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Dale McCormick: putting dreams into action

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, end corporate welfare by eliminating loopholes.

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Sean Faircloth: New blood for a new age

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 Representative 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 Deneny 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."

Deneny 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 kids that they should themselves for what they are. "Children are special! You can't teach them to hate themselves. That's 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 Giny Cadarete 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, Carol 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 Haffner, 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 nonprofit 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 Haffner.

"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 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 Spinal 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.

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 Cobey 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 Mainers 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, we Maine citizens 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 bashings 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 gathered approximately 5,000 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.

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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 back 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, Aircraft 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 journeyman’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 neat YMCA and enlisted the help of youngsters to gather and recycle the trash from the convention floor. On her tour 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 daily papers already carry 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 from 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 hanging on 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 Steve, (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 “Since 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, knowledge and his passion for justice and fair treatment for all Americans, his intellect, and his ability to think and articulate. An endorsement letter from Pat Pearl, Harry Gordon, Karen Geraghty and Robin Long said, “during the divisive state-wide 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. In 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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“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 comments 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 fancises 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, the creative community creates levels of understanding. Initially the graphic image invites one to know a business, and as time goes by and a customer becomes familiar with a business their understanding of the icon develops as well. They might say to themselves “I know why that symbol is important to our company now,” or experience a 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

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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 Rasulius, 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 Dead Education and went to BU where there is a great program for Dead Education, and I know teachers are on the front lines, along with the military, of gay bashing and gay bating. 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 even was 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 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 flyer 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.

I don’t 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. Callahan, 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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**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.

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- Best Selection of Diversity and Unity
- Most Creative
- Most Inspirational
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**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 Brez 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 Brez, 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 in 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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New Hampshire 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
2:00 pm - Keynote Speaker: Rick Trombley, Minority Whip, NH House of Representatives
3:00 pm - Hands on Massage
4:00 pm - 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:
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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 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 gay 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 Lovin” 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, a 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.

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

Halls 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.

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 referendum 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 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 townpeople 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 said. "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 ensure 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/free-dom/ ΔΔ

Picnic Potluck hosted by Rainbow Net

by Leslie Robinson

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 piñata that suffered at the whacks of children, Sea coast 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

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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 Foundation’s "Affirming Seacoast Community Partnership initiative which promotes equality and understanding for all people of all sexual orientations, and makes grants through the Bob Kaman Fund for an Inclusive Community. The Affirming Seacoast Community Partnership was created through a $50,000 grant from the National Lesbian and Gay Community Partnership Fund 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 Kaman Fund is June 15, 1996. For more information, call the Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation at 603/430-9182. ΔΔ

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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've 'em now," said Kottwitz. And in three weeks (when elections were due to be held) we're taking our school board back!"

The Education award went to Penny Culitten, 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 Boscauen, 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 interest 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."

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

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'ts, was the first openly gay disco singer in the 70s. He has been on the Late Show 84 times. See PRIDE, page 21

INSURANCE TIPS:
by Carolyn A. Jabbert
Does your homeowners or auto policy provide coverage for your boat?
There is some physical damage coverage under your homeowners, condo or renters policy. It is specific and very limited. You have coverage for your watercraft, including trailers, furnishings and equipment generally limited to a maximum of $1,000 (check your policy or call your agent to confirm).

Direct loss to your watercraft, trailers, furnishings, outboard motors and equipment resulting from windstorm or hail is only covered if the property is inside a fully enclosed building and up to $1,000 or as your policy specifies. If your watercraft, trailers, furnishings, outboard motors and equipment is stolen while away from your residence, there is no coverage. 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 it.

Example: Owned or rented sail boats exceeding 26 feet in length are excluded. Owned or rented watercraft exceeding 50 horsepower is 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 horsepower.

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

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Keynote speaker, David Scordas, Boston City Councilor.
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 by the French and the English. 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 understanding 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 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.

I mentioned earlier, there is quite a bit 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 2 dance floors, pool tables, and a cabaret. The second one was called Le Drague which also had a 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.

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 grudge 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. Willy 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 Recovery 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. Making room for the changes means dealing with the sadness of letting Willy go. Good luck, Willy.
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.

3: Isn't that a kind of weird weekend, come along since Symposium was first organized? A: It certainly will be a Queer weekend! 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.

5: 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 $160 for pizza and stay one night at a mid quality hotel in Bar Harbor.


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!

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 that 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 budget to keep people there for meals. And we thought it would be fun.

16: Who else is performing? A: Musky Chifon, 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? A: Musty Chifon, a cabaret singer/ female impersonator/diva extraordinaria from Provincetown. Also “The Motion Collective”, an improvisational dance group from the Bar Harbor area.

20: What if someone can't afford 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.

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 766-5138 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.

Drop Me a Line...
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...” — fund-raising letter 5/19/96

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 700 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 non- sequitur, and still, didn’t get her wagons fully hitched, she had to add her ill-fated star. After Cosby acted out the sore loser on TV, it is surprising that responsible conserva­

rors 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 Repub­

lican Party has shifted to the South — that region of unal­

guality. 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...
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 provide insight or serve as a reminder to those 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 birth father 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 childbirth. The children and nonbiological 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!

Kim Trott
30A Government Street
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CPR MAIL BAG:

Dear CPR:
On May 2, 1996 Peaches Bass was awarded the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Project Award for outstanding contributions to the health and lives of Maine Women (see "To Your Health" this issue). She has been doing community work for over 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 health policy makers. Of all the work facing us in our fight for civil rights, "To Your Health" this issue) .

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"To Your Health"

Good mentoring is truly priceless.

Debra Madore, Presque Isle

Dear Winnie:
As the announcement in this issue of CPR states, I will be closing down my personal 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 years, I have served 50 clients. Of that number 22 (55%) received 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 re-shape 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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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 violently violate their own "philosophy" of less government. While they support invasive 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

cat people. And, in fact, they who tripped 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? They are the ones who would be unconscionable to him if he were alive today, and if people actually did spin in their graves at outrageous heated on them after death, then you can bet Old Abe is a top.

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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 Sonya and company will visit Portland again.

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 after wards 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 Acom 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 presented the 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...
MOVIE TALK: "Wild Reeds" and "Bar Girls"

by Travis Seawards

"Wild Reeds" is set in rural France in 1962, where the French-Algerian war was winding down. The movie explains how this war was like America's Vietnam, but in France. Thus, the backdrop of 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 born boy whose brother is fighting in the war, the innocent intellectual young man, the teacher in town, and finally, the Algerian-born boy whose anger over the war has a profound change especially in how politics is life and how politics defines 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 enjoy 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 hilarious. For us gay boys out there who just don't understand a lot of our lesbian sister's way of looking at life, "Bar Girls" was a fun glimpse into the exotic and wild ways of lesbian love and dating.

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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 Edmaruis 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.

Eduardo 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 "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 Haides." 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 Robinison
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." (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?" Chet, 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, 25
"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."

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Transsexualism is NOT about dressing up or someone's desire to be someone else as they see themselves. 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.

A RESPONSE TO LAURIE DELL
by Dal Maxwell

Having read Laurie Dell's sweep- ing interpretation of my manifesto (Part I), I would like to address a few of the more pressing concerns that she raised.

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, pre- disposing of any issues before I cross the line so that I will be empowered, not em- barrassed 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 humil- itating torment at the hands of my al- leged peer group. I certainly owe no apologies for writing a personal manifesto that is part of my evolution, not some fluff to be nipped at like more bad news about the royals. Your decision to become in- visible is commendable for you; mine is to fight for space, equality and human- ity. I seem to be willing to leave much more space for common ground than you.

BY B

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 bi- sexual, 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 know who I really was, I would not be accepted.

One reason I feel this way is be- cause of the stereotypes surrounding bi- sexuality. 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 pain- ful to see such stereotypes being propa- gated by people who should understand about oppression.

A few years ago, I went to a woman's bar in Springfield. When I walked in, I felt like an outsider. I automati- cally assumed that all the women were lesbians, and felt like I was playing a 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 respect my presence. Since I tend to be

See BY B, page 19
by Tanja Jo Hathaway

Peaches Bass was awarded the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Achievement 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."

Recipients of the award have demonstrated commitment to 1) grassroots women's health care; 2) health care for women with low incomes; and 3) fostering connections among diverse groups in relation to women's health care issues.

"Peaches" influence has been felt throughout the state; the ripple effect has meant that thousands 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 proud of 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 their friends. This group, known as the EMW, helped hundreds of women. Information on this "underground" collective is now just 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 tech to counselor to program director, 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 became one of the first volunteer educators for the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, thereby joining the only non-governmental, non-profit, women's health 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 affecting 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.

SINGING WITH PRIDE!

by Martin Swinger

Simmons College in Boston gave a sold-out last week. Tom McCormack, Grant King, Tania Jo Hathaway, and Zoeonia performed their informal and provocative SHOW AND TELL. (4 GAY, 4 LESBIAN, SONGWRITERS SING OUT AND TELL AL.) to an enthusiastic crowd of 40 or so students in the college pub. The audience was asked to write out questions for the groups and the show consisted of the musicians answering the questions and singing songs related to the question in some way. The show was creatively rich and full. Zoeonia 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 melodic 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 can 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 get this group 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 outfit 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 Philadelphia I guess I can find more patience. 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.

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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. I didn't talk with people once I felt extroverted and accepting of myself, 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. 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: Visibly Bisexual Pride and half-gays.

For me, coming out is a process of making myself feel comfortable and close 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 because stereotypes abound and bisexuals are not considered an abnormality.

BY BI

Gay and Lesbian Running Club

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Celebrate the start of our 2nd year! Come run with us! We meet every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Preble St. Extension parking lot next to Buck Cove (across from Shop & Save). For more information, call Jim (761-2059) or John (828-4986).

Bill Barter, LCPC

...is closing his Portland counseling practice on December 6, 1996. Beginning immediately, no new clients will be accepted. If you have any questions about this change, call (207) 773-0205.

"I will be leaving for Chicago in December to pursue doctoral studies in Counseling Psychology. It has been an honor to serve the Greater Portland Community as a counselor, particularly the many gay, lesbian, and transgender clients I have met."

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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 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 sense of community that her work could not be done alone. It takes a community to pull together to fight something as frightening as the AIDS epidemic.

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A: The Committee is known to be very hospitable! Send picture ID.

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 know all the rest would work out.

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!

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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!

22: What do you 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.

23: What’s the high point so far?
A: Seeing Michelangelo Signorile!

- Watching Musty Chifton’s video and laughing at our ribs hurt.
- The performance. The doors on the side of the hall open so we’ll be able to dance on the grass.
- Collecting the phone numbers of all the girls and boys we’re going to meet.
- Seeing Michelangelo Signorile’s picture!
- Walking around campus and seeing how psyched everyone there is.
- The backstage which was like a carnival.

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What is the Decline to Sign Project

Goal: To prevent the collection of adequate numbers of signatures on Concerned Maine Citizens’ latest referendum. We consider this referendum to be a threat to the safety of our state and the 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 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 disgusting party 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 tonight should be allowed to die 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 LGBT/Gay Political Alliance at 1-800-556-5472 for more information.
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 legal basis of antigay 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 do so long as a class of persons a stranger to its laws."

The amendment, approved in 1992, has never been enforced because it has 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 favor 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. 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. ∆

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 this fake heterosexual life but she started picking 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 in particular because they're so vulnerable. They go out of their way to be super-cautious about how they spend time with students. The teachers I interviewed, in fact, think all teachers, are very careful about their contact with students, but gay teachers are in particular because 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 physics, education teachers and they don't teach in the library or hallways. They're all in the back of the room.

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 I feel so lucky to be able to do that. 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 to school the next day after that thing passed. Most of the teachers I spoke to had not outed 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.

(Reba will be speaking at the ACF conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their most recent book is Visions of Heaven: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Afterlife. They are working on a book about the pearly gates, and on a book about the afterlife in the Bible. They are also working on a book about the afterlife in the Kabbalah.

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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. He has questioned about the famous is so scandalous! Monty Rock will also be the grand marshal of the parade.

The Pride Day will feature the parade, which begins at 2 p.m. 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 5:30 pm there will be a BBQ at The Bax 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 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 in participating, call North­ern Maine Pride, call me, Sean Weber at 207-999-2095 or 1-800-429-1481 (the Man 2 Man phone lines). 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. ∆

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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 role-playing gay sex when she had 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 the student 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. The teacher had proved to me that the negative was totally unhelpful. He told her she knew gay men who 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
COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL
MLGPA 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 (PFLAG) 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 (NB), at the Gay Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline. Call 207/496-2088.

The Matlovich Project 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 provide social workers and social work students with an understanding of and an ability to practice with sexual minorities.

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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 5163, A A, Portland, ME 04101, or call 207/774-6940.

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/bisexual community's creative and lively musical talent. 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. FMI call 775-3420.

PHONE SUPPORT
Region by region
National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Projects: 1-800-528-NCLR.

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

National Hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth: 1-800-347-TEEN.

BAGLY: 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.


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 8 pm. Anonymous.

DAR AIDS: 800-226-5811. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

Ingram Volunteers: Call 774-Help (774-4357) Ext. 201.

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

Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3625
Penobscot County: HIV/AIDS Hotline: 1-800-463-1441
Belfast: Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427
Brickyard Community Task Force on AIDS: 538-6605

Phone Support: Crisis Intervention Counselors are available to individuals & families of any age or life style who may need support. Drop in between 10 to 11 am, Monday through Thursday. FMI call 874-1974.

FREE FAMILY THERAPY available for individuals & families of any age who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

FMI contact Chris Behan, MSW at Center for Training and Special Programs. 207/773-6658.

Teen Life Center: Youth Clubhouse and drop-in center sponsored by City of Portland Public Health, Monday, Friday (10:00-11:30 am) The homeless youth health team's youth clinic is a place where you can receive free health care and related care/education/impersonal environment. Located on Chestnut St. across from Portland High. Confidential health care services with access to other support you may need. Drop in between 10:00-10:45 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 only on weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Call 874-8464.

For other STD services: 874-8464.

IDENTITY SUPPORT
New Hampshire PFLAG Meetings:
Concord: Meets 3rd Tuesday from 7-9 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, Emery Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rt 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-5194.
Nashua: Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets. FMI call 603/880-0910.
Exeter: Meets 1st Monday, 7-9 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 207-874-7524 or 603/778-9812. Upper Valley Region: Meets second Wednesday, 7 pm. Hanover. FMI call 603/463-8331.

Maine PFLAG Meetings:
Portland: Meets 1st Tuesday, 7-9 pm at Woodford's Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St. FMI, 776-5185 or 774-3441.

Brunswick/Bath: Meets 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. FMI, 775-0550. Bath: Meets last Sunday, 6:30-8:30 pm. FMI, 783-7987.

Women's Center - Belfast - Weekly meetings, 3rd Monday, 9:30 am, 2nd floor (above Jare & Co., Public Library), 50 Main, 1st Floor. FMI, 207/774-6940. Monthly meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 pm. Women's Spirituality Gatherings, Mondays 7-9 pm.

last week for this month's 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, Portland Backpackers, 815 Congress St., Park St., entrance off Deering St.

Out and About: A lesbian support and educational group, meets on 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm, at the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. FMI, 207/789-1073.

Out on MDH: For gays, lesbians, bisexuals & women.

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Gay men of all ages in Maine. We meet at the beginning of Back County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call 603/279-GAY 2 eves.

Transsexuals, their families, friends.

Polyamorous. Polyamorous Life Support Group, P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME 04116. Call 207-990-2095 for more info & meeting times.

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

Gendered Support Group meets Sundays at 7:30 pm at the UU Church, Park St., Bangor. Garten, 207-373-1013.

Youth Support
OUTRIGHT Too: Fridays, 5:00-7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, Park St., behind the church office, Bangor. FMI, 207-947-6577.

CONCORD OUTRIGHT Inc: Meets every 3rd Thursday at UU Church corner of Canal and Geddy Sts., next to concord Hospital & Orthopedic Clinic. 603-664-9169.

CONCORD OUTRIGHT: Meets every 1st Tuesday at the Place To Go, 46 Concord St. (Rt 202N), Peterborough, 603/547-2545.

Nashua OUTRIGHT: Meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday at UH Church corner of Canal and Geddy Sts., next to concord Hospital & Orthopedic Clinic. 603-664-9169.

AIDS Related Support Meetings
Portland:

- uv Friday: People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, partners & caregivers, 5:30 pm. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI, 207-774-5025.

- 2nd Thursday: Group of therapeutic support for men & women living with mental illness. Meets Thursday at 7:00 pm at Dayspring Support Group, P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04106.

- 1st Wednesday: Group for people living with HIV. Meets from 5:30-7 pm.

- 2nd Thursday: Group for men & women living with mental illness. 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 counties. The group meets monthly, Meets 1st Friday of the month, 5:30 pm.


- OUTRAGE (Out East Gay & Lesbian Org): Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 pm at the UU Church, Park St, Bangor.

- lavender Women: A gathering of lesbian, bisexual and questioners for discussion and mutual support. Meets every third Sunday, 7:00-8:00 PM. First Universalist Church, Pleasant St., FMI, 207-773-0461.


- Biddeford: People affected or infected by HIV, Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 pm at Aubur Family Planning Center. Call Diana Carrigan, 603/743-1013, FMI, 603/743-0457.

- 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, 207-626-3435.

- Bangor: Support group for men who have sex with men. MWM offers education, HIV testing, support groups, HIVADs 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, Sundays, 5:30-7:00 pm, St. Me. Medical Center classroom opposite cafeteria on 2nd floor. Call Jean Boys, York County Case Manager, 774-6877.


- Dayspring: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 06231. Call 622-3436.


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

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


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

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Saturday, June 1:
- 10:30-11:30 AM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.


Sunday, June 2:
- 7:00-9:00 PM - PFLAG meeting at Plymouth Congregational Church. Call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.

Monday, June 3:
- 7:00-9:30 PM - Seacoast area (NH) PFLAG meets at Stratham Community Church, Emery Lane, Stratham. Call 603/772-5196.
- 7:00-8:00 PM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6927.

Tuesday, June 4:
- 7:30 PM - Gay & Lesbian AA meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088. (2nd and 4th Tuesdays.)

Wednesday, June 5:
- 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 6-Sun. June 9:
- 7:00-9:00 PM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana 207/772-6927.

Δ Thursday, June 6:
- 6:30 PM - Northern Lamba Nord meeting, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI: 207/498-2088.
- 7:30-9:00 PM - The Matlovich Society presents Rita Kissin, Professor of English, University of Maine, 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:
Δ Chilnualna Mountain Club walks Maudslay State Park in Newburyport, MA. Picnic welcome. Call Andrew, 508/486-8462.
- 9:00 - 5:30 PM - Statewide Symposium and Town Meeting at University of New Hampshire, Rm. 110, Murkland Hall. FMI: 603/536-4011.
- 10:30-11:30 AM - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.
- 5:00 PM - Northern Lambda LGBTQ BBQ & Fun, Mapleton, (near Presque Isle) Forties, call 207/498-2088.

Sunday, June 9:
- 11:00 AM - Meeting at Sportsmen'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.

June, 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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• HOME TYPING JOBS: $20/hour, up to $500/week. Call 24 hours, 207-892-1423, extension 449. △

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB
• Gays, lesbians, bi's wanted to share a motorcycle club for Maine. All models welcome. Meeting at Sportman's, Sunday, June 9th at 11:00 a.m. Motorcycle run at 12:30 p.m. For more info call Roland at 207/784-2251. △

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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

Keynote Speaker:
Claudia Brenner
Author of Eight Bullets, One Woman’s Story of Surviving Anti-Gay Violence, will tell the story of the assault that changed her own life. Claudia, a national anti-violence advocate, will help us to introduce a special effort to help fight gay bashing in Maine.

info: 879-7323, Vendors 773-7393, Registration 878-0546

Pridelights Celebration
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Schedule:

June 7, Friday, 4-6 PM Pride's Kickoff Party
★ Blackstone's 6 Pine Street
We're a pride 96特, wear'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 bunched up for Pride) A $2 donation is appreciated, but everyone gets a raffle ticket at the door regardless. Bert is a member of the pride committee at Pool and will add an additional ticket. (This ticket is good for several wins.) We'll also have a member of the year's pride photos and memorabilia, view's of Boston's pride, along with a copious board for Pride Saturday on June 8.

June 6, Saturday, Boston Pride Parade starts at noon, Causey Sq. Pride lab volunteers needed (879-7323)

June 10, Monday, 6-8 PM Volunteer Orientation
★ Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street
All pride volunteers get a pride 96 t-shirt and an invitation to the volunteer's party on Casco Bay in July where we will be joined by Pride Committee people from all over the northeastern U.S. Come by, bring a friend and learn some friendly crowd management and safety techniques that you can put to use as a Pride volunteer.

June 11, vote Gay on Primary Day
In order for the anti-marriage petition.

June 12, Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM Reception for June 11, vote Gay on Primary Day
Refreshments will be served and speeches from some of the anti-marriage petition.

June 13, Thursday, 7-9 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. (Speaker will be: Claudia Brenner, Assistant Attorney General Steve Wessler, MLA.P President Karen Gerbely, members of the Portland Bias Crimes task force and local anti-violence survivors. A buffet and children free environment will be provided. Claudia and the other guests will be available to speak personally. Claudia will be available for book signings.

June 14, Friday, 9 PM to 1 AM Pride's Pier Dance
★ Maine State Pier Commercial Street and Franklin Arterial.
Tickets: $30.00 at the gate, $5.00 in advance. $18.00 positive picture i.d. required. $20.00 positive picture i.d. required. Bar is non-alcoholic beer will be available for the non-alcohol area. Sponsored by CDW.
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To get there from out of town, take I-295 to the Franklin Arterial exit (exit 7) and follow the arterial straight to the end. There's the Pier.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Non Stop Dance, Drop Me A Line, Ferranti's or Blackstone's. You can also write for tickets (via take checks) to Pride, P.O. Box 15102, Portland, ME 04105. Call June 7 for more information call 789-7233 (but don't call on Friday June 14)

Let us say it once again, all proceeds, admission by positive picture ID only or special Pride Committee invitation.

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 5:30 AM, 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, MLA,4 and our Grand Marshal, Outright.

June 15, Saturday, 11:30 AM, Parade: Congress Square to Deering Oaks via High Street
Registration and pick up from groups and floats must register. The parade starts in front of City Hall Plaza, where your group or floats location will be chanted. Registration is $25 for groups. A decorated car or riding vehicle is allowed for each registered group free of charge. Individual cars must register as a group. Trucks or cars with floats in low must register as a float. The fee is $50 and enters the float in the 500 Best in Show contest. Please check in with the registration table in City Hall Plaza by 11 AM. Every vehicle driver and up to 4 passengers wishing to parade registration (with the exception of motorcycles), a valid registration and insurance certificate, or South Maine Pride may judge to exclude it from the parade.

June 15, Saturday, 5-7:30 PM, Festival @ Deering Oaks
Concert, comedy, maybe dance, games, farmer's market, pride vendors, the Maine Ball pit, and the Barking Squirrel (rain does not cancel). Sponsor: Community Pride Reporter.

June 16, Sunday, 8 PM, Maine Gay Men's Chorus with Holly Near
★ State Theater, Congress Square,
Tickets: 879-7102. Doors open at 6:30 for dinner seating and 7:30 for concert. General Admission plus dinner is $15.00, student discount rate is $5.00, and general admission is $10.00. Refunds will be issued if there is a change in the concert.

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USPS Pride Station:
Pride will have its own post office station at the festival and a commemorative postal cancellation if mailed from that station. The cancellation has the original logo for Portland Pride and reads "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Station, Portland, Maine, 04104, June 15, 1996.

At the pride table Pride '96 postcards will be on sale for you to send to yourself, a friend, or perhaps a favorite president or legislator. We will also have a number of pre-cancelled cards available for collectors until July 30. Please, do not use this wonderful service to "out" anyone or send any militant referender crass comments or figures on your household income.

Pride Merchandise:
This year we have an entire catalog of merchandise for our tenth anniversary. Pride '96 T-shirts, buttons, bottled water, post cards, Pride Lights, and a 100+ page coupon book all of which help to support Pride. In addition, the PWA coalition will be selling balloons to support their work.

Southern Maine Pride Committee:
Michael Rossetti, Laurie Fortman, Michele Heiser, Penny Rich, Nate Barker, Marvin Elison, Penny Rich, Dennis Ferrante, Kris Clark, Edie Hoffman, Shawn Walsh, Carolyn Jalber and a host of others.

The Committee wishes to thank Kindra Murphy, Jeffrey Clifford and Joanna Anato for their generous support, talents and their work and to support their efforts.

Claudia Brenner:
"Hate violence is purposefully designed not only to hurt the victim but to hurt and intimidate an entire population of people...if we allow fear to paralyze us, then in a sense, the perpetrators have succeeded."
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 flight 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 year's 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:
Outright: Gay, Lesbian, and questioning youth are our grand marshals. They will officially open Pride Day, lead the parade and address both the rally and the festival. We hope, that by highlighting Outright in this way, everyone will get the opportunity to learn about their work and to support their efforts.

Festival Raffle:
Buy a raffle ticket for the Festival drawing for a pair of tickets to the following fabulous shows at the State Theater (you must be present at the festival drawing at 3 PM to win):
The Maine Gay Men's Chorus with Holly Near, Saturday, June 15
Robert Cray, Tuesday, June 18
Sugar Babies, (starring Mickey Rooney) Thursday, July 11
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