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Calendar—Autumn/Winter 1995

October 12 **PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support)**. Pets are important for health and emotional well-being. For people with AIDS, the psychological and physical health benefits of having pets are even more significant. When people are afraid to touch you, your dog is always there to nuzzle your hand and be petted. When friends and relatives seem to disappear, your cat will be your best friend and confidant. Charlie Whynot, the founder of PAWS in Maine will explain how PAWS works, and tell the inspiring stories that make working with PAWS so rewarding.

October 26 Erika Rand's new book **Barbie's Queer Accessories**, is about the queer things that people of all ages and persuasions have done with Barbie—for fun, for profit, and for politics—and about the history of Barbie. Is Mattel's world of Barbie really a commercial for how great it is to be white, rich, skinny, and heterosexual? Or do earring Magic Ken and Barbie For Girls suggest other possibilities? Erika Rand is an activist and cultural critic. She teaches courses in art history, pop culture, and queer studies at Bates Colleg, in Lewiston, Maine.

November 9 **I'll be Homo for the Holidays**. Now that election day is behind us, we can refocus our anxieties on the approaching holidays...all umpteen of them. For many in The Matlovich Society community, the inevitable stresses of the holiday season are intensified by past or present issues in our relationships with our families of origin, by the lack of public recognition for our relationships with our families of choice, or (sometimes) by the closets in our lives. Join tonight's panel in sharing true life stories of the best and worst of holiday memories, and in planning for more joy in your holiday world.

December 14 **Children of Parents Like Us**. Some of us have the experience of being in a family with parents who are heterosexual. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have parents who are not? Perhaps you know. This program will take a look at families like these. We will have a panel, which will include children talking about what it's like in their families.. Bring your quesitons, thoughts, and experiences. You are welcome to join the discussion.

December 28 **1995 A Retrospective**. Let's get together for a mid-holidays breather from social obligations and take a look back at a precedent-breaking year. Representatives from Portland Pride, Maine Won't Discriminate, and SpeakOut for Equal Rights will be here to discuss our accomplishments, and tell "war stories." We'll have cookies and soda too—truly a gala affair.

Unless otherwise noted programs are held at:

Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street, Portland
7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
Free hotel parking



The Matlovich Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment.