

## USAIR AND THE GAYS

USAir staffers have been circulating the unconfirmed story of an employee whose last name is Gay who boarded a USAir flight with a free stand-by ticket. Finding the seat assigned to him occupied by a paying passenger, he slipped into an empty one a few rows back. Then, due to a mechanical delay on another flight, the plane began filling up, so the gate agent came aboard to get all non-paying passengers off. Stopping at the seat assigned to Mr. Gay, he said to the man, "Are you Gay?" Looking startled, the man nodded, at which the agent said, "Then you'll have to get off." Mr. Gay, hearing this, called out to the agent, "You've got the wrong man - I'm Gay." Whereupon a young man seated across the aisle leapt to his feet and announced, "Hell, I'm gay too - they can't kick us all off!"

## LESBIAN HONORED

**SWEDEN** - Sweden recently issued what is believed to be the world's first paper currency carrying the portrait of a Lesbian. The country placed a portrait of Selma Lagerlöf, the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize for literature, on its new 20-kroner note. Lagerlöf's diaries and a collection of letters, which were published in 1990, tell of a "long relationship" between her and writer Sophie Elkan. The collection of letters includes about 6,000 exchanged between the two women.

Lagerlöf was awarded the gold medal of the Swedish Academy in 1904 and became its first female member ten years later. She won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1909.

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# Apex

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## FEMINISTS RALLY AGAINST RAPE

by James Melanson

"...anger. I can smell my anger like sulphur-struck matches. I wanted what had happened to be a wall to burn, a window to smash. At my fist the pieces would sparkle and fall. All would be changed. I would not be alone."

from *Justice Come Down*,  
by Minnie Bruce Pratt

On June 26th at 3:00 p.m., a woman narrowly escaped a sexual assault on Marginal Way near C&J

Trailways Bus Station. Only eight days later, another woman was raped on the 4th of July in the Fore Street Parking Garage. On July 17th, in response to these heinous attacks, the group, Feminists Against Rape (F.A.R.) gathered approximately 50 people at C&J Trailways to express our unequivocal sadness and rage. The participants then proceeded to march, pausing briefly at the Portland Press Herald Building to berate the supercilious tabloid for its ridiculous policy of consigning rape stories to its "In Brief" section. The marchers then proceeded down Exchange Street carrying signs and chanting, "Rape Is a Hate Crime, Jail the Bastards Every Time" and "Yes Means Yes and No Means No." Marchers then congregated at the Fore Street parking garage where fifty more people waited to participate in a rally. The objectives of the rally and of the preceding march were to

protest the lack of adequate security at the garage, to object to the bus station's policy of depositing passengers in a secluded area at night, and to dispense whistles to women for protection. Many of those attending

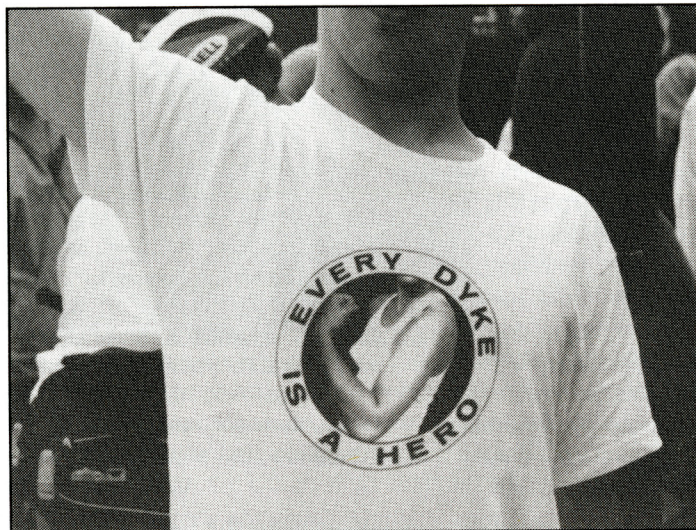


photo by Madeleine Winter

wore flags upside down - a signal of distress. Some spoke of their personal experience of having survived rape, while others expressed anger at public apathy, media indifference and police lack of involvement. Several police officers

stood across the street joking, laughing and discussing their bicycles. They remained oblivious of the specifics of the proceedings even when one of the demonstrators, over the megaphone, pointed out their conspicuous lack of interest in what was being said. Apparently the police in Portland have greater concerns than citizen involvement in seeking justice. One wonders how committed they are to actually apprehending these rapists, given their complete lack of concern.

Queer bashing was also denounced by speakers for the cowardice, malice and idiosyncrasy so intrinsically attendant to such bigoted attacks. Violence toward those perceived to be "feminine" is an implacable strategy of misogynous, heterosexist culture to keep women and queers in our "place." Our place

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## LETTERS

Ron McClinton died last month. Just for the record, Ron was not only the founder of the Matlovich Society. He had been, and would have been again, a radical. Matlovich was only the quiet beginning of a riot of hope Ron plotted for gay people.

Ron had a habit of rolling down his car window to make a loud come-on to some nearby straight dignitary. But he didn't bury action with talk. One time, he and a friend brought a picnic lunch - complete with table and candles - and camped out right in the office of the President of Maine Med. "It's today, right? It must be today you're gonna open the AIDS Resource Center. We can't wait another day - and you've been promising it for over a year. So we're here to celebrate." They batted their lashes and stayed an hour.

Ron was disowned by his father at age seventeen for marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. in Alabama. "No son of mine is a nigger-lover. You walk out that door and you're not coming back." He walked. And as a member of Students for a Democratic Society, Ron bombed draft boards with the best of them. He knew that change was not a casual thing, not polite, but an eternal, brash, loving struggle.

Bee Bell

Editor:

The thought of a landlord refusing to rent to a person based solely on who that person chooses to make smile in the heat of passion, is so ludicrous it ought to be amusing. Unfortunately such behavior is entirely legal in the state of Maine and the city of Portland. The legality of such nonsense makes it very unfunny indeed. The absurdity of anyone caring about who their tenants, neighbors, employees and co-workers sleep with is overshadowed only by the implications of the harm that

can be done if (supposed) sexual preferences are allowed to make a difference in renting and hiring practices.

As a (mostly) straight social worker, it is a part of my professional and personal code of ethics to struggle against prejudice wherever it turns up. The passage and subsequent suspension of Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance begs to be struggled with, and against, until it is overturned. The fate of this measure ultimately rests with Portland's voters in November. Responsibility for its fate rests with all of us. Let the pages of *APEX* inform all of us who are concerned about what we can (and must) be doing, to insure all of Portland's inhabitants the right to whatever housing pleases them. There appears to be a lot of untapped energy in the community; let's not waste it.

*(Name withheld by request)*

Dear *APEX*,

Your stable of excellent writers seems to know something about everything, so maybe you can answer this question:

Why oh why do so many lesbians love Christian Slater? I think he's a snivelling talentless twit. His major accomplishment and only talent is that irritating sneer, yet a huge number of my dyke friends, from college professors to psychologists to electricians, continue to empty the video shelves of his movies. Perhaps in a future issue I'll find out why.

An Anti-Christian



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# NO BUSINESS AS USUAL - This month in local activism

by Bee Bell

...I mean to suggest that we understand the nature of the problem and act accordingly. Suppose that men are like cars and that, regardless of the design, two-thirds of the time when a woman gets into a car she is hurt. It is important to treat her injuries. But our attention would focus on a solution - recalling the cars and finding another means of transportation.

Sarah Lucia Hoagland, *Lesbian Ethics*

What means will get us out of here?

Because, dudettes and dudes, we are in Familyland. In what's supposed to be a rebellious move, the Democratic Party is offering us babyboomboys: the 1950's versus Bush's 1850's, Pepsi vs. Coke. People of color and lotsa women seemed to populate their convention, because the party has quota rules for the televised convention floor - if nowhere else.

Why, why, why did Gore and Clinton have to parade their families so much?

For starters, because families exclude queers, put most social duty on women and split people into households. Each household needs its own TV. And domestic privacy leaves brothers, fathers and uncles free to beat and violate the women within their walls. Plus families produce babies, the fodder for wars, workplaces and shopping malls.

That's how you can tell that this Pepsi Party is our enemy, too. Some societies prize birth and want to breed lots of babies at any cost. These tend to oppose contraception, criminalize abortion and persecute queers. Other, mellower cultures with limited options for population growth don't get so crazed and intolerant about birth control, abortion, transsexuals and other queers. Guess which kind we

live in?

Neato. The Family Value Pack is out to control your body and to harass and beat you into producing more bodies, which will then be stacked into TV-lodging households where men can get at women. And start it all over.

photo by Annette Dragon



Liberty stops Kennebunkport traffic

Meanwhile, you're too busy loving one person or hating one person to align with all your people and combat this degrading tyranny.

Hence this month's activism. Many dykes - notably fewer fags - turned out for the Maine Choice Coalition's 7/2 rally to lament the Supreme Court's Rowe v. Wade decision. (Yes, abortion is still "legal" - so are college educations and good health insurance. Legal but not likely.) Sez the Coali-

tion, vote pro-choice people into office. Okay, that's one way. But all kinds of people are "pro-choice" these days - just not if it involves state funding, elimination of waiting periods, disobedience to parents or spouses, or anything else crucial to true choice. And even if we do get a strong Freedom of Choice Act into the Constitution, Operation Rescue will still threaten women and their doctors with violence and death. We will likewise need to keep watch, team up and organize resistance if we want to preserve choice, no matter what the laws say.

In other arenas this month, activists got inside God'n'family rituals and turned them inside out. Queer Nation took over the domain of the budding het couple with its own Prom Night on 6/28. Groovy that the news cameras were there to beam promoters into unsuspecting homes, but do the police have to be so welcome in Queer Nation's anti-violence project? Current cop honchos in Portland may not be as overtly anti-gay as other boys in blue, but this is due more to organized queer pressure than to a lasting advance in police departments' politics. Portland's own queer-run Pink Panther patrol might be our best bet for a regular show of strength to deter *More ACTIVISM on page 8*

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## WHERE WE'VE BEEN - an exploration of lesbian and gay history

by Stan Clough

"Marriage is slavery!" Elizabeth Cady Stanton expressed this sentiment a century and a half ago. Her Protestant upbringing taught that husbands should dominate their wives as ordained by the Bible. In New England in the 1830's, for example, a married woman had no legal existence apart from her spouse. She could not sue; she could not contract or execute her own will; her wages and property became her husband's. Divorce was rare and her public life was generally at a minimum.

The Revolution that freed the Thirteen Colonies from Britain and the subsequent Jacksonian Revolution of the 1820's and 30's expanded male suffrage. By the 1840's property qualifications were disappearing in the states on the Atlantic seaboard. But all this made it painfully and glaringly obvious that large parts of the Republic's population had no political rights: women, African-Americans and Natives.

Women attempted to create their own ideology in order to redress the imbalance in power. Since they could not vote or participate in the political process, they sought to express their minds in the domain to which they were relegated: the home. They became "Republican Mothers." The Republican Mother was the defender of civic virtue. She would instill in her sons the qualities needed to create an active and patriotic polity.

Hand in hand with this ideology was the notion that women were paragons of morality. Women, as preached by the conservative Protestant ministers, were endowed by their Creator with the task of keeping men on the straight and narrow. Politics and business were dirty activities, so they were the domains of men. Women were to stay at home so as not to sully their virtuous souls. Their gentle temperaments would have ameliorating affects on their husbands and sons.

Due to the social, cultural, legal and political disabilities, women sought other women for companionship. The bonds that tied women to their husbands created new

bonds that connected women together, as suggested by Sarah Grimke's letter to Mary Parker. Women were sisters in chattel slavery. But many women took to heart the notion that they were moral arbiters: they went out into the public arena as activists for prohibition and abolition. The exclusion of women at the 1840 World Anti-Slavery Convention was too much for Stanton and her allies to stomach.

So on July 19, 1848, at Seneca Falls, New York, Stanton, Lucretia Mott and other feminists gathered to discuss the issues that affected women. Mott, a Quaker, came from a culture that allowed women to preach and prophesy. She believed only women and men together could create a just society. Stanton, a conservative Protestant, believed women to be morally superior to men, so it was logical to conclude that women should run the Republic. Mott disagreed: if given absolute power, women would be as tyrannical as men. They further disagreed when Stanton included in the historic declaration of sentiments a call for female suffrage. The measure passed with the help of Frederick Douglass.

The new women's rights movement drew women together to a greater extent. Susan B. Anthony, editor of the feminist paper *The Revolution*, sent letters of love to Anna Dickinson on the journal's stationery.

The birth of the women's movement at Seneca Falls is important to Lesbian history. Stanton's call for the right to vote would be an important aspect in the struggle for women to break the bonds of marriage. With the ability to participate in political action as full citizens, Stanton and Anthony reasoned that women would have a powerful argument against the traditional relationship of marriage. Women would be more free to love whom they choose.

Next month, Walt Whitman.

Books to read:

*The Bonds of Womanhood*, Nancy F. Cott

*Women of the Republic*, Linda K. Kerber

*Gay American History*, Jonathan Katz, ed. ▼

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from 1,000 REASONS NOT TO VOTE FOR BUSH (*Spy Magazine's* 7/92 issue)



## QUEER ON THE QUADS

edited by Erica Rand

Ok, so I didn't do my homework, and have no student columnist for this month. So in desperation, I have dusted off the submission I would have contributed to this column had it been in existence when I was in college. I wrote this poem to the person who ripped all the political fliers off my dorm room door, and its message still seems pertinent given the huge amount of vandalism done last year to lesbian, gay and safe-sex posters. So I offer it with the following message to queers on the quads: if you would rather read something more current than 13-year-old poems, please contact me, c/o APEX, about writing for this column. Or next month you might be reading "2 Ys U R" poems from my autograph book.

O baby doll, O cutie pie  
O ardent soul with values high  
O angel fair with name unknown  
Who to my door with wings has flown

When you alit I wasn't there  
But lest I not be well aware  
That charm and style had graced my floor  
You left a message on my door.

I must admit that I was jarred  
By your distressing calling card  
For was it not perhaps too brash  
To turn my fliers into trash.

Am I too humorless or crude  
If I see you as vile and rude?  
I know it may be hard to see  
But in a way, that door was me.

So holy child with ardor fresh  
When you partake of blood and flesh  
Before you call it wine and bread  
Go violate yourself instead. ▼

## PREVIEW - *Bent*

by Alexander Wallace

*Bent*, a controversial drama by Martin Sherman, about Homosexuals in Nazi Germany destroyed in the Holocaust, will receive its premier Portland presentation by Molly House Productions, an amateur group dedicated to showcasing Gay/Lesbian art, drama and music. (*Bent* is a derogatory term for homosexuality.)

*Bent* tells the story of Max, a rich, well-connected debonair but closeted young gay man-about-town in Hitler's Berlin, abandoned by family and friends, as his homosexuality becomes publicly known and he falls victim to Nazi persecution. At the extermination camp where he is sent, Max encounters Horst, a more defiant gay, and together, they face death at the hands of the Nazis.

Controversial even in its New York premier in the 1980's when Richard Gere and David Dukes starred as Max and Horst, *Bent* depicts the fate of some of the lesser known minority victims of Nazi hatred, including Gypsies, the mentally ill and physically disabled, atheists and homosexuals. The play, which reaches a dramatic climax when Max and Horst, half-nude, but forbidden by the camp guards to touch each other, imagine and simulate sexual orgasm. *Bent* outraged some reviewers and offended some theatre-goers. Some said the sexual aspects of *Bent* trivialized the Holocaust, some claimed that homosexuals were not involved in the Holocaust at all (or "deserved" to be!) and the question of the silence of German religious groups to the Holocaust was untouched. Traditionalists' displeasure at the inclusion of homosexuals as victims of the Holocaust was noted as the same kind of "moral outrage" that produced the death camps in the first place.

However, *Bent*, deeply felt and intensely moving, opened many eyes to Nazi homophobia and the death of gays in the extermination camps. With macho stud-star Gere and well-known Broadway dramatic actor Dukes in the roles of the two lovers, *Bent* attracted many play-goers who would not ordinarily have ventured near a "gay" play. *Bent* has been produced all over the world. ▼

For performance information, please see Calendar, on page 6.

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# CALENDAR

## SAT./SUN. 8/1-2

Lakes-Mountains Connection camping weekend Ryegate, VT. FMI ☎ (603) 726-3667.

## SATURDAY 8/1

Monadnock Area Womyn Pool Party at Sue & Marty's. 1pm. FMI & directions ☎ (603) 357-5757.

*Bent*, Martin Sherman's controversial drama about homosexuals in Nazi Germany is performed at the Bookland Theatre on Congress St., Portland, ME. Donation/\$7. For reservations (207) 774-2142.

## SUNDAY 8/2

*Bent*, Bookland Theatre, Congress St., Portland, ME. Donation/\$7. For reservations ☎ (207) 774-2142.

## MONDAY 8/3

Equal Protection/Portland meets at 72 Pine St., Portland, ME, 7pm. come and help fight the referendum! Info line (207) 780-5656.

## TUESDAY 8/4

Feminists Against Rape (FAR) meets every Tues. 7pm, Portland, ME for discussion and planning. If you are a feminist determined to help make Portland a city free of sexual violence, ☎ (207) 772-0935 or (207) 772-5941 for location.

## FRI.-SUN. 8/7-9

Third Annual Lesbian & Gay Family Camping Weekend, Moonstorm Farm, Worcester, VT. \$75 for a family of 3. FMI ☎ (802) 229-0109.

## FRIDAY 8/7

*Bent*, Bookland Theatre, Congress St., Portland, ME. Donation/\$7. For reservations ☎ (207) 774-2142.

## SATURDAY 8/8

Sam & Amelia Barbecue at Union Village Dam. FMI ☎ (603) 646-3268.

Time Out's 1st Annual Tour de Portland. Bicycle the Portland-Falmouth area. Brunch at Deering Oaks & eve. picnic on E. Prom, Portland, ME. FMI ☎ (207) 883-6934.

*Bent*, Bookland Theatre, Congress St., Portland, ME. Donation/\$7. For reservations ☎ (207) 774-2142.

## SUNDAY 8/9

The Women of the Woods "Women's Tea," an organizational mtg, in Plainfield, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 229-0109.

*Bent*, Bookland Theatre, Congress St., Portland, ME. Donation/\$7. For reservations ☎ (207) 774-2142.

Mt. Washington Hike - bring lunch, rain cancels. 10am. FMI ☎ (603) 749-1449.

## MONDAY 8/10

Equal Protection/Portland meeting (see 8/3).

## TUESDAY 8/11

FAR meeting (see 8/4).

## THURSDAY 8/13

Hear APEX's own columnist, Stanwyn Clough, Master's Candidate in History, USM speak on: *From Amazons to Matlovich: Gays and Lesbians in the Military*, an illustrated history of lesbians and gay men in combat, from classical Athens to the Vietnam War. Matlovich Society, Rines Aud., Portland Library, 5 Monument Sq. 7:30-9pm. Wheelchair accessible.

## FRI.-SUN. 8/14-16

Baxter Camping/Kathadin Hike - FMI☎(207) 883-6934.

## SATURDAY 8/15

Lambda women-only dance at Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH FMI ☎ (603) 746-3339.

NH Pride coordination session for 1993 March on Washington. FMI ☎ (603) 382-9308.

## MONDAY 8/17

Equal Protection/Portland meeting (see 8/3).

## TUESDAY 8/18

FAR meeting (see 8/4).

## FRIDAY 8/21

Vermont Crones, lesbians over 40 - 6pm dinner & 7:30 social. Autumn Crest Inn, Williamstown, VT. \$2 (no phone number provided).

## SATURDAY 8/22

Amelia Canoes on Grafton Pond. 1pm. FMI ☎ (603) 632-7146 (Mandy).

## MONDAY 8/24

Equal Protection/Portland meeting (see 8/3).

## TUESDAY 8/25

FAR meeting (see 8/4).

## THURSDAY 8/27

Cruise Casco Bay with the Matlovich Society! A chem-free sunset cruise on *The Bay View Lady*, 7-9pm, \$10 (\$5 for members of Matlovich Society): Tickets available at Matlovich mtgs, Drop Me a Line and from Board members. Departs from Fisherman's Wharf, 184 Commercial St., Portland, ME. FMI ☎ 657-2850.

## MON.-WED. 8/31-9/2

PWA (People with AIDS) retreat at Grey Ghost Inn, W. Dover, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 254-8263 or w/in VT (800) 69 VT PWA.

## MONDAY 8/31

Equal Protection/Portland meeting (see 8/3).

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### FESTIVALS

**Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.** 8/11-16. FMI (brochure & tix) write to WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.

**Sisterspace Pocono Weekend.** 9/11-13. FMI ☎ (215) 476-2424.

### RhythmFest '92

9/3-7. Lookout Mt., GA. FMI write to 2009 Chapel Hill Rd., Box LC, Durham, NC 27707. (919) 419-1923.

### Ohio Lesbian Fest

9/12. FMI write to POB 02086, Columbus, OH 43202.

### CONFERENCES

**Fourth Annual Fall Lesbian Conference,** Keene, NH, Sat. 9/19, 9am-5pm. \$10-15 sldg fee in adv., \$15/door. Workshops. FMI, send SASE to: Monadnock Area Womyn, POB 6345, Keene, NH 03431 or ☎ (603) 352-6741. Lesbians only.

### UPCOMING

#### Take the bus to D.C.

to view the entire AIDS Quilt. Leave Keene, NH 10/9 at 10pm, spend Sat. viewing the quilt & attending the candlelight march to the Lincoln Memorial & return to Keene that night. \$75/person. FMI ☎ Frank Kellom (603) 357-0979 or POB 348, Keene, NH 03431.

## LESBO-MOM UPDATE

by Annette Dragon

Back in February, *APEX* featured Terry, the Maine woman who was not allowed to become a den mother for her son's Cub Scout troop because she is a lesbian. In the six months between then and now, Terry hasn't been sitting home wishing things were different. She has been publicly challenging the scouts' homophobic policies and has lobbied to convince the United Way to discontinue funding the Boy Scouts of America.

Some of the groups who have heard Terry speak have been the Portland Interfaith Council (whose members represent all of the city's churches), The Matlovich Society, the Westbrook Clergy Association, the Seacoast Gay Men's Association and the anti-discrimination committee of the United Way. She has been interviewed on the Al Diamon Show and WMPG's "Out In Left Field."

Terry was *Casco Bay Weekly's* cover girl in March and continues to be an ongoing issue in *Portland Press Herald*. Maine can't contain her; she's been featured in *Bay Windows*, the *San Francisco Sentinel*, Los Angeles' *Frontiers* and several times in the *Washington Blade*. In April Terry and her son Nicholas were

guests on "The Jerry Springer Show," a Cincinnati-based Donahue-esque talk show which reaches 40% of the country.

On June 28th, San Franciscans cheered as Tim Curran (the original Scout ousted by the BSA), William Boyce Muller (grandson of the founder of BSA) and Terry rode in the Gay Pride Parade. That night Terry was honored by the National

and Levi Strauss & Co. have stopped funding the scouts.

Back at home, Terry downplays her role in the recent passage of Portland's Equal Rights Bill. And even through the Greater United Way of Portland continues to fund the BSA at present, she is optimistic that it will revise its anti-discrimination policy by the end of the year. A review is underway which will probably generate

policy discussions within the 36 community organizations who rely on United Way funding. Terry's major goal of "getting people talking" has been met. Even some of Nick's classmates have talked with him, without adult-type



Terry makes new friends in San Francisco

Center for Lesbian Rights. And soon she will be in Denver, representing the Forgotten Scouts in the steering committee for 1993's National March on Washington. The woman gets around.

Across the country, pledges to the United Way have been canceled as more ex-scouts and would-be scouts go public with their stories. The San Francisco United Way has withdrawn all funding to the BSA. Similar movements are underway in Seattle and Canada. Several large corporations, including the Wells Fargo Bank, the Bank of America

embarrassment, about what it's like to have a mom who's a lesbian. And Terry, this lesbo-mom, who doesn't even come close to the BSA-model-mom, has just been elected president of the Many Rivers Program's Parents Organization at Hall School.

Terry's on a roll. She doesn't expect the scouts to change their policy in the near future, but they can no longer discriminate without public censure. Her long-range dreams are universal peace and tolerance; short-term goals are to appear on Oprah and the new Whoopi Goldberg show. ▼



## ASK THIGHMASTER

Dear Thighmaster,

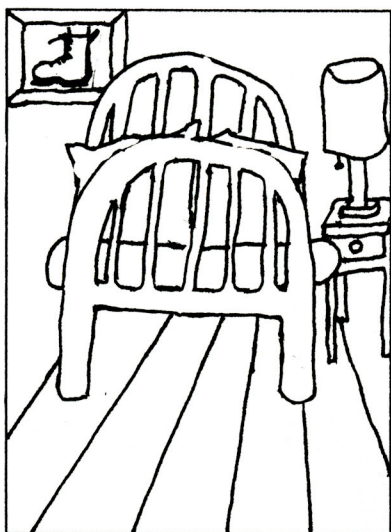
I saw the film *Nice Girls Don't Do It* at the Maine Lesbian and Gay Film Festival last month, and it left me with the following question about female ejaculation: Do I have to shave my pubic hair and use a leather dildo in order to ejaculate?

WET AND CONTEMPLATING WILD

Dear WET,

No. Fingers will do and hair can stay. Thighmaster recommends for all squirt-chasing women an article that appeared recently in *Bad Attitude* (vol. 7, #5, 1992, still out in the bookstores), by Shannon Bell, the demo model in *Nice Girls*. In addition to providing step-by-step instructions and nifty pictures, she also spews forth an impressive list of reasons to try it that is destined to hit every dyke target: She manages to bring in the goddess, health issues (ejaculating apparently may reduce the risk of yeast infection), pleasure, power and even - for those overeducated

chicks who can no longer get off without help from women's studies (Thighmaster, by the way, advises you to get over it) - the philosophical musings of Luce Irigaray.



drawing by Naomi Falcone

And another thing about this leather dildo issue. In these difficult economic times, Thighmaster advises toyfriends to start eroticizing some cheap alternatives. *Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex Guide*, by Susie Bright, tells you how to get those pesky pesticides off cucumbers. And you know that old Mainer wisdom about how you should always leave your car windows rolled up during zucchini season lest some overproducing farmers dump their surplus into your vehicle? Think it over.

Sincerely,  
Thighmaster

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bashing and harassment.

Speaking of which, Feminists Against Rape turned out for a 7/17 rally after a woman was raped at gunpoint on so-called Independence Day. To the crowd FAR distributed rape whistles bought with Old Port business donations. FAR wore U.S. flags pinned upside down to indicate a state of distress and broken freedom. While some speakers mentioned traditional FAR focuses such as changing public attitudes, improving media coverage of hate crime and increasing police protection, others urged violent retaliation against attackers. "It's safest to start out assuming every man you meet is a rapist," one woman pointed out as she set fire to her flag. Another aptly described Fore Street - the site of the rape - as a "regional mecca for predatory behavior," where packs of men drink together and then rove around and attack. The rally's theme, "Raped on the Fourth of July," sharply invoked the supposed all-American boyishness through which rape functions.

Short of more concrete tactics of sabotage or interference - strikes, smuggling, destruction of property, invasion of buildings - our symbolic protests seem to work best when they are usefully offensive. Like burning a flag. Or going in drag to a high school prom - inverting some icon to spark reaction. It doesn't always work. ACT UP/Portland's last street theatre in Kennebunkport, dramatizing Bush's asinine policy against HIV+ immigrants, was so self-contained and unobstructive to residents that some assumed it was a pro-Bush rally. But blocking traffic until cops threatened arrest fixed that. Still, we've got to make sure that our actions are for us but not only for us, that we target powerful people and institutions to get response and make change. ▼

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#### VP RECOMMENDS PESTICIDE

NEW YORK - VP Quayle was ridiculed on the gossip page of the *New York Post* in early May for confusing the alphabet-soup of AIDS drugs.

"Are they taking DDT? Quayle asked during a visit to a Manhattan AIDS ward.

Quayle was informed that DDT is bug spray and that he must mean AZT, DDC or DDI.

He turned red, the *Post* reported.

DENMARK - The world's only gay-marriage country has un-banned a safe-sex TV ad that shows two men kissing.

The "Remember Your Condom" spot was axed by the state Advertising Commission in late 1989 because the gay kiss was "unseemly."

The National Association of Gays and Lesbians (LBL), which produced the ad, appealed to the Minister of Communications who finally lifted the ban last month.

LBL promptly re-edited the spot to make the kiss two seconds longer.

During the censorship battle, the ad was shown many times on news programs.

"The best thing that can happen [is] to get your ad banned. Then everyone sees it," noted LBL Secretariat Bent Hansen.

This month's news comes from *The Washington Blade*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Chicago Outlines*.

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increasingly, is in the streets at each other's sides, protesting the inextricably linked evils of misogyny and queerphobia.

Whistles were distributed at the rally, many of which were paid for by donations from Old Port merchants. A whistle, it was pointed out, prevented the rape and possibly saved the life of the survivor of the parking garage attack.

Toward the end of the rally, one of the participants demonstrated how quickly and efficiently the flag can be disposed of in flames. Apparently, the flag can be gotten rid of far more easily than the misogynous violence which permeates our streets. Male aggression stinks up our city with its wretched excess and insidious commonality. The murder and rape of women has become so commonplace, in fact, that the media has used this as justification for not adequately and responsibly covering these crimes, and the police have used it to justify doing nothing.



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Only through collective action can we hold them responsible to do their jobs. Only through the expression of militant anger can we effectively counteract the hate-laden aggression that destroys freedom. We must insist that the streets be made safe.

Toward that end, Feminists Against Rape was formed late last winter, after the daytime abduction and rape of a woman on Munjoy Hill in Portland. (The man who sexually assaulted her, and who subsequently attacked another woman and a young girl, is still at large.) We are increasingly concerned that so little information regarding the epidemic of hate crimes toward women is being disseminated and that so little is being done by the police. Radical action is obviously needed. We will no longer sit by and remain silent.

"Hope has two daughters - Anger and Courage."

Barbara Boxer

*Ed. - For further information about FAR's weekly meetings and activities, please see the listing in the Resource Guide. ▼*

Reason No. 515: Scoring a ringer in horseshoes, the President said, "Mr. Smooth does it again."

Reason No. 5: Harry Blackmun is 84 years old.

Reason No. 895: He can't remember a single book that has influenced him.

Reason No. 431: As Vice President, he broke ties in the Senate to continue nerve-gas production.

Reason Nos. 753-754: To demonstrate that his environmental presidency was not a hollow facade, he went on a 10-day, 3-state tree-planting field trip. He transplanted an Elm from the White House to North Dakota, bringing North Dakota's first gypsy moths along with it.

Reason No. 112: On day one he got lost in the White House.

(Spy Magazine)



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**Dial Kids, 774-TALK** - for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth under 19 yrs of age.

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**Ingraham Volunteers** (207) 774-HELP.

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### SOCIAL GROUPS

**AM CHOFSHI** - Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish group, meets monthly. FMI ☐ (207) 871-1014 (Bob).

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(603) 898-1115

**TIME OUT** - Outdoor recreation and environmental club for lesbians, gay-men & friends. Free newsletter lists outdoor sports, instructional and environmentally related events for the NH and ME area. FMI ☐ (603) 749-1449 or SASE to Time Out, c/o 17 First St., Suite 6, Dover, NH 03820.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**ACOA** - Lesbian and gay mtg. Thurs. 6-7:30 pm, Mon. 7-8:30 pm. YWCA, Portland, ME.

**THE AIDS PROJECT** - 22 Monument Square, 5th Fl., Portland, ME 04101 FMI ☐ (207)774-6877 about various support groups in Portland, Auburn/Lewiston & Brunswick, ME areas.

**ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY AIDS COALITION (AVAC)** - 70 Court St., 2nd Fl., Auburn, ME. Support grp for people with HIV & their loved ones. Thurs. 7pm. FMI ☐ (207) 786-4697.

**GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL PARENTS GROUP OF MAINE** - FMI ☐ (207) 772-4741 (Frank).

**INTEGRITY** - St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union St., Hallowell, ME. Meets 1st Fri. of the month, 7pm. FMI ☐ (207) 622-6631.

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**FMI:** Outright, Portland Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth, POB 5028, Station A, Portland, ME 04101.

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**RUMFORD/MEXICO AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP** - Mon. at Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church") 7-8:30pm. Main St., Mexico, ME. FMI ☐ (207)369-0259.

**LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE** - meets Fri. Noon at the UNE campus. U. of New England, 11 Hills Beach Rd., Biddeford, ME 04005 FMI ☐ (207) 283-0171 x372.

**MERRYMEETING AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES** - P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011-0057. Provides support group services regarding AIDS & HIV. FMI ☐ (207)725-4955.

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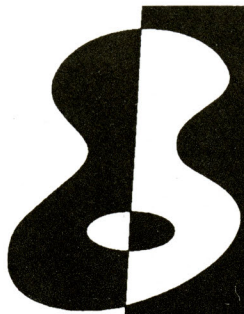
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