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Number 80

"All the News That Fits to Print"

September, 1986

Clear Those Calendars for September 26-28

Cancel those plans. Check your calendar. Hold open these dates--Sept. 26-28. No matter where in Maine you are, there's an exciting event happening that weekend that you're not too far away from. Check out these choices:

The Maine Festival for Peace & Justice

The Me. Festival for Peace & Justice is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 27 from 1-8 pm at Bates College in Lewiston. Well-known speakers and musical performers will abound--Nicaraguan Bishop Sturdy Downs, performer Toshi Reagan, peace and human rights advocate William Sloane Coffin, singers Casselberry and Dupree, Maureen Fiedler of the Quixote Center, and the group Bright Morning Star will all contribute to a fair/celebration atmosphere.

Participants will present and celebrate a vision of society committed to human rights, peace and equality through these speakers/performers. There will also be booths of information by peace and justice groups, and, of course, food.

Events will be held next to the Library and Student Center at Bates (inside if it rains). Admission is \$3. Groups wanting to display information or to find out more can contact Bates Chaplain Robert Stuart, Bates College, Lewiston 04240, 786-6305.

MSN Progresses, Evolves

Don't look now, but for our September issue, the MSN is hoping to have a new look and a new name. The same old Calendar of Events and Reader's Digest style shorts will inhabit the paper, but there will be longer features as well. The MSN will be reborn under the banner of The Maine Progressive, with 12 or 16 pages in tabloid style. We hope to do a wide distribution of the first issue of The Maine Progressive at the Common Ground Country Fair, Sept. 19-21.

These changes will alter some of our routines. Because the process of putting out each issue will take longer than now, we need to move our information deadline up. Our deadline for submissions will be Sept. 10. A little earlier would be even better. We are interested in events scheduled for late September and October. We are also interested in brief summaries of noteworthy events which already took place that you think would interest our readers. We are also soliciting articles with a progressive slant on local, Maine, national and international issues, and particularly their interrelationship, original artwork, poetry, reviews of the arts... or if you're seeking a real adventure, give a call to 827-3107 or 725-7675 and volunteer to help with layout, editing or production.

Annual Take Back the Night March

Feminists from throughout the state are collaborating to put together the Annual Conference of Maine NOW (National Organization for Women) and the Annual Take Back the Night March. Feminists and pro-feminists (i.e. supportive men) alike are welcome to both events (though only women will actually march on Friday evening--men can help in other ways).

The march will again highlight the need for an end to violence against women--in the streets and communities but at home and work as well. It should offer women a chance to speak out en masse against this violence and to empower themselves to take action to overcome it.

Women are asked to gather at 7 pm in Deering Oaks Park near downtown Portland after which they will march through downtown Portland. Planning is still going on for the march. Those interested in helping plan the event (meetings will be on each Sunday in September--7, 14, 21--at 7 pm at YWCA in Portland) or in finding out more about the march can call 767-3400 or 282-6324.

Maine NOW Annual Conference

NOW takes over on Sat. with its annual conference, including workshops, displays and keynote speaker Eleanor Smeal, national NOW president on the topic, "Feminists on the Move."

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We Want Our Rights-NOW Will It Be A Long Nuclear Winter?

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The conference will take place at Coles Tower on the Bowdoin College Campus in Brunswick from 9 to 5 (just look for the tallest building in the area).

Workshops will abound, with choices ranging from "Feminism and Nonviolence," "Aging in a Sexist Society," and "Abortion Rights," to "How to Deal with the Medical Community," and "Incest and Sexual Abuse."

Registration is \$5-7.50 (more if you can, less if you can't) and child care will be available to all who preregister. Lunch is available with the cost (\$3.50) going to Maine NOW PAC. Housing is also available, so pre-registration is encouraged for anyone with special needs. For details or registration forms: Brunswick NOW, Box 133, Brunswick 04011, 443-3881 or 725-5854.

After the conference, dinner will take place at "Joshua's" Restaurant in Brunswick. Reservations (\$12) required, call 729-4378, 761-1601, or 989-3306. Eleanor Smeal will give a second talk on "Global Feminism" at 8 pm Sept. 27 at the Packard Theatre in Brunswick, sponsored by the Bowdoin Women's Assn.

Maine, the Great Escape

is the topic of the panel discussion at one of the symposia. The conference and symposia cover novelists from Erskine Caldwell to Stephen King, Sarah Orne Jewett to Carolyn Chute (and many others less well-known). The topic of the conference is "The Maine Novel in the 20th Century," to be sponsored by the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, Fri. Sept. 26 to Sun. Sept. 28 in Portland. An impressive line-up of presenters including Alice Bloom, Gary Lawless, Mark Melnicove, Sanford Phippen and Margery Wilson will cover such topics as "Racism & Intolerance in 20th Century Maine Novels," "Hick Chick with a Difference," "Tongue of Granite, Tongue of Salt: Ruth," and many more. A number of issues such as romanticism vs. realism, exploitation of land and sea, the vacationland mystique, and the Maine "character" will be scrutinized.

Three symposia, scheduled in November, will supplement the conference. The first of these: "Women Pioneers" is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 1 in Bangor with five presenta-

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"Bombs Away?" will be an international symposium organized by Maine Physicians for Social Responsibility and other medical and civic groups in Maine.

The symposium is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 27 from 9 am to 4 pm at Peakes Auditorium in Bangor High School. Governor Joseph Brennan, who will make introductory remarks in the morning, has declared Sept. 27 to be Maine Peace Day, to highlight this event.

The morning session will focus on the medical and scientific aspects of nuclear arms proliferation, with Dr. Jack Geiger speaking on the "Implications of Chernobyl," Dr. George Woodwell on "Nuclear Winter: Twilight of the Species?" and a panel discussion "Living in a Nuclear World: Guiding the Next Generation" featuring two physicians from the USSR Academy of Sciences and Susan Alexander, Acting Director of Educators for Social Responsibility, with Pamela Solo moderating.

A working lunch will include town meetings for information exchange and meetings with visiting Russian physicians and Maine political leaders.

The afternoon session will stress social, political and philosophical issues and avenues to solutions. Panelists & speakers will include Michael Stafford, (Special Assistant to Paul Nitze at the State Department) Admiral Noel Gaylor (USN-retired), Jonathan Schell (author, Fate of the Earth) and Pamela Solo (fellow at the Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College), as well as Soviet physicians and moderator John Greenman.

The symposium will examine the effects of nuclear weapons proliferation on public health and welfare, discuss what economic choices are made, knowingly or unknowingly, when funds are directed to the development of nuclear weapons, and consider realistic alternatives, with avenues of international cooperation, to the nuclear arms race.

Cost is \$10 (students & seniors \$5) with \$3 additional for box lunch. For more info: PSR, 297 Center St. Box 13, Bangor 04401, 947-8311 EXT 360 or 488.

TRANET is holding an open house on Sept. 1 from 2-4 pm with Isao Fujimoto the guest speaker. He is Professor at the University of California at Davis, and has worked with the appropriate technology movement both in the U.S. and abroad. For more info: Susan Hunt, Rt. 3 Box 650, Dexter 04930, or call 864-2252.

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tions and a panel discussion: "What are the Women Saying?" The second, on Nov. 8 in Bar Harbor is entitled "American & Maine Dreams" and a panel discussion has the same topic as this article title. The third, on Nov. 15 in Farmington, will consider "The 'Real' Maine."

Registration for the conference is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. A package deal is available for those who wish to attend the conference and all 3 symposia. MWPA members receive a 20% discount, and scholarships are also available. For more info: MWPA, 19d Mason St., Brunswick 04011, 729-6333.

The conference and symposia are made possible by funding from the Maine Humanities Council.

Looking Ahead To October

In case you aren't surfed by all the activities on the weekend of Sept. 26-28, here's a sneak preview of 3 events coming up in October:

The Southern Maine Chapter of Educators for Social Responsibility, PO Box 532, New Gloucester 04260, 787-2158 or 926-4343 is planning a one day conference on "Teaching about the Soviet Union" at Bates College in Lewiston on Oct. 25. Jane Smith, Samantha Smith's mother, has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

On Sat. Oct. 11 at University of Me. at Farmington will be a conference on "Women's Work: Celebrating our Diversity" featuring keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Coyne on "Women & Self-Esteem." Cost is \$15, with registration due by Oct. 3. Obtain flyer from Women's Wellness Project, PO Box 844, Farmington 04938, 778-6738.

New workshop topics, old familiar workshop topics, commemorative T-shirts, and a theme of "Celebration" will keynote the Tenth Mainely Men gathering on Oct. 10-12 at Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner. Loons, fantastic foliage, and other surprises are promised. For more info: Chris Chenard, 761-2076; or Lee Smalley, 767-4604; or Ken Toner, 865-9538; or David Reichenbacher, 774-2461.

Did you know that: Every 18 seconds a woman is battered in the U.S. In Maine serious abuse occurs at least once per hour.

Women's Work/Women's Play

All the women's events highlighted last month are happening as planned, so save those weekends. It's time to get out of the house and let someone else do the canning/freezing or getting the place ready for winter.

Since the New England Women's Music Retreat was cancelled, Maine women are planning their own gathering instead, the Fall Equinox Full Moon Retreat, to be held Sept. 19-21 on Coventree in Troy, near Unity.

Registration is from 2-7 pm on Friday & the last planned event is at 5 pm on Sunday. In between there will be some planned activities--meditations, a welcoming the fall ritual, fire circles, workshops on the personal and political (energetics, land trusts, tarot, ageism, theater, separatism, a sweat lodge, etc.), sing-a-longs and music by Pamela Allen. There will be play times & unscheduled time for anarchists and R and R seekers.

There is not a set fee for the weekend, but donations are gratefully appreciated. No chemicals, please. Bring camping gear and some food. For directions and more info, write gathering ground, RFD 1, Dexter 04930 or call 924-5172.

"The Goddess Within" workshop will take place from 9 am to 12:15 pm on three successive Saturdays, Sept. 13, 20, and 27 at the Bath/Newcastle Holistic Center, 110 Front St., Bath 04530.

The workshop will help women see the Goddess as a Higher Power and as a part of themselves as well. What Goddess models can women use to help themselves and to see themselves more positively? Rituals, meditations, and personal testimonies will be used to bring these in sights out.

Although Aug. 30 is the registration deadline, call Regine Schaare at 729-0241 if you are interested in attending after that date, since space may still be available. Cost for the sessions is \$100.

And another "Women's Weekend" on Mount Desert Island is scheduled for Sept. 27-29 at Shore Acres near Acadia Park and Bar Harbor. No workshops, meetings, or rallies to attend; just rest and relaxation and good company in private cottages. Cost is \$75 for two for 3 nights. Call 288-4115.

Did you know that: An estimated 40,000-50,000 incidents of domestic violence occur in Maine each year.

"Contra" the \$100 Million Boondoggle

The campaign in Maine against U.S. involvement in Central America is heating up again with a number of efforts including civil disobedience (see separate article), new groups forming, and new projects and campaigns to bring the issue to Maine's people. Here is a brief summary of some of these activities:

John and Sue Silverio will be traveling throughout the state from Fort Kent to Kittery in late September to pick up school supplies for children in Nicaragua. Working with the Quixote Center in Maryland, the Silverios are asking for donations of paper, pencils, rulers, and anything that will help young people to learn to read, spell, add and subtract, etc. They'll come anywhere in the state, so call or write them for a pickup: Silverios, RFD 1, Lincolnville 04849, 763-3885.

The newly reorganized Augusta Committee for Peace and Justice is collecting medical supplies and medicines for the victims of the war in El Salvador. Can you offer bandages, vitamins, aspirin, first aid equipment, or any of a number of other medicines? Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville is one drop-off point. For others in Central Maine, contact the Committee at PO Box 223, Augusta 04330, 623-1196. A similar "material aids" campaign for medicines, school supplies, and other survival needs for Central America is being started in Portland. Call 773-7873 for details.

The Augusta Committee is beginning public meetings again and will hold its first on Thurs. Sept. 4 at 7 pm at South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta. "Faces of War" will be shown, followed by a discussion of medical aid. A Maine "Lawyers for Peace with Nicaragua" group has also been formed. Lawyers with a social conscience can call Peter Darvin, 774-8211 or James Bushell, 773-1107.

Maine artists will be painting a mural about the history of Central American agriculture for display at the Common Ground Fair. Look for it in the agricultural exhibit area. Donations and artists to help with the painting are needed. Contact Sheila Garrett, Box 143, Harpswell 04079, 833-6314.

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Finally, Witness for Peace in Nicaragua, angered over the \$100 million appropriated by Congress for the Contras opposing the Nicaraguan Government, has initiated a "Campaign of Conscience" to collect 1 million signatures nationwide on petitions to present to congresspeople and congressional candidates by the November election. Can you help circulate petitions--in churches, in workplaces, at events, to friends? If so, contact the Maine WFP office, RFD 2, Box 422A, Ellsworth 04605, 422-9007.

Walk, Don't Run

Why jog around and get nowhere when you can walk around Rumford and earn money for the Chisholm Family Resource Center and the VISTA volunteers of Oxford County? And why spend good money on T-shirts when you can get one free as a registered walker?

Why support the Chisholm Center and the VISTA projects? Well, the center and volunteers provide emergency food and shelters, a resource library, support groups, and more. They also work with housing rehabilitation, recruit and train volunteers, and other "neighbors helping neighbors" projects.

The 9-mile walk will begin at Chisholm Center at 9 am on Sat. Sept. 20. T-shirts and pledge sheets will be given to all who pre-register (before Sept. 10), though you can walk without pre-registering. Contact either the Chisholm Center, 100 York St., Rumford 04276, 364-3721 or OCCS, Market Square, S. Paris 04281, 743-7716.

And for walkers a little farther south, another Nuclear Moratorium March is scheduled for Sept. 6 from noon to 1 pm from the Bridgeton Town Hall to the CMP office in Bridgeton. For details, contact Vicki McLaughlin, RFD 1, Box 118, Fryeburg 04037, 925-3323.

HE'S GREEN AT THIS!

Greg Gerritt is running for the State Legislature as a Green candidate in District 55. He is looking for folks, particularly those in his own district, who might like to help him run an issue-oriented, grass roots campaign. If you are intrigued by his candidacy you can contact him at RFD 1 Box 1182A, Industry 04938, 778-6722.

A Bisexual Birthing

Since the 3rd Annual Conference on Bisexuality was held on the U.S.M. campus this past Mar. in Portland, a small but consistent group of men & women from various parts of Maine have been meeting in the Portland area to share potlucks and discussions on a variety of topics relating to bisexuality. They are a diverse group of men and women from age 24 to 44, couples and singles, feminists, artists, conservatives, computer programmers, parents, health care workers, homemakers. They are now ready to give more structure to the group, to organize their goals & activities more formally. At their next retreat, Sept. 12th thru 14th in the Belfast area they will be discussing group goals, activities, regional networking; whether they are mainly a socializing, support or informational group, and how to reach out to friends, spouses and to lesbian/gay and straight communities.

Most importantly, they have created a safe, confidential place where anyone can come and discuss their needs and desires as sexual human beings. If you are interested in joining the retreat for all or part of the weekend, call Arlene at 338-1037. All bi's and friends of bi's are cordially invited. For more info about the Maine Bisexual Network, call Ginny at 780-4083, or write MBN, PO Box 105, Augusta 04330.

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Toward a Nonsexist Governor

You are cordially invited to attend "Women, Power and Politics: A Gubernatorial Candidates Forum and Workshop on Issues of Concern to Women" on Sat. Sept. 13, 9-2:30 at the University of Maine at Augusta, Jewett Hall.

The forum, sponsored by a number of different groups, aims to bring together Maine citizens and candidates for Governor to encourage discussion about women's issues among the citizens and candidates and to give gubernatorial hopefuls the opportunity to share their views on those issues. It is held on behalf of Maine women and their families to help ensure adequate social and economic conditions over the next 4 years and to help citizens make their choice for Governor.

Participants may select one of the following workshops: Work and Family Policy, Pay Equity, Health Care (major focus: adolescent & reproductive care), Women and Welfare.

Registration (including morning coffee, pastry, lunch & child care if needed) is \$10 before Sept. 8 and \$12 thereafter.

For more info or to register: Community Programs, U. of Maine at Augusta, Augusta 04330, 622-7131.

Did you know that: 60-80% of batterers are under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the battering.

Awaken To Blueberry Cove

Blueberry Cove, a progressive children's camp, also sponsors workshops for adults throughout the summer. On Sept. 13th and 14th they are having an Awakenings Weekend, a 2-day outdoor experience to expand your connection to the Earth, each other, and to your intuitive wisdom. The experience includes sensory awareness exercises, group sharing and participation in a Obuncil Circle. Cost of \$85 includes food and lodging. Facilitator Mair Honan is also offering a one-day Awakenings workshop there on Oct. 18 for a cost of \$20. For more information on the Awakenings programs or to register: Mair Honan, RFD 2, Box 596, Lincolnville 04849, 763-3692.

Other Blueberry Cove September programs include the Crowsfeet Dance Collective on Sept. 5-7, Women Recovering from Chemical Dependence on Sept. 7-12, Hands on Sailing Weekend with an overnight on an island on Sept. 12-14, and Basic Log Construction on Sept. 14-19. For information on Blueberry Cove programs write HCR 520, Tenants Harbor 04860 or call 372-6353.

Women Outdoors is sponsoring the third annual Blueberry Cove Sail from Sept. 19-21. Cost is \$40. For more info on this event, call Barbara at 829-5392. Call early; deposit is required by early September.

Battleships or Relationships?

The Family Planning Association of Maine, PO Box 587, 12 Pike St., Augusta 04330, 622-7524 announces its 1986-87 schedule of training sessions in topics related to sexuality. Their schedule includes eight all-day workshops on such topics as Human Sexuality I and II, Sexuality and the Ministry, Sexuality and Substance Abuse, and Understanding the Adolescent Male: Roles and Relationships. Most of the sessions begin at 9 am and cost \$50.

First on their schedule, slated for Sept. 30 from 8:45-4:00 at the Senator Inn in Augusta, is a workshop entitled "New Female/Male Relationships: Battleground or Peace Ground?" with trainer Dr. Jessie Potter. Dr. Potter has said "Men and women are brought up so differently that they don't even speak the same language. A man and a woman can for a lifetime occupy the same physical space, even lovingly, and not understand what life means to the other." An objective of the workshop is to help bridge these communication gaps and to assist practitioners in working with adolescents. One workshop topic is: "Reach out and Touch Someone-- You've Got to Be Kidding! Why is it so hard to do?"

Cost is \$15 for nurses, physicians, pa's and dentists; \$40 for others. Registration deadline is Sept. 19; payment must accompany registration. Phone registrations may be made within 3 days of the event.

Their second workshop, slated for Oct. 20, 9-4 at the Senator Inn in Augusta, is entitled "What Do You Say?...Helping Adolescents Learn to Communicate." Situational role plays will use passive, aggressive, and assertive communication styles. Cost is \$50; registration deadline Oct. 9. The third workshop, "Sexuality and Substance Abuse," will be held on Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Waterville from 9-4:15, cost \$50, deadline Nov. 3.

For more info: contact Dee Wendell, 622-7524, or write FPA at the address above.

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sor a conference on the Cold War and American Politics and Culture. Historian Howard Zinn will deliver the keynote address on "Anti-Communism and the American Experience," followed by discussion groups on the dynamics of the Cold War. Location: Hooksett, N.H. Time: 9-4:30. For more info: AFSC, PO Box 1081, Concord, N.H. 03301, (603) 224-2407.

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Don't Let Their Trial Be A Snowe Job

Two activists who took part in civil disobedience in Congressional offices in response to Congress' support of \$100 million aid to the Contras face court dates. Eight people arrested in Congresswoman Olympia Snowe's Bangor office in early August after "dying in" on the floor had their cases dismissed when the representative decided not to prosecute.

Lee Armen spent 37 minutes in Snowe's office in Presque Isle before being arrested, culminating a year's frustration in trying to arrange a meeting with the Congresswoman. At his arraignment, when he was asked for a plea, Armen said he pleaded for peace and for an opportunity for the people to meet with their representatives to discuss the war in Central America. The court interpreted that as a guilty plea and set his trial date for Sept. 24 at 1:30 in Presque Isle District Court. To support him, write RR 4, Box 202, Houlton 04730.

Jane Crosby, who occupied Congressman Jock McKernan's office in Portland, faces trial at 1 pm Sept. 9 at Cumberland County District Court. She may desire court support. Contact her at 96 Lawn Ave., Portland 04103, 879-0171.

And at Lebanon three members of the Lebanon Citizens Landfill Alliance were arrested for blocking the entrance to a proposed toxic waste landfill site. Chances are that their case will be settled by the end of August. To support them, or to find out how to organize a similar alliance to oppose toxic waste in your area, write Richard Thompson, HCR 1, Box 118, E. Lebanon 04027, call 457-2162.

IMPOSE A TRADE EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA!

One piece of national legislation we overlooked last month is S 2570, the Anti-Apartheid Action Act of 1986, which would impose a U.S. trade embargo on South Africa and require corporate divestment from the country as well. A similar bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives would also prohibit banks from lending money to South Africa and impose other sanctions. See the addresses and phone numbers of Maine's senators and representatives in last month's MSN (you do save these, don't you?) or write to the Maine Project on Southern Africa, PO Box 3354, Portland 04104, 774-9833.

MSN Be-Labors These Events

If you get this before Labor Day Weekend (you should if you live in Maine), you can enjoy a labor-less weekend if you join in:

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The Maine Healing Arts Festival at Camp Hiawatha in Kezar Falls from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1. All kinds of workshops and information on holistic health, personal and planetary change, rituals, dance, music, herbs, massage, yoga, sufi dancing, a concert with Jim Scott, and much, much more. Costs are \$150 for adults and \$50 for kids over 5. Call 892-4236 or 336-2065. OR

Join a "Walk to free ourselves from the nuclear circle of destruction" as participants gather and begin at Bath Iron Works in Portland at 11:30 am on Friday, Aug. 29, arriving at noon on the 30th at Brunswick Naval Air Station and outside the Maine Yankee Plant on Sunday at 1 pm (Rt. one and 144--Ms. Wiscasset Diner). Walkers and rally participants are encouraged to come for an hour or for a day. Banners, musical instruments, food, rain gear, and overnight equipment are encouraged. Call 773-0564 or 879-0171 in Portland, 833-6314 in Brunswick. OR

If you've got only Labor Day off, come to the Maine AFL-CIO Solidarity Day celebration in Portland. It begins at 10 am with a parade starting from Lincoln Park, marching down Congress St. going to the Eastern Promenade, where there will be games, music, and crafts. Support labor's celebration of the worker on Labor Day. Call 989-3630 in Brewer or try 775-4309 in Portland.

Hospitality at the House

Thanks to a little publicity from the MSN (way to go, gang) and a lot of hard work from many volunteers, Hospitality House, a shelter available to those needing temporary housing, will open in September. A real Open House is scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 2-8 pm on Rt. 201 in Hinckley (between Waterville and Skowhegan) on the ground of the Hinckley School. There will be a buffet, speakers, and tours of the shelter.

Volunteers are still needed for last minute fix-up and to help maintain the shelter when it is open. To help: Hospitality House, 2 Winchester, Fairfield 04937, 453-2986.

Help Them Out of A Jam

The Navaho people are struggling to remain on their sacred land in the Big Mountain area of Arizona, resisting a U.S. government plan to forcibly relocate them. As a result of the relocation threat, the Indians' livelihood has been so threatened that their survival is increasingly difficult. The elders of both the Hopi and Navaho tribes have requested help in resisting the relocation.

A Maine group is hoping to provide some physical support for the tribes by organizing a statewide collection of jams and jellies. They ask that you pick out a few of your best jars to share. They are also organizing a collection of wool yarn because the Indians' sheep herds have been greatly reduced by the government, and their weaving culture is threatened. Donations of wool yarn of any color (or undyed) would be appreciated, although red, black, gray, yellow and brown are needed most. Please offer good quality only, as anything less is not worth shipping.

Collection point will be at Common Ground Fair at the marked bins at the Khadigar display at the agricultural demo area.

If you are traveling to the Arizona area in the fall you could help with the delivery... Or if you are interested in organizing a yarn only collection in your area, or if you have money donations to help with shipping, contact Chris Bly, Ridge Rd., Tenants Harbor 04860, 372-8103.

Power To The People's

Dr. Jim Jackson of the World Peace Council and a member of the political bureau of the U.S. Communist Party will be the featured speaker at the first "Socialist Forum" of the fall on Sun. Sept. 21 at the People's Building (where else?), 155 Brackett St., Portland. Refreshments, literature, and questions & answers will also be included. To find out more about Jackson or the Forum: John Case, Box 3604, Portland 04104, 772-3391.

MORE ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

We neglected to mention in the page 1 article on the evolution of the MSN into The Maine Progressive that all subscribers to the MSN will automatically receive The Maine Progressive for the balance of their subscription.

New Ideas From The Old School(s)

All right, kiddies and adults alike, get out your lunchboxes, pens, and paper. It's time to go back to school, to learn (and forget), to discover the truth (and myths also), to find the ecstasy of new ideas and challenges (and the work of incorporating them into a stubbornly set system of thinking).

The public schools will be open for business, and a few alternatives (see the Maine Statewide Yellow Pages under "Education") will struggle on. The School Around Us is still around, for example, and is even expanding beyond its primary pre-school orientation of last year to Grade 3. It is still parent-run, still uses a developmental and individualistic approach to learning, has an environmental focus, and can accomodate more students. York County parents can check it out for this year or next by writing School Around Us, Log Cabin Rd., Arundel 04046 or by calling 985-6896.

Nearby in Cape Porpoise, Salt Magazine is offering courses and field programs in folklore and arts and regional history/culture. College credits are available for study with Salt. Programs begin Sept. 15 and continue thru the fall. Projects on native peoples and cultures of Maine, the Sabbathday Lake Shakers, and life in a milltown were previous topics. Scholarships are available. For details: Salt, PO Box 1400, Kennebunkport 04046, 967-3311.

The Univ. of Maine is offering a lot of unique adult education courses, with many available for credit, at several of its branches. For example:

At the Univ. of Maine, Orono (10 weeks)

"War and Peace" (in literature), Wednesdays, (begins Sept. 17), 5:30-7:30 pm w/poet Kathleen Ligness discussing Tolstoy, Orwell, Crane, Schell, and Whitman.

"Literature of the Holocaust," Wednesdays (begins Sept. 17), 6:30-8:30 pm.

"Women's Networking," Wed. Sept. 24 (one day only), 10 am-2 pm.

"Economics of Nonviolence: The Gandhian Perspective," Thursdays (begins Sept. 18), 7-9 pm.

Write Conferences and Institutes, Chadbourne Hall, UMO, Orono 04469 or call 581-4092 for costs, locations, other details.

Moving to Univ. of Maine, Augusta (10 weeks)

"Assertiveness, Listening, and Conflict Resolution," Tuesdays (begins Sept. 16), 5:30-7:30 pm.

"Occupational Safety and Health," Mondays (begins Sept. 22), 6:30-9:30 pm.

"Energy Efficient Construction," Wednesdays (begins Sept. 24), 6:30-9:30 pm (in Rockland and for four weeks only).

UMA also sponsors a few special programs such as these in September:

"Psychic Saturday," Sept. 20, 9-3, with workshops on astrology, intuition training, therapeutic touch, and five other topics.

"Conflict Management and Dispute Settlement" and "The Skillful Negotiator" with Dick Salem on Sept. 25 and 26.

"Take Time for Tomorrow" (career planning and changes) on Sept. 6, 9-3.

Classes and workshops are held at 4 locations--Augusta, Auburn, Thomaston, and Bath/Woolwich. More are coming in October and November, so call or write for a schedule: Community Programs, Univ. Heights, UMA, Augusta 04330, 622-7131.

And at USM, Portland (8 weeks):

"Evolving Men," Saturdays (begins Sept. 27), 9-11 am and "Assertiveness Training for Men," Tuesdays (begins Sept. 23), 7-9 pm.

"Assertiveness Training for Women," Tuesdays (begins Sept. 23), 7-9 pm.

"The Skillful Negotiator" will also be offered in the Portland area on Sept. 27.

For details: Community Programs/USM, 68 High St., Portland 04101, 780-4045.

The Last Word In Opera Tours

The Surry Opera Company, a non-profit music organization, will be traveling to the U.S.S.R. to perform in November. They welcome interested individuals to join their tour--there is room for at least 50 friends to accompany them. The 12-day tour has been arranged by The Last Word Public Relations & Advertising of Blue Hill. Itinerary for the Nov. 9-20 trip includes Moscow-Tbilisi and Georgia-Leningrad, with scheduled performances with Georgian singers in Tbilisi & Leningrad. Cost of \$1,499 includes a \$300 contribution to the Opera Company. For more info: send a SASE marked U.S.S.R. to: The Last Word PR & Advertising, POB 178, Blue Hill 04614 or call 374-9913.

Blessed are the quilters, for they are the piecemakers.

Keep Chromium on Cars

Victories by small people against large corporations are rare, but members of the Maine People's Alliance, (MPA) with support from Maine Audubon Society and the Maine Lobstermen's Association, appear to have won a battle to keep the Saco River clean of most of Maremont Corporation's chromium and other toxic metal pollution.

Organized citizen action by MPA members publicized the issue, elected supporters to city council positions, and forced Maremont to accept an independent consultant's report recommending a reduction in waste water and two filtering systems to eliminate at least 95% of the chromium pollution. Initial studies by Maremont engineers suggested almost none of the pollution control practices which MPA, and then the Saco City Council, advocated. An additional problem with sewage dumping in two rivers may be settled by a meeting with EPA on Sept. 23.

MPA is seeking more members in the Biddeford-Saco area to monitor Maremont's progress and to work on other consumer and environmental issues. For details, call Mary Donovan at 283-1919 or write MPA, Box 10292, Portland 04104.

Don't Tune These Out

If you're a woman and you like to sing, or you've always wanted to be a musical director, or you're just curious, you can join a group interested in starting a women's chorus in the Portland area. For more info: call Deb at 773-4043 evenings or weekends or drop a note to 33 Florence St. Portland 04103.

Laura M. Smith is interested in gathering news, information, announcements, etc. that are appropriate for a womyn's music show. Circle Round is a 4-hour program of feminist/womyn's music and other female artists every Tues. morn from 8 am-noon on WMPG, 90.9 FM. Please send info to WMPG, c/o Laura M. Smith, 37 College Ave. Gorham 04038 or call her at work, 780-4085 or at home, 797-2350.

Did you know that: Police spend one-third of their time responding to domestic violence calls--yet only 10% of all domestic violence incidents are reported to them!

Avoid Apples with Alar

Alar is the trade name of a controversial chemical, daminozide, which is sprayed on apples to make the fruit ripen uniformly and store better. Some studies have shown the chemical and its breakdown product to be carcinogenic.

Maine's Department of Agriculture has proposed that no daminozide be detectable in heat-processed foods like apple sauce and apple juice as of Oct. 1. The Natural Resources Council of Maine thinks the state should go further and require sellers to label apples treated with alar.

Meanwhile, lest the old slogan "As American as apple pie" be perverted to "as cancerous as apple pie!" you can avoid alar-treated apples by obtaining a list of alar-free apple sources from the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn., PO Box 2176, Augusta 04330 or call 622-3118.

You Won't Get Fleeced

Manure, goats, kids, egg rolls/pizza/tofuburgers, fiddle contest, biggest zucchini, ice cream contest, displays of flowers/canned foods/herbs/nuts/what-have-you, moonshine muster, sheep shearing, demonstrations...

Home-grown evening entertainment (Tim Sample, Wicked Good, Jackson Gillman, Jan and Nancy, Anni Clark), spiritual celebration, films, foot race, children's area with continuous shows (puppets, stories, music, clowns), keynoter Lynn Miller of Small Farmers Journal, lifestyle booths, crafts, whole life and holistic health tent, folk arts, appropriate technology, energy/shelter demos, Schoolhouse Talks...

Tenth Anniversary edition Common Ground Fair, volunteers needed, Windsor Fair Ground, Sept. 19-21, 9 am-9 pm (9-6 on Sun.), \$4 (only \$1 for MOFGA members), Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assn., PO Box 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3118, free parking. BE THERE. Country store, garden seeds, draft horses, music in the grandstand.....

Quilting forever, housework whenever.
I'm a quilter, and my house is in pieces.
Patch up your troubles, love a quilter.
Quilters make ends meet.

Old quilters never die, they just go to pieces.

Seek and Ye Shall Find(horn)

"Maine more than most places fosters private individualism, teaches us how to do everything by ourselves, and there is strength in that that the world needs. But at Findhorn a poster someone put up in the kitchen reminded us: 'You have learned very well how to do it by yourself...now it is time to learn to do it together.'"

The above is quoted from the Northern New England Network of Light Newsletter, a group dedicated to linking Findhorn family, kindred hearts & seekers on the path (Findhorn is an international spiritual community in northern Scotland).

They espouse no formal doctrine or creed, but see humanity as on a path of expanding consciousness which is creating the possibility of new social patterns infused with spiritual values. Bob and Alina Blakesley hope to serve as catalysts to create a Findhorn center in central Maine to nourish these spiritual values. If you are interested or want more info, you can write them at RFD 1, Box 2261, New Sharon 04955, or call 397-4272.

A New Reality

The newly organized Mid-Maine Holistic Counseling Center in Kents Hill (near Augusta, Farmington, Waterville and Lewiston/Auburn) will be offering four 12-week therapy groups this fall on "Women and Self-Esteem," "Undoing Codependence," "Releasing Addictions," and "Recovery for Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents." The Center also conducts monthly retreats (Friday evening through Sunday noon) devoted to specific holistic healing techniques.

All work at the Center is designed to assist people in creating the reality they want to live now by identifying and releasing past negative experiences and the limiting ideas to which they may have led.

The 12-week therapy groups begin the week of Sept. 15. For a brochure & schedule write MMHCC, Box 179, Kents Hill 04349 or call 685-4593.

PUTTING THE CHILL ON THE COLD WAR

The often unfounded assumptions of the Cold War create formidable obstacles to peace & justice. On Oct. 18 the American Friends Service Committee & New Hampshire College School of Human Services will spon-

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The Last of September

Sept. 23:"Visions of 'Star Wars'", 8 pm, WCBB & MPBN-TV.

Sept. 26:Take Back the Night (1).

Sept. 26-28:The Maine Novel Conference (2-3).

Sept. 26-28:Northeast Cooperatives Coop Conference, Another Place, Rt. 123, Greenville, N.H. 03048, 603-878-9883.

Sept. 27:Paris Hill Tour in Paris, 8-12:30, \$12-15. Reservations for Gr. Portland Landmarks, 774-5561.

Sept. 27:Maine NOW Conference (1).

Sept. 27:Peace/Justice Festival (1).

Sept. 27:"Bombs Away?" In Bangor (2).

Sept. 27-28:Baxter Park Camping/Hiking, \$3-5 plus campsite fee, Sierra Club, Bill Hine, RFD 1 Box 1180, W. Peru 04290, 562-8278.

Sept. 27-29:Women's Weekend on MDI (3).

Sept. 28:"I'm Not into Prostitution--Being True to Self" workshop, 10-4, \$35-40 (Pre-register by Sept. 18). Bath-Newcastle Holistic Health Ctr., Box 474, Newcastle 04553, 442-7090.

Sept. 28:Isleboro Bike Trip, \$30, New Routes, 242 Dartmouth St., Portland 04102, 772-1843.

Sept. 29 (& next 14 Mondays):Long Term House-building Session, 7-11 pm, \$400. Shelter Institute, 38 Center St., Bath 04530, 442-7938.

Sept. 30:"Cuba:In the Shadow of Doubt," 9 pm, MPBN and WCBB-TV.

Sept. 30:"New Female/Male Relationships" (6).

Sept. 30, Oct. 1:"Lessons of the Heart" and "The Laws of Manifestation," beginning of 8 week classes, pre-register by Sept. 15, \$100-150 at Bath-Newcastle Holistic Ctr., Box 474, Newcastle 04553, 442-7090.

Harvesting with CROP

Last year saw the proliferation of new CROPS, CROP Walks that is, to raise money for food relief & agricultural development in 3rd World countries through Church World Service. Like other private groups CWS has a different approach to hunger and development projects than most government programs, & it has to raise money differently, through donations. The CWS approach is CROP Walks, such as the one scheduled on Oct. 5 in Bangor. The 10K walk begins at 2 pm at the Paul Bunyan Statue on Main St. and returns there about 4. More on this next month, but pledge sheets are available from Kathy Anderson, 194 Griffin Rd., Bangor 04401, 945-2989. Also contact her to help w/ organizing.

More Happenings in September

Sept. 11: Moonlight Cruise on Casco Bay w/Munjoy Hillbillies Band, from Long Wharf, Portland, 7-10 pm, \$10-12, to benefit Me. Nuclear Referendum Committee, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 772-2958, 622-4395.

Sept. 12-14: "All About Whales Family Weekend" (slides, cruise, museum, stories), \$54-78, Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

Sept. 12-14: Appalachian Mountain Club Get-A-Way Weekend, Point Sebago Resort, Sebago, \$3 and site fees. Peter Stevens, Box 58, S. Casco 04077, 655-3401.

Sept. 12-14: Maine Bisexual Net. Retreat (5).

Sept. 13: "Women, Power, and Politics" (5).

Sept. 13: Blue Hill Hike, \$2-3. Sierra Club c/o Virginia Suyama, 58 W. Main St., Ellsworth 04605, 667-9432.

Sept. 13-14: "Appropriate Technology for Maine Islands" forum (photovoltaics, sewage treatment, electricity) on Hurricane Island, \$35-45 (incl. food/lodging). Island Institute, Box 429, Rockland 04841, 594-9209.

Sept. 13, 20, 27: "The Goddess Within" (3).

Sept. 14: Monhegan Island Photovoltaic Homes Tour (electricity from sunlight), \$30-35. Preregister by Sept. 8 from Maine Solar Energy Assn., Box 37, Port Clyde 04855, 372-8067.

Sept. 16: Growing Thru Adoption information meeting, 7:30 pm, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston 04240, 786-2597.

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Sept. 17: "Lemon Grove Incident," (segregation of Mexicans), 10 pm, WCBB & MPBN-TV.

Sept. 17: "Conflict Resolution" workshop w/ Jim Chandler, Second Congregational Church, Norway, 7 pm. Call W. Me. CALC, 743-8419.

Sept. 17-21, 25-29: West Branch/Chesuncook Canoe Trip, \$350, North Woods Ways, RFD 3 Box 87A, Dover-Foxcroft 04426, 564-3032.

Sept. 18: Hospitality House Open House (7).

Sept. 19-21: Common Ground Fair (9).

Sept. 19-21: Equinox Full Moon Retreat (3).

Sept. 20: Theodore Roszak on "New Dimensions," Noon, MPBN Radio.

Sept. 20: VISTA Walk in Rumford (4).

Sept. 20: Family Crisis Shelter Auction, 6-9 pm, Woodfords Church, 202 Woodford St., Portland. FCS, PO Box 704, Portland 04104, 871-0666.

Sept. 20-21: Peace Tax Fund Support Gathering in W. Falmouth, Mass. Francis McGillicuddy, 62 Avalon, Portland 04103, 797-5684.

Sept. 20-21: "Emerald Tablets" workshop w/ Oh Shinnah (healing w/crystals) in Dayton, \$110-125 (pre-register by Sept. 10). Pol Hermes, RFD 3, Hollis Rd., Biddeford 04005, 499-7040.

Sept. 21: Jim Jackson in Portland (7).

Sept. 21: Maine Senior Games in Bangor and Portland. Pre-register by Sept. 8 thru Eastern Area Agency on Aging, 800-432-7812 or Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, 800-482-7411.

Calendar of Events for September

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

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Aug. 29-Sept. 1: Labor Day weekend events (7)

Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival, near Brunswick. Call 725-6009.

Aug. 31: Scott Alarik at Songs with Music
and Without, Belfast Library, 7:30 pm.

All Sept:Community programs at U Maine (8).

All Sept. "Peace in Our World" calligraphy exhibit at Brunswick Public Library. Calligraphers of Maine, PO Box 2751, S. Portland 04106.

Sept. 1: Isao Fujimoto at TRANET (2).

Sept. 1: Dead River Whitewater trip, 9 am,
The Forks, \$55-60 to benefit Natural Re-
sources Council of Maine, 271 State St.,
Augusta 04330, 622-3101.

Sept. 1: Joyce and Bob won't have their house raising on this day, as planned, because they're behind schedule. Call 454-3687.

Sept. 2: "Global Assembly Line" 10 pm,
MPBN-TV & WCBB-TV.

Sept. 2: Rollins lives and maybe Joseph Brennan regarding First Congressional District race, 7:30 pm, Damariscotta Baptist Church. CONA, Box 7, Walpole 04573, 832-7577.

Sept. 3: Parent Rights Training Workshop,
Department of Human Services, 509 Forest,
Portland, 6:30 pm. Central Maine Indian
Assn., 352 Harlow, Bangor 04401, 800-255-
2642.

Sept. 3: "Women of Summer," 10 pm, MPBN-TV
& WCBB-TV.

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Sept. 3: "An Evening of Maine Humor" w/Jackson
Gillman, 8 pm, St. Savior's Parish Hall,
Kennebec St., Bar Harbor, 8 pm, 244-3838.

Sept. 4: "Faces of War" in Augusta (4).

Sept. 5: Maya Angelou on "Fresh Air," 12:30 pm, MPBN Radio.

Sept. 5-6: "From Stump to Ship" (logging in 1930's), 3 pm, \$2, Railroad Square Cinema, Box 945, Waterville 04901, 873-6526.

Sept. 5-7, 12-21: Blueberry Cove events (5).

Sept. 6; Moratorium March in Bridgeton (4).

Sept. 6: Mt. Jefferson Day Hike (White Mtns.), \$20. New Routes, 242 Dartmouth St., Portland 04102. 772-1843.

Sept. 7-13: Backpacking week for adult women survivors of incest. Check for late registration with Looking Up, RFD 1, Box 2620, Mt. Vernon 04352, 293-2750.

Sept. 8: Future Planning for the Brunswick
Peace Center, 7 pm, 18 Center St., Brun-
swick. BPC, Box 975, Brunswick 04011, 725-
7355.

Sept. 9, 24: Civil Disobedients In Court (6).

Sept. 10: "Seeing Red" (American Communists),
9 pm. WCBB & MPBN-TV.

Sept. 10; Deadline for late September/October items for the new MAINE PROGRESSIVE newspaper (first issue tentatively out about Sept. 20-25).

Sept. 10: Parent Rights Training Workshop,
Micmac Council Office, 8 Church St., Presque
Isle, 6:30 pm. Central Maine Indian Assn.,
352 Harlow, Bangor 04401, 800-255-2642.

Sept. 10-15: "Post and Beam Building" \$280,
North Woods Arts Center, RFD 3, Box 87A,
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