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Ah Miss Maine, such a pleasure

## Christian Civic League Pursues Anti-Gay-Rights Repeal

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) The Christian Civic League of Maine decided to go ahead with its campaign to repeal a bill protecting homosexuals from certain forms of discrimination.

Michael Heath, the league's executive director, said his group's board of directors voted to endorse an effort to collect more than 51,000 signatures to block the bill from becoming law and force a referendum. Under a bill passed this spring by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Angus King last month, gays in Maine cannot be discriminated against in housing, public accommodations, credit or employment.

King met with Heath and other league leaders on June 6 to try to persuade them not to go forward with their repeal campaign. Only about a third to a half of the league's 30 directors were present for the vote, but the result was unanimous, Heath said. "My sense of the board was that they're very supportive of moving ahead," Heath

said. "They want to move ahead."

Betsy Smith, president of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, said she was "deeply disappointed" with the decision. "Maine has already made it clear that we do not want anti-gay discrimination to be legal," Smith said, noting voters two years ago defeated a proposal that would have prevented cities from extending rights to gays.

Heath previously had said the league may wait until July 4 to make up its decision. That's the deadline the organization set to get commitments from 1,000 volunteers willing to circulate petitions. However, since the board only meets every other month, it decided to endorse the campaign now, Heath said. Foes of the gay-rights bill will have 90 days after the Legislature officially adjourns next week to collect the necessary signatures. The league has about 4,000 members, including about 280 churches.



Governor King Signs LD 1116 Maine's anti-discrimination bill.





## "All Politics is Local" Study charts the Impact of Gay Rights at the Local Level

Washington, D.C. June 26, 1997  
Gay rights legislation at the city and county level has advanced at a dramatic pace in the 1990's and makes a major difference in the lives of many gay people, say independent researchers at the University of Florida (UF), in a new report summarizing their book-length study of gay rights laws in the United States.

The report, titled "All Politics is Local: An Analysis of Local Gay Rights Legislation," was released this month by the Policy Institute, the national think tank and policy center on gay rights issues of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), and authored by three University of Florida professors, Dr. Kenneth Wald, Dr. James Button, and Dr. Barbara Rienzo.

The University of Florida researchers intensively studied 126 American communities which had passed gay rights laws or policies as of 1993, and compared them to 125 randomly selected U.S. jurisdictions without such legislation. In addition, the authors did intensive field research in five representative communities to further examine the factors which led to the passage of these laws and to study their impact; the communities were Cincinnati, OH; Iowa City, IA; Philadelphia, PA; Raleigh, NC; and Santa Cruz, CA.

The book-length study on which the NGLTF Report is based is titled "Private Lives, Public Conflicts: Battles Over Gay Rights Legislation in American Communities." It was published by Congressional Quarterly Press in February of 1997, and it provides one of the first scholarly examinations ever done of the politics, scope and impact of gay rights laws.

As one of the co-authors of the study, UF political scientist Dr. Kenneth Wald observed, "Although the headlines have been grabbed by national efforts to overturn anti-gay policies or pass gay rights laws, to a large degree the battle for legal protection of gays and lesbians has taken place in the local communities of America. Gay rights laws at the local level now cover one out of every five persons living in the United States."

Factors helpful to the passage of local gay rights laws included: the level of political activation and mobilization of the local gay community, support for gay rights from straight allies, and a population in the city that was racially diverse, younger, and religiously liberal. Another co-author of the NGLTF report, Dr. James Button comments, "These local ordinances signal a new stage in the political emergence of gays and lesbians. In a sense they mark the passage of the gay rights movement from the pursuit of cultural visibility to the enactment of legislative legitimization."

Despite progress in passing local gay rights laws, the Report's authors

note that backlash and hostility to gay people persists. They detail the arena of school-based non-discrimination policies as one in which opposition to gay rights remains volatile and charged. A carefully researched chapter in the book, and summarized in the NGLTF Report, evaluates school-based programs addressing sexual orientation. Observes co-author Dr. Barbara Rienzo, "The forces that affect passage of local gay rights laws also help secure programs addressing sexual orientation in schools. A politically active gay community is the key to securing educational reform and support services for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students."

Other findings of the NGLTF Report and the book on which it is based include:

- \* The mobilization of the gay community in a locality is the single most important political determinant of the passage of a gay rights law.

- \* Seventy-nine of the 157 cities and counties that had gay rights ordinances by 1997 passed them in the 1990's.

- \* Gay rights ordinances almost always cover public employment but vary widely in their coverage of private sector employment, housing, public accommodations, hotel and retail centers, and private business contracts with the city or counties.

- \* The vast majority of gay rights ordinances do not cover residential homes, religious organizations, credit agencies or banks, and often do not include public schools, universities or small businesses, thereby granting them de facto exemptions.

- \* A majority of the public officials surveyed by the authors noted that ordinances were important because they sent a clear message that discrimination was unlawful.

- \* The quality of life for gay and lesbian Americans varies significantly between jurisdictions with gay rights laws and those without, most notably regarding access to government programs and services and the responsiveness of public schools to the needs of gay and lesbian students, parents and children.

"This study significantly broadens our understanding of the importance of local gay rights laws. It confirms what gay activists have argued for years: we need a more active and politically organized gay rights movement at the local and state level," concluded Urvashi Vaid, Director of NGLTF's Policy Institute.

Copies of the study may be obtained by calling NGLTF Publications at (202) 332-6483 or by downloading the Report from the NGLTF website ([www.nglftf.org](http://www.nglftf.org)). Book copies may be ordered from Congressional Quarterly Press, Customer Service and Fulfillment, Department HCW1, 1414 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (800) 638-1710.

## NGLTF Tunes out change at Christian Coalition

Washington, DC June 13, 1997  
Although the Christian Coalition has announced the selection of two new top headlines, members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community should be prepared for reruns of the same old show said the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Donald Hodel, former Interior and Energy Department secretary in the Reagan Administration, has been named Christian Coalition President and Randy Tate, a former one-term member of Congress, has become the Coalition's new executive director, replacing Ralph Reed.

Tate drew a perfect rating for his votes from the Christian Coalition while he was in office. He scored no points

with gays in part because of his vote for the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act and his refusal to support a measure to repeal the discharge of service members with HIV. "It's a different cast of characters," said Kerry Lobel, Task Force executive director, "but we expect the script to be the same. After all," Lobel added, "Pat Robertson still holds the remote control." "The Christian Coalition has used its platform to demonize the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community,"

Lobel noted. "I urge Hodel and Tate to turn away from their anti-gay record and come out with a new message. It would certainly help their ratings with millions of Americans who have tuned them out," added Lobel.

## Family asks U.S. Supreme Court to rule against Gay Foster Parenting

BOSTON (AP) A Belmont man claims his right to religious freedom was violated when the state placed his son in the care of gay foster parents. The man, who is not named in court papers, claims the state's Department of Social Service violated his family's deeply-held Catholic beliefs when it placed their 14-year-old son with two gay men for six months last year.

He has taken his claim to the U.S. Supreme Court. "The petitioner's fundamental Catholic religious beliefs concerning what constitutes a moral family unit are completely incongruous and incompatible with this foster placement," the petition states. But others say the case has no merit and would certainly be rejected by the court. "If you have parents able to second-guess decisions by the state about who is a fit foster parent based on their religious preferences, the entire system is unworkable," said Mary Banauto, the civil rights director for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a New England legal rights group. "What we are simply talking about here is about some exposure to gay people who were providing a stable and productive environment for this child on an emergency basis."

The child was returned to his parents after the DSS decided late last year there was not enough evidence to uphold abuse allegations. The child has returned to his home. The petition claims the DSS violated the father's religious freedom safeguarded under the First and 14th

Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. He claimed neither he nor his wife were informed of the foster parents' sexual orientation. In addition, the petition quotes a 1985 statement by Massachusetts Catholic bishops describing the homosexual lifestyle as "something objectively wrong inasmuch as it falls short of the ultimate norm of Christian morality in the area of genital expression, i.e., a relationship between male and female within family union."

It's not the first time the issue has surfaced in Massachusetts. In the mid-1980s, former Gov. Michael Dukakis, banned state-sponsored gay foster parenting after hearing a report that a child had been placed in the home of a gay couple. After a heated public debate, Dukakis backed down and the policy was scrapped. Earlier this year, the state Supreme Judicial Court refused to hear the case of the 14-year-old boy's father, saying it was moot because the child had been returned to his home. But the father's lawyer, James Michael Kelly, said the nation's highest court should hear it, because it affects other DSS cases and begs important constitutional questions. "Because this can happen to other parties and is susceptible to repetition, I believe the Supreme Court would be justified in taking up the matter, particularly because of the serious religious freedoms involved," Kelly told The Boston Globe. "The DSS should not be able to evade review just by moving the child back home."



# American Legion Harassment at Southern Maine Pride

This is the scoop on the American Legion harassment at Portland's Pride Parade on June 21. I'm sorry for the length of this post, but this is personally very important to many people who participated in Pride - Portland.

## The Findings

Although there was cordial joking and shared smiles, we have several serious incidents of VERY hostile insults, even a case where one Legionnaire was restrained from going after a marcher (unprovoked). Some people were indeed threatened by the Legionnaire's actions. There were no incidents of physical contact of which Pride is aware.

## AMLEG Responses so far:

The only actually positive thing FROM THEM was a comment at the podium during a general assembly of the American Legion conference that they "will need to make some statement about today's incident." (assuming that that's positive). We're taking that as a public admission of wrong doing and intent to apologize, regardless. They are clearly aware of the embarrassing nature of what went on.

## What we're doing and asking:

1) A public letter to the press citing the "appalling" (that's the catch word) behavior of some legionaries and specifically calling for meetings with g/l/b/t educators and the American Legion leadership in Maine (not likely). Holding off a bit on this one.

2) A private letter to the adjutant of the Maine American Legion (below)

3) Requesting members of our community, particularly those who saw or heard the Legionnaires, and especially any veterans (call your g/l/b/t positive veteran friends) to write the Adjutant and (kind of) repeat (in your own words) the letter below. Please be very positive and take the high road. (No insults, threats or demands please) Who knows, maybe they'll march in Bangor Pride on July 12. If you're from out of Maine, please write only if you're a veteran or spend time here, as we want to keep the emphasis on local and constituency outrage.

4) We have here another excellent example, should any public discussions or meetings with the Legion (again, not likely) result of why sexual orientation needs to be included in the Maine Human Rights Act. THE LETTER: William Ciciotti, Adjutant Department of Maine American Legion POBox 900 Waterville, Maine

04903-0900

Dear Sir,

Never in the eleven years of gay pride celebrations has anyone feared for their safety or been so verbally assaulted on the streets of Portland as from the Legionnaires at the Radisson Hotel Conference on June 21.

The Legionnaire's cruel insults to parents who had lost children to AIDS, their threats to flag carrying veterans and their unprovoked ridicule of people in our parade leaves the Festival committee absolutely appalled.

Would American Legionaries harass the celebrants at la Kermesse or the Portland Greek Festival?

Would Legionaries go to Federal street to intimidate the Italian bazaar?

It is no more acceptable to do so to the gay community. Portland's 1997 Pride Festival had over 4,000 people in the course of four days, both gay and non-gay Mainers, who came to dance, listen to concerts and celebrate being a cohesive and tolerant community. I can not emphasize to you enough just how much this incident of appalling bias is out of order. From no less than the podium of the Legion's conference, a verbal promise was made to make some amends for this disgraceful incident.

In truth, the apology should be to the Legion by the offending members for behaving like street thugs while in uniform, but in over a week the American Legion has made no effort to do anything. What the Pride Committee is publicly calling for and truly expects if the Legion is to be sincere, is a dialogue with the Maine State American Legion leadership to start a process of understanding on behalf of their own gay and lesbian constituency.

Please feel free to call me when the Legion has considered our proposal so that we may begin to shed light together.

Thank you,

Michael Rossetti Executive Director Southern Maine Pride Festival.

## We owe it to one another:

It would be really great to deluge Mr. Ciciotti with level headed, respectful but insistent letters (especially from veterans). The behavior of the Legionnaires's CAN NOT be just excused or brushed off.

Thanks for your time and support. The SoMePride Committee apologizes for any hurt or insult that this has personally caused anyone. Please pass the word.

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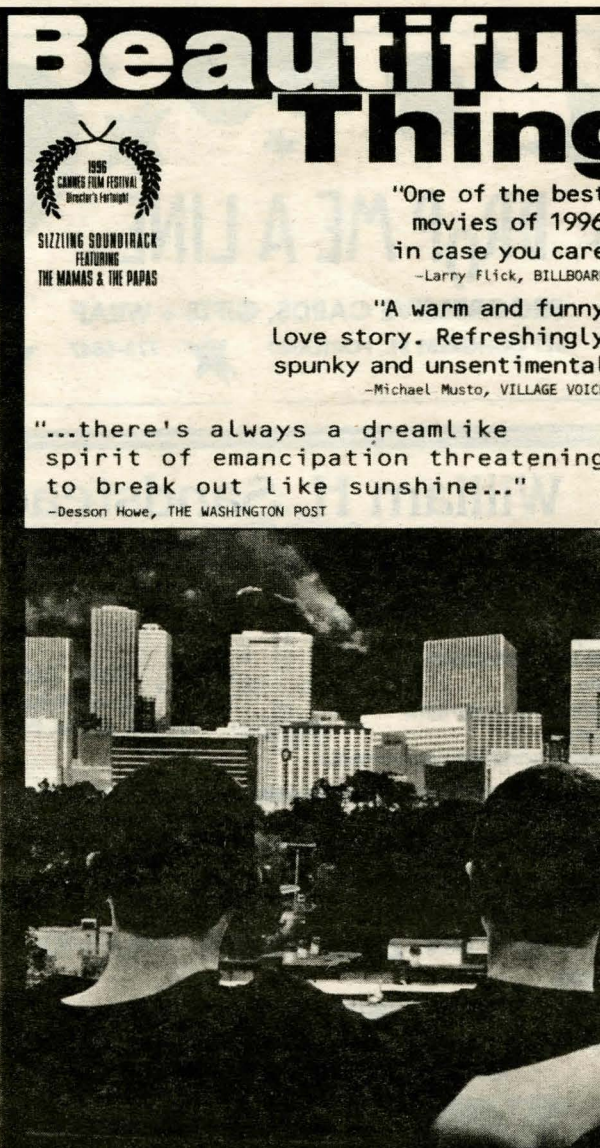
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## Bob Smith: The place Symposium XXIII

The comedian, Bob Smith. The atmosphere, jovial to say the least. Bob's reflective humor has a way of making one realize how very funny life really is and we can all learn to laugh in the face of adversity. From the moment he hit the stage the crowd was infected with side-cramping laughter as he joked about his alcoholic father, the state trooper who he described as more "OUT" than I am" and going so far as to joke about the days before during and after his father's funeral. I had the pleasure of talking to Bob Smith before his performance for Symposium XXIII, June 14<sup>th</sup> to see if there was a serious side to Bob and this is what I found.

**So you are from Buffalo New York, I'm from Harlem, The Big City! New York is okay in small doses! But I love it here in Maine.** Yeah, You know what I like about Maine is the trees. I live in Los Angeles now and it's all like cement and there are some parts that are nice but you have to be a millionaire, but here it seems "normal people" can live well.

**You are doing this benefit for the MLGPA, are you very political?** I think I'm pretty political in that I've been an "out" performer since 1986 and I've worked in "straight comedy" clubs and I always talked about being gay and it did well. My way of being political is by doing political jokes in my act and also to give back to my community, like, I try to do a lot of benefits throughout the year some of which I get paid and others I don't, like I just did the P FLAG thing at the Metropolitan Community Church, you know, so I try to give as much as I can and not just take! Take! Take! 'Cause you don't want to be like that.

**Do you think more gay performers are leaning towards that sort of thing now that they feel all the more free to be open? Because I'm sure there must be performers who are still, well, in the closet.** You know, I think that the trend is for people to come "out" though, and "Ellen" I think is a great example of that because well you'll feel a lot better. Thirty years ago people in they're heads could like tell themselves "Well, you know, I can't come out" blah, blah, blah... But now people feel guilty about not being out and you know, they should, because it's such a relief to come out and people don't realize that. I remember that some study came out that said that people who come "out" actually live longer lives because they no longer suffer the stress from being in the closet.

**Well I guess the serious side of Bob Smith always comes peppered with humor,**

**which is a good thing. You will probably have a long life span. I hope so ! Because it seems you let it all out...** I think that humor is really a powerful thing, because I've performed in really... like in Orange County which in California is really Republican conservative counties in California and the Improve Comedy Club has had me there twice and most of the audience, if you go for like a whole week are straight and they've been... I've done very well there, where you wouldn't think it, people come up to and you know they are suburban white-bread and say "You really were funny" and they're sort of like "I'm surprised" and they don't say it but they get that look... and then you get other people say you know "I've got a gay brother" and you know, blah, blah, blah But it's a great way to communicate with people I think.

**I think your humor transcends Gay/Straight lines because it's very identifiable in many "average family" ways.** Well, I like to think my humor is from a Gay mans point of view and Kate's humor comes from a lesbian point of view, but it's a person up there, an individual. So I think it's about communicating so I don't sit down and say "okay now, I'm going to write a GAY joke" Ha! Ha! "No, this is a GAY joke only gay people can get it" He, jokes. "Even the Lesbians won't get this one" Ha! Ha! **While I laugh he continues.** It doesn't work that way, you just come up with things you think are funny and hope, and you try them out and sometimes they work and sometimes they don't. **Like the one you fudged up last night?** Yeah, Yeah. **But, you owned up to it and the way you did was in and of itself funny.** Well, you know, you get tongue tied and... **I imagine you must, I couldn't possibly get up and talk in front of all of those people, you must get nervous?** Yeah, but I really like what I do and I have a new book coming out in the fall that I'm really happy about. **Oh, what is it called?** "Openly Bob" and it's essays from everything from going my fathers funeral to Newt Gingrich comparing being Gay to being an Alcoholic. A lot of family stuff, and about being in a relationship which I think gay men, Lesbians, straight people everyone is going to identify with. There are things on nature and I think people will like it, personally I think it's the best work I've ever done. Well I've spent two years working on the book.

**In speaking with Bob Smith I found him to be irrepressibly funny and very sweet and kind, I truly hope he returns to Maine and leaves us all laughing again.**

## Urvashi Vaid

**URVASHI VAID** Urvashi Vaid the keynote speaker at Symposium XXIII Saturday morning June 14<sup>th</sup> was eloquent to say the least. As I walked from my car to the auditorium, I could not help but notice only about thirty other cars in the parking lot, forty on the high side. Although I was unavoidably late I somehow expected to see more people show up for this, in any case. She spoke very effectively to little more than two and a half dozen people about the "system" and how it works, and how it doesn't work, as well as what sorts of things we can do to work the system. After her speech, I had the opportunity to ask her the following question.

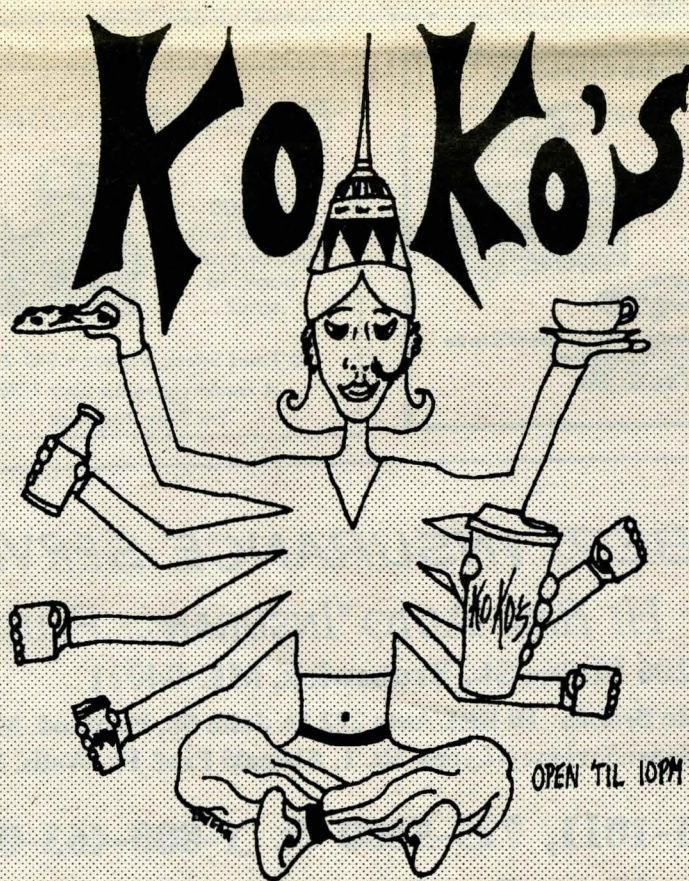
**Angel: "If you had one piece of advice that you would give to any person who is not politically active or inclined within the gay community, what would that be?"**

**Urvashi:** "Well, you're challenging my fundamental assumption that to be gay is to be political. If you think that your life is safe, secure and the freedom that you enjoy is won forever, "think again." Look at the experience

of other communities that have fought for civil rights. What's going on in our own community today, right here in Maine? We won a gay rights bill, but immediately there's an effort to repeal it. It isn't over and we need you.

We need you to make whatever contribution you want to make. And that's like stuffing envelopes, that's reading a book, that's being a \$25.00-a-year member of the alliance here in Maine, there's a range of contributions that people can make. I ended my book with a series of very specific lists of things to do for people who are not political. I live in a pretty rarified world, I can be openly gay, and work in a gay context.

Some people are never going to be interested in politics: culture interests them more, making a family and that's fine. But I do think it's about responsibility; every gay person has a responsibility to give something back to ensure the survival of gay people. It sounds old-fashioned to say this, but I really feel that our movement is built on volunteer energy: time and talent and ideas."



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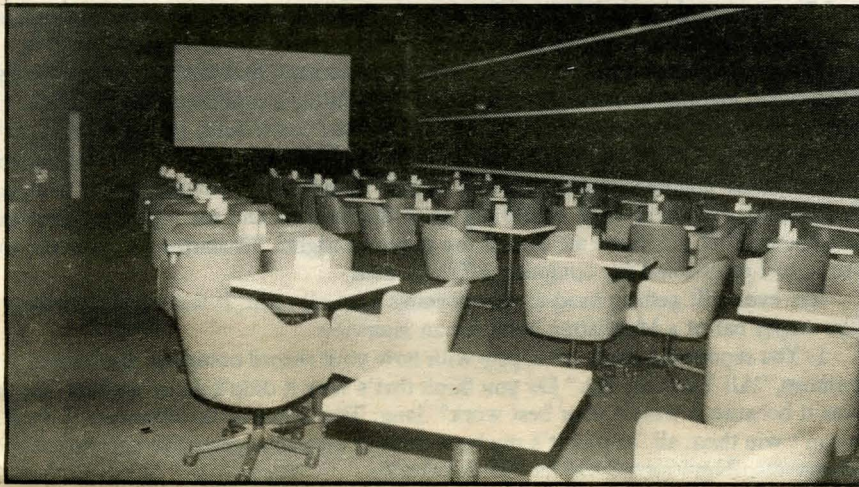
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# Keystone Theatre and Cafe



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I hope you come and check this place out, besides where else can you go and watch a really good flick for only five bucks?



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## HEAD ABOVE WATER

Filmed entirely on the Maine coast, this is the story of a judge (Harvey Keitel), his wife (Cameron Diaz), her ex-lover, the boy next door and a dead body that just won't go away. This peppy black comedy marks the first major feature film to be directed by Academy Award winner Jim Wilson who produced "Dances with Wolves" and "The Bodyguard". Wilson says, "It's a very smart film, a contemporary black comedy set on an isolated island. All the characters come into the story innocent, but they bring their personal baggage to the situation which turns into complete mayhem, some of which I hope will make people laugh."

## Love!, Valour!, Compassion!

In 1994, Terrence McNally's *Love! Valour! Compassion!* opened off-Broadway to critical praise both for its direct portrayal of contemporary relationships among the gay middle-class and its much broader theme of how the human heart has had to find new and challenging ways to connect and stay true in this day and age. The play carries a clarity, passion and wit which has both the ring of truth and the sting of human comedy. The revelation, in the movie adaptation of the Tony-award winning play, is Jason Alexander as Buzz, the hyper-verbally funny sentimentalist, dubbed the "love child of Judy Garland and Liberace". His virtuoso performance is a thrill to watch.

## ROUGH MAGIC

Based on James Hadley Chase's novel *Miss Shumway Waves a Wand*, *Rough Magic* recounts the exciting misadventures of a magician's assistant, Myra Shumway (Bridget Fonda) in the early fifties. After her jealous fiancé knocks off her mentor, Myra heads for the Mexican border where she meets and American reporter and an English doctor. A fun adventure involving magic, mysticism and Mexico.

## BRASSED OFF!

The fictional community of Grimley is braced off because its local mine is about to be shut down by Margaret Thatcher. Meanwhile, the colliery's brass band continues to make music in a gesture of defiance. This offbeat comedy is a moving and fitting tribute to the defiant spirit of a small community. "Brassed Off" is by-curse sentimental, rousing yet sad, defiant, but full of heart. The cast, including Ewan McGregor and Peter Postlethwaite, give fantastic performances, but the most authentic lift comes from the real-life Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band, blowing their hearts out.

## The Quiet Room

In a blue-walled bedroom, a seven-year old girl watches her goldfish, plays with her dolls, draws pictures with her crayons. Her mother brushes her hair, buttons her school uniform, zips up her skirt. Her father leaves for work, kissing her mother good-bye. These are the familiar rhythms of family life, but something is wrong; the girl feels it, sees it. She remembers how things were when she was a little girl of three and it is rarely like that anymore. But the child does not have the words to express her emotions - so she stops talking. *The Quiet Room* creates an intimate, impressionistic portrait of a child's view of her disintegrating world. Simply a wonderful movie.

## Shall We Dance

A comedy about a conservative, middle-aged, married, Japanese businessman who sees a beautiful ballroom dancer in the window of her studio and discovers a passion for dance - and for his new instructor. The movie drew raves at Sundance this year, but that was nothing compared to its reception back in Japan. Soon after release, ballroom dance-themed shows popped up all over Japanese TV, dance-class enrollment in the country tripled, and the film swept this year's National Film Awards - Japan's version of the Oscars. The director also hit it off with the leading lady and they married shortly after the film wrapped. This will most likely be a contender for Best Foreign Film at next year's Oscars.



## Good Luck

This character-driven production tells the story of a paraplegic (Gregory Hines) who wants both an adventure and a chance to change society's image of the disabled. He enlists the help of a bitter, suicidal ex-pro football star (Vincent D'Onofrio) who lost his sight during a game in a freak accident. After convincing him that, with trust, their disabilities cancel out, the pair set out on a road trip through the Pacific Northwest with the goal of competing in a wheelchair race. Hines and D'Onofrio do excellent work and make their character's disabilities completely believable.

## ALL OVER ME

Teen angst in Hell's Kitchen, with a difference: You can actually believe what you are seeing. The first feature by the Sichel Sisters burrows into the inchoate adolescent sadness that some kids cultivate until it takes over their lives. Dysfunction becomes a drug. Aspiring grunge guitarist Claude (Alison Folland) overalls to convince herself she's a loser and makes the occasional pass at her best friend (Tara Subkoff), a baby-doll wall who's too busy with her scary new leader-of-the-pack boyfriend to notice. The performances are flawless, and Alex Sichel directs with an arresting intimacy.

## HOLLOW REED

A mystery. A thriller. A modern dilemma for the 90's. This complex story of a father and son's touching and moving relationship, and the hidden secret that both binds them together and conversely keeps them apart, begins and ends with a cry from the heart. The drama unfolds with every parent's nightmare, an injured child allegedly attacked by local toughs runs to his father, Martin, for help. As the story unfolds, Martin attempts to bring the culprit to justice, but is resisted by his estranged wife, Hannah, and her live-in lover Frank. Hannah is still wounded by her ex-husband's revelation of his homosexuality and departure to live with his lover. As a doctor, Martin is certain he knows the true nature of his son's injuries and to save him he decides to fight for custody in the open glare of the public eye. But is it too late to save Oliver?

## Temptress Moon

Beginning during the revolution of 1911, on the last night of dynastic rule in China, *Temptress Moon* is a multilayered exploration of a country tragically torn between the rigidity of tradition and the tumult of modernity. Its protagonist is a tormented young man who vacillates between a life of crime in Shanghai and obsessive entanglements with a decadent family living at a hermetic country estate. The film's lush imagery revolves around Ruyi (Gong Li) the opium-addicted mistress of the house. Censors saw enough contemporary resonance in its depictions of corruption and decadence to ban it in China.

## THE ALFRED HITCHCOCK FILM FESTIVAL

STARTS JULY 11TH

### North by Northwest

NOT RATED (1959) 136 MINUTES

North by Northwest has everything — thrills, suspense, intrigue, mystery and no small amount of comedy — black as a coal pit of course — in keeping with Alfred Hitchcock's darkly whimsical perspective. Part of the common man is always at the apex of any Hitchcock tale and this film is no exception. Cary Grant stars as Roger Thornhill, a successful advertising executive whose rather mundane existence changes dramatically one day when he meets some business associates for drinks at the Plaza Hotel. He is mistaken for a man named George Kaplan and spirited away. What follows is a mad mix of spies, chases, mistaken identities and black comedy. The supporting cast is superb and includes James Mason as the Introspective, but ruthless spy-master, Martin Landau, Adam Williams and Robert Ellenstein as a trio of despicable villains and Eva Marie Saint as... well, you will have to see the movie. The film was nominated for three academy awards.

STARTS AUGUST 8TH

### The Man Who Knew Too Much

NOT RATED (1955) 120 MINUTES

This thriller about a kidnapping and an attempted political assassination was first produced by Hitchcock in 1934 while he was still working in the United Kingdom. The ingenuity and flair of the original production, especially the stunning assassination attempt at Royal Albert Hall, convinced Hollywood that the movie deserved to be redone. The second version, which we are showing here, stars Jimmy Stewart and Doris Day as an American couple accidentally involved in international intrigue. If you ever wondered where the song "Que Sera, Sera" came from — this is the place — and it won an Oscar for best song that year.

STARTS JULY 25TH

### The Birds

NOT RATED (1963) 120 MINUTES

Hitchcock's classic horror film about a woman (Tippi Hedren) and mass bird attacks that follow her around an isolated California community. The presentation of evil as an environmental fact of life was a new theme for Hitchcock, but dipping into a Daphne du Maurier story was not as strange as the inspiration for his last British film *Jamaica Inn* (1939) and his first Hollywood effort *Rebecca* (1940). *The Birds* is no a film for the squeamish as some of the special effects are perverse and frightening — a delight for those who are game. Grab hold of the person next to you while you watch. Also starring Rod Taylor, Suzanne Pleshette and Jessica Tandy.

STARTS AUGUST 22ND

### Trouble with Harry

NOT RATED (1955) 99 MINUTES

After a Hitchcock summer of murder, chases, mistaken identities, crazed crows and international intrigue, it seems only fair to end our Hitchcock film festival with something a little different. Although best known for his ability to arouse fear or terror in a film audience, Hitchcock films often have an element of comedy. *The Trouble With Harry* is an offbeat, often hilarious black comedy about a bothersome corpse causing all sorts of problems for peaceful neighbors in a New England community. Edmund Gwenn does a superb job as usual and you will also notice a young Shirley MacLaine in her very first film. Also starring John Forsythe and Mildred Natwick. Beautiful locations and a whimsical score.

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## Gay Times Festival Schedule

subject to change:

### 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  
 Key Note Speaker Diane Elze  
 2:30-6:00 pm 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 / Nontraditionally Gendered Drop-In  
 8:30-10:00 pm 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 / Bi-sexual Concerns Drop-In  
 8:45 pm - 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  
 1:30-Sunset You are Welcome to remain and enjoy the town and surroundings. Grounds and facilities remain available for use.

## Grass Widow: Review By Angel Castro

The Grass Widow is a warm and tender story of two women thrust together by both circumstance and tragedy. The heroines of this story Aidan Blackstone and Joss Bodett one as different from the other as night is to day, living in a time when death was the remedy for what many considered deviant relations.

Struggling against the forces of nature and man, finding in each other passions unimaginable and a love so profound as to leave one breathless.



Nanci Little has won me over with a writing style that can best be described as "Lyrical" and description so detailed "visual" readers such as myself can not only see the scenes unfold but can almost smell the freshly churned butter on a fresh baked biscuit. Although I had to read the first three pages more than once wondering if I had missed something, all became clear to me as I read on. I look forward

top reading more of Nanci Little's work with great anticipation. In closing I recommend this book to all you "Hopeful Romantics". Happy reading!

## K. D. Lang

NEW YORK (AP) It was a long way from the cowboy bars of western Canada. Dressed in a sleek, pinstriped suit, k.d. lang was working a swanky party in her honor on Central Park South in Manhattan. Tuxedoed servers offered up caviar.

Madonna sat at a table making small talk with friends. lang stood under a spotlight holding a microphone, in front of her longtime piano player. She sang a half-hour's worth of songs from her new album, "Drag," moving from the romantic joy of "The Air That I Breathe" to the pain of "Last Cigarette." She looked right at home, soaking up the big-city audience's adoration.

Lang began her career fronting a turbo-charged band that shook up the country establishment and has evolved into one of her generation's premiere torch singers. Along the way, she became an icon in the homosexual community for a "coming out" that prefigured the more publicized announcement of television star Ellen DeGeneres. Even before her announcement, lang was used to an intensely devoted group of fans. It's both flattering and scary; lang would log on to the Internet and see a posting describing where she and her girlfriend ate dinner the previous night. "It started to make me feel neurotic so I just turned my computer off," she said.

Her eyes still getting used to the morning light all right, it was near noon lang sat by the empty bar of a Manhattan hotel for an interview.

1. You reportedly were not happy with how your record company got behind your last album, "All You Can Eat." Do you think that's why it didn't do as well as "Ingenue," or was it because it wasn't your best work? lang: That's just artist bitterness, I think. You can't win them all. I think it's my best work in certain aspects but not my best in other aspects. Every record has its ups and downs .... It was a really big record for me personally, for personal transition reasons. It's over now. It's still a good record and I'm proud of it. It's still there. People can still buy it.

2. How much work goes into keeping your voice in shape and improving your singing style? lang: It's a 100 percent, lifestyle-encompassing process. It's everything that I do. It's being extremely disciplined. It's being not-so-disciplined that you feel burdened by it. It's understanding that there's always room to improve. It's understanding that it's a huge responsibility to have a voice, both mentally and spiritually and compassionately something you have to pay attention to and do your very best. I really do see it as a gift.

3. Do you take lessons when you want to master another style? How do you study it? lang: The only classical training I had was when I was in college. Now when I want to study a style, I listen to it and think about it and try it somewhere in my car somewhere private. I really just listen and try to study the emotion of it and the essence of it.

4. What was it like to participate in the coming out episode of "Ellen?" (lang portrayed a singer in a lesbian coffeehouse.) lang: It was fun. I've known Ellen for six or seven years so for me, it was more like supporting the person, supporting Ellen, my friend, to come out. 5. What's been the fallout from your own decision to come out? Any regrets? lang: No regrets, total emancipation. It was a totally positive experience.

## Das Barbecu: A Review



by C.M. Brennan

Das Barbecu (Book and Lyrics:

Jim Luigs; Music: Scott Warrender) is a proud accomplishment as Portland

Stage Company's first go at producing a musical for the summer season. This comedic adaptation of Wagner's Ring cycle Americanizes all the classic elements of the great composer's operas: even the Valkyries put in an appearance. With cleverly written lyrics, snappy tunes and an intelligent — if not initially unintelligible plot — one needn't be versed in the ways of Wagner to truly appreciate the elements of hubris raucously played out among the assorted characters.

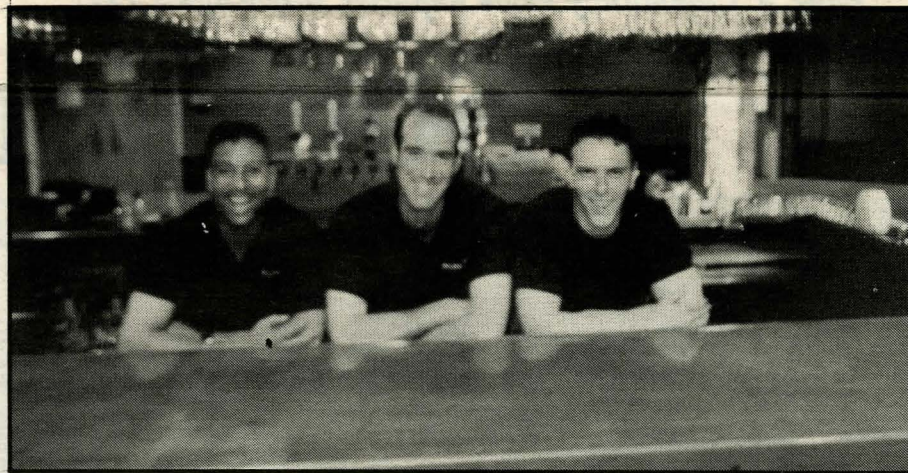
A highly energetic cast of five plays an ensemble of over thirty roles, telling the story of fated lovers Siegfried and Brunnhilde in a Texas the likes of which you've probably never dreamed. Hot song-and-dance numbers like 'Hog-Tie Your Man' and "Making Guacamole" elicit strong performances

from all five actors, demonstrating an admirable adaptability to the demands of their respective, as well as collective, roles. Charis Leos as Fricka (and a whole host of others) stood out for her immersed characterizations throughout the production.

The set was fittingly sparse, evocative of Texas: the antics of the assorted characters really set the stage. The on-stage band, led by Robert Lamont, was perched in the rafters and ably carried the score, if at the occasional expense of some finer vocals. Thoughtful and well-executed lighting supported the mood created by the cast.

Das Barbecu was a greatly enjoyable romp, imperturbably funny and unpretentious as any tongue-in-cheek adaptation of Wagnerian opera could ever aspire to be.





## Millennium: The New Kids on the Block

That new place on India Street, it's called Millennium and it opened Saturday June 21st. The owners Andrew Rogers, Bruce Wild and Derek Morris never imagined that the crowd would exceed the city fire codes in spite of it being a Saturday and Pride night at that.

For some the party started on the sidewalk waiting to get in, for others, it unfortunately ended there, but what can you expect on an opening night, on Pride night at a bar owned and operated by three wonderful gay men. With a crowd being a mark of success for any bar, it seems these guys are off to a runaway start.

Once inside, it's nice to not be inundated with "Retro" music. You have your choice of several rooms to enjoy. There's the bar and dance area, a spacious pool room and a lovely patio. The bartenders, Andrew Rogers, Shawn Walsh, Kelly Spaulding, Mia Violi, and Jerry Sherman you'll find personable and friendly.



The owners are already planning for expansion which will include larger facilities for the ladies as well as a new bigger dance floor.

They bill their club as a "Futuristic" night club and not a "Gay" club and strive to be a place where everyone feels welcome. Their commitment to the community remains a high priority for these men, though, as they plan a variety of functions, benefits and fund-raisers, to benefit the community.

Their regular weekly schedule includes:

Wet "N" Wild Wednesdays "The Booze is Back" 9 pm to 1am  
Thursday Ladies Night with live bands and drink specials



July 19 - DJ Lapee Love

July 24 - Jenny Woodman - Ladies Night

Aug 1 - Jubdub - on the patio



Friday Happy hour 4-8 pm with a Free Buffet. Dance Club 9pm to 3am.

Saturday Dance Club 9 pm to 3 am

Sunday Beer Blast 3 - 7 pm

Millennium's Upcoming Events:

July 9 - DJ Blue Soul - alternative dance music

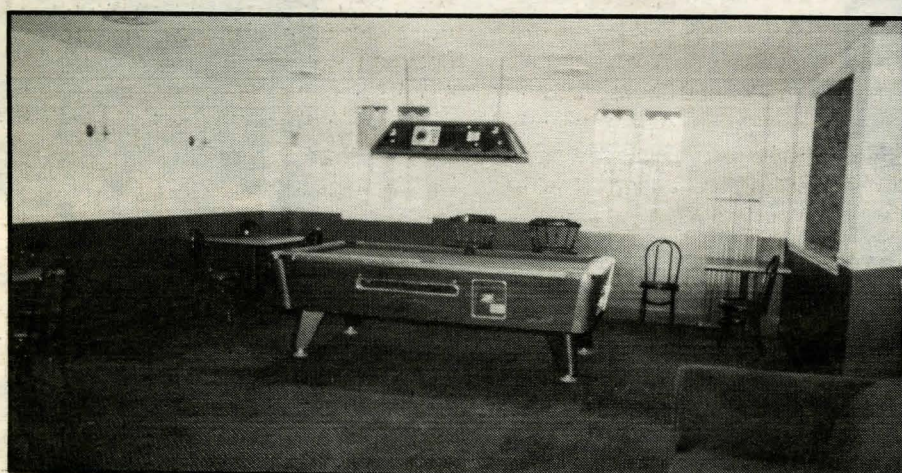
July 10 - Mark Miller Blues Band - Ladies Night

July 11 - Happy Hour with Lacy & Moore - on the patio

July 12 - DJ Bruce Wild 9 - 3

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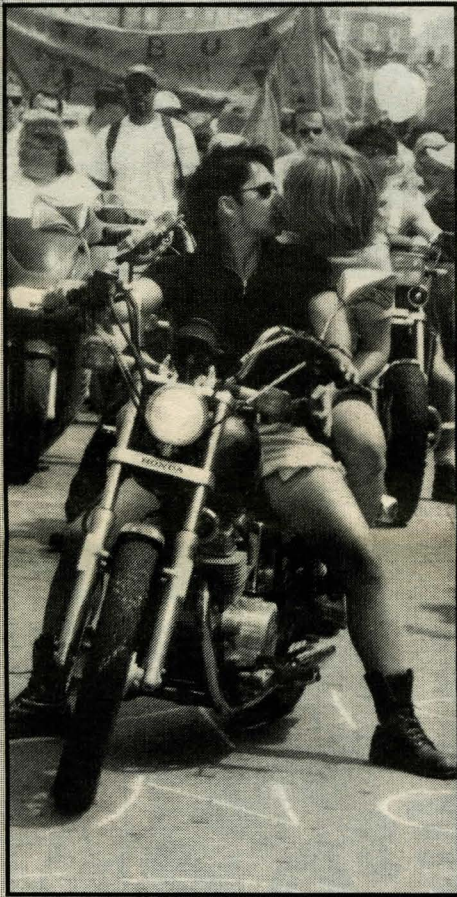


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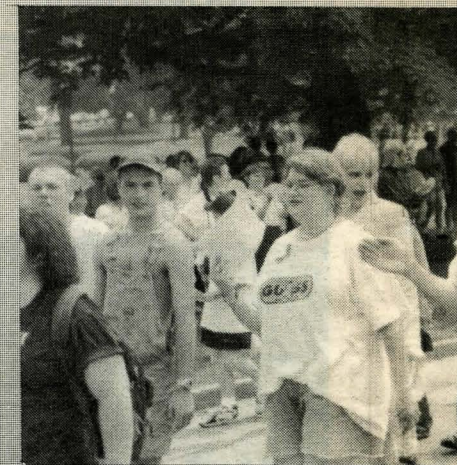


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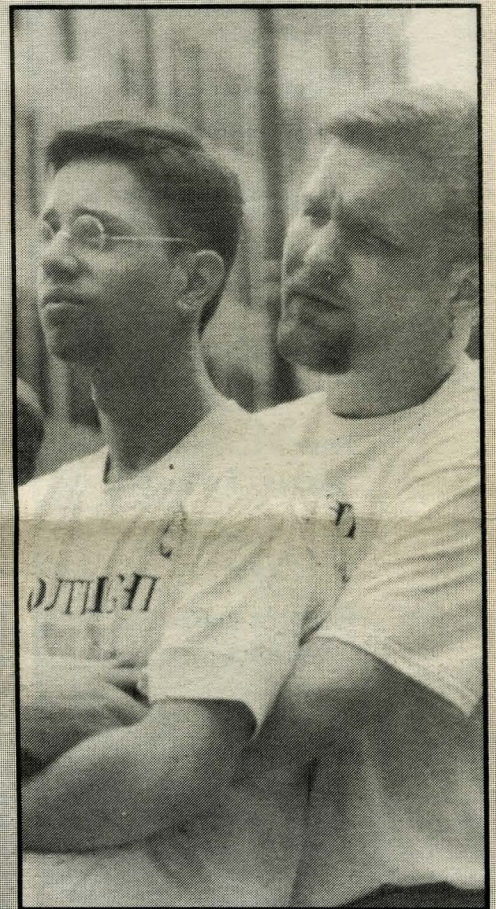


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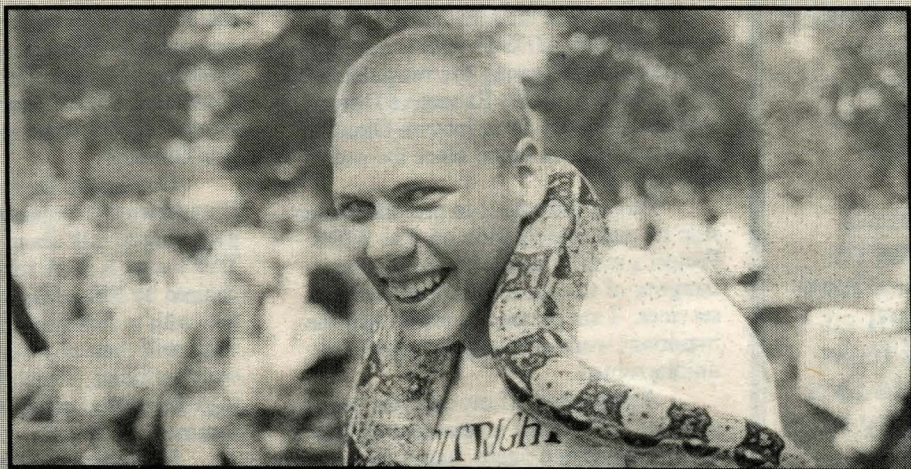


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# Rant: "So whitebread, it's boring"

by David Cook

Casco Bay Weekly's June 12th issue carried a cover story called "Eleven Reasons for Pride," a sort of gay Who's Who which catalogued "the most influential people in Portland's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities." Sex and sexuality weren't mentioned and the reader was left with the impression that gayness was just another professional affiliation.

Meanwhile, just up the street from CBW's offices, the Fine Arts Cinema is not finding much to celebrate. The Fine Arts is not dead yet, but it might as well be. I went there recently on a Friday night and found it to be nearly empty. Once a place where men went for anonymous sex, the Fine Arts is now more of a social club where a few loyal patrons go to meet and talk about the good old days.

Tom, a gently ironic man, sits in his cage at the front door, renting and selling videos and dispensing tickets to the rare visitor who decides to bother with the inner theater where the porno movies are shown. Tom keeps an eye on two video monitors which display the progress of the movies showing on the two sides of the theater, known as the "gay side" and the "straight side" but which Tom calls the "gay side and the gayer side."

Periodically, he also checks a smaller TV screen. This monitor, installed recently as part of efforts to keep city officials happy, allows theater personnel to spy on the patrons of either side and to intervene if they discover any hanky-panky going on. Signs warning that surveillance equipment is in use are prominently displayed inside the door that separates the theater area from the outer lobby. If, upon seeing the surveillance signs, the patron turns around immediately and comes back out into the lobby, he can get a refund of his ticket price. If he has already proceeded into the inner theater — there to discover that not only is he being watched, but that the theater is basically empty, it is too late to get a refund.

Video surveillance is only one "enhancement" to the theater's services put in place since the revocation of its license (it is currently operating during the appeal process). There is also the red notebook. Kept in a file drawer, ready to be used at a moment's notice, is a red three-ring binder into which the time, date, and physical description of any patron who has been kicked out is entered. Although the images from the video surveillance system are not currently being recorded on tape, it doesn't take too much effort to imagine that, at some future date, a tape of activities inside the theater, along with the contents of the red notebook, could be used to identify and harass patrons.

Tom's says the surveillance activities constitute a good-faith effort by the Fine Arts to comply with a ruling which declared that activities in the theater

constituted a "breach of the peace." Whatever their intent, the result is that attendance has dropped 75-90 percent. Patrons' reactions to the new arrangement vary, but all are concerned about the legality and/or the effect on their privacy and many potential customers opt for discretion over valor and go elsewhere. Of course, "elsewhere" would mean the Video Expo or Treasure Chest, both of which are treading a fine line themselves after code enforcement harassment from the City.

While all this has been going on, plans for Gay Pride proceed as usual. I asked Tom if he saw any irony in this. "It's terribly ironic...gay pride is a celebration of sexuality. All of a sudden, there's getting to be a very repressive sexual atmosphere in the whole city." While official repression of sex is nothing new, Portland's current anti-sex campaign got its start two years ago, when CBW printed an article chronicling in excruciating detail what was going on in the theater. That piece, callously indifferent to the needs or privacy of the patrons who frequented the theater and downright condescending about their reasons for being there, sparked a storm of official reaction that culminated most recently in the revocation of the Fine Arts' license. That CBW article was written by the same person who wrote "Eleven Reasons" — Rick MacPherson.

The night of my visit to the Fine Arts, one patron asserted that the entire campaign of zealous code enforcement and harassment of people at all public sex venues is a product of Police Chief Michael Chitwood's desire to have us all live in a "police state." He also claimed that the crime rate in Portland did not justify the amount of police resources possessed by the city. In fact, there was that night a unanimous feeling that Portland is an over-policed city with an oppressive presence of cruising police cars everywhere all the time. (My own experience is that, on a typical walk between Monument and Longfellow Squares, passing police cars outnumber Metro buses so substantially that committing a crime would seem to be a much more reliable way to get from Point A to Point B than taking the bus!)

With reference to the theater's recent licence revocation based on the charge that activities inside constituted a "breach of the peace," Tom says, "Our ideas of crime seem to have changed. Now, it's whatever you do to yourself is a major crime instead of hurting somebody else or damaging somebody else's property, it seems we're concentrating on 'I don't like you doing that so I'm going to stop you doing it.'"

I'm not so sure this attitude is anything new — after all, pleasure-phobia seems to have been the hobgoblin of the American mind since the settlers first arrived. Still, there have been periods of relative liberality where a live-and-let-live

attitude seemed to prevail and we don't seem to be in one of those at the moment.

It may seem ironic that gay people can be gaining increased civil rights while official attacks against our sexuality continue, but I'm afraid that the latter may be part of the price we pay for the former. The version of gay life that many people (including some gay people) want to believe in is a kind of sanitized stereotype that portrays us as just like straights — only different.

Blacks have understood this concept of "mainstreaming" for decades: the version of black life that many Americans want to believe in is happy black families living in suburbia and voting Republican; a totality of the black experience is just too complicated to be packaged and marketed to the general public.

Likewise, the gay experience has to be cleaned up and simplified for popular consumption. Even the phrase "gay community" conveys a single monolithic ideal of gayness, where the perfect gay citizen is John Q. Queer who works at a white-collar job in the burbs, drives a Lexus, and serves on the steering committees of various worthy gay causes.

"Eleven Reasons for Pride" is the kind of marketing piece you would write if you wanted to sell the gay lifestyle in the public marketplace. Although MacPherson uses the word "queer" and "queers" frequently in the article — perhaps in an effort to lay claim to this insider's term for gay people, which is also, of course, a derogatory epithet when used by straights — the effort falls flat and the over-used word seems hollow and strident; MacPherson fails to convince us that he really is queer or that he knows or wants to know anything about the broad rainbow of possibilities that comprises gay life.

Ironically, that which makes us gay — our sexuality — may be just what gets lost in the process of mainstreaming for acceptance. Or, as Tom says "It's becoming so whitebread, it's boring! All of the shit, the underworld that happens in a city is the fertilizer for the creation that occurs in cities. You move to a city for excitement, for a taste of something different; you don't move to city thinking that it's going to be a suburb."

P.S. As this was going to press, Superior Court Judge G. Arthur Brennan ruled that only one of the four incidents named by the prosecution in the case against the Fine Arts could be considered a breach of the peace. The Justice only permitted one incident to be considered breach of peace because it allegedly involved "unwanted and unwelcomed touching" of a police officer's crotch. I applaud the Justice's common sense and point out that, had the police not been there for the specific purpose of entrapment, even that one incident would never have occurred.

## Update: The Aids Project

by Marjorie Love

If you read the local papers, you know that The AIDS Project is once again in transition, following the resignation of Steve Moskey, TAP's Executive Director. I was asked to step in as Interim Director, and have been on board since the end of March.

Part of my role is to provide leadership to, and coordination of, The AIDS Project's staff to assure the continued integrity of the agency's operations and services. I am pleased to report that the important work of this agency goes on, uninterrupted.

Another part of my role has been to conduct an informal assessment of TAP's current status and needs, based on my own observations and on conversations with TAP's staff and board, and with a number of clients, volunteers, colleague agencies, and funders. Discussion of that assessment

has served as an opportunity for the organization to reach a common understanding of where it is and what it needs, something that will serve us well as we move forward into a recruiting an Executive Director.

Our search for an Executive Director is underway. It began with a board-staff gathering to talk about our hopes for TAP's next E.D. A search committee, chaired by Mike Martin of TAP's board and with membership from both board and staff, will then carry those hopes into their search process (which I will be facilitating). Interested candidates should send a resume by July 18th.

If you read the papers, you may also know that The AIDS Project has been moving toward an election to decide if TAP employees would be represented by a union. I am pleased to report that this

process stopped short of the election. What has resulted instead is a renewed organizational commitment to open communication and constructive problem-solving, a commitment that informs our process as we move forward.

I served as The AIDS Project's Executive Director from 1990-1993 I return at a time when the difficulty of the work, and the difficulty of structuring and sustaining an organization capable of meeting the challenges of prevention and client support in this era of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, is visible in TAP's struggles as an organization. I return to an organization that also has a lot to be proud of I am glad to be here, among the fine women and men who are TAP's staff board, volunteers, clients, and friends. I plan to stay on until TAP's new Executive Director is recruited and on board.



# Statement on Promise Keepers

by Kerry Lobel, executive director, NGLTF

As Promise Keepers gathers in Washington this weekend, it is important that all people who care about social justice be aware of the true agenda behind their words.

This is a movement that bills itself as a non-political opportunity for Christian men to live their lives by biblical values and to affirm their commitment to God and their families. In fact, however, Promise Keepers and their leadership are closely linked to right wing organizing in this country, and through its network of stadium events and small groups, is growing faster than the Christian Coalition. The larger agenda behind Promise Keepers and its leaders is of grave concern to all who care about equality and social justice.

The Promise Keepers' outwardly

wholesome appearance of male bonding and family responsibility is a cover for a strong anti-woman/male dominating message that invalidates the worth and dignity of women and of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. Their pledge to strengthen families scapegoats women and gay people, blaming them for the collapse of family and community. Their pledge of "racial reconciliation" rings hollow without a commitment to overcoming institutional racism.

Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney has gained national notoriety for his anti-gay rhetoric. McCartney has said that "homosexuality is an abomination of Almighty God," that gay people are "curable," are "a group of people who don't reproduce, yet want to be compared to people who do reproduce," and "a lifestyle doesn't entitle anyone to special rights." The Promise Keepers' literature

itself reads, "homosexuality violates God's creative design for a husband and a wife and is a sin." Justice-seeking people will not stand by and let this bigotry go unchallenged.

If Promise Keepers has their way, they will lead us into the 21st century as a Christian nation of men dedicated to perpetuating racial and gender oppression and homophobia. No matter what they claim, their leaders have a highly political agenda that would turn back the clock. Our country must move into the future guided on the principles of religious and political pluralism, freedom, and equality.

For more information on Promise Keepers, please contact NGLTF Field Organizer Betsy Gressler at [bgressler@ngltf.org](mailto:bgressler@ngltf.org). This message was issued by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Field Department.

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## Answer This Questionnaire and WIN a chance at passage for 2 on the Pride Volunteers Cruise

Win a passage for 2 on the Pride Volunteers Cruise and Lobster Bake in August. We will select only 1 respondent, all entries must be answered completely to be eligible for the drawing on July 31. (we'd still like partial entries if you don't fill out question 8)

Question 1 of 8: Please rate the following Pride events (if you did not attend, leave blank)

| Event/service | Awesome | Good | Fair | Poor | Stunk |
|---------------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| Recog. Dinner |         |      |      |      |       |
| PRIDE LIGHTS  |         |      |      |      |       |
| Pier Dance    |         |      |      |      |       |

Interfaith  
Rally  
Parade  
Festival Stage  
Vendor area  
Food choices  
ASE Concert  
Parents Forum  
Sunset Cruise

Question 2: Was there a request of the Pride Committee that was not answered, if so what was it. (no) (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_

Question 3: About how much did you spend on Pride events?

Question 4: Where did you eat

during Pride?

Question 5: What Bars did you visit during Pride?

Question 6: Any suggestions on the programming or music selections: (Keep in mind the Men's Chorus/Lady Chablis were independent of Pride planning)

Question 7: How did you find Pride information?

Question 8: Your name and address for Access, Pride's quarterly newsletter (Pride never gives out its mailing list, nor sends mail with any addressing or labeling that may compromise your privacy)

## Letter to the Editor : Response to Last month's "Rant"

"Dear Mr. Cook,

In response to your article "A Line Item Veto On Gay Rights" I would like to say a few words in defense of our States petitioning procedure. First off, you claim that the referendum option is now the "Government of Choice" for those who don't believe in our Representative Democracy. I would like to point out that our "Representative Democracy" is anything but! If you or anybody else out there think that our elected officials represent the overall interest of the taxpaying voter or the ultimate welfare of our state I strongly urge you to re-consider your view.

The passing of Maine's Gay/Lesbian rights bill (Finally!) after 20 long years of struggle is way to long a time period for a liberal civilised state to pass a human rights ordinance which should have been dealt by the late 1980's at the latest! I often wonder if this issue had been presented to Maine Voters through referendum earlier in the Struggle would Maine's Gay/Lesbian community have equal rights by now? An interesting question to say the least.

Secondly, Is there really anything wrong with we the people having direct, yes direct, control over policy making? If we do in Fact live in a truly liberal

civilised society founded on the Constitutional concept of Self Government, a.k.a. "Democracy" then why shouldn't any and every governmental policy or even a citizens referendum issue for that matter be subjected to the majority of voters For approval or rejection? I find it amusing that a "Sanely" run legislature would outlaw Gay/Lesbian marriages then turn around and grant equal civil rights for the same minority group which it has just so blatantly discriminated against! If Carolyn Cosby's anti same-sex marriage referendum had gone to the ballot instead of being so easily passed by our "sanely" run legislature our State's Gay/Lesbian community would at least have had the opportunity to "Duke" it out at the polls and quite possibly have won! I geuss we'll never know now, will we Mr. Cook?

Thirdly, referring to the referendum procedure as a "plague on American life" is a highly and unnecessarily venomous assault on our 1<sup>st</sup> ammendment right. When people are not Free to take any issue to the body of voters then who are these people to take it to? Surely you don't agree that a political minority such as the Sate legislature should call all the shots, set

the rules and decide all the policies for over a million Maine citizens while the people stand by on the Sidelines and watch!?!?

True, our petitioning process needs much more well defined regulations than currently exist but none so unjustly conservative as the list which you presented in your article. Instead of trying to destroy our right to referendum you should acknowledge the Fact that the referendum brings to mainstream attention those issues which our "Sanely" run legislature in Augusta never seems to want to deal with. If we, the majority of voters, are not Free to deal with any and all issues which we, the majority of voters, have to live under than the term "Representative Democracy" holds very little if absolutely no meaning. Maine isn't quite an absolute police state yet, Mr. Cook, lets make sure that political power in Maine doesn't become the "Personal Recreation" of an unchecked beuacracy.

This letter has been transcribed to reflect the full content of the writer's letter. In no way has the content, spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax or any other aspect of this letter been edited from the original. It was signed anonymous



# Community Pride Resources

## 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 03302-0730.

## 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 first 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 am. 21 Front St. (near Court St.) Co-pastors the Revs. Michael L.C.

Henderson & Jane Geffken Henderson. FMI call Ingrid at 603-772-6221.

## Lesbian/Gay Catholics

The organization Dignity/Maine offers supportive Masses for 1/y/b/t Catholics & their friends/families. Meets every Sunday at 6:00 pm in St. Lukes 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 P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

## Community of Hope

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

## Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group

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 421, Peterborough, NH 03458. 603-924-8828. E-mail gtnorth@top.monad.net Web page (under construction) <http://top.monad.net/~gtnorth/index.htm>

## 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 Chrysalis:** PO Box 990, Belfast, Maine 04915. Call 207-3338-5089.

**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](http://www.neis.net/aidsproject). E-mail - [aidsproj@neis.net](mailto: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.

**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 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

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**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.

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\*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-6964 - Estelle

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

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

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

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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.

### MUSIC & ART

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#### 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.ox.yu.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](http://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.

**Chilton Mountain Club:** Gay and Lesbian outdoor organization with about 1,200 members throughout New England. Activities include hiking, back packing, biking, canoeing, skiing ect; Monthly newsletter listing trips each month. Call either Tracy Green at 207-828-2535 or Mike Boisvert at 603-669-1936.



## The Gay Times Festival



by Lin Gould

The Gay Times Festival will be held this August at College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, August 16-18 (Saturday through Monday). Our featured Saturday night performers will be Romanovsky & Phillips, flying in from New Mexico for this special one-concert-in-Maine event.

Romanovsky & Phillips are famous for their special blend of music and comedy. They have toured extensively in the United States, Canada and Australia, and have recorded 5 albums and CDs. Specially requested songs include "Some of My Best Friends are Straight", "Ho Ho Homophobia", and "Don't Use Your Penis (For a Brain)". Their anthem "Living With AIDS" was sung by the Festival Chorus at the Vancouver Gay Games in 1990 and was

also used in the documentary "Testing the Limits". Currently, R & P are finishing up writing 14 songs for an upcoming Off-Broadway-bound musical entitled JAYSON.

Our keynote speakers will be Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, two founders of "Daughters of Bilitis" in the 1950's, writers, and now a couple for over 4 decades, and Diane Elze, longtime Maine activist before her departure to pursue graduate studies. Sunday evening's concert will be Sons and Lovers, a warm and wonderful New York City-based quintet. Other attractions will include a late Saturday evening coffeehouse with Martin Swinger, who says he is delighted to have Romanovsky & Phillips as his warm-up act! Bring a musical instrument or some friends and you're welcome to share a short set too! Also hiking and biking in Acadia, stargazing from Cadillac Mountain, a dance DJ'd by Mark and Jas, volleyball, many sea kayaking times, some planned workshops, and some time for us to all decide what we together want to talk about. Vendors are welcome but should contact us first so we are sure to have table space reserved.

If you want to walk in without reservations, for some or for all, we'll be delighted to see you. If you want College of the Atlantic's fabulous food, we must have meal totals to the kitchen a week ahead (Aug 9). If you want space to sleep in one of the dorms, or you'd like to be in one of the sea kayaking excursions, we need to hear from you as soon as possible since those spaces are filling up fast.

Judy, Larry, Lin, Rosemarie & Trevor. Gay Times Festival, PO Box 516, Mt. Desert, ME 04660 207-244-4062 or [lt@acadia.net](mailto:lt@acadia.net)

## MLGPA

Please note that MLGPA Board Meetings are no longer held on Saturdays. Meetings are now held the third Thursday of every month in Augusta from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### Community Calendar Of Events:

**July 10-13** National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Federation meeting. Knoxville, Tennessee. Excellent conference for Legislative information. For information call Tracey Conaty at 202-332-6483 ext. 3303.

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

**July 13-19** Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) Summer Leadership Institute. For information call John Spear at 212-727-0135

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

**July 26** MLGPA Summer Board Retreat. 10:00-4:00. Location TBA. Everyone welcome. For information call MLGPA office at 1-800-55-MLGPA or 761-3732.

**July 31- Aug. 3** Gay & Lesbian Victory Foundation Training Institute. Boston, MA. Excellent training for campaigns. For information call Dave Fleisher at 718-230-9865.

**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 \* No MLGPA monthly meeting this month.** We're taking the month off!! Teague Morris P.O. Box 23 Dresden, ME 04342-0023 207.737.8146

## What a Celebration!!!

A big Thank You to those of you who attended MLGPA's LD 1116 bash on June 7 in Augusta! We had a wonderful time what a nice mix of history, appreciation, and celebration!

A special thanks goes to Lisa Vaccarro who donated her excellent DJ services for the evening. For those of you who could not attend, Karen Geraghty (MLGPA immediate past president and lobbyist for L.D. 1116) organized a fabulous group of speakers including State Treasurer Dale McCormick, Harry Gordon, Senator Joel Abromson, Betsy Sweet and nearly every past president of the MLGPA since its founding in 1984. MLGPA's President Betsy Smith and Vice President Del Wilson did a great job of emceeing the program, which also included footage from Channel 8's television coverage of the signing of L.D. 1116 by Governor King.

MLGPA's coalition partners' and other supportive organizations' banners were hung around the banquet room, as well as a written history of the 20 years leading up to L.D. 1116's passage. We'd also like to thank those of you who came early to help set up. Boston Pride Success Several MLGPA'ers trekked down to Boston on June 7 to represent LGBT Mainers in Boston's Pride parade.

The group left Portland early Saturday morning, marched behind New Hampshire in the parade, and scooted back up to Augusta in time for the big party. What troopers! Volunteer Night Held in Portland Tom Coffin, Julie Rothrock, and Betsy Smith held a meeting for MLGPA volunteers who are interested in "getting beyond mailings" on June 3 at the MLGPA office in Portland. Chuck Davis, Jen Goldman, Nancy Lyons, and Paul Prescott came to learn more about MLGPA's mission and organization and to discuss volunteer opportunities throughout the summer. Any of you who would like to receive this information, and who would like to become a volunteer on a more active, engaged level, are encouraged to contact Tom or Julie at their respective email addresses: [ShadowBoxT@aol.com](mailto:ShadowBoxT@aol.com) or [jarothrow@juno.com](mailto:jarothrow@juno.com).

### Kate Clinton and Bob Smith Rule!

The Kate Clinton/Bob Smith performance at Symposium last Friday, June 13, was quite the gig! The Hub at Southern Maine Technical College in South Portland was packed with people, and what a Gala Night of Comedy it was! The Volunteer/Special Events Committee would like to thank Kate McLaughlin, Paul Prescott, and the Outright folks who helped prepare for the show. Don't forget Bangor Pride! MLGPA will be gathering a group of folks to march in Bangor's Pride parade on July 13 (check the date). Those interested email Tom or Julie at [ShadowBoxT@aol.com](mailto:ShadowBoxT@aol.com) or [jarothrow@juno.com](mailto:jarothrow@juno.com).

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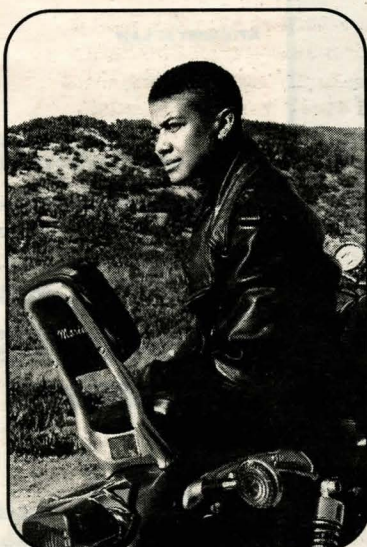


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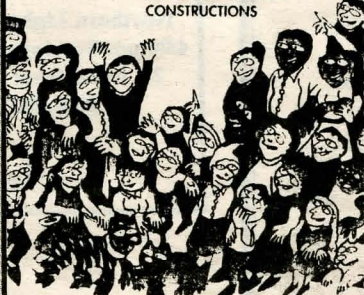
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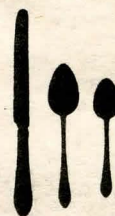
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