

RUSH AD CAUSES INDIGESTION

(The Washington Blade) -

Is a pizza pie political? For some Gay activists, it depends on who eats it.

This month, Gay online networks sizzled with angry reactions to a Pizza Hut commercial starring Rush Limbaugh.

Pizza Hut's Chris Romoser said Limbaugh is "not a spokesperson" for the company.

"This commercial is all about pizza - it's not about politics," said Romoser.

"[This is] a limited run ad," said Romoser. "It is about poking fun at himself and eating pizza."

Some, however, didn't find the ad so funny. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) urged people to call Pizza Hut's corporate headquarters to complain about the commercial.

"Limbaugh has already used his own national TV to promote the Pizza Hut commercial and urged his fans to praise the company for having the good sense to hire him," wrote GLAAD in a recent "Media Watch" report. "We blatantly disagree. Limbaugh uses his national TV and radio broadcasts to spread misinformation and to ridicule lesbians and gay men. He recently derided rural lesbians by saying 'these women are mating with pigs on the farm in order to perpetuate the species.'"

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SCENES FROM A CIVIC CENTER...

by Peter Prizer

...One thing you have to say for Carolyn H.T. Cosby, cult leader and cue stick personified of Concerned Maine Families: her remarkable scowl and upthrust chin complete a wonderful caricature of meddlesome "concern," blended lavishly with extra scoops of ignorance and paranoia, all camera-ready in these very camera-ready Nineties.

Watching her perform in an Augusta Civic Center setting hosted by the legislature's Judiciary Committee, one had to ponder what sort of strange inner mechanism keeps her ticking. She's sort of like the little pink Energizer bunny that's joined a far-right militia - innocent looking, almost goofy on the outside, but just possibly carrying 50 pounds of plastic explosives strapped to her brain.

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The point of the whole early May afternoon was to have lawmakers hear opposing sides of the CMF-sponsored anti-equal rights referendum, and that was certainly accomplished. Cosby's contingent, thick with middle-aged guys in suits, arms manly folded across chests, was pretty much what you'd expect to see. The grim-faced guy from Lisbon Falls ("I'm not a bigot, but ...") clutching the oversized scarlet poster exhorting you and me to repent - in so many words - was a nice B movie touch. (In a FOX-TV docu-drama, Cosby could easily play herself, script optional, and the whole thing would be titled, "Carolyn's Big Adventure.")

Except for Cosby (she was a sideline monitor and really too much a VIP to be lined up for her turn at the microphone), the right-wingers all took turns testifying, "fears of queers" the general theme. Enacting the proposed referendum question, written by CMF's smart lawyer, Bruce Fein, essentially would be a great victory for goodness in the (increasingly) evil world; "goodness," of course, personified not so discreetly by the CMF-ers, burden as it must be.

A discordant note from the homophobes, alas (which quickly became an on-going tirade), was how the wicked state Attorney General's office had thwarted CMF at every turn, spurned every offer to cooperate and was probably plotting right this very moment to screw these decent, God-fearing folk. Sprinkled among tales of state-sponsored duplicity were more than enough unkind remarks directed personally to the Attorney General. One suspects they've already stumbled onto a tidy

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In honor of Pride, we just couldn't bear to print another picture of Carolyn Cosby on the front page...



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*Schedule of Events*Tuesday, June 13

7pm - PFLAG special meeting at Woodford's Church

Wednesday, June 14

6pm - Pride Pet Picnic at Payson Park

8pm - Game/Casino Night at CiTi to benefit the Gay Press

Thursday, June 15

7:30pm - Stonewall movie at Sisters

Friday, June 16

4-6pm - Women's ChemFreeTea & Social at Womenspace

6:30pm - Rally at City Hall

9pm - PIER DANCE at Maine State Pier \$5. (over 21 only)

9pm - Teen Dance (TBA)

Saturday, June 17

9am - Blackstones' Block Party on Pine Street

10am - Interfaith Service St. Luke's Cathedral, State Street

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9pm - Miss Gay Maine Pageant, Underground

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1995 GRAND MARSHALLS:**Members of the Maine Gay Task Force**

The Maine Gay Task Force was the earliest activist organization in Maine for Lesbian/Gay civil rights. They introduced the first Gay Rights Bill and published a newsletter as early as 1974. The Task Force is holding a reunion this summer. We are proud of their courage and enterprise and are honored by their presence in our Parade.

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PENIS ENVY IS A PHALLUSY

by Sherrie Bast

On April 9th, between 50,000 and 250,000 (depending on whose estimate you believe) Wimmin and Men gathered in front of the White House for the "We Won't Go Back" rally for Wimmin's rights -- rights including access to abortion, freedom from domestic violence, protection from abusers, laws to punish rapists and protection from the current Republican "Contract on America."

There were wonderful signs and tee shirts being worn and carried by wimmin everywhere. One womyn wore a tee shirt proclaiming that "Penis Envy is a Phallusy." Another womyn wore a sandwich sign saying "Not tonight Dear, It's a Felony." There were the ubiquitous "If you can't trust me with a choice, How can you trust me with a child?" signs and the more to the point "If men got pregnant the right to abortion would never be questioned again." Favorites of the day included "We won't be Newtered," "That's MS. BITCH to you Newt!" and "Republicans don't need abortions They Eat Their Young." Others were more solemn - "More Gunns: Fewer Guns" (referring to the slain abortion provider Dr. David Gunn), "You Can't Beat a Womyn" and simply "Remember Nicole."

Most of us in the crowd were wimmin, though there were a number of men present as well. The rally was sponsored by the National Organization for Women, which encourages men to become members (and once in fact had a male president), so their presence was not surprising, and not welcomed by everyone. Bella Abzug noted that the political recognition of wimmin's struggles began first with a National Womyn's Day, followed by the Year of the Womyn and then the Decade of the Womyn. She remarked to a friend that "If we get it right maybe they will give us the whole thing." Of course WE have gotten it right; getting the heteropatriarchy to see -- that is what the struggle has been all along.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, himself a member of NOW, spoke eloquently to the huge crowd, at one point asking us to join hands and take a moment of silence to

remember the work and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Jackson addressed the presence of men in the crowd, noting that men as well as wimmin need to fight for wimmin's rights.

Patricia Ireland, current president of NOW, unfortunately chose to promote a rather ill-conceived (pun intended) fund raising campaign. It should be noted here that fund raising for NOW was already evident everywhere one looked, especially in the direction of the bright blue tents where the rally's only vendors were selling the only authorized tee shirts, buttons and bumper stickers, which were not cheap to begin with, then asking purchasers if they would like to donate the change to NOW. She asked that we reach down deep into our pockets for "a little bit of trash, you know, the

green paper trash with pictures of old dead men on it." NOW members circulated through the masses with little trash bags, providing donors with stickers saying "I 'pitched in' for NOW." This is at a rally for, among other things, welfare rights?

Further back on the mall the Clothesline Project was set up, displaying more than 6,000 tee shirts made by wimmin and girls. Each tee shirt was made either by the survivor of incest, rape or domestic violence, or in memory of a womyn who died as a result of it. Purple tee shirts were made by Lesbians and white tee shirts were made in memory of those who died.

A beautiful depiction of the sea, with fish and underwater plants painted on a child's tee shirt read simply "It would be pretty if I drowned." Others told longer stories, about fathers, uncles, lovers, strangers,



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conspiracy to defeat their referendum - "government treachery" - and when CMF comes up short in November, the first drop in the first stream of blather from Cosby's mouth will be how they lost the vote because "we were stabbed in the back by the Attorney General's office," etc. etc. This is guaranteed.

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A crowd-pleasing highlight of the afternoon occurred when a CMF supporter, testifying before the committee, droned on a little too much and was asked by the Chair, Sen. Peter Mills, how much more he wished to add. At this instant, Cosby grimly marched herself out to center stage, with all the irritation and conviction of an irate mom coming in to shut off the kids' overheated TV, and using the microphone (!) publicly reminded Sen. Mills before the gawking masses that she had - he would of course remember - talked earlier with him on the phone, and he had promised that the doofus in question would be allotted extra time. That matter firmly settled, Carolyn marched herself back to ringside, warmly though silently greeted with all kinds of approving body language from her admiring cohorts. No wonder Linda Bean, herself a major beacon of cloying officiousness, deems Cosby a tad obnoxious.

The main entrance outside the hearing room was sprinkled with individuals starting to OD on all the official goings-on. One guy named John, who did sound fairly sincere, said that he joined CMF not particularly to bash gays but to express his profoundly anti-government views. A far right-winger who had found a welcome spot in a far right group. Among CMF people, there are varying degrees of rampant homophobia, but they all radiate melt-down levels of general paranoia.

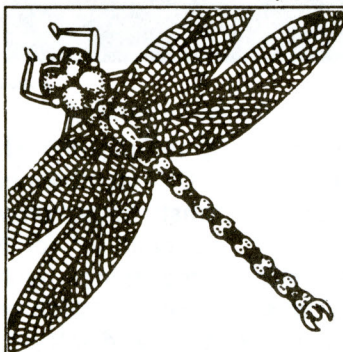
A middle-aged woman in CMF revealed to me, quite sincerely, that the only reason the Portland election to repeal the anti-discrimination ordinance lost was because "thousands of homosexuals moved into Portland just before the election to vote." This, she told me by golly, was a FACT!

Then there was Bruce Fein, CMF's hired lawyer (he lives in Washington, D.C.). He was seated at a small table which held a stack of "The Maine Event," CMF's amateurish propaganda tabloid. Already having testified as a sort of expert witness (he had, after all, written the CMF referendum question), he seemed to be rather enjoying himself. He spoke with a not unpleasant late adolescent twang, and was fun to spar with, if one enjoyed sparring in polite lawyerese. He struck me as the sort of class nerd who, years later with a decent legal education, gets back at the world by being a quick-tongued pain-in-the-ass. I asked him his reaction

if one of his three children turned out to be gay. Interestingly, he said, calmly, it would be OK with him if that was what they really wanted. I also asked him where groups like CMF get their "statistics" that show gays with income levels several zillion times that of straights. He admitted that the evidence was "fragile." I told him about an actual survey I'd seen which indicated very little relative difference between the two income levels. (Basically, lesbian households made a little more than straight women, straight men did better than gay men and, typifying society's sexist structure, men did significantly better than the wo-



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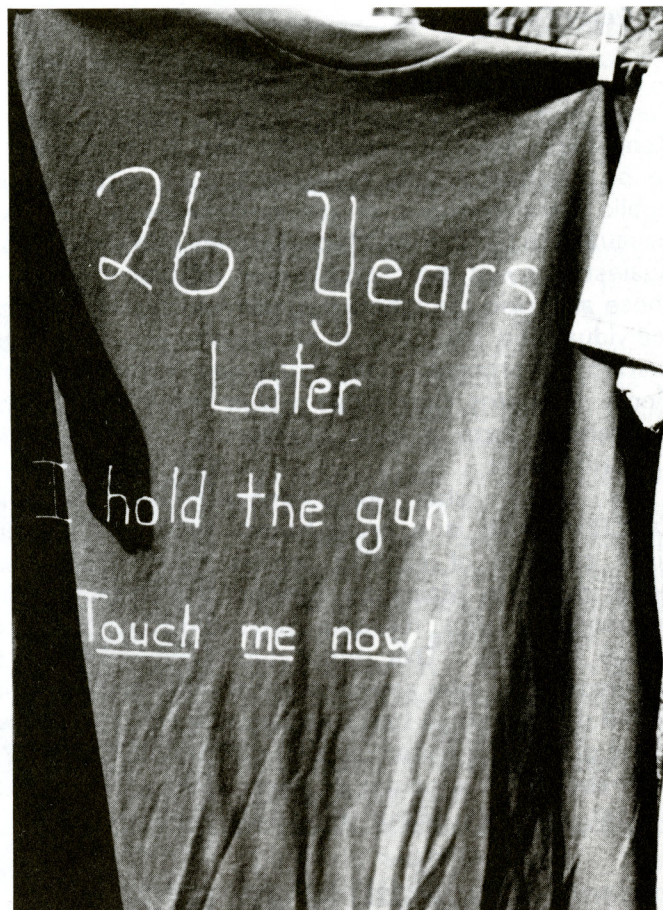
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and occasionally mothers who had beaten, raped and abused. Some shirts used the assailants' full name, though the wimmin making shirts at the tent during the rally had been asked to use only first names. The Clothesline Project has been equated with the AIDS Quilt by the mainstream press. This comparison is, at best, a uselessly sentimental gesture, and at worst, a misogynous stereotype. The Quilt is a celebration of the lives of men and wimmin who have died in the pandemic. The Clothesline Project is not a celebration of anything more basic than survival, and sometimes not even that. These are statements of rage and indignation. A final and public "FUCK YOU" to our abusers, the tee shirts are what we make because we can't cut off their penises and their hands or lock them up for the remainder of their pathetic lives. The panels are made to remember and honor our friends and loved ones we have lost. There is a world of difference between the two, and we must not lose sight of that fact. To do so romanticizes both projects, and neither deserves it.

The blend of strong, positive energy at the front of the Mall, where the speakers addressed chanting clapping throngs of people, and the end of the Mall where the tee shirts fluttered in the breeze, was potent. We know we have the power; we have, as Bella Abzug said "gotten it Right" but the tee shirts remind us how hard society will fight, has fought, is fighting, to keep us as wimmin from holding up our half of the sky. We won't go back. ▼



photos by sherrie bast

CHOCOLATE ON MY MIND - by Leslie Robinson

Some people know precisely why they are on the planet. They're here to help others, to make money, to fall in love. I too have such a purpose. I'm here to eat chocolate.

I've always known this would be my mission in life. My lineage ensured it. I saw the future as an infant when Mom and Dad took me to Europe to visit my mother's German parents. My grandparents couldn't speak English, and I was just learning it myself. But we all spoke chocolate fluently.

I would still rather eat a bar of chocolate from central Europe than 1) have sex, or 2) have sex.

But that doesn't mean it's European or nothing for me. No ma'am, I'm also seriously partial to the likes of a fine, upstanding Milky Way.

Anyone who saw me on the Halloween nights of my childhood can attest to that. I took the night more seriously than most kids. This was a chance for major booty, a free hoard. It was not time to mess around. I rang doorbells early and often.

When my bag ranneth over, I had no thought of quitting. A couple more bitesized Three Musketeers were

worth a slipped disk. And woe to the adult who presented me with a "bright, shiny" apple. He got in response a bright, shiny four-letter word that put a damper on his Halloween, I can tell you.

My mother now gives out healthy treats, rather than chocolate, on Halloween, in clear defiance of her roots.

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MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE COMES TO KENNEBUNK...?

By Betsy Fecto

The First Parish Unitarian Church hosted an informational and fund-raising forum two months ago in Kennebunk, ME. The reason the church felt compelled to be involved in this movement or to at least raise public consciousness of its implications is, in part, because the Concerned Maine Families referendum goes against many of the church's own principles - such as those affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every individual and the right of conscience and use of the democratic process. The forum was arranged by the Social Concerns Committee which has proposed that Kennebunk form a local chapter of MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE.

For those who don't know, MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE is a broad-based, statewide, nonpartisan coalition of existing groups created to defend equal rights in Maine by fighting a November 1995 referendum ballot measure proposed by Concerned Maine Families. This referendum is spearheaded by Carolyn Cosby who seeks to repeal existing laws which forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation. Now, some of you will remember ACT-UP's feverish efforts in Kennebunk just a couple of years ago to educate high school students about the AIDS epidemic and to

distribute information re "safer sex" and the use of condoms "should they choose to be sexually active and not abstain from sex." The group and its supporters were not well received. Through their somewhat flamboyant antics (in which this author was involved), the children were receiving the information they needed to save their lives. No one from ACT-UP discouraged abstinence and no one assured students that condoms offered full protection from AIDS or other sexually transmitted disease. Editorials filled the pages of local newspapers from persons making comments such as, "Yes, in your masses you walked through town [referring to Labor Day parade]. Many [nice touch] with the cheeks of your rear exposed through the intended rip in your jeans, with shaved heads with the word DYKE shaved into it and earrings coming from every spot the jazzed little mind could think of." This resident further warned, "So do your voodoo somewhere else." She referred to many marchers as "freaks with mouth-pieces." The towns of Kennebunk/Kennebunkport were not receptive in 1992 - has the homophobia expressed then been quieted enough to support and make successful a local chapter of MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE?

Recent publicity has shown that the suicide rate among teens who "come out of the closet" and are met with disdain and rejection, is high. In fact, about 1/3 of teen suicides are contributed to by the attitudes of peers, parents and others who cannot support the individual's sexual orientation. Dr. Mark Caplin, a 3rd year psychiatric intern at Maine Medical Center, opened Sunday's forum with a compelling and personal message. Dr. Caplin states that, in his practice, he has seen the emotional damage caused by discriminatory acts against gays. He stated that he has a 6-month old daughter and has no idea what her sexual orientation will be. He does not want her to live in a state that discriminates. And that is what is at risk.

In an editorial written by Christopher Bartlett, M.D., published in the *Portland Press Herald* on Tuesday,

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March 28th, Bartlett too is concerned about teen suicide and he, too, recognizes other contributing factors - a major one being when a young person becomes aware that society can be cruel to those that are different. He further stated that "More worrisome is the effect that an anti-gay referendum can have upon gay or questioning teens." This referendum would codify discrimination "which can only deepen wounds and self doubt."

Rural areas of Maine appear to be even less open to gay lifestyle and homophobia in these communities is common. Concerned Maine Families forces teens into the closet. Speakers Steve Addario from the Portland Chapter of MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE and Jim Estes who was very involved with Portland's "Equal Protection" battle, warned readers of the referendum. The wording is intentionally vague and misleading but, in reality, is truly an anti-gay action which is never "spelled out" in the referendum itself. It is this author's assumption that readers of *APEX* are well informed of the full implications of this referendum and will, as Jim Estes pleads, "VOTE 'NO' in NOVEMBER."

This author will participate in the local chapter. I suspect that the local townspeople may not be supportive...perhaps, only out of ignorance or disinterest. But, miracles do happen.

As stated by Estes, if one is gay, now is the perfect time to "come out of the closet" - "if people know someone personally that this referendum is going to harm, they are more likely to support a movement such as MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE."

The civil rights battle being fought by the gay population is not all that different from that of other classes of persons now considered "protected classes" - particularly, women, African Americans, and the disabled. But even these groups of so-called protected classes still fight their battles. And their struggles have been painful, discouraging, disheartening and unjust. But at least they have some recourse that they can take

if, for example, they are discriminated against in housing, employment, credit, etc. If this referendum passes, gays will not feel welcome in their own homes and towns in Maine. Other states have threatened to boycott Maine for allowing discrimination. There is much work to be done and much money to be raised in order to effectively and successfully fight this referendum. Thus far, 17 local chapters have formed, at least one in every county other than Somerset. Education is the key. Attitudes must be changed. People must be educated. The civil rights of all are in some way being challenged.

Hurrah to Kennebunk for taking this first important step. With enough caring people involved, lives can be saved, homophobia can be reduced and gays can have the same rights that most all of us enjoy. I'll keep you updated regarding Kennebunk's chapter and how a small community can change...I hope.

UPDATE - The Kennebunk chapter of MWD is up and running, with membership between seven and ten persons. It was encouraging to see about 80% of this brand new group attend the May 2 Cosby Referendum Hearing in Augusta. ▼



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Queer Youth - ARE YOU AFRAID???

by Gabriella Saralyn Sigel

When's the last time you and your lover introduced yourselves to a friend's child as who you really are? The last time you welcomed a queer youth into your social circle? Do you often make the heterosexist assumption that all youth you meet are straight unless told otherwise? Our gay, Lesbian, bisexual, transgendered community is suffering from a lethal social disease called ageism that mangles the self-esteem of and impedes the healthy development of an already beaten down and battle-scarred segment of our community: queer youth.

As gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth, we face double oppression, as youth and as queers. We face discrimination by teachers and professors, and violent gay-bashings that often cause our academic performances to deteriorate. Many of us drop out of high school, as much due to academic difficulties as to our absolute lack of physical safety. Many of us are kicked out of home by our parents for disclosing our sexual identities and forced to live on the streets. Statistics cite that 1/3 of all teen suicides are related to sexual identity. We are a highly at-risk population, yet we are ostracized and discriminated against by the same community that we risk so much to join!!!

A gay teen in Portland, ME, who wishes not to be identified, recently attempted suicide by ingesting 14 pills of a prescription medication. He attempted to take his own life because he has been repeatedly beaten up and harrassed for his sexual preference on his high school grounds, and although he has requested a police escort to ensure his physical safety, his requests have been brushed off as someone else's problem. My friend spoke with numerous "adult" leaders in our (queer) community about the fact that even attending school had become a health hazard for him. Their responses were "well, if you just talk to the police, your teachers, and your administrators, they are legally required to do something about it."

These queer "adults" should, of all people, recognize and empathize with the discrepancy between laws and their

applications. Instead of reaching out to my friend and attempting to make him feel less powerless about his LIFE, these "adults" falsely assumed that he had not already spoken with his school and the cops (in fact, he had on numerous occasions, but was ignored), and only contributed to his oppression and PAIN.

During high school, I was severely gay-bashed in a bathtub while I was naked and experienced violence for being an out dyke almost daily. I was the only out person at my high school, and my only faculty advocate was the first Black faculty member on staff- who, to my knowledge, is straight. Several closeted teachers came out to me and told me that they admired my courage. One told me that I was her role model. I almost cried. If even one of those teachers, all but one of whom had secured tenure, had been willing to break the silence and support me- be my role model- my high school experience would not have ended in a legal settlement, my early graduation, and a lot of unresolved PAIN.

I am a proud YOUNG dyke and I am angry. Every time I join a new organization in this community, the first question I am asked is how old I am. The director of one of these groups, after I told her my age, had the audacity to tell me, "Well, most of us are in our thirties; you might not enjoy our group." Imagine the outrage that would be generated if she had told me that "most of our members are white; you might not fit in." Yet the implications are not that different in either case. I have noticed during my extensive service to this "community" that I am often given more mindless tasks, my ideas are not respected, and my time and contributions are not valued as highly as those of older queers. On many occasions when these vile forms of discrimination occur, I have been bluntly informed that I am being treated in this manner solely because I am under 21.

Of the few queer organizations that actively solicit and welcome youth, almost all are support groups, substance

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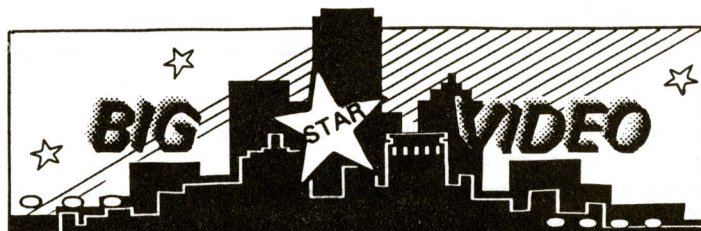
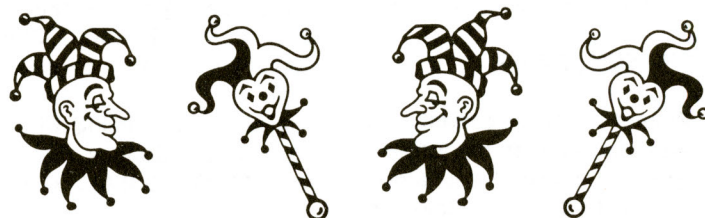
abuse recovery groups, and addiction rehabilitation centers. This conveys the destructive cultural message to queer youth that there is something wrong with us. Alcoholism is rife in our community, and bar culture EXCLUDES the entire under 21 segment of our community from concerts and other significant cultural events that could provide us with positive images of our lives. This form of discrimination is tolerated, even revered, just as differently-abled queers are EXCLUDED from functions in our "community" that occur in non-wheelchair accessible locations or in the absence of sign language interpreters.

It is taboo in our community for queers to talk openly about our identities to teenagers to the same degree that heterosexual privilege permits straights to be public about their sexuality. Many queer "adults" allow their fear of being branded as child molesters or perverts to inhibit them from welcoming us into "our" community, unaware that their behaviors reinforce a social hierarchy that condemns all queers. Because internalized homophobia and oppressive cultural attitudes are inculcated during the teenage years, it is vital to our movement that we welcome younger members into our fold, helping them to escape being pathologized by the values and mores of straight society or becoming indoctrinated with the belief that they are "sick" or inferior. Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered "adults" must stop contributing to our own invisibility and SILENCE (=DEATH) by supporting the younger members of our COMMUNITY. Queer youth are not a liability, WE ARE YOUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE YOUR FUTURE!!! If you want to have a future at all, you MUST reach out to us!

As queer youth, we automatically possess a higher degree of self-awareness founded in our MATURITY to deal with our sexual identities and third-class citizenship as queer youth. How dare you assume that just because I am under 19 years old I have a limited life experience or that you have any idea what that life experience is. I have lived in four different countries, speak three different languages, and have been an activist in this community since I was 14 years old. I have interned in Congress with openly gay Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass, attended intensive

peer counselor training twice, directed a Special Olympics bowling program, and participated in volunteer services to our community through an internship with Lesbian Services of Whitman-Walker Clinic, the largest HIV services provider in metropolitan Washington D.C.

Maturity does not have a direct correspondence to age. Excluding any members of our community on the basis of which arbitrary categories they fit into, when those categories have no concrete correlation to their abilities to make positive contributions to our community, places one more barrier before us that keeps us in our place and reinforces our oppressive social order. As gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth, we not only challenge heterosexual society's concepts of queer people, but also possess the bravery needed to force members of our own community to confront their ageism, fear, and internalized homophobia. We are your future and we are the revolution. Go ahead- embrace us. ARE YOU AFRAID???



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FRI.-SUN. 6/2-6/4

Project Empowerment, a weekend retreat for lesbian, gay and bisexual educators, will be held in So. Maine. A project of the Equity Institute of California, Project Empowerment provides an opportunity for educators to empower and support each other, and teaches leadership skills for interrupting and dismantling homophobia. FMI ☎ Rita Kissen (207) 780-5376 (lv. msg.).

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Seacoast Gay Men Potluck Unitarian Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH, 7-9pm. FMI ☎ (603) 430-4052.

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Romanovsky & Phillips Concert at Portland Performing Arts Ctr, 25A Forest Ave., Portland, ME. Tix \$15. at Drop Me A Line. Sponsored by Matlovich Society.

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MONDAY 6/12

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WEDNESDAY 6/14

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THURSDAY 6/15

Deadline for entries to Rochester Lesbian & Gay Film & Video Festival 95. FMI ☎ Brad Pease or David Hoffend (716) 244-9030) or write RL&GF&VF, c/o Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 179 Atlantic Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

FRIDAY 6/16

NH Pride March and Rally, Concord, NH. FMI ☎ (603) 382-9308.

SATURDAY 6/17

NH Pride Day at Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH. FMI ☎ (603) 382-9308.

MONDAY 6/19

Panel discussion on Ageism Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH, 7-9pm. FMI ☎ (603) 430-4052.

THURSDAY 6/22

Agenda? What Agenda? Ellen Clegg, editor of *The Boston Globe's* Weekly section and member of national Lesbian/Gay Journalists' Association, talks about what it's like to be out in the newsroom. Matlovich Soc., 7:30-9pm, Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland ME. Accessible. FMI ☎ (207) 761-4380.

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SATURDAY 6/24

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The Harvard Educational Review, a research and opinion journal, plans to publish a special issue on the topic of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgendered People In Education. It is calling for papers exploring relevant issues such as race, gender identity, homophobia, parenting issues and policy advocacy from a theoretical, research or practice perspective. Deadline 9/1/95. Contact: *Harvard Educational Review*, Gutman Library, Suite 349, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Maine Won't Discriminate is a statewide broad-based coalition working to defend civil rights in Maine. Portland chapter meets every other Mon., St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St., Portland, ME, 6:30-8:30pm. FMI ☎(207) 761-1788.

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More NEWS from page 1

Ironically, just last month, GLAAD commended Pizza Hut for firing an employee who had typed an anti-Gay slur on a customer's receipt. Responding to GLAAD's complaint, a Pizza Hut spokesperson said the company will "not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

Cathy Renna, co-chair of the local GLAAD chapter, said she finds it "ironic" that Pizza Hut acted so quickly to fire the employee but then turned around and hired Limbaugh. She said it doesn't matter whether or not Limbaugh is an official spokesperson.

"Once you ask a famous person to try to sell a product - at least in the [viewer's mind] - it's going to be construed as endorsing him.▼

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More SCENES from pg. 4

men.) Mr. Fein took it all in pleasantly, although he said he hadn't seen the survey. (It was amusing to hear him quote the survey by name - and even embellish what he'd heard with a few impromptu details - the next

day on a public radio call-in program.)

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A note on Lawrence Lockman, the Vice Chairman of CMF. He clearly comes across as the classic bigot, a spiteful person who gains pleasure from hurting others. Unlike some of the other CMF people, he seems less of a deluded paranoid and more like the resentful hater who clearly knows what he's doing. With his cartoonist brother he apparently pretty much puts out "The Maine Event" - there's no masthead - which is 6 or so tabloid pages of unrelenting hatred and obvious lies. It's virulent, textbook homophobia in the extreme.

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Clearly, if the afternoon in Augusta is a fair indication, the CMF leaders (particularly Cosby) and many of their supporters come across as not exactly the types many voters in Maine will be comfortable following. But given the general prejudices of society, CMF probably can count 30-35% of the electorate, no matter what. Perhaps another 30-35% will vote against CMF, no matter what. That leaves, roughly, the middle 40%, which will constitute the hapless target of both sides of the question, from now to November.

It should be interesting.

Elections can turn on the weirdest and usually most unexpected, unpredictable event, particularly if they're close to begin with, which this one may be. Fortunately for the equal rights side, we can count on Carolyn Cosby calling every CMF shot... right to the bitter end.▼

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More CHOCOLATE from page 5

Oh, the shame of it.

She isn't the only person around me with a dangerous attitude. My dermatologist said I should cut back on my chocolate consumption. Instead, I cut back on my dermatologist.

I'm well aware that chocolate is not wholly virtuous. Besides its contributions to acne and tooth decay, the clearest drawback is its fat content. So be it. All transcendent things in this life require sacrifice.

Consider what chocolate provides in return. Not just the obvious gifts, such as taste and aroma. To many people, chocolate is comfort food, a balm for the psyche.

To me, it has an additional appeal. Chocolate is loyal. Unlike a lover, chocolate will never abandon me. It might melt some, but it never skips

out. It's always available, and always willing and able to provide sensual pleasure. In fact, chocolate makes a better partner through life than a lover. After all, what're a few zits and pounds compared to heartache and bad debts?

But I digress. Like many chocoholics, I prefer some forms of chocolate over others. My favorite is the chocolate bar. My least favorite is the chocolate drink. Somewhere in the middle is ice cream that's chocolate and/or laced with chocolate bits.

As it happens, I live in an apartment building whose bottom floor houses a premium ice cream shop. It's a good thing ice cream ranks only in the middle for me, or I'd be down there day and night. Ogling the tub of Swiss Chocolate Avalanche. Pawing at Mint Summer's Night Dream, with its lusty chocolate chunks. Consuming Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Monster. Devouring Chocolate Chip With... Excuse me... I'll be just a minute...▼

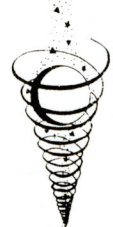
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ASK THIGHMASTER - advice with holes

Dear Thighmaster,

My problem is with my co-worker, Kate, who has never been with a woman, but thinks she is gay.

Kate is 40 something. When she was 18, she married a much older man who did all the thinking for both of them, and told her what to do. He died several years ago, and since then she has been quiet and lonely. Last summer over wine coolers, she confessed to me that she was gay. This was unexpected as I hardly knew her.

Since then, she has hung out a few times with me and my partner. She checks out all these women, but makes no move toward them. I tell her to initiate things, but she thinks they should call her. She says, "I'm the kind who needs to be told!" I guess I just feel bad for her because she's so shy and stuck in her married ways.

I don't know how she knows she's a lesbian. I think she might be happier with a man, who would have no problem telling her what to do.

Any advice for either of us?

Tell Me Tonight

Dear Tell Me,

Thighmaster hates to echo a bad policy of the Armed Forces here, but the answer to the many questions you pose is contained within a variation of that dubious dictum, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The variation: if you don't ask Kate why she thinks she's a lesbian, don't tell her to go back to men. Do you really think that Thighmaster can tell you - based on information from you alone - why Kate thinks she's a lesbian or whether she is one at all? Or that you know more about Kate's desires than Kate herself? Or that you, in fact, know the dating habits of every dyke around? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," than it's you, not Kate, who is misguided.

And, under different circumstances, Thighmaster would be chastising you

for what seem to be delusions of Superpowerhood: for turning Kate and dykedom into a big Lois Lane whose very mental underwear is accessible to your x-ray vision. But since your letter is postmarked from Maine in the spring of 1995, Thighmaster, who never blames the victim, will turn Thighmasterly wrath against the people who dumped your head into this sorry state. Thighmaster refers, of course, to those people who,



drawing by Naomi Falcone

for three years, have been promoting top-down hierarchy in the fight against homophobic voter referendums. Thighmaster hates to rehash the same old story again and again. But, boys and girls at the top, if you don't get it the first 200 times, then it's your own fucking fault that story hour gets boring, so open your ears before we get to 2000. Once upon a time, some people convinced a steering committee majority - by suppressing much evidence to the contrary coming in from other states - that you could reach a lot of people through a one-message media campaign, ostensibly based on polling. These people were so convincing that the rulers of EPPland were willing to commit many horrors to accomplish

the deed: designing a closet, ineffective hide-the-queer message, "No Discrimination;" pushing decision-making into a few hands and decisions into the dark night; hiding everyone who couldn't match the "we're just like you" routine, and the list goes on. Fortunately for the evil one-liners, Portland was won in spite of them. So when they took their show on the road to Lewiston, they sold it there, too. Lo and behold, it didn't work there, and you would think that some big believers would get the point: you can't build a movement if you rob all but 6 people of any right to contribute to decision making, and you can't figure out effective ways to reach people if you don't actually talk to more people than the few hundred who had the misfortune to answer the phone when Mister Pollster came to call. You'd think that a 2-1 loss in Lewiston might have blasted out some royal earwax. But what happened instead was this: the royalists learned to write the phrase "broad-based coalition" on Maine Won't Discriminate literature, and then, it seems, deployed it as a magic spell - as by giving that name to a narrow-based rulership, you could close the eyes and ears and minds of everyone throughout the land.

Well, of course, this is really a case of the Emperor's New Earwax. The rulers may think that their new verbal clothing is a dazzling garment that cloaks their policies in grass roots, but the people recognize that "coalition" word-garment for what it really is: a descendant of those see-through raincoats of the 1960s, which reveal the naked body of kingly deceptions underneath. For the past month, people have been coming to Thighmaster from all over this embattled land - from the North and the South, from the city and the country - with the same old stories. There are tales of people with great project ideas who have been squashed like a bug just because the idea was not generated

from above. There are tales of people who have come up with plans for regional activism - plans based on actual contact with their neighbors and coworkers and on many years of residence in their areas (which, Dukes of Discrimination, is what grass-roots activism is all about) - only to be told, "You need to wait until we tell you what to say." (Yes, this is a true story, despite the fact that MWD is trumpeting regional organizing as one of its core policies.) There are stories about how MWD, like its predecessors, is planning to fund organizers only after it builds the big media warchest, which, as anyone who's been there can tell you, is a bottomless pit, so this really translates into yet another ads-over-activists priority fiasco. And within all these stories are stories of activists with much to offer who are walking away left and right (well, really, left and left). GET A CLUE BEFORE IT'S TOO

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LATE. The phrase "broad-based coalition" is not a magic spell, but a description of a political necessity - hard to achieve but well worth it - on which our success depends.

Now, Kate-friend, what does this mean for you? It means that Thighmaster does not blame you for your presumptions, since the weather around here has been so clouded by rain (or reign) that your misguidedness is understandable. But Thighmaster does expect you to realize that you, just like MWD, simply cannot get into people's hearts and minds and lustcenters by talking to yourself, three friends, and a pollster. Don't try to guess why Kate thinks she's a lesbian. Ask her. If she's lusting over women, or as you say, "checking them out," she may well have good reason to think so. And don't presume that Kate can't find a lover who will run the show. Plenty of dykes out there want to ask for the date and pick the restaurant, and will, indeed, strip her, spread her, and fuck her out of her skull, if that's what she wants. She doesn't need a man for any of that. She might, though, need a few hints on signal-sending, which requires much less conquest of shyness and might well help her get the invitations she's looking for. And here's where you can help, but only after you're sure that your view of what she wants came from her head, not yours.

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"A bunch of us lesbians were sitting around with some guys watching the Margarethe Cammermeyer story on TV recently," says Melissa Etheridge, referring to the story of the career Army officer forced to resign because she disclosed she was gay. "Every time Judy Davis would give this look to Glenn Close - when they're setting up that attraction - the girls would hoot and holler. The guys were like, 'What's the big deal?' So we said, 'Excuse me, we didn't grow up with anything like this. There was never anything on TV, in books, in magazines, that depicted a lesbian affair. So now here we are 33, and we're finally seeing it on TV. We're going nuts.'" - *Entertainment Weekly*

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## MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE -

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**GREATER PORTLAND NOW** c/o YWCA, 87 Spring St., Portland, ME 04101. (207) 879-0877/(207) 871-0618, POB 4012, Portland, ME 04101. Speakers/events for the public 4th Tues. each month.

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**SEACOAST OUTRIGHT** - group for lesbian/gay/bi/questioning youth 21 & under. Mtgs Fri., 7-9pm, Unitarian Church annex adjacent to fire station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI ☎ teenline 1-800-639-6095 or write: Seacoast Outright, POB 842, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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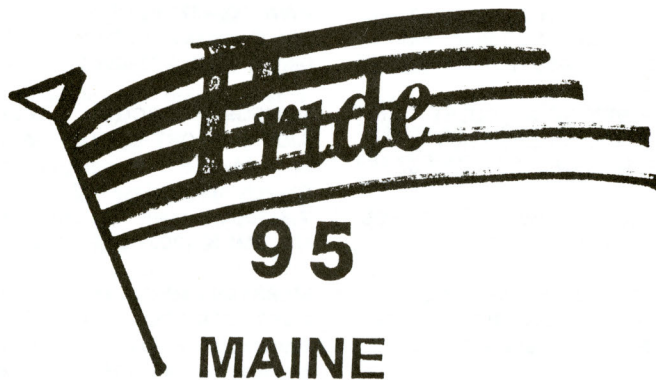


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