will be giving a benefit performance for the Community ing Services August 10, 3 pm at the Unitarian Church,

to blod anied MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER August, 1980

"Maine Lesbian Feminist was organized at a workshop at Gay Symposium III. The purpose of the organization was, and still is, to provide a base for support, consciousness raising, and political action. Also, a celebration for Lesbians throughout the State of Maine: . C.H.

Notes from July 19th meeting at Joyce & Joanne's in Belfast:
There were 2 workshops and a general NLF meeting at this pleasant
farm setting. At the Woney & Class workshop we shared our views of money
& how it can rule our life. Remembering our growing-up years we related
our early experiences to our lives now. There was also a Ritual Creating workshop which concentrated on rituals concerning money.

At the general meeting, we discussed child-care policy, gave the treasury report, & set an agenda for the next meeting. Child-care policy

was defered to a workshop at the next meeting.

TREASURY REPORT: General fund \$ 85.90

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Next meeting: To be held Aug. 24th at Jan & Deb's in Strong. All are invited to arrive Sat. evening Aug. 23 to sing. dance, visit, play.

AGENDA FOR SUNDAY: At Jan & Deb's

10:00 am- Nuclear Referendum Workshop

11:00 - Childcare policy workshop & Child Rearing

12 noon - Lunch (pot luck)

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Pot luck supper

DIRECTIONS: FROM PORTLAND: Take Me Pike to exit 12/Auburn. From exit road turn left onto 4 North. Follow 4 N to Strong (about 11 mi North of Farmington). Turn left onto 145 through town of Strong. At Starbird Lumber road forks. Bear left work appulant) works & go past Couseneau Lumber. Follow road through woods into valley. Cross small bridge, pass graveyard (on right). Ours is next farmhouse on left (1st house in Freeman Twp.) FROM BANGOR: Take Rt. 2 West to farmington
Furn right onto 4 N and follow above.

FROM WATERVILLE & BELFAST: Take 137N to 2 West and follow above directions.

FROM AUGUSTA: Take 27 N to 2 W and follow above directions. SEE YOU THERE:
Also remember AUGUST 23 is Bangor Maine Walkathon for Equality 2000

THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY CLUB

This is a club for Q identified Q. It was created with the intention of getting cultural, social & educational events happening in Maine for O So, if you want something to happen & keep happening in Maine for O So, if you want something to happen & keep happening, help by supporting the club or by using the space for O's events. Write to Susan B. Anthony Club c/o MLF PO Box 125, Belfast, Me 04915.

Directions: Located in downtown Belfast, above the Grasshopper shop on Main St. Enter the door to the right of the Grasshopper, go up to the 3rd floor, go left & you are there:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Sat. 9th 7:30 Committee Meeting Please try to come. Ideas needed for organizing upcoming events. Be prompt please.

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funds Sat: 30th 7:30 Committee Meeting of 9:00 QQ DANCE QQ Donation \$3 a student activity

Note: Increase for dances necessary to help meet rental expenses.

Parket, Univ. of S. Paine/Ptld Q's Gym & the University Q's Forum

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

***Kay Gardiner will be giving a benefit performance for the Community Health & Counseling Services August 10, 3 pm at the Unitarian Church, 183 Wain St., Bangor. Donations \$5 or more.

***THE DINNER FARTY - The dinner party by Judy Chicage is being held at the Gyelerama sponsored by the Boston Q's art Alliance from July 2 - August 31. The Dinner Party is a monumental work of art of unprecedented beauty & scope, using with deliberate irony the traditional arts of Q. There is an overwhelming variety & volume of contributions peiced together over a 5 yr period & involving over 400 people. Be sure to make it to Boston-get a group going and save on gas.' make it to Boston -- get a group going and save on gas!!

****Raine NOW announces its 4th Annual Rally & WALK-A-THON for the Equal Rights Amendment Sat. Aug 23 10am - 2pm Flyers & Pledge sheets are available from all local NOW chapters. For more info please call 942-2830 or write NOW 23 March St., Bangor, Me 04401

***A Q's reading group meets regularly in Portland at 5:30 on Mondays a at the YNCA in the Q's Room. We warmly welcome all Q to our group to share discussion of Q's works selected by the group. For additional info, call 772-1906.

***A NOW Feminist CR Leadership training weekend has been tentatively scheduled for mid-Sept. Contact the NOW, PO Box 4012 Sta.A, Portland Me O4101 or Marilyn at 772-2753 for more info. Portland Chapt NOW

*** WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT!! A Take Back the Night March is scheduled for Sept 27, Sat and is sponsored by the University Q's Forum. A lot of work & energy is needed in organizing the March. For more info contact Betsy at 775-0232 or the University Q's Forum at 780-4086.PCN

***The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund invites Q to join us on our bigger & better than ever before Third Annual Bikeathon. We will continue our yearly ride from Seattle to San Francisco. In addition, we are establishing a new Vermont to Virginia route. Both rides begin in early Sept & last approx 3 weeks. We will be staying in Q's communities along the route. Special arrangements can be made for children, & Q driving support vehicles are also welcome. If you would like to participate in the 3rd Annual Bikaathon, write to the LNNDF now. Bikeathon 1980, PO Box 21567, Seattle Wash 98111 or (206)325-2643" Nembership to LNNDF (includes Newsletter) is \$5/yr.

AGAINST NUKES -The nuclear power industry has been operating for

Q AGAINST NUKES - The nuclear power industry has been operating for nearly 30 yrs producing not only power but also thousands of tons of radioactive waste. Maine Yankee alone produces 30 tons of waste a yr, and a total of 316 tons are currently stored on site in Wiscasset. Much of it will remain deadly for hundreds of thousands of years.

According to a report in The Washington Post the US is now in the middle of the biggest weapons building program this country has had in 20 yrs. The US lacks the capability to produce enough plutonium for all the nuclear weapons the Pentagon wants to build by the 21st Century.

So the Pentagon would like to build a new \$3 billion reactor facility So, the Pentagon would like to build a new \$3 billion reactor facility as soon as possible.

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As 0, we must resolve to raise our voices against this research, this production, & this use of nuclear weapons & nuclear energy. Many Q will soon come thogether to plan a newspaper ad entitled "Women for a Nuclear Free Future." Hopefully, this ad will be placed in several of Maine's major papers. More Q are needed to organize this anti-nuclear effort statewide to implement outreach to Q who might be interested in being financial sponsors. This needs to happen before the nuclear referendum comes to a vote on Sept 23. If interested in working with us, or in being a financial sponsor contact Debbie Jenney, c/o YWCA, The Q'sRoom, 87 Spring St., Portland, Me or leave a message at 772-5340 AND REMEMBER TO VOTE YES ON THE NUCLEAR REFERENDUM ON SEPT 23.

***The Environmental Protection Agency is trying to identify Q-owned businesses which can provide contract services to state & local agencies. NOW Maine Times

***Help build a Q's Free Library. Donate your Books by, for & about Q to the Univ. of Southern Maine/Portland Q's Forum, a student activity organization whose facilities are also available to the community at large. Book drop off locations: Portland Public Library, YWCA, Goodday Market, Univ. of S. Maine/Ptld Q's Gym & the University Q's Forum

***Fifth International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews to be held in San Francisco, CA Aug 29 - Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend). This is a unique opportunity to meet and share with other gays & lesbian Jews from around the world. For registration forms & further info write: Conference Registration, PO Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

When I was new to MLF & the Susan B. Anthony events, I was thrilled to be there, but I had a serious PROBLEN--I wasn't too suave about meeting new people. I didn't know how to fit in & really belong: Those Q who were old-timers let me in on a secret that proved most successful SERVICE. Getting together with 2 or 3 others to write up the newsletter was a major contribution to the life of MLF, as well as to my own. It proved a sure-fire way of getting to know strangers, as well as deepening some already established friendships. Taking tickets at concerts & dances was not only a valuable way to help get the rent paid but was a nifty way to smile and say hello to each & every Q coming through the door. And after the dance, let me assure you, there was no finer way to firm up those tentative "Hi's" than by closing windows, picking up cups, & puuring out the hot water in the coffee urn TGETHER. Manya fond friendship was cemented by picking up the 2nd bloor butts & dumping the bathroom trash, just the 2 of us.

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The MLF is not run by any one person. It exists as a common thread, rolitically & socially, for an otherwise extremely diverse group of Q. To thrive, it depends on an extraordinary degree of cooperation. For newcomers, it may appear to be run by a closed clique. Not so:! For old-timers, it may appear not to need any further input; Emphatically not so:! There are no elected officers, just volunteers, to organize the meetings & newsletter, and perhaps this egalitarian approach needs to be re-examined; for now though, and for the continuing vitality of the group, those newcomers & old-timers who have been shy about offering their services would be doing themselves a big favor to do so. I'll restrain myself from singing about the spiritual & physical joys of contributing, but what I will do is say: DOING SOMETHING FOR MLF IS A contributing, but what I will do is say: DOING SOMETHING FOR MLF IS A GREAT WAY TO WIN FRIENDS & INFLUENCE PEOPLE ::

Since ENERGY BEGETS ENERGY, take control of your life & get some action going for yourself, right now! Write to MLF, PO Box 125, Belfast Me, 04915 saying you can be counted on to do any of the above mentioned activities or anything else you might want to suggest, For any length of time you specify. Moderation being what it is, please try not to request more than your fair share! Thank you Maddy

****ANNOUNCING--A Summer's Night out at FLO's (also known as the East Side in Augusta). Just for ol' times sake FRI NIGHT, AUGUST 15. So come, let's dance and have a good time!!

* * * GAY/LESBIAN TELEPHONE TREE

A gay man is assaulted with knives in Augusta--lesbians are detained & insulted by police after a lesbian-feminist concert in Portland--a gay sex educator's house is stoned one night in Belfast.

All these incidents are true & they all happened within the past few months. What can we do, as lesbians & gay men, to protect ourselves ¢ offer one another support? The solutions can be found in good communication .amongst ourselves & a structure that will sustain that communication.

To this end, a statewide communications network of lesbians & gay men has been formed, and you are urged to join. Our 1st stage will be to design a telephone tree that will enable us to instantly alert one another to a current or impending emergency & mobilize our support. It may require physical resistance against some attackers; surveillance against vandals; staying overnight with a victimized man or Q; or a timely phone call of concern. The telephone tree will also be used to alert one another to upcoming anti-gay legislation that needs to be Can you think of any other ways we can use the comcountered quickly.

net? We especially want to hear from gay men & from people in rural areas. Unlike the Q of Maine Lesbian-Feminists, for instance, who have a well-established com-net, gay men in Maine are only starting to organize and support one another. In the country & in small towns, lesbians & gay men can be even more isolated & fearful than our city cousins, so they may feel a strong need to be part of a support network. By supporting others, you will be supporting yourself.

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We are soliciting articles on exper	iences being lesbian or gay in
elementary or high school & experience lesbian & gay issues with students. I	the Education Exploration Center,
an alternative education organization,	is compiling an anthology on
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What would you like to see taught a	about lesbians & gays? What ways
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For the Resource List, let us know tapes useful for teachers, students or	v of any books, articles, films, or
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Help: In preparing an anthology for lesbian & gay issues in class, we need to young people about these subjects. this questionaire & return it to us. QUESTION	d ideas from people who have talked Please take the time to fill out Thanks.
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Existing resettlement agencies are either unable or unwilling to work with the homosexual refugees. In response to this, the Nat'l Gay Task Force & the Universal Fellowship of Netropolitan Community Churches

called for a meeting of representatives of numerous organizations, both Gay & non-Gay in Washington, DC to coordinate a nationwide effort for the resettlement of Gay & Lesbian Cuban refugees.

Participating organizations in this meeting, which was held in the Netropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC were: The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Nat'l Gay Task Force, Gay Rights Nat'l Louby, Nat'l Association of Business Councils, Dade County Coalition for Human Rights, Parents & Friends of Gays, Lambda Legel Defense & Education Fund, Gay Rights advocates, Nat 1 Organization for O. Integrity, Inc., Dignity, Inc., American Council for National-ities Scrvices, & the Illinois Gay Task Force.

Resettlement efforts already underway are being coordinated by the UPMWO Lesbian/Gay Cuban Task Force under the directions of the Rev. Bot Arthur. Needed are sponsors to house refugees, jobs, clothing, health care, educational opportunities (English classes), & legal assistance. Money is also being raised for the coordinated inter-organizational national effort. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the UFMCC Cuban Refugee Relief Fund, c/o UFMCC, Suite 304, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90029.

A packet is being prepared to assist local organizations & individuals who want to spansor & otherwise assist Lesbian & Gay Cubans. The

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packet will be distributed through the UFNCC.

For further information contact the Rev. Bob Arthur, (213) 464-5100,
R. Adam DeBaugh, (202) 543-2260, or Tom Burrows (NGTF) (212)741-5800 NGTF press release

PUBLICATIONS

scruality has been reprinted. The issue asks all Christians & homosxuality has been reprinted. The issue asks all Christians to reexamine their assumptions about homosexual behavior & heterosexual response. Copies are now available for \$2150 each. The Other Side, Box 12236, Philadelphia, PA 19144 Subscription rate is \$15/yr.

The Green Mountain DYKE News: "is a newspaper being published in Bennington, VT. They're distributing the initial issue free in an effort to reach as many lestians & feminists as possible. They'd like to receive articles, graphics, etc and are also in need of money, donations large or small. Send all correspondence to Green Mountain Dykes, PO Box 426, Bennington, VT 05201 Full Circle

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** Two Q need ride to West Coast. Ready to leave mid-August to early Sept. Will share expenses, driving & warm Q energy. call 772-1334

****Lesbian/feminist roommate(s) wanted for large apartment in Portland on Munjoy Hill. To move in during August or Sept. I'm quiet (law student) but enjoy life & want to live in a friendly household. Rent is reasonable, depends on how many Q live here. Call Erna, days only 780-4370 (Portland)

***Cunningham & Co Books is a general used/out-of-print bookshop with special emphasis on Q literature, including Sojourner, Conditions, The Second Wave, Chrysalis, etc. 762 Congress St., Portland, phone 775=2246.

Members of WAND are available to hold workshops with Q on the issue of nuclear development. Handbooks are \$2.60 single copy; \$1.95/10 copies or more, postage included, send to WAND, Box 421, Norwich VT 05055

NEW LEAF BOOKS
At last there's an alternative bookstore in Maine. New Leaf Books, Rockport, specializes in books by & about Q, alternative energy & Health Care. Here you can find the arguments against nuclear power, publications from small presses, non-establishment poetry & writing, non-sexist children's literature, O's music, & books that are simply fun. We will also be happy to special order books not in stock. Browsing is encouraged! Beginning mid-July there will frequently be poetry readings on Sun. afternoon. These events will be posted here & in Maine Times ad. Visit--we're sure you'll enjoy. Hours 10-9 Mon thru Fri, 10-6 Sat & sun.

***THE FIFTH MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL - August 14-17, 1980
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REQUEST FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF*******

Please send your thoughts or any info that you wish to share. We put the Newsletter together the last week of every month so send it in Before that time. Got any poems, stories, summaries of events, etc? Send to MLF Newsletter, PC Box 125, Belfast, Ne 04915 Thanks!!!

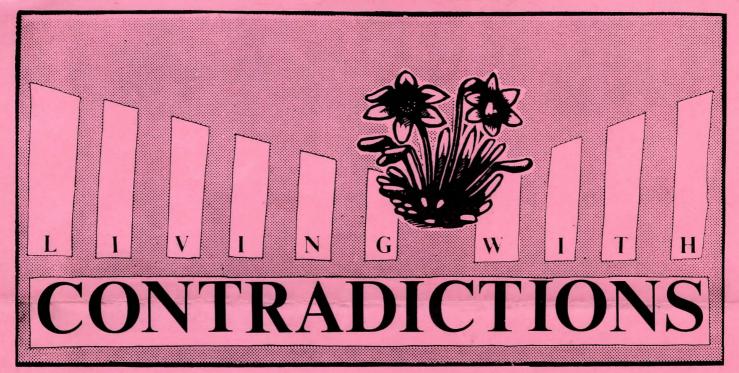
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P.S. Pass the word that Q around the world are meditating on the earth & world peace - nightly at 8 pm: I heard this from a California sister who said Q in Mendocino, Ca began it & have been passing it on... lossing

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Spring 1980

I'm Alix Dobkin. In 1973 I recorded my first album, LAVEN-DER JANE LOVES WOMEN, Women's Wax Works A001. In 1976 I released my second record, LIVING WITH LESBIANS, WWW A002. Presently I plan to record my third album during the coming summer for a release in the fall of 1980. The working title is LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS, WWW A003, and it will include the following songs: Woman To Woman; Just Like A Woman; Separation '76; Separation '78; Theme from "Getting Ready"; I'm Not Monogamous Anymore; Conjugations of Gravity; A Mother Knows; Gwyn's Tune; and Living With Contradictions.

These songs touch on and explore issues I have faced in my relationships with women. Learning how other women are creating new ways of caring for each other has been an invaluable resource for me and has been of immeasurable service in figuring out how to conduct my life with women. The art of communication between us is highly complex and we are developing new skills in personal relationships. This is very exciting to me and I spend much of my time trying to make art from these experiences. Music evokes a rich spectrum of responses and adds dimension.

Deep female contact and consciousness is not only a woman's premier thrill. It is not only her most ennobling and fulfilling state but it is also, in my opinion, the only way our planet can escape the total destruction and contamination of men.

The survival of life on Earth is not guaranteed by the production of LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS, but this album is meant to be a source of strength and a consciousness-raising factor in the lives of many, many thousands of women, women who are actively engaged in transforming the intolerable male society into one in which we can thrive with love and joy.

This new album will be the result of the cooperative efforts of a number of special women. To mention a few:

Susann P. Shanbaum will be producing and arranging the album with me. I met her years ago when she was touring with The Berkeley Women's Music Collective. A versatile, varsity musician, she co-produced both of their albums and also arranged and wrote much of their material. Susann has been hard at work for the past few years studying music. We love working together and do it well.

If you know me, you know how important *Liza Diamond Cowan* has been in my life and work. In addition to her stimulating thoughts and incisive feedback, Liza will bring her considerable aesthetic taste and skill to this endeavor as art director.

I feel lucky to count *Denslow Tregarthen Brown*, "The Organizer," among my closest and most beloved friends. Added to her penetrating good sense and logic, her thoroughness and persistence, she has an unusual capacity to work through details, putting them together in a solid, comprehensive whole. She has promised to help me keep a grip on this enterprise and assist in looking after its general well being as well as the particulars.

River Lightwomoon and I have played together for years. We are sidekicks and musical associates and she will be in-

volved in the technical, musical and administrative aspect of this project.

Last July, after distributing my two albums for over five years, I turned my business over to *Liz Snow* and *Laurie Fuchs* of Ladyslipper Music and they have done a splendid job with it. We have had an extraordinarily beneficial and positive business and personal relationship for many years. I am delighted to be working with them on **LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS** which they will distribute. They will continue to represent Women's Wax Works in W.I.L.D. (Women's Independent Label Distributors).

All of these women have provided the basic emotional support and encouragement necessary for me to take on the work and responsibility of financing and producing this album.

LAVENDER JANE LOVES WOMEN cost approximately \$3,300 in 1973 for the first pressing. To date it has sold over 17,000 in the US and Europe. LIVING WITH LESBIANS cost close to \$9,000 in 1975 and has sold more than 8,000 copies. Gaia's Guide says, Alix Dobkin's Lavender Jane Loves Women swept women off the fence by the thousands. Her latest Living With Lesbians is even better.

Both of these records were financed with personal loans and contributions, large and small, from women who wanted to help put my music on vinyl. They can all find satisfaction in having participated in the creation of unique Lesbian art which has touched and moved women in the direction of their own best interests. I feel the same way about having contributed to Sirani Avedis' and Robin Flowers' record projects. *Tatoos* and *More Than Friends* are exceptionally fine Lesbian art and I feel grateful for the chance I was given to be a small part of their work, and to establish a special organic relationship with their albums

LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS offers old wisdom and new perspectives on our lives as enduring, self-loving women. When you listen to this album I want you to feel good about the music, about yourself and about us.

And now I invite you to be a part of this original and powerful musical experience and to help bring it all to its logical destination . . . your turntable.

Women's Wax Works continues to bring high-quality, unique Lesbian music to women all over the world.

I appreciate your support. Thanks.

XXAlix

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