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GAY & LESBIAN TIMES OF MAINE

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

BY MALCOLM SMITH

At 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:

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- 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.

Senator George 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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Editorial

Our Paper, Incorporated Restructuring

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
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Classified/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/UFS, 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.

Once again our deadline for ad copy is 15 minutes away and we're just starting to write.

Lots of things are happening around here. Our friend Allison is back from Las Vegas and while she is waiting for her Maine paramedic license to come through, she has been repainting our restaurant. Mark and Tommy, from This Day and Age in Freedom have recently done new painting on our bar and men's room. The men have been demanding a bathroom equally as cool as the women's for some time now. Now they have it.

Don't forget the auction at Holiday Inn March 13, 1993. It will benefit the AIDS Project. Last year lots of things sold for surprisingly affordable prices and admission is just five dollars. It promises to be a great time, and what a worthy cause.

Oh, speaking of Allison--this very charming and attractive young lady has once again passed February without a Valentine. We're afraid that if something doesn't happen in her romance department soon she'll become one of those people with 18 dogs and 12 cats, or (even scarier yet) will lose her mind and accept David's marriage proposal.

Happy Spring! Greethen and Dan
Hi Folks,

We'd like some changes made in our Letter to the Editor 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 others the positive nature of bisexuality and to work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. "Support and referral services available.

Since the GLT is printed as "for the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities," and you were changing the name anyhow, we wonder why you didn't include bisexuality as well.

In addition to the Queer Nation actions, thousands of individuals across the United States have purchased single shares of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and had the certificates sent to them. The goal of this action is to increase the number of single share owners so they will be a burden to the corporation, a significant cost to maintain, a constant reminder that discrimination is wrong, and there are tens of thousands of people who are willing to give management the message in this way.

Since the BUY ONE campaign started, over 2000 people have responded. The numbers are not great enough to be a major concern and it is time to step up the pressure. Gays, Lesbians, and friends are urged to buy a share of the Barrel. Let us urge to buy a share of the Barrel. Let us urge everyone to give management the message in this way.

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

Bobbi Keppel, Coordinator

Dear Editor

Early in 1991 Cracker Barrel restaurant chain issued a memo stating the company would not employ any new "who's sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." It is reported the company fired at least 17 women and men on the basis of their perceived sexual orientation.

Queer Nation-Atlanta has been in the vanguard of fighting to right this injustice and insists the Gay and Lesbian community. They have organized picket lines and involved a coalition of organizations in ongoing protests.

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Join the action, get a piece of the Barrel! For information on how to buy a share you can mail a SASE to Carl Owens, P.O. Box 8333, Atlanta, GA 30306, or call (404) 522-8020.

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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 AIDS Art Auction to benefit The AIDS Project (TAP) will be held on Saturday evening, 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 fundraising event of the year. It also had the distinction of being the largest charity art auction in the state. 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 event.

Response from the art community to 1993's "Spring for Life" has been outstanding. Among the contributing artists to this year's auction are Dozier Bell, Bret Bigbee, Alfred Chadbourne, Judy Ellis Clickman, 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 Shettle. Other people have donated works from their private collections, including works by Winslow Homer, Neil 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 generous donations 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 p.m. on the day of the auction. Silent auction begins at

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UNCLE SAY ARTS...WELL, NOT YET....

BY MALCOLM SMITH

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 TORMENT I DID.” ON OCTOBER 27TH, HIS MUTILATED BODY WAS FOUND IN A REST ROOM NEAR THE NAVAL BASE AT SASEBO, JAPAN.

Much is the same for the gay soldier as for his or her civilian counterpart. Many of the same code words and phrases are used; the same “gaydar” is on. There is a definite grapevine, usually most of the gays know who the other gays are. There is the same discretion, the same gossiping, the same feelings.

The Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, one of the largest military hospitals in the United States, was known as the “Pink Palace.” The gay doctors, nurses, and corpsmen all know who the others are. The first floor of the hospital has a restroom full of enough gay graffiti to rival any rest stop out house. Across town at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, one Navy Exchange cafeteria’s restroom even contained its own “glory hole.” Surprisingly, there were men of all ages and ranks frequenting that restroom.

There are a large number of military bases in that area, most with gays, which are popular hangouts. Off base, there are many gay bars, most of which are “off limits” to military personnel, but that never really stops people from patronizing them. 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 only on work performance and dedication to service, not on what they did on their own time the night before.

For many gays, fictional girlfriends and boyfriends are made up, stories are embellished. Everyone keeps me eye out at all times. It is not enough to do your duty well. In a Big Brother way it seems that everyone is watching you—and one wrong move, gesture, or word can wipe out your entire career. According to regulations, one does not have to be caught in a homosexual act to be punished, simply a “propensity to engage in homosexual conduct” is enough. This sets up a definite witch hunt atmosphere, where you watch what you say so you don’t piss off the wrong person.

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.

Many gays cannot live with the guilt and they tell their superiors about their sexuality. This normally sets in motion a discharge from the service, labeled an “administrative separation,” and while some attempt is made to keep the reason a secret, sooner or later word leaks out and you may be ostracized—or worse.

The story of Seaman Allen Schindler shows why gays in the military find it impossible to speak out. 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 also always say, that, 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 think gays if they keep it to themselves.”

That but 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 rent 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 shattered skull, and a lacerated penis. After an alleged attempt cover-up by the Navy, a fellow sailor has been arrest­ed for 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 his promise doesn’t turn into a cop-out.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

It seems lately that the government is run by 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.


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.

MARCH 1993
From Houlton, Bangor and Portland to Augusta, MLGPA is all fired up to win this year. A new slate of officers, fresh ideas from dozens of new volunteers, and a determination borne out of our success in Portland, and now Lewiston, all point strongly to victory in the State House this Spring.

MLGPA has already been busy organizing 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 12th. 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. And we need lesbians and gay men to tell legislators what discrimination really feels like.

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 own 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 Sutton (MCLU), Portland, 774-5444
- Jim Martin, Bangor, 990-3430.

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 may recall that first time we got 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 gays 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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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 Horowitz 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) 431-4911.
MLGPA-The Survey

You can contact one of our hearing organizers, come to a local meeting or drop a postcard if you'd like to participate. The address is:

Call or Write Your Legislators
Do't forget to call or write your legislator. We can't emphasize enough how important this is. Remember the opposition has organized churches across the state into letterwriting factories. And legislators have real simple ways of gauging public opinion—they count their letters and phone calls. You don't have to write a book, a postcard will do. Just write today.

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The address is:

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 1-800-423-3800.
To leave a phone message for your State Representative, 1-800-423-6900.

Attend an Area Meeting.
• Augustea meetings are held at 7:15 pm Mondays at the Augusta City Center. For info call Judy Edgerly, 626-5909.
• Bangor meetings are Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 359 Main Street. For info call Jim Martin, 990-3420.
• Portland meets at 7:00 pm every Wednesday at 100 Middle Street—5th floor west. For info call Karen Geraghty, 761-8376.

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

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GERAGHTY CENTER

LOCAL GAY MAN APPOINT TO STATE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Alexander Wallace, a Portland gay man and GLT Arts Reviewer, has been appointed to the Regional V Mental Health Board for a term of two years. The Board has direct responsibility for the delivery of mental health services in Greater Portland area and is involved in a pilot program to test the effectiveness of the delivery and planning of the publicly-funded mental health system in Maine.

With Wallace's appointment to the Board, lesbians and gay men and HIV-infected persons have a voice and an advocate on the Board. Wallace encourages gay men and lesbians with concerns about the interaction of the mental health system with gay men and lesbians to contact him through the Board.

R.I. GOVERNOR ISSUES GAY RIGHTS ORDER
Gov. Bruce Sundlum issued an affirmative action policy on January 18 that extends equal protection to gay, lesbian and bisexual employees of the state.

The executive order, "will establish in no uncertain terms that this administration will actively fight against discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability," Sundlum said.

Sundlum announced the order to coincide with the commemoration of Martin Luther King's birthday. "I can think of no more fitting day than...the day when we honor one of the greatest human rights leaders of all time," he said.

Sundlum's order goes beyond one issues by former Gov. Edward DiPrete, said Barbara Cottam, a spokesperson for the governor.

The order prohibits discrimination in pay, layoffs and recalls, transfers, promotions and demotions, work assignments, leave, training, appointments, and discipline.

The order also creates an Executive Committee for Affirmative Action that will advise the governor and have the power to summon the heads of state government departments to report on affirmative action.

Last year, Rhode Island came with a few votes of becoming the fourth New England state with a gay and lesbian civil rights law.

BURLINGTON GIVES GAY AND LESBIAN EMPLOYEES EQUAL BENEFITS
Unmarried partners of city employees in Burlington, Vermont, will now be eligible for health care benefits under a law passed by the City Council on January 11 and signed by Burlington Mayor Peter Clavalle.

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The council, voting 9 to 4, approved the bill after three hours of public debate on the issue. About 150 people showed up for the 3-hour-long public hearing. Opponents of the bill cited budget problems and said the taxpayers shouldn’t have to pay for something they don’t approve of.

Same- or opposite-sex partners of city employees can qualify for the benefits, which are the same as those offered to married partners of city employees. Partners must sign an affidavit saying they have been together for at least six months and are in an exclusive relationship in which they share the basic necessities of life.

BOSTON MAYOR FLYNN ISSUES EXEC. ORDER GRANTING LIMITED BENEFITS TO CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston vetoed a bill passed by Boston City Council two weeks ago which granted certain domestic partnership benefits to gay, lesbian, bisexual, unmarried heterosexual city employees. But he issued an executive order which granted most of the same benefits.

Under the law passed by the city council, a domestic partnership registry would be set up in Boston. Unmarried couples, homosexual and heterosexual, would be able to register their relationships. Domestic partners of city employees would then be eligible for health and other benefits.

Flynn vetoed the bill, saying that the city could not afford to pay the $500,000 to $1,000,000 it would cost to ensure the domestic partners of city employees.

Under Flynn’s order, domestic partners of city employees would be able to sign onto their partners’ health plans but the city would not contribute toward the increased premiums. The benefits that would not cause additional expense to the city are granted to gay, lesbian and bisexual city employees under the executive order.

About 20 cities and states offer some form of domestic partnership registration and benefits, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT G.L.A.D.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders will be headed by Janice H. Planter, who was named executive director in January. She replaces Jo Ross who left her post at GLAD for personal reasons regarding the balancing of her family and work obligations. Ross was appointed executive director in August.

Planter, 42, has been the executive director of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission since 1989. She is a graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University. Her connection with GLAD started in 1984 as a member of the board of
THE SWEDENBORGIANS
Of Stevens Ave.

The Swedenborgian Church on Stevens Avenue doesn't look like your average New England church, with its dark brown trim work more reminiscent of a large cookie house. The church newsletter contains such interesting activities as Dances for Universal Peace, and Love Songs Coffee House. Even Reverend Ken Turley, the Swedenborgian's soft-spoken and humorous "teacher" looks more like one of the Doobie Brothers than the traditional white-haired New England minister.

A group of radical traditionalists, the Swedenborgians celebrate the life of the spirit in worship, the arts and community service in an untraditional way. Emanuel Swedenborg (born January 29, 1688) had no intentions of creating another church. The son of a Lutheran bishop, he was a scientist, member of Parliament, musician, and inventor. Finding in his early 50's that science and intellect could not answer the questions that plagued his spirit, he began to keep a journal of his dreams. These he interpreted as portraying his spiritual growth, inner struggles and temptations. As a result of several spiritual experiences, he devoted the last 30 years of his life to theological writing. He called for reform within existing religions. His beliefs in personal development and what continues to be done in the name of Swedenborgian faith...

The Articles of Faith of the Swedenborgian 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 life is not as 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 most at home.
5. We believe diversity is an integral part of the beauty of God's creation. We honor the good and truth that is 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 Swedenborgian church somewhat difficult to define. The structure is casual, drawn ecclesiastically from existing church liturgies. The members have diverse backgrounds, faiths, 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 Swedenborgian 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 Swedenborgian 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 Swedenborgian. 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 it. 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, Godless worshippers... Mostly people are 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—are there 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 be biblically based, some may be based on Native American myth, 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 Swedenborgian 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 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 discussion/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, to foster the awareness of gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, foster friendships, and to exchange information and assistance. For more information, and to be placed on the mailing list call the First Parish office at 872-9747. See our classifieds listing below for the March-April programs.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Gay & Lesbian Bulletin Board has a new service and new number: 871-0432.

MARCH (ONGOING)
ON THE EDGE Forty Years of Maine Painting. Portland Museum of Art, Something for everyone, from traditional rock coast landscapes to lyrical abstractions 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 (Festive Monkeys till the last passion) 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 Eating Disorders Management at (603) 742-0047.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Wednesday
Portsmouth's branch of MLA's Legislative Committee meets on all Wednesdays in support of the state-wide effort to gain civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend ongoing meetings at 100 Middle Street, 6th floor. The new offices of Bermudez Wetzel & Associates, 871-0432 p.m. Call the Lesbian/Gay Info Line at 883-6934 or Larry Bliss at 767-4416 for more information.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Saturday (Ongoing)
On the Good, a Lesbian discussion/support group is moving to 445 Main Street, Biddeford. Meetings, which are non-smoking, are held Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. These confidential meetings are free, but a weekly $1.00 donation is requested to defray the cost of the room.

MARCH (ONGOING)
Wednesdays
Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, 155 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)
Wednesdays
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
Wednesday
Dance/Beaver PFLAG meets at 7:00 p.m. in Brewer, Call 989-5180 for the location.

MARCH 4
Thursday (Ongoing)
Get Out Good, a Lesbian discussion/support group is moving to 445 Main Street, Biddeford. Meetings, which are non-smoking, are held Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. These confidential meetings are free, but a weekly $1.00 donation is requested to defray the cost of the room.

MARCH 5
Friday
The Chilton Mountain Club goes cross country skiing in New Hampshire. Call John at 617-468-9183.

MARCH 5 & 6
Friday & Saturday
Kate Clinton at the Tsai Performance Center, 65 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA. The show begins 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 617-416-2222.

MARCH 6
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 McAsley Performing Arts Center, Ram Island Dance, the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, Comedian Randy Judkins, and a host of others 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
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
Sunday
JOSEPH & LAWRENCE GOLIN, Violinists, in an all Bach Candelight Concert with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, City Hall Auditorium. Call 773-8191 or 1-800-639-2309.

MARCH 8
Tuesday
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 to Maine. Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, 5 Monument Square, Portland, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible.

MARCH 11
Thursday
SUPERMAN, by Strouse and Adams, cal l rareity, wo rth h e ar in g. Broadway, but he's alive on CD! A musi ­

MARCH 13
Saturday
Jazz Bass player Charlie Haden and the Liberation Jazz Orchestra along with the Big Strings of Maine will perform at the First Parish Church at 8:00 p.m. Call 724-0465 for more information. Tickets are available at AMADEUS in Portland.

MARCH 17 - APRIL 10
THEATRE: BLOOD RELATIONS, The Lizzi e Borden Murders from Lizzie BOPV, by Canadian Sharon Pollock, at THE TRI­ ANGLE THEATRE, Boston, MA. Call 1-617-42-3550 for more information.

MARCH 19 - APRIL 5

MARCH 20
Sunday
WILD IRIS PRODUCTIONS Presents: S Ud e in concert at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Opening will be George Nichols. Concert starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $10.50 in advance and $12 at the door. Get your tickets at: In Portland at Amadeus & Walkabout; in Bangor at JKS Copy Printers and in Portsmouth, NH at Lady Iris.

MARCH 21
Sunday
The MLGPA will meet to discuss most especially the bill before the legislature guaranteeing civil rights/equal rights to Lesbian and Gays. Augusta, 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian- Universalist Church on Winthrop Street. Call Paula Aboud for information.

MARCH 23
Sunday
The Choral Arts Society in a Mozart, Bernstein, Stevinisk & Tchaikovsky Concert. City Hall Auditorium, Portland. Call 773-8191 or 1-800-639-2309.

MARCH 25
Thursday
The Matlovich Society presents: Dr. GARY LEUTP, professor of Japanese History at Leib University, presenting an illustrated lecture on "Nanohana: Homosexuality in Japanese Culture." Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, 5 Monument Square, Portland. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible.

MARCH 26
Friday
The Chiltern Mountain Club goes downhill skiing at Sunday River in Maine. Call Alex B 617-73-4747

MARCH 27
Sunday
Popham Beach party with Time Out. Beach combing and "cool" picnic. For information call 871-9940.

MARCH 27
Thursday
The East Coast premiere of Roger Bourland'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. Concrn starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 617-247-8081.

MARCH 28
Sunday
CHRISTOPHER MOORE, in a Candelight Mandolin Concert; featuring works by Vivaldi, Corelli, Scarlatti, Albinoni & Gabrieli, City Hall Auditorium, Portland. Call 773-8191 or 1-800-639-2309.

APRIL 3 & 4
Saturday & Sunday
OUT & 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!!!
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 exempts religious organizations.

The bill still faces a tough fight in the Republican-controlled Senate. If it passes both houses, Gov. Mario Cuomo has pledged to sign it into law, making New York the 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 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.

Nachas!

(Nachas: A Yiddish word meaning "pride," pronounced with the accent on the first syllable, which rhymes with "Bach.")

I love reunions. Especially in the winter and spring, when my spouse and I are separated by a thousand miles, I love the moment when our eyes meet across an airport waiting room and the long month's anticipation is over.

Because I have lived in many different places, I have said many goodbyes and hellos, not only to my husband but also to my children, parents and friends. Most of these have been at airports. When Michelle and Andrew were small, I used to hold their hands until they boarded the plane that would take them to their dad's house in St. Louis; then I would run from window to window in the airport lounge, watching the plane climb and circle around until it was just a thin line of blue smoke. I never left until that last blue trace disappeared from the sky, believing, I think, that my vigilance was keeping their plane safely aloft. I was always a little embarrassed about my plane-watching, until some other divorced mothers told me that they did it too.

The best reunion I ever had was in January, 1990, when Michelle and I were both serving on the coordinating council of the National Women's Studies Association. We were headed for the council's annual winter meeting in Washington, D.C., she from Smith College, where she was a freshman, and I from Nebraska, where I was still living and teaching. A major Blizzard had attacked the entire northeast, and by the time I reached D.C. it was too late to stop at our motel. Running through the snow in my street shoes (who would bring snow boots to Washington?), I blew into the room in a wild flurry an hour after the meeting had begun. Twenty five women stopped conducting business and spontaneously applauded as my daughter and I embraced. Reunions move us because in them the past and the present stir simultaneously in our lives. We look at the friend, the lover, or the parent we have missed, and realize that we are different then we were, but also the same. We have lived apart, but something deeper connects us—our shared past, 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, Hometowns, 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 come from is part of who we are. They bring us back to our parents, our children, our spouses or lovers, sometimes even our former spouses or ex-lovers. We have all known

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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
Time to say a sad adieu to one of Maine's finest actors, DON JELLERSON, who's leaving MAD HORSE THEATRE after being a main-stay there for seven years (and thereby proving that you can find the best talent right here at "home."). Jellerson, who you might call, amusingly, "just your typical Joe," always infused those characters with a life and vigor, a particularity and uniqueness that often eludes their "real-life" counterparts, whether they go by name, brandname, or becoming, caring for the kids, blowing up the bank.

Quraysh: flip-flops, all over in second-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 life. He's leading 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 sinister and deadly farce about the falcy of faith, set in a blue-collar town beset by recession. Himmimm. We'll DEFINITELY miss Jellerson! Break a leg, John!

Another John, JOHN SPRITZ, head doey 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 plug in, at these recordings are all but unavailable. Two of them left me cold on Opening Night: SUPERMAN and TWO BY TWO, a musical about Noah and THAT Ark is a good example of "innocent"

ed immigrants. The vote followed an emotional debate on the Senate floor in which conservative Republicans argued that the country couldn't afford to risk admitting AIDS patients into the U.S. and liberal Democrats argued that Americans should show no less compassion than other industrialized nations do to HIV infected immigrants.

The Senate action is expected to die in the House of Representatives, yet House conservatives are mounting a strong drive to pass the measure. Nevertheless, the Senate's rebuff to the President is another challenge to Clinton's social agenda, which includes support for actions long advocated by gay and lesbian rights groups. Senator George Mitchell voted against the measure, while Senator William Cohen voted in favor of the ban.

Senator Don Nickles (R-OKa), a sponsor of the measure, said that the vote on the measure should send Clinton a message that letting people infected with HIV and letting homosexuals into the military are politically unpopular.

"Frankly, I think President Clinton made a lot of promises to special-interest groups that are not in sync with the American people, and this is one of them," Nickles said.

The restriction that prevents people with the AIDS virus from entering the country is including in regulations which the President could simply reverse unless Congress passes the right-wing measure in law. The current rule includes HIV infection on a list of medical conditions that disqualify people seeking to immigrate legally into the United States. The immigration prohibition dates to 1987, when a similar measure was enacted by Congress. But Congress backtracked three years later, passing legislation that allowed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to determine if HIV infection, like tuberculosis, should disqualify a person from entering the country.

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. But Congressional conservatives lobbed successfully to convince Mr. Bush to keep the ban in effect.

International health authorities have expressed vehement opposition to the ban and canceled a planned international AIDS conference at Harvard University in 1992 in protest.

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.
minute act of desperation," a Bush Administration official rescinded a National Park Service policy barring employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. But the new Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, has said that he would revoke that directive.

John Schrote, director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the Western Region of the National Park Service, wrote in a memo, dated January 19, that "this is a matter that must be left to Congressional action rather than administration fiat. Pursuant to the authority vested in my office and in my capacity as the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, I hereby direct that the Western Region’s policy on sexual orientation is revoked, effective immediately."

The Western Region added "sexual orientation" to its equal opportunity policy and was planning to add it to future announcements of job vacancies. Schrote’s decision to delete "sexual orientation" from the list of protected categories stemmed from his opposition to a position taken by the Acting Regional Director of the Western Region, Lewis Albert.

Albert sent an internal memo to all Western Region national park officials requesting them to inform Boy Scout leaders in their areas that the park service would not tolerate harassment of its gay and lesbian employees. Park official of the Golden Gate Park expressed concern about its openly lesbian and gay employees being harassed by the Boy Scouts who volunteer for routine park maintenance work.

Schrote, a Bush appointee, waited until one day before the new administration took over to charge Albert and the Western Region with "attempting to apply its internal EEO Policy Statement to an outside organization, the Boy Scouts of America...The Acting Regional Director takes the position that the Boy Scouts will have to respect the Western Region’s policy on sexual orientation" if they wish to continue volunteering. "The Western Region does not have the authority to require a private organization...to adhere to its sexual orientation policy."

Schrote also implied that the department had an "Affirmative Employment Program" specifically for gay men and lesbians.

"It was a desperate act by a desperate man," commented Becky Mills, Western Region Equal Employment Opportunity Manager. "Schrote misread our memo. We were clearly not requiring the Boy Scouts to adopt a specific policy. We were letting them know that we have a policy of non-discrimination. And I don’t know where he got the idea we have an affirmative action program, because we don’t.

Though, technically, Schrote directive is still effective, park officials have done nothing to implement it.

“We are not planning to take ‘sexual orientation’ out of our policy statement,” said
Between the covers....

shines through. CLIFT was enormous-well-educated, read, traveled and cultured: it infuses CLIFT’s films; it’s what makes them interesting, great: he was not just a pretty face.

Whenever I saw Clift, he was “On!” At the beach here in Maine, at my parents’ table, at the theatre, at George Jessen’s or at East 61st Street, he was always Clifty: witty, funny, shy, impish, prickly, generous, good-natured and sweet but ALWAYS more like . I never saw the drunken boorish interested in acting and the theatre than them interesting, great : he was not just a “Montgomery Clift: moody, difficult, anti­ anything else; on ly infrequently turning on funny, shy, impish, princely, generous, East 61st Street, he was always Clifty : witty, private. Yes, CLIFT was an alcoholic and it “anticipates” Tom Cruis e; that CLIFT and “Presages” is the word Hoskyns means but and m ental pain CLIFT did .

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“On!” the first PBS talk and variety show made by and for real live lesbians and gay men. Since last June this program has appeared all across the country, even in North Carolina! But not here in Maine. Well, March is another pledge month—it’s the perfect time to tell them what we want to see.

Call those pledge phone numbers! Tell the volunteer you will gladly become a member or renew your membership once “In the Life” airs. Call their 800-number and ask for a membership once “In the Life” airs. Tell them you want more gay pro­gramming now.

Call their 800-number and ask for a program guide. Ask if it tells you when “In the Life” will be broadcast. The number is 1-800-866-1475.

Call Maine Public TV management. Ask why with two separate channels now to fill, they don’t have time for one gay half-hour a month.

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The Navy began court martial proceed­ ings against a 21-year old Naval airman charged with the murder of sailor Allen Schindler.

Schindler reportedly told his superiors that he was gay before he was attacked in a public restroom in Japan. It is believed his sexual orientation was the cause of the attack, in which at least two men beat him, leaving his body unrecognizable except for some tattoos.

The Navy is charging Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey with Schindler’s murder. Charles Vins, 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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20 FEMALE PERSONALS
GWF, 30, cute grad student seeks 25-35 for possible marriage, white picket fence, kids and animals. I love cuddling, long walks, backrubs, all kinds of music. Do you have a good sense of humor and love living life to its fullest? Try me! No drugs, games or smokers. Write to Advertiser #351-1, c/o Our Paper, Box 737, Portland, ME 04104.

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GWF, 30, cute grad student seeks 25-35 for possible marriage, white picket fence, kids and animals. I love cuddling, long walks, backrubs, all kinds of music. Do you have a good sense of humor and love living life to its fullest? Try me! No drugs, games or smokers. Write to Advertiser #351-1, c/o Our Paper, Box 737, Portland, ME 04104.

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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.

I.C.A. 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, recounting 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 "morbid degenerates."

IRISH PRESIDENT MEETS WITH GAY AND LESBIAN GROUP

President Mary Robinson met with 34 gay and bisexual Episcopalians and personal friends of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The president's visit was part of her official visit to Ireland and was arranged by the Rev. Michael Martin, a gay priest from Dublin.

The meeting took place at the offices of the Irish Episcopal Church, and was attended by 34 gay and bisexual Episcopalians and personal friends of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

These are the same people who took part in the Healing Mass at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., earlier this year.

The meeting was held in an open and welcoming atmosphere, and the president was enthusiastic about the work of the gay and lesbian Episcopalians.

President Robinson said she was impressed with the work of the group and was pleased to meet with them.

She said she was encouraged by the positive response to the Healing Mass and was confident that the work of the group would continue to grow.

President Robinson also urged the group to continue to work for the rights of all people, including those who are gay and lesbian.

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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 Zinsheld 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 its 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 inclusivity (minority issues and rural issues are scheduled concurrently, one cannot both).

Bernie Zinsheld 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 PWA's sharing their experiences, and maintains a focus on consumers of AIDS health 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 Zinsheld and Paul Hyry can be contacted at (413) 586-7535.

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.

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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