling about. There was no knowing what the actual intent of the piece was meant to convey. However I found myself thinking of the



*Esduardo Mariscal & Frannie Peabody pose for photographer, Tom Antonik during special birthday/fund-raiser for Frannie.*

"Dawn of Man" so to speak, with the natives uprising at the end of the piece to tear down the mountains.

The second piece was called "Gossips, Whispers and Haide's." This was the shortest of the three pieces and the title pretty much says it all. There were some good laughs in this part of the performance and the costumes were unique and fun.

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## BAR CHAT: Friends & Fun

The Town: Portland, Maine

The Club: Sisters

The Night: Friday, May 10

The Questioner: Leslie Robinson

The Question: "Why did you come to Sisters tonight?"

"Because I thought Oprah might be here." Angela, 23

"I'm the manager." Kelly, 32

"It's like my neighborhood bar, y'know, like Cheers. I don't know, it's where I go." Linda, 37

"I needed to get out, and I couldn't be myself at a straight bar. And I also called ahead to see who the deejay was." Vicki, 37

"She forced me to." (pointing at Vickie) Judy, 43

"I came to meet friends, and to get to know new friends. Just give me a few minutes. I plan to get to know everyone by their first names." Bernie, 38

"Because of the women. Why else?" Cher, 38

"To meet friends." Ellen, 52

"I'm from out of town and I needed a break from the work scene. I wanted to see a women's bar in Portland." Ann, 45

"I had a gig." Stefanie, 38

"Because I heard it was a fun place to come to, and I've never been here and just wanted to check it out... I needed to see women dancing together, and touching each other and kissing."

Brenda, 33

"I came with Brenda. Checking out the scene." Nita, 26

"I'm new in Portland, and it's the only place to go." Mandy, 38

"Because I own it." Mary Ann, 32

"Because we felt like going out and being with other gay girls; which we haven't done for over a year." Patti, 49

"To have fun. See if I could find some old friends." Vicki, 39

"I came to see what the people in Maine do for fun." Kristin, 26

"Because my buddy and I are just out. We've hit about five bars. And every fucking time we come here, this place is dead." Chris, 24

"Well, because it's the only women's bar in Portland. As far as I know anyway. I'm new here." Jill, 26

"Because of my friend, Nan. She invited me here." Tom, 23

"Because my friend here—we work together—he's never been here, and I'm leaving... and there's pool. We both quit, so we're celebrating." Nan, 23

"I'm desperate for entertainment." Cindy, 31

"I came to introduce my new partner to friends." Ann, 32

"Because I like coming here. It's a really comfortable atmosphere. It feels like a family atmosphere. It's always warm and friendly. I come here a lot." Vicki, 39

"Her." (pointing at Vicki) Karen, 22

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# TRANS FORUM: My transsexual manifesto - Part III

Daralyn S. Maxwell

Image and self-perception are two driving forces in all our lives. Without them, we drift through our allotted time directionless, unable to focus on what would make us happy; where to find this happiness; who we might be happy with. For pre-op transsexuals, the awareness that something is biologically wrong causes the same concern that realizing that you are gay must invoke.

Just as you reach the (then) unsettling conclusion that you are attracted to members of your own gender, we find that we are gender conflicted, leaving us with the knowledge that we too are different; isolated; no one will understand. We are anatomically incorrect. I truly believed, as a child, that puberty would correct this miscarriage of genetic justice. My innocent smugness did not include the ability to discern that not only was this not true, but left me nearly paralyzed as I tried to swim out of an ocean of emotional quicksand.

With puberty came hormonal, emotional and physical changes. The only things that I recognized at that point was that I couldn't stop this from happening, and I didn't feel that where I was heading was anywhere near where I thought I was supposed to go. As a child, for seven years I studied the Hebrew language, heritage and customs so that at thirteen I could be Bar Mitzvah'd. This is a Jewish ritual whereby the youth is terrorized by their family into performing a religious rite with no other relevance to their life than they will be dis-

graced if they don't, and usually make out like a bandit if they do.

Well, I spent my seven years at hard labor. I studied, conversed, immersed and worked with a rabbi from Europe with breath worse than anything I ever conjured up after a good drunk. (So where is this going, already?) Three months away from THE DATE, I folded. I told my parents that I wasn't interested in the ceremony and I had learned stuff, that was enough. One grandfather threatened to disown me but I was unswayed. Especially since I didn't tell them the real reason. The Bar (or Bat for females) Mitzvah is allegedly your entry into adulthood. I hadn't even found my youth and I wasn't about to embrace my manhood!

And so I set a terrible precedent in my family. All of my cousins stepped up and took their medicine; my siblings followed my false lead and became rebels for the wrong cause. The point of this (sappy but true) homily is that transsexuals, very much like the gay community, start early in the self-realization that they are different. In my life I wrestled, from my early youth to nearly forty, with an issue that I refused to acknowledge because it carries such a complex solution that IT will occupy my attention for years just to get me to a peaceful place.

The only real difference between us is that your decision to accept your plight allows you to move on. If you elect to go public, as I am now attempting, you face the issues of rejection, ridi-

cule, alienation from family, job discrimination and loss of supposedly good friends. Although I don't minimize for one minute the difficulty in being gay, add to that the fact that you are going to turn your physical world upside down. You will need to learn things that were supposed to have been passed along as part of an accepted process. What forty year old man wakes up knowing about makeup, fashion or deportment. And have you tried to find size 13 sneakers lately?!

This is not about stereotyping. As a semi-aggressive woman I will feel much more plausible than as a passive male. I realized not long ago, with inner acceptance, that I will never be like a Visa card; universally accepted anywhere. At the same time, I know that there is a place in the world for me if I am patient, caring and extend myself (gee, sounds like real life!). Also, it's not like I can become invisible and hide what I am, once it is done. I am over six feet tall and the word invisible is not one that could ever come to mind. Despite that, I will persevere because to not do so is to admit defeat; accept that what I am is all I will ever be; that I have no control over my own destiny.

For a transsexual it takes longer because the stakes are higher. Ultimately, if you are playing with a full deck, you succumb to the truth of the matter and reach out. You search for others such as yourself; find a support group that provides safe haven. If you luck out, you find some people who have both feet on the ground and are not "To Wong Foo" caricatures that only want to play dress up. Which leads to my last point here. Transsexualism is NOT about playing dress up. If someone dresses oddly, it is only their bad fashion sense that leads them to do so. My issue is more complicated. I really do like to look nice and I have some lovely, down to earth dresses in my closet (you know, the one I am coming out of) but jeans and a sweatshirt are still my favorite home attire.

What I aspire to is womanhood, pure and simple. I don't want to be Suzy Homemaker (no danger there). Certain aspects will be dealt with beforehand so that I have a life after surgery, but as it stands now my life is a blank, and I have the chance to rewrite my future. It will be as good or bad as I elect it to be. Just accepting my situation and allowing it to progress are rewarding for the moment. ΔΔ

## A RESPONSE TO LAURIE DELL

by Dal Maxwell

Having read Laurie Dell's sweeping interpretation of my manifesto (Part I), I would like an opportunity to address a few of the more pressing concerns that she expresses.

At no time did I complain about the structure surrounding my passage into womanhood. In my effort to reach out to the lesbian community with information and an extended hand of friendship, I have not represented myself as anything other than what I am: a person on a mission to fulfillment. This includes, by the way, predisposing of any issues before I cross the line so that I will be empowered, not embittered, by the experience.

I take polite issue with Ms. Dell's separatist feminist rhetoric dictating that

no matter how hard I try, I will never find my niche in life. On the contrary, I am very much looking forward to assuming the mantle of womanhood, intimated warts and all.

Lastly, and most poignantly, no one is qualified to assess what privileges I may or may not have enjoyed. A great deal of my early years were spent in humiliating torment at the hands of my alleged peer group. I certainly owe no one apologies for writing a personal manifesto that is part of my evolution, not some fluff to be sniped at like more bad news about the royals. Your decision to become invisible is commendable for you; mine is to fight for space, equality and humanity. I seem to be willing to leave much more space for common ground than you. ΔΔ

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## BY BI

### Acceptance

by Heidi L.  
Vanderheiden

Since discovering it in my late teens, I have always enjoyed "queer" space. When I feel accepted for who I am—as a bisexual—I am much more comfortable there than in heterosexual space. But, even there, I never feel completely free to be myself unless I am with other bisexuals or my closest friends. This is often because I assume that if people knew who I really was, I would not be accepted.

One reason I feel this way is because of the stereotypes surrounding bisexuality. The mainstream media often portrays bisexuals as promiscuous, as AIDS carriers or even as psychopathic

killers ("Basic Instinct"), and the gay media isn't much better. Twice when I picked up "Bay Windows", I read comments in the advice column suggesting that lesbians should not date bisexuals, because bis will just leave them for a man. Perhaps the column is meant to be funny, but I didn't laugh. It is painful to see such stereotypes being propagated by people who should understand about oppression.

A few years ago, I went to a women's bar in Springfield. When I walked in, I felt like an outsider. I automatically assumed that all the women were lesbians, and I felt like I was being somehow deceptive, since everyone would assume I was one also. But it's not necessarily true that all were lesbian, or that even if they were, they would resent my presence. Since I tend to be

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by Tania Jo  
Hathaway  
P e a c h e s  
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W a d s w o r t h  
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Award On May 2, 1996. This award, presented annually, recognizes a Maine person who has demonstrated "a remarkable contribution to feminist principles in women's health care. . . over a significant period of time."

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"Peaches' influence has been felt throughout the state; the ripple effect has meant that the lives of many, many lesbians have been enhanced and their health improved," says Ruth Lockhart, director of Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. She continues, "Peaches is a brilliant, articulate woman with a

wonderful, quirky sense of humor who is one of the finest educators I have ever known."

"I feel proudest about my work developing the Lesbian Health Project for Mabel Wadsworth Center," Bass said, "It's probably the best thing I've ever done."

Peaches' activism began in Chicago more than 20 years ago, prior to the legalization of abortion, where she and other members of a collective advocated for and obtained abortions for women. This group, known as "Jane", helped hundreds of women. Information on this "underground" collective is just now becoming available. Later, once abortion was legalized, Peaches helped create the Emma Goldman Women's Health Center.

In the mid-70s Peaches moved to Maine, where for many years she worked for Midcoast Family Planning in Rockland. Working her way from lab worker to counselor to clinic coordinator, she continued to carve out her specialty area—abortion. Later, she developed expertise in the area of gay and lesbian health and began training statewide on these issues. Shortly after, she be-

came one of the first volunteer educators for the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, thereby joining the only grassroots, non-government dependent organization providing women's health care in Maine.

In the early 1980s, when AIDS came to the national forefront, Peaches began to follow the epidemic closely — especially interested in the impact of AIDS on women. She began writing a column on health issues for "Our Paper," which continued through the 1980s and into the 1990s with "Community Pride Reporter."

For many years, Peaches worked as a private consultant with state and local agencies on AIDS related issues, always with an eye to how the disease was effecting women. In 1990, she and Mabel Wadsworth Center organized the first conference on women and AIDS in Maine.

During this time, Peaches conceived of the Lesbian Health Project, and with the Mabel Wadsworth Center, formed a volunteer-based program providing education, information, and clinical health services for lesbians, and professional education and training for

health care and social service professionals. She organized the first free cancer screening clinic for Symposium in 1990—serving lesbians who had delayed health care for up to ten years. This year's Symposium marks the sixth such clinic to be offered.

Fulfilling a longtime personal wish, Peaches organized Maine's first conference on lesbian health issues held in Bangor in 1994, attended by more than 100 people from around the state.

In addition, Peaches has represented Maine at national advisory meetings on lesbian health; and she has held prominent the issue of lesbian health at Maine's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

Passing her expertise along, she acted as internship supervisor in order to assist with the development of a lesbian health project in southern Maine.

"Peaches fits the criteria of this award perfectly," said Lockhart, "We are proud to have her receive it."

Tania Jo Hathaway is the Coordinator of the Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine. Call or write: (207)657-5864 PO Box 11048 Portland 04104. ΔΔ



## SINGING WITH PRIDE!

by Martin  
Swinger

S i m m o n s  
College in Boston  
got a real treat last  
week. Tom  
M c C o r m a c k,  
Grant King,  
Melinda Di Maio

and Zenobia performed their informal and provocative SHOW AND TELL (4 GAY AND LESBIAN SONGWRITERS SING OUT AND TELL ALL) to an enthusiastic crowd of 40 or so students in the college pub. The audience was asked to write out questions for the group and the show consisted of the musicians answering the questions and singing songs related to the question in some way.

Tom's music is insightful and rich, Zenobia is a bluesy powerhouse of rhythm, Melinda is a wild woman who

doesn't have time for the blues, and Grant, sensitive and strong in lyric and voice. Altogether an enjoyable concert and interesting conversation. Unfortunately they had a really long day and were staying on the outskirts of Boston so afterwards I didn't get the in depth interview I would have liked.

Tom McCormack's music may be heard in Lewiston on WRBC, in Orono on WMEB and in Presque Isle on WUPI. Call these stations and you can hear Queer music on your radio! I still envision a gathering of Maine gay musicians working together. It will take time to grow and we're only starting, but if you are a les-bi-gay musician-singer-songwriter or have a friend who is, or simply like to sing, please drop me a postcard so we can begin to create a demand and outlet for Maine OUTMUSIC.

Steve Cohen of OUTMUSIC Philadelphia says it took him two years

to have enough people to hold an open mike night, and then only 5 people showed up. Their most recent event (two years later) drew an audience of 50 people. If that is the rate of growth in Philly I guess I can find more patience for Maine musicians to gather momentum. Speaking of Maine musicians, look for my good friend Stephanie Poulsen who will be singing at Sisters soon (in Portland). I hope you will take time to go hear her, as her voice is husky and soulful, and her sense of humor and

charm will captivate you.

If you plan to be in New York City for any of the June Gay Pride events, I'll be performing at Different Light Bookstore in Greenwich Village on Sunday, June 23 at 3 PM. I'd love to see some familiar faces from Maine if you're down that way. Enjoy PRIDE MONTH wherever you are. (Especially the LIVE music.) Remember young people need role models. Be a hero, stand tall, march with pride and keep SINGIN' OUT!

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shy with women and in large groups of people, I didn't talk with anyone else, and I never found out whether or not they would have accepted my bisexuality. Unlike some of my bisexual friends, my experiences in coming out have been mainly good.

At my first day at the OutWrite '96 conference, I felt as if I were accepted simply because everyone assumed I was a lesbian. But this time, I took care to talk with people once I felt extroverted enough. And after mentioning my bisexuality, I began to feel accepted for who I really was. This made the rest of the conference much more relaxing and enjoyable. Next year, I will go one step further, and walk in wearing my pins: *visiBility*, *Bisexual Pride* and *half-gay*.

For me, coming out is a process of making myself feel comfortable and

closer to others and more self-confident, because I feel less like a fake or an outcast. It makes me less afraid of how people would react if they really knew me. It's a process of feeling accepted, and accepting *myself*. When we pretend to be something we're not, we cannot feel completely accepted. Bisexuals can fit better into the straight or gay world by hiding our love for one sex or the other, but this amounts to denying our identities. It makes us less likely to be ourselves, and more likely to try to play a role that is uncomfortable. And since the bisexual community is new, rather small, and even nonexistent in some places, it is even more difficult to come out, because stereotypes abound and bisexuality may be considered an abnormality.

But although it is a hard step to take, it is a very important one. Look at me, mom. No, mom. . . at me. ΔΔ

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# DI FRANCO, from page 16

perpetuate the whole commercial corporate music business structure. Or Not. And I think I've spent a few years questioning why it is that artists, especially musicians, feel they need to go to bed with business people in order to live their art, in order to have a job. I think that there must be another way. And the song "Napoleon" is directed at that. I've seen a lot of people come from behind me. One day they're opening for me and then a year later they are on the cover of Rolling Stone. On my bad mornings I am like "What the fuck am I doing?"

Aim: Do you ever get tempted?

Ani: Well, not tempted, I never get tempted because I would never do it. I have other priorities. But I do get bitter sometimes. I feel like a little one woman crusade... I'm happy with my life, which I think is a real good start. I like life. Why is it that you need all these things like "faster, harder, more, bigger" if you're happy where you are?

Aim: You know you could be, and hopefully you are, an influence/role-model on young and older musicians. Because what does it really mean? What does a major label contract really mean?

Ani: It means a lot of comfort, it means money it means exposure. It means a lot of things.

Aim: Yes, but for so many bands it seems like that is their priority.

Ani: I just think that if you do have other priorities, political or otherwise, that are pre-eminent to sort of personal ambition, then there is a way. I want to prove it can be done, that this little "schtick" of mine isn't just a means to an end. It's really an end in itself. It's not some sort of "best unsigned band" thing that I'm eventually gonna become involved in the whole traditional structure.

Aim: And you're selling a shit load of records and yet the only radio stations that are playing you are college stations. You're not like, say, Alanis (Morrisette) who gets her songs played 5 billion times a day all over the universe. Yet your shows sell out and your fans are semi-obsessed with you.

Ani: My career is based on constant touring and performance. Music to me is a social thing, it happens between people in a room and it's all related to that time and place and albums really are kind of weird.

Aim: Yeah, you're live show is amazing. It's so powerful.

Ani: My albums have gone from terribly sucky to OK. People have said from the beginning that "... your albums just don't capture you." And I know, if you go into a little hermetically sealed room and you make music for nobody and its sort of stagnant it's not my thing. For me it's sort of an activism, it's about gathering and communicating.

Aim: For me, once I saw you live, the next time I listened to an album of yours it was all the more fab to hear. Have you ever done any videos?

Ani: I did a video for the song "Shy."

Aim: And my last question is, what is your favorite breakfast cereal?

Ani: Well, you know Cheerios... I'm an old fashioned girl.

Aim: Honey Nut?

Ani: The Honey Nut are really good and the four grain ones are even sweeter.

Aim: Yeah, but let's get serious. Have you had new frosted Cheerios?

Ani: No. Frosted?

Aim: Yeah.

Ani: They have frosted ones now? I'm out of the loop! (laughing)

The gym was packed and Ani played and she rocked and she took a break, then she played some more. And the people danced and yelled and carried on... Can you believe that none of my pictures came out? They look kind of 3-d and bizarre. Apparently I was shaking too much from the excitement of it all, or perhaps from too many frosted Cheerios before the show.

By the time you read this, Ani's new album "Dilate" should be in stores. Run Run Run and get it. Support independent artists like Ani. She continues to boldly just say NO to the corporate music industry world. Yet, not unlike Mary Tyler Moore "She just might make it own her own..." Actually, in my mind she has made it. Go, Ani, Go... ΔΔ

# SYMPOSIUM, from page 11

A: The Committee is known to be VERY hospitable! Send picture I.D.! The action moves outdoors!

20: What's the high point so far of planning Symposium?

A: When we knew we had our speakers and entertainers. College of the Atlantic is such a great place, we knew all the rest would work out.

- Seeing Michelangelo Signorile's picture!

- Walking around campus and seeing how psyched everyone there is.

- Collecting the phone numbers of all the girls and boys we're going to meet.

- Watching Musty Chiffon's video and laughing until our ribs hurt.

21: What's been the low point?

A: Coming early to a meeting and the building was dark. I thought it had been cancelled and nobody told me. Then people showed up, phew!

- Being nervous about it all coming together. Pat Peard was wonderful, she called back and accepted the same day we called her. The other Big Names were harder to track down.

- Worrying about whether or not anyone would come.

22: What do you look forward to the most?

A: Seeing Michelangelo Signorile!

- The sense of community that happens at Symposium. How connected we all feel.

- Getting to know new people. And it's not a bar, you can talk and hike and just hang out. You can flirt too! - The food!

- The dance. The doors on the side of the hall open so we'll be able to dance on the grass.

It sounds terrific! Thanks very much! (The Symposium XXII Committee: P.O. Box 516, Mt. Desert, Me. 04660, 207/244-4062 or 207/469-3409, or Int@post.acadia.net.) ΔΔ

# FRANNIE, from page 17

The third piece featured Mariscal as the lead dancer. I have no clue what was going on in this piece, but the feeling was like that of a carnival. The colors were vibrant, echoing the scattered and varied movements of the dancers. The backdrop was a constantly changing array of colors and shapes which accentuated the pronounced gestures of the performers.

The evening ended with the dancers and audience singing "Happy Birthday" to Frannie and a presentation of

flowers. Peabody also received a plaque from Governor King's office proclaiming the week as "Frannie Peabody Week." Frannie got up and said some words of thanks. She also spoke of the personal rewards she has received from her years as a volunteer. The important thing she wanted to emphasize is that her work could not be done alone. It takes a community to pull together to fight something as frightening as the AIDS epidemic. ΔΔ

# DECLINE from page 2

are a party that preserves civil rights for all citizens in Maine.

This resolution was passed by a unanimous voice vote on the floor of the convention by the approximately 1,500 delegates to the convention.

We will be in Augusta on May 31 and June 1 to ask the Maine Republican Party to pass a similar resolution.

But please call the MLGPA office at 1-800-556-5472 or call the folks in your area who were organized for the Question #1 campaign. We need your help!!

If you are interested in working on stopping CMF in their tracks so that we don't have to go through another exhausting campaign, please call today.

# What is the Decline to Sign Project

Goal: To prevent the collection of adequate numbers of signatures on Concerned Maine Families' latest referendum. We consider this referendum to be another in a series of attacks on the lives and dignity of gay and lesbian Mainers.

Carolyn Cosby is a religious political extremist and she is attempting to draw media attention and money to herself by pretending that the gay community is demanding something. In reality it is Ms. Cosby who is demanding something - she is asking once again that the entire State of Maine focus attention and scarce resources on another exhausting and discriminatory referendum campaign.

Carolyn Cosby does not speak for the majority of Maine citizens, as was evidenced by her defeat at the polls last November. Her referendum lost by more than 28,000 votes. For her to immediately turn around, create a false issue, and do another referendum flies in the face of so-called "concern" for any of Maine's citizens.

The gay community refuses to be scape-goated by Ms. Cosby anymore. The truth is that there are many press-

ing issues facing gay people in Maine - namely, a lack of protection from job and housing discrimination. In addition, there are many pressing issues facing all of us as Maine citizens - we too are worried about job insecurity, lack of health care, the education of our children, and struggling to keep our families together through hard economic times.

We refuse to be pulled into another of Ms. Cosby's wild fracasces. We agree with Governor King - we wish Ms. Cosby would find something useful to do with her time.

Through counter-petitioning we will expose the national radical right agenda, and show people why we should not let it tear gay people, or our state apart again.

Gay and lesbian Mainers should be respected and should be allowed to live with dignity in our state. One group's fear and intolerance should not be allowed to rule the day. Through counter-petitioning we will fight back against this latest attack.

Call the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance at 1-800-556-5472 for more information ΔΔ

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# Supreme Court says Amendment 2 "unconstitutional"

WASHINGTON, DC - The Supreme Court today handed gay-rights advocates their biggest legal victory, throwing out a Colorado constitutional amendment that forbids laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination.

The Colorado amendment violates homosexuals' constitutional right to equal protection, the court ruled, 6-3, in its most significant gay-rights case in a decade. In 1986, the justices upheld a Georgia law that criminalized homosexual sex for consenting adults.

Today's ruling did not decide the legality of homosexual conduct. The justices said the Colorado amendment denies gays a political right enjoyed by

everyone else - the chance to seek protection from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

"We must conclude that Amendment 2 classifies homosexuals not to further a proper legislative end but to make them unequal to everyone else," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court. "This Colorado cannot do. A state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws."

The amendment, approved in 1992, has never been enforced because it was immediately challenged in court by gay men and women as well as three Colorado cities that had enacted gay-

rights ordinances.

Writing in dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia said, "Today's opinion has no foundation in American constitutional law, and barely pretends to. The people of Colorado have adopted an entirely reasonable provision which does not even disfavor homosexuals in any substantive sense, but merely denies them preferential treatment."

His dissent was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas.

Joining Kennedy's majority opinion were Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

The Colorado Supreme Court had invalidated the constitutional amendment on the ground it denied gays an equal voice in government. The amendment approved by 53.4 percent of the state's voters would have canceled gay-rights ordinances enacted in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and barred the enactment of any other gay-rights laws or policies by the state or local governments.

Gay-rights activists said local anti-discrimination ordinances extend civil rights protection to homosexuals but grant them no special privileges. But the state's lawyer argued before the justices that Colorado's voters could determine that all gay-rights issues must be decided on the state level rather than by various city governments.

Voter approval of the amendment led gay-rights activists to organize a boycott of Colorado tourism that cost about \$40 million in convention business.

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, said today, "We are jubilant, and this is an outstanding moral victory. All the way to the Supreme Court the tone of this

country has changed with regard to gays and lesbians. . . Gay people are full citizens of this country and have to be treated as such."

Kennedy's majority opinion said the Colorado amendment "identifies persons by a single trait and then denies them protection across the board. . . It is not within our constitutional traditions to enact laws of this sort." He said one of the primary rationales advanced for the amendment was that it protected landlords or employers with personal or religious objections to homosexuality. But he said the amendment did not relate to that purpose.

"It is a classification of persons undertaken for its own sake, something the Equal Protection Clause does not permit," wrote Kennedy, who read from his opinion on the bench for six minutes.

Scalia, who read from his dissent for 11 minutes, said the Colorado amendment "is designed to prevent piecemeal deterioration of the sexual morality favored by a majority of Coloradans."

"Striking it down is an act, not of judicial judgment, but of political will," Scalia wrote.

Maine voters defeated a proposed anti-gay-rights constitutional amendment in November of 1995.  $\Delta\Delta$

## PRIDE from page 9

sold over 10 million records, starred in several movies including "Saturday Night Fever" and now appears on Howard Stern's radio and TV shows. The man travels around with his show helping to raise money for AIDS organizations, and the gossip he has about the famous is so scandalous! Monty Rock will also be the grand marshal of the parade.

The Pride Day will feature the parade stepping off at 12:00 noon from the Fleet Bank Center in downtown Bangor and ending at the Paul Bunyan Park on Main Street. At the park there will be vendors, speakers, food and entertainment. At 3:00 pm there will be a BBQ at The Bar followed by music and games. Come play the games and win some great prizes! The Monty Rock show starts at 7:00 pm and lasts until 9:00 pm with a retro 70s dance at the end of the night.

One other point of interest is that

we will be offering off-site testing to those who like to be tested for HIV. Please call to set up a time and to get directions to the testing site.

We are looking for groups or individuals to march in the parade. We are also looking for vendors to sell items at the parade. If you are interested or have questions about Northern Maine Pride, call me, Sean Weber at 207/990-2095 or 1-800-429-1481 (the Man 2 Man phonelines). Tickets to the Monty Rock show can also be ordered by calling those numbers.

Man 2 Man will sponsor a "Celebrate Summer Dance" on Sunday, July 14. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian/Universalist Church at 120 Park Street in Bangor. Admission is by donation and is open to all ages and life-styles. There will be plenty of refreshments and prizes. Top off the Northern Maine Pride weekend with more fun! For more information, use the above phone numbers.  $\Delta\Delta$

## KISSEN, from page 5

There is a teacher in California who was fired. She wasn't accused of molesting, but she was accused of inappropriate conduct, talking about her sex life, which she never did. She did talk about her partner and she had once told her students she smoked pot in college and advised them not to do it and that got blown up into her telling them how great sex was when you're high — it was all blown out of the truth.

There was a teacher fired here in Maine. That teacher had written a note to a student who had been away and had come back. She wrote a note saying 'Welcome back, come and see me' and she signed it 'Love' to let her know she cared. The girl's mother said the teacher was coming on to her daughter and this teacher wasn't even out. No one was actually accused of seducing a student, but this woman was accused of acting inappropriately and her union representative was totally unhelpful. He told her he knew gay men who always made sure they were seen with a woman in public and implied that she should do the same thing with a man.

People may not say it, but they suspect something, because all people have a kind of energy about them and I think

gay and lesbian people have gay and lesbian energy which is wonderful, I probably have Jewish energy. This teacher in Maine said she had a picture of a guy on her desk who she said was her boyfriend, she made up stories and she lived a fake heterosexual life but she said people pick up on it. She said, 'They smell blood like sharks.' People sense, not that you're gay, but that you're trying to hide something and I think that's true. That woman in California is very comfortable being out, but she had five kids in the class whose parents were fundamentalist Christians and they were the ones who got her.


Most gay teachers are very careful about how they appear with students, about how they spend time with students. The teachers I interviewed, in fact, I think all teachers, are very careful about their contact with students, but gay teachers are in particular because they know they're so vulnerable. They go out of their way to be super-cautious when they talk to kids. They're never alone with kids. I interviewed a number of phys. ed. teachers and they don't touch kids.

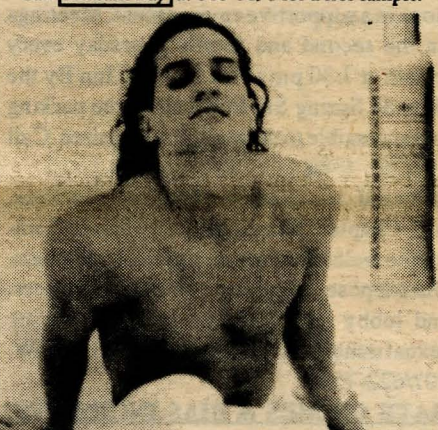
Q: We are going to continue this interview in the July issue of CPR. What concluding words do you have to say to

our readers at this time?

A: I feel the written word is powerful. I think this book has the potential to change minds and hearts. In that sense I feel really good about writing it. Also, it's been a way of being an ally. I think we all do what we're good at and writing is what I love to do. I feel I've found a way of acting in solidarity with people I want to be allied to. I feel so connected to those people it's like living with a hundred and five people in my family. These people were in my dreams, my mind, my thoughts and when I heard about Amendment 2 being thrown out, I thought about those teachers in Colorado, (I started to cry), who had to go into school the next day after that thing passed. Most of them were not out and they had to listen to people talking about it. It meant so much more to me that that awful amendment was overturned, having known them.  $\Delta\Delta$

(Rita will be speaking about her experiences writing this book on June 6, 7:30 pm at the Matlovich Society, June 12, Reception at Dead Space Gallery, 5:00 pm, 11 Avon Street, Portland, behind Joe's Smoke Shop and at a book signing at 7:00 pm that evening at Drop Me A Line, 611 Congress Street, Portland.)

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# COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

## GENERAL

**ML/GPA** is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and media on L/G issues. Primary goals are to involve the L/G community in Maine's political process, promote civil rights, develop and review legislation, endorse candidates, build a coalition, and oppose anti-gay legislation and referenda. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month in Augusta. FMI call 1-800-55-MLGPA.

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

**Northern Lambda 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 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at the Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline. Call 207/498-2088.

**The Matlovich Society** is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessible to the mobility-impaired. Call 207/761-4380.

**National Association of Social Workers, ME Chapter, Sexual Minority Issues Committee** welcomes new social work members. Our purpose is to educate, provide resources, and lobby legislators on issues involving sexual minorities in Maine. FMI call NASW, 207/622-7592.

**HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS:** Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General -626-8844.

**Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights: (CAGLR)**, New Hampshire's oldest progressive gay/lesbian civil rights organization, welcomes all those interested in these goals to weekly meetings, programs, socials and various other events. Newsletter

Congress St., #1, Portland 04101. **You need not be a speaker to work with Speakout!**

## MUSIC & ART

**Women In Harmony** is an eclectic choral ensemble open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to P.O. Box 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 social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 774-2704 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

**The Maine Gay Visual Artist's League** will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. The League is a non-profit, creative support network for Maine's gay & lesbian visual artists community. FMI call 775-3420.

## PHONE SUPPORT

### Region by region

**National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Project:** 1-800-528-NCLR.

**Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY):** 1-800-347-TEEN.

**National Hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth:**

Call 1-800-347-TEEN, Sponsored by the Indianapolis Youth Group. 7-10 pm Sunday to Thursday, 7 pm to midnight Friday and Saturday. Staffed & trained, peer (youth counselors. Confidential and anonymous. **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 Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

**DIAL KIDS:** 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

**Ingraham Volunteers:** Call 774-HELP (774-4357).

**The AIDS Project:** 774-6877. Located at 142 High St., 6th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick.

**Bangor:** Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

**Penobscot County:** HIV/AIDS Hotline-1-800-429-1481

**Belfast:** Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

**Brunswick:** Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

**Bridgton:** Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608 -

**Rumford:** Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

**Lewiston:** AIDS Coalition of Lewiston/Auburn: 786-4697

**Waterville:** Dayspring: 626-3432

**Ellsworth:** Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

**Oxford Hills:** Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: 743-7451.

**Mid coast:** Gay men's HELP LINE, 6:00-9:00 pm (only) M-F. 207/863-2728, FAX, 207/863-2794. Also, gay youth info.

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)**

**Contacts in Maine**

(\* indicates monthly meetings)

Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2349 - F.E.

\*Dover-Foxcroft: 564-7986 - Sharon

\*Brunswick/Bath: 729-0519 - Sally & Gene

\*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-6964 - Estelle

\*Portland: Rita, 766-5158 or Sue, 774-3441

Waldoboro: 832-5859 - Sue

### Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline:

603/623-6023

Concord: Judy, 603/485-3943

Webster: Betsy, 603/746-3818

Nashua: Nancy, 603/880-8709

Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

Fracestown: Cy/Gordon, 603/547-2545

Holderness: Olivia, 603/968-7254

Rumney: Ann, 603/786-9812

Center Sandwich: Tish, 603/284-6434

**DOVER, NH:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Helpline for information, referral or need to talk. M-F 6-10 pm, Sat.-Sun. 9am-2pm. 603/743-GAY2.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Medical Support

**Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic:** Confidential screening and treatment for STD's for residents and non-residents at a walk-in clinic. Low cost, medicaid accepted. Anonymous, confidential HIV testing by appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 to 6 pm at Portland City Hall Room 303. FMI call 874-8784.

**Planned Parenthood of Northern New**

**England:** Serving men and women, offering annual exams, pregnancy testing, birth control info. & supplies (free condoms!), testing and treatment for infections and STD's, menopause support and more. Evening hours, affordable services, and complete confidentiality. Medicaid welcome. 970 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call 207/874-1095.

**FREE FAMILY THERAPY** available for individuals & families (of any type) who are affected by HIV disease. FMI, contact Chris Behan, MSW at Center for Training and Special Programs. 207/773-6658.

**Teen Life Center:** Youth Clinic sponsored by City of Portland Public Health, Monday-Friday (10:00-11:30 am) The homeless health team's youth clinic is a place where you can receive free health care in a friendly environment. Located on Chestnut St. across from Portland High. Confidential health services with access to other support you may need. Drop in between 10 to 10:45 am.

**Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic:** Portland STD Clinic provides full range of services from screening & treatment, education & counseling and HIV antibody testing and counseling. Located in Room 303 of City Hall. Anonymous HIV testing by appointment on weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Call 874-8784. For other STD services: 874-8446.

### Identity Support

#### New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/472-4944.

Seacoast: Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-5196.

Nashua: Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.

Plymouth: Meets first Sunday, 7-9 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church. FMI, call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.

Upper Valley Region: Meets second

Wednesday, 7pm. Hanover. FMI, call 603/643-8331.

### Maine P-FLAG Meetings

**Portland:** Meets 2nd Tuesday 7-9 PM at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St. FMI, 766-5158 or 774-3441.

**Brunswick/Bath:** Meets 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. FMI, 729-0519.

**Lewiston/Auburn:** Meets last Sunday, 6:30-8:30 pm. FMI, 783-9789.

**Women's Center - Belfast** - Weekly meetings, 9A Main St., 2nd floor (above Jaret & Cohn) FMI, 338-5702. Group meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 pm. Women's Spirituality Gatherings, Mondays 7-9 pm.

**NA: Just for Today** meetings every Wednesday, 8:15 pm, at St. Luke's Cathedral, State St., Portland. Use Park St. entrance in rear. Also Friday meeting, 8:00 pm, Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Deering & High St., Use entrance off Deering St.

**Out and About** - a lesbian support and educational group, meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm., United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave, Portsmouth, NH. FMI: POB 5691, Portsmouth, NH 03902, or 603/772-8045.

**Out Among Friends:** Lesbian social/discussion group. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. \$1 donation. Contact phone: 207/879-1037.

**Out on MDI:** For gays, lesbians, bi's and our friends. Very active social/support group. Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Newcomers always welcome. FMI, write OUT ON MDI, PO Box 367, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679-0367 or call (207) 288-2502 and leave a message.

**Am Chofshi:** A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call Rheatha at 874-2970.

**Exeter Congregational Church:** United Church of Christ in Exeter, NH has adopted an Open and Affirming Statement & welcomes all God's children to worship, Sundays, 10 a.m. 21 Front St. (near Court St.) Co-pastors the Revs. Michael L.C. Henderson & Jane Geffken Henderson. FMI, call Ingrid, 603/772-6221.

**Lesbian/Gay Catholics:** The organization Dignity/Maine offers supportive Masses for l/g/b/t Catholics & their friends/families. Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm in St. Luke's Cathedral, side chapel, 143 State St., Portland. Coffee & dessert after the liturgy. FMI, Rosemary or Janet: 207/646-2820 or Laurie: 207/878-0546 or write: Dignity/Maine, POB 8113, Portland 04104. All replies kept confidential.

**The Appollo Society:** an out-reach, networking and social organization for New England's gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenes. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and fun! FMI, 773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

**Community of Hope:** A Christian congregation which claims a primary ministry with gay and lesbian people and strives to be inclusive of all persons. Worship on Saturdays at 4:00 PM at Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI write Community of Hope. POB 1671, Portland, ME 041014.

**Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group:** Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Discussion Group:** 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 7-9 pm.



First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey, (207) 594-2957.

**W.O.W. (Wild Outdoor Women):** Recreational group meets monthly for outdoor activities followed by pot luck socials. Activities: biking, hiking, camping, canoeing, kayaking. FMI: Jen @ 207/787-2379 or 207/773-5083.

**Maine Frontrunners:** a gay and lesbian running club sponsoring weekly run in Portland. We meet at the beginning of Back Cove Walkway (corner Baxter Blvd. & Preble St. Ext.), Saturdays, 9 am. FMI, Jim-761-2059 or John-828-4896.

**Monthly Gatherings for Older, Single Lesbians:** for fun & friendship. FMI, Kathy 207/688-4737 or 207/725-0179.

**Support Group--Penobscot & Surrounding Counties:** For men who have sex with men. Monthly meetings to talk about issues and concerns. Call 207/990-2095 for more info & meeting times.

**Q-Squad:** Support group for lesbian, gays, bis & transgendered. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message, (207) 778-7380.

**TransSupport:** Support group for cross-dressers, transsexuals, their families, friends. Meets in secure locations to provide support, education & social activities. Write TransSupport, P.O. Box 17622, Portland, 04112 or phone 207/945-3092.

**Gender Talk North:** Gender support. Write for newsletter, P.O. Box 211, Keene, NH 03431. 603/924-8828.

**Trans Counseling:** Cheshire Counseling Assoc., PO Box 1124, Keene, NH 03431. 603/357-5544.

**Maine Bisexual People's Network:** Meets to affirm in all a positive nature of bisexuality & work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. Support & referrals available. FMI write P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME. 04104.

**Polyamorous Life Support (PALS):** Do you love more than one person? You may be polyamorous. Polyamorous Life Support (PALS) is a discussion/support group for people interested in creating/nourishing committed, loving, multipartner relationships. Whether curious or already multiply intimate, call 773-6132 FMI.

**Wilde-Stein Club:** Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

**Prisoners of Gender:** (Refusing to be Barbie, Ken or both). Meets every Friday at 1:15 pm at Davis Room, Memorial Union, UM at Orono

**Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group:** Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Resource Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono. FMI call (207) 581-1425.

**Seacoast Gay Men:** Social group meets Mondays (except holidays), 7 pm Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI call (603) 430-4052, or write P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03802-1394.

**Dover, NH:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered support Group meets Sundays 7-8pm, Quaker Mtg. House, Central Ave. Social times too. FMI, 603/743-GAY2 eves.

**Lewiston/Auburn:** A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Lewiston/Auburn area meets Mondays at 7 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring St., Auburn.

**Bangor Lesbian Support Group:** This Lesbian Support Group welcomes any woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each another as lesbians. Confidentiality, open-mindedness and respect are required. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel

Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: (207) 947-5337.

**Mountain Valley Men (MVM):** A group of gay men of all ages in the western Maine, Eastern NH area who get together for pot luck dinners, hiking, canoeing, skiing and other activities. FMI, write to Box 36, Center Conway, NH 03813-0036 or call Paul at 207/925-1034.

**S.N.A.P.:** Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. Monthly support group for men & women healing from sexual abuse by clergy of any denomination. Meets in Portland location on third Friday of the month. FMI, call 207/774-5025.

**DEGLO (Down East Gay & Lesbian Org.):** Meets 2nd Saturday of the month, 5:30 pm at the UU Church, Park Street, Bangor.

**Lavender Womyn:** a gathering of lesbian, bisexual and questioning women for discussion and mutual support. Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM. First Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn. FMI, 207/783-0461.

### Parents

**Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group:** For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME 04104.

**Mothers and Kids Group:** Social events and group support for lesbians and their children. Emphasis on inclusion of lesbians in the process of becoming pregnant or adopting. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI write: P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

### Youth Support

**OUTRIGHT TOO:** Fridays, 5:00-7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, Park St., behind City Hall in Bangor. 207/990-3626.

**OUTRIGHT/Central Maine:** Weekly, confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call "First Call" at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042 and ask about OUTRIGHT.

**OUTRIGHT/Portland:** Meets every Fri., 7:30-9:30 pm, The People's Building, 155 Brackett St., 2nd floor, Portland. Safe & 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.

**Concord OUTRIGHT Inc.:** Meets every Thurs., 7-9 pm at UU Church, 274 Pleasant St., next to Concord Hospital & Orthopedics Clinic. 603/664-9169.

**Monadnock OUTRIGHT:** Meets every Thurs., 7-9 pm at "The Place To Go", 46 Concord St. (Rt. 202 N), Peterborough, 603/547-2545.

**Nashua OUTRIGHT:** Meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday at UU Church corner of Canal & Lowell Sts. (near Dunkin Donuts). Call Steve or Gypsy at 603/672-0792. Email: OutrightNH@AOL.com

**OUTRIGHT/Seacoast:** Meets every Sun. 5-7 pm (movie night), Tues. 6-8 pm (drop in), & Friday from 7 to 9 pm (support group) at the UU Church Annex (next to fire station), 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call 603/431-1013, P.O. Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03801.

**COLAGE:** A national support group run by and for the children of gay, lesbian or bisexual parents. FMI, COLAGE, 2300 Market St., #165, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94114.

**THE MAINE YOUTH PROTECTION COUNCIL:** Works to create safer 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.

### HIV Related Support Meetings

#### Portland:

**Mondays:** People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, partners & caregivers, 6:30-8:00 PM.

**Tuesdays:** People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, lovers, and caregivers, 10:30 am-Noon.

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays:** Living Well focusing on quality of life and empowerment.

**1st Wednesday:** PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), 5:30 pm. Call 775-PAWS. Charles Wynott, Program Coordinator.

**Thursdays:** People living with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm.

**2nd Thursday:** Client Advisory Board, open to all clients of The AIDS Project, 1:30 pm. *The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 142 High St., 6th floor, except the Tuesday group, Living Well. FMI on that call Sandy Titus at Stratogen Health Care. Call Jane O'Rourke at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.*

**Aroostook County:** Family and Friends Accepting Change Together (FFACT), a support group sponsored by Northern Maine AIDS Network for friends, families & caregivers. Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Academy House, 150 Academy St. Presque Isle. FMI, Deb Madore of Health 1st, 207/768-3056 or 1-800-432-7881.

**Auburn:** People living with HIV disease, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm at Auburn Family Planning. Call Diana Carrigan, Androscoggin and Oxford Case Manager and Support Services Coordinator for TAP at the Auburn office, 783-4301.

**Augusta:** Every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm, Dayspring AIDS Support Services offers support for people with HIV & those who care about them. FMI, call 207/626-3435.

**Bangor:** Man 2 Man HIV prevention program for men who have sex with men. M2M offers education, HIV testing, support groups, HIV/AIDS Hotline and workshops. To volunteer or FMI on the program call 207/990-2095 or write: Man 2 Man, POB 2038, Bangor, ME 04402.

**Biddeford:** People affected or infected by HIV, Mondays, 5:30-7:00 pm. So. ME. Medical Center classroom opposite cafeteria on 2nd floor. Call John Bean, York County Case Manager, 774-6877.

**Brunswick:** Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, 8 Lincoln Street. FMI on meeting days and times call 725-4955.

**Farmington:** Thursdays: 6:30-8:30 pm. HIV+ support group. Call Christie Foster at Tri-County Health Services, 778-4553, for location.

**Gardiner:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physicians Building behind KVRHA Annex. Call MASS at 725-4955.

**Rumford/Mexico Area:** Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phoneline meets from 7-8:30 pm at Mexico Congregational Church, Main Street, Mexico. Call 364-8603.

#### New Hampshire:

**Exeter:** "Connections," support group for care-givers: parents, families, friends whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, meets second Tues. from 7-8:30 pm. Exeter Congregational Church, 21 Front St., Discussions, info, sharing and support. Confidentiality assured. Wheelchair access. FMI, 603/772-6221 or 603/778-0102.

**Keene:** Support group for families, friends, partners of persons living with AIDS or who have died of AIDS. Confidential & anonymous. Meets every other Wed., at Planned Parenthood, 7-8:30 pm. Call Dorothy Anderson at 603/756-4735.

**Keene:** Support group for HIV positive

people and those living with AIDS meets alternate Mon. 6:30 pm. For details call Schultz, 603/357-5270.

**Peterborough:** Support group for family, partners and friends whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS meets Tues. at noon. Call Maria Rosario-603/924-7191, ext. 1126 for details.

**Monadnock Region:** For info., referrals, testing, buddies, speakers & volunteer opportunities call AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region at 603/357-6855 or 1-800-639-7903 or call United Way Help-Line, 1800-368-4357.

### 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, Maine 04243-7977. 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 on AIDS Educ.:** P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.

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

**Down East AIDS Network:** 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.

**Eastern Maine AIDS Network:** P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

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

**Names Project/Maine:** P.O. Box 10248, Portland, ME 04104. Call 774-2198.

**Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network:** P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.

**Peabody House:** 14 Orchard St., Portland, ME 04102. Call 774-6281.

**People With AIDS Coalition of ME.:** 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.

**Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS)** 142 Congress Street, Portland ME 04101. Call 775-PAWS.

**The AIDS Project:** 142 High St., 6th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.

**Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition:** P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

Have you checked your organizations resource listing lately for accurate and timely information? If not, please do and notify the CPR office of any changes, including dropping or adding a listing. Pride Resources works only if the information is up-to-date & accurate.

Online Resources for  
Maine's LGBT Community

The Maine Gay Network

#### ΔThe Maine GayNet Mail List:

Share your ideas and opinions or just plain chat with other list members. To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to [majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu](mailto:majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu). In the message part, write "subscribe me-gaynet."

#### ΔThe Maine GayNet Home Page:

An ever-changing display of events and information. Meetings, contact people, resources, & referrals. The complete text of CPR available online, too. Point your WEB Browser at: <http://www.qrd.org/QRD/www/usa/maine> FMI, e-mail Paula Stockholm: [paula@maine.com](mailto:paula@maine.com) ΔΔ



# JUNE, 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Saturday, June 1:

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

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** celebrates National Trails Day in the Blue Hills, (MA). Join our 3rd trail maintenance trip. FMI, call Arthur, 617/482-7229.

## Sunday, June 2:

**7:00-9:00 PM** - PFLAG of Plymouth, NH area meets at Plymouth Congregational Church. Call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.

## Monday, June 3:

•**Δ 7:00-9:30 PM** - Seacoast area (NH) PFLAG meets at Stratham Community Church, Emery Lane, Stratham. Call 603/772-5196.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6599.

## Tuesday, June 4:

**ΔΔ 7:30 PM** - Gay & Lesbian AA meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088. (No summer meetings.)

## Wednesday, June 5:

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Drop-In & Open House, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

## Thurs. June 6-Sun. June 9

**Mainely For You Womens' Campout** at private campground on a pristine lake in Western Maine. Cabins and campsites available. Bonfires, open mike, softball, volleyball, boating, swimming, fishing, lots of fun! FMI, call 207/583-6980. Pets welcome, children under 17 welcome. BYO BBQ.

## Thursday, June 6:

**ΔΔ 6:30 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 7:30-9:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society presents Rita Kissen, Professor of Education, USM & author of "The Last Closet: The Real Lives of Lesbian and Gay Teachers," who will share her research and stories of teachers she interviewed. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Handicapped accessible, free hotel parking.

## Saturday, June 8:

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** walks Maudsley State Park in Newburyport, MA. Picnic after. Call Andrew, 508/486-8642.

•**Δ 9:00 - 5:30 PM** - Statewide Symposium and Town Meeting at University of New Hampshire, Rm. 110, Murkland Hall. FMI: 603/536-4011.

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

**ΔΔ 5:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord BBQ & Fun, Mapleton, (near Presque Isle) For location call 207/498-2088.

## Sunday, June 9:

**ΔΔ 11:00 AM** - Meeting at Sportsman's Club, 2 Bates St., Lewiston for those

interested in starting motorcycle club for Maine. All models welcome. Motorcycle run at 12:30 PM. FMI, Roland at 207/784-2251.

•**Δ Eastern Mountain Sports** associate Chris Tunkey leads a bike tour of Portland's Lighthouses. Moderate difficulty, limited to 10. 28 mile distance. Bike maintenance will be discussed followed by early morning stretch. Helmet required. FMI, 207/772-3776. Free.

## Monday, June 10:

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6599.

**ΔΔ 6:30 PM** - Rainbow Business & Professional Organization's "Discover Ogunquit Night". Black Swan Inn, Rt. 1. Gourmet buffet dinner, \$30. Speakers: Business people from the Ogunquit community. FMI, 885-5060.

## Tuesday, June 11:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Portland chapter of PFLAG meets at Woodfords Congregational Church, Woodfords Corner. We are parents, friends and relatives of lesbians, bisexual, gay and transgendered persons offering support and education. FMI, Rita: 207/766-5158 or Sue: 207/774-3441.

## Wednesday, June 12:

•**Δ 5:00-6:30 PM** - Author's reception, The Dead Space Gallery, 11 Avon St., Portland, (behind Joe's Smoke Shop) for Rita Kissen celebrating publication of her book, "The Last Closet: The Real Lives of Lesbian and Gay Teachers." Sponsored by P-FLAG.

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Drop-In & Open House, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - Book Signing at Drop Me A Line, 611 Congress Street, Portland. Co-sponsored by Matlovich Society & the Maine chapter of GLSTN. **ΔΔ 7:30-9:00 PM** - Pridelights Concert at Congress Square, Portland. Hostess, Frannie Peabody will light the tree containing pink pride lights to honor contributions of gays and lesbians in southern Maine. Free concert, great entertainment. FMI or to buy Pride Lights, call Victor at 207/773-5639.

## Thurs. June 13 - Sun. June 16

16th Annual Spring Fling in P-town sponsored by Tiffany Club of New England. All members of the transgendered community, their families, friends and those who work on our behalf are welcome to attend. FMI: 617/891-9325.

## Thursday, June 13:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - P-FLAG Meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Eastern Mountain Sports offers Overnight Backpacking clinic covering equipment needed, what to wear, what to eat, and more. This clinic required for anyone interested in going on Three Ponds Overnight trip offered June 22-23. Location: In store, Maine

Mall, So. Portland. FMI, 772-3776.

•**Δ 7:30-9:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society presents Claudia Brenner, anti-violence advocate and author of "Eight Bullets: One Woman's Story of Surviving Anti-Gay Violence. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Handicapped accessible, free hotel parking. Co-sponsored by So. Maine Pride and Drop Me A Line. Book signing & reception to follow at Drop Me A Line, 611 Congress St.

## Friday, June 14:

**ΔΔ 6:30 PM - NH PRIDE MARCH & RALLY** at the State House in Concord, NH. Don't miss it!

**ΔΔ 8:00 PM** - "Celebrate Summer Dance" sponsored by Man 2 Man at the UU Church, 120 Park St., Bangor. Admission by donation and open to all. Refreshments and prizes. FMI, call Sean Weber, 207/990-2095 or 1-800-429-1481.

**9:00 PM-1:00 AM** - Pride's Pier Dance, Maine State Pier, Commercial St. & Franklin Arterial. Tickets: \$10. FMI, 207/879-7323.

## Saturday, June 15:

### NEW HAMPSHIRE & SO. MAINE PRIDE

Please see complete schedules of events for NH & Maine included in this issue of CPR

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

**ΔΔ 5:00 PM** - Symposium Forever board meeting at Katahdin Restaurant, Spring & High Sts., Portland for people interested in working on Symposium XXIII in 1997. FMI, Lin Gould 207/244-4062.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Maine Gay Men's Chorus with special guest, Holly Near. State Theatre, 609 Congress St., Portland. Box office: 207/879-1112.

## Sunday, June 16:

•**Δ 3:00-5:00 PM** - Concord (NH) area PFLAG meeting. 1st Congregational Church, Washington & N. Main Sts., Concord, NH. FMI: 603/472-4944.

## Monday, June 17:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Upper Valley Region (NH) PFLAG meeting at Hanover Congregational Church. Call 603/448-1982.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6599.

## Wednesday, June 19:

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Drop-In & Open House, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

## Thursday, June 20:

•**Δ 7:30 PM** - Nashua Chapter of PFLAG at UU Church Lowell & Canal Sts., Nashua, NH. Chapter is in jeopardy. Needs parents or may have to fold. Call 603/880-8709.

## Friday, June 21 - Sunday, June 23:

**ΔΔ SPLASH Weekend** at Provincetown. Men, music, water, action, parties and T-dance, men's swim

suit fashion show. FMI, call 1-888-88-PTOWN.

## Saturday, June 22:

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** hikes Mt. Passaconway & Mt. Whiteface (NH) (10.6 miles total) Limit 10. Call Mike 401/453-4027.

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** hikes Mt. Manadnock (NH). Call Ed, 860-726-9189.

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** beginner backpack weekend on the Long Trail (VT). Limit 8. Call Steve, 617/522-9043.

•**Δ Eastern Mountain Sports** Three Ponds Overnight. Enjoy birds and wildflowers while hiking the three Ponds trail to Middle Pond. 2nd day hike to Mt. Kineo Trail. 5.5 miles, easy. Limit 8. FMI call 207/772-3776.

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

•**Δ 5:00 PM** - Friends of Lambda Day with parents, friends and family of lesbians and gays (PFLAG) and members and friends of Northern Lambda Nord join for a BBQ, Lawn Games & Fun. In New Sweden. FMI: 207/498-2088.

## Sunday, June 23:

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** hikes Narragansett Trail (RI). Call David, 401/821-8679.

## Monday, June 24:

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6599.

## Wednesday, June 26:

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Drop-In & Open House, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

## Thursday, June 27:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - P-FLAG Meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 7:30-9:00 PM** - Matlovich Society hosts "Video Night." As always, a thought provoking and entertaining video will be shown followed by discussion. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland.

## Saturday, June 29:

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

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** beginner's Cathedral Ledge, Whitehorse Ledge, Diana's Baths Hike (No. Conway, NH). Moderate hike; waterfall reward. Limit: 10. Call Mike, 603/644-7658.

## Sunday, June 30:

•**Δ Eastern Mountain Sports** leading Mt. Washington Alpine Garden Dayhike. Strenuous. 8.5 miles. This unique area is home to tiny fragile plants which are typically found much further north. Wildflowers should be in bloom. Limit: 8. FMI, call 207/772-3776.



# Classified Ads

## TRAVEL/VACATION

**ΔΔ LESBIAN PARADISE!** 20 charming rooms, 100 mountain acres, pool, hot tub, hiking/skiing trails, yummy breakfasts, peace and privacy. We're your perfect vacation choice year round! Week-long and midweek discounts. **HIGHLANDS INN**, Box 1180P, Bethlehem, NH 03574, (603) 869-3978. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ YELLOW BIRCH FARM:** Romantic, seasonal cottage or year round studio on working organic farm in Down east Maine, 20 minutes from Eastport. Absolute peace and quiet. Beautiful, remote, unspoiled Cobscook Bay. B & B or weekly rental. Brochure, reservations: (207) 726-5807. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ BACKPACKING,** Canoeing, X-Country skiing, Native American cultural trips, Teen trip. Wilderness skills and environmental awareness. Small groups, vegetarian food, all abilities. Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Maine, Newfoundland. Contact: Earth Treks, Dept. C, RR 2, Box 785, Montville, ME 04941. 800/589-4770.

**ΔΔ SPECKLED MOUNTAIN RANCH:** Bed and Breakfast - Meet our wonderful horses and ride with us through miles of mountain trails. Horseback riding packages available. Summer camp. If riding is not for you, there are miles of great hiking trails from the back door. Call 207/836-2908, Bethel, Maine. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURES FOR WOMEN:** Secluded, primitive camping and guided mountain bike tours. Enjoy personalized tour of beautiful Lakes Region in Naples, Maine. Ride from your tent to the trails or country roads. FMI, 207/787-2379. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ CALENDAR ISLANDS SAILING SCHOOL:** Learn to sail this summer! Private & group lessons. Women's camping & sailing adventures on the islands of Casco Bay. Special cruise to Monhegan Island. Sunset cruises. Charters. Call 207/828-5289. ΔΔ

## PERSONALS

**ΔΔ LOVE, UNDERSTANDING & MORE OFFERED!** To a trim, decent young man to 39 looking for love, friendship, rapport, new experiences, fun times, sex, home, etc. I'm a GWM, 50s into travel, health, the outdoors, nature, pets, arts, auctions, fleas, yard sales, antiques, leather, kink, exploring new ideas, etc. Ron, PO Box 1169, Sanford, ME 04073. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ GWM, 30 years old, 5'8",** brown hair and eyes seeking professional, supportive, older GM for friendship, maybe more. Will answer all. Randy Kiper, 100254, KY State Penitentiary, PO Box 128, Eddyville, KY 42038. ΔΔ

## HELP WANTED

**ΔΔ HOME TYPING JOBS:** \$20/hour, up to \$500/week. Call 24 hours, 207-892-1423, extension 449. ΔΔ

## SUPPORT GROUP

**ΔΔ TOWARDS A MORE POSITIVE IDENTITY:** Gay men's support group. Fred Wolf, STD, M.Div., and Chris Behan, MSW. \$45. Insurance reimbursable. Sliding scale fee possible. Individual and couples counseling also available. Call 207/773-6658, Family Institute of Maine, 38 Deering Street, Portland. ΔΔ

## PRIDE '96 VENDORS

**ΔΔ Pride '96 Rally and Festival** is taking reservations and applications from VENDORS for crafts, t-shirts, jewelry, books, etc., etc. Call now at 207/773-7393 (Penny), to reserve your space and/or ask questions. Leave your name, telephone number and address. Come one, come all to the best & biggest Festival in our 10 year history. Rent space at a nominal fee. ΔΔ

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**ΔΔ SPANISH LESSONS:** Affordable, private tutoring. Individuals or small groups. Chris Milliken 207/883-4802.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

**ΔΔ Personal development classes** for business, health, pleasure! Classes Mondays 12:00-1:30 pm or Wednesdays 5-6:30 pm. Mind clearing, focusing, using energies productively, relaxation, healing meditation, automatic (spiritual/intuitive) writing, seeing auras, intuition enhancement. Limited space. FMI, Director Carole B. Curran, 207/871-0032. ΔΔ

## HOUSE CLEANING

**ΔΔ Housekeeping services** provided by self-employed woman on a weekly, monthly or one-time basis in Portland and surrounding areas. Please call 773-6781 for more information or to set up appointment. ΔΔ

## SHARED LIVING SITUATIONS

**ΔΔ MATURE, quiet, non-smoking** professional, self-employed, mostly out, pre-op male-to-female transsexual lesbian seeks house sharing arrangement in trans-friendly Bangor household. Contact Jean at 945-3092. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ ROOMMATE WANTED:** Professional female, non-smoker. Share Kennebunk country cape. Garage on 3 acres. Vegetable and flower gardens. Near turnpike. \$280 a month + half of utilities. Call 207/985-9811. ΔΔ

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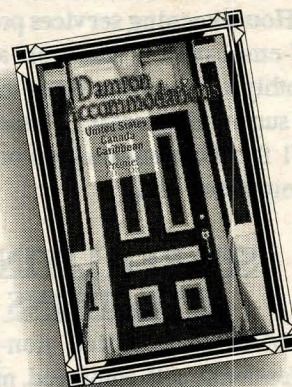
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- June 7** \* Pride Kick Off Party
- June 8** \* Join us at Boston Pride (Blackstone's)
- June 12** \* Pride Lights Concert (Congress Street)
- June 13** \* Speaker's Night (at Matlovich)
- June 14** \* Speaker's Reception PierDance
- June 15** \* Interfaith, Parade Festival, Concert
- June 16** \* Cruise on Casco Bay

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# Schedule:

## June 7, Friday, 4-6 PM Pride's Kickoff Party

### @ Blackstone's 6 Pine Street

Win a pride '96 T-shirt, Men's Chorus Concert or Pier Dance Tickets, a set of pride lights, Pride buttons, or gift certificates at this special version of Blackstone's Friday Buffet. (Especially beefed up for Pride) A \$2 donation is appreciated, but everyone gets a raffle ticket at the door regardless. Beat a member of the pride committee at Pool and win an additional ticket. (One ticket is good for several wins). We'll also have a display of ten years of Pride photos and memorabilia, video's of Boston's pride, along with a carpooling board for Boston Pride on Saturday, June 8.

June 8, Saturday, Boston Pride Parade starts at noon, Copley Sq. Pride table volunteers needed (879-7323)

## June 10, Monday, 6-8PM Volunteer Orientation

### @ Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street

All pride volunteers get a pride '96 t-shirt and an invitation to the volunteers party on Casco Bay in July where we will be joined by Pride Committee people from all over the northeastern U.S. Come by. Sign up and learn some friendly crowd management and safety techniques that you can put to use as a Pride volunteer. (T-shirts are distributed at the Festival in Deering Oaks)

## June 11, vote Gay on Primary Day

In order for a candidate to run in the fall elections, they must win their party's spot on the November ticket. To vote Democrat, you must register Democrat, or whatever party to which you wish to belong. If you need help on issue research try the candidates campaign office or contact MLGPA. Remember: "Decline to sign" the anti-marriage petition.

## June 12, Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM Reception for Author Rita Kissen @ the Dead Space Gallery

11 Avon (behind Joe's Smoke Shop)

Rita will be honored for her new book: *The Last Closet: The Real Lives of Lesbians and Gay Teachers*. Refreshments will be served. A book signing will follow at Drop Me A Line. (Note: the new gay and lesbian teachers organization GLSTN, will be one of the co-sponsors of this event.

## June 14, Friday, 9 PM to 1AM Pride's Pier Dance @ Maine State Pier commercial Street and Franklin Arterial.

Tickets: \$10.00 at the gate, \$7 in advance, 18+, positive picture ID required: 21+ positive picture ID required for Bar (a non-alcohol bar will be provided for the non-bar area) Sponsored by CBW.

Rain location: Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street.

Richie Rich (voted Boston's number 1 DJ), Kris Klark, Lisa Vicarro along with sound by GPE & Strand Sound and lights by Ted Dunbar Lighting & Jerkyspacebodyoptics and an array of stage entertainment will make this THE place to party, anywhere in Portland for 1996. It's going to be bigger and better than last year.

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Advance tickets can be purchased at Condom Sense, Drop Me A Line, Ferrante's or Blackstone's. You can also write for tickets (we take checks) to Pride, PO Box 11502, Portland, ME 04101, until June 7. For mor information call 879-7323 (but don't call on Friday, June 14)

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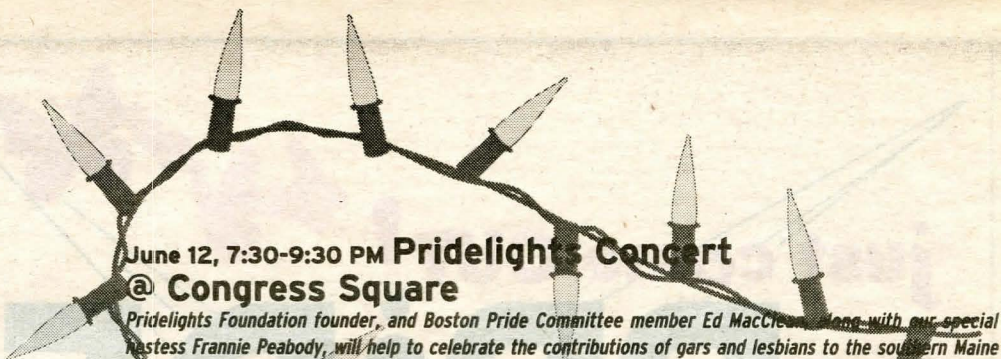
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## June 12, 7:30-9:30 PM Pridelights Concert

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For the Grand Beginning, Frannie will flip a switch that will "light up" Pride '96 and Congress Square for Pride week, in the hope that others will display the same fabulously pink gay holiday minilights in their windows or yards to show support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered community. Pride lights are 25 foot strings of 50 small pink light, that cost \$6 and are available at all pride events and Drop Me A Line, until we run out. Or by phone call Victor at: 773-5639 by June 5. Sponsored by Sister's, 45 Danforth St.

## June 13, 7:30 to 9:00 PM Claudia Brenner at Matlovich

### @ Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street

Book signing to follow. (immediately) after at Drop Me A Line. (see insert on Pride Speaker)

## June 14, Friday, 3 to 5:30 PM Pride's Speaker's Reception

### @ Agape 647 Congress Street

The reception will be preceded by a panel discussion on anti-gay violence from 3 to 4 PM. Doors open at 2:30 PM. Panelist will be: Claudia Brenner, Assistant Attorney General Steve Wessler, MLGPA President Karen Gerahty, members of the Portland Bias Crimes task force and local anti-violence survivors. A buffet and chem free environment will be provided. Claudia and the other guests will be available to speak personally. Claudia will be available for book signing. This event is co-sponsored by the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance.



## June 15, Saturday, 10 AM Interfaith Service

### @ First Parish 425 Congress Street

This service, well attended last year, has become a feature of Pride Day.

## June 15, Saturday, 11 to 11:30AM, Pride Day Opening Ceremonies

### @ Portland City Hall Plaza

Entertainment starts at 10:30 AM, the rally starts at 11 AM and features our keynote speaker: Claudia Brenner, Speak Out, MLGA and our Grand Marshals: Outright.

## June 15, Saturday, 11:30 AM, Parade: Congress Square to Deering Oaks via High Street

Registration and line-up from 10:30 AM. Groups and Floats must register!

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## June 15, Saturday, 1-4 pm Maine Arts: Graphic Artists and Music @ Congress Square

## June 15, Saturday, 5-7:30 PM, Symposium Forever Board Meeting @ Katahdin Restaurant

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## June 15, Saturday, 8 PM, Maine Gay Men's Chorus with Holly Near

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## USPS Pride Station:

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## Southern Maine Pride Committee:

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## Claudia Brenner:

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Claudia Brenner, Author of Eight Bullets In 1988 Claudia Brenner and Rebecca Wight were just one of 7,248 antigay incident reported that year, but for Claudia it was a life-changing event.

Claudia and Rebecca were gunned down on the Appalachian trail in western Pennsylvania because they were lesbians. Rebecca died on the trail. Claudia's fight to get help and later to prosecute the assailant highlight the trauma of homophobia and the triumph of human compassion. Claudia has since become outspoken on the issue of antigay violence and will help the Pride Committee to reach every participant at this years' celebration with the tools to protect themselves.

We are honored by her presence and pleased that she has brought her son Reuben with her to join us in our 10th anniversary.

## Grand Marshals:

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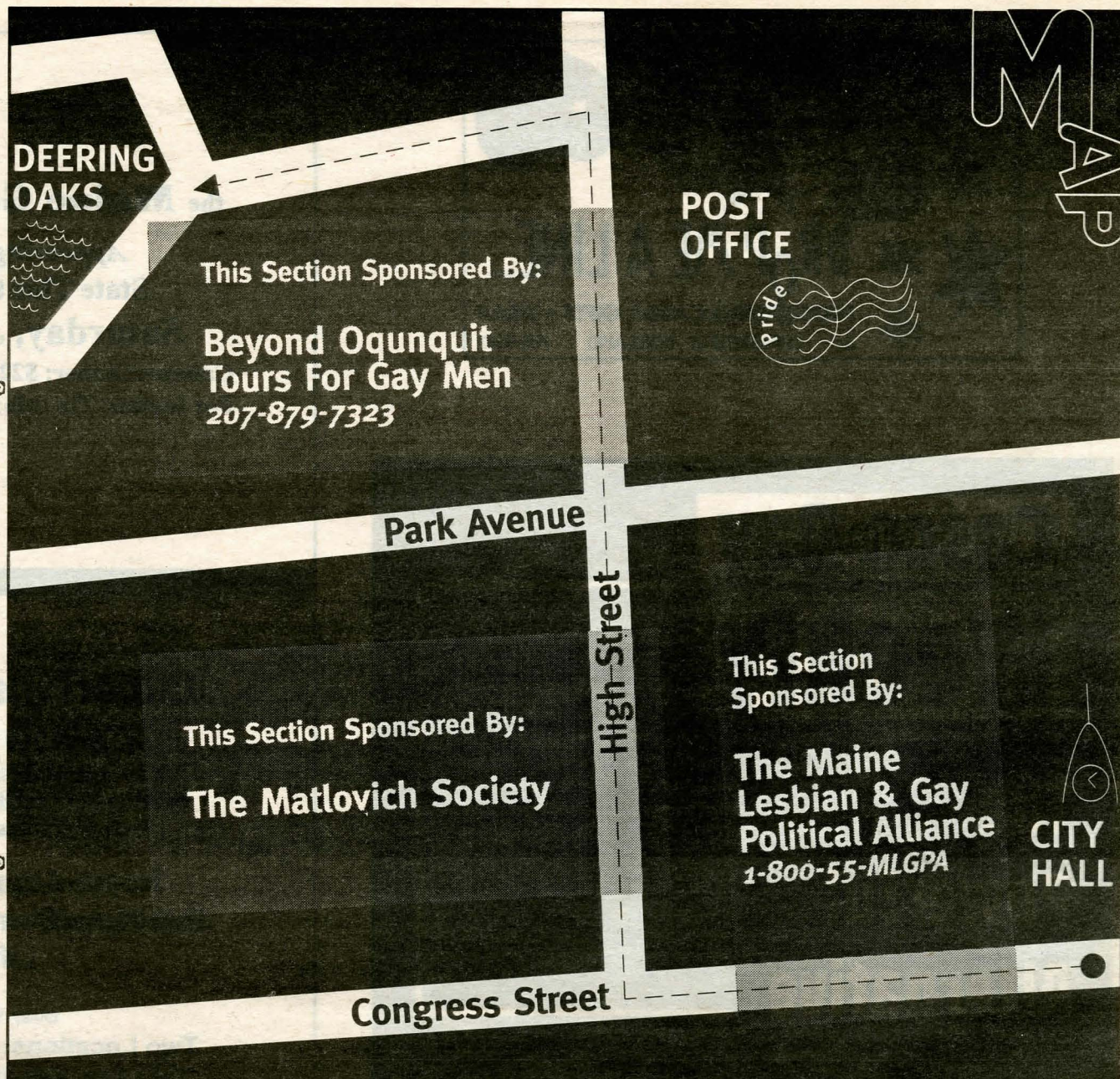
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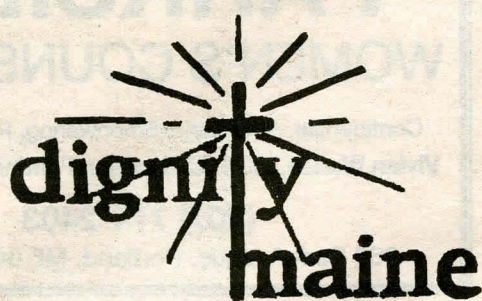
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