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 morning 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 outright 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 VH-1.

This fall she embarks out on her own and will be printing the lyrics so as to leave the songs open like songs such as “I am so Ordinary” and “Bethlehem.” This album still ranks very high in my hears.

Paula 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 Sinead 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 breath-taking 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 unfraid. 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 hear 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.

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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.

“arere 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 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 milder choices.

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 director of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights.
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 Community Church of Augusta, Maine 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.

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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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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, and the boy who was forbidden from wearing a dress to Burlington High School.

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."

"Diversity is messy, exciting, wonderful, and it moves us forward," said Matt Stickleyn, who returned to school after school board banned noncurricular clubs from the Utah public schools.

"He's the one who must be more secure of their own identity... the issue is not just about cross dressing at Burlington High, it's drawing awareness to a sensitive issue," Stickleyn said. "So I also thank 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 Manfield 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," Manfield said. "But she was hoping we'd march down the street with a sign."

Others, like Ricki Anne Wilchins, a New York City resident who is also a 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 people who are harassed," Wilchins said. Others at the rally wanted to thank Stickleyn for being himself. "He's the one who told me how to express myself," said Grace Treanor, a Burlington High Freshman. "Thank you for starting the 1997 edition of the Damron Address Book gay travel guide is out. Gaydar! available at your local gay-friendly bookstore or call 800.462.6654 for a free catalog

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 has crossed the county as a spokesperson 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 defending and advancing 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.

The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights Annual Meeting

The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights encourages members and supporters to attend the Coalition's 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 case 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 significantly. 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 see VERMONT page 9.
by Mo Baxter

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 CAGLAR about the possibility of doing an interview for Breath­ ing Space, she quickly agreed. So a couple of weeks ago she sat down with CAGLAR’s Mo Baxter 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, 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. Rational 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 re prioritize 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 supportive of 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 moneyed 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!

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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 apologies 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 educators group sponsored the premiere of "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School" on Sunday at the Concord City Auditorium, 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 their students.

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 Hampshire policy that would have banned the teaching of gay-related material in the classroom. 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 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. "I believe she saw it, and if anything, she is more open-minded now." The filmmakers also shows a documentary also includes a quick shot of a newspaper article about the New Hampshire policy that would have banned the teaching of gay-related material in the classroom.

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 schools that are diverse and different -- 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:

- 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; g/l/b/t/q youth who have g/l/b/t/q family members; g/l/b/t/q parents and guardians whose children or other family members may be g/l/b/t/q; and non-g/l/b/t/q youth and adults who care about them;
- 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.
- 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
- To provide support for, and referential 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 ktagroph@aol.com.

BENEFIT TRAIN RIDE

The second Train Ride Weekend of 1996 was held recently in Lincoln, N.H. 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 mountains past River while feasting on a 5-course gourmet meal aboard the Cafe Lafayette. The evening continued with dancing and socializing at a nearby bar. Additional participants on Saturday were free to enjoy the absolutely gorgeous weather.

People were biking, walking along the train tracks, or just sitting in Franconia Notch, or along the Kancamagus Highway. Late Saturday afternoon, everyone gathered for a wonderful cool breeze that included a 50th birthday celebration for one of the participants. This was followed by a bonfire and some great conversation, lots of laughter and homemade chili. The weekend ended with a delicious all-you-can-eat Sunday Buffet lunch 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, N.H. Here, people will be cut down a Christmas tree, pack out an hand-made decorated wreath, and take an enjoyable and informative sleigh ride around the Rocks Estate. Saturday afternoon will be 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 for occupancy, or $50 ppd for the single weekend. Again, this event is to raise money for the NHAF. These special events give gay men and lesbians an opportunity to gather at the end of the year and socializing at an affordable price while helping to raise money for the NHAF. For more information, call D.I. or Randy at 1-800-766-6035.

"Opportunities to Discuss Social Work Education" A free information session for anyone interested in social work presented by the University of New England School of Social Work

Couples suiting 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 harassment at their home because of their sexual orientation.

Marc Smith and Michael Snell, accuse police of ignoring several neighbor harassment incidents, including a repeatedly found nude, 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 Howard Humston, Steve Deslizes, and Mathew Judge are named in the civil suit as police officers and 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 Deslizes 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 break in.

The police chief said he was hurt by the allegations of prejudice, referring to a gay officer who worked for his department about 15 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.
Singin' Out for the Holidays

by Martin Swiger

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.

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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-addressed, stamped envelope and they will forward it. I’m hoping to report the winners of this year’s 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 Swiger is an out performer of traditional, contemporary and original folk music who is currently working on his second album of Gay Folk Music. His firstgay album SINGIN’

My Transsexual Manifesto Part VIII

by Daralyn S Maxwell

There are certain life situations which cannot be surveyed. 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 the eventuality of being out as opposed to pretending to be someone else. Just like so many other things, you figure: “Can’t happen to me!”

As so it is that I find myself in that unique company of others who have gone before me and to, a large degree not by choice, are “outed”. It is not that I ever 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, working when one of my homophobic little employees would accidently run across a copy of CPR, complete with my picture. I am not angry with myself, just 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 lived 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. I am horrified that control of my life can be so easily 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 the confidence that I don’t care about; move forward with determination.

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. “Yes, 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 gay stuff I don’t care about; move forward with determination. 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 its 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 wind, 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 dulmax@ime.net.

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 against 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 public 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 for 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 compelling reason for 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 Don’t Sharon Kowalski Come Home? Her struggle’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 each other. In August 1988, more than a dozen cities around the country held “Free Sharon Kowalski Day” rallies to raise public awareness of the case.

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Money Matters:

by Peter Callnan, CPA

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?

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Estate Planning

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 gen­erally 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!
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 ensuring protection and promotion of the civil rights of every citizen. In public life, I have worked relentlessly to empower people who historically have been excluded from the issues 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 gay 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 gay and lesbians;
* Fighting successfully to repeal the Doman 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 prescribe 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 women to his administration who reflect the strength 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.

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 “co­endorse” in those districts.

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1 David Ott, R-York 37
2 Gary Wheeler, D-Eliot 38
3 Thomas Wright, D-Berwick 46
4 Jennifer Willard, D-Clinton 83
5 Joe Carleton, R-Wells 84
6 Kathleen Perkins, D-Lewiston 47
7 Lawrence Peters, Jr., D-West 49
8 Charles O’Neil, D-Saco 50
9 Robert Melville, D-Biddeford 52
10 George Kerr, D-Old Orchard 53
11 Nadine Byram, D-So. Portland 54
12 Jean Marvin, R-Cape Elizabeth 55
13 Pamela McNally, D-Cape 56
14 Elizabeth 58
15 William Lemke, D-Westbrook 59
16 J. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Portland 60
17 Mike Saxl, D-Portland 62
18 Michael Quint, D-Portland 63
19 Steve Rowe, D-Portland 74
20 Eliza Townsend, D-Portland 79
21 Mike Brennan, D-Portland 80
22 Thomas Tyler, D-Windham 81
23 Carol Konto, D-Windham 82
24 Jennifer Willard, D-Yarmouth 83
25 Herbert Adams, D-Center 84
26 Lovell 85
27 Richard Thompson, D-Naples 86
28 Bob Harnett, R-Freeport 87
29 Tom Bull, R-Freetown 88
30 Ed Benford, D-Brunswick 89
31 Tom Davidson, D-Brunswick 91
32 David Enner, D-So. Harpswell 92
33 Verdi Tripp, D-Topsfield 93
34 David Shiah, D-Bowdoinham 94
35 Art Mayo, R-Bath 94
36 Judith Peavey, R-Woolwich 96
37 Wendy Phip, D-Medomak 98
38 Elizabeth 100
39 Jeanne Hamrin, D-Boothbay 101
40 Steven Cartwright, D-Waldoboro 102
41 Paul Charrand, D-Rockland 103
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44 Brian Bolduc, D-Auburn 106
45 Linda R. McKe, D-Wayne 107
46 Elaine Fuller, D-Manchester 108
47 June Meers, R-Norridgewock 109
48 Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Washington, D- 110
49 Farmingdale
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51 Nancy Chizmar, D-Lisbon 112
52 John Baird, D-Orange 113
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54 Tom Doore, D-Augusta 115
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56 Pam Hatch, D-Skowhegan 117
57 Ken Gagnon, D-Waterville 118
58 Sumner Jones, R-Pittsfield 119
59 Arthur Clement, D-Clinton 120
60 David Lindahl, R-Northport 121
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66 Jane Pieriboni, D-Dover 127
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69 Charles Fisher, D-Brewer 129
70 Tina Baker, D-Augusta 130
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73 Jane Saxi, D-Bangor 133
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75 Donald Shepley, D-Bangor 135
76 Allen Ross, D-Dexter 136
77 Ed Povich, D-Ellsworth 137
78 Royce Perkins, R-Penobscot 138
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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.

I am very strongly for 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 from Maine preserve protection from discrimination on the state and national level. That is why I have and will continue to support civil rights legislation.”

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 employed 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
Team Dresch member, Kaia. Just 22 years old, Kaia has been around the block more than once when it comes to Dilate. The first full length solo album by then a full length album in 1993 on their own label, G records. And then 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 (reminding 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 Bikini Kill. Team Dresch also had the honor of headlining at 1995’s Michigan 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 Kaia’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.

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 Abolition, 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 Abolition. 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, let's look at who's in it. Jennifer Tilly... Here's a woman who was pricelessly hysterical in last year's "Bullet's Over Broadeway." Second, Gina Gershon, who's claim to fame was her role in last year's "ShowGirls." Of course, it's not necessarily admitting that I saw that film. And we can't forget the actor, Joe Pantalione. 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 "Cecas" 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 Pantalione.

Some things were 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 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 in Colvin's first album of original songs since Fat City. What better to inquire 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, got 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? Oh yeah, if it hasn't left our fine city yet, then by all means, go see the flic 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, curses can be a drag, Girli 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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Out of Town!

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 senior protection 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, I 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 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. Another attraction here is Lion King— a combination of animatronics, puppets, and live actors. Back at the Magic Kingdom, they have remodeled Tomorrowland 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, mine can't even. 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 Adventureland—this is the first known 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 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 to grow elephant topiaries in your backyard, 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 are as entitled as an adult can. If you're planning a trip to go to Disney World in the coming 12 months, advise you to make your reservations now. Space for the major school vacations is very limited. Forget Christmas, New Year's, July 4th, and Labor Day—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 sacrificed for the sake of relevance. 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 election? When hasn't the 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 role in putting the issues on the Presidential agenda, when he was on the scene. Real ideas were discussed or was it just a free chance to deliver what would normally be paid political announcements? Consideration of the subsequent - included the lack of real discussion of the economic 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 media control that have accumulated by fewer people than ever before in American history. Declining voter turnout in national elections is a warning call of economic 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 media control that have accumulated by fewer people than ever before in American history.

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A Silver Lining in the Marriage Cloud

By John D’Emilio, Director, NGLTF Policy Institute

Dear CPR-I am totally impressed by your news and commentary. I think it is the most important role for the gay community today to support and respect the rights of the many heterosexuals who witness the joy and helpfulness of our unions.

* an amazing amount of editorial opinion is with us. Journalists have scrutinized the debate carefully, and many of us cannot find a 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 partnership benefits to their employees.

* most importantly, even many of the opponents of same-gender marriage have moved a great distance in the last year. Steve Moskey, new director of the Institute, who opposed 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 benefits and rights can be won there. What makes us different is 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. And there is an opportunity to make progress step by step. 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 people. We may have almost here. And many are saying that a campaign for domestic partnership recognition is settling for second best, is selling out and accepting half a loaf.

I feel that’s an opportunity historically and strategically for us. The African-American civil rights movement always knew that segregation was wrong, pure and simple. And at the same time, movement leaders thought strategically about how to make change. They did not begin with a frontal assault on the heart of segregation. They worked along the periphery of interest 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 get aggressive 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 crystallize into a narrow campaign and accumulate victories along the way. Despite our losses, this year’s debate has softened the ground. Let’s start ploughing.

Dear Editors/Publisher:

The article entitled “A Silver Lining in the Marriage Cloud” is an opinion/commentary piece by Dr. John D’Emilio, new 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 Perennial, 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 organizers and pioneers in the national struggle 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, I get everything that I can get my hands on so that I retain some 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. It does a lot of interviews. What 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 of 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 recall that her pin-headed and convoled 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 can we do? As always, I am thinking about what 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 these three words for November: REGISTER AND VOTE, because otherwise you won’t have any cause to bitch for the next four years.

Thank you and Goddess bless you all.

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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. FM call 207/778-6222.

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 groundbreaking monthly activities. Call 207/761-4380.

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, information on open issues and events held in the Greater Portland area, second Monday of the month. FM write P.O. Box 6627, Scarborough, ME 04070-6627, call 207.775.0015 or e-mail info@raba-me.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 based on sexual orientation in your county. 207/879-0480 or write: MSFP, 123 Congress St., #1, Portland 04101. You need not be a speaker to work with Speakout!
HIV Related Support Meetings

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

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

1st Wednesday: PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), 5:30 pm, Call 775-7225, Michelle, Program Coordinator.

2nd Thursday: People with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm.

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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 over the past four years will be exhibited at Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville, at 7:15 and Saturday at 3:30. "Beautiful Thing" explores the growing love between two poor English boys over a long, hot summer.

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**November 7 - November 17**

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

**Friday, November 11**

Astraea Lesbian Writers Fund Gala at Woodford's Church. FMI 207-772-6599.

**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.

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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.

**Monday, November 11**

7:30 - 9 PM - Northern Lambda Nord potluck supper in Caswell (Limestone). Theme: casserole 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.

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**Saturday, November 16**

10 AM - 5 PM - York County Peer Education Training on 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 PicnicMountain, 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. Pick-up in Naples after hike. If you are confirmed, call 207-878-2379.

**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 PM - The Coffee Club 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.

**Wednesday, November 20**

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**Sunday, November 23**

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

**Monday, November 25**

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**Saturday, November 30**

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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 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. LHP/SM has served over 25 lesbians since it began sponsoring free clinics in April 1995. More than 90% of our clients have returned surveys stating that they were very satisfied with staff, services, and follow up care. Services are offered free of charge; donations large and small enable LHP/SM to continue offering services. If you would like to donate to help sponsor this clinic, please make your check payable to LHP/SM and mail to Bex Sox, 11048 Portland ME 04101.

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