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M A I N E
N O W
T I M E S
SUMMER 1994

PAC ANOTHER ACTION FOR CHANGE **APPEAL**

On pages 2 and 3, you will find a list of Legislative candidates endorsed or supported by Maine NOW Political Action Committee for the June 14 primary election. "There are several very tough primary races including those involving Sharon Treat, Jim Handy, and Anne Rand, who are super solid, real progressives, always there working for us," said JoAnne Dauphinee, PAC treasurer. "The PAC will make financial contributions to these and other candidates BUT ONLY WITH THE HELP OF MAINE NOW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS."

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN BE. However, remember that contributions of all sizes can mean the difference between having an ally or a adversary in Augusta.

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Please ☐ don't ☒ **DO** call me about actions and lobbying efforts so I may help!

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Maine NOW PAC "First Round" of Endorsements 1994

The **June 14th Primary** is almost here! There are many wonderful candidates wandering the State and MNP has tracked down quite a few for your consideration. When it came time to endorse, support, or "wait", there were a lot of tough calls this year, and there are two cases in particular to which we call your attention. In **House District 92** (Hallowell area) there is a 3-way Democratic primary. Two of these three Democrats, Scott Cowger and Jill Duson, are excellent and we were unable to choose one as preferable.

We are also able to **endorse** Richard Gwinn - D, in **House District 122** (Orono Kenduskeag Glenburn Levant). This endorsement is not listed below, due to publishing time constraints.

Many candidates listed do not have primaries and a few have no general election opponent. **All** endorsements are also general election endorsements.

MNP Endorsement Process

MNP has two levels of support we offer to candidates, "Endorsement" and "Support". The level a candidate earns is based on the candidate's positions on the issues.

For a formal endorsement, a candidate must support the Equal Rights Amendment, lesbian and gay rights, minority rights, and must be pro-choice. This has been true since before MNP first filed with the Secretary of State's office in 1978. This is a **minimum** requirement and does not guarantee endorsement.

Only **endorsement** entitles the candidate to consideration for a monetary contribution, mailing labels for "NOW members & friends" in their district (or possibly statewide), and whatever other resources we are able to offer.

The second level of support is called (cleverly) **support**. Even if a candidate does not meet the requirements of endorsement, we sometimes wish to make clear that the candidate is nevertheless greatly preferred over their election opponent. To earn MNP **support** a candidate usually supports at least three of the four bottom-line issues. We tend to reserve this category for "endorsement near misses".

Once minimum requirements are met, our determinations for level and extent of support are based on many factors, such as: candidates positions on other issues, depth of commitment to feminist issues, leadership qualities, willingness to lead on tough issues, stature in the progressive community, campaign emphasis, district make-up, possibility of winning, dreadfulness of opponent, and so on.

| Sen Dist | Party | CandidateName | E or S | NOW Mem | Town |
|----------|-------|------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| 01 | D | Judy Paradis | S | | Frenchville |
| 02 | D | B. Carolyne T. Mahaney | S | | Easton |
| 04 | D | George A. Townsend | S | | Eastport |
| 05 | D | Glenith C. Gray | E | | Sargentville |
| 07 | D | John J. O'Dea | E | | Orono |
| 08 | D | Amber R. Gahagan | E | | Milo |
| 09 | D | Sean F. Faircloth | E | | Bangor |
| 11 | D | Susan W. Longley | S | | Liberty |
| 12 | D | RochellePingree | E | | North Haven |
| 15 | D | Beverly Miner Bustin | E | | Augusta |
| 16 | D | Vicki C. Kelley | E | | Gardiner |
| 18 | D | Dale McCormick | E | yes | Monmouth |
| 20 | D | J. Michael Huston | S | | Lisbon Falls |
| 21 | D | James R. Handy | E | | Lewiston |
| 22 | D | John J. Cleveland | E | | Auburn |
| 27 | D | Paula M. Craighead | E | | Portland |
| 28 | D | Anne M. Rand | E | yes | Portland |
| 29 | D | Donald E. Esty, Jr. | E | | Westbrook |
| 30 | D | Andrew Kosinski | E | | Cape Elizabeth |
| 31 | D | Mark D. Johnston | E | | Saco |
| 35 | D | Mark W. Lawrence | E | | Kittery |



| House Dist | Party | Candidate Name | Eor S | NOW | Town |
|------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|
| 001 | D | William Bailey | E | | Kittery |
| 002 | D | Lisa R. Luedeke | E | yes | York Harbor |
| 016 | D | Guy R. Nadeau | S | | Saco |
| 020 | D | George J. Kerr | S | | Old Orchard Beach |
| 021 | D | George R. Lawson | E | | Scarborough |
| 022 | D | Audrey A. Gerry | E | | Gorham |
| 024 | D | Nadine Byram | E | | South Portland |
| 025 | D | Anne B. Schink | E | | Cape Elizabeth |
| 027 | D | Birger T. Johnson | E | | South Portland |
| 029 | D | William Lemke | S | | Westbrook |
| 030 | D | J. Elizabeth Mitchell | E | | Portland |
| 031 | D | James V. Oliver | E | | Portland |
| 032 | D | Fred L. Richardson | E | | Portland |
| 033 | D | Herbert C. Adams | E | | Portland |
| 034 | D | Annette M. Hoglund | E | | Portland |
| 035 | D | G. Steven Rowe | E | | Portland |
| 036 | D | Elizabeth Townsend | E | | Portland |
| 037 | D | Michael F. Brennan | E | | Portland |
| 039 | D | Carol A. Kontos | E | | Windham |
| 048 | D | Gerald P. Kennedy | E | | Freeport |
| 051 | D | David Etnier | E | | South Harpswell |
| 053 | D | David C. Shiah | E | yes | Bowdoinham |
| 055 | D | Maria Glen Holt | E | | Bath |
| 057 | D | Marjorie L. Kilkelly | E | | Wiscasset |
| 060 | D | James S. Bowers | E | | Washington |
| 064 | D | Walter A. Bennett | E | | Norway |
| 074 | D | Susan E. Dore | E | yes | Auburn |
| 077 | D | Conrad Heeschen | E | | Dryden |
| 081 | D | Richard H.C. Tracy | E | | Norridgewock |
| 082 | D | Elizabeth Watson | E | yes | Farmingdale |
| 085 | D | Michael J. Fitzpatrick | E | | Durham |
| 091 | D | Sharon Treat | E | yes | Gardiner |
| 094 | D | Elizabeth H. Mitchell | E | | Augusta |
| 096 | D | Beverly C. Daggett | E | | Augusta |
| 098 | D | Pamela H. Hatch | E | | Skowhegan |
| 099 | D | Ruth Joseph | E | | Waterville |
| 101 | D | Dan A. Gwadosky | E | | Fairfield |
| 104 | D | Arthur H. Clement | E | | Clinton |
| 105 | D | Helen Elizabeth Patterson | E | | Belfast |
| 106 | D | Gail M. Chase | E | yes | North Vassalboro |
| 107 | D | Louise M. Shorette | E | yes | Brooks |
| 108 | D | Louise Townsend | E | | Canaan |
| 110 | D | Alice C. Cheeseman | E | yes | Unity |
| 114 | D | Lenore M. Mullen | E | | Hampden |
| 117 | D | Charles M. Sullivan | S | | Bangor |
| 119 | D | Hugh A. Morrison | E | yes | Bangor |
| 120 | D | Jane W. Saxl | E | yes | Bangor |
| 123 | D | Kathleen A. Stevens | E | | Orono |
| 128 | D | Ellen W. Walker | E | | Blue Hill |
| 129 | D | Paul Volenik | E | | Sedgwick |
| 131 | D | John M. Lasell | S | | Franklin |
| 134 | D | William E. George | S | | Eastport |
| 138 | D | Vanessa Nutter Bruce | E | | West Enfield |
| 141 | D | Harold B. Dickinson | E | | Orient |
| 145 | D | Martha A. Grant | E | | Presque Isle |



This *Life* magazine cover celebrated the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

p.2 photo-Riot scenes on Black Friday-Suffragists attempt to demonstrate in London November 1910. Hundreds beaten by police and jailed.

WOMEN AND THE COURTS

Maine NOW receives many call from women seeking help in their maneuverings through our Judicial system. This is the first of several articles on the history and experiences of women in our courts that we hope to publish over the next year. It was written by Jan Lightfoot, an advocate/activist working to empower low-income Maine people in their struggle to get up and out of poverty. A special thanks to Jan for bringing this topic to our pages for dicussion and hopefully action by our readers.

The editor encourages our readers to write down and submit stories about your experiences as women in the court system -- successes, failures, lawyers, judges, court/judge watches or other actions taken (or actions you'd like to take) to empower women to use the courts effectively.

Throughout history, the courts have been the exclusive domain of males. Courts can be used, only when people have rights. Only rights which are recognized by others, and the individuals themselves, can be protected in our court system.

Just in the past few decades have the rights of women to control their own destiny, been moderately established. Ancient Greek women were viewed as lacking any and all rights and were prohibited from bringing cases in court.

In the 1890's, the United States courts saw only about one case in one hundred brought by a woman. Today that number is up to one in 25 cases. We are four times freer than our great grandmothers. Still women are not in equal control of our own lives. This is demonstrated in the fact that we do not enforce the protection of laws as often as men do.

Mostly, the rights protected by the courts are financial and family rights. Women are more likely to bring cases involving family rights, such as divorce or seeking protective orders against an abusive partner. It is less common for women to come before the court

on other financial matters or civil rights issues such as freedom of religion or speech or freedom to live or work where they choose.

In 1969, a 17 year old mother, intent on protecting her rights and her family, brought a landmark case to the U.S. Supreme Court. She moved back to Connecticut from Massachusetts with her infant and was denied AFDC, solely because she changed the state of her residence. The Connecticut Legal Aid Society filed a case which eventually ended up in the Supreme Court. The case was fought because the state laws violated a person's right to travel. The young woman WON!

The matter was brought on family issues--the family's financial survival. But this case affected more than this woman and other families receiving AFDC. The principle of having the right to travel, affects everyone's right to vote without regard for length of residency and the right of those lacking funds to receive hospital care. The decision in her case also affected the right to work at a profession or job of choice immediately after relocating which can affect anyone from the clam diggers to the lawyers. The action of this one woman made a positive difference in the quality of our freedom.



Why don't more women use the courts?

To assert one's rights by bringing legal actions in a court of law takes money! The fact that women earn less money than men can be one reason that women are less likely to bring suit to protect their rights.

In the past five years, harassment and sexual harassment employment cases have increased.

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They have been filed as often by women as by men. Because of less financial power, women are more likely to be represented by a group such as a legal aid society or National Organization for Women, than by a private lawyer. These groups lack the resources to bring every case where injury was suffered.

Men in our society, generally are the bosses and owners of industry and therefore bring the significant legal cases. When women are true equals in life, in the work place, women will be equally at risk of having their legal rights violated. When women are contractors and corporate owners, they will be as likely as men to suffer injury. In a society where both male and females are truly parallel in power and importance, use of the courts by each should be at a 1:1 ratio.

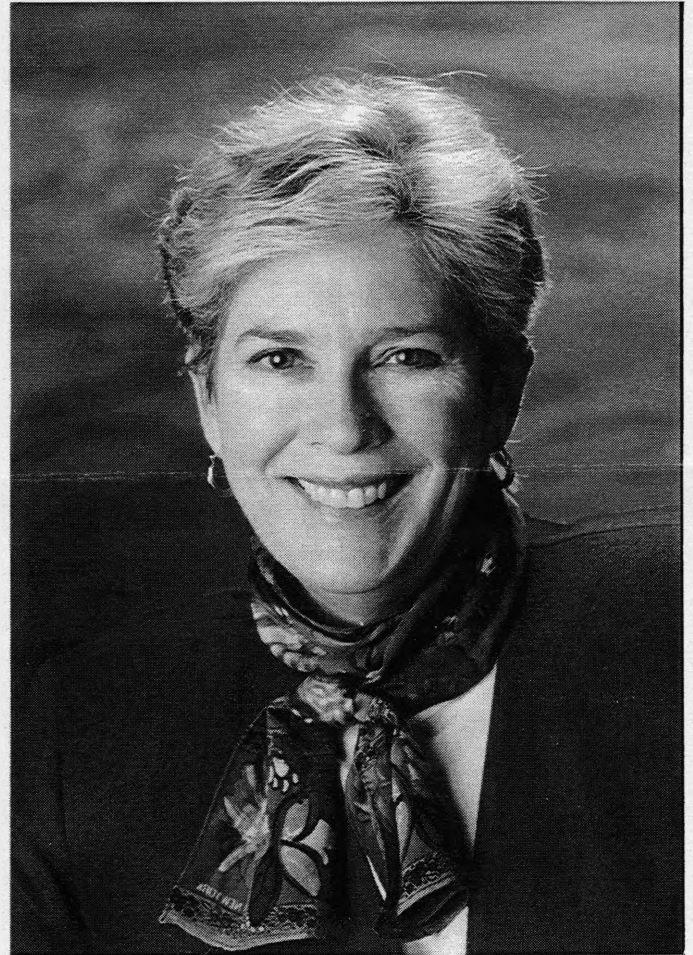
Basically, women fail to utilize the courts to stand up for their rights. Failing to avail ourselves of the protection of one of the three branches of government indicates that we have less than a truly equal partnership in today's society. We are 25 times more likely to allow others to control our destiny than is a man.

As a group and as individuals, women must progress in society. We must see our rights as valuable--as worthy of materialization. Perhaps we should see our fight as benefiting the entire community. We must familiarize ourselves with the law and utilize it.

At the same time, if we are to exceed the limited scope of the male society, and to protect our own emotional well-being, it's best to have compassion for those who have harmed us. Viewing them as people, rather than as objects that harmed us.

by Jan Lightfoot
P.O. Box 62, Hinkley, ME 04944

NATIONAL NOW/PAC ENDORSES MARY CATHCART 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



VOTE TUESDAY JUNE 14!!!

**TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND TO
GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN
WRITE: CATHCART FOR CONGRESS,
55 LISBON ST., LEWISTON, ME 04240
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COME TO THE FAIR

Volunteers are needed to staff the Maine NOW booth at the **COMMON GROUND FAIR** the weekend of **September 23-25** from 9am-7pm, in Windsor, ME.

The fair is a great way to get information out to the public and a good way to raise money through the sale of **buttons, bumper stickers and T-shirts**. This year we're also featuring our own **cook book** of fast, easy, nutritious and delicious pot luck dishes that were enjoyed at Maine NOW board meetings. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth for 3 hours shifts.

As a special treat, our booth will present five to ten minutes of **feminist voices** (alone or in groups of two or three) every hour. We ask our members and friends who enjoy raising their voices in song to contact Cynthia Phinney at 778-9506.

For more information or to volunteer call Rachel Lowe 737-2329.

September will be here before you know it.

Call soon so we can plan ahead. THANKS!

HAVING A YARD SALE ANY TIME SOON?

HOW ABOUT SPLITTING YOUR PROFITS WITH MAINE NOW - 50-50? HAVE EVEN MORE FUN AND INVITE OTHER NOW MEMBERS & FRIENDS TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR GOODIES, TIME, AND MONEY. POTENTIAL SHOPPERS ARE ALWAYS MORE ATTRACTED TO MULTI-FAMILY/ORGANIZATION SALES. A FUN AND EASY WAY TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE AND ATTIC AND SUPPORT FEMINIST WORK!

SEND MAINE NOW'S 50% CUT TO: Kathryn Dunn, P.O. Box 1016, Augusta, ME 04332

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**MAINE NOW ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 1, 1994 - BANGOR**

MAINE NOW BIRTHDAY BREAKFASTS

celebrating women whose birthdays fall in the previous three months. **FUNdraiser, spirit-lifter, appetite-pleaser! 10am-NOON.** Winthrop St. Unitarian Universalist Church, **AUG. JUNE 25** (see back page), **September 10, & December 3.** For more info call: 873-0878.

PRIDE FEST MAINE '94- PORTLAND

JUNE 17-19

From Silence To Celebration

July 18 - PARADE

**12 noon - Longfellow Square
followed by a festival-
food, vendors, entertainment...**

Other weekend events:

Reception for Stonewall 25

Gay Men's Chorus concert

For info on these and other happenings call 871-9940 or write: Pride Committee, P.O. Box 11502, Portland, ME 04104

BANGOR PRIDE EVENT

JULY 9

**PARADE - 12 NOON
FLEET BANK Exchange St.
followed by**

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Paul Bunyon Park

**Food, vendors, entertainment!
INFO: 866-4320**

MNT CREDITS

Thanks to all who helped create this edition especially to JoAnne Dauphinee for coordinating, analyzing, and laying out the candidate endorsements. We want to encourage our readers to submit articles, cartoons, notices, letters-to-the-editor, etc. **Write: Chris Rusnov, 11 Bolduc St., Winslow, ME 04901 873-0878.** Next **Deadline: August 1.**

WHO IS DOING WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE

To find out, order the 1993-94 edition of the Maine Alternative Yellow Pages. This 180+ page directory lists over 1,100 non-profit social service and social action organizations in over 30 categories. Each listing contains the organization's name, address, phone, contact, and goals/activities. \$6/copy postpaid. Two-nine copies-\$5/copy. Ten copies or more-\$4/copy. Payable to: "Yellow Payes". Send to: INVERT, P.O. Box 776, Monroe, ME 04951

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Maine's Leading Feminist Grassroots Organization

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Meets second Monday of each month

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Coordinator - Peggy Stubbs- 778-5609

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P.O.Box 133, Brunswick, ME 04011

Contact - Mary Garvey-Donnelly 729-5843

Meets first Wednesday of each month

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P.O.Box 4012, Portland, ME 04101

Coordinator Jennifer Halm-Perazone 871-0618

Meets fourth Tuesday of each month

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

COUNT ME IN! I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. **MAINE NOW, P.O. BOX 4012, Portland, ME 04101. Make check payable to MAINE NOW.**

NAME (Please PRINT) _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND (optional) _____ to help us analyze our organization's diversity.

CHAPTER (see above) _____ If there isn't a chapter near you, leave this space blank and we will enroll you as an at-large member.

Dues rate includes membership at the national, state & local level.

\$ _____ dues enclosed. \$35 Regular Dues. A sliding scale of \$20 - 34 is available, if you need it.

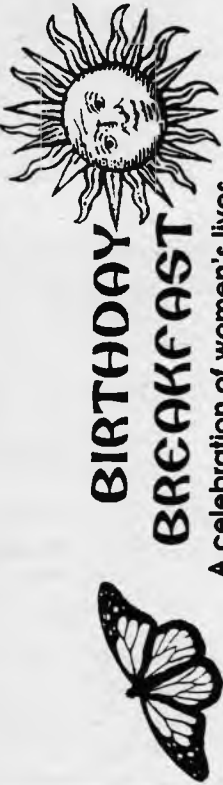
\$ _____ additional contribution enclosed. \$ _____ Political Action Committee contribution. Payable to Maine NOW PAC.

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☐ Please check here if you do not want National NOW to share your name with other groups.

NAME SHARING POLICY: Maine NOW shares our member list for coalition work, in which we are active (see list above). We also occasionally, on a case-by-case basis, will share the list with progressive groups who are advertising events or sharing information.

The Maine NOW Board Invites you to a



BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

A celebration of women's lives

-the famous and the not so famous-



Saturday, JUNE 25 - 10 am
Winthrop St. UU Church - Augusta

This is the second in a series of breakfast gatherings to celebrate women's lives. This month we will highlight women born in APRIL, MAY AND JUNE!!!

Come prepared to share a story of a significant woman in your life - family member, teacher, author, friend, celebrity...

Feminist fun, yummy breakfast, birthday cake, sisterhood... and a few songs performed by Beth Edmonds!!!

We will also honor Beth, who is finishing her term as a National NOW Board member, for her many years of positive, thoughtful, feminist leadership.

We encourage you to pre-register with the form below, but we'll be delighted to see you at the door

\$5 - \$10 (more or less, depending on what you can afford)

Questions, call Chris 873-0878, Merrile 874-2899, JoAnne 989-3306

Following the breakfast, the Maine NOW Board will meet from noon to 4 pm. You are welcome to stay and participate, if you wish.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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I CAN ATTEND

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I CAN NOT ATTEND

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