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"All the News That Fits to Print"

June, 1986

WOMEN OF POWER

The Feminist Spiritual Community of Portland, the Displaced Homemakers Network of Maine, and the Women's Forum of USM will sponsor a major conference on "Women and Power," June 5-8 at the Univ. of Southern Maine at Gorham.

The conference will celebrate the accomplishments of the last 25 years of the women's movement, examine the beliefs and values that have shaped those activities, explore directions for the future, and provide an opportunity to network with diverse, local, and national feminist leaders.

The eighty workshops (varying in topic from ableism to health care to rituals to economic issues to spirituality to sexual abuse), speakers, and music will enable women to explore their personal, political, community, and spiritual power. Key-note speakers include Johnella Butler--Afro-American Studies, Smith College; Janet Gallagher--Civil Liberties and Public Policy, Hampshire College; editor Gloria Anzaldua; Chrystos--Native American poet; Lois Reckitt--V.P. of NOW; and authors Barbara Macdonald and Carter Heyward. Evening programs will include black singers Casselberry and Dupree and "An Evening of Women's Culture," plus a Sunday morning music celebration with Susan Savell, Barbara London, and Kay Gardner.

Costs for the four days are \$50-90 (sliding scale), plus \$100 for room and board (\$55 for children). Child care will be available. For more info: Fem. Spiritual Community, 9 Deering St., Portland 04104 or call 773-2294, 282-4066, or 772-9641.

"It is not nonviolence if we merely love those that love us. It is nonviolence only when we love those that hate us..."

--Gandhi

DON'T MAKE FREEDOM A DIRTY WORD

"You wouldn't let the government tell you what to put on your head. Are you going to let them tell you what to put in it?"

So begins the advertisement authorized by Maine Citizens Against Government Censorship. They are urging Maine voters to reject the so-called anti-obscenity referendum at the polls on June 10.

"What this measure really amounts to is a terrible form of government censorship," said Charles Devoe of Jefferson, chairman of the statewide citizens committee.

"People who own a half dozen books which some government official finds distasteful could actually be subject to 5 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine." The committee contends that the bill will have a chilling effect on libraries, theaters, museums, and cultural institutions, as well as stores which sell books and VCRs.

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LET FINGERS DO THE WALKING

What have you done with your copy of the Maine Statewide Yellow Pages? All those who receive this newsletter should have received a copy (contact us if you didn't get one). We would like to recommend a tried and true procedure for maximizing its usage:

- (1) Take the Yellow Pages and a red pen to your bathroom or outhouse;
- (2) Use the pen to mark groups you'd like to get in touch with, want to know more about, or help support. Go through one or two categories at a sitting;
- (3) Contact these groups to find out how you can connect with them;
- (4) Put your well-marked copy next to your other yellow pages (phone books) or with your old MSNs for future reference.

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VOTING ISN'T OBSCENE

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They are confident that just as Mainers rejected motorcycle helmet requirements and mandatory seatbelt laws as unwanted governmental intrusions in their lives, they will also reject this so-called anti-obscenity law as being too broad, too vague, and too intrusive.

Many groups which oppose obscenity are also opposing this referendum. They feel that the determination of what is obscene is too subjective to be inserted into a law which makes arrest, prosecution and conviction dependent upon "contemporary community standards" of decency. They don't wish to allow religious fundamentalists to use government to enforce their own visions of morality, nor do they want government officials and police to be given the powers to decide what Mainers should read, see and hear.

Maine Citizens Against Government Censorship has opened an office at 482 Congress St. in Portland. Contact them by writing PO Box 15303, Portland 04101 or calling 772-7436. Donations can be sent to the same address.

YELLOW PAGES NEEDS SUPPORT

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Note: If you prefer to keep your Yellow Pages at work, follow the same procedure, but don't leave your copy in the bathroom unless you trust your co-workers. This is a hot item!

INVERT hopes to do another edition in about 1988 but has to break even financially to do it. (This one cost about \$3,000 to publish.) That means over half of all of you who have received this need to send some sort of donation to help us cover costs. If it is worth something to you, we hope you will give something to us for our efforts.

Our apologies to all those groups which weren't listed properly and to at least a few who were left out. Your comments will be incorporated if we do another edition. A special apology goes to Our Paper, which provided much of the information for our "Lesbians/Gaymen" section but got lost in the shuffle and was not included under "Publications." We hope to include a 1-page addendum in the July or August MSN, so send additions as soon as possible.

THE SOVIETS STOPPED TESTING...

why don't we?" So begins an ad run by the Maine Freeze Campaign in several state newspapers. Now the Freeze Campaign wants to place a similar ad in the Sunday Telegram, an ad to be sponsored by groups, not individuals, and the timing is critical.

Secretary Gorbachev of the Soviet Union has announced that the Soviets are extending their unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing until Aug. 6 of this year. Meanwhile, the Reagan Administration continues to ignore this peace overture, and goes on testing.

Because of Reagan's intransigence, the strategy of peace groups throughout the country is to secure majority support in the House of Representatives for a cut-off of funding needed to conduct nuclear tests. A bill, H.R. 3442, has been introduced, that would temporarily suspend such funding so long as the Soviets refrain from testing. Amendments that would have the same effect as H.R. 3442 will be introduced in the budgetary process. The first of these is due to come to a vote in mid-June. Both Maine representatives, McKernan and Snowe, are on the fence. Because the vote now looks very close, the Freeze Campaign is seeking to bring peaceful pressure on McKernan and Snowe. Thus, their Sunday Telegram ad, addressed to both McKernan and Snowe, would appear right before the vote.

They are asking groups who sponsor the ad to contribute \$25 or more towards the cost. If your group was listed in the Alternative Yellow Pages, you might want to consider becoming a sponsor. But, hurry, the deadline is June 5 to get the ad in by mid-month. To contribute, or for more info: Maine Freeze Campaign, POB 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

POETS' HOWL

Poetry may have a new meaning for those who attend two back-to-back poetry conferences in early June at UMO, Orono. Local notables like Burt Hatlen and Constance Hunting will mix with national figures like Anne Waldman and Allen Ginsberg for readings (Hunting/Hatlen on June 1, Ginsberg on June 2, Waldman on June 3) at 7 or 7:30 at UMO's Neville Hall. Work sessions will also take place as part of National Poetry Foundation Benefit Week.

Many poets plus May Sarton and other writers will read and discuss the "Images of Poetry" of H.D. on June 5-7 also. Contact English Dept., UMO, Orono 04469, 581-3822.

IT AIN'T WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD ③

The strike by Maine Central Railroad employees is about 3 months old, and, although some have been called back to work temporarily, others may never be. In mid-April, donations of food began arriving for the striking workers. The first food was the surplus collected on behalf of the strikers at Bath Iron Works last year. The food bank made a difference then, and may help keep up the spirits of several hundred laid-off, on-strike railroad workers.

With support from the Maine AFL-CIO, Locals 6 and 7 at BIW, and strikers themselves, food is being collected at several locations. It is being received at the Civil Air Patrol headquarters on Airport Road in Waterville (call Jim Tardiff at 872-6175), Local 6 on Washington St. in Bath (call John Portela at 737-2872 or 443-5566) and at the Boise Cascade union hall in Rumford (call 364-8981). Drop off locations are also planned for Portland and Bangor (call 989-3630).

Persons interested in supporting the MCRR strikers either with food or donations to the Railroad Workers Relief Fund are urged to call one of these numbers.

NEW RAGS FOR OLD

So you're tired of Larry's puns, weary of CR's typos, laid out flat by the MSN's layout? Now you can do something about it. Get involved in the possible evolution of the MSN!

On Wed. May 14 10 people gathered in Augusta to take the first step. They discussed visions for a broader coverage of issues and events.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 3 at the Kennebec Valley Community Action Office (also the MPA and MNRC Office) at 8 Crosby St. in Augusta, 7 pm. Plans will be made for a fall trial issue. The paper's structure and contents will be discussed. If you're creative, committed, interested, have a good business head, writing skills, artistic/layout skills, bookkeeping skills, all of the above, any of the above, you're invited. So don't rag about this rag, do something about it!

"I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us what matters is an individual..." --Mother Teresa

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT

For the last 8 years Maine workers have fought for a good Right to Know law which will provide them with information about workplace chemical hazards. Now they want to establish their Right to Act in order to reduce the high rate of accidents and illnesses in the workplace and to protect the right to compensation for those workers who have been hurt or made ill on the job.

To this end the Maine Labor Group on Health, Inc. is sponsoring a conference on "The Right to Act in and out of the Workplace--Making Changes for Health and Safety." The conference, scheduled for June 4 from 8:30-4:00 at the Ramada Inn in Portland, features workshops on the impact of computers in the workplace, designing a healthy workplace, attaining health & safety through collective bargaining, and interest groups taking action, among others.

Registration of \$35 at the door includes lunch and refreshments. For more info: MLGH, Inc., POB V, Augusta 04330.

DON'T MOURN, ORGANIZE

Panelists such as Cathy Hinds, President of the Maine People's Alliance, and Judy Flanagan, member of the Wiscasset Citizens Action Committee, are on the agenda of a one-day training session for individuals and community representatives interested in learning effective ways to address local water issues.

The session will be held on June 12 at the Penobscot Bay Room in the Samoset in Rockland from 9-4:30. \$5 registration fee includes lunch and materials.

Anyone interested in learning about community organizing and acquiring organizing skills will benefit from this session. Speakers and a panel discussion will be followed by a problem solving exercise in which participants work up the strategies which might be used to reach solutions.

To register or for more info: Organizing Training, c/o Al Smith, RFD 1 Box 72, Richmond 04357, or call 737-8230.

TRUST YOUR INTUITIVE WISDOM

Awakenings is holding an outdoor workshop in Portland on June 28 to help expand our connections to the Earth, each other, and our intuitive wisdom. It includes sensory expansion exercises, group sharing, & participation in a council circle based on the Native American tradition of seeking inner guidance. Call or write: Mair Honan, 763-3692, RFD 2 Box 596, Lincolnville 04849.

④ THE HOUSING PROBLEM IS BLAINE TO SEE

In Presque Isle, where the median income for a family of four is \$19,875, the cost to build a single family home (without the land) is \$49,145. In the greater Portland area, the average cost of a single family home has risen to over \$85,000. In Lewiston, average rental costs have increased 18% in just two years. Clearly, the goal of an affordable home for Maine residents is becoming less and less accessible. Economic growth is not keeping pace with substantial increases in the price of land and housing.

Many difficult & controversial questions must be posed before the need for affordable housing can be met. What should be the social responsibilities of lenders in helping provide affordable housing? How can builders reduce the cost of new housing? What can communities and the state do to lower land costs without despoiling the environment? What is the proper role of the state in seeing that decent housing at affordable prices is available to all citizens?

To help find answers Governor Brennan has called the first ever Blaine House Conference on Affordable Housing, for June 16-17 at the campus of Bowdoin College in Brunswick. The conference includes guest speakers (starting with the Governor at 9 am the 16th), problem-solving work sessions, and a gubernatorial candidates' forum on affordable housing. Registration is \$55, due by Jun. 6 to Dept. of Conferences, University of Southern Maine, 96 Falmouth St., Portland 04103. For more info on the conference write Maine State Housing Authority, POB 2669, Augusta 04330 or call toll-free 1-800-452-4668. For questions on registration contact Kevin Russell at USM, 780-4074.

S.E.A.D.S. PLANTS SEEDS

S.E.A.D.S. (Solar Energy Awareness and Demonstration Seminars), a non-profit educational organization, will be holding 3 workshops this summer to demonstrate simple techniques for self-reliance and energy independence in a hands-on, work-as-you-learn setting. The schedule:

June 15-30--Solar (Trombe Wall) Construction. Led by Jim Loomis, a solar designer/engineer, this workshop will combine theory with actual building techniques.

July 1-15--Wind Generator/Waterwheel Construction. Bob Harvey, builder and engineer with a working generator on his own homestead, will be leading participants through considerations of comparative efficiency, basic electronics, design, and fabrication and repair on two SEADS wind-generators (one home-built).

Summer-Fall--Organic Gardening. Led by Vickey Phelps. How to grow and store food organically using composting, cloching, greenhouse growing, root cellar design, crop rotation, etc.

Cost of \$75 per week (\$15 per day) includes food and lodging. For more information contact Jon Riggleman or Vickey Phelps, RFD 1 Box 262, Georgetown Rd. Columbia-Harrington 04643, 483-9763.

"Love never claims, it ever gives..."

--Gandhi

RAPTOR'S RAPTURE

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is holding its 1986 Environmental Congress from May 30-June 1 in Castine. Although preregistration deadline is past, it may still be possible to attend some of the field trips which include hiking, biking, sailing, canoeing, birdwalking, and a visit to the Nearing Farm. It is also possible to hear featured speaker David Hawkins of the Natural Resources Defense Council at 7:30 pm on the 31st at Maine Maritime Academy. Mr. Hawkins is an eminent environmental lawyer.

For more info: Environmental Congress, Natural Resources Council of Maine, 271 State St., Augusta 04330, or call NRCM, 622-3101.

Maine Audubon Society is holding its Annual Meeting on Wed. Jun. 4. Again, preregistration deadline is well past, but you can still catch speaker Mark Fanning on "Maine's Peregrine Falcon Project" at 8:15 pm at Sebasco Lodge, Sebasco Estates. Fanning, a master falconer, has been involved with raptor rehabilitation for more than 10 years.

For info: Maine Audubon Society, Dept. AM, 118 U.S. Route One, Falmouth 04105.

Toddy Pond School, an independent school certified K-8 in Monroe is looking for a teacher, primary responsibility K-3. It's a full-time position beginning Sept., 1986. Write Bruce Willow, RFD 1 Box 3000, Monroe 04951, 589-4718.

KEEPING DADDY HAPPY

The UMO Cooperative Extension Service in Cumberland County is sponsoring a Fathers' Workshop on June 28 at the USM Gorham Campus Dining Center.

The one-day workshop is an opportunity for fathers of all ages & backgrounds to learn new parenting skills, to improve skills in listening, playing and communicating with children, to become reacquainted with their own childhood and its connection with the persons they are today. It will also explore ways to create supportive networks for fathers, beyond the workshop.

The workshop runs from 8:30-7 pm. Registration of \$15 includes food and is due by June 13 to Cumberland County Extension Office, 96 Falmouth St., Portland 04103. For more info write the above address, or call 780-4205.

KIDS FLEX MUSEUM MUSSELS

What do lobsters and kids have in common? A committee interested in establishing a children's museum in the mid-coast area is considering taking the idea to the Maine Lobster Festival from Aug. 2-4 where they might organize and run a children's hands-on exhibit area.

Intrigued? You might want to come to their next meeting, which is scheduled for Wed. June 5 from 7-9 pm at the Androscoggin Bank in Rockland. The focus of this meeting will be to get clear on goals and purposes and to create the necessary group process and organization to accomplish these goals.

They have been talking about a museum which would emphasize participatory and creative approaches, utilize nearby marine resources, and reflect the uniqueness of the area. Sounds like there aren't many crusty crustaceans in this crew!

For more info: Children's Museum, PO Box 1285, Rockland 04841 or call Shirley, 594-4730; Donna, 594-2919; or Nancy 594-5431.

Moving out of Maine? We usually take people off our mailing list when they leave. But, if you can't get the "Maine" out of you when you get out of Maine, we'll be happy to keep sending you the MSN if you send us your new address. If you still want it, let us know and we'll keep it coming.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Announcing the opening of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center on June 2 at 325 Center St. in Bangor!

Terry Marley-Derosier, Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner, and the staff of MWWHC are offering such services as: family planning, vaginitis treatment, pap smears and breast exams, pregnancy testing and counseling, abortion & prenatal referrals, services for menopausal women, short-term counseling on issues of sexuality, and more.

Walk-ins are welcome, appointments encouraged. Call 947-0297 for yours. MWWHC welcomes tax deductible donations.

RECLAIM YOUR VOICE

Heartlight House offers you the opportunity to do that on the Summer Solstice, June 21 from 10 am to 4 pm at Women to Women, 1 Pleasant St. in Yarmouth. You can usher in the summer season by participating in group singing and chanting.

This group expression is one of a series of healing opportunities offered by Heartlight House this summer. From June 14 to June 15 they are having a retreat in Jackson, N.H. for women to release unresolved feelings and ambivalences that are often the products of abortion. On June 22 they will explore "Pathways to Spiritual and Physical Healing", examining several techniques from meditation and prayer to the channeling of energy through hands that can help people develop a deeper sense of well-being. Is a member of your family struggling to come to terms with a life-threatening illness? You may be interested in their July 12 gathering which will explore the impact of illness on families.

Most of these gatherings meet 6 or 7 hours in Yarmouth (except the New Hampshire retreat) and cost \$50. For more info: or to register: Heartlight House, POB 253, Biddeford Pool 04006 or call 282-0752.

NEW NAME--OLD TRADITION

The Birth Network is the new name for the newsletter that the Maine Friends of Midwives is using to promote midwifery in Maine. Maine Midwifery Week was a rousing success with lots of film showings and good turnouts in several areas. The Spring, 1986 issue also includes articles on IUD's and their manufacturers' liability, "why midwifery?", birthing resources, and a list of midwives. For a sample copy: Becky Williams, RFD 3 Box 440, Pittsfield 04967.

JAM-PACKED WAY OF LIFE

The jam-packed schedule of spring and summer events at the Way of Life Center continues in June with workshops and food/health programs on just about everything except packing jam.

Way of Life offers several options in June, including Jerome Canty, June 6-8, Therapeutic Macrobiotic Cooking beginning June 5 (& next 3 Saturdays), a summer solstice herb walk (June 21), and the first of three summer study weekends.

Canty is an author and musician who will tell musical stories with a synthesizer. The cost is negotiable--make them an offer or donation. And drop in and out, if your schedule is tight. Cooking to heal classes begin at 6 pm each week for four weeks at a cost of \$60. The walk will be with herbalist Deb Soule of Avena Botanicals.

Macrobiotic teacher John Kozinski will offer the first of three study weekends on June 27-29 (also in July and August) on the subject of "Techniques of Health Assessment and Diagnosis." For those who are familiar with macrobiotics, it will be a chance to refine their understandings around health care issues. Beginners can learn more about how to use macrobiotics for better health.

A complete schedule is available from Way of Life, RFD 3 Box 208, Waldoboro 04572, 832-4979, 832-5366.

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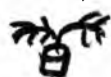
DOWN ON NANCY'S FARM

Nancy's Farm is providing the first New England opportunity to learn a leading edge alternative healing technology called Body Electronics. No, this is not anything like electric shock treatment, although it does promise startling changes in consciousness, and dramatic healings. Unique modifications of diet and acupuncture combined with specialized spiritual techniques permit human electric current to flow from participants into the patient, dissolving physical crystallizations and releasing blockages.

The course content of "Health and the Human Mind--Body Electronics" includes such topics as the Laws of Love, Light and Perfection, Telegony, Iris Color and Structure Change as Related to Consciousness Change, Genetic Energy Transmutation.

Intrigued? You can check it out by attending an introductory lecture by Dr. John Ray on Jun. 28 at 7 pm or Jun. 29 at 2 pm. If you want to get in deeper, the Aug. session, from Aug. 4-10 is a general workshop, and includes organic gardening instruction, contra dance, campfire discussions and picnics as well as lectures. The July session, from Jun. 30-July 5 is primarily for health care specialists & advanced students.

For fees, accommodations and other information: Nancy's Farm, RFD 1 Box 1010, Thorndike 04986, 568-3689.



ANNUALS, BIENNIALS, & PERENNIALS



The Brunswick Peace Center celebrates another year of keeping that area informed, involved, and connected to various social change movements and activities as it observes its birthday and annual meeting on Monday, June 23 with a potluck supper and celebration. Things will begin at 6 pm at Codman Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 Pleasant St., Brunswick. Call 725-7355 for details or write the Brunswick Peace Center, Box 975, Brunswick 04011 for a sample newsletter or membership info. A new director (or perhaps co-directors) will be taking over about that time as well.

The Center is also sponsoring the second (biennial?) annual (a perennial event?) perennial (what about annuals?) plant sale, "Plants for Peace" (planets, too?) to be held at 3 Greenleaf (you're kidding, aren't you?) St. in Brunswick (off River Rd.). All plants are 50¢ each. Come on Sat. June 7, 10 am to noon. Call Jane Donelon at 729-1555 if lost.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wondering what to look forward to in July? Here are a few samples for your calendar:

July 5-6: Charlie Howard Memorial Day in Bangor with speaker Sonja Johnson. Contact BAGLS, Box 1805, Bangor 04401, 581-4545.

July 5-6: The annual Maine Poets Festival in Belfast. Write: Institute for Advanced Thinking, 22 Salmond, Belfast 04915.

July 18-27: "The Whole Thing," ten-day music and arts festival in Waldoboro. For a schedule: TWT, Box 38, Waldoboro 04572, 832-7770.

...LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: WINNERS & LOSERS...

The MSN is often criticized (and rightfully so) for its lack of follow-up. We tell "what's happening" but not usually what did happen or followup activities. Well, here's the exception to the rule, as we sum up the 1986 Maine legislature and its wins, losses, and draws (commitments). In February, March, and April issues of the MSN, we pointed to a number of bills and proposed legislation. Here are some of the new bills enacted by the 112th legislature:

P.L. (Public Law) 802 declared that the State of Maine is opposed to a high-level radioactive waste dump within its borders and that the legislature must consent to any such facilities within the state. Other sections of the law affect research and geological exploration. Connected with that is P.L. 705, providing for a state low-level waste facility if needed. It allows inter-state compacts for waste storage also.

Several laws related to pesticide spraying were passed with the encouragement or opposition of groups like MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn.) and PEST (Protect Our Environment from Sprayed Toxins). P.L. 592 spells out procedures for pesticide registration. P.L. 627 raises fees for registration of pesticides by producers and appropriates money for more Board of Pesticide Control staff. And P.L. 664 establishes another spruce budworm program, costing about \$400,000, although the inevitability of a yearly program is being questioned more. P.L. 649 was enacted to allow greater protection for sand dunes on the coast. Another environmental item was P.L. 762, amending ATV (all-terrain vehicles) laws. Lobbying by woodlot owners to require permission from them for ATV users to use their land was unsuccessful, and that section was removed from the bill, but further restrictions and guidelines for ATV use were included.

Low-income groups succeeded in adding money to the state budget for the WEET (Welfare, Employment, Education, and Training) program (\$800,000), the Maine Conservation Corps (\$62,000) and Legal Services for the Elderly (\$37,000). P.L. 633 strengthens the rights of families to obtain rental housing and to not be discriminated against if they are AFDC recipients.

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And P.L. 591 provides retraining opportunities and other benefits for "dislocated workers," those who have been laid off from work, have exhausted unemployment benefits, and who are "unlikely to return to (their) previous industry or occupation." It gives attention to many workers, especially in the shoe industry, who are victims of a changing American economy and of changing economic policies. Money was also set aside to pay for retraining.

P.L. 644 and 645 were enacted to provide additional protections for the rights of mental health consumers and developmentally disabled people. The latter establishes, among other things, a Mental Health Rights Advisory Board, including a majority of consumers, to help oversee and make recommendations regarding the delivery of mental health services. The other law strengthens the ability of advocacy groups to investigate complaints on behalf of those with "developmental disabilities."

Two successes for the Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition were P.L. 766, allowing state income tax credits for child care expenses and Private and Special Law 128, which allocated \$17,000 for a rape crisis center for the Augusta area. An appropriation of \$50,000 for special before-and after-school child care programs was also approved. P.L. 711 established initial procedures for responding to the problem of AIDS in Maine. It includes an advisory committee of 26-30 people, some restrictions, though some groups wanted more, on the release of medical information about those taking HTLV-III tests (a test which may indicate the presence of AIDS), and coordination of AIDS services and education programs through the Dept. of Human Services. Some lesbian and gay rights supporters were disappointed because a clause allows insurance companies to use the HTLV test to deny health coverage to people after next year, however. On the other hand, it was generally agreed that people with AIDS would be covered under the Maine Human Rights Act which bars discrimination because of physical handicaps.

A few other noteworthy bills passed and signed include: P.L. 733--raised about \$15 million to fund the Univ. of Maine system through the levying of new taxes such as those on "take-out" foods, meals and lodging, tobacco products, insurance companies, and several other revenue sources.

Private and Special Law 129--providing \$13,000

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EXERCISE FOR GOOD CAUSES

You can get your exercise and support a good cause if you join in on one of these "thons." Check these out:


The Lewiston Exchange Club will sponsor the Abused Women's Advocacy Project (AWAP) Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence starting at the Great Falls Plaza in Auburn on Sat. May 31 (rain date: June 7) at 9:30 am. Pledge money must be received by June 17 to be eligible for prizes, including a color TV and a 10-speed bicycle. The 5-mile walk (you can do it twice too!) will wind through Lewiston and back to Great Falls.

Proceeds from the Walk-a-thon will help AWAP continue to provide services to victims of domestic violence from Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Pledge money or questions can be sent to: Lewiston Exchange Club, PO Box 622, Lewiston 04240 or call AWAP at 784-6370.

Or join with the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons in promoting equality and integration for handicapped people when they celebrate their fifth year as a disability rights organization with a 10 kilometer "Walk 'N Roll" around Portland. It will start at 11 am at the Western Promenade on Sat. June 14 (rain date: June 15).

You can help them by collecting pledges for every kilometer you walk, roller skate, skateboard, wheelchair, push your baby stroller, or run...or pledge to someone who is participating...or organize a team. Win a T-shirt with \$50 or more in collected pledges. Refreshments will be provided, along with music by Steve Bither of the Wicked Good Band. For pledge/walk forms: Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons, 237 Oxford St., Portland 04101, 774-4360.

And if you are feeling really rugged, you might want to consider entering the Waldoboro Triathlon, a 36.2 mile combination of canoeing, running and bicycling. You don't think you can hack a 24-mile bike jaunt after a six-mile paddle and a 10-kilometer run? Never fear, you don't have to do it all by yourself. You can put together a relay team of two, three, four or more persons and share the exertion. In fact, prizes are being awarded in 15 different categories. Yes, and a catered meal

 awaits you at the finish line provided you are a registered participant.

The race begins at 10 am sharp on June 22, with a chance to register earlier that morning if you haven't done so in advance. Registration fees are on a sliding scale, beginning at \$15 for an individual before June 9, and going up to \$40 for a team of four or more. More after June 9.

Why all this exertion? It's to Benefit New Hope for Women in their work to put an end to domestic violence in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties. To pre-register write them at POB 642, Rockland 04841, 594-2128.

LEGISLATURE FINALLY ENDS

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for a Holocaust Human Rights Center for Maine. P.L. 667--allocating \$43,000 for a Maine Children's Trust Fund.
Resolves Chap. 85--a resolution to create a Maine Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.
P.L. 787--celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King as a state holiday.

While the failures of proposed legislation were many, a few that stand out:

Several bills to control acid rain (including LD 2234).

Proposals to increase AFDC payments (LD 1896).
An Act to Establish the Maine Small Business and Job Development Program (LD 2387, which may reappear at a special legislative session).
A bill to establish a statewide hotline for victims of domestic or sexual abuse (LD 2003).

A bill preventing mandatory local measured telephone service (LD 2093--referendum in November).

A bill prohibiting pornography (LD 2092--referendum on June 10--see separate article).

Well, that's it for 1986. If you are satisfied, congratulate your legislators. If you aren't, consider becoming a more active lobbyist or running for a seat yourself. (You might win!)

"Only to the white man was nature a 'wilderness' infested with 'wild' animals and savage people. To us it was tame. Earth was bountiful and we were surrounded with the blessings of the Great Mystery." --Luther Standing Bear

TRAN(ET)SPORTATION

TRANET (Transnational Network for Appropriate/Alternative Technologies) will have an open house and discussion on June 21 from 12 noon to 6 pm. Celebrate the Summer Solstice browsing through Tranet's unique AT Library and talking to the staff. The discussion at 2 pm, led by Susan Hunt, will focus on the seamy side of economic development--specifically, why it increases scarcity. Emphasis will be on the counterproductive effect of international emergency aid after last September's earthquake disaster in Mexico.

This is only one of a series of periodic open houses to be held throughout the summer. Persons who would like to lead discussions should contact Bill Ellis at TRANET. The TRANET Office and Library are on Pond St. in Rangeley, just off Route 4. For directions, call or write TRANET, POB 567, Rangeley 04970, 864-2252 or Susan Hunt, Rt 3 Box 650, Dexter 04930, 277-5593.

TRANET also puts out an unusual quarterly newsletter for people who are participating in transformation. Their Spring, 1986 newsletter contains a directory on low-cost transportation. You can learn about the National Association of Railroad Passengers, how Kenya used large-scale labor intensive methods to add 25% to its highway network, how the Korean chee-geh permits users to carry loads of up to 110 pounds on mountain paths, and much more.

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A GREEN PARTY

Durham, New Hampshire, is neither along the coast nor in the mountains, but it still might be a good place to celebrate the Summer Solstice by attending either a followup gathering to last year's North Atlantic Non-violence Conference on June 20 or the New England Green Movement's regional meeting on June 21-22. For those who think this sounds too heavy and businesslike, organizers are promising plenty of time for celebration as well as education and the struggles of working together.

The Nonviolence followup begins at 10 am and will include rituals, discussions of the green movement, a workshop on "Pathways to Peace" illustrating connections between people and earth, and a party. Contact Freddie WindRiver, 21 Abbot St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301, 413-772-0711 or call 603-862-2387 when you get to Durham for the exact location.

Green Movement meetings on Saturday will include discussions on hierarchy, domination, and eco-feminism, followed by songs, poetry, and other methods to celebrate the solstice. The Greens will be back to business on Sunday to discuss candidates and party politics. Both days' events will be at Mill Pond Center in Durham near UNH. For more on the Greens or carpooling contact Greg Gerritt, RFD 1 Box 1182A, Industry 04938, 778-6722.

"The greatest injustice against the poor is to deprive them of their dignity."-Mother Teresa

— VEGETABLES WITHOUT ANIMALS —

You think the only crops you can raise are those hybrids in the glossy seed catalogs? You think it's impossible to maintain high soil fertility without animal manures and chemical fertilizers? Khadigar Farm would like to show you a different way.

Khadigar is a family farm/educational center oriented towards vegan self-reliance. They are offering several classes and tours in June and July. On June 29 at 2 pm they are giving a demonstration of how they make their own fertilizer from materials at hand, without using any animal manures or chemicals. They will also demonstrate hand-mowing, and give a brief tour of the farm.

Persons interested in heirloom vegetables, many of which have been preserved for hundreds of years without ever having been offered commercially, won't want to miss the Scatterseed Project Tour on Sun. July 13 at 2 pm at Khadigar. Will Bonsall has been acquiring and preserving many unique varieties for some years now, and this season he has grown out hundreds of these plants, in an effort to preserve the genetic diversity of our vegetable and grain crops. Persons attending will learn about such seed-saving skills as hand pollination.

On July 27 at 2 pm Khadigar will conduct a general farm tour. Rain dates for all classes are the following Sunday. For directions or more info: Khadigar, Box 1167, Farmington 04938, or call 778-2568 or 778-6018 before 8 am.

HIT THE ROAD THIS SUMMER

The Maine Statewide Newsletter Vacation Planning Service (TM) has built its reputation (whatever that is) for socially responsible good times. What fun can you have at the beach if it's near George Bush's house, or Caspar Weinberger's, or near Seabrook? Can we hike at Baxter knowing the snowmobiles will soon be on the trails? Of course not! That's where the MSNVPS (TM) comes in, allowing you to get carried away by vacation fever while still being politically correct.

Here are a few of our 1986 offerings. While we may try to glorify these activities beyond belief, don't take our word for it. Write them yourself. Here's to a guilt-free vacation!

While there are many adult and children's camps in the state, a few stand out as possibly more "progressive" in the attitude of the camp itself or its owners. For kids there's Blueberry Cove (Box 520, Tenants Harbor 04860, 372-6353), Kingsley Pines (RFD 1 Box 448, Raymond 04071, 655-7624), Hidden Valley (Box 13, Freedom 04941, 342-5177), Maine Teen Camp (Kezar Falls, 625-4433), and Chewonki Camp (RFD 3 Wiscasset 04578, 882-7323). Try these if you want to support a camp with a progressive philosophy. Costs vary but are generally in the range of \$1,200/month or more. For adult campers there's Northern Pines (run by same people as Kingsley), Box 279, Raymond 04071, 655-7624. They offer the outdoors, stress management, weight loss, health, and exercise opportunities. Blueberry Cove has a number of adult workshops in July, August, and Sept., such as ceramics, dance, healing, herbs, writing, and sailing. Request a brochure.

For music lovers there's a large collection in Maine and nearby, including the Acadian Festival (begins June 25, call 728-7000 for schedule), the Rockport Folk Festival, the Downeast Dulcimer Fest., in Bar Harbor, and the Franco-American Festival in Lewiston in July, and the Maine Festival, the HOME Coop Fair, and the Fieldhi Folk Arts Fair in August. Your best source of information is the DEFFA (Downeast Friends of the Folk Arts) Newsletter, Reach Rd., Brooklin 04616, 359-2070.

Summer can also be a time to get educated, either in Maine or outside. TRANET in Rangeley is not holding extended retreats as it did in the past but will have

weekend gatherings (see article on p. 9). The Center for Religion, Peace, Justice and Policy, however, will be sponsoring a 5-day workshop on "Living the Revolution" on Aug. 3-8 just after the Maine Festival. For more on this: Elly Haney, 9 South St., Freeport 04032, 865-6779. For teachers there will also be a 5-day course on "Teaching for Social Responsibility" at USM, Gorham, from July 21-25. Call Carol Lynn Davis, 780-5316 for details.

Just over the border in Conway, N.H. is the World Fellowship Center (RD Box 136, Conway, NH 03818, 603-447-2280), a combination of resort and political education center. June programs include one on Germany and on Music/Media for change. Write for a complete schedule. To really get out of the state, try attending A People's Conference on the Fate of Our Forests in Slippery Rock, Pa. Contact Beedy Parker for details at 236-8732.

The Institute for Social Ecology (Box 384 Rochester, VT. 05067) again offers 2-4 week courses in "Ecology and Community" (June-July) and "Social Ecology." Write for a brochure. Ditto for the Center for Popular Economics, Box 785, Amherst, Mass. 01004, 413-545-0743, which offers in July and August courses on how to turn the economic world upside down. Tuition/room/board is \$250-\$450/week, with childcare and aid available.

Other places to write to for catalogs include: Ferry Beach, 5 Morris Ave., Saco 04072, 284-8612; Another Place, Rt. 123, Greenville, N.H. 03048; Rowe Camp, Kings Highway, Rowe, Ma. 01367; Woolman Hill, 18 Breckenridge, Hadley, Ma. 01035; and Omega Institute, RFD 2, Rhinebeck, N.Y. 12572.

Finally, there's the great outdoors, but we're about out of space, so write for schedules to: New Routes, 242 Dartmouth, Portland 04102; Women Outdoors, 79 New Gloucester Rd., Cumberland 04021, 829-5392; Northwoods Ways, RFD 3, Dover-Foxcroft 04426, 564-3032; Appalachian Mtn. Club, Box 8526, Portland 04104; Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330; and the Sierra Club, 15 Clifford, Portland 04102, 773-4094.

Late note: there may be another Summer Institute in the Augusta-Vassalboro area (someone is needed to help organize it-- call Lance Tapley, 622-1179).

*** MORE EVENTS FOR JUNE ***

June 12-13: 5th Annual State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Conference-"Children of Alcoholics: Prevention Strategies," Colby Col., Waterville, \$75-90. Prevention Conference, 72 Winthrop St., Augusta 04330, 622-4704.

June 14: Walk 'N Roll (8).

June 14: Nezinscot River Canoe Trip, Buckfield to Turner, \$8-10. Lewiston-Auburn YWCA, 248 Turner, Auburn 04210.

June 14: "Medicinal Herb Walk" w/Deb Soule, Merry Springs Foundation, Camden 9-11 am, \$4-5. Call 594-4629.

June 14-15: Heartlight House retreat (5).

June 15-30: SEADS Seminars (4).

June 16-17: Blaine Housing Conference (4).

June 17: "Assault on Affirmative Action," 9 pm, MPBN-TV and WCBB-TV.

June 18 (& 3 more sessions): "Yoga," 7-9 pm, S. Parish Cong. Church, Augusta, \$6/session. Call 845-2379.

June 20: Jimena Lasansky at Danspace, 22 Main St., Old Town 04468, 8 pm, 827-8201.

June 20-22: Green/Nonviolence Gatherings (9).

June 20-23: "Trek Across Maine" (w/bicycles) to benefit Maine Lung Assn., Bethel to the Sea, Maine Lung Assn., 128 Sewall St., Augusta 04330, 1-800-462-LUNG.

June 21: TRANET Open House (9).

June 21: Herb Walk in Waldoboro (6).

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June 21-22: Heartlight House events (5).

June 22: Maine Solar Energy Assn. annual mtg/ lobster bake, meet at Maine Audubon, Rt. One, Falmouth, 11 am followed by boating & food, \$10. Sandy Dickson, MeSEA, Port Clyde 04855, 372-8067.

June 22: Canoeing the Harraseeket in Freeport, 8 am-3 pm, \$10, call 865-3170.

June 22: New Hope for Women Triathlon (8).

June 23: "Mosaic Called Maine" at UMF, Farmington. Call 289-5980.

June 23: Brunswick Peace Center birthday (6).

June 25: "Mandela" and "Women of South Africa," 9-11 pm, MPBN-TV and WCBB-TV.

June 26: "Sowing the Land: Vermont Farmwomen at Work," 12:30, MPBN Radio.

June 27-29: Way of Life Study Weekend (6).

June 28: Fathers' Workshop in Gorham (5).

June 28: Intro to "I Ching," 10 am-3 pm, \$25, Bath-Newcastle Holistic Center, Box 474, Newcastle 04553, 442-7090.

June 28: "Learn about Bogs" workshop in Westbrook, 10 am-Noon, \$4-5. Call 772-2274.

June 28: Awakenings outdoor workshop (3).

June 28: "Civil and Human Rights in the U.S. & Third World" 1 pm, MPBN Radio.

June 28-29: Nancy's Farm lectures (6).

June 29: Khadigar fertilizer demo (9).

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

May 30-Jun. 1:NRCM Congress (4).

May 31: All Women's Contradance, Chestnut St. Methodist Church, Portland, 8-11 pm, \$5 benefit Feminist Spiritual Community, 9 Deering St., Portland 04104, 773-2294.

May 31: Family Arts Festival, all day, UMA,
Augusta. Call 622-7131x271.

May 31-June 1:"The Heart of Helping" w/Robbie Gass (esp. for those in helping professions), 10-5:30. Call Health Renaissance Foundation, 761-0611.

June 1-7:UMO Poetry Gatherings (2).

June 2,9:"Lives in Transition" workshops,
7-9 pm, All Souls Church, Bangor, \$4.
Call 947-0366x253.

June 4:Right to Know Conference (3).

June 5:Deadline for Test Ban Ad (2).

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June 5-8: Women and Power Conference (1).

June 6: Casselberry-Dupree in Gorham (1).

June 6-8: Creative Energy Transformational Workshop (meditation, sound & body movement), Portland, \$125. Project: World Enlightenment, 737-8102.

June 7, 21: "Therapeutic Touch," 9 am-3 pm with Mia Beale & Lynn Schwarz, \$75, call 968-2692 or 623-2327 by June 3.

June 9: "Small Scale Grain Growing," First Universalist Church, Rockland, 6 pm (potluck), 7:30 pm (program). Call 594-4946.

June 9-27:Compressed Housebuilding Session,
Shelter Institute, 38 Center St., Bath 04530,
442-7938.

June 10: Pornography referendum (1).

June 10:Primary Election Day. Signature Col-
lection for Maine Yankee Shutdown Referendum
#3. To collect signatures: MNRC, Box 2627,
Augusta 04330, 622-4395, 647-8580.

June 11: Growing Thru Adoption public info meeting, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston 04240, 7 pm, 786-2597.

June 11:"Rock Against Nukes" benefit for Me. Nuclear Referendum Committee, 7 pm, Rachel's, Whitten Rd., Augusta w/Fleshapoids, Side Effects, & more, \$3. MNRC, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395.

June 11: "Guatamala: Bullets to Ballots," 2 pm,
MPBN-TV.

June 12:Organizing Training in Rockland (3).