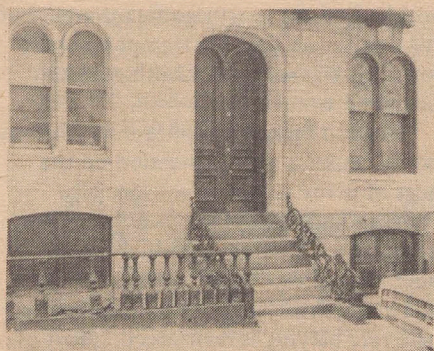


# A WEEKLY FORUM FOR NEW ENGLAND Gay Community News

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## BEACON HILL MURDER



35 Hancock Street, Boston, scene of murder

David Andrews was found stabbed to death in his basement apartment at 35 Hancock St., Beacon Hill, last Sunday, April 7. The police discovered the body shortly after he was murdered at approximately 4:35 p.m. Andrews was found with his hands tied behind his back and he had been stabbed about 50 times.

In his late twenties, Andrews worked part-time while attending school. Andrews was studying to become a teacher of deaf-mutes.

A close friend who met Andrews every afternoon for coffee and who saw him last on Thursday before the murder told GCN that "David didn't go out much. He went to the Cowardly Lion, Carnival or Sporters about once a week and I'm sure he wouldn't go home with anyone he didn't know."

Witnesses saw a man running out of the apartment with a kitchen knife at the time of the murder. The alleged murderer was described as a male in his early twenties, 5'6", 150 pounds, dark complexion, moustache and black shoulder length hair. He was wearing blue jeans and a navy blue parka with a fur collar.

As of this time no further details were available. Police told GCN that they had no leads and anyone with information should call the homicide division of the Boston Police Department.

## GAY BILL STATUS

H.2627, dealing with discrimination against homosexuals in state civil service jobs, received a favorable report from the Public Service Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, after having been amended to allow the civil service commission to determine when the sexual preference of a job applicant "will prevent the satisfactory performance of the job requirements of a position."

As amended by the committee, the bill also covers removal from a job "... sexual preference of a person shall not be considered as just cause unless such ... preferences are related to the unsatisfactory performance of the requirements of an office or position."

These amendments weaken the bill by allowing the commission discretion to make exceptions, and by encoding the idea that homosexuality *per se* can be just cause to fire or a reason not to hire. Ironically, this notion created the very need for an antidiscrimination bill in the first place.

Without the amendments the bills would have been killed in committee. Lobbyists for the bills considered campaigning against the amendments but decided it would be too confusing. The vote on the House floor may have occurred by the time you read this, and will indicate which Representatives are at least to some extent supportive of gay rights.

H.2601, the bill to repeal the sodomy law, was given an adverse report by the Judiciary Committee on April 3 and sent to the House Rules Committee by the House on April 4 at the request of Representative Barney Frank, one of its sponsors. This was to allow H.2627, which could draw more votes, to be voted upon first.

The major antidiscrimination bills, H.2524, H.2525, S.4 and S.5, have been approved by the Commerce and Labor Committee to be sent to the Senate but have yet to be turned in officially to the Senate Clerk.

## gay pride week

Approximately 20 women and men attended the first meeting to plan Gay Pride Week at the Charles Street Meetinghouse last Tuesday evening. The parade in New York City is set of Sunday, June 30. Local plans so far consist of the Boston Parade Saturday, April 22, which will officially begin Gay Pride Week here.

Many of the participants felt that "we are work-shopping ourselves to death" and should do something different this year. A discussion on what Gay Pride Week has been in the past and what people would like it to be in the future was expressed by several. "We're always centering conferences and workshops around ourselves and the purpose of Gay Pride Week is to let straight people know that we exist and are proud of what we are." This comment was picked up on and people began discussing the possibility of an action oriented week of activities. The meeting then became a brainstorming session in an effort to get together as many ideas as possible. Suggestions ranged from repairing the Charles Street Meetinghouse, night time entertainment - gay poets, singers, dancers, and guerrilla theatre to one of the favorites, "How Many Gays Does It Take

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## COFFEEHOUSE COULD CLOSE

The Board of Trustees of the Charles Street Universalist Church is holding its Annual Meeting on Monday, April 22. Tentatively scheduled for discussion is the question of whether or not the Meetinghouse Coffee House will remain open for another year.

The Church, itself in financial difficulties, must decide between the philosophical versus the financial commitment to the project. Interviewed by GCN, Dennis Thomas, manager of the Coffee House, expressed confidence that the Church would make a favorable decision at the meeting.

According to a financial statement just released for the meeting, income has sufficiently met all expenses except the additional utility cost incurred by the Coffee House, which has been estimated at \$200 per month. This expense has been absorbed by the Church and therefore makes the continuation of the Coffee House an issue. Founded to provide a receptive environment for all people, it has served as an alternative to the bars for many gays.

The Trustees of the Church have been very supportive of the purpose of the project, but as the Church falls deeper into debt, each project must be scrutinized.

Thomas explained that the figures were confusing, and pointed out several items which needed explanation. During the year, \$2,500 was spent on equipment, a cost that was necessary to start the opera-

tion but has now been paid off and should allow for future profit.

Another point brought out by Thomas was that substantial improvements and repairs have been made on the building from Coffee House receipts, and this benefit to the Church is in effect a "hidden profit."

On the other hand, expenses have not been realistic, the staff consisting of either volunteer or grossly underpaid workers. Thomas said that the five "paid" staff of the operation have never received cash pay, including himself. The only benefits include meals, cigarettes, and occasional other expenditures for the group, which includes Rev. Randy Gibson and his family. This expense was termed "minimal" and never exceeds \$150 a week, total. Petty cash slips are kept for all these expenditures. Thomas elaborated.

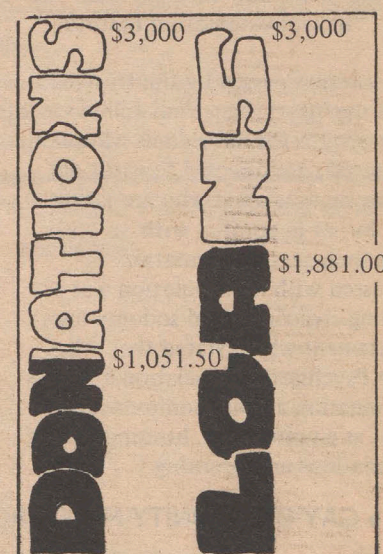
Losses in cash discrepancies of approximately \$15 per week and food losses of approximately \$40 are some of the problems plaguing the operation. The arrival of a cash register this week should alleviate some of the loss.

As for support from the gay community, Thomas explained that the Coffee House was in fact doing more business than other establishments in the area. He expressed gratitude for the continuing patronage of the Coffee House by the gay community. The advent of good weather and the outdoor tables was noted as producing much needed additional revenue soon.

Recent events sponsored by the Coffee

House have not aided to its financial condition. The dance held during the New England Gay Conference showed a profit which had to be used to reimburse expenses for repair of the speaker system and the cleaning of the hall. The supper also held during the conference was a financial disaster since food was ordered for 500 persons and only 250-300 people attended.

The Board of the Church will be evaluating these costs in terms of its financial needs for the coming year. A projected minimal budget calls for over \$18,000, and the source of the money is not yet apparent. Last year's fund raising total from all sources was only \$7,000. The yearly utility bill alone is nearly \$5,000.







Lighthouse Cafe, Lynn, Mass.

## oppression in Lynn

Stories keep floating into the GCN office about the gay situation in Lynn, Mass. The Lighthouse, a Lynn gay bar, is surrounded by three straight bars, and the problems and harassments caused by straights has kept gays away from one of their few meeting places.

The Lighthouse is well known among older gays who found it to be one of the few bars catering to a gay clientele years back. Over the years the Lighthouse has become notorious for its depressing atmosphere which is composed of frequent beatings, police raids; terrorizing by Hell's Angels and complete unacceptance by Lynn residents. It is almost a super human task to Come-out, and the obviously gay person in Lynn is considered to be asking for and deserving a lot of trouble.

GCN received a call from a gay man who said that his fear of straight people had reached such a point that he was

afraid to go out on the streets at all. Due to the bus schedules many Lynn gays are unable to come into Boston at night if they intend to return home. Gay women are hassled as much as men. One story related to a GCN reporter was that of a gay woman who, becoming incensed at the harassment and physical intimidation she was taking from a member of a motorcycle gang, got into a fight with him and stabbed him in the stomach. The woman had to leave town and cannot return since her safety is in jeopardy.

One man called last week and spoke desperately about the need for some sort of rap group or gay organization on the North Shore for gays who can not travel to Boston. This man gave GCN a phone number for people to call if they are interested in starting any type of group. Minutes later, however, this same man called back to say that he had changed his mind for "it would be almost suicidal" for him to attempt to organize gays in Lynn.

It is hoped that some gay organization can be started so North Shore gays may socialize without harassment or fear.

Until then the Lighthouse will be the chief meeting place for individuals whose needs are somewhat fulfilled by this club and who dare to defy all harassments in order to be gay and proud.

## APA recap

The American Psychiatric Association stopped officially regarding homosexuality as a sickness last December 15 when the board of trustees voted 13 to 0 with 2 abstaining to remove Homosexuality from the diagnostic and statistical manuals. Soon a petition was drawn up and circulated which called for a referendum of all of the association's 22,000 members.

The results of that vote were made public on Monday, April 8. With a little less than half of the nation's psychiatrists voting, 58% were in favor of the board's decision, 38% against and 4% abstained.

The original resolution was a slightly watered down version of a resolution which first passed here by the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society. The main gripe that has been expressed from coast to coast by gay activists is the addition and/or the wording of the new category that was added . . . "Sexual Orientation Disturbance."

The resolution passed by the trustees described the "disturbance" as follows: "This category is for individuals whose sexual interests are directed towards persons of the same sex and who are either bothered by, or in conflict with, or wish to change their sexual orientation. . ."

Also passed with the resolution was a fairly strong civil rights and sodomy law repeal statement which stated that "the American Psychiatric Association deplors all discrimination against homosexuals in such areas as employment, housing, public accommodations and licensing . . ."

## bulletin board

Depending on community response, some people are trying to get together a bus to go to the Maine Gay Symposium next weekend. The bus will leave from Harvard Law School Saturday, April 20 at 1 a.m. and will cost \$12.80 per person round trip. Anyone interested should contact the GCN office at 426-4469 as soon as possible.

Hancock County, Maine, Gay Group is sponsoring a picnic on Sunday, April 21 as part of the Maine Gay Symposium. The group will be leaving the Student Union at 9 a.m. sharp for Mt. Desert Island.

HCHS Bookstore is looking for artists and craftspeople to exhibit their work for sale(?). We are also looking for artists to design gay greeting cards. If you are interested in either of these ideas, please see Judi at the bookstore on Wednesday nights, or leave a message for her there, or call her at (617) 628-3870.

## breaking down stereotypes

A fashion show by, for, and about the gay community has been pulled together. This Friday evening the "Gay Is a Way" fashionanza will be presented at the Louis XIV Ballroom, the New Somerset, 400 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. About forth gay women and men, professional and non-professional, have coordinated what will become the first annual all-gay fashion show in the U.S., perhaps in the world. And the most significant aspect of this event is its sincere attempt to break down the stereotypes of both gays and "men and women."

"Fashion Show" is a phrase which commonly causes a sour expression on the faces of many gay people, especially women: and rightly so. Fashion shows are usually a medium by which society is taught the latest "mold" or stereotype. And along those same lines, male and female role playing is reinforced. Most of us in the gay community could easily continue this list of offensive characteristics related to the phrase "fashion show" but it wouldn't be worth going into here. Instead, this should be mentioned:

What's so different about *this* show?

Well, first of all, a fashion show can be more than just an exhibition of clothes.

hairstyles and jewelry; it conveys *total* looks and attitudes. It combines many elements of style, music and, perhaps most important of all, commentary. The variety a show creates depends upon its coordinators and only the sky is its limit.

There will also be extra guest appearances of known designers and entertainers, one of whom is Countess Lillian Bono, world known astrologist-witch, who is completing her latest book, "Star Gays" about gay men and women and the stars. There is also scheduled a cocktail hour preceding the actual show.

Everyone with the show is volunteering his or her time and energy. Proceeds are to benefit the Homophile Union of Boston and the great expenses of this year's law reform projects. Robert Dow, president of HUB, stresses, "The production will be open to the general public as well as the gay community. The gay person is very much a part of the social structure and is often the image-maker in all areas of society."

"We hope that no prejudging ideas will obstruct the success of this precedent-setting event and that all who can contribute in any way are allowed to do so. We look forward to future fashion shows of our non-stereotyped community."

## news~shorts

NEW YORK — *After Dark* magazine recently refused to carry an advertisement for Mercury recording artist Steven Grossman unless the copy was changed so that the word "gay" did not appear. An ad for Steve's first album, *Caravan Tonight*, did appear with a pitch that said that "Steve is a 'different' musician," in the latest edition of *After Dark*.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A group of gay women have attempted and probably failed here, in an attempt to bring charges of discrimination against a local nightclub. Nancy Wechsler, a city councilwoman, who is also one of the gay women who filed complaints, charged that City Attorney Edwin Pear has done no investigating and made no contacts with the filers of the complaints.

The complaints against the manager of the Rubaiyat because of his refusal to allow women to dance together after he allegedly became worried about the number of lesbians attending the club.

Ann Arbor is one of the first American cities to have an ordinance prohibiting any discrimination because of sexual orientation.

PHILADELPHIA — A bill before the city council to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals may possibly pass this year because of diligent behind the scene action. The bill was introduced as a matter of course and none of the backers gave it much of a chance; but several backers in the council have appeared. The Philadelphia gay activists plan to keep a low profile in order not to lose the support of other potential backers. This is in direct contrast to the tactics employed by the city's gay raiders when Mark Segal won fame by shaking the stodgy CBS studios of Walter Cronkite earlier this year.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Marianne Hersegard underwent a sex change operation last year to become a man. She married a woman. Soon he/she found it impossible to play the male role that was demanded of her and went back to the surgeon to become a woman again. GCN has no information pertaining to how much the whole thing cost.

TEL AVIV — A sex law reform bill was introduced here this year but failed to pass the Knesset vote. Although last year's public opinion poll favored the removal of criminal penalties for homosexuality the Israeli parliament did not agree.

## pride week...

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To Fill A Rhino Train," where gays would ride the subway talking to straights and explaining the "Lavender Rhino."

The group also decided to try and attract other gay groups in New England to join in with either a big parade in Boston or in one of the large gay communities in the area. A letter inviting all the other gay groups to a picnic and the next planning meeting was sent out last week.

This year's Gay Pride Week will stress an "action oriented, celebrative experience rather than a sit down and let's talk about it."

Anyone interested in getting involved with planning this year's Gay Pride Week activities should come to the picnic (bring your own food) Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in the Boston Common or come to the GCN office for the meeting at 2:00. GCN is located at 22 Bromfield St., Boston. For more information call 617-426-4469.



# N. OLDER DYKE

The New England Gay Conference is just a memory but it left me musing. Those of us who spent hours planning it had high hopes and great expectations for it. My great expectation was that something concrete would come out of all those workshops. If just one idea congealed and became a reality then all would not have been in vain.

It was a thrill to walk into the lesbian lunch-time rap and see one hundred and fifty women. My good feeling evaporated when I heard the same few berating the fact that this or that had not been included in the conference. I asked why only four women had shown up at all those planning meetings only to be told that what I had just said was unimportant and irrelevant. I've been hearing those same words from the same person for five months now, some of us are a little fed up with "attitude."

I told myself that the next rap would be better. The rap was large and split into several groups. The first half hour was spent on discussing how much we hated all men which is a good argument for separatism. Somehow we got away from that and the talk turned to "Our Power." I supposed that meant power for all women but just to be on the safe side I asked, "When you say power do you mean for all women?" "Absolutely," came the cry from the throng.

The rap broke up and some of us drifted out into the rain. One woman was overheard saying as she passed, "I have only two things in common with all those women, my womanhood and my gayness." A sad commentary on something that could and should be beautiful, "sisterhood!"

But the word "power" stuck in my head and a week later a chance came along for the women in the gay community to put their power to a very good use. Elaine Noble is running for state representative and what better way to use our power. Elaine has been around and very active long before some of us came out of our closets and long before a lot of women in this town "came out."

She was on the steering committee of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and moderator of Gay Way Radio for two years. She has been lobbying for the gay rights bills at the state house and has on many many occasions been the only gay person at political caucuses around the state. She was recently appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and was instrumental in conceiving and implementing Gay Americans Day at the state house.

Elaine was going out on speaking engagements when some of us were still afraid the people next door might find out that we were gay. She has been on local TV many times and two weeks ago she appeared on national TV on the David Susskind show with Dr. Howard J. Brown, formerly of Mayor Lindsay's cabinet.

In almost all of her activism she has worked within the straight institutions; to do this Elaine has made a conscious decision to live in her own way, a gay woman in a *WHOLE* community. This has left her in a vulnerable position; rejected by some straight women for being gay and rejected by some lesbians for dealing with straight society. As she says, "You can't oper-

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ate totally in the gay world." There are times when gays attack her as a "cop out." "There are times when people are not kind to each other."

Sidney Abbott summed it up beautifully, "I've known groups of women who sat around and rapped and got into each other's heads. I'd see the same group two or three years later still rapping but never progressing. The way to beat the establishment is to infiltrate their ranks." That is the only way gay people are going to gain recognition, when we become part of the system we can do our own thing.

I'm not political, you all know that, but when we don't even want to work for a sister because sociability replaces politics, then I think we are beginning to stagnate.

## did you see?

**BOSTON GLOBE**, April 5: "Religion group honors *The Boston Globe*. *Globe* religion reporter Kay Longcope and WCVB-TV producer Hubert Jessup were presented awards last night by the Religious Public Relations Council, Inc., at its annual convention in Nashville.

Jessup and Ms. Longcope were voted fellows of the organization.

The award to the newspaper, accepted by Ms. Longcope, was given "in recognition of outstanding service tendered to organized religion through the pursuit of impartial communications and as a testimonial to its continued efforts in behalf of all faiths to advance the spiritual life of our nation."

Jessup was cited as producer of WCVB-TV's Sunday program, "New Heaven, New Earth," while Ms. Longcope was honored in "recognition of proficiency as a reporter of religious news."

(Both Ms. Longcope and Mr. Jessup have covered gay topics.)

**THE REAL PAPER**, April 17: "GAY NEWS: The first public gay advertising campaign will grace the billboards on the MBTA soon to make the gay community less 'invisible.' The lavender rhinoceros is the general image for the posters. According to Gay Media Action, the rhino was chosen because it is much maligned, but gentle, peace loving and tough when crossed."

(This week's *Phoenix* also reports about gay advertising.)

**THE REAL PAPER**, March 20: "Whitch," says Mike Baron, "are four funky females who've been knocking around the Boston area for the past couple of years as a rock quartet, hammering their sound together in a long string of seedy bars. Some of the players, including Big Karen Brooks, organist, pianist and occasional bassist, have trained at Berklee. All of them sing. Their repertoire is mostly short rocking material with Motown seasoning.

Whitch has put together some interesting original material, as well. Much of it is Big Karen Brooks; but all the band members (including Little Karen Baldassare, which explains that), write. When they're up there wailing, they also break into lovely four part harmonizing. You may have heard their version of "Keep on Using Me" on a prehistoric tape left at WBCN some decades ago. Sometimes, on the bandstand, everybody will switch instruments completely arbitrarily. But they do not wear tassels.

They're a bargain \$250 a night; act fast before rising costs force them to raise their fee."

**BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE**, April 14: "Maine ruling allows women official use of maiden names . . ."

**THE PILOT** (America's oldest Catholic weekly newspaper):

TORONTO, Canada (NC) — The Canadian section of the Lutheran Church in America has given support to the province of Manitoba for recently refusing to give official recognition to a homosexual wedding. The resolution was in response to a recent situation in Winnipeg, where a minister of the Unitarian Church conducted a marriage ceremony for two homosexuals."

**NEWSWEEK**, April 8: "IDEAS/Across the Frontiers of Sex." This is a lengthy and informative article about "James Morris a decade ago and Jan Morris as she is now . . ."

**THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW**, April 14: Reviews *Conundrum* by Jan Morris. (A Helen and Kurt Wolff Book. 174 pp. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. \$5.95.)

**BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE**, April 14: "Feminists vs. Religion: Old ideas die hard, by Kay Longcope (*Globe* staffer) . . . The basic images that have kept us from becoming fully human are built into our religion, into the very concept of a divinity being male."

## The Tag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A Commentary on area entertainments of gay interest

### STICKY WICKETS

James Ivory's long overdue surrealist comedy about the Rise and Fall of Human Civilization, *Savages*, has at last arrived in town and is being New England premiered at the Allston Cinema. It's a complicated, many-leveled, ironic, mock-anthropological, mock-sociological allegory of man's rise to culture and his decline to decadence — the latter mostly represented by Ms. Ultra Violet frenching her lesbian lover.

The film is a symbology, whose storyline involves a tribe of Stone-Age types in mud masks who are interrupted in a ritual slaughter by an errant croquet ball — one ritual intruding on another. Ivory uses croquet throughout *Savages* as a central image for the contrivances and empty social elaborations which make up civilization — but *Alice in Wonderland*, this isn't. When the "Mud People" come upon an abandoned Pierce Arrow and, finally, a vast, elegant 19th Century mansion, the film emerges from grainy black and white to sepia and, finally, to full color.

Told this way, *Savages* seems heavy-handed and obvious, but on screen, it's somewhat less tiresome and moralistic than it sounds. Ivory concocts some wonderful wordless images of the "primitive sensibility" encountering the complicated clatter of High Victorian country house life — the top hats, the jewels, the books, the eyeglasses, the gorgeous toy sailboats, all the useless, and unavoidable, paraphernalia and artifacts of that weighty lifestyle.

The set-piece of the movie is an extended dinner-party sequence. After our former mud-folk, now cleaned and dressed and practiced, have assimilated themselves into the manners and mannerisms of "civilized life," they foregather to mimic its words and gestures. Here *Savages* becomes a parody, both broad and delicate, of the whole literary-dramatic tradition of drawing-room drama and comedy. Civilization, Ivory is saying, (and not for the first time), is only the thinnest of veneers, only a series of half-learned responses. Beneath the decorum and the manners, beneath the deferences and the social niceties, beats a savage heart. And so on. All of which could be banal and truistic, except that Ivory says it with tongue firmly in cheek. The whole film, from its art-deco titles, to its silly *non-sequitur* dialogue and German voice-overs, to its arch, campy songs, ("Steppin' on a Spaniel,") is one cynicism piled on another. You can't catch Ivory; he's always one ironic jump ahead, busily undercutting his own half-serious implications.

*Savages* is a rich plum-pudding of a picture, stuffed with carefully confusing imagery, delicious tid-bits of business, including some heartless transvestism, and dozens of splendid, subtle, comic turns. Whether it all *means* anything is a question we're much too diverted to ask and the film is much too clever to answer, even if we did.

## The Gay Cruise-Aider

A GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND'S GAY BUSINESSES AND SERVICES. We hope you enjoyed the Gay Cruise-Aider's coverage of the Boston-Cambridge area in last week's GCN. In future issues, the Gay Cruise-Aider will continue to list businesses and services to the gay community throughout New England. The next installment will cover Northern New England (Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine).

We need your help in completing the list (especially for areas outside Boston), and in keeping up to date the list we have so far compiled. If you have a gay business, or know of one which welcomes gay people, clip the coupon below and let us know too.

I suggest the following enterprise(s) for a listing in the Gay Cruise-Aider:

name (& address, if known)

comments

Please mail this coupon to: GCN/GCA  
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Boston, MA 02108





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# REACTIONS:

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Dear GCN:

Congratulations on your great new format which certainly is a far cry from the mimeographing days. Can we even dare hope that 'little old Boston' could be the home of an East Coast 'Advocate' some day? The entire staff of GCN should be lauded for their tremendous work on the newspaper and in a larger sense, their work for the Freedom of Gay Persons everywhere. Right on, GCN! Keep putting it all together!

In love,  
Dick Stebbins

11 April 1974

Dear People,

Congratulations on the new format! Loved this issue -- especially The Gay Cruise-Aider! I share your enthusiasm and trust this will indeed be the start of considerable growth and other good things for our newspaper. You all deserve a lot of stroking for making a truly fine thing happen.

I've done a lot of verbal prising of GCN for a long time but haven't offered much except an occasional quarter in terms of funding. Please accept this rather modest check as a symbol of my continued support.

Most sincerely,  
Greg Ford

To the Editor,

In discussions of the topic of women's separatism such as in some recent issues of GCN there is one crucial aspect I never find adequately discussed, namely how it is that *men* are the primary cause of women's separatism and what, therefore, men could do if we wanted to toward rendering unnecessary this division we say we deplore. (I refer in what follows to separatism as a basic ideology, not to arrangements such as segregated CR groups that are seen as provisional and practical necessities.)

First among the habits that would appear to make women's separatism necessary vis a vis even mixed gay organization is a lack of concern among the latter for women's issues: for example most men appear to see no incongruity in appealing to women's organizations such as NOW to support the adoption of gay rights legislation -- that is called coalition politics -- while at the same time the mixed or all-male gay groups do nothing to support the Equal Rights Amendment or free comp-

rehensive day care -- that would be called a distraction from our primary goal. But the whole idea of the in fact inadequate term coalition is for people to help out along the lines of *each other's* primary goals: the pattern of support ought not to be one way. Only when mixed and all-male gay groups begin to support all the basic women's issues will a majority of now separatist women even consider a broadening of their own perspective, too.

A second major cause of women's separatism is the failure of most men, including gay men, to combat within and among ourselves the sexist and even misogynist points of view we say we don't share, a failure that makes it difficult for some women to perceive even many gay men as allies. I shall offer just one example of the sort of failure I have in mind, which occurred during a discussion of sado-masochism at the recent annual New England Gay Conference. In that discussion a seemingly enlightened fellow who is himself involved in S&M explained the significance of what for him are symbolic acts of reconciliation between his basic socialist and feminist feelings and a sexual attraction to the ultra-masculine to which he was in effect conditioned at an early age; but another individual of far less enlightenment described himself, he thought humorously, as a fascist, rambled on at length about the need for order and discipline and in short put on an embarrassing show, only the most extreme details of which were eventually challenged by an ever more restive and numerically dwindling audience. Hardly anyone, however, including me, as of the time I walked out, challenged the continued right of this man to hold forth in such a trivialized and oppressive way in what ought to have been a gay liberation atmosphere; it took us an amazingly long time to take seriously the anti-feminism of his misguided routine. At the time and in later retrospect I tended to be glad that very few women happened to be there, but extreme as the incident was, it offered a very graphic illustration of why some gay women did not attend even the conference as a whole.

Failure to take part in the struggle for specifically women's issues and failure to combat sexism within and among ourselves are not by themselves an adequate account of how men, including gay men, make women's separatism inevitable: but they'll do for a start. And only when we are doing more about them will some gay women's perceptions of us begin to change.

Ed Tynan

# REACT!!

We know that most gay men are aware of the dangers involved with the Combat Zone-Park Square-Bay Village (?) scene. Yet we feel the need to warn people anyway.

Murders and brutal beatings of gays occur with greater frequency than is ever known by the general public. The reasons for the lack of information are varied. Often the victim is afraid of pressing charges or even reporting incidents of violence because of the need to protect his reputation with friends, family, and job. When violence is not terribly extreme the attacker can always say that the victim made a pass at him and will almost always go free. This is all still pretty much com-

mon knowledge but there is more.

We have been informed of murders of young people whose parents have stopped all comment by police and press to protect their own and their child's reputation.

These reasons are very understandable but under present conditions we have little to protect us from any homicidal maniac. Whereas the degree of responsiveness of the police to our needs may be argued; it can be said that until more is out in the open there can be little public pressure to clear the truly dangerous persons out. Need we remind readers that even the murderers involved in the widely publicized "Arboretum Murder" are free men, perhaps among us?

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## Ceremony of Celebration

May 12, 1973

### INTRODUCTION

"WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH?" — David Rainey  
SONG—"The King's Highway"

1  
I know not where the road will lead  
I follow day by day,  
Or where it ends; I only know  
I walk the King's Highway,  
Yes, I walk the King's Highway.

2  
I know not if the way is long,  
And no one else can say;  
But rough or smooth, uphill or down,  
I walk the King's Highway,  
Yes, I walk the King's Highway.

3  
And some I love have reached the end,  
And some with me may stay,  
Their faith and hope still guiding me,  
I walk the King's Highway.

4  
The way is truth, the way is love,  
For light and strength I pray  
Till through the years of life to God  
I walk the King's Highway,  
Yes, I walk the King's Highway.

5  
The countless hosts lead on before,  
I must not fear nor stray;  
With them, the pilgrims of the faith  
I walk the King's Highway.

6  
Through light and dark, the road leads on  
Till dawns the endless day  
When I shall know why in this life  
I walk the King's Highway,  
Yes, I walk the King's Highway.

COMMITMENT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
MAKING IT PUBLIC—Bill Barnes

SONG—"Song of Celebration"

1  
As we gather in celebration,  
Let us lift our hearts in song.  
Witness the union of people together,  
In common we share what is more than life  
long.  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu.

2  
Toiling alone is often distressing,  
Our thoughts seem apart from the work in demand;  
But friends can shower our moments with sunlight,  
Lending grace with a helping hand.  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu.

3  
Friends, be patient, choose love as your giving,  
Capture the secret that others convey;  
Let your hearts be a witness to living,  
Let each heartache speak out for today,  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu.

4  
As we pass in celebration  
Peace be unto all who bring  
The joy of living to brothers and sisters;  
Let the Spirit resound as we sing,  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu  
Alleluia, allelu, allelu.

### MAKING THE COVENANT

We say our covenant to each other  
We exchange rings  
Our covenant is consecrated

### OUR COVENANT WITH EACH OTHER

I believe in the power of the love that we feel for each other, with the full realization that romantic love in itself is not enough to sustain or to be sustained by a relationship. Our love seeks not merely to perpetuate itself; it is built on and nurtured by the process of growth in each of us, individually and together. This process is not always easy, but I believe that there is ultimately joy beyond the pain that may be a

necessary part of growing. Paradoxically, as we grow individually, we grow together; as we grow in wider circles, we grow in depth. I like the way Fromm expresses this: "If I truly love one person, I love all persons. I love life. If I can say to somebody else, 'I love you,' I must also be able to say, 'I love in you everybody. I love through you the world. I love in you also myself.'"

Do you share with me the conviction that our love and growth nurture each other; the belief that if either process ceases, both will die; and the commitment to foster the processes of love and growth within our relationship?

Based on this shared view of the nature of our love, I commit myself to maintaining our relationship as long as there is in it the possibility for love and growth for both of us. Because of my faith in the ultimately positive nature of the process in which we are engaged, I say these things to you, in the presence of our friends, with joy and without fear, believing that it is possible for this process to continue as long as we both live.

★ ★ ★  
I see our relationship as a constantly changing, multi-faceted process of growth and life and love. I see our relationship involving love, joy, and pain — a wide range of experiences. We will inevitably hurt each other; we will love each other; we will rejoice together — in the end nothing that we can do will alter the fact that we will experience these, for that is the nature of life.

I see us as two distinctly separate people who have decided to share our most intimate and vulnerable selves with each other. We recognize that our relationship cannot encompass all of both of us, but it can touch the parts of us that are expressed in relationships with others. Our lives are greatly enriched through our love and commitment to each other.

Do you feel that what I have said about our relationship accurately reflects your understanding of it?

Since that is the case, this is what I promise to you in full knowledge that our covenant will have no meaning unless we both accept the responsibility of maintaining it: I accept that responsibility willingly knowing that times may come when fulfilling that responsibility may be the last thing I want to do; I promise to you that I will constantly try to be open, direct and honest with you, that I will love and live with you as long as we both feel that our relationship is life-giving for both of us together and individually — and right now, I see that being for the rest of our lives.

### INVOLVING OUR FRIENDS

We believe, with Bonhoeffer, that "there is hardly anything that can make one happier than to feel that one counts for something with

other people. What matters here is not numbers, but intensity. In the long run, human relationships are the most important thing in life."

We feel the intensity of your support of us as individuals and of our relationship. You are the most important people in our lives, for as we have shared the knowledge of our relationship with you, we have experienced a strengthening of our relationship. You are very special people to us; we have chosen you to be our community of support.

We have done this consciously, knowing that our relationship would probably have sickened and died if it had continued to exist in absolute secrecy. We now know the importance of including others, of asking for their support in times of trial, and of sharing with them in times of joy.

Although we have talked about this with each of you individually, we think it is important to state our covenant with you as we state our covenant with each other. We therefore ask you, our community of friends, if you will try, insofar as it is possible, to continue to extend to us your support of our relationship, to offer us your assistance in times of difficulty, and to share with us your joys and sorrows. If this is your intention, please respond by saying, "I will."

Response — I will.

Having asked for your support and friendship, we now state again our intention to share with you the joys and sorrows of your own lives to the fullest extent possible. We will always consider you to be the most special of all friends; and even though distance may separate us from you, our love for you will remain, and we will remember your importance to our lives and our covenant with you.

SONG—"The Gift of the Wise" — Bill Barnes

Here is a flower I'm giving to you,  
Take it to wear in your hair.  
Golden its color, it glistens with dew,  
Proclaiming the love that we share.  
Please do not ask why I'm giving it now.  
Take and rejoice in its radiant hue.  
It won't feed the hungry or help one know how;  
It merely says I love you.  
In a world filled with madness and napalm and hate  
Flowers seem foolish to give.  
Perhaps some are right, it's already too late,  
The time has passed when one could live.  
Nevertheless here are some flowers,  
Blossoms of love and delight,  
Reminding us both of the hope that's in us,  
That morning will follow the night.  
Notice the color, the fragrance, the texture;  
See how it catches the sun.  
Cradle it gently, it's easily destroyed,  
Like so many good things begun.  
Soon it will die, no matter, whatever;  
Its beauty is quick as a sigh.  
Flowers, like people, exist only briefly,  
So don't pass them hurriedly by.



## It's A Gay World

The following is an excerpt from the 1972 National Institute of Mental Health Task Force on Homosexuality:

In some cultures, such as those of the Siberian Chukchee and the Aleutian Kon-iaga, an institutionalized role of berdache, or shaman, is provided for adult male homosexuals. These men adopt feminine dress, activities, mannerisms, become "wives" of other men, and assume the "female" role in anal intercourse. Their social status may be high. Male homosexuality in some societies, for instance among the Keraki and Kiwai of New Guinea, is an institutionalized feature of puberty rites. Thus, all males must engage in homosexual practices, either as initiates in the insertee role in anal intercourse or as married or unmarried males who perform the insertor role. Such practices are believed to be essential for male growth and strength. It has also been reported that all men and boys among the Siwans of northeast Africa engage in homosexual practices; married and unmarried males have homosexual and heterosexual liaisons.

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Well-adjusted friendly sincere WM, 24, 6', 165, masc, hairy, gdiking with interests in sciences and arts, seeks yng men for friendship plus. GCN Box 033.

**WAYNE AND TOMMY**  
and Lee, Mike, Charlie, George, Chris, Dave, Paul and Bobby D.: I want to thank you all for easing my coming out. -Paul

**A LOT PROUDER**  
You've come a long way ... in the past 5 years gay lib has seen millions of people become healthy, happy and proud. For the past 5 years the members of the Homophile Union of Boston have been forerunners in this movement of dancing and smiling, talking and learning, supporting and enjoying one another. As a member of the future you are greeted with highest respect into our joint march for dignity and friendship. To join, contact: HUB, rm. 509, 419 Boylston St., Boston. 536-6197.

**BUY A RHINO AD!**  
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In Boston 1 yr. Met very untogether people. I'd favor friendships with together studs, fems, or cpls. Also seek fem for meaningful rel. Age or race no barrier. I'm 33, 5'2". Phone and pic if poss, but ans. all. GCN Box 055.

**GWM wanted.** Male near 40, gd lkng., steady, sincere, gentle, attr., warm, affectionate, days, for real friendship. Well hung satisfaction. GCN Box 014.

**GBM, 21, 5'8", med. build, semi-cute.** Like to exchange ideas and really get to know other GMS. Write: Rodney Stinson, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Ma. 02114.

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## rides

### RIDE NEEDED

Male freak needs ride to Austin, Texas or thereabouts soon. Will share expenses. Please call collect 203-389-1969 and leave your number.

**RIDE wanted to Florida** in the middle of May for five people. Would like to return approx. ten days later. Will share driving, expenses. Contact GCN Box 053.

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**GAY WOMAN ROOMMATE WANTED.** Share semi-communal Brookline apt with 1W, 2M. Own bdrm. It is a creative, comfortable environment. Call 617-266-7835.

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**GWM, dyed blonde looking for black or white male to share bedroom.** Age 20-40. \$12 a week. Call (617) 595-4666.

### APT WANTED

**GWM, 30, seeks apt with same.** Prefer working guy in Central Sq. area. Not into smoke or booze. P.O. Box 349 Boston 02112.

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## services

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## wanted

**PLANTS, FRIENDS...**  
Frustrated student botanist seeks things to do. Plant-sitting, reproduction, advice, help, field-work? Write Ron Arruda, 114 Bowdoin, Dorch.

Down and out in Paris and Rome? No, but in Boston I am, don't even have a television. Will appreciate help, will pay nominal fee \$20. Write GCN Box 040.

## miscellaneous

**THE LAVENDER RHINO SAYS**  
come join MIT-SHL at their spring dance, April 26, 9-1, Walker Memorial, 142 Mem. Dr., Cambridge. Donation is \$1.25 (\$1 if you bring a flower) & free beer for the 1st 100.

**FILMMAKER, IDEAS WANTED**  
Have icebox leftover color stock, pro cameras, editing, sound equip. Want to collaborate on some sort gay theme film (no porno) w/ together filmmaker not into hassling crank calls. Reply GCN Box 034.

I am planning a workshop on "Gay Men Cooperating with Radical Women in a Common Anti-Sexism Struggle," i.e., Effeminism. It will be a part of the Amherst Gay Conference, May 3-5. I need help from others who feel capable of doing this with me. Please write: Jeff Keith, P.O. Box 193, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

### GAY FILMS!!!

Community Films is looking for films with gay themes. Anyone knowing of films that would aid in the ed. of both gays & straights call 776-7080.

### SOUTHERN MAINE GAYS

Gay Rights organization forming in Portland and seeking members who wish to help gay community in Maine. Write G.R.O., Box 4542, Portland, Maine.

**GAY COOPERATIVE LIVING**  
GWM 28 seeks gays M and F for weekly rap sessions with intention of possible coop living arrangement in spring or fall. Call Gary 782-9233.

**COME TO ME - GAY SYMPOSIUM**  
Apr. 19-21 at UMO - Workshops, coastal mt. climb, Nath Rockhill/NGTF, Morty Manford/GAA.

**FIRST GAY FASHION SHOW!**  
IN THE WORLD COMES TO Boston Apr. 19, Louis XIV Ballroom, The Somerset, 400 Com. Ave. Professional, top names; designers, featuring the liberated look. 16 female & male models. Limited seats. Tickets at Tyson, HUB, Out of Town.

### HOP BROOK COMMUNE

Gay country commune now peopling, living, farming and loving together with space for others. Write Hop Brook P.O. Box 728, Amherst, Mass.

Two gay brothers are writing a book on Beacon Hill. Need a loan for supplies 'til book is done. Help!! Write Satya, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, or call 227-5667.

### WHITCH

Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch.

A surprise awaits drinkers Sat. & Sun. between 12 noon and 6 p.m. at the Last Call Upstairs Lounge, 22 Avery St., Boston.

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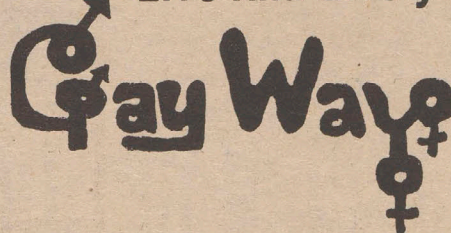
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# COMING...

## wed 17

Gay men and women who live in Charlestown are invited to Tom and Ian's for a friendly evening of getting to know each other. If you're gay, and if you live in the Charlestown neighborhood, please come on over! Call Ian at 426-4469 for details and directions.

## thurs 18

Steven Grossman, the NY Gay folk singer, will be appearing at Passim Coffee House from Thursday, April 18 to Sunday, April 21. Passim's is located at 47 Palmer St., in Harvard Square. For further info, call 492-7679.

GayWay Radio will feature Dr. Howard Brown, former aide to NYC Mayor Lindsay and NYC Public Health Administrator and founder of the National Gay Task Force who will discuss the Gay Task Force and his own experiences as a professional, closeted gay culminating in his participation as a prominent Lindsay Administration member. GayWay airs at 9 p.m. over WBUR, 90.0 FM.

## fri 19

The long-awaited Maine Gay Symposium will open at 6:30 p.m. with registration at Coe Lounge in the Memorial Union at the University of Maine. The evening's agenda will include Vito Russo's presentation of "The History of the Homosexual in Film" and a social at the Ram's Horn Coffeehouse.

"Gay Is A Way," the gay Spring-Summer Fashion Show, will debut at 8 p.m. at the Louis XIV Ballroom in the Somerset Hotel. For further information, see the story in this week's GCN.



"... In her bottled up is a woman peppery as curry, a yam of a woman of butter and brass, compounded of acid and sweet like a pineapple, like a handgrenade set to explode, like goldenrod ready to bloom."

—from "The Woman in the Ordinary"

Marge Piercy of Wellfleet, Mass., of "Dance the Eagle to Sleep," and "Breaking Camp," will read her poetry at the Harvard Science Center in Harvard at 8 p.m. The Science Center is located at the corner of Kirkland and Oxford Sts. The reading will be sponsored by the New American Movement and the donation of \$1 will benefit the Women's Center.

Tonight from 9 to 1 ... The Spring Gay Dance. Brought to you by the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association, the dance will be held at the Harkness Common, near the Harvard Law School. Admission, \$1, and free beer to the first 100 arrivals.

Elaine Noble, Barbara Gittings and Del Martin ... at the Rutgers University Homophile League's Fourth Annual Conference on Gay Unity, starting at 9 p.m. with a symposium on Gay Lib and Education.

## sat 20

MCC is holding a Children's Trip to the Children's Museum in Jamaica Plain today. The cost per child is 80 cents, and \$1.60 for adults. "Scholarships" are available. People interested in the trip are asked to meet at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., at 1 p.m. For further info, call the Rev. Nancy Wilson at 523-7664.

Gay-in-Vermont's Spring Dance will be held at 9 p.m., at 73 Church St., in Burlington, Vt.

## sun 21

The first annual Gay Spring Picnic will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the Boston Common hill. It is hoped that the picnic will become a yearly event. A spokesman for the picnic committee told GCN that "we spend so much of our time struggling, testing, and fighting that we forget that life is also fun. This will be a day to play and forget all our worries." The picnic is open to the entire gay community and friends from all over New England. Bring blankets, guitars, and kites. The picnic will be potluck, so all are asked to cook up something special to share with your sisters and brothers. Theatre, costumes, singing and dancing are encouraged. Plan something or just let it happen. Join us for this day of fun and insanity.

Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

Colby College in Maine will feature a poetry reading by Miriam Pelmer at 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Love, the woman who co-authored "Sappho Was A Right-On Woman!" will be the guest speaker at the Charles Street Meetinghouse on April 21 from 2 to 6 p.m. Barbara's appearance is being sponsored by the National Organization for Women.

The Stone Soup Poets will sponsor an All Women's Poetry Reading at the Charles Street Meetinghouse at 8 p.m. Reading will be Barbara Holland, Anna Warrock, Phyllis Sawyer, Jane Greenberg, Ann Crowell and Constance Wilcox.

## wed 24

At 8 p.m. at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, the Beacon Hill Public Safety Committee will hold a public meeting. All are urged to attend.

## thurs 25

The Homophile Community Health Service will sponsor its Second Annual Conference on Homosexuality at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Howard J. Brown of the National Gay Task Force. Workshops will include the Rights of Gay Parents, Historical Perspectives on Homosexuality, Counseling the Homosexual; Pastoral counseling and Religious Considerations; the Adolescent Homosexual—Dealing with Parents and Family, the Gay Movement: Politics, Law, and Liberation, and a workshop for Women Only.

## everyweek

### WEDNESDAYS

11:00 am—Lesbian Rap Group, Women's Center, SMU, N. Dartmouth  
1:00 pm—Gay-Straight Rap, SMU Gay Alliance, SMU, N. Dartmouth  
7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine  
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, SMU, N. Dartmouth  
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415  
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)  
8:00 pm—BU Homophile League, Sherman Union, Boston University  
8:30 pm—Men's Rap, SMU, N. Dartmouth  
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

### THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM  
7:00 pm—H.U.B. Women's Open Rap & Phone (536-6197), 419 Boylston St., Rm. 500  
7:30 pm—MCC choir rehearsal, Old West Church, Boston  
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge  
8:00 pm—DOB Older Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.0 FM

### FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096  
7:00 pm—Wild-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union  
8:00 pm—Jewish Gay Congregation, Old West Church, Boston

### SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197  
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509

### SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450  
2:00-4:00 pm—Women's basketball, Cambridge YWCA, Central Sq., Cambridge  
3:00 pm—MCC Hartford service, 50 Bloomfield Ave.  
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)  
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston  
6:00 pm—MCC Sunday School, Old West Church, Boston  
6:30 pm—MCC Boston services, Old West Church  
7:30 pm—MCC Providence services, 410 Waterman Ave., East Providence

8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31

### MONDAYS

7:30 pm—HUB Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509  
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347

### TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone referrals & info: 536-6197  
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge  
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
7:30 pm—Providence MCC prayer group, 410 Waterman Ave., East Providence  
8:00 pm—Brown Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence  
8:00 pm—MCC Boston Bible study; info 536-7664

## QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA (area code 617)	
Bisexual Rap Counseling Group	864-8181
Boston Gay Youth	536-6197
B.U. Homophile League	353-7238
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM)	492-6450
(Contact Loretta Lottman)	
Daughters of Bilitis	262-1592
Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215	
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts	02215
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108	
Fag Rag	536-9826
Gay Alert	536-3285
Gay Community News	426-4469
Gay Craftworks	738-0426
Gay Media Action	868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance	266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston	267-1900x3236
Gay Speakers Bureau	547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM)	353-2790
(Contact Ann Maguire or John Lawrence)	
Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn.	498-3096
Homophile Community Health Service	266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston	536-6197
Jewish Gay Group	625-6409
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM)	261-8526
(Contact Andrew Kopkind or Littlejohn)	
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.)	354-8807
Lesbian Mothers	354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project	354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church/Boston	523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League	494-8227
Project Place	267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 617)	
Homophile Union of Massachusetts	
P.O. Box F5, Leominster	
Southeastern Massachusetts University Gay Alliance	235-0136
Box 509, Building 4, North Dartmouth 02747	
Wellesley Mylene Society	
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal St., Worcester 01601	
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 413)	
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women)	545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst)	545-0883
Gaybreak Radio, WMUA 91.9 FM	545-5176
Hampshire College Gay Friends (Amherst)	452-4600x4882
c/o Mike Gross	
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst)	545-0626
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League	545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton)	586-2011
RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)	
Brown University Gay Liberation	
88 Benevolent St., Providence	
Dignity/Providence, c/o Frank Murphy	
199 Garden St., Pawtucket 02860	
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence)	274-4737
Metropolitan Community Church/Providence	831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation	792-5817
VERMONT (area code 802)	
Gay in Vermont (Burlington)	863-2496
Vermont Gay Women	425-2782
CONNECTICUT (area code 203)	
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford	525-2646
Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101	
Metropolitan Community Church/Hartford	525-3523
NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)	
Univ. N.H. Gay Student Organization	
c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824	
Occupant, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261	
(Gay Women's group, do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them)	
MAINE (area code 207)	
Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401	
Brunswick Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011	
Gay Liberation Front, Gen. Del. Chapter 14, Calais 04619	
Gay Rights Organization (GRO)	
P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112	
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401	
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04805	
The Open Door, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901	
Wild-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473	