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### 6TH ANNUAL CHARLIE HOWARD COMMEMORATION SET FOR JULY 6-8

Six years ago, on July 7, 1984, a young man was thrown from a bridge in Bangor to drown. His name was Charlie Howard and he was gay -- a fact which had everything to do with his murder. That event, and the travesty of justice resulting from the trial of his killers, roused the lesbian and gay community -- and a small band of justice-minded 'straights' -- in Bangor and throughout Maine as nothing had ever done before. Every year Charlie Howard's death is remembered -- by his fellow members of the Bangor Unitarian Church and by the gay and lesbian community throughout Maine.

This year's commemoration will involve several events over the weekend of July 6, 7 and 8. The weekend begins on Friday with the showing of the Academy Award winning film, "The Times of Harvey Milk," a brilliant documentary about the gay San Francisco elected official who was assassinated by fellow official Dan White in 1978. The film showing is slated for 8:00 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street. Prior to the film, community members are invited to share in a potluck beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the center.

Saturday's pace changes with a chem-free dance at the Keith Anderson Community Center on Bennoch Road in Orono. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. and run until 1:00 a.m. Orono-based d.j. John Ostuni will provide the music, and GLCN will sell soda. Admission is \$3.

Sunday events begin with an 11:00 a.m. service at the Bangor Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Maine Streets. Following the service, at 12:30 p.m., there will be a march from the church down Main Street to the bridge on State Street from which Charlie Howard was thrown to his death. At the bridge, people will pause to remember Charlie Howard and the assemblage is invited to toss a flower into the waters of the Kenduskeage Stream below.

Those gathered at the bridge continue their march up Main Street to Davenport Park where a rally follows. Speaking at the rally will be the Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong, a Unitarian minister from Massachusetts who was a pastor in Augusta at the time of Charlie Howard's death. Strong and Howard were friends and the minister was among those focusing media attention on the centrality of homophobia in the murder. His topic will be "Participating in Our Own Oppression."

Additional local speakers as well as music will form the remainder of the program.

### "THE WORLD'S LARGEST GARAGE SALE" — WE'LL BE THERE, TOO!

You've heard the saying, "We Are Everywhere," and what would a good sale be without some gay men to arrange the merchandise and some dykes to carry it?

So, on June 16 at the Pickering Square Parking Garage in downtown Bangor (the big new garage) -- along with dozens of other community groups -- GLCN will staff a booth to sell **YOUR GOOD USED GOODS**. Clean out your closet, not to mention your attic (except no adult clothes), and share your treasures with us.

Call Marguerite at 827-3107 to volunteer for help on set up and staffing of our booth and to donate goods. And look for us at the sale. It would be nice if you bought something, too.



## **LOUNGING ON THE RIVERFRONT**

Thanks to the enterprising efforts of Mike and Dave, the Queen City (ahem) now has a gay bar, the Riverfront Lounge. Located at 193 Broad Street (the former site of Jimmy's) underneath The Greenhouse, the club features a friendly, well-decorated atmosphere. Mike, Dave and the entire crew are working hard to please customers and they'll be glad to serve you (provided you're of legal age).

The Riverfront Lounge is open Wednesday - Sunday, 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., with a d.j. from 9:00 p.m. until closing.

The proprietors say, "We encourage everyone to come; otherwise it won't work." Truer words were never spoken.

## **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

Another business seeking our patronage and matronage is Bookmarc's at 10 Harlow Street, Bangor (942-3206). Works of lesbian literature for Amy Manville Graham's Spring course were ordered through this friendly store, and some of the books are still available for purchase in limited quantities. Also, the folks at Bookmarc's certainly are willing to order gay and lesbian titles -- you won't get any funny looks if you ask for 'our' titles and you may even find yourself in a literary conversation (imagine a literate conversation with 'the help' in a bookstore in Bangor!). Perhaps if we continue asking for titles of interest to lesbians and gay men, they'll stock even more.

## **SUMMER BRUNCH SCHEDULE CHANGED**

Due to busy summer schedules and difficulties in arranging a 'hostess' for each of the monthly lesbian brunches, the group has decided to forego the monthly schedule in June, July and August in favor of one large picnic gathering mid- to late summer at a special lakeside location. More word next month on a date and other details.

In the meantime, the brunch group also has decided to try monthly brunches again in the Fall -- this time at members' homes rather than the Peace & Justice Center.

Stay tuned for further developments -- and keep those casseroles handy.

## **LESBIANS UNDER STUDY**

Dr. Sandra Caron and Marjorie Ulin, a graduate student in the UMaine School of Human Development, are seeking lesbians throughout New England who are in couple relationships to participate in a study. The subjects: closeting issues and the internal dynamics of lesbian relationships.

The scholars hope that an understanding of these issues will contribute to the strengthening of lesbian couples and contribute to society's greater understanding of lesbians choosing to live together as couples.

All information will be kept strictly confidential. If you are interested in participating, please contact in writing either Sandy or Marjorie at the University of Maine, School of Human Development, 15 Merrill Hall, Orono, ME 04469. If you have questions, you can call them at 581-3138.



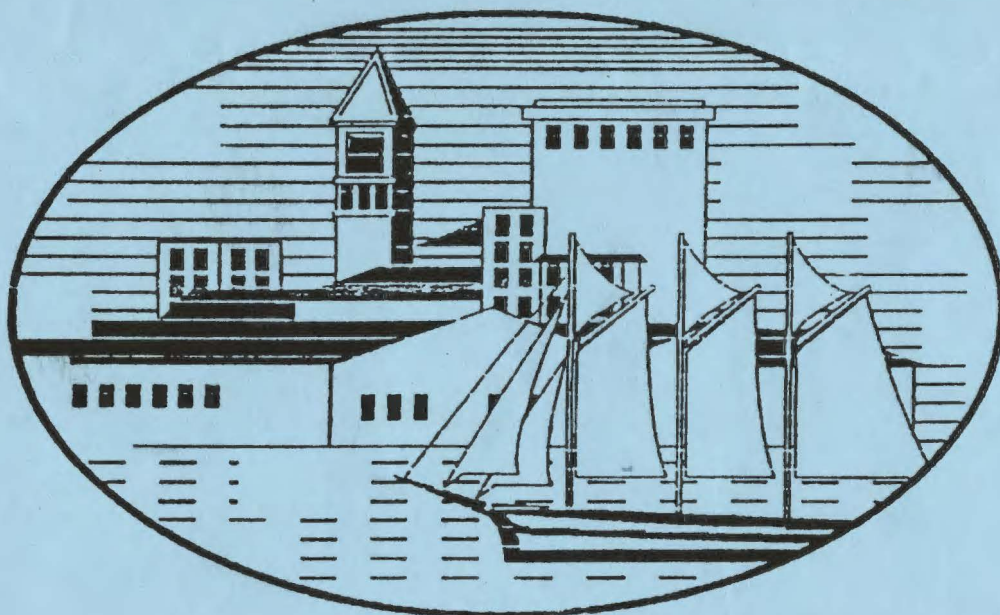
## THE COMMUNITY'S CALENDAR

- Tue., June 12:** Primary Election Day
- Wed., June 13:** GLCN Support Group meets, Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor
- Sat., June 16:** "World's Greatest Garage Sale" at Pickering Square Parking Garage, downtown Bangor; join us at the GLCN Booth, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Wed., June 20:** GLCN Political/Education Task Force meets, Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor
- Wed., June 27:** GLCN General Meeting, Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor
- Thu., June 28:** 21st Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, Greenwich Village, New York City -- the night the drag queens fought back for themselves and all of us (also the night Judy died, and if you have to ask which Judy plan to enroll in the lesbian/gay history course being planned for the Fall!)
- Sat., June 30:** 4th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous Hardwick decision allowing states to outlaw 'sodomy'
- Tue., July 3:** The Networker Folding, Stapling, Stuffing, Licking, Stamping, Mailing Party, 7:30 p.m., Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor
- Wed., July 4:** United States Independence Day (a good day to reflect on whose freedom we're being asked to celebrate)
- Fri., July 6:** Charlie Howard Commemoration Opens with a Potluck Supper and Film Showing; 6:30 p.m., potluck; 8:00 p.m., "The Times of Harvey Milk," both at the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor (the hat will be passed for a donation, but if you can't contribute, please come anyway)
- Sat., July 7:** Charlie Howard Memorial Dance, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., Keith Anderson Community House, Bennoch Road, Orono (right behind the Post Office), \$3/person; John Ostuni, d.j.
- Sun., July 8:** Charlie Howard Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Bangor Unitarian Church, corner of Main and Union Streets  
March and Rally, 12:30 p.m., march from Unitarian Church to State Street Bridge for brief ceremony marking the site of Charlie Howard's murder, followed by march to Davenport Park on Main Street for a rally; principal speaker is the Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong

## JUNE IS GAY PRIDE MONTH

(so lets be especially gay during this first Gay Pride Month in the Gay '90's)

# **Riverfront Lounge**



**Dancing  
Munchies  
Wed-Sat 7-1**

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