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Imagine...

NON-VIOLENT REACTIONS TO A VIOLENT SITUATION

by Howard M. Solomon

My evolving identity as a gay man is inseparable from my evolving commitment to non-violence. Events of the past few weeks have made me realize how intertwined these two aspects of my life are.

A month ago, in Portland, a man in a passing car screamed at me and others participating in a silent peace vigil that we weren’t “real Americans”—“You wimps don’t belong here: pack up and leave.” More recently, in Augusta, at public hearings on LD430, “An Act to Prevent Discrimination,” I and dozens of others heard an opponent on the bill tell legislators that if it passes, “thousands of homosexual outsiders would flock to Maine, changing our way of life.”

Both remarks draw upon the same violent stereotypes, lumping peace activists and sexual minorities together as alien and foreign: neither “real Americans,” nor “real Mainers,” nor “real men and women.” For all their fear and anger, our opponents nonetheless know on a gut level what I think we sometimes forget: lesbian/gay issues and military issues are fundamentally, inextricably linked together.

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Lesbians and gay men should find all of this familiar. We’ve been victimized by similar language: everybody would be better off if homosexuals would stay in the closet; if homosexuals weren’t constantly talking about sex, that darns not seek its name’ won’t shut up, and that’s a good thing.

My life is diminished by the suffering of Iraqi civilians, as certainly as it is diminished by a homophobic joke on TV; the macho ideology which supports the American war machine would also deny my civil rights, and anti-war movements of the 1960s and 1970s learned that the personal and political are flip sides of the same reality, and we’re called to experience that again in 1991, with a twist peculiar to our time and to our lives in Maine.

What should lesbians and gay men who oppose war do? Pursue peace with as much passion as our culture invests in perpetrating rape, child-abuse, homelessness, inadequate health-care, illiteracy, environmental destruction. Find the communities who share some of our values (religious groups, men’s and women’s groups, anti-war groups, etc.) and with them help others understand that sexuality and gender issues are structurally enmeshed with issues of non-violence (when all is said and done, this is what LD430 is all about).

Our insight and experience as gay people must be shared in coalition with the straight community, for we have much to learn from each other.

We must come out against violence in all its forms, be it militarism, language, or the closet. Lesbians and gay men, and people committed to non-violence, ARE everywhere: we have always been in Maine, we will always be in Maine, we will not go away.

Next Month’s Feature -- The Film Festival
Dear Our Paper:

I have recently relocated here in the Maine community. It has been a considerable period of time since I have lived within the boundaries of this most northern state. However, I am delighted to acknowledge the apparent activism of the Gay/Lesbian Bisexual/Strait Alliances.

Substantial progress has been made; and I am pleased to note that the University systems have taken hold well. I am sure that many others like myself are overwhelmed with amazement upon coming home. During the decade plus of being absent from friends and family members, I had found security and comfort in the arms of a much stronger gay community. With deep seated memories of the exile, I had always hoped that one day a compromise could be made. This has become a reality and largely due to the strengthening of ties within Maine. The services provided by this newspaper help countless numbers of people to find relief from prejudice and insecurity. I applaud your efforts collectively as a unifying force which has rallied people against oppression and segregation. It does not go unnoticed but inspires and motivates those who have been subject to abuse and neglect.

There is a silver lining among the clouds. Its illumination is the reflection of many concerned and tender hearts. Extending a sincere gesture, your interest in politics and your support of democratic change. This has become a reality and largely due to the strengthening of ties within Maine. The services provided by this newspaper help countless numbers of people to find relief from prejudice and insecurity. I applaud your efforts collectively as a unifying force which has rallied people against oppression and segregation. It does not go unnoticed but inspires and motivates those who have been subject to abuse and neglect.

Sincerely,
Sturgis Haskins
Portland, ME

Dear Our Paper:

Our Paper has a large following in York County. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
J. Earl

Dear Our Paper:

I am writing to say how much I look forward to the coming year with Our Paper! Our Paper is a major link, and it is the only link, when it comes to getting news about health issues, legislative issues, or even which businesses are owned by our gay community. It is THE source of news about health issues, legislative issues, or even which businesses are owned by our gay community. It is THE source of news about health issues, legislative issues, or even which businesses are owned by our gay community.

Sincerely,
Carol Eaton - GASSP
Farmington, ME

Dear Our Paper:

I must include a special THANK-YOU to Holly Valero (“Straight and Narrow” writer) for her recent story on war and peace. Holly reviewed the current issue), and that a great deal of dedication must be put into making Our Paper an effective tool in the education of the community.

Sincerely,
Diane Tricomi
West Buxton, ME

Dear Our Paper:

On behalf of all the members of the Mid-coast Maine Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), we wish to express our appreciation for the article concerning our organization highlighted in the March issue of OUR PAPER. It is our hope that after a careful reading, the reader will have the feeling that although most parents have experienced shock, pain—we have come to realize that our gay/lesbian child(ren) are an important positive influence and part of all family value systems. And we, ourselves, have experienced the opportunity to learn, grow, and meet people we might not otherwise have known.

In addition, Pat would like to clarify that her daughter, Victoria, is a student of Divinity at the Harvard Divinity School. As Gene wrote to her son, Chris, “This (his homosexuality) is another facet of your already multi-faceted personality.” Chris continues his interest in the geomological field—especially the works of Faberghé. And Sally would like to make a correction... which has a subtle change in meaning. Concerning the incident in the library at Chris' party, the three gentlemen asked, “Who was that delightful older lesbian?” (She likes the term “delightful” in any context!)

Basically, we consider ourselves very ordinary people... but having experienced an extraordinary experience. As we are “beyond acceptance”, we continue to work even harder to give support to other families of gay/lesbian children; educate the community with correct information, lobby politically against civil rights discrimination.

Our meetings are open to anyone. Confidentiality is observed. We would continued on page 3

Our Paper:

We're proud of OUR PAPER, inspired by OUR READERS, and indebted to OUR ADVERTISERS.
3000 HOURS IN A LIFETIME

by Tim Grover

This month's OUR PAPER may seem a little out of place or even out of step with the times, but what the hell, since when has it been easy to dance to the beat of a different drummer. The war is over, but the battle for peace continues.

OUR PAPER decided to respond to the dizzying speed in which the "BUSH WAR" was escalating, we had to make a statement sooner, I realize volunteers are sometimes slow, but really, sometime within the first days of the start of the hostilities would have been more appropriate, but was there anything APPROPRIATE about this war? As the war intensified, I for one was surprised that within our community and within the family of OUR PAPER volunteers, the issue of whether to go to war or not could be at all contentious. Controversial even to our ever-oppressed community.

Never before had I taken a stand outside the Gay and Lesbian community as a whole. However, on the issue of peace, it seemed that our community was sadly and regrettably splintered. We had all come together and fought for human rights, rights for those persons with disabilities, reproductive freedom of choice, prison reform, equal pay for equal worth, religious freedom, privacy, on and on... I was having to question whether we would fight for peace.

Two months ago, you all told me that you were for peace... but as long as our troops are 'in there' we might as well support the President and hope that the fighting ends quickly... well wasn't that the same as saying "... as long as you are being raped, you might as well lay back and enjoy it?"

In these past 1000 hours, I've encountered rape in a different way, not only was I raped of my peacefulness by our "SIX-STAR" government of wealthy men, but I was also raped of my reason by a media forever needing headlines, and to rub it in my face just a little harder, I was finally raped of my intelligence by 227 million of you that simply encouraged and sanctioned the legal killing of innocent people by pinning a yellow ribbon to your doors.

My partner continued struggling throughout the conflict that the worst hours for him were the 1000 hours before the ground war started, when we mercilessly killed and destroyed those most innocent of war victims, he thought that the war should be fought on the ground, for then the only the victims of war would be the active participants of war.

Why couldn't we RESIST EUPHORIA?

With the war's end came one of the most gruesome statements I had heard to date, gruesomeness in its absolute innocence and ignorance, when a co-worker mentioned the remarkability of a war that killed only 57 people, of which 42 were in Laos, which war they were talking about, for the war that I was focusing on killed 100 thousand at least, even less.

I am 31 years old, and I've always considered myself politically informed, I've kept relatively aware of the separate branches of government, and the unique power they hold. While I've always had a deep reverence and respect for history, now I realize that history is sometimes made and created by the same people who have allowed our oppression to continue, made and invented by a media that simply bankrolls our society, and made and heralded by the same people who were, just hours before, concerned of a war that was being raped for oil, having gotten what they asked for without even realizing the price that they have paid. Not a smart use of inquiry!

Our finale came with an inhuman wrong, after devastating and completely destroying a country with high tech overkill, our "all powerful" technopilots happened upon a traffic jam of retreating Iraqi troops, that's when we stood up high and mightily to be counted and showed the world what we were truly made of. Do you call that kicking BUTT?

Next time I will do things differently. Next time I'll be more aware of the high level of propaganda coming from all directions, and next time I'll be ready to defend the principal of peace without being bogged down by a propaganda war waged by the government and through the media. The sad part is, I know there will be a next time. But next time, I will resist fighting in language given to me by the propaganda machine, using phrases such as: fourth largest army in the world; 10,000 killed in the first few hours of fighting; experienced army of 500,000 defending Iraq; a new world order? They set me up to fail miserably, and I bit their bait, hook, line, and sinker!

They say that the 90s will be the 60s all over again. They say a lot of things! I say the 90s will be the 90s as the 80s were the 80s.

The next 1000 hours are unfolding for me an America in which we use our brawn where we once used our brain. These are my words on war.

These are others' words on war:

unmerciful brutal immortal immoral cruel criminal evil wicked heinous bad awful hateful malicious warlike militant hostile combative aggressive assaulting attacking offensive sickening vile frightening horrifying wretched shameful deplorable horrifying horrible

Letters --

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welcome you.
Thank you again for printing this article.
Sincerely,
Sally Y. DeBow
Mid-coast Maine Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Dear Our Paper:

I have a real concern and was wondering if any male homosexuals could answer one question for me? Let me tell you more about where I'm coming from.

I currently work for a college security office and frequently work in conjunction with the city police and even scan the police city, county and statewide.

This last weekend, on Sunday, when the weather was so beautiful and most individuals were outside enjoying the day, I was inside working the communication center dispatching calls as usual. When I overhead the city police cruising the local parks looking for "a couple" (the term referring to a homosexual couple having intercourse in the area of public facilities), Now, I know that many favorite cruising spots over the entire country have been in public parks and other out-of-the-way places for many years. I am also concerned that those same places are being targeted by the police department in an attempt to keep public areas clear of voyeurs.

As a lesbian, I feel degraded by members of community when I hear the city police, over the radio, have picked up two males being voyeurs in a certain section of a park because they couldn't seem their privates in their pants. There is a right time and place for such acts. I also feel that the police really target homosexuals... when they see a heterosexual couple together they ask if the girl is a willing participant and most of the time they continue on, but because society as a whole still believes that homosexuals have no rights, the police pick us out to make examples of us.

So my question is why do male homosexuals feel the need to cruise parks to pick up other males and have sex with them there and not take them elsewhere?

Please, let's try and keep a good name for our community by staying out of the parks while getting a little head. Be cool and let's be respectable.

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The Things John Never Got to Tell Me

by Kevin Cassell

There was something about John Gaffney that lies beyond my powers of description. Had I known him better, then maybe the words would come more easily. I knew him enough, though, to get all the basic adjectives - "friendy," "good-natured," "out-going," "down-to-earth" - but these are like paintbrushes in the hands of someone who can't do portraits. The complete picture, the one that really shows the person inside and out, remains a private showing in the minds of those who really knew John and loved him. Maybe that's one word I can use: Love. So many people loved John Gaffney. I could see that whenever I went to the Unicorn where he worked as a bartender, and where he hung out even when he wasn't working. He stood out as one who's mastered the art of striking up conversations with anyone, an enviable quality in these times. His attention was so positive, so human, that I can't sit comfortably with him. He was the only person in Portland I've ever heard say the words "Gay Pride" with such genuine dignity that I knew he firmly felt it. That intensity of emotion so many of those who loved John feel defies words. It's that something about him that lies beyond my powers of description.

That love "Johnny Rotten" showed was also thought of him as a brother. "He'd stand up for any friend. He was open and honest. I truly believe if John was the first "gay" person every "straight" person met, there'd be no prejudice, no homophobia," Ridley was among several of John's friends who spoke at a ceremony in his honor at the Unicorn on St. Patrick's Day. John, who often expressed pride in his Irish heritage, appreciated this, I'm sure. When I asked unicorn co-owner Mary Rossi if she had anything she wanted to say about John, she said she'd have to think about it for a while. "I know what I want to say," she later complained, "but I just can't say it." Like so many of his friends, Rossi's fondness of John was akin to that of a close family member's. This intensity of emotion was apparently a wish of John's, referred to as "light" by Kurt Ridley, who referred to him as "Johnny Rotten."" She later complained, "but I just can't say it." Like so many of his friends, Rossi's fondness of John was akin to that of a close family member's. This intensity of emotion so many of those who loved John feel defies even an objective grasping for the right words. It's that something about him that can't be spoken or written down.

Finally, I want to try and partially fulfill what was apparently a wish of John Gaffney's. After I wrote an article on the "bar scene" a few months back, John approached me several times and asked about it. I know what I want to say, however: John fought back, and didn't take the anti-gay taunts lightly. Being attacked because he was gay didn't sit comfortably with him. He was the only person in Portland I've ever heard say the words "Gay Pride" with such genuine dignity that I knew he firmly felt it. That attack played on his mind for several weeks. And what he never got to tell me for that future. He wanted very much to have the paper do something on the issue of gay-bashing; and, each time we talked, he mentioned the night last January when he had been assaulted by three guys who pulled up in a car as he was walking along Spring Street in Portland. He gave me the impression that he wanted to say something to Our Paper readers about the incident and about the police's handling of it. But he wanted me to write it, and I didn't encourage him much since I was involved in other projects at the time and, besides, gay-bashing news is depressing. I regret that decision now, too. I can tell you this much, however: John fought back, and didn't take the anti-gay taunts lightly. Being attacked because he was gay didn't sit comfortably with him. He was the only person in Portland I've ever heard say the words "Gay Pride" with such genuine dignity that I knew he firmly felt it. That attack played on his mind for several weeks. And what he never got to tell me for that article I never wrote will play on mine for much, much longer.
The Straight and Narrow by Holly Valero --

PEACE... YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE

A very serious voice said, "If you want peace, work for justice." It sounded reasonable...until I really gave it some thought. When was the last time you saw somebody ask politely for justice and receive it? When was the last time you encountered justice that did not involve conflict? Ever see The People's Court or Divorce Court on TV? And that is small claims! The dictionary defines justice as: proving or showing to be just, desirable, or warranted; to treat as righteous, worthy of salvation, freed from the future penalty of sin; to accept or receive as just by those who respond in wholehearted faith to God. I'm not comfortable with that brand of justice. It sounds prejudicial and vindictive. Even the terminology. Justice is something we demand, execute, fight for, and administer. Peace. Freedom from civil clamor and confusion. A state of public quiet, security and order. Freedom from oppressive thoughts or emotions. Absence of hostility, disturbance and harassment. As I say it, I can feel the tension that gathers between my eyes start to dissipate. I breathe more easily. I relax. I smile. I like peace better than justice. If I can find peace, I won't need justice. Justice separates us from peace. It is our warehouse for fear, prejudice, superstition, anger, ignorance, greed, judgement, intolerance, and retribution. We slog through justice hoping to find peace. We use as guile to the worst examples of human behavior carefully documented by centuries of law to judge our progress. In the end we emerge more tainted and polluted by the process. It's sort of like wandering around the core of a nuclear power plant looking for that five dollar bill you dropped when the red lights and sirens came up and everybody began running for their lives. We just "liberated" a country run by a feudal system dating back thousands of years. Its borders are not defined by centuries of law to judge our needs of its citizens, this country pours over 50% of its total resources into military spending. Every year. If you want peace, work for peace. I am giving up justice. This is my contribution to peace. I'm sure I'll go to the grave by centuries of law to judge our needs of its citizens, this country pours over 50% of its total resources into military spending. Every year. If you want peace, work for peace. I am giving up justice. This is my contribution to peace. I'm sure I'll go to the grave with my head held high and provoke anger against America. Unfortunately, America "won." Or so it believes. In desperate need of its citizens, this country pours over 50% of its total resources into military spending. Every year. I relax. I smile. I like peace better than justice. If I can find peace, I won't need justice. Justice separates us from peace. This past week 60 Minutes aired a report showing George Bush and the President of Syria shaking hands and gearing up for a global version of the same. It's like a war, between the only Arab country in which you may earn a Master's Degree in terrorism. I'm certain we can send them a little foreign aid. I know of a country where poverty and homelessness are at an all time high. A country where health care is not economically available to the majority of its citizens. A country marked by overcrowded prisons, rampant violence, and drug abuse. A country where half the population defines salaries largely by gender and skin color. Yet despite the overwhelming needs of its citizens, this country pours over 50% of its total resources into military spending. Every year. If you want peace, work for peace. I am giving up justice. This is my contribution to peace. I'm sure I'll go through "justice withdrawal," but I'm going to give it a fair [Oops! See what I mean?] chance. Of course, there is always friendly fire. As a lesbian, I am well acquainted with the concept. I have been dodging it for 28 years.

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Salon 316
by Paul B. Duff

Only one and a half years old, Salon 316 is already a Portland landmark. Even those who have no idea exactly what the building is familiar with the distinctive white and black exterior of the wedge shaped building located at 316A Congress St. Mid-way between Lincoln Park and Levinsky’s Plaza, at the intersection of Congress St. and Franklin Arterial, Salon 316 is an easy stroll from both Munjoy Hill and the Old Port. More than just a bold exterior, Salon 316 is every bit as distinctive as its paint job, offering a full range of services with considerable style and healthy doses of good humor.

On the brink of his 25th birthday (clients and friends take note!!), Dennis Ferrante, Salon 316’s owner/stylist, may not quite be a Portland landmark but he’s certainly well on his way. With extensive training in hair design and make-up artistry in Boston, New York and London, Dennis has made a name for himself as one of Portland’s premiere stylists. Dennis credits his success as a stylist to his on-going training, which gives him the versatility to work with a wide range of hair genres — from the cautiously contemporary to the outrageously extreme. In creating a salon, Dennis’ success springs from his years of working for others — he noted what worked and what didn’t. Salon 316 incorporates the best of the rest, so to speak.

Visually, Salon 316 is a comfortable blend of the classic and the contemporary. The very up-to-date chrome-glass-black fixtures are complemented by a large antique wood dresser and the simple white of the walls and ceiling. The artwork, which changes a bit every now and again, is colorful without being obnoxious. Well-placed windows provide copious amounts of natural light which nourish both Dennis’ plants and the pleasant aura of the Salon. Good music, funky reading materials (including Our Paper) and the wondrous scents of aromatherapy enhance Salon 316’s appeal.

Currently, the Salon offers a wide array of services including precisional hair designing, progressive hair coloring, make-up artistry, eyelash tinting, waxing and aromatherapy. The staff at Salon 316 usually includes a second stylist and will soon include a make-up designer. Those who work with Dennis usually share his outlook on styling but are encouraged to foster their own talents and clientele. Dennis’ approach is holistic — he begins with individual, progressive, original styling in an intimate comfortable setting and then encourages proper maintenance with carefully chosen products and well-timed visits to the Salon.

Our Paper) and the wondrous scents of aromatherapy enhance Salon 316’s appeal. Currently Dennis freelances as a make-up artist doing commercial work for the Portland Press Herald Style Section. He’s also worked on various projects in New York and Boston. Though he loves to travel, Dennis is Portland born and bred and plans on staying. “Even if I expand, I’ll definitely maintain the feeling of intimacy that the Salon has now. Attention to individuality has given the Salon a diverse appeal — everyone from business professionals to artists feel comfortable here — I won’t mess with that.”

Dennis’ attention to individuality has also turned Salon 316 into somewhat of a community “salon” — a place where people meet and share ideas and information. Big-otry is strictly forbidden while discussions on topics ranging from legislation to lipstick are commonplace. It’s funny, when I’m in need of information for an article — or even just a good laugh, for that matter — I usually call “Dennis’ place.”

Salon 316 doesn’t serve the best chocolate cake, but Dennis does make real good coffee and serves up a mean head of hair. So stop in and see what he and Salon 316 have to offer. A friend recently rated the experience as “the most fun you can have with your clothes on!” (She obviously hasn’t gotten waxed yet...)
I Want To Join The Film Festival

By Shawn Toth

We were all very anxious to attend the festival. It was an idea that felt so perfect. Portland has not yet had an gay film festival, much less a gay one. I was also proud that we were not having the festival in some dark old church, but proudly taking the Portland Performing Arts Center and Portland Museum Of Art.

The turnout for the festival was a reflection on the success of the festival, all three hundred seats filled. I had been to many gay events in Portland, but had never seen so many gays and lesbians collected in one area having such a great time. We were not rallying, chanting, shouting, or angry but actually just enjoying ourselves. The attendance was varied and intriguing. I was witness to many older gay couples which as a young person was very positive to see. Older couples are often a myth in the young gay community, you hear about them but no one has ever seen one before. The festival also gave a kind of like when your parents let you watch your first 'R' rated film. It broke down some stereotypes and helped bring everyone a little closer together. No one had ever seen one before. The festival also gave the power of a gay group. I have also been involved in the media, much less a gay one. I was also proud to see. Older couples were very positive to see. Older couples are often a myth in the young gay community, you hear about them but no one has ever seen one before. The festival also gave a kind of like when your parents let you watch your first 'R' rated film. It broke down some stereotypes and helped bring everyone a little closer together. No one had ever seen one before. The festival also gave the power of a gay group. I have also been involved in the media, much less a gay one. I was also proud to see.

One of the strongest feelings I had about the festival was how incredibly normal it felt. You gazed upon the screen and were not disappointed by some heterosexually smooching but relished in the real thing—PASSION, HEATED, HOMOSEXUAL ROMANCE. There is nothing like it! The characters were real characters and not some flat Hollywood stereotype. I left the festival feeling very powerful like “We Are Everywhere”. I wanted to be part of all this, so I joined the Out and Out Productions committee.

The Out and Out Productions crew is a motley assortment of councilor, waiter, graphic designer, computer technician, fabric designer, teacher, ticket-taker, and about everything else. We have all worked to make the seemingly endless things that need to be done on a film festival. One of the most difficult parts of putting the festival together has been just getting the films. The movies have come from all parts of North America, previewed, and then accepted. You would be amazed at how many bad gay films exist in North America. Another difficult part of the festival has been costs. I was overwhelmed at the cost of last years festival. They had to pay for the theater, projector, films, video, tickets, programs, and posters, all just the tip of the iceberg.

It is a film. Second, it is a gay film. Screening movies can be a very difficult process. Even with the work, I am glad to be part of all this, so I joined the Out and Out Productions committee. The Out and Out Productions crew is a motley assortment of councilor, waiter, graphic designer, computer technician, fabric designer, teacher, ticket-taker, and about everything else. We have all worked to make the seemingly endless things that need to be done on a film festival. One of the most difficult parts of putting the festival together has been just getting the films. The movies have come from all parts of North America, previewed, and then accepted. You would be amazed at how many bad gay films exist in North America. Another difficult part of the festival has been costs. I was overwhelmed at the cost of last years festival. They had to pay for the theater, projector, films, video, tickets, programs, and posters, all just the tip of the iceberg.

Still with everything involved it has been great to work on the festival this year. The committee has a very different feel from other gay groups. It lacks the gay politics, but has all the power of a gay group. I have also been impressed at the approach to the films. First, it is a film. Second, it is a gay film. Screening movies can be a very difficult process. Even with the work, I am glad to be part of The Maine Lesbian and Gay Film Festival this year because I see the festival as, more of a reward to our community. I think I will once again leave this years festival with a feeling of power and the desire to run out and make my own gay movie.

Ticket Policy
There are three ticket options available for the festival goer:

1. A Weekend Pass guarantees you admission to all films on all three days, but only if you arrive at the theater 15 minutes before each showing. Pass holders can pick up their tickets for individual Saturday or Sunday showings by presenting their passes upon arrival those days. The cost is $27 through May 9. (On May 10, a Weekend Pass will be $32.)

2. Day Passes are available at the door for all three days. Passes are $12 each for Friday (the museum gala) and Sunday; $17 for Saturday. Again, you must arrive 15 minutes before each showing to guarantee your seat.

3. Single Tickets will be sold at the door on Saturday and Sunday for that day's films and are $5 each. (Note: no single tickets will be sold for the Friday night gala.)

Weekend passes can be obtained by calling (207) 828-4714, writing to Out & Out Productions, P.O. Box 7962, Portland, ME 04112 (coupon enclosed) or purchasing directly at Amadeus Music, Drop Me A Line, or The Whole Grocer. (Tickets will be at these locations by the first week in April.) Note: mail-order tickets received after May 3 will be held in your name at the door.

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35 Single Tickets $12 each for Friday (the museum gala) and Sunday; $17 for Saturday. Again, you must arrive 15 minutes before each showing to guarantee your seat.

3. Single Tickets will be sold at the door on Saturday and Sunday for that day's films and are $5 each. (Note: no single tickets will be sold for the Friday night gala.)

Weekend passes can be obtained by calling (207) 828-4714, writing to Out & Out Productions, P.O. Box 7962, Portland, ME 04112 (coupon enclosed) or purchasing directly at Amadeus Music, Drop Me A Line, or The Whole Grocer. (Tickets will be at these locations by the first week in April.) Note: mail-order tickets received after May 3 will be held in your name at the door.
Albania—the Danish newspaper PanBladet researched homosexuality here and reported that it is not mentioned in the penal code and that the age-of-consent is the same for gays and straights. However, the newspaper said, "Homosexuality, generally speaking, is a taboo subject." There have been no AIDS cases and only one person has tested HIV-positive, Pan said. The media has reported on AIDS as "a threat from outside." Albania is the only European country where donated blood is not screened for HIV antibodies.

A couple and the District are presently filing motions in Superior Court.

**GAY DISCO THWARTED BY CURIOUS THRONGS**

ITALY—Babilonia, the gay Italian magazine, reports that, "While the northern part of Italy has seen gay businesses flourish, there is no real possibility of starting such businesses south of Rome. The last attempt to launch a gay disco—at Rosa Marino, in Apulia—failed when scores of curious heterosexuals jammed the entrance to find out who were the homosexuals of the town. Only a dozen people found the courage to face the crowd and entered the disco, so the club went straight.

**LESBIAN WORLD RECORDS SOUGHT**

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**AMA DONATES $30,000 TO SENATOR JESSE HELMS**

The American Medical Association is guilty of the most vicious hypocrisy in lending financial support to Senator Jesse Helms, an avowed anti-gay person who has placed gay-bashing at the top of his personal agenda. According to records, the AMA’s political action committee is Senator Helms’ largest contributor, exceeding even funds channeled to the senator from RJ Reynolds and Philip Morris. The AMA is listed as giving $30,000 to Senator Helms. "This donation is an affront to all people—not only gays, and the donation is even more sinister when you consider that the AMA voices support for gays and opposition to RJ Reynolds and Philip Morris. This threesome certainly are strange bedfellows," a spokesman said. ACT UP has determined that "the AMA is a closet supporter of gay-bashing and we intend to make them accountable and to inform the AMA’s membership of where their dollars are going," the spokesman continued. ACT UP’s efforts to talk with the AMA leadership have failed and now we are going directly to the membership," he said.

ACT UP is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis.
Maine Gayzette --

Gay/Lesbian Alliance to Host Symposium XVIII

Symposium XVIII, Maine's annual lesbian and gay men's weekend conference, is being organized this year by the Gay/Lesbian Alliance at the University of Southern Maine. The symposium will take place in Portland. Symposium XVIII will begin Friday evening, May 24th, and continue through Monday afternoon, May 27th. The symposium will feature over twenty workshops with topics ranging from sexuality to political action, aging, gay history, relationships, youth, and spirituality. In addition, there will be plenty of time for dancing, films, informal discussions, and guest speakers.

In order to space out the workshops, people are encouraged to register early. Registration, which includes entrance to all events, plus materials, as well as some meals, is $30. Students and senior citizens only $20. People from outside the Portland area can reserve rooms in USM's Portland Hall.

A hundred LEGENDS -- AN ART EXHIBITION BY PERSONS WITH AIDS AT THE BARRIDOFF GALLERY

by Heather Alexander

"A legend is a story passed down through history." A hundred LEGENDS is a collection of art, photographs, poetry, prose, music, and other media created by people with AIDS. It represents a memorial to those living and those who have passed. It serves as a historical document, insuring a cultural legacy.

An exhibition of works from a hundred LEGENDS, a portfolio of artwork by 126 men, women, and children with AIDS, is at the Barridoff Gallery, 26 Free Street, Portland, April 4 through April 16. There is an opening reception on Thursday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Don Ruddy, who conceived the idea of a hundred LEGENDS will be there.

Don Ruddy's idea began when his friend Jim, diagnosed with AIDS, was being encouraged by his AIDS buddy to express himself creatively. Don says, "I realized that Bob was not the only person with time on his hands, lots of energy, and a portfolio to express himself creatively. Don says, "I want to share a room with:"

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Impassioned Films to be Shown in ACT UP Benefit

by Peter S. Karasopoulos and James Melanson

Two films of extraordinary power and emotion will be shown at The Movies on Exchange St. in Portland on April 13th at 9:15. "Positive" and "Silence = Death" are by German film-maker Rosa Von Praunheim in collaboration with New York film-maker and journalist Phil Zwickler.

"I will not be polite and die like a martyr," says artist David Wojnarowicz in the film "Silence = Death." "I'll celebrate my life and tell you my story." Wojnarowicz is one of several New York City artists who perform and are profiled in "Silence = Death," a searing and enticingly provocative documentary about the response of New York's gay community to the AIDS epidemic and about the impact of AIDS on New York's gay artistic community. David Wojnarowicz, a performance artist, is the main focus and the embattled protagonist of "Silence=Death," which deals with the inconsolable anger and justifiable outrage at the indifference which has permitted this contemporary holocaust to take place.

Wojnarowicz is stirring as he describes his own life experiences as a person living with AIDS, his own personal loss of a lover and companion from AIDS-related illness. Further, he recalls how the grief and anger he experienced as a result of his lover's death prompted him to become an outspoken AIDS activist and an enthusiastic critic of the federal government, particularly under the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Zwickler also conducts interviews with other AIDS activists from whose unique perspectives we are informed, entertained, infuriated and intellectually stimulated. Among those interviewed: novelist and playwright Larry Kramer, who helped co-found both the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP); singer Michael Callen, who is the founder of New York's PWA Coalition; artist Diamanda Gallas, an outspoken opponent of AIDS bigotry and the sister of deceased playwright Philip Dmitri Gallas; and lesbian novelist Sarah Schulman who discusses the epidemic's impact on the gay community's coherence.

"Positive" concludes with the documentation of ACT UP's activities at the International AIDS Conference in Montreal in June of 1989. "Positive" is a film which is vibrant, infuriating, indismissable and enlivening. The San Francisco Chronicle has said of "Positive" that it is Rosa Von Praunheim's "most impassioned work" and reviews for both "Positive" and "Silence = Death" have been universally good.

This film benefit provides us with a marvelous opportunity to support a cause in need of our financial assistance. We would hope that those who might have contemplated seeing "Silence of the Lambs," a film which depicts gay men as lisping, mincing, women-skimming cannnibals, would chose instead to see "Positive" and "Silence = Death" as an act of self-assertion and self empowerment. It is not often that we are given a chance to see films which empower us or gays rather than victimize us.

Tickets may be purchased at Amadeus Music at 332 Fore St. in Portland or at Drop Me A Line at 144 High St. in Portland. For further information about tickets, call 799-4758 or 774-5082.

Imagine ...

Hi I'm Randy and I'm in the sixth grade. I want to tell you what I've learned from the war in the Middle East. I now know that I'm right and the teachers are wrong! So there.

You see, I'm a big guy, and I mean BIG. 5'8" tall, 150 pounds, and I'M MEAN. Kids know I'm mean; I've showed them. I'm the kind of guy who likes to tell people what to do, to be boss. And if they don't do what I say, well, I just scare them a little by threatening to beat them up. Most of the time I don't have to do it. But once in awhile someone will think he can get away with ignoring me. Then I just show him who's boss. He's sorry after I've hit him a few times.

All along my teachers have told me I can't act this way. Threatening kids and beating them up is wrong, they say. Adults don't use force to solve their problems they say. The grownup way is to work things out peacefully. Teachers at my school have even tried to get us to solve our conflicts peacefully. They have a thing called the Win/Win Guidelines. My teachers, Mrs. Jones, did a lesson on how I should cool off when I'm in a disagreement with someone. She taught me how to say "I feel mad when you won't let me play ball with you" instead of yelling, "You're a bunch of fags." I learned to figure out the other person's point of view and to see how I helped cause the problem. I and my friends even know how to brainstorm solutions to our conflicts so that both sides get what they need.
Maine Music Workshop Presents "Women in Music"

On Saturday, April 27, the Maine Music Workshop will focus on "Women in Music" presenting workshops, a panel discussion and an evening concert featuring Kay Gardner and Libana, World Music Ensemble. All activities will take place in the Chestnut Street Church immediately behind City Hall in Portland.

"It's the first event in what we hope will be an annual series," explains Burl Hash, artistic director for Maine Arts, Inc. "Each year the Maine Music Workshop will explore a different musical genre; this year we chose "Women in Music" because these artists are truly redefining the role of music in the life of the greater community. There's a voice which deserves recognition.

The 8 PM concert will showcase one of Maine's finest musicians, Kay Gardner, who is internationally applauded as a proponent of music for healing and transformation. An accomplished flutist, having studied with Samuel Baro and Jean-Pierre Rampal, Kay utilizes concert flute as well as bamboo, alo and various ethnic flutes.

Gardner will be followed by Libana: World Music Ensemble, presenting music "by, for, and about women" from around the world. Much more than a singing group, members of the ensemble play instruments native to the cultures whose music they perform and dance traditional dances which come from those cultures as well.

A panel discussion, "Women in Music: Directions for the 90's" is scheduled for 4 PM and will delve into questions of identity, consciousness, competition, support, and the difficulties experienced by women in today's musical world. Panel members include improvisational performer and composer Barbara Trues, rock guitarist/singer/song-writer Darien Brahms, women's music producer Beth Nitschke, and others. The panel will be moderated by music professor Karen Demsey of the University of Maine at Augusta.

Workshops scheduled for 2 PM include "Sounding the Inner Landscape: Music as Medicine" presented by Kay Gardner and "Music for Ritual and Celebration: Rounds and Chants from around the World" led by members of Libana.

"Women in Music" is supported by the New England Foundation for the Arts and by the Maine Arts Commission and is produced by Maine Arts, Inc. Tickets are $9 for the concert, $6 for a workshop and the panel discussion, or $12 for the full program and are available by writing Maine Arts, Inc. at 582 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101 or by calling 772-9012. Concert tickets only will also be available at Amadeus Music in Portland and at Macbean's Music in Brunswick beginning two weeks before the event.
He is a powerful musician in his own right and well worth listening to, as his solo numbers proved. Margaret Haberman interpreted the concert for the hearing impaired. It was like watching a person dancing along with the music, an enhancement even for those of us able to hear.

Holly sang new songs and old familiar songs, political songs, songs celebrating life and love, songs of fiery spirit, and quiet personal songs. She had complete vocal control, and the ability to use her voice as an instrument got inside our hearts. She was less political and more personal than in the previous concert in Boston, though she did touch on politics, saying that war was the most primitive and uncreative form of communication imaginable. It sounded as if, in Boston, she was a missionary, out to convince the audience of certain beliefs, "That music can Rock the Boat", changes things and lead to communication imaginable. It was clear that Holly lives what she believes, "That music can Rock the Boat", changes things and lead to greater understanding among people.

On a personal level, the concert led to an interesting discussion of homosexuality with my younger sister, in which we concluded that it doesn't matter who you love, it matters THAT you love.

The lesbian community turned out in force to the March 16th Holly Near concert, produced by Wild Iris. Jennifer Berezan did an opening set that went from sweet to mournful to thoughtfully to powerful. Her "Teacher's Song", encouraging young people to hold on to their firearms, was especially affecting and "life positive.

"Once in a Blue Moon" spoke to those mourning the end of a love affair. Jennifer left me ready to hear more; she played long enough for the audience to get a sample of her fine work, but not so long that the audience was restless to get on to the main event.

Speaking of the audience, my 15-year-old sister, who attended with me, looked around wide-eyed and said, "There seem to be mostly women here."

We had seen Holly in Boston in the fall and the audience there had been about equal men and women. I think it had an effect on the concert. The Boston audience was just an audience, while the Portland audience felt like a group of friends getting together for a musical party.

Holly was greeted with thunderous applause, and she had our rapt attention for every note. John Bucchierno, was accompanied her on the piano, was attuned to Holly's every nuance. He came out after intermission wearing a new tee shirt decorated with pink triangles, a gift from "Triangles".

The lesbian community in Portland, and around the country and touched us in that special way that women's music is. It is clear that Holly lives what she believes, "That music can Rock the Boat", changes things and lead to greater understanding among people.

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Calendar --

April 5 & 6
Ram Island Dance Company, "Signs of Life" - Brunswick. At 7:30 p.m., the company presents new works in the second of a series of performances in local art galleries. All tickets $10.00. Available at Hebe Sound Galeries, North, 58 Maine Street, Brunswick. Call Ram Island Dance at 773-2562 for reservations or further information.

April 5-7
A Holly Near Weekend for women of all ages will be held in New York City on April 5-7, 1991. For information on housing and transportation, write to: SAGE, 208 West 13th Street, NYC, NY, 10011, (212) 741-2247.

April 13
Benefit, ACT UP/Maine, Saturday, April 13, 9:15 p.m. $10.00. One show on the Movies, 10 Exchange St., Portland. Call Him at 774-5050.

April 22
Larry Kramer will speak at Bowdoin College, Monday, April 22, 8:00 p.m., Knauss Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. The lecture, entitled "AIDS: The War Is Lost" is sponsored by Bisexual Gay Lesbian Alliance for Diversity (B.G.L.A.D), Gay Alumni (B.G.A.L.A), Bowdoin Women's Association (B.W.A.), Student Union Committee (S.U.C.V), Struggle with Change, Bowdoin Jewish Organization (B.J.O.), AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP/Maine).

Dance Benefit to be Held for Festival
Out & Out Productions, has been holding a series of fundraisers since last November to help create a festival that everyone can afford. "Get Down & Out 21st", is a dance benefit for the Maine Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. So, put on your dancing shoes and come to Otto's, 31 Forest Ave., Portland, on Thursday, April 25. The dancing, as well as some fun surprises, starts at 9pm and continues until closing. Help bring lesbian & gay films to Maine this May.

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GLAAD, 585 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017
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Heaven Help Us

by BJ Broder, III

Somebody do me a favor. Please clip this article and mail it to Maine’s lawmakers if you see fit. Better yet, hand it to them. It’s in reference to the Human Rights Bill coming up for consideration, and the testimony that I anticipate from the Maine Christian Civic League. I’ve been giving things some thought. While I hold that each and every citizen should be given equal and ample opportunity to speak his or her convictions and influence legislation accordingly, I believe that consideration should not be given to any expression of religious convictions included in any individual’s testimony for a variety of important reasons.

First of all, this country was founded on the principle of separation of church and state. Thus, using the religious convictions of a select group of individuals or denominations as a basis for legislation violates this principle and threatens civil liberty for us all. From a fiscal perspective, churches enjoy a tax-free status on their properties and are also exempt from sales tax. If they want to assert themselves as the State House, they should also expect to pay taxes as does the common citizen.

My second argument is that while Christianity may be the belief system most predominantly represented at the Legislative hearings, its postulates may not be those held by the majority of Maine’s citizens, to be in our best interest from a legal versus a faith perspective. To assume that the simplistic, literal, contextually-twisted Biblical interpretations often presented at these hearings are representative of the convictions of most Mainers insults their intelligence, I hope.

Thirdly, there is considerable danger in allowing the Bible to be used as a means of drafting legislation in 1991. Its relevance from a faith perspective is eternal. From a civil perspective, it is dated, to say the least. I assure you that if we entertain drafting law in 1991 from the Bible, gays and lesbians will not be the only people adversely affected. Consider just a few quotes and their implications:

Ecclesiastics 30:1
A man who loves his son will beat him frequently.

Ecclesiastics 30:12
Bend his neck in youth. Bruise his ribs while he is a child.

Ecclesiastics 33:25
Puddle, the stick and burdens for a donkey.

Ecclesiastics 25:19
No wickedness comes anywhere near the wickedness of a woman; may a sinner’s lot be hers!

Timothy 2:12
I am not giving permission for a woman to teach or to tell a man what to do.

Corinthians 7:10
For the married I have something to say and this is not from me but from the Lord: A wife must not leave her husband or if she does leave him, she must either remain unmarried or else make up with him nor must a husband send his wife away.

Thus, drafting legislation across the board in current times based on Biblical times means that we legalize and accept child abuse, a return to slavery, the degradation of women and the abolition of divorce and remarriage. It would seem that our options are: A) leave the Bible out of legislation; B) allow the Bible to enter into legislation only when dealing with issues affecting minorities; or C) allow the Bible to legislate for all and therefore all lose. Take your pick, but I’m voting for option A!

I’ve been invited to testify before the Legislative subcommittee three times in the past. I’m not so naive as to think that it’s probable or perhaps even possible that the Maine Christian Civic League’s Biblically based and biased testimony will not be present and heard at this year’s testimonies. In that light, I’ve decided to ask for equal time to quote a few texts that I think that they may have overlooked in the past:

Romans 12:16
Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.

Romans 13:9
You must love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 7:4
How dare you say to your brother ‘Let me take the splinter out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own?

Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter out of your brother’s eye.

John 15:12
This is my commandment: love one another as I loved you.

Luke 6:36
Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves.

Anyone educated in Christian Church history can easily relate the treatment of early Christians by those in power with the treatment given gays and lesbians by (some) Christians. Opposition to equal civil rights and opportunities, discrimination in the workplace, emotional and physical persecution, the formulation and perpetuation of malicious, false rumors about the (minority’s) lifestyle, and at the extreme, martyrdom.

We suffer in the 1990’s what Christians did during the life of Christ and in the early centuries following his crucifixion. And, as they would not renounce their truth when faced with adversarial action, nor will we renounce ours falsely accused of being child molesters by virtue of our lifestyle, sinners by nature, immoral in God’s eyes, etc., etc., etc.

Why does a group with so much in common with us detest us so? When will they ever learn? How a group of people can discriminate and oppress in ways so similar (if not identical) to those which they themselves have unjustly endured is beyond my understanding. How anyone can perpetuate the myths, the opposition, the pain and the injustice in “the name of God” is incomprehensible to me.

Heaven help us!

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559 Portsmouth Ave.
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SUNDAYS

OUR PAPER organizational meeting on the first Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM at Deering St., Portland. (Enter door) New volunteers welcome.

BATES GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/Straight Alliance annual planning meeting, every Sunday, 8:30 AM in Hiram Morris Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston.

MAINE GAY/LESBIAN POLITICAL ALLIANCE meets the third Sunday of every month at All Souls Church, 11 King St., Augusta, from 2 to 5 PM.

NORTHERN LAMDA NORD meets the last Sunday of every month at the Church of the Holy Cross, 9 Central Street, Portland. Call 822-5807 or 866-7950 for more information and meeting locations.

GAYLESBIAN/EQUALITY NETWORK meets the second Sunday of the month for a Lesbian/Butch Potluck from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Portland. Call 207-583-3263 for more information.

DIGNITY/BANGOR (LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS AND FRIENDS) meets every Sunday at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Bangor. Doors open at 8:00 PM, worship at 8:15 PM. Call 947-2023 or 207-288-5362 for more information.

DIGNITY/MAINE (LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS AND FRIENDS) every Sunday at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Doors open at 9:00 PM, worship at 9:15 PM by a business social. Call 822-5807 or 207-866-7950 for more information.

LESBIAN ACOA (ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS) meets weekly at 7:00-8:00 PM at the Portland Terrace, 91 Spruce Street, Portland. All women welcome.

GAY IN SOBRIETY (AA) meets on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at the Wilton West Church, 541 North Street, Portland. Volunteers at 774-HELP.

LESBIAN POTLUCK BRUNCH held in the Bangor area. For more information call 822-5607.

MONDAYS

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS at THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON meet weekly on Mondays. The group warmly welcomes new people. For more information write to Irene Finn, UNH Center for Human Development, 7 South Street, Farmington, Maine 04938-0000 or call 207-877-1735.

ACT-UP/MAINE meets weekly at 7 PM at the People's Building, 157 Brackett St., Portland. For more information call 774-5000.

SEACOAST GAY MEN meets most Mondays at 7 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 253 Main Street, Portsmouth, N.H. New members welcome. For more information call Keny at (603) 749-5852, or write PO Box 465, Cape Neddick, Maine 03902.

FEMINIST SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY meets every Monday from 7:00-9:00 PM at the First Parish Church, 212 Forest Avenue, Portland. For more information call Kristin at 725-2505.

FAMILIES OF GAYS SUPPORT GROUP meets second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Maine School for Girls, 774-8339. For more information call Ingrid at 774-8339.

BOWDOWN COLLEGE B-GLAD, BISEXUAL/GAYLESBIAN ALLIANCE FOR DIVERSITY meets on Sunday from 5:00-8:00 PM in the New College Dining Hall, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. For more information call Kristin at 725-2505.

GAY AND LESBIAN ACOA meets Wednesdays at the Salvation Army, 209 Main St., Portland. Call 844-5540 for more information.

COLLEGE GAY MEN'S RAP GROUP meets every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 PM at the Portland Vocational Institute, Portland. For more information call 774-5000.

COLLEGiate (PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the All Souls Church, Unitarian Universalist, 11 King Street, Augusta, Maine. For more information call 623-2349.

BUILDING A MORE POSITIVE GAY IDENTITY, a support group for gay men, dealing with issues relating to not being out as an ongoing process, self esteem, social pressures, relationships and more. Meets monthly, Monday nights, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland. Phone 772-1307.

THE BRIDGE AT COLBY, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 04901. Connecting Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Straight Allies. Meetings held every other Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Bridge Room, Colby College. For more information Phonomine 793-2756. For more information write or contact Mark at 577-7089, or leave a message on the phone.

DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK holds a healing circle for all affected by AIDS. Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Capital Area Family Health Center, 135 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine. Non-smoking meeting. All women welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE CLUB meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 PM at the YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP, Big book/step meeting weekly on Sundays from 8:00-9:00 AM at the Wilton West Church, 32 Thompson Street, Portland. Call 761-0733 for more information.

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PARKTOWN MEETING FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (AA) meets weekly at 7:00 PM at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Call 767-9849 for more information.

MEETINGS --
LESBiGAY Network

THE AIDS PROJECT
27 Monroe Square - 5th floor
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
(207) 774-8287

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACOA) YWCA
87 Spring Street
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
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ADULT LINE
(207) 775-1276 or (800) 851-ADS
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Thursday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

AM CHOFSHI
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ANDROCOSGULLIN VALLEY AIDS COALITION (AVAC)
P.O. Box 7877
Lewiston, Maine 04240-7877
(207) 795-8409
Non-profit organization with the following goals: to provide community education about AIDS/HIV, to coordinate and support community-based services to people living with AIDS/HIV, to develop an AIDS Action Network in our communities and to provide a unified front on AIDS needs and issues. Members of our coalition provide a forum for the exchange of support, professional skills, and technical resources. We have been meeting regularly at the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross in Auburn since late 1988, and welcome all interested parties to attend our meetings. For more information, call Tracy.

BATH MEN’S GROUP
THE AIDS PROJECT
69 Mountain View Avenue
Bangor, Maine 04401-2038
(207) 725-4955
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BATH COUNTY GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE
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Bangor, Maine 04401-2038
(207) 990-EMAN
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The Powers House
800 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
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C/O Williston West Church
32 Thomas Street
Portland, Maine 04102-0000
Meetings Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

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LAST YEAR, DOZENS OF WOMEN WERE RAPED IN YOUR LIVING ROOM. THE NETWORKS CALLED IT ENTERTAINMENT.

Adam raped Kirby. Dynasty.
Josh raped Lisa. The World Turns.
Forced sex with Satan. Friday the 13th.

A woman is raped every 3 minutes in our country. Violence against women on the TV screens in our living rooms is part of the oppressive climate of rape in our society. It perpetuates the myths that the victim wanted it to happen, that rape is selection.

If you're outraged by entertainment rape, write to the sponsors of TV violence. Let them know how you feel.

And if you'd like more information on how you can help end sexual violence, contact the Rape Crisis Center at 774-3633.

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