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Oh my GOD!

What HAVE THEY DONE to OUR paper?
Editorial

"I work with Our Paper..." "What paper?" "Our Paper." "Your paper?" "No. Well, it's my paper... but it's Our Paper." "My Paper?" "No. No. No. Let me start over..." This conversation happens all the time—in person, on the phone, everywhere. Like that Lou Reed (or was it Randy Mule?) song that goes, "there's a moon in the sky called the moon," Our Paper was first named so because it was. Of all the their papers, this was the only Paper that was Ours. For ten years it has been written. Until today. The line between the theirs and ours blurs. There are more oppressed ours out there than ever before. So whose paper is it? It is now the Gay and Lesbian Times of Maine, GLT for short, and out of the closet at last—after all these years. GLT, published by Our Paper, Incorporated, is still our paper. It is your paper in which to showcase your creativity, views, opinions, research, letters, and events. It is your paper in which to advertise. And it is your paper to support. We ask our readers to get involved in the process. The first step is your subscription. Your $15 every year helps us pay our $10,000+ yearly bills. We encourage writers and artists and photographers to get involved as well. To all the gay and lesbian owned and/or friendly businesses—unless you sell closets, your ad should be in here. It's as simple as that. Non-profit and local lesbian/gay agencies, groups, networks, and clubs should make it a point to get into our calendar section. I know what you're saying... and it does seem like a lot of work. But that's why we always said, "Our Paper is Your Paper." It is only as good as the people who work together to make it happen. We are now and have always been a non-profit community resource. It's time to realize that a community relationship involves give and take, support, and dedication on both sides. If just half the people who read GLT made a New Year's resolution to subscribe we could produce a full color newspaper every month. It could easily become the best gay/lesbian publication across New England. If just one percent of the people who read GLT volunteered their time and talents to produce the paper we would have, quite easily, the best lesbian/gay publication in the East. This year, make a New Year's resolution to support the Gay and Lesbian Times of Maine. It is your paper...
THIS ONE CAME WITH THE WARNING:
FOR PUBLICATION...If you dare.

Excuse me, but I've had quite enough...enough of the thrill voices, eye-gougings, and back-stabbing which too often fills in much space in Your Paper. The Rainbow Flag, a symbol of our gay community, is all inclusive! It says that there is room in our family for everyone regardless of our age, race, sex, color, beliefs, etc. If you are gay, you are family, and we welcome you under our Rainbow community, is lived in Hartford, San Diego, and Los Angeles. Through friends and lovers I also experienced Boston and Providence. And everywhere I've lived or travelled I have read the local gay papers. I say that Your Paper in comparison is like a child compared to an adult. It is way past time for Your Paper to grow up. Please stop the bitchiness, become a true source of news to the gay community and truly become OUR PAPER.

Bob Rogers

DON'T MOURN, ORGANIZE!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in contributing to Maine's queer press month after month. I write in appreciation of this effort, but more out of dedication in contributing to Maine's paper's general editorial stance—especially as evidenced by the December issue.

Your depictions of and opinions on the Equal Protection Portland campaign might most generously be summed up by the saying, "Don't mourn, organize," attributed to slain labor organizer Joe Hill. I love this saying and try to live by it. But I think it's crucially important to distinguish between mourning and autopsy, between bitchy complaint and bitchin' analysis.

There was dissent within Equal Protection Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance, and Queer Nationals came to numbers to its peak here in Portland when the Pinetree Council refused to allow the mother of a Scout to be a den mother because she is a lesbian. Terry, her full legal name, spearheaded a campaign to bring the issue to light both locally and nationally. The Portland Press Herald quoted Terry as saying, "[The decision is] important because the United Way is showing the rest of the world that they need to stand up and support the people, all the people."

THE PORTLAND UNITED WAY CUTS OFF FUNDS TO BOY SCOUTS

The Greater Portland United Way voted on December 17 to adopt a non-discrimination policy which prohibits the charity from giving funds to groups that discriminate against people on the basis of sexual orientation. This means that future funding of the Pinetree Council of the Boy Scouts will be stopped.

The board members of the United Way voted 32-0 with one abstention to add the words "sexual orientation to its policy on discrimination. The board also voted, 26-1, to implement the policy quickly. The board also added language prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Pine Tree Council of Boy Scouts of Maine do not allow gay men and lesbians to be members or volunteers. A spokesperson for the Pinetree Council said there were no plans to change its policy.

The Portland area chapter of the United Way is the only second such chapter to take action against groups that discriminate against gay men and lesbians. Earlier this year the San Francisco chapter adopted a similar policy.

The issue about the Boy Scouts anti-lesbian and gay policy reached its peak here in Portland when the Pinetree Council refused to allow the mother of a Scout to be a den mother because she is a lesbian. Terry, her full legal name, spearheaded a campaign to bring the issue to light both locally and nationally. The Portland Press Herald quoted Terry as saying, "The decision is important because the United Way is showing the rest of the world that they need to stand up and support the people, all the people."

The Pinetree Council receives about $80,000 from the United Way. Its annual budget for 1992-1993 is about $1.2 million.

Soon after the United Way's decision was announced, Jaspar Wyman of the Maine Christian Civic League called for a boycott of the United Way by 1,500 churches. Wyman and his Christian Civic League have an agenda to make discrimination against gay men and lesbian official state policy in Maine. Wyman with help from national fundamentalist religious organizations tried to repeal Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance passed last May.

A spokesperson for the Pinetree Council rejected the idea of the Christian fundamentalist boycott of...
the United Way and distanced the Boy Scouts from the efforts of Wyman.

After the Boy Scouts renounced Wyman's boycott, Wyman tried to save face by saying that he never called for a boycott. Nevertheless, he called the boycott off.

MAINE MAN SUES OHIO HOSPITAL FOR AIDS DISCRIMINATION

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in federal court in Ohio against a hospital in Fremont, Ohio, which refused to treat a man with AIDS who was suffering a severe allergic reaction to his medication.

According to the ACLU, Fred Charon, a 29-year-old Maine man, was driving to Wisconsin when he had an allergic reaction to his medicine. He was suffering from severe diarrhea and fever and he called Memorial Hospital for advice. A doctor, over the phone, told him to get to an emergency room. The emergency room staff, at first treated him. But once a supervising physician learned Charon had AIDS, he called an ambulance and ordered him to be delivered to another hospital.

The ACLU complaint charges that the hospital's actions violate the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination based on HIV infection.

COLORADO COVERAGE BOYCOTT THE HATE STATE

Gays and lesbians and supporters of gay and lesbian civil rights are mounting a boycott of Colorado which will cost the state millions of dollars in lost revenue and economic loss to businesses located in the state.

Colorado is being singled out because of the passage of a state constitutional amendment which prohibits the state or cities or towns from enacting laws which protect gays and lesbians from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The amendment passed in a referendum vote on November 3. The amendment passed by a vote of 812,763 or 53% in favor to 709,560 or 47% opposed. The law which goes into effect this month requires that Denver, Boulder and Aspen, which have anti-discrimination ordinances, repeal them.

In the days following the election, tourism and government offices took more than 2,000 calls from outraged people in several states who said they were canceling trips in Colorado.

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Phone Your Rep!

What can the gay/lesbian community do?
1. Call your city councilor and ask them to support the ordinance. Mention that you are in their district. If they know you, perhaps you should come out to him/her.
2. Come out to your family and friends and ask them to become involved. Friends and family can also contact the city councilors.
3. If you are interested in offering testimony, contact EPL: (207) 784-2251.
4. EPL also needs volunteers for telephone work, canvassing, and fundraising: (207) 784-2251.

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Mayor James Howaniec (end of table) joins the December 16 Hate Crimes Meeting

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

MLGPA:
Portland: MLGPA Legislative Committee Meetings
The first of Portland's MLGPA legislative meetings for anyone interested in working to support civil rights for lesbians and gay men at the statewide level will begin with an organizational meeting, Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Campus Center C, Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine. There will be a variety of opportunities for involvement and information about the progress of the statewide effort.

This is the first in a series of weekly meetings. For more information on subsequent times and dates call the Gay Lesbian Info Line at 871-0432, or Larry Bliss at 767-4946.

Gay and Lesbian Bulletin Board
There's a new voice for the lesbian and gay community (and friends) in Southern Maine. It's YOURS! The Gay and Lesbian Bulletin Board is providing live attendance at announced times. For some 6 years the board has provided information that has ranged from "Where are the bars?" to "where can I see legal or emotional help?" The way the service works: a base of volunteers has a monthly meeting at which they agree to set aside specific hours on a specific day during the month to answer their own phone with "GAY AND LESBIAN BULLETIN BOARD." During that period calls going to the board (871-0432) are call forwarded to the volunteers phone. The board is listed with the Portland directory and many national directories.

First organizational meeting (coffee) is Tuesday, January 12. Call for details: (207) 871-0432.

ACT UP/PORTLAND
(AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) Join us! We are the people who have protested George Bush every time he comes to Maine, bring condoms and latex gloves to high schools all over Maine, demonstrate for AIDS-based discrimination, march for universal health care, and lots more. All you have to do to join us is come to a weekly meeting, Sundays at 7 p.m. at the YWCA, 87 Spring St. Portland. For more details, call (207) 826-0566.

Several groups have canceled conventions and meetings, including the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the American Foundation of Law Libraries, the National Organization for Women, and the National Council for Social Studies. The lost business from those cancellations alone could cost the state more than $10 million dollars in economic benefits.

The Atlanta City Council and the City of Philadelphia have banned official travel to and spending in Colorado, and other cities, such as San Francisco and New York, are taking similar steps.

Several celebrities, including tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, who live in Aspen, and entertainers Cher and Barbara Streisand have urged the public to help efforts to overturn the amendment. Several Colorado-based corporations, including software giant Quark, have jumped on the boycott bandwagon.

Not all supporters of the repeal of the amendment agree that a boycott of Colorado is the best way to put pressure on the state to get rid of the law. The cities that may be hit the hardest by the boycott are Denver, Aspen and Boulder, the cities that have anti-discrimination ordinances and which voted overwhelmingly against the amendment. A coalition of private businesses and governmental agencies took a full page ad in the December 10th issue of the New York Times stating that the amendment was "regrettable and wrong" and that they would not follow a law that would require them to discriminate against any human being for whatever reason.

The mayor of Denver, Wellington Webb, appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show to discourage boycotts against the state.

In addition to the economic boycott of the state, several lawsuits have been initiated seeking to have the amendment declared unconstitutional. One lawsuit was filed on November 12 in Denver District Court on behalf of several lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, as well as the cities of Denver, Aspen and Boulder. Martina Navratilova is one of the individual plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs' suit argues that the amendment violates several provisions of the United States Constitution, primarily the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

The newly elected House Minority Leader, Sam Williams, is drafting a constitutional amendment to repeal the anti-gay and lesbian
Tebedo said that CFV will lead the Zero to fight the enactment of the new law. Opponents of the amendment have formed a group called Ground Values ("CFV") spokesperson, Kevin Tebedo said that they are prepared to uphold the new law. Tebedo decried the backlash against his group and the law, saying the two main characters are homosexuals with an agenda, and he believes the boycotts will do nothing to change things. Proponents are a strong special interest group and don't need protection, or that when they don't get their way, they act like children.

CFV is receiving legal assistance from Pat Robertson's National Legal Foundation which may take over the legal challenge to the amendment.

Reports of gay and lesbian bashing in Denver increased threefold since the election in November.

THREE MORE CITIES ENACT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

Three more cities have joined the many nationwide which have laws protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gay men. Cincinnati, Ohio, Arlington, Virginia, and Arlington, Virginia, Florida recently enacted laws making it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing, credit, and public accommodation.

The Cincinnati measure was passed by a 7-2 vote by the city council. Unlike the Portland ordinance, the Cincinnati law makes it a misdemeanor for violators.

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Councilman Nick Vehr, who voted against the ordinance called it special interest legislation and said, "It represents every thing this city hates." One religious right activist, Charles Workbom of the New Wave Coalition, said that the ordinance is "This is a sex ordinance. It's a sex manual, and I don't think it has any place in the chambers of City Hall. It's anti-family, it's anti-business, and it's definitely anti-God."

In a unanimous vote, the Arlington County Board added sex-

and would rather attempt death than to show the signs of AIDS. In the end Luke and John must both face their fears.

The Living End is definitely a superior film for Akari, but it is not without its bad parts. At Luke can escape AIDS, the viewer cannot escape the subject of death so often apparent in The Living End. Akari packs the film with death at every corner, from the title of Don's article, gun battles on TV, dead fish from the fish tank, newspaper stories about murder, songs on the radio, a fake skeleton in Don's closet, Luke murdering people, and references made to the stick. Akari tries to show how the sixties get free love but the nineties get AIDS. The appearance of AIDS brought a new onslaught of gay hatred and in addition the new responsibility of risking one's life at having sex. Akari fights back with making The Living End a kind of gay Bonnie and Clyde for the nineties.

Man on Film will be a regular feature in GLT. Watch for movie reviews here! Shawnto works with Out and Out Productions on the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival of Maine.

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To Tell Her Stories

Who tells the stories about whom asks the questions about women if not glamour or redbook or vogue and then the questions are questions about questions like "how to please your man" but it could as easily be your mother in-law or boss or kid or home but the question before the question (and no fact) is why women are expected to please given this role assumptions why and when questions become fact our stories become myths to support to support so who will be our storytellers if not the note-takers of our chance alliances that is of individual to individual living within the myth even leaving on the forms when to struggle seems futile and the enemy override we are told to find the first story is to ask ourselves the other question move from the familiar to the strange breathe the outer rhythms look hard in empty spaces create create create tell the stories as they are known tell the stories as they are known tell the stories as they are known Eva Papp

Camus white first baptist church with a picked pristine steeple threatens dainty snow falling leaning west like Camus in thought not believing

It's a Normal thing.

by Alan Stearns

When I go to the mall, I almost always go by myself for the sole purpose of consuming as much as possible in the shortest period of time. I also try to avoid anyone who might recognize me and make note of my ruling class fascist liberal sweater fetish or report back to Portland's numerous informers.

Suggestions and Inference Committees (SIC)'s the fact that I bought my Christmas cards at Hallmark rather than Drop Me A Line.

I went to the mall today for the first time since the election. I made sure to go to an ATM before leaving Portland's city limits, confident that if I were refused credit I could sue the hell out of Yankee 24 for denying me my newly acquired special rights.

Anyway.

Soon I was in Filene's, pulsing in unison with mobs of Christmas shoppers as we cruised mansions and lined up at counters for announcements of sample colonies. In a realistic trance, the crowd thrashed toward a crescendo of suburban bliss that has no parallel.

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abortion and birth control. And it condemns artificial insemination, saying that using donated sperm or eggs or lending the use of the uterus is "gravely dishonest."

So, who was looking for a change anyway?

**U. OF IOWA OFFERS HEALTH BENEFITS TO LESBIAN AND GAY EMPLOYEES**

Last October, the Board of Regents of the University of Iowa approved a proposal to extend health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its lesbian and gay employees. The plan goes into effect this month for a three year trial period. This is the first such benefits package offered by a major university.

To qualify for the plan, which will cover only domestic partners of lesbian and gay employees, the domestic partner must meet several requirements intended to establish that the relationship is a committed one. Usually heterosexual couples merely have to say that they are married without providing any proof of their marriage. During the trial period only the high deductible option for health care coverage may be elected. University officials estimate that around 50 employees of the university's 8,000 employees may sign up for the benefits.

Similar types of plans are being considered at other universities such as Harvard and Stanford. Currently a professor at the University of Southern Maine, Maggie Fournier, and Mary-Bonato Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) are challenging USM to apply its non-discrimination policy to gay and lesbian faculty and staff with respect to employee benefits. The reasoning behind Fournier's challenge is simple: Equal pay and equal benefits.

**HIV FOUND IN PRE-CUM**

New findings show that HIV can be present in male pre-ejaculatory fluid ("pre-cum"), but researchers have yet to determine whether the virus can be transmitted through this fluid.

The findings could redefine what is considered to be safer sex. Until now, many people have not used condoms when engaging in sex that does not involve penetration. It was generally believed that unprotected oral sex presents a significant risk of infection only if the active partner does not involve penetration. It was generally believed that unprotected oral sex presents a significant risk of infection only if the active partner.

**IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL KEEP A RESOLUTION TO GET OUT TO THE MOVIES MORE OFTEN A GUARDED SECRET WHILE TELLING EVERYONE WITHIN EARSHT THAT THEY ARE SERIOUSLY PLANNING A SEX-CHANGE.**

**THE MOST UNFACTABLE LIFE OF ETHAN...**

The mostly unfabulous life of Ethan... continued on page 14

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A s a man I thought I knew how to define what’s referred to as “Women’s Music” by subject matter and maybe, performer. After talking with the women of Wild Iris Productions, I’ve learned that “Women’s Music” is a much more personal matter. It’s the listener’s key to the definition and choice of artists. How a person processes the music is the result of an individual’s experiences, aspirations and appreciations. In other words, to identify women’s music, it’s best to have experienced being a woman. (Male closet listeners will just have to enjoy.)

One other accurate measure is to go to a Wild Iris Productions concert because they have it down. Music by women for women, empowering women, affirming being a woman and/or lesbian is their definition. It’s a definition that seems to work. Add the list of truly enjoyable performers and you have “Women’s Music” with broad appeal to men as well.

Rita and Beth are the heart and essence of Wild Iris Productions as a source of both mainstream and alternative progressive music for women. Both live in southwestern Maine. Rita is an accountant. Beth has a degree in Forestry from UMO, but works for Rita in her practice. Once lowballed in 1982, now good friends, they no longer live together.

Wild Iris Productions is an outgrowth of the Women’s Community Project of the mid-80’s, a organization for women which, at one time, had planned to put together a women’s center in Portland among other Women’s services. One event the Women’s Project did with some frequency was “women’s performance nights.” After the collapse of the Project, Pine Cone Productions took up the Project’s work with Women’s music. That went on for awhile until too many people dropped out, eventually Beth and Rita started up Wild Iris and assumed the producing.

Their primary guideline is accessibility. This means more than accommodating the hearing and physically challenged. Also, it means giving good local artists a chance to do opening gigs, and get some well deserved notice on the coat tails of more prominent performers. Accessibility also means that tickets are priced as low as possible, a sometimes devastating decision. One of the unprofitable performances was held in Biddleford, nothing to do with the performer, just a location that proved to be convenient for some, but too far for many for a profitable showing. Consequently, limited financial resources were severely hurt. On another instance, an attempt at presenting a drum workshop following the performance of Nurtunia, a Women’s drummer, didn’t draw well and ate into resources. On the other hand, the accessibility factor worked well with several successes. Anna Clark, Wild Ginger, and Inanna to drop a few names. Rita and Beth are not in the production business for profit, just as Pine Cone or the Women’s Project were not. As Beth describes, there’s motivation in seeking through the curtains during the performance and seeing the smile of people thoroughly enjoying themselves, and feeling there’s a job well done.

The hardest thing about arranging Wild Iris performances is co-ordinating and getting it “to gel.” Some of that includes getting the sound people and equipment, getting the right hall for the type of performance, quitting at the turnaround, getting the word word out effectively, praying for no sudden competition or severe storms. Volunteers, too, are a factor. They need to be personable and primarily aware, responding to needs as the set up gets underway. The reward is hearing a great concert, and that’s when you know when it’s been “right”.

Beth and Rita for all their effort have not become part of the music world’s jet set. Far from it, performers arrive a few hours before the concert. Some get dinner or accommodations at a hotel for themselves and their entourage. Some may be more personable, staying at someone’s home. Performers are in business, no matter how great they may sound. They require special arrangements that cost the production, the primary contention being liabilities. After the concert, they may want to go out, but usually it’s just a ‘pick on the cheek, maybe a hug, and they’re off’.

Wild Iris could use some assistance to keep the ball rolling. Primarily, getting the word out and posting. The mailing list includes some 350 names all going first class. You get on the list by going to a concert and signing, or if you send a check with your address on it. The list also includes most of the places you can find concert announcements: 57 radio stations and such papers as Our Paper, Apen, Casco Bay Weekly, and Maine Progressive, on occasion Sojourner and Maine Times. More main stream publications like the Portland Tribune and such don’t even have listings of Wild Iris concerts and seldom give them coverage.

Music soothes the savage breast, to be sure, but music can do a lot of other things. It can also motivate social change for one. It brings the alienated into movements, empowers, and defines actions and identities. It tells the stories we relate to, and sparks our energies and emotions. Both these women, as well as those whose work preceded them deserve our respect and support. Clearly the most beneficial way is to plan on hearing the a Wild Iris production in '93.

Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993

DON’T MISS THIS ONE!

LESBIAN NEA DIRECTOR CUTS FUNDS FOR GAY FILM FESTS

Even as the Bush Administration is preparing to leave Washington, it is continuing its pronounced anti-gay and lesbian agenda. Anne-Imelde Radice, the head of the National Endowment for the Arts has vetoed grants to three lesbians and gay film festivals. The festivals received NEA funding last year.

Radice, a lesbian Republican appointed by Bush, cut the funding for film festivals in New York, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh, even though a NEA advisory panel recommended making grants available to them again this year. Radice would only say that the projects failed to demonstrate “artistic excellence.”

Radice has said that she would leave her post before President-elect Bill Clinton takes office on January 20.

does not withdraw before ejaculating.

The new studies warn that HIV might be transmitted even during foreplay. Researchers recommend that it would be “prudent” for men to use condoms during all sexual activity, until further studies determine whether pre-ejaculatory fluid can be infectious.

Two different studies, at Harvard Medical School and at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, independently found detectable amounts of HIV-infected cells in the pre-ejaculate of HIV-infected men. There has been little research into the fluid, and these findings are the first published data on the presence of HIV in pre-ejaculate. The studies appeared in the December issue of The Lancet, a British medical journal.

HIV-infected cells were detected in the fluid of men who had symptoms of infection and those who did not, and they were found in men taking AZT or other anti-viral drugs and those who were not. Other factors, such as age, T-cell count, and previous history of sexually transmitted diseases, appeared to be of no influence.

"The risk is there," said Dr. Jeffrey Pudney, a research associate at Harvard Medical School. "It's potentially infectious fluid, and people should view it accordingly and take measures to address that."

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THEATRE: LADY BE GOOD, Original Broadway Cast Album of George & Ira Gershwin's Musical Comedy: 7:00 p.m. on WPKM 106.3FM.

January (Ongoing)
WEDNESDAYS
Do you have a problem with food? An anonymous peer support group meets every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bellamy Conference Room at Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Central Ave, Dover, N.H. The group is free (donations encouraged) and is not affiliated with any national organization. For more information, call The Center for Eating Disorders Management at 603-742-0047.

January (Ongoing)
THURSDAYS
An adult therapy group for bulimics is being offered at the Center For Eating Disorders Management, 46 Central Avenue, Suite 5, Dover, N.H. This group will be a place where members can explore issues that are of importance to them from both the present and from the past to see how emotions, people, and situations in their lives tie into development, maintenance and recovery from bulimia. This group meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, please call The Center for more details, 603-742-0047.

January (Ongoing)
FRIDAYS
The Friday Night Support group at Portsmouth Regional Hospital is open to all persons HIV or AIDS involved, including family and supportive friends. The time has been rescheduled to 7:30-9:30 p.m. This is a self-help support group following and agreed upon format of meeting.

January (Ongoing)
THURSDAYS
An eating disorders survivors of sexual abuse therapy group is held on an ongoing basis at The Center For Eating Disorders Management, 466 Central Avenue, Dover, N.H. The group addresses issues related to the trauma of sexual abuse and its relationship to eating disorders, led by Mary Jo Martin, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders, the group meets every Thursday at The Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

January (Ongoing)
THURSDAYS
Out for Good, a Lesbian discussion/support group, meets each Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m. in SASE. Topics relevant to Lesbians are discussed weekly. Meetings are non-smoking. A weekly donation of $1 per person is asked to defray the cost of the room. For directions and more information, call 247-3461 or write P.O. Box 153, E. Waterboro, ME 04031. Holiday meeting schedule will be Tuesday, December 22nd, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

January
MUSEUM: ANSEL ADAMS: The Early Years, 77 rare photographs by Ansel Adams, at the Portland Museum of Art, 7 Centre Square, Portland. Call 777-3723.

January
Gay & Lesbian Bulletin Board has a new service and new number: 837-0432.

January 2
SATURDAY
Shared Times is sponsoring a Dance at the FWP Hall, 190 Plain Street, Lowell, MA. Tickets are $7.50 and must be purchased in advance by sending a check and SASE to Shared Times, P.O. Box 8822, Lowell, MA 01853.

January 5-12
THEATER: HEUDA GABBLER, by Henrik IBSEN. Performed by the Portland Stage Company. Call 774-0465 for more information.

January 6-30
WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
THEATRE: ADAM AND THE EXPERTS, by Victor Bumbalo, performed by the Triangle Theatre at the Paramount Penthouse Theater, 58 Berkeley Street, in Boston's South End. For more information please call 617-426-3550.

January 7
THURSDAY
THEATRE: MARRIAGE, A LITTLE Original Broadway Cast Album of Stephen Sondheim's Musical: 7:00 p.m. on WPKM 106.3FM.

January 9
SATURDAY
THEATRE: DEVON SQUARE in concert at the Biddeford City Theatre. Call 1-282-0849 for more information.

January 10
SUNDAY
Auditions for the Maine Gay Men's Chorus will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, 4 Congress Street in Portland, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. For more information please call 637-4606.

January 11
MONDAY
Equal Protection Portland will have a Potluck Supper at the Williston West Church, Portland at 6:30 p.m. A meeting will follow. The discussion will center on "Where do we go from here?" For more information call, John at 283-2813.

January 12
TUESDAY
THEATRE: VAUGHN WILLIAMS, BEETHOVEN AND STRAUSS. THE PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, City Hall Auditorium. Call 773-8191 or 800-639-2309 for more information.

January 14
THURSDAY
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The Matlovich Society presents; John Greenberg, Director of Treatment Alternative Project New York City, who will speak on "AIDS, An Open System Approach," a radical new understanding of AIDS, its cause, and treatment. Rines Auditorium, Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Wheel chair accessible.

January 14
THURSDAY
THEATRE: OLIVER! Original Broadway Cast Album of Lionel Bart's Musical Comedy, 7:00 p.m. on WPPM 106.3FM.

January 17
SUNDAY
March on Washington Meeting! There will be a brief meeting on how to organize and get the word out to people about this March. We hope to have at least 10 buses from Maine and to do that we need your help! The meeting will be held at the Matlovich Society’s offices at 2 Pine Street, Portland, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Remember, Portland may have passed the ordnance but there is still so much to be done on the State and Country level!!! For more information call John at 775-2383.

January 17
SUNDAY
There will be an exploratory meeting to consider forming a chapter of Integrity, a National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians and their friends at St. Luke’s Parish Hall, the Chapter Room, Park Street (entrance,) Portland. Call 773-0191 for time and information.

January 21
THURSDAY
THEATRE: WEST SIDE STORY, Original Broadway Cast Album of Leonard Bernstein’s Musical Comedy, 7:00 p.m. on WPPM 106.3FM.

January 22
FRIDAY
THEATRE: NIGHT MUST FALL, a Drama, by Emlyn Williams opens at The Portland Players. Call 799-4393 for more information.

January 23
SATURDAY
THEATRE: NORTHEASTERN WINDS, in concert at the Biddeford City Theatre. Call 282-0849 for more information.

January 24
SUNDAY
THEATRE: MUSIC FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH THE PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, City Hall Auditorium. Call 773-8191 or 800-639-2309 for more information.

January 24
SUNDAY
The Matlovich Society will sponsor a self defense workshop from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Portland Police Station Auditorium, 109 Middle Street, Portland. Workshop leader and Karate instructor Laurette Gregoire, will cover sexual assault awareness, personal safety and self-defense. Self defense and break away techniques will be demonstrated and practiced. Pre-registration is $25, $35 at the door. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please call 879-1821.

January 28
THURSDAY
The Matlovich Society presents: Gregory Anderson, Supervisor of Individual Services of SAGE-Senior Action in Gay Environment in NYC, who will lead a discussion on “Youth and Aging in Lesbian and Gay Lives.” SAGE is the USA’s largest program for senior members of the Lesbian and Gay community. Rines Auditorium, Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Wheel chair accessible.

January 28
THURSDAY
THEATRE: SOUTH PACIFIC, Original Broadway Cast Album of Rogers and Hammerstein’s Musical Comedy, 7:00 p.m. on WPPM 106.3FM.

March 27
SATURDAY
Sweet Honey in the Rock will be performing at The Maine Center for the Arts in Orono, Maine. The concert, sponsored by Spruce Run is in celebration of their 20th Anniversary. Tickets are available from the Maine Center for the Arts and are $18 plus a $3 per ticket processing fee. The concert is at 8:00 p.m. and will be sign language interpreted.

March 27
SATURDAY
The East Coast premieres of Roger Boudreau’s new cantata, Hidden Legacies will be performed by The Boston Gay Men’s Chorus at Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory. The composer will present a pre-concert discussion of the work and will play bass in the performance. Concert starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 617-247-8601.

April 23 & 4
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
OLD & OUT Productions brings back The Lesbian & Gay Film Festival! This year the films will be viewed at The Portland Museum of Art. Celebrate being Lesbian & Gay through film and art!!

April 23, 24, 25 & 26
Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday
The 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN, GAY & BL EQUAL RIGHTS and LIBERATION will take place on Sunday, April 25th in Washington, D.C. On Friday night there will be conferences, banquets and a drag show extravaganza. On Saturday there will be a Wedding/Ceremony of Commitment. Historical exhibits the Harvey Milk Memorial unveiling, a motorcycle run, concerts conferences and receptions. On Monday a Direct Action/Civil Disobedience is planned. In 1987, over 650,000 Lesbians, Gays, their friends and relatives went to Washington, D.C. for the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of this Country. The discrimination and violence continues and it's time to March again. Make your reservations now! For more information, please contact: March On Washington, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, D.C. 20043-4607. The telephone number is 202-628-0493.
When I was growing up, I loved to make New Year's resolutions. As a youngster, I vowed to go to bed on time, finish my homework before dinner, and lay out my clothes every night so I wouldn't drive my mother crazy nothing to get ready for school the next morning. Later, I remember resolving to eat right, exercise regularly, read more serious literature, and answer all correspondence with enforcement. In the White House who has chosen Maya Angelou, one of my favorite African American women writers, to compose the Inaugural Poem. Fresh new faces in Congress, some fresh old ones as well who are starting a new term. New ordinance on the books in Portland, waiting for the first legal test to prove that things have changed in our city. New format for Our Paper, making us prouder than ever. This year we have so many new beginnings that it's almost impossible not to feel as though all our New Year's resolutions, not to mention our fondest wishes, will come true. New president in the White House. New format for Our Paper, making us prouder than ever. New format for Our Paper, making us prouder than ever.

My son was routinely taunted at school because he didn't play (or like) football, my daughter was coming out in a place where the only two lesbians we knew were a 50-year-old couple so closeted that no one had ever been inside their home. Within the space of two years, my most beloved friend died in an auto accident, my son decided to spend his last two years of high school with his dad in Massachusetts, and my daughter left for the state college. During the bleak January, I used to watch the sky fade into February, after all. No matter how homesick I felt, or how much I cried, there I still was, teaching my classes and working with my peace group and dreaming of coming back east for good.

So as January fades into February and the snow turns into dush, I'd like to remind us that our strength lies not in any list of resolutions, but in the hard, lonely times when we thought we might disappear, and didn't. I'm thinking of the parents who struggled to affirm their love for their gay and lesbian children at holiday dinners with homophobic relatives, and to respond to smug Christmas letters announcing the latest wedding or the latest grandchild.

We're all here. Not only that, but most of us work, play, laugh, argue, and enjoy our friends and lovers. That's the best reason to celebrate the New Year. And the resolution to go on celebrating is the only one I know I can keep.
OUT, much as they must have in 1927. Jerome Kern's and Oscar Hammerstein's SHOWBOAT achieved the kind of success denied the Gershwin's un-producible FORGY and BESS and the new EMI double CD of SHOWBOAT. Dealing solidly - in 1927 yet - with inter­marriage and black-and-white istor­gy, STRIKE UP THE BAND contains its fair share of great hits: "Make Believe," "Life Upon The Wicked Stage," "Why Do I Love You," "Bill," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," "Old Man River" and the spell­binding, shimmering, "You Are Loved." Not so pseudo­operatic as the bafthic FORGY and BESS, SHOWBOAT spanned generations of America's race problems and musical development, did not try to erase the过去的 as FORGY does and has always succeeded, even in highly censored film versions. The new version contains all the music ever written for SHOWBOAT and is must for collectors.

CD releases of Broadway revivals made the greatest comeback in the original Broadway versions, especially when so many of them are now available on CD. Currently playing to packed houses, GUYS AND DOLLS suc­ceeds again just as it first did in 1951 and the new version includes some fine dia­logue, the Havana segment, a reprise of "Adelaide's Lament" and the entire "Cighest Dancers' Dance" omitted from the original, shorter format LP. Considered when TV and rock-and-roll were making their first death, mind-numbing annals on the national intelligence and later, GUYS AND DOLLS contains some of the shortest musical numbers on record. But they grab hold of you, twist your fan­tasy, make you laugh and keep you a foot. Curiously, the new RCA CD version's claustrophobic style makes the show's many roles, duos and quartets, so delightful send-ups of the opera variety, without sacrificing the essentially comic nature of the material. Orchestra ensembles are brighter without sound enhanced (call it), vocally, the new cast, including handme­down Point Callier in fine voice as Sky Masterson, is the equal of the original and if it is impossible to erase the vision ofStubby Kaye, big enough to swamp that TITANIC, sing­ing "Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat," Walter Bobbie is just as effective, musically, on the new disc. And Faith Prince, as the original tambourine­ino­witating Adelaide, is worth not only the price of the CD but a trip to Broadway! Tyne Daly comes a cropper in her recording of "I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON YOU," and "The Man I Love." Entitled in an endless light­weight manner, STRIKE UP THE BAND remains in affidavits' memories, again, mainly because of several incredibly musical Gershwin tunes: "Soon," "Make Believe," "Embraceable You," "Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "I Got Rhythm!" Such an assault on the musical sense was not unusual in a single show in the days when America had melody as well as a beat in its heart and would not have stood, much less paid for, one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's B-O-R-I-N one-song pseudo­opera. STRIKE UP THE BAND is available on Angel and is still SRO on Broadway. The CD captures the naivete and the camp and the beautiful music. Not so successful is the "restored" version of the Gershwin's legendary 1927 Rep. STRIKE UP THE BAND. An early­ pro­ FOGY and BESS, even less successful attempt by George and Izra to write a seri­ ous musical, STRIKE UP THE BAND remained in affidavists' memories, again, mainly because of several incredibly musical Gershwin tunes: "Soon," "Make Believe," "Embraceable You," "Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "I Got Rhythm!" Such an assault on the musical sense was not unusual in a single show in the days when America had melody as well as a beat in its heart and would not have stood, much less paid for, one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's B-O-R-I-N one-song pseudo­opera. STRIKE UP THE BAND is available on Angel and is still SRO on Broadway. The CD captures the naivete and the camp and the beautiful music. Not so successful is the "restored" version of the Gershwin's legendary 1927 Rep. STRIKE UP THE BAND. An early­ pro­ FOGY and BESS, even less successful attempt by George and Izra to write a seri­ ous musical, STRIKE UP THE BAND remained in affidavists' memories, again, mainly because of several incredibly musical Gershwin tunes: "Soon," "Make Believe," "Embraceable You," "Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "I Got Rhythm!" Such an assault on the musical sense was not unusual in a single show in the days when America had melody as well as a beat in its heart and would not have stood, much less paid for, one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's B-O-R-I-N one-song pseudo­opera. STRIKE UP THE BAND is available on Angel and is still SRO on Broadway. The CD captures the naivete and the camp and the beautiful music. Not so successful is the "restored" version of the Gershwin's legendary 1927 Rep. STRIKE UP THE BAND. An early­ pro­ FOGY and BESS, even less successful attempt by George and Izra to write a seri­ ous musical, STRIKE UP THE BAND remained in affidavists' memories, again, mainly because of several incredibly musical Gershwin tunes: "Soon," "Make Believe," "Embraceable You," "Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "I Got Rhythm!" Such an assault on the musical sense was not unusual in a single show in the days when America had melody as well as a beat in its heart and would not have stood, much less paid for, one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's B-O-R-I-N one-song pseudo­opera. STRIKE UP THE BAND is available on Angel and is still SRO on Broadway. The CD captures the naivete and the camp and the beautiful music. Not so successful is the "restored" version of the Gershwin's legendary 1927 Rep. STRIKE UP THE BAND. An early­ pro­
The Stranglehold
by Holly Vanover

dannable sking weatherman on TV. Two years later I am not only over that incident, but I also tend to ski away from home to avoid him. I realize, of course, that it's not fair to take this body-now over 20—to the top of a snowy mountain, strap a couple of slippery boards onto my feet, and jump off; I hope somebody on the chair lift puts a ski pole right through my heart. I'm talking about our new NordicTrack Pro.

Best dams exercise in the free world—according to their brochure. Now I can watch the Skiing Weatherman and ski along with him! Best of all, in just a month or so you can be in prime physical condition, assuming that you don't blow a heart valve with all that full-body workout! So this year, my public resolution is to figure out how to use the thing without breaking a bone and maybe even ski a couple of kilometers over the course of 1993. Privately—well, ARC has been running that Thrill of Victory/Agon of Defeat spot for an awfully long time... Hmmmm...maybe I should set up the cannister...

found in all of Andrew Lloyd Webber's dreary, sentimented, pretentious, intellectually vapid, humorless crap, ASSASSINS is astounding! But it was a Broadway flop, too; down like THE BISMARCK! Presenting a typical, liberal, New York City Opening Night audience with a musical that glorified the assassin of Lincoln, Sondheim and The Great God Roosevelt recalls the efferontry of "Springtime for Hitler" and New York didn't like it! ASSASSINS is told from the assassin's point of view and the listener is guided through the history of American presidential murders by an arrogant, archly attractive John Wilkes Booth, who, in the final scene, "inspires" Lee Harvey Oswald to kill Kennedy. It's a JFK Assassination Theory I found curiously convincing. ASSASSINS is, however, really a musical about outsiders—like us—it is listening to and succeeds for that reason better on CD than it did on Broadway. ASSASSINS makes an important, minority-minded point. As a paper, if we want America; it's witty, biting, funny—a musical masterpiece! ASSASSINS is right up there with Sondheim's INTO THE WOODS and FOLLIES on my list of The All-Time Top Ten American Musicals.

All of the above Cast CD's are available at Amadeus Music in Portland. And if you have anything for the column, please send it to me, Alexander Wallace, Box 5301, Portland, Maine 04101 or call me at 773-3726.

The areas in which we did not get the support were pockets of predominantly older voters, religious neighborhoods, etc. Without the backing of the Christian Civic League, Concerned Portland Citizens would have probably run out of steam much faster. The liberal vote was a reflection of what will eventually become the norm. Twenty years from now it will be a proud footnote that Portland led the way.

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**It’s a Normal thing.**

by Alan Stearns

of nondiscriminatory legislating in favor of the term "normal."

That being said, I am now accepting applications for my new chapter of ACT NORMAL.

ACT NORMAL, affiliated with Normal People/Portland ("NPP") and Normal Nation, begins its mission by taking back a word which has been historically withheld from minorities. As a strategic offensive move, self-declared normalcy will force the losers in Oregon to reflect on their efforts to declare normality abnormal, and perhaps force the previously normal to declare themselves queer to avoid the neo-normal label. Newly normal people will join ACT NORMAL in droves, and no one will dare oppose any bill which would prevent discrimination based on normality.

Implicit in the normal movement will be a reversal in current trends of self-deprecation cum insult. The predominantly assertive current linguistic paradigm grants to anyone who calls himself a queer sweaterfag, for example, the apparent privilege to call others by similarly disparaging terms, such as queer kike dressydike, with no fear of reproach.

Under normalism, however, competitive self-application of verbiage reclaimed from sewers and, most importantly, its insulting extension to unwilling bystanders will be replaced with efforts to recognize the positive aspects of self and others. Furthermore, rather than blaming victims for internalized homophobia when these people are struggling to survive in a nasty world, ACT NORMAL pledges to praise people for externalized normality and reserve blame for perpetrators and perpetrators of phobias rather than their victims.

There. I had to get that off my chest.

For those of you who want an explanation: it’s finals week and I haven’t had a vacation in a long, long time. Next month I promise to wallow no longer in the muck of political aftermath.

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**Supreme Court Allows Employers to Cut Health Benefits for People with AIDS**

The Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that a Houston company had the right to limit medical coverage for an employee once it was discovered that he was infected with HIV.

John McGann, a warehouse employee for H and H Music of Houston, Texas, learned in 1987 that he was infected with HIV. When he told his employer, the company changed its health insurance policy, cutting benefits from $1 million to only $5,000 for AIDS-related illnesses. It did not change the limit for any other catastrophic illness.

McGann quickly reached the maximum. He died in 1991.

"It is a real tragedy that workers are now vulnerable to losing coverage at the very time that they need it," said Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The American Medical Association, also denounced the high court’s decision. "It opens the door for health plans to pick the healthiest of the population and leave those with serious illnesses to fend for themselves," said chairperson Dr. Raymond Scalettar.

The Supreme Court did however note that the Americans with Disabilities Act may forbid such practices in the future. In this case, the employer had limited the health insurance policy before the Act became effective.
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PERSONAL OF THE MONTH:
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ARMY MUST JUSTIFY ITS REASON FOR DISCHARGING LESBIAN

It's not all bad news from the Supreme Court. The high court, in a ruling in December, refused to undo a lower court decision in favor of a lesbian's challenge of then-civil service rules that banned gays and lesbians in the armed forces.

The Supreme Court's ruling means that the case will go back to the federal district court in California where the Army will be obligated to either justify its policy or reinstate Capt. Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt to the Army of banning gays and lesbians by showing that it is "rationally related to" the Army's goals, but not against gays and lesbians. It must show how its policy is specifically than it suggests a new temperate that President-elect Clinton will follow through with requiring Pruitt's case, and others like it.

mary Newcombe, a lawyer with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who represented Pruitt, said the Supreme Court's action says more about the anticipation that President-elect Clinton will follow through with his promise to repeal the ban than it suggests a new temperance in the military.

Newcombe said that if the ban is lifted, she expects the military to move quickly to settle the case, and others like it.

NAVY IMPOSES NEW ANTI-GAY REGULATION

Navy officials admit the timing is bad, nevertheless the are going forward with requiring R.O.T.C midshipmen and midshipwomen at all colleges and universities that offer R.O.T.C. scholarships to sign an affidavit saying they can be discharged and forced to pay back their scholarships if they are found to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual.

"consider this inquisitorial affidavit a totally unwarranted intrusion in the private lives of American citizens," Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) wrote to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. But Navy officials said the new policy is similar to those in place for other students at the Naval

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**Academy and cadets in the Army and Air Force training programs. The timing of all this, admittedly, is absolutely horrible,** said Capt. Gerald Corcoran, who heads the Navy R.O.T.C. program at Cornell University.

**REPUBLICAN TRANSSEXUAL WINS MASS. ELECTION**

A transsexual Republican was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in the November election. It is believed to be a first for the state legislature.

The Boston Herald reports that Althea Garrison, a 52 year-old Republican, was elected to the legislature from Dorchester. According to records at the Suffolk County Probate Court, Garrison was formerly a male known as A.C. G arson but changed his name in May 1976.

Court papers say the name change "is consistent with petitioner's appearance and medical condition and is the name by which he will be known in the future."

**FRANK VISITS RUSSIA SEEKING RELEASE OF SODOMY PRISONERS**

A delegation led by U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-Mass.) met with Russian government officials to push for the repeal of that country's harsh sodomy law, and for the release of men imprisoned under the law. Frank said he met with representatives of the Russian ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Justice. He said they agreed that the law should be repealed, but said it is up to the Russian Parliament to do so.

President Boris Yeltsin has proposed a new criminal code that omits a ban on homosexual activity between consenting adult men. However, this proposal is unlikely to pass, according to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, the San Francisco-based group which organized the visit.

Ten men were convicted and sentenced to prison or labor camps under the sodomy law during the first six months of 1992, Justice Ministry officials told Frank. There are no laws banning homosexual activity between women.
IRELAND STALLS ITS REPEAL OF LAW AGAINST GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Council of Europe gave the Irish government another six months to repeal the law criminalizing acts of homosexuality between consenting adults.

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