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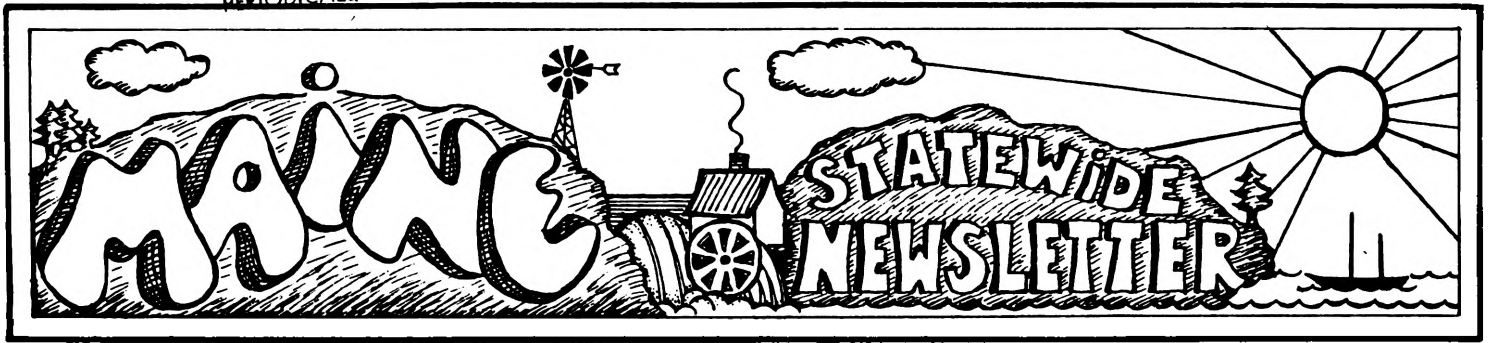
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Number 74

"All the News That Fits to Print"

March, 1986

Her-story Week

Let the Celebrations Begin! March 2-8 is National Women's History Week. And the week ends with International Women's Day, Mar. 8. Numerous events are scheduled throughout the state of Maine to honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate women.

"A Celebration of Maine" is this year's theme at the University of Maine at Augusta. A wide variety of Maine women will be highlighted on March 1, 9-3:30 at Jewett Hall. Penobscot natives Sadie Mitchell and Priscilla Attean will remember some of their ancestors. Historian Laurel Ulrich will speak about "Martha Moore Ballard, 18th Century Midwife." There will be a tribute to Samantha Smith, a film about women in history, and music by Terry Eisen/Claudia Finklestein and composer Kay Gardener. (All events free except lunch).

Then dress as your favorite women in history at the Heroine's Ball on Fri. March 7 8 pm at the Augusta Holiday Inn. For a schedule of events or costs, contact Carol Young, Univ. Heights, Augusta 04330, 622-7131x330.

In Auburn, the YWCA and the League of Women Voters will co-sponsor "Women Around the World: Have We Really Come A Long Way?" The featured speaker, Jesse Thomas, will share her impressions of the International Women's Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. Her talk will be on Mar. 6, at 7 pm at the YWCA, 248 Turner St.

Machias will celebrate International Women's Day with an evening "In Celebration of Women." Beginning at 7 pm at the UMM campus, the event will include the film Annapurna, poetry and music by local women artists, and the evening will end with a singalong of women's music. For more details call Womankind at 255-4785.

"Singing Together for Empowerment" is the theme of the musical celebrations in New-castle and Rockland. Lisa Pohlmann,

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It Doesn't Deserve a Decent Burial

You can't pick up one of our competitor publications (Press Herald, BDN, KJ) without seeing something about the groundswell of opposition to the proposed high level nuclear waste dump sites in Maine. Hearings have drawn thousands who have spoken almost unanimously in saying, "Not here."

But the Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee (MNRC) and local groups that have sprung up (see list below) are going a step further by saying not only "not here" but also "not anywhere." and are beginning a national campaign to overturn legislation (1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act) allowing the Dept. of Energy to use land for such waste disposal. Their goal instead is legislation to monitor waste and keep it retrievable and to require the nuclear industry to pay for research into "permanent" storage facilities. Contact MNRC, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, or call 622-4395 or 647-8580.

Meanwhile, hearings go on, with ones scheduled for Mar. 25 at Portland City Hall Auditorium, Mar. 27 at Mattanawcook Acad. in Lincoln, and Ap. 8 at Lakes Region H.S. in Naples-Bridgeton. Written comments are also accepted. Write DOE Comments--ARR, CRPO, Chicago Op. Office, 9800 S. Cass, Argonne, Ill. 60439.

Groups besides MNRC are organizing to fight the dumps: Citizens Against Nuclear Trash, Casco 04015, 627-4296; Lakes Environmental Assn., 102 Main, Bridgeton 04009, 647-2446; Lincoln Citizens Against Nuclear Waste Disposal, RR 1 Box 555, Lincoln 04457, 794-6405; Lee Citizens Committee, c/o Phil Norde, Lee 04455, 738-4861; and the Penobscot Nation, c/o Carol Dana, Indian Island 04468, 827-7776. The State of Maine's Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste, Sta. 120, Augusta 04333, 800-453-4013 (recorded message) or 289-1540 (real person).

Two consciousness and fund-raising activities are also planned. One is MNRC's "Stop the Dumpers" benefit concert on Sat. Mar. 22 with the Wicked Good Band and Jackson Gillman, 8 pm

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Contra Contra March March

On Mar. 8 in Bangor, the Northern Me. ⁽²⁾pledge of Resistance to War in Central America will sponsor a rally and march. The theme is "Support for the Victims of Contra Aid; at Home and Abroad."

The Victims Abroad are obvious: the Nicaraguan people who continue to suffer from the violence caused by an American-funded army. The Victims at Home are Americans whose needs are being sacrificed to welfare for the military--women, children, farmers, unemployed...

At 10:30 am people will gather at St. John's Church (York & Brown Sts.). A few speakers will make brief statements before the march through downtown Bangor begins. The march will pass by local agencies affected by the guns-over-butter policies. At 1 pm there will be a Contra-Contra-Contra-dance featuring the Marsh Island Contradance Band. Cider & snacks will be offered, but bringing a bag lunch is suggested. For more info: Dennis Chinoy, 945-5827.

A similar March on the same day in Portland has been cancelled in favor of a March 1 leafletting day, 10 am-1 pm. Leafletters should come to the People's Building, 155 Brackett, where they will receive hot drinks and fresh flowers flyers to give out urging people to speak up in opposition to aid to the Contras. Call 773-8904. Movable displays regarding US policy in Nicaragua will be moving around the city (and can be moved to your town by calling 879-0171).

Many events are planned in Portland during Central America Week, Mar. 16-24. (There may be other areas with C.A. Week events, but we hadn't heard from them at deadline time.) PAUSICA (Portlanders Against US Intervention in Central America) has public programs at the USM Campus Center at 7:30 pm Mar. 18-20.

The first night will be two films on the theme, "U.S. Policy: Opposing Perspectives." The next night will be "An Invasion of Poets: Maine Writers in Nicaragua." Finally, a panel discussion with representatives of the Sandanistas & the Honduras Information Center, plus others.

Lastly, PAUSICA will sponsor a march (definite), gathering at noon at Congress Sq. (tentative), including music, puppets, and a tribute to slain Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. A dance may also follow. Again, call 773-8904 for march headquarters.

Decent Burial (continued from page 1)
at First Parish Church, 425 Congress, Portland. Tickets are \$6-8. Call 773-9549. The High Level Nuclear Waste Project (PO Box 4188 Sta.4, Portland 04101, 774-8069) is sponsoring a signature ad to go in newspapers on Mar. 22-3 (just before the March hearings) saying to DOE, "We don't want a dump here or anywhere" and asking for repeal of the 1982 act. Contact them soon for ad forms (deadline about mid-March).

Finally, there's a 28-minute VHS video-tape, "Circles around the Fire," an authoritative documentary on human and financial issues surrounding the 4 New England Nuclear power plants, including Maine Yankee and Seabrook. It is now available for showing in connection with nuclear waste discussions. For info on borrowing or rental, call Nancy Mattila, 763-3401 or write PO Box 113, Rockport 04856. Highly Recommended!

Herstory Week (continued from page 1)
singer/guitarist will be giving these 2 concerts. She will be in Newcastle at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Mar. 5 & Rockland's 1st Universalist Church on Sat. Mar. 8. Both begin at 7:30.

The Women in Curriculum Program at the U. of Me. at Orono will celebrate "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams". Dr. Lee Chambers-Schiller of Boulder, Colo. will deliver the keynote address on Mar. 6 at 8 pm. Her topic: "Liberty, A Better Husband. Single Women in America: The Generations 1780-1840".

Throughout the week, A Women's Fair, featuring women's wares, will be open, & a poster exhibit will be on display in the Memorial Union. A Women's History exhibit will be on display in Fogler Library. On Mar. 5, a film festival will be shown from 10-5 in the North Lown Rm of the Union.

Among the varied presentations of the Women's Studies Program at USM Portland/Gorham is a talk on Mar. 4, noon, by Marge Clark, President of Maine NOW, entitled "The Politics of Abortion: Past and Present". Also: a panel discussion on Comparable Worth on Thurs. evening, and an International Women's Day Banquet at 6 pm Fri. eve. Both of these talks & the banquet will be at the Portland campus. For times/places call USM's Women's Studies office at 780-4083 or 780-4289.

And finally the U. of New Hampshire at Durham will offer "Women's Cultures and Values: Reclaiming and Celebrating the Contributions and Inspirations of Women" from Mar. 3-13. This extensive program covers many different aspects of Women's lives. Author Margaret Randall will be among the speakers. Call 603-862-1058 for a schedule.

Enjoy the celebrations!

Back By Popular Demand

is the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, which is conducting a second "Undoing Racism" workshop on Ap. 11-13. Sponsored by the Northern Me. Coalition on Undoing Racism (NMCOUR), the event will be held at UMO's Memorial Union in Orono.

Five trainers (2 black, 2 Native American, 1 white) will assist participants in examining their own racism and prejudice and help them to organize to end it, especially in their own communities. Topics to be discussed will include definition & history of racism, ties to militarism, community power analysis, and leadership. There will also be a cultural sharing (party) on Saturday night.

Cost for the workshop is \$35 (\$20 for students). Childcare is provided. Food is included, and housing will be available. Scholarships are also offered. For registration information: NMCOUR, c/o Dept. of Sociology, 201 Fernald Hall, UMO, Orono 04469 or call 947-6519. The coalition meets again on Fri. Mar. 7, 4:30 pm in the Fernald Hall basement.

Liberate Your Mind

A five week course on Liberation Theology and Central America will be held Wednesdays Mar. 26-Apr. 23, from 7-9:30. Offered by the Center for Religion, Peace, Justice and Policy, the course will examine the rise of "Christian base communities", their role in theological development and social change; social and economic realities in Central America; women and social justice in Central America; and human rights. The tuition for the course is \$60. Some scholarships are available.

The Center for Religion, Peace, Justice, and Policy is a new Maine-based organization dedicated to bringing together women and men of diverse backgrounds to explore the interrelationships of religion, social justice, and peace. In addition to the above spring course, one is being planned for the summer. For more information about the course or the coalition, contact Elly Haney, 9 South St., Freeport 04032, call 865-6779.

LET A HUNDRED BUMPERSTICKERS BLOOM

Chris Guida is offering a stock clearance special on his sticker, "If You Liked Vietnam, You'll Love Nicaragua." He has only 100 left for \$1 each, (less \$ for larger qts.). Make him an offer! Chris Guida, RFD 1 Box 49A, Dennysville 04628, 726-4742.

Creating A Sane Asylum

③ How do people who are said to have "mental illness" recover? One unique approach will be presented by Dr. Edward Podvoll when he speaks in Portland and Brunswick on Mar. 17-19. Podvoll's approach is contemplative, using meditation & personal therapy in a natural, home-like environment. It recognizes the basic sanity of all people and attempts to bring that out in them.

Besides consultations with doctors and psychiatrists, Podvoll will speak publicly on Mar. 17, 3 pm at the Maine Medical Center and Mar. 18, 7:30 pm in Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin College, Brunswick. For more on this visit, contact the Portland Coalition for the Psychiatrically Labeled, Box 4138 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 772-2208 or 774-4366.

Laws Are Made To Be Broken

Spectators wanted (supporters too) when seven members of the Pledge of Resistance finally get their days in court, Feb. 27-28, after being arrested for civil disobedience last June. The group was part of 35 who sat in the Federal Building in Bangor to protest money being sent to Contras fighting the Nicaraguan government.

Join them in the Penobscot County Court House (better than the trials on TV) on those days or at the noon rally outside the courthouse on Hammond St., Bangor. Or call 223-4959 to find out what all the ruckus is about.

Aid To The Contradancers

Two good time, good cause contradances are slated for the month of March. On Mar. 1, the Feminist Spiritual Community will sponsor a Women's contradance to benefit the Big Mountain Resistance to Native American Relocation. Held at the Williston West Church (32 Thomas St., Portland) from 8-11 pm, the dance will be led by a woman caller and women musicians. A \$5 donation is requested. Beginners welcome, dances taught, no partner needed. For details call 773-2294.

On Mar. 28, a double benefit, 4th annual all night contradance will be held at Liberty Community Hall in Liberty. The benefit for Maine CALC and the Maine Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign will begin at 8:30 pm and continue until dawn. A \$5 donation is requested, and for \$2.75 dancers can buy breakfast from the Tofu Lady. Many bands will be featured and all dances will be taught. Call 827-3107 for info.

New boycott items: Hormel meats and Shell Oil products (and gas stations in Southern Me.) More details on these boycotts in a future issue.

We'll Stitch This World Together Yet

Have you heard of the National Peace Quilt? It is a beautifully hand-stitched patchwork quilt containing 50 squares based on a child's drawing from each state. It has been sewn cooperatively by people from all across the U.S. and pieced together by the Boise Peace Quilt Project in Idaho.

The square from Maine, made by members of the Aroostook Peace Action Coalition (APAC), depicts a potato house, farm house, fields and a tree with a child swinging. The inscription on the quilt reads:

"REST beneath the warmth and weight of our hopes for the future of our children.
DREAM a vision of a world at peace.
ACT to give the vision life."

The intent of the Quilt Project is to have every U.S. senator sleep one night under the quilt. It is hoped that the act of sleeping beneath the quilt will enable each senator to experience the power of people's hopes and dreams for their children.

Senator Mitchell slept under the quilt last year but Sen. Cohen has not. APAC is encouraging Maine people to write Sen. Cohen (US Senate, Washington, DC 20510) or call his Maine offices to urge him to sleep under it before mid-April, when it will go on tour and then be placed in the Smithsonian Museum. Call:

Bangor: 945-0417 Lewiston: 784-6969
Augusta: 622-8414 Biddeford: 283-1101
Portland: 780-3575 Presque Isle: 764-3239

For more info on quilts, including Soviet-American & Nicaragua Peace Quilts, contact Martie Alexander, APAC, RR 1, Easton 04740, 488-3321.

"A MOSAIC CALLED MAINE"

Barney Berube of Maine's bilingual education program has been touring Maine the past few months presenting "A Mosaic Called Maine" a short slide-tape show about the various cultures in Maine, and affirming the importance of other languages besides English to Maine. The next showing of the slides will be on Mar. 5, 6 pm, at the office of the Houlton Band of Maliseets, on the Square in Houlton. A discussion on bilingualism & biculturalism will follow. Later shows will be in Augusta, Eastport & Farmington. To arrange for this show/discussion in your area, contact Barney Berube, Ed. & Cultural Affairs, Sta. 23, Augusta 04333, 289-5980.

Celebrate Diversity

Maine's varied cultural heritage isn't often recognized, but the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities is attempting to rectify that with Cultural Heritage Week, Mar. 10-16, with over 50 groups sponsoring at least 100 events throughout the state. Music, historical events, films, theater, you name it. Some of the culture is traditional to Maine, while other events are just "cultural."

A few examples of events are a Franco-American fete (13th) and Chinese music (14th) in Lewiston, jazz in Fort Kent (16th), open house at the Penobscot Indian Museum (all week), "The Miser" in Dexter (10th) and Skowhegan (13th), and films in Dixfield (10th). No county is left untouched.

A large poster with all 100 events will be available soon. For a copy or more info on local Cultural Heritage Week events: MSCAH, Sta. 25, Augusta 04333, 289-2724.

Samantha Remembered

The "people of Maine's Memorial to Samantha Smith" is a model of a statue soon to be created as a memorial to the girl who represents reconciliation between the US and USSR. An effort to raise \$25,000 to produce a life size statue has been initiated by displaying a model of the statue at various shopping malls and public locations throughout the state. About half the total has been raised so far.

It will be at the Bangor Mall through Mar. 1, then at the Auburn Mall. The model can be displayed at other locations by calling Glenn Michaels at 784-4504. Contributions to the "People of Maine's Memorial to Samantha Smith" can be sent to PO Box 9046, Auburn 04210.

Another legacy of Smith is a trip to the USSR being planned for 100 Maine students and adults in April. Organized by Bill and Marilyn Forstchen, teachers at Mount View HS in Thorndike, the 10-day trip will include a tour of the Kremlin and historic sites and a meeting with young Soviets. The cost is about \$1,300. Students will be required to read Soviet/Russian history and write an essay after returning.

Students and adults from around the state have signed up, but there are still openings. To get info on this trip, contact Marilyn/ Bill Forstchen, Mount View HS, RFD 2, Thorndike 04986, 465-7430 (eves).

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel" --Samuel Johnson

Cabin Fever Cure: Leave

Cabinfever getting to you? Here are 5 good excuses for you to get out of Maine. ⑤

The bus reservation deadline is over, but there may still be room in buses (or you may want to drive) to Washington for the "National March for Women's Lives," sponsored by the National Org. for Women (NOW) in Maine.

Buses & cars will depart on Mar. 8 (bon voyage) at 5 pm in Bangor, 8 pm in Portland, arrive in Washington on Mar. 9 (solidarity!) and return early on Mar. 10 (yawn). The Mar. 9 rally, past the White House to the Lincoln Memorial, will emphasize the necessity for legal and economic opportunities to have birth control and abortion choices for all women. (pro-choice). There will also be lobbying on March 10.

Local contacts are Marilyn Kirby in Portland, 761-1601, Beth Edmonds in Freeport, 865-3869, and Joanne Dauphinee in Brewer, 989-3306. This march is not just for women, just as the item below is not just for men.

The 2d annual Northeast Men's Emerging Network will take place at Yale Law School in New Haven, CT, Mar. 14-16, with workshops on men's violence, militarism, gay rights, "humanizing the workplace," racism, and building loving relationships. There will also be a men's march to end violence against women. For a flyer: NEMEN, c/o John Wilcox, 121 Sunset La., Berlin, Ct. 06037. For carpooling or travel from Me. try Bert DeFrees, Rumford Ctr. 04278.

Or, try the New England Environmental Conference at Tufts Univ., near Boston, on Mar. 22-23. Lots of workshops, exhibits, people & excitement. For more info or travel plans, contact Me. Audubon, 118 Old Rt. 1, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

A 4th choice is the annual retreat on non-violence entitled "Nonviolence is Life," sponsored by the Needham Peace & Justice Group, to be held Apr. 4-6 at Groton, Ma. Cost for the weekend, including housing & meals, is \$60. Retreat leaders will be Jean & Hildegard Goss-Mayr of Austria & France, leaders in the religious nonviolence movement for many years. For carpooling or other details, contact Francis McGillicuddy, 62 Avalon Rd., Portland 04103, 797-5684.

Lastly, the national Rainbow Coalition will meet in the Big Cherry Blossom (Washington DC) on Ap. 18-20, and the Maine Rainbow Coalition is seeking people to attend. They

Forgotten History

Within the last few years the interpretation of the American experience in Vietnam has shifted dramatically. Intervention is defended as a noble cause. This reinterpretation has far reaching political consequences. How did this revision of thought take place? How has it affected Vietnam Veterans? What are young students being taught about Vietnam? Do the women involved in that war offer a different perspective? These thoughts and more will be discussed in a series of free public programs called: "Vietnam: The Maine Connection." The talks will be offered on 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at the Bangor Public Library at 145 Harlow St. Call 942-4055 for info.

On Mar. 26 the series begins with "Those Who Fought". This panel will feature a retired Marine colonel who is confident the war was justified; a former infantryman who now believes the war shouldn't have been fought; and UMO History Professor Ngo Vinh Long, author of many articles and books about Vietnam.

The series continues on Apr. 2 with "Too Young to Know" and concludes on Apr. 9 with "Women and the Vietnam Experience".

Do. Something.

"Say your peace. The fear of nuclear war is on everyone's mind. If it were on everyone's lips, we might get somewhere. Join. Write. Call. Talk. Meet. March. Vote. Nag. Scream." This message appears every week in the York County Coast Star thanks to the Kennebunk Forum. Can you help them keep this ad going? Each ad costs \$28.40. Send contributions to the Kennebunk Forum, c/o Carol Spalding, 9 Birch Rd., Kennebunk 04043 or call 985-7620.

The Forum also sponsors monthly seminars at the Unitarian Church in Kennebunk. The March program (19th, 7 pm) will discuss Jonathan Schell's The Abolition, alternative strategies to a "strong" defense. The Ap. 16 forum will be the film "Nuclear Test Ban--The First Essential Step," narrated by Paul Newman. ***** have a wheelchair accessible van available and are seeking donations & travellers. A meeting in late March or early Apr. will tie together plans.

A balance of people of all races/ethnic grps, sexual preferences, ages, rural & urban, handicapped and "able-bodied," and both male & female is sought. To join the group, call Kathy McInnis, 774-4360, Ivan Suzman, 797-8488, or Mary Jane/Len Cummings, 772-7767.

A No-Cut Contract

Unlike some previous years when March town meetings meant the debating of political issues, (nuclear freeze, waste dumps, etc.), the MSN has not heard of any organized effort in this year's meetings. So, here's our suggestion to bring to your own town meeting if it looks like the usual debates about mill rates and fire protection will be overly dull. From the town of Linneus (near Houlton) comes:

"An Ordinance to Regulate Timber Harvesting"

The ordinance attempts to prevent environmental damage, especially soil erosion & water pollution, by requiring special permits for any cutting practices (such as clear-cutting) which will create greater than "minimal soil disturbance." All such variances from normal cutting practices must be approved by a professional forester.

In addition, clear-cutting is prohibited within 75 feet of any body of water (at high water mark) and no more than 40% of all timber near these bodies of water can be cut in a 10-year period. There are also restrictions on where timber harvesting equipment (especially skidders) can operate, and cutters are prevented from leaving dead wood in water areas.

The ordinance is directed toward commercial cutters, "operations of more than 100 cords annually." For a copy of the ordinance, write Michael Lane, Town of Linneus, RFD 2, Houlton 04730.

Cow Pies In Action

"Energy Use in Agriculture" will be the topic of a conference on March 26 from 8:30 to 3:30 at the Augusta Civic Center. Sponsored by Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, the Maine Farm Bureau, Maine Small Farm Association, among others, the conference is designed for teachers, farmers, and the general public, and will offer workshops on various agricultural energy technologies from "Efficient Potato Storage" and "Soil Conservation" to use of methane and other alternative energy sources. The fee for the day long conference is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more info write or call: Time and Tide, RC&D, Rt 1, Box 12, Waldoboro 04572, call 832-5348.

Give A Hoot About Nature

⑥ The Chewonki Foundation is offering four new programs on different aspects of natural history designed to challenge and stimulate students of all ages. Each program is highly participatory, teaching group co-operation as well as ecology.

If your classroom and/or school would be interested, contact Rebecca May, Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset 04578, 882-7323. A fee of \$30 per program plus .25 per mile transportation is requested. Days of four or more programs are offered for \$25 per program plus mileage. Up to 30 individuals may fully participate in all programs; Night Birds is also suitable for assemblies.

The programs are: INVISIBLE ANIMALS- students learn the ecology of Maine by becoming "invisible" animals in the classroom, arranging tracks and signs to tell a story; NIGHT BIRDS- students learn about this interesting group of birds using slides, recordings and a live owl; BONE MOBILE incorporates a lesson on adaptation and anatomy with the cooperative assembly of several gull and rabbit skeletons. Best suited for ages 9 and up; MOVEABLE MOOSE - teaches about Maine's largest land mammal by putting together a 3-dimensional jigsaw puzzle and assembling a moose's skeleton.

(L)earning A Living

How would you like a well-paying job working in the great outdoors, free room and board, eating fresh food, cultivating beautiful gardens, and learning about organic agriculture? Sound too good to be true? You're right, it isn't entirely true. They are not "well-paying." But the MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn.) Apprenticeship Program can offer the rest of these benefits (sometimes money too) to apprentices who sign up and also provide eager, generally competent workers to gardeners/farmers who "hire" them.

MOFGA acts as a placement service to bring together young people interested in learning more about rural living and organic farming with host farmers and gardeners. Placements usually begin around May or June, so now is the time to think about your summer needs. For applications: MOFGA, Box 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3118.

We Are Almost All Victims

The Sexual Awareness Program of the Portland Rape Crisis Center is half over (we didn't get the info in time for the Feb. issue), but drop-ins are welcome at any program (all free). So, here are March programs:

Mar. 3: Rape & the Criminal Justice System
Mar. 10: Rape & Hospital Procedure
Mar. 18: Recovery from Sexual Assault
Mar. 22: Advocacy--Volunteering with the Center

Programs are 7-9:30 PM (except 10-4 on the 22nd) at Clubroom 4, YWCA, 87 Spring St., Portland. To find out more about the Center and how to volunteer: Rape Crisis Center, Box 1371, Portland 04104, 774-3613.

SEX - uality

On the weekend of Mar. 8-9, the USM Portland campus will be the site of 2 conferences on sexuality.

Beginning on Sat., the Women's Forum of USM will be hosting The Third Regional Conference on Bisexuality. The conference is sponsored by bisexual women & men from Portland, Providence, and the Boston Bisexual Women's and Men's Networks. The conference will serve, as it has in the past, as a place for bisexuals & their friends to meet, socialize, and affirm the bisexual identity. Diverse workshops serve as a forum to focus on issues ranging from the politics of sexuality to creating a family. Sunday's workshops will be concerned with interaction with society and relating to the lesbian/gay and straight communities. The cost will be \$50 on a sliding scale. Patrons are asked to give more.

On Sunday, the Women's Forum of USM will be sponsoring a "Women's Sexuality Conference: Power, Spirituality, Politics." The goal of the event is to examine issues that impact on women's identities as sexual beings. The scope of the conference is broad, encompassing issues such as media, spiritual healing, self-esteem, health, pornography, relationships, and parenting. In the evening singer/songwriter Karen Beth will perform. The cost of the day's conference will be on a sliding scale of \$10-\$25.

For more information about either conference contact the Women's Forum on M, W, F at 780-4083.

"Looking Up" is a statewide nonprofit organization working for victims and survivors of incest, and those who are concerned about incest issues. In addition to offering workshops, training sessions for service providers, resource referral, gatherings for incest survivors, consultation work and some telephone peer support work, "Looking Up" publishes 2 publications. The "Looking Up" Times is a twice yearly literary publication offering essays, prose, and poetry written entirely by Maine survivors of incest. (A \$2 donation is requested. More if you can, less if you can't.) The Survivor Resource Chronicle, first published last month and slated for publication on a quarterly basis, provides information in the form of articles and editorials by incest survivors and service providers, as well as providing an up-to-date resource listing. (The Chronicle is free but donations are appreciated.)

Listed below is a partial resource listing of free services for victims and survivors of incest and other concerned individuals. For more info and/or copies: "Looking Up" RFD #1, Box 2620, Mt. Vernon 04352.

Portland Rape Crisis Center
PO Box 1371, Portland 04104
Hotline: 774-3613.

Sexual Assault Victim Emergency Services
Box 349, Farmington 04938
Hotline: 778-9767

Sexual Assault Crisis Center
PO Box 6, Auburn 04210
Phone: 784-5272

Family Violence Project
PO Box 304, Augusta 04330
Phone: 623-3569

Reach-Rape Counseling Project
57 Beal St., Norway 04268
Phone: 743-2066

Victims - III

Have either of your parents ever been alcoholic? Epidauria will be sponsoring an Intensive Therapy Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics, co-led by Mia Beale and Lynn Schwartz. The group will begin Mar. 4 at the Holland Health Center, Bath. Cost is \$20-24/session, insurances accepted. More info from Mia Beale, Holland Health Center, 1273 Washington St., Bath 04530, 443-2635.

Money Talks, But Don't Bank On It

"Endless money, the sinews of war."

Next time you go into a bank, take a look at the faces and attitudes of the people there. Notice how preoccupied everyone is, how serious, concentrated, almost reverential? You will seldom see a relaxed person in a bank. We take money seriously. We are not relaxed around it. We have either too little of it or too much to be comfortable with it.

Money is important: capital & labor are the twin building blocks of any society. The ways we spend & invest money reflect our expectations for the future. Each product we buy or investment we make is a vote for that particular product to be continued or for that company to go on.

As Portsmouth, N.H. financial adviser David E. Hills puts it:

"Money is power and how you invest your money is an expression of power. Every investment has an ethical side to it. If you don't look at the ethical side you are making a statement. That statement is that you don't care."

Much mystification has grown up around money management. Most of us who have a little extra money have been taught to fear that we could easily lose it...and that we must therefore entrust it to experts like bankers & brokers who will invest it in the most secure vehicles possible...or we have been taught that we never have enough, so we entrust it to bankers and brokers whose aim is to increase it for us as quickly as possible without taking undue risks. Seldom do these bankers & brokers take social criteria into account in making investments. Their conventional wisdom is that making socially responsible investments means a serious compromise with return & security.

Recent research suggests otherwise. Boston College Professor Ritchie Lowry compared the 1974-81 earnings of Environmental Action's "filthy five" for 1982 (Dow Chemical, Occidental Petroleum, Republic Steel, Standard Oil of Indiana, and Weyerhaeuser) with firms he called the "try harders" (Atlantic Richfield, Magma Power, Fort Howard Paper, Browning-Ferris Industries and Worthington Industries). The try harders outperformed the filthy five in all categories, by overwhelming margins.

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In 1983 the Calvert Social Investment Fund topped the Donaghue Ratings as the best performing money market fund in America. Last July, Forbes Magazine reported that Working Assets was the 2nd fastest growing general money market fund in America in 1985. At least \$40 billion is now being socially invested. As the idea spreads that social responsibility is not only good morality but also good business, that amount is growing quickly.

What is socially responsible investing? It is investing with an eye toward social return as well as monetary return. It is investing to further social goals, or at least to express disapproval of proscribed policies. Of course, criteria as to which companies are good and which bad are not black & white. There are many ambiguous areas: a company may be very progressive in its labor relations, yet heavily involved in producing nuclear weapons. Social investment funds employ various screens to determine which companies are acceptable. Some of these are negative screens: for example, the Calvert Social Investment Fund screens out companies which are involved in nuclear energy, South African investments, & weapons systems. (Other negative screens often used include no liquor, tobacco or gambling, no discriminatory hiring practices, no unsafe or wasteful consumer products etc.) Funds also use positive screens to support worthy products & services. For example, the Pax World Fund seeks to invest in companies involved in housing, health care and pollution control. (Other positive screens often used include companies involved in conserving resources, meeting basic needs, engaging in economic democracy, involved in mass transit, maintaining a high quality workplace, etc.)

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SOCIAL INVESTING?

Haymarket People's Fund is presenting a New England conference on "Investment, Divestment and Social Change" Mar. 22-23 at Goddard College in Plainfield, VT. For more info: call Chris Wood, 802-223-7222/229-0800 or Haymarket People's Fund, 617-426-1909.

Next month MSN will present a list of social investment alternatives and places to find more information about these & about corporate practices. Even if you have no \$ to invest, you can be socially responsible by boycotting products & services which violate your conscience, and by banking at banks & credit unions which make loans to worthy community enterprises. Maybe we could be more relaxed about our money, if we knew that it were working for goals of which we approved.

Your Places in the House (and Senate)

There haven't been too many hot new items in the Maine legislature since our last report, so let's briefly review the "how to's" of how to make your say count:

(1) Find out about the who's and how's of the state legislature with a "Citizen's Guide to the Maine Legislature" from Common Cause, 622-5798. (2) Then, find bills you want to work for (or against) through this article or by contacting your favorite organization. (3) Attend hearings of those bills and testify if possible. (Even an average jo(e) off the street, like most of us, can testify and do it well.) (4) Call or write legislators (especially your own) when bills come up for a vote. Call 289-3021 (legislative information) to find out dates of hearings. Your local advocacy group or friendly legislator is probably the best way to find out when a vote is coming up. To lobby your legislator:

State Sen. _____	State Rep. _____
State House Sta. 2	State House Sta. 3
Augusta 04333	Augusta 04333
800-423-2900	800-423-6900

(Leave a message or ask them to call you back)

The Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition, with special support from the Maine Women's Lobby (Box 15, Hallowell 04347, call Mimi at 623-1220 or 622-5798) is concentrating on domestic violence, child care, and economic development issues. A few bills they are publicizing are LD 1793, to create and fund a rape crisis center in Augusta, LD 1826 (tax credits for child care expenses), LD 1864 (tax credits for businesses providing child care to employees), LD 1876 (\$296,000 for WEET--Welfare, Employment, Education and Training), LD 1896 (10% increase in AFDC benefits), LD 1907 (private or public institutions receiving over \$200,000 from the state must submit a plan for meeting employees' childcare needs), LD 1966 (guaranteeing insurance coverage to child care centers and in-home providers), and LD 2003 (statewide toll-free hotline for victims of sexual or domestic violence).

A few other interesting bills are:

LD 1951--Mandatory use of seat belts (see letter on page 10). This bill will have a hearing on Mar. 4, 1:30 pm in 113 State Off. Building.

LD 1680--Extending time available to Passamaquoddy for land acquisition.

⑨ LD 1995--Regarding the "Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services" and the necessity for informed consent before treatment. This bill will have a hearing on Mar. 4, 1:30 pm in Room 438 of the State House.

LD 1815 and 1982--Providing governmental procedures for hazardous waste in air and water.

LD 1954--Minimum energy standards for new building construction.

LD 1928--Funding a Holocaust Human Rights Center as part of the Maine State Museum.

Many bills have not been numbered yet. A fairly comprehensive bill related to persons with AIDS (state committee on AIDS, funds for public education, services to victims, and rights for victims) will be proposed. The CUB (Citizens Utility Board) bill, to establish a publicly funded citizens board to oversee public utilities, will be introduced soon.

Several pieces of environmental legislation--LD 1729 (sand dunes), LD 1751 (fees regarding hazardous waste), LD 1715 and 1754 (penalties for pesticide sprayers) and LD 1725 (sludge study) are still awaiting action (see last month's article for contact groups).

So, go where the action is, to the marbled floors where men in suits (and occasionally women) decide the laws under which we are supposed to live, with or without (your choice) knowing what you think. More legislation in the April issue.

Seabrook Revisited (and Re-occupied?)

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the first large protests over the building of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. The plant is still not completed, and New Hampshire Clamshell Alliance is calling together Seabrook opponents for large scale, New England-wide opposition to the plant. An April 12 rally and May 24 sit-in strike are planned, plus other actions (including evacuation plans--Maine residents take special note).

The gathering is planned for Mar. 1, 10:30-4 at the Mill Pond Center on Rt. 108 in Durham, NH, south of Durham/UNH. Planners and actors are needed to make large scale resistance a reality. For directions or more info (or if you found out about this too late), call 603-926-4127 or 382-5969 or write N.H. Clamshell, Box 734, Concord, N.H. 03301.

End of March

- Mar. 22:"Stop the Dumpers" concert (1-2). (10)
Mar. 22:Dave Mallett/Mary McCaslin, Morse H.S., Bath, 8 pm, \$4-6. Call 442-8455.
Mar. 23:"Abnaki--Native People of Maine, 10 am & 10:30 pm, WCBB-TV.
Mar. 25:"AIDS: A NATIONAL INQUIRY," 9 pm MPBN-TV and WCBB-TV.
Mar. 25-6:Yoga (10 wks) begins at Oxbow Ctr. 32 Western Ave., Waterville 04901, 873-1351.
Mar. 25,27:Nuclear Waste Dump Hearings (1-2).
Mar. 26:Vietnam series begins (5).
Mar. 26:"Energy Use in Agriculture" (6).
Mar. 26:Liberation Theology Course starts (3)
Mar. 27:"Global Assembly Line" (women workers), 7 pm, Neville Hall, UMO Orono. Call 581-2388 or 581-3865.
Mar. 27 (& next 4 wks):Solar Greenhouse Design/Construction Course, 7-9 pm, \$48-60. Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt 1, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.
Apr. 2:Alliance for the Mentally Ill ann. mtg. w/speakers 6 pm, Immanuel Baptist Ch. Portland, AMI, Bx 5196, Portland 04101.

Apr. 3:AIDS Forum at Kennebunk H.S., 7:30 pm, MLGPA, PO Box 108, Yarmouth 04096.

DON'T LET LACK OF \$ RAILROAD THEM OUT!

The Railroad Square Cinema has been around for our enjoyment and enrichment for 8 years. Offering rare and diverse programming, never stooping to Rambo-like "entertainment" (thank you), the cinema is a big cultural plus for Central Maine. The efforts and energies of a few individuals sustain the theatre. However, talent and time from other folks is needed to preserve this cultural oasis. Bandaid solutions won't be enough, so long-range, long-term solutions are sought. Administrative skills and grant writing abilities are particularly needed now. Business, financial, and political contacts will be useful later on.

A meeting was held on Feb. 24 to begin planning for the long term effort. Those who didn't attend but want to help can write or call: Friends of Railroad Square Cinema, PO Box 945, Waterville, 04901, 873-6526.

This Ordinance May Be Obscene

The Christian Civic League (CCL) has been successful in its efforts to put an anti-obscenity referendum on the November, 1986 ballot. The Maine Civil Liberties Union, which opposes this referendum or any restraint on the right to create, publish or distribute materials to adults, or the rights of adults to freely choose the materials they read or view, has begun organizing a campaign in opposition to the proposed referendum. The referendum, if passed, would "make it a crime to make, sell, give for value, or otherwise promote obscene material in Maine."

The first chance that Maine citizens will have to speak out on the referendum will be in the legislature. The MCLU is urging people to begin contacting their legislators to let them know they are opposed to this censorship. Anyone interested in working on the opposition campaign should call 774-5444 or write Sally Sutton, MCLU, 97A Exchange St., Portland 04101. To understand the position of the CCL, write 172 Main St., Waterville 04901.

Dear MSN,

"I find myself somewhat shocked and deeply disturbed by your apparent support for legislation to force the wearing of seat-belts. I would assume that you then also support the forced baby-carrier legislation and attempts to reinstate the motorcycle helmet law; gun control, all the drug laws, including prescription drug laws, etc. etc. All for our own good, right?

It seems to me that there is only one thing at issue here. The right and proper role of government. Do we hand over all power or do we insist that government take the role of educator and that we legislate our own lives. Once power is handed over it is ever so difficult to get it back. And really, ought one to have so little faith in their fellow human beings and themselves that they say, 'No, you do it. We can't handle it'? I think not.

An educated electorate, a truly educated electorate would be hell on wheels and probably truly to be feared. Government has little motivation to really educate.... Please think very carefully before you support legislation which removes your power over your own life and the power of your fellow human beings over their own lives." --Marla Bottesch & Nancy Wright
Norridgewock

Calendar of Events Marches On

Mar. 8: March for Women's Lives (5).

Mar. 8: No Contra Aid March in Bangor (2).

Mar. 8-9: Sexuality Conferences (7).

Mar. 9: Maine Coalition for '86 Elections meets at Coles Tower, Bowdoin Col., Brunswick 1 pm
Call 725-6955 or 729-7112.

Mar. 10: Big Mountain slide show, 7 pm, Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin Col., Brunswick. Call Sarah Schmidt, 729-8102.

Mar. 10-14: Work Horses training at Mandala Farm, E. Orland, \$150. MF, Box 44, E. Orland 04431, 469-7961.

Mar. 10-29: Intensive Permaculture Course in Waldoboro, Ken Stewart, Old County Rd, Waldoboro 04572, 563-5443.

Mar. 10-16: Cultural Heritage Week (4).

Mar. 12: Citizens Day at the Maine Legislature, 9:30-3, League of Women Voters, 335 Water St., Augusta 04330, 622-0256.

Mar. 12: Vaginal Birth after Caesarean, 7-9 pm, Taylor Hospital, Bangor. Mabel Wadsworth Health Center, 945-6832.

Mar. 13: "Unshackled Souls: The Journey of Blacks in America," 12:30 pm, Chapel, Bates College, Lewiston. Call 786-6255.

Mar. 13: Relaxation massage (& next 5 weeks) at Oxbow Ctr., 32 Western Ave., Waterville, 04901, 873-1351.

Mar. 15: Maine Freeze Congress, 9:30-4, So. Parish Cong. Church, Augusta. Me. Freeze Campaign, POB 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

Mar. 15: The Twatones, a zany combo, in concert, 8 pm, Nordica Aud., UMF, \$2.50-\$3.50 Women's Wellness Proj. Bx 844, Farmington, 04938, 778-6738.

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Mar. 16-24: Central America Week (2).

Mar. 17: "Sexuality and Substance Abuse," workshop in Augusta. Family Planning Assn. of Me. Box 587, Augusta 04330, 622-7524.

Mar. 17-19: Edward Podvoll speaks (3).

Mar. 17-28: Super Compressed Building Course, \$400, Shelter Institute, 38 Centre, Bath 04530, 442-7938.

Mar. 18: AIDS Forum, Learning Ctr. Aud., UMF, Farmington, 7:30 pm. Call 778-6738 or 778-6031x533

Mar. 18: "Trouble on Big Mountain" 9 pm, WCBT-TV and 10 pm MPBN-TV.

Mar. 19: The Abolition discussed (5).

Mar. 20: "Tax Resistance" w/Al Bersbach, 7 pm, 2nd Congregational Church, Norway. 743-8419 (Robin

Mar. 20: "PMS--Exploring the Options" 7 pm, YWCA, 248 Turner St., Auburn 04210, 786-0657-Carol Michau

Mar. 20: Nepal slides & potluck in Cumberland, 6 pm. Call Women Outdoors, 829-3285 (Nancy).

Mar. 20-21: "The Blended Family" workshop in Bangor, \$50-70, Comm. Health/Counseling, 43 Illinois Ave., Bangor 04401, 947-0366.

Mar. 21: "Peace the 21st: A Thought Image of Peace", 7-7:30 pm. For information: Susan Downs, RR 1 Box 800, Woolwich 04579.

Mar. 21: Coffeehouse & pornography discussion (no demonstrations), 7 pm, Unitarian Church, Bangor, call 947-1253.

Mar. 22: James Farmer (civil rights leader) on Fresh Air, 1 pm, MPBN Radio.

Mar. 22: Yoga/meditation/message workshop, 10-5, Oxbow Ctr., 32 Western Ave., Waterville 04901, 873-1351.

Mar. 22-3: "Investment, Divestment..." (8).

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Calendar of Events for March

(Listings with numbers following have more details on that page number.)

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Feb. 27-8: Resisters on trial (3).

Feb. 28: AFSC Spaghetti Supper, St. Patrick's 1342 Congress, Portland, 6 pm, \$3-6, call 773-0087, 725-6474.

Feb. 28, Mar. 1-2: Mime/storyteller Jackson Gillman at Theater of Fantasy, 50 Danforth St., Portland 04101, 8 pm (28,1) and 2 pm (2), call 775-5957.

Mar. 1: PEST (Protect our Environment Against Sprayed Toxins) annual mtg, 10 am, Mem. Union UMO, Orono. PEST, 1 Cathance La, Cooper 04638 454-8029.

Mar. 1: Clamshell meets again (9).

Mar. 1-8: Women's Hist. Wk/Int'l Women's Day (1-2).

Mar. 1, 28: Benefit Contradances (3).

Mar. 1-2: "Letting your Life Work!", 9:30-5, Williston West Church, Portland, \$30-50. Call Yoga Center, 799-4449.

Mar. 2: Mandala Foundation mtg/sauna/potluck, 1 pm in Starks. Call 696-8083.

Mar. 2: "A Class Divided" (experiments in racism), 9 pm, WCBB-TV.

Mar. 2: Slide show on Pine Ridge (S.D.) Indians w/Walter Littlemoon, 6:30 pm, USM Law School, Portland. Call 879-0171.

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Audubon Sunday Events, 2 pm, Luther Bonney Aud., USM Portland, \$1-3, Me. Audubon, 118 Old Rt 1, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

Mar. 3: Rural Community Action Ministry's Ann. Mtg./potluck at St. Francis Mission, Rt 202, Greene, 6 pm plus speaker, music. RCAM, RFD 1, Leeds 04263, 946-5095, 224-7505.

Mar. 3, 10, 18, 22: Sexual Awareness Series (7).

Mar. 4: Children of Alcoholics Group (7).

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Mar. 4: Hearings in Augusta (9).

Mar. 4: "Peter, Paul & Mary" Special, 9 pm, MPBN-TV. Also 9 pm Mar. 8 & Noon Mar. 9 on WCBB-TV.

Mar. 4, 6, 11: Hearings on Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy, 4-7 pm, Bangor H.S. (4th), Presque Isle H.S. (6th), Cony H.S., Augusta (11th). Call 289-3707.

Mar. 4, 24: Poetry Series w/Ira Sadoff (4) and Mekeel McBride (24), 8 pm, Stu. Ctr. UMF.

Mar. 5: "Mosaic Called Maine" in Houlton (4).

Mar. 5: Maine Women's Lobby Fundraisers, 4:30-8 pm, Holiday Inn Augusta, \$10. MWL, Box 15, Hallowell 04347, 622-5798.

Mar. 5: "From Stump to Ship" (1930 logging flick) 7:30 pm, Hancock Co. Aud., Box 941, Ellsworth 04605, 667-2307. Also at 1 pm Mar. 16 on MPBN-TV.

Mar. 6: "Road to Liberty" and "In the Name of Democracy" (El Salvador), 7 pm, Neville Hall, UMO Orono. Call 942-4055.

Mar. 6: "Caribbean Basin Initiative" w/Hilbourne Watson, 7:30 pm, Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin College. Afro-American Studies, Bowdoin Col., Brunswick 04011, 725-8731x272.

Mar. 6: AIDS Forum, Coffin School, Brunswick, 7:30 pm. MLGPA, PO Box 108, Yarmouth 04096.

Mar. 6 (or 13): Discussion on conscientious objection to military taxes in Kittery. Call Ellen Hirshberg, 439-5225.

Mar. 7-9: "Women and Nature" (& spirituality) in Raymond, \$175. New Routes, 242 Dartmouth St., Portland 04102, 772-1843.

Mar. 8: "Helping Victims of Crime," 8:30-3, St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Rockland, \$5 incl. lunch. Leslie Cosgrove, Me. Council of Churches, Box 82, Sabattus 04280, 375-4971.

Mar. 8: Sanford Forum coffeehouse, 7-11, Goodall Hall, Sanford. Call 636-3836.

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