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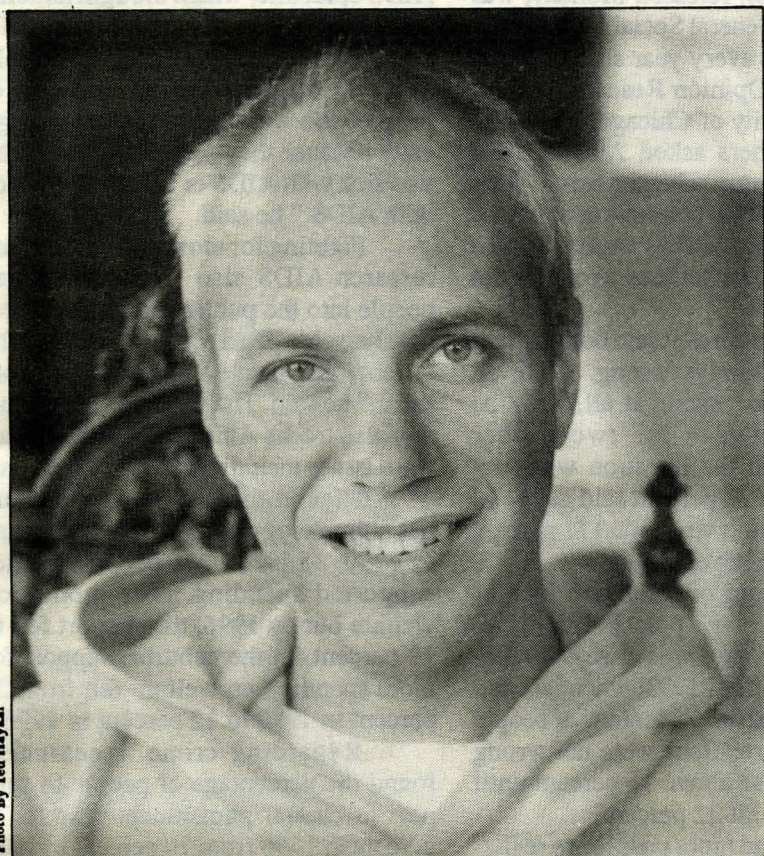


Photo By Ted Haykal

Local photographer and AIDS activist falls victim to thieves

Tom Antonik, a local photographer and AIDS activist, had his camera equipment stolen out of his car early on the evening of October 22, 1996. The car was parked in front of Antonik's home on Atlantic Street in Portland.

Tom, one of the longest surviving people living with AIDS, has been documenting the HIV/AIDS community over the past ten years. He has also provided extensive education around people living with AIDS by sharing his personal story of living with AIDS. Additionally, Tom has helped students at the REAL School in Windham with their exhibit on people living with AIDS at the Vincent Boulanger Memorial Exhibit.

Tom's face is a familiar one in the community, and many of us have enjoyed his photographs. Tom has made many of his photos available (through out-right donation or at cost) to a wide variety of organizations, including The AIDS Project, Peabody House, Outright,

the Community Pride Reporter, the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, GAYLA, and the Maine Speak Out Project.

Tom has done a great deal of work at Camp Chrysalis, and some of the photographs he has taken there over the past four years will be exhibited at The Underground from November 1 through November 10. In connection with the exhibit, a benefit for the kids of Camp Chrysalis is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at The Underground AT 10 PM.

Tom Antonik's work in documenting the HIV/AIDS community is vital to our community and our history. That work cannot continue, of course, without his equipment. Contributions and donations to help Tom replace his equipment can be sent to Tom Antonik, C/O The Community Pride Reporter, PO Box 178, Saco, ME 04072. No contribution is insignificant in the effort to help Tom get back to the important work he is doing with and for our community.

Paula Cole flames with *This Fire*

by Aimsel Ponti

Whether you've heard her name before, let it be known: Paula Cole is back. Perhaps you saw the Sarah McLachlan show at the State Theater when Paula Cole was the opening act. I sat there with my jaw dropped open while she bounded on a joint compound bucket wailing out Dolly Parton's "Jolene." Or maybe you caught her opening for Melissa Etheridge at Great Woods two summers ago. She strutted her stuff in a long gold dress and sang so incredibly that Etheridge invited Cole to appear on her Duets show that aired on VH-1.

Her *Harbinger* album that was originally released on the Imago label in 1994 netted Cole her first batch of listeners with bold documentary-like songs such as "I am so Ordinary" and "Bethlehem." This album still ranks very high in my personal collection. Cole has toured with Peter Gabriel, Sarah McLachlan and Melissa Etheridge. This fall she embarks out on her own and will be in Boston at the end of November. In 1995, Warner Bros. Records signed Cole, re-issued the *Harbinger* album and have just released *This Fire*.

Cole grew up in Rockport, Massachusetts and attended Berkeley College of Music in Boston where she studied jazz and improvisational singing. She knew music was her destiny, and a few years ago, this destiny found her. Peter Gabriel was embarking on his Secret World Live tour and Sinéad O'Connor was going to tour with him, not as an opening act, but as part of his band. When O'Connor had to cancel, Paula Cole came home to a message on her answering machine from Gabriel asking her to join him on tour. Gabriel

released a live album from this tour, and on a few tracks you can hear the voice of one Paula Cole. Perhaps you remember Gabriel's breathtaking duet with Kate Bush on "Don't Give Up." On the live album, Paula Cole's pipes breath a new passion into an already powerful song.

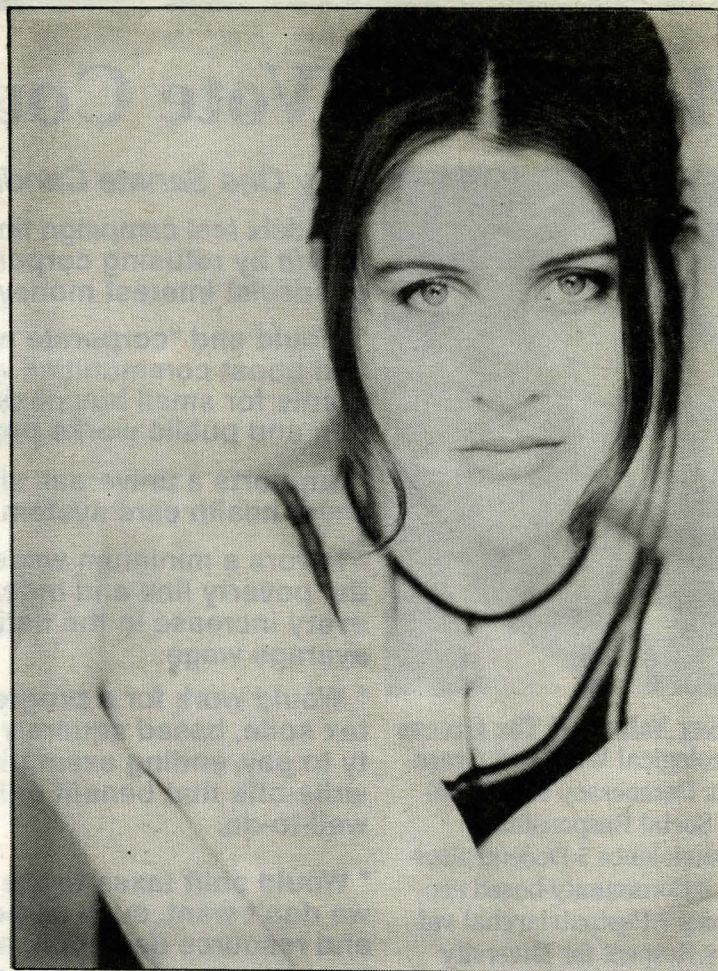
Cole has continued on a journey that has seen her open many emotional doors. "Now the flower has opened, has been in the sun and is unafraid. I'm taking more chances; I'm bold and proud," says Cole.

This Fire gets my vote for one of 1996's best albums. From the first few seconds of the opening track "Tiger" to the last ones of "I don't want to wait," this album has a life-force all its own. It changes shape and texture the more you hear it. This is an album that has songs on it that leave you on the brink of something better, something different, something bolder. She opted not to print the lyrics so as to leave the songs open for a more personal interpretation. I think she's got a point. Cole feels she doesn't have to explain the songs, they just are...

One of the softer tracks is "Hush, Hush, Hush." Cole called on her friend Peter Gabriel for some vocals and the result is as sweet as it gets. This song is both a lullaby and a prayer.

But it's when Cole really stretches out and sings with all her fury that really gets me. Both deep and soaring, Cole's commanding vocals give her equally compelling lyrics just what they need. "I've left the girl I was supposed to be..." says Cole in "Tiger."

As I sit here listening to "Nietzsche's Eyes,"



I know this *This Fire* is something special and meaningful. Paula Cole is a rare song-bird amongst a lot of today's empty music. If it's her destiny to make music, it's mine to listen to it. That's what keeps the world spinning.

VOTE -VOTE -VOTE see Campaign 96 page 10

University of Maine System offers benefits to Domestic Partners

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — After years of negotiations, lesbian and gay faculty at the University of Maine System can now enroll their partners in their benefits package.

The system's board of trustees voted recently to grant health insurance, bereavement leave, tuition waivers and access to campus facilities to gay and lesbian partners.

This makes the University of Maine System the first public employer to offer domestic partnership benefits to qualified same-sex couples. Some private colleges in Maine Colby College and Bowdoin College offer similar benefits. And private companies including UNUM and Maine branches of Levi Strauss and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream also offer benefits for gay and lesbian partners.

The change in domestic partner benefits was signed Sept. 29, said University of Maine System spokesman Kent Price. He said full-time gay and lesbian faculty can apply for the benefits immediately. The partners must meet certain criteria, including proof that they have lived together for at least two years.

"There are increasing number of business and industries that are now including this benefit," Price said. Price said he did not know exactly how many people would apply for the benefits, or

how it would increase university costs. "In terms of the financial exposure it's not that significant," Price said. "It's not going to break the university budget. It will cost more, but it won't be significant."

Faculty members at campuses statewide worked with their union on the domestic partner issue for at least five years. Maggie Fournier, an associate professor of nursing at the University of Southern Maine, highlighted the issue when she tried to enroll her partner under her health insurance plan in 1990. Because she was not legally married, Fournier was refused, even though the university system adopted a policy in 1987 stating it wouldn't discriminate against people based on their sexual preference.

Union leadership threw its support behind the issue in 1992, and the university system in 1995 agreed to set up a joint committee to study the matter. The committee recommended "that same-sex domestic partners of faculty be considered the equivalents of spouses for eligibility in employee benefits programs." Fournier said the fight for benefits was a matter of principal for her, but for others having to buy a separate policy is a financial hardship. "I'm absolutely delighted the trustees have put teeth into their policy," she said.

Survey finds Americans' Attitudes toward gays have softened

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study says more Americans are tolerant of gays, but more than six out of 10 still believe homosexual relations are always wrong.

The study, released Monday, was based on the General Social Survey conducted almost every year since 1972 at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Researchers asked 2,904 people across the country whether sexual relations between two consenting adults of the same sex are always wrong, almost always wrong, sometimes wrong or not wrong at all.

Sixty-one percent said homosexual relations are always wrong, while 28 percent said not wrong at all, with the rest split between the two milder choices. When the question was first asked in 1973, 73 percent said gay relations were always wrong and 11 percent said they were never wrong.

The margin of error was plus or minus 2 percentage points. The disapproval rate for gays was always 70 percent or higher until 1993, when it fell to 66 percent. And the percentage of people who said gay relations were not wrong at all never rose above 16 percent until 1993, when it hit 22 percent.

"More and more people are realizing that their uncle, cousin, neighbor or teacher is gay. When that happens, lots of the negative attitudes the people had about gay folks go right out the window," said Rick Garcia, executive direc-

tor of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights.

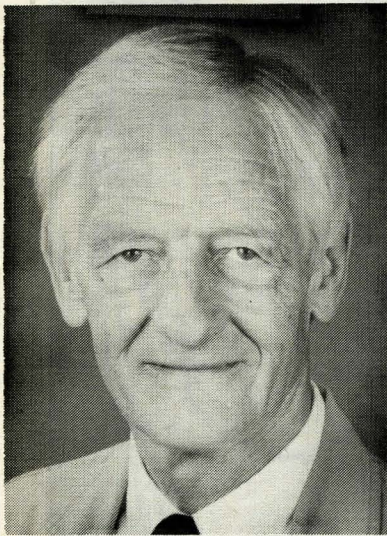
Stuart Michaels, director of the university's National Health and Social Life Survey, attributed the change to the AIDS epidemic, which brought national attention to gay issues and gay life. "Americans became more and more aware in their own social networks of people who were gay, sometimes tragically because they found out the person was sick with AIDS or had relatives sick with AIDS," he said.

Fighting for money to combat and research AIDS also forced more gay people into the public and political arenas, he said. "There was more than the stereotypical image of the drag queen out there," he said. The General Social Survey also tracks Americans' attitudes toward issues including welfare and crime.

It found that support for welfare has plummeted during the past six years. In 1990, 35 percent of people in cities supported spending more money on welfare but by 1996, the support fell to 19 percent. In the suburbs, support for more spending on welfare fell from 22 percent in 1990 to 12 percent in 1996.

Regarding crime, researchers found the percentage of people in support of capital punishment rose to 76 percent in 1996 from 70 percent in 1984 and 60 percent in 1974. The percentage of people who have a handgun in their home has stayed relatively stable over the years — 20 percent in 1972, 26 percent in 1987 and 22 percent in 1996.

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Clinton Campaign Revises Radio Ad

WASHINGTON (AP) After angry complaints from gay rights advocates, the Clinton campaign replaced an ad running on religious radio stations that boasted of the president's signature on a bill banning gay marriages.

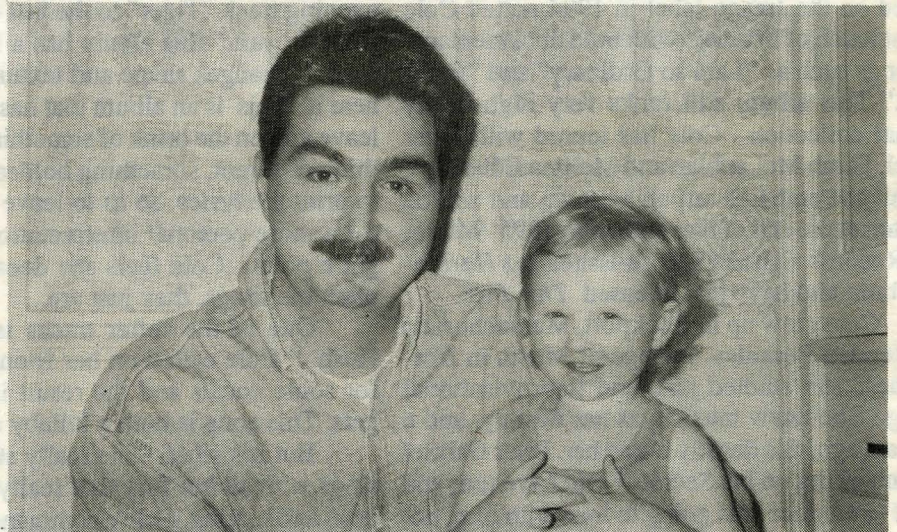
Campaign spokesman Don Foley said the new 60-second spot was "an improved version of the ad ... a more direct response to the scurrilous ad that the Dole campaign has been running."

After Dole ads on some 70 sta-

tions suggested Clinton approved of certain types of late-term abortions, the Clinton campaign responded with a spot pointing out specific reservations led him to veto a bill that would have banned the procedure.

The Clinton spot also touted his signing of the Defense of Marriage Act, in spite of earlier White House complaints that the Republicans' use of the issue amounted to "gay baiting."

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Boyde Marley State Senate

On issues of same Sex Marriage

Boyde Marley says, "Marriage is a commitment between two people and it carries with it legal privileges and responsibilities that should be granted without exception." Casco Bay Weekly, Oct. 17, 1996

His opponent is "undecided" Casco Bay Weekly, Oct. 17, 1996

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Decline to Sign

Election day, November 5, is just around the corner. On that day Carolyn Cosby will be loitering polling places seeking signatures for her anti-gay petition. Contrary to popular belief, DECLINE TO SIGN will be out (no pun intended) in full force on election day. But we need your help!

Be part of an effort that shuts down Cosby and her zealous followers yet again. Be part of an effort that stands up to this hateful and discriminatory adversity. With your help, perhaps this time she will get it that NO means NO!

DECLINE TO SIGN in will be gathering on Sunday, November 3 to conduct a short training and assignment session. We welcome and encourage EVERYONE to attend. At that time, we will discuss rules for election day, what the state does and does not allow. We will also prepare signs for the day. For your convenience, you may stop by ANYTIME between 10am - 4pm to receive your training and make a sign. At that time, you will also be given your assignment (polling place) for election day.

This pre election get-together will

be held on Sunday, November 3, at the Peace and Justice Center at 1 Pleasant Street in Portland, anytime between 10am - 4pm. Enter through the back door, we're in the conference room on the 2nd floor.

We would love to hear from you prior to November 3rd. Please call the following number to let us know you're interested. If you get an answering machine, leave a message with your name, where you live, and when you can work on election day. Someone will call you back to confirm.

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Northern Lights
Ordains Minister

Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church of Augusta, Maine ordained its founding pastor, Rev. William Gordon, in a special ceremony on Sunday, September 29, 1996. Gordon pastors a congregation composed of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, and supportive people, and is himself a gay man. Over seventy people gathered at this church's new home at 456 Riverside Drive in Augusta where, in a laying on of hands by the Northeast District Coordinator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Churches, the Rev. Sheila Rawls, and members and friends of the congregation, Gordon's credentials and call to ministry were affirmed both by the community and the denomination. Gordon is a former pastor of thirteen years in the United Methodist Church, and had withdrawn from that denomination in 1993 because of the church's official policy reproving the ordained ministry of homosexuals.

In the same service, Northern Lights Church celebrated its move to larger quarters, having progressed over a two year period from services held once a month in a local church to renting its own space, including a church

sanctuary, office, fellowship hall, library, cloak room and bathrooms. The facility is handicapped-accessible and has ample parking for approximately forty cars. Less than four years ago, the church had been meeting in a goat barn.

Similarly, Northern Lights MMC received three new members by profession of faith during this service, bringing its total membership to twenty-one, and anticipating a fifty-percent increase in 1996 over 1995.

Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church is a ministry of the gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgendered community in central Maine. Gordon is now the only fully credentialed MMC pastor serving a local congregation in the three state area of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. There is an MMC congregation in Portland, Maine, which is served by lay pastoral leaders. Northern Lights is a Christian, non-homophobic, liberation based congregation dedicated to service to the disenfranchised and those who do not feel welcome in other congregations. Services are held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., with Holy Communion served each service.

Maine University Benefits to
same-sex Partners could
Spur Backlash

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The University of Maine System's decision to extend job benefits to partners of gay employees could trigger a backlash during the upcoming session of the Legislature, leaders agree.

UMS trustees last month approved a new faculty contract that extends to same-sex partners such benefits as health insurance, tuition waivers, bereavement leave and access to campus facilities.

Conservative lawmakers who question the morality of homosexuality may try to rescind the benefits next year or prevent other government agencies from following suit.

Legislators who do not necessarily oppose such benefits on principle may use the decision to attack the system's upcoming request for more state aid.

Senate President Jeffrey Butland, R-Cumberland, said he believes the university system's action is likely to draw legislative opposition. "I suspect there would be some people out there who would take exception to the university doing that," either for moral or financial reasons, Butland said. "I would not have made that decision. There is a cost.

That's why it raises my eyebrows."

While recommending that the Legislature steer clear of contract issues, House Speaker Dan Gwadosky, D-Fairfield, said it is "reasonable to assume that somebody will put legislation in" next year to outlaw benefits for same-sex partners. "The political issue for the university is whether those who oppose the policy will try to take it out of (the system's state) appropriation," he said.

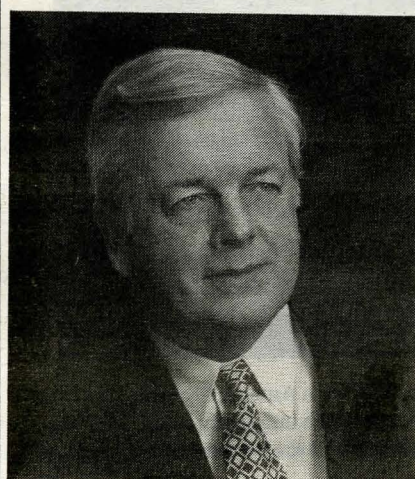
Some lawmakers said the assumption of added benefit costs that could have been avoided will make it tougher for the system to make a case that its appropriation should be increased.

Kent Price, a spokesman for the university system, has said the expansion of benefits should not be too costly because other organizations with similar programs report about 1 percent of their employees apply.

The university system appears to be the only public agency at any level of government to offer such benefits in Maine. Some private employers, including private colleges, have similar programs.

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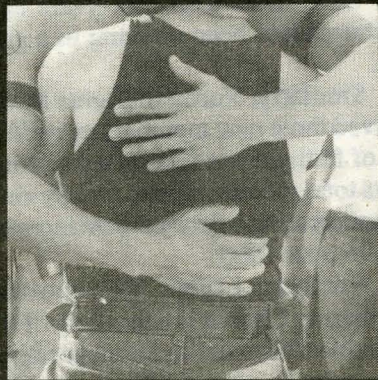
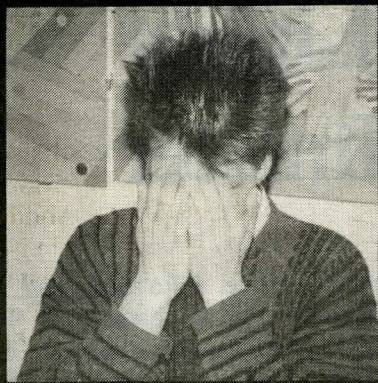
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Parents, politicians have different agendas

NEW YORK (AP) Parents struggling to raise their children are too worried about survival to focus on conservative family values like ending abortion and gay marriage, a new survey says.

Asked in an open-ended way, "not one single response mentioned gay marriages or abortion. It's not even on their radar screen," said economist Sylvia Ann Hewlett, president and founder of the National Parenting Association. "Because they're dealing with survival."

The poll, conducted by Penn and Schoen Associates, found that safety issues, drugs and education were the top priorities of parents surveyed. Penn and Schoen first asked parents what was on their minds before soliciting feedback on specific issues.

"Clearly the newly stretched American parent is battling for survival out there juggling work and family," Hewlett said.

Thirty percent, when asked to name their biggest worries for their children, mentioned safety issues in a broad category that included crime, violence and gangs. The poll had a sampling error of plus or minus 5 percent.

Drugs were the second most frequently named concern, at 21 percent; followed by quality of schooling, 17 percent; paying for education, 15 percent; and declining moral values, 14

percent.

Parents indicated a strong desire for government support of child-rearing. "A first-level and desperate concern of theirs is trying to get some sort of handle on this parental time famine that they feel so acutely," said Hewlett.

Asked to rank a list of 18 policies to help parents, they listed federal income tax credits to help pay for college first at 94 percent in favor; followed closely by tax incentives for employers to offer more family-friendly policies, favored by 90 percent; and doubling tax credits for child care and preschool, favored by 89 percent.

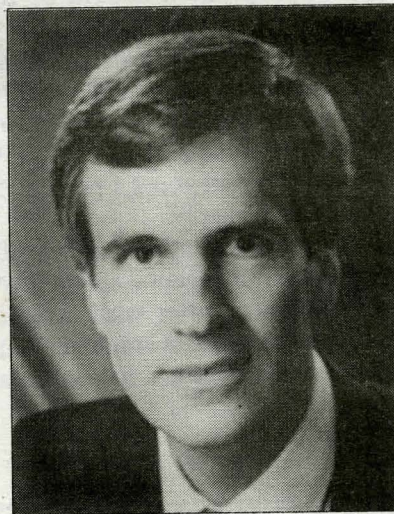
Results were similar across gender, race, income and religious lines, the poll said. Even parents who consider themselves born-again Christians preferred an agenda that includes keeping guns from children, letting parents work flexible hours, raising wages above the poverty line, increasing tax breaks for children and making the school day more in sync with the work day.

"I think that the great stunning surprise is that across income, race and gender, there's this enormous uniting behind solutions to economic pressures and solutions to the time crunch," said Hewlett.

Penn and Schoen interviewed 500

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Tom Allen Congress



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Activists rally for Cross-dressing boy

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) A group of about 40 protesters rallied to support the boy who was forbidden from wearing a dress to Burlington High School last month.

The demonstration took place on the steps of the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pearl Street, and was sponsored by a national protest group, Transsexual Menace, and several local organizations.

"An integral part of democracy is diversity," said Worcester resident Laurie Labarthe, who used to be a man, but after an operation, became a woman. "Diversity is messy, exciting, wonderful and it moves us forward."

Matt Stickney wore a dress to school Sept. 9. School officials told the 15-year-old he could not wear the dress to school again because it was disruptive. Stickney was suspended for swearing at the school principal, and 100 students protested the officials' decision banning his dress. Stickney was also attacked by a 17-year-old South Burlington boy.

Though he was not at the rally, Stickney sent a message that was read aloud. "This is not just my own personal issue," Stickney wrote. "Young people must be more secure of their own iden-

tities ... the issue is not just about cross dressing at Burlington High, it's drawing awareness to a sensitive issue."

Stickney also thanked the people who have supported him. Many at the demonstration said the issue is not just about a teen-age boy wearing a dress. "This is all about fear," said Burlington City Councilor Dave Keller. "There is a huge need, for the school system in particular, to educate kids today...that it's OK to be yourself." Diane Mansfield of Burlington brought her 4-year-old daughter, Katherine, to the rally. "I want her to have good values, and this helps her see people who are different and teach her the values we have," Mansfield said. "But she was hoping we'd march down the street with a sign."

Others, like Ricki Anne Wilchins, a New York City resident and founding member of the protest group Transsexual Menace, said transgendered people are often harassed and physically harmed for being different. "This is about the amount of tolerance people in a community show to people who are harassed," Wilchins said. Others at the rally wanted to thank Stickney for being himself. "He's the one who told me how to express myself," said Grace Treanor, a Burlington High freshman. "Thank you

Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights Annual Meeting

The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights encourages members and supporters to attend the Coalitions 4th Annual Statewide Conference and Town Meeting "Politics as (un) Usual", on Saturday, November 23, from 9 am to 6 pm at Brattleboro Union High School in Brattleboro, Vermont. This event offers sessions of interest to Vermont's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities as we assess the gains, pains, loves and foils of 1996.

The Conference keynote speaker will be Beatrice Dohrn, Legal Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Beatrice has been active in the legal cases dealing with discrimination in the U.S. military, child custody for Sharon Bottoms of Virginia, the same-sex marriage decision in Hawaii, and Colorado's Amendment 2.

Also presenting at the Conference will be Claudia Brenner, a survivor of homophobic violence which took the life of her partner in 1988 while they hiked a section of the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. As the result of her experience, and the publication of her book, "Eight Bullets: One Woman's Story of Surviving Anti-Gay Violence" (Firebrand Books, 1995) Claudia has become a national figure on anti-gay violence. According to the Hate Crimes Statistic Acts records, attacks against lesbians and gays has increased signifi-

cantly. The recent murders of Julia Williams and Lollie Winans in Virginia, Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdil in Oregon, and Roland Labranche in New Hampshire are only a few of the latest.

Claudia's presentation encompasses far more than a recounting of the events of her experience. Her analysis allows us to make connections between anti-gay violence and other forms of hate, and the realizations propel us toward the personal and political work needed to secure our civil rights and lasting change. Though the Conference is often perceived only as an opportunity for political activism, organizers wish to equally emphasize other interests in our community, and will offer approximately thirty workshops covering a variety of issues. The Arts and creativity are especially important to our communities, and will be addressed from that perspective. Caucus time will be available for those who wish to meet others with similar interests. At the same time, an art exhibit and crafts display will be on view, and vendors and organizational representatives will be present.

Brattleboro has much to offer, and gay- and lesbian-owned businesses will assuredly roll out their red carpets. The Rainbow Cattle Company in nearby Dummerston is an intimate bar and fea-

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Girl who proposed gay club becomes a National Advocate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) Kelli Peterson created a firestorm a year ago when she proposed forming a Gay-Straight Student Alliance at East High School.

As a result, the Salt Lake City school board banned noncurricular clubs and the Legislature enacted a measure prohibiting school clubs dealing with sexuality.

Peterson graduated in May. Since then she crisscrossed the country as a spokeswoman for young people's gay rights. She spent last week in Washington at the "Free To Be Me Festival." She returned to Salt Lake City for one day and headed to Los Angeles to receive one of the 1996 Lambda Liberty Awards. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of homosexuals and people with HIV-AIDS.

The program for the event lists Peterson as founder of the Gay-Straight Alliance who "spoke out bravely when political extremists moved to bar such clubs from the Utah public schools."

Peterson said accepting the award in front of an audience of Hollywood-types doesn't bother her at all. In fact, she is anxious to thank the gay and lesbian celebrities she looked up to when she was younger.

Lately, she is a person younger people have been looking up to. "I really wouldn't consider myself a role model. Hopefully, I'm just the first of many who want clubs like this. Sometimes kids come up to me and tell me I'm brave and I did something they could never do, but it really wasn't just me doing it," she said. Peterson plans to start college during winter quarter. She hasn't decided where.



Mark Letizia

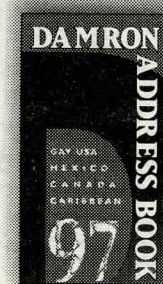
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News from the Granite State

Arnie Arnesen for Congress

by Mo Baxley

Arnie Arnesen is a candidate for congress and a well known political figure in N.H. One of the few who have taken a public stand against discrimination based on sexual orientation. When contacted by CAGLR about the possibility of doing an interview for Breathing Space, she quickly agreed. So a couple of weeks ago she sat down with CAGLR's Mo Baxley over Chinese food and here is the result.

How do you feel about the Defense of Marriage Act?

I just found a quote that sums it up for me, "At one point in history, haven't most Americans been opposed to racial equality, women's rights and interracial marriage? Fortunately, the fear and ignorance of the many have been overcome with education and enlightenment by the few." Thomas Gegeny II of Houston said that. Isn't it a great quote? You know I think most people don't understand the difference between a religious marriage and a civil marriage. Nobody's talking about forcing anybody's churches to do anything. What I want is a level playing field for everyone. We make our own heaven

here on Earth. The door should be open for everyone. Whether you go through the door is up to you. We all have our own prejudices, but my flaws shouldn't be the flaws of a nation. The point is, equal doesn't mean the same. No two people are equal but the rights of all people should be equal. I think the right wing thinks that equal means you have to be the same. They want everybody to be the same. That's not America.

Do you remember the fight over N.H. foster care law, making it illegal for gays and lesbians to adopt or become foster parents?

I voted against it, I trusted the professionals to do their job and place children in good, stable homes.

Not a popular position at the time.

Did that vote hurt you politically?

I do what I believe, and I think that protects me. People who vote for what is politically expedient at the time are the ones who get hurt.

You've said health care needs to be a priority. Will you explain your position on health care reform?

We need universal health care. Either we're all in the boat or not. Ratio-

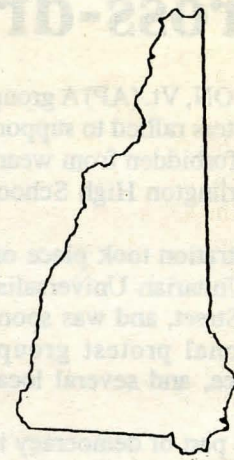
nal reform that contains cost, ensures quality, addresses portability and pre-existing conditions. I don't want to pick a job because of the health care they carry. It is my opinion that there is plenty of money in the current system, the problem is where those dollars are being spent. Health care reform should help to reprioritize spending so that health is the goal, not corporate profits, public relations and redundant paper work. Spending money on real care and not on paper motivates us to find cures. For AIDS. For breast cancer. I support, at a minimum, the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill.

Continuing on health care, what about abortion?

I'm pro-choice. It's about power and respect. Until you understand that, you're fighting the wrong fight. Choice respects people who disagree with you.

What do you see as the other priorities?

Redefining the national commitment to education by recognizing the concept of lifelong learning. By that I mean commitment to Head Start, support of our public schools, expanding access to student loans and encouraging partnerships with business to establish



needed worker retraining programs.

And the economy?

Quality job creation in an environment that is clean, safe, and supports entrepreneurship. "It's the paycheck stupid." Increasing the minimum wage, not only to keep pace with the 1970's, but that recognize the true value of work. Frankly, by not increasing the minimum wage and refusing to address health care reform, we are undermining our ability to address substantive changes in welfare. Another area of job creation that could be a win-win strategy for America is in environmental protection, such as expanded activity in the areas of renewable energy. We reduce our dependence on foreign oil, protect our fragile environment, and create jobs in the design, sale and manufacturing of such resources here and around the world.

What do you think of today's political process

We need campaign finance reform, for Democracies to flourish, requires trust. Trust in the electoral system and in the process that assures access to the candidates and knowledge of their issues is critical. Today, the vast majority of Americans are disgusted by a system that they see is controlled by monied interests and not them. I support the bi-partisan legislation offered by Shays and Smith. It's a step in the right direction.

And the "far right?"

They're wrong. They think the mission is search and destroy, not find and fix. They got it wrong.

Are you aware that your detractors call you a lesbian, and how do you feel about that?

Yes, I'm aware of it. People also think I'm Jewish, but I'm not, like you can tell those things by looking at someone. I think it means that they are terrified of me. They can't win on the issues so they try name calling. In their minds they're trying to demonize me but they just make themselves look foolish. You know what I really think it means? I think it means I'm winning!

CAGLR Rates New Hampshire Candidates

Legislation will be introduced this session to add sexual orientation to the existing New Hampshire State Civil Rights Laws for employment, housing, and public accommodations.

To pass the state legislature it's imperative to elect supportive candidate to the Senate during this election.

New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights (CAGLR) rated the following candidates on how they stand in support of G/L/B/T issues. CAGLR based their rating on how each candidate has voted on issues in the past as well as surveying the candidates.

An "A" rating means they've taken a supportive stand on G/L/B/T issues and voted in favor of these issues. An "F" rating means they have taken a non-supportive stand of G/L/B/T issues and have voted against them.

New Hampshire State Senate

Democrat	Republican
1 Kathryn Taylor	Fred King
2	Ed Gordon(A)
3 Paul Henle	Carl Johnson
4 Angie Argiropons	Leo Fraser (F)
5 Elizabeth Crory (A)	Jim Rubens (F)
6 Caroline McCarley (A)	Richard Green

7 Richard Herman	Amy Patenaude (F)
8 Allen Whipple (A)	Ben Rodeschin (F)
9 Greta Ann Moran (A)	Sheila Roberge (F)
10 Clesson Blaisdel (A)	
11 Douglas Shatrick	David Wheeler (F)
12 Mary Ouellette (A)	James Squires
13 Debora Pignatelli (A)	
14	Gary Francoeur
15 Sylvia Larson (A)	Kevin Avard (F)
16	Eleanor Podles (F)
17 Barbara Parker (A)	Jack Barnes (F)
18 John King	Mike Pelletier
19	Rick Rusman (F)
20	Richard Danaïs (F)
21 Katie Wheeler (A)	Richard Wasson (F)
22 Mike Garofalo	Jo Delahunty (F)
23 Bev Hollingsworth (A)	John Dowd (F)
24 Burt Cohen	

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The Column entitled "Concert Overload", which appeared in the October Issue of Community Pride Reporter was written by Terry Dority, a New Hampshire contributing writer. CPR went to press minus her byline and apologizes for the omission.

Film on Homosexuality urges Classroom Discussion

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) Children are never too young to learn how to respect people who are different from them, including homosexuals, according to a documentary shown over the weekend. A New Hampshire gay educators group sponsored the premiere of "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School" on Sunday at the Concord City Auditorium. About 100 people, mostly educators, attended the film's opening at the Concord City Auditorium.

The documentary, expected to be nominated for an Oscar, takes viewers into six classrooms around the country where teachers and students, grades one through eight, openly discuss gay and lesbian issues. The film opens with U.S. Sen. Bob Smith giving a speech before the Senate about withholding federal funding from school districts that discuss homosexuality in the classroom. A very angry Smith waves his hands around and yells, "We must protect the taxpayers by keeping this trash out of our schools. And that's what it is. It's trash."

The filmmakers contrast Smith's comments with those by young students,

who react to homosexuality with comments like, "What's the big whoop?" or, "They're gay. Well so what." The documentary also includes a quick shot of a newspaper article about the New Ipswich teacher fired for assigning books about gays in her classroom. She was later reinstated. It also shows a heated Merrimack School Board meeting during which residents debated a policy that would have banned the teaching or discussion of homosexual issues in the classroom.

Ken Coleman, the Merrimack School Board chairman who fought the policy, spoke at the premiere. He told the audience that in order to prevent violence and discrimination against gays and lesbians, New Hampshire must give its teachers more leeway in the classroom so they can properly address homosexuality issues with their students.

The filmmakers stressed they are not trying to teach children about sex, or encourage them to become gays or lesbians. Instead, their goal is to teach children to respect people who are different from them, eliminate negative stereotypes of homosexuals and prevent

future violence and suicides among gay people, especially teenagers.

"I just think everybody needs to see it," said Concord resident Carol Moore, a state representative and psychotherapist who attended the premiere. Moore said she believes gay issues should be more openly discussed in New Hampshire's classrooms. "We should support what children already know instinctively: They know that people should be treated justly and fairly," Moore said.

Several teachers who attended the premiere said they would like to have more freedom in their classroom to talk to kids about issues facing gays and lesbians. Many of them spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of losing their jobs or causing trouble in their school district.

The premiere was presented by the New Hampshire chapter of The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN). The state group, which formed a year ago, aims to end anti-gay violence and discrimination through education.

PROFILE: GLSTN NEW HAMPSHIRE

GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network) brings together gay and straight teachers, parents and concerned community members to work to create schools where respect for all is taught. The belief is that such an atmosphere engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, the mandate is to educate teachers, students and the public at large about the damaging effects those forces could have on youth and adults alike.

GLSTN's mission is to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes in creating a more vibrant and diverse community. Anyone, regardless of their

sexual orientation or occupation, is welcome to become a GLSTN member, and become committed to seeing this philosophy realized in private and public K-12 schools.

The purpose of GLSTN New Hampshire is as follows:

1 - To create a safe learning environment in New Hampshire K-12 schools for

* g/l/b/t/q professional and support staff, both as perceived or actual (understanding that no school can be safe unless first the staff and administration feel safe); * g/l/b/t/q youth, both perceived and actual; * g/l/b/t/q parents and guardians, both perceived and actual; * non-g/l/b/t/q youth who have g/l/b/t/q family members; * non-g/l/b/t/q parents and guardians whose children or other fam-

ily members may be g/l/b/t/q, and; * non-g/l/b/t/q youth and adults who care about g/l/b/t/q people.

2 - To help schools build the expertise and resources necessary for understanding the different sexual orientations which make up a school population and the community that these schools serve.

3 - To use the existing cultural myths and prejudice exerted against g/l/b/t/q people as a contemporary teaching opportunity for understanding how all human beings need to be understood and recognized in order to become productive citizens of our towns, states and nation, and as ambassadors to the world; and

4 - To provide support for, and referral services to, New Hampshire educators who have become isolated by geography, hostile environment, community fear, violence, wrongful termination, or the long-term illness or death of a family member.

For more information in New Hampshire, write to: GLSTN: NH, PO Box 172, Northwood, NH 03261; or call 603-463-5608. Their e-mail address is ktagrpnh@aol.com.

BENEFIT TRAIN RIDE

The second Train Ride Weekend of 1996 was held recently in Lincoln, NH as a fundraiser for the New Hampshire AIDS Foundation (NHAf). To date, over \$800 has been raised by these events. This Train Ride Weekend was held Sept 20-22 at Parker's Motel in the heart of the White Mountains. Thirty-five participants met on Friday evening and enjoyed a leisurely train ride along the Pemigewasset River while feasting on a 5-course gourmet meal aboard the Cafe Lafayette. The evening continued with dancing and socializing at a nearby club. After breakfast on Saturday, everyone was free to enjoy the absolutely gorgeous weather.

People were biking, walking along the river, antiquing or sightseeing in Franconia Notch, or along the Kancamagus Highway. Late Saturday afternoon, everyone gathered for a wonderful cookout that included a 50th birthday celebration for one of the participants. This was followed by a bonfire and some great conversation, lots of laughs and some homemade chili. The weekend ended with a delicious all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch buffet at the Woodstock Inn.

The next event, coming up on Dec 20-22, is the Christmas Tree Weekend. This weekend starts with a Christmas party on Friday night at Parker's Motel. On Saturday, everyone will go to the Rocks Christmas Tree Farm in Bethlehem, NH. Here, people will choose and cut down a Christmas tree, pick out an hand-made decorated wreath, and take an enjoyable and informative sleigh ride around the Rocks Estate. Saturday afternoon will be free for last minute Christmas shopping in nearby North Conway, or sightseeing in the Franconia Notch area.

For those staying the whole weekend, there will be a dinner and dance on Saturday evening, and an all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet. The cost for the full weekend is \$112 per person, double occupancy, or \$50 pp/do for the short weekend. Again, this event is to raise money for the NHAf. These special weekend events give gay men and lesbians an opportunity to gather for a weekend of fun and socializing at an affordable price while helping to raise money for the NHAf. For more information, call O.J. or Randy at 1-800-766-6835.

Couple suing Town, Police, Realty Agency

HOLLIS, N.H. (AP) — A gay couple has filed a \$15 million lawsuit against the town, charging that police neglected to investigate vandalism and housebreaks at their home because of their sexual orientation.

Marc Smith and Michael Snell, accuse police of ignoring several neighborhood harassment incidents, including a repeatedly vandalized fence, eggs thrown at their property and "sexually explicit, lewd and salacious" bumper stickers being placed on their car.

The men also claim Hollis police waited six weeks before investigating a June 14, 1994 robbery, which the men claim took place during a Realtor's open house.

Smith and Snell had tried to sell their home because they felt they were being harassed by their neighbors and were not welcome.

They reported that \$85,000 worth of jewelry was taken while DeWolfe-Simonds realty agency was showing the house to prospective buyers.

Hollis Police Chief Richard Darling and officers Edward Hummel, Steve Desilets, and Mathew Judge are named in the civil suit as police officers and as individuals.

The realty agency is named in a separate suit scheduled to go to trial in Hillsborough County Superior Court Nov. 18. It charges that it failed to safeguard the house while showing it to prospective buyers.

The lawsuit against the town, filed in U.S. District Court, charges that police belittled Smith's homosexuality and claims that Officer Desilets told him that he "hated gays."

Darling said he was outraged by the allegations, adding that he and his officers are considering a countersuit for defamation of character.

"They made these complaints under oath and they are lies," said Darling, who maintains that his department had "begun the investigation immediately" into the jewelry theft.

The police chief said he was hurt by the allegations of prejudice, referring to a gay officer who worked for his department about 10 years ago. He said the officer gave him a letter when he left thanking the Hollis department for giving him a chance when other police chiefs would not hire him. "We don't care what a person's sexual orientation is," Darling said. William Drescher, town lawyer for Hollis, declined to comment.

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by Martin Swinger

I am writing this a couple of days before the MLGPA fund raiser concert in Portland and hoping that we will have had a huge turnout.

Carolyn Cosby, Goddess love her, has made one thing clear. There's nothing quite so unifying as a common enemy... and I do mean COMMON. Carolyn, whatever closet you may be hiding in, I want to thank you for making us strong! Who'd have thought three years ago the gay community would be hosting a concert of both gay AND lesbian music in the same venue?

My friend from Germany sends me tapes of live concerts with thousands of G&L audience members and of live

Singin' Out for the Holidays

shows in the bars where performers are singing their own words with their own voices and it reminds me what a young country we are. We have some catching up to do. At least up here in good ol' New England we do.

By the time you get this I will have returned from the North East Folk Music Alliance Conference in La Point, Pennsylvania. I hear that the National Conference last year in Washington D.C. had quite a gathering of out musicians - even an out open mic coffeehouse. It was my understanding that one or two out performers coordinated the effort and I don't know if they were North Easterners or not but I intend to put up a notice as soon as I arrive to at least arrange a meeting place and time so we can swap addresses and road stories. I'd be proud to host sisters and brothers on the road

in a safe environment.

I know one other gay folkie I met when I went to Boston for Show And Tell (Four Gay and Lesbian Singer/Songwriters Sing Out and Tell All) and we intend to meet at Passims one of these trips. I've been traveling to Boston open mics to get my feet wet and to make myself seem familiar to the shakers and movers there. It's a big investment when I have to leave immediately after work and return to work the next day but it's like being in the closet... no one can open the door but me.

Meanwhile, Lynn Deeves of the MLGPA concert will be doing a solo show at Slaters Restaurant in Hallowell on Monday, November 25 at 8:00 (622 9575 info) and I hope all you south central Maine Lesbigs will show up to hear this wonderful performer in this

very supportive atmosphere.

Thanks to you new people who have contacted me - I'm still gathering names of gay musicians interested in networking (That means YOU). Send me a self descriptive letter C/O CPR and they will forward it. I'm hoping to report the winners of this years Gay and Lesbian American Music Awards next month.

Well, here's praying that Dole guy doesn't end up in the white house, and if he does, I'll see you all in Canada... Let's celebrate Thanksgiving with all the gaiety we can muster and Keep Singin' Out!

Martin Swinger is an out performer of traditional, contemporary and original folk music who is currently working on his second album of Gay Folk Music. His first gay album SINGIN'



by Daralyn S Maxwell

There are certain life situations which cannot be conveyed. Much like life growth, these are part of one's personal evolution that must be experienced, and no amount of preparation will suffice for the eventuality of it. So it is with being outed. To me, "outed" was an alien concept; an occurrence that happened to imprudent people; a term to describe what happens when you aren't careful. Just like so many other things, you figure: "It can't happen to me!"

As so it is that I find myself in that unique company of so many others who have gone before me and, to a large de-

gree not by choice, are "out". It is not that I even mind being out; it is quite a relief that I don't have to worry as much about my every gesture or remark; that my phone call to a friend was THE tip-off; wondering when one of my homophobic little employees would accidentally run across a copy of CPR, complete with my picture. I am not angry that I am out. I am furious that I was "outed" by someone professing to be a friend for three years, only to be betrayed for what seems to be professional gain. I am livid that someone who knew me, and my issue well, chose to take MY life so casually as to share it with people who might wish me more than ill will. I am horrified that control of my life can be so cruelly taken from me, and I am left pretty much defensive.

On the other hand, this person damaged his own reputation by this act. My employer, a fairly open-minded man, is well aware of my situation, and chooses to maintain my employment for what seem to be apparent professional reasons. My employees, young and ill-equipped for this, still think that I am gay, despite the overwhelming evidence that they now possess. I have gotten over the initial shock of the "outing" and elect to get on with things, including ignoring the juvenile snickering that goes on behind my back. Basically, I have decided to be the grown-up.

In retrospect, I now find one more compelling reason for having reached out as I have; finding solace in those for whom my revelation brings only nods of understanding. "Yep, she found out

what it's about." Well, yes and no. I wish, more than ever, that I could stop pretending at work; stop playing at guy stuff I don't care about; move forward a little faster. But then, I take the same risks that I have tried so hard to avoid all this time. It's not time yet.

So, I will do as everyone else seems to. I will carry on and pretend that it's not a problem. I will move forward cautiously, but with determination. I will also walk a little taller, less afraid of the consequences and more aware of just how fragile relationships are. Trust, while not out the window, will be harder to come by for a while. What a sad casualty of life.

Comments about this series can be addressed to Dal Maxwell at CPR, or by e-mail to her at dalmax@ime.net.

My Transsexual Manifesto Part VIII

Past Out: What was the custody battle over Sharon Kowalski?

By David Bianco

The recent discussions and debates over the question of same-sex marriage have to be understood in the context of the decades-long struggle by same-sex couples for legal recognition of their relationships. In the 1980s, no couple did more to raise awareness of the injustice of American family law than Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski.

In 1979, Thompson and Kowalski became lovers, exchanging rings and naming each other as life insurance beneficiaries. Living in the town of St. Cloud, Minnesota, neither was public about her lesbian identity, nor was the nature of their relationship clear to anyone but their closest friends. Thompson and Kowalski were anything but gay-rights activists - Thompson even voted for Ronald Reagan for President

in 1980.

A tragic accident on a Sunday night in November 1983 changed all that. Kowalski, then 28, was hit by a drunk driver while driving her car, and she suffered severe brain damage, losing the ability to walk, care for herself, or even speak more than a few words at a time. During the first several months of Kowalski's hospitalization, Thompson was at her side, providing love and support during her painstaking recovery. At first, the Kowalski family thought Thompson was a good friend, and they appreciated her help. But eventually Sharon's parents began to ask questions about the nature of the pair's relationship, and with a psychologist's guidance, Thompson explained that Sharon was her lover.

The Kowalskis did not take the news well. Calling Thompson "sick" and "crazy," they denied her further visitation

rights and even accused her of sexually abusing their disabled daughter. They moved Sharon to another Minnesota facility several hours from Thompson's home, even though several doctors had noted that Sharon responded best to therapy when she was in Thompson's presence, and even though Sharon repeatedly indicated her desire to be reunited with her lover.

An intense legal battle ensued. At first, Thompson focused on the right to visit her lover. The Kowalskis and Minnesota courts denied her that right for almost four years. Thompson gave speeches and raised funds for her legal battle throughout the nation, even writing a book entitled *Why Can't Sharon Kowalski Come Home?*. The couple's plight became a rallying point for lesbian activists throughout the country - but it also found much resonance for gay

men, many of whom were themselves dealing with legal issues surrounding visitation and guardianship rights as AIDS repeatedly pitted devoted lovers against anti-gay parents. In August 1988, more than a dozen cities around the country held "Free Sharon Kowalski Day" rallies to raise public awareness of the case.

In January 1989, Thompson finally won the right to visit her lover, although Sharon's father Donald remained Sharon's legal guardian. When the pair reunited, Sharon was moved to tears and typed "I love you" on her keyboard.

But Thompson's legal battle was not over. Donald Kowalski had recently petitioned the court to be released from his legal guardianship of his daughter due to his own health concerns. Despite the fact that Thompson was the only individual to petition for guardianship, a

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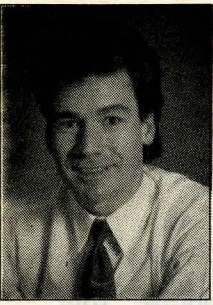
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by
Peter Callnan, CPA

Money Matters: Estate Planning

It is inevitable that we are all going to die and like it or not you really can't take anything with you when you do. This is why having an estate plan is important. It will provide for the distribution of your accumulated wealth and assets. A good estate plan will insure that assets are transferred during life or after death and minimize any possible estate taxes. Taxes are the other inevitable thing, remember?

All property including real estate, investments, cash and life insurance a person owns at the time of death comprise their estate. Assets in an estate receive a "step up" or increase in basis to their fair market value regardless of their actual cost. Each person can generally pass \$600,000 worth of assets through their estate without any tax liability. The Unified Estate and Gift Tax Credit of \$192,800 will offset \$600,000 of estate value.

Do not presume that because you don't have an estate of \$600,000 or more that you don't need to do estate

planning. The primary purpose of estate planning is to distribute assets. If you can't take it with you, who do you want it to go to? The document used to do this is a Will. It appoints someone, an executor, to oversee the distribution of your assets in accordance with your wishes as spelled out in the Will. They are also responsible for the filing of all required tax returns. If you die without a Will your assets are distributed in accordance with the provisions of state law by a court appointed administrator. This means you have no say in the matter and state laws gen-

erally give the assets to your nearest relatives. A Will does need to be approved by a court of law. This process is referred to as probate. In Maine probate is relatively simple and inexpensive.

An estate plan can be very simple or very complex. It can involve only a simple Will or numerous other legal documents such as Trusts and Powers of Attorney. The primary purpose is still the same, to distribute your accumulated wealth and assets. Death is not a pleasant topic to consider. This is why most people fail to do estate planning. Try looking at it as the ultimate in gift giving to the people you care for. It may not be so difficult then, who knows it may even feel good. Good Luck!

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Minnesota court awarded custody of Sharon Kowalski to a woman it called a "neutral third party." A friend of the Kowalski family, Karen Tomberlin was anything but "neutral." Tomberlin had shown little interest in Sharon other than to keep her away from her lesbian lover. In awarding guardianship to Tomberlin, the court criticized Thompson for invading Sharon's privacy by publicly revealing her as a lesbian and using her situation to raise money. Thompson, who had never before been a political activist or even an open lesbian, had a simple response: If she didn't reveal the nature of their relationship, how could she argue that she had a right to visitation? And if she didn't raise money for legal fees, how could she defend her position in court?

The case finally came to an end in 1991, when a Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's decision and awarded guardianship

to Thompson. The court's decision contained words of encouragement for lesbian and gay activists who hoped the government would move toward greater recognition of same-sex families:

"All the medical testimony established that Sharon has the capacity reliably to express a preference in this case, and she has clearly chosen to return home with Thompson if possible. This choice is further supported by the fact that Thompson and Sharon are a family of affinity, which ought to be accorded respect."

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The Human Rights Campaign, Log Cabin Republicans and other gay rights groups protested, and ACT Up threatened demonstrations and newspaper ads to criticize Clinton for the ad.

ACT Up spokesman Steve Michael said the group was not satisfied with the campaign simply switching the ad, calling on Clinton to take out ads apologizing for the error. The new ad focuses criticism on Dole's new negative tack and deletes the reference to the gay marriage ban. "There's a value we all teach our children and practice ourselves - telling the truth," the ad says. "Unfortunately, Bob Dole has resorted to untruths."

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parents with children living at home or as their dependents over three days in mid-September, including an oversampling of 50 black parents to allow analysis of differences between races. Welfare parents were excluded because the survey was intended to target mainstream parents.

Hewlett founded the National Parenting Association, a non-aligned, non-partisan group founded in early 1993 to "re-value the enterprise of parenting."

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tures a dynamic drag scene on Sunday evenings, should anyone wish to make a weekend of their Conference attendance.

Restaurants such as Peter Havens, T.J. Buckley's, and coffeehouses are conveniently located downtown. Bookshops abound, with Everyone's Books committed to peace and social justice and offering the largest selection of g/l/b/t merchandise north of Northampton and south of Burlington. Main Street is lined with specialty shops and boutiques, two art galleries, a food co-op, an international award-winning bakery, two microbreweries, and the renovated art deco Latchis Hotel.

CabarAIDS, a successful entertainment feature of past Conferences, will feature the gay men's a cappella group "Sons and Lovers" in a concert to benefit the Brattleboro Area AIDS Project. The concert will take place Saturday evening at 8 pm at the Brattleboro Inn and Conference Center.

Overnight community hous-

ing in the Brattleboro area is available on a limited basis with early registration.

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Enclosed is a Conference registration form. Suggested cost for the Conference is \$25 per day with registration prior to November 11th. However, same day registration will be possible, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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Campaign '96:

The Community Pride Reporter called the following campaign offices, Clinton/Gore, Dole/Kemp, Joe Brennan, Susan Collins, John Rensenbrink, Tom Allen, Jim Longley, John Baldacci and Paul Young and asked them to tell us their stand on the issues, specifically on gay issues. How they've stood in the past and the stand they intend to take in the future. The following are the responses we received from them. All the responses we received are printed here, we did not alter them, but chose to present them to you as we received them.

PRESIDENT CLINTON A Record of Respect for Gay and Lesbian Americans

"My administration has taken more steps than any previous in bringing the gay and lesbian communities to the table. I am proud of my record, and it is a record to build on. I remain dedicated to ending discrimination and to protecting the civil rights of every citizen. In public life, I have worked relentlessly to empower people who historically have been discriminated against based on race, class, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. I remain committed to achieving that goal" President Bill Clinton

President Clinton is the first president to be personally and publicly committed to the principle of equality and acceptance for gays and lesbians. The Clinton Administration has won breakthrough victories for gays and lesbians and continues to fight on their side—against bigotry, hatred, and the politics of division. Because of President Clinton's commitment to fairness, his Administration has promoted equality to gays and lesbians by:

- * Signing an Executive Order eliminating the barriers to gays and lesbians receiving security clearances in the entire Executive branch, including the Departments of Defense, Justice and State, and instructing the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to direct Cabinet agencies and departments

to issue policy statements banning discrimination based on sexual orientation;

- * Endorsing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would outlaw discrimination in hiring, firing, and promotion based on sexual orientation by private employers—making President Clinton the first President to back civil rights legislation for gays and lesbians;

- * Fighting successfully to repeal the Dornan Amendment, which would have required the expulsion of all HIV-positive military service members, regardless of their ability;

- * Signing the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act;

- * Speaking out against anti-gay referenda and ballot initiatives in various states;

- * Appointing the most inclusive Administration in history—over 100 openly gay and lesbian appointees, including former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Roberta Achtenburg, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Bruce Lehman, the first openly gay individuals confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

- * Created a permanent Office of Women's Health Research and increased

funding for women's health issues, including a 65 percent increase in breast cancer-related funding;

- * Doubled funding for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) helping people with AIDS gain access to protease inhibitors and other AIDS drugs, and;

- * Signed a law requiring that women, including lesbians, are included in the National Institutes of Health supported research.

BUILDING ON OUR PROGRESS

Because President Clinton strongly believes in the value of fairness, equality, and non-discrimination, he will:

- * Continue to oppose discrimination against gay and lesbian Americans and to fight for the passage of ENDA;

- * Continue to appoint men and women to his administration who reflect the strengths and diversity of the American people;

- * Fight to protect Medicaid, the largest single source of medical assistance for people living with AIDS, including 90 percent of the children living with the disease, and;

- * Maintain his strong commitment to finding a cure for AIDS and to provide quality care for those living with HIV/AIDS.

DOLE/KEMP On the Issues

Throughout his career, Bob Dole has been committed to the values of tolerance, equal rights, and equal opportunity for every American. However, Bob Dole does not support federal legislation that would create special rights for the gay community. He opposes lifting the ban on gays in the military. And he does not believe that homosexuality should be recognized as an acceptable "alternative lifestyle" or that the states should sanction same-sex marriages. Bob Dole is a co-sponsor of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Bob Dole believes in helping HIV positive Americans and those with AIDS and those infected with the HIV virus. He has supported emergency grants to metropolitan areas reporting more than 2,000 cases of AIDS. Bob Dole has also voted for the re-authorization of the Ryan White legislation, which provides funding for primary care and support services for individuals who are HIV positive or have AIDS.

Maine House: MLGPA Endorsements as of Sept. 10

Reprinted from the October issue of CPR

by Karen Geraghty, MLGPA President

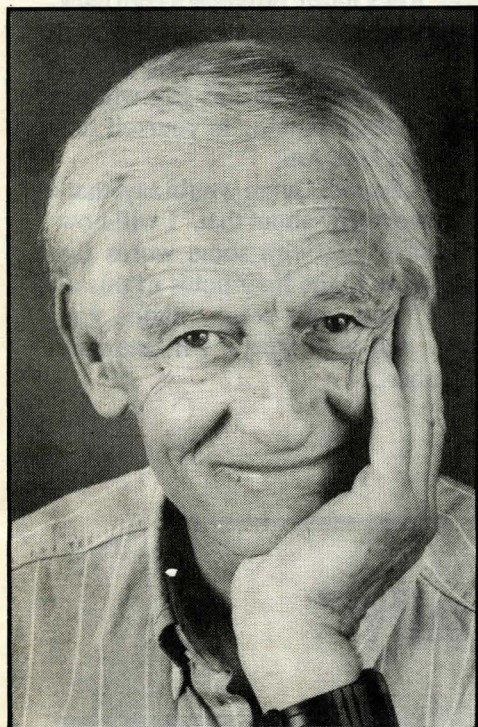
The Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance endorses candidates for the Legislature who support anti-discrimination legislation and the right of women to control their reproductive choices. In cases where both candidates in the same district are good on the issues, we "co-endorse" in those districts.

Dist. #	Candidate
2	David Ott, R-York
3	Gary Wheeler, D-Eliot
4	David McDermott, D-So. Berwick
5	Thomas Wright, D-Berwick
7	Joe Carleton, R-Wells
8	Kathleen Perkins, D-Kennebunk
14	Lawrence Peters, Jr., D-West Buxton
15	Chris O'Neil, D-Saco
17	Robert Melville, D-Biddeford Pool
20	George Kerr, D-Old Orchard Beach
24	Nadine Byram, D-So. Portland
25	Jean Marvin, R-Cape Elizabeth

29	Pamela McNally, D-Cape Elizabeth	56	Wendy Pieh, D-Medomak	98	Pam Hatch, D-Skowhegan
30	William Lemke, D-Westbrook	58	Jeannie Hamrin, D-Boothbay	100	Ken Gagnon, D-Waterville
31	J. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Portland	59	Steven Cartwright, D-Waldoboro	104	Sumner Jones, R-Pittsfield
33	Mike Saxl, D-Portland	62	Paul Chartrand, D-Rockland	105	Arthur Clement, D-Clinton
35	Michael Quint, D-Portland	63	Judy Powers, D-Rockport	106	David Lindahl, R-Northport
36	Steve Rowe, D-Portland	65	Elaine Graham, D-Bethel	107	Gail Chase, D-South China
37	Eliza Townsend, D-Portland	74	Brian Bolduc, D-Auburn	108	Joseph Brooks, D-Winterport
38	Mike Brennan, D-Portland	79	Linda R. McKee, D-Wayne	109	Timothy Breen, D-St. Albans
39	Thomas Tyler, D-Windham	80	Elaine Fuller, D-Manchester	110	Paula Roberts, D-Belfast
44	Carol Kontos, D-Windham	81	June Meres, R-Norridgewock	112	Dale McGee, D-Palermo
46	Jennifer Willard, D-Yarmouth	82	Elizabeth Watson, D-Farmingdale	113	Jane Pieriboni, D-Dover Foxcroft
47	Herbert Adams, D-Center Lovell	83	Bonnie Green, D-Monmouth	115	Clark Phinney, D-Bucksport
48	Richard Thompson, D-Naples	84	Nancy Chizmar, D-Lisbon Falls	117	Charles Fisher, D-Brewer
49	Bob Harnett, R-Freeport,	85	Anna Boll, D-Brunswick	119	Tina Baker, D-Bangor
50	Tom Bull, D-Freeport	88	Patricia Lemaire, D-Lewiston	120	Hugh Morrison, D-Bangor
51	Ed Benedikt, D-Brunswick	89	Albert Gamache, D-Lewiston	123	Terence Bragdon, R-Bangor
52	Tom Davidson, D-Brunswick	91	Pat Colwell, D-Gardiner	124	Jane Saxl, D-Bangor
53	David Etnier, D-So. Harpswell	92	Scott Cowger, D-Hallowell	126	Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono
54	Verdi Tripp, D-Topsham	93	Randall Berry, D-Livermore Falls	127	Donald Shepley, D-Bangor
55	David Shiah, D-Bowdoinham	94	Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Vassalboro	128	Allen Ross, D-Dexter
	Art Mayo, R-Bath	96	Tom Doore, D-Augusta	129	Ed Povich, D-Ellsworth
	Judith Peavey, R-Woolwich			130	Royce Perkins, R-Penobscot
					Paul Volenik, D-Sedgwick
					Kyle Jones, D-Bar Harbor

The Candidates

John Rensenbrink



TO: Community Pride Reporter
FROM: John Rensenbrink Date: October 25, 1996

I am a very strong supporter of gay and lesbian rights and will if elected fight for their rights in the Senate of the United States.

I have had and continue to have close connections and relationships with gays and lesbians among neighbors, students, friends and family.

I have supported the emerging gay and lesbian studies program at Bowdoin College and have counselled, helped, and become close friends with gay and lesbian students.

I supported and worked for the campaign last year for No On One. In my campaign appearances and canvassing, I have argued forcefully for the value of families and for a society in which people have the right to have the kind of family they want.

I abhor discrimination of any kind and feel that homophobia is the sort of hatred, which if it could/can be overcome, will free all human beings, free them to grow and develop their full potential and free to form genuine communities.

In other words, I am not only concerned to gain rights for gays and lesbians, but I am also deeply committed to celebrating the creative power of gays and lesbians for the greater good of society as a whole.

Joe Brennan

Joe Brennan absolutely will support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Joe Brennan supports civil rights protections in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations on the state and national levels.

Joe Brennan has a record as Governor and as US Congressman in supporting AIDS services and research. He will continue this record as a US Senator.

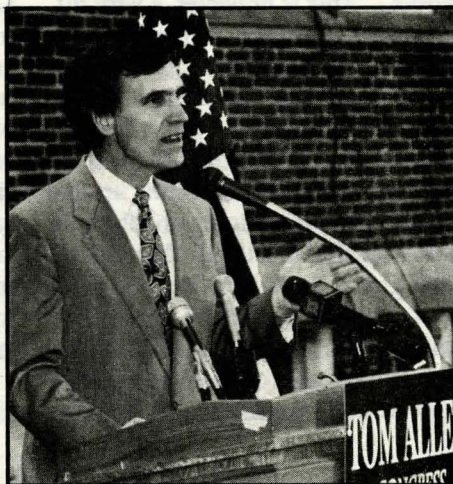
Joe Brennan has hired and will

continue to employ openly gay and lesbian staff people.

Joe Brennan would not have voted to support Clarence Thomas or Robert Bork as Supreme Court Justice. He will apply great scrutiny to assure that our Supreme Court Justices are well qualified and fair.

"The gay men and lesbian women of Maine deserve protection from discrimination on the state and national level. That is why I have and will continue to support civil rights legislation."

Tom Allen



A LETTER FROM TOM ALLEN

To the Members of MLGPA-

I want to thank the members of MLGPA who have joined my campaign to replace Jim Longley in Congress. I also want to pay tribute to your founder, Dale McCormick, on the outstanding campaign that she waged and for the enthusiastic support she has shown me since the primary.

Dale and I share a common objective: To defeat Jim Longley and to do our part in retiring Newt Gingrich and the extremists who currently control the House of Representatives. Just recently we have seen how important a single vote is when the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) failed to pass in the U.S. Senate on a vote of 50 to 49. We also learned how important control of leadership is when Gingrich brought the ill-conceived Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) before the house. At best, this bill is unnecessary and constitutionally suspect. At worst, it represents contemptible "gay bashing", cynically em-

ployed to create and exploit divisions in our society. Yet with Gingrich and his mentor Trent Lott in charge, it passed in both houses of Congress.

Let me assure you that I support ENDA and oppose DOMA. You must never doubt my commitment to fight tirelessly to end discrimination in all forms.

In the coming campaign, I am determined not to let the extremists use divisive tactics to divert attention from the real problems that today threaten to undermine the nation's families; the growing income disparity between the very wealthy and the overwhelming majority of Americans; job insecurity and diminishing opportunity; quality education and job training; affordable universal health care; and a clean healthy environment. I believe that I am connected to the people of this district far better than my opponent is, or could ever hope to be. I will challenge Jim Longley to defend his record of voting to further an extreme party agenda at the expense of Maine's working people.

In addition to my commitment to human rights, I will also work in Congress to fully fund the Ryan White Act and find ways to assure that the encouraging new AIDS treatments are readily available and affordable. I will be an advocate for women, especially to remove the barriers that keep them from achieving economic prosperity. I will staunchly oppose any effort to limit their right to choose.

I am confident that I can defeat Jim Longley, but to succeed, I will need vigorous support from groups like MLGPA and its members. Please call me at 774-9696 or send me any comments and suggestions by FAX at 774-7096, or e-mail at TomAllen96@neis.net.

Sincerely
Tom Allen

You've got the Power - VOTE!

Reprinted from the September issue of CPR

by Karen Geraghty, President, MLGPA

Election Day 1996 is Tuesday, November 5. If we exercise our power and vote-we can accomplish much. We can vote to re-elect a President who, while not perfect, has done more for the g/l/b/t communities than all previous president's combined! He has a long way to go - but we can't work with him if he's not there.

If we exercise our power and vote - we can elect a pro-gay U.S. Senator - Joe Brennan. He strongly and vigorously supports E.N.D.A. - the federal anti-discrimination bill. Sadly, Susan Collins has already caved in to the far right in her party - and does not support even a basic employment non-discrimi-

nation law for g/l/b/t people.

If we exercise our power and vote - we can defeat Jim Longley in the First Congressional District and re-elect John Baldacci in the Second Congressional District.

If we exercise our power and vote - we can elect a strong pro-gay Maine Senate. Here are the candidates we have endorsed as of August 15. Please call our toll free hotline for more information: 1-800-55-MLGPA.

Maine Senate - MLGPA Endorsements (listing as of August 20)

District	Candidate(s)
1	Judy Paradis, D-Frenchville
5	Jill Goldthwait, U-Bar Harbor

6	Richard Ruhlin, D-Brewer	John Portela, D-Brunswick	
7	Mary Cathcart, D-Orono	25	Brian Sessions, D-Norway
9	Robert Murray, Jr., D-Bangor	26	Jeffrey Butland, R-Cumberland Center
11	Susan Longley, D-Liberty		Frederick Williams, D-Windham
12	Rochelle Pingree, D-No.Haven	27	Joel Abromson, R-Portland
13	S. Peter Mills, R-Skowhegan		Boyd Marley, D-Portland
14	Richard Carey, D-Belgrade	28	Anne Rand, D-Portland
15	Beverly Daggett, D-Augusta	29	William O'Gara, D-Westbrook
16	Marge Kilkelly, D-Wiscasset	30	Jane Amero, R-Cape Elizabeth
17	James R. Burrill, D-Strong	31	Peggy Pendleton, D-Scarborough
18	Sharon Treat, D-Gardiner		Joan Pendexter, R-Scarborough
19	Mary Small, R-Bath	32	Lloyd LaFountain, D-Biddeford
20	John Nutting, D-Leeds	33	Gordon N. Paul, D-Sanford
21	John Jenkins, D-Lewiston	34	Barbara C. Holt, D-Alfred
22	John Cleveland, D-Auburn	35	Mark Lawrence, D-Kittery Point
23	Philip Harriman, R-Yarmouth		

Arts & Entertainment

Ani DiFranco and U.Utah Phillips :

"The Past didn't go Anywhere"



by Aimsel L. Ponti

Take a 61 year old travelling storyteller, songwriter and political activist. Then take Ani DiFranco, 26 year old folk-punk diva. What you end up with is the album *"The Past didn't Go Anywhere."* Yes folks, DiFranco's Righteous Babe label proudly release the collaborative offering featuring the stories and rantings of Phillips backed by the inventive, musical handiwork of DiFranco. So all you Ani fans out there, keep in mind, this is not a new Ani album. Her *Dilate* album came out not too long ago,

so that should keep you happy for a while. Not to mention that a live album is in the works... This is however, a very different kind of recording. Prior to this release, I was unfamiliar with Phillips. This is what I found out about him: In the world of folk history, the guy's legendary. But it's his stories that Ani was interested in. So she called him up and shared her idea about doing an album of his stories and her music. He thought this was just great. So he sent her countless hours of a 20 year history of various live recordings. Phillips mixes political satire with quirky tales of everything from anarchy to odd characters he's crossed

paths with over the years. With the Utah tapes and a slew of instruments, DiFranco headed to a recording studio in Texas and spent the next three weeks creating *"The Past didn't Go Anywhere."* The end result is a collection of 12 Utah Phillips live rants and stories laid on a foundation of DiFranco's musical fusions and settings. There's drum sampling, pennywhistles, pianos, guitars, soundbites, and organs, to name a few. And what you'll hear is funk, country, rap behind the commanding, important voice of Utah Phillips.

This album is good for all occasions. For driving purposes it's like a hip

kind of "book on tape." For party purposes, Ani's music provides a cool background groove. And when you're all alone on a Thursday afternoon, you can learn something from this guy while at the same time thinking to yourself how much you love Ani.

As Forrest Gump would say, that's all I have to say about that. I will however leave you with some words that Utah wrote in the liner notes of this album: "sing your song. dance your dance. tell your story. I'll listen and remember..."

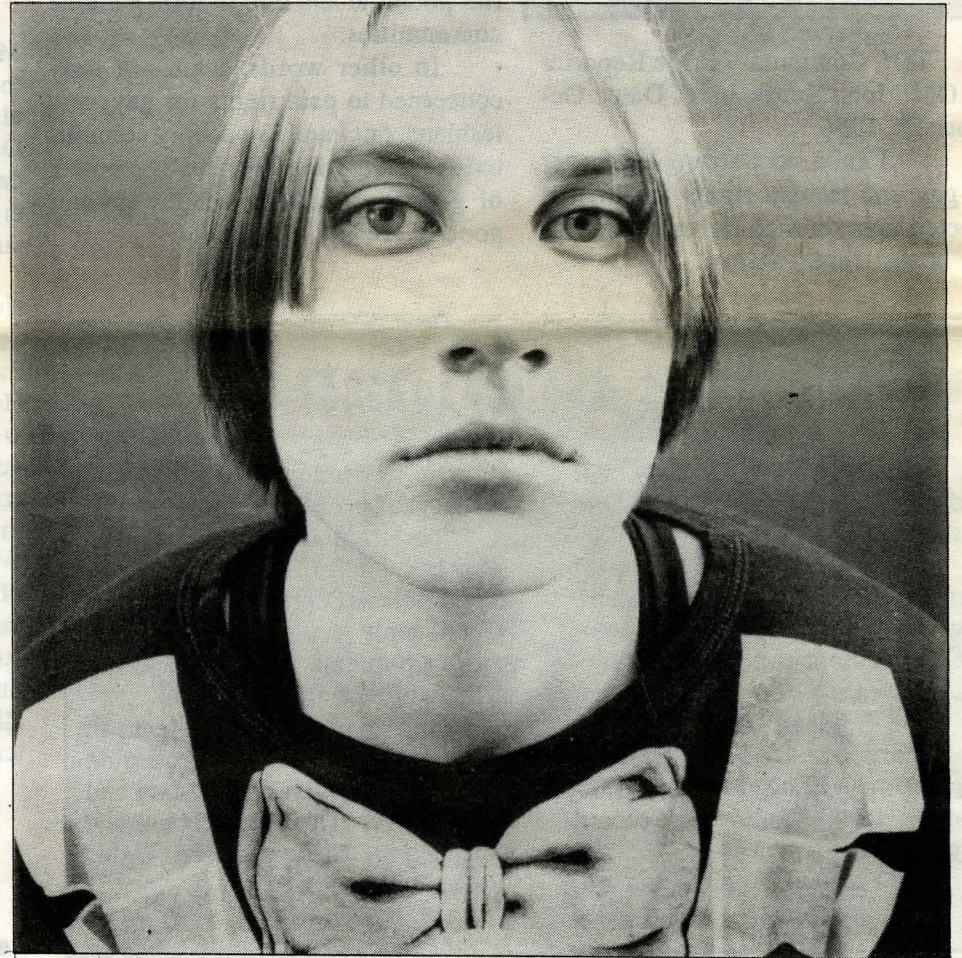
"Finally a Dyke Album for the Whole Family"

by Aimsel L. Ponti

Well, maybe not the whole family, but that's what it says on the back of the first full length solo album by Team Dresch member, Kaia. Just 22 years old, Kaia has been around the block more than once when it comes to playing in bands, touring the country and being recording music. She's been doing her thing since the age of 17. Her first band, ADICKDID, from Eugene, Oregon released a single and then a full length album in 1993 on their own label, G records. And then that band broke up. So Kaia hit the road with another musician, Mary Lou Lord (reming me to tell you all about her sometime...) for two months and played all over the country. In 1994 the band Team Dresch was formed and they released the album *Personal Best* on the Chainsaw/Candyass records, and followed it up this year with the album *Captain My Captain*. With this band, Kaia did a west coast tour as well as stint in Europe with the band Bi-

kini Kill. Team Dresch also had the honor of headlining at 1995's Michigan's Women's Music Festival. Also in '95, Kaia did some solo U.S. touring with the New York City band Vitapup.

I'm sitting here on this sunny Wednesday afternoon listening to the Kaia cd for about the fourth time through and I would have to say that it has officially grown on me. No it is not an earth shattering brilliant album, but who cares? This woman puts her heart and soul into her guitar playing, writes honest, catchy, sometimes painful songs and is damn cool. "I never thought I could act so strange, I always wanted to make sense," a line from the song *Salamander* is a sample of how Kais's lyric's tell it like it is from her perspective. She doesn't go for the fancy, symbolic words and images. Instead she crafts her songs in a way that makes their stark honesty throb with a life of their own.



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Noonan Building & Wrecking

by Dixie J. Townsend

Carol Noonan and her band recently released *Noonan Building & Wrecking*. This is Noonan's second solo album since her days with Knots & Crosses, a band that helped her earn a Boston Music Award for Best Female Vocalist in 1993.

I first heard Noonan when "Till I see You Again", from her first album *Absolution*, was playing on a Portland radio station. I have since become a Noonan fan. Noonan's music is hard to classify. It lies somewhere between folk

and country while holding onto an edge that definitely rocks.

I have seen Noonan live a handful of times. Once seen in person you will be amazed by her voice and her band. Especially good live is "Ballad of Brownfield", a true account of a crime committed in Brownfield. The song takes on a much more eerie feel and sound live than it does on the CD.

Noonan Building & Wrecking is a good album and is getting more airplay in Nashville, (where Noonan is now

managed) than in New England. The first two songs on the new album, "Love You Till the End", and "Come Up For Air", which happen to be my favorites, really rock. "Leavin' on Your Mind", a cover of a Patsy Cline song, is very well done and "Getty", a Mary Chapin-Carpenter sounding tune, is also catchy.

Although *Noonan Building & Wrecking* is thought by most to be a better album, I am particularly partial to *Absolution*. Either way you can't go wrong.

It's not where you've been, it's where you're BOUND...

film review by Aimsel L. Ponti

I saw it once, I was it twice. Now I think I'm ready to tell you about the movie "Bound." This is the new, long-anticipated suspense thriller from directors Andy and Larry Wachowski. I've been seeing adds for it over the last several months in various publications, gay and otherwise. Jennifer Tilly and Gina Gershon, the films two stars have been making their way around the talk show circuit. The film, of course, took a couple of weeks from it's national release date to make it here to Maine, but alas, we got BOUND.

I definitely liked this film. First,

lets look at who's in it. Jennifer Tilly... Here's a woman who was pricelessly hysterical in last year's "Bullets Over Broadway." Second, Gina Gershon, who's claim to fame was her role in last years "ShowGirls." Of course, I'm not necessarily admitting that I saw that film. And we can't forget the actor, Joe Pantalone. This guy's been in a bunch of movies, usually playing seedy characters. This time around, he's seedy and has mafia ties. I though his portrayal of the character "Ceasar" was convincing. I mean, there could have been a dozen actors cast for that part, but I think they made a wise decision going with

Pantalone.

Now then, there's the LESBIAN factor to look at. Gershon's "Corky" character is both stereotypical and breathtakingly, well, the woman's hot. I do feel the need to do a quick rundown of Corky's lesbian stereotypes: Who the hell is named Corky? Nice men's underwear. Love the old pick-up truck. Boy, you can fix anything... Want another bottle of beer? And finally, have a few more tattoos... Don't get me wrong, despite all these silly characteristics, the Corky character is a force to be reckoned with. She's smart, tough, and seductive. And she looks absolutely stunning with grease all over her. On the other hand, Jennifer Tilly's "Violet" wears slinky black dresses, speaks with a sultry, if not slightly annoying, voice, and has a boyfriend. But, we soon discover that deep down inside she's really a lesbian trapped inside of the body of a mafia-guy's obedient girlfriend's body. When Corky and Violet first see each other in the elevator of the building that the first woman is working at the and the second woman lives in, sparks are

almost visible.

Soon after, the seduction... I'm not gonna tell you the details, this one you'll want to see for yourself. Let's just say that the temperature in the theater rose about 100 degrees.

But you know something, BOUND is not a lesbian love story. After the two women get out of bed, the plot really begins. Violet convinces Corky to help her get away from the mob, but not before they steal two million bucks from under Ceasar's nose in a meticulously orchestrated scheme. This is when the romance takes back burner to painfully tense suspense, an obscenely violent mafia torture scene, and some serious butt-kicking of the physical and emotional kind. Although this is the first film from the Wachowski Brothers directors, I give them high marks for not making the lesbian element the focus of the film. Maybe next time you could spare us some of the blood, but keep up the suspense, I left the theater with knots in my back and shoulders. Try to catch it on the big screen if you can. Just one question, when's Gina Gershon gonna be in another movie? I need to know...

A Few Small Repairs

by Dixie J. Townsend

I first heard Shawn Colvin sing "Sunny Came Home" when she opened for Jackson Browne in August at the Civic Center in Portland. "Sunny" is the first song on Colvin's new Album, *A Few Small Repairs*. "Sunny" grabbed me and pulled me in, I didn't care if Browne ever took the stage that evening.

Something was different about Colvin. She sang as though someone had set a fire beneath her. I have seen her live before, but this night she had a fearlessness and determination about her that exuded to her music and to the audience. She was incredible.

A Few Small Repairs is Colvin's

first album of original songs since *Fat City*. What better to inspire scorching lyrics than the end of a relationship? Hell hath no fury as a woman scorned and Colvin takes us through the stages of anger, grief, and acceptance.

The lyrics to "Get Out of This House" are simple, but Colvin sets the tone and gets the message across. "You act like a baby, you talk like a fool, go back to your Mama, go back to high school, get out of this house". Get the picture?

As much as I have liked Colvin's music in the past, I love this album. No hidden messages here, just pure, simple, understandable, searing, lyrics.

Final Thoughts from Aimsel's A&E Desk...



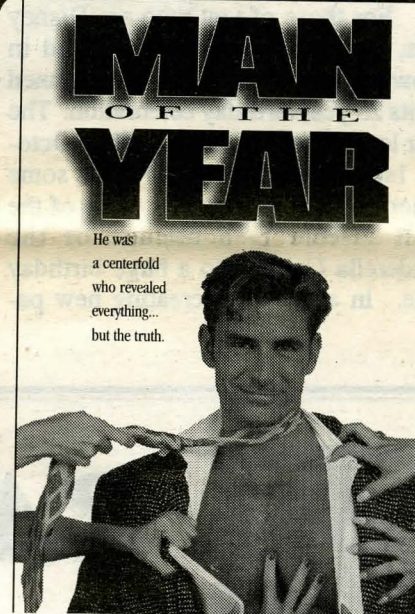
Hey there... It's getting late on this post-flood Thursday night and I'm gonna head home soon. Just a few quick thoughts to welcome in November.

First off, much thanks to CPR contributor Dixie J. Townsend. In this issue she reviews albums by Carol Noonan and Shawn Colvin. Shawn's album is great... Also, be on the lookout at your favorite independent record store for the

new one by Luscious Jackson. It's called *Fever in, Fever Out*. I've listened to it about 5 billion times and am left wondering why I wasn't a fan of theirs sooner. Anyways, their album as well as the Josephine Wiggs Experience one are both on the very cool Royal Crown label. Josephine, by the way, is one of the founding members of the Breeders. Need I say more? So what else? Oh yeah, if it hasn't left our fine city yet, then by all means, go see the flick *Bound*. Trust me on this one.

I ran into Kate Schrock the other day at Shop'n'Save (of course the Forest Ave. one, is there any other?) She told me, at the seafood counter, that she's done recording her new album and it should be out sometime in December. She's heading back to Chicago but I know we can convince her to come back here soon.

And now a few random thoughts before I head for home: Swisher Sweets Cigars are fun, Gina Gershon rules, crushes can be a drag, Girlie Jones is the best, tap water can be a luxury, and open windows are meant to be passed... Oh and don't assume anything, VOTE...



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By
Paul T. Bernard

Have you heard the news? (I can't believe that you haven't!) Walt Disney World is 25 years old! Can you believe it? It's hard to believe that 25 years have passed since Disney World opened. In the late 1960's, a team of Disney employees started buying land in the Orlando area under various corporations. When they had amassed 28,000 acres, they collapsed all of the dummy corporations and transferred title for all of the land to Walt Disney Co. They then made the announcement that rocked the world - plans to open a mega resort. What has happened in those 25 years is that the MOUSE is responsible for a good share of the economy in the state of Florida.

And the Disney Co. has come a long way in those 25 years also. About 5 years ago, they made sexual persuasion a protected status in their company policies. And just recently, they announced that company health benefits would be available to partners of gay and lesbian employees. This brought out a threat of a boycott from the Christian Right. But Disney has held its ground and hasn't budged an inch.

For those of you who are Disney nuts, like I am, will be interested in knowing just what Disney has planned for its 25 year birthday celebration. The year long party was kicked off on October 1st. Disney World has made some major changes at its parks. One of the most visible is a remake of the Cinderella Castle into a huge birthday cake. In addition to creating new pa-

Out of Town!

rades for each of the three parks, Disney has rebuilt Future World at EPCOT - updating its technology exhibits to be more in line with today's technological advances. Also at EPCOT, they've made major changes to Illuminations - the nightly fireworks, water, and laser show - to include a more international flavor. At Disney-MGM Studios, they have doubled the size and capacity of the park. One of the newest additions is the Tower of Terror - which features a "Twilight Zone" type of elevator ride in which the riders are dropped 13 stories, lifted again in a high speed manner, and dropped again. Also new here is Lion King show - a combination of animatronics, puppets, and live actors. Back at the Magic Kingdom, they have remodeled Tomorrow Land to update its appearance. The newest attraction there is called "Alien Encounter" - which has to be the scariest attraction in Florida. The "Encounter" actually opened a year ago, but after the first month, it was decided to "tone it down" as it was really scaring people - children especially. After it was toned down, Disney honcho Mike Eisner took the ride and gave the order to put it back to the original design - he said it was supposed to be scary. And from what I've heard from people who have tried it - it is!

Disney's Pleasure Island has also been expanded and now boasts a Planet Hollywood restaurant. In addition, they have created a new shopping area near the Disney Village - the center of which is a new Disney Super Store. There are also three water parks at Disney World - the original River Country, Typhoon Lagoon, and the newest - Blizzard Beach. Plans for the next Disney Theme

Park - a wild animal park - are finished and construction has started. Disney has also opened several new hotels on the property and now has over 14,000 hotel rooms on property.

One of the newest additions at Disney World is called the Disney Institute. Designed to meet the educational needs of middle age adults, the Disney Institute is a sort of "community college" where you can go to brush up on your golf game, learn to cook Italian or French delicacies, practice your animation skills with the masters, learn how to grow elephant topiaries in your back yard, or learn new techniques for photographing your favorite subjects. The Disney Institute offers its own hotel complex and packages that include classes, hotel and meals.

If you're looking for a safe, enjoyable vacation in a "gay friendly" environment, I'd recommend Disney World. There are so many "family" members that work there - you're bound to enjoy your trip in the company of family members.

As I tell some of my clients - Walt Disney World isn't just for kids - it's for adults. As a matter of fact, most children can't really appreciate all that Disney World has to offer. However, you as an adult can. If you are looking to go to Disney World in the coming 12 months, I advise you to make your reservations now. Space for the major school vacations is very limited. (Forget Christmas and February vacations - there is still space available for April vacation). The best time to visit may be during January up until mid-February or in May-early June.



RANT: "Didja watch the (yawn) debate?"

by David Cook

As I write this Rant, I am queasy from the morning-after symptoms of the first presidential debate - in particular, the creeping sense that honesty and spontaneity may have to be removed from the American political dictionary due to lack of relevance. As always, the President looked more "presidential" than Bob Dole, whose rambling, shambling, babbling reminds us of Ronald Reagan on a good day. But was the debate a real debate? Were real ideas discussed or was it just a free chance to deliver what would normally be paid political announcements? In the aftermath of this exercise in "democracy" and the fatuous analysis that followed it, I found myself yearning for the galvanizing presence of a Jesse Jackson or a Ross Perot. Perot played a critical roll during the last election, when his presence and his pugnacious out-spokenness embarrassed the mainstream candidates into discussing the issues more fully than they had ever wanted to. (In much the same way, when Jesse Jackson ran for President, he was the only candidate who spoke up for working people's real concerns.) But Perot is not

to be a part of the debates; having discovered how unpredictable and tenacious he can be, neither party is anxious to share the podium with him. Don't get me wrong - for me to vote for Perot, there'd have to be an election in which Newt Gingrich was somehow running against Jesse Helms! But this is quite beside the point: limiting participation in the debates to only the well-behaved is a disservice to the electorate and to democratic principles. In some countries, a Jackson or a Perot would have a role in the formation of a new government. In America, with our winner-take-all system, dissent is marginalized and political power concentrated in the hands of only those who can pass the mass-consumption test. The narrowness of our political system is nothing new; what is disturbing is the concurrent concentration of wealth, corporate ownership, and media control that have accumulated since Reagan began the deregulate-everything era. More wealth is now held by fewer people than ever before in American history. Once-stable corporations, which provided jobs for millions and produced products of value are being milked as cash cows or fattened up for takeover. These developments have brought us to nearly a decade of eco-

nomic fear and instability for American working families - and there is no end in sight! Possibly worst of all, media deregulation has led to increased takeovers of news organizations by entertainment entities and/or to the pooling of once-independent entities under common ownership. An example of the former is Walt Disney's absorption of ABC. The latter phenomenon can be seen in The New York Times takeover of the Boston Globe. Apparently, "free press" means free for the taking by whoever has the most money. Pay attention to this phenomenon; it's a serious threat to democracy. Any one of these trends is problematic; their confluence constitutes an assault on the rights of working people. And the elimination of Perot from the debates - on the flimsy basis that he doesn't have a chance of winning the election - is a transparent tactic to prevent anything from threatening the oligopoly which controls our political system. Declining voter turnout in national elections is a warning call of increasing disaffection by the electorate. After yawning through two tightly-scripted sham-conventions, Americans deserve something better from these debates.

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A Silver Lining in the Marriage Cloud

By John D'Emilio Director, NGLTF
Policy Institute

Let's admit it. The short-term prospects for the acceptance of same-gender marriage are not promising. A third of the states have passed laws prohibiting recognition of such marriages from another state. By a lopsided vote, Congress has passed the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, and the President has signed it. And polls indicate that, while most Americans don't give much thought to the issue, when they do think about it, they oppose it. It's true the courts in Hawaii might pave the way for legalization there. And our activist lawyers tell us that the new anti-marriage laws will not withstand constitutional challenges. But it is also true that reliance on the courts is always an "iffy" proposition. In short, the odds are not good that civil marriage will be coming to us any time soon.

And most of us know this. In a recent Advocate poll, more respondents thought gay marriage would never be legal than that it would happen in less than two years. A large majority predicted it would take a decade or more of campaigning before we succeed. If that's the case, then we need seriously to talk strategy.

What useful information can we glean from this year's historic marriage debate? A lot, I think. For instance:

* though our marriages are not yet legal, the debate is propelling large numbers of us to get married anyway, in churches and synagogues, in rented halls and in public settings. These sometimes huge gatherings in which we openly affirm our love are—dare I use the word—"normalizing" our relationships for the

many heterosexuals who witness the joy and hopefulness of our unions.

* an amazing amount of editorial opinion is with us. Journalists have scrutinized the debate carefully, and many of them cannot find a single good reason for denying us the right to marry.

* in the same month that DOMA became law, the city of Denver and the corporate behemoth IBM extended domestic partnerships to their employees.

* most importantly, even many of the opponents of same-gender marriage have moved a great distance in the last year. Roy Romer, the governor of Colorado, opposes same-gender marriages but in the course of his state's debate said that law and public policy needed to change to give stability and protection to our relationships. Senator Patty Murray of Washington, while supporting DOMA, also came out forcefully for domestic partnership laws. And there are others like them in Congress and in state legislatures.

What does this mean for us strategically? A great opportunity has opened for us. We can use the editorial and opinionmaker views that support us, hold elected officials to their word, and propel the movement for domestic partnership recognition and benefits forward.

Employee groups all around the country are doing this already. They are seeing the workplace as an important location of change, and recognize that partnership benefits are a logical demand to make. But why not make this a broad-based nationwide legislative campaign as well? Just as we saw antigay marriage legislation debated in most of the states this year, why can't we see domestic

partnership benefits become the debate of 1997 and 1998 in city councils and state legislatures everywhere.

The advantages would be great. The educational value would be enormous. It's an opportunity to win allies a step at a time. Any victories we achieve would also bring practical benefits to many couples. And, it lays the groundwork for future change, creates more options for many folks, and may open unexpected possibilities.

The marriage issue has tapped into a very deep emotional place for many of us. I can almost hear some readers saying that a campaign for domestic partnership recognition is settling for second best, is selling out and accepting half a loaf.

But let's think historically for a minute. The African-American civil rights movement always knew that segregation was wrong, pure and simple. At the same time, movement leaders thought strategically about how to make change. They did not begin with a full-frontal assault on the heart of segregation. They worked along the periphery at first, attacking the separate but equal doctrine in places like medical schools and graduate education. Only when they had built up a base of initial victories did they go after segregation in the public schools; the smaller victories laid the groundwork for the big ones.

It would be a shame if we let the emotional power of the marriage issue cloud our sense of how to move forward and accumulate victories along the way. Despite our losses, this year's debate has softened the ground. Let's start ploughing.

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Dear CPR-I am totally impressed with CPR's new format, and inclusion of national news. I look forward monthly to discover what is going on in our community both locally and nationally. Your resources are much more easily read and will more than likely be utilized more frequently now. Keep up the great work!! I hope that our community, and others, will help to keep this great resource alive. Thank you for "proudly serving our community". Sincerely, Jen Derape

ps-I also appreciate your use of recycled paper and soy ink!

Dear Editors/Publisher:

The article entitled "A Silver Lining in the Marriage Cloud" is an opinion/commentary written by Dr. John D'Emilio, the director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. This month's commentary deals with the marriage debate, and the opportunities that have opened up to us despite our legislative defeats.

Dr. D'Emilio is a noted historian and author. His works include "Making Trouble: Essays on Gay History, Politics and the University" (Routledge, 1992), "Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities: The Making of a Homosexual Minority in

the United States, 1940-1970" (University of Chicago Press, 1983), and he is the co-author of "Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America" (Harper and Row, 1988). He is currently working on a biography of the late Bayard Rustin. Please consider running this month's piece in your publication. Photos of Dr. D'Emilio are available by calling (202) 332-6483.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is a progressive organization that has supported grassroots organizing and pioneered in national advocacy since 1973. Since its inception, NGLTF has been at the forefront of virtually every major initiative for lesbian and gay rights. In all its efforts, NGLTF helps to strengthen the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement at the state level while connecting these activities to a national vision for change.

The subject of AIDS is very near and dear to my heart, being diagnosed with full-blown (where on earth did they get that term?) for about two years now, and I read everything that I can get my hands on so that I retain maximum control over my life. May I suggest that PWA's read the November issue of POZ magazine, which makes sense of a lot of issues. Why does a debilitating disease have to be a political football? That's right up there with "Why don't you get a life, Carolyn Cosby, and find someone your own size to pick on?" She must be devastated on two fronts: the Supreme Court (in a supreme decision) decided that Colorado's Amendment 2 should take a hike because it is mean-spirited and unconstitutional (don't I

Dear Editor-I like the new leadership of CPR (not that it wasn't in good hands before) but I know the burn-out rate in the gay community nationwide. I witnessed the same thing in San Diego five years ago and it seemed that the entire community degenerated into a bitch war of egos. I have not witnessed this same thing in Portland and feel that this is due to the community. A collective pat on the back is due.

I like it so much that I am moving back to Portland, having gotten a second lease on life thanks to modern medicine. I have found the available AIDS care in Portland to be first-rate, which is evident from the client load at The AIDS Project. TAP also is laudable in its new-found lease on life thanks to

Steve Moskey, new director of the institution.

The most exciting part of moving is the opportunity to vote against Jim Longley in November. Like most Mainers, I feel that Longley is an embarrassment to the entire state in the national view. I also have read the exhaustively debated disappointment with Bill Clinton and agree on some matters but four years of Bob Dole, which would merely be a regression to the 12 years preceding Mr. Clinton, makes me ill. I feel that we should vote for Mr. Clinton and keep the pressure on him from the grassroots. Grassroots was the only leadership of the first few years of the AIDS epidemic and there is no limit to what a unified and dedicated populace can accomplish.

recall that her pin-headed and convoluted agenda was written by an attorney from Colorado?). Now, her marriage initiative has been usurped by a bigoted Congress and a very political President. What's next, Carolyn? And I know you're reading this, and you will hear a lot more from me until I leave this Earth and go to a place that isn't bigoted.

May I offer three words for this November: REGISTER AND VOTE, because otherwise you won't have any cause to bitch for the next four years.

Thank you and Goddess bless
Ben Moore South Portland, Maine

Community Pride Resources

ML/GPA

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

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)

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

Northern Lambda Nord

an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at the Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline. Call 207/498-2088.

The Matlovich Society

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

National Association of Social Workers, ME.

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

Hate Crimes & Bias Incidents:

Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General -626-8844.

Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights: (CAGLR),

New Hampshire's oldest progressive gay/lesbian civil rights organization, welcomes all those interested in these goals to weekly meetings, programs, socials and various other events. Newsletter. Call Info-line (603) 224-1686 or write to PO Box 730, Concord, NH 03302-0730.

The Rainbow Business & Professional Association:

A statewide, non-profit organization established to create a gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered "chamber of commerce" for Maine. Meetings for networking or dinner with speaker events, held in the Greater Portland area, second Monday of the month. FMI write P.O. Box 6627, Scarborough, ME 04070-6627, call 207.775.0015 or e-mail wildboys@mainelink.net.

Maine Speakout Project for Equal Rights:

Trains and deploys volunteers statewide to speak with citizen groups in their towns and regions about their lives and the lives of others who experience discrimination in Maine. For information on activities in your county: 207/879-0480 or write: MSOP, 123 Congress St., #1, Portland 04101. You need not be a speaker to work with Speakout!

Identity Support

New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/472-4944.
Seacoast: Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-5196.
Nashua: Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.
Plymouth: Meets first Sunday, 7-9 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church. FMI, call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.
Upper Valley Region: Meets second Wednesday, 7 pm. Hanover. FMI, call 603/643-8331.

Maine P-FLAG Meetings

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

Brunswick/Bath

Meets 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. FMI, 729-0519.
Lewiston/Auburn: Meets last Sunday, 6:30-8:30 pm. FMI, 783-9789.

Women's Center - Belfast

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

NA: Just for Today

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

Out and About

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

Out Among Friends

Lesbian social/discussion group. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the

Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. \$1 donation. Contact phone: 207/879-1037.

Am Chofshi

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

Exeter Congregational Church

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

Lesbian/Gay Catholics

The organization Dignity/Maine offers supportive Masses for l/g/b/t Catholics & their friends/families. Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm in St. Lukes Cathedral, side chapel, 143 State St., Portland. Coffee & dessert after the liturgy. FMI, Rosemary or Janet: 207/646-2820 or Laurie: 207/878-0546 or write: Dignity/Maine, POB 8113, Portland 04104. All replies kept confidential.

The Appollo Society

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

Community of Hope

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

Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group

Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Discussion Group

1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 7-9 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey, (207) 594-2957.

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

info & meeting times.

Q-Squad

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

TransSupport

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

Gender Talk North

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

Trans Counseling

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

Maine Bisexual People's Network

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

Polyamorous Life Support (PALS)

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

Prisoners of Gender

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

Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group

Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Resource Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono. FMI call (207) 581-1425.

Dover, NH

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

Lewiston/Auburn

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

Bangor Lesbian Support Group

This Lesbian Support Group welcomes any woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each other as lesbians. Confidentiality, open-mindedness and respect are required. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: (207) 947-5337.

S.N.A.P.

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

DEGLO (Down East Gay & Lesbian Org.)

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month, 5:30 pm at the UU Church, Park Street, Bangor.

Maine Gender Resource & Support Service

Information, referrals and education for the transgender community, helping professionals and the general public. Write McGreSS, PO Box 1894, Bangor, ME 04402-1894 or call (207) 945-3092.

All Maine Transgender

Group Support for all Crossdressers, Transvestites, Transgenders, Transsexuals. All inclusive group, gay, lesbian, bi, straight. Confidential and discreet, Bangor meeting place. Write AMT P.O. Box 145 Brewer, ME 04412 or call (207)947-1686

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group

For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME 04104.

Mothers and Kids Group

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

Maine AIDs Alliance

Member Organizations

AIDS Lodging House: P.O. Box 3820, Portland, ME 04101-3820, Call 874-1000.
AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, Maine 04243-7977. Call 786-4697.
Community AIDS Awareness Program: c/o Mexico Cong.Church/UCC, 43 Main St., Mexico, ME 04257. Call 364-8603.
Community Task Force on AIDS Educ.: P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.
Dayspring AIDS Support Services: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330. FMI, call 207/626-3432.
Down East AIDS Network: 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.
Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box

2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.
Names Project/Maine: P.O. Box 10248, Portland, ME 04104. Call 774-2198.
Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.
Peabody House: 14 Orchard St., Portland, ME 04102. Call 774-6281.
People With AIDS Coalition of ME.: 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.
PAWS/Pets Are Wonderful Support 120 Brackett St. Portland, ME 04102. Call 775-PAWS. E-mail paws@ime.net. Home page: <http://www.ime.net/PAWS/>
The AIDS Project: 142 High St., 6th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.
Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

Medical Support

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

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

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

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

Free Family Therapy

available for individuals & families (of any type)

who are affected by HIV disease. FMI, contact Chris Behan, MSW at Center for Training and Special Programs. 207/773-6658.

Teen Life Center

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

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

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

Youth Support - Outright

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

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

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

5077, Portland, ME. 04101.

Waldo-Knox: Meets every other Sunday in Camden for g/l/b or questioning youth 22 & under. Confidential, supportive, safe space for growth, discussion & fun. FMI Lisa at Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition 338-1427 or write P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Collect calls okay.

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

Monadnock: Meets every Thurs., 7-9 pm at

"The Place To Go", 46 Concord St. (Rt. 202 N), Peterborough, 603/547-2545.

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

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

COLAGE

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

THE MAINE YOUTH PROTECTION COUNCIL Works to create safer communities and schools for minority youth. If racism or homophobia affect you, help be part of the solution. Call 207/775-4944 for information on the council and sub-committees. There is a place for people of all ages and backgrounds.

HIV Related Support Meetings

Portland:

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

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

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

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

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

2nd Thursday: Client Advisory Board, open to all clients of The AIDS Project, 1:30 pm.

The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 142 High St., 6th floor, except the Tuesday group, Living Well. FMI on that call Sandy Titus at Stratogen Health Care. Call Jane O'Rourke at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Arroostook County: Family and Friends Accepting Change Together (FFACT), a support group sponsored by Northern Maine AIDS Network for friends, families & careproviders. Meets every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, at the Arroostook Medical Center,

conference room A. Presque Isle. FMI, Deb Madore of Health 1st, 207/768-3056 or 1-800-432-7881.

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

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

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

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

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

times call 725-4955.

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

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

Lewiston: 4th Thursday: Great Sexexpectations monthly drop-ins for gay, bi & questioning men of all ages. 7:00-10:00 PM, ACLA office (4 Lafayette St.) FMI, Sean-207/786-4697.

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

New Hampshire:

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

Keene: Support group for families, friends, partners of persons living with AIDS or who have died of AIDS. Confidential & anony-

mous. Meets every other Wed., at Planned Parenthood, 7-8:30 pm. Call Dorothy Anderson at 603/756-4735.

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

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

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

N.H. Seacoast "Connections" support group for care givers, parents, families and friends, all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. "Connections" meets every month on second Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Exeter Congregational Church 21 Front St. Exeter, NH. Discussions, information sharing and support are offered in a friendly and private atmosphere. FMI (603)772-6221, or (603)436-8963.

Phone Support By Region

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

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

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

Call 1-800-347-TEEN, Sponsored by the Indianapolis Youth Group. 7-10 pm Sunday to Thursday, 7 pm to midnight Friday and Saturday. Staffed & trained, peer (youth counselors. Confidential and anonymous.

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

Portland:

The AIDS Line: 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

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

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

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

Bangor: Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

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

Belfast: Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

Brunswick: Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

Bridgton: Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608

Rumford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

Lewiston: AIDS Coalition of Lewiston/

Auburn: 786-4697

Waterville: Dayspring: 626-3432

Ellsworth: Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

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

Mid coast: Gay men's HELP LINE, 6:00-9:00 pm

(only) M-F. 207/863-2728, FAX, 207/863-2794.

Also, gay youth info.

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

Contacts in Maine

(* indicates monthly meetings)

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

***Dover-Foxcroft:** 564-7986 - Sharon

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

***Lewiston/Auburn:** 783-6964 - Estelle

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

Waldoboro: 832-5859 - Sue

Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline:

603/623-6023

Concord: Judy, 603/485-3943

Webster: Betsy, 603/746-3818

Nashua: Nancy, 603/880-8709

Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

Francetown: Cy/Gordon, 603/547-2545

Holderness: Olivia, 603/968-7254

Rumney: Ann, 603/786-9812

Center Sandwich: Tish, 603/284-6434

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

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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 5136 Sta. A, Portland, ME. 04101, or call 207/774-4940.

Maine Gay Men's Chorus

is a community chorus which brings men together to enhance social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 774-2704 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

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

Online/Internet

The Maine GayNet Mail List

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Social Groups

W.O.W. (Wild Outdoor Women)

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

Maine Frontrunners

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

SOLO

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

Wilde-Stein Club

Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

Seacoast Gay Men

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

Mountain Valley Men (MVM)

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

Out on MDI

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7 - November 24

Vintage Repertory Theater presents "My Mother Said I Never Should," Thursdays through Sundays at 8 PM, Sunday Matinees at 5PM; every Thursday two for the price of one; Oak Street Theater, \$12. FMI and reservations 207-775-5103

November 8 - November 9

Christmas Craft Exposition at the Portland Expo Building, sponsored by Society of Southern Maine Craftsmen. Friday 12 - 5 PM. Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM. FMI 207-499-7903

November 15 - November 21

"Beautiful Thing" showing nightly at Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville, at 7:15 and Saturday and Sunday at 3:20. "Beautiful Thing" explores the growing love between two poor English boys over a long, hot summer.

November 15 - November 17

Women's Fall Getaway Package. Ogunquit, Maine. FMI 207-646-6661

Friday, November 1

Astraea Lesbian Writers Fund Gala - New York City - FMI 212-529-8021

Saturday, November 2

6:30 PM - Northern Lambda Nord Women's Night in Presque Isle—bring a beverage and munchies. FMI 207-498-2088

Monday, November 4

7 - 8 PM - Women's Self-help Group facilitated by Jana McAuliffe at USM Women's Center, Room 40, Payson Smith Hall (Portland Campus). FMI 207-772-6599

Tuesday, November 5

1 - 2:30 PM - The Coffee Clutch for individuals living with HIV and AIDS meets at AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region, 25 Roxbury St., Keene NH. FMI Rodney or Jan 603-357-6855 or 800-639-7903.

Thursday, November 7

9 AM - 3 PM - "Dealing With Controversy" sponsored by AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn, Advocates for Children, Central Maine Medical Center, City of Lewiston, Lewiston-Auburn College and the UU Church Social Ac-

tion Committee. At Central Maine Medical Center. Space is limited. FMI 207-786-4697.

7 - 9 PM - drop-in discussion groups for married/gay/bisexual/transgender men at the Black Swan Restaurant, Route 1, Ogunquit. Sponsored by the AIDS Project, Portland. Free movie passes for all who attend.

Friday, November 8

Ninth Annual "Creating Change Conference" of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Alexandria VA. FMI 202-332-6483

Saturday, November 9

2:30 - 6 PM - Women Meeting Women lesbian social/support group for women in southern NH and northern MA meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashua NH. FMI call Dianne at 603-881-4268

6:30 PM - Northern Lambda Nord potluck supper in Caswell (Limestone). Theme: casseroles and crockpot meals. Bring a dish, according to the first letter of your last name: A-G bring a salad, bread, or appetizer; H-M bring a main dish, hot or cold; N-Z bring a dessert. BYO beverage. FMI 207-498-2088.

Monday, November 11

7 - 8 PM - Women's Self-help Group facilitated by Jana McAuliffe at USM Women's Center, Room 40, Payson Smith Hall (Portland Campus). FMI 207-772-6599

6:30 PM - Rainbow Business and Professional Association networking meeting at Wilkinson Community Center, 150 New York Ave., South Portland. FMI 207-775-0077.

Tuesday, November 12

7 - 9 PM - P-FLAG Portland meets at Woodford's Church. FMI 207-774-3441

1 - 2:30 PM - The Coffee Clutch for individuals living with HIV and AIDS meets at AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region, 25 Roxbury St.,

Keene NH. FMI Rodney or Jan 603-357-6855 or 800-639-7903.

Thursday, November 14

7:30 - 9 PM - The Matlovich Society presents "Literature for Young People in Sexual Minority Families" Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland ME. FMI 207-761-4380

5:15 PM - "Women Over 60: What You Need to Know for Healthy Aging," a free lecture by Julie Patterson, MD at the Women's Health Resource Center, Hanover NH. FMI 603-650-HERS

6:30 PM - Northern Lambda Nord meeting at the Community Center—everyone welcome—ideas wanted. FMI 207-498-2088.

7 - 9 PM - drop-in discussion groups for married/gay/bisexual/transgender men at the Black Swan Restaurant, Route 1 Ogunquit. Sponsored by the AIDS Project, Portland. Free movie passes for all who attend.

Saturday, November 16

10 AM - 5 PM - York County HIV Peer Education Training, an all-day training for gay/bi/trans men to be volunteer HIV educators to the community of men who have sex with men in York County. \$75 stipend. You must preregister. Call Gerry at the AIDS Project, Portland, 207-774-6877.

Sunday, November 17

2 PM - Wild Outdoor Women sponsored activity- hike Peary Mountain, Brownfield ME (easy 2-hour hike offers panoramic view from 958 ft. granite summit). Meet at Naples Causeway across from Rick's Cafe, Rt. 302. Potluck in Naples after hike. FMI and to confirm, call 207-787-2379.

Monday, November 18

7 - 8 PM - Women's Self-help Group facilitated by Jana McAuliffe at USM Women's Center, Room 40, Payson Smith Hall (Portland Campus). FMI 207-772-6599

Tuesday, November 19

1 - 2:30 - The Coffee Clutch for individuals living with HIV and AIDS

meets at AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region, 25 Roxbury St., Keene NH. FMI Rodney or Jan 603-357-6855 or 800-639-7903.

Ani DiFranco in concert at Smith College (John M. Greene Hall), Northampton MA. FMI 413-586-8686

Wednesday, November 20

2:30 - 4 PM - "Sex Work Sex Wars" sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at USM. At USM Portland Campus Center. FMI 207-780-4955

Thursday, November 21

7 - 9 PM - drop-in discussion group for married/gay/bisexual/transgender men at the Black Swan Restaurant, Route 1 Ogunquit. Sponsored by the AIDS Project, Portland. Free movie passes for all who attend.

Friday, November 22

7 PM - Northern Lambda Nord open house and fold and stuff (the newsletter and calendar) at the Community Center. FMI 207-468-2088.

Saturday, November 23

10 AM - 1 PM - free seminar sponsored by Maine Lesbian and Gay Law Association (legal issues facing gay and lesbian couples). 120 Park St., Bangor ME. FMI 207-874-4047.

Monday, November 25

7 - 8 PM - Women's Self-help Group facilitated by Jana McAuliffe at USM Women's Center, Room 40, Payson Smith Hall (Portland Campus). FMI 207-772-6599

Tuesday, November 26

1 - 2:30 - The Coffee Clutch for individuals living with HIV and AIDS meets at AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region, 25 Roxbury St., Keene NH. FMI Rodney or Jan 603-357-6855 or 800-639-7903.

Saturday, November 30

8 PM - Northern Lambda Nord holiday dance at the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club. Free coffee. Sodas and juices will be sold. BYO beer/wine. \$5.00 (members) \$7.00 (non-members). FMI 207-468-2088.

Rainbow Business & Professional Association sponsors 2nd Annual Bizarre Bazaar

RBPA's 2nd Annual Bizarre Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the Embassy Suites in Portland from noon to 5 p.m.. Over forty vendors of crafts, gifts, and wares are expected to participate in the Bazaar. Following the bazaar, there will be a cocktail reception and dinner. The highlight of the evening will be an auction at the end of the dinner, with a visit by Santa Claus. Admission to the Bizarre Bazaar and Auction are free. Cost of the Christmas Buffet Dinner is \$30 per person.

November 1 through November 10.

Tom Antonik Exhibit at the Underground. Tom has done a great deal of work at Camp Chrysalis, and some of the photographs he has taken there over the past four years will be exhibited at The Underground. In connection with the exhibit, a benefit for the kids of Camp Chrysalis is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at The Underground AT 10 PM.

Come on out to the Bazaar and find a gift for that special person or persons in your life. For more information, please call 775-0077.

RBPA also is selling its membership directory - listing over 100 gay/lesbian businesses and professionals in Maine. Why not spend your dollars with gay and gay-friendly businesses and professionals and support your community? The directory sells for \$2. Call 775-0077 for more information.

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Free Cancer Screening Clinic offered by LHP/SM

The Lesbian Health Project of Southern Maine, in conjunction with Portland Public Health, will offer its third Cancer Screening Clinic for Lesbians on Saturday, December 7, 1996, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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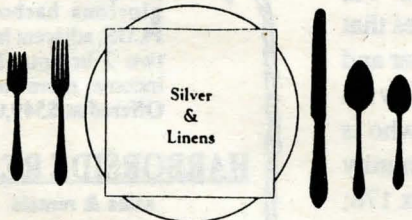
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