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Gay Community News

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A WEEKLY FORUM FOR THE BOSTON AREA

GAY BROTHER MURDERED

As of this writing, details on the recent murder and assault of two patrons of the Other Side are still somewhat nebulous. The story from different credible sources is as follows. . . The two victims met shortly before the bar closed. They were approached by the six assailants and invited to a party with promises of "booze, some pot and a lot of fun." The eight men left the bar and drove around the areas of Forest Hills and Jamaica Plain.

The driver of the vehicle stopped near a rear entrance to the Arnold Arboretum at South and Bussey streets. The eight sat and conversed until one of the six yelled: "Now" and began their attack. Both victims were repeatedly beaten and struck with clubs, knives and an assortment of other weapons. The victims were then robbed of cash, wallets, jewelry and watches.

The six men dragged the two bodies to a sewer main at the edge of the Arboretum. The two men were then dropped through a 27-inch opening into the deepest section of the sewer. The cover to the sewer was replaced and the six fled.

The one conscious survivor waited until he was sure his attackers were gone before yelling for help. After an undetermined amount of time an unidentified motorist passing by heard him and stopped.

Police investigating the crime discovered several sticks covered with blood and have few details to go on. The survivor was only able to describe two of the assailants. One was about 21, with curly black hair. The other was 5'9", very skinny with long red hair over his shoulders. The car was described to be "a not too new but not too old, compact with a very clean interior."

The survivor of this heinous crime was admitted to the hospital with multiple contusions and has been listed in fair condition. The other victim was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. The medical examiner stated that the dead man inhaled a combination of mud and water and then suffocated after being thrown unconscious into the sewer.

If you have any information that might help the police in apprehending these killers of a

gay brother, you are asked to contact Det. Sgt. Daley of Homicide Division or Det. Sgt. Arnold While at Station 13 of the Boston Police Department.

Ed. note: two suspects have been arrested in connection with the case.

The cast of "Coming Out" has agreed to do a benefit performance for the Homophile Community Health Service Wednesday July 25th at 8:30PM at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. All proceeds will go directly to HCHS.

A PLEA FROM HCHS

The Homophile Community Health Service is in immediate danger of closing due to serious financial difficulties.

The non-profit agency, incorporated as Counseling Service, Inc., has served the gay community for three years. It has provided gays with low cost therapy, as well as providing a broad range of educational and social welfare programs. The staff -- composed of qualified professionals, para-professionals, and mostly volunteers -- has both a local and national reputation for the quality of its services.

It would be a major catastrophe for Boston area gays if these services (paid for almost entirely by our clients) had to be discontinued due to lack of funds.

One thousand dollars must be raised by the end of this week:

for rent, and for telephones used for client services and our phone counseling program. Other monies are needed to ensure continuance beyond this week.

We are in urgent need of help and call upon you to give whatever financial support you can. No donation is too small. Tax-deductible checks may be made out to either Homophile Community Health Service or to Counseling Service or to Counseling Service, Inc. and may be sent to

Room 403
419 Boylston Street
Boston, Ma. 02116
Thank you.

The Staff/Board
HCHS - Counseling
Service, Inc.

CSMH AUCTION

Saturday's auction festival to benefit the Charles St. Meetinghouse, the kickoff event in a \$25,000 fund raising drive to keep CSMH open, was financially disappointing for the church. With a goal of \$4,000 for this event, the net proceeds of \$651 (gross \$850) plus donations, only brought a total of slightly over \$1,000.

Rev. Gibson stated that the major difficulty was the lack of attendance, especially at the afternoon auction.

Due to the small turnout, many valuable items were auctioned off at ridiculously low prices - the most notable being a male nude painting by Frank Cooper valued at \$125 sold for \$4. Other exceptional bargains were a \$60 Mudflat pottery course for \$18, a Robert Lowell first edition for \$4, and a parakeet & cage for \$5, (which did not even cover the \$7 cost of the bird, which the auction organizers bought to go with the donated cage).

The highlight of the auction was the sale for \$125 of a solid mahogany desk donated by a Beacon Hill doctor. Sidelights were a kissing booth (sign reading: "We also make house calls.") and the sale of CSMH t-shirts.

Day long entertainment included, among other things: readings by a Pulitzer Prize Candidate, George Haden; Maruga, a Rock, Jazz band; Operatic Baritone Antonio Franco; classical guitarist Josef Groden; the Elm Seed Theater & Resonance, a jazz group.

The evening session was better attended, and therefore the bidding was more competitive.

Jack Powers, a member of the

CSMH board of Trustees, a financial Chairman, and head of the fund raising drive, felt that an important reason for the financial disappointment was the lack of support from the Beacon Hill community. This is intensified by comments made to him by influential Beacon Hill residents such as "No one will come to the church now that the fagots have taken over", to extremes such as people are "hoping for a murder at the church to close it down." Yet Powers was encouraged by the work & support of church members, donors of articles and the Gay Community for their support. Gibson and Powers agreed that much was learned by this event concerning auctioneering and fund raising in general. With this experience, future auctions and rummage sales are being planned for the summer.

Persons interested in working on this, or donating items, are asked to call 261-3921 weekdays.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Sisters and brothers who were injured in the fire at "The Upstairs", a gay bar in New Orleans, are in dire need of blood. The Charles Street Meeting House at 70 Charles Street will be the center for the donations which will be taken.

The center will be accepting donations between 11AM and 3PM on that day. This blood is desperately needed, if you are able to donate, please contact the MCC at 266-7491 sometime before the 28th for an appointment.



Gay Community News is published weekly through the sponsorship of the Charles Street Meetinghouse. GCN is dedicated to providing coverage of events and news of interest to the greater Boston gay community, as well as stimulation of event oriented opinion within the community.

News and opinions reflected in "REACT!", the editorial column, represent the majority view of the editorial board. Signed letters and columns reflect the view of the author only. The material in this paper does not represent the views of the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Comments, criticisms and information are always welcome from our readers.

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DOINGS

GAY DEFENSE

On Monday, July 23rd, the first meeting of the Gay Defense Committee will be held at the CSMH at 7:30PM. The purpose will be to get people together to talk about what we can do about our brothers and sisters who have been mugged or killed by straights, and what we can do to defend ourselves in case of such an assault.

The Defense Committee was started by people who have been mugged and are tired of watching ourselves and others be defenseless during and after such assaults. They are not into violence, and feel that most gay people would prefer to avoid this sort of defense. The group seeks to explore the possibilities, and bring some immediate action and suggestions to the gay community.

If you have any ideas or would like to help in this effort, you are encouraged to attend the meeting Monday. For more information, call 723-2997 or 227-8519.

GAY PRISONERS

Any persons knowing gay people in Walpole prison or have information concerning the conditions under which gays were forced to exist during the Walpole crisis, please call John Williams at 742-0450, leave a message if not there. Or, write to GCN, 70 Charles Street, Boston.

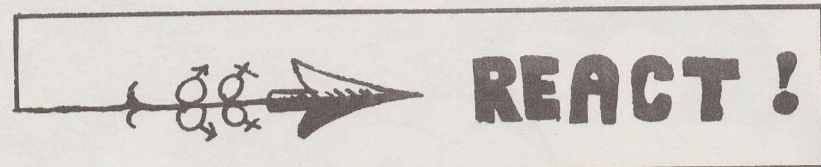
We are attempting to do an article on gay prisoners. Please contact us!

PICNICS

If you ever want to have a good group picnic, try Cochituate State Park in Natick on a Saturday. DOB found at its Cochituate picnic number two (Sat. July 14) that there was no problem finding empty tables, whereas on a Sunday you may not even get into the park, it is so crowded. As always, there is plenty to do -- swimming, open space for softball or Frisbee, trails for walking, and cookout stoves. To get there take turnpike west to exit 13, route 30 east one and a half miles; park is on the right. Admission is \$1.00/carload or 25 cents/person.

DONATIONS

Another kind, generous person has given to GCN an anonymous donation to cover the costs of this issue, and we are very grateful. We, however, are still in need to money to absorb the costs of new improvements in the paper. Please, if you are able to help, any donation that you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.



ATTENTION: WE ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED

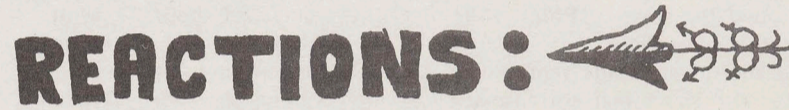
The violence perpetrated against us as gay people has become an outrage. We are being kidnapped, murdered, stuffed into sewers, stabbed and assaulted again and again.

The hate comes from their society - we are the misfits, they are threatened by our love and try to destroy us with their hate. The incident of brutal attack and murder that recently occurred in the arboretum, where six so called "men" assaulted two gay brothers and stuffed them into a swere, where one died, is an example of the hostility generated against us.

They kill us because we love, maim us for they fear our freedom. We love, laugh, play, and sing. They torture, kill, scorn and hate. The question is: will the real sickies please stand up?

AS WE STAND BY

Last week it was the Meetinghouse. This week another vital gay organization may collapse through lack of financial support. One thousand dollars must be raised this week if the Homophile Community Health Service is to stay alive. Again we must not allow this to happen. Again we must give. Please!



TO THE EDITOR:

... This writer had occasion on Wed., July 11th to watch the program MASS. REACTION on Channel 7. It was the intent of this program to limit its scope to sports, since the panel consisted of the station's sportscasters, save the moderator. On at least two occasions in the course of this show individuals of or for the Gay Community tried to interject their subject into the program. They were shut off without benefit of a reply to their inquiries.

Disruption, regardless of the form it takes, serves only to lose potential champions for our side and increases the massive number of people we are forced to convince. For those who watched the CATCH 44 program earlier in the month and saw this one have a good idea which behaviorism made the better impression. True, the moderator helped in shaping the bad portrayal made on MASS. REACTION, but we certainly presented him the opportunity. . .

Jack Ligruck

(Note: This letter has been edited for inclusion, see the Hossenpfepper Column for another view.)

TO THE EDITOR:

Last month's anti-obscenity ruling by the Supreme Court declared that obscenity is to be defined according to local standards. Predictably, purveyors of gay pornography are hit first and hardest. It seems that there are plenty of localities where the very idea of male/male or female/female sex is ample definition for obscenity.

However, there are some places - Beacon Hill, Fire Island, Provincetown, etc. - where local standards are substantially different. It would be very interesting to see the stores in these areas barred from selling such "obscenity" as PLAYBOY, ESQUIRE, FORTUNE, THE PILOT, and THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. Of course, this sort of censorship would be no better than that which attacks gay pornography, but it might serve as the basis for a test case which would point out the fact that any censorship is a violation of human rights.

M.E.M.

THE HOSSENPFEPFER COLUMN

by J. Ralf Green

Last week the column dealt with movies, this week it's television; I just keep hitting until somebody listens.

I went to MASS. REACTION last week, with the purpose in mind of simply evaluating the program. Prior to air time the audience was informed that any question whatever could be asked; the presence of the sportscasters was apparently not to be construed as an attempt at pre-censorship, or direction of the questioning.

Throughout the first half, questions of all types were asked, and dealt with quite reasonably by the panel, including the propriety of hiring a queen as news-caster. Then, a specific complaint concerning coverage of the gay community was brought up and immediately put down by Chuck Scarborough, saying that two weeks earlier, virtually the entire program was gay-oriented. He then called for the next question.

Up to that point I was rather impressed with the show, but I could not countenance the obvious attempt to silence the gay contingent. This was the first question of the evening which did not receive a satisfactory answer and I could not let it pass unchallenged. My statement several minutes later that one program alone does not fulfill their obligation to us was dealt with in exactly the same way, Scarborough's response being, "Next question, please."

If Channel Seven no longer wants gay people on MASS. REACTION, they'd better give us an alternative. If they want to deal with different topics in different weeks, they would be wiser to announce so in advance, rather than merely load the panel and expect the questions to be directed thereby. If the ticket said "MASS. REACTION - Sports" I would have been happy to comply; since it didn't, they had no right to try to direct our queries.

GAY RAPS CONTINUE

There are three weekly rap groups for gays now being held in the Boston area. The first, for women, is held by the Daughters of Bilitis Tuesday nights at 7:30PM at 419 Boylston Street, room 323. Ring the bell three times to get in the building.

The second group, which is for men only, is held Monday nights at 7:30PM upstairs from the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles Street.

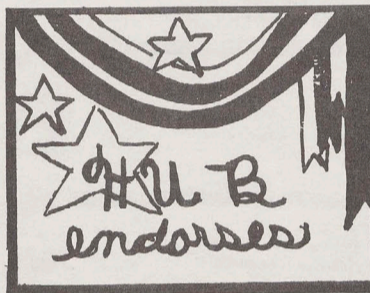
The third group, open to both men and women, is held also at 419 Boylston Street, but at room 509, ring the bell five times to get in. This rap is also Tuesday night at 7:30PM. It is sponsored by the Homophile Union of Boston and will be in their new rap lounge.

NOTICE!!
Any individuals who are interested in establishing a line of communication for gay people with the police commissioner please contact GCN at 742-0450.

MEDIA

Where is "Heaven and Earth"?

If you were one of the people who tuned in to see "A New Heaven and A New Earth" last Sunday we sympathize with your disappointment. Thoreau pre-empted Bob and Harry Freeman-Jones and the Rev. William Alberts. When the station was contacted, they explained that there were technical difficulties in completing the tape and that they were unable to finish it for the scheduled time. It is hoped that it was, in fact, technical difficulties and not political undertones that caused the last minute shuffle. When pressed for the re-scheduled date they stated that the new date would be announced. GCN will let you know of the re-scheduled date when it is announced.



The Homophile Union of Boston has endorsed Michael Amato as a candidate for state senator from the Second Suffolk District which includes all of wards 3 and 5 of Boston, i.e., North End, Downtown, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, Winthrop, and East and Central Cambridge. Mr. Amato and HUB feel that gay voters can easily rule this campaign. Registration for the election ends Wednesday July 25th.

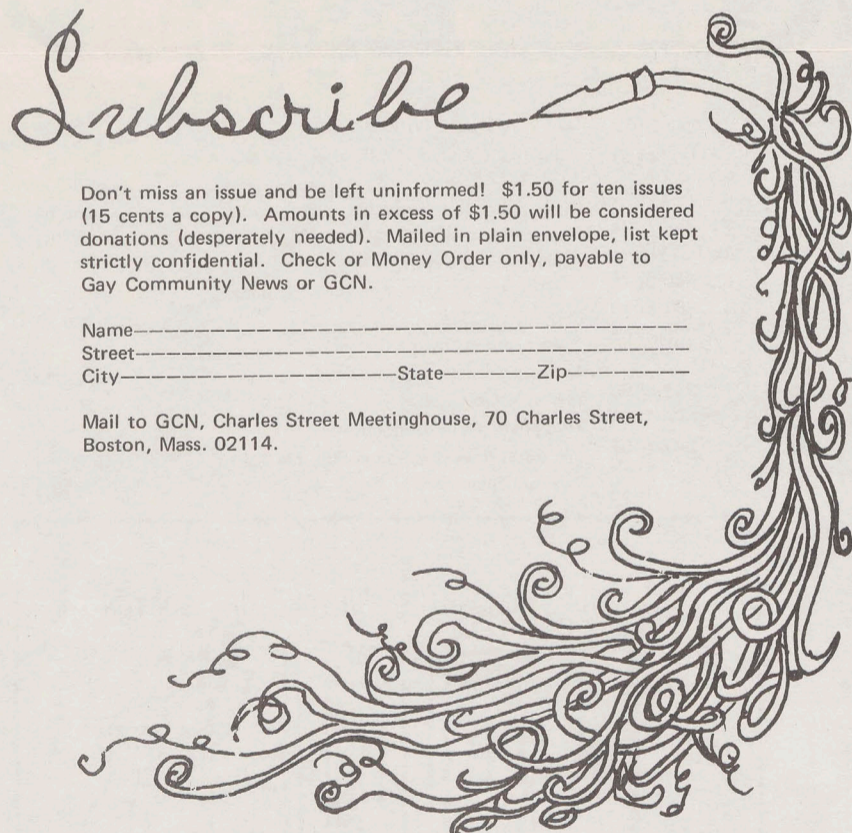
With the election only four weeks away, on August 14, HUB would like anyone interested in aiding this campaign to contact them. Volunteers should call HUB's office at 536-6197 and leave their name and number. (AMATO'S STAND ON ISSUES NEXT WEEK)

MEDIA MEETS MEDIA

On Thursday July 19th, Gay Way Radio will feature, yours truly, the Gay Community News. Tune in at 9:00PM and dial 90.9 FM (WBUR) and find out why this newspaper was formed, how it is developing and where it is going.

WHY NOT?

Dance class for gays only: geared on a beginner level so no one has to feel like a clod. Everything from "West Side" to Astaire. Hasn't it always looked like fun? Thurs. 7:30-9:30PM, 54 Charles Street (over hardware store), \$2.00 per class.



Don't miss an issue and be left uninformed! \$1.50 for ten issues (15 cents a copy). Amounts in excess of \$1.50 will be considered donations (desperately needed). Mailed in plain envelope, list kept strictly confidential. Check or Money Order only, payable to Gay Community News or GCN.

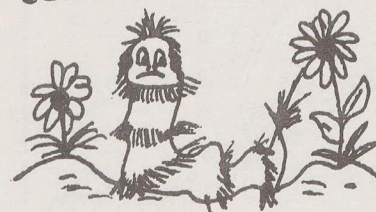
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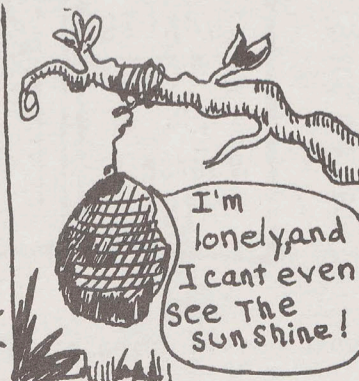
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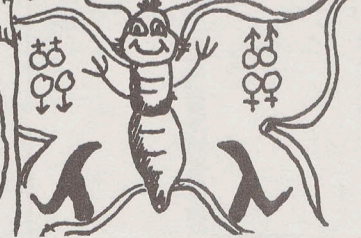
When caterpillars fear getting stepped on they often spin themselves into a cocoon.



I'm lonely and I can't even see the sun shine!

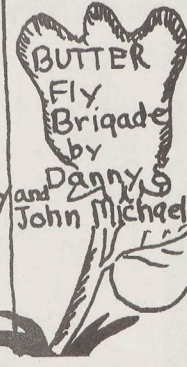


eventually the frustration gets 'em and they emerge not as ugly caterpillars, but as beautiful butterflies



GAY POWER

and in their own GAY way form The Butterfly Brigade and seek out and destroy sexism. Tune in for their adventures.



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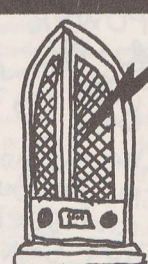
QUICK GAY GUIDE

American Civil Liberties Union	227-9469	Gay Way Radio (WBUR-FM)	353-2790
Boston Gay Youth	536-6197	(Contact Elaine Noble or John Lawrence)	
Charles Street Meetinghouse	742-0450	Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Daughters of Bilitis	262-1592	Homophile Community Health Service	266-5477
Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston, Ma. 02215		Homophile Union of Boston	536-6197
Fag Rag	536-9826	Lavender Hour (WBCN-FM)	261-8526
Gay Community Center	491-5669	(Contact Andy Kopkind or Littlejohn)	
	or 288-8765	Lesbian Liberation	354-8807
Gay Community News (c/o Charles St. Meetinghouse)		(c/o the Women's Center)	
	742-0450	Metropolitan Community Church	266-7491
Gay Media Watch	868-5729	Project Place	267-9150
Gay Speakers Bureau	547-1451	Red River Dyke Collective	
		c/o 43 Willow St., Somerville, Ma. 02143	
		Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764

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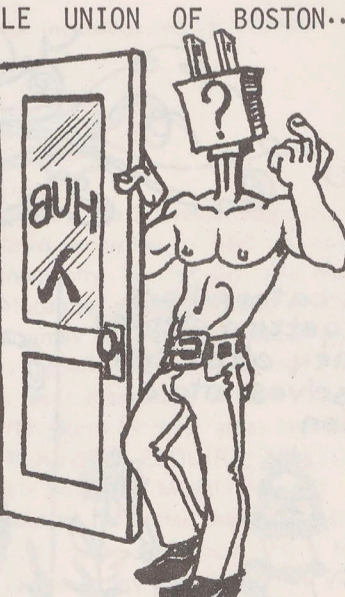


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