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Introduction

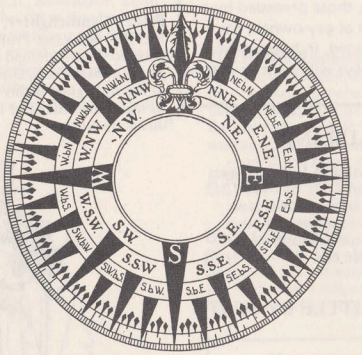
How We Started

A Gay Persons's Guide to New England began life as a five-part feature series in the *Gay Community News* (Boston's Gay Weekly). From the beginning, the editors of the *Guide,* then called "The Gay Cruise-Aider", hoped to enlarge, revise, and reissue the listings as a separate, subsidiary publication. This is it.

What We Do. . . .What We Don't Do

We have tried hard to assemble a complete listing of New England's gay businesses, services, and groups. Where relevant, we indicate our personal opinion; otherwise we have quoted or assembled information from questionnaire responses and letters of application. We have also included many businesses (mainly bars), listed as gay in other guides, which are in fact closed, defunct, straight, or otherwise disappointing. Wherever opinions *are* rendered, they are always those of the editors and not necessarily those of the people at *GCN* or any other organization. We cannot, of course, guarantee the existence or the quality of any listed service.

Though we have attempted to double-check, errors have surely crept in; should you have any knowledge of a gay business or service or group which we have not listed, or which we have listed inaccurately, please complete the input coupon at the end of this booklet. With enough new information, we may reissue the *Guide,* still further perfected.



How To Use Us

We have divided New England into five geographic areas: Northern New England, Suburban and Western Massachusetts, Metropolitan Boston, Provincetown, and Southern New England. Thus, if you find yourself in Providence, or live in Cambridge, or plan a weekend in P'town or Ogunquit, area-related information is in one place.

But if you're searching for a particular service, or if mere proximity is not so important, you should turn to the back pages, where the piano-tuners, and the movers, and the Lesbian rap groups, and the Maine Gay Indians, and all the other services and businesses are alphabetically cross-referenced, and where you'll then be referred to a particular business, or businesses – by number. All the listings, as you'll observe, are numbered consecutively, front to back.

–The Editors

Northern New England

Our Northern New England listings may seem a bit top-heavily social – mostly bars, clubs, restaurants, and gay social-political groups – with too few of the personal crafts and service people and small businesses we'd like to include. One possible explanation may be that the social climate *vis a vis* gay life north of Boston is often stern and repressive. Many innocent urban gays flee the dirt and the crowds to discover that suspicion and exclusion are the prices they pay for being up-front in rural New England. Things *are* changing, though, especially in the bigger cities and the university towns. Burlington and Brunswick and Orono and Durham are "discovering" their hidden gay populations all the time, and as these gay communities develop, gay businesses will emerge (or be created) to serve them. A final *apologia*: simple practical limitations of time and dollars have prevented us from checking out all the far-flung establishments in all the towns and cities to our north. It's therefore especially important that we get feedback from our readers living in, or knowledgeable about, gay Northern New England. Clip those coupons, gang.

NOTE

Listings preceded by a "*" have indicated that they welcome the patronage or participation of gay people; those preceded by a "+" asked to be listed as gay-owned, gay-operated, or gay-managed, in hopes that community-minded gays will want to patronize other gay people.

ARABIAN RESTAURANT

The Arabian Restaurant and Lounge, *West Lebanon, N.H. (Exit 21 off I-89), 603-448-1243.* Plush little corner of the Sahara in Olde New England. Wandering Dartmouthites and other sophisticated sorts can often be found elbow-to-elbow at the over-decorated bar. 1

BARS BIG AND LITTLE BY STATE

MAINE

Benjamin's Tavern, *119 Franklin St., Bangor, Me., 207-942-7492.* Located near Bangor's Gay Community Center, this up-tight little spot is gradually loosening up . . . gayer by the minute, we're told. Still mixed, but promising. 2

Eidelweiss Lounge, *Main St., Ogunquit.* One flight up to electric piano sing-alongs . . . beaded curtains, ship's wheel lamps, very *declasse.* Can be cruisy, especially during Happy Hours, daily 4-7, and on those long, foggy summer nights. Mostly men—no same-sex dancing in the whole be-nighted town! 3

Northeastland Hotel Cocktail Lounge, *Main St., Presque Isle, Me.* Our intrepid reporters claim that friendly faces can be found here, of an evening, in the heart of downtown Presque Isle. 4

Peter's Candlelighter, *158 Main St., Bangor, Me., 207-945-3390.* Profiting perhaps by its proximity to the Greyhound station, Peter's has begun to attract Toms, Dicks, and Harriets, at least so the story goes. In any events, meals are served all night long, and after the witching hour it's distinctly cruisy. 5

Poor Richard's, *The Shore Rd., Ogunquit, Me.* If it's late, late, check out the piano bar; the music and the chi-chi surroundings are Park Avenue gone astray. Dressy, dripping with gilded angels; can be cruisy, if you've a friend in the crowd. As a restaurant it's a near miss, and *tres cher.* 6

***+Roland's Tavern,** *413A Cumberland Ave., Portland 04101, 207-772-9159.* Portland's only gay rendezvous, as far as we know. Homey, friendly crowd of regulars . . . strangers warmly welcomed. And the draft beer is cheap. Entertainment occasionally shows up in the back room; little tables for *tete a tetes.* Also pin-ball machines and assorted dark corners for those private moments. Men and women; closed Sundays. 7

Valerie's, *U.S. Route 1, Ogunquit, Me.* Right at the crossroads, but with that address, who could miss? Flocked wallpaper, indoor fountain, tufted leatherette sofas, looks like the wet dream of a gay undertaker, but the food is good. A long, mirrored bar crowded with vacationing sophisticates aching for urban amenities. Lots of straights, of course. 8

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tudor Cafe, *361 Pine St., Manchester.* Small, unpretentious neighborhood bar. Sunday buffet 2-5, snacks and subs anytime . . . good cheap draft beer. A nice place to end an active evening. Mildly cruisy, lots of wordless conversations. Catch those old navy posters; try your luck at table-bowling. No frills or finery here; modest, but worth a try. 9

The Athletic Room, *Merrimack St., Manchester, N.H.* A "private" club in Loebville, USA, but ring the bell and you're in for free. You may have known this as The Elbow Lounge, but the management's new. Still looks a bit like a gay Grange hall, but we're told changes are afoot . . . live entertainment slotted, and new urbanities in decor. Busiest weekends, natch. 10

VERMONT

The Alibi, *5 Park St., Middlebury, Vt., 802-388-9082.* We hear rumblings that this collegiate watering place is mixed, mostly straight; as in many smaller places, the gay scene in Middlebury tends toward the cliqueish. The straight stranger may have better luck than the gay. 11

The Hi-Hat Restaurant and Lounge, *188 Main St., Burlington, 802-862-7937.* This is really the only place (barwise), for the more up-front Burlington gay. The dancing is straight-only . . . the disc jockey is dull. Upstairs it's gayish on weekends, mostly men, and there's a cover charge . . . even if you're gay and don't dance; the decor is Second-String Vegas. That's all there is, folks. 12

Hotel Coolidge Bar, *17 South Main St., White River Junction.* This old, once-established camping ground has lost most of its gay feathers but you might find a welcoming glance on a snowy night; don't count on a crowd. 13

New-comer or native,
you'll find a warm welcome
at
ROLAND'S
Portland's only gay bar
413A Cumberland Ave.
Portland, Maine
DANCING NIGHTLY
OCCASIONAL ENTERTAINMENT
1 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

The Millard Fillmore, *North Winooski St., Burlington, Vt., 802-862-4627.* A campus-type, countercultural gathering place; basically straight, but friendly, especially for gay women. Comfortable and relaxing. . .decidedly *not* cruisy. 14

The Office Bar and Restaurant, *103 Church St., Burlington.* The vibes are nearly hostile; the bartender even makes anti-gay jokes, but it's a mixed crowd, nonetheless. No actual cruising–perhaps an occasional hot glance. 15

BLUE-HAIRED LUNCHES

The Clarissa Illesley Tavern, *Rt. 1, Damariscotta, Me., 207-563-5500.* A fussy, overdone, "quaint" Olde New England restaurant; perhaps the decor and the prices attract an occasional gay couple. Anyway, the place has wound up in gay guides of various sorts. Don't be misled, it's definitely straight. 16

BOOKSTORES

Book King, *57 Merchant's Row, Rutland, Vt. 05701, 802-773-9232.* An ordinary commercial bookstore with a noteworthy display of alternative and counter-cultural publications. Somebody up there likes us. 17

CAMPSITES (YEAR-ROUND)

***+Gay Camping in New Hampshire,** *617-566-7041.* A forty acre spread beside a purling brook, complete with covered bridge. Perfect for swimming, boating, trout-fishing, summer and winter sports. Peace, quiet, and privacy ninety minutes from Boston . . . water, toilets, and mountains in the bargain. Discount camping to movement groups or professional non-profit organizations. Call for info., or write V. Q. Taylor, Box 49, Waverly, Mass. 02179. 18

DANCE HALLS

Gay Support and Action, *183 Main St., Bangor, Me. 04401.* A gay-lib group sponsoring weekly dances of recent reknown and wide success. 19

Reviews of new books on homosexuality appear in

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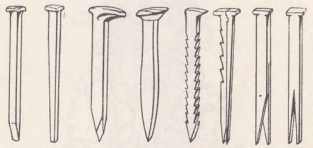
The Gay Community News

DANCING BARS

Club 484, *484 Chestnut St., Manchester, N.H.* In the long, oppressive shadow of the *Union Leader,* but gayness will out. Ring the bell and you're a "member," or so it seems. Very up-front disco; lots of inter-table conversation. Cruisy, and then some. Drag contests, weekend shows, an active calendar of gay events. Big, nostalgia-oriented dance floor; Fifties' classics alternate with the usual fare . . . requests, golden oldies, whatnot. Ask for Al,the smiling barkeep. 20

***+The Seaport Club (formerly the Sagamore Club),** *77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, N.H. 03801, 603-436-9457.* A private club, for members and guests–no cover charge, disc jockey, dancing, pool tables, refreshments. Transients and other out-of-staters will find a welcome here, we're told. "New England's oldest private gay club." For gay men and women. 21

***+The Stage Door,** *Rte. 1, Wells, Me.* The big new fast-moving spot for coastal couples . . . the bar's in the back, but most of the activity seems to cluster around the stage-cum-dance floor where the young turks strut their stuffing. Friendly but a bit frenetic. They serve chicken . . . honestly, they do ($2.75, with fries on the side). The Sunday buffet can seat 300 . . . in *Wells.* 22



DILDOES

***+The Odd Shop,** *109 Daniel St., Portsmouth, N.H. 03801, 603-436-9457.* A stimulating array of adult novelties and special-interest magazines. "Large selection of *discount* items for gays," we're told. Two for the price of one, no doubt. 23

GAY GOLDSMITHS

***+A Sterling Example,** *27 Water St., Exeter, N.H. 02833, 603-772-6636.* Here's where they make those marvelous sex-symbol pendants–also custom-designed adornments in gold and silver and a chic line of unusual clothes, imported and otherwise. Fine stuffs, indeed. 24

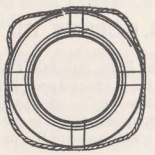
GAY-LIBBERS

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, *c/o D. Estes, Box 1046, Bangor, Me. 04401.* An organization of concerned gay Unitarians in Bangor. 25

Gay Rights Organization, *Box 4542, Portland, Me. 04112, and Box 1163, Lewiston, Me. 04240.* Mostly-political-action groups; write for info and meeting times. 26

Lambda, *7 Nancy Road, Brunswick, Me. 04011.* Brunswick's addition to the proliferating number of gay-lib and gay-rights organizations Down East; these folks sponsor dances, have rap-groups, and generally raise the Brunswickian consciousness on matters homophilic. 27

The Open Door, *Colby College, Waterville, Me.* Can someone inform us of the fate of this little gay-lib group in the North Woods? Last year's membership up and graduated . . . Have things come to life again? Is the Open Door still ajar? 28



***+The Wilde-Stein Club,** *Memorial Union, Univ. of Maine, Orono, Me. 04473.* An educational, social, and political organization whose purpose is "to create an atmosphere where the gay student can live in an open society, free from repression." Activities include weekly meetings, guest speakers, monthly dances and a cooperative sexuality counseling service. 29

GAY OPEN HOUSE

Gay-in-Vermont, *Box 3216, North Burlington Station, Burlington, Vt. 05401, 802-863-2496.* Friendly, open, weekly get-togethers . . . low pressure Gay-Lib cruising and with-it chit-chat; call for time and schedule. Also occasional dances . . . gay Burlingtonians' only social alternative. 30

GAY WOMEN

Brunswick Gay Women's Group, *136 Maine St., Brunswick, Me. 04011.* An active social-political C-R group for local lesbians. Write for meeting details and schedule of events. 31

Vermont Gay Women, *Burlington, Vt., 802-862-7770, or 863-3237.* Not exactly an organization, but a good number to call for all the latest on Lesbians. . .activity- wise, that is. 32

GENTEEL, ELEGANT CRUISING

The Chateau Restaurant Lounge, *201 Hanover St., Manchester, N.H.* An established, mixed, expensive bar–Manchester's Carousel maybe. Older, dressy types with tentative conversation and sidelong glances prevail . . . the food is Italian and the *decor* is Early Mafia. No dancing, no touching, no anything. A last resort. 33

HEALTH CLINIC

Vermont Women's Health Center, *Burlington, Vt., 802-863-1386.* Abortion and other counseling, by gays and straights. . .some counseling by and for gay men. A growing concern. 34

HOTEL

Cliff House and Hotel, *Bald Head Cliff, Ogunquit, Me.* This place is way out on the shore road, has its own gate-keeper, a heart-stopping view of cliff and piney-wood and crashing surf. The bill will also cause cardiac arrest. Sugar daddies and insurance execs from Basking Ridge. Go for lunch. 35

LESBIANS (SUB ROSA)

Occupant, *Box 137, Northwood, N.H. 03261.* This mysterious address belongs to a New Hampshire branch of the Daughters of Bilitis. Those writing for more info should avoid using "gay" on any mail; they do exist however, and offer monthly meetings and social opportunities for gay women. 36

LESBIAN WORKSHOPS (ETC.)

University of New Hampshire Gay Student Organization, *c/o Memorial Union, UNH, Durham, N.H. 03824.* The veterans of the historic battle with the rabid Loeb and his Leader are graduated and gone; but the GSO goes on. These days it's mostly women and has been working with the University's "Sexuality Seminars" program presenting lesbian workshops, for counseling, information, and general consciousness-raising. 37

MAINELY GAYS

Hancock County Gays, *Box 275, Ellsworth, Me. 04605.* A gay-lib group in the wilds of the North Woods. Raps, supportive C-R groups, the works. Write for details. 38

MOTEL

Queen City Motel, *1476 Hammond St., Bangor, Me., 207-942-4611.* Understanding management . . . cozy TV lounge; just check in and act available. Otherwise it's mixed–and mundane enough for your mother. 39

NEWSLETTER (COUNTERCULTURE)

Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter, *Box 4542, Portland, Me. 04112.* Susan Swan, of the MGTF, is editing a brisk new publication from the North: news, poetry, essays on gay life and living, and an expanding Personals column. Subscriptions: $3, first class. 40

NEWSLETTER (FEMINIST)

Maine Freewoman's Herald, *Box 488, Bath, Me. 04530.* News and opinion–by women, for women, about women. Write for rates. 41

PICNICS ETC.

***+Seacoast Area Gay Alliance,** *PO Box 1424, Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4350.* Gay-rights and gay personhood organization for men and women in the area. Weekly meetings (Weds. at 7, 75 Court St., Portsmouth and Sundays at 3, The Stage Door, Rte. 1, Wells, Me.) are supportive and consciousness-raising. They also sponsor picnics, dances, and other events designed as social alternatives to the bar scene. 42

PICNICS IN VERMONT

***+Gay Students Organization,** *Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vt. 05667.* A new or newly vivified student organization in the leafy confines of Plainfield. Activities planned include political and social ones; people needed, from local and academic sources, to get this fledgling off the ground. 43

PIZZA

Tony's Pizza, *5 Allen St., Hanover, N.H.* Rumor-mills have it that gay Hanoverians order their meat-balls here. Confirmation, anyone? 44

PUPPIES, GUPPIES, ETC.

***Road's End Pets,** *Box 36B, Deerfield, N.H. 03037.* "We breed Lhasa Apsos, Pekinese dogs, and Russian Blue cats . . . also board dogs and cats; will pick up and deliver in the area. Can arrange to sell a wide range of breeds of dogs and cats." 45

REAL ESTATE BROKERS

***+Fred Bradley, Broker,** *Box 245, Hartford, Vt. 05047, 802-295-3819 (person-to-person).* Commercial and private properties . . . vine-covered chalets a specialty. 46

RELICS

Cremo Cafe, *Portland, Me.* Convenient to the bus station and adequately sleazy, but the gay clientele has vanished, and the management claims to be glad. Be warned. 47

Hollywood Cafe, *133 Free St., Portland, Me.* Other gay guides have it, but this place hasn't been gay for ten years. 48

The Bangor House Lounge, *174 Main St., Bangor, Me.* This old place has been gay since forever, but of late the proprietors have been less than friendly. But it's on all the lists, and unsuspecting out-of-towners *do* wander in. Chancy these days. 49

Jasper's Restaurant and Motel, *High St., Ellsworth, Me. 04605, 207-667-5318.* The nationwide guides insist on listing this rural spa, but as far as we can tell, the gay trade is a fantasy. Don't expect a welcome mat. 50

Orchid Room, *Chez Dufais, 185 Pearl St., Burlington.* Years ago this may have been gay; at any rate it's now as straight as they come, all the guidebooks to the contrary; try the Hi-Hat, upstairs. 51

The Pub, *Bangor, Me.* Old story: listed in many guides as gay, but alas, it's a pipedream. Occasional lost gays will appear, investigating, clutching guidebooks; locally, though, it's Benjamin's or Peter's. 52

RESTAURANTS

The Fan Club, *The Shore Rd., Ogunquit, Me.* Julia Meade, the ice-box queen, runs this mad, chic, theatre-oriented caravansary. The waiters and the cheesecake are equally appetizing, the *quiche* is beyond words. Expensive, but worth it. Decidedly mixed. 53

The Waybury Inn, *East Middlebury, 802-388-4015.* One of those mouthwateringly quaint New England village inns; the surprise is the sophistication of the food and the urbanity of the customers. A straight, collegiate New-Vermonters place, but keep an eye peeled, friendships have blossomed. 54

RUMORS AND RUMBLINGS: FRONTIER ESTABLISHMENTS

–These names pop up now and then. Reports from the field will be welcomed.

Ray's, *29 Water St., Augusta, Me.* Gay in Augusta? Nearly an impossibility, but you might find Mr. (Ms?) Right in Ray's dark corners. 55

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Maine Gay Indians, *c/o D. Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point, Me. 04667.* Rampant organizational specialization; write for details. 56

SKI LODGE

Goniff Inn, *Box 31, Sunapee, N.H. 03782, 603-763-2111.* The Forum gang has opened this shiny new place this fall high on a windswept hill over gorgeous Lake Sunapee. Two ski areas are within five miles: King Ridge and Mt. Sunapee State Park. Meals are served, along with special Sunday Brunches, and late night buffets on Fridays. . .a wide variety of accommodations from $18 for an off-season weekend *with food* no less. Call or write for a brochure with all the hot dope. 57

SKI LODGES (CLOSED)

The Forum, *Georges Mills, N.H.* These folks have bolted their doors and found a new home at Sunapee: The Goniff Inn (which see). 58

UV GAYS

Gay Student Union at University of Vermont, *Burlington, Vt., 802-656-3480.* A fledgeling organization (only one meeting so far), but plans are a-brewing. Our listed number is the main UV phone. . .may have their own number by the time you read this. 59

WOMEN'S INFO

***+Women's Switchboard,** *Vermont, 802-862-5504.* "An information and referral phone through which women can get info on C-R groups, lesbian rap groups, feminist projects, jobs, housing, counseling etc. . . . We serve and at times represent the Burlington lesbian community. There is no other organization in this area for lesbians." Hours: 10am to 3pm, M., W., F. and 6-9pm Tuesdays. 60

Meet your gay mate through a "Personals" classified in:

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22 Bromfield St.
Boston, MA 02108

Suburban & Western Massachusetts

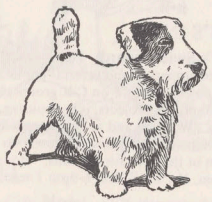
Often, unless tied into a university or college group, the suburban or western Massachusetts gay has been isolated, or slighted, or both, by the inevitable pull of the state's two obvious gay vortices: Boston and Provincetown. Hopefully, this western-facing section will help correct the balance.

As might be expected, we have encountered problems of visibility and availability. Wherever gays are visible, gay businesses are available. . .supply and demand and so on. But regrettably the opposite also holds; and where gays are invisible (for whatever good, bad, or debatable reasons), gay businesses dwindle down to a precious few, and gay gathering-places become mixed, or sub rosa, or both.

All of which complicates life for guide-editors, trying to pin down elusive, evasive, or tentative gay businesses. Many editors give up and just quote the old listings – hence the many mis-listings we've had to correct. We hope, finally, that such businesses as we have located will find their inclusion here to be boon and blessing and that gay readers patronizing them will do so in a spirit of community.

AFGHANS, YORKIES, ET AL

***+Manamouskeagin Pet Shop,** *475 Brockton Ave. (Rt. 123), Abington, 617-583-1128.* Find the parrot of your dreams in Abington–seed, cage, liner, food, toys. . .you supply the exotic cuss words. Plus, puppies, guppies, and other furred or feathered repositories of love. Arf, arf. . . 100



AMHERST GAYS

***+Hampshire Gay Friends,** *Hampshire College, Amherst.* Not too much info. forthcoming; this is a student organization offering gay and gay-straight meetings, social events, and "one-to-one informal counseling". Write for details. 101

***Pioneer Valley Gay Union,** *413-253-2591.* Weekly (Thurs. night) meetings of local gay women and men at the hair salon, Lord Jeffrey Inn, Amherst. A beginning group, with plans for picnics, a newsletter, a coffeehouse, C-R groups, and other high hopes. Call Demian for details. 102

BARS

Holiday Inn Lounge, *70 Southbridge St., Worcester.* Hard to believe, but reports from the heartland indicate occasional activity in this monument of American bad taste. One of a chain. 103

The Mailbox, *282 Main St., Worcester.* Opened in October to replace the old "Exit Two Lounge." The renovation was drastic and daring. The new management (same as "Green Streets") is hoping for a young, swinging crowd, but it's really too soon to tell. 104

The Pub, *382 Dwight St., Springield, Mass.* Behind the Stanchion, in more ways than one, this is mostly a neighborhood bar with pinball and a corner for dancing. Most of the customers seem to hang onto the bar for dear life. 105

BARS (DEFUNCT)

Exit Two Lounge, *282 Main St., Worcester.* Has been revamped, reupholstered and renamed; it's now the "Mailbox." 106

BOOKS

Tower News Stand, Inc., *101 Gorham St., Lowell, 617-452-8693.* "Adult books, magazines, films and novelties" for gays and non-gays. Buy your GCN here 7 days a week, 5 am to 2 am. 107

COIFFURES

***+Hair Styling Center,** *Lord Jeffrey Inn, Amherst, 01002, 413-253-7082.* "Hair has no sex," at this trendy new clip joint in the sophisticated *purlieus* of Amherst. Men, women, gays, straights, all welcome here; ask for Pauline or Bill. 108

COMMUNE

***Hop Brook Commune,** *Box 723, Amherst, 01002.* "We are a rural gay commune for men and women, offering an alternative life-style. Contact by letter; visit by invitation only." These folks are always on the lookout for the young, the strong, and the beautiful, intrigued by visions of simple summery bean-rows and the good life, *ex urbe.* 109

DANCING BARS

***+Cabaret Lounge,** *141 Chestnut St., Springfield, 413-733-5779.* Two biggish rectangular rooms, campy posters, a cavernous dance floor for uncrowded carousing–though things pick up around midnight most weekends. Juke and jive, and catch those foot-long hotdogs and other delicacies. Women and men, and mixed. Live shows. After-hours 2-4 Thurs. thru Sun.–$1.00 gets you all the coffee you can drink. 110

***DiRocco's Cabaret,** *Frost Rd. (Rt. 3A), Tyngsboro. 617-649-9186.* Little Liza's in oils above the mirrors. . .real chandeliers and acres of tables around a long, upholstered bar. Also a piano bar, busy on weekends. The crowd in there is mostly locals, with a sprinkling of Lowellites and improper Bostonians. Drag shows: "Frisco Follies," yet. Big lighted dance floor. A flashy, cruisy, gay roadhouse, and miles from anywhere. Worth the trip through. Mixed, women and men. Catch their "Golden Dish Awards" in mid-June. 111

The Lighthouse Cafe, *700 Washington St., Lynn.* Decidedly mixed reports here. . .a rough crowd, putting it mildly (and they don't). Pool, of course, dance room with jukebox adjacent to the bar. "Museum" of psychedelic posters. . .Gay stevedores, if that's a possibility. 112

***Ports o' Call,** *698-702 Main St., Worcester, 01608.* Dance to a live jockey, weekends, after 9; sing-a-long Tuesdays, if that's your thing. Worcester's grand old cruising-meeting ground–caters to the widest of gay cross-sections. Berth your barge at these convivial moorings if you're lost in the Worcester Hills. 113

The Stanchion, *Taylor St., Springfield.* Forget the rural-sounding name, this place is urban, if not urbane. Up-to-the-minute, frantic, cruisy hang-out. The dance floor is small, but active. The best place in town for wandering strangers. 114

DESIGN (ENVIRONMENTAL)

***+Design Specialties, EDC,** *Box 280, Federal Station, Worcester, 01601, 617-757-2919.* "An Interior Design office to serve the public need and your individual environmental fantasy; we will design your environment at home, at work, or anywhere. Our services include: space planning, landscape architecture, interior design, color coordination service, and interior landscape planning. You will be working with a professional, who knows in advance how to get more value from basics. Call for an appointment, 24 hours a day." Anybody need a good, used environment? 115

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FEMINIST-SOCIALISTS

***Valley Women's Union,** *200 Main St., Northampton 01060, 413-586-2011.* "We are a socialist-feminist political group sponsoring difference work-groups with women from the Valley Women's Center. We welcome all lesbians, whether feminists, socialists or not, to come and see us. Hours: 11-5 weekdays, women only. 117

GAY AT UMASS AMHERST?

***Student Homophile League and Gay Women's Caucus,** *Student Union, UMass Amherst, 413-545-0154.* "On-campus social and task-oriented groups to provide the campus with a resource center for gay activities and information . . . gay hotline, speakers' bureau, monthly dances." 118

GAY LIBBERS

Kalos Society, *15 Judson St., Springfield 01104, 413-732-0922.* One outlet for Springfield's gay activists, and a social alternative to area gay bars. Mixed, men and women. Call for meeting times. 119

Worcester Gay Union, *Box 359, Federal Station, Worcester 01601. Office: Rm. 31, 82 Franklin St., 413-752-8330.* Hours: Mon-Sat 2-5 and 6-9. Meetings Sundays at 8pm. Call or write for the schedule of social-political events. 120

GAY WAVES

***"Gaybreak,"** *WMUA, 91.1 FM, UMass, Amherst 01002, 413-545-2876.* First and third Wednesdays of every month, 10:15pm, the gay community of Western Mass. is "on the air" with news, interviews, music, poetry, and an occasional dramatic presentation. Host Demian is a gay voice in the wilderness. 121

HYMNS AND HERS

Metropolitan Community Church Study Group of Worcester, *Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543.* The title rather says it all; this is the infant branch of the growing national gay church. See MCC Boston, Hartford, *et al.* 122

ISLAND GUEST HOUSE

The House of Orange, *25 Orange St., Nantucket, 617-228-9287.* Intimate, well-run, welcoming little place in the middle of a beautiful, straight little island. Drop the props a line before you arrive. Mixed but friendly . . . good reports. 123

LOUNGES

Laconia Lounge, *Lowell.* We keep hearing that this place is becoming a lesbian bar. A female ace reporter would be helpful here. . .any volunteers? 124

MULTI-MEDIA ARTIST

***Demian,** *389 Amity St., Amherst 01002, 413-253-5171.* "Photography, filmmaking, animation, poster and ad design, audio spots for radio, theater workshops and cartoons." 125

NEIGHBORHOOD BARS

The Heritage Lounge, *32 Front St., Salem, 617-745-2146.* One of those questionable bars with a mixed back room . . . all the intimacy and elegance of the Greyhound Bus Station, all the sophistication and *savoir faire* of Boston's own Playland. The word seedy comes at once to mind. 126

NICE TRIES

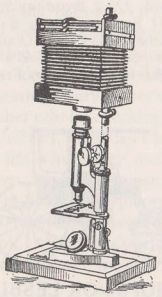
Green Streets, *112 Green St., Worcester.* Local gays tried for a while to stake a modest claim, but it's a gay ghost town now . . . 127

THE OLD GUARD

Red Lion Inn Bar, *Rt. 7, Stockbridge.* Try the bar here late, late, after the tourists have gone to bed; in the wee-er hours, we've been visible, but only faintly. Despite all the culture, or because of it, the Berkshires are as closety as ever. Any reports from the field? 128

PHOTO STUDIOS

***+Custom Photography,** *Box 49, Waverly, 617-566-7041.* "Professional photographer offers unique, discreet service. Gay parties, marriages, portraits, conferences; photography on location, printing and reproductions. Rush service on request." 129



PUB (COLLEGIATE)

The Downstairs at the Drake, *85 Amity St., Amherst.* We heard that gays have staked a modest claim to mid-week nights in this charming and collegiate cellar bar–high-toned old New England setting. 130

RABBIT TESTS

***New Bedford Women's Health Center,** *347 County St., New Bedford, 617-999-1070.* Peer counseling, client advocacy, and a wide range of health services: pregnancy tests, pap smears, birth control, VD testing. Free, to men and women of all ages. Non-profit samaritans. 131

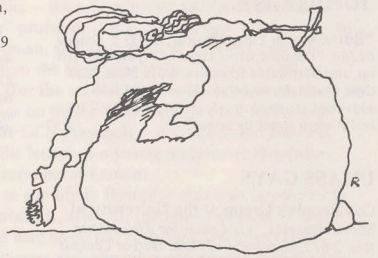
RUMOR HAS IT

Don's Den and Hideaway, *off Meadow St., Willimanset.* Mixed reports hint this might be mixed . . . what about it Willimansetites??? 132

Cosmopolitan Cafe, *511 Market St., Lowell.* Is this a wild spot? We hear the police van is permanently parked outside . . . Any reports from the field? 133

RURAL HUM

Homophile Union of Montachusett, *Box F5, Leominster, Mass. 01453.* A gay-lib and gay fellowship organization; they climb mountains together and hold an occasional dance. Write for details and meeting times; no phone as yet. 134



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SANDMEN

Crane's Beach, *Ipswich.* About a half mile south of the parking lot ($3.00 a car on summer weekends!). The lovely, rolling duneland back from the ocean offers nesting grounds for seagulls, terns, and the Lesser Bikini. South is to the right of the refreshment stand as you face the vasty deep. 135

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER

The Boathouse, *77 Middle St., Lowell.* This bar often appears in less-informed guides as gay or cruisy; it is neither . . . it is, in fact, straight and up-tight. In the words of the owner: "This establishment is NOT run by Gay owners and it is also NOT run as a Gay bar." So there. 136

TOPOLOGIST

***Butterworth Corporation,** *RFD 2, Orange 01364.* "Detailed street maps of Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable Counties–all in Mass. Also *Cape Cod Atlas and Guidebook.* Send self-addressed stamped envelope for price list." Imagine! P'town street by street!! 137

UMASS GAYS

Gay People's Group at the University of Massachusetts, *c/o Center for Alternatives, Rm. 2-617, University of Mass. Harbor Campus (College 2), Dorchester, Mass. 02125, 287-2900, ext. 3236.* A social-political organization for gays at the Columbia Point Campus . . . things are just beginning. 138

UMASS WOMEN

Southwest Women's Center, *MacKinnie House, Univ. of Mass., Amherst 01002, 413-545-0626.* A center funded by and intended for dormitory residents of the Southwest Campus, but open to all. *Some* work is done with gay women. 139

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

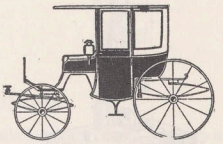
Rachid's, *Mountain Farms Mall, Rt. 9, Hadley.* Many moons ago Wednesdays used to be unofficially "gay night" in this pleasant little roadhouse disco. We hear, however, that such is no longer the happy case, and that the management didn't warm to the idea a-tall. Pity. 140

VACANT LOTS

The Arch Cafe, *1741 Main St., Springfield.* Forget your pilgrimage to the Arch this year . . . it burned to the ground in September, '73. 141

WHEELS

***Nassar Ford,** *320 S. Broadway St., Lawrence, 617-688-9604.* Buy your new or used transportation from friendly Bob Poitras. Cruise in high style in a new puce T'bird, or find a Pinto Woodie for that long trek to San Francisco. 142



WORKSHOPS FOR LESBIANS

Everywoman's Center, *Goodell Hall, University of Mass., Amherst, 413-545-0883.* Open to all women, from within and without the University community . . . some gay counseling; sponsors a series of workshops and classes, *by* women, *for* women. 143

NOTE

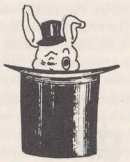
Listings preceded by a "*" have indicated that they welcome the patronage or participation of gay people; those preceded by a "+" asked to be listed as gay-owned, gay-operated, or gay-managed, in hopes that community-minded gays will want to patronize other gay people.

Metropolitan Boston

What is "the gay scene" in Metropolitan Boston? Superficially, or at least visibly, it is the carefully frantic dancing at After Dark or the 1270 or under the glitzy new Mylar roof of the birdcage balcony at the "New" Other Side. That's gay society – a network of gay entertainments and gay meeting places – and an important part of the gay mating dance. Friendships in fact *are* begun under those flashing lights and no one (we assume) would want them to go dark again. The bar scene these days is up-front and free-swinging. Cabaret/After Dark advertises (as a gay bar) on the radio-Muzak at CVS, and gay folk buying their cut-rate shampoo smile at each other and more light is let in. Styx, and PB's and the Stuart Manor and the Saints and the Citadel, each with its angle, its mood, its particular tone, all have opened in the last twenty months. People, straight and gay, are finding that there is a significant gay market in Boston – for greeting cards, for a newspaper, for a bookstore, for a neighborhood health clinic. And that marketplace, social, commercial, organizational, is the public surface of the gay community.

But actually, of course, a gay community, in Boston or anywhere, is gay people: it's a sixtyish Lesbian couple holding hands at an MCC potluck supper – it's a happy transvestite in an enormous scarlet hoop skirt and gold *lame* wings at a DOB Halloween ball – it's a middle-aged Lexington banker trying to fill his empty house and his empty life after the death of his lover of thirty years – it's a 17 year-old BU freshman with a crush on his "Homosexuality in Literature" professor – it's a Cambridge woman sharing her children with her lover, and another woman, and a houseful of kids and cats and plants and organic oatmeal – it's a sailor from the Merchant Marine trying the Monday Night Dollar Special at the Regency Baths (for the second time) – it's a nervous, thirtyish actuary looking anxiously around Napoleons on a slow Thursday for a red turtleneck with a nice voice that answered his ad in the GCN Personals – it's a bemused Harvard scholar examining Henry James's homophilic letters to a young sculptor at Houghton, and it's another scholar checking out the tearooms at Lamont.

What follows, then, can't be a guide to gay life in Boston – that's an impossibility, because gay life is humanity, and the gay world is, after all, the family of man; it is everyone you know. We have, though, collected here some few facts (and opinions) about gay *options* in Boston, gay places, gay businesses, gay lifestyles, gay groups, and we present these Metropolitan Boston pages herewith – as a partial and incomplete community resource book. What you do with it will depend on who you are and how you live, but we hope you will find it humane, usually accurate, and occasionally amusing.



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***+Gay Media Action-Advertising,** *43-45 Hano St., Allston 02134, 783-1627.* "A unique and non-alienating presentation of gay lifestyles for straight advertising media." 201

AQUATIC DELIGHTS

Sweetwater Aquarium Supply, *Box 5, Melrose Highlands, 02177.* "A complete line of aquarium supplies at discount prices." For 50 cents they will send you a catalogue of items to delight your aquatic plant or animal friends. 202

ARMAGEDDON

Gay Community Alert, *c/o Randy Gibson, Charles Street Meeting House, 536-3285, 523-0368, 267-0764.* The people at these numbers will mobilize the gay community in case of a massive crisis. Contact them if you feel there is such a crisis, or if you wish to be on their notification list. 203

ARPEGGIOS

***Begin to Flute,** *536-2502.* Call Bob, for inexpensive, non-sexist lessons with "patient. experienced flutist." Pay the piper. 204

ART AND LIFE

Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, *96 Beacon St., Boston 02108, 262-2010, ext. 319.* A student-faculty group focussed on the promotion of gay life-styles as reflected in the arts and the media; call for meeting time and place. 205

ART INSTRUCTION

***+Individual Art Instruction,** *Cambridge, 876-9433.* "Individual art instruction in painting and drawing–primarily for beginners–at minimal cost by serious gay painter. Stress on overcoming inhibitions of beginning artists who wish to express themselves as gay." A good work being done. Call weekdays for weekend appointments. 206

ARTS AND LETTERS

***FAG RAG*: Gay Male Quarterly,** *Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215.* Bold, provocative, imaginative journal of gay opinion, gay culture, and gay politics. The fantasy is reserved for the illustrations, where nubility and muscle tone reign supreme. Write for a sample ($1.00) or subscription: $7 for 12 issues. 207

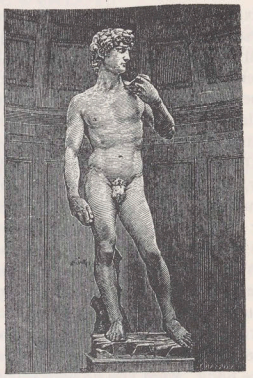
BARE CHESTS (ETC.)

***Walter Driscoll, Registered Electrologist,** *26 West St., Boston, 426-5067.* "Electrolysis using the most modern method: electro-coagulation. . .using a short-wave machine. Permanent hair removal. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 to 4, Wed., 7:30-6:30." For dancers, models, and other city slickers. 208

***Donald P. Williams, Registered Electrologist,** *419 Boylston St., Boston, 267-8180.* "Permanent hair removal." Imagine, never having to shave those legs again! 209

BATHS (men only)

La Grange Baths, *4 La Grange St., Boston.* The local branch of the nation-wide Club Bath chain is clean, carpeted, and *very* secure, (despite a truly dangerous location. . .after midnight take every caution). The private cubicles are almost plush, and the red ship's lanterns (dim, dim, dim) flatter the complexion. Four floors of fun, frolic, and free hairspray; the legs, if nothing else, get a work-out. Also a sundeck, Muzak, doe-eyed attendants, and a new Swedish looking garden-TV lounge, wall-to-wall greenery and black leather. Sunday afternoons have been known to be friendly. Open 24 hours; sorry, no weekly rates 210



Regency of Boston, *11 Otis St., Boston, 338-7975.* Four floors up via freight elevator to a TV lounge and the world's smallest steamroom. Homey, funky, a bit down-at-heel, but the specials bring in the crowds: Beer and Pizza Night Wednesdays, Dollar Night Mondays; don't miss it, they're hanging from the rafters. 211

BAUBLES

***Jeweller's Guild,** *45 Bromfield St., Rm. 62, Boston, 02108.* "Complete jewelry services: design, repair, gem-cutting, custom designed precious and semi-precious gems. . .unique in the area." Bring your great-aunt's tiara in for a fitting. 212

BEACON HILL BARS

Sporter's, *228 Cambridge St., Boston.* No sign on the door, but it's the real thing: crowded, knee-deep in Beacon Hill habitues and other lean and hungry types. No dancing, no frills, no welcome mat; but it can be friendly, if you know the right folks. Predominantly men. 213

BLINTZES

Ken's Delicatessen, *549 Boyston St., Boston.* Lateish it's gayish, but everybody pretends not to notice: they frown on cuddlers. A hard-earned rep as the *apres*-whatever drop-in-and gorge spot, a mecca for whipped cream fiends. And do try the chef's salad; avoid the potato pancakes. Always avoid potato pancakes. 214

BOOKSTORES

Book City, *239 Tremont St., Boston.* Wide selection of books on a narrow topic. Lots of anatomy texts for the young-at-heart. Nostalgia and trenchcoats. 215

Book Mart, *659 Washington St., Boston.* Another lascivious library in the C-Z. Buy your Mother's Day gift elsewhere. 216

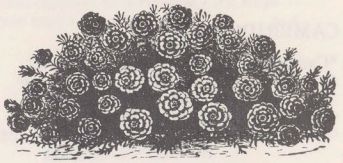
Esplanade Paperback, *107 Charles St., Boston.* Friendly, gay-run bookstore on Beacon Hill . . . porn without plastic wraps; wide selection of America's gay periodicals. Not a bad bookstore, either. We hear the poetry shelves are cruisy. 217

***+Everybody's Autobiography: The HCHS Bookstore,** *419 Boylston St., Rm. 403, Boston 02116.* "We are an anti-profit bookstore selling gay books, buttons, periodicals, and some arts and crafts. We also sell by mail order." Hard-to-find gay poetry, novels, and pamphlets; a lending library is in the works, we hear. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6-9pm. Ring the night bell four times . . . it's worth the effort. 218

***Grateful Union Bookstore,** *149 Putnam Ave., Cambridge 02139, 547-6099.* Fifteen hundred titles, carefully selected for permanence and importance. "Interior maps . . . songs, visions, myths, prayers, histories." A together place, as we used to say. 219

Nini's Corner, *Harvard Square, Cambridge.* Closety, up-tight magazine rack right in the ferocious middle of Harvard Square. They do sell all but the least respectable of the gay rags . . . a few of those too. 220

***100 Flowers Bookstore,** *186 Hampshire St., Cambridge 02139, 547-1691.* "We are a community bookstore, with books carefully selected to help people live in the world and change it. We carry books on radical politics, feminism, gay lib., crafts, religion, history, poetry, literature and stock a growing selection of non-sexist children's books. A relaxing place, with space to sit down, read, look at books, talk, and exchange ideas . . . many small-press publications (books and magazines) not available in most large bookstores and of interest to people of changing consciousness." 221



Paperback Booksmith, *753 Boylston St. (Copley Square), Boston.* This branch of the local chain merits a listing; somebody keeps a better-than-average homophile shelf active in the back left corner. Worth a look. 222

Reading International, *Brattle Square, Cambridge 02138.* Pick up your *GCN* here, along with the latest *Partisan Review,* also cut rate recordings and a tableful of dollar hardbacks! 223

***The Red Book,** *136 River St., Cambridge, 491-6930.* Good selection of gay and feminist books and periodicals. "We stock only radical political publications, posters, odds and ends." Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 12-9. Fri.-Sat. 11-6. 224

200 Book Club, *694 Washington St., Boston.* Neon-splashed porno jungle. If you can't find what you're looking for here you'll have to go to Copenhagen. 225

Reviews of new books on homosexuality appear in
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The Gay Community News

CAMBRIDGE BARS

Casablanca, *40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 876-0999.* A cozy Cambridge cellar; clever little roofed booths for gazing deep into each other's eyes. *Not* a gay bar, not even cruisy, but very Cambridge, and very romantic, if you know what we mean . . . come with a good friend. 226

Jack's, *952 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.* Crowded, too-popular Cambridge pub . . . no cuddling, no dancing, but it's almost the only game in town. Checkered tablecloths, a jungle of potted plants, only an occasional fight; mostly good counter-cultural *chic.* Mixed, mostly straight. 227

CAMBRIDGE GAYS

***Cambridge Gay Neighbors,** *c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108, 426-4469.* An informal community group of politically concerned Cambridge gays–occasional "ad lib" social events. Call for meeting times. 228

CARITAS

***+Otherfund,** *GCN Box 3000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.* A Gay United Fund, to raise money for particular projects within the gay community of Greater Boston. A new, adventurous-minded project; write for details. 229

CATERERS

***+Geri Bidwell Gay Caterer,** *Cambridge, 547-1451.* Coming out? Throw a party, and let Geri and friends lay out the food. Call for individual attention . . . for your Barn Dance, Holy Union, Drag Ball, or what you will. Conferences and conventions are a specialty of the house. 230

***+Ms. Angela's Catering,** *Boston, 524-0266.* "A catering service specializing in buffets, ethnic dishes, and sit-down banquets. Prices from $2.00-$7.50 per person. All employees from within the gay community. Reductions to gay groups. Call after six and weekends." The Hawaiian Chicken in Orange and Honey sauce, with Turban Squash and Homemade Peach Shortcake sounds especially delectable. 231

CHANGING TIMES

The Showcase, *38 Warren St., Roxbury.* Another straight bar which used to be gay; you may have known it as The Elite. The new policies are somewhat discouraging; gays welcome, we're told, "as long as they behave themselves." 232

CHARLESTOWN GAYS

***Charlestown Gay Neighbors Assn.,** *call Ian at 241-8357.* "A community group for gay men and women living in Charlestown. Monthly social-supportive-political meetings; we're attempting to make Charlestown a better place for gay people to live." About 60 members; call for meeting times. 233

CINEMAS

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***+North Station Cinema I,** *276 Friend St., Boston, 227-6651.* X-rated movies, ($3.00), and audiences, (ditto), with an all-male, action-oriented outlook. Living color, and then some. Perfect for all those fresh-from-the-closet folk who shrink from daylight encounters. Understanding management : . . need we say more? 235

Orson Welles Cinema, *1001 Mass Ave., Cambridge, 868-3600.* Grand old lady of the revival houses; the programming tends toward the faddish and the repetitive, but now and again they'll shake off the doldrums and run something truly stunning. Keep an eye on the listings. 236

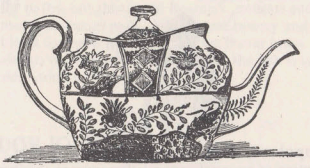
***The Park Square Movie House,** *Park Square Building, Boston, 542-2220.* Justin Freed's original in-town revival palace; it can get a bit airless if there's a crowd, but these are the folks who gave us Katherine H. last year; this season it's a major Buster Keaton revival and a treasure trove (as the saying goes) of vintage Hitchcock and Capra films. Stand in line, please. 237

***South Station Cinema,** *23 South St., Boston, 423-4340.* Clean, modern porno house–two gay flicks for the price of etc. Call for the current program; they're often uncut and always unclean. 238

Stuart Theatre, *700 Washington St., Boston.* Straight movies and gay overcoats. Pass the popcorn and share the wealth; Mama never told you about this. 239

COFFEEHOUSES

***+The Meetinghouse Coffeehouse,** *70 Charles St., Boston, 523-0368.* This funky, gossipy, often friendly Gay Lib hang-out struggles valiantly on. The crowded facilities are showing the wear and the tear, but it's still a nice low-pressure place to pass a quiet Sunday afternoon or talk over the latest scandal. Some home-made pastries, and the best selection of teas in the city. *Im Zommer* there's a pleasant sidewalk cafe, and the Meetinghouse sponsors occasional poetry readings, films, fund-raising dances and theatrical events. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 12-12, Sun. 3-12. 240



COMBAT ZONE BARS

Carnival, *39 Boylston St.,Boston.* Combat Zone piano-oyster bar; cast of local zanies . . . sandwiches, draft beer, pinball for the lonely; luxuriously padded bar for those long winter nights; no elegant mannerisms here; would you believe free peanuts in a bathtub? 241

Playland, *21 Essex St., Boston.* It's perennial Christmas-in-the-dungeon, with chains of colored lights, bangles 'n beads, and general tackiness. Popular, loud, unpretentious, even a bit rough on the wilder nights. The resident population varies in age, life-style, and degree of depravity, but catch the Gay Lib bulletin board . . . nudes and news clippings. Give Playland a try, whatever you expect it'll surprise you. 242

COUNSELING

***+Counseling Service, Inc. d/b/a Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS),** *419 Boylston St. room 403, Boston 02116, 266-5477.* General, telephone, group, and individual counseling, crisis intervention, social work, and education by a large clinical staff of psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, pastoral counselors, and para-professional therapists. HCHS also sponsors and produces "GAYWAY" on WBUR 90.9 FM and supports "Everybody's Autobiography", a non-profit bookstore. Coming: a lending library of gay-oriented literature. An office of HCHS is now open in Providence; Worcester plans are also afoot. 243

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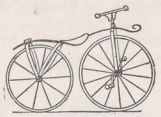

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***Randolph Country Club,** *44 Mazzeo Drive (Rt. 139), Randolph, 963-9809 or 961-2414.* A gay key club, ($5.00 annual fee), dancing to live bands or disc jockey. Olympic size pool, Busy, imaginative calendar events–watch for it monthly in GCN. Sample specials: Great Gatsby Night, Hobo Night, New Faces Night, free Sunday buffets, splash parties, the works. Closed Mondays. 246

CRAFT SUPPLIES

***Earth Guild,** *149 Putnam Ave., Cambridge, 02139, 547-6099.* Craft supplies and real tools for a variety of with-it trades. A wide selection of craft books, sold by folks committed to real crafts. "Nothing we don't use ourselves," is the way they put it. Stuffs for dyeing, weaving, tapestry, rugmaking, beads, pots, buckles, shoes, ships, sealing wax, and probably kings. Handsome is as handsome does. 247

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CUSTOM FRAMING

***+Classic Frames,** *Boston, 536-3285.* Get that photo of your lover (see GAY PHOTOGRAPHERS) professionally framed and matted. "Give a framed rhino to a friend for Christmas. Good custom framing lasts a lifetime." 248

DANCING BARS

Bienvenue, *14 Boylston Place, Boston.* The Cowardly Lion has gone back to the Emerald City, and his den is deserted and under new management. The place looks like a saloon that used to be a coal mine. The Western-style dance floor is still as slippery as ever, but it just isn't the same without Judy. The silver art nouveau murals are eye-catching, but the place looks dismantled and more than a little forlorn. . .only an occasional lonely pool-player. 249

***+Cabaret/After Dark,** *15 Lansdowne St., Boston, 266-9193.* A new and nifty gay cornucopia in the shadow of Fenway Park; cavernous dance floor, two mile-long bars, and wall-to-wall light show. Come and meet all 3,000 of your best friends; "the largest dance-disco on the East Coast." Quadraphonic sound and a DJ suspended high above the throng. Admission ($1.00) includes night-club entrance, see listing under NIGHTCLUBS. Sunday brunches, dance contests, movies, concerts, pinball, pool tables, all wrapped up in a flashy, Art-Decorated warehouse of trendy delights. 250

Napoleon, *52 Piedmont St., Boston.* The last bastion of sartorial conservatism, except the Ritz and that doesn't really count. Three floors of mirrors and chandeliers and white pianos and elegant flights of stairs . . . lots of bisquit busts of the Prisoner of St. Helena for authenticity's sweet sake. A discreet, almost hidden doorway in flossy Bay Village; the crowd is Ivy-dressy and (mostly) younger than they look. Practice your cocktail party chatter . . . on weekends the more reckless will allow themselves to dance. A landmark, of sorts. 251

***+Stuart Manor,** *63-65 Stuart St., Boston 02116, 482-9091.* Newly renovated art-deco dancing bar. Juke box in the back room. The bar is big and curved for conversations and those long, long glances. Free buffet (5-7 pm), sandwiches, burgers . . . up and coming. 252

***Styx,** *20 Blagden St,, Boston.* A svelte new spot in Copley Square . . . gay by night (enter on the street just in back of the Public Library). The decor is Expensive Swedish; the white-tiled dancing nook has mirrored walls and the disc-jockey reigns from on high. Otherwise it's splendid hanging pots abrim with foliage, theatrical lighting, seductive nooks and crannies. The drinks are expensive but good; we hear the house booze is Jim Beam. 253

Twelve Seventy, *1270 Boylston St., Boston 02116.* Three frantic floors: dancing, drinking, movies, even a Lavender Laundromat . . . young, flashy, with-it, sequinned crowd. You can make friends here, despite the glitter, but be prepared for those level looks. "Leather" downstairs, we're told. Admission charge, sometimes. 254

DANCING BEARS

***+Dancing Bear Ellen B. Davis,** *22 Bromfield St., Boston, 426-4469.* "For a few bucks we'll send a bear dancing anywhere. Bar Mitzvahs, Bridge Openings, and Holy Unions our specialties." Bearly possible. 255

DARK VICTORY GARDENS

The Fens, *off Park Drive at Boylston St.* They've tried asphalt and bright lights along those winding paths, but this is still Boston's cruisiest and most dangerous park. Much more money and blood has been lost here than we'll ever know about; tryst at your own risk, and the risk is considerable. 256

DOB JOURNAL

******FOCUS:* **a Journal for Gay Women,** *write Boston DOB, Room 323, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116.* A monthly, feminist publication, including articles, reviews, poems, letters, and a complete area feminist calendar of movement events. An essential source of information and support for area women; available by subscription: $6 a year. 257

DRACAENAS

***+The Green Leaf Florists,** *478 Columbus Ave. (corner of W. Newton St.), Boston 02118, 247-3500.* Plants, cut flowers, inspired design; will deliver to Beacon Hill or Bombay. Terraria are all the rage, we hear. How about a Boston Fern? 258

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DYNAMICS GROUPS

***+Dynamics Plus,** *35 Carleton St., Newton, 02158, 244-9090.* Will organize and lead or give instruction in staff dynamics groups for organizations and businesses of all kinds; can do resource evaluation for organizations, businesses, communities and groups. . .pro-feminist, no-rip-off rates, special consideration given to movement groups. *Free* initial consultation. Call 9 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday. 259

FALSE LEADS (SEASIDE)

The "L" St. Beach, *"L" St., South Boston.* This old all-male beach finds its way into almost all the nation-wide gay guides; it shouldn't be there. Go if you must, but it isn't cruisy, it isn't private, it isn't exciting. Bare but boring. 260

FALSIES

Zodiac Lounge, *619 Washington St., Boston.* Combat Zone veterans will be amused, but this strip joint is listed as gay in even the most up-to-date guidebooks from out of state. Pity the poor tourist. 261

FAUTEILS

***Campbell-Moreau Associates, Interiors Shop,** *174-A Newbury St., Boston 02116, 267-0587.* Fine interior design for the discriminating among us–splendiferous wallpapers, embossed, flocked, and otherwise. Do-it-yourself or have a staff of designers do over the old place while you're summering in St. Tropez. 262

FEMINIST JOURNAL

***The Second Wave,** *Box 344, Cambridge A, 02139. "The Second Wave* is a quarterly feminist magazine in its third year of publication. We feature poetry, stories, and graphics by women for women and are predominantly women-identified; we welcome manuscripts, poetry, original graphics, etc., from all women." Subscriptions: $3.00/year. 263

FENS FRIENDS

***FENGAY: The Fenway Gay Community Alliance,** *call Tom Nylund, 267-0516.* "We are a local neighborhood support group providing social, cultural and political opportunities to the fens-area gay community. We meet bi-weekly for pot-luck suppers, dancing, political rallies, etc. Friends from other areas always welcome." Call for meeting times. 264

FLICKS

Community Films, *c/o Mark Heumann, 52½ Dimick St., Somerville 02143, 628-3870, or 776-7080.* Non-pornographic films on gay and gay-related subjects; actors and idea-people are invited to call. 265

GAY AND CATHOLIC?

***Dignity-Boston,** *1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215.* "The local effort is directed to helping gay Catholic men and women to accept their homosexuality and to be better Christians. We meet the first Sunday of every month at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., at 1:30 p.m." 266

***Dignity,** *755 Boylston St., Rm. 514, Boston 02116, 267-5646.* A national organization, with over 25 local branches, set up to work with the Church, with Society, and with Individuals, to reinforce gay self-awareness and to build a "community of love." New England branches: Dignity/Boston, 1105 Boylston St., and Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket, R.I. 02861. 267

GAY AT BRANDEIS

Brandeis Homophile League, *Brandeis University, Waltham 02154, call Sunny at 647-2636.* A new group holding supportive rap groups every two weeks; they provide a gay counselor for the Campus Student Sexuality Center. Call for meeting place and time. 268

GAY AT TUFTS

Tufts Gay Community, *c/o Student Activities Office, Eaton Hall, Tufts Univ., Medford 02155, 628-9863.* A social, supportive group meeting on the first Tues. of the month. In the works are dances, lectures, films; call for meeting time, place. 269

GAY COMMUNITY PRIEST

***Fr. Paul Shanley, Archdiocese of Boston Ministry to the Gay and Bisexual Communities,** *128 Tremont St., South Braintree, 267-0764.* Counseling and advice for those who find their sexual patterns in conflict with their faith . . . a varied clientele, from street kids to marrieds. 270

GAY GREETING CARDS

***+Gayline Greetings,** *Box 1715, Boston 02105.* High-quality, non-pornographic, gay-oriented greeting cards, produced in and for the gay community. Looking for designers, producers, and salespeople, as well as customers. Send for illustrated information. 271

GAY IN CHESTNUT HILL?

***Homophile Union at Boston College,** *Boston College Box B28, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167, 277-8096.* "Personal and moral support for gays in the rather oppressive atmosphere at BC, through group meetings, rap sessions, and referals to other supportive agencies in the Boston area. Also, an educational effort, to dispute stereotypes of gays and gay life, through guest speakers, open forums, etc. Complete confidentiality for those who wish it. The Union is non-radical, and not politically oriented." 272

GAY IN WATERTOWN?

***Waltham-Watertown Gay Group,** *"Watch GCN for time and place."* An organizing neighborhood group with social, community-oriented aims. "We exist so that gay people in W-W can get together socially where they live, to discuss

issues that affect our lives in our neighborhoods, to help gay people who feel isolated or lonely, and to deal with our own sexism and prejudices. We meet every other Wednesday at 7:30, usually for a pot-luck supper." 273

GAY IVY

***Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Organization,** *C-21 Leverett House, Harvard University, Cambridge 02138, 498-2660.* "We're Harvard's gay student group; we hold a dance once or twice a year, and we try to make life easier for gays here by educating straights and providing social outlets for gays. Meetings Thursday nights during the academic year, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, at 8:30 (sharp)." Sharp. 274

GAY PhD?

***+Gay Academic Union of New England,** *266-2069.* A supportive, activist group of gays in academia organized "to support gay student groups, promote new research and scholarship, provide opportunities for gays to publish, encourage the teaching of gay studies, and counsel individual academics in the process of coming out. We try to provide an intellectual, social, and occasionally political outlet for gay academics: teachers, students, and all other interested professionals." Sunday afternoon meetings once a month; call for time and place. 275

GAY SEDERS

***+B'nai Haskalah,** *c/o Parlin, 4 Moody St., Apt. 3, Dorchester, Mass. 02124, 265-6409.* "We are a Jewish cultural and religious group open to *all* gay Jews. We hold Friday night services (at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, 8:30 pm), special holiday events (a seder, High Holy Day services), study groups, social and fund-raising events." 276

NOTE

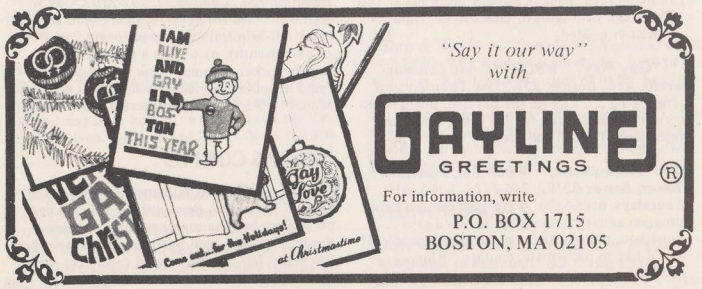
Listings preceded by a "*" have indicated that they welcome the patronage or participation of gay people; those preceded by a "+" asked to be listed as gay-owned, gay-operated, or gay-managed, in hopes that community-minded gays will want to patronize other gay people.

GAY TEENS

***+Boston Gay Youth,** *419 Boylston St., Rm. 509, Boston 02116, 536-6197.* A local service organization for gays and bi's through age 19 . . . BGY was organized "to give the gay youth of Greater Boston a way to socialize with people their own age, to give them a phone and an address where they know they will not be turned away because of their age, and to give them the security of the assurance that there are others like themselves, who are fighting the same battles." 277

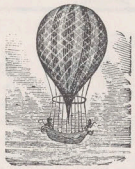
GAY TERRIERS

***Boston University Gays,** *775 Commonwealth Ave., Rm. 423, Boston 02215.* "We try to provide a focal point for gay people at BU, whether it be social, political or cultural . . . public gay dances, classroom and dorm seminars on homosexuality. Wednesday meeting times announced through BU's 'Daily Free Press.' Everyone welcome." 278



GAY TRIPPING

***+Beacon Tours,** *16 Tremont St., Boston 02108, 742-1220.* At last, a professional travel agency personalized for gay travelers and gay travel. "Now forming gay travel groups for low group rates." Hear, hear!! Inside info on gay tripping around the world. 279



GENDER PROBLEMS?

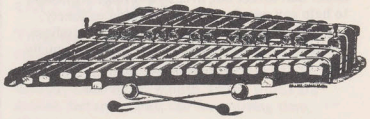
***Gender Identity Service,** *c/o Sanctuary, 74 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge 02138, UN4-8181.* G.I.S. "provides on-going counseling to both pre-operative and post-operative transsexuals; a referral service including psychiatrists, endocrinologists, social workers, lawyers, and surgeons; and a program of continuous guidance and assistance spanning all legal, medical, and social problems confronting transsexuals." Also offered: a new counseling program for heterosexual transvestites. Non-judgmental, comprehensive, professional. Top flight folks,by appointment only. 280

GAY WAVES

***+"Closet Space,"** *Sundays, 10:30-11:00am, WCAS-AM, 620 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 02139, 492-6450.* A half hour of gay media access . . . gay-staffed and gay-produced news and features, poetry, songs, interviews; even a gay soap-opera. Tune in Sunday mornings at 740 kHz, or call with ideas or talent to contribute . . . writers needed. 281

***+"Gay Way,"** *WBUR-FM, 640 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 353-2790.* Thursday evenings, 9-10 . . . 90.9 on the FM dial. Boston University's media outlet for gay news, views, and interviews. Tune in and keep up with the pack. 282

***+ "Rhinoceros,"** *WBCN-FM, Prudential Tower, Boston 02199, 266-1111.* 104.1 mHz, Thursdays, 6:15-6:30. A new gay cultural radio program actively looking for talented gays . . . musicians, poets, artistic, participative people. If you'd like to participate, contact "Rhinoceros" at WBCN. 283



GAY XYLOPHONIST

***+Lesbian Blues,** *c/o Margo Schulter, 1872 Commonwealth Ave., Apt. 3, Brighton 02135, 232-4181 (4pm-4am, please).* "Margo Schulter is a white blues singer who does her own inter-dimensional Lesbian love songs–instrumentals on organ, xylophone, African kalimba, and melodica –some medieval, Renaissance, Asian styles . . ." Yes, but do you know "Moon River"? 284

GLAD RAGS

***+Jamaica Trading Post,** *90 Peterborough St., Boston, 02215, 247-7756.* Those kicky mid-30's styles live again!! Owner Bill and his merry crew sell elegant new and carefully chosen "experienced" clothing. 285

***SYZYGY, Inc.,** *708 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 261-5880.* "We are a specialty store offering clothing with a European influence; designer lines at reasonable prices . . . personal service." Carefully selected "looks" from the crest of the wave of the future. Up to the minute and then some. Unisex and uniformly *chic.* 286

GYNECOLOGISTS

Women's Community Health Center, *137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 547-2302.* Gay women welcomed for gynecological exams and four-week self-help training groups (begin first week of each month). Also offer a semester-long health-worker-training course for women interested in becoming medical counselors, etc. Call Mon.-Fri. 9-5 for an appointment. 287

HABEAS CORPUS

***Rook, Roth, and Rubino, Attorneys at Law,** *7 Water Str., Boston 02109.* Good people to have in your corner of the courtroom–should you need legal services. Particular expertise in gay law and gay-related cases. Go ahead, disinherit your mother. 288

HAIR STYLING

***+The Cuttery,** *119 Charles St, Boston, 227-0119.* "The atmosphere in The Cuttery is warm and comfortable; we treat everybody with consideration. . .gay or straight." 289

Mitchell's Croppers, *1722A Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 868-7842.* "Hair has no sex at the Croppers. . .unisex hair shop." 290

HANDYMEN

***+Goodness and Lite Cleaning,** *10 Blossom St., Apt 7, Boston, 227-5733.* A pair of mad jacks of all trades: housecleaning, interior paintint, floor sanding. . .Let these willing workers do your dirty work–reasonable rates too. "We do anything morally acceptable. . .jumping out of birthday cakes, etc." Many happy returns. 291

HOT LINES

***Community Sex Information,** *Box 47, Waban, 02168, 232-2335.* "We are a telephone counseling service providing education and referral services anonymously and completely free of charge in all areas of human sexuality. Non-judgmental, supportive, and free." Mon-Thurs: 10 am-10 pm. 292

Hang-in-There Help Line, *Boston, 738-0486.* Medical, legal, sex, and health info, and general referral and crisis help . . . a student-run rap line available Wed. 1-11 pm and Thurs.-Mon. 1-9 pm. 293

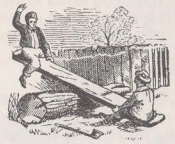
***Project Place,** *32 Rutland St., Boston, 267-9150.* A 24-hour hotline which tries to schedule gay people to take calls on Thursdays, 5-midnight. Gay information and referrals anytime. Also runs training sessions for hotline volunteers; call for details. 294

HOT SCOOPS

***+Gay Community News,** *22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108, 426-4469.* Our proud parent. . .a gay weekly. . .a service newspaper, an entertainment newspaper, a community resource. News and features and cartoons and personals and editorials and profiles and lots more. (Sample copy sent on request with stamped, addressed envelope). Office hours: Mon-Thurs 10 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-6 pm; Sun 4 pm-8pm. 295

INSTRUCTION

***Beacon Hill Free School,** *315 Cambridge St., Boston 02114, 261-3921 or 523-9481.* Free voluntary group learning; a colorful spectrum of offerings: Outdoor Sketching, Yoga, Movement Dynamics, Islamic Art, Ballet, Sexuality, Welfare Advocacy, Bicycle Clinic, Conversational Russian, Acting, Indoor Gardening, Natural Foods, Playreading, Life Drawing, and on and on. "Our purpose is to get people together, using the human and material resources of the community." A sterling endeavor; join the fun. 296



KNICK-KNACKS AND GIMCRACKS

***+Peach Tree Antiques,** *76 Burbank St., Boston.* Tiffany glass, Mercury goblets, anciente bottles, and curious Currier and Ives lithos. Country furnishings for the city slicker. 11-7, Mon.-Sat. 297

LAMPSHADES

Lamp & Shade, *7 Cottage St., Norwood 02602, 762-5076.* "All types of lamp shades, both fabric and glass. All styles and colors of bulbs, both domestic and import. Repairs and restoration of any types lamps or vases." Bring Grandma's dusty lamps in for a spring refurbishing. If you can't come in during regular hours (10am-5 pm), then phone for an appointment. 298

LAUNDROMATS

Twelve-Seventy, *1270 Boylston St., Boston.* Laundromat in basement. See listing under "DANCING BARS." 299

LEATHERCRAFTERS

***+Al and Marshall Leather,** *Box A2, Winter Hill, Boston 02145.* "A wide range of usual and unusual, high quality hand-made leather products for men and women. . .flexible, strong, calf-skin lined hand-studded belts a specialty. All items are made in our own shop with personal care and pride; carefully thought-out original designs . . .serviceable items at reasonable cost." 300

***+Tantalus,** *Box 9052, Boston 02114, 261-8420.* "Custon leather goods, handcrafted, to order only—belts, briefcases, boxes, purses, shoulder bags, etc. Order by appointment only. Distinctive designing to meet each person's needs; we care about quality." 301

LEATHER BARS

***Herbie's Ramrod Room,** *12 Carver St., Boston, 338-8577.* One flight up to leather and levis and wall-to-wall beefcake photos. . .slave bracelets in sterling, papier mache lumberjacks behind the bar, and a dimpling barlad to boot. . .manacles optional. One pool table, one juke box, but lots of pretzels and popcorn on the bar (unusual these days). 302

The Shed, *272 Huntington Ave., Boston.* Near the "Y". . .rough and tumble, denim/leather men's bar; leave your rouge and sequins home. . . not unfriendly, but not for the faint of heart. It's Boston, all right, but everybody dresses Home on the Range. 303

Twelve Seventy, *1270 Boylston St., Boston.* See listing under "DANCING BARS". 304

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS
Rm. 323, 419 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass. 02116
617 262-1592

A place for women to meet in an atmosphere supportive of gayness. Activities include discussions, films, potlucks, sports, picnics, parties, dances, work on law reform, and publication of a monthly journal FOCUS. (1 yr/$6, sample copy 60¢.)

LESBIAN LIBRARY

***DOB lending library,** *contact Boston Daughters of Bilitis, Rm. 323, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116, 262-1592.* 305

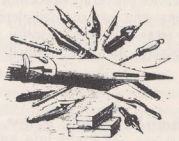
LESBIAN LITERATURE

New Words, *419 Washington St., Somerville, 876-5310.* A bookstore run by and for women. . . even the shelves were crafted by a women's carpentry collective. On those shelves is assembled a growing collection of feminist, Lesbian, and generally countercultural tracts, manifestos, and literature. 306

LOBBYISTS

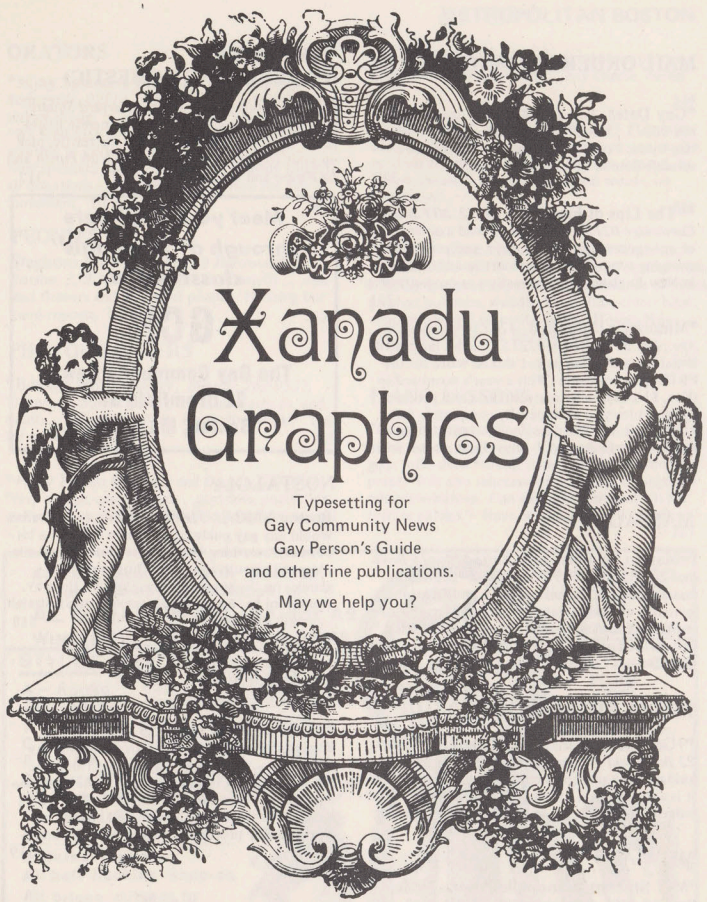
***Homophile Union of Boston (HUB Inc.),** *419 Boylston St., Rm 509, Boston 02116, 536-6197.* A veteran Boston Gay Rights Group, now engaged in narrowing itself to a concentration on Gays and the Law. . .as a study group, an activist gay-rights lobby, and a resource for the gay community for information and expertise on the wide range of gay civil rights issues: harassment, entrapment, interrogation, raising bail, police monitoring, gays in liaison with the law, etc., etc. If you need such help or info, or can offer your own input, call from noon to nine. 307

Gay Media Action, *Cambridge, 868-5729.* A fast-reacting, locally effective gay lobby reaching Boston-Cambridge media to great effect; they concern themselves with the presentation of the gay lifestyle in the straight media and protest excesses to the right people. They tangle with the network giants, and win! 308



LOGOS

***+Maggy Krebs, Graphic Artist,** *480 Winthrop St., Winthrop 02152, 846-4959. If no answer leave message at GCN (426-4469).* "Design and production of posters, flyers, brochures, logos, business stationery, and cards. . .sign painting, illustration. As a gay person, I understand the specific needs of the gay community. Prices by the hour; discount to non-profit organizations." 309



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MAIL ORDER ROMANCES

***Gay Dates,** *Box 337, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215.* A Boston-area dating service; operating by mail only. "Everyone is guaranteed a suitable date or money back. Fee: $5." 310

***"The Lips of Frances,"** *Box 2, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139.* Publishes a wild assortment of out-spoken ads for bi's, gays, and generally swinging types. "The only correspondence club in New England for transvestites or cross-dressers." 311

***Minority's Unlimited,** *470 Commonwealth Ave., No. 312, Boston 02215.* Parties interested in pairing and being paired should write for the FREE questionnaire. With a year's membership (Fee, $10.00), these matchmakers will proceed to introduce you to hopefully-compatible folk. As they put it: "We date people from the same walk of life, in general." Who could ask for more? 312

MASSAGE

***+Man to Man Massage,** *Suite 515, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116, 267-5124.* Legitimate massage *for* men *by* men. Relax your tensions, revitalize without steam. "Honest massage without the embarrassment of sexual confrontation." $10 an hour–by appointment only–Hours 10-10 Tues-Sat. 313

MEDIA FREAKS

***+Gay Media Consultants,** *Box 5000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108, 868-5729.* Hip guidance for straight media on gay news: where it is and how best to cover it. Experienced, knowledgeable, and always on top of what's going on. 314

MIT GAYS

***MIT Student Homophile League,** *Walker, Rm 306, MIT, Cambridge 02139, 253-5440.* A gay group for MIT students, faculty, and staff. . . social events, gay "hot line", MIT Gay Lounge, gay bulletin board, freshman information center. Active, up-front, and positive-minded group. 315

MOLAR DERBY

***Cambridge Dental Associates, (Dr. Gary Sloan, DDS),** *857 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 492-8210.* Painless, relaxed and mellow-mooded dentistry for everybody. Open wide. . . 316

NEWSPAPERS (FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC)

Out-of-Town Newspapers, *Harvard Square, Cambridge.* A crazy kiosk on a concrete island in the middle of the Harvard Square traffic; pick up your copy of *GCN* here, along with *Punch* and *Le Figaro* and the *LA Times.* 317

Meet your gay mate through a "Personals" classified in:

GCN

The Gay Community News
22 Bromfield St.
Boston, MA 02108

NOSTALGIA

Boston YMCA, *316 Huntington Ave., Boston.* Would any gay guide be complete without a bit of heavy breathing about those confraternal evenings with youth in transit, those significant glances on the sundeck? The gym, by the way, from pool to steamroom, is unwaveringly straight . . . well, *mostly.* 318

NIGHTCLUBS

***+Cabaret/After Dark,** *15 Lansdowne St., Boston, 266-9193.* Boston's first big-time gay nightclub. . .drag shows, gay comics from The Big Apple, go-go boys in lavendar *lame, chanteuses* making music *a la* Garland *et al.* The drinks are tall and the entertainment will amuse; on weekends, be prepared to stand with the multitudes. 319

NOSTALGIC CHIC

***The Willow Tree Shop,** *82 Burbank St., Boston 02115 (in the rear of the Hemenway Hotel).* Used books, petite antiques, nostalgic items from near and far. Prints and pictures cleverly framed. Cast an eye herein for that unusual gift. Surprise your lover; remember that anniversary. 320

ORATORS

***+Gay Speakers Bureau,** *Box 482, West Somerville, 02114, 547-1451.* An established gay service group, in existance since February '72. "We send men and women to speak to groups wanting to know more about homosexuality." New speakers and speaking dates actively sought; all donations are channeled back into the gay movement. 10 am-9 pm. 321

PEONIES

Staghorn Flower Shop, *59 Dartmouth St., Boston, 353-1892.* Straight but friendly. . .unusual flowers and beautiful people. Nothing but good reports. Sniff, sniff. 322

PHOTOGRAPHERS

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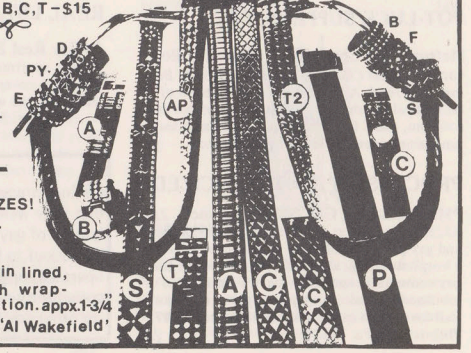

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RAP GROUPS (LESBIAN)

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REAL ESTATE BROKERS

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RESTAURANTS

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***Nine Knox Restaurant,** *9 Knox St., Boston, 482-3494.* A positive jewel of an intimate eatery, elegantly set in a posh and crusty Bay Village townhouse. A short list of superbly prepared entrees; try the Baked Perch or the Veal Cordon Bleu. Private dining rooms, chic and dressy. . . bring money. 339

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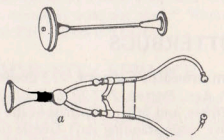

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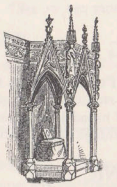

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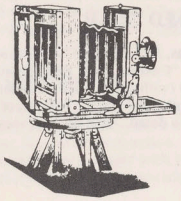
The Church of the Advent, *Brimmer St., Boston.* Elegant, melodious Anglo-Catholic services at 11 Sundays. Afterwards the congregation foregathers for a surprisingly friendly moment or two . . . wear something clean. 347

SHOW BARS

The Citadel, *22 Avery St., Boston.* Formerly the "Casa D" restaurant; now they turn out thick, thick sandwiches and tall, tall drinks, but the show-bar type entertainment swings on. . .drag shows, etc. I for one will miss the Fettucini Alfredo. 348



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***+Astrological Charts,** *Boston, call Ian, 241-8357 (or leave a message at 426-4469).* "An aid in the struggle of finding out what this life is 'all about'." Long-range charts for gay men and women, with emphasis on life goals and directions. "Basic chart plus aspects $12." Also, lessons in chart interpretation–individual and groups. 354

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THEATRE DISTRICT BARS

***+The Citadel,** *22 Avery St., (upstairs from the show bar).* Plush, friendly, intimate downtown bar–Garland and Streisand ballads (and some fine C&W) on the wide-ranging juke; it only occasionally swings, but the black leather chairs are the cushiest in town. A new room, and a wider dance floor, have decidedly livened things up this season. Never a cover. . .sometimes a piano. 358

Jacques', *87 Broadway St., Boston.* Women up, men down. . .stairs that is. No wide-eyed farm boys here, it's all hard stares and calculating glances; be prepared for anything. Sleaziness raised to an art form. . .the especially courageous have been known to dance. 359

Mario's, *69 Church St., Boston.* This cozy little upstairs spot *used* to be one of the friendliest of the downtown bars, and it's in all the guides, but it's been in decline for years, and the last few times we've investigated it's been shut up tight. Times have changed; the lights are out. 360

The "New" Other Side, *78 Broadway St., Boston.* All done over in big-city modern, three dance floors, miles of Mylar, big rectangular bar, oasis for pizza and subs and such; everything is glitzy and new. . .a gay version of Flicks, without the pool. The novelty spot of the moment; there's an admission charge of a dollar or so. 361

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***+Twelve Carver,** *12 Carver St., Boston, 338-8577.* Cupids and mirrors; the '30s decor is original. . .older, local crowd; funny, friendly bartender. This place has been open continuously for 16 years. Occasional live entertainment, no organized dancing. . ."leather" bar upstairs, see Herbie's Ramrod Room (a rose by any other name). 4 pm-2 am. 363

THERAPY RESEARCH

The Lesbian Therapy Research Project, *c/o The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge 02139, 354-8807.* Also known as the Feminist Research Collective: a group of lesbian, feminist para-professionals helping to create a positive self-image for lesbians, as an alternative to traditional psychotherapy. Presently preparing a manual examining the total political and social life experience of lesbians; sample chapters will include: The Lesbian as Patient, Lesbian Mothers, Sexism, Economics, Employment, The Lesbian as Therapist, and a Manifesto. For input, write for a questionnaire. 364

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TV COMMUNITY SERVICE

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WOMEN'S BAR

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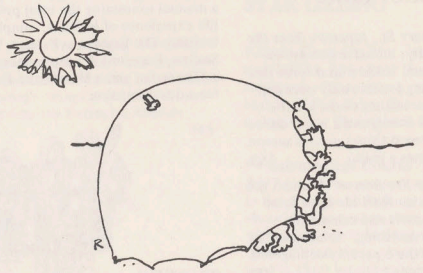

A guide to gay places in P'town? Isn't that a little like a gambler's guide to Las Vegas. . .nice, maybe, but less than necessary? Not so. Provincetown, our major gay resort in these parts, is small: the year-round population hovers around 4,000, but in season up to 100,000 tourists a day jam the narrow streets. P'town in season is a complicated, complex place, catering to a bewildering variety of life-styles: from paunchy Trentonians who gawk at the tired fish in the sad little aquarium and devour mountains of pink cotton candy, to dotty little old ladies with white earrings who buy those fake scrimshaw tie-tacs, sip their chowder, and cluck over the unwashed hippies.

Gay P'town coexists with, and interpenetrates, these straight scenes, and the local businesses are well aware of their dependence on gay trade (as it were). You and your lover probably won't be turned away, or otherwise hassled wherever you may roam, but with a bit of foreknowledge, you can sidestep the families from Ohio and find a gay world to fit your fancy. Gay P'town is itself a tangle of tastes and attitudes: from the determinedly elegant through the carefully casual to the orgiastically communal. Gay P'town can be a romantic honeymoon, a cruisy social jungle, or a steamy succession of one-night stands. Or any stop in between. What follows, then, is a short, necessarily incomplete survey of some of these gay alternatives. Do with it what you will, and let us hear your reactions –both to *A Gay Person's Guide* and to P'town itself. You're on your own.

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APARTMENTS

***+Bradford Gardens,** *177-178 Bradford St., 487-1616.* A find, we think. A lovely old home, blocks from the hurly-burly, and a view from the upper floors of a grand curve of harbor and surf. Makes P-town look like St. Ives, or Torquay. Rooms and apartments; full, gourmet breakfasts included; fireplaces, TVs, suites, duplexes, balconies. A varied, friendly clientele. Mixed, of course. $25 and up per couple; 10% off for longer stays. New manager is John Venner. 400

***+The Caper Inn,** *14 Mechanic St., 487-1777.* If you're apartment-hunting for a weekly or monthly *pied a terre* in P-town, be sure to check out The Caper Inn. Call early, we hear their cleverly designed, extravagantly-furnished suites were completely sold out, all last season. Small wonder: elaborate kitchens with dishwashers, living rooms with stereos, bedrooms with mirrors, and sunken tubs in the bath. Add a swimming pool, private sundecks, and an occasional French antique among the *bibelots.* $22-48 in season; 30% June and Sept. discount. Another "find," we think. Ask for Dwayne. 401

***+Fisherman's Cove,** *145-147 Commercial St., 487-1997.* A wide assortment of rooms and apartments by the sea-side, (May-Oct. only). Restaurant on the premises. 402

Jones' Locker, *45 Commercial St., 487-0367.* Wandering, glitzy seaside complex of apartments available by week (on season) or day (off) . . . expensive looking. Fabulous poolside pergola by the sea. Gay men, mainly. 403

***Winthrop House,** *5 Winthrop St., 487-1122.* Year-round and seasonal studios in a handsomely appointed pure-white Colonial. A step or two from Commercial on its quiet lawns, but close enough to walk to everything. Not cheap, but oh-so-elegant if you've got the bread. 404

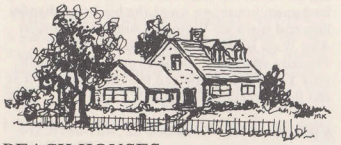
BARS

The Atlantic House Bar, *Masonic Alley (around the corner from 216 Commercial).* A friendly, cluttered little place, very much a seaside bar; oars, spars, binnacles, belaying pins, all washed a nice, soft gray. Cheap drinks and an interesting juke. Ella and others. Dancing down the hall, mostly men. 405

The Cellar Bar, *247 Commercial St., at the Crown and Anchor.* "One fathom down," to dark, conversational, quiet, leather-upholstered banquettes–more nautical nonsense: fishnets and Japanese colored floats. Clever juke; long, cruisy bar. Try it; nice people come here. 406

Piggy's, *Shankpainter Road.* A dark, mixed roadhouse bar; tired nautical motifs prevail, but the people seemed happy despite the driftwood oddities, old wheels, and assorted flotsam and jetsam. It's mostly open space; dancing, needless to say. Has a freaky reputation, but there's always a gay corner. 407

The Town House, *291 Commercial St.* Upstairs it's an old-fashioned piano bar, all black captain's chairs and artfully lit Wyeth repros. Actually it looks pretty good. Sing alongs go on all night, if that's your thing, and the upholstered bar is tender on the elbows. Dancing downstairs. 408



BEACH-HOUSES

Julia Flynn Lucas Real Estate, *3 Kendall Lane, 487-1654.* This is the place to locate your little dream house by the roaring sea, or the whispering dunes, tra-la, tra-la. Ms. Lucas is understanding, and her prices are reasonable, we think. 409

BOYS (ETC.) IN THE SAND

Herring Cove Beach, *Provincetown.* About 200 yards to the left of those cold cold showers, (facing the ocean), gays (male and female), congregate happily all season long. The tangles of wild rose bushes and beach plums behind the narrow, rocky beach are prowly and mostly male. Nude sun-bathing is frowned upon on the beach itself, but officials wink, unofficially, at nudity in the dunes. 410

BREAKFAST

Mother Marion's, *296 Commercial St.* The food isn't bad, but the wait can be interminable 411

Tips for Tops'ns, *31 Bradford St.* Poached eggs, like your sainted grandmother used to poach. 412

CAFTANS

***+Liverpool Inc.,** *393 Commercial St.,* A treasure chest of the sexy and the slightly kinky. "Jock Socks," teeny bikinis with big gold zippers, "Ah Men" underthings, specially-made short-short-shorts and custom crafted leather pants . . . also caftans, filmy and otherwise. Only the svelte and the skinny need apply. Friendly, feisty gay help –catch the sexy dressing rooms. 413

COTTAGES

Mayflower Colony, *Route 6A, 487-1916.* "Housekeeping cottages by the week, month, season." Sit on the beach, away from the crowds, and watch the sun set over the harbor lights. The same helpful people also have in-town apartments for rent. 414

CRISIS INTERVENTION

***Provincetown Drop-In Center,** *6 Gosnold St., 487-0387.* "A sincere, non-directive service organization, to help people determine their needs and to facilitate their finding the necessary resources; crisis intervention in First Aid, emotional counseling, 24-hour emergency medical team, housing, job and legal referral. Dedicated to serving the needs of gay men and women." Here's where to bring your spaced-out friend, the people to call when you're down or in trouble, or otherwise on the reefs of woe. Hope you never need'em, but it's nice to know they're there. Hours: 10-1 am, open for business. 1-10 am, overnight emergency hotline. 415

DANCING BARS

The Back Room, *247 Commercial, at the Crown and Anchor.* A frenzied, with-it, far-out, hellish place. Remodelled last season in ghastly, blue-lighted Art-Deco and mirrored columns. Three busy bars surround a sea of modish bodies in rapid motion. In summer there's the C&A pool (and contents) to look at. Everybody wanders in here at least once a night. 416

The Below Decks, *291 Commercial St.* A new den of iniquity, underneath your old friend The Townhouse. Fully air conditioned, super sound system, all the mechanical comforts of home; the music is mostly bouncy, with an occasional balancing ballad. The floors are clean and the waiters are clean-cut; give it a whirl. 417

The Big Room, *The Atlantic House, Masonic Alley (around the corner from 216 Commercial St.).* Rustic, uneven dance floor, crowded on weekends with a wild and wooly assortment of freaks, tourists, city-slickers, and denim dragsters. The floor jumps with the music . . . super-energetic. Walls papered with pics of the biggie headliners of yore: Nina Simone, Lily Tomlin, Gene Krupa, Ella Fitzgerald, and the gang. Lots of little weather-beaten tables for bellowed conversation . . . spaced-out disc-jockey . . . the mingled scent of suntan oil and amyl nitrate fills the air. In some ways, the ultimate P-town bar. 418

***+Pied Piper,** *193A Commercial St., 487-1527.* See listing under LESBIAN BAR. 419

DRACAENAE

The Potting Shed, *Union Square, off Commercial St.* Bright, airy, and filled with green and growing things. Rubber plants, terraria, and other friendly flora. Take one home and love it like crazy. 420

DRAG SHOWS

Lynn Carter does his Bette Davis-and-other-great-ladies thing at his Pilgrim House location *(336 Commercial St., 487-0319).* Lots of curious straights from Raritan. A popular drag puppet show (believe it), made the rounds last season; may turn up again at The Moors this year, we hear. 421

GAY POETRY

The Provincetown Bookstore, *246 Commercial St., 487-0964.* Feminist poetry, Lillian Hellman, Colette, *The Feminine Mystique, The Male Muse,* Genet, *Giovanni's Room,* and a wide range of gay-lib propaganda and assorted literary items. Also a great coloring book selection; no kidding. 422

GLASS HEARTS

Havorn Ltd., *417 Commercial St., 487-0385.* A big-time gift shop; pricey imaginative gold and silver creations. Yes, they sell glass hearts, on thin gold chains. Hint, hint. Also butterflies in lucite; your aunt would love one. 423

GROCERIA

***+The Cove Shoppe,** *147 Commercial St., 487-1997.* P'town's new-fashioned general store . . . all the necessities of life and few tourists. Lots of shopping locals buying their flour and apples. Hours: 7:30am-11pm. Yawn. 424

GUEST HOUSES

***The Captain's House,** *350A Commercial St., 487-9794.* Fourteen-room guest house neatly tucked behind the Necessities Shop in the center of everything. Coffee and cake and conversation in the A.M.; BYOB in the P.M.—"private patio bar with complimentary set-ups." Call Joel for your room at the top. May 1-Oct. 1. 425

***+Casablanca Guest House,** *166 Commercial St., 487-0859.* A homelike, comfy, old-New England guest house; we loved the big brass chandeliers and the wide Victorian windows. Manager Alan Wagg is hard-working and hospitable. Friendly vibes here. Doubles are $17 in season, only $12 off, and you can use the cruisy pool at the Boatslip across the street. 426

Coat of Arms, *7 Johnson St., 487-0816.* Homey, quiet, side-street guest house; West End location, close to everything nice. Mid-Victorian camp is the order of the day. Windows draped in velvet; decidedly decorated. Pleasant landlady, Mrs. Stanton, keeps those armoires and etageres spotless. Coffee, set-ups, stereo in the lounge; conservative crowd, by and large. No private baths. $12-$18 in season. 427

Five Winslow St., *5 Winslow St. (where else?).* This place is so elegant it hurts. Huge, rambling, fussy white Colonial. Rumor has it that they *never* take a new face off the proverbial street. Up-tight, but handsome as they come, and more than enough closet space. 428

***+The Gallery Inn,** *3 Johnson St., 487-0834.* A seasonal guesthouse for gay men and women . . . harbor-view, sun-deck, TV lounge, set-ups. The usual P'town casual informality predominates. BYOB. 429

***George's Inn,** *9 Court St., 487-9005.* Friendly, clean, quiet, and very gay. George opens his 18 rooms and two cottages mostly to referrals and friends-of-friends. Set-ups generously provided, along with morning coffee, in congenial surroundings. Pleasant common room with stereo. George himself is a mine of hip info on P'town and environs. See our Restaurant Ratings: we co-opted it from his wall. Singles $12-$15, doubles $18-$20, in season. Men only, no four-legged pets please. 430

The Inn, *15 Cottage St.,* Another of those tidy, well-kept side-street guest houses that are easily overlooked. Finding one can sometimes make a P'town vacation a version of gay paradise. Take a look at some of these less obvious places. 431

***London House,** *7 Winthrop St., 487-0094, or 487-3614.* A casual, male-youth-oriented swinging establishment; no questions asked. Large, plant-filled common room; don't trip over the sheepdog. A good place for young fun-seekers. Ask for Chip. 432

***+The Owl's Nest,** *158 Commercial St., 487-9633.* In the gay East End, a handsome old four-square red Colonial, now open under restoration. The dormitory should be ready this season: fifteen beds, $5-$7.50 a night. Passion under the eaves. No common room, but large guest rooms, all with private baths, some with waterbeds, no less. $20-$40 a night; ask for Billy or Jack. 433

***The Ranch,** *198 Commercial St., 487-1542.* A guesthouse for cowpokes on the loose on the Wild West Side of P'town. "Gay Nineties Atmosphere," to coin a phrase—also sundeck, set-ups, beamed ceilings, and tiny rooms with names like "Bull Pen," and "Stud Stall." Not for the new schoolmarms among us. Ask for Al, (if you dare). 434

***Sea Drift Inn,** *80 Bradford St., 487-9777.* Not a "leather" hotel, exactly, but levis, T-shirts, and butch behavior are much in evidence. Bring your cycle; leave the poodle at home. A very pleasant, tree-shaded location; plants in the large, comfy rooms; piano bar with stereo. $11-$17 in season. Try not to lisp when you ask for Paul. 435

***+Victoria House Guest House,** *5 Standish St., 487-1319.* A central location in the heart of things—large rooms, plants, some antiques, a private garden terrace for Continental breakfasts *al fresco.* Refrigerators, free ice, and other amenities. Doubles in season: $17-21. Interesting collection of etchings, prints, and original art. Play tag among the intaglios. Mixed, mostly gay. 436

The White Wind Inn, *147 Commercial St., 487-1997.* A high, white, mansard-roofed Victorian guest house. Spotless, gleaming in fact. A trifle over-decorated, but one more Oriental rug never hurt anybody. $22 a day with bath, but all have TV; hope you never have to watch it. Mixed, but friendly. 437

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Listings preceded by a "*" have indicated that they welcome the patronage or participation of gay people; those preceded by a "+" asked to be listed as gay-owned, gay-operated, or gay-managed, in hopes that community-minded gays will want to patronize other gay people.

GYNECOLOGY

Women's Health Clinic, *14 Center St., 487-3220.* Primarily GYN care for low-income women . . . open to gay women. During the winter, three clinics operate during the week, and on alternate Saturdays; more frequently during the season. Doctors from Boston's Beth Israel Hospital . . . funded through Family Planning. Call for an appointment. 438

HAIRSTYLIST

Peter Tompkins Hair Designs, *191 Commercial St., 487-3844.* "The complete hair salon for men and women." 439

HOTELS

The Crown and Anchor Hotel, *247 Commercial St., 487-1430.* For many, it's the obvious Provincetown *pied a terre*; a many-sided gay entertainment complex: restaurant, women's bar, dancing bar, cruisy cellar bar, European-style outdoor terrace for people-watching, etc., etc. Our personal tendency is to party here and stay elsewhere; the busy center-of-town location can be crowded and noisy . . . look before you leap. 440

***The Gifford House,** *9 Carver St., 487-0195.* A sprawling, comfortable old guesthouse-hotel on a busy corner. "40-80% gay, like any other P'town hotel," we were told. Try the steamers on their breezy patio. Or the sundeck. Mixed, relaxed; good for a longish stay. Figure on $25 a couple in season. 441

INNS

***+Land's End Inn,** *22 Commercial St., 487-0706.* Splendid wind-swept, breathtaking location; a high, high view of the curve of the town. The airy common rooms are a jungle of plants and an artful clutter of art nouveau antiques and stained glass. Rooms range from shared-bath singles to complete apartments, some with private entrances. A bit expensive, but worth it. Mixed. Ask for David. 442

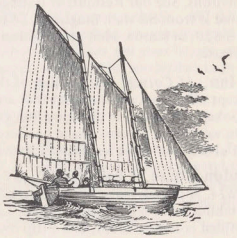
The Sandpiper Beach House, *165 Commercial St., 487-1928.* Private beach *and* a pool; soft carpets, splendid, civilized surroundings. We saw a charming, sunny little double, all yellow flowers and white chintz, with its own private balcony over the sea, and a TV, for $25 a day. A good value, considering. See Chuck. 443

IVORY JEWELRY

***The Handcrafter,** *241 Commercial St.* "We are the largest grouping of craftspeople in P'town . . . specializing in jewelry, metal sculpture, ivory carving, (in season). Also, a fine portrait studio; we're unique, and we're not a rip-off." Open winter week-ends, noon to five. 444

LEGAL AID

***Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown,** *487-0387, or see Bill Damon at The Owl's Nest, 158 Commercial St.* Local liaison for gays in trouble with the law . . . (perish the thought, but it *can* happen). Concerned gay citizens making the system work. 445



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LESBIAN BARS

Ms. Bar, *247 Commercial St., at the Crown and Anchor.* A rather bare, under-decorated spot, mostly two pool tables and a cigarette machine. A long, long bar, and pin-ball for those slow moments. Lot of happy-looking women dancing to the juke. 446

***+Pied Piper,** *193A Commercial St., 487-1527.* Mostly a women's bar, but the mixture is relaxed and friendly. Sit and sip, (or sup), on the ocean-side dock, or chat in the long, narrow barroom. Inside it's barn-boards . . . rustic as all getout. You might know it as the Ace of Spades . . . popular then and now with the restless natives. No cover charge, (except in-season, on wild weekends, when live players are on the docket). "Whitch" flew in for Hallowe'en weekend, for example. 447

LITERARY PLEASURES

Yesterday's Papers, *179 Commercial St., 487-0347.* A great little paperback book store, "specializing in counter-culture titles." Good gay, feminist sections. They stock back issues of the GCN, too. Friendly, together, with-it folks. Ask for Matthew or Firdsi. Low pressure and high consciousness. 448

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of a gay-oriented, New England business or service that we've overlooked? Let us know, too, so we can tell other gay people.

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MALE PLUMAGE

The Mouse Trap, *374 Commercial St., 487-1521,* and **Mouse Trap II** *in the Provincetown Inn, 487-0782.* Imported and domestic finery for the fashion-conscious among us. Pricey, serious clothes; lots of white this season: splendiferous belted safari jackets. Underwear from Italy and other exotica . . . little British sweaters. Urban, urbane delights. Look for the marquee and the fey statuary. 449

MIDNIGHT MEANDERINGS

The Town Beach, *East and West ends,* 12-4 am. P'town's prime after-hours cruising area, other than Commercial St. itself. Enough said. 450

MIDNIGHT SNACKS

The Deli, *261 Commercial St., 487-9869.* Cynics in the know call this The Last Chance Cafe . . . actually it's an after-hours take-out or gulp-in spot, jammed all the early morning hours . . . hot-eyed hungry folk, with cheesecake and other things on their collective minds. Food for thought. 451

NOTIONS

***The Little Store,** *227 Commercial St., 487-0208.* P'town's general store, "Newspapers, writing supplies, sundries . . . cold tablets, glitter and pet supplies . . . imported tobacco products." Gauloises and Caporals and other necessities of life. Hours: 8:30 am to 11 pm. 452

PANCREAS

***Health Associates of Provincetown, Inc.,** *14 Center St., 487-9395.* "Private, non-profit primary care facility providing general medical services and emergency medical care. Open 7 days a week during July and August. Off season Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sat. 10-1." Say Ahhhh 453

PIZZA AND . . .

Angie's Pizza, *333 Commercial St., 487-3870.* A health food pizzeria; it's a contradiction in terms, but there are the anchovies next to the sprout sandwiches and the bowls of avocados. It's really a deli under an assumed name. 454

P'TOWN FEMINISTS

***Lower Cape Women's Center,** *14 Center St. (above Women's Health Clinic), 487-3220.* Weekly feminist get-togethers Sundays at 8. . .a multi-service organization sponsoring feminist films, lectures, and C-R groups. . .medical and legal referrals, feminist lending library, weekly feminist-viewpoint column, newsletter, and rape counseling hotline (487-FITE). In-season women's center open 1-5, "a great place to get a feeling for what's happening with the movement around the country." 455

RESTAURANTS

The Buttery, *Kiley Court (between 430 and 434 Commercial), 487-3825.* Casual service, superb *crepes.* One of the most popular places in town. 456

Ciro and Sal's, *4 Kiley Court, 487-9803.* Mixed, sprawling restaurant, all decked out in Expensive Nautical decor, popular with gay couples from the East Side and-or Bay Village. The Italian food is *very* good, the *Spaghetti Vongole* compares with the clam sauces from Brindisi, and that's saying something. But these days you pay for such superlatives. 457

***+The Cottage Restaurant,** *145 Commercial St., 487-9160.* For the last 25 years, this family-type place has been popular for informal breakfast, lunch and dinners; in season only. 458

***The Gifford House,** *Bradford at Carver, 487-0195.* Good for breakfast, also for steamers. Newly remodeled, under new management. 459

The Hermit, *Commercial St. near Union Square.* Cellar locale; classy background noises. Try the flaming bluefish. Opens late in May. 460

The Inn at The Mews, *359 Commercial St., 487-1500.* Chi-chi dining wharfside. Your expectations and your bill will be equally high. Try the lobster in one of its astronomical incarnations—if your ship just came in, that is. Or the roast beef special, five bucks, on Sundays. Puttin' on the Ritz. 461

Js' Port O' Call, *at the Crown and Anchor.* Dark, cozy, and nautical; the food's adequate . . . American standards like Salisbury Steak; you know the route. 462

The Moors, *Bradford St. at The Beach Highway, 487-0840.* Portuguese cuisine; kale soup, the fish in tomato and herb sauce is ambrosial. Also an interesting, odd rice pudding: hot and sweet with lots of raisins. 463

The Post Office, *Commercial St. near the Town Hall.* Fabulous, wild sandwiches: The Widow's Block, Miss Reardon's Ruination. Best for lunch. 464

The Red Inn, *15 Commercial St., 487-0050.* Splendid continental cuisine, quiet, gentle, unhurried service. Try the *scallops a la Pierre.* Top rated. 465

***+Town House Restaurant,** *291 Commercial St.* Yes, it's also an eatery, but most people go to see and to be seen. See our listing under BARS. 466

ROOMING HOUSES

Christine's Lodge, *6 Atlantic Ave., 487-0995.* Old-fashioned, down-home, Mrs. Grundy-style "rooming house". A *very* private home, but upstairs, six bathless rooms are rented by the day or week at about $7 a person. Only quiet, orderly types need apply; visiting ministers preferred. 467

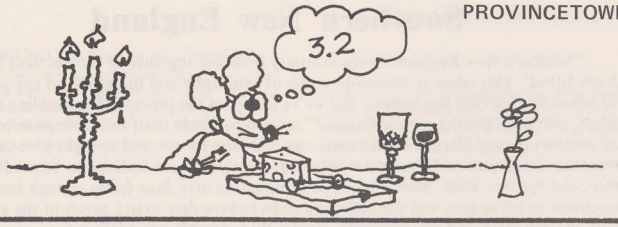
Room at the Top Guest House, *82 Bradford St., 487-0039.* Small, homey, inelegant—no finery but things are as neat as a pin. High atop Bradford St. hill. Gaymen and women. Ask for Anne; only five rooms, so you better hurry. 468

SILVER

Jan Dee, *228 Commercial St., 487-9177.* Stylish, elegant handmade rings and other baubles; special-order adornments of various kinds. Watch the artist at work . . . Paula Revere? 469

SUNHATS AND SUNDRIES

The Patrician Shop, *212 Bradford St., 487-9256.* An old-fashioned notions shop brought very much up-to-the-minute. Bright and friendly; they sell sunhats, postcards, magazines, mystery novels and other necessities of tourist life. 470



RESTAURANT RATINGS

Like others of P'town's guest houses, George's Inn solicits ratings of local eateries from its hungry guests. For what it's worth, we reprint below the food and service averages for the past two seasons. Key: 5=excellent, 4=good, 3=satisfactory, 2=poor, 1=never again, —=no rating or insufficient response.

Restaurant	Food Average		Service Average	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
Aesop's Table (Wellfleet town center)	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.3
Boatslip	4.9	—	3.7	—
Buttery	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.5
Ciro & Sal's	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.6
Cookies	—	—	—	—
Cottage	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.0
Everbreeze	—	4.0	—	4.9
Flagship	4.5	4.3	4.7	4.0
Gifford House	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.0
Grand Central	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.5
Hermit	3.0	—	3.7	—
Inn at the Mews	3.9	4.2	4.6	3.7
J's Port O'Call	4.0	—	4.0	—
Landmark	3.0	—	3.2	—
Moors	4.0	4.7	4.1	4.0
Ocean's Inn	3.8	—	3.8	—
Old Reliable	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.0
Plain & Fancy	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3
Red Inn	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.8
Sal's Place	3.8	3.9	3.0	4.2
Seaview	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.6
S'il Vous Plait	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.6
Tips for Tops'n	—	—	—	—
Town House	2.8	2.0	2.4	3.4
Pepe's	4.1	3.4	3.4	2.0
Weathering Heights	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.2
Mother Marion's	1.2	—	1.2	—

Southern New England

"Southern New England" is our arbitrary bundling together of Connecticut and Rhode Island. This takes in, obviously, miles of geography and thousands of gay people, and generalizations are impossible. But we've found, in the process of assembling these listings, that our "Southern New England" seemed to divide itself into collegiate/big-city enclaves around Hartford and Providence and New Haven, and up-tight blue-collar towns like Bridgeport and Pawtucket, where gay businesses are inclined to be small, dusty, and furtive. Thus, though bar-type information may flow freely enough from the movement or urban gays and the collegiate clubs (where they exist), much of the area is silent, unresponsive, and unorganized – especially as regards personal services, gay crafts-people, and other small gay businesses: piano-teachers, potters, movers, etc.

Another complication is the inevitable magnetism of the Boston and N.Y.C. gay worlds for Rhode Island and Southern Connecticut gays. People naturally gravitate where they're welcomed most warmly, and if you live in Warwick or Stamford, you'll be tempted to travel to the City's wider social and personal options.

Hopefully, then, this first edition of *A Gay Person's Guide* will scare up a few more shy birds from their leafy corners. If you're gay and in business, or if you know gay Southern New England, clip the coupon and spread the word.

AFTER HOURS ATTIC

The Attic, *495½ Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn., 203-233-9486.* Upstairs, next to a cleaners . . . look for the sign: "495½." Hard to find but worth the effort, it's one of those snacking-and-cruising spots–only comes to life Fridays and Saturdays after one in the morning. Imagine, dancing till 5am. A popular flocking place for assorted night owls. You may have known it as The Loft, but new birds have moved in. 500

AFTER HOURS CLUB

***+Maranatha Coffee House,** *75 Empire St., Providence, R.I. 02903, 401-831-3773.* An after-hours place serving brunch and coffee in the wee wee hours. Pool, pinball, poached eggs and conversation at three in the morning. Get to know your rooster . . . sponsored by the nightowls of MCC Providence. Opens every day at 7pm. On Mon-Wed, closes at 11pm; Thurs-Sun, closes when everybody goes home. 501

ATT: CONN. GAYS

***E. Conn. G. A.,** *Apt. 2, 37 Otrobando Ave., Norwich, Conn. 06360, 203-889-7530.* Supportive help to Eastern Conn. gays just coming out–organized to help "gays liberate themselves and enjoy life." Evening social meetings, discreet contacts arranged. 502

BARS

The Crown Cafe, *North Front St. (near the Bay), New Bedford, 617-992-8260.* An older bar, mixed, men and women, and a trifle rough around the edges. . .wear your pea-coats and order a boilermaker. 503

The High St. Cafe, *281 High St., Woonsocket, R.I.* Small, quiet, relaxing local spot . . . more than worth a visit, especially if you're female. Mixed, but mostly women, we're told. Weekend evenings occasionally find live music to swing (gently) to. Mostly for mingling. 504

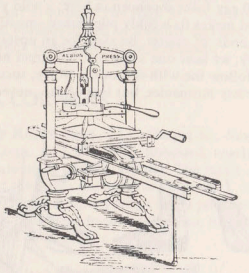
The King Bar, *38 Bellevue Ave., Newport, R.I.* A men's bar on a busy street . . . sailors, we presume. 505

***+The Lib,** *132 New Park Ave., Hartford, Conn., 203-233-9089.* A warm and friendly neighborhood bar. The usual juke-box favorites, though owner Milly has been known to install a live band on occasional Saturdays. Small week-end cover charge. Pool tables and other fun and games. More than worth a visit if intimacy's your thing. 506

The Playpen, *North Front St., New Bedford, 617-994-0966.* On the Bay end, across from The Crown Cafe. A small, waterfront-type bar; some might call it a dive. It's a nautical crowd. . .even the women seem ready for the next tanker to Marseilles. No chandeliers, but nobody seems to miss 'em. 507

Riviera Lounge (formerly the 1492), *238 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Conn., 203-246-4874.* Some claim the gay traffic has been diverted elsewhere, but our Conn. informant found this a "good dance bar . . . young crowd." *Caveat potor.* 508

R & R Club, *78 Covel St., New Bedford.* A small, shadowy, unpretentious place. . .mostly men 20's and up. . .no teen-agers here. Outside it's a bit depressing, but things pick up once over the threshold. The word tacky has been heard, but that seems an overstatement. Innocuous maybe. 509



BOOKSTORES

Civic Book Center, *240 Trumbull St., Hartford, Conn. (across from the Civic Center).* Hartford's newest porno palace . . . "novelties" from the sublime to the ridiculous . . . specialty publications catering to the narrower fetishes. 510

Manchester Book Store, *Main St., Manchester, Conn., 203-646-9197.* Wide selection of special interest publications and magazines to keep your interest up. 511

BREAKFAST BEFORE DAWN

Nick's Steak House, *1943 Broad St., Hartford, Conn., 203-522-1933.* A straight restaurant that puts on gay glad rags after midnight. Dancing and frivolities in the wee, wee hours. Drop in on weekends, 2-4am for Eggs Benedict and the latest tunes. Unlikely, but true. 512

CAFTANS

***+Liverpool Inc.,** *15 Main St., Westport, Conn.* A treasure chest of the sexy and the slightly kinky. "Jock Socks," teeny bikinis with big gold zippers, "Ah Men" underthings, specially-made short-short-shorts and custom crafted leather pants . . . also caftans, filmy and otherwise. Only the svelte and the skinny need apply. 513

CANDLES

***+Eclectics by Donald Poole,** *5 Huckleberry Lane, Kensington, Conn. 06037, 203-828-5212.* Order your candles (wholesale or retail, wild, wild colors), from a gay craftsman in the wild wood. Assorted lengths and shades. Try it by candlelight . . . flicker, flicker. 514

CAPTIVE GAYS

The Carillion Club, *1173 Atwood Ave., Johnston, R.I.* A straight bar with a drag show ("Guys will be Dolls") strictly for laughs. Do they have signs: "Please don't feed the faggots"? Is this bar necessary? 515

CHARRED TIMBERS

The Log Cabin Lounge, *Rt. 25, Newtown, Conn.* You'll find this roadhouse listed here and there . . . actually, it burned down about two years ago. Better luck next time. 516

CHRISTIANS

***+Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Providence,** *75 Empire St., Providence, R.I. 02903, 401-831-3773.* "We are a Christian Church with an outreach to gays. Unlike many other Christian churches, we try to deal with the whole person: spiritual, physical, and mental." Rap groups, prayer meetings, legal, medical, and health center for gays in Providence. Worship services Sundays 1:45 and 7pm; Sunday School (for all ages) 1pm; Love feast & potluck Mondays 7pm; Clinic Wednesdays 7-10pm; Rap group Wednesdays 8 pm. A busy, supportive place. 517

CLINIC

***+Metropolitan Community Health Service,** *75 Empire St., Providence, R.I. 02903, 401-831-3773.* Low-pressure, no-hassles clinic for gays and non-gays. Basic health screening, counseling, referrals . . . VD testing, Pap smears, dietary advice, routine exams; a full range of health services. Hours, Office: 12-6 pm, Clinic: 7-10pm. "Appointments preferred but not required." 518

COUNSELING

The George W. Henry Foundation, *45 Church St., Hartford, Conn. 06103, 203-522-2646.* Counseling for gays and non-gays; also involved in education, civil rights, and other good gay works. Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5. 519

***+Homophile Community Health Service,** *290 Westminster St., Rm. 510, Providence, R.I. 02903, 401-274-4737.* "Individual, joint, and group counseling and therapy for gays, those concerned with gay issues, their families and friends. Positive attitude toward gayness and gay-related problems." 520

CUSTOM-DESIGNED CLOTHES

***+Eclectics by Donald Poole,** *5 Huckleberry Lane, Kensington, Conn. 06037, 203-828-5212.* "I will help design clothes, or follow and interpret a pattern you select; I also crochet and knit to order from my own designs." Shawls, y'all? 521

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DANCE HALL

The Gallery, *194 Richmond St., Providence, R.I., 401-272-8873.* The Warehouse of Providence. A factory made over into a barn of a dance bar. 5-600 gay folks shoehorn.in here; a wild young crowd makes its weekly pilgrimage–mostly weekends, of course. Be alert for an upstairs eatery, we hear one's in store. No street number, just follow the with-it crowds. Noisy, sociable, no cruisy intimacies, but lots of fun, nevertheless. 522

DANCING BARS

***+The Brook,** *919 East State St., Westport, Conn., 203-226-6204.* No cover charge at this busy new spot for men only. Non-stop tapes provide non-stop rock dancing. "Heavy traffic," and "totally gay" say our busy field workers. Take Exit 18 off I-91; it's just opposite the State Police HQ . . . follow that squad car. 523

***+Casbar Cafe,** *1277 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn., 203-333-9833.* A mixed, neighborhood establishment–many gay folk dancing and cruising the bowling machines. Locally popular, as they say. 524

***+The Corral Cafe,** *727 Bank St., New London, Conn.* "Dancing nightly to a busy juke box –latest tunes . . . The nicest kids come here." Howdy Pod'ner . . . 525

Fanning's, *93 Clemence St., Providence, R.I.* A little white hole-in-the-wall, but the pool table's active day and night. Weekends are the most flirtatious, of course. A potpourri of gay types–stereotypes and otherwise. Dancing to a juke; try Saturday afternoons. 526

Homestead, *124 Snow St., Providence, R.I., 401-421-4837.* Big horseshoe-shaped bar; dancing to live bands and an occasional wandering minstrel. Somebody's performing for the assembled gang every night. Imagine. 527

The Roadhouse, *1388 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury, Conn.* Rumors have been confirmed; The Roadhouse is now gay, with dancing Friday and Saturday nights. Good news for Waterbury. 528

The Sixty One East Club, *61 East Mill St., Woonsocket, R.I.* You may have known it as the "Holiday Inn." Bigger and bouncier than its Woonsocket neighbor "The High St." A mixed (male and female) crowd of friendly regulars. A real live rock band pops up on weekends. 529

DARK CORNERS

The Pub Restaurant, *1132 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn., 203-777-0456.* Subdued, nearly elegant late-night cruising ground. The meals are good, but the bar is the heart of the matter. Rumors are flying that pool tables and a juke box and dance floor have livened things up, but as yet no hard data, as they say. 530

FALSE LEADS

The F.E.I. Club, *Valley Falls, R.I.* Another of those straight bars that wind up on the guidebooks' lists. Maybe it was gay once upon a time, but these days it's just another little saloon. Sorry. 531

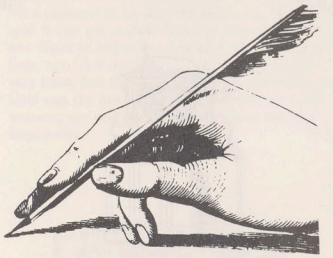
Glen Acres, *44 Poplar St., Stamford, Conn.* Another guidebook anomaly. This place is *always* listed, sometimes with *stars*, yet. Actually, it's changed its name and is now a straight bar. *Sic transit,* etc. . . . 532

LaRosa's Park West, *1615 Park St., Hartford, Conn.* Things have changed; gayness is on the outs. Rumor has it that gays have been assaulted where once they were welcomed. Better steer clear; back to "The Warehouse," gang. 533

Malone's Three Steins, *255 Church St., New Haven, Conn.* May have been gay in the past, but no longer. 534

Scottie's Lounge, *1694 Acushnet St., New Bedford.* Another straight bar that's wandered into all the guides; gays are decidedly *not* encouraged to foregather. 535

The Taft Hotel Bar, *265 Collge St., New Haven, Conn.* Another reputed gay meeting-place, but the tide's turned and the fish (big and little) have gone elsewhere. Try the Pub or the Partner's. 536



FEMINIST NOTEPAPER

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THE BROOK

919 E. State St.
Westport, CT 266-6204

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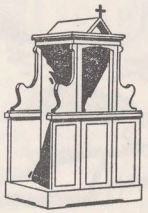
across from State Police

Disco — Cruise Bar
Girls' Bar

FIELD DAYS (LESBIAN)

***Gay Women of Providence,** *401-942-2094.* Call for calendar of events . . . socials, parties, field-days, rap groups. "Primarily to provide a place for gay women to meet, talk, and get support." 538

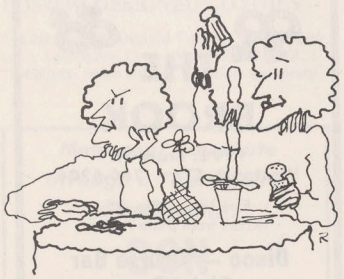


GAY CATHOLICS

Dignity/Providence, *c/o Frank Murphy, 199 Garden St., Pawtucket 02860.* Incipient Providence group, whose goals and ideology parallel the Boston chapter's (which see). 539

GAY ELIS

Gay Alliance at Yale, *2031 Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. 06520.* Sane, friendly gay libbers–film festivals, speakers, discussions, dances, the works. Fifty cents admission and worth it. Non-students welcomed to the beautiful meeting hall. Refreshments. 540



GAY GOURMETS

The Sleeping Giant, *Hamden, Conn.* Expensive gay restaurant–elegantly served Continental Cuisine (as they say). A good reputation, but bring money. 541

GAY IVY (MORIBUND)

Brown Univ. Gay Liberation, *S.A.O., Brown University, Providence, R.I.* Rumours are flying that this group has dissolved; others maintain otherwise. They just don't answer their mail. 542

GAY LIB, HARTFORD

***+Kalos Society/Gay Liberation Front,** *Box 403, Hartford, Conn. 06101.* "A social, political, legal, consciousness-raising organization, offering counseling services, medical assistance, and basic civil rights activities for all gay persons. The only service of its kind in Connecticut." 543

GAY MAGS

Morris Cohn News and Books, *40 Broadway, Norwich, Conn.* Assorted periodicals for the invert. 544

HAS BEENS

Hygenic Lounge, *79 Bank St., New London, Conn.* Ironically mis-named, and not a gay in sight. The place crops up in bar guides from time to time like a rare fungus. 545

The Harbor, *157 Bank St., New London, Conn.* Ditto

HOT SPOT

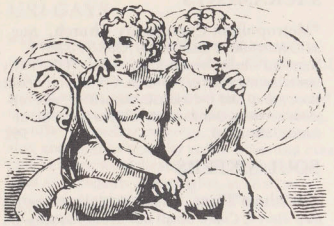
The Warehouse Cafe, *61 Woodbine St., Hartford, Conn. (off Capitol Avenue, near I-84, Sigourney St. exit . . . next question?).* This is the biggie . . . literally a warehouse, marginally redecorated. A long, long bar, pool tables and other games, intimate corners, and a dance floor with those syncopated lights. Free popcorn to beat the munchies; the facilities are dreadful, but the crowd is young, friendly and suburban-wild. Champagne drawings . . . I kid you not. A dollar admission charge on busy weekends. Acres of parking in the surrounding wilderness. 546

LEATHER BAR

Silver Spike, *95 Clemence St., Providence, R.I.* Upstairs on weekends, we hear, the crowd is dense with zippers and other heavy stuff. 547

LESBIAN BARS

***Cabana,** *681 Valley St., Providence, R.I. (Rte. 95, off exit "State Office Buildings"), 401-621-8366.* "All-Girl bands," nightly dancing, sandwiches and other snacks. Entertainers "from Vegas, N.Y., Boston, etc." Open 7-2. Admission charge about $1.50 . . . mainly women. Rhode Island's answer to "The Saints." 548

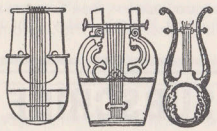


MAIL ORDER ROMANCES

***+Teddy Bear Club,** *Box 104, Danielson, Conn. 06239.* A free-and-easy pen-pal club for gays, bi's, straight swingers, and other literary lotharios. Do your heavy breathing by mail. "We give personal attention to each and every application." Attention includes *Teddy Bear Club Bulletin*–eye-opening, my dear. 549

MUSIC BY MAIL

***+Integrity .n Music; Revist.** *800 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Conn., and Old Avon Village, Avon, Conn.* "We sell and trade new and used LP's, specializing in Rock, Jazz, Blues, and Folk. 3000 used records; send for our catalogue." The Gay Sears and Roebuck of the serious discophile. 550



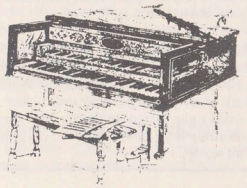
NEW AND NIFTY

***The Partners,** *365 Crown St. (corner of Park), New Haven, Conn. 06511, 203-624-5510.* New Haven's lusty answer to Boston's 1270. Three floors of glitter and gaiety. Women's bar down, dancing up; in the middle it's cruisy around the piano. Lots of little tables, pool and otherwise, a coffee-house atmostphere. Widely varying crowd, freaks, stockbrokers, lots in between. We're told the drinks are better upstairs. Brand new and super-popular. 551

GCN Classifieds Get Results

"NEW BAR"

The Coliseum Lounge, *corner Crown and Chapel Sts., New Haven, Conn. 06510, 203-787-1010.* You may know this little spot in its earlier incarnation as the Penthouse II . . . the name has been changed to protect the innocent, but we're told things are as guilt-edged as ever. It's down one flight to red-velvet drapes, mirrors, chandeliers, two bars (no less) . . . everything trying very hard, but the drinks are good, the music is loud and the dancing is lively. Mixed, men and women, gay and straight. Pretentious but not impossible. 552



PIANO BAR

M.B. Lounge, *95 Clemence St., Providence, R.I., 401-621-9127.* Strictly middle class, often middle-aged, but a warm and welcoming ambience settles in around midnight on Friday and Saturday. Friendly and cruisy if dancing up a storm is not your thing. Downstairs: they play a piano and sing, or sing-along. Small, but it can (mildly) swing. 553

PUB

Fife and Drum, *123 Weybosset, Providence, R.I.* The lights are low in this *ersatz* British pub, and those shadows are flattering to us all. Give it a try; the ages and the appetites are mixed, but the vibes are reportedly good. Juke box and dancing in the usual back-room. 554

NOTE

Listings preceded by a "*" have indicated that they welcome the patronage or participation of gay people; those preceded by a "+" asked to be listed as gay-owned, gay-operated, or gay-managed, in hopes that community-minded gays will want to patronize other gay people.

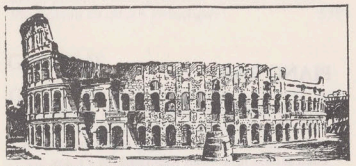
RADICLIBS

***The Dorrwar Bookstore,** *224 Thayer St., Providence, R.I. 401-521-3230.* "We are a collectively-run bookstore with a strong emphasis on radical politics, good books and pamphlets on gay liberation, women's and men's liberation. Gay periodicals, buttons, posters and greetine cards too." Hours: Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6. 555

RESTAURANTS

***Beirut Restaurant,** *125 Washington St., Providence, R.I., 401-831-9494.* Lebanese and Middle Eastern cuisine. . .Souvlaki, Baklava, etc. Open for lunch and dinner Mon-Thurs. On weekends, 9-1, entertainment is provided, and it's an after hours breakfast spot Fridays and Saturdays 1-3. Fancy that. 556

Poor Lads, *204 Crown St., New Haven, Conn., 203-624-3163.* Many of the guides list this elegant spot, a French gourmet restaurant for sophisticated folk of all sexual persuasions . . . *not* (we're told) a gay restaurant *per se,* but they don't discriminate. Come with a hearty appetite and a full wallet. 557



ROOMING HOUSE

***+The Corral,** *727 Bank St., New London, Conn.* Rooms by the day or by the week; write for rates. For all you New London vacationers out there. 558

RUMOR HAS IT

These scattered bistros and roadhouses crop up on lists now and again. Has anybody out there ever been to one? Please inform us.

The Penthouse, *54 East Washington St., Bridgeport, Conn.* Someone whispered in our ear that someone whispered in his ear here; any local reaction? 559

The Circle Bar, *1 Sabin St., Providence, R.I.* This place is listed everywhere, and it's still standing, last we heard, but we can't find anybody who's ever been there. You've been warned. 560

The Venetian Room, *5 Farewell St., Newport, R.I. 02840.* 561

SACRAMENTS

***Metropolitan Community Church,** *Box 514, Hartford, Conn. 06101, 203-522-5575.* Hartford's busy local branch of Rev. Troy Perry's booming national gay church. Community education, group and individual counselling, and religious services, Sundays at 7:30pm, Park St. at Amity, Hartford. 562

SOUL SISTERS

The Whole Thing, *Chapel St. (near Howe), New Haven, Conn.* Small but hectic, dancing on weekends. *Not* for the faint of heart. 563

STEAMERS ON SUNDAY

***David's,** *28 Prospect Hill, Newport, R.I., 401-847-9698.* Free steamed clams here every Sunday afternoon (around five). Newport itself is more than worth a visit–a marvelous melange of architecture; from the severest Colonial restorations to those towering Gatsby-glitzy Vanderbilt extravaganzas. Go, gape, then dance the night away to David's frantic juke. In summer, a patio is ablaze with flowers–friendly folk abound . . . altogether, fine reports 564

UCONN GAYS

***UConn Gay Alliance,** *U-8 Univ. of Conn., Storrs, Conn. 06268, 203-456-2359.* Alternative, non-cruisy meeting place for UConn gays; meets Fridays 8:30-10. Monthly Friday night dances 10 'til . . . 565

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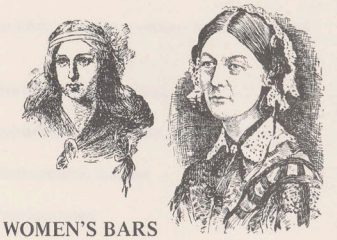
VACANT LOTS

Kubla Khan, *129 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I.* Urban renewal strikes again . . . Closed and shuttered, whatever your guidebook may say. 567

The Gold Coin, *83 Dorrance St., Providence, R.I.* This little spot is still listed in some guides, but the only hot tickets we spotted were under windshield wipers. Asphalt, asphalt everywhere and not a drop to drink. 568



WOMEN'S BARS

Marti's, *Railroad St., Central Falls, R.I.* This mildly swinging place used to be known as "The Railroad," and may still crop up that way in a guide or two. Now it's a split-level affair, drinking down, dancing up . . . clean, welcoming, unpretentious. On weekends, groups of strolling players have been known to appear. Usually dancing to a DJ, as they say. 569

Parkway, *1574 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn., 203-776-1608.* Rumors confirmed . . . women welcome. Jukebox, dancing, and the rest. 570

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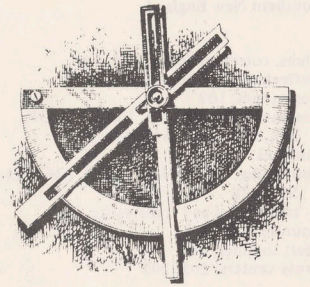

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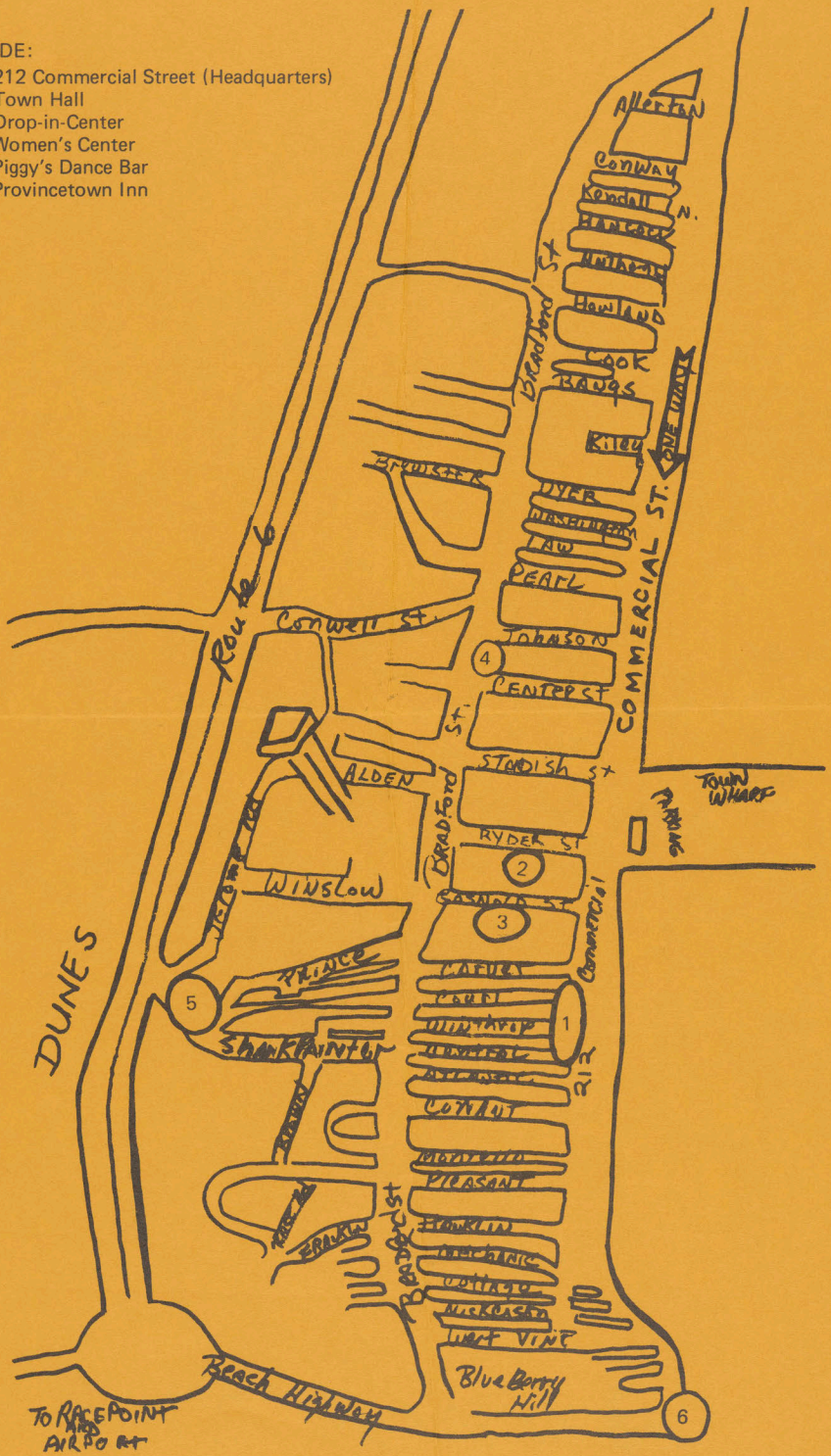
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