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Moving Forward, MLGPA Plans Outreach and Educational Efforts

As someone said the day after the vote, "We've spent 20 years educating the Legislature. Now we have to educate the people." We need to better explain to all Maine citizens why we need an anti-discrimination law.

Through a series of community meetings with our members and supporters across the state, we will develop new educational and field plans to reach out into rural and suburban areas. We at MLGPA guarantee it won't take another 20 years (if we have anything to do with it.)

Our job now is to reach people who have all different kinds of misconceptions. There were "yes" voters, who thought it was all about special rights, or affirmative action, or teaching in the schools; many of them don't even realize we aren't already protected. Some of these voters listened to the other side's deceptive claims, even though they deeply believe that discrimination is wrong. There were also plenty of people who support an anti-discrimination law, but they didn't realize how much their

vote was needed. We have to reach as many of them as we can. It's a big job, so we better get started.

Politically we have to make a number of decisions. How long an educational campaign do we need? When do we reintroduce the bill? Do we send it out to referendum ourselves so we can be sure it comes up in a general election?

We want to know what you think. We will also be consulting with supportive legislators, many of who are as committed to this issue as we are. Together we will all determine the best approach to pass the bill again.

In the next few months MLGPA will be traveling all around the state to meet with you. Led by professional facilitators, these meetings are for all of us to process the campaign, brainstorm about the future and identify ways we can better work together.

We want to hear your ideas on how to reach the people in your area and how we can best support that effort. We want to know what you

think we should be doing. Our goal is to encourage independent and group work at the local level in our towns.

So far, the following meetings are scheduled:

Ogunquit - Sunday at 3 pm, March 8, at the Dunaway Center on School Street;

Portland - Monday at 7 pm, March 16, Reiche School Auditorium;

Augusta - Saturday at 10 am, April 4, at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Other community meetings are tentatively planned for Belfast on April 18,

Ellsworth on May 2 (am), Bangor on May 2 (pm), and Presque Isle on May 16. Further towns will be announced as arrangements are confirmed. Watch Gaynet or contact us directly (see below).

The most urgent work we have before us is to help reelect supportive legislators and to identify and elect good people for any open seat or unsupportive incumbent. Candi-

dates have to file nominating petitions by March 16th.

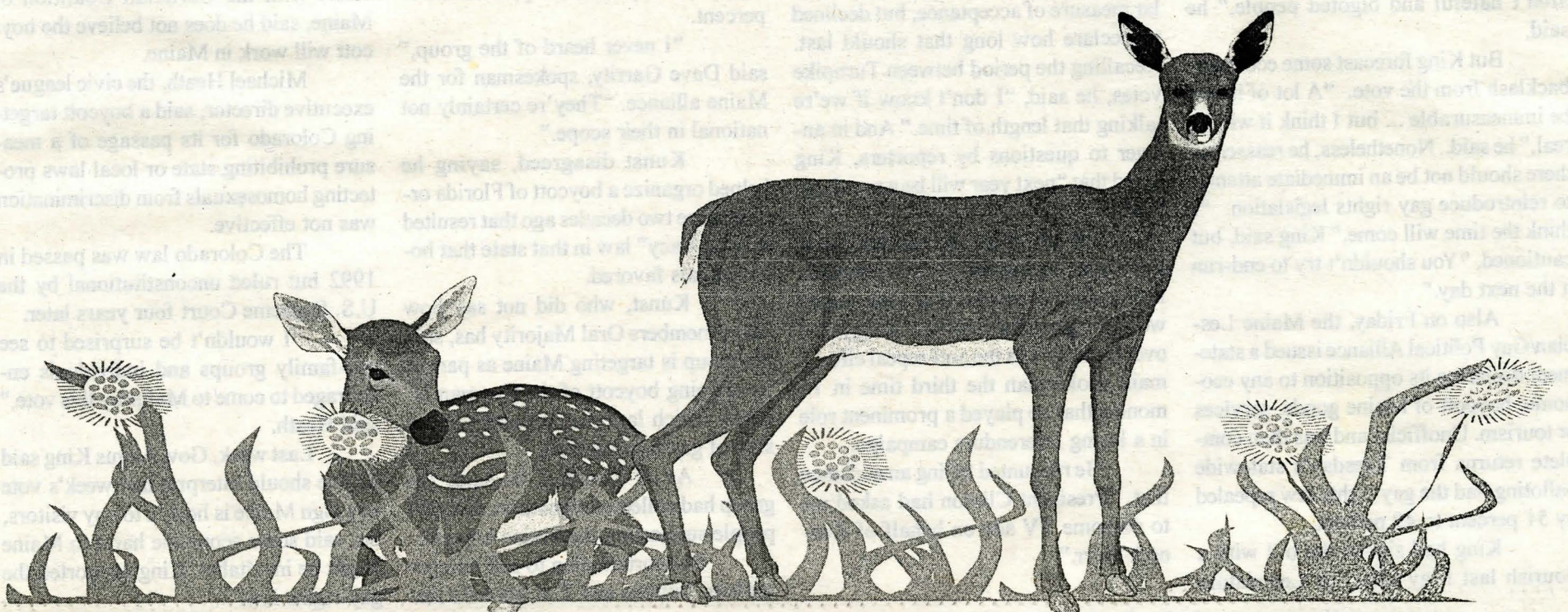
MLGPA will coordinate these legislative efforts and would like to work with local members and other activists. If you can help, please attend one of our Legislative Committee meetings, send us an e-mail or call. Meetings are held every other Wednesday night (3/4, 3/18, 4/1) at the Maine Education Association building, Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

Don't forget, MLGPA meets at 7 pm every third Thursday of the month at the Maine Education Association building, Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

Send us snail mail (PO Box 232, Hallowell, ME 04347), e-mail (mlgpa@javanet.com) or call MLGPA (761-3732 or 800/55-MLGPA) for more information.

As difficult as the past couple of weeks have been, MLGPA is excited about our future, we feel that our best days are yet to come. Imagine the pride we will feel when, after all this struggle, passage of our LGBT anti-discrimination law is final.

Spring: A Time To Look At That Which Has Past And Look Ahead To Things Yet To Come



Christian Coalition Plans To Recruit 100,000 "Liaisons"

By Ron Fournier

Washington (AP) Emboldened by the defeat of a gay-rights law in Maine, the Christian Coalition plans to recruit 100,000 "church liaisons" to help push the group's agenda in all 50 states.

The new plan, part of a "Families 2000" strategy being unveiled Wednesday, borrows from the coalition's success last week in Maine. The coalition said it worked with 900 churches to pass the ballot initiative, adding 77,000 new households to its mailing list.

Under the new strategy, volunteer activists would be tapped by the coalition to coordinate activities between churches and local coalition chapters.

The coalition will publish a menu of issues around which these newly constituted local entities could rally. The list includes state bans on certain late-term abortions, pornography restrictions, opposition to legalized gambling initiatives and any measures that give special rights based on sexual behavior.

The last item is a reference to the Maine referendum, when voters decided, 51 percent to 49 percent, to repeal a new law that would have barred discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit.

However, David Smith, a spokes-

man for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay political group, said the coalition is making a mistake by trying to duplicate its success in Maine.

"I think it is a complete misreading of the results in this election in Maine if they think those totals give them a mandate nationally," Smith said. "Polls show that Americans are opposed to discrimination against people based on sexual orientation. Any attempt to achieve the same results in other states would backfire."

But coalition officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the new strategy reflects the fact that churches are becoming an efficient way to reach voters in an age of suburban sprawl.

The coalition is fighting a perception of weakness after the departure of political operative Ralph Reed and during an investigation of its tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to the group are down.

Coalition leaders hope their new strategy enlarges the group's base of grass-roots activists who can help lobby Congress and the White House on behalf of its national agenda, which includes a call for lower taxes, a national fight against religious persecution and school choice.

NGLTF Denounces Christian Coalition

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force denounced plans by the Christian Coalition to recruit 100,000 "church liaisons" to push the group's agenda in the 50 states. The new campaign, designed to reach grassroots donors and activists, features state legislative attacks on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their families. The group claimed to be emboldened by the recent repeal of a civil rights law in Maine, where they used the discriminatory ballot measure to add new members to their shrinking membership rolls.

"The election results in Maine do not foreshadow the rest of the nation. The repeal effort was the result of a campaign of lies and distortions by its promoters. This is another shallow fundraising ploy to pad their coffers at the expense of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community," said Kerry Lobel, executive director of NGLTF. "We will con-

tinue to work with our members, grassroots activists, and allies to secure civil rights laws in every state."

Lobel was also critical of Christian Coalition executive director Randy Tate, who characterized the passage of the discriminatory ballot measure in Maine as "a clear victory for people of faith." She stated, "In every community there are people of every race, gender, and religion who stand for equality and know that discrimination is wrong. Randy Tate and the Christian Coalition have no right to speak for all people of faith."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force monitors and tracks state legislative activity and coordinates the Federation of Statewide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Political Groups. For updates on the 1998 state sessions, see NGLTF's legislative updates, issued periodically throughout the session, at <http://www.ngltf.org>.

Florida Group Plans Boycott Of Maine

By Glenn Adams

Maine (AP) A Florida-based organization known as the Oral Majority is launching a boycott of Maine in response to the last week's vote to repeal the state's gay-rights law.

The gay advocacy group is urging its followers not to visit Maine, shun its lobsters and avoid buying antiques from the state.

"I know Maine is going to get hit on the head with this," the group's president, Bob Kunst, said Tuesday.

The Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance opposes any boycott to punish Maine for the vote and dismissed the Miami group's threat. Unofficial, incomplete returns from Feb. 10 balloting had Maine's newly enacted gay rights law repealed 51 percent to 49 percent.

"I never heard of the group," said Dave Garrity, spokesman for the Maine alliance. "They're certainly not national in their scope."

Kunst disagreed, saying he helped organize a boycott of Florida orange juice two decades ago that resulted in a "privacy" law in that state that homosexuals favored.

Kunst, who did not say how many members Oral Majority has, said his group is targeting Maine as part of its ongoing boycott of the Cayman Islands, which last year refused to let a ship of gay tourists dock.

As of Tuesday, he said, the group had collected signatures of 4,000 people supporting the Maine boycott.

Supporters plan to sell bumper stickers, buttons and T-shirts with slo-

gans such as "Boycott the Pain in Maine" and "Mad Mothers Against Maine." In addition, they plan to publicize the boycott through the Internet. Information will also be distributed at large gatherings of gays.

Kunst blamed Maine gay activists and their supporters, whose coalition Maine Won't Discriminate ran the anti-repeal campaign, for last week's outcome.

Asked to respond to Maine activists who have appealed to other states to not launch any boycotts, Kunst said, "Bring me there and let's put the issue on the ballot and win it. Otherwise, we're going to show no mercy."

The head of the Christian Civic League of Maine, which led the repeal effort with the Christian Coalition of Maine, said he does not believe the boycott will work in Maine.

Michael Heath, the civic league's executive director, said a boycott targeting Colorado for its passage of a measure prohibiting state or local laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination was not effective.

The Colorado law was passed in 1992 but ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court four years later.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see pro-family groups and individuals encouraged to come to Maine by this vote," said Heath.

Last week, Gov. Angus King said no one should interpret last week's vote as a sign Maine is hostile to any visitors, but said some economic harm to Maine might be inevitable. King supported the gay-rights law.

Gov. King Sees No Need For Visitors To Shun Maine

By Francis Quinn

Augusta, Maine (AP) Gov. Angus King said Friday some economic harm to Maine might be inevitable after its repeal of a gay rights law, but no one should interpret the vote as a sign the state is hostile to any visitors.

King noted the organized campaign on the losing end of the vote had urged out-of-staters not to let Tuesday's referendum affect their perception of Maine.

"They know that Maine people aren't hateful and bigoted people," he said.

But King forecast some economic backlash from the vote. "A lot of it will be immeasurable ... but I think it will be real," he said. Nonetheless, he reasserted there should not be an immediate attempt to reintroduce gay rights legislation. "I think the time will come," King said, but cautioned, "You shouldn't try to end-run it the next day."

Also on Friday, the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance issued a statement declaring its opposition to any economic boycott of Maine goods, services or tourism. Unofficial and less than complete returns from Tuesday's statewide balloting had the gay rights law repealed by 51 percent to 49 percent.

King had signed the bill with a flourish last May after the Legislature

enacted it, and he served as its chief advocate in television commercials during the final days of the referendum campaign.

On Friday, he likened the effect of the gay rights repeal to the 1991 referendum decision against widening the Maine Turnpike. The Turnpike issue was shelved for six years until last fall, when a new referendum majority said the time had come for the widening.

King said Tuesday's decision by voters on gay rights deserved some similar measure of acceptance, but declined to declare how long that should last. Recalling the period between Turnpike votes, he said, "I don't know if we're talking that length of time." And in answer to questions by reporters, King noted that "next year will be a new Legislature."

In any event, he predicted new gay rights legislation would contain a referendum clause so that state voters would be given the final say. King joked over his failure as the anti-repeal effort's main spokesman the third time in 15 months that he played a prominent role in a losing referendum campaign.

He recounted telling an audience that, "President Clinton had asked me to do some TV ads on behalf of Kenneth Starr."

Judge Rules Against Same-Sex Marriage Ban

By Paul Queary

Juneau, Alaska (AP) A state judge hearing a challenge to Alaska's ban on same-sex marriage says choosing a partner is a fundamental right that could result in a "nontraditional" choice.

Anchorage Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski said Friday that the state must show why it should be able to regulate who people marry.

The ruling does not legalize same-sex unions. Even so, a state legislator who sponsored the same-sex marriage ban believes a constitutional amendment might be needed.

"If judges can't read the constitution any better than this then we will clearly state it in the constitution," Republican state Sen. Loren Leman said.

The court challenge began last year when Jay Brause and Gene Dugan of Anchorage challenged a 1996 law banning same-sex marriage.

The gay couple, who sought state recognition of their relationship of 20 years, said the marriage ban violates the

Alaska Constitution.

On Friday, Michalski threw out the state's bid to dismiss the case and ruled that choosing a partner is a fundamental right.

"It is the decision itself that is fundamental, whether the decision results in a traditional choice or the non-traditional choice Brause and Dugan seek to have recognized," Michalski wrote. "The same Constitution protects both."

Reached at work Friday, Dugan refused to discuss the ruling.

John Gaguine, the assistant attorney general who argued the case, said the state probably will ask the Alaska Supreme Court to review the decision.

Proving a compelling state interest in banning same-sex marriage may be difficult, said Matt Coles, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties in New York.

"The state is going to have to have a very good justification," he said.

Ban On Gay Marriages Gains Support

By Susan Stocum

Des Moines, Iowa (AP) With a display on gay families set up in the Statehouse, legislative leaders one floor up predicted easy approval for a proposed ban on same-sex marriages.

The action worries Bill Crews, who has already been the victim of discrimination because he is a homosexual.

"I think it promotes physical violence," he said Thursday. "When you devalue parts of society, publicly devalue them, that leads to those who have a little less of an intellectual capacity to feel that it's OK to act out their feelings."

The bill, which is expected out of a House committee in the next week or so, defines marriage as that only between a man and a woman. It also states that same-sex marriages performed in other states would not be valid in Iowa.

Thursday was designated National Freedom to Marry Day by homosexual-rights groups. Crews set up a touring display called "Love makes a family: Living in lesbian and gay families." The display featured pictures and stories from families with gay or lesbian parents, grandparents or children.

"We're hard-working, taxpaying, law-abiding citizens, but yet we have to struggle to have our families and to have other people value our families," said Crews, who has been mayor of Melbourne a town of less than 700 people about 40 miles northeast of Des Moines since 1984.

In Hawaii, a law took effect last year that extends many of the benefits available to married couples to gay couples. The law was a compromise answer to a 1993 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that it was unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Worried that Hawaii or another state might legalize gay marriages, Sen. Andy McKean, an Anamosa Republican and one of the bill's sponsors, said Iowa is making a pre-emptive move.

"Time will tell whether it's necessary," he said.

Last week, Washington became the 27th state to ban same-sex marriages.

"That's why the U.S. Constitution has a full faith and credit clause," Crews said. "You'll have to have a passport traveling from state to state with all this hodgepodge."

House Majority Leader Brent Siegrist, R-Council Bluffs, predicted the bill will get "substantial, overwhelming support" in his chamber.

"I don't know whether it's something Iowa needs," Senate Minority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said. "But I would guess it would also get fairly easy approval in our chamber as well."

Eric Woolson, spokesman for Gov. Terry Branstad, said the governor would sign the bill.

"It's a situation in which we're trying to uphold the traditional standards of the state of Iowa," McKean said. "These kinds of marriages, I think in the view of most Iowans, are not appropriate."

Crews and his partner, Steve Kehoe, have been together for more than 19 years. Why, after all this time, do they need a marriage license to validate their relationship?

"I think there are a lot of reasons. My partner's family is not very supportive of us. We need to be able to control each other's health decisions," he said. "My partner works for a company where, if we were married, we would have access to a family health plan."

In 1993, they returned home from a national gay-rights parade to find that vandals had spray-painted their house, broken a window and set off a fire extinguisher in the basement.

"Everyday we're faced with prejudice and bigotry," Crews said. "You have to have a lot of faith in God, which I do, and a bit of humor."

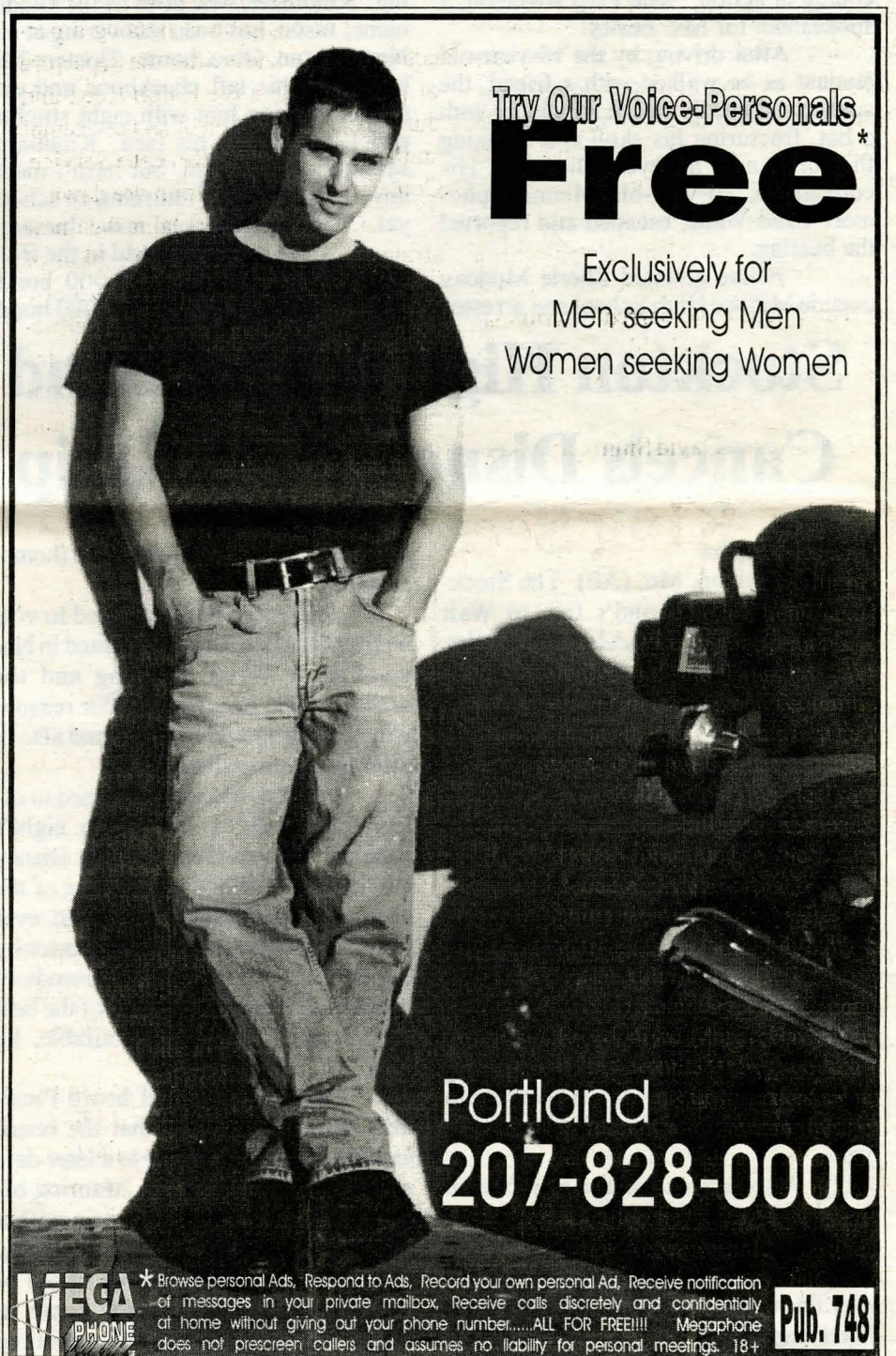
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Federal Charges Concidered In Student Beating

Oxford, Ohio (AP) Federal charges might be filed against two men accused of beating a black Miami University student with a bat while taunting him with racist and anti-homosexual remarks, officials said Wednesday.

Steve R. Cole, 18, of Oxford, and Jeffrey E. Eberle, 19, of Loveland, are charged with felonious assault under state law for the Jan. 19 attack on Miami sophomore Christopher Jason Kindinger. The attack occurred near the campus in this city about 30 miles northwest of Cincinnati.

U.S. Attorney Sharon Zealey and Butler County Prosecutor John Holcomb met this week with Oxford police to determine whether to pursue charges under federal hate crime statutes.

"We're still reviewing the situation ... to determine the most appropriate course of action," said Fred Alverson, a spokesman for Ms. Zealey.

After driving by the 19-year-old student as he walked with a friend, the suspects allegedly struck Kindinger with a bat, fracturing his skull and breaking the bone under his eye, police said. His companion, 20-year-old Miami sophomore Brad Waite, escaped and reported the beating.

Police arrested Eberle Monday outside Milford High School and arrested

Cole Tuesday at his home. Police also impounded the gray late-model sedan the suspects rode in with two unidentified friends.

The suspects and the other two people in the car whom police have not charged are not Miami students. The suspects' boasted about the attack to others, helping police identify them, said Oxford Police Chief Steve Schwein. "Generally speaking, people who do these things brag about them, which leads to their undoing," he said.

The FBI will wait for the outcome of the trial before deciding if the people who tipped police about the suspects' alleged statements will receive the \$2,000 reward the FBI offered in the case, said spokesman Ed Boldt.

Kindinger and Waite have stopped attending classes since the beating. Kindinger, who goes by his middle name, Jason, has been recovering at his New Boston, Ohio, home. Doctors had to rebuild his left cheekbone and eye socket, leaving him with eight stitches and 12 staples on his face. Kindinger said he is doing well, but hasn't made any decision about returning to school yet. "I'm trying to heal now," he said.

Cole was being held in the Butler County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. Eberle was being held on \$45,000 bond.

Thorton Acadamy Deals With Civil Rights Cases

Saco, Maine (AP) After civil rights complaints were filed against two students, teachers and students at Thornton Academy worked to dispel the notion that theirs is an intolerant campus.

Monday was the first day back to school since a civil-rights complaint was filed against two students for allegedly threatening a gay student. "I think it's going to make people think about judging others by their sexual orientation or their racial features," said Rich Cluff, a sophomore.

At a morning meeting, Headmaster Carl Stasio told students the school is no place to act out biases.

Stasio addressed students in two morning sessions, each about 20 minutes long. He only vaguely referred to the incidents, speaking more generally about the need for a "safe environment" for students, free from intimidation, derision and hurtful words.

Stasio's comments and the school's soul-searching are the result of a civil-rights action initiated last week by the state Attorney General's Office against two Thornton students.

The complaint filed in York County Superior Court asks for a court order to bar the two 16-year-olds from threatening, assaulting or harassing the student. It also seeks to keep the two boys from harassing anyone who would be protected by any provision of the Maine Civil Rights Act.

One of the two allegedly was a passenger in a car that sped toward the victim and yelled "run faggot" as the boy walked home from school last October. In an incident last December, the other boy allegedly held a paring knife to the student's throat while their foreign language class was doing a project in the home economics room and the teacher stepped out for a moment.

Stockton High School Band Cancels Disney World Trip

By John Rogers

Stockton, Mo. (AP) The Stockton High School band's trip to Walt Disney World was canceled Wednesday amid complaints about what one school board member called Disney's "pro-gay" philosophy.

The school board refused to either approve or deny the trip at its meeting Wednesday night, so the band's director formally asked that the proposal be withdrawn.

Instead, band director Marvin Manring asked that the band be allowed to take a trip to San Antonio, Texas. Board members said they would rule on that request at a later meeting. Two dozen anti-gay protesters from Topeka, Kan., lined the sidewalk outside the gymnasium where the meeting was held Wednesday night.

Passersby exchanged insults with the Rev. Fred Phelps and his supporters, who waved signs ridiculing gays and Disney. One sign depicted Mickey Mouse with the words "Rat fag." Another said "God hates fags."

Most of the 100 people in attendance supported the band's plans to visit Disney World, and they filed out angrily after the meeting. "I think it was the saddest thing I've ever seen," said Raymond Winsett, whose daughter is in the band.

School board member Tom Landers had cited Disney's ownership of the television network that airs "Ellen," a comedy featuring a gay character, and its company policy of providing benefits to same-sex partners of employees, as his reasons for opposing the trip. "That ain't got nothing to do with letting these kids go to Disney World," Winsett said. "Most of the business people in Stockton would

sell merchandise to those people (homosexuals)."

After the board refused to vote on the trip when it was presented in November, it asked Manring and the school's band boosters to offer reasons why the trip should be made and also to offer alternative sites.

At first, Manring declined to offer alternatives at Wednesday night's meeting. He told the board that Disney World would offer students one of the greatest experiences they could ever have. They would have an opportunity to perform before tens of thousands of people and to play with some of the best professional musicians available, he said.

But when school board President William Fox said that the board would hold the issue over to a later date and declined to say when, Manring offered to replace the Disney trip with a trip to San Antonio. Manring said he and band boosters were running out of time to raise the money for a trip to Disney World. He also said it was time to lay to rest an issue that has been an embarrassment to this resort town of 1,500.

"I have been told if we sit back, we wait, it will get better," Manring said. "People will go away, we will not have cameras in our faces. We feel like it's an impossibility to wait another month. "New proposal: Let's go to Texas."

Freshman flutist Danielle Dotson was near tears after the decision. She dismissed the criticism of Disney's policy toward gays as ridiculous. "We have gays in Stockton. Wherever you go, there are going to be gay people there," she said.

Students Welcome With Different Sexual Orientation

Gainesville, Fla. (AP) College students who once needed a court order to hold a gay conference in Alabama and risked death threats and pickets to attend the Tennessee meeting can expect a warm welcome to north Florida.

The University of Florida and the city of Gainesville will be the host this weekend of the eighth annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender College Conference. The city commission recently voted to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination ordinance.

The conference, which began Friday and ends Sunday, is expected to attract more than 300 students from about 50 schools in the Southeast.

"I think Gainesville, while not immune from discrimination, is a tolerant community," said conference spokesman Dave Prugh, a senior at the university.

There has been little controversy about the meeting, which has gotten support from university administrators and other student organizations, including the Panhellenic Council, which governs fraternities and sororities.

Event organizers asked and got university President John Lombardi fresh from a flap over his use of the word "Oreo" to describe his boss to write a letter welcoming the conference.

Prugh, an officer with the university's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Union, called the president's letter very generic.

"He was going through a very difficult time with the Oreo comment," Prugh said. "I think he wanted to take a hands-off approach to any more controversy."

Lombardi was in California on Thursday and unavailable for comment.

At Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro last year, conference organizers received death threats, picketers conducted candlelight vigils and police installed metal detectors at events.

In 1996, Alabama state legislators voted to ask the state attorney general to shut down the conference, which was deemed "too liberal" an event to be held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. A federal court order allowed the conference to be held.

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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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 (NB), 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 207-773-8308

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.

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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!

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

GLSEN is a national organization working to end homophobia in schools. GLSEN members are committed to the belief that all students have the right to learn in schools which are free from discrimination, harassment and threats. All people who share this philosophy, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, are welcome as members. The Southern Maine chapter of GLSEN meets 6:30 - 8:30 on the fourth Monday of the month (with some exceptions for holidays and vacations) at Waynflete School Library, 64 Emery St., Portland. Non-members welcome. FMI 207-773-9547 or write POB 10334, Portland ME 04104.

Support Groups

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 7 pm 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 lg/b/t Catholics & their friends/families. Meets every Sunday at 6:00 pm in St. Luke's Cathedral, side chapel, 143 State St., Portland. Coffee & dessert after the liturgy. FMI call Rosemary or Janet: 207-646-2820 or Laurie: 207-878-0546 or write: Dignity/Maine, POB 8113, Portland 04104. All replies kept confidential.

The Appollo Society

an out-reach, networking and social organization for New England's gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenes. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and fun! FMI call 207-773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

Circle of Hope MCC.

Circle of Hope Metropolitan Community Church meets each Sunday at 2:00 PM at 156 High Street (corner of Deering and High - Immanuel Baptist Church building) A Christian church founded in and reaching beyond the gay and lesbian community. FMI email MCCclergy@aol.com or call toll free 1-888-264-6223. PO Box 1671 Portland, ME 04104.

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,

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

Gender Talk North

Gender support. Write for newsletter, P.O. 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: P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME, 04104-6818

Bisexual Discussion & Support Group

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

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 7-8 pm, 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 P.O. Box 145 Brewer, ME 04412.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group

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

Mothers and Kids Group

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

GLAD to be Sober

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at the North Church - at the corner of north Main and Washington Streets - in Concord NH. Use the Washington street entrance.

Tiffany Club of New England (TCNE)

TCNE is a weekly support group for all transgender-identified individuals: cross-dressers, transsexuals, and others, along with their spouses and significant others. Meetings are Tuesdays from 7-10pm. FMI: TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn, MA 01888-0483.

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.

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

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

Medical Support

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

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

FREE FAMILY THERAPY

available for individuals & families (of any type) who are affected by HIV disease. FMI, contact Chris Behan, MSW at Center for Training and Special Programs. 207-773-6658.

Teen Life Center

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

you may need. Drop in between 10 to 10:45 am.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

Portland STD Clinic provides full range of services from screening & treatment, education & counseling and HIV antibody testing and counseling. Located in Room 303 of City Hall. Anonymous HIV testing by appointment on weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Call 207-874-8784. For other STD services: 207-874-8446.

Coping with Caregiving

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

Breast self-exam classes

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

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

Brunswick: Merrymeeting AIDS Support

Services: 725-4995

Bridgton: Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608 -

Rumford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

Lewiston: AIDS Coalition of Lewiston/Auburn: 786-4697

Waterville: Dayspring: 626-3435

Ellsworth: Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

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

Mid coast: Gay men's HELP LINE, 6:00-9:00 pm (only) M-F 207-863-2728. FAX 207-863-2794. Also, gay youth info.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) Contacts in Maine (* indicates monthly meetings)

*Dover-Foxcroft: 564-7986 - Sharon

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

*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-6964 - Estelle

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

CONTACTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

New Hampshire: Teen Crisis Line - 1-800-639-6095/1-800-750-2524.

Concord: Judy, 603/485-3943

Webster: Betsy, 603/746-3818

Nashua: Nancy, 603/880-8709

Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

Francestown: Cy/Gordon, 603/547-2545

Rumney: Ann, 603/786-9812

Upper Valley: Fel, 603-785-4810.

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.

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 Shannetta.

Central Maine: Weekly confidential meetings for gay, lesbian and questioning youth 22 years and under. First Call at 207-795-6677 OR 1-800-339-4042 and ask about Outright.

Lewiston/Auburn: Meets first and third Fridays. Confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call 786-2717 for more information.

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., #1

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.

Social Groups

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.

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

Calender Items

Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance (MWPA) is sponsoring a one day workshop on point of view in the short story. Led by Monica Wood, the class will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 10am to 3pm at the Brick Store Museum Program Center, 4 Dane Street, Kennebunk.

Point of view holds narratives together; it is one of the most critical elements in short stories. Through a series of presentations and writing exercises, participants will discover the virtues and limitations of first-, second-, and third-person narration. Students will develop an appreciation for the intricacies of point of view, and learn how to carefully select their perspective. The cost of this workshop is \$45 for MWPA

There is an **HIV/AIDS** drop-in support group for those infected and affected by HIV every Thursday evening in Rockland from 6:15pm to 7:45pm. For location of meetings, call Marjorie at the Coastal AIDS Network at 207-338-6330.

Outright is holding meetings in the Camden area for support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youths. Outright advocates to create a safe supportive environment for youths.

Meetings will be from noon to 2pm on Saturdays March 14 and 28. For more information call 207-338-6330.

Social and support groups, education and counseling for gay/bi men at risk of HIV infection to stay safe. Video nights are the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00pm. There is a potluck and discussion group held on the 4th Friday of each month. FMI call 207-338-6330.

The Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice (VNA) and the American Cancer Society will sponsor a series of seminars on Guidance in Grieving.

These seminars will be held on the second Monday of every month, at 7:15pm, at the Methodist Church, Elm Street, South Portland.

For more information, contact Julie Shackley at 207-780-8624; Grace Moulton RN at 207-799-3179; or Rev. Tom White at 207-799-0407.

(VNA) will be holding on an-going Adult Immunization Clinic/Health Screen-

members, \$65 for others. FMI and registration call 207-729-6333. Enrollment will be limited to 15.

Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance will hold its annual **Used Book Sale** on Saturday March 14 from 10 am to 1pm at the MWPA office, 12 Pleasant Street, Brunswick. The public is invited to browse through our eclectic selection of hardcovers and paperbacks for adults and children.

MPWA is a non-profit literary organization that promotes the value of literature and the art of writing by building a community of writers, readers and publishers within Maine. FMI, call 207-729-6333 or write to MWPA, 12 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME. 04011.

The Birthplace at Mercy Hospital offers childbirth education classes through the year at various locations, with each session lasting six weeks. Classes are held at St Joseph's College, Windham, and VNA & Hospice, 50 Foden Road, So Portland, beginning April 9; at 535 Ocean Avenue, Portland and Mercy Hospital beginning March 11; and at Yarmouth Intermed, 259 Maine Street, Yarmouth, and at Mercy Hospital beginning April 6; and at Mercy Hospital beginning April 7. The fee is \$70.00 for six sessions. All classes are from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

A condensed version of the six week **Childbirth Education Class** is offered on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The cost is \$45.00. A refresher class will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The cost of the refresher class is \$30.... Saturday **Childbirth Education Classes** are held at Mercy Hospital.

Tours of **The Birthplace at Mercy Hospital** are offered on a regular basis. FMI or to register, call 207-879-3950.

ing Clinic for Adults on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 1 - 4pm at the Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice, 50 Foden Road, South Portland, ME.

Among the services to be offered are blood pressure checks; cholesterol screening; TB skin tests; Hepatitis B vaccine; Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccines, Flu Vaccines (seasonally); and pneumonia (must be 65 years or older) to adults 18 years and older. These clinics are by appointment only. For more information call the VNA at 207-780-8624.

AIDS Response Seacost (ARS) is selling tickets to its **2ND ANNUAL Spring Gay-la Dinner Dance**. Presented as an evening of casual elegance for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community and other friends of ARS, the **Gay-la** will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Portsmouth Sheraton on Saturday, March 14th. The affair begins with a cash bar at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and a silent auction. Guests can then dance until midnight under the direction of DJ Rick Tate from "Abounds with Sounds" from Dover.

Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$320 for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased in Portsmouth at: Bagel Works, 9 Congress Street in Mar-

ket Square; Follicle Hair Salon, 86 Pleasant Street, or the ARS office, 1 Jenkins Street. Tickets are also available in Epping at the Epping Flower Shop, 109 Calef Highway. Rooms at the Sheraton are also available at a discounted rate to ticket purchasers.

ARS is a non-profit community based AIDS/HIV service organization dedicated to providing prevention education, direct services and advocacy to all persons and communities affected by HIV infection who live in Rockingham and Stafford counties in New Hampshire and southern York County in Maine. ARS provides services without charge to any person in its service area living with HIV/AIDS.

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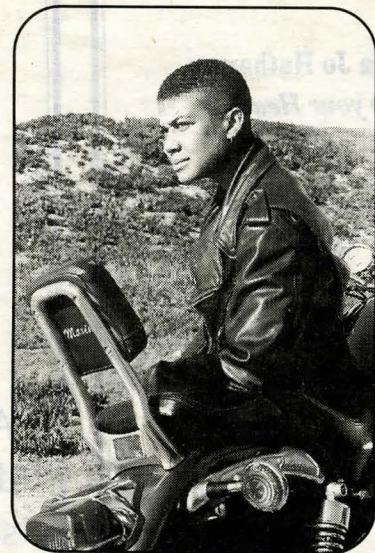
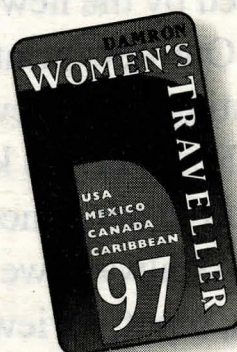


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Cranky Observations

C.M. Brennan

It's a damned shame about the men's US Olympic Hockey team. I mean, who would have ever expected a team comprised of professional hockey players, the great denizens of the NHL, would have bobbled the ball, er, puck, as badly as they did? When we throw the most money, the best resources behind the effort for the Great Prize, don't we then have the right to expect that victory will be ours?

How is it that the men's US Olympic Hockey team fell flat on its nose on the world stage? As millions watched, the players adjudged to be the best in the business couldn't keep pace with the underdog Czechs, still smelling faintly of Communism. A hand-picked selection of professional stickmen, the ones who know the game the best, could not score when and where it counted most. What the hell happened?

Complacency. Grandiosity. Great big egos. The players representing the best hopes of the American fans rested on their laurels and their collective reputation in a strange assumption of victory assured. When they should have been drilling in the arena, studying the ice and the ambitious Czechs, Swedes, Slavs and Canadians, our team was disco-dancing into the early hours and sleeping late. They cut their practice sessions short or ditched them altogether. The coaches repeatedly changed their game plans. Prematurely self-congratulatory, riding on victories past, the team didn't take the time to fully appreciate the capabilities of their opponents. They were as shocked by their loss as those of us at home watching in open-

mouthed disbelief.

Time was when the Olympic Games were open only to amateurs, those who did not yet play sports for money and fame. The athletes of those bygone days competed for medals earned with determination and sweat and discipline. The introduction of Dream Teams and paid professionals forever changed the face of the Games, tainted them with the haughty expectation of success bought with money, not hard won through gut-busting sacrifice. Can one really say that such competition has changed for the better?

This is not to say that all members of this particular US Olympic Hockey team were out to further inflate already dangerously swollen egos and get their faces on a Wheaties box. Certainly there were those players who made significant contributions to the team's efforts out of love for the sport and an athlete's drive for self-improvement: they could not have gotten as far as they did in the playoffs without such powerful motivators.

Yet, unless independent actions coalesce into committed, concentrated group effort, a team is nothing more than a collection of individuals with a common goal. Individuals don't win championships, teams do. Unfortunately for this team, the power of individual self-interest was greater than the common goal.

Of course, there are those who might say that the Czechs or Canadians wanted the prize more than we did, that they were hungrier for victory than we were because they had something to prove. Perhaps there is some truth in those statements. Perhaps we lost to op-

ponents who were determined to buck the odds and we helped them by failing to appreciate their collective abilities. Considering the tales coming out of the Olympic Village about some players' behavior, we didn't do a whole lot to help our own effort.

My friend John is fond of an old maxim that says that when you believe your own press, you are finished. Despite all the folderol about making a best effort, about waging a fair competition, about giving 110% to the team, once the insidious notion that victory is assured because the polls say so, because our team is comprised of the "good guys", because, hey, who wants to see the defenders of democracy lose, anyway? Is given any credibility, it infects and weakens the strength of all strategies, consciously or not. Though the rhetoric may be sincere, the follow-through is lax.

What next? Following their elimination from the medals round, the team threw a temper tantrum, packed up and high-tailed it back stateside in short order. Players took off for their respective professional teams and the NHL's season resumed play. Back to normal? Hardly.

Given some time to lick their considerable wounds, it behooves team management to examine closely the attitudes and actions (or lack thereof) which resulted in such a defeat. The next Winter Games will be upon us before we know it. Perhaps by learning from the mistakes of arrogance we were subjected to this winter, we can later assemble players as equally dedicated to strategy and sportsmanship as to victory and field a successful team, in every sense of the word.

Community Pride Reporter Special Announcement Rumors of our Demise have been greatly over exaggerated.

Community Pride Reporter was not distributed for the month of February. Although it is customary for us not to print a January issue, we usually produce a February one, however when we received it from the printer, it was of such poor quality, we simply could not distribute it.

None of our advertisers were or will be charged for February and all subscriptions have been extended an extra month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone, but hope that the quality of paper produced by the new printer will be worth the inconvenience.

Our new printer has assured us that they do not have any issues around printing a gay newspaper and promised us a top quality product.

Many of you know CPR has closed it's office in Portland, however we are proud to announce our new 800 number. 1-800-870-5655.

As always we are looking for volunteers to help with distribution, mailings, input, reviews as well as many other facets of our operation. Please give the office a call.

Catherine Clark, Publishing Editor
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Bi Space: "Let's Get Together"

by BobBI Keppel and Pete Chvany

Have you dreamed of attending a glamorous international conference, rubbing shoulders with folks from other countries, hearing foreign languages spoken, and learning the advantages of diverse ethnic and cultural points of view? Have you wished to attend a bi conference close to home but just far enough away that you won't run into your neighbors? Why not do both? The 5th International Bisexual Conference (IBC5) will be held at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, April 3-5, 1998. Cheap, accessible, friendly, its official languages are English and Spanish. 600+ bi and bi supportive folks from North and South America, Western Europe, and the Pacific Rim.

Read on...

The title of this year's Bi Con is "One World, Many Faces: Unity and Diversity in Bi Communities, Queer Communities, and the World." The event is being sponsored by the Harvard Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Graduate Students, and will be one of the kick-off events of the University's Queer Harvard Month. Other participating organizations are the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Supporters Alliance (the undergraduate queer organization at Harvard), the Bi Resource Center, the Boston Bi Women's Network, and BiNet USA, the national bi activist umbrella organization.

The conference's organizers are soliciting speakers who will present workshops, panels, performances, and other events on twenty-one different pro-

gram tracks: Activism; Organizing; Youth/Student issues; Writers and Literature; Media and Culture; Relationships; Gender; Research/Theory; Bi History; Spirituality; Safer Sex/HIV; Personal Growth; Sexuality; Our Bodies: Differing Abilities, Health, Image; Non-Bi Partners and Families; Global, Regional, Racial, Cultural, and Class Differences; Computer/Internet; Performance; Women's Issues; Film and Video; and a Miscellaneous track.

One does not have to be bi to attend. The conference is open to everyone bi, queer, and straight who has an open mind and an interest in bisexuality. The conference facilities are close to the subway, and they are fully wheelchair accessible. If you've never visited the Science Center at Harvard, it's worth coming just to see the fabulously ugly architecture, supposedly influenced by the design of an old Polaroid camera. But inside, it's an excellent place for people of all ages, abilities, and orientations to meet each other.

And when the conference organizers say "international," they mean it. Past Bi Cons were held in Amsterdam, New York, London, and Berlin. This year's event will feature presenters from England, Germany, Finland, Canada, Argentina, Scotland, Australia, the Netherlands, and the USA. Pete, your CPR co-columnist, was recently in Dublin. The bi group there is hoping to send a couple of people to the conference; in fact, their organization got started when two women returned from one of the annual UK conferences and

decided it was time for Ireland's capital to have a group of its own. We left informational flyers with them, and also with the new GLBT community center and the editors of the Gay Community News, Ireland's excellent queer paper of record. So you could find yourself deep in conversation with someone from halfway around the world before you know it.

What else can you expect from one of these conferences? Lectures, of course, and speakers, and workshops on the full range of queer politics, queer life, and queer culture. BobBI and Pete, your very own bi columnists, are planning a workshop on writing a bi column. We're hoping to share experiences with people who write on queer issues, and to help other folks get started in their own communities. There will be performances ranging from the spiritual to the funny to the racy and back again. A kickoff social event is currently being planned, to be held at one of Boston's queer nightspots. Out-of-towners will have time to see the sights. And of course, there's nothing like spending a day or two in a place where being queer isn't just acceptable, but actively celebrated.

That's what an International Bi Conference is about: celebrating ourselves and our friends, and making the world a better place for all of us.

For more information, call the Boston Bisexual Resource Center at (617)424-9595, email info@biconf.org, or visit the IBC5 conference web site at: <http://www.biconf.org>

See you in Boston?

1998: The year of the Challenge? Look to the past, Plan the future...

1998 promises to be quite a challenging year. We had "The Vote" and we had a period of morning.

There were people walking around the office I work in saying "I really didn't think it was going to turn out this way, and they were straight. Thank goodness they voted, but they also asked if we weren't protected under the law anyway and was this vote really necessary to begin with.

There was an elderly gentleman who proudly told me he was one of the "Vote Yes" people, to which I replied "We're some of those vote No! people" as my partner and I pointed to each other. "Well I don't mean to offend you, but of my five children I have one that lives in San Francisco, nuff said" he replied as he poked me in the shoulder.

I asked him then if that were the case why he voted yes in the election and he told me he voted yes to keep the law on the books. I stuttered, "b-but you had to vote no to keep the law on the books" and he looked confused and said he must have voted no then because he voted to keep the law. He was

visibly upset and at this point I don't think either of us really knew just how he'd voted.

So I wonder too how many more people out there were deceived into voting Yes when they'd wanted to vote no. And I wonder where in the Bible it teaches Christians to go out and practice to deceive in the name of Christianity.

As ML/GPA goes forward to educate the people of Maine it seems we can all do our parts in volunteering to help with those efforts, but how will those efforts fair if so many of us remain as invisible as we are. Which of course is the dilemma because we have nothing to protect us if we wanted to be visible.

Many people didn't vote, simply because this issue doesn't effect their lives, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say they don't realize just how this really effects their lives.

So think for a moment what the impact would be if every Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered person and their supporters in this state

walked off the job for a week.

UNUM would have to shut down, L.L. Bean couldn't operate, Maine Med and most of the hospitals and clinics around the state would have difficulty operating. That's just to name a few. Think about the impact on other businesses around the state when 10 to 30 percent of their work walked off the job.

Of course this couldn't happen, most of us can't even stand up in our workplace and say "hey that's me you're talking about", we can't talk about our families, or our activities with our co-workers without always being aware that if the wrong person heard us, we could lose our jobs.

Most straight people don't realize that they could lose their jobs too. Without this fundamental protection, you don't actually have to be gay, you could be fired if your manager simply thinks you are gay.

So perhaps, as we review the past and move towards our future, we could find a way to help people understand the impact this has on all of us.

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Community Pride Reporter serves as a source of local, state, national and international news, information, ideas and opinions by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. CPR pledges to present materials that contribute in positive ways to lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgendered people.

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Arts & Entertainment

Anna - A Russian Documentary

L/A Arts and the Bates College Student Film Board are pleased to bring the Russian documentary **Anna** to Lewiston. This film will be shown on Saturday, March 7 at 7pm and Sunday, March 8 at 2pm in room 105 of the Olin Arts Center, Bates College (Russell Street, Lewiston). These two shows are open to the public—tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance.

This is the third of four films in a series that is sponsored by Advest, Inc. For tickets and information please call L/A Arts at 1-800-639-2919 or (207) 782-7228 or stop by the L/A Arts business office at 49 Lisbon Street, Lewiston (across from where McCrory's used to

be) Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.

This remarkable documentary, at once intensely intimate and sweepingly ambitious, juxtaposes the collapse of the Soviet Union with the growth of the director's daughter Anna over the course of thirteen years, beginning in 1980.

Because of prevailing censorship restrictions, Mikhalkov (**Burnt by the Sun, Dark Eyes**) decided that the best way to express his thoughts on his ailing nation was to make a "home movie," shot in secret at considerable

risk. Every year, starting at age 6, Anna is subjected to an interview centering on the same five questions ("What do you fear the most?" "What do you want the most?" etc.).

Her personal evolution is interwoven with a caustic collage of new footage and propaganda films tracing the death throes of the Soviet Union from the end of the repressive Brezhnev regime through the brief heyday of Perestroika to the shaky arrival of democracy.

The film's audacious method never seems trivializing or strained but deftly

embodies its central contention that the more the rotting Soviet empire strained to support a false image of glory, the more its citizens led double lives, retreating into private realms of home and family "Our own tiny homeland," as Mikhalkov calls it.

At the center of this deeply felt film is a battle for his child's soul, and the final scenes, where we see flashbacks recapitulating Anna's development from playful child to propagandized youngster to self-conscious adolescent to thoughtful young woman about to leave the nest, have an overwhelming emotional power.

Solas: A Celtic Experience

Solas, a quintet of Irish music virtuosos, will perform on Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm at the State Street Church, 159 State Street, Portland. This appearance is part of the annual **Portland Irish Festival**, an explosion of Celtic traditions right here in Maine. Led by Seamus Egan, **Solas** can tear through a set of reels with brilliant precision, invention and speed, and then segue into a slow, heartbreakingly beautiful Irish air. Joining Egan are Winifred Horan on Fiddle, John Doyle on guitar, Mick McAuley on accordion and concertina, and vocalist Karen Casey.

The full schedule of the **Portland Irish Festival** is as follows:

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30pm: *Set-Dancing Workshop*. Master Dancer Tony Ryan from Galway. Portland Performing Arts (PPA) Center. \$5.

Friday, March 13, 8:00pm: Concert. *Master fiddler Liz Carroll with Maine's House Island Band*. Portland Museum of Art. \$10.

Saturday, March 14: *Fiddle Workshops with Liz Carroll*. 2pm for beginners; 3:30 for advanced. PPA Center. \$5.

Saturday March 14, 6:00pm: *Irish-American Club Dinner/Dance*. Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Avenue. For more information and tickets call 797-2396 or 799-6948.

Sunday, March 15, 2:00pm: *Irish Ceili (Dance Party)* with Liz Carroll. Potluck desserts. Cathedral Guild Hall, 307 Congress Street. \$5.

Monday, March 16, 7:30pm. **Solas** in concert. Tickets are \$17, advance sales tickets at Amadeus Music, 332 Fore Street, Portland.

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00pm: *Women in Irish Politics & Cinema*. Irish film "Anne Devlin" followed by a panel discussion. The Movies, 10 Exchange Street. \$4.50.

These events are promoted by the Portland Performing Arts. For more festival information on the festival, call 207-761-1545.

Millenium March On Washington

The nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization and the nation's largest gay faith-based movement announced plans to sponsor a march on Washington in the spring of 2000. The event will be produced by veteran march organizer Robin Tyler who brought the organizations together to formulate planning.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) are exploring dates in spring 2000 for the **Millenium March on Washington for Equal Rights**, the heads of both organizations announced.

Several prominent organizations

have signed on as endorsers, including the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; The National Latino/a Alliance Against Defamation; The National Youth Advocacy Coalition; the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; and the National Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Representatives of these organizations and others will be sought to participate on an organizing committee which will help facilitate the organization and presentation of the event.

"This march will set a new tone for a new century," said Elizabeth

Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign. "Full equality under the law will be our achievement in the new millenium."

The organizations are working closely with Tyler to produce the event. Tyler was an instrumental organizer/producer of the past three marches on Washington dating back to 1979. The last march was April 25, 1993 and attracted more than one million participants, according to organizers.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is the world's largest and oldest predominantly gay Christian spiritual organization. Founded by Rev Try Perry in 1968 with

a commitment to social and spiritual justice and headquartered in West Hollywood, UFMCC is composed of more than 300 local congregations in 15 countries.

The HRC is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to insure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open and honest and safe at work, home and in the community.

For more information on the **March**, contact Robin Tyler at 818-893-4075; Elizabeth Birch at HRC at 202-628-4160; or The Rev Troy Perry, UFMCC at 310-360-8640.

Entertainment Announced For Gay Pride Festival

Myrtle Beach, S.C. (AP) K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Taylor Dayne and RuPaul will be featured during the Gay and Lesbian Pride festival hear this spring, organizers say.

Tuesday's announcement was at the House of Blues, which will be a sponsor for the event from April 30 to May 3.

The lineup was developed after plans fell through for a Village People concert. Developer Burroughs & Chapin vetoed a Village People concert at the Broadway at the Beach complex and the 1970s disco band had other commitments by the time an alternative site was located.

"In keeping with House of Blues'

slogan of 'Unity and Diversity,' House of Blues welcomes the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Coalition," the restaurant said in a statement.

Also Tuesday, the Myrtle Beach City Council denied part of organizers' request for use of a downtown block and restricted access by festival vendors. The council, which approved the amended request 6-1, said one particular street must remain open because of a scheduled church wedding.

The state Transportation Department already has approved closing roads for the festival's May 2 parade.



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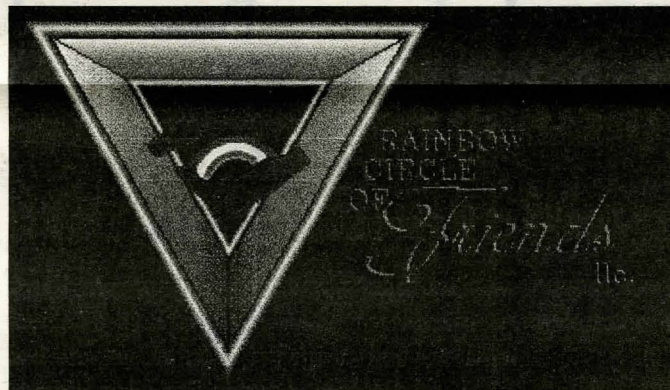
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