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AIDS in Maine:
A Serious Problem with Room for Hope

by Peaches Bass

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV, has changed Maine's landscape forever. In some places, the change is subtle, almost unnoticeable. Tourists still crowd coastal towns; bigger cities and towns still have their big city characteristics; Joe Brennan and John McKernan are still sniping at each other about the state budget. It can be pretty easy to forget that HIV and AIDS are much of a problem here in Vacationland, but if you ask the right people and hang out in the right places, you'll hear a different story.

As of July 31, Maine has recorded 196 full-blown AIDS diagnoses, a small number compared to the over 140,000 cases reported nationwide, perhaps, but enough to have taxed AIDS service organizations beyond their capacities. In addition to these individuals, there are people living with AIDS here who were diagnosed elsewhere, and those people require our services, too. And not only are there people who've been diagnosed with AIDS, but there are those people who have tested positive for HIV antibodies, indicating that they are infected with the virus. Most of these people are not experiencing any physical problems, but many of them have symptoms associated with their HIV infection.

Even those who are not symptomatic have pressing needs related to their HIV status—the need for medical evaluation and routine monitoring of their immune systems, the need for education and counseling, the need for support for themselves and their loved ones, the need to prepare for the future and the possibility that they will, at some point, become ill. According to the Office On AIDS, nearly 600 people have tested positive for HIV antibodies, but as many as several thousand people in Maine are actually infected but unaware of their infection. The majority of these people will eventually need care.

Even though many organizations in the state are providing services (see below for profiles of some of these organizations), there are other factors contributing to the AIDS situation in Maine. State and federal funding has been barely adequate. To make matters worse, federal money that funds prevention education will be drastically reduced in 1991; a new formula will cut Maine's federal AIDS prevention budget from $500,000 to $200,000. This comes at a time when prevention programs are most needed; prevention is the only thing that stands between our problem now and a much larger problem in the future. AIDS service organizations are taking on more and more prevention work at a greater financial cost. This cost will have to be assumed by private sources and the state government at a time when Maine's economy is suffering serious setbacks.

Various legislative initiatives to deal with HIV and AIDS are under consideration, including an increase in funds for prevention programs and case management and an amendment to legislation that would afford AIDS service organizations official representation on the Committee to Advise the Department Of Human Services on AIDS. Federal legislation has just been passed to provide some assistance for care and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS, although Maine will not receive a great deal of funding through this legislation.

In addition to funding problems, other serious concerns exist. People with HIV and AIDS still experience... continued on page 3
Dear OUR PAPER:

As a former resident of the state and a former newspaper employee, I want to express my gratitude that OUR PAPER exists. I lived here at a time when gay connections were more than occasional. Your listing of events and meetings make it possible to connect with the gay community easily and readily. I would like to report that the problems that have been solved are not an isolated case.

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I have a disagreement with Paul Duff in his review of Longtime Companions. To summarize it as a deathwatch suggests his own difficulty facing the reality of what in fact we are living and dying through. To suggest — and whether it works or not is an individual question — that the movie is not "positive" and does not, like the other movie, Positive, demonstrate "love, laughter, eroticism and creativity," is to be too caught up in the deaths to see everything else the movie portrays.

On this issue also, I see many activities in print related to AIDS issues and awareness, but I don’t hear it talked about among the gay people I have met so far. I do know it’s not because AIDS has not impacted the state. Since I suspect there are many other readers of OUR PAPER who tried marriage, I enclose a poem for your consideration (see Poetry Section). I doubt DOWN EAST will print it.

Robert W. Gunn
New York, NY

Dear Editor:

I had a great trip driving across country this summer and picked up numerous "bar rags" at countless places in dozens of cities.

The gay newspaper I gained the most insight from was OUR PAPER and your warmth, thoughtful prose — the tributes to the memory of Charlie Howard will give me a powerful image of gay pride that all men and women in our community can strive to attain!

Much thanks!

Dave Hall

Dear OUR PAPER:

I think a response to the July OUR PAPER letter-article critical of the June 2 Portland Pride celebration is in order. When we were debating with the Portland police, nothing our certainty about the number of monitors that we would have available, it would have been helpful to have known such interest on the part of the OUR PAPER critic. It would also have been in Outright’s interests or any other organization to have been sensitive to the committee meetings as the Committee had on several occasions, and their participation (as well as from many other organizations). It is naive on the part of anyone to think that the committee is unaware of the short-comings of this year’s events and equally naive to simply expect that all the facilities for presenting any kind of event in Portland are readily available. I think it is safe to predict that henceforth all Pride celebrations in Portland will be following this format: A rally at City Hall plaza prior to the march, the march from City Hall to High Street to Deering Oaks, a true festival at a park location nearby if not at the Oaks, and events that evening held by whoever wishes to hold them.

Bar bashing is not in the best interests of our community. In fact, it’s intellectually shallow and contrary to the realities of gay history and to our community’s make-up. Raves, the Limelight, and Blackstones are to be celebrated. They helped several organizations raise cash and membership, aided in the distribution of information and helped to register new voters. In addition, the Hartford Masters should also be specifically thanked for their extensive help, good natured attitude, and community dedication.

Unlike criticism, volunteerism is productive. If something is not working toward your interests and the opportunity for your participation is made available, then you are to blame for anything you don’t find satisfactory, not only for a march down Congress Street, but also for the failure of rights legislation, the lack of community service, and for apathy in our community. If you don’t like it, then work together to change it, not to alienate those who have put themselves on the line for your benefit.

Michael Rossetti

Dear OUR PAPER:

The August issue had a letter to the editor that asked “Do we need leaders to pray for our salvation or ones that vote for our rights?” Perhaps this letter digresses from the intent of that writer, but as a gay Christian, I must speak out.

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...discrimination on the job, in housing, and on the streets, despite being protected by the Maine Human Rights Act. Many people with HIV/AIDS find it difficult to obtain affordable or competent medical care. Some physicians no longer accept patients without private insurance; many health care providers refer, or “dump” their indigent and Medicaid-covered patients on out-patient clinics, where staff are hard-pressed to provide appropriate care. People with HIV/AIDS who also have substance abuse problems have difficulty obtaining needed treatment, and many are not willing to seek treatment, which complicates prevention efforts and compromises their health.

There are relatively few women and children with HIV/AIDS in Maine, but their treatment and care is not meeting their basic needs, mostly because physicians are just not well-informed in the areas of pediatric and female AIDS care. Even people who have access to care find the price of many medications to be prohibitive, in spite of a state-administered program to assist individuals with the cost of medications and treatments.

Of course, there remains hope and opportunity, but any improvement in the situation depends heavily on our ability to recognize that Maine has a very serious AIDS problem. AIDS service organizations are the vanguard of this commitment and action, and as you read on, you will see that there is a body of people and agencies who are working feverishly to attach the problem. Peaches Bass is the Director of the Maine AIDS Alliance.

MAINE WALK '90 PLANS UNDERWAY

Maine continues to “make a difference” — one step at a time with Maine Walk ’90, a walk-a-thon slated for Sunday, October 7, 1990. In an effort to generate community support, increase AIDS awareness and benefit the thirteen community-based AIDS service and support agencies in Maine, the Walk will take place at seven locations across the state.

This is the first year for the fund raising walk-a-thon. It is anticipated that more than 1,000 walkers will raise $30,000. Participants in the Walk ask friends, relatives, co-workers and local businesses to make a financial commitment for each kilometer of the Walk. Dennis Hatch, Maine Walk ’90 Coordinator recently announced that Portland, Belfast, Rumford, Bridgton, Bangor, Ellsworth and Fort Kent are the confirmed locations for the Walk.

Eighty-five percent of the net proceeds from the Walk will be returned to the community-based organizations sponsoring a Walk in their area. The remaining money will be used for the funding of specialized grants from existing member organizations of the MAA network, and to encourage and assist in the development of community-based AIDS service organizations in the areas of the state that are currently not represented. There will be significant volunteer requirements at each location. The Alliance Board of Directors encourages any person or group interested in sponsorship, pledges, volunteer and/or walker information to contact the agency organizing a Walk in their area.

Intent on creating a festive atmosphere surrounding the Walk event, local organizers have plans for speakers, decorations, food, and, in some locations, entertainment as part of the day’s activities. We hope you will join us on October 7th to celebrate Maine’s commitment to the fight against AIDS, as well as each participant’s commitment to make a difference — one step at a time!

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ACT-UP/MAINE Protests at Maine Med

by Tim Grover

With more than 40 activists shouting outside Portland's Maine Medical Center, ACT-UP/MAINE, a newly formed AIDS activist group demanded doctors to stop "dumping persons with AIDS on Medicaid" and forcing them into "an overburdened, criminal medical establishment." People are dying while the medical establishment in Maine is stallling.

"I'm thrilled with the turnout; it's Monday afternoon and it's our very first demonstration," explained Michael, one of the organizers of this event. At that moment we were interrupted by a counter-demonstrator who happened onto Congress Street as the activists were making their way back to their original starting point in downtown Portland.

"Health care is a right, not a privilege," stated one angry participant who gave only his first name in fear of being singled out by an AIDS-hysterical, homophobic society. "People are dying while the medical establishment in Maine is stallling."

The group was loud enough to drown out what the protestor was yelling, but I can only imagine what he was saying seeing this group of men and women who were mad as hell and were not going to take it anymore", and couldn't give a shit what our local bigot was shouting anyway. What seemed reminiscent of a daily occurrence of Congress Street gay-bashing took a surprising and beautifully empowering turn. The group paused slightly and, in union without skipping a beat, pointed to this "proud young man" and shouted "SHAME!, SHAME!, SHAME!, SHAME!", until all eyes on Congress Street were on this joker. At this point, the pride fell from the heckler and the group continued marching and chanting BIGOT!, BIGOT!, BIGOT!, BIGOT!, until our counter-demonstrator shrugged his shoulders, grabbed his crotch, and retreated to the nearby variety store for his afteroon bottle of whatever.

WOW! Was I impressed; I've never had this much fun on Congress Street. Back to my conversation with Michael, who continued without commenting on what had just happened, 'This group is being led by everyone you see here. The demonstrators are the ones who decided to protest publicly, but there are others behind the scene.'

My last question to Michael pertained to the police presence that was strategically placed throughout the path of the demonstration. Did ACT-UP/MAINE secure their protest for their demonstration to parade through Portland? Michael just marched forward and looked at me "We don't live in a police state, and besides, we didn't call them, they called us!"

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He closed by requesting volunteers to ACT-UP. Anyone interested can reach the group by contacting ACT-UP/MAINE at P.O. Box 5267 in Portland, Maine 04101. Maine's Gay and Lesbian community is growing up fast. The time may come when we don't have to take to the streets demanding our basic human rights, but until that time arrives we need to encourage groups like ACT-UP/MAINE to go as far as they can using, if necessary, civil disobedience in demanding our rights for basic necessities, one of which is adequate and fair health care. Remember: SILENCE = DEATH! ACTION = LIFE!

PEACHES AND PERRY WED

by C.F. and P.G.

The wedding of Peaches and Perry went off without a hitch. The bride wore a black tux while the groom was attired in a lovely cream-colored dress complete with train and veil.

Several bridesmaids were memorably dressed. One pale green ankle-length off-the-shoulder number and another, a red mid-thigh length set off by black fishnet hose; and three inch pumps were especially stunning. Many of the bridesmaids were bearded.

The bridesmaids carried bouquets of assorted condoms and the groom carried a similar collection. The traditional garter belt was also fashioned from these same multi-purpose articles.

A delightful poppyseed cake was served at the reception following the nuptials. Approximately fifty guests of all sorts attended... fifty-one if you count the neighbor lady who kept up a running (and obviously scandalized) commentary from her window, where she stood, phone in hand throughout the entire proceeding.

Following the festivities the bride and groom departed for separate honeymoons.
THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

ANTS ON THE SIDEWALK

by Holly Valero

Summers in Maine are different from the summers of my childhood in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania summers were hot and dry and long. Fields of timothy hay ringing with the sounds of grasshoppers. Overgrown blackberry brambles that challenged the very brave with dark, sweet berries covered with the tiniest peachfuzz. Brown-eyed Susans and chicosy that overtook any untended land. Dirt roads that kicked up a golden cloud of dust—stretching a mile long—behind any motorist. Summer started in late May or early June and ended at the end of September. I didn’t know anyone who owned a boat. I don’t remember seeing even one tourist.

Summers in Maine are beautiful in a different way. They seem to bloom just at the point when the rest of the country has gone to summer’s sced. Just as phone calls of record highs begin to come in elsewhere, Maine is at its best. The tignpike looks like an outtake from an old monster movie—a licit stream of motorists converging on the state, as if to escape some unspeakable demon at home. With summer comes lakes and camps and beaches. Weekends take on an almost religious significance. Families unable to coordinate taking out the trash under-normal circumstances, become combat ready with the warm weather.

Picnics are packed, swim-stuff loaded, pooh in the minivan and they are off to the lake by 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

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Some women we only see during those 26 days of good weather each year. It’s great for an update on the latest Women’s [Womyns’, wymmyn’s, wimmyn’s] etc. Music Festival. You know, did the showers work...did you get another tattoo...did it rain... That stuff. You get to find out who is living with who, working at what job, moving to where. New England is famous for being somewhat curmudgeongous. We tend to live our lives quietly and move in smaller groups. Bars and political rallies get boring after awhile. It’s nice to be able to see other lesbians in an arena where the biggest political question may concern the degree of sunblock to use.

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AUCTION TO BENEFIT PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

The AIDS Project of Portland will hold its First Annual Services and Products Auction, AUCTION '90, at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords Street, Portland, on Saturday, September 22, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. Many gift certificates, services, overnights, and products from area businesses, as well as 'out of town' restaurants and bed and breakfasts, will go on the auction block to be sold to the highest bidder.

Services and products to be auctioned include a weekend stay with breakfast for two at Bed & Breakfast Du Village, Montreal Quebec; two nights at Joseph's Guest, Province-town, Massachusetts; a gift certificate-dinner for two at Mald Apple Cafe, Portland; season subscription to Portland Stage Company, Portland; original framed batik from TAO, Portland; gift certificate from Amadeus Music, Portland.

All proceeds will go to The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, Fifth Floor, Portland, Maine to support AIDS-related programs and services. For further information please call Jeannie Ross at 774-6877.

PWA COALITION'S TASK FORCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS FORMED

The People with AIDS Coalition of Maine held a press conference on 16 August to announce the formation of the PWA Coalition's Task Force on Human Rights. The task force is comprised of people with AIDS, their supporters and others working within the AIDS community. The stated mission of the task force is to monitor community medical and social services and to advocate for the rights of PWA's to receive fair and equal treatment in seeking out such services.

The initial goals of the task force will be: 1) to address the issue of patient dumping by physicians who refuse to treat PWAs with Medicaid; 2) to monitor complaints received from people with AIDS regarding sub-standard treatment within the medical community; and 3) to establish a liaison with the medical community and advocate for the right to quality medical treatment for all PWAs who are unable to advocate for themselves. For more information, contact the PWA Coalition at (207) 773-8500.

SEXUALITY AND GENDER IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE COURSE OFFERED

An eight-week course on "Sexuality and Gender In Historical Perspective" is being offered by the University of Southern Maine's Community Programs Department this Fall. Course description:

Where do our ideas of sex and gender roles come from? Do heterosexuality, homosexuality, marriage, family, celibacy, prostitution, etc. mean the same to us as they did to a Roman emperor, a medieval peasant, a Renaissance noblewoman, or a nineteenth century New England businessman? This course will explore the history of sexuality and gender, from the Greco-Roman period to the present, in an attempt to understand the stereotypes, and realities, of our current sexual world. The course will be helpful to all involved in men's/women's issues such as counselors and church, health, and education professionals.

The course meets on eight Wednesdays, beginning September 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tuition: $75.00; Phone: 874-6500.

The course will be taught by Dr. Howard M. Solomon, Associate Professor and former Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Tufts University, where he teaches courses on gay and lesbian history, the history of sexuality, and European social history.

THE WOMEN'S MUSIC CO-OP HOSTS ALIX DOBKIN

Woman-identified singer/songwriter/activist Alix Dobkin will be performing on Saturday, September 29, 1990 at Luther Bonney Auditorium on the University of Southern Maine Campus in Portland Maine.

Alix is celebrating the release of her fifth album, 'Yaboo Australia.' Alix has been involved in women's music since 1973 when she released her first album Lavender Jane Loves Women. Prior to the release of her first album, Alix played the folk circuit in the northeast and midwest. Since the release of Lavender Jane Loves Women, Alix has toured extensively in the U.S. and abroad, released three additional albums and lectured on "Women-Hating, Racism and Violence on the Top Forty!"

Alix exhibits an easy-going/folk style which puts her audience at ease immediately. Alix hasn't performed in Maine in years; don't miss this unique opportunity!

WRITING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17

A weekly creative writing workshop for women is scheduled to begin September 17, 7:30 p.m., at Her Mind's 1, 79 Oak Street, Portland. The workshop is specifically designed for women who have survived emotional and/or physical abuse. Writing is an accessible way to process issues in our lives, whether they be centered around violence, incest, abuse, or dysfunctional relationships, according to facilitator for the workshop Evaleah Graham.

"Writing serves as an insightful outlet for our innermost lifelong issues. It identifies us, gives us an objective view of ourselves and subsequently, a better understanding of who we are, and why. It also enables us to exercise our demons, and through the creative process create art — that which is our unique statement about life," Graham says.

Graham is completing her final semester as a Masters of Fine Art graduate student in the Writing Program at Goddard College. She has worked previously as a journalist and free lance writer.

A $5 per session donation to Her Mind's 1 is requested. The sessions will meet weekly through December 17. For more information call 563-8410.

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WOODFORDS

Paul Fuller, who walked the Appalachian Trail as a fundraiser, finished his trek on Wednesday, August 15. Look for a complete interview in the next issue of OUR PAPER.

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York County Notebook

By Pat

Mid-August. The seasons are turning. It isn't summer anymore.

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But the good news is that I got to the Ten Percent Review in Biddeford. Biddeford! Just about blew my mind. Hurray for the City Theater and for My Times Enterprises!! MTE plans to promote entertainment in Maine by and for the gay community. Ten Percent was a great beginning. I hope it's the start of a trend.

In case you weren't there, here's a partial list of song titles: "Flaunting It," both the opening number and reprise, great song; "Before Stonewall," "We're Everywhere," "Turkey Baster Baby!"; "Safe Sex Slut" and my favorite, "If I Were/ I'd Like to Be." In case you haven't heard it, the latter is sung by a gay man who wants to be a lesbian so he could fix his own car and hit a baseball, and a lesbian who wants to be a gay man so she will have a neat apartment and towels that match!

Towels that match...probably not high on Thoreau's list of priorities, but I've had plenty of times when I'd give a lot for matching anything - sheets, towels, dishes. So thanks Tom Wilson Weinberg for writing a song that speaks to my heart. Here's a standing ovation for MTE, TPR, TWW and all the good things that are happening. That's all for now. But there's always more, isn't there. Me - I'm going out and climb over a stone fence. Thanks, Henry!

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Hey, where'd Entre Nous go? I don't get to the big city (well, compared to Kennebunkport it's big) very often and often out of touch with what's happening, but I was sure to lack of money, but we suffered another constraint, the limits of an untold truth whose pang I felt in each bedroom we entered. Divorce and bankruptcy have not diminished the dream of a wholeness, the fierce peace of love on the Maine coast.
VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION FORMING

MILWAUKEE, WI. As a result of continuing discrimination on the part of the Department of Defense, and all branches of the United States military against lesbians, gay men and bisexual military personnel, a group of determined veterans and their representative organizations have formed the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans Association of America (GLBVA), a national veterans' organization. This organization will assist gay, lesbian and bisexual military personnel, a group of veterans and active duty personnel in matters which pertain to discrimination, harassment, and lesser-than-honorable discharges. In addition, the GLBVA will organize a concerted effort to challenge D.O.D. policies and administrative policies which now prohibit persons with alternative affectional preferences from serving in the U.S. military establishment.

The GLBVA presents its agenda as a focus on three issues: 1) a challenge to D.O.D. policy 1332.14, which excludes gays, lesbians, and bisexuals from military service; 2) support and assistance to campus groups challenging ROTC programs on their campuses; and finally, 3) establish a national organization to challenge D.O.D. policies and administrative policies which now prohibit persons with alternative affectional preferences from serving in the U.S. military establishment.

GLBVA has a permanent telephone number: (414) 342-6543. Callers are guaranteed a personal response within 24 hours (if they leave a recorded message). Anonymity/security is also assured if the caller is requesting legal information or is under investigation. For more information, call (414) 342-6543 or write: Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, 1330 North 77th Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53208.

ATTN: Miriam Ben-Shalon, National Chairperson. (Press Release)

SODOMY LAW VIOLATES RIGHT TO PRIVACY

DETROIT, MI. A circuit court judge in Michigan ruled July 9 that sexual activity between consenting adults is protected by the state's constitution. The ruling came in a case involving浴室ing activity between consenting adults. The judge declared that the state's ban on "sodomy" because they violated an employee's "right to privacy" under the state constitution. The ruling came in a lawsuit filed on July 8, 1998 by the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, a Gay rights group, against a school district's gay rights policy, which was due to be voted on in the fall. According to the judge, the school district's policy was an "unrequited attraction" for the judge.

RELATIONSHIPS LASTING LONGER

SEATTLE, WA. Gay and lesbian couples are staying together longer than we might expect, according to a survey published by a newsletter devoted to couples interviews, news, and information. The national survey of 1,206 lesbian and gay couples by Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples found relationships averaging nearly six years in length, even though the average respondent was only 35 years old. More than 100 couples had passed their 15th anniversary. The statistics are the first to emerge from a final analysis of research begun in 1988 by Partners.

"We were overwhelmed by the enormous number of couples who were eager to have their relationships better understood," said Stevie Bryant, who edits and publishes the monthly newsletter with his 10-year partner Demian. The longevity we found in these relationships will surprise even the gay community," noted Demian, "and it could help policy makers understand the significance of our often ignored and trivialized families."

The survey noted longer relationships among men than women. Lesbian couples had been together an average of 49 years while male couples averaged 6.9 years. Although male respondents averaged nearly two years older than lesbians, the differences does not fully account for the variation in relationship longevity.

[To obtain a free summary of survey results, or more information, write to Partners, Box 9085, Seattle, WA 98109. Telephone inquiries may be made to Stevie Bryant or Demian at (206) 784-1519.]("The Empty Closet", Rochester, NY)

LESBIANS ATTEND PROM

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**GAY EPISODE FOR "SIMPSONS"**

The pirated Bart Simpson T-shirt reading "Back Off, Fag" that was briefly marketed in Florida several months ago will take on new meaning next season when the head of the Simpson clan finds that he is the love object for a new male secretary in the office.

Matt Groening, The Simpsons executive producer, said that in one of the episode now being prepared for the fall, Homer uses a hair restoring product and wakes up one morning with a mane of shoulder length hair. A promotion at the plant soon follows, and Homer is assigned a male secretary whose voice is supplied by actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein. According to Groening, the secretary developed an "unrequited attraction" for Homer.

This won't be Groening's cartoon dabble with a gay character. His "Life In Hell" comic strip features Akbar and Jeff, the openly gay, fezzed entrepreneurs. ("Philadelphia Gay News")

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The HIV Antibody Test... Not a test for AIDS!
by Laura Neal


Much discussion has taken place around the HIV antibody test: How does it work? Does a positive result mean I have AIDS? Where do I get a test? Who will find out the results?

First of all the HIV antibody test is NOT a test for AIDS. It's a test to identify antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that can cause AIDS. When a person is infected by a virus, the body's immune system normally begins to fight the infection through white blood cells which produce substances called antibodies. Antibodies therefore indicate that a person has been infected by the specific virus.

Only a small amount of blood is needed for the test. It is drawn the same way as any other blood test. To ensure accuracy, two different tests are used. The screening test is called the ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay). Positive ELISA tests are confirmed by a second test, the Western Blot. Although the ELISA is highly accurate, there is a chance of a false result. A false positive test is one that reads positive even though no HIV antibodies are present. Because of the risk of a false positive result, a single positive ELISA test is not relied upon to determine whether a person is infected with HIV. The ELISA is repeated and if positive, is confirmed with the Western Blot test. If this test reads positive, the person's blood is determined to be HIV positive.

A false negative result is also possible. This happens when the test fails to detect HIV antibodies in the blood of a person who actually has HIV infection. The reason this occurs usually is that a person is tested before the HIV antibodies have appeared in the blood. Antibodies often take as long as 6 months to appear in the blood after exposure to HIV a false negative may result. To guard against the possibility of a false negative, a person may decide to be tested in the future. An accurate negative test means that there are no HIV antibodies in the blood. It does not mean the person is immune to HIV.

A confirmed positive test means that a person's blood contains antibodies to HIV. Since false positives are rare, this result means that infection with HIV has occurred at some point in the past and that a person is infected, will remain infected for life, and is capable of infecting others with the virus. HIV can be transmitted through unprotected sex, by sharing intravenous needles, or to a baby before or at birth or possibly during breast-feeding.

It is important to remember that a positive test result is NOT A diagnosis of AIDS. However, a person testing positive should immediately seek further medical evaluation and consultation about treatment. The person should also change his or her behavior to avoid re-infection and disease progression, and to avoid infecting others.

Before deciding to get tested, a person should determine whether confidential or anonymous testing is desired. In a confidential test, the result is protected information, like any other part of a medical record. The result can be disclosed in some circumstances. Policies vary among health care providers, hospitals and clinics.

Anonymous testing means no names are given or used throughout the testing process. The person being tested is assigned a number that he or she must present in person to obtain the results. No other personal identification is used. Maine has nine anonymous sites to provide antibody testing for those people who do not wish their name associated with their test result as part of a medical record. Each site is staffed by counselors who provide both pre-test and post-test counseling. The charge for the services is $15, but no one is refused for inability to pay.

You may want to consider testing if:

- you think you may be infected, or are at high risk for being infected.
- you have never been at risk for HIV infection.
- you do not have access to the type of testing facility you desire.
- you are considering having, fathering, or breast-feeding a baby.
- you are considering having sex, or sharing needles.
- you have never been tested.

You might decide not to be tested if:

- you have never been at risk for HIV infection.
- you do not have access to the type of testing facility you desire.
- you are not psychologically prepared to deal with the results of your test.
- you are at high risk for being infected.

People with more specific questions can call any of the testing and counseling sites.

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PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION OF MAINE

The PWA Coalition of Maine represents people across the state of Maine now living with AIDS, ARC, and HIV. As PWAs, we have a unique and essential contribution to make to the dialogue surrounding AIDS, and we are actively participating with full and equal credibility to help shape the perception and reality surrounding this disease.

We work actively with other AIDS services and community organizations to enhance services already provided and to present AIDS with a human face. We offer hope, our hands, and our heart — for the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor is the essence of humanity.

Living Room North

Our drop in center in downtown Portland serves the needs of persons living locally as well as those who must travel long distances for medical treatment. By offering a safe space to meet with other people living with HIV infection, we can facilitate the unique and vital support that PWAs can offer each other.

Programs Sponsored by the Coalition

Speakers Bureau/Visitors Bureau: Working closely with The AIDS Project, we are helping with the training and scheduling of those persons who wish to share their experiences with groups in the community, or perhaps visit persons in the hospital who have recently been diagnosed HIV positive.

Newsletter: In our efforts to reach out state-wide we print a newsletter that informs organizations working with PWAs on the local, county and state level about our drop-in center and other programs that may be of interest to them.

Both the Speakers Bureau/Visitors Bureau and Newsletter programs are made possible in part through a grant from Resist.

Programs in Development

Nutritional Buyers Club: The focus of this service is to provide sound nutritional information to PWAs as well as up-to-date listing of alternative therapies and treatments in the New England area.

Sticks and Wheels: In liaison with Hospice of Maine, the Coalition operates as a facilitator encouraging PWAs to make use of the Hospice canes, wheelchairs, etc.

Pet and Plant Care: Volunteers working with the Coalition offer help to those persons who are unable to care for their pets and/or plants due to illness or hospitalization.

Food and Clothing Bank: Responding to the escalating needs of PWAs in Maine, the Coalition is working on the plans for a food and clothing bank located at 377 Cumberland Avenue.

Your support is essential and appreciated. Volunteers are always needed. For further information contact the PWA Coalition of Maine, 377 Cumberland Avenue, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 773-8500.

MERRYMETTING AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES -- BUDDY TRAINING

Merrymeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) announces that the fall Buddy Training will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15, 21, and 22. The Friday sessions are 6:00-8:00 p.m. while the Saturdays are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It is necessary that a person attend all four sessions.

Being a Buddy to a person with AIDS consists of spending some quality time each week with the person the Buddy is assigned to. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to share with a person who is sick, and who may not have many resources as someone who is healthy. A Buddy is not a caretaker, but rather a friend and a person to talk with.

MASS oversees the Buddy program for most of the state, and at this time people are needed for those who have AIDS and would like some companionship.

If you are interested in becoming a Buddy or would like more information on the Buddy Program, please contact the office at 725-4955, P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011.

MASS provides a variety of services to the mid-coast region of Maine as well as one program to a large portion of the state. MASS celebrated its third anniversary in the spring, and the organization has grown from a small volunteer organization to an established service provider with one full-time staff person and more than 100 active volunteers.

Other programs at MASS include direct service to a PWA. On November 3, MASS will offer a training program for anyone who is interested in providing some direct assistance to a PWA. This training will help the potential volunteer learn more about AIDS while discussing many of the issues which surround the disease. People are often needed to drive a PWA to an appointment, run an errand, clean house, make a meal, etc. Knowing that there are volunteers who are able to do these tasks can make all of the difference in a PWA’s life.

MASS also offers an ongoing support group for family and friends of people with HIV disease. This group meets every Wednesday in Bath at 9 Beacon Street, from 7:00 to 8:30. Periodically MASS offers a bereavement group for those who have lost someone to AIDS, and plans are in the works to start a support group for people with HIV disease.

Outside of the support programs, MASS provides educational programs on AIDS, Programs are free of charge and can be tailored to suit the needs of the organization (or individual) requesting the program. Schools, churches, and civic organizations have all had MASS educators give presentations in recent months. MASS does not charge for educational programs unless a PWA is requested, and then the fee is for the PWA only. Other events like fund-raisers, concerts, etc. have all been given to increase the public awareness of AIDS in this area.

As with all other AIDS organizations, MASS has a constant worry of finances. Money never comes in as fast as one would like, and because of this, MASS may need to limit its growth. People are less concerned with AIDS now than they were before, so it is sometimes difficult to get as many speaking engagements as we think we should be doing. People need to know about AIDS, particularly students, and MASS tries to do as many presentations as possible.

For further information on MASS, please contact Brian P. Allen, Program Coordinator, at 727-4955 or by mail at P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011. MASS is funded in part by a contribution from the United Way of Mid-Coast Maine.
**DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK**

by Bobbie Poulin

About three years ago, a young woman from Sedgwick found out her brother who lives on the west coast had been diagnosed with AIDS. She tried to find information and support but could find very little information and no support in this area. She and two other nurses called the first meeting of Hancock county citizens concerned about AIDS. From that first meeting Down East AIDS Network (DEAN) has grown and has remained a community based, non-hierarchical structure relying mainly on its many volunteers to provide education and support services to communities in Hancock and western Washington counties.

DEAN operates a 24-hour telephone line to provide information about HIV testing and other questions called hot. Roberta Poulin, the Outreach/Education coordinator is in the DEAN office Mondays and Tuesdays. There is an answering machine at other times which is checked periodically and calls are returned as soon as possible.

DEAN provides telephone counseling and referrals. There is a weekly support group, led by a licensed clinical social worker, for people with HIV, family, friends, lovers and buddies. DEAN has a bi-weekly healing circle led by a licensed social worker. Buddies are trained as needed and provide people with AIDS much needed one-to-one friendship and support. DEAN provides case coordination services to PLWA's as needed.

DEAN is planning a Walk-A-Thon to be held on October 7 in Ellsworth. All those interested in sponsoring a walker or in walking may call or just come to downtown Ellsworth on October 7th and sign up.

On October 30, Down East AIDS Network is holding a day-long conference, in Ellsworth, to address emotional/medical issues that impact on health care, social service, and community service providers. The conference is especially for doctors, nurses, CNA's, dentists, nursing homes, social service providers, first responders, mental health providers, and others whose work may include persons with HIV. If you would like to have your or your organization's name included in the mailing list for registration for this conference, please call DEAN, 114 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605, 667-3506.

**THE WALDO COUNTY AIDS COALITION**

by Meredith Bruskin and Nan Stone

The Waldo County AIDS Coalition has its roots in a broad-based community education project, "AIDS Awareness Day," held in June 1987 in Belfast. Members of the medical, educational, religious and gay communities came together to hold a conference which attempted to alert the community at large to the need and to disseminate accurate information. Two hundred people from the Mid-Coast area attended. Since then the group has expanded to meet the needs of persons dealing with AIDS as well as to actively do AIDS prevention education. The diverse population of the Mid-Coast area we serve live in rural communities and include many who are undereducated and living in poverty.

We attempt to be both fluid in form as well as an established, constant resource to the community. To that end, our volunteer staff has written grants and done local fundraising so that we now have office space and a part-time paid coordinator. Our fundraising efforts often become our most effective means of outreach. This year a "Cut-a-thon," a mailing, and an AIDS auction have brought us invitations to speak, new volunteers, and good visibility as well as over $4000.

Our speakers' bureau targets job sites, schools, especially high schools. Our support group responds to various needs in our community, while it is primarily for persons who are HIV infected and those close to them. A parents' support group has developed out of the clear need for a safe space to share experience strength and hope. Support services, including advocacy, information and referral and direct care are also available for those in need.

Other projects currently underway are the Gay Men's Outreach Project working together with Down East AIDS Network, AIDS prevention for teenagers (we have a person living with AIDS and a high school student who is a relative of a PLWA who will talk at schools) and organizing for the Maine Walk-A-Thon. A walk in Ellsworth on October 7. Many individuals as well as groups from several schools, churches and area businesses will Walk for AIDS in Belfast that day.

Working together we endeavor to support those touched directly by AIDS as well as help the community at large overcome its naiveté about the impact of AIDS and its belief that it will not happen here is what we are all about. Our mission is to meet the challenge of AIDS with awareness, intelligence, and compassion. This year more than 70 people volunteered time and/or services to help us carry out our purpose. Anyone interested in helping us with time or money is encouraged to contact the Waldo County AIDS Coalition, P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915, Phone 338-1427.

*This article was edited by Karen Lowens.*

**MAINE AIDS ALLIANCE**

The Maine AIDS Alliance is a consortium of fourteen community-based AIDS service organizations. The Alliance was formed in 1988 to provide a cooperative approach to meeting the needs of local organizations by coordinating resources and efforts while retaining local program autonomy.

The major functions of the Maine AIDS Alliance are to assess AIDS-related needs in Maine, to recommend in 1989 and programs to meet those needs, to present a unified voice on AIDS issues in the state, to coordinate and support community-based services and education through sharing of resources and skills, to assist local organizations and communities in AIDS-related program development, to acquire and distribute funds, and to provide a forum for the exchange of support, technical resources, and professional skills among the member organizations.

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WOMEN'S MUSIC CO-OP A SUCCESS

by Ro Porter

Several times this past year I have been lucky enough to catch great concert performance presented by Maine's own WOMEN'S MUSIC CO-OP. The first was a concert by Suede, the second by Bobbie Carmitchell. Both of these were held at the Luther Bonney Auditorium at USM. What made these evenings memorable was being at a live performance by talented women. Prior to attending these concerts, I had never heard of either of these performers. What a treat to have the opportunity to broaden my musical interest. Here in Maine, we don't often have the opportunity to attend concerts by women performers as no other production company seemed interested in bringing "unknown" women artists into the state. Thankfully the Women's Music Co-op has filled that void.

There are several other things that impressed me as a concert goer other than listening to talented artists, and that was the production in general. From the set design (simple and functional) to the sound and lighting, every aspect of the production appeared to be professional and enhanced the artists delivery. This is not to mention the wonderful atmosphere created by the audience. I was in fact surprised that the actual production of these concerts was done by the variety of women who comprise the Women's Music Co-op, none to my knowledge, having professional training in musical productions. I have attended so called 'professionally produced' concerts where sound or lighting was so poor as to detract from the production.

Take heart if you missed these concerts as the Women's Music Co-op has planned two more concerts this fall. The first is scheduled for September 29 with Alix Dobkin and the next on November 10 with Lucie Blue Tremblay. Look for ads for these and other upcoming concerts as the Women's Music Co-op sure seems to know how not only to produce a concert, but to choose women artists whose music is a listening treat. As for me, even though I live an hour and forty minutes away from Portland, I plan to make the trip to attend more of these great productions. See you there.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE REQUESTS LESBIAN COUPLES SURVEY INFORMATION

Dr. Sandra L. Caron, Assistant Processor of Family Relations at the University of Maine, along with graduate students Terri Gallant, Sandy Noble, and Marjorie Ulin, are conducting a study of lesbian couples. The study is designed to elicit information on the lives of lesbians involved in couple relationships - both casual and committed. We ask specifically about closeting and about the internal dynamics of your relationship. As understanding of these issues increase, we hope to gain greater strength for lesbian couples and improved understanding across all of society. If you are a lesbian and currently involved in a relationship, we would like you to participate in our study. For a copy of our questionnaire, please contact Dr. Caron by calling 581-3138 or writing: School of Human Development, 15 Merrill Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Confidentiality is ensured.

HIV POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT FOR RESEARCH STUDY

HIV infected/diagnosed men and women are needed to participate in a research study on this group of people. Participation in the study involves a one hour interview which is strictly confidential. Interviews may be conducted either over the telephone or in person. Participants will be asked to provide information about their knowledge and practice of "safer sex". To reinforce our self-acceptance and sense of Dignity as People of God.

HIV ANTIBODY COUNSELING AND TESTING

The AIDS Project offers trained counselors to answer your questions and address your concerns about possible infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). To schedule a counseling session call: 775-1257 (Portland) or 1-800-851-AIDS (2437) daily between 9-12, 1-5, Monday & Wednesday 6-9 p.m. Saturday from 10-1. Note: Counseling testing is by appointment only.

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September 14, 15

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Dovetail Performing Art Works is a theater company combining eloquent writing, eclectic choreography, and experimental theater creating original, vibrant performances. This new piece is a Play/Celebration representing the illusion of separation, the split between spirit and matter, soul and personality, mind and body, and the integration of these through the opening of the heart.

September 22

**AUCTION '90 SERVICES AND PRODUCTS AUCTION** to benefit Portland Rape Crisis Center, Sunday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Amore, One City Center. Twenty-five dollars donation for cuts; fourteen for manicure; twenty-five for mini facials. Call for appointment: 774-1774.

September 24-26

**AIDS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE: A Faculty Development Program for Primary Care** sponsored by New England AIDS Education and Training. Location: Inn at Lake Waramaug, New Preston, CT. Contact: CEU Credit. Call (508) 856-3255 for information.

**National AIDS Awareness Month**

October 6

**PUTTING YOUR ORGANIZATION IN THE LIMELIGHT** Jewett Hall, University of Maine at Augusta. continued on page 17
15 - APARTMENT TO SHARE

Stare House with oven bath next to Waldoboro Cafe. Cotton to rent shop space. Non-smoker. Reference. $240 per month plus 1.0 utilities. Call (207) 832-5654. (C14P10)

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19 - FLORISTS

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20 - PERSONAL ADS

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21 - MALE PERSONALS

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28 - BISEXUALS

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In its two years of existence, the Maine AIDS Alliance has been recognized by the state government, statewide and community organizations, and many national agencies as a strong and authoritative voice of AIDS leadership in Maine and New England. The Alliance’s consortium approach to resource utilization and development is recognized as a model for service provision, and has helped strengthen the work of AIDS service providers throughout Maine.

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October 7

MAINE WALK 90

DEAN is planning a Walk-A-Thon to be held on October 7 in Ellsworth. All those interested in sponsoring a walker or in walking may call or just come to downtown Ellsworth on Octo-ber 7th and sign up.

October 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

October 14

Fall Kennebunkport 10K Run and Brunch, to benefit People Living With AIDS in Maine through the Maine Health Foundation. The time is 10 a.m. for runner registration and a full brunch will follow the race. Last April we raised $2,500 in pledges with this event and the response was very enthusiastic by all who participated. Our goal this Fall is to double the participation. The first 50 entrants will receive free T-shirts and there will be prizes for the first male and female finishers as well as the runner collecting the most pledges.

October 16

THE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY COALITION’S ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP will be held Tuesday, October 16 at John Martin’s Manor in Waterville. The luncheon keynote speaker will be Debra Lipson, Coordinator of the Children’s Defense Fund Project, “Vote Children: 1990.” Workshops will include a panel discussion of state legislation, an overview of legislation affecting children and teens in the states and several others specifically aimed at service providers working with adolescents. Cost for lunch only is $15.00. Cost for the entire day is $40.00. For registration or information, please call the Adolescent Pregnancy Coalition at 1-800-339-TEEN.

October 20

Two Steppin For AIDS Benefit Dance benefiting two Boston area AIDS organizations and the Maine Health Foundation.

November 10

Second Annual Sophisticated Ladies, hosted by Manheart Productions, Inc. $50 per person. All net proceeds will be benefiting People Living With AIDS in Maine.

November 16

FIFTH ANNUAL WALKING WITH AIDS IN MAINE CONFERENCE, Sheraton Tara Hotel, South Portland, ME. This program is a one-day conference designed for health care professional, educators, legislators, lobbyists, people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers to discuss how HIV/AIDS is influencing life in Maine. Unique and practical interactive workshops will address a wide range of HIV related issues.

November 17

WOMEN AND AIDS IN MAINE
Bangor area. Cosponsored by Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center and the Maine AIDS Alliance.
MEETINGS

SUNDAYS

Bates Gay/Lesbian/Strait Alliance for discussion, support, and planning every Sunday, 8:30 PM in Higgins Lounge, Chauncey Hall, Bates College, Lewiston.

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance meets the third Sunday of every month at All Saints Church, 11 King Street, August 9 from 2 to 4 PM.

Gays in Sobriety (AA) 8:30-8:45 PM, Speakers Meeting, Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

Northern Lambda Nord meets the last Sunday of the month. Business Meeting at 1:00 PM followed by potluck.

Dignity/Bangor (Lesbian, Gay/Catholics and Friends) meets the second and fourth Sunday at Clare Ruth Hutchings center, Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union Street, Bangor. Doors open at 6:00 PM, worship at 6:15 followed by a business social.

Transport peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire better understanding and acceptance of their issues. Meets-to-monthly at 6:00 PM. Write to P.O. Box 17622, Portland, Maine 04101-0000 for more information and meeting locations.

Gay/Lesbian Community Network meets the second Sunday of the month for a Lesbian Potluck Brunch from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Room 302, Bangor.

Dignity/Maine (Gay/Catholics and their friends) meets every Sunday at First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Bangor. Doors open at 7:30, worship service begins at 8:00 PM followed by social. Please use rear entrance.

MONDAYS

AIDS Support Group meets weekly at 6:30 PM. Call Alan at (207) 548-2929 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) meets for open discussion with focus on gay/Lesbian issues, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

Feminist Spiritual Community meets every Monday at 7:00 PM at Friends Meeting House, Forest Avenue, Portland. (207) 773-2294.

Seacoast Gay Men meets Mondays at 7:00 PM (except first Monday of month is potluck party held elsewhere), Unitarian Universalist Church, 250 State Street, Portsmouth, NH. Call Alan (603) 898-1115.

TUESDAYS

PF/FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the All Saints Church, Unitarian-Universalist, 11 King Street, Augusta. For more information, please call (207) 629-2349.

Building a More Positive Gay Identity support group for gay men, dealing with issues of coming out as an ongoing process, self-esteem, social pressures, relationships, and personal growth. Monday Meetings 10:30 AM on Tuesday; Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. To apply, phone (207) 772-1307.

The Bridge at COLBY. Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04940. Connecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Straight communities. Meetings every other Monday night at 7:30 PM in the Bridge Room, 24 Hour Information Phone(207) 873-3536. For more information write, or contact Mark at (207) 877-7089, or leave a message on the phone line.

Bellwest Area AIDS Support Group for PWA's, HIV positive, family, friends and caregivers. For more information, call Waldo County AIDS Coalition at (207) 336-1427 or Alan at (207) 548-2929.

WEDNESDAYS

Colby College Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay Community meets weekly at 7:30 PM, Mary Lew Coffeehouse, Colby College, Waterville.

Gay/Lesbian Community Network meets at 7:30 PM 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Peace and Justice Center, 5 Central Street, Room 201, Bangor. Call (207) 877-3194 for more information.

Gays and Lesbians United potluck supper meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Sanford Unitarian Church on the corner of Lebanon Street (Route 202) and Main Street (Route 109) in Sanford, Maine. All Welcome. Call (207) 439-5440 or (207) 439-1296 for details.

College Gay Men's and Lesbian Women's Rap Group meets weekly at 92 Bedford Street, Portland (USM Campus) from 7:00-9:00 PM. Biweekly welcome call (207) 785-4083 for more information.

AIDS Support Group for family and friends of people with AIDS or HIV disease, sponsored by Metropolitan AIDS Support Services (MASS), meets weekly from 7:00-8:30 PM at Beacon House (Corner of Beech and Washington Streets - North End) Bath. For more information call (207) 725-4560. Group will be facilitated by Vicki Woods.

Gay and Lesbian ACA meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM at the D. Matthews Factory, Union Street, Hallinick.

Alliance of Seacoast Gay and Lesbian Youth meets Thursday night from 7:00-9:00 on the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Portsmouth (South Church), State Street, Portsmouth, NH, in the basement. For Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and those questioning their sexuality. Ages 16 thru 24.

THURSDAYS

Live & Let Live Group (AA), big book/step meeting weekly, from 8:00-9:00 PM at Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

Down East AIDS Network holds a healing circle for all people affected by AIDS. Second and Fourth Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information, call (207) 326-8580.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) discussion group meets weekly at the Unitarian Church, Main Street, Bangor, at 7:30 PM.

Fridays

Lee A/G Men weekly meeting at the Unitarian Church, Main Street, Bangor, at 7:30 PM.

Prime Timers of Boston an organization for older gay males, meets the third Saturday of every month from 2:30-4:00 PM at the Linderman Health Center, 25 Stanford Street, in downtown Boston. (See Calendar section for any changes in location.)

The Gay boys meet's group for the Waldo County area meets one Saturday night a month for social gathering. For information contact Paul S. Doolan at (207) 342-5868 or write to RR #1 Box 560, Morrill, Maine 04952-0000.

Gay A/G Meeting (speaker/discussion) every week from 8:00-9:00 PM at the Reacon Club (old Mitchell School Building), 36 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530-0000. Call (207) 443-4386 for more information.

Second Saturdays a social and recreational organization for gay and other supportive men that offers a variety of activities such as dances, potlucks, outdoor activities, and programs of interest to men. A secure and comfortable place to meet new friends. Call (207) 761-1734.

SATURDAYS

Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) meets every week in Bangor. Call (207) 990-EMAN or write to EMAN, P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, Maine 04401-2038.

Outright Portland Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (22 years of age or younger) meets weekly at 7:30 PM at Preble Street Chapel, 331 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine.

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**Gay/Lesbian Alliance**

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**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**

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Portland, Maine 04122-0000

**Gay/Lesbian Community Network**

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Conway, NH 03813-000
(207) 925-1034 (Paul)

A social group for gay men from western Maine and eastern New Hampshire. We meet at each others homes for Pot Luck and plan activities as the members desire. Write or call for more information.

**Maine Bisexual People’s Network**

P.O. Box 1792
Portland, Maine 04103-1792
Call the Gay/Lesbian Alliance at (207) 674-6969 to leave a message.

Our purpose is to offer our fellow in and others the positive nature of bisexuality and to work toward greater acceptance in the gay, lesbian, and straight communities.

**Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance**

P.O. Box 292
Hallowell, Maine 04443-0000

**Merrymaking AIDS Support Services**

P.O. Box 52
Brunswick, Maine 04011-0057
(207) 725-4905

Provides support services to PWAs with those with HIV disease, and their family and friends. MASA also provides education services free of charge to the greater Bath-Brunswick community. MASA also has "buddies" available for PWAs and HIV-

**The Maine Health Foundation**

P.O. Box 2729 DTS
Portland, Maine 04117-2729

A non-profit, tax-exempt organization that offers both direct and indirect financial support for people with AIDS (PWAs) in Maine. Our other concerns are the special health issues facing Maine’s gay and lesbian communities, including gay youth. Please write for more information.

**New Brunswick Coalition of Human Rights Reformers**

P.O. Box 1556
St. Stephen, NB
Canada

**New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights**

P.O. Box 736
Coventry, New Hampshire
(603) 278-0909

**Newport County AIDS Network (DEAN)**

P.O. Box 55
North Kingstown, RI
(401) 783-9000

A non-profit, non-partisan group meeting weekly on Monday evening at 7PM (excepting Holidays). The first Monday of the month is a potluck supper. Remaining Monday’s are dedicated to a wide variety of presentations, discussions, films, etc.

**PWA Coalition of Maine**

120 Clarendon Street
Bangor, Maine 04401-0000
(207) 542-0050

**Saltwash Gay Men (SGM, Inc.)**

P.O. Box 70
Portsmouth, NH 03801-3799
(603) 993-4350

**Seasonal Gay Men (SGM, Inc.)**

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**TransPACT SUPPORT**

P.O. Box 802
Portland, Maine 04101-0000

TransPACT is a non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire a better understanding of gender-related issues. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month from 7-9PM at the Portland YWCA.

**WOMANDIVINE Trust Inc.**

P.O. Box 116
Troy, Maine 04867-0000

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to acquire land throughout the state to protect it for use by current and future generations of women and children. Meets every third Thursday of each month. Location varies.

**OUTRIGHT**

P.O. Box 5028 Station A
Portland, Maine 04102-5028

**Portland Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth.** Are you gay and under 22 years of age? For more information, call Ingham Volunteers. Dial information: (207) 774-Help (24 hour hotline) or an if you are under, and you can also call Dial AIDS: (207) 774-TALK. Call now for more information concerning support, special events and fun!

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay (PFLAG)**

P.O. Box 3080
Gates Island, Maine 04011-0000

**Prime Times of Boston**

c/o D. Bourbeau
604 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02116

An organization for older gay men that meets monthly on the third Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 PM. See calendar section for changes in location and schedule if any.

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