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# OUR PAPER

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AND GAY MEN IN MAINE

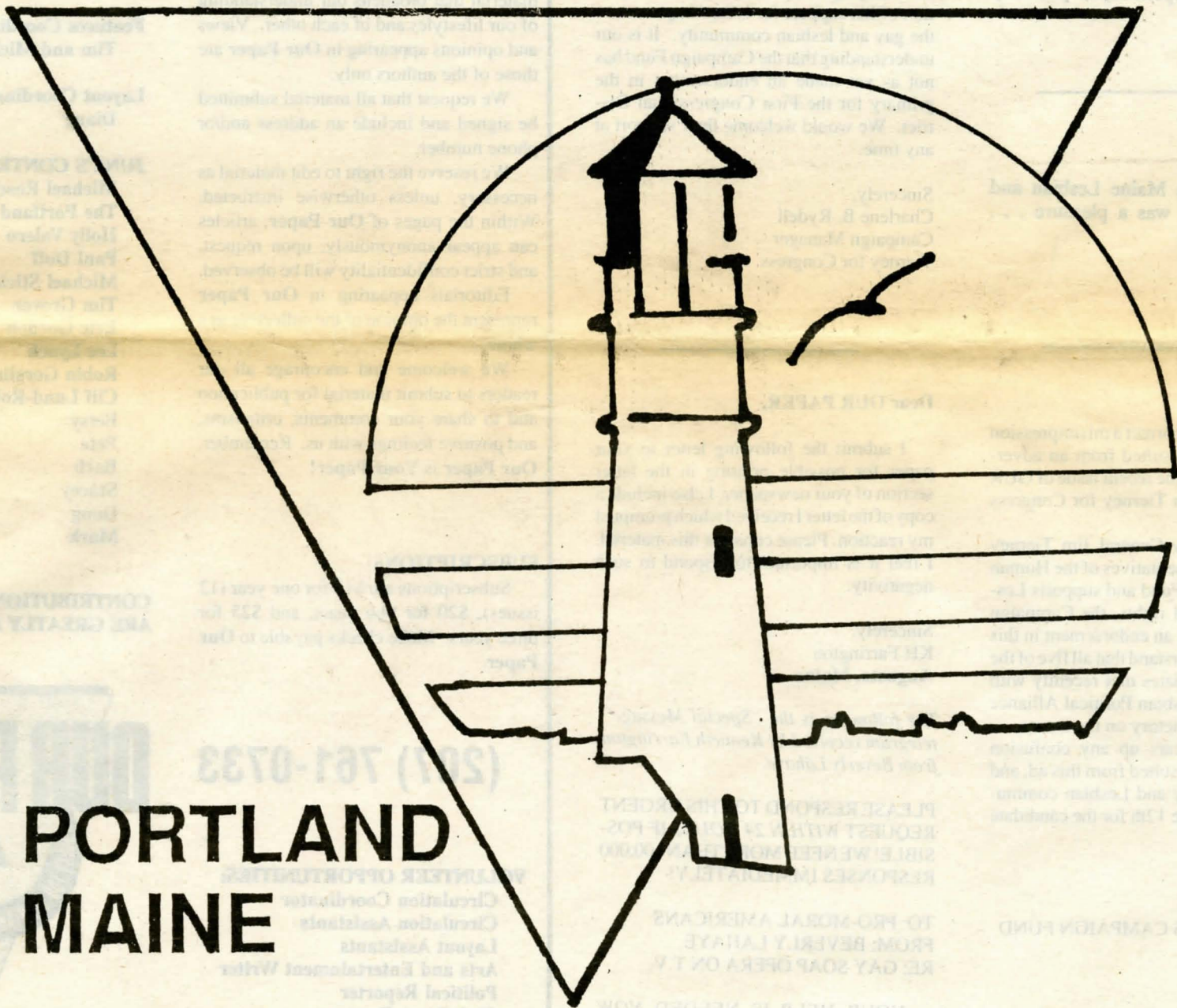
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# LETTERS

Dear Folks at OUR PAPER:

Thanks and keep up the good work . . . your paper's been looking great!

BK

Dear Gang:

Many thanks, and keep up the good work! We all depend upon you very much.

BL

Dear Family:

Coverage for the Maine Lesbian and Gay film festival was a pleasure . . . so was the event!

VZ

To the Editor:

I am writing to correct a misimpression which may have resulted from an advertisement placed in the recent issue of OUR PAPER by the Jim Tierney for Congress Campaign.

While Attorney General Jim Tierney has met with representatives of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and supports Lesbian and Gay civil rights, the Campaign Fund has not made an endorsement in this race. In fact, I understand that all five of the Democratic candidates met recently with the Maine Gay/Lesbian Political Alliance and were all satisfactory on the issues.

I hope this clears up any confusion which may have resulted from this ad, and encourage the Gay and Lesbian community to vote on June 12th for the candidate of their choice.

Eric Rosenthal  
Political Director  
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND

To the Editors:

In our advertisement in the May issue of OUR PAPER, we used a quote from a letter which Kevin Layton of the Human Rights Campaign Fund had written to Attorney General Jim Tierney. Mr. Layton wrote, "I have spoken with Campaign Fund members in Maine and understand that you are seen as a friend and supporter of the Gay and Lesbian community."

We did not intend to imply any endorsement of Mr. Tierney's candidacy by the Campaign Fund but rather a recognition of his support for issues important to the gay and lesbian community. It is our understanding that the Campaign Fund has not as yet made an endorsement in the primary for the First Congressional District. We would welcome their support at any time.

Sincerely,  
Charlene B. Rydell  
Campaign Manager  
Tierney for Congress

Dear OUR PAPER,

I submit the following letter to your paper for possible printing in the letter section of your newspaper. I also include a copy of the letter I received which prompted my reaction. Please consider this material. I feel it is important to respond to such negativity.

Sincerely,  
KH Farrington  
Augusta, Maine

*The following is the "Special Message" telegram received by Kenneth Farrington from Beverly Lahaye.*

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TO: PRO-MORAL AMERICANS  
FROM: BEVERLY LAHAYE  
RE: GAY SOAP OPERA ON T.V.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW  
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## Our Paper

P.O. Box 10744, Portland, Maine 04104

### PURPOSE

**Our Paper** is published monthly by the **Our Paper** volunteer collective, PO Box 10744, Portland ME 04104. The purpose of **Our Paper** is to serve as a voice for lesbians and gay men in Maine. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support, and affirmation, and a vehicle for celebration, by and for members of the lesbian and gay men's communities. We want the paper to reflect our diversity as well.

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IT IS ENTITLED: "FORBIDDEN PASSIONS", AND IS REPORTEDLY A VERY CANDID AND EXPLICIT LOOK AT THE GAY/HOMOSEXUAL LIFE-STYLE AS PERCEIVED BY THE PRODUCERS. (AND OF COURSE THEY ARE SHOWING THIS PERVERTED LIFE-STYLE IN A POSITIVE LIGHT.)

REPORTEDLY IT IS ACTUALLY SHOWING MEN *KISSING* AND *IN BED TOGETHER* - ALL ON T.V. COMING RIGHT INTO OUR OWN LIVING ROOMS - ACCESSIBLE TO OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

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CANS IMMEDIATELY.

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3. PLEASE ENCLOSE A SACRIFICIAL GIFT TO CWA TO HELP US PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THOUSANDS OF OTHER AMERICANS

WE MUST GENERATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSES FROM AT LEAST 100,000 CONCERNED AMERICANS IF WE ARE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO STOP THIS SHOW FROM EVENTUALLY GETTING ON PRIME TIME TELEVISION AND INTO ALL OF OUR LIVING ROOMS.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN YOUR POSTCARDS AND YOUR PLEDGE, AND ENCLOSE YOUR GIFT TO CWA. HELP ME STOP THIS PRIME TIME PERVERSION.

## Don't Take Away My Right To Be Understood

Today, I received a request from Beverly Lahaye representing Concerned Women for America. Just imagine, me receiving a request to participate in banning a new gay soap opera from the three major TV stations. David Gadberry of Golden West Productions, who produces this new soap, *FORBIDDEN PASSIONS*, plans to reflect real events and real issues within the gay community. This could provide a better understanding of who we are to the non-gay public and also give us opportunity to be more accepting and appreciative of who we are. Those like Beverly Lahaye, apparently feel threatened that such a true portrayal would shatter their prejudices, bigotry and deep hatred toward those who are different from them. In her letter, Beverly Lahaye referred to "militant homosexuals" and "perverted life-style." I took it personal. I am not militant nor am I perverted but I am gay.

Beverly Lahaye requested that I sign a boycott pledge to threaten the sponsors of this TV series. She asked that I sign enclosed post cards addressed to the three major networks threatening the boycott and begging the "perversion" not to be shown. Then she asked for a "sacrificial gift" to be sent to the CWA.

I cannot do what I would like to do with the postcards. Better to express my concern and act than to express my anger and render myself powerless. I have written this letter to inform the public of my decision to support this new series and to combat the prejudice directed toward me and my life. I have written to the three major TV

stations in support of David Gadberry's show. I have also written to Beverly Lahaye expressing the stands I have taken as a result of her insensitivity and her cruel requests. In response to her request for a "sacrificial gift," any money I have to give is donated to causes for the betterment of the world, not for demeaning its people.

If you have similar desire to express your opinions on this matter, please write to the three major TV stations at the following addresses:

Mr. William S. Paley  
CBS - TV  
524 W. 57th Street  
New York, New York 10019

Mr. Robert Wright, President  
NBC - TV  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112

Mr. Thomas S. Murphy  
ABC - TV  
24 E. 51st. St.  
New York, New York 10022

If you would like to express your opinions to Beverly Lahaye, please send it to the following address:

Beverly Lahaye  
Concerned Women for America  
P.O. Box 65453  
Washington, DC 20035-5453.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Farrington

## Sutherland-Blessington Nuptials Planned for June 16

by Peaches Blessington

Perry S. Sutherland, Tennessee's premier crem de les femmes, and Peaches Bass Blessington, Wrigley Field's finest baby butch bleacher bum, have announced their intentions to become cross-dressed wife and husband on June 16. The couple, who admit to life-long sexual identity confusion, are planning their unholy union in politically correct/incorrect fashion. The wedding will be a pot-luck, cash-only, transvestite, illicit gay marriage ceremony, complete with clergy impersonators, cheap entertainment, and an admissions fee.

The event was first planned as a fundraiser, but every organization approached, while offering best wishes to Perry and Peaches, admitted to being too embarrassed to be associated with a wedding-in-drag. Undaunted by rejection, the happy couple has decided to throw a party for their friends, fellow travelers, sisters of perpetual indul-

gence, and anyone else interested in attending what promises to be Maine's most unusual summer party.

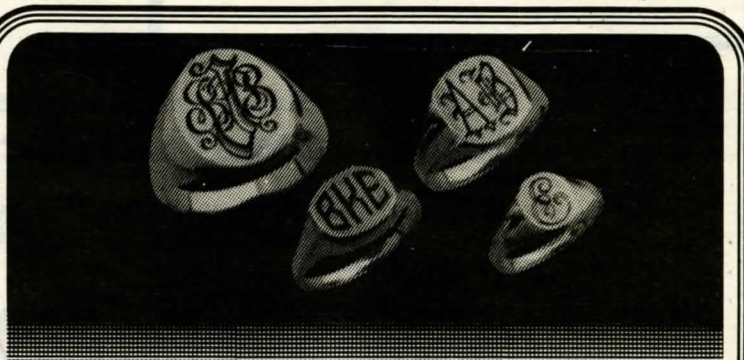
According to Perry and Peaches, "People should just say, 'I do' and have a good time. We are going to go beyond abstinence and take separate honeymoons!"

The bride and groom, along with their respective parties of attendants, will cross-dress, and all guests are encouraged to come in drag of whatever kind. Perry and Peaches request that celebrants and revelers plan to bring something to eat or drink, or pay a \$5 non-refundable entertainment tax to help offset expenses.

The wedding will be held Saturday, June 16 at 4:00 PM, WEATHER PERMITTING, at the home of Susan (Condoms R Me) Cummings-Lawrence, 20 Adelbert, South Portland.

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# Federal Civil Rights for Lesbians and Gay Men? What Do The Candidates Think?

by Tim Grover

OUR PAPER recently surveyed all seven candidates seeking the 1st Congressional District seat being vacated by Congressman Joseph Brennan.

Five of the seven candidates completed the questionnaire, the two Republicans in the race did not reply to the questionnaire.

### The Survey Question:

It is thought that most of the candidates receiving this survey believe that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be illegal. However, believing that discrimination should be illegal is much different from cosponsoring and lobbying on the floor of the House. *If you are elected to serve Maine's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, would you lend your name as a Cosponsor to HR655, The Civil Rights Amendment Act?*

### BACKGROUND -- The rationale behind HR655:

Lesbians and Gay men are sometimes fired from their jobs or denied promotions, even if they perform excellent work, simply because of their sexual orientation. Lesbians and Gay men in the state of Maine have absolutely no legal recourse if fired from their jobs.

In the entire United States, there are only 80 or so cities, and two states, Wisconsin and Massachusetts, that offer some means of legal recourse.

Lesbians and Gay men are sometimes denied apartments, even if they have exemplary records as tenants, simply because of their sexual orientation. They are sometimes excluded from schools, even if they have met the schools' application standards. Lesbians and Gay men are sometimes refused credit, simply because of their sexual orientation, even if they have fine references.

HR655 would give no special privileges or affirmative action to Lesbians and Gay men. Rather, it would give the same legal protection from discrimination that is now extended to other minority groups who

have been denied the equal opportunity to participate in the economic life of the nation.

### Is Discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men a problem?

A nationwide poll of Lesbians and Gay men conducted by Teichner and Associates, released by the San Francisco Examiner, yielded the following results:

- 16% of the respondents experienced discrimination in employment;
- 15% experienced discrimination in housing; and
- 13% experienced discrimination in health care.

The survey, which split discrimination in the United States into four geographical regions, noted that more discrimination occurred in the South and Northeast than in the West and Midwest.

### What would HR655 do?

The Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989, HR655, would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affection or sexual orientation in the areas of


housing, employment, public accommodations, and federally assisted programs. Passage of the bill would amend Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin. HR655 prohibits the use of quotas or affirmative action as remedies for alleged discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill would protect any person from being required to disclose his or her sexual orientation.

### What is the status of HR655 now?

The Civil Rights Amendments Act was reintroduced into the 101st Congress in January of 1989. The principal sponsor of HR655 is Representative Ted Weiss (D-NY). The principal sponsor of the Senate version of the bill, S47, is Senator Alan Cranston, (D-CA). To date, eight senators and seventy-four representatives from both major political parties have cosponsored the bill.


None are from the state of Maine!

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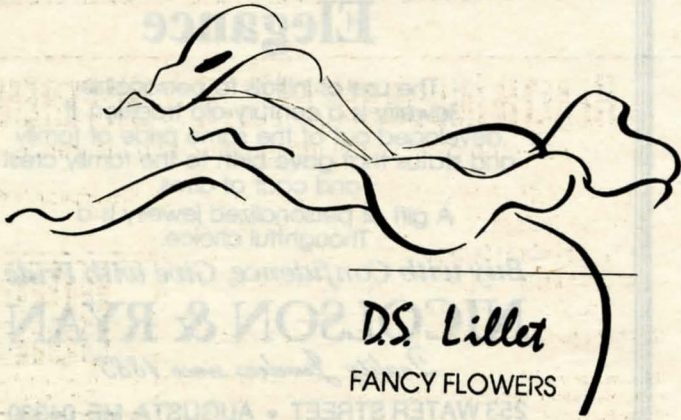
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# ML/GPA HOSTS 1st DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL FORUM

by Tim Grover & Michael Stickney

The Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance hosted its first ever Congressional candidate forum on Tuesday, May 15 at the Holiday Inn By The Bay in Portland. MLGPA, the political voice for lesbians and gay men, scored the coup when five candidates (all Democrats) attended and answered questions relevant to the gay and lesbian community in Maine. Two other candidates, both Republicans, declined to attend the event. The 1st District candidates in attendance were Attorney General James Tierney, Libby Mitchell, State Senator Tom Andrews, Former Portland Mayor Linda Abromson, and former Unity College President Ralph Conant. Not in attendance were Jack McCormick and David Emery.

Diane Elze, President of MLGPA, opened the historic event by addressing the more than 100 persons in attendance and introducing moderator Harry Gordon, Secretary of MLGPA, the panelists and special guests in attendance. Panelists included F.E. Pentlarge, PFLAG co-founder and MLGPA Board member; Patrick Dunn, Outright member; Sarah Jane Elliot; Peter Allen, MLGPA member; Tom Antonic, President of People Living With AIDS; and Diane Elze, President of MLGPA. Special guests included a number of state legislative candidates and current representatives, namely Dale McCormick, District 18 candidate, Rep. Susan Farnsworth, Rep. Marge Clark, former Mayor of Portland, Esther Clennot, District 30 candidate Robin Lambert; District 41 candidate, Jim Mitchell; District 32 candidate Annette Poulin; District 28 candidate, Kim Richardson; Cumberland County District Attorney candidate R. Rominov, and Portland City Councilwoman, Barb Wood.

The candidates, all of whom were given 1 minute to open their part of the program, each congratulated the gay and lesbian community for the opportunity to address pertinent issues and especially thanked MLGPA for inviting them.

Panel questions, alternately simple yes and no type to those which required more in depth answers, were eagerly answered and gave those in attendance the opportunity to see for themselves candidates' reactions to gay-directed and gay-sensitive questioning. Overall, the candidates differed only slightly from one another in the 2 hour session. One surprise of the evening was a comment made by Conant in response to Pentlarge's query about how each candidate became more comfortable with gay issues and supporting gay civil rights legislation. Conant relayed to the audience that he had gotten off to a bad start because he "had been seduced as a 14-year-old by a gay Scout Master", but since then has gotten to know a number of gay men and lesbians and his attitude "has changed." It provided for a moment of awkwardness for everyone, especially since the inference was that gay men seduce little boys who don't know any better.

To the question of how each candidate stood for the possibility of including gay men and lesbians in the definition of "family" as it pertained to medical leave for partner illness or illness in the immediate family of the partner, all voiced their support for legislation to that end.

All candidates agreed that the Department of Defense should reverse its stance that homosexuality and the military are mutually exclusive and vowed to support HR 1280 which contains such language. The candidates also expressed reservations about the continued allocation of grant monies to colleges and universities that allowed ROTC programs to discriminate against gay men and lesbians. Conant, retired from the military, did at times appear fidgety during the sometimes pointed questions concerning the military. He was the only candidate to oppose the possibility of reversing the official military policy of mandatory HIV testing for all service entrants.

Panelist Sarah Jane Elliot asked the can-

didates what could be done to further address the Hate Crimes legislation (signed into law by President Bush) on the state and local levels. Abromson proposed heightened sensitivity programs for local police departments and expressed disappointment in the Hate Crimes legislation by characterizing it as "only another study". Andrews suggested that Maine could begin by implementing the Maine Anti-Harrasment Bill that was sponsored in 1987. Conant disagreed with Abromson and Andrews by stating that "a good study would actually help" and that he advocated action from the local governments.

Peter Allen mentioned that the policy of the U.S. government is to screen applicants (for HIV status) for entry into this country with the exception being for officially sanctioned purposes. In response to the question, "What should the U.S. policy be?", Tierney claimed our current policy is "ridiculous" and Andrews mentioned that we are heading towards "world isolation" with respect to the current government policy.

Two questions from the audience required the candidates to really put themselves in the shoes of gay men and lesbians. The first questioner asked each one to imagine being fired from his/her job because he/she placed a favorite picture of his/her partner on the desk, just as all others in the office had done. Because of homophobia the worker was fired. Each candidate was asked, "What course of action would you pursue?" Andrews responded that he would "fight, organize" and as an adult he would "use the courts" if necessary to reverse his employer's decision and also give personal testimony to any proposed legislation. Abromson would first ask herself some difficult questions about the real motivation for displaying the portrait in the first place.

Tierney responded that "most of me would respond as Tom/Andrews did", but that he would also try to rally his

former co-workers to support him. Mitchell likened the situation to the one she had faced in 1978 when she publically announced that she was pro-choice and was ostracized by many. She had to rally support from her friends and found additional support from people she had not known previously.

The candidates were also asked to pick a women's issue near and dear to them and elaborate on it. Conant voiced support for ERA legislation because it would legally ensure women's equality. Abromson, who studied mathematics in college, told of how as a young woman she was made to feel like she was intruding when she joined the mathematics team and likened the male response to a girl joining the high school football team. She offered to make sure every girl, every young woman and every woman is given "the sky's the limit" approach in what may be accomplished. Abromson also stated that she would work on behalf of all women to make sure they are given the same choices and opportunities as men. Libby Mitchell stated that as a woman, she wanted to be an effective voice in Washington because she was tired of men making all the decisions for her (Bravo!) Tierney vowed to fight for economic justice and Andrews also addressed the disproportionate poverty incidence for women.

The candidates all thanked the audience for their questions and also congratulated MLGPA for making the evening forum such a success.

In her closing remarks, Diane Elze thanked all those present for attending and especially thanked those whose decision to attend may have been more difficult. She also urged those present to "decide on a candidate and work on his/her campaign. Ask them their positions on the current gay/lesbian legislation pending in Congress. And most importantly... REGISTER TO VOTE."

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## What Do The Candidates Think?

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**JAMES TIERNEY (D):**

I will be honored to support and Co-Sponsor H.R. 655, the Civil Rights Amendment Act. My willingness to sponsor this legislation stems from my record on issues of concern to gay men and lesbians here in Maine.

Since 1987, I have supported extending the protections of the Maine Human Rights Act to the gay and lesbian community. I held a press conference on the legislation, testified at the public hearing, and lobbied individual legislators in our successful

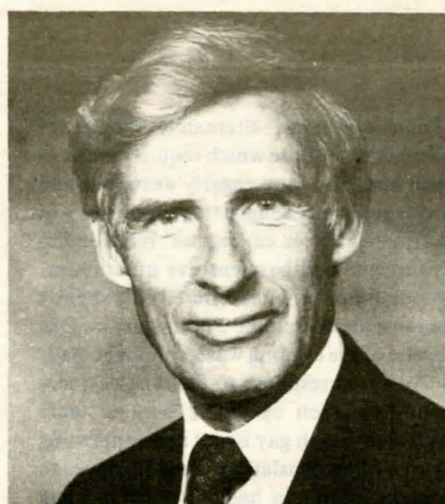
efforts to secure passage in the Maine House.

Working with my staff, I have also supported legislation that would guarantee the confidentiality of HIV test results and oppose mandatory testing and other misguided efforts that would have blamed the victim while trying to combat the AIDS epidemic.

Finally, I was honored to play a role in the successful national battle to pass the Hate Crimes Statistics Act that for the first time will compile data on crimes perpetrated against gay men and lesbians.

I worked hard to get 28 other Attorneys General around the country to join me in a letter demanding that the reference to homosexuality be retained in the bill. When the bill was passed in the House by a 383 to 29 margin, U.S. Rep. John Conyers wrote to me: "This overwhelming display of support is the direct result of the help your letter provided in convincing Members of the bill's importance as a law enforcement tool to combat hate crimes. Thank you for all your efforts."

When President Bush signed the Act into law last month, it marked one of the most significant victories we have achieved in a long time. It will make the lives of all Americans a little safer. I am very proud that for these efforts I received an Award for Public Service from the MLGPA at its annual dinner.



**RALPH CONANT (D):**  
**THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SEXUAL PREFERENCE**

The strength of our country is vested in its people. It is the responsibility of each of us, as well as our government structures, to recognize the integrity and worth of all its citizens. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a milestone in the evolution of human rights legislation. However, this act does not make it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of an individual's sexual or affectional preference. As part of my human rights agenda, I support and would cosponsor HR655, the Civil Rights

Amendment Act that would provide gay men and lesbians with a legal remedy to discrimination against them.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has become a national health crisis. The federal government should continue to fund research to determine the cause and hopefully find a cure for AIDS. Additionally, assistance should be available to those currently affected with AIDS. I support continued and expanded funding for AIDS research and will continue to support it until the cause and a cure are found.

The laws governing current immigration into this country are discriminatory against gay and lesbian people. I would work to reform these laws and remove the discriminatory language.

The military, the FBI and CIA maintain policies which are discriminatory against gay men and lesbians. One's ability to defend one's country or maintain its security has nothing to do with one's sexual or affectional preference. Although I favor legislation which uniformly protects all workers from discrimination, I also realize that a special effort is needed to ensure that these establishments revise their practices.

I view the elimination of oppression in all of its forms to be the key to my human rights agenda.

**LINDA ABROMSON (D):**

Yes. I would proudly lend my name as a co-sponsor to HR655, the Civil Rights Amendment Act.

The history of mankind is disgraced by repeated examples of discrimination. Every continent, every country, every people has, at one time or another, been subjected to intolerance - or worse - because of perceived differences. When are we going to learn that no matter how it is presented, no matter how it is described, it is still discrimination and it is still wrong.

Martin Niemoller, a Protestant Clergyman in Germany wrote:

*In Germany, the Nazis came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I was a Protestant so I didn't speak up. Then they came for me. . . . By that time there was no one to speak up for anyone.*

In American today we have an opportunity not only to speak up, but more importantly, to be heard. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin is wrong. Equally wrong, and equally morally offensive, is discrimination based on affection or sexual orientation.

To say nothing is to condone; to be



satisfied is to be smug; to be silent is to yell more loudly than any words could every be yelled. To accept discrimination is to embrace discrimination. To accept discrimination against any one group, is to accept possible discrimination against every group.

It seems to me that we have two choices. We can either refuse to accept any discrimination for selfish reasons - because some day it could be directed again us; or we can refuse to accept any discrimination for moral reasons - because discrimination by any human beings against any other human beings is unacceptable.

In either case, there is only one conclusion that can be drawn. We must support HR655. And we must do so now.

**TOM ANDREWS (D):**

Not only will I lend my name in support of The Civil Rights Amendment Act (HR655), I will actively fight for it on the floor of Congress.

One of the finest traditions of the Democratic party is its opposition to discrimination of any kind. I am proud of that tradition and have worked consistently throughout my career to protect and defend the civil liberties of all people. As executive director of the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons, I fought for dignity and equality for disabled citizens, including the filing of a major lawsuit against the federal government to make public transit accessible to disabled persons nationwide. I have been a consistent supporter of a woman's right to chose. And I was a proud and active sponsor of the civil rights bill in the Maine Legislature to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The true strength of our country is measured by the richness and diversity of its people. In Congress, I will continue to be a vocal advocate for the civil rights of all people, including lesbians and gay men. Full integration into the economic, political, and social fabric of this country is long overdue.

Although I applaud President Bush's recent decision to order a detailed study of hate crimes that are motivated by sexual prejudice, this too is long overdue. I also question why the study will take five years to determine what we already know: that gays and lesbians are subjected to some of the most vicious hate crimes in our society. They are seven times



more likely to be crime victims than non-gay Americans, yet law enforcement officials routinely ignore the "gaybashing" epidemic. This must change.

Passage of the Civil Rights Amendment Act will be a proud moment in the history of this country and I intend to work hard for its passage.

As a member of Congress, I will also urge the following:

- that President Bush immediately sign an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal hiring;
- that the Department of Defense abandon its long-standing prohibition

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# GLOBAL GAYZETTE

## OHIO COURT OK'S ADOPTION

The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that a gay couple in the Buckeye state can adopt a boy who no one else seems to want, reports the "Philadelphia Gay News."

Last month the court agreed 6 to 1 that eight-year-old Charles B. could be adopted by Lee Balsler and Tom Kuzma. Their adoption request had been blocked by the Licking County Department of Human Services because "a pair of adult male homosexual lovers" was not the best set of adoptive parents of the boy. Balsler and Kuzma appealed the ruling to the state's high court, arguing that Ohio law did not make a distinction between gay or straight adoptive parents. "A child needs a loving and stable home," Balsler said after the ruling was announced. "That is much more important than the orientation of the parent."

In 1986 child psychologist Balsler began seeing the boy professionally. The boy has leukemia, has delayed speech and may have learning disabilities. He had been in foster homes since he was three. Seven months after he began counseling the boy, Balsler and Kuzma decided to adopt him.

Licking County officials said they would not appeal the court ruling even though they were pressured to do so by local Coalition for Decency. Nevertheless, the adoption is not final until after the boy lives in his new home for a six-month trial period.

## LESBIAN WINS VISITATION

A federal judge has overturned a policy by the warden of a Pennsylvania county jail that prohibited a lesbian inmate from receiving visits from her lover, reports Boston's "Sojourner." The warden had refused the visits on the grounds that the prison "can't condone such relationships." The case was brought to court by the ACLU.

Judge D. Brooks Smith issued an injunction declaring the policy unconstitutional and enjoining the county from denying the plaintiff visitation with her lover. "The logical connection between the Blair County visitation policy as it is interpreted and the asserted goals of maintaining internal security and safety for inmates is so remote as to be arbitrary," wrote Smith in his ruling.

The case arose last summer when the prisoner, identified as Jane Doe in the court

papers, wrote the warden to request that her lover be permitted to visit. "I love her and she loves me and I sure would like to see someone I love," Doe had written. "She is all I got." The warden denied her request and the county prison board upheld his decision.

## MARLBORO MAN UNMASKED AS HOMOPHOBIC

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) in Washington, D.C. is asking gays and lesbians throughout the country not to "come to where the flavor is," reports "Philadelphia Gay News."

The organization is calling for a national boycott of Marlboro cigarettes, which are manufactured by Philip Morris, a major contributor to the campaign of homophobic Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC).

ACT UP claims that since 1977 Philip Morris contributed \$19,100 to the Helms election campaign. But a company spokesperson would not confirm that figure.

The Marlboro boycott was announced at a Washington press conference in late April. Helms has consistently voted against pro-gay and AIDS-positive legislation. He has also instigated a number of homophobic and AIDSphobic amendments.

ACT UP said that Philip Morris recently contributed \$200,000 to the proposed Jesse Helms Museum, which is being established in the senator's hometown of Monroe, North Carolina. The Philip Morris contribution is allegedly the largest single donation to the museum.

Since June 1989, the Philip Morris Political Action Committee has contributed \$6,500 to the Helms reelection campaign, ACT UP said.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IGNORES GAYS/LESBIANS

In London, Amnesty International has confirmed that at least two lesbians and three gay men have been executed in different cities in Iran, reports the "Gayzette" of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The executions by beheading and stoning were widely reported in the gay and lesbian media.

Amnesty International, meanwhile, continues to refuse to adopt gay or lesbian prisoners who are incarcerated solely because of their sexual preference.

## THE WHITE AND MALE AMERICAN MEDIA

Two studies have provided more proof that newspapers have made virtually no progress in hiring women or minorities, nor have they increased their coverage of women's issues significantly.

According to "Sojourner," a recent survey by the University of Southern California found that women were quoted in 14 percent of the front-page stories in 20 newspapers in February of this year. Female bylines represented 28 percent of the total, and women appeared in 32 percent of the front-page photos.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors also released results of a survey indicating that African-American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American journalists represent only 7.8 percent of reporters in the 1,000 papers included in the study.

## SAN FRANCISCO'S GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCE UPHELD

"Bay Windows" of Boston reports that Superior Court Judge Ira Brown upheld the constitutionality of San Francisco's gay rights ordinance in two different suits, rejecting arguments by AT&T and Western Union that the state has sole jurisdiction over anti-discrimination laws.

Both companies are involved in suits charging them with discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

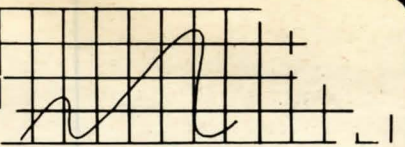
Western Union's lawyers contended that San Francisco's 12-year-old law was preempted by the state's civil rights law which allocates sole authority over legislation in this area to the state. The state's law does not include sexual orientation.

But Judge Brown accepted the plaintiff's argument that the city's law merely extends the state's law and is not in conflict with it.

Matt Coles, of the ACLU and author of the ordinance, said he was happy with the decision but was cautious in his optimism. The ruling is not binding or a precedent, Coles noted.

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**What Do The Candidates Think?**

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against gays in the military, an outdated policy that causes the dismissal of 1,400 service personnel each year, most of them women, at a cost of some tens of millions of dollars in lost training;

- that Congress pass Barney Frank's legislation lifting immigration restrictions;
- full funding for AIDS service provision as well as research and development.

**LIBBY MITCHELL (D):**

I support amending Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include a prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Successful passage of HR 655 is a key human rights issue of the 1990's. By promoting a federal solution to prohibit lesbian and gay discrimination, the gay community will be assured of a unified and national protection against discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation and, especially important, federally assisted programs.

While serving in the Maine State Legislature, I supported legislation to add a prohibition to the Maine Human Rights Act against discrimination of women and men based on their sexual orientation. For too long members of the gay and lesbian community have been disenfranchised from society exclusion and sharing equally in the right to a place to live and work. I have demonstrated my support for righting these wrongs in Maine at a time when it was more difficult politically to stand up and be counted on this issue. You can trust that I care about you.

The gay and lesbian community continues to fear for their own physical safety. Judges that have handed down lighter sentences and police who look the other way because the victim is a lesbian or gay man must receive a clear, national message that our society will not tolerate such abuses by public



officials. Senseless violence against gay men and lesbians must be documented, faced up to, and stopped. AIDS victims, in addition to their tremendous personal and medical care problems, continue to face discrimination. We need to pursue this national legislation to protect them, their lovers and their families.

All Maine citizens need and deserve a place to live, a place to work, and a place to learn. I support the passage of HR655 and will sign on with my support of this crucial legislation to extend these basic rights to our nations lesbians and gay men.

**DAVID EMERY (R):**  
Did not respond.

**JACK McCORMICK (R):**  
Did not respond.

OUR PAPER is excited for the Gay and Lesbian constituents of the 1st Congressional District in Maine. For the first time in Maine's history, a Gay and Lesbian supportive Congress-

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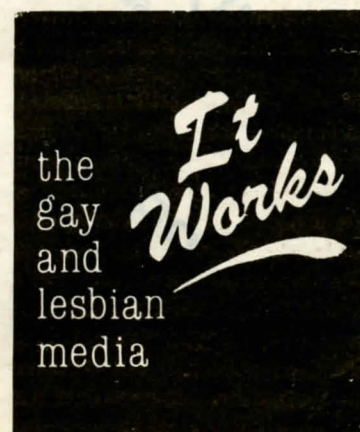
## The Do-It-Yourself Demonstration Kit

Although Portland's Pride Event in the past may have looked like several hundred people suddenly having a collective impulse to march down Congress Street, the truth is that, even at it's most meager moments, such an event requires planning, communicating, and financing. It has a useful formula that can be the pattern for any demonstration. The essential first ingredient is deciding what it is to be accomplished. What is it that a demonstration is supposed to do. This will tell you what sort of event or demonstration you should plan, like maybe blocking traffic, or picketing an agency, or maybe a Pride march. In our case it's meant as both an opportunity for our community and its concerns to be visible and to provide a unique occasion for celebrating. Secondly, you need a fanatic or two who will remain as the stable core to the planning and see things through to completion. The next step is to develop your logistics and check for obstacles. This means call City Hall and the police to inquire about permits, ordinances, and as in our case, use of the street. Cooperation with City Hall is best if you are concerned about the peaceful nature of your demonstration, which we are. If your intention is civil disobedience, which is emphatically not the case with Portland Pride, it allows you a perspective on your ability to provoke arrest. By requesting permits you establish a list of security needs, expenses, people and materials to deal with the use of public property, whether or not you intend a peaceful event or confrontation. Part of developing the logistics of the demonstration is starting an inventory of your resources and categorizing them by their dependability. Resources inevitably means people, money, and connections. (Again, the stress is on dependability.) With people you get the most work per willingness if you define the tasks that need to be done and find some way of effectively assigning them. With all this behind you, start announcing your intentions and reaching out for support to those likely to be sympathetic to your cause. Hopefully money, connections, and even more people will come your way. Then if it doesn't rain on your parade and there aren't competing demonstrations or events or crucial elements or your support base aren't feuding, you might be successful in effecting a statement.

Portland's Pride Parade is formulated on this pattern. Each year we seem to start fresh with new faces, big ideas, and no money. This year started well in that the initial meeting of the Planning Committee was well enough attended and a schedule was blocked out early. This allowed a budget to be determined and the assigning of specific goals. Our initial budget figures were based on possible costs that the committee had or almost had in previous years. It has worked out to be about as accurate as the 1990 budget, but the errors were all to our advantage. The city of Portland requires mega-insurance to use its property for a rally or demonstration - a \$300,000 policy with the city as co-benefactor. This really means about a \$400 fee for insurance to cover that specific event. Thanks to both Ravens and The Underground, we will be using private property for Prize events and thereby cutting that expense out of our budget. The city cannot prevent a peaceful sidewalk demonstration so long as it does not interfere with

pedestrian traffic, cause damage, or disorder. To use the street, however, requires a permit and consultation with the police. The police are free but had the city required the use of barricades, the Committee may have had to spend another \$300-\$500. We avoided the barricades by supplying our own crossing guards. We intend to entice perspective guard volunteers with the only available commemorative and free T-shirts of the march. (Positions are still open.) As for the police, thanks to the good efforts of Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) President Diane Elze and friends, who established a dialogue with the Portland police and the Gay community, Chief Chitwood has been supportive of our efforts. We have chosen the 1 P.M. starting time for the march because it does not interfere with the shift changes of the police staff. Prior to establishing the facts, the committee voted to approach the MLGPA for support if we needed financial help. The MLGPA was willing to discuss it, and supplied the committee with

assistance by inserting Portland Pride flyers in their mailings. Although there was a miscommunication over the May issue, OUR PAPER made generous offers to assist in telling about the Committee plans. All the pieces were in place.



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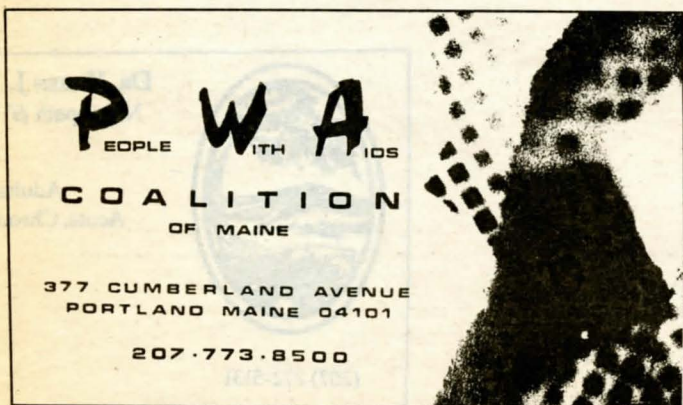
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## LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Portland, Maine Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Celebration

**Look to the Future** is the national slogan for gay and lesbian pride celebrations for 1990, which was selected last fall at the national gathering of Pride committee representatives in Seattle. Last March in Boston, representatives from New England committees and the New York Heritage of Pride met to set local March dates and share notes. The Portland, Maine Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride weekend is slated for June 1, 2, and 3.

**Friday, June 1** will kick off Pride Weekend with a pre-march rally to be held at Ravens on Kennebec Street. Along with cheerleading and general pandemonium, we will have several speakers to ignite the sparks. Speakers include Portland City Councilwoman Barbara Wood, P.W.A. Coalition activist David Ketchum, and a representative from the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. If you have volunteered to be a parade marshal or would like to volunteer and receive a free Portland Pride T-shirt, the rally is the last chance to do so (or call 883-6934 to volunteer). The official Pride dance follows with a special Texas Two-step segment or three.

**Saturday, June 2.** Brunch will be served at the Living Room at 377 Cumberland Avenue from 10:30 A.M. till noon. It will be hosted by the Harbor Master and the P.W.A. Coalition. Donations will go to benefit the Coalition. It will also be an opportunity to meet the festival's performers.

Following the Brunch, between noon and 12:30, the parade will start lining up at Longfellow Square; that's the seated statue at the top of the hill at the intersections of State and Congress Streets. After announcements and instructions the Parade will officially start with a few marches performed by the Freedom Trail Band. The march will be silent the first 1/4 mile in deference to AIDS victims and victims of homophobia. From Spring Street on we will let loose, carrying a two mile route through the heart of the city, past all the community-owned businesses and ending up for the

festival at Ravens on Kennebec Street.

The Pride Festival will be our new addition to the celebration. Speakers will include Tess Ewing from Resist and the Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists Network who will speak on battling the possible referendum against the new Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, the international Rights Movements, and working for Labor rights. Also from Massachusetts will be David Lafontaine, from the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, a group which also worked to successfully pass the Massachusetts bill. David will give an overview of the history and struggle to pass the Bill. A representative from the D.C.-based Campaign for Human Rights will also be speaking. The Maine Lesbian and Gay political Alliance and several local groups will also be giving us a few words. Entertainment includes a variety of music. The Boston Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band will treat us to a medley of musical styles. Diana Hansen, a folk and pop music performer of recent arrival to Maine but sudden acclaim, will be performing with accompaniment. The North Star Sisters, a folk, contra, jazz, and fiddle ensemble will provide a footstopping finale. Along with other entertainment, there will be food, crafts, and information tables. Pride Celebration Dances will continue afterwards both at Ravens and the Underground (now the Limelight). We will also be providing opportunities to register to vote throughout the weekend.

**Sunday, June 3.** A cruise with live entertainment and great refreshments will be leaving from Portland waterfront for Casco Bay. Tickets for the cruise are only \$8 and can be purchased at the Underground, 3 Spring Street. Profits from the Cruise will go to benefit the P.W.A. Coalition. Following the Cruise, the weekend will wind down (or back-up) at the Pride Fiesta at the Underground in the late afternoon.

**Saturday, June 9.** There are two buses to Boston. The bus by the Pride Committee will be a start to build the

budget for the 1991 Pride Celebration. The Pride Bus will leave at 8 A.M. from 377 Cumberland Avenue following the provided breakfast and return at 10:30 p.m., same location. Tickets for the Pride Bus are \$20 or \$10 for students with current student I.D.s. The trip includes breakfast, Pride button, guide, and refreshments on return trip. Reservations can be made by calling 883-6934.

Information about the weekend is available in the Pride Brochure or by calling the Lesbian and Gay Bulletin Board at (207) 883-6934, 24 hours.

The date, Saturday, June 2, was selected so as not to conflict with Boston's Pride Celebration. June 16 and 23 were the alternatives since May dates would have conflicted with the AIDS Memorial and Symposium, while late June and July would have conflicted with Bangor events. The problem with the June 2 is that it is the state Democratic Convention weekend. This is a problem for MLGPA delegates. It was felt that we would still go with June 2 because we would not be as successful or get enough attention had we waited until after the Boston celebration.

Money and community involvement has been a major factor to the somewhat meager nature of past Portland Pride events. This year is our banner year; we have managed to raise enough to provide for entertainment at the rally, printing T-shirts for more guards, and have put together a brochure. The exceptional cooperation between the Portland business people and community groups has been doing what a pride celebration should do: bring people together.

All that remains is for the word to get out. That's where you, the reader, can help by telling everyone you know about the event. The brochure has the schedule of Portland's celebration as well as does the June issue of *OUR PAPER*, *Bay Windows*, *The New England Guide*, *Casco Bay Weekly* and *Gay Community News*. Now that you know how, perhaps next year you will consider lending your support to the celebration.

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## Portland Pride Celebration Schedule

### Friday, June 1

- 7:30 Pre-March Rally
- Speakers from the MLGPA
- Portland City Council
- P.W.A. Coalition
- Cheerleaders and Hoopla
- Door Prizes
- Followed by Pride Dance (& Two-Step)
- All at Ravens, Kennebec St.

### Saturday, June 2

- 10:30 Brunch at the Living Room
- to Meet the day's performers
- noon 377 Cumberland Ave., \$1.00 donation
- Hosted by P.W.A. Coalition

- noon Line up at Longfellow Square
- 12:45 Blackstone's will be open

- 1 p.m. Step off time for the March
- Marching Band
- Entertainers
- \$50 Banner Prize, Floats
- 2 mile route through Portland
- 2 p.m. The Pride Festival
- Speakers
- Representatives from Resist and Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists Network; Mass. Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights; MLGPA
- Entertainers
- Diana Hansen, Vocal
- Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band
- The North Star Sisters, Dance and Folk
- Others
- Also food, craft, and information tables
- Celebration dances follow at Ravens and The Underground (Limelight)

### Sunday, June 3

- Cruise and Live Entertainment, \$8 per person followed by Pride
- Fiesta sponsored by the Underground (Limelight)

### Saturday, June 9

- Bus to Boston Pride
- Leaves at 8 a.m.; returns at 10 p.m.
- Tickets are \$20 (\$10 with valid student I.D.). Includes breakfast and Pride packet
- Reservations can be made by calling 883-6934.

For information on any of the Pride events, contact the sponsoring business or call the Bulletin Board at 883-6934, 24 hours.

## Charlie Howard Observance Weekend July 6-8

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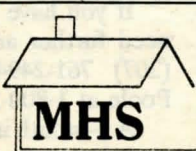
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# LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Portland, Maine Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Celebration

**Look to the Future** is the national slogan for gay and lesbian pride celebrations for 1990, which was selected last fall at the national gathering of Pride committee representatives in Seattle. Last March in Boston, representatives from New England committees and the New York Heritage of Pride met to set local March dates and share notes. The Portland, Maine Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride weekend is slated for June 1, 2, and 3.

**Friday, June 1** will kick off Pride Weekend with a pre-march rally to be held at Ravens on Kennebec Street. Along with cheerleading and general pandemonium, we will have several speakers to ignite the sparks. Speakers include Portland City Councilwoman Barbara Wood, P.W.A. Coalition activist David Ketchum, and a representative from the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. If you have volunteered to be a parade marshal or would like to volunteer and receive a free Portland Pride T-shirt, the rally is the last chance to do so (or call 883-6934 to volunteer). The official Pride dance follows with a special Texas Two-step segment or three.

**Saturday, June 2.** Brunch will be served at the Living Room at 377 Cumberland Avenue from 10:30 A.M. till noon. It will be hosted by the Harbor Master and the P.W.A. Coalition. Donations will go to benefit the Coalition. It will also be an opportunity to meet the festivals performers.

Following the Brunch, between noon and 12:30, the parade will start lining up at Longfellow Square; that's the seated statue at the top of the hill at the intersections of State and Congress Streets. After announcements and instructions the Parade will officially start with a few marches performed by the Freedom Trail Band. The march will be silent the first 1/4 mile in deference to AIDS victims and victims of homophobia. From Spring Street on we will let loose, carrying a two mile route through the heart of the city, past all the community-owned businesses and ending up for the

festival at Ravens on Kennebec Street.

The Pride Festival will be our new addition to the celebration. Speakers will include Tess Ewing from Resist and the Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists Network who will speak on battling the possible referendum against the new Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, the international Rights Movements, and working for Labor rights. Also from Massachusetts will be David Lafontaine, from the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, a group which also worked to successfully pass the Massachusetts bill. David will give an overview of the history and struggle to pass the Bill. A representative from the D.C.-based Campaign for Human Rights will also be speaking. The Maine Lesbian and Gay political Alliance and several local groups will also be giving us a few words. Entertainment includes a variety of music. The Boston Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band will treat us to a medley of musical styles. Diana Hansen, a folk and pop music performer of recent arrival to Maine but sudden acclaim, will be performing with accompaniment. The North Star Sisters, a folk, contra, jazz, and fiddle ensemble will provide a footstopping finale. Along with other entertainment, there will be food, crafts, and information tables. Pride Celebration Dances will continue afterwards both at Ravens and the Underground (now the Limelight). We will also be providing opportunities to register to vote throughout the weekend.

**Sunday, June 3.** A cruise with live entertainment and great refreshments will be leaving from Portland waterfront for Casco Bay. Tickets for the cruise are only \$8 and can be purchased at the Underground, 3 Spring Street. Profits from the Cruise will go to benefit the P.W.A. Coalition. Following the Cruise, the weekend will wind down (or back-up) at the Pride Fiesta at the Underground in the late afternoon.

**Saturday, June 9.** There are two buses to Boston. The bus by the Pride Committee will be a start to build the

budget for the 1991 Pride Celebration. The Pride Bus will leave at 8 A.M. from 377 Cumberland Avenue following the provided breakfast and return at 10:30 p.m., same location. Tickets for the Pride Bus are \$20 or \$10 for students with current student I.D.s. The trip includes breakfast, Pride button, guide, and refreshments on return trip. Reservations can be made by calling 883-6934.

Information about the weekend is available in the Pride Brochure or by calling the Lesbian and Gay Bulletin Board at (207) 883-6934, 24 hours.

The date, Saturday, June 2, was selected so as not to conflict with Boston's Pride Celebration. June 16 and 23 were the alternatives since May dates would have conflicted with the AIDS Memorial and Symposium, while late June and July would have conflicted with Bangor events. The problem with the June 2 is that it is the state Democratic Convention weekend. This is a problem for MLGPA delegates. It was felt that we would still go with June 2 because we would not be as successful or get enough attention had we waited until after the Boston celebration.

Money and community involvement has been a major factor to the somewhat meager nature of past Portland Pride events. This year is our banner year; we have managed to raise enough to provide for entertainment at the rally, printing T-shirts for more guards, and have put together a brochure. The exceptional cooperation between the Portland business people and community groups has been doing what a pride celebration should do: bring people together.

All that remains is for the word to get out. That's where you, the reader, can help by telling everyone you know about the event. The brochure has the schedule of Portland's celebration as well as does the June issue of *OUR PAPER*, *Bay Windows*, *The New England Guide*, *Casco Bay Weekly* and *Gay Community News*. Now that you know how, perhaps next year you will consider lending your support to the celebration.

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## Portland Pride Celebration Schedule

### Friday, June 1

7:30 Pre-March Rally  
 Speakers from the MLGPA  
 Portland City Council  
 P.W.A. Coalition  
 Cheerleaders and Hoopla  
 Door Prizes  
 Followed by Pride Dance (& Two-Step)  
 All at Ravens, Kennebec St.

### Saturday, June 2

10:30 Brunch at the Living Room  
 to Meet the day's performers  
 noon 377 Cumberland Ave., \$1.00  
 donation  
 Hosted by P.W.A. Coalition

noon Line up at Longfellow  
 to Square  
 12:45 Blackstone's will be open

1 p.m. Step off time for the  
 March  
 Marching Band  
 Entertainers  
 \$50 Banner Prize, Floats  
 2 mile route through  
 Portland

2 p.m. The Pride Festival  
 Speakers  
 Representatives from Resist and  
 Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists  
 Network; Mass. Coalition for  
 Lesbian and Gay Rights; MLGPA  
 Entertainers  
 Diana Hansen, Vocal  
 Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band  
 The North Star Sisters,  
 Dance and Folk  
 Others  
 Also food, craft, and  
 information tables  
 Celebration dances follow  
 at Ravens and  
 The Underground  
 (Limelight)

### Sunday, June 3

Cruise and Live Entertainment,  
 \$8 per person followed by Pride  
 Fiesta sponsored by the Underground  
 (Limelight)

### Saturday, June 9

Bus to Boston Pride  
 Leaves at 8 a.m.; returns  
 at 10 p.m.  
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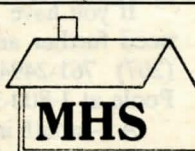
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## Let's Go to the Movies

by Holly Valero

It's not everyday that a "Lesbian and Gay film festival" blows into town. Portland's first ever was the result of loads of people. Most of them . . . okay, just about all of them, I do not know. I can only guess at the nightmares, the obstacles, the anxiety attacks, and the nervous breakdowns suffered in the attempt to bring this incredible project to life. For a relative view of the struggle, just try and picture the last time you tried to plan a "surprise" birthday party . . . back yard barbecue . . . or Thanksgiving dinner for relatives. Now multiply that by at least ten.

It all started on May 11, 1990. My partner and I made the mistake of thinking that there wouldn't be much of a crowd on Friday night. I can only assume that after a busy week for both of us we just weren't thinking clearly. Joining the group of unfortunates who did not have a "weekend pass," we huddled in the outer lobby of the Portland Art Museum - our names on a list, anxiously awaiting the deadline - the time when sales were opened to the public. I felt a strange wave of emotions . . . desperation, hope, fear - like waiting at the J.F.K. baggage claim for an organ transplant. When our names were called, we gleefully handed over \$10.00 each for the evening. We had originally planned to see *Le Jupon Rouge* and call it a night, but found that we could not pay for just one show. It was an all or nothing deal. We chose all.

*Le Jupon Rouge* is one of those foreign films -- set in contemporary Paris. It follows the convoluted but intense relationships between three beautiful women; one 27, one 44, and one a bit older [50's?]. The women live in wonderful apartments with plenty of unused space, maintain a good balance between work and living, and seldom seem to do laundry, grocery shop, or vacuum. These are the kind of women who can look "forlorn" - the best I've ever done is "confused." These are the kind of women who can take a nice long hot bath undisturbed - at least most of the time. The film had a genuine softness to it . . . or perhaps I am nearsighted after all. The subtitles of the relationships were unwound throughout but never fully explained. I like that. In this country we seem to feel the need to spell everything out - the Rambo approach. Naturally, as a Lesbian film, it does not end happily, but it does not end unhappily either. As with many foreign films, it just ends.

After a lovely reception we returned to the theatre for *Beyond Gravity*, a film from New Zealand that centers

around the relationship between two men; Richard, who is a bit introverted and spends a lot of time worrying about the planet being swallowed up by the sun, and Johnny, an eccentric Italian fellow who drives a car the size and color of a lime. Johnny is part thief, part kid, and part neurotic. He not only looks like an old friend of mine from Pennsylvania - whose name is John - but acts like him as well. I used to have a great time with John, but always thought somewhere in the back of my mind that we might be arrested some day. Naturally Johnny and Richard end up together, despite their attempts not to. Several other supporting characters: Richard's sister, co-worker, etc., made this a genuinely funny and charming movie.

Saturday night was naturally sunny - perfect for tanning. It was a heartbreak to enter into a dark theatre [the Performing Arts Center] during one of this summer's 23 sunny days, but we couldn't help it.

Even with its five reel changes, sound imperfections, and occasional blips, *Novembermoon* was worth the struggle. This West German and French film chronicles the lasting love between Ferial and her German-Jewish lover, November, during the occupation of France. November suffers physical and emotional agony at the hands of Nazi soldiers, but still manages to escape the Gestapo and return to Ferial. Ferial attempts to hide November and eliminate any possibility of suspicion by working for the Gestapo. As the old saying goes, "no good deed goes unpunished." Once France is liberated, Ferial is attacked by an angry mob who accuse her of collaborating with the enemy. Like most unruly mobs, they didn't bother to fully assess the situation. Both women play their parts with dignity and humor. The intensity and depth of their love rises to the top, regardless of the circumstances. (My congratulations also to the poor fellows trying to convince the 35-mm film to cooperate with the one and only projector.)

*She Must Be Seeing Things* was the next film we caught. Agatha, a lawyer, is the lover of Jo, a film maker who's sexual history reads like a Doctor Ruth Cliffnotes. Agatha tries to organize Jo's apartment, comes across her diary, and begins reading it. Intimate relationships, including photos, are spelled out page after page. Names like "Bill", "Dave", and "The guy from California State Prison." Jo is working on a new film which causes her to spend a lot of time away from home, often with her new leading man. Agatha's jealousy is interwoven with a variety of male-sexual undertones. I found the editing

to be a bit confusing at times; with mixed scenes of reality, fantasies of both Jo and Agatha, and shots of the bizarre film that Jo was producing. A film that seemed to revolve around sexual androgyny. The ending was realistic, and, with thanks to Sheila McLaughlin (Director/Writer/Producer) it escaped the clutches of the typical-tragedy-ending so common of Lesbian films.

*Elevation* is the Australian film. What can you say about an 11-minute feature about love in an elevator? It had its ups and downs!

The film festival distributed to its viewers a professionally produced program complete with a great logo for this year's festival. The write-up for *Taxi Zum Klo* includes the phrase "ignores politically correct questions about the 'positive gay image'." Holy Cow! I'll say! West German actor/director Frank Ripplloh portrays life in a sexual fast-lane the likes of which I have never seen. Cruising public toilets, X-rated theatres, and other areas frequented by those undisturbed by concepts such as cleanliness, Ripplloh spends the majority of his time obsessed with anonymous, promiscuous sex. I lost count after 30. The close-up of the rectal exam could have been left up to my imagination. I can't say that my life has been enriched by the experience. The allusion to child pornography upset me, as well as a number of other viewers, some of whom left. I was left with an uneasy feeling that whether or not it was a real child porn film clip, or a child actor hired for the part, it was still a no-good idea from the start. As the lights came up, I remembered the discussion session following *She Must Be Seeing Things*. Several women had difficulty with the concept of voyeurism and other feminist issues related to what was okay and not okay regarding female sexuality. Funny how there wasn't any thought to a discussion after *Taxi Zum Klo*, a film far more explicit and controversial in its portrayal of sexual diversity and perversity in the gay community. I guess women really are different from men after all.

Sunday, the day it rained so heavily in Portland, I stayed home. I had to get some work done before returning to work on Monday morning. Of the films I did see, *Le Jupon Rouge* was my favorite. I loved the scene between the two women [one 27, the other 44] as they shared their first passionate encounter. The youngest, enamored of her new love, is filled with desire, yet holds back. The other woman holds her gently in her arms and says, "Don't be afraid. With women anything is possible." . . . If only.

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Nicole Brossard



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**June 8**

**"Spring Affair" - a Taste of the Seacoast,** a spectacular night of light feasting, is the theme of this year's annual fundraiser for AIDS Response of the Seacoast to be held Friday, June 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Seventy Two Restaurant in Portsmouth.

Now in its second year, the optional black-tie gala event will feature luscious hors d'oeuvres created by some of the Seacoast's finest restaurants, a cash bar, and the distinctive atmosphere provided by the Seventy Two Restaurant located at 45 Pearl Street in Portsmouth. In addition, select speakers will highlight the evening including Suzanne Bowman, one of the original founders of AIDS Response of the Seacoast.

Tickets and more information are available by calling the ARS office at 603/433-5377. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Little Professor Bookstore, Congress Street in Portsmouth, or charged to your MasterCard or VIA by calling 603-436-5666, ask for Jimmy. Tickets for the benefit are limited and reservations are strongly suggested.

Funds generated by this event will help support the ongoing programs sponsored by AIDS Response of the Seacoast.

**June 10**

**The Casco Bay Movers Dance School** will be presenting their Spring Studio Show on Sunday, June 10th at 1:00 p.m. at Mahoney Middle School in South Portland. Participating in the production will be adults and children from the jazz dance school. Tickets will be \$3.00. For further information call 871-1013.

**June 16**

**Women's Dance,** Saturday, June 16th, 8:00 p.m. to midnight. State Church, 159 State Street, Portland, Maine. Chemical free. DJ!! Refreshment!! Fun!! \$5.00 in advance. \$6.00 at door. Tickets available by mail: Women's Music Co-Op, P.O. Box 17, West Buxton, ME 04093 (Please include a S.A.S.E.). Sponsored by The Women's Music Co-Op.

**Friday, June 22-24**

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The highlight of the celebration will be a banquet, followed by the internationally known folk singer and Lesbian entertainer, **Alix Dobkin.** The evening's festivities will conclude with dancing. During the weekend, rap sessions will be offered.

In existence since 1985, GOLDEN THREADS is a worldwide network of Lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women — no Lesbian is excluded. A contact publication, GOLDEN THREADS, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbians,

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For more information please contact: Christine Burton, GOLDEN THREADS, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

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Rent Party 6-10 p.m.

(See Her Minds I article.)

**June 25**

Explore HER MINDS I noon on

(See Her Minds I article.)

**June 30**

Art Gallery Opening noon on

(See Her Minds I article.)

**June 30**

**Singer-Songwriter John Prince** will perform a benefit concert June 30th at 8:00 p.m. at First Church, Court Street, Belfast. Contemporary music; vocals, guitar, and piano. Dance to follow upstairs hall, at 9:30 - midnight. \$3.00 donation each event.



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## Celluloid Sensation

by Paul B. Duff

Out and Out Productions deserves a standing ovation for the first annual Maine Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, presented in Portland on May 11, 12 and 13. The images and themes were our images, images which represented the diversity and complexity of lesbian and gay life. I heard several people lament having to reenter the "real" world after the warmth and safety of the festival. Events like this one remind us that we have the power within ourselves to help shape our reality.

The festival opened on Friday night with a sold-out house for *Le Jupon Rouge*, a riveting film which explores the tangled connections between a passionate trio of very different women. The film delves into the deeply personal and painful conflicts that develop between friends and lovers, illuminated with wonderful moments of humor. The second film on Friday, *Beyond Gravity*, was a disturbing gay comedy from New Zealand. The first half of the film is a scream. As the relationship between Richard and Johnny develops, however, themes of betrayal and abuse make this film harder to smile during. The relationship between Richard and his sister is perhaps the best developed pairing in the film and makes it well-worth the watch. The film's ending is very reminiscent of *Parting Glances* but is not nearly as satisfying.

*A Death in the Family*, a docudrama from New Zealand, began Saturday's screenings. The film reminded me of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*, but whereas Kramer's play is loud and energetic and angry, *A Death in the Family* is quiet, focused and reflective. Both works center around the turmoil caused in a gay "family" by the A.I.D.S. epidemic. Employing the eye of the camera to create an intense awareness of time and space, *A Death in the Family* is a beautiful and touching film. Jerry Tartaglia's quartet of short films were an interesting counterpoint to the preceding *A Death in the Family*. A.I.D.S.C.R.E.A.M., ecce homo, Fin de

*Siecle and Remembrance* explored the continuum of stereotyping and self-representation as gays transverse the line between the personal and the political. His films are a visual and audio collage of shrewd observations and cutting humor, which are worth a watch though they sometimes were bogged down by pointless visuals and repetitive soundtrack. The other "gay short" shown with Tartaglia's work was an Australian short *Sleepin' Round*. *Sleepin' Round* is a light look at the single life, it is upbeat and well-paced -- if nothing else, you'll never look at milkmen in quite the same way.

The West German *Novembermoon* is a modern epic. It takes place during WWII at the height of Jewish persecution and focuses on the love between a German Jew and a Frenchwoman. Gabriele Osburg and Christiane Millet as the lovers November and Ferial are superb. The film is beautiful, well-made and, yes, long, but it is worth every minute and the ending is both surprising and shocking.

A classic already, Bill Sherwood's *Parting Glances* is a thoughtful, funny, realistic and moving film about people. If you haven't seen it --do. Bill Sherwood's death this February reminds us, yet again, of the importance of the images he and other artists have created and will create in the continual struggle for gay survival.

Because the Dawn is literally and figuratively about Starvation. Stunning. It has lesbians and vampires -- it has music and candlelight -- it has moonlight and fog -- Death and blood? Yes, that too. Find it, watch it, enjoy it.

Sheila McLaughlin's *She Must Be Seeing Things* is a shrewd and provocative look at the effect of jealousy on the chemistry of a relationship. McLaughlin's use of a lesbian relationship with a heterosexual overlay, including heterosexual infidelities, is a "brain-tease". The concepts of gender identification which lesbians and gays often attempt to overturn are turned back on us for further consideration in the

film. McLaughlin was on hand Saturday night for a panel discussion after the film. The discussion was not as lively as one would expect from such a film but it was nonetheless a worthwhile addition to the festival's schedule.

Before the final films on Saturday there was a party, and, as we would have said at college, it was prime facetime. Another touch of class from the festival's committee and sponsors.

Saturday evening's screenings saw some of the most and least sensual gay male films. *Elevation*, another short from Australia, is slick and sexy and very tasteful -- viewing it was like eating a truffle. *Taxi Zum Klo*, on the other hand, leaves a bad taste in the mouth. It is a revolutionary film -- campy as hell and a challenge to a straight audience -- unfortunately, it takes the eroticism out of sex and makes it akin to a bowel movement. Not that sex need be glamorous, but the sex in the film leaves one sad and frustrated. Worth watching as a slice of gay history, but not very moving or appropos in the gay nineties.

The highly acclaimed *Before Stonewall* opened the last day of the festival. *Before Stonewall* is a thorough, joyous documentary of gay life and the gay movement before the Stonewall riot of 1969. The words and images of our gay foreparents are energizing and inspirational -- being "in the life" was often difficult but there is immeasurable pride to be seen in the eyes of those who dared to live in communion with other gays. The film underscores the importance of communication and confrontation in the lives of lesbians and gays then and now. There is a sense of community in *Before Stonewall* which we can continue to build on today. A must-see film for out and closeted gays and lesbians.

*Community* is presented as a closed world -- unabashed but aware of its borders --in *Looking for Langston*. *Looking* is a visual poem, it is clean, crisp and highly erotic. It is a collage

which dances between personal and public politics -- which presents snippets of history past and present. The film is worth, and demands, several viewings.

The most disturbing film of the weekend was unquestionably *Juliet Bashore's Kamikaze Hearts*. Even those who have seen *Working Girls* and read *Sexwork* will find Bashore's work raw and painful. The lovers Mitch and Tigr are both deeply enmeshed in the world of pornography and drugs and engage in mutual and self-abuse. They are bright, attractive, talented women -- one feels very un-PC judging their lifestyles, but you can't help the feeling that they are deeply fucked up. The pain and conflict in *Kamikaze Hearts* is real and true, the film aches. A healthy dose of reality for those who live in theoretics.

*Quirky. Funny. Ordinary. Fun Down There* is a nice film. Not outstanding, but nice. It is the story of a young man who leaves rural, upstate New York to come out in New York City. It deals with the very, very ordinariness of most gays' everyday lives -- yes, gays wait for things to happen like everyone does, life is not just an endless series of rapid-fire events -- conflicts and sexual encounters. Sort of refreshing, sort of boring.

Yahoo! Yipee!! Hooray!!! Yes, I Need A Man Like You to Make My Dreams Come True is a ripper. Slashing comedy -- FABULOUS.


*Salut Victor!* from Canada closed the festival on Sunday. The film is a companion to *Before Stonewall* in its portrayal of a pair of older gay men. Philippe and Victor are the most unlikely pair and their courtship is delightful. *Salut Victor!* is a wonderful film that tells a wonderful story.

A feel good, feel sad, must see.

The Maine Lesbian and Gay Film Festival was a labor of love on behalf of the committee, volunteers and audience members. I was unable to view the videos presented during the festival but I trust that they were of a quality akin to the excellent group of films presented. Thanks for the trip.

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## 36 - NEWS AND INFO

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## AIDS Action of Central Maine

P.O. Box 3113  
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AIDS Hotline: (207) 782-6113

## AIDS Line

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Daily: 9 AM to 5 PM  
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## AIDS Support Group \*\*

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Not-for-profit organization with the following goals: to provide community education about AIDS/HIV; to coordinate and support community-based services to people living with AIDS/HIV, their families and significant others; to assess AIDS needs in our communities and present a unified front on AIDS needs issues; and to provide a forum for the exchange of support, professional skills and technical resources. We have been meeting regularly at the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross in Auburn since late 1988, and welcome all interested parties to attend our meetings. For more information, please write AVAC, P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, Maine 04240-7977, or call (207) 795-4357.

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## Belfast Area AIDS Support Group

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c/o Student Activities Office  
Colby College  
Waterville, Maine 04901-0000  
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(207) 326-8580  
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P.O. Box 2038  
Bangor, Maine 04401-2038  
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## Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group

Portland, Maine  
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## Gay/Lesbian Alliance

The Powers House  
88 Winslow Street  
Portland, Maine 04103-0000  
(207) 874-6596

## Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous \*\*

c/o Williston West Church  
32 Thomas Street  
Portland, Maine 04102-0000

## Gay/Lesbian Community Network \*\*

P.O. Box 212  
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## Lesbian/Gay Committee

Maine Chapter National Assoc. of Social Workers  
P.O. Box 5112 - Station A  
Portland, Maine 04102-5112

## Maine Connection

P.O. Box 5245 Station A  
Portland, Maine 04102-5245

## Monadnock Area Womyn

P.O. Box 6345  
Keene, NH 03431-6345  
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## New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reforms

P.O. Box 1556  
Station A  
Fredericton, New Brunswick  
Canada  
E3B 5G2

## New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights

P.O. Box 756  
Coontook, NH 03329-0756  
(603) 228-9009

## Northern Lambda Nord

P.O. Box 990  
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87 Spring Street  
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(207) 879-0877 - Perry Krasow  
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Portland, Maine 04102-5028  
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P.O. Box 2080 - Great Island  
Brunswick, Maine 04011-2080  
(207) 725-4769  
(207) 729-0519  
(207) 623-2349  
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P.O. Box 681  
Scarborough, Maine 04074-0681

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## PWA Coalition of Maine

377 Cumberland Avenue  
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## Seacoast Gay Men (SMG, Inc.) \*\*

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Transupport is a non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire a better understanding of gender-related issues. Meetings are held bi-monthly on Sundays at 6 PM. Write for location and more information.

## USM Women's Forum

University of Southern Maine  
92 Bedford Street  
Portland, Maine 04103-0000

## Wilde-Stein Club

Memorial Union  
University of Maine-Orono  
Orono, Maine 04469-0000

## Waldo County AIDS Education Committee

P.O. Box 772  
Belfast, Maine 04915-0772  
(207) 338-5559 - Nan Stone  
Provides education in the schools, businesses, and community as a whole. Please call for more information.

## WOMLAND Trust Inc.

P.O. Box 55  
Troy, Maine 04987-0055  
WOMLAND Trust is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to acquire land throughout the state to protect it for use by current and future generations of women and children. Meetings second Sunday every month. Location varies.

\*\* - see meetings section for meeting dates and times

# MEETINGS

## SUNDAYS

**Bates Gay/Lesbian/Straight/Alliance** for discussion, support and planning, every Sunday, 8:30 PM in Hirasawa Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston.

**Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance** meets the third Sunday of every month at All Souls Church, 11 King Street, Augusta from 2 to 4 PM.

**Gays in Sobriety (AA)** 6:30 to 8 PM. Speakers meeting, Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

**Northern Lambda Nord** meets the last Sunday of the month, business meeting is at 1 PM followed by potluck.

**Dignity/Bangor (Lesbians/Gay Catholics and Friends)** meets the second and fourth Sundays at Chapen, Ruth Hutchins Center, Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union Street, Bangor. Doors open at 6 PM, worship at 6:15 followed by a business social.

**Transupport** peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire a better understanding of gender-related issues. Meets bi-monthly at 6:00 PM. Write to P.O. Box 17622, Portland, Maine 04101-0000 for more information and meeting locations.

**Gay/Lesbian Community Network** meets the second Sunday of the month for a Lesbian Potluck Brunch from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Room 302, Bangor.

**Dignity/Maine (Gay/Lesbian Catholics and their friends)** meets every Sunday at First Parish Church, 425 Congress St., Portland. Door opens at 5:30, worship at 6:00 PM followed by social. Please use rear entrance.

## MONDAYS

**AIDS Support Group** meets weekly at 6:30 PM. Call Alan at (207) 548-2929 for more information.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)** meets for open discussion with focus on Gay/Lesbian issues, 7 to 8:30 PM at YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

**Feminist Spiritual Community** meets every Monday at 7 PM at Friends Meeting House, Forest Avenue, Portland. (207) 773-2294.

**Seacoast Gay Men** meets Mondays at 7 PM (except first Monday of month is potluck party held elsewhere). Unitarian-Universalist Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth, NH. Call Al (603) 898-1115.

**PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the All Souls Church, Unitarian, Universalist, 11 King Street, Augusta, Maine. For more information, please call (207) 623-2349.

**Building a More Positive Gay Identity**, a support group for gay men, dealing with issues of coming out as an ongoing process, self-esteem, social pressures, relationships, and personal growth. Monday mornings, 10:30 to noon or Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. To apply, phone (207) 772-1307.

**The Bridge at COLBY**, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901, Connecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Straight communities. Meetings, every other Monday night at 7:30 PM in the Bridge Room. 24 Hour information Phoneline (207) 873-3536. For more information write, or contact Mark at (207) 877-7089, or leave a message on the phoneline.

**Belfast Area AIDS Support Group** for PWA's, friends, family, and caregivers. Call 338-3736. (Family Planning Monday-Thursday).

## TUESDAYS

### OUR PAPER

Office open to the public every Tuesday from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. New volunteers are always welcome. WE NEED HELP. Stop by at our office at 9 Deering Street in Portland. Call (207) 761-0733 for more information.

**Bowdoin College Gay/Lesbian/Straight Alliance** meets weekly at 7:30 PM, Chase-Barn Chamber, Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

**Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band** meets every week at 7:15 PM at the YWCA, 7th floor, 120 Clarendon Street, Boston. Contact Kathy (617) 424-7025, Gary (617) 267-6186, or Zoe (508) 264-9085 for more information.

**College Lesbian Womyn's Rap Group** meets weekly from 6:30 to 8 PM, 92 Bedford Street, Portland (USM Campus). Bisexuals welcome. Call (207) 780-4085 for more information.

**Down East AIDS Network** support group in Ellsworth meets weekly at 7 PM. Led by clinical social worker Carole Pascal, the group is open to all people affected by AIDS. Call (207) 326-8580 for location.

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** meets fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. First Parish Pilgrim House, 9 Cleveland Street, Brunswick. Call (207) 725-4769 for information.

**Greater Portland NOW** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland at 7:30 PM.

**Gays in Sobriety (AA)** meets weekly from 6 to 7 PM beginning meeting, First Parish UU Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. 7:30 to 9 is speaker/discussion meeting.

**Lesbian ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) Support Group** meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2nd Floor Annex, 15 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine. Non-smoking; all women welcome.

**Families of Gays Support Group** meets second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more information, call Ingraham Volunteers at 774-HELP.

**Free to Be Gay Al-anon** meets every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas St Portland, Maine.

## WEDNESDAYS

**Lesbian/Gay ACOA meeting starting in Hallowell.** Wednesday nights, at 7:00 p.m., St. Matthew's rectory, Union Street.

**Gay/Lesbian Community Network** meets at 7:30 PM the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Room 203, Bangor. Please call (207) 827-3107 for more information.

**Gays and Lesbians United** potluck supper meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Sanford Unitarian Church on the corner of Lebanon Street (Route 202) and Main Street (Route 109) in Sanford, Maine. All Welcome. Call (207) 439-5540 or (207) 490-1295 for details.

**College Gay Men's and Lesbian Womyn's Rap Group** meets weekly at 92 Bedford St., Portland (USM campus) from 7 to 9 PM. Bisexuals welcome. Call (207) 780-4085 for more information.

**AIDS Support Group** for family and friends of people with AIDS or HIV disease, sponsored by Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 PM at Beacon House (corner of Beacon & Washington - North End) Bath. For more information call (207) 725-4955. Group will be facilitated by Vicki Woods.

**Colby College Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay Community** meets weekly at 7:30 PM, Mary Low Coffehouse, Colby College, Waterville.

**Alliance of Seacoast Gay and Lesbian Youth** meets Thursday night from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Portsmouth (South Church), State Street, Portsmouth, in the basement. For Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and those questioning their sexuality, ages 16-24.

## THURSDAYS

**Gays in Sobriety (AA)** big book/step meeting weekly from 8 to 9 PM at Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

**Down East AIDS Network** holds a healing circle for all people affected by AIDS, on the second and fourth Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 PM. For more information, call (207) 326-8580.

**Lesbian/Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** discussion group meets weekly at the Unitarian Church, Main Street, Bangor, at 7:30 PM.

**Women's Support Group for Women with AIDS, ARC, or who are HIV+** meets weekly at The AIDS Project from 10:30 to Noon at 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland, Maine. For more information, or if you are in need of day care, please call Diane or Toby at 774-6877.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)** weekly step meeting with focus on gay/lesbian issues, meets from 5:30 to 7 PM, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

**AIDS Support Group** for people with AIDS or HIV disease sponsored by Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) meets weekly from 3:15 to 4:30 PM at CHANS, 50 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, Maine. For more information call (207) 725-4955. Group will be facilitated by Steve Record and Jonathan Appleyard.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual students and community members at the University of Maine at Farmington** meet weekly for discussions and socializing. The group warmly welcomes new people. For information call or write to Marla Stickle, UMF Center for Human Development, 7 South Street, Farmington, Maine 04938-0000 or call: (207) 778-3501 Ext. 336.

**Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN)** meets every week in Bangor. Call (207) 990-EMAN or write to EMAN, P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, Maine 04401-2038.

## FRIDAYS

**Lesbians in Sobriety (AA)** open meeting meets weekly from 7 to 8 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

**Free to Be Group of AA** meets weekly at 7:30 PM, Jewett Hall, UMA, Room 114.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meets weekly from 8 to 9:30 PM - Gays Together in Sobriety Open Discussion - Christ Episcopal Church, 80 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH.

**OUTRIGHT** Portland Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (22 Years old or younger) meets weekly at 7:30 PM at Preble Street Chapel, 331 Cumberland Ave., Portland.

**Lifestyles Alliance Club** meets weekly at NOON on the UNE campus. Location can be obtained by calling (207) 283-0171 and ask for Barbara Hazard.

## SATURDAYS

**Prime Timers of Boston** an organization for older gay males, meets the third Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 PM at the Lindemann Health Center, 25 Staniford Street, in downtown Boston. (See calendar section for changes in location).

**The GAY 90s. A men's group for the Waldo County area** meets one Saturday night a month for social gathering. For information contact Paul S. Doolan at 342-5886 or write to RR 1, Box 560, Morrill, ME 04952.

**Gay AA Meeting** (speaker discussion) every week from 8 to 9 PM at the Beacon Club (old Mitchell School B/D), 36 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530-0000. Call (207) 443-4288 for more information.

### Second Saturdays

Second Saturdays is a social and recreational organization for gay and other supportive men that offers a variety of activities such as dances, potlucks, outdoor activities and programs of interest to men. A secure and comfortable place to meet new friends. (207) 761-1734

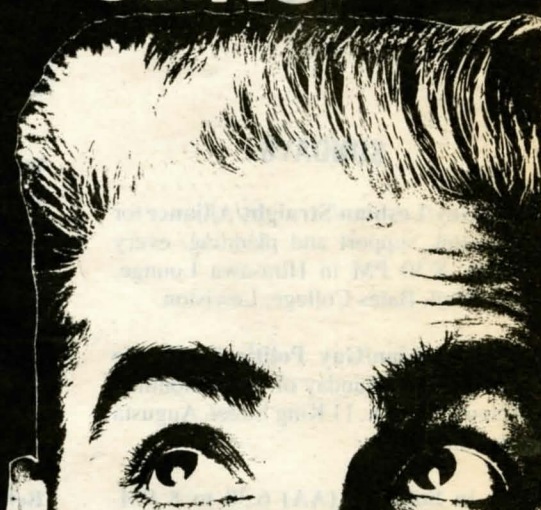
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