By Andy NewT1111

A Portland health advisor who handed out condoms to eighth graders at Shaw Junior High School in Gorham has been chastised by city officials, state officials and editorial writers at the Portland Press Herald.

On Mar. 21, Susan Cummings-Lawrence conducted a workshop on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases by handing out condoms to about 40 students. She told the 13- and 14-year-old students that two 14-year-old Mainers have already tested positive for the HIV virus, and that in both cases the AIDS-related virus had been sexually transmitted. Cummings-Lawrence told the students to "get a feel for what condoms are like," but discouraged them from having sex.

Still, a handful of Gorham parents complained. The school principal, Richard Klain, said that giving students condoms encourages students "at that young age to be experimenting with sex." The Portland Press Herald editorialized that Cummings-Lawrence was "going to far" and "encouraging sexual activity among students." And the City of Portland threw Cummings-Lawrence out of the Portland City Hall office she'd occupied for four and a half years.

Diane Elze, the President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, described Cummings-Lawrence as "a dedicated, talented, and committed health educator." The Maine chapter of the National Organization of Women and several area AIDS groups in condemning local and state officials for their bungling of the situation. Elze said the idea that condoms encourage promiscuity is absurd; that the need for AIDS, STD and pregnancy prevention is more profound than ever; and that while some people would deny that young teens are having sex, statistics prove them wrong.

The sun has not set on the STRUGGLE AT SEABROOK

By Harvey Wassennan

On Saturday, April 7, a handful of protestors demonstrated in front of Seabrook Station, the nuclear reactor where civil disobedience cost nuclear power its beginning 15 years ago. After more than 3,500 arrests, the plant lived up anyway.

Seabrook, which returned to operating status from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on March 3, is now running at about three percent of capacity. Though they are struggling with several valve and turbine problems, Seabrook's operators hope to have the plant at full power by the time the summer crowds hit nearby Hampton Beach.

But the granting of the license has not ended the bitter political war raging through New England and the back rooms of Congress. The NRC, says Seabrook foe Bob Backus, has jumped "up to its waist in what George Bush would call 'deep doo-doo': sacrificing both its legal standing and its political credibility.

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Neither do I, why do we assume that women will assume the worst and the negativity will stop? The number one reason we believe that (a woman) is a threat is that she is a threat to (a man).

I'm not saying that I don't think that there's any validity to your question. Do you feel through about me to help you get good about them some.

"No one deserves... hunger"

Hunger anywhere in the world is a depressing subject. When we look at continents like Africa, South America, India, and China, the problem is partially addressed by its distance from daily experience. But when hunger occurs at home in the neighborhood, it is much more difficult to handle. To simply put it, that the fact that there is very little in the world for such a reason is due to lack of food. Without a reasonable amount of food, there is to little food for a healthy diet. And when food is available, it is often in short supply, resulting in the street the man only has $5 a week for every expense food, clothing, and personal expenses seems infeasible for low income and low income families, who really understands that the hard hand-picked individual standing in line is only $5 a week to spend for food poverty and hunger is brought home.

Current medical studies indicate that in North America and Europe, the rate of hunger and hunger-related medical serious affects patients on the underdeveloped areas of the world and among the urban slums and poor the "starve" diets of poverty and hunger are endless. Most medical authorities agree that the optimum treatment for hypertension, indicates a change in diet, and the provision of a good tasting, easily prepared, nutritionally complete diet. Adequate nutrition is essential for the health of people with chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and obesity. In recent years, there has been increased interest in the use of food as a way to help people lose weight and keep it off.

In Maine, there are many reasons for the increase in hunger. According to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, people are too busy to eat healthy foods, or they're too穷 to buy healthy foods, and they're too busy to eat healthy foods. A car can be worth $1,000, with a gross weight and commercial in $520 before losing eligibility for the Federal Food Stamp Program. Also, many low income areas may feel discouraged from buying the food they need and need to purchase more expensive, and nutritious, food. There are also many food banks and community centers that provide food assistance to those in need.

In conclusion, the problem of hunger is complex and multifaceted. It requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty, as well as the immediate needs of those affected. The solution must involve a combination of public and private efforts to ensure that everyone has access to adequate food.
Fighting Those Who Fight AIDS

On Mar 21, at Shaw Junior High School in Gorham, probably about 15 students attended a presentation given by Casco Bay Lunatics, who talked to eighth graders about AIDS and related issues. The Casco Bay Lunatics is a theater troupe that gives presentations about AIDS to schools, hospitals, and other groups.

They gave a presentation about STI's, their symptoms, and how to minimize the risk of contracting them. They also talked about the importance of being effective at preventing STI's, Casco Bay Lunatics said that the Lunatics try to break the notion that people are not safe if they are not seen in public with someone else. They also pointed out that people can get sick from just one kiss of an infected person.

The Lunatics said that their main goal is to make people aware of the seriousness of AIDS and to encourage them to take action to prevent it.

The presentation was well received by the students, who were eager to learn more about the topic. They appreciated the Lunatics' approach and the way they made the information clear and accessible.

In conclusion, the Casco Bay Lunatics presentation was an excellent way to educate students about AIDS and its prevention. Their approach was effective in engaging students and making the information clear and accessible. The Lunatics' efforts to break the stigma of AIDS and encourage people to take action to prevent it were highly appreciated by the students.
Earth Day 1990

Digging ourselves out of the hype

I looked through the Chicago Tribune and found the following: "Earth Day was the beginning of a 28-year environmental movement that has led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency."

Although, I will admit to being skeptical of the whole Earth Day movement, I do think it is a good thing to be aware of, especially for those of us who live in the city. However, I do not think it is necessary to create a special day to raise awareness.

I have noticed that many people are becoming more environmentally conscious, but I believe that this is due to the media and not because of Earth Day. I think that we should focus on raising awareness on a daily basis, not just once a year.

What are we going to do with the money from Earth Day? I think it should be used to fund environmental projects, not just used to promote the day. I think that we should be more mindful of our actions and how they affect the environment.

I believe that we should continue to raise awareness about environmental issues, but we should not be solely focused on Earth Day. We should be more mindful of our actions and how they affect the environment on a daily basis.
SEABROOK STRUGGLE

Kostrmayer opened the hearings by listing seven major incidents where the NRC, through its regulatory failure or ineptitude, allowed a reactor's license holder to proceed. The first one was the 1979 partial core meltdown at Three Mile Island, followed by the 1982 shutdown of the Seabrook plant. These incidents were followed by the 1985 arrangement of themium reactor at the Seabrook site, and then that had never had a serious malfunction. In each case, the NRC refused to act to ensure the safety of the public.

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- **11 a.m.** 
  - "Arms and the Man," a new production by the Portland Stage Company, will be held at the Keller Auditorium. Tickets are $27.50 and $18.50. For more information, call 774-6550.

- **11 a.m.** 
  - "Pizza Ride," a new musical by the Portland Stage Company, will be held at the Keller Auditorium. Tickets are $27.50 and $18.50. For more information, call 774-6550.

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