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GAY & LESBIAN TIMES OF MAINE

VOLUME 10 ISSUE 6

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in the military!

UNCLE SAME WANTS...WELL, NOT YOU • A LOOK AT THE GAYS IN THE MILITARY ISSUE

BY MALCOLM SMITH

A t Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government in October 1991, candidate Bill Clinton promised, when elected, to lift the ban on gays in the military. In 1993, candidate Bill Clinton’s promise has turned into President William Jefferson Clinton’s promise.

In January of this year Commander-in-Chief Clinton appeared poised to sign an executive order ending the military ban on gays. News of the executive order, however, brought protests and the threat of resignation from the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as from many other top ranking leaders of the Armed Forces. Said on Pentagon source, “Up and down the chain of command you’ll find the military leadership favors the ban.”

A meeting was set up between Clinton and the Joint Chiefs, which left both sides unyielding on their positions. Senator George Mitchell worked out a compromise between Clinton and Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who is described as a “close confident” of Joint Chiefs chairman General Colin Powell.

Under terms of the compromise, Clinton will not issue an executive order at this time, but instead will allow the ban to be studied for six months, at which time Defense Secretary Les Aspin has been instructed to submit a draft executive order “which would end the present policy of exclusion from military service solely on the basis of sexual orientation, and at the same time establish standards regarding sexual conduct to be applied to all military personnel.” Clinton said the “compromise is not everything that I would have hoped for or everything I have stood for... (but) is a substantial step in the right direction.” Other terms of the compromise include:

• Allowing latitude for Unit Commanders to deal with gays who disclose their sexual preferences during the six month period.
• Placing soldiers in the process of discharge in standby reserve status from active duty status (without pay or benefits).
• Granting continuances in pending court cases for former military personnel seeking reinstatement.
• Congress quickly jumped into the fray, with representatives seeming to split down party lines. The Maine delegation split according to party loyalties, with Senator Mitchell and Representative Andrews, both Democrats, favoring the lifting of the ban. Senator Cohen and Representative Snowe both came out opposing the lifting of the ban. In prepared statements, Andrews said, “It is time to end this discriminatory policy and I applaud President Clinton’s pledge to do so,” while Snowe said, “any implementation of such a change in our current policy should be fully examined by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of Defense in terms of its impact and implications on the military and its personnel.”

THE BAN

The military ban against gays, and the excuses used to justify the ban are full of contradictions. Department of Defense directive 1332.14 reads, in part, “homosexuality is incompatible

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It's 1993 and it's time for a change. Time for some fresh faces, new ideas, and Maine's next generation of radical and semi-radical lesbians, gays, bis, trans', etc. to find their voice within the gay and lesbian media.

It is for this reason that Our Paper, Incorporated, publisher of the Gay and Lesbian Times announces vacancies within the following positions:

- Managing Editor
- News Editor
- Financial Coordinator
- Classifieds/Calendar Coordinator
- Distribution Coordinator

All positions must be filled by March 31, 1993.

Interested persons may phone the office at 761-0733 and leave their names and phone numbers/addresses. Please indicate also the positions that interest you. Individuals will be contacted via phone regarding positions left vacant. A special Editorial Board meeting will be scheduled for the end of March/early April if there is interest in all five positions.

Operating budget for producing the Gay and Lesbian Times is roughly $1,500 monthly, or $18,000 annually. Monthly costs are divided roughly as follows: 50% direct publishing/printing expenses, 25% postage/UPS, and 25% fixed overhead. Revenue is generated through subscriptions, donations, and advertising.

Currently, with the exception of the advertising position, all positions are considered voluntary and unpaid.

Time commitment on the part of volunteers runs from 12 - 40 hours monthly, depending upon distribution of duties.

If any or all of the five positions remain open by March 31, 1993, Our Paper, Incorporated will cease all current operations and the corporation will be dissolved as of April 30, 1993.
Hi Folks,

We'd like some changes made in our
LesBiGay Network listing.

1. We have a new post office box num­ber.
2. Our monthly meetings have been
temporarily suspended.

Our listing should be as follows:
Maine Bisexual People's Network
P.O. Box 10818,
Portland, ME 04104

Our purpose is to affirm in ourselves
and to work toward greater acceptance in
the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight com­munities. Support and referral services available.

Since the GLT purpose is printed as
for the bisexual, gay, and lesbian
communities," and you were changing the name
anymore, we wonder why you didn't include
b's in the name. We'd like to see that
change made. Now that we're all equally
protected, we could be equally included too;
there are a lot of thousands of people who are willing to give manage­ment the message in this way.

Of course, many queer women are dis­appointed that you don't make it
a women's-only paper. That would make it
BLT. Just kidding.

Please note that both Portland's ordi­nance and the United Way policy say sexual
orientation. That's different from citing
only lesbians and gays because it includes
bisexuals and transsexuals. The difference
is an important one. We would like you to
refer to it accurately in print.

Bobbie Keppel, Coordinator

Dear Editor

Bob Rogers is doing just what he feels
GLT (Our Paper) is at fault of.

I picked up a copy of the January issue of
GLT while visiting Portland with friends.
I was impressed with the overview and thor­oughness the GLT provided. I call the Los
Angeles area home. Having visited many of
the areas mentioned in Rogers' January let­ter to the editor. We need to inform Mr.
Rogers that his neighborhood isn't the only
one in the world. It sounds as if reality has
struck Mr. Rogers. I suggest he put his
words into practice versus showing the lack of
tolerance he complains about.

It cost nothing to volunteer and
become an active participant in creating
ideas and changes for our community. His
participation may enlighten him on how
others live in this world with him.

Joseph Whittaker

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ERRATUM:
In the last issue, the obituary for Vincent
Boulanger contained an error which we
would like to correct. The incorrect passage
should have read: "He spoke frankly about
his own experiences as a person living with
HIV, to help dispel myths and fears about
people with AIDS.

"SPRING FOR LIFE"-ART AUCTION TO BENEFIT AIDS PROJECT

"Spring for Life", the seventh annual
Visual Aid Art Auction to benefit The AIDS
Project (TAP) will be held on Saturday
night, March 13, 1993 at the Holiday Inn
By The Bay in downtown Portland. All pro­ceeds
from the event will benefit TAP's pro­grams in AIDS care and prevention in south­ern
Maine.

Last year's auction raised over $50,000
and was Portland's most successful fundrais­
ing event of the year. It also had the distinc­tion
of being the largest charity art auction in the
city. The Holiday Inn has been
selected as the site for this year's auction in order to offer a more spacious atmosphere
and to provide unobstructed viewing of the art.

Response from the art community to
1993's "Spring for Life" has been outstand­
ing. Among the contributing artists to this
year's auction are Dozier Bell, Bret Bigbee,
Alfred Chabourne, Judy Ellis Glickman,
Charles Hewitt, Frederick Lynch, Dennis
Finette, Marguerite Robichaud, Toni Wolf,
Pat and DeWitt Hardy, Paul Rodrigue, Eric
Hopkins, Paul Heroux, Celeste Roberge,
Rose Marasco, Michael Waterman, Lynn
Durvea, Alice Steinhardt, and Robert
Sherley. Other people have donated works
from their private collections, including
works by Winslow Homer, Nori Welliver,
and Todd Webb.

In total, over 160 artists and collectors
have contributed over 230 works of art, from
many media, including painting, photogra­phy,
sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry. Last
year's event drew 180 works from 140 artists
and collectors.

"The outpouring of community support at
last year's auction demonstrates that people
care very much about the impact of AIDS in
Maine," said Michael W. Quirt, Manager of
the Corporate Support Services at Blue Cross
Shield of Maine, and Chair of the Auction
Committee. "This annual event would not
be possible without the contributions from
Maine artists. We are planning a very
exciting evening of art on March 13 at the
Holiday Inn."

Preview of the art will take place at
the Holiday Inn from 12:00 noon to 5:00 on the
day of the auction. Silent auction begins at
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WHAT YOU CAN DO

It seems lately that the government is run by the people who call the capitol and radio talk shows. The fact is that when news of lifting the ban was announced, the Washington switchboards were flooded, and Washington listened. Now we must get our voices heard.

Call or write: THE WHITE HOUSE (202) 456-1111
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20500

Call or write: U.S. Senate (202) 224-3121
Representative, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Call or write: House of Representatives (202) 225-3121
Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

Also, don’t forget the march on Washington at the end of April. With the nation talking about gays in the military, this is the year that we need to be seen.

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But, back on duty, the same people at the clubs are back performing their military duties, shoulder to shoulder with their straight counterparts, both doing their jobs, both trying to earn the respect of their superiors and earn promotions, wanting to be judged by their work performance and dedication to service, not on what they did on their own time the night before.

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In many ways, a gay service member with a conscience loses a little dignity every day. It comes down to a simple choice: to serve your country, or to be true to yourself. To choose to serve your country means betraying your principles, and that hurts.

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THE DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

There is a definite double standard in the military. While homosexuality is not allowed, a gay person may be known to his straight comrades, but as long as nothing is said, the image of a homosexual-free military is upheld. Much like a dysfunctional family, if someone speaks up and the silence is broken, punishment will most likely follow.

Lifting the ban would break the silence. It is unlikely, however, that large numbers of gay service members will "out" themselves. Most gays joined the service only to serve their country with their eyes wide open to the military’s homophobia andnature, and without any intent to change the attitudes of the military. Even with the threat of punishment gone, many are not likely willing to go through the harassment and possible violence that would inevitably follow.

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In boot camp, the concept of the "blanket party" is learned. A blanket party consists of several people wrapping another in a blanket, and then proceeding to beat the shit out of him or her. This usually occurs at night, and the victim is unable to identify the attackers. If the incident is reported, another blanket party is sure to follow to punish the victim for "squealing." The boot camp commanders, who normally teach the meaning of the blanket party, always say, thou, even though such parties do occur, they are never "officially" condoned. (Wink, wink, nod, nod.) The blanket party shows how the military has dealt with gays until now. "I don't mind gays if they keep it to themselves." But that is still selling out.

Allen Schindler was a sailor who spoke up. In October of last year, he told his ship's Executive Officer that he was gay. Afterwards, talk on his ship was that "there's a fag on this ship and he should die." His diary on 10/12 read "more people are finding out about me. It scares me a little. You never know who would want to injure me or cease my existence." On 10/20, "I don't want anybody to go through the torture I did." On October 27th, his mutilated body was found in a rest room near the Naval Base at Sasebo, Japan. He was beaten so badly that his mother had to use his tattoos to identify him. Among his injuries were broken ribs, a battered skull, and a lacerated penis. After an alleged attempt covered-up by the Navy, a fellow sailor has been arrested for his murder.

Allen Schindler's murder is why the ban needs to be lifted. Right now we are looking into the eyes of homophobia everywhere. The military man is the greatest symbol of masculinity. The threat we present to a man's masculinity is his problem, not ours. Our problem is to get the ban lifted once and for all. Most gays might choose not to serve, but we deserve the right to make that choice without selling ourselves out. The only way to do this is to make sure we keep Bill Clinton's feet to the fire and make sure he promises doesn't turn into a cop-out.

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Jasper Wyman and his cronies, too. We every single one of us has a personal conviction for the hearings and lobbying efforts to come. We need solid evidence of discrimination to prove that we need these statutory protections. You may recall that back in the mid-1980s, with the help of the Maine Civil Liberties Union, MLGPA conducted a state-wide survey on discrimination against lesbians and gay men. It's out of date now, so we're doing it again. This information is absolutely crucial to convincing our lawmakers that we need this bill.

You may have already received a survey in the recent MLGPA mailing or at your local meeting place or bar. If you haven't done it yet, please fill out the Anti-Discrimination survey printed right here in this issue and mail it in by March 15th. Please, do it today.

Volunteer for the Legislative Hearings.

MLGPA needs lesbians, gay men and sympathetic heterosexuals to testify in Augusta. The hearing process is one of the most critical pieces to getting our bill passed. It is the only chance for all of us to appeal in person directly to legislators, who may be swayed to vote our way.

There will be only be one hearing on this bill before the Judiciary Committee. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at 1 pm, and it will be held at the Augusta Civic Center.

The hearing will be well attended by Jasper Wyman and his cronies, too. We have to make a stronger showing than the religious right. We have to neutralize as much of their hate and confusion as we can. We also need prominent business and civic leaders to declare their support.

Every single one of us has a personal experience we can share. The fear of discrimination is almost as oppressive as being evicted or fired. Yes, we do need people who have clearly experienced discrimination. But we also need gay men and lesbians to speak out about how the very existence of discrimination does violence to us all.

Don't be too quick to dismiss your self or your personal experience. Talk to one of our organizers if you're willing to help. They will be able to assist you in preparing your testimony. Please, give one of our organizers a call to discuss what you can do:

- Judy Edgerly, Augusta, 626-9309
- Sally Fulton (MCLU), Portland, 774-5444
- Jim Martin, Bangor, 990-3400

Outreach to Rural Gays & Lesbians.

MLGPA is making a special effort this time to represent Maine lesbians and gay men from small towns and villages across the state, and thereby earn the votes of their legislators this time. Too often and for too long, rural reps and senators have refused to vote for our bill, claiming there are no gays or lesbians in their districts.

Rural dykes and fags can't always be as flamboyant as their city kin, and frequently it is much too dangerous for them to come out at all. We want to show legislators that we do live everywhere and give them a picture of what it's like for a gay person to live in a small community. You so, we get up, go to work, we come home, make dinner, watch TV, and then we go to bed. It's very hard for people, who don't realize they know a lesbian or a gay man, not to believe that we lead very exotic lives.

So MLGPA has come up with a unique way to put country gay in front of legislators' faces. We call it the "Real Stories Project." We're doing phone interviews with lesbians and gay men who have lived in small towns and outlying districts. From those conversations, we're writing short "stories," disguising names but using enough detail to sketch a picture of a rural gay life. We're putting twenty or so of these onto the backs of oversized postcards and mailing them to every legislator, one card at a time.

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MLGPA:
New Drive for State Gay Rights Bill is Fierce!
by Dave Garrity
ASSAULTS AGAINST GAYS IN BANGOR PARK GETS POLICE ATTENTION

A Bangor park frequented by gay men for cruising may be closed from sunset to sunrise because of neighborhood concern about violence against gay men.

The Kenduskeag Stream Park is a cruising area for gay men in the Bangor area. Recently attacks against gay men have increased, making residents close to the park concerned for their own safety and the safety of others. Residents met with Bangor police last month to discuss the problem. They said they were not concerned by the homosexual activity in the park, but were worried about the violence caused by other men preying on gay men in the park.

The latest assault occurred last month. A man from Bar Harbor, who had pulled into the park to do some paperwork, went to offer his assistance to another man who had the hood of his car up. That man struck the Bar Harbor man in the head and left the park.

Police are still looking for the assailant. They refuse to speculate on whether the assault was a hate crime because there was no evidence that anti-gay bias was the motivation. Others, however, believe that the assailant assumed the Bar Harbor man was gay because he was in the park.

This latest assault happened in the daylight, though most of the reported assaults happen at night. Bangor police officials do acknowledge that most of the attacks at the park are targeted against homosexuals.

LESBIAN AND GAY CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP FORMS IN PORTSMOUTH

A group concerned about gay and lesbian civil rights has formed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The name of the group is the Open Door City Coalition (ODCC).

ODCC was formed to confront the issues of ongoing bias motivated crimes, harassment and discrimination and of the absence of civil rights legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

According to a press release issued by Susan Honowitz of ODCC's Public Relations Committee, ODCC intends to pursue the adoption of an anti-discrimination ordinance in Portsmouth.

For more information about ODCC, call or write ODCC, P.O. Box 883, Portsmouth, NH 03802, (603) 431-4941.
You can contact one of our hearing organizers, come to a local meeting or drop us a postcard if you’d like to participate. The address is:

“MLGPA Real Stories,”
P.O. Box 1894, Portland, Maine 04104

Call or Write Your Legislators
Don’t forget to call or write your legislator. We can’t emphasize enough how important this is. Remember the opposition has organized churchers across the state into letterwriting factories. And legislators postcard will do. Just write today. Don’t know your legislators’ names, just make a simple phone call to your town office, they’ll be glad to help you. Here are the addresses:

Your Representative’s Name
Maine State House of Representatives
State House Station No. 2
Augusta, Maine 04333

Your Senator’s Name
Maine State Senate
State House Station No. 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

To leave a phone message for your State Senator, call 1-800-423-2800.

To leave a phone message for your State Representative, 1-800-423-6900.

Attend an Area Meeting.

• Augusta meetings are held at 7:15 pm Mondays at the Augusta City Center. For info call Judy Edgely, 626-6369.

• Bangor meetings are Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 5th floor, 990-3420.

• Houlton meetings start soon, for info call Karen Geraghty, 761-8376.

• Augusta meetings are held at 7:15 pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 5th floor.

• Theodore Judah Civic League Bookshop, Across From The Boston Public Library, 2nd Floor.

• MLGPA-MLGPA Survey, P.O. BOX 136, Hallowell, Maine 04347

You can help with MLGPA’s research. Complete, clip and return this survey.

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Local Wire, Boston, National Global

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The Swedishborgians of Stevens Ave.

The Articles of Faith of the Swedishborgian Church include:
1. We believe in the oneness of God, the spirit of love and understanding, the source of all that is good and true.
2. We believe each person to be the marriage of feeling, thought and action, a spirit clothed in a body, and salvation to be a process of spiritual growth and development.
3. We believe the purpose of life is love, wisely guided by understanding, leading to fulfillment in shared experience for the benefit of God.
4. We believe heaven and hell are states of being, not places. The experience of after-life is not so much a matter of reward and punishment as it is the result of choices made. Through our freely made choices we come to the state of being and the community of like-minded souls within which we are at home.
5. We believe diversity is an integral part of the beauty of God's creation. We honor the good and truth to be found in all religions and are directly influenced by the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.
6. We believe in the freedom of inquiry. That dedication to exploring and accepting diversity is what makes the Swedishborgian church somewhat difficult to define. The structure is casual, drawn eclectically from existing church liturgies. The members have diverse backgrounds, faith, and ways of expressing their faith. Some of the small discussion groups within the church include a co-ed Human's Group, to explore gender-related issues; a Dream Group, Women's Group; and a group studying The Coming of the Cosmic Christ, by Matthew Fox.

Speaking with Reverend Ken Turley

How do people find out about the Swedishborgian Church?
For the most part it’s been through advertising. When I came here four years ago there were eight people and nobody had a history with the church so there was no social history to preserve, we could start fresh. We developed our own worship service—our own style. Now we’re getting around forty. It’s been a real conscious effort to grow the church.

In looking at Swedishborgian faith...
There’s good and truth to be found in all religions as well as distortions and abuses to be found in all religions. For me, being raised Swedenborgian, I guess, as uncomfortable Christian...uncomfortable with what has been done in the name of Jesus Christ and what continues to be done in the name of religion. Without that statement I would not be a Swedishborgian. It’s fundamental to me to respect the variety of approaches. I believe that God is, and the different names and different religious traditions are human responses to God. The variety of response doesn’t change what God is. They all provide an avenue for the variety of people in the world to respond to God. In this church—in this community here—it is a fundamental tenet that we would honor the diversity of people’s responses and perceptions of God, in that we have to learn to do that in our world, in our cities, in our neighborhoods we made that a basic tenet. As a result we have Christians and non-Christians, Goddess worshippers... Mostly people here because they have some religious tradition in their background which has proved unsatisfactory but hasn’t succeeded in killing their spirituality. We don’t impose theology.

In describing the membership and the services:
It’s a community of spiritual seekers, if you will. We support, challenge one another, learn from one another. One of our difficulties—there are some people here that have trouble with the Bible, the patriarchal tradition that comes out of...on the other hand we have a group of people that the Bible is fundamental to their spirituality. So, we have a variety. Some Sunday may have Christ-centered services, some may be based on Native American myths, the Tao. The members are invited to participate. Our services are real informal. We do a lot of singing. The first 20 minutes, people just call out the songs they want to sing. We do meditations. Sometimes we have dances.

Citing that his earlier prepared sermon made great “bedtime stories”, Rev. Turley has revived his services by speaking extemporaneously. He also admits that there is diversity within Swedishborgian churches (conservative and liberal), but refers to his church services and activities as to the left of left. Average age range is around 30 something. Those interested in finding out more can call the minister at 772-8277.

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MARCH (ONGOING)
The Unitarian Universalist Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Fellowship of Maine will hold monthly discussions/speaker potluck suppers at the First Parish, 425 Congress Street, Portland. The purpose of the Fellowship is to encourage individuals to explore their own spirituality and to develop their own personal philosophies, free (Donations encouraged) and is not affiliated with any national organization. Anyone interested in working with us, in a volunteer capacity, is invited to attend ongoing meetings at 10 Middle Street. For more information, call The Unitarian Universalist Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Fellowship of Maine, 207-773-9183.

MARCH (ONGOING)
ON THE EDGE: Forty Years of Maine Painting. Portland Museum of Art, Something for everyone, from traditional rocky coastline landscapes to lyrical abstracts to photo-realism from the "unknowns" of Maine painting to such greats as WYETH, ESTES, INDIANA, KENT and HALLAM. Call 773-arts.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Monday (New all Mondays till the fall passes) Anyone interested in working in support of civil rights for Lesbian and Gay men at the state level is invited to attend the ongoing meetings of MLGPA's Legislative Committee. Place:AUGUSTA City Hall, 6:30 p.m. each Monday, Call Paula for more information at 445-2863.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Wednesdays
Do You Have A Problem With Food? An anonymous peer support group meets every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Portland Stage Company, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA .. For more information, call The Center For Eating Disorders Management at (617) 743-0047.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Wednesday
Portland's March of MGPA's Legislative Committee meets on all Wednesdays in support of the state-wide efforts to gain civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend ongoing meetings at 10 Middle Street., 6:30 p.m. at the offices of Bernard, Brink & Associates. Call 7700 p.m., Call the Lesbian/Gay Info Line at 883-6934 or Lary Bills at 767-4456 for more information.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Wednesdays
Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, 35 Maine Street in Sanford has new Friday hours. They are now open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Services include FREE pregnancy testing, birth control information and supplies confidential HIV testing, annual exams and STD screening and treatment for women AND men. Call 324-9385 for more information.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Friday
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.

MARCH 2-21
THEATRE:
THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, "A Penny Dreadful," by the Mistress of Vamp Camp, Charles Ludlam, who usually played all the female leads himself, at the Portland Stage Company, Call 774-0465 for more information.

MARCH 3-31
THEATRE:
UNDER MILKWOOD, by Dylan Thomas, presented by The Vintage Repertory Company at Cafe' No. Call 772-8114 for more information.

MARCH 3 (ONGOING)
Wednesday
Bangor/Brewer PFLAG meets at 7:00 p.m. in Brewer, Call 989-5180 for the location.

MARCH 4 (ONGOING)
Thirds (Ongoing)
Out for Good, a Lesbian discussion/support group is moving to 445 Main Street, Biddeford. (Meetings which are not smoking) are held Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., These confidential meetings are free, but a weekly $1.00 donation is collected to defray the cost of the room.

MARCH 4-11
THE 1ST ANNUAL BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF WOMEN'S CINEMA at the Brattle Theatre, Curated by Running Arts at the Brattle Theatre and the Boston Film/Video Foundation. The 8 day festival will include special sneak previews of significant commercial releases directed by women from around the world. Also included are a wide range of multi-cultural works which include documentaries, animation, experimental film, feature-length and short narratives and lesbian filmmaking. Opening night will feature Gillian Armstrong's (director of My Brilliant Career, High Tide,) THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS. Also, Claire Denis, NO FEAR, NO DIE; Paris Polrier's wonderful portrait of the oldest lesbian bar, LAST CALL AT MAUD'S; Agneska Holland's (Europa, Europa) OLIVER, OLIVER; and Barbara Hammer's provocative NITRATE KISSES. The Brattle Theatre is located in the heart of Harvard Square, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA.. For more information, call 797-3338.

MARCH 5
Saturday
Respect For All Youth, a conference to help create a safer and more tolerant environment for Gay and Lesbian youth. Sponsored by the NH Seacoast P-Flag, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call 603-772-6221 for more information. There is a $35 registration fee.

MARCH 6
Saturday
The Saturday Night Keep Arts Alive Benefit, sponsored by Mad Horse Theatre, Casco Bay Weekly and WCLZ will benefit the theatre's spring giving campaign, The evening of laughter, music and dance begins at 8:00 p.m. at the McAuley Performing Arts Center, Ram Island Dance, the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, Comedian Randy Judkins, and a host of other headline the night. Tickets are $15 and are available through Raffles Cafe or the Mad Horse Theatre box office. For more information, please call 797-3338.

MARCH 6 (ONGOING)
Saturday
Time Out will be X-country skiing in Oxford. Cost $8, boots and ski rentals are available. Plan on group supper at local diner. For information call the Bulletin Board at 871-0432.

MARCH 7
Thursday
ALLADIN, COLE PORTER'S LAST MUSICAL, written for television as a "children's musical" but one of Porter's most sophisticated, witty romantic and trenchant efforts. Full of unusual, unknown delicious, de-lovely, de-lights! Original Cast Album, 7:00 p.m., WPKM 106.3 FM.

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MARCH 9
Friday
Kate Clinton at the Tsai Performance Center, 655 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. and there are two shows on the 6th at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Tickets are $16.50, Call 774-416-2222.

MARCH 10
Saturday
The Chiltenham Mountain Club runs cross country skiing in New Hampshire. Call John at 617-649-9183.

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Sunday

JOSEPH & LAWRENCE GOLIN, Violinists, in an all Bach Candelight Concert with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. City Hall Auditorium. Call 773-1891, or 1-800-639-2309.

MARCH 11

Thursday

The Matlovich Society and The Names Project/Maine presents: "How The Quilt Speaks To Us: An Evening of Music and Poetry" accompanying the display of a 12' x 12' panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. This is a kick-off of a three-month visit of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Maine. Portland Public Library, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

MARCH 13

Sunday

The Chiltern Mountain Club goes downhill skiing at Waterville Valley in New Hampshire. Call Mike at 603-644-7658.
Nachas!

NEW YORK MAY BE EIGHTH STATE WITH GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS

The New York State Assembly passed a gay and lesbian rights bill on February 1 by an unexpectedly large margin. The bill now goes to the State Senate, where it will face considerable opposition.

The action is just the latest in a 23 year legislative battle to guarantee New York lesbians and gay men protection for their civil rights in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, education, and credit by adding the homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual, and asexual to the list of protected categories in that state's human rights act. The bill also covers actual or perceived orientation. It was the eighth state with gay and lesbian civil rights legislation. Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hawaii, Vermont, New Jersey, and California have laws protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

LESBIAN APPOINTED BY CLINTON TO FAIR HOUSING POST

Roberta Achtenberg, a lesbian City Supervisor from San Francisco, has been named to a senior position within the Department of Housing and Urban Development as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing.

Fair-housing advocates complained to HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros that Achtenberg lacks the experience necessary to deal with fair-housing law. They fear that she will have to be trained on the job. Her critics took pains to stress that their objections were based solely on her qualifications, and not her sexual orientation.

Prior to her election San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Achtenberg was a civil rights attorney, law professor, and law school dean. She was a teaching fellow at Stanford Law School and served as executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

SENATE BLOCKS CLINTON'S PROPOSAL TO END IMMIGRATION BAN AGAINST HIV INFECTED IMMIGRANTS

In a 76-23 vote, the U.S. Senate rebuffed President Clinton's campaign promise to end the ban against HIV-infected immigrants.

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our need to touch one another again. Last month I was reunited with a place, the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, where I spent fifteen years. The familiar mountain, the stone ledges and wide expanses of the Connecticut River, were full of the life I once lived. They were still mine, and they spoke to me like old friends. Since I have become close to people in the lesbian and gay community I have heard about many reunions, especially those involving families. A young gay friend went home last Christmas after a long absence during which he lived a few miles away from his family and never saw them. Like many others, he could not remain in the same house with parents who refused to accept him as he was. But he could not stay away forever, either.

All children need to leave, but for gay sons and lesbian daughters the need is often acute. They must find the culture that their parents cannot show them, the history that their parents cannot touch them. If they are brave, and lucky, they find their culture and their history, and then sometimes they can come home. In his wonderful novel Fanny, the Queen of Provincetown, John Preston describes Provincetown as the "academy" where gay men have needed to go in order to learn who they were. His more recent collection, Hometown, includes some stories whose writers chose to return home—not necessarily to stay, but because it was the only way to complete their journey.

Reunions remind us that where we came from is part of who we are. They bring us back to our parents, our children, our ex­lovers or lovers, sometimes even our former spouses or ex­lovers. We have all known
Another John, JOHN SPRITZ, head decoder at WPKN 106.3 FM, is playing a trio of American Musical Comedy rarities this month on his regular Thursday night, 7PM BROADWAY CAST ALBUM SHOW. If you've got a tape-recorder handy, you might want to zipline in, as these recordings are all but unavailable. Two of them left me cold on Opening Night: SUPERMAN and TWO BY TWO, but perhaps John has advance evidence of The Man Of Steel's miraculous resurrection and TWO BI TWO, a musical about Noah and THAT Ark is a good example of "unmeasured" chauvinism and religious discrimination. Even on Gay Broadway: only paired, heterosexual couples survive Jawahar's Flood in TWOPITY-TWO. Even the miraculous DANNY KAYE could not save this Andrea Doria of a show for me.

John's third offering, COLE PORTER's last musical, ALADDIN (NOT the new Disney version,) is, however, superb! Porter's career, which survived a near-fatal accident that left his leg crushed and Porter in daily pain for the rest of his life - who says fairies ain't got no guts - even his WIFE knew a mong them: KISS ME HANDY, you might want to splice in, as these caring for the kids, blowing up the bank, onď-place behind the loser, laughing at the wrong time at the right thing, Jellerson's nudgey odd-balls always seemed bigger than life, whirlwinds in the midst of seas of mediocrity, always...way out there, on the edge.

Jellerson's acting was always out there on the edge too, but real at heart. He's leading out way out there to the other coast, to Seattle, Washington and their gain is our loss. Jellerson's last Portland performance was in February's BETTER DAYS, a stunning and deadly fact about the fakery of faith, set in a blue-collar town beset by recession. Himm...m. We'll DEFINITELY miss Jellerson! Break a leg, John!

If Porter had been paid at Elton John, Michael Jackson or Madonna rates, he would have owned THE WORLD! An international celebrity, social nabob, world traveller and Theatre King when that meant talent, taste, intellect, wit and class PLUS longevity, Cole's homosexuality was common knowledge in the theatre world - even his WIFE knew - but was a secret well-kept from the homophobes didn't tame them down) but was a secret well-kept from the majority, who courted to his love songs but who would have been horrified to learn that it was a fog who did it to them. J. Edgar Hoover in a dress, indeed!

ALADDIN, Porter's last score, and, curiously, first written for television, proved Porter could not only keep up with the times and technology, but bend them successfully to his own taste. Starting SAL MINEO, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Bustin' Ballroom and The King Of Camp, Cyndi Ritalch, ALADDIN, written for "children of all ages," lacks the salty, sexy suggestiveness of Porter's "adult" stage musicals but contains enough sophisticated wit in patter songs such as "Come To The Supermarket," covered by Steinsfi, "Make Way," "Opportunity Knocks But Once" and "No Wonder Taxis Are High" to jolt even the most bidden fifteeens couch potato. "It was there, if one LISTENED for it. Of course, the rock and roll generation, continued next page


The former Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Bush administration, Louis Sullivan, concluded that it should not be a bar to immigration and recommended that former President Bush lift the ban. The amendment reinforcing the ban was attached to a bill, the National Institutes of Health Reauthorization Act, which earmarks nearly $5.9 million for research into AIDS, cancer, and heart and lung diseases.

OUTGOING BUSH OFFICIAL TRIES TO KEEP GAYS OUT OF PARK SERVICE

In a move that has been called a "last
Between the Covers...continued
cursed with a demon-shrink who urged him to keep drinking, chronically ill with acme-bic diversity, drug-addicted and forcibly closted, CLIFT died a very early 45-washed-up and passed by. He also made some terrific films.

Hoskyns seems to hate CLIFT because CLIFT was born beautiful and he blames CLIFT for being destroyed - a contemporary actor too frequently mentioned in the book - is worshiped. He hasn't been destroyed yet; he's still "do-able." The films of MONTGOMERY CLIFT survive and CLIFT will survive the sourness of whatever he gets from Hoskyns in BEAUTIFUL LOSER. Why Hoskyns chose to write so mean-spirited a tome about someone he clearly hates, escapes me. There are clues, however. First, you get a great deal of psycho-babble about CLIFT in childhood, his mother-fixation, his anguish over her art, his closetedness - although Hoskyns doesn't seem to have a clue about how viciously repulsive the 50's really were - the bible is very Babbitt. You don't get much in the way of in-depth film criticism either and Clifty made some duds that re-defined their genre: RED RIVER, THE HEIRESS, A PLACE IN THE SUN, FROM HERE TO ETERNITY.

Even minor efforts have worth because of CLIFT's performances. But Hoskyns is determined to present CLIFT's personality and private life in the worst possible light, AS IF THAT MATTERED TO CLIFT's psyche more than anything else. Hoskyns seems to hate CLIFT because the films MIGHT have been, but "Little Man Complex" isn't very glamorous writing material. Despite his size, CLIFT projected character and stage, the plays loose that edge. But then, what IS a "gay play"? And speaking of gender-bending, over at the Swedishborgian Church (and no, it's not this year's designer religion: The Swedishborgians have been around since 1777.) Reverend KEN TURLER is working on a musical version of the story of SAMSON AND DELILAH. Set in "modern times," a LATEST SIDE STORY, the musical will probe the psychology behind character, deception and betrayal; it will probe gender stereotyping, peer pressure on gender choice, race relations and the loss of what might have been. Rather than following the traditional Good-Guy-Israelite-Samson versus Bad-Girl-Pagan-Philistine-Delilah Hollywood scenario, Turley's musical drama will pursue a less classical focus. The biblical story will probe gender stereotyping, peer pressure on gender choice, race relations and the loss of what might have been. Rather than following the traditional Good-Guy-Israelite-Samson versus Bad-Girl-Pagan-Philistine-Delilah Hollywood scenario, Turley's musical drama will pursue a less classical focus.
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interested in acting and the theatre than
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funny, shy, impish, princely, generous,
d eath? Not the Clifty I knew . I wonder if
East 6lst Street, he was always Clifty : witty,
and mental pain CLIFT did .

Hoskyns describes, publicly or pri­
"a nticipat es" Tom Cruise; that CLIFT and
his films, somehow, set us up for Cruise!
he can "have" Tom, in the literary sense, the
possess the remains . He 's just lusting after

AIDS cases are increasing rapidly among
heterosexuals, whereas cases among homo­
sexuals and bisexuals are slowing, the
agency also said. Heterosexually transmi­
ted AIDS cases increased 28 percent in
1991 and are expected to continue at the
same rate. Homosexually transmitted cases
and cases among IV drug users are expected
to increase by no more than 10 percent a
year.

"The slowdown of AIDS cases among
men who have sex with men suggests that
prevention efforts are beneficial in curbing
this epidemic," according to Dr. John Ward,
who heads the CDC's AIDS surveillance
division.

New York City researchers announced
equally alarming projections. According to
their study, the AIDS epidemic will leave
about 80,000 children without parents by
the end of the decade. Unless more
resources are devoted to these orphans, a
"social catastrophe of the greatest magni­
tude" is unavoidable, the study said.

The World Health Organization (WHO)
reported that the number of reported AIDS
cases worldwide rose to more than 600,000
by the end of 1992. WHO believes the real
number of cases to be about four times as
high.

NAVY LAUNCHES COURT
MARTIAL AGAINST ACCUSED
MURDERER OF
GAY SAILOR

The Navy began court martial proceed­
ings against a 21-year old Naval airman
who was sentenced to one
May 20, another airman appren­
tice, pleaded guilty to lesser charges in
Schindler's death and was sentenced to one
year in a military prison. He testified for the

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Support Group and Counseling Sessions for Gay Men and Women, 61 Main Street, Bangor, Maine. Men meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Women meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $20 per person per 1 1/2 hour session. Sessions are led by J. Bunker, M. Ed. Counselor. Call 947-1022 or 990-2944.

72 SUPPORT GROUP

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prosecution in Helvey's hearing.
In another military gay bashing case in San Francisco, four sailors and two Marines were sentenced to a year in jail. They pleaded guilty to beating up a gay man they lured from a gay bar in the Castro District of San Francisco. Their attack on the unidentified gay man was believed to be well planned. Their sentence was tougher than usual for an assault because their crime was classified as a hate crime.
The six men were given less-than-honorable discharges.

HATE GROUPS TARGET IDAHO FOR NEXT ANTI-GAY SHOWDOWN

Lon Mabon, director of the hate group Oregon Citizens Alliance and the man behind the drive to pass a statewide anti-gay and lesbian measure in that state, said that he intends to work for a similar initiative in Idaho in 1994.
He announced the launch of the Idaho Citizens Alliance on the steps of the Idaho state capitol.
Kelly Walton, who will run the hate campaign, said the Idaho measure will be similar to Oregon's Measure 9, but with less explicit language and without a provision that schools teach children that homosexuality is a perversion, as the Oregon measure did.
ICA is budgeting $500,000 for the effort to persuade voters and state legislators to support the anti-lesbian and gay measure.
Mabon also said that he would work to put another initiative on the Oregon ballot in 1994, as well as one in Washington.

J. EDGAR, WE HARDLY KNEW YE...

A new biography of the former dominatrix of the F.B.I. reveals that the Mafia blackmailed J.Edgar Hoover with photos of him engaging in homosexual acts. In the face of threats to expose his sex life, the former director of the F.B.I. was forced to deny the very existence of the Mafia.

Anthony Summers, author of Official and Confidential-The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover, also says that Hoover enjoyed cross-dressing, recounts an incident that occurred in a Plaza Hotel suite in 1958 where he donned a black dress, lace stockings, high heels, and a black curly wig.

Summers claims that Hoover was obsessed with gay sex, maintaining a large collection of pornographic material. Yet he publicly said people who read Playboy were "morals degenerates."

IRISH PRESIDENT MEETS WITH GAY AND LESBIAN GROUP

President Mary Robinson met with 34 gay
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A fundraiser from the American Southwest has obtained grant money to address the difficulties that rural Americans face in the AIDS epidemic. In New England, Bernie Zirnheld and Paul Hyry, of Northampton, Massachusetts have targeted some of these funds toward organizing a Rural AIDS Institute, a conference to be held on April 1, 1993. Their aim is to bring together people from rural New England who have a stake in AIDS services and prevention efforts, and to tailor this conference specifically to rural issues surrounding AIDS.

PRO-VISIONS, the New England Conference on HIV, had drawn criticism over the last two years for their neglect of rural problems in dealing with AIDS. This year, PRO-VISIONS III hosts the Rural AIDS Institute as one option for the first day of their April 1-3 conference, the other option being on the subject of minority communities and AIDS. The Rural AIDS Institute joined PRO-VISIONS, gaining publicity, logistical support, and meeting space, but trading away some convenience in location (the conference is in Hartford) and inclinativy (minority issues and rural issues are scheduled concurrently, one cannot both).

Bernie Zirnheld and Paul Hyry travelled through Maine (Bangor, Downeast, the Lakes Region, Portland) in early February to gather input on the conference agenda. They've worked closely with two AIDS organizations in western Massachusetts, and will visit Vermont and New Hampshire as well. In Portland, they met with members of the People With AIDS Coalition and Members of W.A.P. (Women, AIDS, and Power), residents of the AIDS Lodging House and its manager, and staff of The AIDS Project. The tentative agenda for the conference puts people living with AIDS at the forefront, starting with a plenary session of rural providers of AIDS care services. One of the themes of the conference is self-empowerment of consumers. Topics on the agenda so far are HIV education in rural communities, coalition building and service delivery across geographic distances, legislative advocacy, and fundraising.

The organizers continue to seek input into the conference, and also hope that among those attending will be people who feel disenfranchised from and disconnected to the AIDS community and AIDS organizations. Their input is most vital in making things better in rural communities. Bernie Zirnheld and Paul Hyry can be contacted at (413) 586-7525.

NEW ENGLAND RURAL AIDS INSTITUTE

by John Bean

and lesbian activists at her official residence. Prior to her election, Robinson made promises to meet with representatives of the Irish gay and lesbian community. The activist addressed the concerns that face gays and lesbians in Ireland—the only country in western Europe to retain a sodomy law banning homosexual activity between consenting adults.

Before her election, Robinson served as attorney to openly gay Senator David Norris, who in 1988 successfully challenged the country's sodomy law before the European Court of Human Rights. The Irish government has yet to comply with the Court's order to rescind the sodomy law.

LESBIAN RUN FOR CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

Betty Baxter is running for Parliament and hoping to be the first openly lesbian candidate to win national office.

The New Democratic Party recently nominated her for the Vancouver seat currently held by Kim Campbell, who has come under heavy criticism by Canadian lesbians and gay men during her tenure as minister of justice.

Baxter was captain of the Canadian women's volleyball team that competed in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. She later became the coach of the team, and also served as a director of the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver.

If Baxter wins, she will join Parliament's only openly gay member, Svend Robinson, who came out while he was already in office.

Campbell is one of Canada's most prominent politicians, serving as justice minister until her recent appointment as defense minister. Baxter is the only openly gay member, and also, according to Baxter, Campbell won the seat in 1988 by making promises to her heavily gay and lesbian district that she would work for passage of federal protections against anti-gay and lesbian discrimination. Baxter charged that Campbell failed to deliver on her promises.


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3. Bernie Zirnheld's new name
4. On the road for politically correct
5. The Straight (2 words) column
6. Michael McLeod's column
7. Kevin Mclellan's column
8. Not out, not gay
9. Nurse of the year
10. Where the March is being held
11. Outgoing President
12. City councilor who sponsored the human rights ordinance
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