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No. 860

H. P. 673

House of Representatives, March 1, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Violette of Van Buren, reconsidered reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and on further motion same gentleman referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Baker of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Connolly of Portland, Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Include the Term "Sexual or Affectional Orientation" in the Maine Human Rights Act.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4552**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 28, is amended to read:

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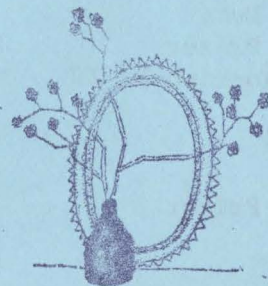
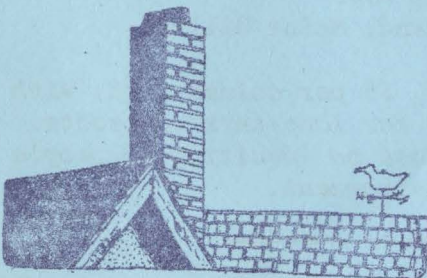




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# Who We Are

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The first page of L.D. 860, this year's Gay Rights legislation for Maine. The sponsors are Harlan Baker (D-Portland), Larry Connolly (D-Portland) and Dick Davies (D-Orono).

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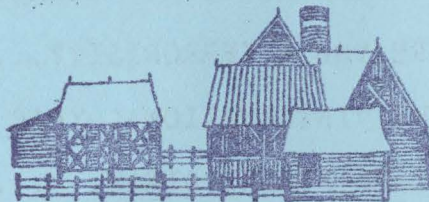
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# Note To Readers

AS YOU'VE PROBABLY GUESSED, this month's cover is Page One of the Gay Rights bill before the current legislature. (The bill continues on page 8).

The public hearing for L.D. ["Legislative Document"] #860, "An Act to Include the Term 'Sexual or Affectional Orientation' in the Maine Human Rights Act is scheduled for Monday, April 9 at 1PM in the Appropriations Hearing Room in the State House. The public--that's anyone who has an interest in the proposed legislation--is invited to attend the hearing. As of this writing (April 1) there are quite a few people who intend to testify for the bill; we'll have to see who shows up to oppose it (an article will appear in the May-June MG detailing the fate of L.D. 860).

The Maine Coalition for Human Rights (composed of Mainely Gay, Maine Lesbian Feminists, Maine Gay Task Force, the Maine National Organization for Women and the Maine Civil Liberties

Union) is the main organizing effort behind the bill, and the Coalition recently mailed fact sheets to every member in the constituent groups.

Although the 9th of April is rapidly approaching, we hope that everyone interested in protective legislation for Maine people finds the time and energy to contribute to the bill's success. This would include contacting your local Representative and Senator and, if possible, showing support by your presence at the public hearing. (For instance, as ridiculous as it may appear, many state legislators actually claim to profess that "there aren't any gay people in my district." A short letter, then, may go a long way to raise their consciousnesses!)

AND FINALLY, ALAS, the back cover of this issue has the entire contents of L.D. 930, which is sponsored by the infamous Rep. Stanley ("Tuffy") Laffin of Westbrook. Its public hearing is set for April 4 with the actual floor vote occurring a week or so later--more on this next time.



# EDITORIAL

To no one's great surprise, the article in last month's MG by Kevin Mohr entitled "On Sissy-Ef/feminism: An Issue That's Been in the Closet Too Long" stirred up the readers as few articles ever have. Indeed, a couple letters to the editor in this issue address themselves to the article's content.

As editors responsible for MG's content, we have two observations:

1) We appreciate the time and energy that some readers took to express their viewpoints and hope that the feedback continues; after all, we don't care to produce a monologue;

2) This publication actively solicits articles (opinion, humor, etc.) from all. As long as these articles meet certain guidelines (e.g., they can't be sexist, racist, etc.) then they are considered fit to print. (If a person submits an article that's sexist or racist, or ageist or classist, we usually inform the writer that there are dozens

of publications in this society that will happily print their opinions; MG, however, is not one of those). We were aware that the "Sissy" article had the potential to offend, and while the point of MG is not (necessarily) to offend its readers, we also recognize that Kevin Mohr--within the stated guidelines--has a right to submit articles of opinion with which others may not agree.

MG will continue to consider any article submitted by the community and from anyone who has something to say: the mailing address is on the page titled "WHO WE ARE."

As for Kevin Mohr's article, we stand by its publication.

--Susan Henderson

--Peter Prizer





# FEEDBACK

Dear Editors,

I am deeply disappointed by the hypocritical nature of Mainely Gay. While you state that your "ads will not be insulting to people," yet your articles and editorials ARE. I refer to Kevin Mohr's article on effeminate Gays (while standing up for them and his own self-interest, he insults everyone else) and to your editorial (which I'd be willing to bet is also the work of Mohr) on "No More Peace!" These pieces are not only insulting, they are bullshit.

Mainely Gay was once an excellent magazine, but these continuing writings by Mohr are only cheapening it with hate-filled bullshit, prejudice. My strongest advice to the other editors of M.G. is to lose Kevin Mohr but FAST. M.G. doesn't need him and his hate, and neither does M.G.'s readers. Do us all a favor, please.

Yours,  
Edward Dozois



Dear Editor,

I am writing to you out of deep concern concerning the gay movement here in Maine. Frankly, the direction in which it now seems to be headed is one which I fear is going to totally destroy the chance for ANY gay movement.

I have talked with various friends and other gay people here in Maine and it is very saddening. In the past year or so, the gay movement has taken a sudden warped direction in this state, one which has had a sickening effect on those who want to be involved in a strong gay movement here.

One of your own editors, Kevin Mohr, is an excellent example of this pitiful turn of events. I know many people from all around this state (due to my job, I travel to all parts of Maine), and when the subject of Mainely Gay or Mr. Mohr comes up, it is always in negative terms. His articles for Mainely Gay have caused much talk, I will admit that, but the talk is merely, how the hell did some nut like this guy end up as editor of Mainely Gay? While they still enjoy some of the other articles, the disgusting tone of some of the editorials and some of the articles



by Mr. Mohr and others are making many of those I know who subscribed to your magazine, sometimes having done so for years, decide that once their present subscriptions run out, they will not renew. They cannot support the -- for lack of a better word -- the trash that is appearing all too often now in Mainely Gay.

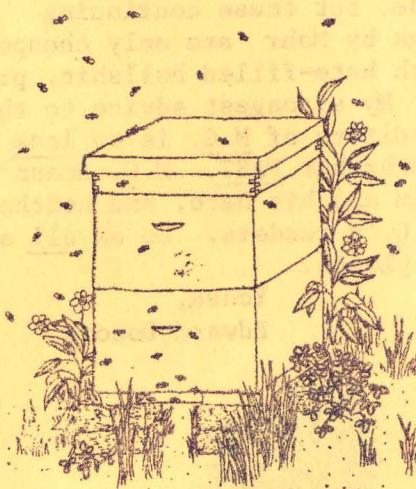
Beyond that, many of those who have been involved with the gay movement here or who have tried to become involved, have found that they are forced out of any say in the direction of the movement. They are insulted and harassed until they are forced to quit the movement, because they cannot support the fanatical ultra-radical madness that is thrown out by some of the "leaders." Many, gay men, gay women, and feminists, who wanted to do something, who tried to get involved, have come away, insulted, hurt, and bitter because of the comments and actions of some of these people. It is disgusting for me to see people who do care and who do want to do something for women and gays treated in such a manner.

This group of power-hungry radicals seem bent on gaining control for their own sakes, without concern or care about the gays and women they say they "represent." But it is NOT those gays and women they are struggling for, but for their own personal am-

bitions. They want power; they want control, and they will destroy anyone, including gays and women, to get their own little dictatorship. And that is all it will be. They want to get rid of the Oppressors, so THEY can oppress others.

Please, do something before it is too late. Else, there will be NO gay movement left in Maine. And these few will have been the ones who have destroyed it.

Yours,  
Larry Ballard





# NEWS SHORTS

SAN FRANCISCO (*Sentinel*) -- Mayor Dianne Feinstein, successor to the slain George Moscone, on 8 January appointed Harry Britt to fill the Supervisor's seat left vacant by the murder of Harvey Milk, the first openly Gay person to be elected to that office. The Board of Supervisors serves as a City Council in San Francisco. Mainly Gay readers no doubt know that Milk and Moscone were shot in San Francisco City Hall on 27 November 1978. Britt, who is also Gay, was a confidant of Milk and is an ex-Methodist minister and civil rights worker. Feinstein refused to promise to name a Gay person to the city's Police Commission, however, which displeased many members of the community.

Meanwhile, former supervisor Dan White has been arraigned for first-degree murder in the deaths of Milk and Moscone. White, the only Supervisor to vote against the city's Gay

rights ordinance last year, resigned his post due to financial difficulties. When Moscone refused to reappoint him, White allegedly shot the Mayor and Supervisor Milk, who had been a political opponent of his.

NEW YORK -- The National Gay Task Force has named Charles Brydon its new Co-Executive Director to replace Bruce Voeller, who has resigned. Brydon, an insurance executive and former Army captain who served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam, is currently Co-Chairperson of the Dorian Group, a Seattle-based Gay organization of centrist political outlook, composed largely of business people. Brydon's appointment has generated some controversy. The Seattle Committee After Thirteen has accused him of undercutting other groups during the fight to retain the city's Gay rights ordinance last year, and of red-baiting other activists. Brydon responded that SCAT was "quar-



relling with success."

Jean O'Leary, the other Co-Executive Director of NGTF, has also resigned, and a search is on for her successor. Interested women should submit resumes to the Search Committee, NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, by 15 April. Candidates must have a strong background in Gay and feminist issues and the ability to manage a growing staff of 14 and a budget of \$350,000.00, and must also have verbal ability and media experience.

Bruce Voeller, the outgoing male Co-Executive Director, has organized a series of debates between himself and several notorious homophobes, including California State Senator John Briggs. Any group wishing to sponsor such a debate may contact Voeller through Royce Carleton Inc., 866 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The fees are \$1000.00 plus travel for Voeller alone; \$2000.00 plus

travel for Voeller and a homophobe. Voeller has been denounced by the Gay Activists Alliance of New York because the lecture fees for the debates will be split with his opponents; GAA objects strenuously to giving money to the enemies of Gay people. Voeller has replied that the arrangement is, in fact, to Gay people's advantage because it brings a conservative audience to the debates, many of whom change their anti-Gay attitudes after hearing what Voeller has to say. "My experience is not that I provide Senator John Briggs with a platform; my experience is that Senator Briggs provides me with an audience to educate ... one I could not pull into the room by myself."

TORONTO (GCN, *The Body Politic*) -- *The Body Politic* was acquitted of obscenity charges brought after it printed an article on pederasty, "Men Loving Boys Loving Men." TBP, in its first

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To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a life with dignity, and the causes of such practices, so that corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended and implemented, and to prevent discrimination in employment, housing or access to public accommodations on account of race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin and in employment, discrimination on account of age; and to prevent discrimination in the extension of credit on account of age, race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, marital status, religion, ancestry or national origin.

**Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA § 4553, sub-§ 9-A is enacted to read:

**9-A. Sexual or affectional orientation.** "Sexual or affectional orientation" means having or manifesting an emotional or physical attachment to another consenting person or persons of either gender, or having or manifesting a preference for such attachment.

**Sec. 3.** 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 29, is amended to read:

The commission may itself or it may empower these agencies and councils to study the problems of discrimination in all or specific fields of human relationships when based on race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, and foster, through community effort or otherwise, good will among the groups and elements of the population of the State.

**Sec. 4.** 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 10, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 30, is amended to read:

**10. Publications.** To issue such publication and such results of investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to promote good will, and minimize or eliminate discrimination based on race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin;

**Sec. 5.** 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 11, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 31, is amended to read:

**11. Reports.** From time to time, but not less than once a year, to report to the Legislature and the Governor, describing the investigations, proceedings and hearings the commission has conducted and their outcome and the other work performed by it, and make recommendations for such further legislation or executive action concerning abuses and discrimination based on race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, or other infringements on human rights or personal dignity, as may be desirable;

**Sec. 6.** 5 MRSA § 4571, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 32, is amended to read:



**§ 4571. Right to freedom from discrimination in employment**

The opportunity for an individual to secure employment without discrimination because of race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin is recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA § 4572, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A and B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 33, are amended to read:

**A.** For any employer to fail or refuse to hire or otherwise discriminate against any applicant for employment because of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin or age, or because of any such reason to discharge an employee or discriminate with respect to hire, tenure, promotion, transfer, compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment, or in recruiting of individuals for employment or in hiring them, to utilize any employment agency which such employer knows, or has reasonable cause to know, discriminates against individuals because of their race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin;

**B.** For any employment agency to fail or refuse to classify properly or refer for employment or otherwise discriminate against any individual because of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin or to comply with an employer's request for the referral of job applicants, if such request indicates either directly or indirectly that such employer will not afford full and equal employment opportunities to individuals regardless of their race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin;

**Sec. 8. 5 MRSA § 4572, sub-§ 1, ¶ C**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 565, is further amended to read:

**C.** For any labor organization to exclude from apprenticeship or membership, or to deny full and equal membership rights, to any applicant for membership, because of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, or because of any such reason to deny a member full and equal membership rights, expel from membership, penalize or otherwise discriminate in any manner with respect to hire, tenure, promotion, transfer, compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, representation, grievances or any other matter directly or indirectly related to membership or employment, whether or not authorized or required by the constitution or bylaws of such labor organization or by a collective labor agreement or other contract, or to fail or refuse to classify properly or refer for employment, or otherwise to discriminate against any member because of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**,



physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin or to cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against an individual in violation of this section, except that it shall be lawful for labor organizations and employers to adopt a maximum age limitation in apprenticeship programs;

**Sec. 9. 5 MRSA § 4572, sub-§ 1, ¶ D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 33, is amended to read:

**D.** For any employer or employment agency or labor organization, prior to employment or admission to membership of any individual, to:

(1) Elicit or attempt to elicit any information directly or indirectly pertaining to race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, except where a physical or mental handicap is determined by the employer, employment agency or labor organization to be job related; or where some privileged information is necessary for an employment agency or labor organization to make a suitable job referral;

(2) Make or keep a record of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, except under physical or mental handicap, when an employer requires a physical or mental examination prior to employment, a privileged record of such an examination is permissible;

(3) Use any form of application for employment, or personnel or membership blank containing questions or entries directly or indirectly pertaining to race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, except under physical or mental handicap, where it can be determined by the employer that the job or jobs to be filled require such information for the well-being and safety of the individual; nor will this section prohibit any officially recognized agency from keeping necessary records in order to provide free services to individuals requiring rehabilitation or employment assistance;

(4) Print or publish or cause to be printed or published any notice or advertisement relating to employment or membership indicating any preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based upon race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, age, ancestry or national origin, except under physical or mental handicap when the text of such printed or published material strictly adheres to this Act; or

(5) Establish, announce or follow a policy of denying or limiting, through a quota system or otherwise, employment or membership opportunities of any group because of the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, age, ancestry or national origin of such group; or

**Sec. 10. 5 MRSA § 4581**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 35, is amended to read:



**§ 4581. Decent housing**

The opportunity for an individual to secure decent housing in accordance with his ability to pay, and without discrimination because of race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin is hereby recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

Sec. 11. 5 MRSA § 4582, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 36, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 4582. Unlawful housing discrimination**

**It shall be unlawful housing discrimination, in violation of this Act:**

For any owner, lessee, sublessee, managing agent or other person having the right to sell, rent, lease or manage a housing accommodation, or any agent of these to make or cause to be made any written or oral inquiry concerning the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of any prospective purchaser, occupant or tenant of such housing accommodation; or to refuse to show or refuse to sell, rent, lease, let or otherwise deny to or withhold from any individual such housing accommodation because of the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such individual; or to issue any advertisement relating to the sale, rental or lease of such housing accommodation which indicates any preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based upon race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin; or to discriminate against any individual because of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin in the price, terms, conditions or privileges of the sale, rental or lease of any such housing accommodations or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith, or to evict or attempt to evict any tenant of any housing accommodation because of the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such tenant;

For any real estate broker or real estate sales person, or agent of one of them, to fail or refuse to show any applicant for a housing accommodation any such accommodation listed for sale, lease or rental, because of the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such applicant or of any intended occupant of such accommodation, or to misrepresent, for the purpose of discriminating on account of the race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such applicant or intended occupant, the availability or asking price of a housing accommodation listed for



sale, lease or rental; or for such a reason to fail to communicate to the person having the right to sell or lease such housing accommodation any offer for the same made by any applicant thereof; or in any other manner to discriminate against any applicant for housing because of race or color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such applicant or of any intended occupant of the housing accommodation, or to make or cause to be made any written or oral inquiry or record concerning the race or color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of any such applicant or intended occupant, or to accept for listing any housing accommodation when the person having the right to sell or lease the same has directly or indirectly indicated an intention of discriminating among prospective tenants or purchasers on the ground of their race or color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin, or when he knows or has reason to know that the person having the right to sell or lease such housing accommodation has made a practice of such discrimination since July 1, 1972;

For any person to whom application is made for a loan or other form of financial assistance for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing accommodation, whether secured or unsecured, or agent of such person, to make or cause to be made any oral or written inquiry concerning the race or color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of any individual seeking such financial assistance, or of existing or prospective occupants or tenants of such housing accommodations; or to discriminate in the granting of such financial assistance, or in the terms, conditions or privileges relating to the obtaining or use of any such financial assistance, against any applicant because of the race or color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin of such applicant or of the existing or prospective occupants or tenants; or

For any person furnishing rental premises to refuse to rent or impose different terms of tenancy to any individual who is a recipient of federal, state or local public assistance, including medical assistance and housing subsidies solely because of such individual's status as such recipient.

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA § 4583, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 37, is amended to read:

§ 4583. Application.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed in any manner to prohibit or limit the



exercise of the privilege of every person and the agent of any person having the right to sell, rent, lease or manage a housing accommodation to set up and enforce specifications in the selling, renting, leasing or letting thereof or in the furnishings of facilities or services in connection therewith which are not based on the race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion or country of ancestral origin, the receipt of public assistance payments of any prospective or actual purchaser, lessee, tenant or occupant thereof. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed in any manner to prohibit or limit the exercise of the privilege of every person and the agent of any person making loans for or offering financial assistance in the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of housing accommodations, to set standards and preferences, terms, conditions, limitations or specifications for the granting of such loans or financial assistance which are not based on the race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion or country of ancestral origin, the receipt of public assistance payments of the applicant for such loan or financial assistance or, of any existing or prospective owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of such housing accommodation.

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §§ 4591 and 4592, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, §§ 38 and 39, are amended to read:

**§ 4591. Equal access to public accommodations**

The opportunity for every individual to have equal access to places of public accommodation without discrimination because of race, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin is recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

**§ 4592. Unlawful public accommodations**

It shall be unlawful public accommodations discrimination, in violation of this Act:

For any person, being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation, to directly or indirectly refuse, withhold from or deny to any person, on account of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin, any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges of such place or public accommodation, or for such reason in any manner discriminate against any person in the price, terms or conditions upon which access to such accommodation, advantages, facilities and privileges may depend;

For any person to directly or indirectly publish, circulate, issue, display, post or mail any written, printed, painted or broadcast communication, notice or advertisement, to the effect that any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any place of public accommodation shall be refused, withheld from or denied to any person on account of race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin, or that the patronage or custom thereof of any person belonging to



or purporting to be of any particular race or color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin is unwelcome, objectionable or not acceptable, desired or solicited, or that the clientele thereof is restricted to members of particular races or colors, sexes, **members having sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religions, ancestries or national origin. The production of any such written, printed, painted or broadcast communication, notice or advertisement, purporting to relate to any such place, shall be presumptive evidence in any action that the same was authorized by its owner, manager or proprietor.

Sec. 14. 5 MRSA § 4595, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 40, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4595. **Right to freedom from discrimination solely on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, marital status, ancestry, religion or national origin in any credit transaction**

The opportunity for every individual to be extended credit without discrimination solely because of any one or more of the following factors: Age; race; color; sex; sexual or affectional orientation, marital status; ancestry; religion or national origin is recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

Sec. 15. 5 MRSA § 4596, 1st sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 41, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

It shall be unlawful credit discrimination for any creditor to refuse the extension of credit to any person solely on the basis of any one or more of the following factors: Age; race; color; sex; sexual or affectional orientation; marital status; ancestry; religion or national origin in any credit transaction.

Sec. 16. 5 MRSA § 4612, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 358, § 15, is further amended to read:

A. **Filing.** If the commission finds reasonable grounds to believe that unlawful discrimination has occurred, and further believes that irreparable injury or great inconvenience will be caused the victim of such discrimination or to members of a racial, color, sex, **sexual or affectional orientation**, physical or mental handicap, religious, nationality group or age group if relief is not immediately granted; or if conciliation efforts under subsection 3 have not succeeded, the commission shall file in the Superior Court a civil action seeking such relief as is appropriate, including temporary restraining orders.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend to all citizens regardless of their sexual or affectional orientation the same protections now guaranteed to others on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, etc. Discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit would be prohibited.



How dare you presume us to be heterosexual!



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## WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!!! MAINE GAY SYMPOSIUM VI

It's hard to believe that the sixth Maine Gay Symposium is coming up in a few days. It seems like only a little while ago that the first Symposium was getting under way, with an all-star cast and to the tune of a lot of free publicity from local "Christians." (We doubt that Jesus would ever recognize them for devotees of his - what's that bit about loving your neighbor?) The first one was a smashing success, as those who attended will recall. We got such a taste for it that we've been doing one every year ever since.

This year, Symposium will be on 7 April (hope this paper gets to you in time, if you already haven't got your pre-registration blank), in Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine. That's at the corner of Falmouth St. and Brighton Ave. Registration begins at 9AM and keynote speeches start at 11. We have an all-star cast again this year: Elaine Noble, former Massachusetts State Representative from the Fenway, will be one of the speakers. She is co-starring with Inside Agitator Kate McQueen and our own Peter Prizer, so the proceedings should be stimulating and witty to say the least.

There will be no dinner this year, so the registration fee has been lowered to \$2.50, including the dance. At noon, sandwiches from the Hungry Hunza, a local vegetarian restaurant, will be on sale, and there are many local eateries. Doughnuts and sweet rolls will be provided by the Port Bakehouse and Dunkin' Donuts, paid for by Roland's Tavern, The Phoenix, and the East Side (formerly Flo's).

As always, the afternoon will be devoted to workshops. Among the topics will be Gay Fathers, Lesbian Mothers, Coming Out for Women, Speaking for the Maine Gay Rights Bill, Straight and Gay Relationships for Women, Surviving the '70's, and Maine Gay Theater. There will be an open meeting for anyone interested in being involved with Mainely Gay. This will be a real working meeting, so bring any articles, graphics, poetry, etc. you might have that you would like published. We have several books that need to be reviewed, if any of you budding critics out there are interested (after all, we are the arbiters of good taste...)

The day will end with the traditional dance. There are rumors that disco equipment might be on hand--lights, mirror ball, the works! Donation will be \$2 for anyone not registered with the Symposium. Child care and housing will be available throughout the weekend. It has all the earmarks of another great Maine Gay production. After all, we really are creative!



# Cumberland County Curmudgeon

By Susan W. Henderson

## IN SEARCH OF THE LEGAL, NON-OPPRESSIVE SALAD, OR HOW TO BE A RADICAL ON THE WEIGHT WATCHERS' DIET

I joined Weight Watchers a while ago. Not that I've sold out to the Establishment, mind you - if nothing else, the Establishment is too boring to sell out to these days. I just decided that huffing and puffing and getting dizzy spells every time I climbed over a ball of cat hair was a little too much; and dince I knew I needed some sort of structure in order to stay on a diet, I joined the pink-and-white (their colors) Diet Mafia and became a WW.

Weight Watchers people are a good-hearted, friendly lot. One has to deal with the same unconscious sexism that exists in every straight institution - even the woman call each other "girls." I put up with it because the group is giving me something I need - help in taking off enough fat so that I won't die of a heart attack before I get to be 50. I want to live to be an obnoxious old woman and drive Social Security nuts! And if anybody calls me a Senior Citizen, I shall bonk them with my cane!

Now for The Diet. Instead of having you count calories, Weight Watchers gives you an elaborate program of what to eat and how much. Food you can have is referred to as being "legal." I suspect that part of the psychology of the thing is having a ritual to follow. For the most part it's good basic nutrition. You can even be a vegetarian on this diet by taking a few permissible liberties with it. However, the only bread they allow is pre-packaged and pre-sliced and has a calorie count on the package, and *everybody* knows that the best bread is made of unbleached flour and



no preservatives, and usually isn't packaged at all. Their logic is that only 75 calories per serving are allowed, and that if you slice it yourself you'll fudge on the quantity; which is good logic, but I can't help wondering whether their being part of AgriBusiness has something to do with it. They also encourage the use of saccharine, and the aftertaste of *that* is enough to convince you that it really does cause cancer.

Grocery shopping is a challenge to most radicals because of all the boycotts. Add the restrictions of a diet and steadily rising prices, and it becomes a mine field. Poor people can't afford this diet, because poor people can't afford good nutrition period, with hamburger at \$2.00 a pound. First comes the fruit-and-vegetable counter. All dieters eat lots of fruit and veggies. I will confess I gave up the Florida orange boycott a while ago, because Anita you-know-who had dropped out of sight (see News Shorts) and I was getting scurvy. I'm not saying you should or shouldn't do likewise - I'm just explaining (rationalizing) why I did it. However, there remains that mainstay of diet salads, iceberg lettuce. The United Farm workers are on strike in the Imperial Valley, and some of the organizers have been killed. I'm a great admirer of César Chávez - to me he ranks with GANDHI and Albert Schweitzer - and there's no way I am going to buy iceberg lettuce when the farm workers are on strike. UFW is asking us to boycott Chiquita bananas too (alas for a lot of Carmen Miranda imitations), because one of the biggest lettuce growers also owns Chiquita. If you drop out lettuce, Florida oranges, and Chiquita bananas, you don't have a lot of other fresh fruit and veggies in the middle of winter. Thank goodness the farmers' market season is on its way!

On to the canned stuff. One of the brothers tells me that Campbell's should be boycotted because of some labor issue - he wasn't too sure of the details. Could someone write and fill us in? One of the biggest rascals



is Nestlé's. Nestlé's is pushing baby formula in the Third World, which one would think was harmless enough. However, it ends with many of the babies dying of malnutrition. It goes like this: the new mother goes home from the hospital with a sample of baby formula, given to the hospital free by Nestlé's. Most Third World women are illiterate; most have never been away from their villages and are unsophisticated when it comes to judging advertisers' claims; and most of them have great admiration for western technology. So they mix up the formula, which the Nestlé people tell them is more modern and convenient and better for the child than breast-feeding. Often, the women don't have a proper pan or enough fuel to sterilize the formula properly, assuming that they understand about sterilization. The only available water is often polluted, and there is rarely any refrigeration - most of you no doubt know that any milk product spoils rapidly if not refrigerated. By the time the sample has been used, the mother's own milk has dried up, so she has to buy more formula. The formula can cost 50% or more of the family's income, which is often as low as \$400 or \$500 a year, so the people do with the formula as they do with their own food - they stretch it and add too much water. Enter food poisoning and malnutrition. The Nestlé people continue to send sales personnel in nurses' uniforms to urge mothers to buy the formula they can't afford or use properly, and the mothers do it because they admire western technology. They don't find out about the drawbacks until later, if they ever realize at all what it was that killed their babies. So that's why a lot of us are boycotting Nestlé's. When you're a WW, the only chocolate you can have is unsweetened cocoa, so it's easy to avoid the rascals in that department. However, the boycott gets you right in the ol' decaffeinated coffee - Nescafé, Decaf, Taster's Choice, and Pero are all on the shit list. (For those interested, I've listed the Nestlé's brand names at the end of this column.)

On to the bread department. I've already told you the



bread rules - no more than 75 calories a slice, and it has to have a calorie count on the package. First I check out all the breads that meet the calorie count (a lot of local brands don't have one and so are out), and then eliminate anything made by ITT. I'm boycotting ITT because of the number they did on Dita Beard back in the Nixon days, and because they've got too much power that We The People can't control. When you've eliminated Wonder Bread and Fresh Horizons, you don't have many choices left, especially if you want to avoid bleached flour. (In the *Portland Evening Express* the other day, I read that Fresh Horizons bread contains 7% wood fiber. I *knew* that lot were up to no good!!!) However, it can be done, if you want to spend ten minutes wandering up and down the bread aisle with a vacant look on your face.

After running this gauntlet, the radical weight watcher can go home and collapse with a carrot and a glass of skinny milk and feel intolerably virtuous. I'm not setting out to do an ad for Weight Watchers, mind you - there are many healthy ways of getting to a weight that's good for you. This one works for me. (If I get called a girl too many times more, though, I'm going to pop somebody one.) But dieting is certainly more strenuous when you're politically aware. Let's hope they don't start a carrot boycott - then I'll be in real trouble!

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#### Nestlé's Shitlist

Taster's Choice	Nestea	Libby, McNeill & Libby
Nescafé	Souptime	products
Decaf	Maggi products	Crosse & Blackwell
Sunrise coffee	Swiss Knight cheese	products
Pero	Stouffer products	Deer Park mountain spring
Quik	Stouffer restaurants	water
Choco-Chill	and hotels	Lancôme cosmetics
Nestle's chocolate	Berringer Bros. wines	L'oréal cosmetics
Crunch	Los Hermanos wines	



## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST?

(Liberation News Service) Having done its best to stir up hysteria about the "spiritual fathers of terrorism," West Germany's right-wing daily newspaper Bild Zeitung ("picture newspaper") is now offering parents a chance to predict whether their children will wind up on the most-wanted list some day.

Headlining the provocative questions "Could your child become a terrorist?" the paper recently published a "psychological test" supposedly designed to provide the answer.

To take the test, parents simply have to answer a series of questions about their children's lives and personal habits. Then it's just a matter of holding your breath and adding up the results. "If your child scored more than 50 points," the paper claimed, "she or he is theoretically likely to be infected with terrorist ideas and even to commit violent acts."

And 50 points aren't all that hard to come by. A child can be half way there simply by picking up ten for a "yes" answer to "Does your family have a weak father?" and another 15 for a "yes" to "Does the mother dominate?" Should a child be "sensitive" he or she will add another 8 points toward becoming a pin-up on the post office wall. Apparently "sensitivity" is even more dangerous than asking "difficult" questions. Asking questions instead of "being happy" costs 6 points.

Reading habits are another giveaway. A child who reads Franz Kafka rates another 3 points, while a taste for Wilhelf Busch (a nineteenth century writer of moral tales) shows enough redeeming social value to subtract 8 points.

Busch seems to provide only slightly less moral momentum than a motorcycle: for any child who belongs to a motorcycle gang, the test instructs parents to subtract 10 points.

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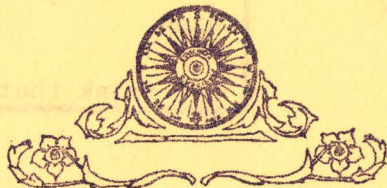
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issue after acquittal, reprinted the article so that readers could judge for themselves what all the fuss had been about. The Ontario government has announced that it will appeal the verdict. Meanwhile, TBP has sued the *Toronto Star*, charging that the *Star* "inflamed and prejudiced public opinion" against them. The charge was made when the *Star* alleged that TBP was asking for provincial lottery money to reprint "Men Loving Boys Loving Men." TBP has said it plans to apply for a grant from the Ontario Arts Council, but such a grant has nothing to do with lottery funds; and the article has already been reprinted.

*The Body Politic* is still in need of money for legal costs in the upcoming appeal by the Ontario government. Contributions may be sent to Lynn King in Trust for *The Body Politic* Free the Press Fund, c/o Cornish,

King, Sachs, and Wildman, Barristers and Solicitors, 111 Richard St. West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 3N6. Contributions for operating costs of the paper, also much needed, may be sent directly to *The Body Politic*, Box 7289, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1X9.

LONDON (GCN) -- The British House of Lords has upheld the conviction of the London *Gay News* on a charge of blasphemy for printing a poem that contained a "spiritual-erotic description of Christ." Charges were brought by anti-pornography crusader Mary Whitehouse. The *Gay News* has lodged a formal complaint against the British government with the European Commission on Human Rights in Strasbourg, charging that the blasphemy laws constitute religious discrimination and contravene Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights. If the *Gay News* wins, Britain may be forced to





revoke its blasphemy laws, but the case could take three years to litigate.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (GCN) -- Bella Abzug, former U.S. Representative and Co-Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee for Women, was fired by President Carter on 17 January. The firing was prompted by a press release issued prior to the President's meeting with the Committee, which release was critical of Carter's anti-inflation program as it affects women. Twenty-six of the remaining 39 members of the Committee resigned in protest, including NGTF Co-Executive Director Jean O'Leary.

BOSTON (GCN) -- Mayor Kevin H. White has become the first elected official in New England to appoint an aide to act as liaison with the Gay community. The appointee is Robin MacCormack, former assistant manager of Sporters Cafe, a well-known local Gay men's bar. He

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#### IN MEMORIAM

Harvey Milk made a tape after he was elected Supervisor, knowing that he might be assassinated. The following is an excerpt from it, printed by the Seattle Gay News:

I know that when a person is assassinated after they have achieved victory, there are several tendencies. One is to have some people go crazy in the streets, angry and frustrated, and the other is to have a big show or splash.

Naturally I want neither.

I cannot prevent anybody from getting angry or mad or frustrated. I can only hope they'll turn that anger and frustration and madness into something positive so that hundreds will step forward, so that gay doctors will come out, gay lawyers, gay judges, gay bankers, gay architects...I hope that every professional gay will just say, "Enough!", come forward and tell everybody, "Wear a sign, let the world know".

These are my strong requests, knowing that it could happen. Hoping it doesn't...and if it does, I think I've already achieved something.

I think that it's been worth it.



sits on the co-ordinating council of the Boston Gay Health Collective and has been active in other Gay community groups as well as the local Democratic party. His duties will be to identify the needs of the Gay community and "develop responses to those needs," including acting as liaison between the community and the police.

THE BRYANT WATCH (GPU News)  
-- Anita Bryant's latest concert appearances have been very poorly attended. In Macon, Ga., on 6 December 1978, only 2041, instead of the hoped-for 3500, people showed up and the sponsors, the Southside Lions Club, lost \$1000.00. In Utica, N.Y., only 178 spectators came to Bryant's appearance in an auditorium that seats 6000; the sponsors of that show, the Northeast Regional Right-to-Life Congress, lost \$12,000,00. In contrast, a Human Rights rally

outside the auditorium drew 500 Gay people and their supporters. Bryant's scheduled January concert in Milwaukee was cancelled. Several of her anti-ERA commercials have been rejected by Florida television stations because of "misleading and often inaccurate information" that they contain, such as an assertion that the ERA would legalize Gay marriages.

WOLF CREEK, OR. (Philadelphia Gay News) -- The home of the RFD collective was burned to the ground by an arsonist in February 1979. The members escaped with their lives, but lost all their possessions. Damages were estimated at \$30,000.00 and the collective had no insurance. RFD is a well-known Gay men's quarterly. Contributions may be sent to the Wolf Creek Fire Relief Fund, Box 98, Wolf Creek, OR 97497.

(NEWS SHORTS continue...)





WASHINGTON, D.C. (GCN) -- Vermont repealed its sodomy laws in 1977, with so little publicity that it went unnoticed until Dr. Franklin Kameny, veteran Gay activist, discovered it last year. At the same time, Vermont re-defined sexual assault as an act in which one person "compels the other person to participate ... without the consent of the other person; or by threatening or coercing the other person; or by placing the other person in fear that any person will be harmed imminently ..." The new statute also states that "Lack of consent may be shown without proof of resistance," and that "Neither opinion evidence of, nor evidence of the reputation of the complaining witness' sexual conduct shall be admitted." Vermont is now the twenty-second state to repeal its sodomy laws.



NEW YORK, N.Y. (GCN) -- Plans are being made for a national Lesbian and Gay March on Washington to be held on 14 October 1979. Regional planning conferences will be held in New York City on 1 April at a Gay synagogue in Manhattan, and on 5 May at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. These conferences will form committees to do the necessary organizing, and will elect delegates to the national steering committee meeting in Houston, Texas. The March will uphold the following demands:

1. Repeal all anti-Lesbian/Gay laws.
  2. Pass a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay rights bill in Congress.
  3. Issue a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal government and in federally contracted public employment.
  4. Non-discrimination in Lesbian mother and Gay father custody cases.
  5. Full rights for Gay youth, including revision of the age of consent laws.
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## AGEISM IN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

The United Nations has designated 1979 as "International Year of the Child" (IYC). However, if you're looking forward to a children's version of International Women's Year you'll be disappointed. International Women's Year was by and large a feminist event. Women planned it, women ran it and women defined its goals. The Year culminated with an international conference in Mexico City where the world wide status of feminism could be assessed. The International Year of the Child has been conceived quite differently.

First, it's run by adults. Second, the theme for IYC as suggested by the United States is "The Child and the Family," that is, focusing on the relationship of children to their families and through their families to their communities and institutions. By concentrating on the role of children in families the theme ignores the independent role that young people can and should play--in their families and in their communities. One can only wonder what the response would have been if the theme of International Women's Year was "The Woman and Her Man," and how she relates to him and to her community through him.

Apparently the IYC planners still haven't discovered that children are people in their own right, and not just some family sub-group.

The logo chosen for IYC is also astounding in its paternalism. The design of a child being embraced by the sheltering arms of an adult is supposed to be symbolic of children's needs. Again, one need only think about this symbolism in terms of the women's movement to see what a grotesque parody it is of real children's liberation. Imagine a woman with the strong, protective arms of a man around her as a symbol of women's needs. Both of these designs are powerful symbols alright: the ones we're fighting against!

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# The State Street Straw

By Peter Prizer

After months of struggle, I've reluctantly succumbed to *Homerus Cabinus Feveri*, and the content of this Straw is no exception. While the other 49 states are greening and blooming in the warm April sun, we citizens of Maine are still observing the spring snow and the spring freezing rain and the spring mud and the spring fog and the...

As a public service, then, to see how badly our brains have deteriorated during the winter of our, um, discontent, I've devised a little quiz to see if we're all clicking on all 4 cylinders. There are 8 Questions: A correct score on seven or more is exceptional and should be cause for concern. A score of 5 to 6 is average: you are an average person and probably aren't invited to too many parties. A score of one or less is also exceptional: you are an erudite person, knowledgeable in the ways of humanity.

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TIME LIMIT: 563 minutes.

MAY WE CHEAT?: No.

WHEN MAY WE BEGIN?: When the instructor so indicates.

WILL MY PERSONALITY AFFECT MY GRADE?: Yes, especially if you're dull.

You may now begin the Exam.

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## QUESTION 1

Jane has 20 apples. Sally has 10 nectarines. Jane says to Sally, "Hey Sally, if you give me 10 nectarines and I give you four apples, then the sum of your apples divided by the root of my nectarines will

equal the number of issues of 'Mainely Gay' I've got remaining on my subscription. "

How many copies of MG does Jane have remaining on her subscription?

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## QUESTION 2

Shaun and David are sipping Bloody Marys in a Gay disco. Says David to Shaun, "Excuse me, but who's that really hot dude in the green on the third dancing level?" Replies Shaun, "Brothers and sisters I have none, but my best friend's ex-lover's third-floor cousin's ex-roommate's father's neice's ex-lover's doctor's schoolyard sweetheart's lawyer's ex-husband's first cousin, twice removed, is that dude's biological twin."

Who is the hot dude?

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## QUESTION 3

Rebecca finds herself in the strange land of Augustaland, where half the politicians always tell the truth and the other half always lie. Rebecca's problem is that they all look alike. She asks a politician, "If your proposed bill passes, will every citizen of Augustaland lose each protection guaranteed by the U.S. Bill of Rights?" Legislator A replies, "That is precisely the intent of my bill." Rebecca asks nearby Legislator B, "Is A telling the truth?" Legislator B answers, "No." In desperation,

Rebecca asks Legislator C, who is exchanging envelopes with a representative of the tobacco lobby in a corner, "Are A and B telling the truth?" Replies C, "No."

Based on what she has heard, should Rebecca seek a Constitutional test of A's proposed legislation?

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## QUESTION 4

You are on the New York City subway system, traveling with a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain. At the next stop, you must transfer to an uptown express. The problem, however, is that the uptown express will be inhumanly crowded, and in the pushing and shoving necessary to enter the car, you will be separated from either the fox and the chicken, or from the chicken and the grain, with disastrous results.

What do you do?

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## QUESTION 5

Stan is out of dope. He picks up the phone and calls his supplier. The supplier says, "I can



sell you 23 lids of Hawaiian at \$75 a lid, or 13 lids of local trash at \$19.95 a lid." Stan has \$234.05.

What should Stan do?

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QUESTION 6

Debbie and Peter are at the pinball machines. Debbie says to Peter, "This machine here costs 25¢ for one game, or three games for 50¢." Adds Peter, "And this pinball machine over here is 25¢ for two games."

What machine will Debbie and Peter most likely play?

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QUESTION 7

Mother gaily places the birthday cake on the table in front of Dad. Dad smiles strangely, lifts his martini glass as if to drain it, rolls his eyes upward and passes out drunkenly into the five-layered cake, extinguishing all the candles in the process. Amid the laughter and smiles, six-year-old Jimmy asks, "Dad, how old are you?" After several moments of silence, Jimmy's older sister Alice begins, "Three years ago,

Father was four times my age two years ago. Five years from now, he'll be two times my age, plus eleven." Adds older brother Bill, "And seven years ago, your sister was twice my present age, less six." "And 20 years from now," adds Mother with a twinkle in her eye, "the combined ages of Dad, Alice and Bill will equal the sum of your age, plus Royer's, nine years from now, times 4."

How old is Dad?

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QUESTION 8

You are watching the CBS "Double Feature" on TV. It is after midnight, and viewing experience indicates that the amount of commercial airtime will increase in direct proportion to the decrease in program content. Also, the local CBS affiliate has already run an ad for the Red Cross--three times.

Should you turn off the TV?

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ANSWERS

1. None. Jane was cut off the MG mailing list for eating Florida oranges.



2. The person is David's bed-partner three nights before.

3. No. The year is 1993, and the revised Constitution adopted by the 1987 Constitutional convention at Miami Beach provides basic civil liberties only for "unborn young people."

4. A trick question that's obviously moot: shortly, the entire city of New York will experience its 7th total power failure due to a faulty circuit breaker in Catham, N.Y. In the ensuing panic, the fox, the chicken and the grain will be trampled underfoot or pushed into the tracks by struggling patrons, and you will too, if you don't get you ass moving.

5. Stan is also out of luck. He already owes the supplier \$500 for earlier deliveries, and the supplier owes \$700 to the Mafia for their earlier deliveries. The mob is eager to close their books. Stan should get out of town. Quick.

6. Since they are comparative shopping, Debbie and Peter are probably out of quarters. Theirs is a wistful lament: the pinballs will remain quiet.

7. Dad is celebrating his 49th and final birthday. While the family is involved with mathema-

tical calculations, he has quietly suffocated in the icing.

8. You should continue watching the program. Since the local affiliate has run the same public service announcement three times, they have obviously been unable to sell commercial airtime to any local sponsors. Within the hour, you will see a PSA from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, advising against the trimming of ornamental lawn hedges with a lawn mower.

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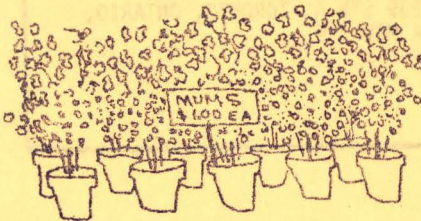
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## THE NEWS SHORTS CONTINUE!!

GAY PROGRESS -- Gay rights ordinances were enacted recently in Troy, N.Y., Detroit, Mich., and Madison, Wis. In New Jersey, State Representative Joseph Maressa withdrew his bill to re-criminalize sodomy in that state, because its constitutionality had been called into question.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (press release, Gay Rights National Lobby) -- A national Gay rights bill has been introduced in Congress by Reps. Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles) and Ted Weiss (D-L-New York). Weiss represents Bella Abzug's old district. Steve Endean of GRNL states that almost all of the co-sponsors of the Abzug bill are willing to co-sponsor the Waxman-Weiss bill also. He is hopeful for the measure's success.



SAO PAULO, BRAZIL (GCN) -- The ten members of Brazil's leading Gay monthly, *Lampiao*, have been arrested for "offending morality and propriety." The Brazilian Press Association, the journalists' union, and other cultural and artistic groups have come to *Lampiao*'s defense, asserting that the charges are a cover for censorship. The journalists' union and the Brazilian Press Association, both "establishment-type" groups, are providing lawyers for the *Lampiao* collective free of charge.

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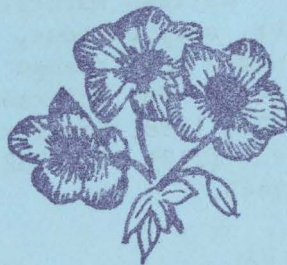
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**FUTURE HOMESTEADER.** Resourceful, independent GM, 30, seeks possible partner/s to share country living (location undetermined). Also interested in existing settlements or rural communes. Would like to hear about others' rural experiences and future aspirations. ALA. Erik Bergström, RFD #2, Lincolnville, ME 04849.

Ms. L. Perry, who is planning to move to Maine, would like correspondence with other Lesbians. Write c/o Mainely Gay, Box 4542, Portland, ME 04112.

**ATASCADERO GAY ENCOUNTER**, a group inside Atascadero State Hospital in California, needs books, films, literature, etc. Donations may be sent to AGE, Drawer A, Atascadero, CA 93422.

**THE NEW ENGLAND GAY STUDENTS Conference** will be held at the University of Vermont in Burlington on 27-29 April. Registration is \$5.00 and includes Saturday potluck supper and Sunday brunch. The dance is \$2.00 extra. Limited free housing is available and motel rooms have been reserved. Send registrations to: Gay Student Union, Univ. of Vt., Billings Student Ctr, Burlington, VT 05401. MG has a few registration cards available. The conference is sponsored by the Gay Student Union. Featured speakers will be Flo Kennedy, Karla Jay, and Allen Young.



**OPEN GIG** - Quiet lounge has opening for entertainer. Help us build and grow with us. Apply Judy King, 442-7513, Bath, Me.



# Access

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY** - Are there any Lesbians and Gay men out there? Gay man new to St. John Valley wishes to make contact with other Gay men and Lesbians in northern Maine/New Brunswick area. All correspondence sincerely welcome. Isolation is no fun. Please write! Benjamin, P.O. Box 82, Van Buren ME 04785.

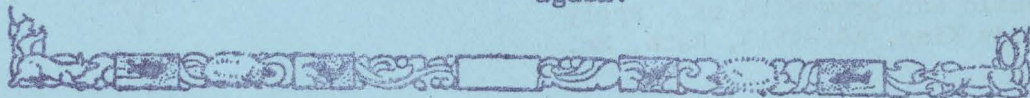
**GAY HEALTH CARE: 10 YEARS AFTER-** the 2d National Gay Health Conference, co-sponsored by the National Gay Health Coalition and Hunter College Student Health Society, will be held at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave. (at 68th St.), New York City, on 18-20 May 1979. MG has a supply of registration flyers.

**THE LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES** seeks material of all sorts that concerns Lesbian history and culture - written material, printed matter, art, buttons, clothing, etc. Any woman may arrange to use the Archives. For information, contact P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10001, or call (212) 874-7232 or (212) 873-9443.

**FULL CIRCLE**, a monthly feminist journal serving Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, has just published its first issue. Its objective is to "create a communications network for the women's community in the northern New England area and to keep women informed about issues facing women in the region - feminism, lesbianism, parenting, older women, legal and political issues." Subs are \$7.50/year. Write Full Circle, P.O. Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229.

**LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF TORONTO (LOOT)** will sponsor the Bi-National Lesbian Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada, on 19-21 May 1979. Women's culture will be an important part of the agenda. For info., write LOOT, 342 Jarvis, Toronto, Ontario.

**GLAD DAY BOOKSTORE** of Toronto has opened a branch in Boston, at 22 Bromfield St., across the hall from the Gay Community News. Some of their stock is still in transit, but they are open for business. At last, Boston has a Gay book store again!









FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

**Legislative Document**

**No. 930**

H. P. 744

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hughes of Auburn, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Limit the Use of State Funds for the Advocacy of Homosexual  
Practices.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 1587 is enacted to read:

**§ 1587. Expenditures for advocating homosexuality**

No department, agency, agent or officer of the State shall expend money under an appropriation by the Legislature for public advocacy of either homosexuality or homosexual practices. Payment of salaries shall be considered an expenditure, and if the salaried person engages in this public advocacy, payment of the salary shall be prohibited.

Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a Class E crime.

**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA § 1751, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 79, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**Public advocacy of either homosexuality or homosexual practices shall be evidence of the lack of good moral character.**