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A decade of radical republican conservatism and religious paranoia has left malnourished the essential freedoms upon which this country was built, legitimized violence and intolerance in the name of government, and made fashionable hate in the name of God. For Lesbians and gays, working within the straight system, long the accepted method for bringing about change, has recently exploded in a variety of legislative moves that would make illegal all gay/lesbian bills, ordinances, laws, etc., without a state-wide referendum. Other proposals are even less diplomatic — making any lesbian or gay civil rights illegal — period.

Heading toward the turn of the century America's gay and lesbian taxpaying citizens can't help but wonder if — and when — civil disobedience will turn into civil war. Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays, or PFLAG, stands with one foot firmly planted in the lesbian and gay community, and the other firmly planted in the straight community. A political diplomat, PFLAG, may prove to be the real peacemaker in the 90s.

Our Paper spoke with Rita Kissen, U.S.M. Professor and PFLAG organizer. Rita gave us some background information on how she became involved with the group:

The motivating force for me was having a lesbian daughter. My daughter came out to me, well, she came out to herself — when she was 18. She was going off to college. We were living in Nebraska in a small town of around 5000 people. We had been to women's concerts together and had both been active in the National Women's Studies Association. She's an activist. The night before she was to leave we were sitting out on our Midwestern back porch — sitting and talking — and I felt that we should have some kind of conversation about birth control, or dating... and as we talked it came out that she had fallen in love with this wonderful woman. I was sort of amused in a way because we had been so many things together. This was one area in her life that was totally her own. It was part of her coming of age.

I can't even remember how I heard about PFLAG, but somehow I heard. There was no one in my town that was a member, so I joined the National organization. Around that time I started working with gay and lesbian students. I did speaking engagements for

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Editorial

why bother?

<beep> "This is the third time I've tried to call you and no one has gotten back to me. I hope you can clear up this ineptitude." I sit in the Our Paper office, taking notes from the angry answering machine. People call our office and ask about their accounts, subscriptions, whatever. Half of those who call do not remember to leave us a phone number or address. And then call back even angrier. Listening to their abuse is just one of the perks that go with the job.

Delinquent advertising accounts are another.

A variety of tax forms that need to be filled out are another.

So is bulk mail preparation. And distribution.

Deadlines are another.

A volunteer staff that comes and goes.

No. . . For A volunteer staff that comes and goes .

Keep publishing, A volunteer staff that comes and goes .

Any of you have already heard from one of us by phone already. We rely upon each volunteer in our small staff to do an awful lot. It's not a job for the faint of heart. Your boyfriends and girl­friends will complain about the amount of time you spend working on the damn paper. You'll become frustrated trying to produce a quality product on a shoestring budget. Your terrific article will contain a glaring "spyo" or other screw-up. Every nitwit you run into will consider him or herself an expert on what you should do with the paper—of course, they won't have any time to help personally.

More often than not I think people are happy to have the paper around. I smile when I hear that people are Mad because it didn't come out earlier. It kind of takes for granted that the paper will always be around. I would like to think it would be. But don't forget that GCN just shut its doors...with a hopeful promise that maybe they can start up again next year. And they certainly have a bigger staff than we do.

So, when the worst happens, try to remember that we put in a Hell of a lot of hours every month trying to get this baby to the printer. You think you're angry? It's enough to make you think seriously about packing it all in and just walking away...

But every now and then a letter will drift down from up North, from some individual who just wants to thank us for being there. That individual may not feel secure enough to subscribe in such a small town, preferring instead to drive 40 miles to pick up a free copy. But it's amazing how often they send a check. I grew up in one of those towns, but we didn't have an Our Paper.

I guess that's why I do it.

H. Valero
Recently I experienced a disturbing interaction while attending the Equal Protection Trash Disco fundraiser at the Wherhouse in Portland. A friend of mine approached me looking panicked and fearful, saying that a man was wearing a tee shirt that said, "NOBODY KNOWS I'M A PSYCHO LESBIAN KILLER." She stated that she was confused, concerned for her safety, and distressed about this display of lesbian bashing. For the woman at this event and the consensus was that these words were offensive to me. As a Roman Catholic, I was also offended by the same words I had heard twice earlier in the week when discussing the Equal Protection Ordinance with heterosexuals.

In an attempt to open a dialogue, I invite members of the lesbian and gay community to respond to either this or similar issues of wide perceptual differences within the community. If the community is to come together, both will need to understand how oppression effects us all. - Karen A. Repasky

Angry but Proud Catholic

The recent Vatican doctrinal document on "Some Considerations Concerning the Catholic Response to Legislative Proposals on the Non-Discrimination of Homosexual Persons" prompts me, as a Roman Catholic, to continue on page 14.
firmed by another from Susan Buchbinder at the San Francisco Health Department. Buchbinder said a study of 6,704 Gay men who had donated blood in 1978 for a Hepatitis-related study revealed that 30 percent to 40 percent of a subgroup of 562 for whom a date of infection could be reasonably approximated have not developed a full-blown AIDS diagnosis in 13 years.

SCIENTISTS REPORT CASES OF 'HIC RETROVIRUS'

Almost nobody knew about it before last month, and it has virtually done dis-cernible characteristics; but, by yesterday, the most talked about something in the world had a name—HIC retrovirus.

The human intracisternal (HIC) retrovirus is what one team of doctors in southern California say is causing AIDS-like disease in people who con-sidered tests negative for HIV antibody and show no sign of HIV in their blood. Although some researchers this week tried to stress that it is too soon to sound a public health alarm about the phenomenon, its potential conse-quences seemed to simply drown out their calls for calm.

Could there be another AIDS-like epidemic starting up? Could some people have a mutation in the AIDS-causing virus that cannot be detected through available tests?

Part of the reason U.S. health offi-cials had trouble promoting a sense of calm during two press conferences about the phenomenon at the International Conference on AIDS is that — even through they have observed these cases for as much as three years already — they don't know the answer to those questions. And when they find the answer to those questions, they did not feel the urgency to do so before the media began to demand answers to their questions. They also acknowledged that they are not accustomed to nor comfortable with setting their research priorities based on media demands for information.

The media inquiries were triggered this week by a one-page article buried deep inside the July 27 issue of Newsweek magazine. The article reported that several AIDS researchers had identified a handful of patients who seemed to have all the character-istics of HIV-disease except one: They had absolutely no trace of the HIV virus or antibodies in their blood.

The numbers of HIV antibody neg-a-tive cases of AIDS-like illnesses totaled between 38 and 44.

While some possible explanations for the phenomenon might be quite disturbing, some researchers noted that they might also be quite innocu-ous. Whatever agent causes the syn-drome may have been in existence for years but is being seen only now...
EQUAL PROTECTION PORTLAND

fundraising events to watch out for

Wednesday, October 7, 1992
Concert/Dance
T-Birds is the place, and 8:00 p.m. is the time. Entertainment includes the Lime Rockets and Jenny Tickets at the door are just $5.00!

Thursday, October 8, 1992
Book signing
Author John Preston will be signing copies of his recently republished book, Mr. Benson at Blackstone's from 8:00-10:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the VOTE NO campaign.

Sunday, October 18, 1992
Celebrity Bartenders
Join several Portland celebrities guest tending bar at Blackstone's from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Former mayors, Lt. Mark Dion are among the famous behind the bar! Proceeds go to the VOTE NO campaign.

CALL 761-8480
VOLUNTEER FOR:
• Phone Canvassing
(Sunday-Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.)
• Phone bank
• City-wide literature drop (10/24/92)
• Precinct Captains
Election day, noon-8:00 p.m.
• Office Help
• Voter Registration

EPP UPDATE:
August and September found Equal Protection Portland solidifying its organizational base and a formal launch of the campaign. Committees are in place, background organizing is complete.

Fundraisers hosted by Linda and Joel Abromson and Frances Peabody, as well as a benefit performance of Mollyhouse Productions' Bawd and a benefit at Sabatos raised needed money, but much more is needed.

The Speakers Bureau has contacted nearly 100 local organizations requesting an opportunity to speak at meetings or events. To invite a speaker to your group or event, call Alan Stearns at 761-0132.

The Voter Registration Committee has institutionalized registration tables at the Limelight and Monument Square, expanding to Shaw's and other local bars. Volunteers are in great demand to staff these tables.

What about...?

THOSE MONDAY MEETINGS
Hundreds of you have been to them. Tens of you have not returned. Every Monday night a dedicated corps of homemakers, students, executives, queens, street urchins, landlords, professors, and egomaniacs have been meeting to organize for the campaign. The meetings have ranged from bedlam to boredom to brilliance, and some people have left in frustration because they didn't give it a chance. Trust us! The recent meetings are great! Come back! We need you! We now have a welcoming table, name tags, and a printed agenda. Recent meetings have averaged fifty people. All meetings break at 8:00 for serious committee meetings. The meetings are wicked slick and efficient. We even provide free parking and refreshments.

NON-PORTLAND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME
Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
One City Center, Second Level at "Expressions"

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Rita Kissen
Tony McCann

(also those marked with asterisks above)

because of the current widespread attention riveted onto immune system deficiencies and the widespread availability of sophisticated tests to measure the health of the immune system.

What it is, however, will simply not be known, said a large number of AIDS researchers this week, until more investigation is done.

A footnote of caution was added by Jim Graham, Whitman-Walker Clinic Administrator, who characterized the revelation as "a major wildcard.

Graham said that the clinic has some AIDS male couples who both test negative that they need not worry about safe sex practices. Graham said he would advise such couples to check with their doctor. "I think that's prudent advice," he added.

EDUCATOR SOUNDS ALARM ON AIDS IN THE LESBIAN COMMUNITY
Lesbians need to talk much more openly about what they're doing in bed if they are going to successfully fight against HIV, according to Amber Hollibaugh, coordinator of the Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP) of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City.

"AIDS is the lesbian community," Hollibaugh said during an interview at the Eighth International AIDS Conference. "We can easily document between 300 to 500 HIV-infected lesbians in New York City. But in most lesbian feminist communities there is a complete lack of knowledge and arrogant denial."

The national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported 79 cases of women with AIDS who identify themselves as lesbians; 103 cases of bisexual women with AIDS; and 1,242 women with AIDS whose sexual identity could not be classified because of incomplete responses as of September 30, 1989. The CDC defines a lesbian as a woman who has had sex relations exclusively with females since 1977.

However, many HIV-infected lesbians appear to have contracted the disease either through sex with men or by injecting drugs. Both practices are taboo to talk about, said Hollibaugh.

"We've been kept ignorant of our own sexual practices," she said, "it's part of the oppression. The sex debates are a perfect example of why we can't talk. Lesbian feminist politics makes it hard to talk about certain sexual practices. If penetration [by dildos] is seen as proof that you aren't a 'real' lesbian, women aren't going to risk telling the truth."

"Among gay men," Hollibaugh continued, "you don't lose your gay identity because of what you do sexually... I think this is the key to why gay men have been able to have a safe sex dialogue. But lesbians walk around with continued next page..."
Teddy Bear Hug by Alan Sterns

Going to the first class of the first day of the first week of school this year reminded me of the time that I got in my car after not driving it for weeks and absentmindedly expected a gently purring engine and an uneventful ride to the store. Instead I got red lights, warning beeps, and longs full of exhaust as my clutch slipped and I lurched into the rotting cans of garbage that ferment beside my tenement.

The class was Evidence. I arrived bright and eager wearing the new fall line from Girbaud with my brand new notebook crisp and clean and ready to be filled with remarkable notes and quotations and concise outlines of logical thought. I even sat near the front.

Then it began. The professor arrived in a severe gray suit that vificlly his cocky smirk and forced the rich dark oak paneling of the room into a gloomy fit of depression. After grively outlining the course he announced, “and furthermore, you will stand up when you speak in my class.” He then began the class by calling on “you in the back” and mentioned as “you in the back” to stand by making repeated sharp upward thrusting gestures.

I cringed. The second year of law school was supposed to better than the first, but this was shaping up to be hell. I glared at him from my seat and dared him to call on me while in my mind I prepared a caustic litany of retorts in case he jerked his spastic thumbs in my direction and ordered me to stand and address his pathetic forum for intellectual sharing.

My morning eagerness and sparkle transformed into bile and venom as my shoulders and neck tightened to form the callous armor I needed to fend off the coming year.

The week got worse. The Dean summoned a few of us into his office to update us on the latest RRTC/Trustee/Military Recruitment turn of events. Several students had fought all last year to get the faculty to implement its own policy of refusing placement services to employers who discriminate. By the second day of the new school year I was once again poligrly explaining to the Dean that his support for gay rights would seem less gratigious if he could provide more leadership and less wishing on the military issue. My tense shoulders sent warning stabs of pain to my head as I politely listened to the Dean remind me that the military practices are perfectly legal. Veins were popping out of my forehead by the time he suggested that the military policy might be justifiable pending some fact finding process.

Then came Bowers v. Hardwick in Family Law. It was assigned at the beginning of the week as part of an introductory chapter on legal definitions of ‘family.’ Bowers is a 1986 case by which the Supreme Court refused to strike down Georgia’s sodomy law. By failing to recognize a penumbra of feIatio in the Constitution, the Court took an old chestnut, wrapped it in family values and traditional legal thinking, and roasted it slowly over a burning cross.

I wasn’t sure if I was looking forward to the class or dreading it. People who enroll in Family Law tend to be more liberal than the average student, yet still I knew that I would have to tense up and become defensive again.

We finally discussed Bowers on Friday afternoon, the end of a diurnal week. The professor made a grand entrance a few minutes late. When he finally walked in, I’m sure that at least three men in the class, and goddess knows how many women, focused instead on the gorgeous young man who followed the professor. Obviously not a law student, he was maybe twenty years old with shoulder length hair, a lavender shirt, and dark brown eyes that glanced around the room a bit nervously as he took a seat, apparentIy to observe the class.

And the discussion began. It was a good class. No one said anything wrong. My favorite Jewish grandmother law student put the professor in his place when sometime other issues of bisexuality and pedophilia were raised. And the professor led one student down a line of questions she knew could lead to some errantly alluding link between homosexuality and AIDS, but she fought heroically until he switched topics. While there was nothing outstanding about his performance, it was refreshing to hear him with his comically arching eyebrows rising above his shapeless academic body pouted into a lawyer’s de rigueur expressionlessness.

The whole room breathed a sigh of relief when the class was over. No one had stuck foot in mouth. No one had turned here red. What more could you ask for.

As the class packed up their books and started to leave, I sat for a while to collect my thoughts. A few people came over to me and tittered our cautious approval of the way the class had gone. Then a friend nudged me to remind me of the boy, the student who had been observing the class. As I turned to see if I could read the boy’s reaction to the class, the professor walked over to him, patted him on the shoulder, then gave him a wonderful teddy bear hug. They walked out the door in a partial embrace, beautifully awkward with their juxtaposed beauty and frumpiness, with the boy’s timid gestures meeting the professor’s contagious physicality.

The boy may have been the professor’s son, or a friend of the family, or a client, or a lover, or a prospective student. It didn’t matter. With all of the tension of my week eroding my emotional firmament, I had to fight back tears because of the beauty of that hug. For a brief moment I imagined that we didn’t need to worry about the reticent student because he had found a pushy academic who had the courage and the humanity to hug a boy in lavender. And with that hug, I not only found the professor, but also was able to let the military issue and Evidence class sink out of my consciousness and resurface in the category of pedestrian, unimportant topics that are barely worthy of my attention, let alone worthy of sending me into a week of nervses and misery.
want to talk about some shared lessons between AIDS and breast cancer and my fears about what is happening to both epidemics being pitted against one another.

When I was diagnosed in 1989 with breast cancer, I walked out of the doctor's thinking that if I was to have cancer, this was probably a better time, because we must have made great strides in the past few years. I also decided I wanted to be an informed consumer (something I had learned from the AIDS epidemic and the early feminist health movement). I would know what questions to ask and what the answers would mean. It was a way to take control over something that had taken control of me. I started reading everything I could about breast cancer and I was stunned.

I started reading some of the statistics—180,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Many people think, "What's the big deal with breast cancer—you only lose your breast." Some 46,000 women will die in the U.S. this year from the disease. That's the big deal. In 1940, it was one in 20 women who developed breast cancer. In 1960, it was one in 14. In 1989, it was one in 10. Now, it is one in nine in the U.S.

Equally alarming is the fact that the mortality rate for women with breast cancer has remained virtually unchanged since 1930. This shows how little we really know about the disease and how ineffective our current tools of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy really are—or as Dr. Susan Love says "Slash, Burn, and Poison."

What do we have in the fight against this disease? We have no known prevention. About 80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no known risk factors. We talk about early detection through mammograms. This so-called early detection might detect the cancer after it's been in the breast six to eight years. Mammograms are not as accurate in women under 50, and almost unreadable in women under 40, because breast tissue is the same density as most tumors. Only one out of four mammogram units in the U.S. meets the basic voluntary standards. As Diane Sawyer says, "There are more regulations for pizza parlors than there are for mammograph units."

It was because of these issues and much more that eight groups met in Washington in January of 1991 to form the Breast Cancer Coalition. We believed that if we spoke in a strong and united voice we could make change happen...
a prosthesis in their bra and pretend nothing has happened.

The disclosure of the blatant discrimination that was practiced for years at the National Institutes of Health on women's research has pushed some women to set priorities, not doctors—we've learned that from AIDS.

We've learned that activism produces results; it's the squeaky wheel that gets the money. AIDS had taught us that. Breast cancer funding has gone from $90 million to $132 million to hopefully over $300 million this year. We also know that AIDS and breast cancer are not feared by most members of Congress and certainly not the president. He ignores his national community on AIDS and has just vetoed the women's health research package with money for breast cancer research.

We know that insurance companies have not been user friendly to both of us. Just as they don't want to insure gay men, they don't want to insure women with suspicious mammograms.

We know that invitations from the National Cancer Institute never came before we were organized and never came to women with breast cancer, just physicians. We have continued to push for involvement by women with breast cancer on all levels (clinical trials, panels, Congressional hearings.)

I knew that in the early stages of the AIDS epidemic, women were there helping gay men. It was this united front that helped move the issue. We need men helping in the breast cancer epidemic. Many lesbians are more at risk because of not having children. We need our brothers there; we need a united community.

The big issue I see developing is the very real possibility of taking money from AIDS for breast cancer. Elected officials are beginning to feel pressure to respond to the breast cancer epidemic, and AIDS for some is an easy target. In order to prevent this pinning of one epidemic against the other, we need to increase the pot of money for all health issues.

We need to change our priorities. In the 1992 U.S. Federal Research and Development budget of $76 billion, 56 percent goes to defense research and The story of Ken & Anita

Look, Anita, I know the Bush administration is not exactly gay-friendly...

"Gay friendly? Ken, the only thing missing from their platform is a rope and a trap door!"

"The Democrats will only spend us into a full-blown depression. At least the Republican party understands fiscal common sense. That's why I'm voting for George Bush. Gay rights won't mean a thing if all those special interest groups destroy the basic climate. AIDS is not what I'm looking for. Besides, there are loads of old blue laws on the books in every state. They don't enforce those things anymore."

Late summer had given way to autumn. Ken and Anita were regulars at the Greenleaf Cafe. Friends since college, they spent every Monday morning arguing politics over hazelnut coffee and sticky rolls. Ken, an accountant, owned a condo with his lover Matt. Anita ran a bookstore downtown with her partner of 15 years, Kathryn. She and Kathryn lived above the store in a wonderful old apartment with a tabby cat named Mad Max and three neon tetras named Take One, Take Two, and Take Three.

It was November. A year that would go down in history as one of the lowest voter turn-outs in centuries. It also brought a by-the-skin-of-their-teeth victory for the Republican party. Monday morning found Anita and Kathryn tuned to CNN at the store for news of the recount. "I can't believe it," said Kathryn, "Ken is probably jumping for joy. You'll have to tell me what he says today.

"I don't even want to think about it... Anita sat on a delivery of Backlash, rubbing Mad Max behind the ears. "Oh well, at least we'll have something to talk about..."

"Come with me please. You have the right to remain silent, you have the right...

"Wait just a second here. What's going on? You must have the wrong person.

"Are you Anita Whitten of 4179-A Congress Street?

"Yes, but what's the charge? Is this a joke or something?"

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"And are you, in fact, the common-law wife of Kathryn Harris?"

"Has something happened to her? I just left the store...

"Banned Books!

"Yes... A sense of panic began to rise up through her solar plexus. "You can make your phone call at the station."

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Meanwhile, across town Ken had pulled up at an ATM machine to get some cash. He slipped the plastic card in the slot and entered his pin number: M-A-T-T. The screen blinked and came up with the message: INVALID ACCESS. ATM CARD RETAINED. SEE CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR ACCOUNT INFORMATION. "What?"

He started at the machine, trying several buttons. "Oh, SHIT! I hate these machines!" Pulling around into the lot he parked his hackback, entered the bank and walked up to the customer service desk. "Hi, my name is Ken Newsome. Your machine just ate my card..."

"One moment please," answered a woman with a messy desk. She picked up the phone and dialed an in-house extension. Within moments two security guards arrived.

Ken joked, "Look, I just want my card back. I wasn't planning to rob the place..."

"Could you come with us, please?"

"Why should I?"

"You are Ken Newsome?"

"Yes, but..."

"Do you reside with one Matt Wilson?"

"The one and only— as far as I know."

A crowd of customers were assured that everything was fine as Ken was escorted to a squad car.

At the local police station, Ken spotted Anita at the phone. They exchanged knowing glances. She tried repeatedly to call her brother. Mannville. The number seemed to be out of service. He tried the apartment and got the same answer.

Ken was processed in another room. He was told to call a lawyer and that bail would most likely be denied to prevent interstate flight. He dialed the number of his lawyer, and former lover, Bill Mannville. The number seemed to be out of service. He tried directory assistance.

"What city please?"

"Portland."
Sometimes I get so cocky enough to believe I’m safe in this city, and then some moron like the one I met last week, has the nerve to get in my face. Admittedly, it was my fault when I cut the guy off, but then he followed me into a parking lot. As his wife and child looked on, he got out of his car and screamed a whole string of obscenities at me, including the word dyke— which I guess confirms the fact that I don’t pass. He told me to suck his thing, and I told him the dildo I had at home was bigger. At this point, I was half-tempted to get out of my car and let the guy attack me, just so I could press charges against him and teach someone that gay bashing is against the law. The venom with which this man spoke tells me the label homophobe really doesn’t do someone like him justice. This guy wasn’t afraid of me. Not, I suspect, any other queer. He hated me. The term homophobe implies that queers have more power in society than we actually do and plays right into a popular argument put forth by the religious right that the gay and lesbian community is a well-financed lobbying group, capable of destroying institutions like the American family. With this line of thinking, queers are suddenly the threatening bullies and heterosexuals are the victims. This theory is better articulated by the authors of After the Ball, who suggest we use the term homohater in place of homophobe.

It’s easy to live in a gay ghetto and forget for a while that things like this happen. Most of my friends are queer, and an increasing number of my needs can be met within the gay community. I shop at gay-owned businesses, eat in gay-owned restaurants, and party at queer clubs. The only drawback to this is being lulled into a false sense of security. One could almost hope that the general population is as freethinking and loving as our special circle.

Well, of course the alarm rings and all of us have to wake up and be prepared to defend ourselves. If you’re ready to take action, join Queer Nation for a six-week self-defense training with People Against Crime, a new center located on Congress Street. For $50, (isn’t your pretty face worth $5 a class?), we’ll be learning how to protect ourselves in a bashing situation; how to avoid confrontations, how to deal with multiple attackers, the easiest targets on the body, how to disarm someone, and how to hurt someone when necessary. Queer Nation will guarantee you this bargain rate; just reserve a space with us now by calling 828-6024. Classes will be for one hour, one night a week, for six weeks.

Note: Self defense training begins September 24, 1992.

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McGowan wants Lesbian and Gay Vote

In a special meeting arranged by Bangor-area lesbians and gay men, second district congressional candidate Patrick McGowan gave lots of the answers attendees were looking for. This breakthrough of support from McGowan is especially significant given his “no” votes against civil rights and budget cuts. McGowan is especially significant given his “no” votes against civil rights during his 1992 campaign and the “no” votes of other congressional candidates against civil rights and budget cuts. McGowan is especially significant given his “no” votes against civil rights during his 1992 campaign.

Specifically, McGowan pledged to vote against sexual orientation discrimination in the military, to vote in favor of the Federal Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill, and to push hard for increased AIDS funding. McGowan is running against Olympia Snowe, the republican incumbent who barely survived a run against McGowan two years ago. Snowe’s record on lesbian and gay issues is poor. Also running is Green Party candidate Jonathan Carter.

McGowan seeks input and volunteer help from other lesbians and gay men in his district. His office will also produce a position paper on lesbian development of new weapons. Only 14 percent goes to all health research. Our bottom line needs to be to not take from one disease to pay for another. We must see beyond our own epidemic and not allow those who make decisions that affect our very lives to think for one minute we can be divided and conquered.
October

Tuesdays
Out and About, a nonprofit Lesbian social, support and educational organization will be meeting in Portsmouth every Monday from 7-9 p.m. Weekly topics, discussions and guest speakers. For more information or complimentary newsletter write: OAA, P.O. Box 352, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-0352 or call 603-659-2139.

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October (ONGOING)

Wednesdays
There will be Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon meetings at Brighton Medical Center, 335 Brighton Avenue, Portsmouth from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 207-774-1662 for more information.

October Monday
Equal Protection Portland "Home Base" meetings are held at Expressions, One Guy Center, Portland (second level) from 7-9 p.m. This meeting is intended to get input from the community, brainstorm and recruit new volunteers. Non Portland residents are very welcome.

October Fridays
Equal Protection Portland night at the Limelight. All $5 covers from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. go to benefit EPP.

October Wednesdays
The Rape Crisis Center and USM Women's Forum are sponsoring a drop in peer support/education group for women survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. The group meets on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.. For more information please call 774-5631 or 874-6933.

October 1-25
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
Mad Horse Theater presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee, directed by Michael Rafkin. What a Drama! Shows are Thursday-Saturday at 8:12;30 and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.. For discounted hotel accommodations or information, call the Portland Gym, USM at 7:30 p.m.. There will be a resource fair that will provide the event at 7 p.m.. Sponsored by the USM HIV/AIDS Task Force.

October 5-8
Monday - Thursday
Coming Out Weekend, 11-23. Mondays through Friday there will be a Wild Stein information booth at the Memorial Union Building. Events planned are:

Tuesday: An open discussion 1000 on literature with John Preston. Author and editor, he will be held at 304 Neville Hall at 2:30 P.M. This is sponsored by the English Department.

The Keynote Address will be given by John Preston at 8 p.m. at 101 Neville Hall, UMO. An open reception will follow this event.

Wednesday: There will be a book signing with John Preston at 11 a.m. at the Campus Bookstore. They will have early released copies of his newest book available.

The film KHUSH will be shown at 101 Neville Hall at 7 p.m. and be followed by a discussion.

Thursday: A panel discussion on Outing will take place at 1 p.m. at the Memorial Union Building. All Events Are Free and Open To The Public. For more information call 207-350-1775.

October 7
Wednesdays
EPF Human Rights Benefit at T-Shirts, Maraginal Way, Portland. The Lime Boats and Jenny Woodman will perform along with a special appearance by Puck Theatre. Starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are $5.

October 7
Wednesday
Richard Keeling, Chair of the American College Health Association's task force on HIV disease and President of the International AIDS Education Society will speak on HIV/AIDS: Our Common Health at the Portland Gym, USM at 7:30 p.m.. There will be a resource fair that will provide the event at 7 p.m.. Sponsored by the USM HIV/AIDS Task Force.

October 8
Thursday
The Maltovich Society presents: Mo Baxley and Derrick Livingston, New England Organizers, discuss the "April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation." This event will be one of the largest, most significant demonstrations in American History. Come and learn what it means to you. Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

October 9-11
Friday - Sunday
The NAMIDS Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, in its largest form, will be displayed in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the largest gathering of AIDS-related service organizations. The display of the Quilt will begin on Friday at 10 a.m. with the traditional unfolding ceremony and reading of names. To purchase discounted fares for the event in Washington contact the NAMES project travel desk at 1-800-925-2631. For discounted hotel accommodations call 1-800-354-2220. To volunteer or donate financial support call 1-800-221-NAMES.

October 9-11
Friday - Sunday
The Portland Womens Rugby team has a match against Hartford, CT at 1 p.m. Douglas Field, Portland. Come on down and cheer them on!

October 10
Saturday
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OCTOBER 16
Friday
The Village Alternative, a coalition of 13 Portland Maine organizations, is hosting its second annual dinner awards reception at the Ramada Inn in Portland at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 871-7793.

OCTOBER 17
Saturday
Wild Iris Productions presents Jostina & Joyce and Nunufa in concert at the Luther Bonney Auditorium, USM, Portland. Tickets are $10 in advance and $11.50 the day of the show. You can purchase tickets at Amedeus and Walkabout in Portland, McBeers Music in Brunswick, JFK Copy Printers in Belfast and Rock Bottom Records in Portsmouth, N.H. For further information call 247-3461.

OCTOBER 18
Sunday
JFK Copy Printers in Belfast and Rock Bottom Records in Portsmouth, N.H. For Portland. Tickets are $10 in advance and $11.50 the day of the show. You can purchase tickets at Amedeus and Walkabout in Portland, McBeers Music in Brunswick, JFK Copy Printers in Belfast and Rock Bottom Records in Portsmouth, N.H. For further information call 247-3461.

OCTOBER 22
Thursday
The Mattlovich Society presents Brooke Alexander, Episcopal priest and counselor, and Sandy Titus R.N., Coordinator of Support Services at the AIDS Project, lead a discussion about 'Spiritual Ministry and Personal Empowerment.' Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible.

OCTOBER 25
Monday
An E. Hastings, Attorney at Law, and John Preston will be time set aside for specific questions. The discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and there is a $5 fee per person. Call Ann at 207-625-8341 for more information.

OCTOBER 29
Thursday
The annual First Annual Gay & Lesbian Halloween Ball at Clay Hill Farm, Ogunquit, Maine. Cash prizes for best costumes! Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person and includes dinner, DJ, tax, and gratuity. For reservations and more information contact: Clay Hill Farm, Box 2202, Ogunquit, Maine, 03907.

OCTOBER 31
Saturday
Halloween Party at Sabato's! There will be cash prizes for the best costume. Get your tickets at Mud Zootz. See them at the First Parish Church, Congress Street, Portland. 9:00 p.m. Dick and Dorothy's in the University. Call 207-625-8341 for more information.

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NOVEMBER 5
Wednesday
Halloween Dance sponsored by Wild Iris Productions. This event will be Chem-free and have a DJ and refreshments. You can get in the spirit at the Temple Beth-El, Deering Ave, Portland from 8-12 p.m. For further information call 247-3461.

NOVEMBER 9
Saturday
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NOVEMBER 10
Sunday
A chance to meet John Preston at Drop Me A Line at 7 p.m. Copies of the latest anthology, A Member of the Family-Gay Men Write About Their Families, which he edited, will be available. His early erotic writing are also being reissued and will be available at Drop Me A Line (exclusively in Maine.) Drop Me A Line is located at 144 High Street, Portland, Maine.

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DECEMBER 10
Thursday
The Mattlovich Society presents: Rachel Sager, M.A., a counselor in private practice in Portland and Brunswick, talks about psychodrama and addictions as she leads a discussion on 'Substance Abuse, Recovery and Gay Life.' Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible.

DECEMBER 12
Saturday
Holiday Dance sponsored by Wild Iris Productions. This event will be Chem-free and have a DJ and refreshments. You can get in the spirit at the Temple Beth-El, Deering Ave, Portland from 8-12 p.m. For further information call 247-3461.

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TO END DISCRIMINATION IN PORTLAND
invites You to join us in our ONE YEAR anniversary celebration Presenting Aimee Mann from Til' Tuesday opening with Getty Payne & Kathleen Stewart Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: $10 Reserved (includes private party, champagne, hors d'oeuvres 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.) $7.00 Show Only (entrance at 8:00 p.m.) tickets at Zoots, Sabatos, or call 871-8965 SATURDAY OCT 24’92 SABATOS WHERE HOUSE SATURDAY OCT 31’92 HALLOWEEN PARTY! 8:00 - 2:00 cash prizes $3.00 in costume $4.00 no costume BE THERE!

I asked Richard Hamburger, the Director of the Portland Stage Company who 'graduated' to the Dallas Rep, why Portland Stage never did gay plays. He said because gays don't come. I was not surprised. I'd just spent ten years in very gay Atlanta. Gruppi, amazed by the fact that on any given night, 30 gay bars and discos were packed, but you find ten queers at LA CAGE AUX FOLLES, direct from New York. And then, here in Maine, last month we had LA CAGE, a stunning original gay musical, AN UNFINSIHED SONG, direct from New York and a new gay theatre company, MolyHouse Productions, offering a strong performance of the gay prison drama, BENT. Has Maine theatre finally discovered gay plays? Will gays come? Do we really prefer the negative image projected of us in today's films? This column will monthly urge you to go to the theatre! To plays, musicals, opera, ballet, the dance, live concerts, and live cabaret: what I consider theatre. And not just to gay plays, but surely those, and lesbian plays and straight theatre, too, for its visions given below. If we can support—and I mean, if our money and patronage are what keeps gay bars and discos open—we can support gay and straight theatre too. And we should.

Who says? Me. And I do think anyone who purports to write a theatre column ought to present his credentials. I was born across the street from the Martin Beck Theatre in the New York Theatre district. My grandmother, a former Ziegfeld Follies Show Girl, maintained a discreet affair with the house manager there so I got to see lots of theatre, not only in house seats at the Martin Beck but all over New York. New Haven and Boston. I averaged at least one show a week and often, many more than that. And that goes back to the premieres of THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, and A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE. I was in school plays, and wrote a few through college. I've written about the theatre and the arts for gay magazines and papers for 25 years in New York and Atlanta. It's in the blood. And long before I was old enough to go to gay bars, I saw men with other men, and women together, in the theatres. And long before I learned what they were, I realized from their plays, that Shakespeare, Marlowe, Wilde, Novello, Coward, Capote, McCullers, Williams, and Porter, and many other playwrights were gay because STRAIGHTS JUST CAN'T WRITE LIKE THAT! Not bad company to keep, I thought, and they're famous, rich and accepted the world over. PEOPLE ESPECIALLY STRAIGHTS, LISTEN TO WHAT THESE GUYS SAY! Consider that Americans listen much to Tennessee Williams than they do Arthur Miller, much more to Gore Vidal than to Norman Mailer. The gays in the audience were pretty stunned, too, not only in the audience but also in the actors. And after the play, when I went back to get my things, there was a line of middle aged gay actors who were just walking out of the theatre and saying things like, "I didn't know they had a theatre like this in Portland!"

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respond not only in outrage, but with an alternative.

Quoting from the text, "Sexual orientation does not constitute a quality comparable to race, ethnic background, etc., in respect to non-discrimination. Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder." This is the case, the Vatican should be, if not already, made aware that a large percentage of their own clergy have an 'objective disorder'. Personally, I did not choose to be a gay man, only I am what I am. I find the statements of the Vatican hypocritical! In Luke 6:37, Jesus commands us as Christians to avoid judging and condemning others.

The statement from the Vatican was prompted by legislation in many American states which would make discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation illegal. It was meant to help US Bishops decide how to respond to gay rights legislation. It is apparent that this "thorn" in the Vatican's side is beginning to hurt.

By the church's hypocrisy, they have and will continue to drive away thousands of Christians developing their spiritual growth, including myself. I will no longer enter a Catholic church or offer charity where I am not welcomed or respected as the individual I am.

However, I have experienced an opportunity that I would like to share with my fellow sisters and brothers where I can express my faith in a non-discriminating, welcoming, and affirming manner through Dignity/Maine in Portland. [Ed Note: See Lesbigay Dignity/Maine in Portland.]

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As I have been taught to reject sin and Satan, so will I reject persecution and discrimination by the hypocritical Catholic church in my lifelong journey of faith.

On my day of reckoning, God will be my one and only judge.

Rick Perry
Scarborough, Maine

Can't Get Enough Religion

As disturbing as the article Vatican Encourages US Catholics to Discriminate Against Gays and Lesbians was in that institutional homophobia is alive and well in the Congregation for the Doctrine of The Faith, equally disturbing was the omission of good religious news elsewhere. Two weeks after this Pronouncement from the Vatican, the head of the Episcopal Church in America, Presiding Bishop Edmond J. Browning attended what was a first among major denominations in this country. Celebrating the Eucharist at the 18th annual Integrity Convention in Houston, Texas, Bishop Browning exhorted gays and lesbians to "hang in there" and that we were... "contributioning to the health and well-being of the whole church." The leader of the Episcopal Church was head and shoulders above many Episcopal bishops in his support, he was shunned by the Bishop of Texas who happened to be out of town during the Integrity Convention. He also faces a potential schism within the Church in the form of the Episcopal Synod, which is a right-wing anti-gay/Lesbian, anti-female priest reactionary force whose influence cannot be ignored.

With a death of good, positive news from our religious leaders, it certainly would go a long way in focusing on the positives where we may find them. The Presiding Bishop's participation at the Integrity Convention last month is news-worthy; so let's balance the good along with the bad where we experience it. And report it.

Tom Meyers
Tom Kiefer
Baltimore, Maryland

P Fabulous PFLAG (page 4)

is defeated it will be an incredible psychological — and actual — victory. This doesn't mean that all homophobia will end. I think homophobia is a really long education process. As a teacher I interrupt homophobic behavior and try to educate people. I do believe that once you organize people and raise their consciousness and get them feeling empowered, you can't shut that up in a box. So whatever happens in the outcome, a process has been started. There are a lot of people involved who had never done anything political before.

It was on a Holly Near record jacket cover, 'if your feeling despair and demoralized you're hanging around with the wrong people.' Looking over the past twenty years. When I talk to lesbians my age about what it was like for them, there's been a lot of change since. But there needs to be more. We are a very women-hating society. We are a very violent society. We are very hung up about sex. And when people are insecure they project all their fears. But there's nothing like having a kid of your own to confront your own homophobia.

Straight & Narrow (page 8)

"Yes..." "I need the number for William Mannville, Attorney at Law."

"One moment please... I'm sorry. There is no listing for a William Mannville."

"WHAT?"

"If you require further assistance, please stay on the line for the next available..."

Several blocks away Kathryn was parking and stealing books while CNN droned on in the background. She sat on an old milk crate as she went through the titles, talking to herself, "Gay American History, non-fiction."

A jingle from an old sleigh bell hang-door announced customers into the store. Mad Max hopped out of the window, let out an indignant meow and side-swiped the two men in suits as he bolted for the apartment upstairs. Watching Max zip by, Kathryn said, "Don't mind the cat, he's nuts. Feel free to poke around. If you need any help — just ask."

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Infections in the past year than we’ve seen since 1987. It was not a statistically significant increase, but it suggests a trend toward more seroconversions in young gay men.

“A quarter of the men in our studies in the last six months were clearly inactive” in terms of sexual behavior, Mayer said. “The risk is still there and still ongoing. In ’87 and ’89 there was a tapering off of seroconversion. If we’re seeing relapse into unsafe sex, it’s obviously a source of concern. We want to get people to change their behavior.”

Cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, and New York are reporting the same thing that is being seen in Boston, which is a ground swell in unsafe sex behavior among those younger than 25.

One thousand new HIV infections are expected in San Francisco in 1992, according to a study conducted by the San Francisco Department of Health, released in February.

“The men currently becoming infected are increasingly young men (25 years and under),” the study said. “These infections, together with new infections among some older gay and bisexual men who have relapsed to unsafe sexual behaviors, represent a ‘second wave’ of HIV infection among gay and bisexual men.”

SENATE MOVES TO QUASH D.C. DOMESTIC PARTNERS LAW
WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate on July 30 approved an amendment which would effectively rescind the District of Columbia’s recently enacted domestic partnership ordinance.

The move came after a procedural motion to table the amendment from Sen. Trent Lott failed on a 51-41 vote. The Lott amendment was then dropped off the floor.

The rider, attached to the District’s annual budget, would bar the local government from using any of the federal or locally gathered tax dollars to implement its law.

The D.C. law, formally known as the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, was passed by the District Council and signed by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly in April. The measure allows unmarried same- and opposite-sex couples as well as domestic partners the city as domestic partners. Partners of District employees are offered coverage under the city’s health insurance program. Private companies are also offered tax incentives to encourage similar benefits for their employees.

Saying that he has “not only a right but a responsibility” to overturn the local law, Lott argued that, if allowed to stand, the measure would “undermine the family” by encouraging homosexual unions and heterosexual couplings outside of marriage. His name is Trent Lott, the powerful conservative Mississippi lawmaker, and there was a Lott in history whose wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Do you wonder, or do you recall what she looked back to see? She looked back to see a situation like this law would not allow, but she saw a world of hope.

Backers of the law counter that the measure is not an effort to legalize same-sex marriages, but rather a good faith effort to extend health benefits to many uninsured Washingtonians.

While some local and national activists backing the law bemoaned the vote, they did note that the losing margin is the narrowest loss yet in the history of a gay-related vote pertaining to the District.

Although a sizable number of conservative and moderate Democrats back Lott’s amendment, a surprisingly high number of moderate Republicans and Democrats did join liberals in voting to table the amendment.

The Republicans included Sens. Alphonse D’Amato (NY), Arlen Specter (PA), Warren B. Rudman (NH), William S. Cohen (ME), Mark O. Hatfield (OR), and Slade Gorton (WA), in addition to gay rights bill co-sponsors Bob Packwood (OR) and Legs Goodell (RI).

The Senate’s District appropriation bills now move to a conference committee where it will be reconciled with the House version of the bill. Historically, the committee has killed anti-gay amendments attached in the House and Senate.

SENATE BILL OFFERED TO REPEAL MILITARY BAN
WASHINGTON—Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) on July 28 introduced to the Senate a bill which would rescind by act of Congress the Pentagon’s long-standing ban on lesbians and gays in the uniformed service.

The measure, sponsored by Metzenbaum and seven of his Senate colleagues, mirrors a pending House bill.

"The Pentagon’s prohibition of gay men and lesbians serving in the military is as senseless and cruel today as it was when it was first conceived 50 years ago," Metzenbaum said at a Capitol Hill press conference to announce the measure’s introduction.

"Flanked by gay and lesbian veteran’s and activists, Metzenbaum denounced the Department of Defense policy as waste of good money, good people, and a waste of tax dollars."

Pointing to the cases of Navy Lt. Col. Tracy Thorne and Army Col. Margarette Cammermeyer, two highly commended officers who were recently separated from the service based on their acknowledge-ments that they are gay and lesbian, Metzenbaum insisted that the government was throwing away exactly good people without just cause.

Lawmakers backing the bill called on President Bush to repeal the contested policy, likening the action to President Truman’s executive order mandating the racial integration of the armed services.

Bush has said publicly that he does not support repealing the ban. Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton has pledged to rescind the policy if elected.

Besides Metzenbaum, the original co-sponsors of the bill are Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-HI), Brock Adams (D-WA), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Tim Wirth (D-CO), Alan Cranston (D-CA), and Paul Wellstone (D-MN).

FORMER BOY SCOUT, JAMES DALE, FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST NATIONAL GROUP NEW YORK—James Dale filed suit July 29 against the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Monmouth, New Jersey Boy Scout Council for discrimination against a young gay Eagle Scout. The lawsuit, the first to be filed under New Jersey’s recently adopted gay civil rights law, is the latest of several cases across the country challenging the Boy Scout’s anti-gay discriminatory policy.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) represents 21-year-old Dale who, while spending more than half his life in the Boy Scouts, achieved its highest rank (Eagle Scout), earned thirty merit badges, and was invited to become an Assistant Scoutmaster in Madison, New Jersey. Dale’s three-year involvement with the Scouts came to an abrupt end in 1990, when a local newspaper ran an article picturing him at a seminar on the psychological and health needs of lesbian and gay teenagers. Without any warning, Dale received a letter from the Boy Scouts revoking his membership. The letter gave no reason and did not comply with BSA’s own internal procedures for a fair hearing.

Under pressure, Dale admitted that it was expelling Dale despite his exemplary performances as a Scout, simply because he is gay. The letter gave no reason and did not comply with BSA’s own internal procedures for a fair hearing. Under pressure, Dale admitted that it was expelling Dale despite his exemplary performances as a Scout, simply because he is gay.

"The Scouts told us not to lie about who we are and to stand up for what is right. I am an Eagle Scout and I am gay, and it is not right to kick me out because of who I am." Boy Scouts of America continues to face growing national pressure to change its discriminatory policy. In addition to other lawsuits around the country, several organizations, including Levi-Strauss, the Bay Area United Way of San Francisco, Wells Fargo Bank, and the Bank of America have pulled their funding of the BSA to protest the ban on gay Scouts. Organizations sponsoring BSA troops, including the U.S. American Hebraic Congregations, a leader in the national Reform Jewish Movement, and the Unitarian Universalist Church have used BSA to reverse its policy. Several school boards have begun closing their facilities to the Scouts.

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PORTLAND AIDS WALK 10/4

Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood and City Councillor Peter O'Donnell have been named Honorary Co-Chairs of Maine AIDS Walk '92 in Portland. The 10K donation walk will begin at the Back Cove on Sunday, October 4, 1992, at 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at noon at U.S.M.'s Campus Center.

Local proceeds from the Portland walk will benefit the AIDS Project, the People With AIDS Coalition, and the AIDS Lodging House. Sponsor sheets are available at all Bookland stores in Portland, South Portland, Windham, Saco, Biddeford, Sanford, and Wells, or by calling the AIDS Project at 774-6877. Portland is one of nine locations for the Maine AIDS Alliance. Funds raised benefit the Alliance and the 15 community-based AIDS service organizations of Maine. Other walk locations are Brunswick, Lewiston, Bridgton, Rumford, Camden, Ellsworth, Waterville, and Bangor. For more information, contact the Maine AIDS Alliance at 621-2924.

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SAFER SEX AND DRUG USE GUIDELINES

These guidelines are for all of us who are making decisions about sexual activity and drug use in the midst of the AIDS epidemic.

HIV is a virus widely thought to be a cause of AIDS. The highest concentrations of HIV are found in blood and semen, so it's important to avoid any way in which HIV-infected blood or semen can get from one person's body into another person's bloodstream.

- Fisting (anal and vaginal) without a condom and sharing needles accounts for almost all the documented cases of HIV transmission.
- Oral sex without a condom or dental dam accounts for a very few documented cases of HIV transmission.
- Other ways of transmitting HIV that have not been documented but which could be theoretically risky include: fingering, finger fucking, rimming, deep kissing, sharing uncleaned dildos. The theory here is that any way HIV-infected bodily fluids get from one person into another involves risk. For example, HIV could be transmitted if a person with a cut on their hand fistfucked their partner and caused bleeding in their return or vagina.

HOW TO TAKE SAFER SEX

- Only you can decide what risks you are willing to take. Some people use safer sex practices with all their partners. Other people make decisions about the risks they are willing to take based on their own and their partners' sexual and drug use history and/or HIV status. People also make decisions based on how comfortable they feel negotiating safer sex in any particular situation. If you and your partner have not talked about past practices and/or HIV status, don't make assumptions. (For example, many lesbians have had unprotected intercourse with a man in the last ten years.)
- Use a condom when fucking. On the condoms, use water-based lubricants like KY. Oil-based lubricants like Crisco, Vaseline, and baby oil may make condoms break.
- Use a condom when sucking dick if your partner is going to come in your mouth. If HIV-infected cum or pre-cum gets in your mouth, it may get in your bloodstream through cuts in your gums or sores in your mouth.
- Use dental dams (latex squares) when going down on a woman if she is having her period or has a vaginal infection. Minimal blood and secretions from vaginal infections have more HIV than healthy vaginal secretions or urine. No information has been gathered about the concentration of HIV in "female ejaculate."
- Use latex gloves for fingering or finger-fucking if you have any sores or cuts on your hands.
- Keep semen and blood (including menstrual blood and blood drawn from piercing, cutting, or shaving) out of your vagina, anus, mouth, or breaks in your skin.
- If you share dildos, vibrators, or other sex toys, use a new condom each time, or clean toys with hydrogen peroxide or soap and water.
- Alternative inoculation may put you at risk. Discuss this risk with potential donors or sperm banks.
- Massage, hugging, dirty talk, role-playing, masturbation (solo, with a partner, in a group) and other activities that don't let blood or semen into your bloodstream are safe.
- Alcohol, poppers, or other drugs may lower your ability to make good decisions. Many people have reported that they have been unable to maintain safer sex practices after getting high.
- Good nutrition, lots of rest, exercise, and non-abuse of alcohol and other drugs may help you fight all illnesses, including AIDS.

INTRANOVIOUS DRUG USE

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AIDS Support Group: Bath, ME, 207/725-4955
AIDS Council (NMAC): Washington, DC, 202/544-1076
Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: Lewiston, ME, 207/795-4029
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