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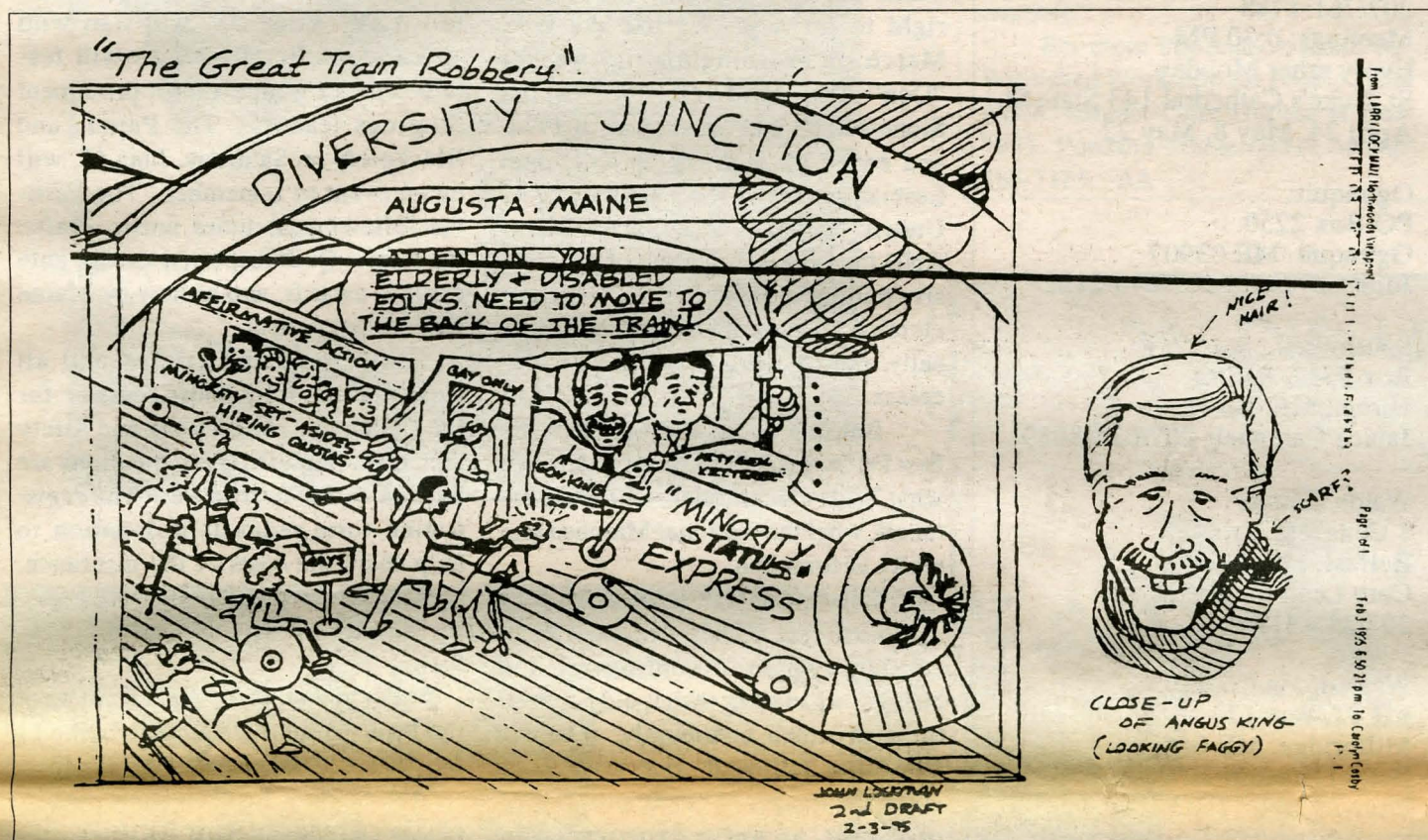
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"Principled and Civil Debate" . . . or Undercover Hate?



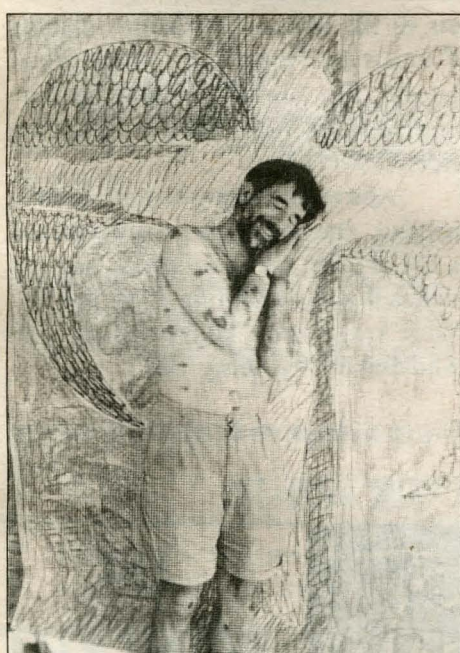
by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor
Concerned Maine Families (CMF) printed a newspaper entitled, "The Maine Event," for Spring 1995. On the front page they show a cartoon drawn by John Lockman, brother of CMF's Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Lockman. CPR has obtained the original 2nd draft of this cartoon. John Lockman drew Governor Angus King so he would be, "Looking Faggy," and this close-up of King appears as is in the latest CMF newspaper.

The characterization of Governor King as "Looking Faggy" again highlights the difference between CMF's call for "principled and civil debate" and their private bigotry. This disparity was made clear in CPR's last issue in which we reported Jonathan Malmude, Professor at St. Joseph's College and Advisor to CMF, as saying, "Have a great day, Punch out a gay!"

The purpose of this cartoon and the other two by J. Lockman also show

See DEBATE, page 3

This is the complete drawing of "The Great Train Robbery," by John Lockman, brother of CMF's Vice-chairman, Lawrence Lockman. A version of this cartoon, without the drawing of Governor King "Looking Faggy," appeared in the Spring 1995 issue of Concerned Maine Families' tabloid "The Maine Event." More cartoons and story on page 3.



Greg and his body drawing

The Watershed Workshop for People with AIDS

by Skip Brushaber

The Watershed Workshop for People with AIDS is held every summer at the Watershed Center located in North Edgecomb, Maine. It was established in 1991 as an eight-day residency program for persons with HIV/AIDS to

work in clay. The program is coordinated by Lynn Duryea, a ceramic artist, and D. Mackenzie Harris, PhD, a psychotherapist.

The cost of the week long session is \$375 per person which includes room and board, all studio time, materials, and firing expenses. The program is supervised by two full time facilitators. Scholarships are available.

The summer studio is located in a former brick factory and it is open twenty four hours throughout the session. The Center is located on thirty rolling rural acres surrounded by farms, nature conservancy land, and the Sheepscot River.

This year, in addition to the regular June workshop, a second week has been scheduled for August. The second week was added because of the growth and popularity of the workshop over the past four years.

The Watershed Workshop stresses both the creative and the healing process. The program brochure states that "No prior experience with clay is necessary, but a 'demonstrated interest' in creative work is." Working in clay and creating objects of art which may exist long after the artist is gone from this life,

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MWD vs. CMF -- Face off in Augusta



The Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature held a public hearing, May 2, to hear comments on CMF's anti-equal rights referendum. Maine Won't Discriminate had over 600 supporters. Concerned Maine Families had perhaps 60. Cosby told reporters, before the hearing began, that MWD's people were from out of state. Cosby's Virginia lawyer stood nearby.

More photos on pages 4-5

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Biddeford: 12 Fortune Rocks Rd. Biddeford, ME 04005 Barry Horn-207/286-3718 Meeting: April 25, 6:30 PM UNE-Marcil Hall, Rm 216	Portland: PO Box 8124 Portland, ME 04104 Steve Addario/Jessica Maurer 207/761-1788 Meetings: 6:30 PM- Every other Monday St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. April 24, May 8, May 22
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FUND-RAISERS FOR MWD

- Saturday, May 20th:**
 - 8:00 AM-4:00 PM - Yard Sale, 42 Clark St. Portland. Rain or shine!
 - Dance with live music, 8:00-11:00 pm, Brunswick Recreation Center, Federal St. Music by Dixieland jazz band, 6 Basin Street. \$10 donation (or less, if unable to pay) at door. Sponsored by Brunswick Area chapter NOW and Maine branch Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
 - Sunday, May 21st:**
 - Maine's finest female impersonators in a production of "We Are Family." Featuring Lexi Love and guests from all over the state! An all day affair at CITI, 145 Kennebec Street, Portland, 207/772-JOYY. Kick-off beer bash and BBQ at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door available at Katahdin, Drop Me A Line, MWD Campaign Headquarters.
 - Tuesday, June 6th:**
 - Bonnie Raitt Concert - Arrangements have been made with the artist for special Golden Circle Seating and private Artist's Reception with Bonnie Raitt to benefit MWD. For tickets and more information, call 1-800-761-1788.
 - Sunday, June 18th:**
 - Auction at Temple Beth El in Augusta beginning at 5:00 pm.
 - Sunday, June 25th:**
 - Concert with Susan Savell and Janet Hood from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, Portland.
- For more information about this and/or other fund-raisers, call the MWD office at 1-800-761-1788 or 761-1788 in the Portland area.**

The Pride Corner Pride Weekend - June 16-18

by Michael Rossetti

"Another lost weekend." That's what some national politico's called last year's Stonewall Celebration in New York City. We had the first March on Washington in the late 70's, followed by ridicule and a continuation of federal hiring bans. We had the 1988 March on Washington along with the Hardwick decision which stated that no-one had a constitutional right to privacy. We had the 1993 March on Washington and we got "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." We had the Stonewall Global Celebration in 1994, and ended up with the International Lesbian and Gay Association losing its United Nation's consultative status AND the biggest rejection of progressive politics in the U.S. since Reagan's election. National marches, politically, pose no pretty picture of successes.

But one needs only look to the first Pride marches in New York to see what Pride celebrations, which are after all, what the National Marches are, really accomplish.

The first march in New York to commemorate Stonewall was in 1970, starting a chain of controversy and healthy organizing which only served to benefit their community. The debates that followed, year after year, about the images of celebrants in drag or leather, as we've experienced in Maine, began to build confidence for various factions of the community. The battles with City Hall to go from side streets to the prestigious route of Fifth Avenue, as well as other matters, helped to bring a broad field of otherwise hostile factions together in an annual campaign. Ultimately, New York's annual commemoration of Stonewall focuses the New York lavender community in one time and one place like no other event.

Pride is a chance for renewal and focus for our community. Here in Portland, if all goes as planned for 1995, we will demonstrate how Pride focuses the community for growth,

rather than being a political demonstration.

Our events attempt to involve all elements of our community. The Friday night, June 16, Pier Dance will be our feature fund-raiser following the rally at City Hall. Smaller events, like the Women's Chem-free Tea or the Payson Park Pet Picnic or Movie Night or the Canoe Brunch will help round a full week. Pride Day will start with an Interfaith Service which will feature some of Maine's most prominent religious leaders. The Parade and Blockparty on Saturday, June 17, will be an event to remember. The Festival following includes music, crafts, the Names Quilt display, a vintage auto exhibit, awards, and a show by Maine Gay Visual Artists.

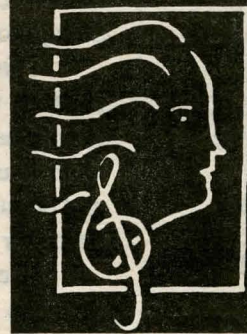
All organized groups and all floats/automobiles must register for the Parade for instructions and safety concerns. Parade lineup positions are by first come, first serve. The registration form requests a donation to help share the costs of the insurance, parking, permits and police. To register please call Richard at 207-871-9940.

For any other events, members of the Pride Committee are able to be of assistance. For general information or to discuss any Pride related matter, please call the Director for Pride '95: Michael at 871-9940. For Vendor applications call Deb at 871-0154. The Pier Dance is \$5 admission and you must be 21 or over. For further information, call Scot at 874-0635. Tickets to the Maine Gay Men's Chorus Concert on Pride Day, with special guests, The Flirtations, may be purchased at the State Theater Ticket office: 879-1112.

Above all, volunteers are greatly needed. Our volunteer coordinator has a list of tasks for every event, and can counsel you on finding a job that fits your interests. To volunteer call Sheldon at 871-1650. ΔΔ

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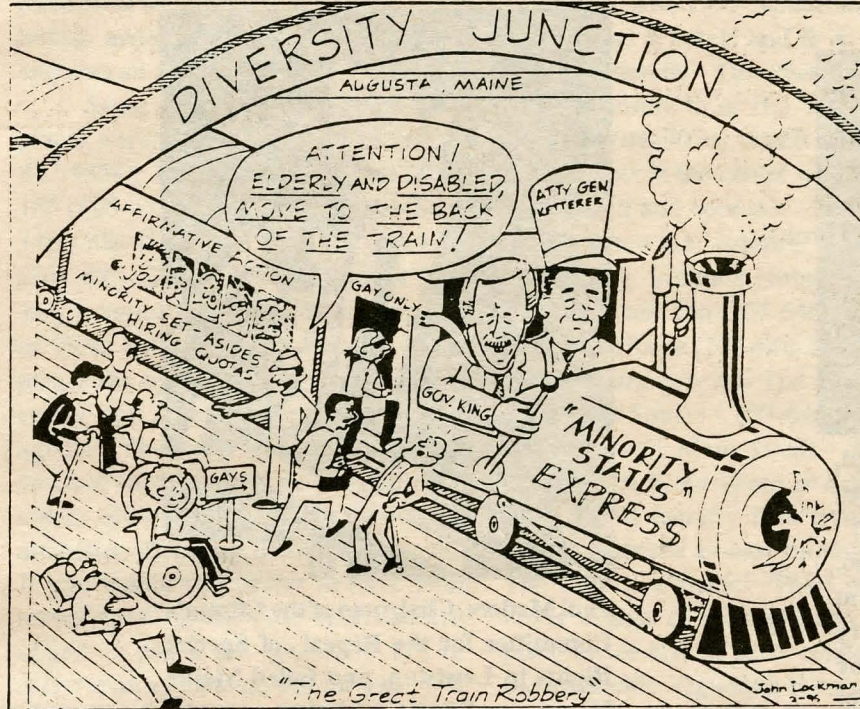
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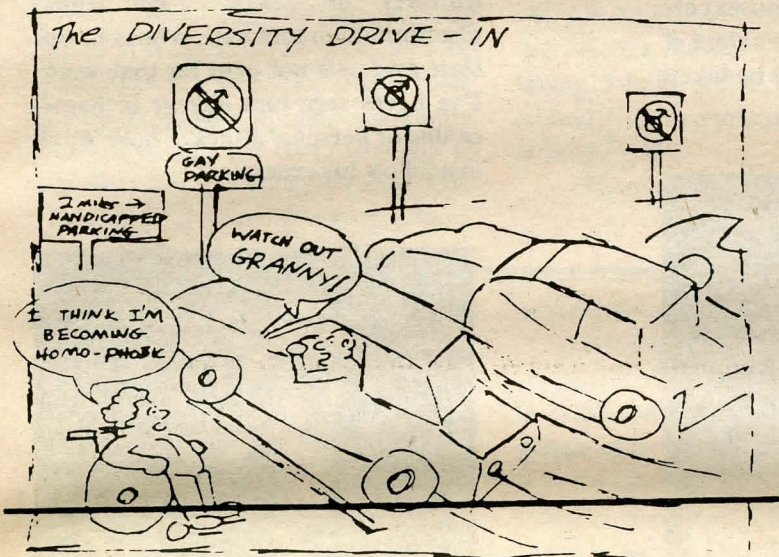
CMF's desire to encourage fear and hatred amongst and between Maine's handicapped, elderly, racial and homosexual communities. Even though it has never been shown that granting equal rights to one groups denies equal rights to any other group, Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson of CMF continues to spread this particular lie in hopes of gaining support for her anti-equal rights amendment.



This is the cartoon, "The Great Train Robbery" as it appeared in CMF's "The Maine Event."

John Johnson
Rough Draft
1-20-95

John Johnson
Rough-Draft
1-20-95



These other cartoons are earlier attempts by the Lockmans to play on the divisive theme of pitting the handicapped and the elderly against homosexuals. It also should be noted that several months ago, Lawrence Lockman wrote letters to the "Portland Press Herald" denouncing a reference in the "Maine Times" characterizing Cosby as the "Big Bitch." Apparently characterizing the Governor as "Looking Faggy" is beneath his low threshold of self-righteous indignation.

White House to meet with gay and lesbian elected officials - June 13

WASHINGTON, DC - For the first time in history, the White House has scheduled a meeting with gay and lesbian elected officials. According to San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal, the liaison between the Administration and gay and lesbian elected officials, the meeting will be held at the White House on Tuesday, June 13. "This much-

awaited meeting will give gay and lesbian officials the opportunity to provide input to the Administration and to discuss with Administration officials issues of common concern," says Leal. On the morning before the meeting, the gay elected officials will meet with key legislators.

Elected by popular vote, openly

gay and lesbian officials epitomize the strides that the gay and lesbian community has made towards dispelling anti-gay stereotypes and achieving political equality. "We have spent the past two years laying the groundwork for this unprecedented event," said Leal, "and now, to paraphrase Harvey Milk, we will give the American people the chance to judge us by our own leaders, and by our own legislators." Among 32 Victory

Fund winners invited to the meeting are Supervisor Leal, U.S. Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, and Rhode Island Senator Will Fitzpatrick.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is assisting Supervisor Leal in convening this meeting and established a scholarship fund for those openly gay elected officials who could not otherwise be part of this ground-breaking event. ΔΔ

NOTICE

Support for advocates of lesbian and gay civil rights

"Winnie! Could you please get this in the next issue of CPR? You and your staff are in the trenches and we hope you'll join us!!" This note, signed by Vivian Wadas, was on an announcement from the Womenspace Counseling Center.

The facts are these: Starting Thursday, June 1, 1995, and on every following Thursday night until the referendum vote, from 7:00-8:30 pm, Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Avenue, Portland, Maine, will offer an on-going, drop-in, facilitated support group, free of charge, for anyone who is working to support civil rights for lesbians and gays.

The women offering this support

group explain that, "Fighting oppression is hard work. Sometimes the stress and strain of confronting discrimination, righting wrongs, advocating for those who are not yet able to advocate for themselves, takes a toll on us. Even supporters need support."

"Womenspace Counseling Center recognizes the wonderful work that those of you in the front trenches are doing for all of us and would like to thank you by offering you a safe, caring space to unwind, vent frustrations, tell your stories, get nurtured before going back to the battle."

The Community Pride Reporter encourages those engaged in the struggle for equal rights to take advantage of this generous offer. For more information call either co-facilitator: Vivian Wadas, 774-2403 or Joanne Clarey, 871-0377.

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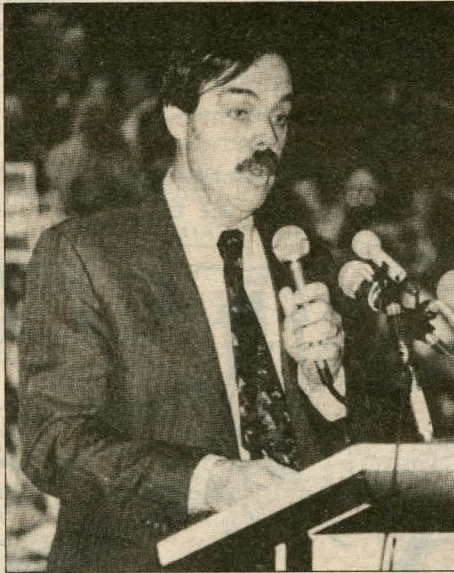
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State Senator Dale McCormick said, "The question is should I be fired from a job solely because I'm a lesbian?" That's what this referendum would do. McCormick read a letter from Governor Angus King to the Judiciary Committee in which he said the referendum is wrong, that it is not Maine values. He concluded by saying, "I will be speaking against this referendum and I urge you to do likewise."



Paul Madore, Chairman of the Citizen's Committee for the Repeal of Special Rights in Lewiston, and failed Maine House candidate, said that an anti-discrimination law for homosexuals would mean that other people's right of freedom of association would be taken away.



State Senator Sean Faircloth (D) Bangor responded directly to Lockman's attack on Wessler. Faircloth said, "I've known Mr. Wessler for a number of years. He fights discrimination and hate crimes in this state and he's not paid for that work. I've never seen him engage in name-calling or personal attack. I hope we all can follow his example."



State Representative Fred Richardson (D) Portland, member of the Judiciary committee predicted a 9-4 vote against CMF which means the initiative would most likely go to referendum in November with a legislative recommendation to the people of "ought not to pass."



Pat Ryan, Executive Director of the Maine Human Rights Commission, said, "Make no mistake... this measure makes it legal to discriminate." She also pointed out that if L.D. 310 passes, the poor and children will suffer because they will be subject to discrimination.



Kathryn Weare, owner of the Cliff House in Ogunquit, Maine said, "My first ancestor came to Maine in 1640 to escape persecution... when you have discrimination you do not have opportunity. . . It is simply and totally intolerable for the state of Maine to set itself apart from the rest of the world business and hospitality community by entertaining this referendum and I urge you to vote no."

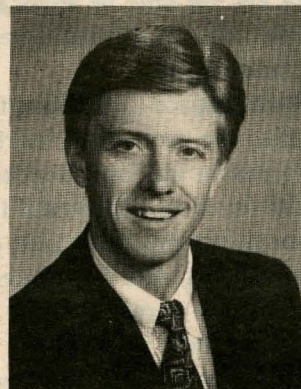


Andrew Ketterer, Maine Attorney General rose to speak against Cosby's referendum. He said, "In my view, in a democracy, we are only safe when all of us are safe, not just some of us. What each of us wants is the freedom to be left alone and the freedom to be who we are."



Meyer Bodoff, Chairman of the Bias Crimes Task Force, said, "I must apologize to you all because I had promised myself that I would time my arrival so that I would only hear testimony on this side of the question — I made a mistake, I got here too early -- I heard two comments that cannot go unchallenged. The first, that there was even a question about the issue of hate crimes in this state . . . I lost too many nights sleep listening to incident after incident of hate crimes in Maine . . . and when someone is the victim of hate there is one friend, one person a minority can go to, to receive support and to receive

justice, and that is Assistant Attorney General Steve Wessler. For anyone to comment on his integrity, his honesty or his compassion is an outrage. I would simply say to him, 'I remember Robert Kennedy once saying 'Don't always judge a man by who is friends are, judge by who is enemies are.'"



Mike Heath, Executive Director of the Christian Civic League, also criticized Lockman's attack on Assistant Attorney General, Steve Wessler. Heath said, "I

have met with Steve Wessler many times and I found him to be an honest representative of the Attorney General's office and I do not believe for a second that he is the man represented here earlier." To further underline the rift between Heath's Christian Civic League (CCL) and Cosby's Concerned Maine Families, Heath said, "Until now we have been alone in our (CCL's) defense of traditional morality on this issue (equal rights) we are pleased to now be joined by Concerned Maine Families." Cosby has insisted that she lead the fight against gays. She and Heath stood on opposite sides of the room and did not speak to each other.

Photos by Bruce Balboni
Processing by Everett Horr,
Studio 101
(Exceptions: Dale McCormick and
Michael Heath photos)



Lawrence Lockman, Vice-Chairman and brother of cartoonist John Lockman, accused the Attorney General's office and Steve Wessler, Assistant Attorney General of creating false anti-gay hate crime statistics. Lockman said, "The highest law enforcement office in the state is not telling the truth." Lockman spoke derisively. He said there is no crisis of anti-gay violence in Maine only a crisis of credibility in the AG's office.



Michael Schools, Board member of CMF and Director of All Catholics for Truth (ACT) said he didn't want to be there, that he was "deeply grieved" to announce that, "a representative of the Bishop of Maine plans to testify in opposition to CMF's initiative." To Schools chagrin the crowd erupted with applause and cheers.



Cosby congratulates Bruce Fein, her Virginia lawyer, after his presentation to the committee. Many in the crowd waved watches to indicate that Fein was speaking too long. Judiciary Committee Chairman, Peter Mills (R) Skowhegan interrupted Fein suggesting he submit his remarks in writing. Steve Whiting is at right, he is Cosby's Portland lawyer.



Foreground, from left to right - L. Lockman, Bruce Fein, Carolyn Cosby, David Cosby. The poster above Cosby's CMF elite could be an omen. But for whom?



Dennis Daigle, CMF'S "Liaison for Handicapped & Minority Affairs" spoke at the hearing. He also writes the newsletter, "The Christian Observer," which was distributed at the hearing. The first story was, "Volle's claim in 'gay' press untrue." Daigle was referring to CPR's story last issue in which we reported Paul Volle, head of Maine's Christian Coalition, saying that the National Christian Coalition did not support CMF's referendum. Daigle said the National does support CMF. He has since admitted he is wrong. They do not. Daigle also named Volle, "Bimbo of the Month" because "Paul Volle has come out in support of the gays and against CMF's referendum."

referendum even though he thinks it's unconstitutional. Daigle said he would not retract the "Bimbo of the Month" designation and he would not say why.

CPR tried to reach Paul Volle for comment but he was out of town. Paul's wife, Caroline Volle, said, "It's Cosby's work."



State Senator Joel Abromson (R)

Portland said, "I urge you as strongly as I can that you unanimously report out L.D.310 (the referendum) 'ought not to pass.'" Abromson delivered an impassioned defense of freedom citing his visits to the concentration camps of Poland and Germany where he learned that homosexuals as well as Jews, were murdered. Abromson equated the legitimizing of discrimination by Cosby's L.D. 310 with Germany's Nuremberg Laws of 1935 which legitimized discrimination against Jews. He concluded by saying, "I look forward to the demise of L.D. 310, to the defeat of the referendum put forth by Concerned Maine Families and to joining forces in a bipartisan coalition to pass Maine's Equal Rights law in the next (legislative) session."



?????????????? Cosby demonstrates the secret CMF handshake.



Support for "Maine Won't Discriminate" comes from all quarters.

Malmude quote generates controversy

by Bruce Balboni

"Have a great day; Punch out a gay!" So said Jonathan Malmude, Professor at St. Joseph's College and a member of the Board of Advisors for Concerned Maine Families (CMF). CPR reported this statement in its April/May 1995 issue. In the wake of this report, there has been a flurry of faxing, memo writing and letter sending on the part of St. Joseph's, Malmude and CMF.

Malmude's efforts at damage control may have proven fruitless however. Malmude was notably absent from the May 2 Augusta Civic Center public hearing on L.D. 310 (the anti-equal rights referendum question). Also, at SJC's retirement dinner for outgoing college president, Loring Hart many people preferred to stand rather than sit with Malmude.

CPR has decided to print all of the correspondence generated by our initial report. These include an apology from President Hart (right), a memo written by Malmude, a letter written by Cosby and, CPR's response letter.

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

To: My Colleagues
 From: Jonathan Malmude, History Department
 Date: May 1, 1995
 Subject: Message to my Colleagues

Please be advised that I hereby condemn the unscrupulous and unprincipled attack made upon myself and Saint Joseph's College, led by Bruce Balboni, the writer-editor of the Community Pride Reporter.

I deny the allegations made against me in the C.P.R. tabloid, and I refuse to dignify any attack being made on Catholic higher education in Maine.



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April 28, 1995

Dear Mr. Balboni:

I want to thank you for providing my office with a copy of your April/May issue of *Community Pride Reporter* and for your concerns about a quote which appeared on page one of that issue.

Regarding the boxed item on page one in which that alleged quote is attributed to a member of the Saint Joseph's College faculty, I wish to state that no member of our staff acting in a private capacity and on their own time speaks as an official spokesperson for this college on any subject. Any such statements are made as private individuals and do not reflect the official policy of Saint Joseph's College.

Section 6.2.1.h of the college's Faculty Handbook states, "Since it is the College's policy to avoid making direct attacks or negatively judgmental statements about other institutions, organizations or individuals, College personnel are cautioned against making such comments in their capacity as College employees."

Further, I do not countenance any employee of this institution using the name of this college, or their association with it, merely for purposes of enhancing their credibility in their private matters at times when they are not officially representing this institution. Nor do I authorize employees using the College's name in any manner which might endorse, or imply endorsement of, their privately-held unofficial views and opinions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Loring E. Hart
 Loring E. Hart
 President

Not only did Bruce Balboni print false allegations against me, he also encouraged a barrage of hostile communications, directed at me and the College, through his focus on my position as a history professor at a traditional Catholic college. One of the messages left on my machine was: "I am not surprised to find a homophobic Jew-bastard teaching at a Catholic college."

Bruce Balboni and the Community Pride Reporter have practiced irresponsible journalism by promoting a campaign of defamation in an attempt to silence my political voice and politically pressure Catholic higher education in Maine.

How far these people will go in their intimidating efforts, toward a greater use of pressure tactics and the fabrication of allegations or evidence,

remains to be seen. Any effort to frighten people into compliance with an imposed political view ought to be seen for what it is and condemned by all.

CAROLYN COSBY'S LETTER

April 29, 1995
 Dr. Loring Hart
 President
 Saint Joseph College
 Standish, Maine

Dear Dr. Hart,

As you may know, Dr. Malmude is an Advisor to the Concerned Maine Families' Board, a vocal spokesman for CMF's referendum, and a well-known commentator on various public policy issues in Maine and the U.S.A.

Please be informed that the current

attack upon Dr. Malmude, Concerned Maine Families, and those associated with this excellent man may be coming from an individual who stole documents from my personal office, may have altered them and provided such materials to CMF's opposition, and may now be engaged in an ultimately foolish and futile game of political deception, disinformation, and character assassination.

I hope this insight into the current, disturbing situation may be helpful to Saint Joseph's College, a fine institution with high ideals and a wonderful regard for ethics, social betterment, and academic freedom.

Incidentally, may I recommend for your reading the excellent opinion piece by Dr. Malmude just published in today's, April 28, 1995 Press Herald newspaper: "Maine's Civil Rights System Must Serve the Neediest First."

Finally, my best wishes to you in your retirement! Certainly you have had a proud and fruitful career, including your tenure at Saint Joseph's. God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Carolyn H.T. Cosby
 Chairman, Concerned Maine Families
 cc:
 Mr. David Putnam, Chairman Board of Overseers
 Sr. Bernadette, Secretary to the President
 Sr. Mary Ellen, Dean of the College
 Patricia Sparkes, Dean of Distance Education
 Sr. Mary de La Salle, Professor of History
 Dr. Jonathan Malmude

CPR's RESPONSE

May 8, 1995
 Dr. Loring Hart, President
 Saint Joseph College
 278 Whites Bridge Road
 Standish, Maine 04084

Dear Dr. Hart,
 We are in receipt of Carolyn Cosby's letter addressed to you, dated April, 29, 1995, and, Jonathan Malmude's inter-office memo, addressed to, "My Colleagues," dated, May 1, 1995. We feel it necessary to respond to several points raised in these letters.

First, however, we would like to comment on the hysterical tone of Mr. Malmude's memo. In our April/May issue of the "Community Pride Reporter," (CPR) we quote a nine word statement made by Malmude. He is quoted as saying, "Have a great day. Punch out a gay." Malmude characterizes our quoting him as, "an unscrupulous and unprincipled attack made upon myself and St. Joseph's College."

Malmude is not St. Joseph's College, nor is he Catholic higher education. Nowhere in the article in question do we mention St. Joseph's College (or Catholic higher education), except to

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 but prefer to think of themselves as the "lesbian Sonny & Cher"


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MALMUDE, from page 6

identify who Malmude is. Malmude, himself, uses his status as a professor at St. Joseph's to enhance his credibility when making statements on behalf of Concerned Maine Families (CMF). He does this in violation of St. Joseph's Faculty Handbook, Section 6.2.1.h, a fact made known to us by you, in your letter to CPR, dated April 28, 1995.

In the second paragraph of Malmude's memo, he denies that he made the statement and adds, "I refuse to dignify any attack being made on Catholic higher education in Maine." There is nothing in the article in question or in any other article in CPR that could in any way be construed as an attack on Catholic higher education. We submit that Malmude is trying to use his status at St. Joseph's to protect himself from the consequences of his own statements.

As for the veracity of the statement — there is absolutely no doubt that Malmude made this statement, "Have a great day, Punch out a gay." If he did not make this statement, he can take appropriate legal action. He knows that the statement is true and he knows we have a witness who will testify in court that it is true.

In the third paragraph, Malmude states, "he (Bruce Balboni) also encouraged a barrage of hostile communications, directed at me and the College,

through his focus on my position as a history professor at a traditional Catholic College." It is Malmude who focuses on his position at St. Joseph's, and further, we are not responsible for the consequences of what Malmude says — he is.

In Malmude's fourth paragraph, he states that we have practiced irresponsible journalism. On the contrary, it is our duty to point out the difference between CMF's public position, which claims to be "civil and principled," and their private bigotry. We are not necessarily trying to silence the likes of Malmude and his ilk, but if that is the effect, then we've done our job. As for pressuring Catholic higher education — what more can be said on this absurd charge? Is Jonathan Malmude so egotistical that he equates himself with Catholic higher education?

Carolyn Cosby raises the issue of who our source is in her letter. The "individual" she refers to was not some intruder as Cosby implies. The documents provided by this source were not stolen and they are accurate and unaltered. More importantly, the statement made by Malmude is not in a document. Again, if Cosby and Malmude say the statement is untrue, let them take the proper legal action.

Cosby also refers to Malmude's Op Ed piece in the "Portland Press Herald" April 28, 1995. This piece is another example of Malmude using his status as

a professor at St. Joseph's College to enhance his credibility as a spokesperson for CMF. We might add, by the way, that Bishop Gerry and the Catholic diocese in Maine opposes CMF's referendum.

We intend to report everything we can about Concerned Maine Families and its members. We will do this unrelentingly and without apology. These people are attempting to deny basic human rights to homosexuals. It is the duty of this newspaper and, beyond that, of every freedom-loving person to oppose them.

We stand by our story one hundred percent.

Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor
Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

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Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein President

SINN FEIN HEAD SUPPORTS INCLUSIVITY

A spokesperson for Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, in Portland to kick off his American Fund-Raising Campaign, said that Sinn Fein supports a policy of inclusivity for all peoples in Ireland. "We can't push for inclusivity in the Peace Process and start excluding people," The spokesperson said. "Inclusivity means everyone, period." President Adams praised the people of Portland, Maine and President Clinton as instrumental in the fight for peace in Ireland. ΔΔ



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AROUND THE STATE

by Malcolm Smith

PRESQUE ISLE— A month after allegedly assaulting a fellow college student and being charged under Maine's Hate Crimes Law, a Patten man has signed a consent decree promising no further harassment of people because of sexual orientation.

Expelled Northern Maine Technical College student Robert L. Tozier, 35, allegedly attacked a homosexual student, referred to by officials only as "John Doe," earlier this year. After failing to provoke Doe into a fight, Tozier allegedly threw him on a desk and started choking him.

Doe was a friend of Tozier's roommate.

The decree also prohibits Tozier from the school grounds.

AUGUSTA — The legislature began hearings last month on a bill submitted by the Maine Attorney General's office designed to improve the protection of women's reproductive rights.

"As the recent events in Oklahoma City tragically demonstrate, we live in a time where extreme political and social passions on occasion erupt into extreme and unthinkable violence," Stephen L. Wessler, an assistant attorney general said. "In the context of the violence and extremism that has taken place elsewhere, this bill is a victory for dialogue,

consensus and, most importantly non-violence."

The bill, discussed April 26 in the Judiciary Committee, is the result of a continuing forum that includes the Maine Pro-Choice Coalition, the Maine Pro-Life Coalition, as well as the attorney's general office. During previous forum debate the scope of the proposed bill was widened to prohibit various activities that interfered with any person's civil rights.

Under the bill, it would be illegal to obstruct building entrances, make repeated disruptive phone calls, set off stink bombs, or make noises, after being warned by a police officer, that endangered the delivery of health care.

Opponents of the bill said it violated the rights of free speech and freedom of assembly.

More legislative workshops are planned.

ORONO — A student in Orono was fired from his school's radio station after making controversial comments during a broadcast.

24-year old University of Maine senior Peter Cross's March 25th show consisted of a parody of F. Lee Bailey's questioning of Det. Mark Fuhrman's use of the word "nigger," and talk of Greg Louganis' HIV status, Jeoff Tardif, station manager of WMEB told the "Bangor Daily News."

"There were racial, sexual and homophobic comments that weren't 'prudent' for WMEB broadcasting," Tardif

said.

Cross said he did not want to insult anyone, but understood how people might have been offended.

"I know a lot of gay people and I have a couple of gay friends," Cross said. "We weren't making fun of Louganis because he's gay."

He said the Louganis material was criticism of the diver's decision to conceal his illness after his Olympic diving accident.

The station voluntarily shut down for a week rather than risk Federal Communications Commission discipline after a listener sent that agency a copy of the broadcast. ΔΔ

AROUND THE NATION

NEW YORK — A federal judge ruled President Clinton's controversial, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," military policy unconstitutional last month, setting the way for a possible Supreme Court challenge.

"To presume from a person's status that he or she will commit undesirable acts is an extreme measure," U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson wrote in his March 30 opinion. "Hitler taught the world what could happen when the government began to target people not for what they had done but because of their status."

Beatrice Dohm, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, wanted active duty gays that the ruling was just the first step in the legal battle.

"We don't want people to read the paper and think they can come out tomorrow," she said.

The ruling applies only to the one female and five male service members involved in the lawsuit.

Nickerson called the policy "Orwellian," and said it violated free speech and equal protection rights. He said the government failed to prove its key argument that the status alone could harm unit cohesion.

The government will appeal the March ruling.

"We believe the challenged policy is constitutional, and we remain committed to defend it," Carl Stern, Justice Department spokesman said after the ruling.

RICHMOND, VA. — The Virginia Supreme Court dealt a blow to a mother's custody fight for her son last month when it ruled the child would suffer "social condemnation" because of the mother's sexual orientation.

"We have previously said that living daily under conditions stemming from active lesbianism practiced in the home may impose a burden upon a child by reason of the 'social condemnation' attached to such an arrangement," Justice A. Christian Compton wrote in the April 21 decision. "We do not retreat

from that statement; such a result is likely under these facts."

The justices overturned an appellate decision that private sexual conduct was not grounds for denying custody, which was the original reason Sharon Bottoms lost custody of her 3-year-old son Tyler Doustou to her mother, Kay Bottoms.

The high court also cited other reasons for their 4-3 ruling, including "difficulty controlling her temper." The elder Bottoms said her daughter neglected the baby.

An American Civil Liberties Union attorney said the court "relied on unsubstantiated allegations by the grandmother" as to Bottom's fitness, and ignored testimony portraying Bottom's role as a loving mother.

The younger Bottoms was awarded visitation rights for one night a week, but not at the home shared with Bottom's partner, April Wade, who is not allowed to see the child.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on arguments over the right of a homosexual group to march in a Boston parade versus the free-speech rights of the parade's sponsor.

The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston said their exclusion from the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade violates a state law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Forced inclusion violated the organizer's free speech rights because the Irish-American group's message did not agree with the parade's traditional religious and social values, Chester Darling, lawyer for the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, told the court during the April 25 hearing.

LEIGH, N.C. — During remarks at a North Carolina hearing on April 20, a state lawmaker said that women who are raped cannot get pregnant.

"The facts show that people who are raped — who are truly raped — the juices don't flow," Republican Rep. Henry Aldridge said while addressing North Carolina's House Appropriations Committee. "Medical authorities agree that this is a rarity, if ever."

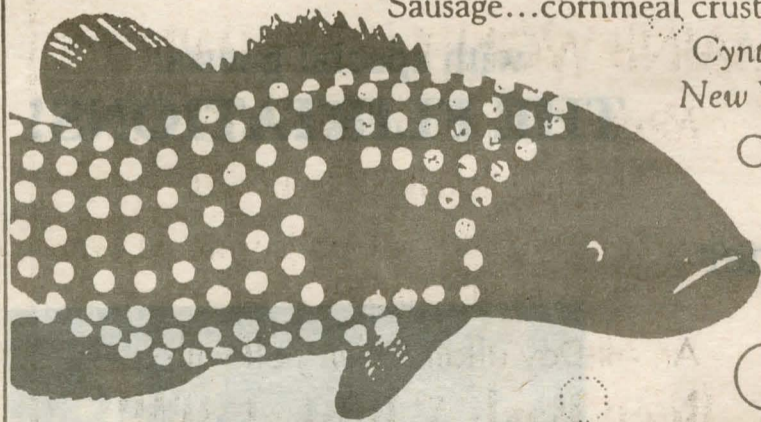
Aldridge's comments came as he was trying to apologize for previous remarks implying victims of rape or incest were sexually promiscuous.

CINCINNATI, OH. — On May 12, a federal appeals court reinstated a voter-approved amendment to the City Charter denying gays special protection against discrimination. The court ruled that sexual orientation is not "an identifiable class" worthy of inclusion in the city's human rights ordinance. Further, the court contended that a federal judge misconstrued legal precedents when he rejected the amendment. ΔΔ

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THE VAPORIZATION OF DENIAL: AIDS as cultural analysis

By John Holverson, HIV Prevention Education Supervisor, The AIDS Project

From a strictly theoretical, if still unconscious, point of view, the goal of HIV education is to prevent the transmission of an emerging virus which kills indiscriminately. But cultural assumptions generally begin with, and often rarely go beyond, rubber stamping the latest news update of the HIV epidemic with that most American of American dreams, EDUCATION = BEHAVIORAL CHANGE.

"If those people would just stop doing (whatever), well then this wouldn't be happening. I mean, all they have to do is use some common sense and say no to (whatever). But what can you expect; they aren't like us anyway, are they? All we have to do is tell them to do (whatever) and IT will all just go away."

This sit-com approach to community denies a reality which clearly documents that motivation for change is more complicated than just saying, "NO!," that changing behavior is deeply rooted in changing cultural assumptions and healing painful personal issues. These assumptions and issues are the connective tissue which hold the body politic together, and this is the body in which HIV spreads most easily.

Since the HIV/AIDS epidemic began, the predominating transmission routes and the most affected populations have been highly charged with differing cultural values and diversity issues. Particularly in rural areas, the assumption to maintain by some has been, "HIV won't happen here, and if it does, it will happen to them, not to us. After all, aren't they getting what they deserve anyway?"

And yet, anyone who follows the HIV epidemic knows that the virus respects no one. It continues to spread through denial that we are all sexual beings. It spreads through silence and social disconnection. It spreads through poor individual self-worth where inner feelings of pain are regularly medicated by culturally affirmed activities and substances.

As we struggle to respond to the second decade of the epidemic, it is impossible to avoid the assumptions that HIV identifies and illuminates as silent, but fundamental, markers of popular comfort levels which have to change. As our cultural denial vaporizes, we face larger long-term challenges than just saying no, just using a condom, just pretending we will walk untouched out of the current unpleasantness into the new millennium. These challenges are larger than the medical challenges presented by an emerging virus. These challenges cry out for a new willingness to respond with compassion to the deeper issues of behavioral change. Yes education helps through exposure to information, and to the possibility of choice. But education does not = behavioral change.

Historically, we know that mar-

ginal populations have been hardest hit by the HIV epidemic. And since marginal populations, not "us" have been chiefly affected, mainline and accustomed economic/political responses have been absent. Low priority populations mean low assigned resources to "them." Meanwhile, the virus marches deeper into the unsuspecting community at large. And when it marches into our lives, we are often unprepared for the cultural realities of prejudice, inadequate resources and disregard. In this, HIV/AIDS vaporizes personal denial, one by one, and reveals the larger, underlying social and cultural values in our community which we each need to work to change.

For too long we have lived under the peculiarly American assumptions that "progress," "science," economic power or the military can keep us on top, can control everything, that we are without limits, without accountability to our time and our place. The saddest lesson for some is how AIDS has shattered that American dream.

What we have left is us, all of us, each of us, vulnerable and responsible. The "thems" are us; we are all connected and there are limits to our knowledge, our resources, our economics, our power and control. That is the new American dream and that is the challenge we face together for the new millennium.

The screens of homophobia, religious judgement, anti-pleasure, anti-sex, racism and classism require the most conscious deconstruction to remove the cultural blinders which obscure the fundamental reality that low self-worth and pain in isolation are core elements in behaviors that medicate that pain, while often confirming and repeating feelings of low self-worth.

Without breaking this cultural reinforced cycle - of pain and low self-worth being medicated through behavior, HIV will continue to spread across the landscape.

Effective HIV/AIDS prevention education will be easier, more effective, welcomed, even less needed when our fear based culture can change by restoring sexuality to a healthier and less shaming place in human activity. Positive elements of this new atmosphere could include:

- * appreciating our own body
- * identifying personal values
- * demonstrating tolerance for people with differing values
- * understanding the impact of media messages on thoughts, feelings, values and behaviors relating to sexuality
- * taking responsibility for our own behaviors
- * avoiding exploitative relationships
- * asking questions of parents and other adults about sexual issues
- * deciding what is personally "right" and acting on these values
- * interacting with both genders in appropriate and respectful ways

- * communicating effectively with family and friends

- * seeking further information about sexuality as needed

- * enjoying sexual feelings without necessarily acting upon them

- * expressing love and intimacy in appropriate ways

- * communicating and negotiating sexual limits

- * communicating desires not to have sex and accept refusals to sex

- * choosing to practice health promoting behaviors

- * understanding the consequences of sexual activity

- * talking with a partner about sexual activity before it occurs, including limits, contraceptive and condom use, and its meaning in the relationship

When we all demystify, and affirm natural human needs for pleasure and sex by talking and teaching openly about anatomy, healthy physical activities, role modeling and mentoring healthy choices, then HIV/AIDS prevention education activities will become seeds falling on more fertile ground where healthy choices can be made from places of wholeness. When this happens, HIV will be stopped. ΔΔ

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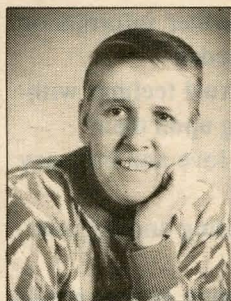
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EDITORIALS

....And Another Thing...



The flurry of letters regarding the review and letter concerning the Maine Gay Men's Chorus in CPR's last issue are a most welcome sign. Nothing else in this newspaper has elicited so much reaction from the community. Even though we stand by the review, it is refreshing to have people care enough about one of the gay community's most important cultural institutions that they would actually take time to write to CPR.

Just to clear the air a bit however, let's get one thing perfectly clear -- WE LOVE the CHORUS!!! That doesn't mean that from time to time we won't criticize it, if we think that's what is accurate and reasonable.

In fact that subject -- criticizing our own -- is one we deal with all the time. Many people apparently think that CPR is the newspaper of Maine Won't Discriminate -- well, it's not. Naturally we agree with the idea of 'equal rights for all' but CPR is determined to maintain its independence from any and all organizations and individuals, friendly or otherwise.

For example, it is wonderful that Governor King is opposed to CMF's referendum, but in his letter to the Judiciary Committee, read by State Senator Dale McCormick, May 2, at the public hearing in Augusta, King said one of the chief reasons he opposes Cosby is because her referendum would take away local control. Local control is great when it goes your way and it sucks when it doesn't. The point is, no one can have it both ways. Local control is not the answer to equal rights and neither is state control. All of this electoral activity takes place



because the Supreme Court of the United States will not step up to the plate and take the responsibility for stating the obvious -- no one's civil rights should be subject to popular vote. ΔΔ

In Solidarity,

Bruce Balboni

Winnie Weir

CPR MAIL BAG

Dear Editor,

I am appalled and amazed about the letter to the editor regarding the Maine Gay Men's Chorus (MGMC). It is also my opinion that the review done by CPR was very distasteful and disturbing.

Ira T. Consumer stated that (he/she) was "so proud" however felt "distress and discomfort" because of the selections portraying heterosexual love. I thought the arrangements were very tactfully and expertly done considering the wide area of music covered. Ira T. also stated (he/she) "was not heterophobic" this must be (his/her) own opinion and not one of a psychologist. If there were so many "dozens of people" in the audience with this opinion, then why was each and every applause so long and thunderous? Furthermore, MGMC is not even close to "suffering from internalized homophobia." I enjoyed the program so much on Friday night that I returned on Saturday evening as well. I have supported MGMC for 2 1/2 years. I have seen almost all of their concerts. I will not hesitate to see and listen to their next, no matter the context.

I cannot even comprehend how the editor can even hint that the performance was "less than inspiring." Again, I point out the very loud applause after each number and the standing ovation that lasted several minutes both nights. If opera does not appeal to you Ms. Edi-

tor, then why was "The Anvil Chorus" your "particular favorite?" Do you not know that it is an operatic piece? You were right though when you said, "I have attempted to get past personal preference in this review." "Attempted" being the key word.

Being a former choral director you do know there is a great deal of music to be memorized. The MGMC has memorized over 100 pieces over a short period of time. People are constantly joining the Chorus and have to learn new and old songs which takes up a great deal of spare time. I know because my friend has been with the Chorus for 2 1/2 years. I have listened to many hours of rehearsals. Some Chorus members may not be able to devote so much of their time as others. At least they have the courage and willingness to do so. I am very proud of them. I will continue to applaud and support all of the MGMC members. I was one of the last people to leave both nights. The only slightly negative comment made, which was said caringly by one older lady to another was, "this school will never be the same." I think you were very cruel and condescending with your opinion. This is only mine.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey S. White, Lewiston, ME

Dear Editor — April 24, 1995
Just finished reading the April-

May edition of CPR and really just wanted to send you all a big, wet, warm and sloppy kiss of admiration for the work you do. I thought the stories about Maine's Radical Right were simply great reporting. Bruce Balboni did an outstanding job on those enlightening articles. It had the kind of interviews that only CPR could do. I mean I just love the idea of CPR calling up Paul Volle and Mike Heath to ask them questions I am sure they would rather not be answering. Nice work, gang.

The review of the last Maine Gay Men's Chorus concert by Winnie Weir had just the right touch of disappointment without ripping the Chorus apart for its apparent amnesia concerning its own homosexuality during most of the first two-thirds of the concert. I love that Chorus, but the next time they do tunes form "West Side Story," how about singing to "Mario" instead of "Maria." Just a thought.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know that I really appreciate the work that you do for all of us.

With much admiration,
Michael Martin

Dear Editor,

Recently while visiting friends in Portland, I had the good fortune to pick up a copy of The Community Pride Reporter. I was impressed with your magazine's commitment to the Commu-

The Community Pride Reporter is printed on recycled paper using soy-based inks. This practice reflects our commitment to responsible use of our earth's resources. Using recycled paper sometimes results in the paper having a toned down or grayish tinge. However, we feel this is a small price to pay as Community Pride Reporter does its part to "Color ME Green."

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Skip Brushaber

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

— from "A Tale of Two Cities,"
by Charles Dickens

In our community, it is a time for anticipation and renewed commitment. With some trepidation at being labeled paranoid and an alarmist, I think we have a lot to fear. The conservative religious right is at our doorstep and they want our basic civil rights. It is not a time for us to be smug. It is time to be vigilant and hopefully to come together as a unified community to battle oppression, and withstand the assault from the radical right. They want our rights and our freedom. Some of the radical fringe want to take our very lives.

Let us always remember as part of our recent heritage, large numbers of homosexuals died in the streets and the camps at the hands of the Nazis. Hence our symbol of liberation, freedom and pride — the pink triangle. A lesser known fact is that when the death camps were liberated, the homosexual survi-

vors were turned over to the German authorities to be further incarcerated.

How do we start building a strong community? We must give up our petty squabbles and try to accept one another for who we are. We must also learn to accept ourselves with pride for who we are. Elitist men exercising their white male privilege or separatist women labeling all men as abusers will do nothing to stem the tide of homophobia. Racism, misogyny, male-bashing and ethnic intolerance have no place in our community.

We also need to stop reacting to the conservative right and calling them derogatory names. That may be a part of their tactics but we can be a power of example. Action does not have to lead to reaction.

The "Washington Blade" ran an article last year covering a talk by Mary Hunt, a feminist theologian. In her talk she spoke about homosexual marriage and, that possibly, couples should reconsider accepting the heterosexual marriage norm. She goes on to state that lesbian and gay marriages may focus too much on the couple when it's time to be

focussing on community. These marriages may help reinforce the myth that when you find Mrs. or Mr. Perfect, the relationship will last forever and you will be totally fulfilled. Hunt's challenge is to create a world with community rather than with coupledness as the ultimate goal. So as a community, let us celebrate lovers, our friends, and our support networks as well.

Communication and mutual support are utmost to community building. Social and affinity groups which are all inclusive offer an opportunity for dialogue and help build a sense of belonging. Many people who belong to smaller groups within our community may feel a sense of isolation. We need to break down barriers which exist in our community if we are to remain a strong and viable political force.

So write a letter to the editor, write an article, form a group, build an intentional family, volunteer your time, and most of all, bask in the glory that you are not alone. We have community. ΔΔ

nity - and its positive portrayals of the gay experience.

With that in mind, I feel it is my obligation to call to your reader's attention the positive gay role-model that TV'S "N.Y.P.D. Blue" has brought to prime time this season. The producers have proved that they really are a "cutting edge" police drama by adding an openly gay receptionist to the show's gritty Manhattan squad room. They are to be congratulated for having the courage to go beyond stereotypes and to create a character the Queer Community can be proud of. It's about time!

The new gay character is open about his sexual orientation and makes no apologies about it to anyone, including the gruff and vaguely homophobic police detective played by Dennis Franz. How refreshing! He is not only dignified and caring but also good at his job.

"N.Y.P.D. Blue" has once again proved that stereotypes are meant to be broken. I urge all of your readers to watch the show, and to let ABC know that we support their efforts in portraying a gay character in a healthy and realistic light. Write your comments to Steven Boncho Productions, 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90035.

Sincerely,

Brad Foster, W. Hollywood, CA

Dear Editor,

Lawrence Lockman demonstrates a marked lack of understanding of the gender community in his letter of May 5, 1995 in the Portland Press Herald. First, he lumps all people seeking special status together. He compounds that

by putting all sectors of the gender community into one category. He seems intent on fomenting fear in CMF regardless of validity.

As an aspiring transsexual, I can assure him that my goal is not recognition, but anonymity. Mr. Lockman is under the mistaken impression that I wish to be in a limelight. What he needs to understand is that the gender community is made up of a very diverse group of individuals. Not all factions are moving in the same direction.

Transsexuals (which does not presume cross-dressers) need to resolve inner issues that will often, but not always, result in a change of gender. Mr. Lockman seems not to be able to differentiate between sex and gender. The common thread in this is that what all members of the gender community want is fair and equal (not special) treatment.

The issue on the table is anti-discrimination, not special rights. Let's strike a deal here, Mr. Lockman. I won't bother you with my problems if you don't superimpose your narrow-minded political beliefs on me. I have enough to contend with without focusing on issues I don't even want to be involved in. Leave me to my anonymity and I will forgive you your disposition. You should really focus on exactly what you are so concerned about.

Daralyn S Maxwell

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed by the comments in the latest issue of Community Pride Reporter regarding the Maine Gay

Men's Chorus.

Winnie Weir (Publishing Editor) and Ira T. Consumer (not very clever) felt the program should have been more gay oriented. This is absurd. It should not matter what material the Chorus chooses to perform, but the quality of the performance. When I attend a concert, I want to be entertained, period. That is why I continued to enjoy listening to Donna Summer and Snap after there was supposed to be a boycott (what a stupid idea!). I am gay, but that is my sexuality. That does not control what I eat, think, buy or what I choose for entertainment. If that was the case with everyone, I suppose straight people should not have been entertained by "La Cage Aux Folles" (which they were for quite some time and which also won Tony Awards).

We need to stop looking at the world through lavender-tinted glasses. Let the Chorus choose what they want to sing and go because you want to be entertained, not because you want a political statement or a gay-oriented program.

I am also disturbed by the overall tone of your paper. Is CPR a newspaper or editorial sheet? I want facts, not opinions, in my news. The world is not out to get us, although that is what you preach. Just because someone does not agree with your opinion does not mean they are wrong. If we want to be tolerated and accepted, we need to tolerate and accept others. Perhaps you just need some new writers.

Sincerely,

Christopher Winters

(not ashamed to use my real name)

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MAY - JUNE '95 CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 17:

•**Δ 6:30-8:30 PM** - Support group for adult female survivors of incest and/or child sexual abuse, offered by The Rape Crisis Center, free and confidential. Co-facilitated for eight consecutive Wednesday in Portland. FMI & to register, Anne Marie at (207) 774-3613.
ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

Thursday, May 18:

ΔΔ 8:30 PM - Kate Schrock with Dave Fields on drums and Ross on Bass, performing at CITI, 145 Kennebec St., Portland. Tix-\$3. FMI, (207) 772-JOYY.

Friday thru Sunday, May 19-21:

ΔΔ 6th Northeast Regional Conference on Bisexuality at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. Events include workshops, entertainers, erotic story telling, dance/party & more. Open to bi and bi-friendly people. FMI, Bisexual Resource Center, 95 Berkeley St., #613, Boston 02116.

Friday, May 19:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Northern Lambda Nord sponsor Women's Night at the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. Smoke/Chem Free. FMI, Sheila-(207) 764-7838.

ΔΔ 7:30 PM - Building Inclusive Community of Auburn sponsors "Spirituality, Religion and the Gay Community" a panel of religious and secular leaders. Unitarian Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn. Free admission.

Saturday, May 20:

•**Δ 8:00 AM-4:00 PM** - Benefit Yard Sale for MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE. 42 Clark St., Portland. Rain or shine.

ΔΔ 9:00 AM-4:30 PM - Cancer Screening Clinic for Lesbians. The Lesbian Health Project of So. Maine will provide lesbian and lesbian-knowledgeable practitioners who will offer the following cancer screening services: pelvic and breast exam; pap smear; information; referral. Location: Tri-County Health Services, Lewiston. FMI or to schedule an appointment (207) 772-2699.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Women in Harmony Concert. Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. Advance tix \$10, door \$12. FMI, 207/774-4990.

ΔΔ 8:00 PM - *Pretty in Pink Prom* where boys will be with boys and the women will be handsome. USM Student Center. Adv. tix \$6 indiv., \$10 couple, door-\$7/\$12. FMI, 207/761-2413. Sponsored by Outright Portland.

•**Δ 8:00-11:00 PM** - MWD benefit sponsored by Brunswick Area NOW and Maine chapter, Women's International

League for Peace and Freedom. Dance to the music of Dixieland jazz band, 6 Basin Street. Soft soled shoes only. Brunswick Recreation Center, Federal St. \$10 donation (less is unable to pay). FMI, 729-5843.

Sunday, May 21:

•**Δ 1:00 PM** - Out Among Friends sponsored activity--walk. OAF is a lesbian support/discussion group. All women welcome at OAF activities. FMI, call (207) 846-5233.

•**Δ 3:00 PM** - Women in Harmony concert. Unitarian Church, Main St. in Kennebunk. FMI, call 207/774-4940.

ΔΔ 4:00 PM - Beer Bash and BBQ at CITI, 145 Kennebec St., Portland, kicks off all day affair for MWD fund-raiser.

•**Δ 6:00 PM** - 12th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization Sunday hosted by NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Gather at Monument Square, light candles and march to St. Luke's Cathedral on State St. for memorial presentation of the AIDS Quilt, calling of NAMES, songs and music by local performing artists. Bring your own candle and a cup to shield flame from wind. FMI, 934-5055.

ΔΔ 9:30 PM - "We Are Family" at CITI, 145 Kennebec St., Portland. Join Maine's finest female impersonators and held raise funds for Maine Won't Discriminate. Adv. tix, \$7. Door, \$10.

Tuesday, May 23:

ΔΔ 7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B) - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Wednesday, May 24:

•**Δ 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** - *Challenging the Radical Right*, a workshop presented by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Leslie Kantor, national speaker and consultant, facilitator. Learn how to get involved in your community to ensure all rights are represented and respected. \$75. FMI or to register, call 1-800-488-9638.

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

Thursday, May 25:

•**Δ 7:30 PM-9:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society, Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland, presents "Long Term Relationships," a panel of gay and lesbian couples who have over sixty years combined experience living together. Come and hear their life experiences. Free hotel parking. Accessible to the mobility impaired.

May 26 - 29:

"Coming of Age," **The Maine Lesbian & Gaymen's SYMPOSIUM XXI** - hosted by Northern Lambda Nord On the University of Maine, Presque Isle campus. Featuring workshops, entertainment, social events-dance,

BBQ, banquet. Don't miss it! FMI, 207/498-2088.

Tuesday, May 30:

ΔΔ 7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B) - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Wednesday, May 31:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

JUNE

Thursday, June 1:

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - Support group for advocates and supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights. Drop-in, facilitated support group, free of charge. Service provided by Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Ave. Portland. For more information call Vivian Wadas, 774-2403 or Joanne Clarey, 871-0377. Continues weekly until referendum vote.

Friday, June 2:

ΔΔ 8:00 PM (ME), 9:00 PM (N-B) - Open House & film night at Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Tuesday, June 6:

ΔΔ 7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B) - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Civic Center, Portland. Bonnie Raitt Concert with special Golden Circle Seating and private Artist's Reception with Bonnie to benefit Maine Won't Discriminate. Call 1-800-761-1788 for prices and details.

Wednesday, June 7 - Sunday, June 11:

•• **"1995 BE ALL"** Conference for the transgendered community, including, but not limited to TS, CD, TG, SO. Sponsored by Chi Chapter/Tri-Ess (Chicago), Crossroads (Detroit), Paradise Club (Cleveland), Transpitt (Pittsburgh) and Crossport (Cincinnati). 3 days of learning, sharing, socializing in a safe, friendly setting. FMI, 606/474-9557, or call CPR office to see brochure.

Wednesday, June 7:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

Thursday, June 8:

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society presents "*Romanovsky & Phillips*," nationally acclaimed recording artists, for an evening of music and comedy. Portland Performing Arts Center, 25A Forest Ave, Portland. Tix are \$15 and are limited.

Sunday, June 11:

•**Δ 11:00 AM** - Out Among Friends

sponsored activity--walk and picnic. OAF is a lesbian support/discussion group. All women welcome at OAF activities. FMI, call (207) 846-5233.
ΔΔ 3:00 PM (ME), 4:00 PM (N-B) - Northern Lambda Nord's monthly meeting at Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Monday, June 12:

ΔΔ 6:30 PM - Rainbow Business and Professional Organization monthly meeting. This is a group of gay and lesbian community professionals and business owners organizing, supporting and promoting gay owned businesses and professionals. FMI, Victoria Zavasknk - 207/775-0015, or Carolyn Jalbert - 207/878-3755.

Tuesday, June 13:

ΔΔ 7:30 PM (ME), 8:30 PM (N-B) - Gay & lesbian AA meeting at NLN's Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 So. Main St, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Wednesday, June 14:

ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM (ME.), 8:00-10:00 PM (N-B) - Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center Drop-In and Open House, 398 So. Main St., Caribou. FMI (207) 498-2088.

PRIDE PREVIEW June 16 - 18

Wednesday, June 14:

Pride Pet Picnic at Payson Park.

Thursday, June 15:

8:00 PM - Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Film night

Friday, June 16:

ΔΔ 4:00-6:00 PM - Women's Tea at Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Ave., Portland.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Rally at City Hall w/guest speakers.

ΔΔ 9:00 PM-1:00 AM - Pier Dance at the Maine State Pier, Commercial Street, Portland. Sponsored by CITI. Tickets are \$5 available from CITI, Blackstones or mail request: Pride Dance, PO Box 11502, Portland, ME 04104. Must be 21 with ID.

ΔΔ 9:00 PM - Teen Dance (TBA)

Saturday, June 17:

PRIDE DAY!

ΔΔ 9:00 AM - Blockparty on Pine Street
ΔΔ 10:00 AM - Interfaith worship service at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, State St., Portland.

ΔΔ 11:30 AM - Parade Line-up

ΔΔ 12:00 noon - Parade kicks off

ΔΔ 1:00-4:00 - Pride Festival

Stage: Tommy's Park

Vendors: Post Office Park

Vintage Autos: Federal St.

Names Quilt: Temple St.

ME Gay Visual Artists-3 Spring St.

ΔΔ 8:00 PM - Maine Gay Men's Chorus, with The Flirtations, State Theatre,

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Portland. Tix: \$15, general admission; \$25.50 Cabaret seating includes \$10.50 dinner coupon.

ΔΔ 10:00 PM - Live music at SISTERS, 45 Danforth St., Portland.

Sunday, June 18:

ΔΔ 11:00 AM - Canoeing on the Presumpscot River. FMI, 871-9940.

ΔΔ 6:00 PM - Women's Music, TBA

ΔΔ 9:00 PM - Miss Gay Maine, The Underground, 3 Spring St., Portland.

KEY TO CALENDAR

•Δ = not exclusively gay

ΔΔ = gay event/interest

Meeting dates & times for Maine Won't Discriminate can be found in the box on page 2 of each issue of CPR.

Healing Circles

Portland - Healing Circles, a workshop for women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, will be offered in Strong and Portland this June by breast cancer survivors, C. Regina Kelley and Ginny Keegan. Kelley, a noted sculptor and Professor at the Maine College of Art (MECA) and Keegan, an area business-woman, created Healing Circles two years ago as they underwent diagnosis treatment and their search for the "healer within" in response to their own breast cancer. Healing Circles is a support group concept based both on women's strengths in coping and women's special needs unique to breast cancer. With the help of a grant from the Maine Women's Fund they are taking Healing Circles to four sites in Maine. Kelley and Keegan are currently working on "The Cancer Empowerment Manual" and are the originators of "Cancer and Creativity," a course offered through the Maine College of Art. MECA is the official sponsor of Healing Circles. Free child care is available. FMI call 865-1677 or 773-7152.

Join them as they gather to share stories and support each other through diagnosis, treatment and the search for The Healer Within. Sponsored by The Maine Women's Fund and the Maine College of Art.

TRAVEL/VACATION

ΔΔ LESBIAN PARADISE! 20 charming rooms, 100 mountain acres, pool, hot tub, hiking/skiing trails, yummy breakfasts, peace and privacy. We're your perfect vacation choice year round! Week-long and midweek discounts. HIGHLANDS INN, Box 1180P, Bethlehem, NH 03574, (603) 869-3978. ΔΔ

ΔΔ BACKPACKING, canoeing, X-country skiing, Native American cultural trips, youth trip. Wilderness skills and environmental awareness. Small groups. Great food. Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Maine, Quebec, Newfoundland. Contact: Earth Treks, Dept. C., RFD 2, Box 785, Thorndike, ME 04986. 1-800-589-4770.

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BUSINESS

ORGANIZATION

ΔΔ The Rainbow Business & Professional Network has expanded its membership to welcome gay men and persons not necessarily business owners. We welcome dreamers and visionaries.

Strong/Farmington, Saturday, June 17, 1995, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Foster Memorial Building, Maine Street, Strong, Maine.

Portland: Tuesdays - June 20 & 27, 1995, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, The Cummings Center, 134 Congress Street.

We are in the process of developing a directory of gay/lesbian/bi owned or friendly businesses. We plan to conduct seminars on issues related to being a business & professional network. We also are planning to have social times together. FMI, call Vicky Zavasnik, (207) 775-0015 or Carolyn Jalbert, (207) 878-3755. ΔΔ

HELP WANTED

ΔΔ Part-time worker(s) for rare plant nursery in Bath area. Outdoor work in beautiful area. Get dirty, have fun, get paid! Possibility for permanent job with nationally known company. Call 207/371-2888, 7 am-9 pm. ΔΔ

ΔΔ Part-time workers for gay-owned landscape company. You must be willing to get dirty and do moderate lifting. Must work in greater Portland. We work hard but also have fun. Experience helpful, but will train right people. Call Brad at (207) 773-4252. ΔΔ

ΔΔ Staff reviewers for CPR. Want free tickets to gay, lesbian, bi, trans themed (or interest) plays, concerts, openings, movies, etc.? Are you willing to attend and write a timely review for A & E pages of this paper? Do you have a 'thick skin' and ability to take it on the chin? If you answered in the affirmative, we want to add you to our roster of writers. Submit a sample of your writing with brief introduction to CPR, 142 High St., Suite 623, Portland 04101, Attention:

Skip Brushaber, A & E Editor. ΔΔ

PERSONALS

ΔΔ Small endowed? Short in stature? Like us? Tired of guys searching for only tall or well hung? Finally stories, advice and personals devoted to the small man and our admirers. 100's nationwide. SASE P O Box 610294, Bayside, NY 11361-0294. ΔΔ
 ΔΔ GWF, 20 years old, healthy, athletic. Loves the outdoors. Looking for SGF who enjoys the same for friendship, possible relationship. THD, PO Box 492, Brewer, ME 04412. ΔΔ

MISCELLANEOUS

ΔΔ Battered Lesbian Project forming for W.I.L.D., Women Igniting Love and Diversity. Volunteers needed. Seeking to connect with battered and formerly battered lesbians to assess community needs and provide assistance. If your partner/lover is verbally, emotionally, or physically abusive to you, we can help you get free. All inquiries strictly confidential and all calls returned discretely. Call Gabriella at (207) 761-8138. If leaving message, specify full name and best time to return call. Or write to: W.I.L.D., c/o Community Pride Reporter, 142 High St., Suite #634, Portland, ME 04101. ΔΔ

ΔΔ Call for Papers: Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgendered People and Education. Deadline for optional proposals is May 1, 1995. Deadline for papers is September 1, 1995. To receive a Call for Papers contact: Harvard Educational Review, Gutman Library Suite 349, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138; phone (617)495-3432; fax (617) 496-3584. ΔΔ

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COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

GENERAL

ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and media on L/G issues. Primary goals are to involve the L/G community in Maine's political process, promote civil rights, develop and review legislation, endorse candidates, build a coalition, and oppose anti-gay legislation and referenda. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month in Augusta. FMI call 1-800-55-MLGPA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Come and celebrate our children and friends just the way they are! (See listings for Maine & New Hampshire under PHONE SUPPORT and SUPPORT GROUPS.)

Northern Lambda Nord is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at the Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline. Call 207/498-2088.

The Matlovich Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessible to the mobility-impaired. Call 207/761-4380.

National Association of Social Workers, ME Chapter, Sexual Minority Issues Committee welcomes new social work members. Our purpose is to educate, provide resources, and lobby legislators on issues involving sexual minorities in Maine. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5 pm at the Community Counseling Ctr., 343 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call Perry Sutherland, 874-1030.

HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS: Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General -626-8844.

Building Inclusive Community: A group of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people working to build an inclusive and safe community in Lewiston-Auburn and outlying areas. We are exploring ways to achieve this goal through social gatherings, educational events, support groups, topic meetings and forums open to sexual minorities, friends and supporters. FMI, write POB 3184, Auburn, ME 04212-3184.

Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights (CAGLR), New Hampshire's oldest progressive gay/lesbian civil rights organization, welcomes all those interested in these goals to weekly meetings, programs, socials and various other events. Newsletter. Call Info-line (603) 224-1686 or write to PO Box 730, Concord, NH 03302-0730.

MUSIC & ART

Women In Harmony is an eclectic choral ensemble open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to

P.O. Box 5136 Sta. A, Portland, ME. 04101, or call 207/774-4940.

Maine Gay Men's Chorus is a community chorus which brings men together to enhance social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 883-8099 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

The Maine Gay Visual Artist's League will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. The League is a non-profit, creative support network for Maine's gay & lesbian visual artists community. For meeting place, call 775-3420.

PHONE SUPPORT

Region by region

National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Project: 1-800-528-NCLR.

Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY): 1-800-347-TEEN.

Portland:

The AIDS Line: 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

DIAL KIDS: 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

Ingraham Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (774-4357).

The AIDS Project: 774-6877. Located at 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick.

Bangor: Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

Belfast: Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

Brunswick: Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

Bridgton: Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608 -

Rumford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

Lewiston: Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: 786-4697

Waterville: Dayspring: 626-3432

Ellsworth: Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

Oxford Hills: Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: 743-7451.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

Contacts in Maine

(* indicates monthly meetings)
 Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2349
 *Bangor/Brewer: 989-5180
 Brunswick/Bath: 729-0519
 *Oakland: Steve, 465-3870
 *Lewiston/Auburn: 783-9789
 *Portland: Rita, 766-5158 or Sue, 774-3441
 Waldoboro: 832-5859

Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline: 603/623-6023
 Concord: Judy, 603/485-3943
 Webster: Betsy, 603/746-3818
 Manchester: Hans & Lin, 603/668-0741
 Nashua: Nancy, 603/880-8709
 Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893
 Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196
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 Hanover: Shirley/Tom, 603/643-8331
 Holderness: Olivia, 603/968-7254
 Center Sandwich: Tish, 603/284-6434

SUPPORT GROUPS

Medical Support

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Confidential screening and treatment for STD's

for residents and non-residents at a walk-in clinic. Low cost, medicaid accepted. Anonymous, confidential HIV testing by appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 to 6 pm at Portland City Hall Room 303. FMI call 874-8784.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England: Serving men and women, offering annual exams, pregnancy testing, birth control info. & supplies (free condoms!), testing and treatment for infections and STD's, menopause support and more. Evening hours, affordable services, and complete confidentiality. Medicaid welcome. 970 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call 874-1095.

Identity Support

New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/472-4944.

Seacoast: Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-5196.

Monadnock Region: Meets 4th Monday from 7-8:30 pm at The Place to Go, 46 Concord St., Peterborough, FMI call 603/547-2545 or 603/623-6023.

Nashua: Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.

Plymouth: Meets first Sunday, 7-9 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church. FMI, call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.

Upper Valley Region: Meets second Wednesday, 7 pm. Hanover. FMI, call 603/643-8331.

Maine P-FLAG Meetings

Portland: Meets 2nd Tuesday 7-9 PM at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St. FMI, 766-5158 or 774-3441.

Women's Center - Belfast - Weekly meetings, 9A Main St., 2nd floor (above Jaret & Cohn) FMI, 338-5702. Group meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 pm. Women's Spirituality Gatherings, Mondays 7-9 pm.

NA: Just for Today meetings every Wednesday, 8:15 pm, at St. Luke's Cathedral, State St., Portland. Use Park St. entrance in rear. Also Friday meeting, 8:00 pm, Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Deering & High St., Use entrance off Deering St.

Out and About is a nonprofit, lesbian (over 18) support and educational group. Newsletter & calendar of local, current monthly events. Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm. FMI, call 603/659-2139 or write POB 332, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0332.
Out Among Friends: Meets Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. Lesbian support/discussion group. Free or \$1 donation to help w/rent.

Out on MDI: For gays, lesbians, bi's and our friends. Very active social/support group. Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Newcomers always welcome. FMI, write OUT ON MDI, PO Box 367, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679-0367 or call (207) 288-2502 and leave a message.

Dignity, Etc.: Meets third Sunday at 5:15 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral (Emmanuel Chapel), Portland. All are welcome. Fellowship & potluck supper follow 5:15 pm service. We minister to the lesbian and gay community. FMI, write P.O. Box 8113, Portland 04104.

The Appollo Society: an out-reach, networking and social organization for New England's gay and lesbian atheists, free-

thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenes. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and fun! FMI, 773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

Community of Hope: A Christian congregation which claims a primary ministry with gay and lesbian people and strives to be inclusive of all persons. Worship on Saturdays at 4:00 PM at Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI write Community of Hope, Shawn Smith, Interim Pastor, POB 1671, Portland, ME 041014.

Lavender Womyn: Lesbian/bisexual women's discussion group. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, First Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. FMI, call 783-0461

Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group: Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Pizza Get-Together: 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 6:00 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey, (207) 594-2957.

Q-Squad: Support group for lesbian, gays, bisexuals, & transgendereds. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message, (207) 778-7380.

TransSupport Group: Meets regularly, providing confidential support, education and social activities for cross dressers, transsexuals, their families, friends, & others interested in gender dysphoria issues. FMI write TransSupport, P.O. Box 17622, Portland, 04112.

Gender Talk North: P.O. Box 211, Keene, NH 03431.

Trans Counseling: Cheshire Counseling Assoc., PO Box 1124, Keene, NH 03431. 603/357-5544.

Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse: A support group for survivors of childhood abuse and/or sexual assault meets Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 pm. Free, confidential, safe, facilitated. FMI and location call (207) 874-6593. Sponsored by USM's Womyn's Forum.

Maine Bisexual People's Network: Meets to affirm in all a positive nature of bisexuality and work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. Support and referrals available. FMI write P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME. 04104.

Wilde-Stein Club: Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group: Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Resource Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono. FMI call (207) 581-1425.

Am Chofshi: A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call Rheatha at 874-2970.

Seacoast Gay Men: Social group meets Mondays (except holidays), 7 pm Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI call (603) 430-4052, or write P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03802-1394.

Lewiston/Auburn: A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Lewiston/Auburn area meets Mondays at 7 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring St., Auburn.

Bangor Lesbian Support Group: This Lesbian Support Group welcomes any woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each another as lesbians.

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Discreet Phone Contacts By Area Code

MANFINDER

Confidentiality, open-mindedness and respect are required. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: (207) 947-5337.

Mountain Valley Men (MVM): A group of gay men of all ages in the western Maine, Eastern NH area who get together for pot luck dinners, hiking, canoeing, skiing and other activities. FMI, write to Box 36, Center Conway, NH 03813-0036 or call Paul at 207/925-1034.

"Let's Do Brunch": Potluck social gathering from 11:00 am-2:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month at a York County location. Meet new people, see old friends, exchange news and information. FMI, (207) 985-2784.

S.N.A.P.: Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. Monthly support group for men & women healing from sexual abuse by clergy of any denomination. Meets in Portland location on third Friday of the month. FMI, call 207/774-5025.

Parents

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group: Meeting in the Portland area. For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 13, Augusta, Me 04332-0013.

Mothers and Kids Group: Social events and group support for lesbians and their children. Emphasis on inclusion of lesbians in the process of becoming pregnant or adopting. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI write: P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

Gay Parenting Discussion Group: Meeting 2nd Monday of month in Bangor Hall, University College Campus in Bangor. We discuss parenting issues. Open to gay men and lesbians. FMI, call 862-2516.

Youth Support

OUTRIGHT TOO: Sundays, 6pm at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Harlow St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual youth ages 16-22. FMI, call 285-7180.

OUTRIGHT/Central Maine: Weekly, confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call "First Call" at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042 and ask about OUTRIGHT.

OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets every Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm at The People's Building, 155 Brackett St., 2nd floor, Portland. Safe and supportive discussions with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning young people. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5077, Portland, ME 04101.

OUTRIGHT/Seacoast: Meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Church annex building adjacent to the fire station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call Teenline at 1-800-639-6095 or write P.O. Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03801.

F.A.T.E. Fight AIDS-Transform Education: A project of ACT UP/Portland whose purpose is to demand better HIV/AIDS education and combat homophobia in all Maine public schools; to form empowering groups for teens by teens and to create a context in which pro-teen, pro-gay groups are able to change the educational policies in their individual school districts. Straight or gay, boy or girl, HIV+/-, black, brown or white. All welcome. FMI on who to contact or how to organize in your school district, contact F.A.T.E., PO Box 1931, Portland, ME 04104. Phone/fax 828-0566.

COLAGE: A national support group run by and for the children of gay, lesbian or bisexual parents. FMI, COLAGE, 2300 Market St., #165, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94114.

HIV Related Support Meetings

Portland:

Mondays: HIV negative partners of people living with HIV, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Tuesdays: People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, lovers, and caregivers, 10:30 am-Noon.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Living Well focuses on quality of life and empowerment for those living with HIV/AIDS.

1st Wednesday: PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), 5:30 pm. Call 775-PAWS. Charles Wynott, Program Coordinator.

Thursdays: Women Living with HIV meets from 1:15-2:45 pm. People living with HIV/AIDS meets from 5:30-7 pm.

The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor. Call Jane O'Rourke at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Lewiston: Information & support meetings for People Living with HIV. Call 786-4697 FMI. AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn.

Brunswick: Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, 8 Lincoln Street. FMI on meeting days and times call Brian at 725-4955.

Gardiner: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physicians Building behind Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency Annex. Call Brian Allen at MASS at 725-4955.

Rumford/Mexico Area: Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phoneline meets from 7-8:30 pm at Mexico Congregational Church, Main Street, Mexico. Call 364-8603.

Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: Thursdays: Support for people with HIV & their families. 7 pm, 70 Court St., 2nd floor, Auburn. FMI call 786-4697.

Maine AIDS Alliance

Member Organizations

AIDS Lodging House: P.O. Box 3820, Portland, ME 04101-3820. Call 874-1000.

AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243-7977. Call 786-4697.

Community AIDS Awareness Program: c/o Mexico Cong. Church/UCC, 43 Main St., Mexico, ME 04257. Call 364-8603.

Community Task Force on AIDS Educ.: P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.

Dayspring: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330. Call 626-3432.

Down East AIDS Network: 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.

Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Serv.: P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011-0057. Call 725-4955.

Names Project/Maine: P.O. Box 10248, Portland, ME 04104. Call 774-2198.

Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.

Peabody House: 14 Orchard St., Portland, ME 04102. Call 774-6281.

People With AIDS Coalition of ME.: 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.

Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS): 22 Monument Square, Portland ME 04101. Call 775-PAWS.

St. John Valley AIDS Task Force: c/o NMMC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 834-3355.

The AIDS Project: 22 Monument Sq., 5th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.

Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

ME/NH/MA

Augusta **INTO SPORTS:** Paul, 30 y/o looking to meet someone 18 to 35 into sports and staying physically fit. im a btm lkgng for a top, if that's you give me a call! ☎18312

Hamilton **WALKS ON THE BEACH:** looking for someone 19-22 brn/brn, like a nice walk on the beach, candlelight dinners, all around good guy- ☎39912

Essex **YOUNG BLONDES:** looking for 18-21 blond blue, somewhat musc, built, a good person to go on a date with- ☎39913

Middleboro **CALL ANYTIME:** Ron, call me anytime ,brn/brn, 21, 6' 125, look like I'm about 18, like to do anything go out have fun give me a call- ☎39923

MA **FIRST TIMER:** Dave, 5'9, 185, lkg for first time exp with a good looking man- ☎40251

Northampton **OLDER MEN:** Jim, 47, 6' GWM 200, lkg for a meaningful rel with a younger slim 18-26 who is comfortable with an older person, would welcome a conversation with you thanks for calling- ☎40375

SE Maine **LOOKING FOR A TEACHER:** Ray, really new to gay lifestyle, never done it before, always had a fantasy about it, 5'9 170 33, blind/beard, always interested in it- ☎40659

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Northampton **TRUCK DRIVERS:** Michael, always had a fantasy to meet a trucker, BM iso WM trucker always been a fantasy of mine, I'm 5'10, blk/brn, smooth, looking for someone thats real- single only- ☎37658

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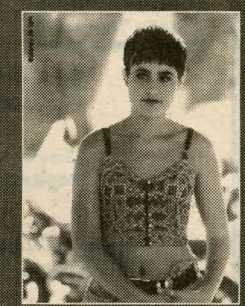
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Beverly **LOVES TO DRESS UP:** Larry, 31, CD looking for a male who doesn't mind being with a CD, love to dress up ☎38329

Portland **JUST OUT:** 19 like to meet someone 19-21 new to this like to meet someone brn/blu 5'10 150 like outdoors, beach, just trying to meet a nice guy to show me the ropes, just wanna know whats out there, give me a call- ☎38421

Portland **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Mark, just called to see if I could meet someone blind/blu, 22, 185 chn shaven smooth 6', good shape work out a bit, in college hoping to meet 18-35 for friendship poss rel- ☎38513

★ Lesbian Personals



Thomaston **ROMANTIC WOMAN:** Joanie, 29 single WF med build, 5'7, love music, kd lang love movies candlelight dinners and romance, lkg for friendship, poss romance- hoping to hear from someone- ☎40622

MA **LOOKING FOR A BUDDY:** GWF looking for a buddy, 26, willing to spend qual time with someone wonderful, just give me a call and we'll talk- ☎41391

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Arts & Entertainment

Out on the Town



by Skip
Brushaber,
A & E Editor

I am back from my visit to the Wild West. New Mexico was enchanting, but very cold. It was warmer back in Maine. The measure of a good vacation is that I'm rested and glad to be home.

Remember "Pride Poetry and Prose?" I hope we get some last minute submissions because they are rather sparse. There are many talented writers in our community. So submit, already. . . !

What's coming up soon: (Check calendar for details)

Women in Harmony, Emanuel Baptist Church, Portland and Unitarian Church, Kennebunk;

"Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee," Oak Street Theatre, Portland;

Romanovsky and Phillips, Performing Arts Center, Portland, a fundraiser for Matlovich Society;

"Steel Magnolias," Penobscot Theatre, Bangor;

Eduardo Mariscal presents "From Inside, From Outside [Inconexionen II]" at Ram Island Dance Studio, Portland.

Get out, have some fun, and support the arts! Til next time. ΔΔ

MUSIC ON REVIEW:

Disappear Fear: "Wakin' Up Our Hearts"

by Aimsel Ponti

If music is the blood that flows through your veins and through your life, consider "Disappear Fear" as a necessary transfusion. No matter what's going on in your life, sometimes you have to stop and recognize your struggles and think about your dreams and question things. You have to breathe the air of despair and you have to laugh and go crazy, too. The music of "Disappear Fear" is almost a sort of soundtrack to much of the insanity and sanity of my life. And I'm not the only one who feels this way.

Although I'd love to see them become huge like Melissa and K.D., and make money and get the spotlights, when it comes right down to it, and you're at the beach at night with your headphones on, it's the music that matters. And so my approach to writing about this band, their music, and the three shows I've seen recently in three different states may be a little different. I know that it's your choice to hear them for yourselves; it's just that when I love someone's music so much and I get a little passionate about it, I want to run around the world telling everyone to listen. First though, let me tell you about who they are and what they're about.

Sonia Rutstein and Cindy Frank, who happen to be sisters separated by less than a year, became "Disappear Fear" back in 1987 after dissolving a band they were both in called "Exhibit A." After releasing a live recording, they were able to put out 1988's "Echo My Call" and then '89's "Deep Soul Diver." This was followed by an EP in '90 and then, the now classic, "Live at the Bottom Line," which came out in 1992. All of these were put out on their own "Disappear" record label. Last year,

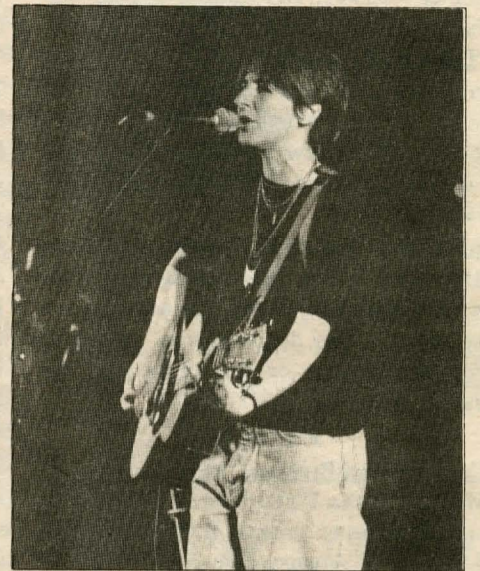


Photo by Brenda Amadon
Sonia on Stage at USM

Rounder Records had the wisdom to sign "Disappear Fear," and in June, the self-titled album, which is absolutely amazing, was released. By the time you read this, both "Deep Soul Diver" and "Live at The Bottom Line" will be re-released by Rounder, and each will contain a new song.

Originally, "Disappear Fear" was Sonia, her guitar, and Cindy. Today, Cindy sometimes sings with them and also is raising her son, which keeps her from touring extensively. "Disappear Fear" is as much a state of mind as it is a band. It's the message that matters. The current line-up, which I saw recently here in Portland at USM, and at the Somerville Theater near Boston, consists of five dedicated musicians with a zest for both music and life.

Talking with everyone before the USM show, it was evident that the band believes in what they are doing. They have a tremendous amount of respect for what "Disappear Fear" is. Michael Savri, guitarist, like everyone else in the band, fully appreciates the large following of gay women Sonia has drawn because of her honest, and certainly fearless, songwriting. "It's beyond this people group—it is PEOPLE. If you have two lungs, two eyes and a heart, you're gonna love this," said Savri. "This is not a gay thing or a straight thing. Whatever you love to do is cool; this is just a thing," added bassist Christopher Sellman. Keyboard and accordion player Brian Simms also understands and believes in what Sonia is saying. "The fact that Sonia happens to be gay is to me, as far as the music, not a non-issue, but is certainly incidental to what she's saying. There's is definitely the scene and the crowd that comes to our shows, which has always been wonderful, but the songwriting stands on its own."

Drummer Marc Lawrence, also in tune to the message, does hope to reach a broader fan base. This point is important because art should be judged on

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Books on Review

"The Roots of Healing - A Woman's Book of Herbs"

Author: Deb Soule

Publisher: Carol Publishing Group

by Rose Mary Denman

There are lots of books out there on herbs, but none quite like "The Roots of Healing." The first refreshing aspect of the book is that the author does not assume the reader has previous knowledge of the use of herbs and, therefore, begins at the beginning - with a short history of women's herbal wisdom. She then goes on to discuss how we might

create our own herbal apothecary, or medicine chest. The rest of the book contains chapters on particular women's health issues such as menstruation, pregnancy and aging. Each chapter is filled with information as to finding, harvesting and drying herbs, and finally, preparing herbal remedies.

"The Roots of Healing" is, however, more than a book on herbs; it is spiritual at its very essence. Soule encourages each woman who reads this book to allow her spirit to meet the spirit of the plant, and to acknowledge that this spirit is as much a part of the healing properties of the plant as are the flower, stem, leaves and roots.

In an era when so many are seeking to re-establish a more holistic approach to health and healing, it is refreshing to read a book that does just that. "The Roots of Healing" is tonic for both the body and soul!

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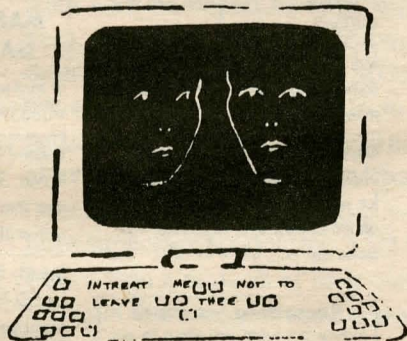
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Theatre on Review: Mrs. Warren's Profession

"Tis pity she's a whore"

by Alexander Wallace

In "Mrs. Warren's Profession," a woman of independent means discloses to her young daughter that the money that has paid for the kid's high class education and her 'place' in London Society has come from a string of cat-houses run by ole Ma Warren. Horrors! The daughter, a straight-arrow 'modern woman,' is alternately repulsed and attracted, and the play is really not about prostitution any more than it is about women. It's about 'them that has and them that gets and how they keep it that way.' And, as Ivan Boesky and Mike Milken will tell ya, even a year in the slammer don't matter if you sill have thirty million dollars waiting for you when you get out!

What does defy political correctness in this play is Shaw's ability to create entirely believable women and the four men who prey on them. Using the English drawing room comedy format, Shaw pilloried the English upper classes for their latent Fascism and hypocrisy and in that, the play is perfectly 'right' for all the incipient Ivana Trumps, Carolyn Cosbys and Leona Helmselys - and their male counter-parts - out there.

Given an absolutely smashing production by Director Greg Leaming, the

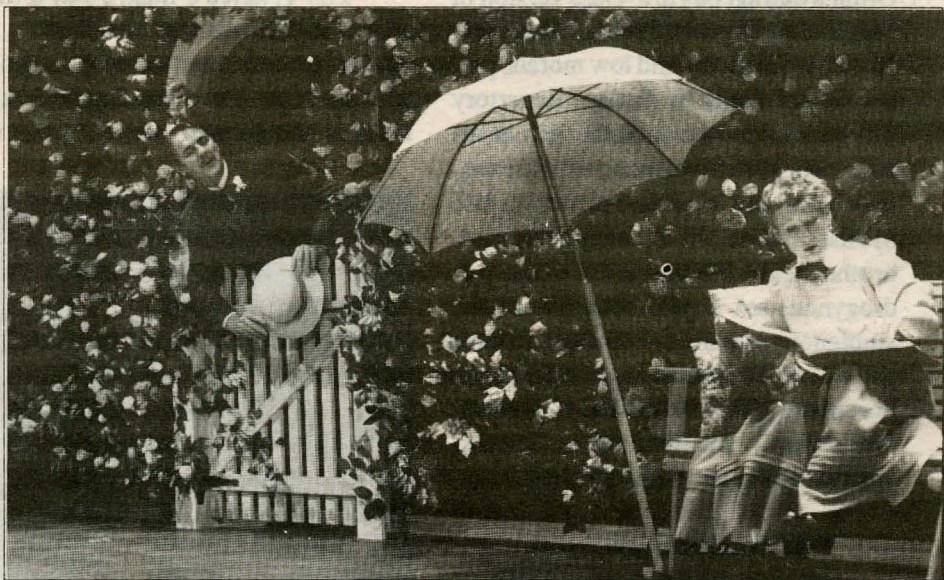


Photo by David A. Rodgers

Reno Roop as Praed pays a visit to Vivie Warren played by Lisa Dove.

ensemble cast waltzes, fox-trots and tangos through this period-piece-without-period as if born to The Rouge. If it's a woman's play, the women triumph! Watching Sybil Lines, as Mrs. Warren, slip effortlessly from the elegant English lady she's become back to the Limey slattern she was, without a break, is to understand why NOTHING will ever replace live theatre. Lines is charming, imperious, conniving, arrogant to the men and desperate and heartbreaking

when she loses her daughter. BRAVO!

Lisa Dove, almost androgynous and ever-so-slightly-butch as she struggles to become a whole person, fighting the men who would cage her in Victorian laces AND her mother, who wants a doll not a daughter, is properly unsettling at first and then grows into a role that demands she become impossible and alone, at the end. We grieve for her and root for her in her Brave New Role.

Reno Roop as an Oscar Wilde-ish Victorian Aesthete, all wilting languors and poetic attitudes, has the only proper fix on Victorian life: off to Venice, and ART! Andrew Borba, as the lay-about lover, out to trap the young heiress, reminds one of a young Rex Harrison, with just as much sex appeal. Alan Mixon as an arrogant, mid-level boor of an English Lord who doesn't care where the money comes from and Paul Vincent, cast against type as a fuddy-duddy English parson who drinks and whores too much, were both superb. When you can get this level of production and performance, there's absolutely no reason to go to New York to see 'Sunset Boulevard' at ten times the price! Sets, costumes and lighting were all brilliantly done - even the non-period period-music, including some very early Cole Porter - was just right.

A fitting climax, and I use that word in its broadest sense, to Port Stage's current season. "Mrs. Warren's Profession" is just as timely now as it was when first produced. We may have become more 'modern,' whatever that means, but Shaw was 'way ahead of us then and still is, now. Brilliant theatre - and right here in little old Anglo Saxon Portland. ΔΔ

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Days of the Dead

Author: Agnes Bushell

Published by: Astarte Shell Press

by Skip Brushaber

In her latest novel, Portland author Agnes Bushell has written a thrilling and thought provoking story which takes place in war torn Central America. It exposes the subversive and blood thirsty activity of the United States government and the drug cartel. "Days of the Dead" also tells of the often unspoken genocide against the Maya by the Guatemalan military.

The two most important characters in the book are openly gay men. Patrick Day is an expatriate American who has joined forces with Maya guerrillas. His Nicaraguan love, Alejandro, has been murdered by right wing thugs and Patrick is offered a chance at retaliation.

Julio Ibarra Cruz, the Sandinista Minister of Health, enters the picture early on as an object of Patrick's passion. Julio's only passion up until this time seems to have been the revolution. Their initial three day encounter sustains them through their horrific trials and tribulations as part of this larger than life story.

Bushell explains with clarity and utilizes the confusing politic of Central America to tell her story. "Days of the Dead" is rich in love, but also


contains man's most base greed and desire for power. In this region, man's inhumanity to man appears to be status quo. The reader is also reminded of the Cuban Revolution and the present government's homophobic policies.

"Days of the Dead" is also a political thriller, full of vengeance and deceit. It points to the native peoples as the sad victims of U.S. backed governments throughout the region. It reflects our government policy, past and present, toward Native Americans.

Bushell is a master story teller and uniquely beautiful writer. Again, like Patricia Nell Warren, Bushell writes about the love between two men with passion and romance.

This book captures the reader in its spell, rich in history and myth. It also contains one of the most graphic and horrific descriptions of political torture since Orwell's "1984." For some, this part of the book may be difficult to read, but it is important and compelling. ΔΔ

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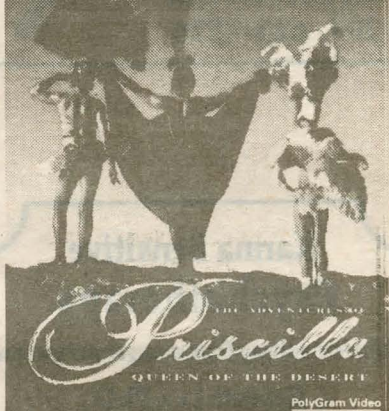
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Artist Profile -- Jonathan Woodward as "MR. SLOANE"

by Alexander Wallace

"Entertaining Mr. Sloane," Joe Orton's outrageous low-class version of a high-class English drawing room comedy of bad manners and low morals, presented last month by Vintage Repertory Theatre, revolves around the very desirable, very attractive, ambisexual seventeen year old orphan-murderer, Mr. Sloane. Courted by a looney sister-and-brother team, Sloane must exude androgynous sex appeal, total innocence, ambiguous morality, explosive violence and has to be convincingly a teenager. Fortunately, 21-year-old local, Jonathan Woodward, was available. I interviewed him at my home recently.

AW: Where are you from?

JW: I'm originally from Idaho. I went to Cape Elizabeth Schools. . . I worked with Dick Mullins there. . . he sort of laid the groundwork for me. . . I did plays in high school. . . branched out into community theatre. . . tried to test the waters.

AW: So the bug hit early?

JW: Yeah, back in the sixth grade. Dick Mullins asked me to do a kid's role in "Pippin" . . . that was big-time for me, a 6th grader, in a high school production. . . I thought that was fairly glamorous. I realized there was little else I felt like doing other than being on stage and completely captivating an audience, at a price.

AW: When were you convinced you should be an actor?

JW: A wise Italian man once told me you shouldn't be an actor because you want to; you do it because you have to! I wasn't fully convinced. I went to Clark University for a year, left Clark, auditioned for NYU Theatre School. . . it was a big thing for me. . . I couldn't go down there to audition in person, I did it on videotape. I did a monologue from "Rosencranz and Guildenstern," standing at a urinal. . . and I did a couple of songs. They accepted me, and it was at that point I finally decided that if people like that believed in me, if NYU would want me. . . I put a lot of stock in them, a lot of faith in what NYU wanted.

AW: And when did you know?
JW: I started 8-hour, 3-day a week sessions; that was just one class. . . intensive professional training. . . and I absolutely ate it up; absolutely thought I'd died and gone to heaven; I was in

foot puppets?

JW: Yes and my sister is a jeweler in Baltimore, my aunt is a cellist with The Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

AW: But when did you decide that NOT being a millionaire stockbroker



Jonathan Woodward, young co-star of Vintage Repertory Theatre's recent production of Joe Orton's "Entertaining Mr. Sloane," at home in Cape Elizabeth.

my stride; this was the thing I could do forever and never cease to be amazed.

AW: And what was the family reaction like?

JW: My father's a contractor, my mom's a schoolteacher. They were absolutely tickled, completely happy. . . and my father's been a real champ about it. . . funding an enormously expensive school. I have to LIVE in New York. . . and I rarely have time to support myself there. He comes through, but his father was a sculptor from Brunswick. He retired from architecture at 60 to sculpt nude pregnant women.

AW: So craziness runs in the family?

JW: Oh, early!

AW: And your brother does 11-

was okay?

JW: I have no tolerance for that stuff, absolutely none. It's not just that I believe in the words. . . it's the awesome power of holding the attention of a number of people and doing that better than anyone else.

AW: Sounds like an actor to me! Was there any consideration that acting's not macho or that it's gay?

JW: When I need money, I work construction for my dad and I always run into these. . . severe working class guys, talking to me about what I did and I told them I was an actor. I got the biggest range of reactions! Seventy-five percent of the time these guys were really impressed by that! Well, there was one guy, ran a backhoe and there was an archi-

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what it is, not who produced it. "Nobody is up here because they're making a million dollars; they're up here because we're building this together, we're believing in it," says Sonia of the band.

Sometime you might just catch Sonia and Cindy playing acoustically somewhere. Such was the case at New York City's Bottom Line Theater last month. I wished they had more time to play, but they sounded great, and their harmonies continue to attract new listeners.

I did touch briefly on the exhausted subject of the coming out of Melissa and K.D. and it's impact on things for a band like "Disappear Fear." Sonia recognizes that this was a good thing, adding that it

is irrelevant to her career and she has no intention of jumping on a "bandwagon." Keep in mind, that she has never been in the closet. "We're doing our thing, and our music, and I'm saying what I want to like any artist does. It's just the state of things that makes something political or not. At some point being gay will be quite boring," she explained. It's safe to say that if we ever reach this level of acceptance, Sonia will just keep on writing, playing, expressing, and being who she is; a human being. These words, from "Kiss the World Goodnight" capture part of DF's essence: "I'm gonna LOVE OUT LOUD till my heart breaks, till my heart breaks." On the liner notes of the Deep Soul Diver album, this is what you'll read: I Think the world is

ready for Disappear Fear, a world that is not scared of itself and who it loves. A world that is ending hunger - in the many forms that hunger exists - no one is left out. So, tomorrow, when the first rays of dawn reach like swords of light to your eyes, begin the new day, a tango with your soul, in love with life because you are."

So there you have it. Disappear Fear is a unique, intense, lyrically amazing, and great sounding band. If you decide to hear for yourself, Aimsel's recommended songs are "Be The One," "Deep Soul Diver," "Box of Tissues," and their new one, "Wakin' up your Heart." ΔΔ

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tect running around in sandals and he said (back-hoe-guy dialect): 'Dere's one of dem architects, runnin' around in sandals. Must be one of dem homosensual kinda guys!'

AW: I never met an architect who wasn't! But what about contemporaries, people your own age, your male contemporaries—is it an issue now?

JW: I might not have even noticed. . . I ran into it a couple of times. . . it was not enough to stop me.

AW: Now, Mr. Sloane, in the play, is a drifter, a murderer with A Clockwork Orange explosive violence; he projects an ambiguous sexuality, more undecided than amoral; he's young enough to be undecided, yet sexually experienced; he's trapped into an unpleasant three-way, yet by the end of the play, we still don't know what his sexual nature is. Now: was that your interpretation, Joe Orton's or the Director, Jane Bergeron's?

JW: Oh, that's a good question! Oh! I'm glad you were paying attention! And you got that right. Gold Star for Alexander! That does Jane and Joe Orton and myself a lot of credit, because we got together and we did it right! Jane knew what was going on from the get-go. . . a big opportunity for me. . . I always wanted to work with Jane. Sloane couldn't come across as a raving homo or as a complete misogynist. Jane was very specific about how this guy Sloane had to turn out. It was far out of my realm of experience, a guy from the sixties. . . he may be gay, he may not be. . . ultimately, self-serving. . . the mind over the body. . . spend the body to get what you need.

AW: And you're left with the idea that he's going to enjoy himself with both of them or he's NOT, but he's going to do it!

JW: Or he doesn't care. He could have gotten away, after the murder — he had the car.

AW: Is he 17 in the script?

JW: Seventeen in the script.

AW: To realize that somebody, at 17, has already become so horrible. . . if they said he was 27. . . there's no doubt on stage that you're 17.

JW: That's the killer!

AW: You don't look at all like Elvis!

JW: No!

AW: On stage, there were times, when I said to myself: "Sloane is playing Elvis Presley!" Which would have been right, in 1965. I described you in the review as a young Elvis Presley with a Terrence Stamp accent. Was that on purpose?

JW: No, actually, we weren't counting on Elvis Presley at all! We were focused on "late sixties teddy-boy-homosexuality-is-a-felony-in-England," the posturing, the wobbling head, the sneer.

AW: Can you do Elvis?

JW: I never even thought about it! I read the reviews and I thought, "Christ! I'm gonna be an Elvis Presley impersonator, in Vegas! That's what my career is

gonna look like!"

AW: My next comment is, don't ever let anyone cast you as Elvis.

JW: I would have a hard time with that. I really have very little respect for that scene.

AW: And you don't look anything like Elvis! (In a subsequent performance, "Elvis" had disappeared completely!)

AW: Would you suggest theatre as a career to someone in high school in Maine now?

JW: That's a sneaky. . .

AW: That's very sneaky. But there'll be lots of young people in the Gay Community reading this, wondering, "Can I do it?"

JW: Well, as the wise Italian told me, don't be an actor because you WANT to, do it because you have to, and that passion will drive anyone. Passion will take you, and if you have to do it, you can't be unhappy with it.

AW: Would your answer be different to a gay person as opposed to a straight person?

JW: To a straight person, I'd say: "You're not going to be happy if you can't live with gay people." To gay people I'd say: "You're not going to be able to handle yourself if you can't ACT 'straight.'" If you've got a gay part, it's got to be believable. . . and you've got to say to the straight man, you've got to be able to play gay and be believable. Because of the relationship between Sloane and Ed. . . it doesn't bother Sloane that Ed is attracted to him and wants and loves Sloane's body. Intellectually, I thought, this isn't a problem for me, but in rehearsals, I thought, "I have to not even notice this and I have to respond to Ed willingly and lovingly and completely," and you have to find an attraction for Ed that's just as believable as an attraction for Kath and the fact that she's a woman and he's a man. There should be no distinguishable difference between my expressions of affection.

AW: With apologies to the two actors who played Ed and Kath, they're not playing the most physically attractive people.

JW: Skip played Ed like a complete slug, with that wig on!

AW: Sloane is able to find them attractive and he does like these two. . . Ed and Kath.

JW: Yes.

AW: Do you want to be a star?

JW: "Do I want to be a star?" Gee, that's a toughy. . .

AW: Long pause.

JW: Long pause. . . pregnant pause. . . what I want to do is maintain my integrity. I want to be successful. . . support myself, have a family, in any form it might take. I want success and a sense that I haven't sacrificed or prostituted myself for anything I didn't really need in the first place.


AW: What's next for Jonathan Woodward?

JW: School again. I'm so eager and I'm so thirsty for the training I'm going to get, it rivals the first semester

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Flaunting IT!

by Brian Kaufman, PhD,

Once again, inspiration and contemplation for this article were generated by a succession of articles appearing in, of all places, the sacred and stodgy old "Wall Street Journal" (WSJ). An encouraging headline stated, "Big business boosts effort to win share of gay market: trade show signals change in what has become a field for small concerns." I love the fact that people who are concerned with the ebb and flow of the nation's economy are taking a serious look at our community and embracing us for the resources we have, not the objects of our desires and dreams. It seems that at the National Gay and Lesbian Business and Consumer Expo, held in New York City at the end of April, more than half of the 225 exhibitors were mainstream, non-gay (I love that term) companies. International Business Machines and American Airlines were two of the dozen or so national concerns who interacted with the more than 15,000 attendees of the Expo.

According to Rick Cirillo, who holds the title "sales manager, gay and lesbian community" for American Air-

lines, the transportation giant increased revenues by \$18 million after making the commitment to service lesbian organizations and events. Religion aside, it seems that in the global marketplace which defines the 1990's, the gay community has much to offer mainstream companies. A Muslim executive from the Paine-Webber investment brokerage explained that "Being here is like going to the convention of another religion; it doesn't faze me!" The business for 'business' sake approach was also voiced by Daniel McCurdy, the director of business development at IBM. McCurdy stated that, "We're here because our customers are here, it's that simple!"

The most stereotypical of the assumptions expressed at the Expo came from Laine Wilser, the marketing director for EcoFranchising (a company specializing in ecologically oriented dry cleaning) who said, "I want to reach out to my community and people here are financially eligible to be franchisees; besides, this is a group that cares about their clothes."

The next article that grabbed much attention in the WSJ was a column on "demographics," the information that marketing specialists use when figuring out how to target different groupings of consumers who may share similar interests and buying patterns. The headline was less glaring: "Dating game today breaks traditional gender rules," but quite potent when the heart of the story described the growing acceptance of women in same-sex relationships. The matter-of-fact personal vignettes of several successful (and well adjusted) women upheld the notion of sexual orientation as a dynamic and fluid aspect of personal identity. To foster a sense



of balance, or perhaps to placate the good 'ol boys who revere the "Wall Street Journal" as dearly as the holy gospel, the diviner-than-thou Reverend Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition was offered a chance to condemn same-sex dating as "breaking the creative order of God." (Personally, I think that same-sex dating shows even more clearly how creative God is!) The remainder of the article described some of the mature, loving, and positive reactions that these female couples received from family and colleagues. This was one of the most balanced and fair articles the "Wall Street Journal" has published to date regarding gay issues. It's almost enough to make one bullish on civil rights!

The third article of late in the WSJ, "Seminars teach managers finer points of firing," did not give me such hopeful feelings for the future of fairness in the lives of sexual and other minority

groups. Irrespective of claims made by the KKKooky KKKosbys, we've never placed affirmative action on our alleged agenda, but we know that the RepubliKKKan party is courting support for ending affirmative action plans in general. Part of the movement is made clear by the popularity of seminars which are intended to train managers in terminating problem employees. You know, the one's with "bad attitudes."

The basic philosophy is that if you look hard enough, you will be able to document poor job performance from even your best employee, thus permitting the firing to hold up in court. Sure, we've always been aware of this strategy for keeping the workplace homogeneous, but now it has become institutionalized and condoned by top management, wary of lawsuits stemming from wrongful firing. Now it is an art form, with companies like Padgett-Thompson offering 150 seminars a year with the title, "How to legally fire employees with attitude problems." According to Padgett-Thompson, participants learn how to "legally, safely, and confidently rid their work forces of foot draggers, whiners, jabbermouths, sharks, and snoops, not to mention the worker whose personality grates on everyone's nerves."

Well, speaking of those "types of employees," next month I'll be discussing some of the ways you can lay groundwork for domestic partner benefits where you work! Remember, when you've got it, FLAUNT IT! (Free-thinking, loving, and uncompromising natural tendencies inspire noble gains - it's terrific!). ΔΔ

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To Your Health: Chlamydia Should Concern Lesbians - Part II

by Peaches Bass

(Last month's column described chlamydia infections. This month's focuses on how chlamydia affects lesbians.)

It's only in the last couple of years that we've realized that chlamydia can be sexually transmitted between women. At the 1995 National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, Nina Carroll, MD, of Boston presented data from a small study she conducted. She interviewed lesbian patients at the Fenway Community Health Center and performed chlamydia screening tests on these patients. She discovered that most lesbians who are out to their health care providers are not offered chlamydia screening as part of their routine medical care, though this screening is considered routine for women who are sexually active with men.

In addition to this weakness in their health care, Carroll also discovered through the screening that many of her lesbian patients were infected with

chlamydia, including a significant number who hadn't had sex with any men.

It is known that chlamydia can be transmitted to the eyes by hand, if that hand has been in contact with chlamydia-infected vaginal secretions. It stands to reason that hand-vagina contact can also transmit chlamydia from woman to woman.

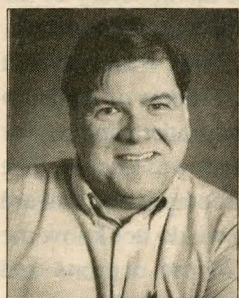
Dr. Carroll's findings make it clear that regardless of the gender of your past or present sex partner(s), if you're a woman who has sex with women, you should be screened for chlamydia. When you visit your health care provider for a pelvic exam and pap smear, you should request a chlamydia test. A swab of discharge from your cervix is used to prepare a specimen for laboratory diagnosis.

If a woman is infected, her partner(s) should also be tested and treated to prevent further infection. She and her partner(s) should refrain from

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OUT OF TOWN!

by Paul T. Bernard



Well, the warm weather is finally within sight. Trees are budding, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the grass needs to be mowed. Summer is on its way. I thought that this would be a good opportunity to write about some summer travel plans.

Of course, summer means Ogunquit and Provincetown. Both Ogunquit and Provincetown offer a variety of activities - beaches, bars, shops, and restaurants. Provincetown probably offers the most hotels/Bed & Breakfasts to choose from. The 1995 edition of the "Damron Address Book" lists over 60 hotels, B & B's, and guest houses catering to the gay and lesbian community. In addition, they list 10-12 bars and 15 gay-owned or gay-friendly restaurants. The June 1994 issue of "Out & About"

rated 50 of the hotels, B & B's, and guest houses according to price, cleanliness, and overall attractiveness.

Some of the highly recommended places were: Brass Key - \$90-185 (800-842-9858); Bradford Gardens Inn \$105-185 (800-432-2334); Beaconlite - \$65-140 (508-487-9603); Plum's - \$89-95 (508-487-2266) - just to name a few. You'll notice that I put phone numbers in these listings; that's because these places are seasonal properties and generally don't like dealing with travel agents. They don't pay commissions because they figure they can sell their rooms without having to pay them. You are better off calling them on your own. If you would still prefer to have your travel agent make your reservations, expect to pay a fee (generally \$25 or less) for an agent to do this for you. For those wanting to try something different, you might leave your car in Boston and take the ferry to P'town. It's a relaxing 3-hour cruise, leaving Boston around 9 AM and returning from P'town around 2 PM.

The same philosophy holds true for

Ogunquit. The 1995 "Damron Address Book" lists 8 hotels and B & B's that are gay friendly. One that I have had some exposure to is The Yellow Monkey (207-646-9056), which is located on Main Street in the center of town. It is gay-owned and operated. Some of the others listed are: Admiral's Inn (207-646-7093); Seasons Hotel (207-646-6041); Leisure Inn (207-646-2737); and Ogunquit House (207-646-2967). There are two bars in town: The Front Porch (Ogunquit Square - 207-646-3976) and The Club (13 Main Street - 207-646-6655). The Front Porch is a piano bar (and you'll usually find quite a few people gathered around singing), while The Club is a disco. The Club has a cover charge every night and is THE place to see and be seen, especially on the weekends. Ogunquit boasts a 3 mile long beach. The gay/lesbian section is about 200 yards north of the beach entrance - it's not hard to find. For a short diversion, you might take a walk on Marginal Way - a paved pathway that runs from the beach down to Perkins Cove. It's about 3/4 of a mile and is a

very enjoyable walk - especially in the evening.

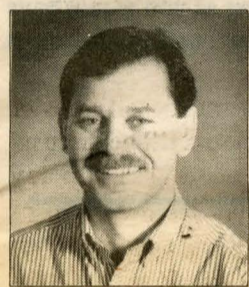
For those who want to try something close to home, but not near the beach - you might try either the Stone Wall Bed & Breakfast in Lovell (800-413-1080) or Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell (207-622-2708). Both are gay-owned and operated.

SHORT TAKES:

There is gay weekend planned for Disney World - June 1-2. Organizers are expecting up to 30,000 gays and lesbians. The weekend includes "Gay Day" at Disney World, a gay/lesbian expo, and several fund-raising shows and activities. There is still room available on some of the package tours.

TNT/Haley out of Boston is offering some really great last minute packages to Mexico and the Caribbean. For example, airfare and 7 nights at the Silver Sands Hotel in the Bahamas for \$399 per person; airfare and 7 nights at the Summit Resort in St. Martin for \$499 per person; airfare and 7 nights at the Clipper Club in Cancun for \$399 per person. ΔΔ

Time Out!



Bicycle "Maine'ia"

by Michael Rossetti

Dorothy was right, as all her friends eventually find out, "there's no place like home."

Far too often, to participate in organized sports or recreation events, the Boston community becomes the hub for some of southern Maine's gays and lesbians. That's unfortunate, because eventually one's social life also begins to center out of state and we lose another person to the western drift. The other unfortunate part is that energy and membership, which helps local events and clubs succeed, is siphoned off. Whether it's swimming, running, hiking or biking, local attempts at such organizing have ultimately faltered, although efforts at organizing them still

surfaces frequently.

One major reason that local organizing has failed in the past is the basic skill level differences that often divide and disgruntle otherwise enthusiastic participants. For example, a simple bike ride around Portland can be frustrating for a faster cyclist who wants to be part of the group but just can't tolerate slower paces of not so frequent riders. The reverse is true for a novice cyclist amongst a group of faster, more powerful riders. Ultimately, someone drops out, which leads to failed events when you have just a small cache of regular participants. Failed events lead to failed clubs, no matter what the sport.

At least for cycling, Time Out is offering a solution which it's nearly 200 person mailing list can help to make a success on a small scale. It's a series of bicyclist "trees" and a list of featured bike rides, one per weekend around southern Maine, listed in the Time Out newsletters for July and August, organized by members on the "trees."

The bicycle trees are lists of first names, and telephone numbers along with

calling details, how often that person rides, (generally, a measure of skill and speed) and that person's preferred locale for riding (mud, road, mountain). There will be a tree for each of the major communities from Portsmouth to Bangor. Non-gay and lesbian bicyclists, but certainly gay positive, are also welcome on the trees since a good cyclist only discriminates by pace.

With a little care and volunteer effort, the summer should not only yield a functioning network, focusing on gay and lesbian participation in bicycling in Maine, but also some memorable weekend rides and enduring new friendships.

To get on the "tree" or to get the upcoming newsletters, you should send a SASE to the current Time Out mailbox of P. O. Box 11502, Portland, Maine 04104.

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vaginal, anal and oral sex until a post-treatment follow-up test can confirm that the infection is cured.

Practicing safer sex will help prevent the spread of chlamydia between women. Preventive methods include using a latex or "plastic wrap" barrier during oral sex, and taking care not to move one's hands from one vagina to another without changing latex gloves or hand-washing. Sex toys, like vibrators and dildoes, should be treated like one's hands, covered with latex and washed between each contract.

For lesbians who are planning to get pregnant, chlamydia screening is important. An untreated chlamydia infection can impair a women's ability to

conceive; it can also cause miscarriage, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, premature delivery, and post-childbirth infection. Also, the infection can be transmitted during childbirth to the baby.

Chlamydia is preventable and treatable, and its serious complications are avoidable with proper health care and safer sex practices. We used to take it for granted that lesbians didn't need to worry about STDs, but our growing awareness makes it clear that we have to be just as informed and conscientious as everyone else when it comes to being and staying well.

If you want to have more information about chlamydia or to be tested for it, contact your health care provider, or your nearest STD or family planning clinic. ΔΔ

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Chew on This



by Rose Mary Denman

One of the things I have learned over the years is that we all have a story to tell. Each of us

has triumphed over some sort of adversity. We have all, at one time or another, had to reach deep into our own resources to find the inner strength with which to cope with life's ups and downs.

Over the course of a semester, as students write their reflective work for Psychology class, I am always renewed in my awe of the depth and breadth of the human capacity to rise to meet the challenges of life.

A fifty year old sister dies; a child is struck with cancer; a spouse loses a good job. The stories are endless: winning a personal battle with drugs and/or alcohol; surviving child abuse, molestation or rape; leaving an abusive relationship and slowly building self-esteem and a new life.

By the end of the semester I feel a deep love and compassion for these women and men who work, raise fami-

lies and go to school, all in the midst of some very powerful struggles. Witnessing their struggles, and the strength they have to overcome them, renews my faith in humankind. It also lets me know that I am not alone in my own struggles to "do life" with integrity.

As a teacher, I sometimes get so tied up with when papers are due, test grades and GPAs, that I can lose sight of the fact that my students are people who, just like me, are being confronted with their own demons and dragons. And I am reminded that if my hope is that others will walk gently and with compassion into my life, then I need to be gentle and compassionate as I walk into theirs.

This can be especially difficult when it feels as though a particular student is trying to "catch" me and "show me up." If you're a teacher, you know the type. If not, please take my word on it. This is the student who takes offense to every word that comes from the teacher's mouth; who dismisses the work of giants like Jung with a wave of the hand (and very little clear thinking), and who takes anything less than an "A" as a personal attack. These are the times when it is particularly hard to remind myself that, perhaps, this very student, the one who is being the most obnoxious, may very well be the one most in need of compassion. These are the times

when I need to remember that we are each traversing our own heaven and hell.

A long time ago, while I was a graduate student working as a Youth Director in a parish, I was taught this very important lesson. The Board had hired me, and my first official act was to meet the congregation after the Sunday service during a reception "tea." One man of about fifty, seemed to take an instant dislike of me, and over the next months, did everything in his power to make my life miserable. Things got so bad that the senior minister decided to make a house call to confront this man about his behavior. When the minister got to the man's house, there was a picture of a young woman on the mantle.

According to the senior minister, this woman in the picture looked just like me. It was at this moment that he realized there must be a story behind the man's behavior toward me. As it turned out, the young woman in the picture was the man's daughter. Several years earlier, pregnant with her second child, she went for a short rowboat ride with her husband and young son on a nearby lake. While out on the water with her family, she shot and killed her husband, her child and, finally, herself. Whenever this older man looked at me, he was reminded of his daughter and what she had done. Each time he saw me, he felt his own devastation.

Before knowing this, I felt anger and even hatred for this man. When the senior minister told me the story of his grief, I felt a flood of warmth and compassion for him. That was easy. It wouldn't take a St. Francis of Assisi to feel compassion and understanding for this man once his story was known. The real trick is to feel compassion toward another even when we do not know the particular names of the demons and dragons with which they deal.

Often we wish others would treat us well, in spite of or bad behavior. We wish that they would trust that we are good people having a bad day. We wish they would realize that if we treat them with less than gentleness, it is only because we have left our heaven and have stepped into our own private hell.

Why won't they cut us some slack? Maybe it is because they are just like us. We too have a difficult time taking ourselves out of the center of things long enough to realize that "the other" may need us to treat them well, to trust that they are good people having a bad day, and to realize that if we treat them with a bit of gentleness, ours may be the very hand that pulls them out of hell and into the light of heaven.

It is when I think of these things that "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" makes the most sense. ΔΔ

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Trans Forum: Notes from the Deep End

by Daralyn Maxwell

Denial - exotic Egyptian hotspot or emotional nuclear waste dump?

We all possess the ability to determine a comfort level that allows us to breathe and, at the same time, keep our deepest fears under control. The trick in this, obviously, is to create a balance where our "breathing" lets us grow while we slowly deal with the fear of discovery, or peer contempt or just that we exist as such.

I lead a full and varied life within my mind and the confines of my apartment. Suggesting that I might like to take a daylight stroll is enough to make me catatonic. I've only been out mentally for ten months for God sakes! Where is your sensitivity, anyway? Sorry, lost my head.

We all, in some way, still hide things we don't want to, or cannot, face. It isn't necessarily our dysphoria that makes us crazy but it is the most glaring

aspect of our lives, hidden or not. I have less trouble dealing with the pending death of my mother than I ever will in telling my sister that I am designed to be her sister. This is denial as much as going into the "purge" mode is. It is an act of mental, emotional and psychological submission which ultimately only will confuse the issue by helping us avoid the very issues that we need to stand firm and face (easy to say from the comfort of my living room, he?)

One of the reasons that support groups are a good thing is that they remind us we are not alone, we have company of a similar mindset; we are cared for by someone (even if we do have someone compassionate at home). That is also why denial is a bad thing - it strips us of what little dignity we can hold onto, robs us of not only our self-esteem but our identities as well, and costs a lot in purging! Who needs denial; it's just another form of guilt (and if you have a Jewish mother, you have a cornucopia of that anyway!).

So, ladies, let's all rally 'round the flag of truth in personhood. Where is it written that we have to be so wracked with guilt that we can't bear the thought of actually going out somewhere? Easy for you to say, Dal. Oh, sure! I know that I am as guilty as anyone of putting up a "false front" but I aspire to greater things such as strolling without fear, dressing to go out as opposed to getting domestic exercise, of being the woman

who is dying to be me.

We have a right to invoke the denial exorcist to rid ourselves of undue anxiety at our lot in life. I like my lot in life, I just wish the rest of the damn world did as well.

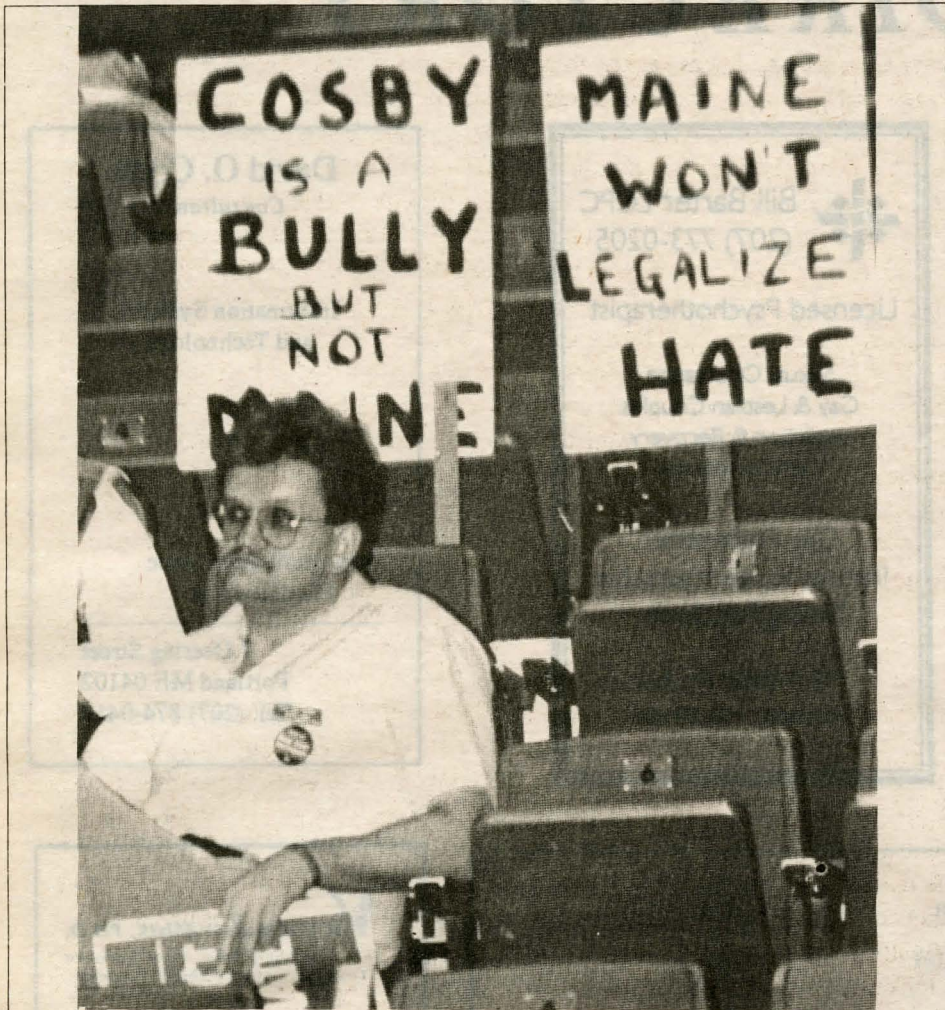
Ten items to consider when going out dressed

by Daralyn Maxwell

1. Don't let your nose hairs grow so long you look like a member of Z Z Top.
2. Don't apply your base with a putty knife - it leaves tracks.
3. Don't shave with a weed-wacker - it leaves a razor burn.
4. Try not wearing the clothes you stole from Grandma that she wore the day she had lunch with Al Capone.
5. The "Minnie Pearl" look is out unless you are under 5'2" in Texas and ugh-lee!
6. Don't dress like the bimbo John Travolta dated in Saturday Night Fever - not long enough ago to be vintage. Just tacky.
7. Try wearing earrings that aren't bigger than your face.
8. Don't do "enie-meenie-minie-mo" when you are standing at the restroom doors.
9. Yelling, "Yo, anudder brew, my man," at the bartender is a dead give-away.
10. Let "Bruno" in on your secret before you let him kiss you goodnight.

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is an important aspect of the Watershed Workshop. The workshop celebrates life rather than concentrating on disease and death. Participants are encouraged to get in touch with their process in a supportive and loving environment. They gain insight and personal growth through their artistic expression in clay.

Patrick Clark said of his experience at Watershed in 1992, "I shed many layers of my outer casing during this workshop. I wrote, I painted, I made a few pots. I returned home vulnerable and with humility; more in touch with my being than I thought possible."

For more information about the Watershed Workshop for People With AIDS, contact Lynn Duryea at Box 7635, Portland Maine 04112 or call 767-7113. ΔΔ

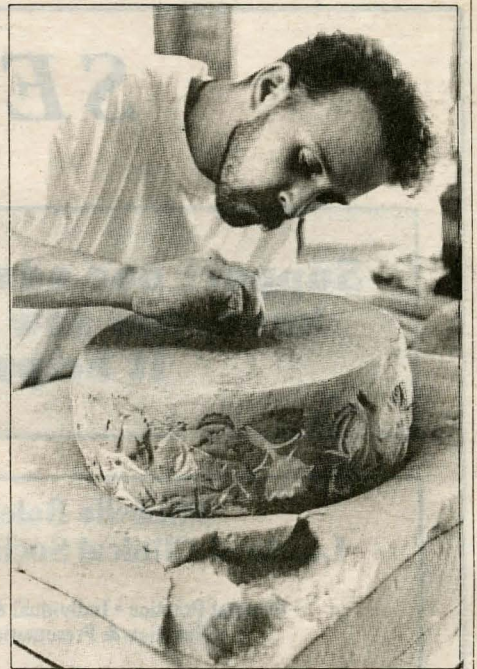


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Scott Bassett working at Watershed Center in Edgcomb, Maine

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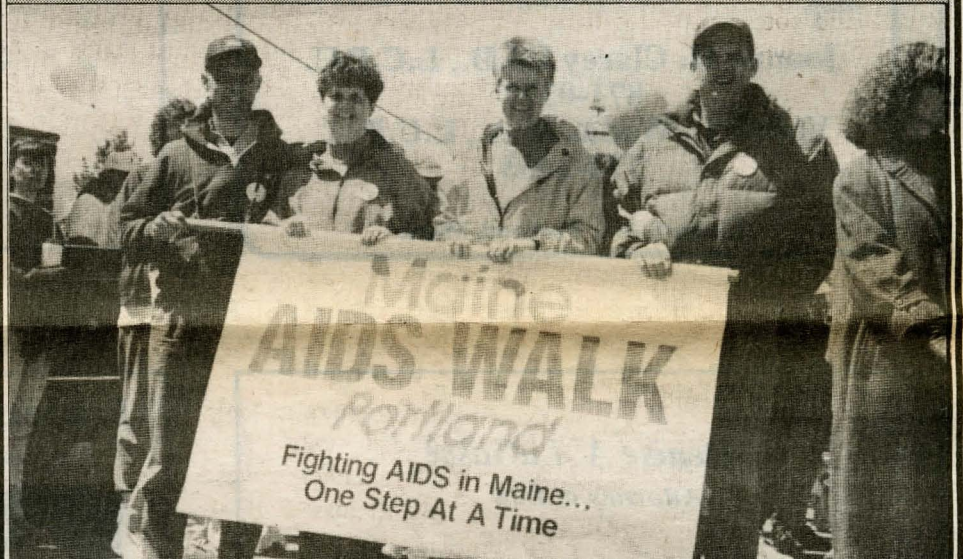


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The Maine AIDS Walk has raised \$22,000 so far and money is continuing to come in according to Associate Development Coordinator, Susan Tremblay. She said there were 15 registered teams of walkers and that the Lincoln Middle School Green Team had the most people. The Williston-West team raised the most money. "Despite a very blustery day the Walk was well attended," said Tremblay.

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there.

AW: How much?

JW: Thirty, probably thirty-five thousand a year. I will make it! I have no choice!

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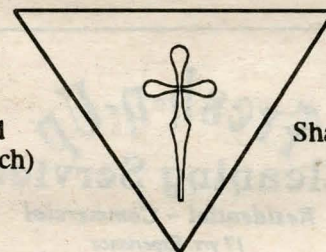
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