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Number 64

"All the News that Fits to Print"

May, 1985

## *Walk so that Others May Eat*

There are no pictures of starving Ethiopian children on the news or in the papers, but the starving is continuing and the problem is far from settled. Church World Service (CWS) attempts to respond each year to food shortages by sponsoring an annual CROP Walk (CROP is CWS's hunger education and fundraising arm). Money is used not only for immediate relief but also to attack root causes.

Last year, CROP walks in So. Portland and Bangor raised about \$10,000, with about 90% of that money going directly to aid programs. This year about one quarter of the money raised will go to local programs--soup kitchens and food pantrys--while the other three-fourths will be sent overseas to self-help groups in Africa, Asia & Latin America.

CROP walks will be held in Bangor (gather at Paul Bunyan Statue-Bass Park) and Cape Elizabeth/So. Portland (start at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth) on Sun. May 5. Registration for walkers will begin 1 p.m., walking at 2. Participants will walk 10 kilometers (6.2 miles, about a 2-3 hour walk) and will collect per/km pledges from family, friends, co-workers or strangers. Pledges can be earmarked for one of 13 specific relief agencies or will go to CROP/CWS.

Pledge forms will be available at Portland and Bangor area churches, especially Methodist churches, or can be gotten from Ralph Miller, 252 Ocean House Rd., Cape Elizabeth 04107, 799-8396, 799-5381, or Charles Weston, 30 Allan-a-Dale, Brewer 04412, 989-3932, or Chuck Boucher, 942-9352.

## *We'll Cross those Bridges!*

Although a visit last fall was snagged, the Maine Coalition for Bridges for Peace (made up of Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, Citizens Opposed to Nuclear Arms, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control) has arranged for two citizens of the Soviet Union, probably members (Continued on page 3)

## *Whether the Tree or Lives the Fruit...*

As you all may know by now, FEDCO Co-op Warehouse has closed. This does not mean that FEDCO Seeds, Trees, Bulbs, Moose Tubers, or the Cultivator have stopped. Being separate entities from Fedco Warehouse, they live on, and you can expect the same 'co-op difference' in service from these Maine-grown businesses as you have in the past. The next issue of the Cultivator will detail sources of products for local co-ops and articles on the hows & whys of FEDCO's demise. For a subscription (\$3.50/yr., 6 issues) write to the Cultivator, POB 94W, Winslow, Me. 04901.

## *Show Some Life, Turkey!*

Do you have a red circle around your name? address label? under your eyeballs? It's because we haven't heard from you in ages (or at least 2-3 years) and we want to make sure you're still around and reading/enjoying the Maine Statewide Newsletter. Please send us a sign of life or return the subscription form on page 9. We'll send you another newsletter in June with a subscription form and return envelope, but if we don't hear from you then, WHACK!, you'll be off the list. Do let us hear from you; send us that SIGN OF LIFE!

## Have a Gay Old Time —

The Maine Lesbian & Gaymen's Symposium XII will meet in Portland May 17-19, Victoria Day weekend. Friday's program will include the play Mrs. James Dean, a melodrama of gay men, alcohol & demise of relationships. Tickets \$3-\$5, Luther Bonney Hall.

Saturday at 10 a.m. will be speakers Dale McCormick & Doug Strong, workshops 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on AIDS, Intergenerational Relationships, Spirituality & Gay Politics. Registration 9 a.m. \$5-15. And at 8 p.m. humorist Kate Clinton, tickets \$3-\$5, Luther Bonney Hall. 10 p.m. Saturday, Dance at Back Street (3 Spring St.) byod. (other events, alcohol free).

Sunday the 19th: 10 a.m. worship First Parish Church, 425 Congress. 11:30 a.m., workshop & windup at Luther Bonney. 3 p.m. Boston Gay Men's Chorus, First Parish Church.

Food arrangements & childcare arrangements are in process. Contact Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford St., Portland 04103, 780-4085.

## Support, not Segregation

A support group of parents of gays is being formed in the Portland area. Call Gay People's Alliance, 780-4085 if you are interested.

## "It's Raining Men" Hallelujah!

Mainly Men will hold its Spring Conference May 17 6 p.m.-May 19 2 p.m. Mainly Men is about men exploring traditional and changing views on masculinity. Workshop topics generally include job; stress or challenge; conflict resolution; relationships with women, men and children; feminism; homophobia and men; dance and poetry. Through these workshops, activities, and play, men have found new friendships & understandings. The Spring Conference will be held in Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardiner, 10 miles west of Augusta. Contact Eric Johnson, 9 Church St., So. Paris 04281, 743-6536 for registration forms. Or call Willy White 474-8582, Craig Cooper 799-3051 or Willy Willette, 883-9797.

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## To be or not to be ..?

Mother's Day, a day to honor mothers for their contributions to our lives, also is being acknowledged as a support day for the rights of women to decide if & when they will become mothers. Motherhood by Choice Not Coercion is the theme of the National Organization for Women's ad campaign which will list the names of endorsers and will appear in the Maine Sunday Telegram & Bangor Daily News on May 12. Those wishing to support this effort with donations & signatures are asked to respond to NOW, POB 4012, Station A, Portland 04101 or call 773-3333, 761-1601. Although endorsements received after Apr. 27 will not be able to appear in the ad, your financial support is needed & continually welcome.

## Doctors, Lawyers & Chiefs

Often human service professionals lack up-to-date knowledge for serving lesbian or gay clients. The barriers of stereotypes & myths make it difficult for them to address the topic with colleagues. The first statewide Conference on Professional Work with Lesbians & Gay Men, Thurs. May 2, is an effort to facilitate this work among clergy, educators, journalists, lawyers, nurses, physicians (osteopaths & MDs), police, psychologists, social workers & other vocations which frequently relate to homosexuals. Students of these professions are welcome to attend.

There will be over 20 speakers present (16 from Me. from Kennebunkport to Caribou) and issues addressed will include: human services in relation to AIDS, parent-child relationships, substance abuse. The Conference, sponsored by the Me. Chapter of the National Assn. of Social Workers has been endorsed by the Maine Council of Community Mental Health Centers, & will be at St. Paul Center, Oblate Retreat House, 136 State St., Augusta, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 (\$20 for NASW members, \$10 for students) includes lunch. Pre-registration required as seating is limited. Registration & information is available at USM Social Welfare Dept., 96 Falmouth St. Portland 04103, 780-4120, 772-0498.

## "Big A" debate goes on...

Great Northern Paper says 1,689 jobs are "directly threatened" if Big A Dam is not built (a figure quietly upped from 400). The Penobscot Coalition opposing Big A says that GNP is modernizing its East Millinocket plant and refuses to state how many jobs will be cut out by the remodeling. Meanwhile, Great Northern Nekoosa Corp., GNP's owner, announced that its profits should be up 42.9% in 1984 to a record \$120 million.

Last year's "Save the Big A" raffle raised \$75,000 and this year's raffle prizes are just as enticing--a float down the Grand Canyon, Rio Grande or New Mad River, a canoe by Old Town or White, a kayak or fishing gear. Drawing will be Sat. Oct. 19. For tickets (to buy or sell) contact NRCM, 271 State St., Augusta 04330.

MPBN-TV will air a show on the Big A on Thursday May 30 at 8 p.m.

Babs Bispham of the Penobscot Coalition stresses that anyone & everyone who opposes the Big A Dam should attend the public hearings during early May at the Gardiner Armory on Brunswick Ave. Even if you don't want to testify, please show your faces and come early to be sure they don't close the doors before you arrive! If you wish to speak, great; if not, bring 20 copies of your comments to be distributed. Hearings are 8-12, 1-5:30, 7-9 p.m. For public comment sessions, be there Mon. & Tues, 4/29-30, 7-9 p.m.; Wed. 5/1, 7-9 p.m.; Thurs. 5/2 1-5 p.m. Also Mon. & Tues. 5/6&7, 7-9 p.m.; and Wed. 5/8, 1-5 p.m. Plenty of chances to hear and be heard! Call the Penobscot Coalition at 622-3101 for more details and encouragement.

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Button/Sticker of the Month: For one buck you can get either "No Way Big A!" or "There is a Better Way than Big A" bumper stickers from the Penobscot Coalition, 271 State St., Augusta 04330.

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Next month we'll do our annual "Summer Review" of festivals, workshops, places to go and things to do for the progressive person. (What about poor retrogressive persons?) Do you know of upcoming summer events to publicize? Send us your details by May 20, OK?

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## crossing bridges...

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③ of the Soviet Peace Committee, to come to Maine May 4-10. All plans are tentative, but their schedule looks something like this:

Sat. (May 4)--lunch in Norway (call 875-3355), evening meeting w/Winthrop-Wayne People for Peace (377-2427).

Sun.--rest day (tour of Augusta area).

Mon.--appearances in Waterville schools, Colby, Rotary, meeting w/peace groups in evening (873-6443).

Tues.--meet Gov. Brennan, CONA meeting in Damariscotta in the evening (563-3955).

Wed.--school in Damariscotta, tour of Portland, meet w/peace groups (772-1197).

Thurs.--coast tour, press conference, public potluck at Congregational Church Brewer. On MPBN's "Statewide." (827-3107).

Fri.--College of the Atlantic student discussion (288-5015).

Some events will be public, others open primarily to the peace community and its supporters. It will be a good opportunity to learn more about the Soviet way of life, and prospects for peace between the two countries. For questions: Julia Myers, Walpole 04573, 563-3955 or Maine Clergy & Laity Concerned, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107.

## When the Bombs Drop, Mountains Tremble

The Augusta Committee for Peace and Justice in Central America and the All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church are co-sponsoring a major film series on Central America. It is funded by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

On Monday May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the All Souls Church, 11 King St., Augusta, a discussion by John Turner will follow the showing of Dawn of the People and A Time of Daring.

A film on the violence in Guatemala: When the Mountains Tremble, will be shown on May 20, same time and place. A discussion by Roger Teachout will follow. For more information call 623-1196.

"If my soldiers began to think, not one would remain in the ranks."

--Frederick the Great

## Out of the Darkness ~ Into the Light ④

In spite of claims of decreasing crime rates, it is still not safe for people, especially women, to walk the streets of Portland at night. To empower women to "take back the night" so they can again walk the streets without fear, marches and rallies have been held in past years in Portland (and other larger cities).

In Portland, on Sat. June 1, a day of workshops, rallying & vigils will take place. At 11-11:30 a.m. a keynote feature (either music or speech) will start things out. At noon till 5, three sets of workshops will be held. In the evening, at 7 p.m., a march will leave Deering Oaks. A men's supportive candlelight vigil is welcomed at an as yet unspecified place along the route.

The places of the workshops and organizing meetings are also still being worked out. Men wanting to help organize workshops for men only must come forward to plan them. Women will organize women only workshops and would welcome help on joint workshops. Organizing meetings are scheduled for Sundays at 6-8:30 p.m. Contact the Rape Crisis Center, PO Box 1371, Portland 04104, 774-3613 to participate in the planning. More details next month.

## ~ Incest is Not Best ~

"I have to live with this the rest of my life." A survivor of incest spoke those words, and it will be the subject of a day-long forum called "Breaking the Silence" on Tuesday, May 21 at the Community Building on Fairview St. in Dover-Foxcroft.

The program will go from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will include several speakers on the issue, a panel of incest survivors, a profile of abusers, and a performance by FLITE, Family Life Improvisational Theater Educators.

The Committee on Incest and Woman-care/Aegis Association (the family violence project in Piscataquis County) are co-sponsors. Registration is \$5, including lunch. CEU's are also available. Contact Pat Willey, Woman-care, PO Box 192, Dover-Foxcroft 04426, 564-2016 for pre-registration & details.

## ~ Send a Message ~

Clip and send the following public service message to your local Portland-area radio station, newspaper or anyone you know who needs assistance with the problem of physical or mental abuse:

Afraid?

"Are you being threatened by someone you love? You are not alone, every 18 seconds a woman is battered in the United States. In Maine serious abuse occurs at least once per hour, every hour of the day, 365 days of the year.

There is help available. If you live in Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties, call the Ingraham Hotline 774-HELP for information on shelter, counseling, legal assistance for women, as well as services for abusive men. Domestic assault is a crime. You need not suffer in silence."

## ~ Get Away ~

A Women's Weekend on Mt. Desert Island May 24-27 will provide a chance to get away...cabins, private beach, hiking...\$75 for two, covers 3 nights lodging on Frenchman's Bay. \$25 deposit. Contact Sarah Morton Corr, 40 Riverview, Hampden 04444, 862-2422.

## ~ It's Scott to be Good ~

The powerful voice of singer/songwriter Molly Scott will highlight a workshop and concert by Scott in Portland on May 3-4. Scott will perform at 7:30 p.m. on May 3 at State Street Church in Portland. Tickets are \$5-6, available from Wise Woman Books and Buckdancers Choice of Portland and MacBeans of Brunswick.

Scott will also offer a "Sounding for Power, Singing for Joy" workshop on Sat., May 4 at 247 Brackett St., Portland, 10-5, sponsored by the Feminist Spiritual Community. Costs are \$35-40; reserve a spot by calling 761-2053. For more details on booking Scott in your area: Susan Savell, Biddeford Pond 04006, 282-0752. Molly Scott will also perform on May 26, 2 p.m. on MPBN Radio's "Flea Market."

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"America: where you get to choose your dictator every four years." --Tuli Kupferberg.



## Glass Roots for Your Group

Sandy Kaplan speaks about her business: "I am the owner of Glass Roots Crystals, a somewhat unique business. I sell crystals at different events and then contribute a part of the money to not-for-profit groups and projects. In the past two years I have donated a total of several hundred dollars (to) organizations working for a more just and equal society where all people's basic needs can be met. To have me sell at an event, or to tell me about your group/project and request a donation, contact me at Glass Roots Crystals, PO Box 5040 Station A, Portland 04101 (or call) 773-0877."

## Is Liberty Disabling America?

The Maine Civil Liberties Union will hold its annual meeting on Friday May 10 at Bowdoin College, Coles Towers. The agenda includes a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner (for a fee) at 7 p.m. and a lively debate at 8:30 on the effects of human rights on industry. One side is voiced by Bowdoin Professor Richard Morgan of anti-ERA ads fame. He is author of Is a "Right Industry" Disabling America? which basically debunks the efforts of the ACLU. In the other corner is USM Political Science Professor Richard Maiman. Come one, come all.

## ♀♀ Find it Fast ...

Maine Women's Yellow Pages--a directory of women-owned businesses & services, professional women, women's organizations and resources, is being published/edited by Nancy Habersat Caudle. Deadlines for 85/86 "Maine Women Winning" issue are advertising--May 15, art/manuscripts/photos--June 30 (include SASE). For brochures/listing forms, contact M.W.Y.P. PO Box 210, Blue Hill 04614 or call (207) 374-9913.

## deadlines...livelines...etc

Deadline for articles for the June Maine Statewide Newsletter is May 20. Keep those articles and calendar dates a-comin'. Send them all to INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, or call them in to 827-3107.

## ⑤ (It's Pronounced Cō-burn)

At Hauck Auditorium at UMO on Friday, May 3, Canadian singer/songwriter/musician Bruce Cockburn will be presenting two shows at 7 & 10 p.m. \$9.50 students, \$10.50 g.p. Bruce has been stimulated by recent Central America trips to write & sing about the hopes, dreams & realities of the revolutions in Nicaragua & El Salvador.

His concert is a benefit for Salt Pond Community Broadcasting, a soon-to-be-realised radio station which will endeavour to be a forum for the arts & creative community activities in the state. Tickets may be reserved at 1-800-462-7616 or in Ellsworth, 667-3281.

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Come walk with herbalist Deb Soule & learn the many wild medicinal herbs. The walk will include herb identification & how to use the herbs medicinally. Bring a mug for an herbal brew. Pre-register thru Deb at PO Box 365 Rockport 04856 or call 789-5616 or 236-2408. The walk will be 9 a.m.-11:30 May 25--rain date May 26. This walk is free & sponsored by the Maine Environmental Education Association & a benefit for the Phoenix Fire Fund at College of the Atlantic.

## Women React on Military Contract

Two Maine women, members of the Bangor Peace Initiative, plan to participate in an action for peace in Nashua, New Hampshire on May 24, International Women's Day of Nuclear Resistance. The action in Nashua is sponsored by the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network and will include civil disobedience at Sanders Associates, New Hampshire's largest military contractor. Other women interested in attending this action please contact Marguerite Roosen, PO Box 1723, Bangor 04401, 942-0096.

Plans are in the preliminary stages for a women's civil disobedience action to take place somewhere in Maine in early August to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Any women interested in this, please contact Marguerite at the above address & phone number.

## Filling your alternative Library

Thinking about building a house (with solar energy, of course) soon? A number of basic plans are available to help you design your own living space. The Maine Office of Energy Resources has produced "Affordable Energy Efficient Solar House Designs," a collection of eleven sets of house plans, winners of a 1984 design competition.

Designer/builders have constructed homes that are not only energy efficient but also resource-conscious and traditional in style. For a free copy of this booklet: OER, Station 53, Augusta 04333, 289-3811.

In a completely different vein is Yosarian's "Alternative Crisis." Do we still have alternatives? Maybe, but not all groups and movements that claim to be 'alternative' really are, he says.

Is consensus decision-making really an alternative? How about fire-walking? Does the Maine Times offer an alternative? He sees weaknesses in all of them. He takes special aim at the Federation of Co-operatives (no longer a moving target--see separate article) and individuals within the co-op movement for dishonorable mention. "Alternative Crisis" manages, perhaps intentionally, to offend just about everybody. Those concerned about sexism should be forewarned of statements and pictures that many consider demeaning to women. For a copy (no price given): Yosarian, RFD 1, Box 279, Rockland, Me. 04841.

And from SEADS (Solar Energy Awareness and Demonstration Seminars), less a booklet than a set of plans and instructions, is the Peoples Greenhouse Kit for building a home greenhouse. An 8'x12' greenhouse can be built for under \$1,000 and provide home-grown food year round, tax credits, energy savings and employment, according to SEADS.

SEADS also needs help in keeping itself going to provide hands-on information and material for solar energy and appropriate technology projects in Washington County and other parts of Maine. They have lots of ideas, a track record, and 62 acres. For a kit or to find out more: SEADS, RFD 1, Harrington, Me. 04643, 483-9763.

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"People used to buy things because they needed the things to survive, not because the things needed the people to survive."

## Fundraising more, enjoying it less?

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Do you find that your peace &/or justice group could do more and be more effective if it just had more money? Wouldn't it really make sense, if, as they say, day care centers had all the money they needed and the Navy had to hold a bake sale to raise funds? Well here's a workshop that should help you improve your fundraising skills. It's on Tues., May 2 in Augusta from 2-9PM. Cost is \$10 for up to two representatives of a group and \$5/each additional person. Location is not yet firm but that's ok because AFSC & Maine Freeze Campaign sponsors want you to pre-register with them and they'll tell you where to go. (heh heh)

Workshop leader is Andrea Ayvazian of the Amherst, Mass. Peace Development Fund. She has worked with various social change groups and knows our special problems. Her program includes "facing our fears of fundraising," basic skills, long-range planning, and how to integrate fundraising and program work. To register, write or call Maine Freeze Campaign, POB 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

## Speak Out!

In addition to the Mother's Day ad, Maine NOW (National Organization for Women), in conjunction with the National Abortion Rights Action League, will sponsor a speak-out on the steps of the State Capitol (or somewhere inside if weather requires) on Thursday May 9.

This is part of a national campaign for a "Speakout for Motherhood by Choice". NOW is asking people to write about their experiences of choosing to be or not to be mothers and to send them to NOW to be read (and brought to Wash., DC on May 21) or to come on May 9 and read them personally. If you have a story to tell, come to the Capitol on May 9 or send it to Maine NOW Co-ordinator Marge Clark, POB 133, Brunswick, 04011, 729-4378.

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We are up to 365 subscriptions and \$1,862 so far this year on our way to a goal of 1,000 subs. and \$4,200. If you don't have a 1,2,3,4 and /86 beside your name on the address label, you're not a 1985 subscriber. Why not return your form with a donation today?

*all we ever get is bills... bills... bills... and more bills...*

Well, here we go again for one more long review of legislation in this, the 112th version of that august body, the Maine Legislature. A few speedy reminders for the learned lobbyist:

A Citizen's Guide to the Maine Legislature is still available for \$5.95 (\$4 for 10 or more copies), postage included, from Common Cause, 335 Water St., Augusta, 04330, 622-5798.

To write a senator or representative:

State Sen. _____	State Rep. _____
Maine Senate	Maine House of Reps.
State House Sta. 2	State House Sta. 3
<b>Augusta 04333</b>	<b>Augusta 04333</b>
800-423-6900	800-423-2900

(When calling you can leave your name and phone and they'll call you back.) Status of bills and hearing dates are available by calling 289-3021. Call 289-1408 to request copies of bills.

Here we go again with another rundown of some older & newer bills:

Besides bills mentioned last month that NOW (National Organization for Women) and many members of the Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition support--LD 710-711 (AFDC benefits), 772 (prosecution of marital rape)--and oppose LD 134 and 387 (restricting abortions), new bills have been introduced.

LD 945, for example, funds community child abuse and neglect councils, while LD 780 funds children's programs by member groups of the Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services. About \$137,000 is being requested, since no programs for children exist in any of the shelters.

LD 1184 asks for \$5,000 to provide abortions to low-income women who are victims of rape, incest, or sexual abuse. On the con side is LD 1113, which would require parental consent for minors to have an abortion. For more info on these and other bills related to women: Maine NOW, PO Box 5195 Sta. A, Portland 04101, or call 773-3333 or 989-3306 or the Maine Women's Lobby, Box 15, Hallowell 04347, 622-5798.

The Maine Civil Liberties Union is not excited about LD 641, which would require (it is now optional) a period of silence at the beginning of public school sessions.

For details: MCLU, 97A Exchange St., Portland 04101, 774-5444.

Common Cause (see address above) has a long list of legislative priorities, including economic development, a code of ethics for the Public Utilities Commission, conflict of interest, and absentee ballots. Common Cause is supporting a \$40,000 appropriation to fund a Dept. of Education clearinghouse on nuclear war and conflict resolution education. They are sponsoring an April 30 meeting (7 p.m.) at the Maine Teachers Assn. building in Augusta to discuss ways of bringing conflict resolution programs into schools. Jim Donovan, 772-0714, has more details on this.

LD 488, to divest state funds from banks and corporations doing business in South Africa, will likely be voted on in May. To get more information on Maine's involvement with South Africa, contact MPOSA (Maine Project on Southern Africa), 105 Pine St. #3, Portland 04102, 774-9833. Students and faculty at UMO, Orono are also urging calls to Gov. Brennan and letters to two Univ. of Maine Foundation trustees who are refusing to divest that foundation's investments in South Africa:

Douglas Brown	Charles Carlisle
Doug's Shop 'N Save	Pres. Northeast Bk.
Bangor Internat'l Airp't	Guilford, 04443
Bangor 04401	

The Maine People's Alliance (MPA) solution to local measured service phone rates is LD 1257, "An Act to Preserve Flat Rate Local Telephone Service." This bill, if approved, would maintain a flat local phone service rate as the "standard" service and allow local measured service only for those who qualify because of low incomes. There will be a hearing on this bill on May 2. They are also asking for a study of phone costs to determine whether local measured service can save anybody any money. (LD 1012).

MPA is also supporting the Community Right to Know Bill (still no number), which would provide public access to information about the production, use, and storage of toxic or hazardous chemicals and substances. With so many people being exposed unknowingly to health risks, MPA considers this bill crucial. MPA, Box 2490, Augusta 04330, 622-4740

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# More bills... and more... and more,-----

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The Lesbian/Gay Rights Bill finally has a number, LD 1249. Hopes of passage are high again in the Maine Senate, but the House is difficult, so letters to representatives are especially encouraged. The Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, PO Box 108, Yarmouth 04096, 947-0700 (Marty) is also working against LD 1199, which would prohibit the teaching of "alternative lifestyles" (especially homosexuality) in Maine's public schools.

Besides the Big A Dam issue, LD 978 is still a focal point for the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), 271 State St., Augusta 04330, 622-3101. MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners), Box 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3101 is also a supporter. This bill would prohibit, or at least declare secondary, the use of chemical insecticides in Maine's spruce budworm spraying program after 1985. NRCM is also supporting LD 838, protecting Maine's wetlands--swamps and bogs--against illegal alteration, because of the crucial part they play in the state's ecology.

The Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons (32 Thomas St., Portland 04102, 774-4360) is working on two bills sponsored by MAHP Director (and State Sen.) Tom Andrews. Neither have LD numbers yet. One will involve at least several hundred thousand dollars in appropriations to provide services to people with head injuries who fall between the cracks of existing social services. The other provides for state-supported public education to students past the existing limit of age 20, since they may have been victims of injury or disease. MAHP is supporting other bills as well.

Although one anti-smoking bill has been withdrawn, the Maine State Nurses Assn. helped LD 276, providing for a mandated smoking policy in workplaces (to be agreed upon by employers and employees). The bill has not yet been signed by Gov. Joe Brennan, however, and MSNA (PO Box 2240, Augusta 04330, 622-1057) is asking people to call the Governor to urge him to sign it.

The Maine AFL-CIO (72 Center St., Brewer 04412, 989-3630) is attempting to convince members of the legislature that there is a way to reform the workers' compensation system that will help both workers and employers. It sees the Governor's proposed "reform," which Maine workers

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strongly oppose, as only benefiting employers. Maine workers are asking members of the legislature to not cut benefits, to protect them from inflation, to retain their right to have lawyers, to promote safe workplaces, and to retrain them after layoffs.

It is the contention of Maine workers that costs can be cut by seriously addressing safety and rehabilitation, improving administrative procedures, and establishing a state-administered, non-profit workers' comp insurance fund. The AFL-CIO is hoping that the 20-odd workers' comp bills proposed so far will be combined into a bill to reflect their needs.

The Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee's (PO Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395) referendum has not stopped activity around disposal of nuclear waste in the legislature. Two bills from Sen. Judy Kany, LD 642 and 1096, are attempting to create an advisory commission for radioactive waste disposal (642) and to research Maine's options for waste disposal (1096). (642 may also have an added section to eliminate a number of Me. agencies, so check before you lobby.)

A bill (LD 615) to approve MNRC's request for citizen approval of disposal sites, which MNRC opposes because it wants a public referendum vote on the issue, appears not to have much support. Another bill to provide a competing referendum question on the November ballot to the MNRC referendum may also complicate legislative matters (as if they're not complicated enough).

Most bills have either had a hearing and are "in committee" or have not had a public hearing yet and should by early-mid May. The legislature will have to complete its work by about mid-June, so a lot will be happening in the next 40-50 days.

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May 24--Maine women to Sanders (5).

May 24-27--Women's Weekend (4).

May 25--Herbalist Deb Soule's Walk (5).

May 27-Jun. 14--Energy Efficient Housebuilding, course at Cornerstones, 54 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, 729-6701.

May 28-30--"The Times of Harvey Milk" 7&9 p.m. RR Square Cinema, Waterville 04901, 873-6526.

June 1--Take Back the Night (4).

## More Calendar Events (continued from back page)

May 6-24--Compressed housebuilding course (\$400) at Shelter Institute, 38 Center St., Bath 04530, 442-7938.

May 6, 20--Central American films (3).

May 7--Breast self-exams for women, 7 p.m., EMMC, Room 2G, Bangor. Isa Silva, 945-7639.

May 7 (& next 5 Tues.)--Solar Greenhouse Design/Construction, CMVTI Room 342, Auburn 7-9 p.m. (also May 18, 1-5 p.m.), \$48-60. Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. 1, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

May 9-12--"The Road Show," Portland Dance Ctr., 25A Forest Ave., Portland 04101, 8 p.m. (9-11) 4:30 p.m. (12th), \$6-11. PDC, 773-2562.

May 10--MCLU annual dinner (5).

May 10--Findhorn Games & Meditations w/ Pat Warren, donation, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Chrysalis, PO Box 647, York 03909, 363-7587.

May 11--"Coping with Conflict" and Dick Gregory speaks at 12 Noon & 1 p.m., MPBN Radio.

May 11--Energy Efficient House tour, 10-4, \$12-15. Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

May 11--Israeli-Greek Cultural Exchange Night, Temple Shalom, 74 Bradman St., Auburn 04210, 8 p.m., 786-4201.

May 12--Pledge of Resistance nonviolence training session, People's Bldg., 155 Brackett St., Portland, 12-6. Call Jane Crosby, 879-0171, or Betsy Whitman, 773-2322.

May 15--Me. Women's Yellow Pages, Advertising deadline (5).

May 17-19--Mainely Men (2).

May 17-19--Lesbian & Gay Symposium XII (2).

May 18--"Cooking w/Cultivated and Wild Herbs," UM Bath Center, Woolwich 04579, 9-3, \$20. Call 442-7070.

May 18--Reflexology w/ Janet Stetser, Bath-Newcastle Holistic Center, 9:30-4, Box 112, Alna 04535, 586-6751.

May 18--Boston Gay Men's Chorus concert, South Parish Cong. Church, Augusta, 8 p.m., \$4. Call 622-3232.

May 18-19--Anne Zimmerman Dodson (County Down) concert, First Parish, 425 Congress St., Portland, 8 p.m., \$5. 773-9549.

May 18-19--Timber Framing Seminar at Cornerstones, 54 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, 729-6701.

May 18-19--Maine and New England War Tax and Alternative funds meeting in Portland (Friends Meetinghouse on 18th; People's Bldg on 19th). Francis/Elaine McGillicuddy, 62 Avalon, Portland 04103, 797-5684.

May 19--Patty Larkin at IRIS, 40 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, N.H. 03801, 603-436-8958.

May 19--Poets Ted Enslin and Kendall Merriam at Patten Free Library, Bath.

May 20--"El Norte" (Guatemalan refugees) on Am. Playhouse, 9 p.m., MPBN-TV (ch. 12).

May 21--Incest Conf. in Dover-Foxcroft (4).

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Apr. 30--Project Awareness hunger forum, Cummings Center, 134 Congress, Portland, 7 p.m., Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Org., 195 Congress, Portland 04101, 775-3050.

May 1--Membership meeting, potluck supper and MayDay music fest at Williston-West Church, 32 Thomas, Portland, 6 p.m. on, Good Day Market, 155 Brackett St., Portland 04102, 773-2322.

May 1--"Women in Nicaragua," w/Barbara West at Senior Citizens Center, Brunswick 7:30p.m., Brunswick NOW, c/o Jean Jackins, RFD 1, Bowdoinham 04008, 666-3067.

May 1--Bigfus Gierdal speaking on Non-Nuclear North Atlantic Campaign, Portsmouth Pub. Library, 7 p.m.--call WAND, (603) 431-5272.

May 1,8,15,22--"Lives in Transition" programs on single parents, new relationships, blended families, All Souls Cong. Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor, 7-9 p.m., \$3. Comm. Health/Counseling, 43 Illinois Ave., Bangor 04401, 947-0366.

May 2--Fundraising workshop (6).

May 2--Conf. for professionals serving lesbians and gay men (2).

May 2 (& next 3 Thurs.)--"Marketing your small Business" Cony H.S., Augusta, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$35, call U.M.A. Augusta 04330, 622-7131x330.

May 2 (& next 4 Thurs.) "Confrontation & Negotiation Skills," 7-9:30 p.m., UMA, Lewiston-Auburn Center, 277 Minot Ave., Auburn 04210, \$75, 784-7366.

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May 3--Bruce Cockburn benefit (5).

May 3-4--Molly Scott concert/workshop (4).

May 3-4--Banjo Dan and Midnite Plowboys at Gorham H.S. & Oxford Hills H.S. (S. Paris).

May 3-5--(also May 31-Jun. 2) "Substance and You," Bath-Newcastle Holistic Center, \$75. Call 442-7090 or 563-8502.

May 4--Pledge of Resistance nonviolence training session, Unitarian Church, Kennebunk. Call Bob Lipkin, 967-4884.

May 4--Avatar Meher Baba meeting in Monmouth. Call 933-2541.

May 4--Animal Fair to benefit Ark Animal Shelter, 9-5 p.m., Machias H.S., Alanna Gertz, RFD 1, Bx 244, Harrington 04643, 483-4002.

May 4-10--Bridges for Peace (1&3).

May 5--Nicaragua slide show w/Kip Penney, Kathleen Flannigan, 7 p.m., Universalist Church, Silver/Elm Sts., Waterville, 873-2540.

May 5--Racism workshop with Robert Mendoza of Maine CALC, 1 p.m., South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta. Maine Green Party, RFD 2, Box 425, Gardiner 04345, 582-1200.

May 5--Northeast Winds at Bates College Chapel, Lewiston, 8:15 p.m., 786-6255.

May 5--CROP walks in Bangor, Cape E. (1).

May 5 (& next 4 Sun.)--"Central America & Christian Conscience," symposium, Immanuel Baptist Church, 11:15 a.m., 775-2301, Port.

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