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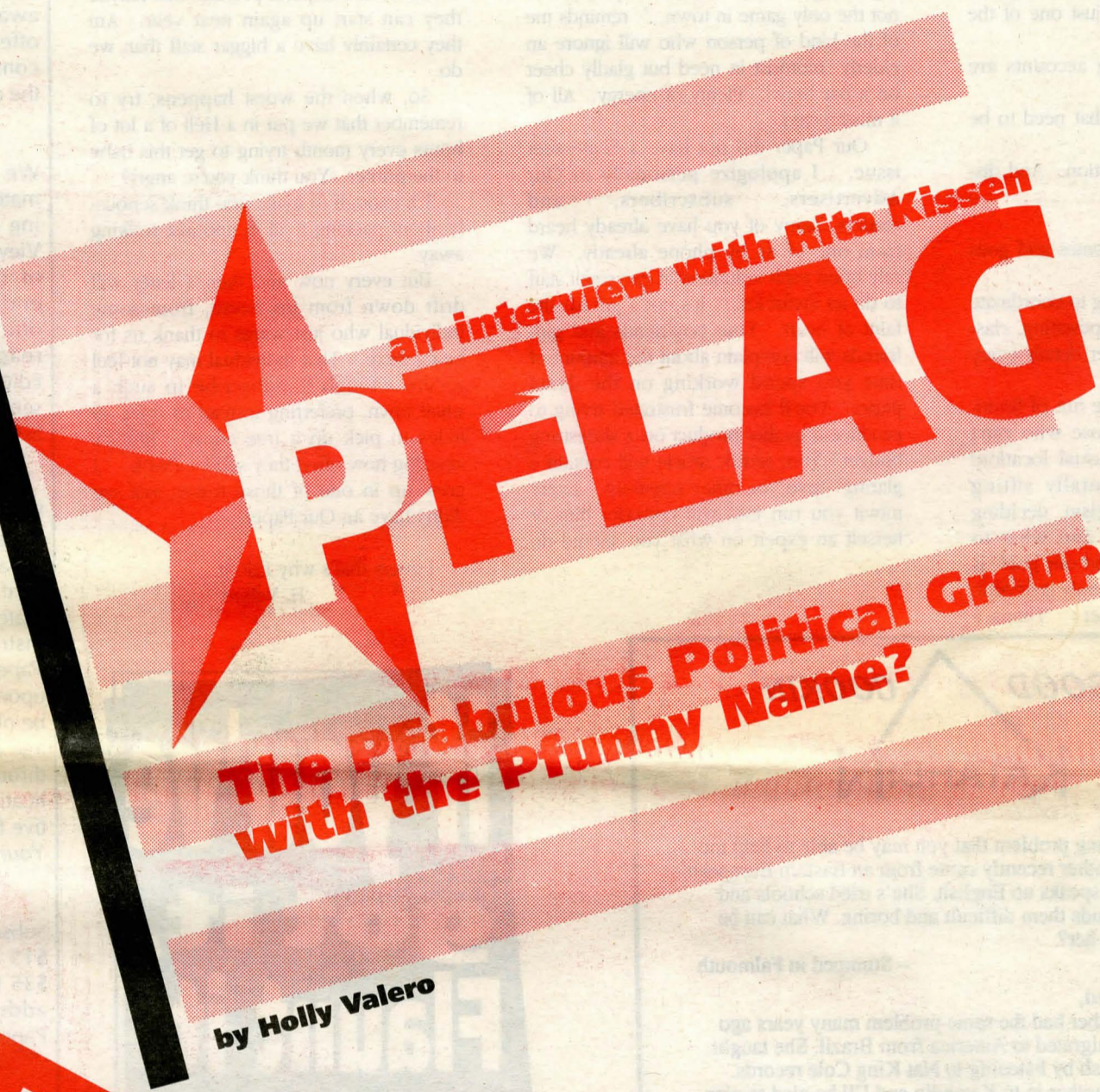
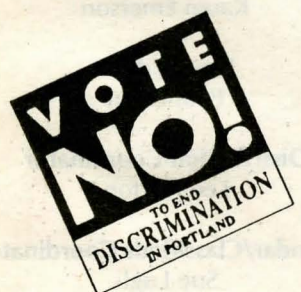
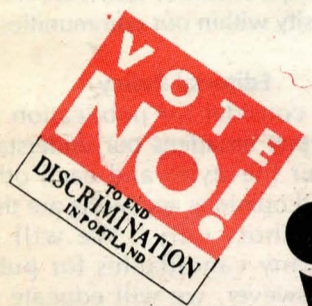
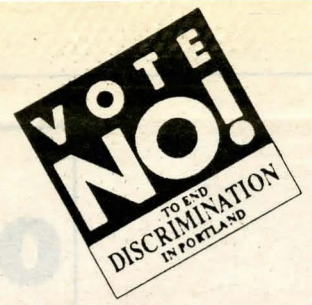
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Maine's Lesbian and Gay Newspaper

Our Paper

October 1992



Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays, or PFLAG, stands with one foot firmly planted in the lesbian and gay community, and the other firmly planted in the straight community. A political diplomat, PFLAG may prove to be the real peacemaker in the 90s.

by Holly Valero

A decade of radical republican conservatism and religious paranoia has left malnourished the essential freedoms upon which this country was built, legalized violence and intolerance in the name of government, and made fashionable hate in the name of God. For Lesbians and gays, working within the straight system, long the accepted method for bringing about change, has recently exploded in a variety of legislative moves that would make illegal all gay/lesbian bills, ordinances, laws, etc., without a state-wide referendum. Other proposals are even less diplomatic — making any lesbian or gay civil rights illegal — period.

Heading toward the turn of the century America's gay and lesbian taxpaying citizens can't help but

wonder if— and when — civil disobedience will turn into civil war.

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Our Paper spoke with Rita Kissen, U.S.M. Professor and PFLAG organizer. Rita gave us some background information on how she became involved with the group:

The motivating force for me was having a lesbian daughter. My daughter came out to me...well, she came out to herself — when she was 18. She was going off to college. We were living in Nebraska in a small town of around 5000 people. We had been to women's concerts together and had both been active in the

National Women's Studies Association. She's an activist. The night before she was to leave we were sitting out on our Midwestern back porch — sitting and talking — and I felt that we should have some kind of conversation about birth control, or dating...and as we talked it came out that she had fallen in love with this wonderful woman. I was sort of amused in a way because we had done so many things together. This was one area in her life that was totally her own. It was part of her coming of age.

I can't even remember how I heard about PFLAG, but somehow I heard. There was no one in my town that was a member, so I joined the National organization. Around that time I started working with gay and lesbian students. I did speaking engagements for

Editorial

why bother?

<Bweeep> "This is the third time I've tried to call you and no one has gotten back to me. I hope you can clear up this ineptitude." I sit in the Our Paper office, taking notes from the angry answering machine. People want information about their accounts, subscriptions, whatever. Half of those who call do not remember to leave us a phone number or address. And then call back even angrier. Listening to their abuse is just one of the perks that go with the job.

Delinquent advertising accounts are another.

A variety of tax forms that need to be filled out are another.

So is bulk mail preparation. And distribution.

Deadlines are another.

A volunteer staff that comes and goes at random is also...

And did I mention trying to coordinate all the writing, graphics, typesetting, classifieds, and a hundred other details every month?

Why do I do it? For the fun of listening to complaints from those who can't find a free copy at their usual location? No. For the joy of mentally sifting through the general criticism, deciding what to take personally and what to ignore? No. My goal and our goal is to keep publishing Maine's only statewide lesbian and gay newspaper. That's a

pretty tall order—one that easily consumes 20, 30, or more hours of my time every month. I do it despite volunteer apathy, despite the fact that only one in ten readers supports Our Paper's \$12 annual subscription rate, and despite local attempts to fuel intra-community hate between Our Paper and Apex. The person who signed a letter with the parting thought, "look out, Our Paper, you're not the only game in town..." reminds me of the kind of person who will ignore an elderly motorist in need but gladly cheer on a bar brawl. Plenty of energy. All of it misdirected.

Our Paper did not have a September issue. I apologize personally to Our Advertisers, subscribers, and readers...many of you have already heard from one of us by phone already. We rely upon each volunteer in our small staff to do an awful lot. It's not a job for the faint of heart. Your boyfriends and girlfriends will complain about the amount of time you spend working on the damn paper. You'll become frustrated trying to produce a quality product on a shoestring budget. Your terrific article will contain a glaring "tpyo" or other screw-up. Every nitwit you run into will consider him or herself an expert on what you should do

with the paper—of course, they won't have any time to help, personally.

More often than not I think people are happy to have the paper around. I smile when I hear that people are *Mad because it didn't come out earlier*. It kind of takes for granted that the paper will always be around. I would like to think it would be. But don't forget that GCN just shut its doors...with a hopeful promise that maybe they can start up again next year. Ant they certainly have a bigger staff than we do.

So, when the worst happens, try to remember that we put in a Hell of a lot of hours every month trying to get this baby to the printer. You think you're angry?

It's enough to make you think seriously about packing it all in and just walking away...

But every now and then a letter will drift down from up North, from some individual who just wants to thank us for being there. That individual may not feel secure enough to subscribe in such a small town, preferring instead to drive 40 miles to pick up a free copy. But it's amazing how often they send a check. I grew up in one of those towns, but we didn't have an Our Paper.

I guess that's why I do it.
H. Valero

Our Paper

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Purpose

Our Paper is published monthly by a dedicated group of unpaid volunteers. Our purpose is to offer a voice for lesbians and gay men throughout Maine. *Our Paper* is dedicated to increasing awareness of gay and lesbian issues, offering support and affirmation as a community resource, and celebrating the diversity within our communities.

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GOOD COOKIN' KATAHDIN

Dear Gloria,
I have a vexing problem that you may be able to help me with. My mother recently came from an Eastern European country and speaks no English. She's tried schools and tutors, but finds them difficult and boring. What can be done to help her?

— Stumped in Falmouth

Dear Stumped,
My own mother had the same problem many years ago when she emigrated to America from Brazil. She taught herself English by listening to Nat King Cole records. Bring your mother in to Katahdin and I'll be glad to play his Greatest Hits. She'll be a smooth talker in no time!

Dear Gloria,
My mother-in-law is driving me crazy! Ever since we took her out to dinner at Katahdin she's been very critical of my cooking. She used to rave about my buttermilk biscuits but now she says they taste like sawdust. Last weekend I cooked her favorite meal — pot roast. She took one bite and said, "It's not as juicy as Katahdin's." I could have strangled her. And to make matters worse, I think my husband secretly agrees with her!

— Peeved in Portland

Dear Peeved,
Don't even try to win this battle. Declare a truce. The next time your mother-in-law comes over for dinner, meet her at the door and say, "We're on our way to Katahdin, care to join us?"

Dear Gloria,
My neighbor loves Katahdin and eats there frequently. Several times a week he comes home with a doggie bag and tosses the contents onto his lawn for the enjoyment of his dog. It bothers me to see such delicious food being thrown away like that. Also, the dog is getting obese, which can't be good for its health. What should I do?

— Fed Up With Fido

Dear Fed Up,
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letters, etc.

▼ Debasing Instinct?

Recently I experienced a disturbing interaction while attending the Equal Protection Trash Disco fundraiser at the Warehouse in Portland. A friend of mine approached me looking panicked and fearful, saying that a man was wearing a tee shirt that said, "NOBODY KNOWS I'M A PSYCHO LESBIAN KILLER". She stated that she was confused, concerned for her safety, and felt violated.

I read the tee shirt and became angry, as I found it difficult to ignore this egregious display of lesbian bashing. For the next hour I conferred with various women at this event and the consensus was that these words were offensive to women.

When asked why he would wear such a statement to an Equal Protection event, his response was, "Basic Instinct". I understood his reference and found myself confused, as this movie was boycotted by the lesbian and gay community as misogynistic and homophobic in content. This did not seem a justification of merit to me. I told him that a number of omen at the event found the tee shirt offensive. He replied, "that's your problem." His dancing partner requested that we leave them alone.

In my opinion these words (PSYCHO LESBIAN KILLER) were a clear example of hate speech being disguised as some sort of a joke. I found the shirt to be lesbophobic and intimidating. First, I found it necessary to write about the incident because I went to this event assuming that one would not be harassed due to their sexual orientation. Secondly, I was distressed about this man's comment "that's your problem." These are the same words I had heard twice earlier in the week when discussing the Equal Protection Ordinance with heterosexuals.

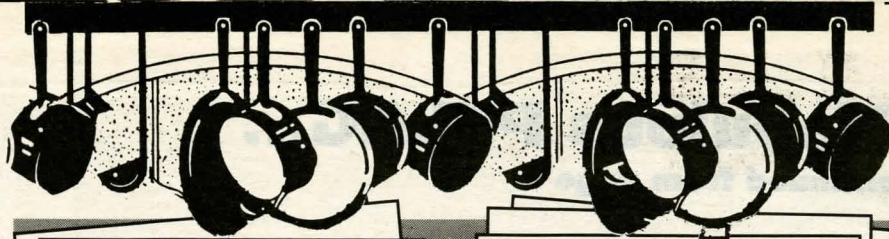
In an attempt to open a dialogue, I invite members of the lesbian and gay community to respond to either this or similar issues of wide perceptual differences within the community. If the community is to come together, both will need to understand how oppression effects us all.

Karen A. Repasky

▼ Angry but Proud Catholic

The recent Vatican doctrinal document on "Some Considerations Concerning the Catholic Response to Legislative Proposals on the Non-Discrimination of Homosexual Persons" prompts me, as a Roman Catholic, to

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TYPES OF FUNCTIONS

- Weddings
- Rehersal dinners
- Gallery openings
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RECENT STUDIES REVEAL MANY SURVIVING FOR 12 OR 13 YEARS

In perhaps the best news coming out of this year's International Conference on AIDS, at least two large studies have determined that as many as 40 percent of HIV-infected people survive as long as 12 to 13 years before developing full-blown AIDS.

Reports at this year's AIDS conference also provided the first concrete evidence to suggest why some HIV-infected people develop AIDS quickly and die and why other survive for years without symptoms. And researchers on Wednesday revealed that a new but simple test may provide a more precise indication about which HIV-infected people are about to move from a relatively healthy state into a precipitous decline into full-blown AIDS. David D. Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York described key differences now apparent between HIV-infected people who are healthy and those who are experiencing a serious decline in health. Those who are deteriorating have a much higher concentration of virus in their bodies.

Using a new test developed by Dutch researchers, Ho's group was also able to determine that the virus in deteriorating patients has also changed in a significant way to become more "aggressive" than it was when the patients were feeling healthy. The healthy HIV-infected patients have a virus termed a Non-Syncytium Inducing (NSI) virus; the deteriorating patients have a Syncytium Inducing (SI) virus.

The SI form of the virus was associated with greater ability to replicate, and greater ability to destroy CD4 cells which protect the body. While all HIV-infected patients appear to harbor the NDS form of the virus throughout their infection, only those experiencing a rapid decline in health harbor the SI form. That form of the virus, said Ho, emerges just prior to an "imminent crash" in the immune system.

The Dutch research team also determined that the commonly used anti-viral AZT "did not interfere" with the virus's ability to mutate from the NSI form to the more deadly SI form and that it did not have any ability to slow the progression to AIDS for people who had developed the SI form of the virus.

Thus, they noted, the benefits of AZT therapy demonstrated thus far may apply only to patients who are harboring the NSI form of the HIV. Patients who are already carrying the SI form of the virus may need to use a form of therapy other than AZT alone.

Alvaro Muñoz of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore reported Tuesday that a study of 1,626 people with HIV-infection showed that 31 percent to 40 percent remain AIDS-free for 12 years. That report was con-

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firmed by another from Susan Buchbinder at the San Francisco Health Department. Buchbinder said a study of 6,704 Gay men who had donated blood in 1978 for a Hepatitis-related study, revealed that 30 percent to 40 percent of a subgroup of 562 for whom a date of infection could be reasonably approximated have not developed a full-blown AIDS diagnosis in 13 years.

SCIENTISTS REPORT CASES OF 'HIC RETROVIRUS'

Almost nobody knew about it before last month, and it has virtually no discernible characteristics; but, by yesterday, the most talked about something in the world had a name—HIC retrovirus.

The human intracisternal (HIC) retrovirus is what one team of doctors in southern California say is causing AIDS-like disease in people who consistently test negative for HIV antibody and show no sign of HIV in their blood. Although some researchers this week tried to stress that it is too soon to sound a public health alarm about the phenomenon, its potential consequences seemed to simply drown out their calls for calm:

• *Could there be another AIDS-like epidemic starting up?*

• *Could some people have a mutated form of the AIDS-causing virus that cannot be detected through available tests?*

Part of the reason U.S. health officials had trouble promoting a sense of calm during two press conferences about the phenomenon at the International Conference on AIDS is that — even though they have observed these cases for as much as three years already — they don't know the answer to those questions. And though they would like to find the answer to those questions, they did not feel the urgency to do so before the media began to demand answers this week. They also acknowledged that they are not accustomed to nor comfortable with setting their research priorities based on media demands for information.

The media inquiries were triggered this week by a one-page article buried deep inside the July 27 issue of Newsweek magazine. The article reported that several AIDS researchers had identified a handful of patients who seemed to have all the characteristics of HIV-disease except one: They had absolutely no trace of the HIV virus or antibodies in their blood.

The numbers of HIV antibody negative cases of AIDS-like illnesses totaled between 38 and 44.

While some possible explanations for the phenomenon might be quite disturbing, some researchers noted that they might also be quite innocuous. Whatever agent causes the syndrome may have been in existence for years but is being seen only now

GLASS (Gay and Lesbian Association for Student Support). That was very interesting. I had been teaching for twenty years and was totally comfortable speaking in front of people, but I was so terrified the first time I ever did a speaking engagement with them. It was a Social Studies 100 class. There were 100 students. It was a required, or core course, so it was a very heterogeneous group of students, mostly freshman and sophomores, and my knees were shaking as I walked in there. It just shows you how deep homophobia goes — without even realizing it. And when they introduced us, the professor — who was very supportive — said to the group, "we have some visitors from GLASS today who are going to talk to you." My first response, which I didn't say, was, "I'm not from GLASS. I'm just a parent." Again, talk about internalized homophobia. It shocked me and depressed me to realize that that was my gut reaction. As things went on I was fine. I started to feel really comfortable saying that I have a lesbian daughter. Now I say it to everybody — whether they want to hear it or not. So I think I've worked through that.

When I came to Portland I had heard that there was a group of parents meeting that was not affiliated with PFLAG. I went to one of the meetings and they were wonderful. I raised the question of whether they wanted to form a chapter, they thought about it and decided that they did. That's how we became the Portland chapter.

The dynamics of PFLAGs across the country vary from individual support, to active politics, to both. A common thread is anger:

There's a lot of anger. You have to realize that when it's your kid — most parents when their kid is attacked in any way — even if you have no politics, there's anger. Most of the people at PFLAG have come through a process. Especially people who had a problem with it. They are the most committed many times because they know what that process is like. It's sad because, in some cases, people's kids are not out. I know some parents who would like to be more out, but they can't because their sons or daughters aren't. There are also a lot of parents going through their own coming out process. Some PFLAG chapters tend to be very

political — because most of the people in them have done what they need to do, and are very okay with it, and do a lot of public speaking and lobbying. Others are much more focussed on support for people in crisis.

Rita Kissen offered testimony at the City Council Meeting that passed Chapter 13-A, Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance protecting citizen rights regardless of sexual orientation:

If I'm an Orthodox Jew I think eating shellfish is a sin, but I don't have the right to go around and deny housing to lobstermen.

My response to the passing of the ordinance was incredible euphoria. It was just so wonderful to be in that room and see all those gay and lesbian people feeling so empowered. It was like, this is what the world could be like. I knew there would be a referendum. I wasn't surprised. I've been working with Equal Protection Portland since the ordinance hearing. It's a terrific group of people. In a way it's very empowering fighting this referendum. I am very optimistic about the referendum being defeated. But I feel that no matter what happens, gay and lesbian people in Portland will never be as invisible again. I feel that something has been started. Going to those meetings every week is very empowering.

Regarding fundamentalist efforts to view gay/lesbian civil rights issues as a holy war, Rita offered the following:

Well you know, when they start quoting the bible I get really angry, because I went to Hebrew school. I read the Bible, too. In the original. If there going to take the Bible literally, take the whole Bible literally. Don't eat shellfish, stone adulterers, have slaves, have concubines... Personally I think the Bible is a great book which is filtered down through lots of men. Any biblical scholar knows that there were different texts that were set down by different authors. I'm very scared and suspicious of anybody who thinks they have the absolute truth — whether it's religious truth

or any other kind of truth. I think that's a very dangerous way to live.

I don't really care why people are gay or lesbian. I think in a way that question is a red herring. Whether people choose it or not is nobody's business. We have separation of church and state. If somebody thinks that homosexuality is a sin — great — let them not be a homosexual. If I'm a Quaker I think war is sin, killing is a sin. If I'm an Orthodox Jew I think eating shellfish is a sin, but I don't have the right to go around and deny housing to lobstermen.

What about media coverage? Gays have historically been viewed as drag queens, while lesbians seem to be invisible:

Women are invisible compared to men, lesbians are the most invisible of all. You have to remember that homosexual-

ity was a clinical term invented one hundred years ago by doctors who saw it as pathology. And a whole concept of a homosexual identity has not existed in every culture. That's why it's so interesting to read history.

Women have become more empowered, and lesbians and gay men have become more visible and more empowered. I see a lot of this hatred as a backlash, a symptom in a way that we have made progress. The H. Ross Perot situation (referring to Perot's statement that he would not hire a homosexual) was interesting because immediately after he said that there was a lot of media attention on demonstrations all over the country and fairly good coverage of those demonstrations. And he then met with representatives of ACT UP, which is not going to change H. Ross Perot, but they can't ignore people anymore.

How involved will PFLAG become in the Equal Protection Portland campaign?

It's easy to get burnt out but, everybody's getting involved one way or another. Some more than others. They all very supportive of their kids. Every lesbian or gay person is somebody's kid, or brother or sister, or friend or whatever. The group will be doing something...raising money, stuffing envelopes. When the referendum

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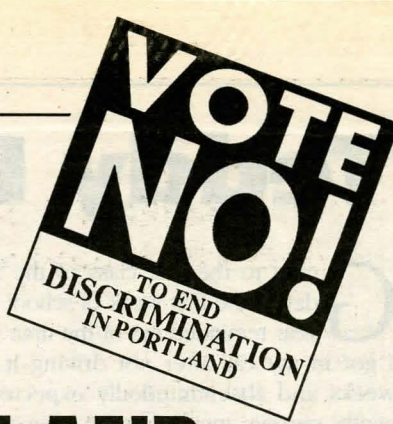
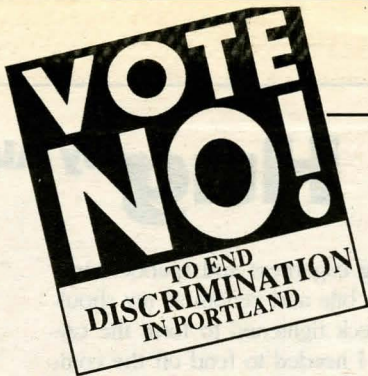
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EQUAL PROTECTION PORTLAND

fundraising events to watch out for

Wednesday, October 7, 1992 Concert/Dance

T-Birds is the place and 8:00 p.m. is the time. Entertainment includes the Lime Rockets and Jenny Woodman, with Special Appearance by Pluck Theatre. Tickets at the door are just \$5.00!

Thursday, October 8, 1992 Book signing

Author John Preston will be signing copies of his recently republished book, *Mr. Benson*, at Blackstone's from 8:00-10:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the VOTE NO campaign.

Sunday, October 18, 1992 Celebrity Bartenders

Join several Portland celebrities guest tending bar at Blackstone's from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Former mayors, Linda Abramson, Esther Clenott, and Portland Police Lt. Mark Dion are among the famous behind the bar! Proceeds go to the VOTE NO campaign.

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- Phone Canvassing (Sunday-Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.)
- Phone bank
- City-wide literature drop (10/24/92)
- Precinct Captains Election day, noon-8:00 p.m.
- Office Help
- Voter Registration

EPP UPDATE:

August and September found Equal Protection Portland solidifying its organizational base and a formal launch of the campaign. Committees are in place, background organizing is complete.

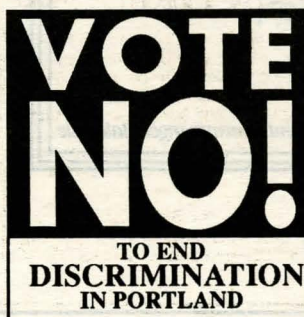
Fundraisers hosted by Linda and Joel Abramson and Frances Peabody, as well as a benefit performance of Mollyhouse Productions' *Bent* and a benefit at Sabatos raised needed money, but much more is needed.

The Speakers Bureau has contacted nearly 100 local organizations requesting an opportunity to speak at meetings or events. To invite a speaker to your group or event, call Alan Stearns at 761-0132.

The Voter Registration Committee has institutionalized registration tables at the Limelight and Monument Square, expanding to Shaw's and other local bars. Volunteers are in great demand to staff these tables.

Canvass Committee Sponsored Coffee hours have been held in neighborhoods and will continue to be organized. Volunteers willing to go door-to-door are needed immediately.

The Outreach Committee has finalized its "Advisory Board" of people willing to lend their names to EPP letterhead. The Committee will also begin to distribute forms for individuals or groups to use to endorse the VOTE NO campaign. These endorsements will be made use of in the media campaign.



What about...?

THOSE MONDAY MEETINGS

Hundreds of you have been to them. Tens of you have not returned.

Every Monday night a dedicated corps of homemakers, students, executives, queens, street urchins, landlords, professors, and egomaniacs have been meeting to for the campaign thang. The meetings have ranged from bedlam to boredom to brilliance, and some people have left in frustration because they didn't give it a chance.

Trust us! The recent meetings are great! Come back! We need you! We now have a welcoming table, name tags, and a printed agenda. Recent meetings have averaged fifty people. All meetings break at 8:00 for serious committee meetings. The meetings are wicked slick and efficient. We even provide free parking and refreshments.

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(also those marked with asterisks above)

because of the current widespread attention riveted onto immune system deficiencies and the widespread availability of sophisticated tests to measure the health of the immune system.

What it is, however, will simply not be known, said a large number of AIDS researchers this week, until more investigation is done.

A footnote of caution was added by Jim Graham, Whitman-Walker Clinic Administrator, who characterized the revelation as "a major wildcard."

Graham said that the Clinic has routinely advised monogamous Gay male couples who both test negative that they need not worry about safe sex practices. Graham said he would now advise such couples to check with their doctor. "I think that's prudent advice," he added.

EDUCATOR SOUNDS ALARM ON AIDS IN THE LESBIAN COMMUNITY

Lesbians need to talk much more openly about what they're doing in bed if they are going to successfully fight against HIV, according to Amber Hollibaugh, coordinator of the Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP) of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City.

"AIDS is in the lesbian community," Hollibaugh said during an interview at the Eighth International AIDS Conference. "We can easily document between 300 to 500 HIV-infected lesbians in New York City. But in most lesbian feminist communities there is a complete lack of knowledge and arrogant denial."

The national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported 79 cases of women with AIDS who identify themselves as lesbians; 103 cases of bisexual women with AIDS, and 1,242 women with AIDS whose sexual identity could not be classified because of incomplete responses as of September 30, 1989. The CDC defines a lesbian as a woman who has had "sex relations exclusively with females since 1977."

However, many HIV-infected lesbians appear to have contracted the disease either through sex with men or by injecting drugs. Both practices are taboo to talk about, said Hollibaugh.

"We've been kept ignorant of our own sexual practices," she said, "It's part of the oppression. The sex debates are a perfect example of why we can't talk. Lesbian feminist politics makes it hard to talk about certain sexual practices. If penetration [by dildos] is seen as proof that you aren't a 'real' lesbian, women aren't going to risk telling the truth."

"Among gay men," Hollibaugh continued, "you don't lose your gay identity because of what you do sexually...I think this is the key to why gay men have been able to have a safe sex dialogue. But lesbians walk around with

Teddy Bear Hug by Alan Stearns

an eternal dialogue in our heads asking if we are real lesbians or not."

A survey of 156 women in New York City lesbian bars, done by Michele Russell of New York Hospital concluded that while 73.8 percent of the women believed the virus could be transmitted through lesbian oral sex, only 15.6 percent used dental dams and 6.5 percent used plastic wrapping as a dental dam during oral sex. The study called the discrepancy "alarming" and concluded that among lesbians, "HIV transmission still seems identified with heterosexual sex relations."

Woman-to-woman transmission of HIV is very controversial, Hollibagh said.

"The CDC reported nine cases, but later decided that the virus was contracted another way. The women involved feel that they've been trashed by the CDC. About a quarter of the HIV-infected lesbians I see think that their primary risk was their female partner."

BREAST CANCER EPIDEMIC IGNORED

Ann McGuire, a longtime gay and AIDS activist from Boston, delivered a blistering attack against the U.S. government and breast cancer researchers at the Eighth International AIDS Conference. Her remarks came during a panel on "AIDS and Breast Cancer: Shared Lessons," attended by about 100 delegates. McGuire said that breast cancer, too, is an epidemic and one that is grossly ignored and badly in need of more research funding. She noted that one in 20 women had breast cancer in 1940, one in 14 in 1960, and one in 10 by 1989, and one in 9 today. Yet relatively few researchers are looking into the cause, prevention, or cure for breast cancer, said McGuire. "They're not even using female rats," she said, in their laboratory experiments. She said she was deeply concerned that Congress was attempting to rectify this imbalance by taking money from AIDS research to put it into breast cancer research. She urged activists to fight that trend, and she pleaded for gay men to join the fight against breast cancer.

ONE EPIDEMIC AGAINST THE OTHER

The following are excerpts from a speech delivered by Anne McGuire, a longtime Boston lesbian activist, in Amsterdam at last month's International Conference on AIDS.

Most of you know a lot about AIDS but less about breast cancer. I want to talk about why breast cancer is an epidemic and why there is a need for a new grass-roots advocacy movement about breast cancer. Also I

Going to the first class of the first day of the first week of school this year reminded me of the time that I got in my car after not driving it for weeks and absentmindedly expected a gently purring engine and an uneventful ride to the store. Instead I got red lights, warning beeps, and lungs full of exhaust as my clutch slipped and I lurched into the rotting cans of garbage that ferment beside my tenement.

The class was **Evidence**. I arrived bright and eager wearing the new fall line from Girbaud with my brand new notebooks crisp and clean and ready to be filled with remarkable notes and quotations and concise outlines of logical thought. I even sat near the front.

Then it began. The professor arrived in a severe gray suit that vilified his cocky smirk and forced the rich dark oak panelling of the room into a gloomy fit of depression. After grimly outlining the course he announced, "and furthermore, you will stand up when you speak in my class." He then began the class by calling on "you in the back" and motioned at "you in the back" to stand by making repeated sharp upward thrusting gestures.

I cringed. The second year of law school was supposed to be better than the first, but this was shaping up to be hell. I glared at him from my seat and dared him to call on me while in my mind I prepared a caustic litany of retorts in case he jerked his spastic thumbs in my direction and ordered me to stand and address his pathetic forum for intellectual sharing.

My morning eagerness and sparkle transformed into bile and venom as my shoulders and neck tightened to form the callous armor I needed to fend off the coming year.

The week got worse. The Dean summoned a few of us into his office to update us on the latest ROTC/Trustee/Military Recruiting turn of events. Several students had fought all last year to get the faculty to implement its own policy of refusing placement services to employers who discriminate. By the second day of the new school year I was once again politely explaining to the Dean that his support for gay rights would seem less gratuitous if he could provide more leadership and less waffling on the military issue. My tense shoulders sent warning stabs of pain to my head as I politely listened to the Dean remind me that the military practices are perfectly legal. Veins were popping out of my forehead by the time he suggested that the military policy might be justifiable pending some fact finding process.

Then came *Bowers v. Hardwick* in Family Law. It was assigned at the beginning of the week as part of an introductory chapter on legal definitions of "family." *Bowers* is a 1986 case by which the Supreme Court refused to strike down Georgia's sodomy law. By failing to recognize a penumbra of fellatio in the Constitution, the Court took an old chestnut, wrapped it in family values and tradi-

tional legal thinking, and roasted it slowly over a burning cross.

I wasn't sure if I was looking forward to the class discussion. People who enroll in Family Law tend to be more liberal than the average student, yet I still knew that I would have to tense up and be prepared for the worst.

We finally discussed *Bowers* on Friday afternoon, the end of a dismal week. The professor likes to make a grand entrance a few minutes late. When he finally walked in, I'm sure that at least three men in the class, and goddess knows how many women, focused instead on the gorgeous young man who followed the professor. Obviously not a law student, he was maybe twenty years old with shoulder length hair, a lavender shirt, and dark brown eyes that glanced around the room a bit nervously as he took a seat, apparently to observe the class.

And the discussion began. It was a good class. No one said anything wrong. My favorite Jewish grandmother law student put the professor in his place when somehow the issues of bestiality and pedophilia were raised. And the professor led one student down a line of questions she knew could lead to some errantly admitted link between homosexuality and AIDS, but she fought heroically until he switched topics. While there was nothing outstanding about his performance, I found myself liking the professor with his comically arching eyebrows rising above his shapeless academic body poured into a lawyer's de rigueur expressionless suit.

The whole room breathed a sigh of relief when the class was over. No one had stuck foot in mouth. No one had turned beet red. What more could you ask for.

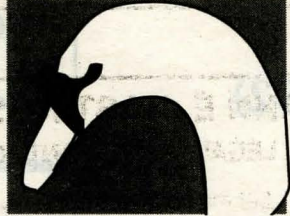
As the class packed up their books and started to leave, I sat for a while to collect my thoughts. A few people came over to me and tittered our cautious approval of the way the class had gone. Then a friend nudged me to remind me of the boy in lavender who had been observing the class. As I turned to see if I could read the boy's reaction to the class, the professor walked over to him, patted him on the shoulder, then gave him a wonderful teddy bear hug. They walked out the door in a partial embrace, beautifully awkward with their juxtaposed beauty and frumpiness, with the boy's timid gestures meeting the professor's contagious physicality.

The boy may have been the professor's son, or a friend of the family, or a client, or a lover, or a prospective student. It didn't matter. With all of the tension of my week eroding my emotional firmament, I had to fight back tears because of the beauty of that hug. For a brief moment I imagined that we didn't need to win the fucking referendum because I had found a pudgy academic who had the courage and the humanity to hug a boy in lavender. And with that hug, I not only found my favorite professor, but I also was able to let the military issue and Evidence class sink out of my consciousness and resurface in the category of pedestrian personalities and politics that are barely worthy of my attention, let alone worthy of sending me into a week of nerves and misery. ■

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want to talk about some shared lessons between AIDS and breast cancer and my fears about what is happening to both epidemics being pitted against one another.

When I was diagnosed in 1989 with breast cancer, I walked out of the doctor's thinking that if I was to have cancer, this was probably a better time, because we must have made great strides in the past few years. I also decided I wanted to be an informed consumer (something I had learned from the AIDS epidemic and the early feminist health movement). I would know what questions to ask and what the answers would mean. It was a way to take control over something that had taken control of me. I started reading everything I could about breast cancer and I was stunned.

I started reading some of the statistics—180,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Many people think, "What's the big deal with breast cancer—you only lose your breast." Some 46,000 women will die in the U.S. this year from the disease. That's the big deal.

In 1940, it was one in 20 women who developed breast cancer. In 1960, it was one in 14. In 1989, it was one in 10. Now, it is one in nine in the U.S.

Equally alarming is the fact that the mortality rate for women with breast cancer has remained virtually unchanged since 1930. This shows how little we really know about the disease and how ineffective our current tools of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy really are—or as Dr. Susan Love says "Slash, burn, and poison."

What do we have in the fight against this disease? We have no known prevention. About 80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no known risk factors. We talk about early detection through mammograms. This so-called early detection might detect the cancer after it's been in the breast six to eight years. Mammograms are not as accurate in women under 50, and almost unreadable in women under 40, because breast tissue is the same density as most tumors. Only one out of four mammogram units in the U.S. meets the basic voluntary standards. As Diane Sawyer says, "There are more regulations for pizza parlors than there are for mammograph units."

It was because of these issues and much more that eight groups met in Washington in January of 1991 to form the Breast Cancer Coalition. We believed that if we spoke in a strong and united voice we could make change happen...

The rise in breast cancer activism has happened for several reasons: We have seen the AIDS model working. Many women have had roots in the feminist health movement where they learned to take control of their bodies. They are not happy to just put

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the straight & narrow

by Holly Valero

The story of Ken & Anita

a prosthesis in their bra and pretend nothing has happened.

The disclosure of the blatant discrimination that was practiced for years at the National Institutes of Health on women's research has pushed some women to be more active. The tremendous amount of publicity that the disease has generated over the past year has made women and their friends more knowledgeable about the epidemic and aware of coalitions to join to change the status quo.

Last, but not least, no known cause, cure, or ways to prevent the disease are known. I only know that I'm cured if I die of something else.

We're learning how to outreach to all parts of our community for education—AIDS has helped provide models that work. We are learning how to develop client-based organizations. We're the ones setting priorities, not doctors—we've learned that from AIDS.

We've learned that activism produces results; it's the squeaky wheel that gets the money—AIDS had taught us that. Breast cancer funding has gone from \$90 million to \$132 million to hopefully over \$300 million this year.

We both know that AIDS and breast cancer are not feared by most members of Congress and certainly not the president. He ignores his national community on AIDS and has just vetoed the women's health research package with money for breast cancer research.

We know that insurance companies have not been user friendly to both of us. Just as they don't want to insure gay men, they don't want to insure women with suspicious mammograms.

We know that invitations from the National Cancer Institute never came before we were organized and never came to women with breast cancer, just physicians. We have continued to push for involvement by women with breast cancer on all levels (clinical trials, panels, Congressional hearings).

I know that in the early stages of the AIDS epidemic, women were there helping gay men. It was this united front that helped move the issue. We need men helping in the breast cancer epidemic. Many lesbians are more at risk because of not having children. We need our brothers there; we need a united community.

The big issue I see developing is the very real possibility of taking money from AIDS for breast cancer. Elected officials are beginning to feel pressure to respond to the breast cancer epidemic, and AIDS for some is an easy target. In order to prevent this pitting of one epidemic against the other; we need to increase the pot of money for all health issues.

We need to change our priorities. In the 1992 U.S. Federal Research and Development budget of \$76 billion, 56 percent goes to defense research and

Look, Anita, I know the Bush administration is not exactly gay-friendly...

"Gay friendly?! Ken, the only thing missing from their platform is a rope and a trap door!"

"The Democrats will only spend us into a full-blown depression. At least the republican party understands fiscal common sense. That's why I'm voting for George Bush. Gay rights won't mean a thing if all those special interest groups destroy the business climate. Welfare is not what I'm looking for. Besides, there are loads of old blue laws on the books in every state. They don't enforce those things anymore."

Late summer had given way to autumn. Ken and Anita were regulars at the Greenleaf Cafe. Friends since college, they spent every Monday morning arguing politics over hazelnut coffee and sticky rolls. Ken, an accountant, co-owned a condo with his lover Matt. Anita ran a bookstore downtown with her partner of twelve years, Kathryn. She and Kathryn lived above the store in a wonderful old apartment with a tabby cat named Mad Max and three neon tetras named Take One, Take Two, and Take Three.

It was November. A year that would go down in history for one of the lowest voter turn-outs in centuries. It also brought a by-the-skin-of-their-teeth-victory for the republican party. Monday morning found Anita and Kathryn tuned to CNN at the store for news of the recount. "I can't believe it," said Kathryn, "Ken is probably jumping for joy. You'll have to tell me what he says today."

"I don't even want to think about it..." Anita sat on a delivery of Backlash, rubbing Mad Max behind the ears. "Oh well, at least we'll have something to talk about..." Hopping off the pile of books, she picked up her jacket at the door and

asked, "you want anything from the Greenleaf?"

"Bring me back a cinnamon roll. Don't forget your gloves. They're in the car."

Stopping at the Toyota for her mittens, Anita found a bright yellow vehicular

restraining device latched firmly onto one wheel. A ticket caught under the windshield wiper flapped in the breeze. "What the Hell?" she thought, "I always park here." Pulling the ticket from the wiper she read aloud, "Impounded by the City of Portland. Removal of this vehicle is subject to criminal liability.... Tampering..."

"Excuse me, are you Anita Whitten?"

She looked up at two men in gray suits. "Huh?"

"Are you Anita Whitten?"

"Yeah. Who wants to know?"

"Come with me please. You have the right to remain silent, you have the right..."

"Wait just a second here. What's going on? You must have the wrong person."

"Are you Anita Whitten of 4179-A Congress Street?"

"Yes, but what's the charge? Is this a joke or something?"

"And are you, in fact, the common-law wife of Kathryn Harris?"

"Has something happened to her? I just left the store..."

"Banned Books?"

"Yes..." A sense of panic began to rise up through her solar plexus.

"You can make your phone call at the station."

Kathryn rummaged through some backorders in the rear of the store. Mad Max sat in the front window, watching two

men handcuff and strong-arm Anita into a squad car.

Meanwhile, across town Ken had pulled up at an ATM machine to get some cash. He slipped the plastic card in the slot and entered his pin number: M-A-T-T. The screen blinked and came up with the message: INVALID ACCESS. ATM CARD RETAINED. SEE CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR ACCOUNT INFORMATION. "What?!" He stared at the machine, trying several buttons. "Oh, SHIT! I hate these machines!" Pulling around into the lot he parked his hatchback, entered the bank and walked up to the customer service desk. "Hi, my name is Ken Newsome. Your machine just ate my card..."

"One moment please," answered a woman with a messy desk. She picked up the phone and dialed an in-house extension. Within moments two security guards arrived.

Ken joked, "Look, I just want my card back. I wasn't planning to rob the place!"

"Could you come with us, please?"

"Why should I?"

"You are Ken Newsome?"

"Yes, but..."

"Do you reside with one Matt Wilson?"

"The one and only — as far as I know...if it's any of your damn business."

A crowd of customers were assured that everything was fine as Ken was escorted to a squad car.

At the local police station, Ken spotted Anita at the phone. They exchanged nervous glances. She tried repeatedly to call the store. According to the operator, the number was no longer in service. She tried the apartment and got the same answer.

Ken was processed in another room. He was told to call a lawyer and that bail would most likely be denied to prevent interstate flight. He dialed the number of his lawyer, and former lover, Bill Mannville. The number seemed to be out of service. He tried directory assistance.

"What city please?"

"Portland."

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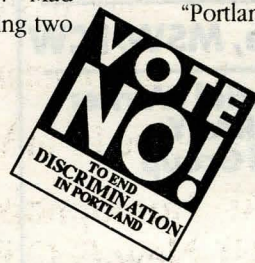
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by Edie Hoffman
it's a Queer thing...

Sometimes I get cocky enough to believe I'm safe in this city, and then some moron like the one I met last week, has the nerve to get in my face. Admittedly, it was my fault when I cut the guy off, but then he followed me into a parking lot. As his wife and child looked on, he got out of his car and screamed a whole string of obscenities at me, including the word dyke — which I guess confirms the fact that I don't pass. He told me to suck his thang, and I told him the dildo I had at home was bigger. At this point, I was half-tempted to get out of my car and let the guy attack me, just so I could press charges against him and teach someone that gay bashing is against the law. The venom with which this man spoke tells me the label homophobe really doesn't do someone like him justice. This guy wasn't afraid of me. Nor, I suspect, any other queer. He hated me. The term homophobe implies that queers have more power in society than we actually do and plays right in to a popular argument put forth by the religious right:

that the gay and lesbian community is a well-financed lobbying group, capable of destroying institutions like the American family. With this line of thinking, queers are suddenly the threatening bullies and heterosexuals are the victims. This theory is better articulated by the authors of *After the Ball*, who suggest we use the term homohater in place of homophobe.

It's easy to live in a gay ghetto and forget for a while that things like this happen. Most of my friends are queer, and an increasing number of my needs can be met within the gay community. I shop at gay-owned businesses, eat in gay-owned restaurants, and party at queer clubs. The only drawback to this is being lulled into a false sense of security. One could almost hope that the general population is as freethinking and loving as our special circle.

Well, of course the alarm rings and all of us have to wake up and be prepared to defend ourselves. If you're ready to take action, join Queer Nation for a six-week self-defense training with People Against Crime, a new center located on Congress Street. For \$30, (isn't your pretty face worth \$5 a class?), we'll be learning how to protect ourselves in a bashing situation; how to avoid confrontations, how to deal with multiple attackers, the easiest targets on the body, how to disarm someone, and

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Note: Self defense training begins September 24, 1992.



development of new weapons. Only 14 percent goes to all health research.

Our bottom line needs to be to not take from one disease to pay for another. We must see beyond our own epidemic and not allow those who make decisions that affect our very lives to think for one minute we can be divided and conquered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

People interested in more about this year's AIDS conference can get detailed information from at least two sources. First, the conference organizers are providing summaries of the conference findings for \$5 (7.5 guilders). They will be available by contacting the Dutch Foundation AIDS Conference, Max Euweplein 30, 1017 MB, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Fax: 011-31-20-639-0031 or phone 011-31-20-639-0156.

MAINE COALITION AGAINST HATE

A new coalition has been formed to work against the Christian Civic League's efforts to force a statewide referendum in 1993 on gay and lesbian protection. Spearheaded by the MLGPA, the new Maine Coalition Against Hate (MCAH) has replaced the loose coalition that was formerly known as the "intervenors." MCAH is currently composed of the MLGPA, MCLU, The Matlovich Society, The Women's Lobby, and P-FLAG. Organizations interested in signing a resolution to become affiliated with MCAH should contact MLGPA at PO Box 232, Hallowell, ME 04347.

McGowan Wants Lesbian and Gay Vote

In a special meeting arranged by Bangor-area lesbians and gay men, second district congressional candidate Patrick McGowan gave lots of the answers attendees were looking for. This breakthrough of support from McGowan is especially significant given his "no" votes against civil rights during his years in the Maine house.

Specifically, McGowan pledged to vote against sexual orientation discrimination in the military, to vote in favor of the Federal Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill, and to push hard for increased AIDS funding.

McGowan is running against Olympia Snowe, the republican incumbent who barely survived a run against McGowan two years ago. Snowe's record on lesbian and gay issues is poor. Also running is Green Party candidate Jonathan Carter.

McGowan seeks input and volunteer help from other lesbians and gay men in his district. His office will also produce a position paper on lesbian

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OCTOBER (ONGOING)

Mondays

Out and About, a nonprofit Lesbian social, support and educational organization will be meeting in Portsmouth every Monday from 7-9 p.m.. Weekly topics, discussions and guest speakers. For more information or complementary newsletter write: OAA, P.O. Box 332, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-0332 or call 603-659-2139.

OCTOBER (ONGOING)

Wednesdays

There will be Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon meetings at Brighton Medical Center, 335 Brighton Avenue, Portland from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Call 207-774-4362 for more information.

OCTOBER

Monday

Equal Protection Portland "Home Base" meetings are held at Expressions, One City Center, Portland(second level) from 7-9 p.m.. This meeting is intended to get input from the community, brainstorm and recruit new volunteers. Non Portland residents are very welcome.

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Fridays

Equal Protection Portland night at the Limelight. All \$3. covers from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. go to benefit EPP.

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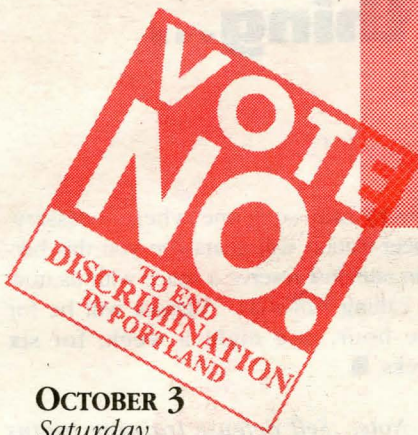
Wednesdays

The Rape Crisis Center and USM Women's Forum are sponsoring a drop in peer support/education group for women survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. The group meets on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.. For more information please call 774-3613 or 874-6593.

OCTOBER 1-25

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Mad Horse Theater presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee, directed by Michael Rafkin. What a Drama! Shows are Thursday- Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at the Mad Horse Theater, 955 Forest Ave, Portland. Tickets are \$14 & \$16. Call 797-3338 for reservations or information.



OCTOBER 3

Saturday

The Portland Womens Rugby team has a match against Hartford, CT at 1 p.m. Douglas Field, Portland. Come on down and cheer them on!

OCTOBER 4

Sunday

3rd Annual Maine AIDS Walk. Sponsored by The Maine AIDS Alliance to benefit the 16 community based AIDS service organizations in Maine. The walk will be held simultaneously in 9 locations: Bangor, Camden, Rumford, Portland Bridgton, Brunswick, Lewiston/Auburn, Waterville & Ellsworth. Portland's walk is a 10k that starts at the USM Campus Center at 1:00 p.m. rain or shine. For more information, call your local AIDS service organization or leave a message at 621-2924.

OCTOBER 5-8

Monday - Thursday

Coming Out Week at U. of Maine, Orono. Monday through Friday there will be a Wild Stein information booth at the Memorial Union Building. Events planned are:

Tuesday: An open discussion about Gay Literature with John Preston, Author and Editor, will be held at 304 Neville Hall at 2:30 P.M.. This is sponsored by the English Department.

The Keynote Address will be given by John Preston at 8 p.m. at 101 Neville Hall, UMO. An open reception will follow this event.

Wednesday: There will be a book signing with John Preston at 11 a.m. at the Campus Bookstore. They will have early released copies of his newest book available.

The film KHUSH will be shown at 101 Neville Hall at 7 p.m. and be followed by a discussion.

Thursday: A panel discussion on Outing will take place at 1 p.m. at the Memorial Union Building.

All Events Are Free and Open To The Public. For more information call 207-581-1775.

OCTOBER 7

Wednesday

EPP Human Rights Benefit at T-Birds, Marginal Way, Portland. The Lime Rokets and Jenny Woodman will perform along with a special appearance by Pluck Theatre. Starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5..

OCTOBER 7

Wednesday

Richard Keeling, Chair of the American College Health Association's task force on HIV disease and President of the International AIDS Education Society will speak on HIV/AIDS: Our Common Health at the Portland Gym, USM at 7:30 p.m.. There will be a resource fair that will precede the event at 7 p.m.. Sponsored by the USM HIV/AIDS Task Force.

OCTOBER 8

Thursday

The Matlovich Society presents: Mo Baxley and Derrick Livingston, New England Organizers, discuss the "April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation." This event will be one of the largest, most significant demonstrations in American History: come and learn what it means to you. Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

OCTOBER 9-11

Friday- Sunday

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, in it's largest form, will be displayed in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the largest gathering of AIDS-related service organizations. The display of the Quilt will begin on Friday at 10 a.m. with the traditional unfolding ceremony and reading of names. To purchase discounted fares for the event in Washington contact the NAMES project travel desk at 1-800-926-2631. For discounted hotel accommodations call 1-800-554-2220. To volunteer or donate financial support call 1-800-221-NAMES.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday

"Take Back The Night March And Rally In Portland." The Take Back the Night Coalition will sponsor a march and rally at 7:30 p.m.. The women only event is dedicated to breaking the silence about violence against women in the streets, on the job, in our communities and at home. It will give women the opportunity to celebrate their collective strength and courage and to share their experiences. All women are welcome. A men's vigil in support of the march will also be held. For more information, please contact Kathryn at 879-0877 or Jennifer at 871-0618.

OCTOBER 11

Sunday

The Chiltern Mountain Club will climb Mt. Jefferson in New Hampshire's Presidential Range. Call Mike at (603) 644-7658.

OCTOBER 11

Sunday

National Coming Out Day!

OCTOBER 12

Monday

Ann E. Hastings, Attorney at Law, will hold a discussion on Violence in the Home: How can You use the Courts to Protect Yourself? Among the topics to be discussed will be what is abuse or harassment, when to take action and what the courts can and cannot do for you. There will be time set aside to answer your specific questions. The discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$5 per person fee. Call Ann at 207-625-8341 for more information.

OCTOBER 14

Wednesday

Meet Steven Riel, Poetry Editor of RFD: MA Country Journal for Gay Men Everywhere. Celebrate the publication of his first book of poetry How to Dream at Drop Me A Line, 144 High Street, Portland, at 7 p.m.. Drop me a Line's new hours are Monday & Friday 11-6, Tuesday - Thursday 11-8, Saturday 11-5, closed Sundays.

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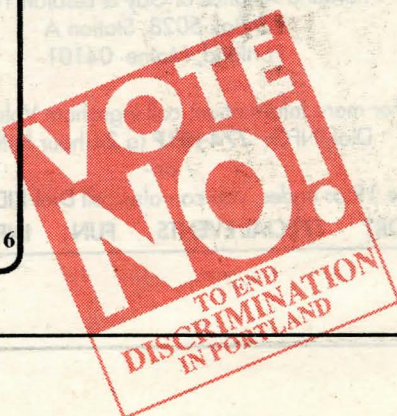
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NOVEMBER 12

Thursday

The Matlovich Society presents: "French-Canadian, Catholic and Gay: A Poetry Reading by Steven Riel." Steven Riel's poems have appeared in Christopher Street, Bay Windows and Minnesota Review as well as the Anthologies New Men/New Minds, Lives in Translation and Read Out Against War; he is Poetry Editor of RFD: A Country Journal for Gay Men Everywhere. Come hear him read from and discuss his newly published collection of poems, How to Dream. Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

NOVEMBER 20

Thursday

"Homosexuality, Theology and the Church." DIGNITY presents, John McNeill, former Jesuit priest and author of Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians and Their Lovers, Families and Friends and The Church and the Homosexual at The First Parish Church, Congress Street, Portland. For further information call 422-3140.

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday

Wild Iris Productions presents: Deirdra McCalla in concert, with special guest Penny Lang. See them at the First Parish Church, Congress Street, Portland. Tickets are \$11.50 in advance and \$13 the day of the show. You can purchase tickets at Amedeus and Walkabout in Portland, McBeans Music in Brunswick, JFK Copy Printers in Belfast and Rock Bottom Records in Portsmouth, N.H.. For further information call 247-3461.

DECEMBER 10

Thursday

The Matlovich Society presents: Rachel Sager, M.A., a counselor in private practice in Portland and Brunswick, talks about psychodrama and addictions as she leads a discussion on "Substance Abuse, Recovery and Gay Life." Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

DECEMBER 12

Saturday

Holiday Dance sponsored by Wild Iris Productions. This event will be Chem-free and have a DJ and refreshments. You can get in the spirit at the Temple Beth-El, Deering Ave, Portland from 8-12 p.m.. For further information call 247-3461.

OCTOBER 16

Friday

The Dirigo Alliance, a coalition of 13 progressive Maine organizations, is holding its second annual dinner/awards ceremony at the Ramada Inn in Portland at 5:30 p.m.. For more information please call 871-7793.

OCTOBER 17

Saturday

Wild Iris Productions presents: Justina & Joyce and Nurudafina in concert at the Luther Bonney Auditorium, USM, Portland. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$11.50 the day of the show. You can purchase tickets at Amedeus and Walkabout in Portland, McBeans Music in Brunswick, JFK Copy Printers in Belfast and Rock Bottom Records in Portsmouth, N.H.. For further information call 247-3461.

OCTOBER 18

Sunday

The Chiltern Mountain club will climb Mt. Washington in New Hampshire's Presidential Range. Call Mike (603) 644-7658.

OCTOBER 18

Sunday

Wild Iris Productions is offering a special drumming workshop from 12-3 p.m. in West Buxton, Maine. Space is limited to 25, so call now for reservations-247-3461.

OCTOBER 19

Monday

Ann E. Hastings; Attorney at Law will hold a discussion on: Creating Legal Relationships between Lesbian and Gay Partners. Among the issues to be discussed will be joint ownership of real estate, powers of attorney, wills and insurance. There will be time set aside to answer specific questions. The discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$5 fee per person. Call Ann at 207-625-8341 for more information.

OCTOBER 22

Thursday

The Matlovich Society presents: Brooke Alexander, Episcopal priest and counselor, and Sandy Titus R.N., Coordinator of Support Services at the AIDS Project, lead a discussion about "Spiritual Ministry and Personal Empowerment." Portland Public Library, Rines Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.. Wheel chair accessible.

OCTOBER 24

Saturday

Celebrate the 1st Anniversary of Sabatos! Amy Mann, from Til Tuesday will perform!!! Getty Payson will open and there will be munchies to consume. Tickets go on sale October 1st at Zootz and Sabatos. Call Lisa at 871-8965 for more information.

OCTOBER 24

Saturday

Join us for an easy six-mile hike in the White Mountain Wilderness area, (near Stowe, Maine.) We'll set off at 10 a.m. on the loop trail, have lunch on Caribou Mountain and enjoy (weather permitting) clear views of the Presidentials and Kezar Lake. Call Dave Fisher, Paul Alpert or Virginia at 925-1034 for details.

OCTOBER 26

Monday

Ann E. Hastings; Attorney at Law will hold a discussion on The Rights and Responsibilities of Single Parents. Topics include: custody, visitation and payment of child support. There will be time set aside to answer specific questions. The discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$5 per person fee. Call Ann at 207-625-8341 for more information.

OCTOBER 29

Thursday

"Revoking Our Rights: Portland's Role in Resisting the National Anti-Gay Agenda." Speakers will be; Tom Ogden, Equal Protection of Colorado, author of Denver's Human Rights Ordinance (which was sustained in a city vote and is now being challenged in a statewide referendum); Mary Bonauto, GLAD, Boston, civil rights legislation expert and Rep. Tom Andrews (subject to his Congressional schedule.) Sponsored by USM Lesbian and Gay Employees Association. University of Southern Maine-Portland Campus Center at 7 p.m.. For more information call 780-5491.

OCTOBER 30

Friday

The First Annual Gay & Lesbian Halloween Ball at Clay Hill Farm, Ogunquit, Maine. Cash prizes for best costumes! Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner, DJ, tax, and gratuity. For reservations and more information contact: Clay Hill Farm, Box 2202, Ogunquit, Maine, 03907.

OCTOBER 31

Saturday

Halloween Party at Sabatos! There will be a cash prize for the best costume. Get dressed up for some treats! Those in costume pay \$3., those without pay \$4.. Sabatos is located on Forest Ave, Portland, behind Zootz.

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday

Maine NOW Annual Conference. The theme this year is, "Backlash: What it is, What to Do." Call Kathryn at 879-0877 for more information.

NOVEMBER 9

Monday

Ann E. Hastings; Attorney at Law will hold a discussion on: Drunk Driving and its Penalties. Among the topics to be discussed will be what is drunk driving, what you should do if you are charged with drunk driving and what are the penalties if you are convicted. There will be time set aside to answer your specific questions. The discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a \$5 fee per person. Please call Ann at 207-625-8341 for more information.

NOVEMBER 10

Tuesday

A chance to meet John Preston at Drop Me A Line at 7 p.m.. Copies of the latest anthology, A Member of the Family: Gay Men Write About Their Families, which he edited, will be available. His early erotic writing are also being rereleased and will be available at Drop Me A Line (exclusively in Maine.) Drop Me A Line is located at 144 High Street, Portland, Maine.

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Stage Door Left...

by Alexander Wallace

I asked Richard Hamburger, the Director of the Portland Stage Company who recently "graduated" to the Dallas Rep, why Portland Stage never did gay plays. He said because gays don't come. I was not surprised. I'd just spent ten years in very gay Atlanta, Georgia, amazed at the fact that on any given night, 30 gay bars and discos were packed, but you find ten queers at LA CAGE AUX FOLLES, direct from New York. And then, here in Maine, last month we had LA CAGE; a stunning original gay musical, AN UNFINISHED SONG, direct from New York and a new gay theatre company, Mollyhouse Productions, offering a strong performance of the gay prison drama, BENT. has Maine theatre finally discovered gay plays? Will gays come? Do we really prefer the negative image projected of us in today's films? This column will monthly urge you to go to the theatre! To plays, musicals, opera, ballet, the dance, live concerts, and live cabaret: what I consider theatre. And not just to gay plays, but surely those, and lesbian plays and straight theatre, too, for reasons given below. If we can support—and I mean, if our money and patronage are what keeps gay bars and discos open—we can support gay and straight theatre too. And we should.

Who says? Me. And I do think anyone who purports to write a theatre column ought to present his credentials. I was born across the street from the Martin Beck Theatre in the New York Theatre district. My grandmother, a former Ziegfeld Follies Show Girl, maintained a discreet affair with the house manager there so I got to see lots of theatre, not only in house seats at the Marting Beck but all over New York, New Haven and Boston. I averaged at least one show a week and often, many more than that. And that goes back to the premiers of THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, and A STREET-CAR NAMED 'DESIRE'. I was in school plays, and wrote a few through college. I've written about the theatre and the arts for gay magazines and papers for 25 years in New York and Atlanta. It's in the blood. And long before I was old enough to go to gay bars, I saw men with other men, and women together, in the theatres. And long before I learned what they were, I realized from from their plays, that Shakespeare, Marlowe, Wilde, Novello, Coward, Capote, McCullers, Williams, and Porter, and many other playwrights were gay because STRAIGHTS JUST CAN'T WRITE LIKE THAT! Not bad company to keep, I thought, and they're famous, rich and accepted the world over. PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY STRAIGHT PEOPLE, LISTEN TO WHAT THESE GUYS SAY! Consider that Americans listen much more to Tennessee Williams than they do Arthur Miller, much more to Gore Vidal than to Norman Mailer. The gays in the audience were pretty stunning, too. Not only did I enjoy theatre more than anything else, I realized that the theatre was home to us, theatre was ours, and tat in a world that didn't want me, I belonged in the theatre. Innocently, I figured that all gays felt that way: the theatre was great, the theatre was gay; you go to the theatre if you're gay. Of course, that

was before recreational drugs, disco, and Madonna.

Even in New York, to my great surprise, there were gays who preferred talentless, over-amplified, freak-show disco-divas to theatre. Something wrong there.

I find that in this AIDS age many gays seem lost, at sea, root-less, wondering, if there isn't sex, what is there to being gay? There used to be much more to being gay than just sex. And disco-divas. Theatre, for just one thing, provided roots, history, culture, community, approval, friendship, understanding, freedom, answers, and a leg-up on dumb straight jocks who only knew from stick-ball.

Haven't the plays and musicals, films, TV dramas, and art work about AIDS done a great deal to explain the why? Artists like Tennessee Williams speak to us on a level, and deeper than anyone else. They speak a language of love and hope to all us queers. AIDS has caused many of us to seek community, to re-discover our history and culture, and look deep for answers. I don't suggest that theatre is a panacea—but it's ours and it can provide many answers. Please don't think me arrogant when I say that the many thrilling evenings I've spent in the theatre gave me answers before I knew I needed them; that I had answers long ago to questions I see so many gays agonizing over now, without having the faintest idea where to find answers.

Theatre in Maine, whether gay or straight is terrific, better than Atlanta's, as good as New York's. The next time you're bored at a bar or depressed at a disco—remember this column, buy a ticket, support gay and straight theatre, and go see a play! Step across the footlights, enter a magic world, partake of the glamour, mystery, magic, meaning, and fun! Perhaps you'll find yourself—at the theatre!

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Casco Bay Weekly, Wyman said, "The [League's] role is still being decided. Certainly we won't announce our internal strategy to our adversaries." He also added that "the League has already invested considerable time and resources to the battle in Portland."

The Christian Civic League has mounted formidable challenges to gay civil rights bills introduced in the state legislature in the past. It is currently seeking enough signatures to have a referendum question put on the ballot in 1993 which would severely hamper efforts to pass a state-wide gay civil rights bill. The referendum calls for the requirement that any bill passed by the Maine legislature regarding gay civil rights to be approved by Maine voters before it could be enacted.

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS FOLDS, MAY RETURN IN '93

BOSTON—In its 19 years, the Gay Community news has survived a firebombing, attacks by

Anita Bryant, and internal squabbles, but financial trouble and increased competition threaten to sink it now. GCN, one of the nation's oldest and most influential gay newspapers, suspended publication July 4. But after a tumultuous meeting July 23, supporters voted to develop a restructuring plan by November and begin publishing again in January 1993. The newspaper will scrap its 1960s-style management by consensus and undergo numerous other changes, said staff Laura Pierce.

The newspaper was founded in 1973 by activists energized by the merging gay liberation movement. Originally a mimeographed sheet, it evolved into a 16-to 20-page offset weekly with a subscription base of about 9,000 and subscribers all over the country.

The newspaper's offices were destroyed in a firebombing attack in 1982 and after a Boston visit by anti-gay activist Bryant, the office was vandalized. Staffers often found bullet holes in the windows.

AIDS EDUCATORS WARN OFF RISING HIV RATE IN YOUNG MEN

BOSTON—Local AIDS researchers and AIDS services providers say they have seen an increase in the past year of young gay men testing positive for HIV, an increase which appears to be part of a national trend.

"The issue of seroconversion [the change in a person's antibodies from HIV negative to HIV positive] in young gay men [age 25 and under] is a big concern," said Ken Mayer, a specialist in infectious diseases and research director at the Fenway Community Health Center, an AIDS services provider with a caseload of approximately 700 persons with HIV.

"Absolute numbers don't tell the story," he said. "But we've had more

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respond not only in outrage, but with an alternative.

Quoting from the text: "Sexual orientation does not constitute a quality comparable to race, ethnic background, etc., in respect to non-discrimination. Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder." If this is the case, the Vatican should be, if not already, made aware that a large percentage of their own clergy have an "objective disorder"! Personally, I did not choose to be a gay man, only I am what I am. I find the statements of the Vatican hypocritical! In Luke 6:37, Jesus commands us as Christians to avoid judging and condemning others.

The statement from the Vatican was prompted by legislation in many American states which would make discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation illegal. It was meant to help US Bishops decide how to respond to gay rights legislation. It is apparent that this "thorn" in the Vatican's side is beginning to hurt.

By the church's hypocrisy, they have and will continue to drive away thousands of Christians developing their spiritual growth, including myself. I will no longer enter a Catholic church or offer charity where I am not welcomed or respected as the individual I am.

However, I have experienced an opportunity that I would like to share with my fellow sisters and brothers where I can express my faith in a non-discriminating, welcoming, and affirming manner through Dignity/Maine in Portland. [Ed. Note: See Lesbian Network, published quarterly by Our Paper, for more information on this group.]

As I have been taught to reject sin and Satan, so will I reject persecution and discrimination by the hypocritical Catholic church in my lifelong journey of faith.

On my day of reckoning, God will be my one and only judge.

*Rick Perry
Scarborough, Maine*

▼ Can't Get Enough Religion

As disturbing as the article Vatican Encourages US Catholics to Discriminate Against Gays and Lesbians was in that institutional homophobia is alive and well in the Congregation for the Doctrine of The Faith, equally disturbing was the omission of

good religious news elsewhere. Two weeks after this Pronouncement from the Vatican, the head of the Episcopal Church in America, Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning attended what was a first among major denominations in this country. Celebrating the Eucharist at the 18th annual Integrity Convention in Houston, Texas, Bishop Browning exhorted gays and lesbians to "hang in there" and that we were "...contributing to the health and well-being of the whole church." The leader of the Episcopal Church was head and shoulders above many Episcopal bishops in his support; he was shunned by the Bishop of Texas who happened to be out of town during the Integrity Convention. He also faces a potential schism within the Church in the form of the Episcopal Synod, which is a right-wing anti-gay/lesbian, anti-female priest reactionary force whose influence cannot be ignored.

With a dearth of good, positive news from our religious leaders, it certainly would go a long way in focusing on the positives where we may find them. The Presiding Bishop's participation at the Integrity Convention last month is newsworthy; so let's balance the good along with the bad where we experience it. And report it.

*Tom Meyers
Tom Kiefer
Baltimore, Maryland*

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is defeated it will be an incredible psychological — and actual — victory. That doesn't mean that all homophobia will end. I think homophobia is a really long education process. As a teacher I interrupt homophobic behavior and try to educate people. I do believe that once you organize people and raise their consciousness and get them feeling empowered, you can't shut that up in a box. So whatever happens in the outcome, a process has been started. There are a lot of people involved now who had never done anything political before.

It was on a Holly Near record jacket cover, "if your feeling despair and demoralized you're hanging around with the wrong people." Looking over the past twenty years. When I talk to lesbians my age about what it was like for them, there's been a lot of change since. But there needs to be more. We are a very women-hating society. We are a very violent society. We are very hung up about sex. And when people are insecure about project all their fears. But there's nothing like having a kid of your own to confront your own homophobia. ■

Straight&Narrow (from page 8)

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A jingle from an old sleigh bell hanging upon the door announced customers into the store. Mad Max hopped out of the window, let out an indignant meow and side-swiped the two men in suits as he bolted for the apartment upstairs. Watching Max zip by, Kathryn said, "Don't mind the cat, he's nuts! Feel free to poke around. If you need any help — just ask." ■

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infections in the past year than we've seen since 1987. It was not a statistically significant increase, but it suggests a trend" toward more seroconversions in young gay men.

"A quarter of the men in our studies in the last six months were clearly unsafe" in terms of sexual behavior, Mayer said. "The risk is still there and still ongoing. In '87 and '89 there was a tapering off of seroconversion. If we're seeing relapse into unsafe sex, it's obviously a source of concern. We want to get people to change their behavior."

Cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, and New York are reporting the same thing that is being seen in Boston, which is a ground swell in unsafe sex behavior among those younger than 25.

One thousand new HIV infections are expected in San Francisco in 1992, according to a study conducted by the San Francisco Department of Health, released in February.

"The men currently becoming infected are increasingly young men (25 years and under)," the study said. "These infections, together with new infections among some older gay and bisexual men who have relapsed to unsafe sexual behaviors, represent a 'second wave' of HIV infection among gay and bisexual men."

SENATE MOVES TO QUASH D.C. DOMESTIC PARTNERS LAW

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate on July 30 approved an amendment which would effectively rescind the District of Columbia's recently enacted domestic partnership ordinance.

The move came after a procedural motion to table the amendment from Sen. Trent Lott failed on a 51-41 vote. The Lott amendment was then approved on a voice vote.

The rider, attached to the District's annual budget, would bar the local government from using any of its federal or locally generated tax dollars to implement its law.

The D.C. law, formally known as the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, was passed by the District Council and signed by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly in April. The measure allows unmarried same- and opposite-sex couples to register with the city as domestic partners. Partners of District employees are offered coverage under the city's health insurance program. Private companies are also offered tax incentives to encourage similar benefits for their employees.

Saying that he has "not only a right but a responsibility" to overturn the local law, Lott argued that, if allowed to stand, the measure would "undermine the family" by encouraging homosexual unions and heterosexual couplings outside of marriage.

"My name is Lott," said the conservative Mississippi lawmaker, "and there was a Lott in history whose wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Do you wonder, or do you

recall what she looked back to see? She looked back to see a situation like this law would not only allow, but promote."

Backers of the law counter that the measure is not an effort to legalize same-sex marriages, but rather a good faith effort to extend health benefits to many uninsured Washingtonians.

While some local and national activists backing the law bemoaned the vote, they did note that the losing margin is the narrowest loss yet in the chamber on a gay-related vote pertaining to the District.

Although a sizable number of conservative and moderate Democrats back Lott's amendment, a surprisingly high number of moderate Republicans and Democrats did join liberals in voting to table the amendment.

The Republicans included Sens. Alphonse D'Amato (NY), Arlen Specter (PA), Warren B. Rudman (NH), Willam S. Cohen (ME), Mark O. Hatfield (OR), and Slade Gorton (WA), in addition to gay rights bill co-sponsors Bob Packwood (OR) and John H. Chaffee (RI).

The Senate's District appropriations bill now moves to a conference committee where it will be reconciled with the House version of the bill. Historically, the committee has killed anti-gay amendments attached in the House and Senate.

SENATE BILL OFFERED TO REPEAL MILITARY BAN

WASHINGTON—Sen Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) on July 28 introduced to the Senate a bill which would rescind by act of Congress the Pentagon's longstanding ban on lesbians and gays in the uniformed service.

The measure, sponsored by Metzenbaum and seven of his Senate colleagues, mirrors a pending House proposal sponsored by Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO). The House bill presently has 70 co-sponsors.

"The Pentagon's prohibition of gay men and lesbians serving in the military is as senseless and cruel today as it was when it was first conceived 50 years ago," Metzenbaum said at a Capitol Hill press conference called to announce the measure's introduction.

Flanked by gay and lesbian veteran's and activists, Metzenbaum denounced the Department of Defense policy as waste of good members of the service and a waste of tax dollars.

Pointing to the cases of Navy Lt. Col. Tracy Thorne and Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, two highly commended officers who were recently separated from the service based on their acknowledgment that they are gay and lesbian, Metzenbaum insisted that the government was throwing away perfectly good people without just cause.

Lawmakers backing the bill called on President Bush to repeal the contested policy, likening the action to President Truman's execu-

tive order mandating the racial integration of the armed services.

Bush has said publically that he does not support repealing the gay ban. Democratic presidential nominee Gov. Bill Clinton has pledged to rescind the policy if elected.

Besides Metzenbaum, the original co-sponsors of the bill are Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-HI), Brock Adams (D-WA), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Tim Wirth (D-CO), Alan Cranston (D-CA), and Paul Wellstone (D-MN).

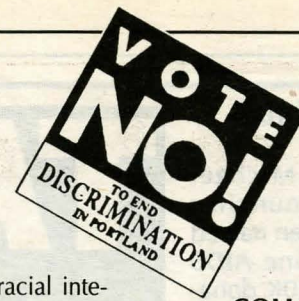
FORMER BOY SCOUT, JAMES DALE, FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST NATIONAL GROUP

NEW YORK—James Dale filed suit July 29 against the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Monmouth, New Jersey Boy Scout Council for discrimination against a young gay Eagle Scout. The lawsuit, the first to be filed under New Jersey's recently adopted gay civil rights law, is the latest of several cases across the country challenging the Boy Scout's anti-gay discriminatory policy.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) represents 21 year-old Dale who, while spending more than half his life in the Boy Scouts, achieved its highest rank (Eagle Scout), earned thirty merit badges, and was invited to become an Assistant Scoutmaster in Matawan, New Jersey. Dale's twelve year involvement with the Scouts came to an abrupt end in 1990, when a local newspaper ran an article picturing him at a seminar on the psychological and health needs of lesbian and gay teenagers. Without any warning, Dale received a letter from the Boy Scouts revoking his membership. The letter gave no reason and did not comply with BSA's own internal procedures for a fair hearing. Under pressure, the BSA admitted that it was expelling Dale, despite his exemplary performances as a Scout, simply because he is gay.

"Working in and for the Scouts has been a big part of my life ever since I was eight," said James Dale. "The Scouts told us not to lie about who we are and to stand up for what is right. I am an Eagle Scout and I am gay, and it is not right to kick me out because of who I am."

Boy Scouts of America continues to face growing national pressure to change its discriminatory policy. In addition to other lawsuits around the country, several organizations, including Levi-Strauss, the Bay Area United Way of San Francisco, Wells Fargo Bank, and the Bank of America have pulled their funding of the BSA to protest the ban on gay Scouts. Organizations sponsoring BSA troops, including the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a leader in the national Reform Jewish Movement, and the Unitarian Universalist Church have urged the BSA to reverse its policy. Several school boards have begun closing their facilities to the Scouts.



COLUMBIA PASSES RIGHTS LAWS

COLUMBIA, MO—The Columbia City Council has passed legislation protecting gays from discrimination in employment, housing, and other areas. But a group of religious fundamentalists has started a repeal campaign that would threaten the new law.

The St. Louis-based Lesbian and Gay New-Telegraph reported that the council took the action July 20 on a 5-2 vote, marking the first time that any Missouri jurisdiction has passed such a law—and for the fourth time that it has come up for consideration before Columbia officials.

"We had a catharsis party after the vote," stated Columbia Stonewall Coalition member Pam Cooper, a legislation proponent.

As in numerous other cities, the Columbia City Council amended the law to exclude religious organizations, including churches and church schools. Nevertheless, a fundamentalist group known as "Citizen's Alert" has launched a petition drive to place a ballot measure on the November ballot. Like similar measures in Oregon and Colorado, the proposed measure seeks not only to gut the new law but to prohibit the city from adopting similar legislation in the future. It's a threat that the "cautiously optimistic" activist told the News-Telegraph may well be overcome due in part to the composition of the city's population. "There's . . . a lot of homophobia in this blue collar town," stated Cooper. However, she said, because of the presence of the University of Missouri, "my feeling is we have a significant chance to win this because their proposal is so outrageous—it's a radical change."

The CA has reportedly been distributing flyers in Columbia, stating that more than six of every 10 gay men carry HIV and that gay men in general are "18 times more likely to have sex with minors."

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Local proceeds from the Portland walk will benefit the AIDS Project, the People With AIDS Coalition, and the AIDS Lodging House. Sponsor sheets are available at all Bookland stores in Portland, South Portland, Windham, Saco, Biddeford, Sanford, and Wells, or by calling the AIDS Project at 774-6877.

Portland is one of nine locations for the third annual MAINE AIDS WALK, a state-wide event sponsored by the Maine AIDS Alliance. Funds raised benefit the Alliance and the 15 community-based AIDS service organizations of Maine. Other walk locations are Brunswick, Lewiston, Bridgton, Rumford, Camden, Ellsworth, Waterville, and Bangor. For more information, contact the Maine AIDS Alliance at 621-2924. ■

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SAFER SEX AND DRUG USE GUIDELINES

These guidelines are for all of us who are making decisions about sexual activity and drug use in the midst of the AIDS epidemic.

HIV is a virus widely thought to be a cause of AIDS. The highest concentrations of HIV are found in blood and semen, so it's important to avoid any way in which HIV-infected blood or semen can get from one person's body into another person's bloodstream.

- ◆ Fucking (anal and vaginal) without a condom and sharing needles account for almost all the documented cases of HIV transmission.
- ◆ Oral sex without a condom or dental dam accounts for a very few documented cases of HIV transmission.
- ◆ Other ways of transmitting HIV that have not been documented but which could be theoretically risky include: fisting, finger fucking, rimming, deep kissing, sharing uncleaned dildos. The theory here is that any way HIV-infected bodily fluids get from one person into another involves risk. For example, HIV could be transmitted if a person with a cut on their hand fistfucked their partner and caused bleeding in their rectum or vagina.

HOW TO PLAY SAFER

Only you can decide what risks you are willing to take. Some people use safer sex practices with all their partners. Other people make decisions about the risks they are willing to take based on their own and their partners' sexual and drug use history and/or HIV status. People also make decisions based on how comfortable they feel negotiating safer sex in any particular situation. If you and your partner have not talked about past practices and/or HIV status, don't make assumptions. (For example, many lesbians have had unprotected intercourse with a man in the last ten years.)

- ◆ Use a condom when fucking. On the condoms, use water-based lubricants like KY. Oil-based lubricants like Crisco, Vaseline, and baby oil may make condoms break.
- ◆ Use a condom when sucking dick if your partner is going to come in your mouth. If HIV-infected cum or pre-cum gets in your mouth, it may get in your bloodstream through cuts in your gums or sores in your mouth.
- ◆ Use dental dams (latex squares) when going down on a woman if she is having her period or has a vaginal infection. Menstrual blood and secretions from vaginal infections have more HIV than healthy vaginal secretions or urine. No information has been gathered about the concentration of HIV in "female ejaculate."
- ◆ Use latex gloves for fisting or finger-fucking if you have any sores or cuts on your hands.
- ◆ Keep semen and blood (including menstrual blood and blood drawn from piercing, cutting, or shaving) out of your vagina, anus, mouth, or breaks in your skin.
- ◆ If you share dildos, vibrators, or other sex toys, use a new condom each time, or clean toys with hydrogen peroxide or soap and water.
- ◆ Alternative insemination may put you at risk. Discuss this risk with potential donors or sperm banks.
- ◆ Massage, hugging, dirty talk, role-playing, masturbation (solo, with a partner, in a group) and other activities that don't let blood or semen into your bloodstream are safe.
- ◆ Alcohol, poppers, or other drugs may lower your ability to make good decisions. Many people have reported that they have been unable to maintain safer sex practices after getting high.
- ◆ Good nutrition, lots of rest, exercise, and non-abuse of alcohol and other drugs may help you fight all illnesses, including AIDS.

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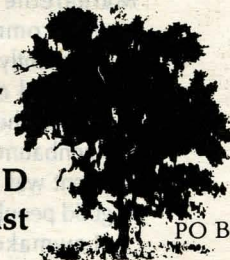
- ◆ Don't share work (needles, syringes, droppers, spoons, cottons, or cookers)!
- ◆ If you must share or re-use works, clean them before and after each injection as follows: dip the needle and works into bleach, draw up and release three times, dip needle and works into fresh water, draw up and release three times. In an emergency, rubbing alcohol or vodka can be used instead of bleach, or you can boil works that aren't plastic in water for at least 15 minutes. (Use a fresh solution each time you clean your works.)

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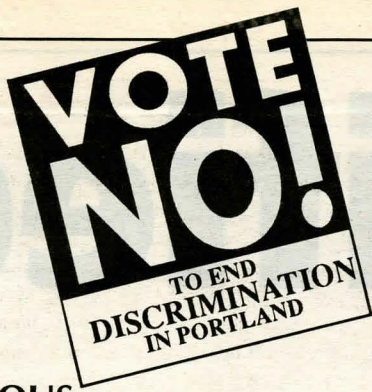
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Maine Health Foundation: Portland, ME, 207/773-3564
Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: Brunswick, ME, 207/725-4955
National AIDS Hotline: 800/342-7514
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Rumford/Mexico Area AIDS Support Group: 207/369-0259
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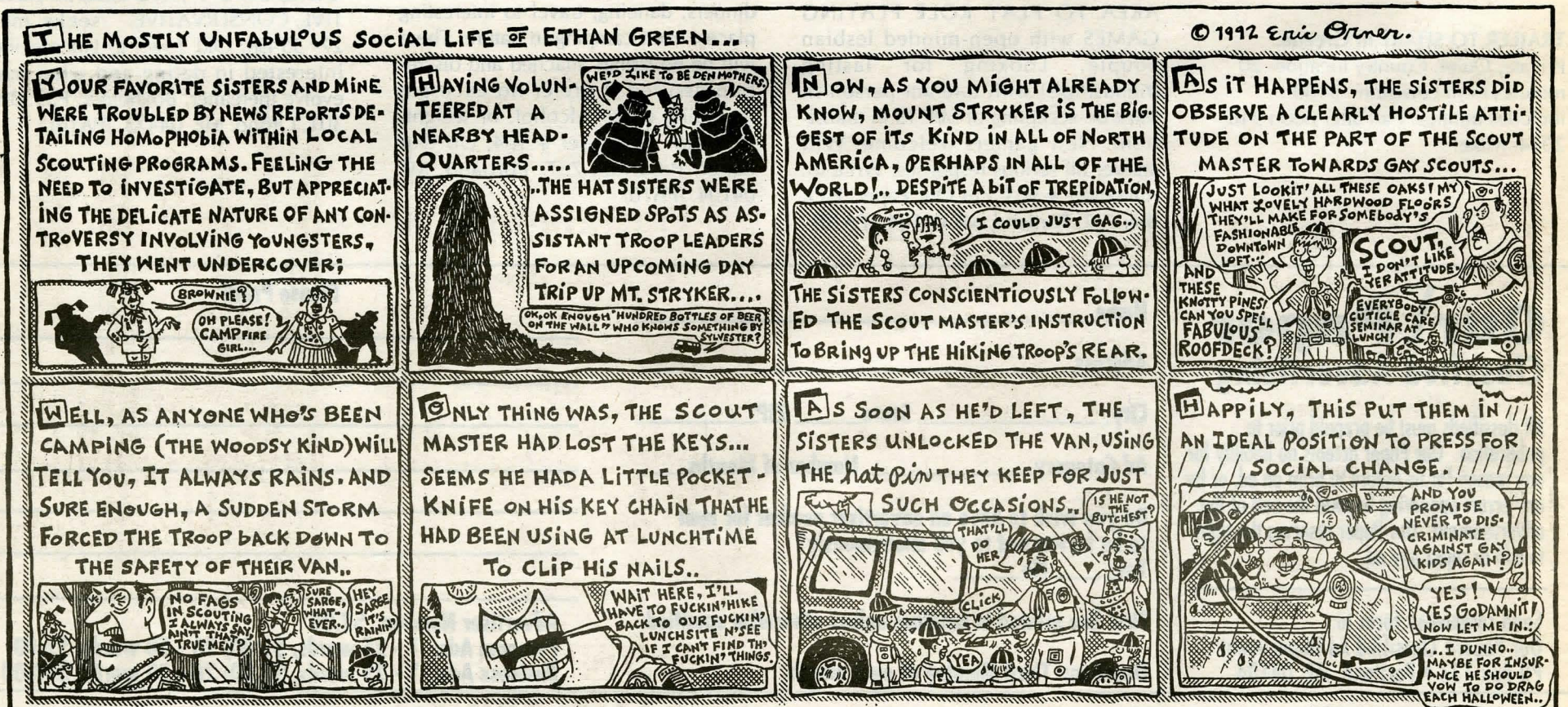
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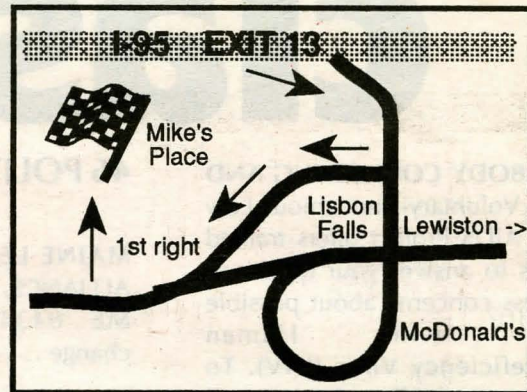
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