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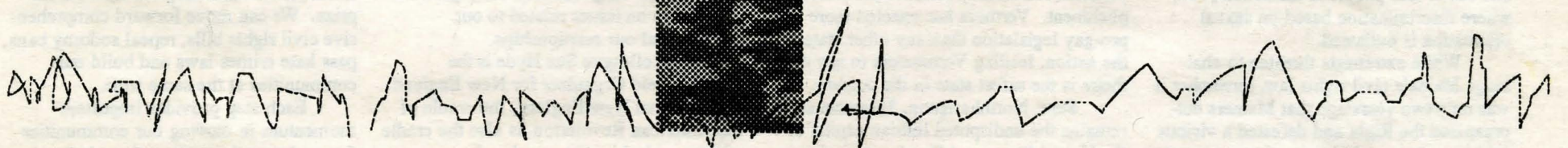
**A Month of Celebration:
Maine and New Hampshire Celebrate Pride and the
Passage of Civil Rights Legislation.**

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Maine's Governor King signs Civil Rights Bill; State becomes 10th to Outlaw Discrimination

Washington, DC—May 16, 1997
Maine officially became the 10th state to ban discrimination against gay men and lesbians. As expected, Governor Angus King signed the bill that passed the state legislature last week. The new law bans discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations.

The nine other states that have passed similar legislation are Rhode Island (1995); Minnesota (1993); Vermont, New Jersey and California (1992); Connecticut and Hawaii (1991); Massachusetts (1989) and Wisconsin (1982). The New Hampshire legislature also passed similar legislation last week and Governor Jeanne Shaheen has promised to sign it.

A New England clean-sweep will come for gay rights legislation with the expected whisk of Gov. Shaheen's pen. All six states in the region will then have such laws. "The momentum has started," said Kerry Lobel, Executive

Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, (NGLTF). "New England has set an example for the rest of the nation. More states than ever are moving pro-gay legislation forward."

Although Governor King has signed the bill, opponents of the legislation threatened to have it repealed. Two conservative groups, the Christian Civic League and Concerned Maine Families have both said that they might bring a voter referendum to have the new law repealed. However, Lobel stated that "the people of Maine know what is right."

According to Sue Hyde, a New England based organizer for NGLTF, "Maine voters will become impatient with opponents of the measure. Concerned Maine Families has already had a state-wide referendum on this issue and they lost," she pointed out. In approving the measure, Hyde said "the legislature and Governor have basically done what the people have asked."

Concerned Maine Families bows out of referendum

by Frank Fisher

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) Concerned Maine Families, which spearheaded an unsuccessful 1995 referendum seeking to prevent cities from extending rights to homosexuals, will not get involved in the latest repeal effort against gay rights. "Regrettably, we have yet to see convincing evidence that the necessary funding will be available to make this campaign competitive," Lawrence Lockman, CMF vice chairman, said today.

Despite hundreds of calls of support during the past week, Lockman said his group has been unable to raise \$500,000, the minimum he said was necessary "to level the playing field that is presently tilted heavily in favor of the national Gay Left organizations."

The Christian Civic League of Maine and the Christian Coalition announced last week they intended to launch a "people's veto" campaign to block an anti-discrimination bill signed by Gov. Angus King on Friday.

The bill being challenged would prohibit discrimination against gays in

housing, credit, public accommodations and employment.

CMF leader Carolyn Cosby had threatened to launch her own drive last week unless King vetoed the bill or the Legislature amended it. Cosby said she needed to hear from supporters by today, when she would decide whether to go ahead.

Cosby was not present at a news conference to announce CMF's plans today. Lockman said she was taking a "well-deserved vacation."

Lockman predicted a referendum to repeal the bill would "trigger mobilization of the national network of big-money gay-activist political contributors." "Maine is not a wealthy state," he said.

Lockman said CMF's 4,000 or so members were free to get involved in the other groups' referendum drive. Opponents of the bill must gather 51,131 voters' signatures by 90 days after the legislative session ends. If the signatures are certified, a referendum on the bill must be scheduled.

An awesome day of History in the Making

by Paula Stockholm
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The setting - for I feel it is important that all of you who walked this path with us feel you were there today - was the Hall of Flags where a broad "photo opportunity staircase" descends magnificently to the marble floor beneath the capitol dome.

Crowded onto the staircase are all the members of the 118th Maine Legislature - the men and women who passed An Act To End Discrimination by stunning margins last week; 28-5 in the Senate and 84-61 in the House. Above them, capitol staff members hung over the third floor railings to witness history.

Governor King sat at a small desk in front of the steps, backed by almost all the sponsors of our Bill in its 20-year journey. There was Gerald Talbot who spoke for us first in 1977. Next to him, Jerry Connelly, Sr. and then, Jerry Connelly, Jr., Harlan Baker and Mary Najarian... Tom Andrews was the only sponsor unable to attend. Dale McCormick, now State treasurer was there. And Joel Abromson, this year's

sponsor.

On the sidelines stood Lois Reckitt who, with a group of NOW members, wrote the first bill in a farmhouse kitchen twenty years ago. Nearby was a woman who introduced herself later as one of five who lobbied for the bill in 1977, only to see it vanish in telling 88-54 and 21-10 votes.

Paula Aboud, former Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance president, flew in from Arizona. "I wouldn't miss this," was her understated explanation.

The rotunda was packed; the air was cracking; the mood jubilant. There was this unexpected sense that for the first time in our lives we stood on solid ground. There were hundreds of us. Old friends, tired warriors, and the partners who had waited-up for them through the years. And lots of plain old folks here to share the moment.

Cabinet heads, both bodies of the legislature, and the Governor himself were here as our allies today. We cheered them all - and oh, how we cheered. There were

tears, too.

The Governor spoke at length, praising all. He spoke with pride of the House debate last Thursday. How it was one of the finer moments of political history; of civility and the power of oratory delivered from the heart.

Accenting the significance of the moment, Governor King recalled his own participation in the 1964 March On Washington during another civil rights struggle. He addressed us, our opponents, and most-importantly, those Mainers who were just "uncomfortable" with gays and lesbians. Always a straight-shooter he declared emphatically that this wasn't "special rights"; that there are no "quotas" in the bill or references to children.

With a loud voice driven by his sincere beliefs, he declared "We *have* enemies in Maine. They are poverty . . . disease . . . and ignorance. They are not gay people!"

It was a wonderful speech, delivered uncharacteristically from notes. It captured

the significance and power of the moment.

The moment of the signing was lost in the last round of exuberant applause. We just cheered all the more.

Handshakes and hugs lingered among us for at least a half hour afterwards. We congratulated each other; sought out our legislators and hugged them, too. And we smiled as we never had before.

As our number trickled away, I joined Brewer Representative Sandy Fischer on the State House balcony. He told me about the House debate last Thursday. When it was over he had been anxious to leave and get home. But in the parking lot, with the moon lighting the capitol dome, he was captured by the events of the evening. "I just stood there for about ten minutes, he told me. "Thinking about how civil, how sincere and honorable the debate had been. And feeling very proud to have witnessed and participated in one of government's finer moments."

Living Free in New England

The civil rights sweep of New England is now complete. All six New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) will soon ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Add Hawaii, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia to the mix, and nearly one out of four people in the country live where discrimination based on sexual orientation is outlawed.

While extremists threaten to challenge Maine's civil rights law, remember it was only two years ago that Mainers out-organized the Right and defeated a vicious initiative that would have written gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals out of that state's constitution. New Hampshire not only passed its civil rights bill this year, but trounced a hostile anti-marriage bill that would have banned recognition of mar-

riages performed in other states as well. Rhode Island activists defeated a same-gender marriage ban. Hate crimes bills were introduced in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, strong efforts are underway to repeal the states' sodomy laws. Massachusetts is in a strong position to enact statewide domestic partner legislation, and Vermont can already boast of this accomplishment. Vermont has enacted more pro-gay legislation than any other state in the nation, leading Vermonters to say that theirs is the safest state in the country.

Sure, Northampton, Massachusetts remains the undisputed lesbian capital of the United States and Provincetown is our community's summer resort. And yes, the region is peppered with colleges and universities that are vibrant centers of youth organizing. But by no means was the work of New Englanders easy or

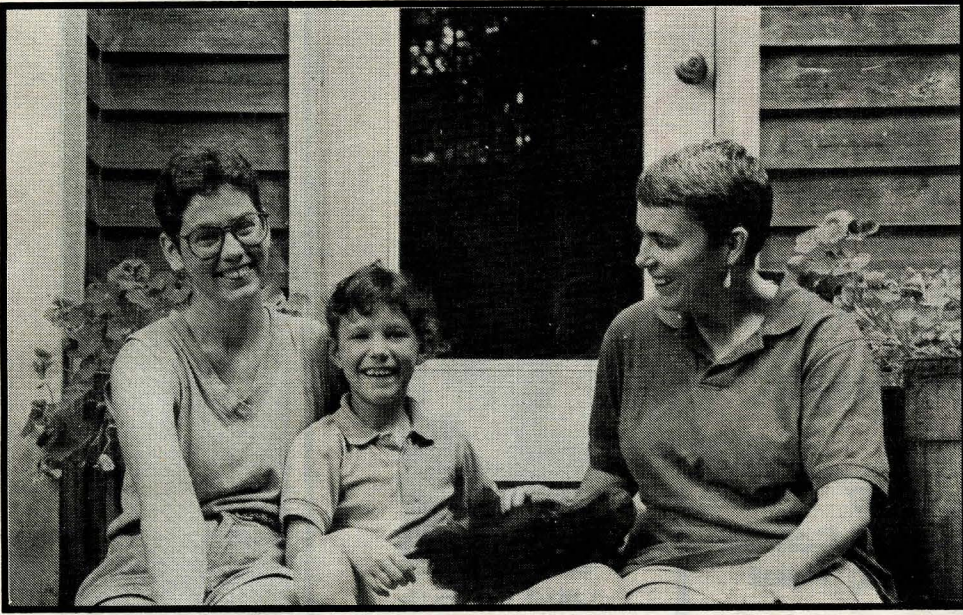
complete. Connecticut and Rhode Island have hate crimes laws that do not include sexual orientation. Massachusetts and Rhode Island still ban opposite and same-sex sodomy. Maine and New Hampshire ban same-gender marriage and these bans are still pending in legislatures in Connecticut and Vermont. New Hampshire bans adoption and foster care by gay men and lesbians. Legislatively, the region has miles to go on issues related to our families and our relationships.

My colleague Sue Hyde is the NGLTF Field Organizer for New England. She says that New England, the cradle of the American Revolution, is also the cradle of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender revolution. I think that New Hampshire's motto "Live Free or Die" has helped frame the picture.

But the truth is, our New England sisters and brothers have a long history of

organizing and all of us should pay attention. Look no further than the feat of activists in New Hampshire getting the Catholic Diocese of Manchester to support civil rights for gays. And they've taught us, we must be prepared to organize on a number of fronts at once. As we beat back the same-gender marriage bans or ballot measures (even if we've lost a fight already), we must keep our eyes on the prize. We can move forward comprehensive civil rights bills, repeal sodomy bans, pass hate crimes laws and build our communities at the same time.

Each step provides important momentum in moving our communities forward to a place where there is freedom, dignity, and social justice for all. Gains in civil equality are an integral piece of a larger picture of full cultural acceptance and appreciation of diversity for all people.



Date Set for "Love Makes a Family"

"Love Makes a Family: Living In Lesbian and Gay Families," the national photo exhibit of Lesbian and Gay families, will be available for viewing in Portland during Pride Week '97. The exhibit will be on display Saturday, June 21, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Festival in Deering Oaks Park. On Sunday, June 22, the exhibit will be shown at the YWCA, 87 Spring Street. The YWCA exhibition will be from held from 3 - 6 p. m. The exhibit consists of 20 framed photos along with 40 framed texts that complement the photos. The exhibit is designed in part to celebrate the diversity of families in America and bring more visibility to Gay and Lesbian families. "Love Makes a Family" is

brought to Maine by SoMePride.

The YWCA exhibit will be accompanied by a Family Forum and an Ice Cream Social. The forum consists of a panel of families gathered to discuss the meaning of family. The forum will be facilitated, and there will be opportunities for audience participation. There is no charge for admission, but donations are appreciated. Ice cream will be provided but please bring your own ice cream sundae toppings. Exhibit organizers are still looking for families to be a part of the Pride Week Family Forum. For more information contact Barry Horn by calling (207) 286-3718 or e-mail Barry at mkoerber@biddeford.com.



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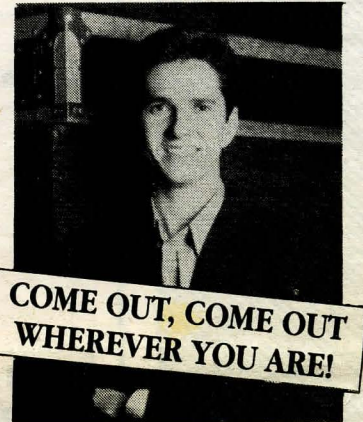


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We are here at last!! The annual gathering of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community - Symposium XXIII - and this year we have so much to celebrate!!! The civil rights bill passed and has been signed by Governor King!! We hope everyone will be able to join us for this exciting Gayla weekend of laughter, play and enlightenment.

Registration starts at noon on Friday, June 13th; with dinner served that evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The Comedy evening begins at 8:00 p.m. with special guest Bob Smith, followed by the incomparable KATE CLINTON. The evening moves to the dance floor with DJ Lisa Vaccaro - its finally time for a big community celebration - OUR RIGHTS OF PASSAGE!!

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. features our keynote speaker URVASHI VAID, long-time community activist, author, former Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and current Director of the Policy Institute of the NGLTF in Washington, D.C., who will be sharing her enormous experience and vision with us. Urvashi will be available to sign her book (Virtual Reality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation) afterward.

BOB SMITH is the featured entertainer for Saturday night. He has appeared on the Tonight Show and his own HBO special - you won't want to miss this rare New England appearance. Once again, after his performance the dance floor rolls out to cap off the evening!

Sunday morning features brunch at 9:00 a.m. with workshops, community meetings and the closing circle for Symposium XXIII at 12:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful time to spend with friends - both new and old - and a great opportunity to participate discussions concerning community issues.

As you can see by the Symposium XXIII registration form, some really exciting and diverse workshops will be taking place over the weekend and we hope you will avail yourselves of this opportunity to participate. This year's registration can be handled, for your convenience, by credit card. There are also a limited number of scholarships available. Volunteers are needed as always!! Give us a call if you can if you can help. THIS WEEKEND IS FOR YOU!!! To register call 785-3664. See you there!!

Symposium Schedule (subject to change):

Friday, June 13, 1997

Noon-3:00 Registration, room assignments, etc.
3:30 - 5:00 Workshops - also volleyball, kayaking, registration continues
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 7:45 12-step meeting
7:45 - 8:00 Welcome and announcements before Kate Clinton
8:00-10:00 Kate Clinton
10:30--- Dance with DJ Lisa

Saturday, June 14, 1997

6:00 - 8:00 Kayaking, beach walking times...
7:45 - 8:45 Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 Keynote - Urvashi Vaid (will be available for book signing afterwards)
10:30-noon Workshops
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 Workshops (also kayaking, volleyball, open time, etc.)
3:30 - 5:00 Workshops (also kayaking, volleyball, open time, etc.)
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner (being served in The Hub)
6:30 - 7:15 12-step meeting
8:30 - 10:00 Comedy with Bob Smith
10:30--- Dance with DJ Lisa

Sunday, June 15, 1997

7:00 - 9:00 Open time (kayaking, beach walks, etc.)
9:00 - 10:00 Brunch
10:00-11:30 Workshops (to be repeated if needed based on interest) otherwise free time to play, converse, relax
10:00-11:30 Annual Town Meeting
Noon-1:30 Closing Circle
1:30 - On You are welcome to remain and enjoy the surroundings

WE DID IT! AT LAST WE REALLY DID IT!

History was made in Maine on Thursday, May 8, 1997. The 118th Maine Legislature passed L.D. 1116, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination." The bill will make it illegal to discriminate against an individual based solely on sexual orientation.

The Senate passed the bill with a resounding 28-5 on May 7 sending a clear message that Maine stands for fairness and justice. Although the House tally was tough and go for a couple of months, the House final count was 84-61 to prevent legal discrimination against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals once and for all. To finish the deed, Gov. King signed the bill on May 16.

This is a victory for all Maine citizens. Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals will now be afforded the same legal protections against discrimination that heterosexuals have enjoyed.

Thanks go out to the many fair-minded legislators who stood up and voted for what was right, fair, and just.

This has been a long battle (20 years), and we now join ten other states (New Hampshire just passed their bill on Tuesday, May 6!!), who extend civil rights protections to ALL their citizens-gays, lesbians, and bisexuals included.

We owe sincere thanks to Karen Geraghty, Laura Fortman, Ned McCann, Sally Sutton, Betsy Sweet and many other loyal supporters, who worked day and night for the passage of this bill.

A Word from the President...

After twenty years of working on pro-gay legislation, the GLBT communities have reason to celebrate. Passage of LD 1116, "An Act To Prevent Discrimination," is a dream finally realized. Once Governor King signs the bill into law, we will become the 11th state in the country to provide civil rights protection for our gay, lesbian, and bisexual citizens. We will become the sixth of six New England states (New Hampshire just passed their anti-discrimination bill on May 6!) to offer these protections.

Preceding us were Wisconsin (1982), Massachusetts (1989),

Connecticut and Hawaii (1991), California, New Jersey, and Vermont (1992), Minnesota (1993), Rhode Island (1995), and New Hampshire (May 6, 1997 - pending Governor's signature).

The GLBT-rights movement in Maine is finally enjoying some long deserved momentum. The battle for this bill began in 1977 and was re-introduced to the state legislature each session for twenty years, excluding 1995.

The tide starting turning in 1992 when the citizens of Portland defeated a (Carolyn Cosby) referendum to repeal a city council decision adopting a human rights ordinance. In 1993 both the House and Senate passed the statewide anti-discrimination bill for the first time ever. Unfortunately, it was vetoed by then-governor McKernan. In 1995 Maine citizens defeated a statewide (Carolyn Cosby) anti-gay referendum, leaving the state exhausted, yet empowered. Finally this year the anti-discrimination bill passed the House and Senate, AND WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

There are many people to thank for this victory, including yourself. As a member or supporter of MLGPA, you have contributed either financially or with your time and effort, and this victory could not have happened without you. I hope you will take the time to reflect on the progress that has been made, the goals which have been achieved, and the ability of our community when we all work together.

As for MLGPA, there is no time to rest on our laurels. We may be faced with a referendum to repeal the law, and we will position ourselves to succeed in defeating that referendum. We would appreciate all the support you can give us in fighting the next battle. (Perhaps our next battle will be our last - with Cosby).

In solidarity,
Betsy Smith

MLGPA Calendar of Events:
Saturday, June 7-Victory Party for LD 1116, 7pm-mid-night, Augusta Civic Center.
Saturday, June 7-Boston Pride, for information call 617-739-4567. An MLGPA contingent

is going down, if you're interested please call the MLGPA office at 1-800-556-5472 (761-3732).

Friday, June 13, 8:00pm-Kate Clinton, comedienne extraordinaire, Southern Maine Technical College, S. Portland. For tickets call 773-6974.

June 13-15-Symposium XXIII, Southern Maine Technical College, featuring Urvashi Vaid as keynote speaker and Kate Clinton, comedienne extraordinaire. For information call 785-3664.

June 19-MLGPA Monthly Board meeting, 6-9pm, MEA, Augusta (open to all).

June 19-22-Southern Maine Pride:

June 19-Opening Photo Exhibit "Love Makes A Family" and Pridelights Concert.

June 20-Annual Pier Dance.
June 21-Rally with Candace

Gingrich, Parade at noon from City Hall, Pride's Festive Stage June 22-Premiere of "exposure" and Sunset Cruise. For information call 879-7323.

July 12-Bangor Pride. Parade starts at 11am, Festival from 12-3pm. For information call 942-7681.

July 17-MLGPA Monthly Board meeting, 6-9pm, MEA, Augusta (open to all).

July 19-Cape Cod (Mass.) Gay Pride. For information call 508-564-4535 or 508-790-8782.

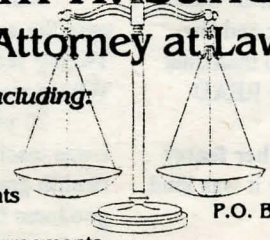
August 16-18-Gay Times Bar Harbor, a GLBT weekend retreat of workshops, speakers, and entertainment, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor. For information call 244-4062.

August 21-MLGPA Monthly Board meeting, 6-9pm, MEA, Augusta (open to all).

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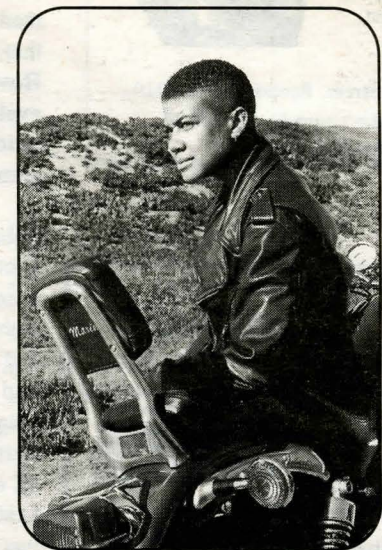
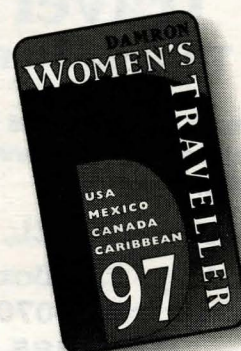


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Arts and Entertainment

A Conversation With Kate Clinton

Recently you were on the Oprah Winfrey show, how was that for you?

"It was very last minute, and it was a take off of a show called 'Comics on Delivery' or 'COD,' and Oprah wanted to do happier, cheerier shows and she wanted to do a show where comedians would help people with their problems and I had to help a woman who had a fear of public transportation, now keep in mind she was from a small town in Minnesota, with about 1100 people, so she should be afraid of public transportation, then they brought her to New York and I helped her on the subway.

How long has it been since you've been on the subway?

Well, I've been living in New York, so um, it doesn't mean I was any good at it, but I was a little more used to it than she was, so we had fun. We started taping on a Wednesday and I flew to Chicago on Thursday and taped the show with Oprah and then it aired the next week and she was just wonderful and I got to thank her for showing America its fun to READ. (she chuckles)

Did you help her, is she over her fears?

I don't know. You know it was kind

of funny because you are so concerned with filming that I would turn to her and see this stricken look on her face and I say, "oh my god, that's right, you're afraid of public transportation." Though by the end of the day she was helping to block shots. (she laughs) but she was lovely.

You are living in Provincetown now?

Well I'm sort of in two places. I have a place in New York where I moved about a year ago, but I kept my house in Provincetown and I had been living there for many years so I'm sort of back and forth.

Do you drive there and back? How long does it take?

Well, it's about a five and a half hour drive in slow traffic, but there is a small nine seater plane that flies out to New York.

You'll be coming to Maine Pretty soon for the MLGPA Benefit?

Yes, I am so pleased you were able to pass the antidiscrimination law there. Twenty years it took.

Where were you 20 years ago?

20 years ago, let's see, 20 years ago, I was teaching high school. I taught twelfth graders. I probably, oh my goodness the day after Memorial Day weekend and I had juniors and seniors so all the seniors were accepted to college were obnoxious and the others weren't going to school and were making more than I was at the time and it was a difficult time to keep them interested and out of trouble. It was Prom time and it was year book time, final papers and grades to get ready to close up the place, (she shudders) that's where I was 20 years ago.

How have you seen the political climate evolve over the years, having traveled so much, you must have a sense of the climate out.

I began working out and about as a lesbian comedian in 1981 and I have seen a lot of changes. I really got my comedy training in the lesbian culture and lesbian clubs and even in lesbian music festivals and lesbian comedian festivals. In the mid eighties because we were all beginning to realize the seriousness of AIDS, I started to do more gay and Lesbian work, a lot more benefits for a lot of Gay and Lesbian organizations and you know it's just through 25 years of works it's just been a series of increased visibility and I've been doing a lot of work and other people have been doing a lot of work and more people have come on to do the work



and increase visibility and there are people in all kinds of jobs who are coming out and you know the media is a two edged sword cause you have Ellen coming out and you have a national conversation about a persons coming out process, should she, could she, would she, will she.

You are considered one to the trail blazers for many young performers, who were your role models?

When I was first coming out there weren't many performers, but there were a lot of wonderful musicians, there was Chris Williamson and Meg Christian and a lot of early women's music singers. They gave us a lot to build a culture in which I came out into.

The people that were my role models were people like Mary Daly who was a Radical Lesbian Philosopher who really blew my doors off and Adrienne Rich who was a feminist writer and a wonderful poet. They didn't get a lot of laughs, but they were my comics. I don't know, they helped me to become comfortable with humor because a lot of women don't trust humor because it's always used against them. So, they really helped me to gain a philosophical base which enabled me to feel comfortable and confident in what I was doing and then I was able to tell jokes. (she laughs) what would the world be without laughter?

That is certainly what Ellen's show is. She is very very funny and she was able to deal with a lot of topics. People just didn't want to hear about in a very funny and humorous way, and it's what I claim, the best about humor that it has the capacity to be a window of vulnerability or openness where people do laugh and are able to hear things that they wouldn't ordinarily be able to hear.

So, what do you see for yourself in the next 20 years?

AUGH, she laughs. I'll be getting modern maturity, she jokes. I hope to have all my teeth.

By the way, you have great teeth.

I know, I had a nun in the 7th grade that didn't believe I never wore braces. I

told her that no, these are my teeth and she said "you're lying" I said no. ut right now I am finishing a book for Balentine Books which will be out in early 98 called Communicate, it's a book of humor, the chapters are Adjudicate, where I discuss our legal system and it goes all throughout the alphabet including Fornicate which is sadly before lubricate. And so that's what I'm doing, I just want to continue to perform and to write. I've also been writing a column for a progressive magazine in Wisconsin and I want to continue to write columns and perform.

Would you run for office?

Oh, no, no, no we've had enough Clinton's in office, though I would be the Clinton that doesn't disappoint.

Have you worked with Bob Smith before?

I have, Bob and I are both from Buffalo, N.Y. we like to think of ourselves as the Buffalo Gals. I do love Bob, he's actually worked in Provincetown and a number of summers we were able to share bills on different benefits and I really think he is a wonderful writer and performer.

Weren't you on the writing staff of the Rosie O'Donnell show?

Yes I was. I worked there for about sex months and I had the book deal with Balentine and they kept wanting that book. Can you imagine that!? So I left the show, but it was a wonderful experience. Rosie is a trip, she's one of the funniest people.


You must get a mix of both good and bad mail and reviews.

I don't read the bad or the good, I've never read reviews, good or bad. I just think I don't want anything that would keep me from speaking up. I do have friends that read them and tell me I should red this, it's really great. If it helps me learn something, ok, but if it just squashes me, I don't need that. Anything that would keep me down or somehow meant to really hurt me, you know, I can always find that on my own, I don't need help.

It's like what Maya Angelou said, "People who kiss,kiss. Peck, kiss. We don't need them in our lives.

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Amy, Anne, K.D. and Michelle

by Aimsel L. Ponti

I have so much to tell you 'all that I don't quite know where to begin...

OK, here's a start Did you see 'Chasing Amy?' As I am without any cool press materials I have to sort of wing this review, so here it goes. O.K., so the main character, not named Amy by the way, had one heck of an irritating voice de la Jennifer Tilly, but other than that this flick kicked butt From the disturbed maker of both "Clerks" and "Mallrats," "Chasing Amy" is a superb end to the bizarre trilogy of films. Some people may have issues with the fact that our lesbian heroine falls in love with a guy, but so what, stuff just happens sometimes. And hey, they don't exactly ride off into the sunset with each other. So here's the scoop: There's two best friends who write a comic book One of these guys falls madly in love with another comic book writer, a. k.a. our lesbian heroine. The finer points of this film are the graphic descriptions of the sexual escapades and accidents that are discussed at a bar one night This conversation is between the lesbian and her suitor's best friend. They show off each others sex injury scars and openly go down every perverted road imaginable over a couple of beers. And this worked so well because they were so comfortable and open talking about it. It was inspiring and hysterical, I'll spare you the rest, but will mention that there is one heck of a kiss between two women that is not too tough to look at "Chasing Amy," may not ever get the "lesbian movie" stamp of approval but when it comes out on video, rent it anyway. Yes, I'm pathetic for not telling you the name of the director or any of the stars, but I can tell you this-See it

Speaking of video Here's an interesting anecdote. As we all know by now, Ellen's girlfriend, actress Anne Heche, will probably never live down her "I wasn't gay 'till I met Ellen comment" Kind of a dumb thing to say, but I still like her. Besides "Volcano." Heche was in the kind of cool, hey it played on Exchange St. movie, "Walking and Talking," and was also in "The juror." But, my friends, none of these are the films I am thinking of. Stop whatever you're doing and seek out the video of "Wild Side." Unfortunately, a friend of mine said she rented it and "the scene" of scenes seems to have been edited out. Don't ask me what that's all about Anyway, this flick also stars Christopher

Walken and the stunning actress Joan Chen. I'm fairly certain it was a straight-to-video release, or at least it certainly never hit Portland's screens. And no one will get an Oscar nod either, but it's a reasonably good film. The condensed plot is as follows: Alex (Heche) is a banker by day and call girl by night. Enter Bruno (Walken), a money laundering gangster type who is married to Virginia (Chen). Add a goofball cop to the picture and the end result is, Bruno gets busted and the two chicks live happily ever after-with each other Furthermore, there is quite the steamy scene between Heche and Chen. Its not quite as hot as Desert Hearts, but much better than Claire of the Moon (not hard to do...). My point is, there is no way a normal human being could be in bed, even if only for a movie, with Joan Chen and not at least think about their own sexuality. No way. So, I don't buy her "I wasn't gay" fluff for a minute. I suspect she's probably just experiencing "post-coming out and dating a babe like Ellen" syndrome and after a while, when the media stops caring, she'll deal with the fact that she's been a lesbian a lot longer than four months. Either way, she's got a great neck.

And now I'm changing the subject entirely, although I'm still on the subject of cool women. Perhaps you haven't heard of Michelle Malone. Well, I'm here to tell you, I have, and she's very a very cool musician. And, she, along with my longtime fave, disappear fear, will be playing at The Pride Festival in a couple of weeks. Malone is a definite member of the "cool chicks from Atlanta" club. In tact, here's a tiny bit o' trivia. She co-wrote the classic Indigo Girls tune 'Tried to be True' with her friend Amy Ray. And she's written stuff with another Atlanta gal, Kristen Hall. Her album "New Experience" is on Daemon Records, which is the independent label owned by, yep, Amy Ray It's a small world after all. Bottom line Her music is raw and soulful and we should be psyched to have her in Maine.

Lastly, our good friend K.D. Land has a new album out this month called "Drag." (Sire Records). With songs about smoking as a predominant theme this album promises to be, if nothing else, interesting. And get this, she even covers Steve Miller's "The Joker." More on K.D. after my little ears here the disc.

Cool Chicks at Raoul's...

by Aimsel L. Ponti

Cool music does happen in Portland. This fact was once again proven on May 24th at what is a favorite club of mine, good old Raoul's. Opening the show was Southern Maine's pride and joy, Lynn Deeves. One of my favorite things about seeing Lynn play is her sense of humor and complete comfort level with the audience. As always she asked a trivia question and gave away a silly prize. (OK so I won, it wasn't my fault). Her playing was solid and her bass player Vic was truly great. The most memorable song was the one she did with a southern drawl, "Some of my best friends are straight." Lynn will be one of the featured performers at the Pride celebration in a few weeks. Cool.

Next up was an added bonus to the evening who was not originally on the bill. Cindy Finkle who is a Mainer but has been in Nashville for years was in town and played a set much to the delight of many of the folks who know her by her nickname, "Red." Yeah so Red could belt out a song even when she wasn't even close to the microphone. Indeed she was a nice surprise

to the evening.

And then Sonia Rutstein and her amazing guitar player, Rick Rivera took the stage. Better known as disappear fear, they played about 18 songs and Sonia showed us the full spectrum of her talent as a musician and songwriter. Performing many songs from the most recent release, "Seed in the Sahara" and 1994's critically acclaimed self-titled album, she also delved into the past. One of the world's most perfect songs is "Deep Soul Diver," the title track to an earlier album. This songs and also "Sexual Telepathy" were superb examples of why people fall madly in love with Sonia's music. She has a way of putting things that is both unique and universal. Whether it's of political struggle or the traumas of love, Sonia seems to always find just the right words. The new songs she chose to share with us on this night reinforced this belief. disappear fear will also be at Portland Pride. This is extremely cool. If you, like myself, can't wait 'till then, zip down to Boston on June 8th as Sonia will also be performing there.

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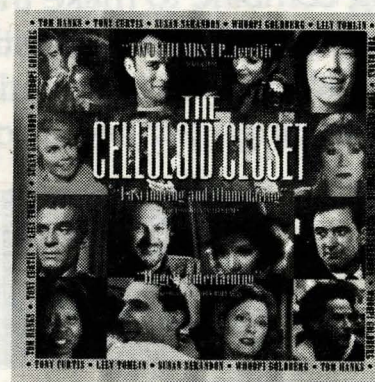
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Ask him about the TV show.

Ask him about LA versus New York life.

He never steps On a laugh, and San Francisco, this handsome, openly gay comic from Buffalo, N.Y. walks onstage and immediately begins talking about coming out to his conservative family one Thanksgiving:

"Mom, would you please pass the gravy to a homosexual?" He recalls "She passed it to my father." When his parents bought him a chemistry set' Smith says he used it "to make my own skin-care products." Even his tree house had a breakfast nook.

Smith has the courage-unlike many of his straight male counterparts-to reveal himself His material can't be delivered by another comic, for he is drawing from the life of Bob Smith. Unlike other gay and lesbian comics who have become famous by using stereotypical cheap shots and blue jokes to confirm audiences' worst suspicions about us, Smith tells the truth in a simple and brilliant way. He is making history, and we should all be proud.

-Robin Tyler

Bob Smith has the distinction of

being the first openly gay-comedian to have his own HBO Comedy Special and to appear on The Tonight Show. Bob was also the head writer and one of the performers on Comedy Central's first Out There and he wrote the monologues for a screenplay about a gay stand-up comic based on Paul Monette's book *Halfway Home* for Steven Spielberg's Company Amblin. Bob's recent book *Growing Up Gay* was published by Walt Disney's Hyperion and was nominated for a Lambda Literary Award ~ attacked by the Tupelo, Mississippi based American Family Association for promoting homosexuality.

Other TV and Radio appearances include A&E's Evening At The Improv, Tom Snyder and Bob has been a guest five times on The Howard Stern Show. (Bob was Howard's official correspondent for The Gay Games.)

In 1996, Bob was hired by Roseanne to write for her sketch comedy show Saturday Night Special on Fox. He also wrote for Dennis Miller for the 1996 MTV Video Awards

Bob has completed a new book of comic essays, *Openly Bob* which will be published by Rob Weisbach Books/William Morrow in October.

This year, Bob is also going to be a performer and the Head Writer for a new sketch comedy show for Showtime that will for the first time be featuring a Gay & Lesbian comic sensibility on a network series.

AIDS The Forgotten Face

As AIDS descends upon El Salvador, the government shields its eyes. The Salvadoran health system, which has little control over cholera, dengue and intestinal parasites cannot face the horrors of AIDS. This story is from a journal entry.

Feb. 15, 1997 San Salvador, El Salvador

Hola, bella. My real name is Wilfredo Valencia but I go by Willy. My parents escaped the crazy war and we made it to San Francisco, California on some kind of political refugee visa in 1980 when I was 12 years old. So why am I working sweating away in this marketplace, offering the best price for wormy man goes? Sweetheart, nothing is easy when your people are dying. I had to come back while I still had my voice. Now I too am dying Of AIDS. There is always something to kill us here, if it's not grenades it's poverty or AIDS. Of course the U.S. Government doesn't want me, a gay man with THE sickness. I had to give up my U.S. refugee status after I lived here for three years but back then I didn't know I was sick. Hey honey, who needs T-cells when you can eat papayas all day long? Don't get me wrong now, just look what we have here. Fundasida (AIDS Center) is real, we have community prevention programs, school talks, counseling, support and basic clinical services and a confidential telephone line. At night I take to the streets, shoulder bag full of those friendly rubbers. No, you can't tag along. You are a chela (white girl) but come with me to the transgendered aerobic class. Ooh, they would love your camera there. Girlfriend, it all takes time. We've been fighting for 500 years; longer if you think about it. Sure I suffer here but that northern life isn't for me. Here the music, sweat, cheap beer—even the stinking mosquitoes—are what I know. I'll die but never will I die old and scaly in some sterile white room. I'll die in an avocado shell wearing a crown of lilies. Don't cry for me El Salvador, the truth is I will never leave you. Don't you just want to kiss Antonio Banderas?

According to the World Health Organization only 1,789 cases of AIDS were diagnosed by December, 1996 in El Salvador. Of this figure, 76% of the cases were men and 75% were within

the heterosexual population. (Fundasida) This figure represents the officially registered diagnoses-the tip of the iceberg-and is a reflection of those patients who have access to hospital tests. According to the *Central America Report*, "Families simply cannot afford the expensive tests and medicines required to diagnose and treat the opportunistic infections associated with AIDS, much less anti-retroviral drugs such as AZT." (CAR, 23) In 1991, the Ministry of Health began a public campaign that resulted in billboards and radio prevention messages. AIDS education is especially difficult because it clashes with Catholic sexual taboos, machismo and the popular conception that AIDS is a gay disease. Today, FUNDASIDA is the largest AIDS prevention and services NGO in El Salvador. It was founded in 1992 by a small group of HIV positive people and other committed individuals concerned with the spread of HIV and the lack of services. Enrique Lara, the project coordinator, excitedly handed me charts, posters and facts as he explained FUNDASIDA's four project areas. The first is called 'Community Prevention Programs' and is an educational outreach to the marginal communities including sex workers and the gay/bisexual population. The second program is 'Youth and Prevention' where educators give workshops and counseling to schools, families and institutions. The third program is 'Direct Services to people with HIV/AIDS' which includes group therapy, hospital accompaniment, psycho-social counselling, home visits and confidential clinic tests. The last program is the confidential voice-line staffed by volunteer resource educators. FUNDASIDA coordinates with other regional AIDS groups but realizes that important time is being lost each day the government refuses to address the potential impact of this disease. FUNDASIDA is always in need of medicines, syringes, money, volunteers and hope.

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"We're at a critical point in MLGPA's mission" said Betsy Smith, President of the organization's Board of Directors. "Since MLGPA was founded in 1984 we've worked hard to pass legislation that protects people from discrimination based on sexual orientation. If we're successful this year, there will be no time to rest on our achievement. We have lots more to do."

Smith acknowledged opposition to the current bill, L.D. 1116: "An Act to

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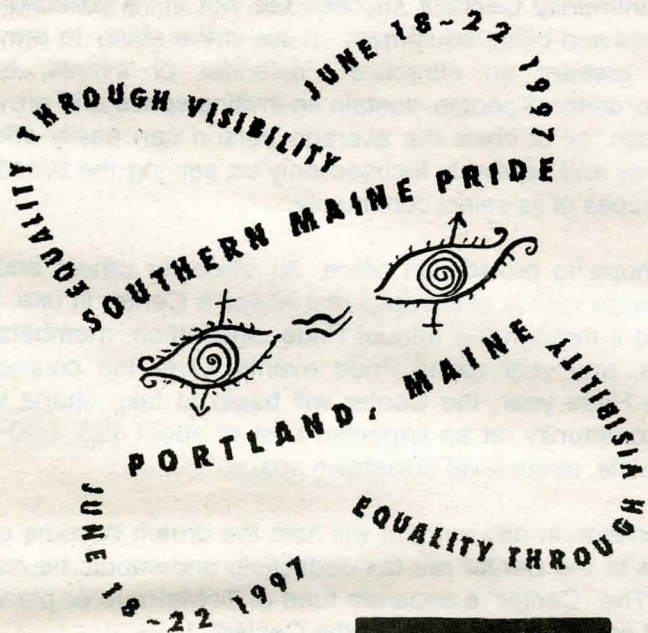
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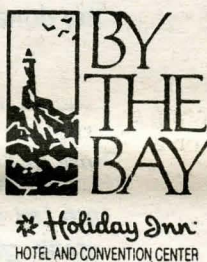
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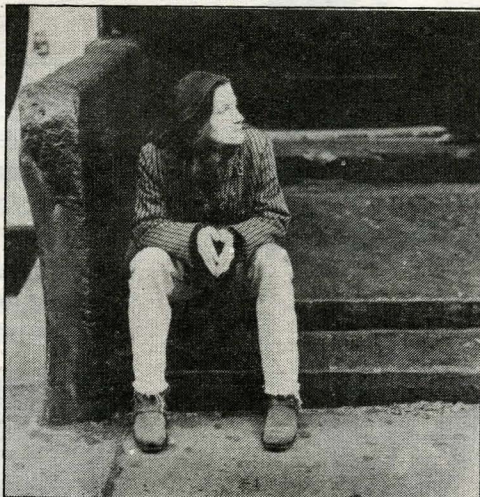
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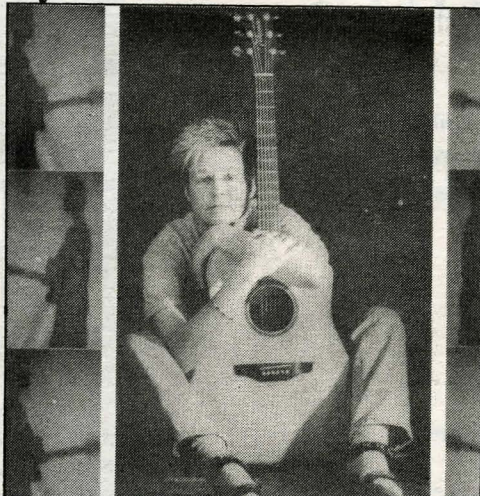
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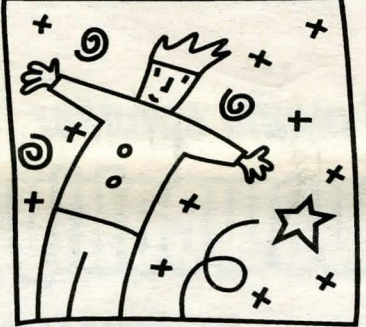
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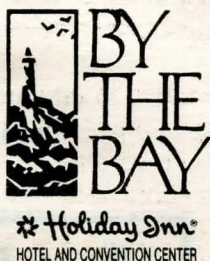
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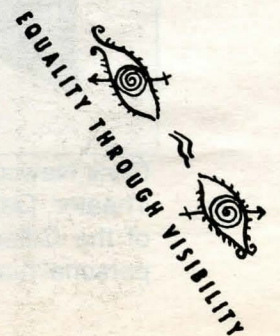
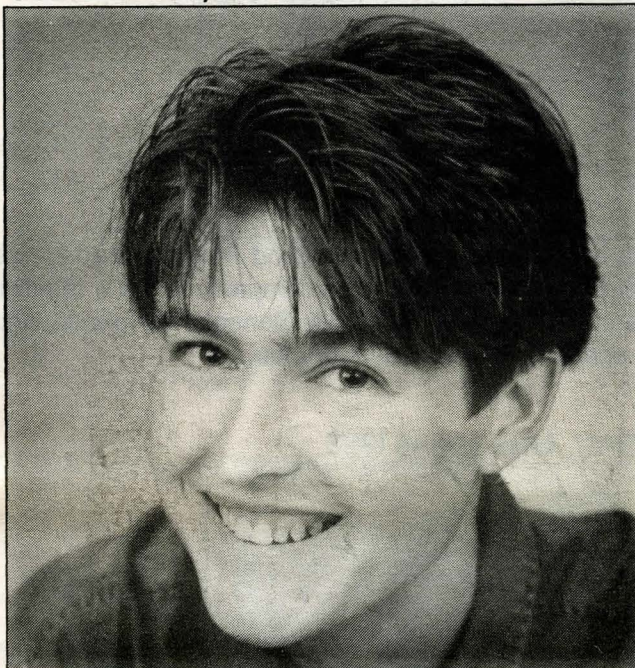
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Thursday, June 19

PRIDELIGHTS Concert, Tree Lighting
hosted by Diva: Ashley Nasson **free**

Congress Square, 8 pm to 9:20 pm

Broadcast LIVE on WMPG, Tree lighting at 9 pm

Produced by Dennis Ferrante and Michael Rossetti

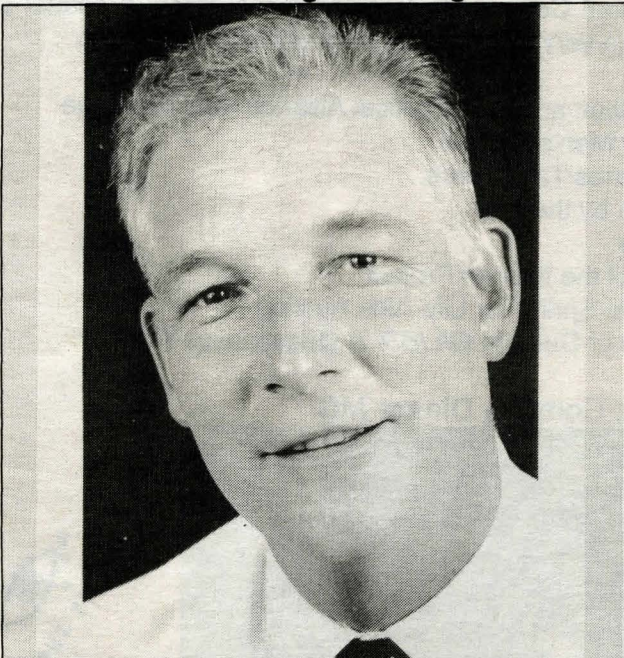
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PRIDELIGHT Performers, In order of appearance:

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SARAH NADEAU, Miss Maine 1996



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On the Waterfront, Commercial and Franklin St.s
Take Me. Pike to exit 6A, then 295 to exit 7
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Rain location to be announced
24 hour Info Line: 207-773-6979

Friday, June 20

Pride '97 Pier Dance

Tickets: in advance \$7

Tickets at the gate \$10

At Maine State Pier, Franklin St Arterial & Commercial St.
With video and light show, Cash Bar, Soda Bar
Bar entry is by 21+ ID only, Dance is all ages

Pride's Pier Dance is a Kris Clark Production

DJ's" Lisa Vicarro, Joey Bermudez, Garry Conzo (Campus)

With MC the Lady Chablis, Grand Empress of Savannah, Georgia.
Lady Chablis is the feature character in a movie going into
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This year we are providing greater lighting, more "dancer"
friendly space and a great blend of music styles.

Rain location and dance info: 207-773-6979 or 207-878-9277

Saturday, June 21

Interfaith Service

All welcome

No fee

First Parish Unitarian/Universalist, 425 Congress St.
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 21

City Hall Pride Rally & Line up

City Hall Plaza, 389 Congress, 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Rally Produced By Eric Richard with assistance

Keynoters:

Candice Gingrich:

When America discovered that the sister of House
Speaker Newt Gingrich was a lesbian, Candice instantly found
herself as voice for gay and lesbian people everywhere. We
were fortunate for her to accept the notoriety with humor, grace
and a commitment to use that opportunity for change. Candice
has come into her own as a voice for equal and fair treatment of
gays and lesbians, and provides an effective counter-view to
right wing generalities about Family Values.

This is Candice's 2nd visit to Maine. She has become
one of the most asked for speakers at Pride events. We're
honored to have her with us, courtesy of the Human Rights
Campaign Fund, for a very special Pride Day Rally.

(For interview availability information please call Michael at
207-879-7323 or smepride@gwi.net by Thurs, June 19)

Maine's L/G/B/T Parents

In appreciation and respect for those who have become
parents and are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, we have
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Saturday, June 21

1997 Pride Parade

Group registration: \$30 Float (truck or in tow) registration: \$45

Parade line up: 11:30 am (soda bar open)
All groups must check-in at the Security Desk
(right wing of Plaza) by 11 a.m.
All vehicles must have prior approval & Motor Reg.
Registration after June 10, add \$5 (878-0546)
(motorcycles are not required to register)

1997 Grand Marshals:

Lesbian and Gay Parents of Maine

Candice Gingrich, HRCF

and featuring the Freedom Trail Band of Boston

The Band is looking for more people to assist in many Pride events.
Now's the time to get your music out of the closet, too. Call the
Band at 617-926-9730 or Email at muffit@meol.mass.edu.

The Parade:

Route is as follows: Congress Street from City Hall to
Congress Sq.. High Street from Congress Square to Park Avenue.
Left on to Park Avenue and continue to State Street. Right onto
State Street and into Deering Oaks Park by the Barking Squirrel
Restaurant at the end of the duck pond.

All organizations which wish to march with banner or vehicle
absolutely must register (the fee is \$30 without float, \$35 after June
10). Please call 207-878-0546 or 207-879-7323 if you need any
special considerations. [Pride does not censor it's parade, but we
do ask that all be considerate of other marchers and obey the law]

Saturday, June 21

PRIDE '97 FESTIVAL STAGE

1 to 4 pm, Deering Oaks Park Bandstand
and on exhibit in the Park "Love Makes A Family"
(the lesbian/gay parent photo exhibit)
and the Maine Names Project Quilt
over 40 vendors, organizations and affordable food/drink
with Patches, the clown and the AIDS Ride Kissing Booth
Deering Oaks: Exit 6a, just off 295 and Forest Avenue.
For late vendor registration call 207-879-7323

Produced by Michael Rossetti

Hosted by

Comedienne Erica McCarthy

Erica has most recently worked the Woo Woo Fest in Portsmouth,
NH for AIDS Response. She's stage managed as well as having
supplied the laughs. (We'll see how well that mixes). Erica works
in weight loss assistance in her real life, (where she gets material ?)

Pride Cochair: Michael Rossetti

Silly Michael, we said we needed a "straight man" for Erica on stage
and he thinks we said "Straight Acting."

Terry Irons, Cultural Ambassador, International
Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators.

Terry is on loan from Atlanta. She has been instrumental in getting
much of today's talents, Thanks, Terry!

PERFORMANCES BY:



Maine Gay Men's Chorus

MGMC shall open the festival stage, then it's off to selling tickets for
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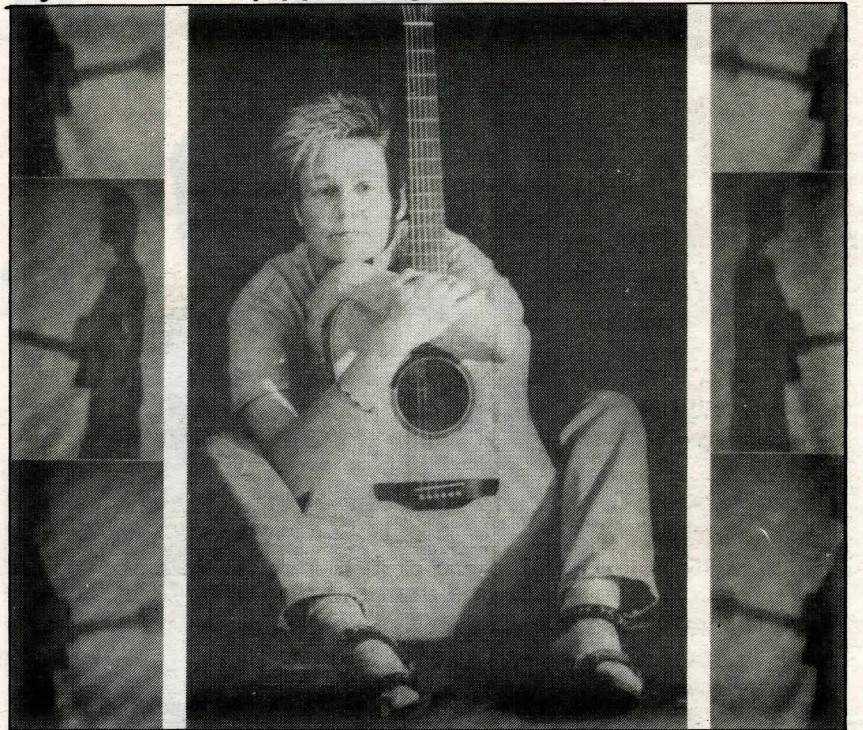
Erica Gilbert and Kathy Poole

Local ladies who have graced many a stage in the Portland area
and women's music festivals. With guitar, congas and voice they
range from blues to jazzy rock.

Miss Maine 1996 Sarah Nadeau

Sarah performers also at the PRIDELights concert on
Thursday, June 19 in Congress Square. We want to thank her for
her year as Miss Maine and work in educating about "AIDS in the
90's" Miss Maine 1996 will be treating us to something most Pride
concerts lack: Opera!

Lynn Deeves (appearing with Band)



Lynn Deeves latest CD "Connecting the Dots" is powerful testimony
to her artistry. She gives a versatile blend of original music in
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She perfected her craft by performing throughout New England's
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Michelle Malone



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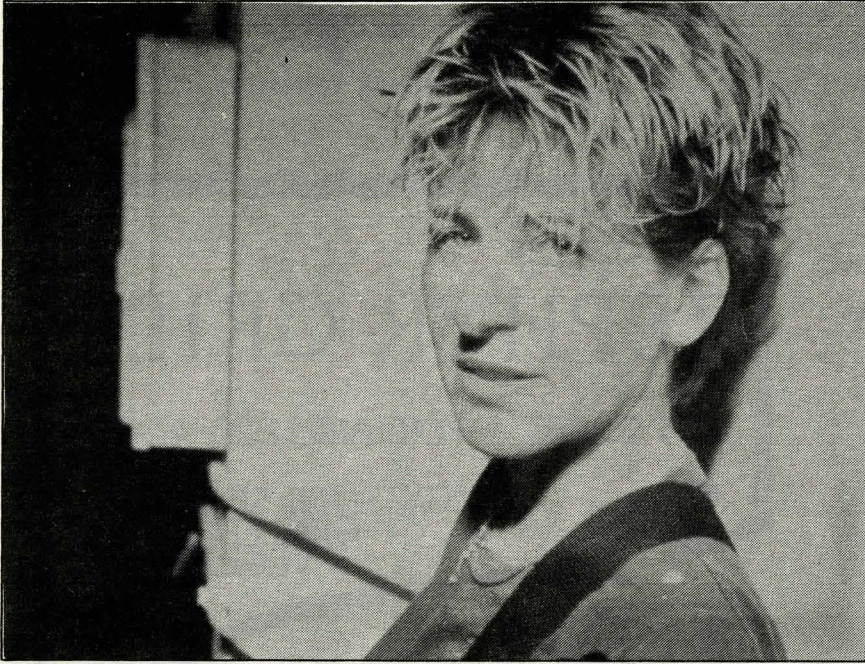


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Sunday, June 22

PRIDE'S FAMILY FORUM

Bring the kids

Free, but Donations gratefully accepted

A discussion of parenting with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and non-gay parents and their children, with "Love Makes a Family" photo exhibit and Ice Cream social (bring your own toppings)

YWCA, 87 Spring St (across from Holiday Inn)

3 p.m to 6 p.m, bring the ENTIRE family

Info: Barry 207-286-3718 or PRIDE: 878-9277

Sunday, June 22

PRIDE'S SUNSET CRUISE

2 hours w/ buffet, cash bar

\$13 in adv, \$15 at the gate (limited)

Departs at 7 pm sharp (board 6:30 to 6:50 pm)

from Casco Bay Ferry Terminal, Parking may not be avail.

(I-295 to Exit 7, Franklin Arterial to Waterfront/Commercial St.)

This is a two hour just right cruise along Portland's waterfront and islands with music from a variety of local aspiring performers, open mic, and games. There's a light buffet and a cash bar, along with a chem free area on deck. Raffle of Pride shirts, caps, and area events tickets just before docking. THIS IS A 21 & OVER EVENT ONLY, Bay Lines rules do not permit under age drinking during charter cruises with a bar.



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12:00pm - 3:00pm: Festival at Paul Bunyan Park

Featuring: Singer Lynn Deeves

(Vendors welcome, see contact info)

5:00pm: Potluck Dinner at the UU Church in Bangor

8:00pm: Chem-Free Dance at the UU Church in Bangor

JULY 13, SUNDAY

9:00am: Gay Rights Service at the UU Church

10:00am: Charlie Howard Memorial March: Begins at UU Church

Bangor Contact Information:

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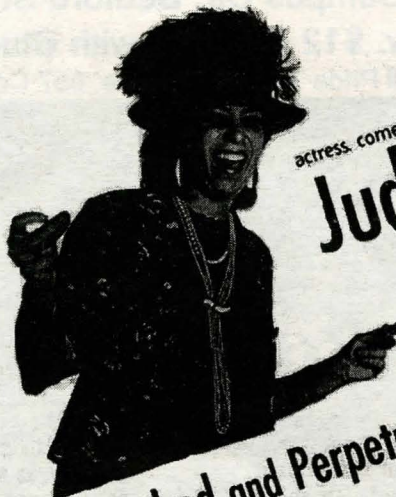
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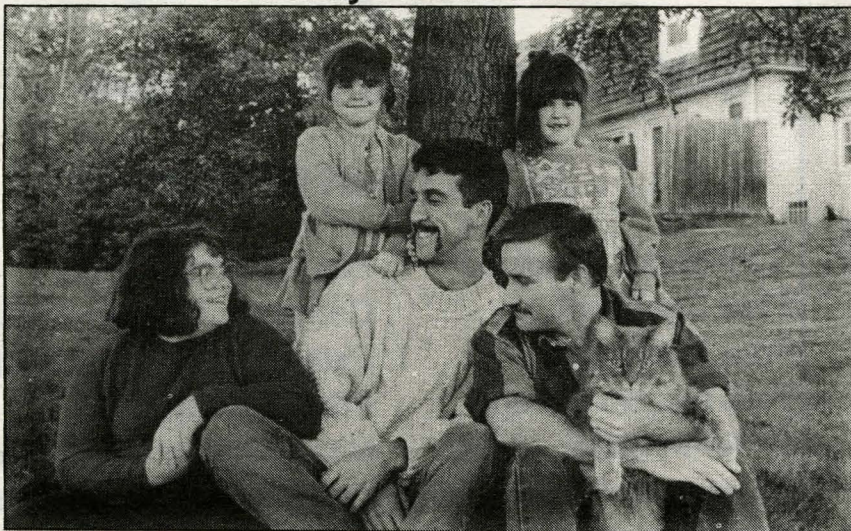
Living in Lesbian and Gay Families

"Love Makes A Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families," a national photo exhibit of Lesbian and gay families, will be touring Maine under the coordination and funding efforts of Southern Maine Pride. The exhibit consists of 20 framed photos along with some 40 panels of text from the children and parents.

The widest possible audience and venues are being sought. Through fundraising and booking the exhibit to travel the entire State, Pride will be working to make the exhibit affordable for anyone choosing to exhibit it. Donations to support the exhibit can be made at each exhibit or can be sent directly to Pride: Southern Maine Pride, POBox 11502, Portland, Maine 04103.

For interest in displaying the exhibit in your area or presenting an accompanying panel discussion ("Family Forum") contact our Exhibit Coordinator Barry Horn: 207-286-3718 or Email him at mkoerber@biddeford.com.

Love Makes A Family Photo Exhibit

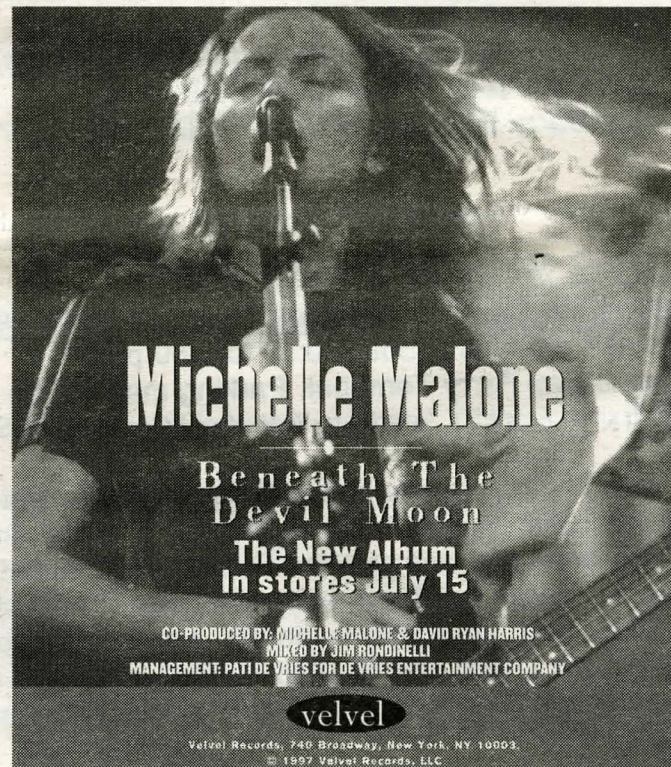


Tentative Schedule of Appearances (get yourself on the list)

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| June: Offices of Union Mutual | June 20 & 21: Portland Pride |
| July 12 & 13 Bangor Pride | July: CPR Anniversary Party |
| July: Munjoy Portland Health | Aug.: Bar Harbor |
| September: Uof New Eng. | September: Augusta |
| October: Belfast area | October: UMF Museum |

Community Pride Reporter

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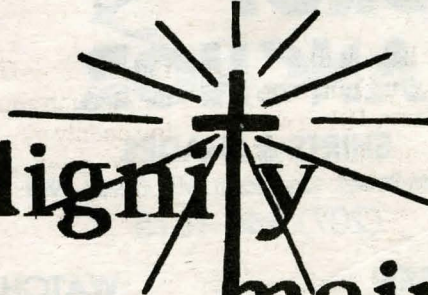
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New Hampshire Civil Rights Bill Passes Legislature

State Will Become Tenth to Ban Discrimination Against Gays

Washington, DC May 6, 1997 The New Hampshire Senate approved a civil rights measure to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The bill passed the House on May 1, and Governor Jeanne Shaheen (D) pledged to sign the bill. When it becomes law, New Hampshire will become the tenth state to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The last state to do so, Rhode Island, signed their measure into law on May 20, 1995. The other eight states are Wisconsin (1982); Massachusetts (1989); Connecticut and Hawaii (1991); California, New Jersey, and Vermont (1992); Minnesota (1993).

The following statement is attributable to Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF):

"The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force commends the New Hampshire legislature for recognizing that discrimination is wrong. Today's vote sends a signal that New Hampshire values and respects all its citizens. We applaud Governor Shaheen for her commitment to fairness and pledge to sign the bill.

It is encouraging and inspiring that New Hampshire has passed this measure of fairness while lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people in other states are being attacked by divisive legislation in record numbers. The success of local activists in New Hampshire points to the importance of coming out and organizing on the state and local level."

For more information about the bill, contact Mo Baxley of the New Hampshire Coalition to End Discrimination at 603/224-1686, or visit their web page at <http://www.members.aol.com/caglr>.

New Hampshire Support Groups

Identity Support Tuesdays, gay/bisexual/questioning men, 7-9pm, 1087 Elm Street, room 506, Manchester, NH FMI call Randy at 603-623-0710

HIV Related Support Thursdays (except last Thursdays of month, then Wednesday) HIV+ Support Group, 6-8pm, 1087 Elm Street, Room 506, Manchester, NH FMI call Terry 603-623-0710

Note: These resources will become part of our resource section in the next issue of CPR

Pride

STRATHAM — "Pride" is the program theme for P-FLAG: Seacoast/Stratham's next monthly support meeting on Tuesday, June 3, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. "For lesbian, gay and bisexual people, the concept of pride is especially important: it symbolizes the end of a long journey toward acceptance." Marya Danihel, publicist director for P-FLAG.

P-FLAG NH: Seacoast/Stratham is one of more than 390 chapters of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. P-FLAG provides support and education for families, and stands for full civil rights for sexual minorities.

Meetings are held at the Stratham Community Church on Emery Lane off Route 101 and just south of the Stratham traffic circle. Small group discussions begin promptly at 7 p.m., with the ~ program beginning at 8 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone in need of support and information, including G/L/B/T people, and all participants are required to respect confidentiality. At the meeting, participants may check out materials from the P-FLAG library.

For more information about P-FLAG NH: Seacoast/Stratham, call Nora at (603) 772-3893 or Betty at (603) 772-5196. For more information about P-FLAG meetings in other New Hampshire locations, call (603) 623-6023.

Vermont

On May 3, Vermont Democratic Party Chair Steve Howard came out as a gay man. In covering the event, the May 4 *Boston Globe* article [and subsequent AP story] incorrectly stated that "in publicly discussing his homosexuality, Howard becomes the third openly gay politician in Vermont." The other two politicians mentioned are State Auditor Ed Flanagan and former State Representative Ron Squires. In fact, other openly gay elected officials have proudly served their Vermont communities, including former State Representative Tom Fleury of Burlington (first elected in 1992) and current State Representative Bill Lippert of Hinesburg (elected in 1994).

Steve Howard's number is 802-660-4900 (you can also track him down through the Sgt-at-Arms at the State House 802-828-2228.

Ed Flanagan's (Vermont State Auditor and the nation's highest ranking openly gay elected official) numbers are W: 802-828-2281 H: 802-862-3203.

Here's a quote I hope you can use: "The fact that Vermont's voters judge political candidates on their qualifications rather than their sexual orientation should come as no surprise," says Kathleen DeBold, deputy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. "Vermonters share a long-standing tradition of tolerance and justice, and a deep respect for human and individual rights. Steve Howard's coming out and the election and reelection of outstanding openly gay officials like ("State Representative) Bill Lippert and (State Auditor) Ed Flanagan is a tribute to the state's fair-minded majority."

Neil Shilansky

Neil Shilansky, one of over 3000 bike riders participating in BOSTON-NY AIDS RIDE 3, will be holding 2 concerts at the Bell Center for Music and the Arts, Dover NH, on Sunday, June 15. One concert at 11 AM, and a second concert at 5 PM. The proceeds from the concert will directly benefit the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston. For more information, call (603) 742-BELL.

Seacoast Repertory Youth Theatre

Peter and the Wolf

PORTSMOUTH - The Seacoast Repertory Youth Theatre is proud to present Portsmouth School of Ballet's production of *Peter and the Wolf*, playing every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 PM from June 7th through June 29th.

This classic ballet by Sergei Prokofiev has long been a favorite among theatre-goers of all ages. Now, your family can enjoy the adventures of Peter as he wanders through the woods, greeting forest animals and dodging the infamous wolf. The performance of *Peter and the Wolf* will be preceded by an educational presentation about the ballet and the instruments in the orchestra. Still needed for this presentation are children who play percussion, clarinet, oboe, french horn, violin, flute and bassoon. Children interested in participating should call Dana at (603) 433-4793.

All performers in *Peter and the Wolf* are members of the company of the Portsmouth School of Ballet. The production is directed by Kristen Sampson.

For tickets and more information, please call the SRT box office at (603) 433-4472 or (800) 639-7650.

The Who's Tommy Rocks Seacoast Repertory Theatre!

Portsmouth - Experience the greatest rock musical of all time when *Tommy* heats up the stage from May 31st through July 20th at Seacoast Repertory Theatre!

SEE ME! A Grammy and Tony award-winning contemporary masterpiece, *Tommy* is one of the exciting new Broadway revivals of the 90's! Originally a landmark, multi-million copy selling concept album by The Who, *Tommy* was adapted for the stage by singer songwriter Pete Townsend and Tony Award-winning director, Des McAnuff. It chronicles the adventures of Tommy Walker, who withdraws from the world following a traumatic experience in early childhood. While in his catatonic state, Tommy demonstrates an extraordinary ability to play pinball, expressing himself only

through the movements of the game. Eventually Tommy re-emerges from his innerworld, achieves stardom as The Pinball Wizard, and is turned into an unwilling hero who must live up to the demands of his followers. It is then that Tommy faces his greatest challenge - finding himself.

FEEL ME! Seacoast Repertory Theatre's production of *Tommy* is red hot! The production is directed by Dan Stewart, a man who is no stranger to the work. Stewart recently choreographed the North and South American touring companies of *Tommy*, as well as serving as director and/or choreographer for the national touring productions of *Sweet Charity*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Pippin*, *Romance Romance* and *Lend Me A Tenor*. His work has been seen in over fifty productions at many of the nation's outstanding regional theatres including Goodspeed Opera, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cleveland's Great Lakes Theatre Festival and Paper Mill Playhouse. Stewart currently serves as Associate Artistic Director for Artpark in Niagara Falls, NY.

TOUCH ME! "This production is going to be special," says Dan Stewart. "When I came up here, I really fell in love with the space (of Seacoast Repertory Theatre). It's off-Broadway, non-traditional, it's eclectic, it's eccentric! I realized that this is a whole different *Tommy*. It's going to be much more story-driven."

FEEL ME! Don't miss the "new vibration"! The Who's *Tommy* plays at Seacoast Repertory Theatre every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm and Sundays at 3:00pm. 4:00pm Saturday matinees are also available on select dates. For more information, please call the Seacoast Repertory Theatre box office at (603) 433-4472 or (800) 639-7650.

The Seacoast Repertory Theatre is a non-profit performing arts organization dedicated to serving the seacoast community.

June 5

6:30 pm Mountain Valley Men potluck dinner at Center of Hope in Redstone NH. Program featuring Ellen's Coming Out Shows at 7 pm. FMI 207-925-1034 or DFISPALP@AOL.com

Seacoast Gay Men

SPECIAL SOCIAL EVENT!!

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 1, 1997

Seacoast Gay Men, or SGM, cordially extends this invitation to the gay men of our community to

attend a special OPEN HOUSE SOCIAL EVENT:

292 STATE STREET - PORTSMOUTH, NH
(LOWER LEVEL FUNCTION HALL FACILITIES OF
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH)

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR - Coffee, Soft Drinks, Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM INFORMAL BUFFET: and Brief Welcoming Program

Music and Social Time to Follow!!!!

SGM is an association of GAY MEN of all ages and of many diverse backgrounds who get together socially to share similar interest and to celebrate our common bond.

We are a strong and well established organization which has been meeting on a weekly basis since the 1970's. We provide an opportunity to meet and interact with other gay men in an enjoyable and wholesome environment. Our meetings are open to all MEN.

So plan to attend. Check us out and socialize over some food, music and camaraderie. See for yourself why we feel that our organization has something truly exciting and worthwhile to offer gay men of the seacoast and surrounding areas.

We look forward to meeting you.

This is a FREE event - NO ADMISSION

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RANT "A Line Item Veto on Gay Rights"

by David Cook

Nearly thirty years ago the Stonewall Riots marked the start of what many consider a golden age of gay liberation. Since then, tens of thousands of gay and lesbian men and women have come out, gay lobbying organizations have sprung up nationally and locally, and gay people have become a force to be reckoned with. Each summer marks a Gay Pride Parade in one or more cities, a reminder of gay presence and solidarity. As I write this, the Governor has just signed an historic gay rights bill, a measure aimed at providing civil rights protection to Mainers on the basis of sexual orientation. After twenty years of debate, this is a great reason to celebrate.

But the Governor himself has warned that there are fights still ahead. There are plenty of bigots out there just waiting to test the bill in court. And the usual collection of know-nothings has vowed to fight the bill in their usual way — via the referendum process.

The referendum — originally intended as a check on government excess — is now the government of choice for people who simply don't believe in representative democracy. Rather than using the election process to affect government policies, these people want to have direct control over policy making. Over-use of the referendum for the last two decades has wreaked havoc across the US in the form of looney initiatives that never

would have seen the light of day in a sanely-run legislature, but which are regular fare for the referendum crowd. From taxes to seat belt laws to civil rights, these referenda have resulted in bad public policy crafted by people with too little sense and too much time on their hands.

Maine's coalition of anti-gay activists, personified by (but, unfortunately not limited to) the redoubtable Carolyn Cosby, has been there every step of the way, always ready to use the mechanism of the referendum to block gay and lesbian civil rights progress. Any reader of this newspaper will be all too familiar with Ms. Cosby's resume of anti-gay campaigns, culminating recently in a successful fight to re-define marriage in a way that excludes same-sex couples from enjoying its benefits. And it looks like Cosby's gang, Concerned Maine Families, possibly in some sort of unholy alliance with the Christian Coalition and Christian Civic League, will be mounting a referendum campaign to fight the new gay rights law. Not surprising, but disappointing all the same, is this unrelenting resistance to positive change. And the knowledge that the gay community will have to spend precious time, energy, and money fighting yet another attack on our civil rights.

Like the frivolous lawsuit, the referendum has become a plague on American life. The current referendum

mechanism in Maine requires the organizers of a referendum to collect a paltry 51,131 verifiable signatures of Maine voters. This number represents 10% of the votes cast for governor in the last election and is updated by election. As a percentage of the state's population however, it is a minuscule 5%. Worse yet, the signatures don't have to be collected statewide — they could all come from the same county and the petition would still be acceptable!

Surely it shouldn't be this easy to nullify decisions made by the people you have elected to make them?! With the goal in mind of wresting the referendum process away from those who use it as a form of personal recreation, I have a couple of reforms to suggest. First, increase the number of signatures needed to put an issue on the ballot; it's currently just too easy. I don't think 30% of registered voters is unreasonable. Second, require collection of signatures statewide; the petition, like the ballot that will ultimately be held, needs to be broad-based. The number collected in each area could be determined by population percentages. Last, if the sponsors of the referendum lose, require them to pay the public expenses of administering the referendum; this is the least they can do, especially in the case of repeat offenders like Ms. Cosby for whom the referendum process has become a kind of line-item veto on gay rights.

Surviving with Sanity in Rural Areas

I live and work on Mount Desert Island, an area abuzz with activity in July and August but definitely rural 10 months a year. I love the seasons and the quiet. Most of the time, knowing everyone at the Post Office and the corner grocery store is comforting rather than claustrophobic. My friends in cities can't imagine a life far from bars, lesbian/gay centers, and easy access to our newspapers and books. I prefer my lifestyle to theirs, but it does require some creativity to still feel connected to a larger gay life. Here are some suggestions for those who feel isolated, by choice or by chance:

The most important thing for us to do is to take care of ourselves. A piece of that is finding a like-minded support system. Volunteer at your local liberal worthy cause and you are likely to find gay folks or those who are friends with gay folks. (AIDS organizations, battered women's shelters, peace & justice centers, alternative newspapers, etc.) Organize a potluck and tell everyone you know. "Out on MDI", now a wonderful monthly potluck/social event, began small with several folks who knew each other and wanted more friends and more of a support system. Get a PO box or find someone willing to be a phone contact person, and put it in the local newspaper. You never know who will show up!

If you can, figure out how to get access to a computer, get e-mail, and

subscribe to Maine Gaynet. This is done by sending a message to majordomo@abacus.ox.edu and your message should read: subscribe me-gaynet. (Your message will have the return address of your own e-mail.) You will be plunged into several hundred peoples' worth of political updates, discussion of issues, and occasional story lines, such as the First Kiss series when lots of people sent in reminiscences around Valentine's Day. It's like getting a daily gay newspaper! Besides, members are from around the state and may well be a help when you start organizing your first potluck (see above).

The next piece of advice I have is to maintain your vehicle, and be resigned to spending time and money on driving. A lot of meetings I go to are in Bangor, 1 1/2 hour away. I consider this a small commute - Northern Lambda Nord folks look at routinely driving 3, 4, 5 hours to go to gatherings.

Then, swallow your shyness and ask for places to crash. Bring a sleeping bag and stay on couches or floors. Bringing juice and bagels to contribute for breakfast is a lot less money than a motel room, and you get to visit in a whole different way. You find out peoples' interests, work, pets, and you become friends with something besides organizing to talk about.

Lastly, make it a priority to attend community events! This summer holds

MANY fabulous offerings. If you volunteer to help with the event you will endear yourself to the exhausted organizing committee forever, plus YOU could be the first smiling face that gorgeous guy sees when he arrives! Symposium XXIII will be June 13-15 in South Portland and will feature Kate Clinton, Bob Smith, Urvashi Vaid, varied workshops and lots of fun. (Contact Susan at 785-3664 or Deb at 625-8499.) June 15-22 will be Portland's Pride WEEK, no longer one weekend only, with music, dancing, the Saturday Pride march, and many other offerings throughout the week (contact Michael at 879-7323 or Laurie at 878-0546 for more info). Northern Maine's Pride March will be July 13 in Bangor. Last but not least, Gay Times Bar Harbor will be held at College of the Atlantic, on the ocean, August 16-18 (that's right, Saturday through Monday). Featured guests include Romanovsky & Phillips, Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon, Sons and Lovers, and Diane Elze, with, of course, sea kayaking, volleyball, hikes, stargazing, a dance, incredible food and workshops. (Contact us at 207-244-4062, Gay Times Bar Harbor, P.O. Box 516, Mt. Desert, ME 04660 or Int@acadia.net) All these events are full of opportunities for making friends, helping out, being proud and joyous in who we are, and being part of a larger community.

Southern Maine Pride

Southern Maine Pride, Portland, Maine June 17 to June 22 contact: 207-878-0546 or 879-7323 As Gov. King signed the Civil Rights Bill, we can honestly say that this will be Maine's biggest Civil Rights Victory Party!

Tuesday, June 17 7 pm Extensions, a locally produced film on Portland's gay life \$5 at Agape, 657 Congress St.

Wednesday, June 18 6:30 to whenever Greater Portland Community Recognition Dinner, Italian Heritage Center, Westland Road, Portland Recognition Awards Recipients: Larry Bliss, Cathy Kiddman, Brian Kendall Gay Men's Chorus, MLGPA, Biased Crimes Task Force Drop Me A Line, Holiday Inn by the Bay Dinner Tickets: \$25

Thursday, June 19 PRIDELIGHTS Concert Congress Square, 8 pm to

9:30 pm Broadcast LIVE on WMPG Hosted by Ashley Nasson Miss Maine 1996 Sarah Nadeau sings Bizet Chris Newcomb, the Acapella group Freefall Casco Bay TuMMLers (not Tumblers), its a Klezmer Band Tree lighting 9:15 pm

Friday, June 20 Pride's Pier Dance (8 pm) Commercial and Franklin Streets Maine State Pier 3 DJ's and a live performance by Lady Chablis, star of "Midnite in the Garden of Good & Evil" \$7 in Advance, \$10 at the door

PRIDE DAY JUNE, June 21 Interfaith Service, 9:30 a.m. First Parish, 425 congress Local exhibit of "Love Makes A Family" Sponsors Brunch with Candice Gingrinch Rally City Hall Plaza 11 pm Keynoters: Candis Gingrinch L/G/B/T Parents of So. Maine Parade starts Noon from City Hall

PRIDE DAY THE FESTIVAL 1 to 4 pm, Scheduled in Deering Oaks: Maine Gay Men's Chorus; Gilbert and Poole, jazz; Lynn Deeves, rock/blues Miss Maine 1996 Sarah Nadeau; Michelle Malone, punky/rock/blues ASE, African's drumming/song; Disappear Fear, rock

Saturday, June 21 evening Solstice Concert with ASE \$8 students with ID \$10 in Advance, \$12 at door USM Student Center, 8 pm

Sunday, June 22 Sunset Cruise 7 pm - 9 pm Aboard the Island Romance Leaves from Casco Bay Ferry Terminal Performer TBA Cash Bar/ Buffet

All tickets are available at Drop Me A Line (Portland), Condom Sense (Portland), Blackstones or the Underground (Portland) or Drop Anchor (Ogunquit)

Environmental Volunteer Opportunities Abound Throughout The State

SERVE/Maine, the State Environmental Resource Volunteer Effort for Maine, is looking for volunteers and interns - statewide SERVE/Maine matches volunteers and interns with projects provided by public natural resource agencies

Volunteer and internship Opportunities available through SERVE/Maine include water quality monitoring, freelance reporting and photography in wilderness areas, office support and administrative assistance, data entry, back-country trail maintenance, back-country ranger work, environmental education, ecology internships, biological aides, and many many more.

SERVE/Maine volunteers are retirees who want to contribute to worthwhile environmental efforts~

teachers volunteering during their summer vacation; employees of businesses which promote employee volunteers in their communities; college students looking for valuable experience as interns with Maine's natural resource agencies, sports clubs, environmental organizations, and others who care about Maine's environment.

My experience as a SERVE/Maine volunteer provided me opportunities to spend two summers accomplishing needed work with the Maine Conservation Corps. It allowed me to explore new career options, and develop professionally and personally. The work I did while serving with the Corps led to a rewarding career opportunity, one that I am still involved in seven years later." David Gerkens, former

SERVE/Maine volunteer.

Heather Walsh, SERVE/Maine volunteer in Bradley, Maine states, "I am very excited at being able to volunteer with the Forest Service, I would like to work for them professionally at some point in my career and I think that this opportunity will work in my favor towards reaching that goal."

SERVE/Maine offers over 100 positions working in over 56 different projects. To receive a list of opportunities or more information about SERVE/Maine, contact Lori Dillingham. SERVE/Maine Coordinator 124 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0124, telephone 207-287-3082, fax 207-2873611.

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Community Pride Reporter serves as a source of local, state, national and international news, information, ideas and opinions by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people of Maine and New Hampshire. CPR strives to increase awareness and acceptance of the rich diversity among us, with the intention of infusing the word community with renewed meaning and vitality. CPR pledges to present materials that contribute in positive ways to lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgendered people.

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ML/GPA

a state-wide, 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, bisexual and transgendered 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. FMI write NLN, PO Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736-0990. The Phoneline is staffed every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7-9 pm. Call 207-498-2088 or 1-800-468-2088

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 at 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

The Rainbow Business & Professional Association

A state-wide, 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 state-wide 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, Emery Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle). FMI call 603-772-5196.

Plymouth: Meets 1st Sunday, 7-9 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church FMI call 603-968-7254 or 603-786-9812.

Maine P-FLAG Meetings

Portland: Meets 2nd Tuesday 7-9 PM at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St. FMI call 207-766-5158 or 207-774-3441.

Brunswick/Bath: Brunswick-Bath Chapter of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm in the room across from the library, Mid-Coast Hospital, Brunswick. Please use the back door from the back parking lot. FMI call 207-729-0519.

Lewiston/Auburn: Meets last Sunday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm. FMI call 207-783-9789.

Women's Center

Belfast - Weekly meetings, 9A Main St., 2nd floor (above Jaret & Cohn). Group meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 pm. Women's Spirituality Gatherings, Mondays 7-9 pm. FMI call 207-338-5702

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 call 603-430-5418.

Am Chofshi

A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call 207-883-6004.

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 Geffen Henderson FMI call Ingrid at 603-772-6221.

Lesbian/Gay Catholics

The organization Dignity/Maine offers supportive Masses for 1/2 b/t Catholics & their friends/families. Meets every Sunday at 6:00 pm in St. Luke's Cathedral, side chapel, 143 State St., Portland. Coffee & dessert after the liturgy. FMI call 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 call 207-773-5726 or PO. 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

We provide a safe place to discuss issues going on in our lives or just to be with people in a safe non-alcoholic environment.

FMI call 207-621-1888 or 207-621-4254.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Discussion Group

1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 7-9 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI call Larry Godfrey at 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, bi's & transgendered. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message at 207-778-7380.

TransSupport

Support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, friends. Meets in secure locations to provide support, education & social activities. Write TransSupport,

PO. Box 17622, Portland, 04112 or phone 207-945-3092.

Gender Talk North

Gender support. Write for newsletter, PO. 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 as a part of Bisexual Discussion & Support Group (see listing below). For counseling &/or other bi support, write: PO Box 10818, Portland, ME, 04104-6818

Bisexual Discussion & Support Group

Discussion and support group for women and men. Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays monthly, 7:30-9pm in room 1.

Payson Smith Hall, Falmouth st., University of So. ME, Portland. Open to non-students and students of all ages.

FMI Fax: SHOLMES@maine.maine.edu. or Call 780-3757(private voice mail)

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, multi-partner relationships. Whether curious or already multiply intimate, call 207-773-6132 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 call 603-743-GAY2 eves.

Lewiston/Auburn

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

Bangor Lesbian Support Group

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

Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center

334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: call 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. Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Call 207-947-1686 for time and place; or FMI write AMT PO. Box 145 Brewer, ME 04412.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group

For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, PO. 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: PO. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

Maine AIDs Alliance

Maine AIDS Alliance: 39 Green Street, Augusta, ME 04330. Call 207-621-2924. Fax: 207-622-2662.

AIDS Coalition of Lewiston/Auburn: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243. Call 207-786-4697.

AIDS Lodging House: 142 High Street Suite 609, Portland, ME 04101. Call 207-773-7165.

Camp Chrystals: PO Box 990, Belfast, Maine 04915. Call 207-338-5089.

Community AIDS Awareness Program: PO Box 457, Rumford, ME 04276 Call 207-364-8603.

Community Task Force on AIDS Education: PO Box 941, Naples, ME 04055.

Dayspring AIDS Support Services: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330. Call 207-626-3432.

Down East AIDS Network: 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 207-667-3506.

Eastern Maine AIDS Network: PO Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 207-990-3626.

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Service: PO Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011. Call 207-725-4955.

Names Project/Maine: P.O. Box 10248,

Portland, ME 04104. Call 207-774-2198.

Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: PO Box 113, Paris, ME 04271. Call 207-743-7451.

Peabody House: 14 Orchard St., Portland, ME 04102. Call 207-774-6281.

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

PAWS/Pets Are Wonderful Support: 142 High St., Room 330, Portland, ME 04101. Call 775-PAWS. E-mail paws@ime.net. Home page: <http://www.ime.net/PAWS/>

The AIDS Project (TAP): PO Box 5305, Portland, ME 04101. Web page - www.neis.net/aidsproject. E-mail - aidsproj@neis.net Call 207-774-6877.

Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 207-338-1427.

Medical Support

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 School. 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 207-874-8784. For other STD services: 207-874-8446.

Coping with Caregiving

Provides support for those caring for a disabled or chronically/terminally ill person. Group meets on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at noon at Mercy Hospital Board Room, sixth floor. FMI call 207-879-3477.

Breast self-exam classes

The Breast Health Resource Center at Mercy Hospital is offering free self-exam classes to teach women how to perform breast self-exams, what to look for, what a lump might feel like, and what to do if you find something that doesn't seem right. Classes are on the 3rd Thursday of the month on the 5th floor. FMI, or to register, call 207-879-3791

Youth Support

OUTRIGHT

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

Outright Too: Supportive, informative and social meetings for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning youth age 22 and under. Safe place for questions, growth, and fun. Held twice monthly. FMI call 207-990-3626, Shawn or 5 Shannetta

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 call 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. TAP, 142 High Street Suite 632, Portland, ME 04101.

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

Wednesdays: Drop-in discussion group for married/gay/bisexual/questioning men. FMI call Gerry at 207-774-6877.

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. TAP, 142 High Street Suite 632, Portland, ME 04101.

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 207-774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

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 Aroostook 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, 207-783-7301.

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.

Children's Support Group: Fun activities and outings for children who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Meetings are held twice monthly on Mondays 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, Park St., behind City Hall in Bangor. FMI call 207-990-3626.

Women's Support Group: Women living with HIV, meets the last Wednesday of each month 10:45am - 12:00pm. Call 207-990-3626.

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, 207-774-6877.

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.

Kennebunk: Drop-in discussion group every Tuesday for married/gay/bisexual/questioning men at TAP Office, Lafayette Center, downtown Kennebunk. FMI call Gerry at 207-774-6877.

Lewiston: 4th Thursday: Great Expectations 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:

Derry area: Support group open to anyone infected with AIDS/HIV. Hosted by the Ecumenical AIDS Task Force, at St. Thomas Aquinas. FMI or reservations, call Jane Dwyer at 603-432-7530.

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

Keene: Support group for HIV positive people

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

Lebanon/Hanover: ACoRN offers support groups, case management, community referrals and HIV prevention programs for people in the Upper Valley. FMI call John or Mark at 800-816-2220.

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, 1-800-368-4357.

Nashua area: Two weekly self-help groups for those infected with, or affected by, HIV/AIDS. For times, dates and locations, call 603-595-8464.

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.

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.

Winnepesaukee Region: HIV/AIDS support group meets Wednesdays from 7-9 pm at Lakes Region General Hospital. FMI call Wayne at 603-524-3211 ext 3900.

Phone Support By Region

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

Man 2 Man hotline - Providing HIV/AIDS information, and referrals for identity and emotional support services. Staffed Mon-Fri 8:30 - 4:30. Call 207-990-2095 or in Maine 1-800-429-1481.

Gay & Lesbian Phoneline of Maine: Staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 pm - 9 pm. Call 207-498-2088 or (Maine) 800-468-2088.

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

National Hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth. Sponsored by the Indianapolis Youth Group. Staffed & trained, peer youth counselors. Lines are open Sunday thru Thursday 7-10 pm, Friday and Saturday 7 pm to midnight. Confidential and anonymous. Call 1-800-347-TEEN

HIV-AIDS Prevention Project: Staffed Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday from 7 - 9 pm. Call 207-498-2088 or (Maine) 800-468-2088

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

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: 626-3435

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 - FE

*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: Sue - 832-5859

CONTACTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline: 603-623-6023

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

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

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

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 meets 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

Share your ideas and opinions with other list members. To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to

majordomo@abacus.oxi.edu. In the message part, write "subscribe me-gaynet"

The Maine GayNet Home Page

An ever-changing display of events and information. Meetings, contact people, resources, & referrals. Point your WEB Browser to: <http://www.qrd.org/www/usa/maine>. FMI e-mail Paula Stockholm: paula@maine.com.

San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Tourism Guide

An online merchant-sponsored Internet website geared to gay and lesbian travellers to the San Francisco area. It is compatible with most mainstream web browsers. Address: www.gaysf.com

Social Groups

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 call Jim 761-2059 or John 828-4896.

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

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

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

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

ALMA: Active Lesbians of the Monadnock Area (formerly the Monadnock Area Women) meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. FMI call 603-363-4961.

Dartmouth Women's Meeting: Meets

every Monday at 9 pm at the Women's Resource Center, Dartmouth College. FMI call 603-646-3636.

LINC: Lesbians Inviting New Connections. A network serving women in New England. FMI call Pauli at 603-668-9245.

Mountain Valley Men (MVM): A group of gay men of all ages in northeastern New Hampshire and southwestern Maine who get together for potluck supper meetings at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Center of Hope in Redstone(NH); outdoor activities and meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter; FMI: MVM, Box 36, Ctr Conway, NH 03813; Paul or Dave at 207-925-1034; e-mail DFISPALP@AOL.COM..

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.

Women Meeting Women: Lesbian social/support group meeting monthly at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on the 2nd Saturday of the every month from 2:30 - 6 pm. FMI call Dianne at 603-881-4268, or by e-mail DBalbat@aol.com.

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Call 774-3613 or 1-800-313-9900 to register.

Post Office Box 1371 Portland, Maine 04104 774-3613 Toll Free 1-800-313-9900

**The Community Pride
Reporter has been
receiving updates for the
resource pages and is
working on implementing
the changes.**

**Maine Freedom to Marry
Roundtable**

In the last few weeks, we have experienced incredible highs and lows over the right of same-gender couples to marry. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at 6 p.m. at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, 100 Middle Street (5th floor), Portland.**

We will discuss where we should go on the issues of marriage and gay families from this point forward.

1. Update: Yes, it's true. The Hawaii electorate will be voting in November, 1998 on a constitutional amendment to empower the legislature to restrict marriage to a man and a woman. It is also passing a law according about 60 rights and protections of marriage to reciprocal beneficiaries. At the same time, the Hawaii marriage case remains on track. What do these developments mean for Maine and other states?

2. Now that we have a state law forbidding same-sex marriage and purporting not to recognize same-gender marriages from other states, what should we do? What lessons can be learned from the hearing on L.D. 1017? From similar hearings in other states? How do we keep the state anti-marriage law from turning into a stick with which the courts and others will beat us (as is already happening in other states)?

3. What kind of affirmative public education can/should we do from here? How can we create the momentum to repeal L.D. 1017?

Attachments: Update on Hawaii case; Press Release re Report of General Accounting Office on 1049 federal laws affected by DOMA; IGLSS analysis of economic impact of same-gender marriage in Maine.

**Maine Rose
Society**

The Maine Rose Society announces their 35th Annual Rose Show will be held at the Barron Center, 1145 Brighton Ave., Portland, ME, 04102 on June 29, from 1:00 to 4:00

P.M. Admission is free and there is no fee to exhibit roses. For additional information please call Clarence Rhodes at 772-8788 or Martin Brower at 833-0036.

Maine Rose Society Rt 16, Box 395 Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 tel.564-3654

GLSTN

The Downeast Chapter of Gay, Lesbian & Straight Teachers' Network (GLSTN) will meet on Sunday June 8th from 2 to 4 PM at Downeast AIDS Network, 114 State Street Ellsworth. GLSTN invites all who are interested in making our schools safer for all kids including those who may be gay. It is a mixed straight and gay organization, and includes many who are not teachers. For more information call 667 2358.

**Public Service
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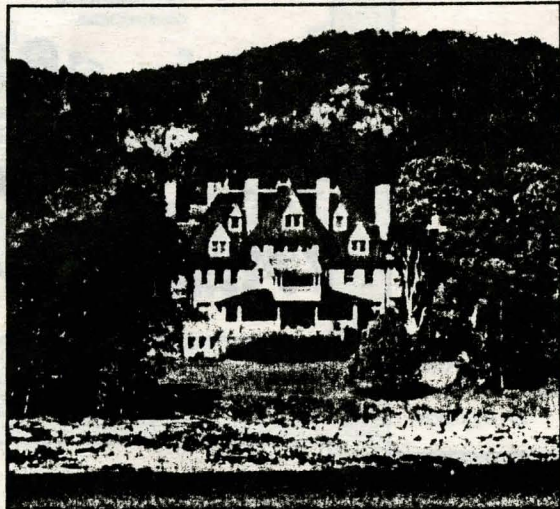
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Gay Times Festival Schedule

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| Saturday, August 16 | |
| 10:00 am - | Registration Begins, Room Assignments, Maps, Tickets, Coffee, etc. |
| 11:30-1:00 pm | Lunch Buffet with Six Basin Street, Women's dixieland band |
| 1:30-2:30 pm | Welcome |
| 2:30-6:00 pm | Key Note Speaker Diane Elze You Choose: Workshops: 'Sharing Music of Our Common Struggles' w/ Sons & Lovers , 'Being Single and Sane' and more. |
| 3:00-4:30 pm | Sea Kayaking |
| 4:00-5:30 pm | Key Distribution |
| 5 pm | Icebreaker with Jen and Don |
| 6:30-7:30 pm | Dinner |
| 7:00-8:00 pm | 12-Step Meeting / |
| 8:30-10:00 pm | Nontraditionally Gendered Drop-In Music and Comedy with Romanovsky & Phillips |
| 10:30 pm - | Stargazing and Storytelling from the top of Cadillac Mtn., Films, Games, Coffee, Snacks, Bonfire with marshmallows (weather permitting), Socializing and General R & R, etc. |
| Sunday, August 17 | |
| 6:30-8:00 am | Sea Kayaking , Bird Watches, Walks, Coffee |
| 8:00-9:30 am | Breakfast |
| 10:00-11:30 am | Keynotes - Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin - book signing to follow. |
| 11:30-1:00 pm | Lunch - Outdoor concert w/ Diva Brazilia , Brazilian and world music |
| 1:00-6:00 pm | You Choose: |
| 1-6pm | Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center - Women's Cancer Screening Clinic |
| 1-2:30 pm | Workshops (spontaneous format) |
| 1-2:30 pm | 'Exploring Gay and Lesbian Music' w/ Romanovsky and Phillips |
| 1-2:30 pm | Sea Kayaking |
| 2:30-6 pm | Lakewood excursions w/Don Volleyball, walk to town, Asticou Gardens, hiking, bicycling, R and R |
| 3-4:30 pm | Sea kayaking |
| 4:30-6 pm | Political Panel Discussion - 'Our Civil Rights' |
| 6:00-7:30 pm | Dinner Extravaganza |
| 7:00-8:00 pm | 12-step meeting / |
| 8:45 pm - | Bi-sexual Concerns Drop-In Concert with Sons and Lovers , followed by Dance with DJ. Adjoining coffeehouse will be available for coffee, discussions, and games. |
| Monday, August 18 | |
| 7-8:30am | Sea Kayaking , Bird watches, Walks, Coffee |
| 8:30-10:00 am | Brunch |
| 10:00-12 pm | Workshop: w/ Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon 'Four Decades of Lesbian Herstory' |
| 10 pm- | Light Hike - Gorham Mtn. with queer naturalists and see the sea cave. |
| 12:00-1:30 pm | Closing Circle |
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