

The Aids Project Newsletter

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SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE

Gary Anderson, Executive Director of The AIDS Project, is the recipient of the American Lung Association's Roselle Huddilston Medal for 1987. For the past thirty years, this award has been presented annually to a Maine citizen who has made outstanding and distinguished contributions to improving the health of Maine citizens. Nominations for the Huddilston Medal are received from throughout the State, and winners are selected on the basis of volunteer services in the field of health, employment in a health related field with distinguished contributions above and beyond ordinary duties, or the establishment of an innovative program addressing health needs which can serve as a statewide model.

In announcing the award, American Lung Association of Maine President Clifford Goodall told Anderson, "You have met not one but all three criteria. You have earned respect as a leader and advocate on this (AIDS) important public health issue."

Anderson, who heads The AIDS Project, a Portland based service and education organization established to address issues concerning AIDS in Maine, will be presented with the Huddilston Medal at a luncheon held in his honor on September 15, 1987, at noon at Michel's Restaurant in Westbrook.

STATISTICS

As of August 18, 1987, there have been 57 diagnosed cases of Aids in Maine. Southern Maine 38 Central Maine 13 Northern Maine 6. Of the total 57 cases, 25 have died. National Data as of July 6, 1987: 38,160 diagnosed cases of Aids. 21,915 deaths.

CLASSIFIED

Applications are now being taken for a 30 hour per week position at The Aids Project for an Aids-Line Operator. Training provided by us. If interested, apply in writing with a cover letter and a resume to The Aids Project - No phone calls please.

Welcome aboard to Robert Mitchell who has been elected to serve as President of the Board of Directors of The Aids Project. "President's Message" will be a monthly feature of the newsletter.

As you may know, I have recently been elected to serve as President of the Board of Directors of The AIDS Project. I feel honored to have been selected for this important role in our organization, and I am looking forward to working actively with TAP to meet the challenges which lie ahead. While I have yet to really get my feet wet, I would like to share with you some thoughts I have as I assume my new responsibilities.

First, I am very much impressed by the level of commitment and energy of everyone involved with TAP. Board members, volunteers, staff and interested members of the community have well demonstrated their willingness to "go an extra mile" on TAP's behalf, and I feel privileged to be working with a group of such dedicated and caring people. Your contributions of time and talent have given TAP a sound foundation; with your help, I feel confident TAP will continue to grow and mature in the future.

Second, I believe the primary mission of TAP is to respond meaningfully and effectively to the needs of the people we serve. In order to do this, it is imperative for us to listen carefully to the needs, suggestions and concerns of everyone who has an interest in our programs and services. I want to personally encourage everyone, particularly PWA's and people directly affected by AIDS, to feel free to contact me, or any other member of the Board, with any comments or concerns you may have regarding TAP's services, directions or activities. I think this sort of open communication is crucial to TAP's ability to provide responsive and relevant services for our community, and I welcome anyone who wishes to offer suggestions to give me a call at 772-6222, or write to me at Post Office Box 5266, Station A, Portland, Maine 04101. I will look forward to hearing from you!

Best Regards,
Robert Mitchell

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Retrovir (AZT) — Indications for Use

***by Marc Rubinstein,
M.D.***

Retrovir (initially called AZT) has emerged as the first experimental drug to make a clear difference in the clinical course of patients with AIDS. The most frequent side effects, nausea and anemia, although occasionally severe, can usually be managed by reduced dosage and transfusion when needed. Even at a lower dosage, beneficial effects can still be observed. Experience has shown that post-PCP AIDS patients on Retrovir have a significantly decreased rate of recurrence of opportunistic infections.

Until recently, the only approved use was for such patients. The indications for the administration of Retrovir have been expanded to include patients with advanced ARC and a T4 helper cell count below 200. Advanced ARC is not precisely defined, and this determination must be made on a case-to-case basis. The NYC Health & Hospital Corp. has set up eleven AZT clinics which will dispense the drug in accordance with these criteria.

Controlled trials are now being started to see what effect the drug has in people who are well but are HIV positive. One might ask, if considerations of price and supply be put aside, why not make the drug freely available? There are good reasons to continue some limitation on availability until more is known.

Firstly, we all know of many people with mild ARC or people who are well but test HIV-positive who have shown no signs of deterioration or progression to AIDS. Under these circumstances, is there justification for giving these patients a drug which is both toxic and of which the long-term side effects are not known? After all, the decision to start the drug implies a decision to take it for the rest of one's life, or until something better comes along. Secondly, Retrovir is not a benign drug. Hematologic side effects (blood-cell count abnormalities) occur in as many as 30% of those treated, and medical supervision must be on a regular basis.

Some patients have also expressed the fear that if they are in relatively stable condition now and start AZT, will this prevent them from being treated early with a newer drug? No one can answer this, but such considerations reflect the uncertainties and fears of all.

The N.Y.C. Health and Hospital Corporation has set up 11 AZT clinics. They offer information, testing, AZT, and medical care. If you do not have Medicaid or private insurance — if you can't afford AZT — you will not be turned away. At this time, AZT — or Retrovir — is given only to:

- *Adults with AIDS whose first opportunistic infection was PCP (Pneumocystis Carinii pneumonia),*

Retrovir is not approved for people with lymphadenopathy.

Lee's Legacy

He was born Wladziu Valentino Liberace, known the world over as Liberace. His lover called him Lee.

Millions of homophobic heterosexuals loved him, including the typical middle-America moms who would be horrified if their own sons dressed up like that and had male lovers. But they loved Liberace with a devotion so strong that his homosexuality made no difference. They didn't see it as important. He was a great man; he was kind and sweet, and he was generous with his money for good causes. He brought joy into their lives.



the thought connection

Christine Burton

People are not inclined to part with money unless they feel that their needs are being fulfilled. You're given some idea of how many human needs Liberace fulfilled by the amount of money that changed hands — reported to have been as much as \$400,000 per week in Las Vegas. Obviously, Liberace was more than a time-passer to his audience. He struck home, and he gave middle-America Mom what she could not get elsewhere. By his attire, he opened to her the vision of androgyny — she who, in her "normal" life, is reduced to being the other pole in the polarity of the sexes. He was flamboyant; he was romantic, and he was unconventional. He represented the freedom that had been denied women when they were reduced to being a sexual toy for men. He defied the chains of propriety that had enslaved her for so long, and still do. And all of it with such fun that for an hour or two Mom could be a hedonist, and without shame.

In a culture that is just now beginning to emerge from the suffocation of Puritanism, Liberace defied its strictures. And, while most of us are scared of freedom (although we march for it and pray for it), during the span of his concert we sensed the joy that freedom could give — the freedom to wear what you wanted to wear and the freedom to act the way you felt like acting. For a short while, we were released from the horrible conventionality that consumes our energies, destroys our creativity and prevents our growth. We saw how much more interesting life could be if we'd let our hair

down and enjoy freedom as a way of life.

While millions of heterosexuals were ignoring his homosexuality, Liberace assumed that no one guessed that he was homosexual. He even sued for libel and won the case while he was living a homosexual life. In 1959 he won a libel suit against a newspaper columnist in London who had dared to hint at his sexual orientation. But everybody knew. They didn't really care. They enjoyed his beautiful flamboyance and his genius. They made him so rich that he used to spend afternoons buying houses — just to have something to do with his money in his free time. And, now that Liberace is dead, his homosexuality is still not an issue. Millions of people of all sexual persuasions grieve the loss of one who meant much in their lives.

Now that the candles on his grand piano have been extinguished, Liberace is being criticized by the homosexual community for not coming out during his last days, as Rock Hudson did. True, it would have been to our advantage had he done so. All the heterosexuals who loved him would be kinder in their response to the problems of AIDS and more generous in backing funding in the fight against it.

But aren't we going too far? We who want freedom from conventionality, freedom to live our lifestyle, and freedom to be ourselves have no right to yank a brother from his closet or to condemn him when he doesn't emerge under his own steam. As difficult as it is to do, all homosexuals have the serious obligation to respect the dimen-

sions of the closet another feels he must be in. Whether the brother/sister is alive or dead, closets are the space of another homosexual and should not be violated by brother/sister homosexuals.

This is not in defense of closets. Closets perpetuate the denial of the free exercise of our human rights. Closets make no one happy — neither the occupant nor the community. But respect for the individual and for that individual's choices is the only foundation upon which to construct and maintain a free world for all people. All the indignities to which we homosexuals are subjected are caused by lack of respect for us and our choices. Isn't it about time that we practice what we preach?

Liberace dealt with his homosexuality in the only way he could see for himself. Brought up in the Catholic Church with the evil of its own homophobia (with the sexual diversity in their staff they should know better), not one of us knows the psychological pain he might have suffered. Had he lived longer, his personal growth could have given him a new vision.

The homosexual community could learn a lesson from Liberace's life. Born one year after the end of World War I, when the sexual revolution was still a fetus, he grew up during a time when only a person of fierce independence could hold onto his own way. Liberace defied his father, who insisted that he continue as a soloist with symphony orchestras. How much wiser the son! There was only one Liberace to enthrall millions with his personality, his outrageous finery and his musicianship, whereas the world is full of symphony soloists competing with one another for the few spotlights.

We should be grateful to Liberace. His style of performing helped maintain some small degree of respect for unconventionality among heterosexuals during the years when we had very little going for us. Before Stonewall, the life of the homosexual was invisible, almost to the point of extinction. Without Liberace, it might have been worse.

CALL FOR WRITINGS

By People Diagnosed With AIDS-Related Complex (ARC)

The People With AIDS Coalition, Inc. of New York City is producing a special publication titled "Living With ARC" to assist those who are actually living with AIDS-Related Complex. The PWA Coalition is a grassroots, community-based service and information organization based in NYC that is run by and for people with AIDS and ARC.

The PWA Coalition has already published a similar guide for people with AIDS (*Surviving and Thriving with AIDS: Hints for the Newly Diagnosed*) which has proved very useful and effective. Now we need your assistance to produce this newest publication for people with ARC and people who work with PWArc.

Imagine how useful it would have been if you had had something in writing to answer lots of those questions that came up in the weeks immediately following your ARC diagnosis. Won't you help us assist those newly diagnosed with ARC to live a better quality life, to realize there is reason to hope and a potentially rich life after diagnosis?

We need any and all types of writings (letters, articles, poetry, etc.) about *your* direct experiences about living with ARC. We'd prefer they be typed, but clearly handwritten manuscripts are just as welcome. Writings should be limited to no more than four pages. We have set the deadline for Monday, September 14, 1987, so that we can publish this much needed guide this fall.

Mail submissions to:

*Living With ARC
PWA Coalition-NYC
263A West 19th Street
New York, NY 10011*

SUGGESTED TOPICS

Hope and living positively, Emotional responses to diagnosis, Experiences of medical treatments for ARC & ARC infections, Experimental drugs, Holistic related care for ARC, Doctor-patient relationships, Collecting disability and social security, Discounted fares for transportation, ARC-related discrimination, Sex after ARC diagnosis, Safer sex, Being a Black person with ARC, Women and ARC, Being a Hispanic person with ARC, Friendships and relationships, Being the lover of a person with ARC, Dating after diagnosis, Telling family and friends that you have ARC, Children with ARC, Intravenous drug use and ARC, ARC spirituality and religion, ARC in prison, Fear of progressing to full-blown AIDS, Attitudinal changes, Lack of specific services, When friends go to full-blown AIDS, Support groups, AZT experiences, AL721 experiences, Opinions about drug studies.

CONSUMER ACTION AGAINST TWO CONDOM MANUFACTURERS

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) has endorsed a consumer action against two condom manufacturers--Carter-Wallace and Ansell Americas--to protest the condom industry's refusal to advertise in gay publications.

"While it would be irresponsible for us to call for an industry-wide boycott because of the AIDS crisis, we are asking gay men not to buy Trojan or Lifestyles condoms and send wrappers from these companies' competitors to their marketing departments," said Don L. Volk, GLPA president.

"It is unconscionable that Ansell President John Silverman said, 'AIDS is a condom marketers' dream when gay men are dying in large numbers,'" said Volk.

"Gay and lesbian publications throughout the country have been at the vanguard in AIDS education," said Volk. "Without the efforts of the gay press, I believe there would have been considerably more AIDS deaths."

"For condom manufacturers to ignore the gay market by featuring women or non-gay couples in their advertising is a gross insult to our community. We call for this consumer action to show that we are not the 'captive' audience condom manufacturers might believe us to be," he said.

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THE IDES OF MARCH, 1987 by Jim, Los Angeles

At twenty-eight,
for the first time,
I saw my life
without me.
And I trembled
'til I cried.

Into perspective,
suddenly.
Everything -
into perspective.
And I began
to rebuild.
This time with
a clarity
of purpose -
a vision of life
limited (perhaps) by time,
but infinite in love.

Today
I live more
than ever before.
My family loves more
than ever before.
My friends love more
than ever before.
I love more
than ever before.
And it shows.

What some never know
I know
now.
I have been blessed
with love,
at twenty-eight.

WANTED

The Aids Project needs a "Logo"!!! It should be easily indentifiable to the Aids Project, or to signify what the Aids Project is all about. Please send your ideas and/or your thoughts to The Aids Project no later than September 18, 1987.

The Aids Project is also in need of two typewriters and a Word Processor with a printer. Please call (774-6877) or write The Aids Project if you can help with same.

Volunteers are needed for a special Aids vaccine program. You must have a negative HIV antibodies test reading to qualify. The program will be held in Bethesda, Maryland with travel expenses paid. Please call 301-496-7196 for further information.

SAVE THE DATE Friday, October 9, 1987

THE NATIONAL AIDS NETWORK IS HOSTING A

RECEPTION AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON DC

PLEASE JOIN DR. C. EVERETT KOOP & DR. ROBERT WINDOW
ON OCTOBER 9, FROM 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM, FOR A SALUTE TO

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THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"Your courage is remarkable, Richard, but we feel the governor's gay liaison should be a bit more sedate."



I HAVE TO FIND MY WAY by Keaston Wright

I'm looking for a better day
when discrimination goes away.
A place to lay my head,
where color doesn't matter;
What's in my heart instead.
I have to find my way.
There is a better day.

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of New York City.)



"I can't get over how they
flaunt their sexuality."



Cartoons by Michael Willhoite
from his book of cartoons
"Now For My Next Trick" -
Available from Alyson Publications,
Inc. - 40 Plympton Street - Boston,
Mass. 02118

In last months newsletter, we made a plea for "sponsorship" on AZT funding. We repeat that plea this month, and ask you all to help us out:

Recently it has come to the attention of TAP that certain individuals in Maine who have AIDS or ARC are having some difficulty finding adequate financial assistance to provide them with AZT. The problem seems to be that these individuals either are eligible for Medicaid and haven't received their card yet, or they are covered by private or group insurance that will only pay 80% of the cost for AZT. Since AZT can cost over \$800 per month, this can create quite a problem: the person who does not have Medicaid yet would need the full \$800 per month to start on the drug; the person who has 80% coverage under their insurance still needs to come up with an additional \$160 on their own.

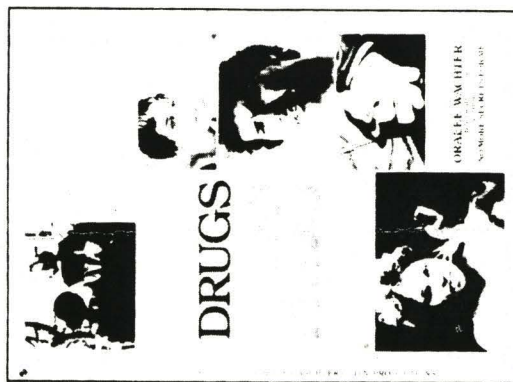
The benefits of AZT are well known. Persons with AIDS or ARC find it very hard to accept the situation of needing AZT and not being able to afford it, especially knowing that it is the only proven treatment available. One person who has insurance through work said that he would rather keep his job and not go on AZT (since he couldn't afford the additional 20%) knowing full well what this could mean to his health; for him the thought of losing his job, spending down to be eligible for Medicaid, etc., was not acceptable.

We know that the State of Maine is working hard to address this problem. It will take time for the State's response to be readied and then implemented. In the meantime, people in Maine need help. Therefore, TAP is hoping to set up a "Sponsorship" program for people needing financial assistance with AZT. This is only a temporary approach, but it is an important one. As the following letter makes clear, this problem can be solved. If you would like to help us "sponsor" people who need AZT and can't afford it, please send your earmarked funds to TAP. Every little bit will mean a lot.

MATERIALS

The Screaming Room by Barbara Peabody - now available in paperback - \$4.95 - at Shaws, Shop n Save, Bookland, wherever paperbacks are sold.

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**THE FIRST BOOK TO
SPEAK DIRECTLY TO
TEENAGERS ABOUT
THE FACTS AND
FALLACIES OF AIDS.**

Written by Oralee Wachter, producer of the acclaimed film, this is the first book to speak frankly to young people in their own language and answers questions about unsafe sexual and drug-related activities.

HOW HARD IS AIDS TO CATCH? • IS THERE A CURE? • WHAT IS AIDS ANYWAY? • I WANT TO HAVE SEX SOMEDAY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DIE. WHEN IS SEX SAFE? • DOESN'T AIDS JUST KILL GAY GUYS? • CAN STRAIGHT PEOPLE GET IT, TOO? • DOESN'T AIDS COME FROM NEEDLES? • WHAT IF I NEED A TRANSFUSION? • HOW CAN YOU TELL IF SOMEONE HAS AIDS? • CAN I GET AIDS AT WORK? • AT SCHOOL? • FROM KISSING? • WHAT IF I KNOW SOMEONE WHO USES DRUGS?

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WRITTEN MATERIAL sponsored by the Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Office on AIDS, Division of Disease Control.

- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS),
- AIDS: INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR EMPLOYEES
- AIDS: AM I AT RISK? A Self-Assessment Guide
- INFORMATION ABOUT HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
- IF YOUR HIV ANTIBODY TEST RESULTS ARE POSITIVE
- GUIDELINES FOR THE EDUCATION AND CARE OF PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AIDS
- SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME
COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: U.S. Public Health Services, Public Affairs Office, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 725-H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20201 (Phone:) (202) 245-6867

VHS VIDEO SELECTIONS

- New York City AIDS Report, New York City Department of Health, 12/85
- AIDS: An overview with Dr. Harold Jaffey, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, 11/85
- Primer on AIDS, (General Presentation) Kathleen Gensheimer, M.D., 11/85
- AIDS WORKSHOP, with William Nersesian, M.D.; Kathleen Gensheimer, M.D.; and Michael Bach, M.D., 12/30/85
- American Red Cross - Beyond Fear, a one hour film divided into the following three categories, 1)The Virus-22:04; 2)The Individual -17:28; 3)The Community-20:49. 7/86
- An Epidemic of Fear - AIDS in the Workplace, produced by Pacific Bell San Francisco AIDS Foundation 1986

Also available upon request is a list of the names and addresses of the Governor's Committee to Advise the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services on AIDS and, a statistical update of AIDS cases in Maine. For information on how to obtain the above materials please call the Office on AIDS at 289-3747 or write: Office on AIDS, State House, Station 11, Augusta, ME 04333. The Bureau of Health has just submitted for reprinting a document entitled, Questions and Answers on AIDS. When this becomes available, it can be obtained by contacting the above address.

NIGHT FALL by Sa'd Nathaniel McCoy

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York City.

As I sit alone in my room, patiently waiting for another day coming soon for a chance to awaken and be in my right mind, and feel the love of God is a special kind. Thanking God for another day, and to help me get through come what may I feel his presence always near, and as He casts out any fear, He guides me and protects me, always, anywhere, and I know He loves me and is always there. He is helping me through each new day, and gives me strength along the way. I trust in God to see me through each new day and everything I do as I sit all alone.

Gary Anderson
The AIDS Project
48 Deering Street
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Mr. Anderson:

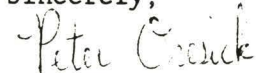
Barbara Peabody has suggested that I inform you and other AIDS resource center directors about a book published by the University of Pittsburgh Press--The Deepening Shade: Psychological Aspects of Life-Threatening Illness, by Barbara Sourkes, Ph.D. "The Deepening Shade," says Peabody, "has so many treasures for those dealing with life-threatening illnesses. . . . I think it might be very helpful to many of our families dealing with AIDS."

The Deepening Shade explores the impact on patients, families, and care-givers of living with a life-threatening illness. The book is addressed to mental health and health care professionals, as well as to those whose lives have been affected by the diagnosis of an illness like AIDS. I feel, as Ms. Peabody does, that it would be particularly valuable to the mental health division of your organization.

The Deepening Shade combines the discussion of separation and loss with the words of patients and families and care-givers. It leads the reader to feel, as well as to understand, the nature of the trauma of life-threatening illness. Unique and critical to this book for those involved with AIDS treatment is Dr. Sourkes's attention to the concept of "neutral time"--the state of limbo between living and dying, often a prolonged period, rendering the word "terminal" inapplicable much of the time. "My son Peter," Barbara Peabody wrote, "would have been delighted to see [Dr. Sourkes's] use of 'life-threatening' instead of 'fatal' or 'terminal!'"

The Deepening Shade also tackles "anticipatory grief," the emotional response to the pain of separation prior to the actuality of loss, and "loss of control," over one's body, over disease and pain, over emotional boundaries, over life itself--important concepts for both those with AIDS and their care-givers to understand.

Sincerely,



Peter Oresick
Promotion & Marketing Manager

The Deepening Shade can be ordered by contacting the University of Pittsburgh Press - 127 North Bellefield Avenue - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260 - Area 412-624-4110.

CONDOMS

ARE EFFECTIVE!

CALENDAR

- SEPT. 3 - A support group for HIV positive persons, PWAs, PWArcs, and their significant others will meet for the first time in the Bangor area at 7:00 PM. For location of the meeting and further information on the group, please call 942-4576 (evenings best). Subsequent meeting will be held weekly facilitated by Jeffrey Violette, M.D. and John W. Silvernail, MS.
- SEPT. 15 - National Aids Awareness Test to be hosted by Elizabeth Taylor, Cher. Alan Alda, Whitney Houston, and more, will be aired on Channel 51 (WPXT) at 9:00 PM, with a possible introduction by President Reagan.
- SEPT. 16 - Aids: A Forum On Recent Advances & Ethical Implications at the Tenth Annual Conference On Acute Medical Problems For The Primary Care Physician Assistant. Gary Anderson speaker - at the Ramada Inn - Congress Street - Portland - 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon.
- SEPT. 17 - The Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services group will be meeting at Pilgrim House First Parish Church - Brunswick - 6:00 to 9:00 PM - Among topics to be covered will be "Training for Public Speaking" - For further information call Julie Zimmermen at 833-5016
- SEPT. 19 - AIDS-Line Training for new volunteers - 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Please call the Aids Project - 774-6877 - for the location of the meeting, which will be in Portland.
- SEPT. 20 - Public Aids Forum - Gary Anderson speaker - Please call the Rev. Peter Luton of Yarmouth (846-4148) or The Aids Project (774-6877) for time and location.
- SEPT. 21 - The Governor's Aids Advisory Committee to meet at 9:30 AM - Senator Inn - Embassy Room - Augusta.
- SEPT. 23 - Aids Awareness Workshop - Rockland - Penobscot Bay Physicians Bldg. Conference Room C - 9:00 AM - For further details call The Aids Project (774-6877) or Ruth Driscoll at 594-9511 X297.
- SEPT. 25 - AIDS: Medical & Psychosocial Perspectives - U of M Presque Isle - Wieden Hall. For further information and time call Larry Johnson at 623-8411 or Northern Maine RAISE at 764-4178 or KAHEC Office at 454-2144 X48.
- SEPT. 26 - Strategy In Infectious Diseases - Dana Health Education Center - Maine Medical Center - Registration \$30.00 (includes lunch) - Two afternoon workshops of particular interest are: Sexually Transmitted Diseases-What's New and Aids In San Francisco-A Caregivers Prespective. Further information call Libby LeMieux at 871-2131.
- SEPT. 30 - Aids Conference - Colby College - Lovejoy Bldg. - Room 100 - Waterville - 7:30 PM - among the speakers will be Gary Anderson and a PWA.
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ONGOING CALENDAR

Every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Aids Project - 48 Deering Street - Portland - there is a group meeting for all PWA's, PWArc, caregivers, and family members, to share your thoughts and feelings relative to Aids. The meeting is conducted by Jacob Watson, M.A. Jacob is a spiritual teacher and psychotherapist. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Beacon College, and the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, he has trained with the Elizabeth Kubler-Ross Center.

On the first Tuesday of every month at the Aids Project - 48 Deering Street - Portland:

6:00 p.m. - A-Line Staff meeting.

7:00 p.m. - HIV Counselor Staff meeting.

FUTURE CALENDAR

- OCT. 2 - Aids Workshop - York County Counseling Service - Saco, Me. - Gary Anderson speaker - 8:30 AM registration - call The Aids Project (774-6877) for further information.
- OCT. 3 - Aids-Line Staff and R & R Staff meeting - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Re-energizing & Re-educating - All must attend.
- OCT. 6 - Help Maine Fight Aids - Learning To Teach About Aids - An Instructional Symposium at the Maine Medical Center - call The Aids Project (774-6877) for time and place to register.
- OCT.9-12 - The National March On Washington to help passage of the national lesbian and gay civil rights bill - to end discrimination against people with Aids - to increase funding for Aids research, education, and patient care. Further details available from The Aids Project (774-6877).
- OCT. 14 - Pastoral Care Training Session at The Aids Project - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - call 774-6877 for further details.
- OCT. 30 - Hancock County Aids Education Day - Downeast Health Services Inc. - 3 Oak Street - Ellsworth, Me. - 9:00 AM - Gary Anderson speaker - call The Aids Project (774-6877) for further details.
- NOV.1-7 - The Institute For Advanced Study Of Human Sexuality - San Francisco - Safe Sex Instructor Certification Program - Must apply by Oct. 1st - Application information, Prices, and further information available from The Aids Project (774-6877).

COMMENTS

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions to help the Newsletter meet your needs. If you have an event in your area that you would like to have published in the Aids Project Newsletter, please contact us at the Aids Project - 774-6877 - or by mail to the attention of: David Ketchum.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP TAP. FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS. CHECK THOSE YOU CAN DO:

- ____ YES, I WANT TO HELP TAP. I WOULD LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER. SEND ME AN APPLICATION.
- ____ YES, I WANT TO HELP TAP. I AM ENCLOSING A CONTRIBUTION.
- ____ YES, I WANT TO HELP TAP. I CAN DONATE NEEDED ITEMS OF FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ETC. CALL ME AT: _____
- ____ YES, I WANT TO HELP TAP. SEND ME INFORMATION ON WHO I SHOULD CONTACT IN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVT. TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR AIDS EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES.
- ____ YES, I WANT TO HELP TAP. I CAN'T DO SO RIGHT NOW, BUT ADD ME TO A MAILING LIST OF CONCERNED PEOPLE.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SEND THIS FORM TO:

48 DEERING ST.
PORTLAND, ME 04101
(207) 774-6877

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THE AIDS PROJECT

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WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE,
GIVE THEM ONE OF YOURS.....





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**A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS
 YOUR PRESENCE IS CORDIALLY REQUESTED IN WASHINGTON -
 AND THE TRIP'S ON US!**

Please consider joining hundreds of People with AIDS from across the country in a uniquely empowering experience!

Right now, a very special fundraising effort is taking place in households across America. It is called A TIME TO SHINE, and the money raised will bring People with Aids to Washington to lead the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987; and enjoy the other wonderful events planned for that very special weekend. It will also enable those who wish to participate in a mass AIDS lobbying effort directed at Congress and the White House.

If you are a Person with AIDS or ARC who cannot otherwise afford the expense of the trip, you are eligible to apply. All you need to do is fill out the application below and return it to: A TIME TO SHINE c/o N.A.P.W.A. 1012 14th Street N.W., #601, Washington, D.C. 20005. Your name will be entered with all others received and chosen on a random basis from a lottery to be held in mid-September. You will be notified on or before September 20 whether or not your name is drawn. A TIME TO SHINE will arrange and pay for all travel expenses, accomodations for 4 nights (October 8-11 preferred), local transportation, and all meals.

YES! I AM A PERSON WITH AIDS/ARC, AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A TIME TO SHINE			
Name		Address	
phone (day)	City	State	Zip
phone (eve)	point of contact (in emergency)		
Sexual orientation: gay lesbian bi hetero		Culture/Ethnicity: asian black hispanic white native american	
Please indicate whether you are applying for a full or partial sponsorship, by checking one of the categories below:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot afford any of the expense necessary for the trip to D.C.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can provide my own travel, but need help with housing and meals		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can provide my own housing, but need help with travel and meals		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can provide my own meals, but need help with travel and housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can provide all expenses for myself, but would like to be included in the TIME TO SHINE party and other P.W.A. activities.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	During the weekend, I am willing to participate in lobby activity.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	You may add my name to the N.A.P.W.A. mailing list.		

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