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Stars of the November 4 Bostonia Show on
Ch. 7: Ellen B. Davis and Millie Possolt

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Bostonia Show on Gays

By STAFF

BOSTON (GCN) — RKO General is continuing their attempt to be sensitive to the gay community in an educational manner. Their television station, Ch. 7, WNAC-TV, which ran a public access editorial and a station editorial on gay rights last month, is now producing a BOSTONIA segment about lesbianism called, "Their World". It is scheduled to be aired Monday evening, November 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Producer Marc Hamilton explained that the idea for a program about homosexuality had been in the planning stages since last June when the BOSTONIA show underwent serious examination and changes in production ideas. At that time the station decided that the show should begin covering heavier issues, those not dealt with primarily in most television shows. At the same time, it was hoped that the show would be intensely personal dealing with the human aspect of real situations and real emotions.

The decision to approach the subject from the lesbian viewpoint came about for two basic reasons. The staff of the show felt that it was an area which had even less coverage than the general topic of homosexuality, or that male homosexuality had been covered more often. Therefore, they felt that the television audiences not only

would be more curious about lesbians and more likely to watch, but also needed more information and education on the topic. "The end result in any event," Hamilton said, "would, of course, have to be to educate and to promote understanding of homosexuality."

The producer chose to present the subject of lesbianism with an in-depth look at one couple in interview and narration with photo vignettes. Ellen B. Davis and Millie Possolt will be featured, with the idea of showing how any two people working on a relationship, be they homosexual or heterosexual, are in most aspects the same. As well as their life together, the show will deal with their lives as individuals including their experiences growing up gay. "We hope to show how they came together, where they are now, and where they hope to go within scenes of their everyday lives," said Hamilton.

When asked if Bostonia would continue coverage on the subject of homosexuality after this lesbian segment, Hamilton said, "It is entirely probable and possible," adding that it would be explored with the idea that there are many different facets to the gay community of which people are unaware.

MEETINGHOUSE RECEIVES GRANT

By STAFF

The Charles Street Universalist Meetinghouse, Beacon Hill, Boston, has received a \$5,000 matching grant from the U.S. Government's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) historic preservation funds.

Channeled through the Massachusetts Historical Society, this grant will enable the Meetinghouse to repaint the exterior woodwork and repair the gutters and downspouts. The original application, according to Rev. Randal Gibson, minister of the church, was for \$25,000 to re-point the brick facade as well. Although this is still a need, the project will now concentrate on this limited restoration at present.

The fact that this is a matching grant is the present barrier, explained Gibson, since the church must come up with \$5,000 from other sources to receive the money from the government. Since the congregation is hard pressed to meet present expenses, a special drive will be initiated, Gibson stated, with emphasis on pledges of volunteer labor and materials, which can be considered for commercial value as part of the matching funds. Gibson particularly asks for professional painters with rigger's licenses, since most of the work must be done on scaffolding. Materials such as paint is also sought.

Work must be completed by the end of next summer to meet the qualifications of the grant.

Other funding projects in process includes an application to the Permanent Charities Fund of Boston for further restoration, including a much needed new hardwood floor for the main hall. A proposal to Otherfund, the fledgling "Gay Community's United Fund," is being drawn up for

acoustical improvements in the hall, notes Gibson. Proposed will be structural acoustical changes to improve sound quality, as well as repair of sound equipment.

According to Gibson, the historical significance of the church, which qualified it for the preservation funds, is also very important in understanding its present-day function. This mission includes a commitment to the gay community, as shown by its establishment of the Coffeehouse, located in the church basement, where gay people may feel free to be themselves, as well as the use of the building for many of the events of the community.

As told by Rev. Gibson, in 1806, the "Old Meetinghouse" on Smith Court on Beacon Hill, now the Afro-American Museum, was built by and for the black community located on the back of Beacon Hill at that time. A split in the congregation immediately developed, with part of the congregation leaving to build their own church. The cornerstone for the new church, designed by Benjamin Asher, was laid in 1807 at Charles and Mt. Vernon Sts., and was known as the Charles St. AME Church.

Due to population changes, the congregation diminished by the 1900's, and in 1935 the edifice was sold to John Greene, a wealthy white Beacon Hill resident. Supported by Greene personally, it was used as the Charles St. Forum, providing public forums on controversial issues.

In 1940, Greene, a Universalist, gave the building to the Mass. Universalist Convention, the state controlling body of the Universalist Church. As an experiment, the Convention decided to use the church for

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Good Gay Poets Presents Burroughs, Giorno

By CRAIG MANNING

Over three hundred men and women came to the Charles Street Meetinghouse last Thursday evening for a reading sponsored by the Good Gay Poets. The readers were William Burroughs and John Giorno, and the reading held a surprise: it was funny. Both writers, while serious about serious things, made people laugh.

John Giorno read first. In 1969 he started the "Dial-A-Poet" system—it was exactly what its name implies—in New York City, where he still lives. After five months at the Architectural League of New York, during which it received over a million calls, the organization ran out of money.

In July, 1970, supported by the New York State Council on the Arts, Dial-A-Poet moved to the Museum of Modern Art, where it had twelve lines. It lasted there two months. In 1970, half the recordings of Dial-A-Poet were politically radical, and among them were selections from Eldredge Cleaver and Huey Newton; the Weathermen were bombing; and Time magazine reviewed the situation. An article on Dial-A-Poet appeared facing a photograph of a cop killed in a 'phone booth. The FBI investigated, the trustees of the Museum investigated. The Museum receives its funding from the Rockefeller Trust, and the Council on the

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MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

AUGUSTA — As election day nears, few Maine candidates have shown their willingness to publicly address themselves to the Gay-rights issue. Thus far only one of the State's major candidates, popular Republican Congressman William Cohen, has expressed public support for homosexual rights. Cohen, whose re-election is a foregone conclusion, gained national attention earlier this year as 'swing vote' on the House Judiciary Committee. His opponent, a political neophyte and former Vietnam POW, Mark Gartley has frequently voiced his strong disapproval of the Gay-rights effort and has termed homosexuality an unpalatable abnormality. With the exception of twice unsuccessful Gubernatorial contender Republican James Erwin, who remarked during Primary questioning that if he were elected the Governor's Office would not become a lobby for Gay liberation, other candidates seem to be trying to maintain some kind of middle ground, avoiding direct commitment to either side of the issue. One major candidate reported he telephoned a leading Gay activist to say that on reflection he had decided he could support Gay-rights if elected, but could not state so publicly for fear of damaging his campaign.

Peter Prizer, a Coordinator for the Maine Gay Task Force, told GCN that movement activists in the State had decided the more prudent course would be for Rights advocates to lie low during the campaign, for fear of a backlash. Last winter and for much of the spring the Maine media devoted considerable attention to several Gay related issues. Homosexuality became the number one issue in the state when members of the Maine legislature threatened to cut off University funding of the school's Gay-rights organization, the Wilde-Stein Club, sponsored the State's first Gay conference. The legislature, threats and grumbling to the contrary, did eventually narrowly pass the University budget and the conference was held as scheduled. School Chancellor Granville McNeil was quoted to the effect that the Wilde-Stein Club had cost the University one quarter of a million dollars.

The Wilde-Stein furor had scarcely diminished when Gay-rights again dominated the media following the adoption of a relatively mild Gay-rights plank by the Maine Democratic Party's state convention, the second state party in the country to do so. A number of Democratic candidates and organizations issued press statements repudiating their party's position. Republican contenders, not under the pressure of a platform statement, have generally ignored the entire issue.

The Maine Freewoman's Herald asked each major candidate to respond to the following question: "Do homosexuals presently have sufficient protection under the law?" Candidates have responded as follows:

Governor's race: George Mitchell, Democrat, no response; James Erwin, Republican, no response; James Longley, Independent, no response.

Congressional Race: District 1: Peter Kyros, Democratic, no response; David Emery, Republican, yes.

Congressional Race: District 2: Mark Gartley, Democratic: "I think that homosexuality is an unnatural sexual practice and should not be treated as normal." William Cohen, Republican: "Homosexuals have the same protection under the Constitution as other citizens, as well as access to the courts to enforce and protect those rights."

BANGOR — About ten people attended the first religious service held at the Gay Community Center. A Gay woman minister officiated. Two couples were also married recently.

Gay Support and Action is planning a Christmas buffet and dance. No precise date has been set. An election is scheduled soon. Dan Estes, a doctoral student at the University, is the only announced candidate for Chairperson. Others included Joe, Vice Chairperson; Nelson, Secretary; Cecil, Treasurer.

ORONO — Eight members of western Maine Gay-rights organizations gave a workshop entitled, "Homosexuality: Inside and Outside of Society" at the 65th annual Maine Conference on Human Services held at the University of Maine's Orono campus. Among those participating were Miriam Dyak, Stan Fortuna, Steve Leo, Peter Prizer, Susan, Wendy and Sipsis. The workshop was reported to be the most successful at the conference and a real eye-opener for those who attended.

CADIGAN NUBBLE: Sturgis Haskins, Secretary of the Hancock County Gays, has written a letter of concern to the Hancock County Women's Club following their repudiation of the state party's Gay-rights plank. Haskins, who is former chairpersons of the Hancock County Democratic Committee, chided the Women's Club for not making a greater effort to explore both sides of the question. He suggested they consider inviting a speaker from the Maine Gay Task Force.

BRUNSWICK — The Maine Freewoman's Herald, a feminists newspaper appearing bi-monthly, contains much information of interest to Gay women. Subscriptions are available via Box 488, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

news notes

OTTAWA GAYS PICKET MINISTRY

OTTAWA (GO)—A dozen members of Gays Ottawa picketed the Canadian Ministry of Immigration on Tuesday, October 15th, to protest the exclusion of homosexuals by the Immigration Act. Carrying signs reading: "Repeal all anti-gay laws," "Gays demand rights," and "I am not an 'undesirable type'," and handing out leaflets, the protesters marched for almost an hour in front of Immigration Department offices.

Two hours before the picketing, three representatives of GO met with the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister, T.B. Sheehan. At the meeting Sheehan presented the "personal views" of the Minister, out of town at the time of the picket. He said that Mr. Andras considers the classification of homosexuals as a prohibited class as "outdated," "medieval", and "antiquated" and "incompatible" with changes in the Criminal Code. He claimed that Andras would like to see all references to homosexuality removed from the Immigration Act and intends to recommend such changes to the Cabinet.

The meeting and picket was Ottawa's first public gay action, and was covered by newspapers across Canada. GO members were encouraged by the action, but plan to continue pressure on the government until the law is changed.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION ELECTIONS

Boston, GCN—The New England Gay Academic Union elected four officers at its October 20 business meeting: Secretary, Jim W.; Program Director Judy S.; Treasurer, Paula Bennett; and Archivist, Steve A. The membership also voted to establish regular meetings on the second Sunday of each month. At the upcoming November meeting, members and guests will hear a report on recent Kinsey Institute research.

NEBRASKAN GAYS

Lincoln, Nebraska, GCN—Gay liberation is flourishing everywhere these days as evidenced by the "gayly Nebraskan" newsletter received by the Gay Community News this week. Put out by the Gay Action Group of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the newsletter reported the successful operation of a gay coffeehouse. The coffeehouse is organized and staffed totally by volunteers and is open every Sunday evening. Anyone with friends in Nebraska is urged to tell them to contact the group at 333 No. 14th St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

DIGNITY/MERRIMACK VALLEY

Gay Roman Catholics in Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Tewksbury, Andover and neighboring areas have formed a new chapter of Dignity. Dignity/Merrimack Valley, according to a spokesperson, has been meeting since mid-July and received official recognition as a chapter on September 7. This is the third chapter of Dignity to be formed in New England. Both Boston and Providence have chapters.

"We're still in the process of just getting to know each other," the spokesperson said. "We're working on community building at this point." He explained that Dignity is not an attempt to form a new gay church, but to help Catholics find their place within the traditional church structure. Membership is open to gay men and women and "concerned straights." The spokesperson commented that inviting straight married people to the meetings "has been tremendously useful for both groups." Membership currently numbers 35 people, including students from Lowell Tech and Lowell State.

Dignity/Merrimack Valley meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the Christian Formation Center in West Andover. For information, write P.O. Box 348, Lowell, Mass. 01853.

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an "experimental religious society", dedicated to trying new forms of worship, commitment, etc. Continuing the "forum" concept of Greene, Gibson explained that the church became a vehicle for alternatives, over the years focusing on specific minority group involvement as community needs changed. A host/patron of controversial art and theatre as well as issues, the church provided a Black Museum before the Afro-American Museum was established in the original Smith Ct. building.

In 1960, with the merger of the Unitarian and Universalist Churches, the building became the property of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, but under the terms of Greene's bequest, the church had to remain the use of the existing congregation, "for as long as it was viable." This situation is unusual, notes Gibson, who has been minister there since 1968, since most congregations own their own buildings.

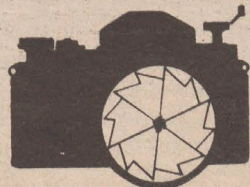
The church's "viability" is a continual concern of Gibson, stating that he sees many forces in the wider Boston community which see the Meetinghouse as a "threat", a "radical" place, which causes trouble, not to mention the "queers" that it attracts to the area.

Although Rev. Gibson has no doubt to the "viability" of the Church, things like upkeep of the building, ability to pay its bills, and the number of "members" of the congregation are important to the Unitarian-Universalist Association, which upon the decision that the church was "not viable" could sell the building. Although the Association is noted as an ultra liberal religious group, with a commitment to gay people (see GCN No. 17 for article on their establishment of an Office of Gay Concerns within the church), Gibson feels that the extremely "unique" nature of the Charles St. Meetinghouse has caused the Association much controversy, the latest being a lawsuit over its tax exempt status caused by the primarily gay coffeehouse.

Because of all these hassels, Gibson is seeking not to aggravate the situation unnecessarily, explaining that these funding projects, as well as providing the building with much needed repairs, is an important step in showing the church's "viability" to those who need such proof.

GAY HEALTH NIGHT

Fenway Community Health Center
16 Haviland St., Boston 267-7573
Sponsored by HCHS
Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:30 p.m.
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Noble: Plans and Issues

By MARGUERITE FENTIN

Elaine Noble, Democratic nominee for Sixth Suffolk District Representative, in an interview with GCN, had some interesting comments to make concerning: her plans if elected, Fenway area politics, and her feelings about the gay and feminist movements. She also rebutted allegations made against her by the Fenway Tenants' Union.

As concerns her plans, Ms. Noble asserted, "This is an area that's never been represented—I'm going after funding . . . services . . . the welfare department that's left people deserted for 3 or 4 weeks."

Elaine gave an example of a Fenway resident who no program seemed able to help:

Mr. Spignarti is a 70-year-old man, who is alone and has to have a special diet. He had been served with an eviction notice, as were the rest of his neighbors in the build-

ing. Everyone else had moved out; but Mr. Spignarti, with nowhere to go and no way to go anywhere, was left isolated in an otherwise deserted building.

Ms. Noble intimated that there were many buildings in the area standing empty while the landlords are busy trying to refurbish them and raise the rents, which means many people have been forced out of their homes in the midst of a housing shortage.

The solution to this and other problems might be the "Environmental Control Suit" that residents of the community are trying to pull together now. In effect, should the suit be successful, it would give area residents a say in zoning regulations.

Boston University should take some responsibility for the area, argued Ms. Noble. She took into account the fact that B.U. has federal monies in a Community Education Grant which it has not honored. She

added some interesting facts on area buildings owned by the University (some very quietly). Peter Fuller recently donated the building which houses his Cadillac Olds showroom to B.U. Mr. Fuller now has a 99-year lease for \$1 per year on a building which he now has to pay no revenues on.

Ms. Noble feels that these situations too are combatible through zoning laws.

Near the end of the interview, Ms. Noble relaxed a little to answer some questions concerning herself as a lesbian feminist and her feelings about some gay issues. She made some definitive statements:

"I think being gay has related to my being a candidate, rather than my candidacy relating to my being gay. When I decided to run, I got a lot of pressure from people saying, 'Don't mention that!'"

"I'd like to see if I could get the gay night [at Fenway Community Health Center] extended, and for it to be extended to women, too."

"I'm a feminist before I'm gay. My experience in Boston has been in gay groups; but that meant that women became an auxiliary of the gay movement. Gay males can be just as (and sometimes more) piggy as straight males."

"The world is very much divided. That's the whole trip that women went through in feminism (trashing lesbians within the movement). I think it's changed, but I think it's still there; and it will be a long time before it goes away . . ."

Ms. Noble does consider herself a feminist and clarified how she relates to women's issues as a lesbian.

"If you see what your issues are as a feminist, you must also see what your sister's are. You may have a different lifestyle . . . Within the women's movement, if I'm asking people to recognize that and say it's valid and you're going to work for legislative and attitude change, then I have a responsibility also to work for change that may not affect my lifestyle (like abortion). That just comes with that philosophy. That's why I say I'm a feminist; inherent in that is saying I'm a lesbian feminist, which defines me more than just saying I'm gay. We have a lot of work to do in terms of consciousness-raising and attitude-changing right within our own camp."

Ms. Noble was vehement in her statement, "You have to take responsibility not only in legal action, but in terms of people's lives and support systems."

Her history of working for tenants right went back to 1963, she said. She and many others at that time were endeavoring to see that Park Plaza was converted into low-to-moderate income housing as was promised [however, it was an unsuc-

cessful campaign].

She had some comments on reports of hostility from leaders of the Fenway Tenants' Union (particularly in reference to a recent article in the *B.U. News*).

"I've talked with them, been to hearings, pressured legislators (especially in terms of rent control for '75)."

She added the information that Ernie Garneau, who is a primary leader of the tenants union [and also a landlord] was also managing Helene Johnson's campaign. Mr. Garneau is now a salaried campaign worker for Joseph Cimino, her opponent in the election. Claire Slack, also a leader in the tenants union, worked for Ms. Johnson in the primary.

Elaine Noble has already started work on some of her plans for the Sixth District. There was a board called APAAC, which was part of the ABCD program and was supposed to be servicing the Fenway. It has since become clear that APAAC was indeed not servicing the Fenway and was dissolved. But Mr. Cord, who was responsible for Fenway programs is now (according to Ms. Noble) attempting to set up a front group.

In reference to this situation, Ms. Noble went to court recently where she spoke out, "They've ripped off this area long enough, and I'll do everything in my power to see that the Fenway gets services. When I said, 'Where are the specific day care centers, where are the youth workers and where do you plan for the youth workers to work out of, who are the social workers and where are they in the Fenway,' I never got any answers. She commented in the interview that, "Those are the kind of answers if I'm a representative I should at least have . . . We may have to go to court over it, but some of that money [\$124,000] should go to programs that actually service the Fenway."

She also has plans for a new concept in legal assistance. Enlisted now, are lawyers who would be willing to work for a small amount of money in legal agencies that would service just one community (in this particular instance the Fenway). This would free the lawyers to do more work for legal aid clients and make more individuals eligible for legal assistance. Ms. Noble cited the case of a Fenway resident whose husband receives a veteran's pension; and the woman herself is not over 62, so is presently completely ineligible for legal assistance under the present system.

A Problem Ms. Noble seemed to be very aware of was that of liquor licenses being quietly transferred into the area. The Fenway could very likely become the new "combat zone."

Legislators Line Up for Nov. 5

LEGISLATORS LINEUP

(Ed. Note: The following summaries of the various candidates for the Massachusetts Legislature was prepared with the assistance of the Homophile Union of Boston, Citizens for Participation in Political Action, and Americans for Democratic Action. These are not endorsements, but merely an indication of favorable responses to various questionnaires.)

STATE SENATORS (*Denotes incumbents)

Berkshire: John H. Fitzpatrick*, Stockbridge (R)
Bristol & Plymouth: George Rogers, New Bedford (D)
Bristol, Plymouth, & Norfolk: Robert McCarthy, (D), E. Bridgewater
Cape, Plymouth, & Islands: John F. Ayler*, Barnstable (R)
Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden: John W. Olver*, Amherst (D)
Hampden and Berkshire: Alan D. Sisitsky*, Springfield (D)
Third Middlesex: Stephen J. McGrail*, Malden (D)
First Middlesex and Norfolk: Edward L. Burke*, Framingham (D)
Third Middlesex and Norfolk: Jack H. Backman*, Brookline (D)
Middlesex and Worcester: Chester G. Atkins*, Acton (D)
Norfolk and Plymouth: Allan R. McKinnon*, Weymouth (D)
Second Suffolk: (Roxbury, South End, Mattapan) Bill Owens (D)
Suffolk and Middlesex: (Cambridge, Charlestown) Michael LoPresti*, (D)
Second Worcester: (Fitchburg area) Robert A. Hall*, (R)
Worcester and Norfolk: James A. Kelly*, Oxford (D)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

(Listed by District. To find out what District you are in, call the League of Women Voters Voter Information Phone, (617) 357-5880, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

BARNSTABLE:

1st: Bernard Wilber*, Barnstable (R)
 3rd: Richard E. Kendall*, Falmouth (D)

BERKSHIRE:

4th: Dennis J. Duffin*, Lenox (D)

BRISTOL:

4th: Ronald Pina*, New Bedford (D)
 16th: Max Volterra*, Attleboro (D)
 18th: John S. Ames*, Easton (R)

FIRST DUKES:

Terrence P. McCarthy*, Oak Bluffs (Ind.)

ESSEX:

1st: Richard Silva*, Gloucester (R)
 2nd: David J. Lane*, Essex (R)
 3rd: Francis W. Hatch*, Beverly (R)
 4th: Thomas Bussone, Beverly (R)
 6th: John E. Murphy*, Peabody (D)
 7th: John G. King*, Danvers (D)
 8th: Henry J. O'Donnell*, (D)
 13th: Henry A. Walker*, Salisbury (R)
 17th: A. David Rodham, Lynnfield (R)
 18th: Raffi Takesian, Methuen (R)
 22nd: James E. Smith*, Lynn (D)
 23rd: Arthur M. Khoury*, Lawrence (D)
FIRST FRANKLIN:
 Jonathan L. Healy*, Charlemont (R)
HAMPDEN:
 5th: Daniel J. Smith, Westfield (D)
 11th: Sean Cahillane, Springfield (D)
 19th: Joseph Garczynski, Chicopee (D)
HAMPSHIRE:
 1st: William P. Nagle Jr., Northampton (D) or Paul M. Craig, Northampton (R)
 4th: James G. Collins*, Amherst (D)
MIDDLESEX:
 2nd: Thomas H. D. Mahoney*, Cambridge (D)
 4th: Sandra Graham, Cambridge (Ind.)
 5th: William A. Pickett*, Somerville
 10th: Edward H. Murphy, Arlington (R)
 12th: Robert A. Manzelli, Watertown (R)
 13th: George T. Zevitas, Watertown (R)
 14th: Donald J. Manning*, Waltham (D)
 15th: Richard E. Landry*, Waltham (D)
 16th: Richard J. McGrath, Newton (D)
 17th: Peter F. Harrington*, Newton (D)
 18th: David J. Mofenson*, Newton (D)
 19th: Lois G. Pines*, Newton (D)
 20th: Frederick N. DelloRusso, Medford (D)

23rd: George Keverian*, Everett (D)
 26th: Edward J. Markey*, Malden (D)
 27th: Kenneth P. Trevett, Winchester (D)
 28th: William G. Robinson*, Malrose (R)
 31st: Anthony M. Gallugi*, Wakefield (D)
 32nd: Nils L. Nordberg*, Reading (R)
 37th: Carol Amick, Bedford (D)
 38th: Edward M. Dickson*, Weston (R)
 39th: Michael McLaughlin*, Billerica (D)
 40th: Genevra Counihan, Concord (D) or Wesley E. Young, Concord (R)
 48th: John H. Loring*, Acton (R)
 53rd: Ann C. Gannett*, Wayland (R)
 54th: Walter Burke*, Natick (D)
 55th: Louis Nickinello*, Natick (D)
 56th: Barbara E. Gray*, Framingham (R)
 57th: Robert I. Owens*, Framingham (D)
 59th: George Sprague*, Sherborn (R)
NORFOLK:
 1st: Sumner Given, Weymouth (R)
 2nd: Thomas Brownell*, Quincy (D)
 2rd: William D. Delahunt*, Quincy (D)
 7th: Elizabeth Metayer, Braintree (D)
 11th: Orrin H. Hansen, Stoughton (R)

14th: Gilbert W. Cox*, Needham (R)
 15th: Bruce H. Zeiser*, Wellesley (R)
 17th: David C. Boch, Norwood (R)
 18th: Alan Paul Danovitch*, Norwood (R)
 19th: Laurence R. Buxbaum*, Sharon (D)
 20th: James B. Segel*, Brookline (D)
 21st: John Businger*, Brookline (D)
 23rd: Rozali Hidy, Medway (R), or Donat LaPlante, Bellingham (D), or Raymond Gagne, Bellingham (Ind.)
 24th: Robert E. Ficco*, Franklin (D)
PLYMOUTH:
 2nd: David B. Richardson, Hanover (R)
 3rd: George C. Young*, Scituate (R)
 4th: John R. Buckley*, Abington (D)
 10th: Philip W. Johnston, Marshfield (D)
 11th: Gary D. Jones, Middleborough (D)
SUFFOLK:
 4th: Melvin H. King*, South End (D)
 5th: Barney Frank*, Back Bay (D)
 6th: Elaine Noble, Back Bay (D)
 8th: James Michael Murphy, South Boston (Ind.)
 9th: Doris Bunte*, Roxbury (D)

2nd: Robert D. Wetmore*, Barre (D)
 8th: Richard J. Dwinell*, Millbury (D)
 9th: Wayne Coutoure, Northbridge (D)
 16th: Raymond LaFontaine*, Gardner (D)
 19th: Louis P. Bertonazzi*, Milford (D)

Incumbent legislators replying favorably have received preference because of their already-demonstrated records. Otherwise, all candidates replying favorably have been listed.

15th: Royal L. Bolling, Jr., Mattapan (D)
 16th: Robert L. Fortes, Mattapan (D)
 19th: W. Paul White*, Dorchester (D)
 20th: Brian J. Donnelly*, Dorchester (D)
 25th: Norman S. Weinberg*, Allston (D)
 26th: David M. McCartan, Brighton (Ind.)
 30th: Alfred E. Saggese, Winthrop (D)
WORCESTER:
 1st: H. Thomas Colo*, Athol (D)

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Dear GCN Staff:

The letters to the editors in your last issue pointed up a confounding problem. There is creeping sexism in the gay movement. Sexism is not a Gay Bag and it must be expunged. Sexism is a problem in the province of the whole community, the greater society. We cannot be expected, downtrodden minority that we are, to clean up this mess too. To do this, it must be defined.

Some homosexuality is misogynist and androphobic in nature, as well as androphilic and gynophilic. Amongst us are those that love and need our own sex, but there are those of us who fear and hate the opposite sex too. We are a complicated lot. In spite of it all, we have somehow managed to get it together. We have been so self-satisfied by this fact, we have begun to miss something else that is happening.

The sexist bitching has begun to divide us by sex as well as sex preference. And this spells disaster to the drive for Gay Independence.

Most of the incendiary vitriol, I'm afraid to say, is coming from my gay sisters, and little of it has risen above the mentality of "hate the hairy ape" . . . but it is taking its toll.

I for one, welcome the liberation of the male body from its closets (God knows I was gay long before I ever got to look at one). I'm learning from it. Straight women are learning from it. Men are beautiful too. They'll just have to learn to live with it, like we had to do. But can gay women learn to live with it? So far, the answer is a resounding, if bitchy, YUCH! If we gay women are to be equals with gay men in our fight for Gay Independence, then we must seize the right to be equal that our Gay Brothers

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LETTERS

have proffered to us and start acting like equals.

All over the country I've seen one gay brother after another slipping away to fight with other gay brothers. Why? Because we are paralyzing the Gay Movement with our own, separate, Women's Movement, taking it out on our gay brothers. Well, that kind of invective does not deserve equality . . . and neither will it get it. One gay brother in Atlanta said to me, "Cripes, I'd rather live with my Mother. What's all this crap about hairy-men-pigs. That's me! If I'm going to fight, I'll fight in the front." Off he went to get arrested in an *all-male* demonstration . . . for what? For male visitation rights in prisons. Well, I thought about what he said. And it was true in Atlanta. There was a lot of man-hating going on and for the life of me, I couldn't remember a single misogynist quip. Are we to be out-gentlemaned?

Besides, it's far too early for sexist nonsense in our desperate, last-chance war for survival. The Battle of the Sex Roles has been going on since the Greek Goddesses had to share their thrones and will be going on long after we have won our independence and gotten the wiser for it. Then we will be able to step up like real humans and solve the whole stupid thing in a twinkle. Besides, who knows what men will be like when they have redefined themselves. Who knows what we will be like when we redefine ourselves. Maybe then gay misogynists will come running straight for us. Who knows? Maybe us Lesbian androphobes may dash out and grab us a couple of less mucho machos for lunch.

So, let me confess. It was a gay brother who brought me out, not a sister. Just a nice guy who knew I was about to drink a bottle of peroxide and all that. And I thank him; and I'm not ashamed to be indebted to him. I thank all our gay ancestors who suffered these thousands of years that we could set this whole mess straight (!)

Well, just words, but desperate ones again. By the way, what a beautiful city you have to come out in! This is my eighth big city and, San Francisco no exception, this is the most beautiful, sorry, most handsome city I've dropped in on. (Well, it is kinda butch!)

Your sister, Venus in Transit
Diane Drew

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To the Editor-GCN

From reading the Gay Community News and some issues of L.A.'s Advocate one would get the impression that Boston and Massachusetts has taken a radical step in supporting gay rights. The gay papers are filled with articles expounding the glory of having pro-gay candidates running for governor. A victory is proclaimed for the gay movement!

What victory? What pro-gay candidates exist in the Massachusetts governors race? Since when have the Democrats and Republicans been pro-gay?

Sargent and Dukakis have merely stated in a letter to H.U.B. that if pro-gay rights legislation appears on their desk, either would sign it. Big deal. How can we get so excited about such crumbs? To get our allegiance as gays a candidate should be willing to actively campaign for gay rights—while canvassing, in all speeches, debates and leaflets. They must not be members of a political party which helps perpetuate

our oppression. They must use their campaigns to combat homophobia. Neither Sargent nor Dukakis has been willing to do this.

Our allegiance to a candidate must also be based on their stands on other issues—social services funding, unemployment, busing and racial strife, mass transit, and budget priorities. We are not only oppressed because we are gay and we must understand how the election of either Sargent or Dukakis will effect us as workers, as blacks, as spanish speaking peoples, and as women.

How can we get excited by a governors race which has no more than opportunistic token support for gays, and offers us no way out of our oppression in this society in other areas of our lives?

Neither major party supports gay liberation. Neither party supports any fundamental changes in the way America is run. Both parties are funded by big business and kow-tow to those interests.

Gays must stop grasping at straws—we must reject all Democratic and Republican Party politicians and join efforts with others around the country to build a non-sectarian national Left-wing party that could begin to challenge America's economic system.

I realize that no such alternative exists in Massachusetts at this time. I do not suggest we vote for the SWP as their sectarian politics and past opportunism (including gay purges) makes them an unacceptable alternative. But we can write-in, or we can not-vote in this election—and be proud enough to demand more than a candidate who says he will sign some legislation if it happens to land on his desk.

In struggle,
Nancy Wechsler
Somerville, Mass.



Conn rage

Dear GCN,

Due to some mail mix-up, your issues concerning the Marcus Welby show came too late, I felt, to write to ABC directly. I, however, did write to Connecticut's ABC affiliate, WTNH-TV, channel 8, to protest showing of the "Outrage".

Dated October 7, I received an answer stating . . . After screening the program and having a thorough discussion with our management, we have decided to telecast the program. The reply arrived on October 9. What is interesting is what happened on the 8th. I switched to channel 8 to view the program, actually to see whether it would be shown or not, at 10 pm, only to find—happily—that it was pre-empted. Before receiving their reply, I [went ahead and] sent a 'thank you' to the station. Why they suddenly changed their mind, I do not know, but am happy they did.

Besides being gay, I am also a teacher in an elementary school. One child, who wants out of my class, has told some rather wild stories about me to his mother, who is president of the 'Mother's Club' [at our school]. Had the "Outrage" been shown, more ideas could have resulted.

Sincere thanks for the coverage of the program.

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Talking Politics

By DAVID P. BRILL

I want to thank GCN's readers in the Framingham-Marlboro-Worcester area for their encouraging response to a letter I had published last week regarding repeal of the "morality laws." It was carried in at least four newspapers in that area, and I was pleasantly surprised by all of the gay feedback.

Next year's committee line-ups are beginning to surface, and it appears that the Massachusetts legislature, for gays, "will have some good news and some bad news." First the good news: Several State House sources have reliably reported that Rep. David J. Mofenson (D-Newton) is heading for the Chairpersonship of the Judiciary Committee, which oversees the sodomy-law repeal legislation. Mofenson, who has a very pro-gay voting record, reportedly asked House Speaker David Bartley for the post, due to the fact that fully one-half of the entire Judiciary Committee of this year will not be returning in 1975. In a statement to me, however, Bartley deferred comment.

Now for the bad news, and fortunately it's a lot less certain than the good news: The Chairpersonship of the Commerce and Labor Committee, which oversees the anti-discrimination legislation, may be going to Rep. William F. Hogan (D-Everett), a wig-wearing war-monger who currently chairs the Veterans Affairs Committee, and was one of only three legislators to attack the legislation during the House debate on May 15. Only when Hogan assumes that post will the gay people of Massachusetts fully comprehend the slogan, "God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;" and we are lucky that the actual appointments

won't be made for a couple of months.

For those of you who may have been disappointed with the current controversy over the campaign financing of Secretary of State nominee Paul Guzzi, keep this in mind: Paul was completely open about the whole thing, and could have contrived a number of ways to "launder" the money, but he didn't. His opponent, Sen. John Quinlan, has always voted against gay rights legislation, and, in fact, was the Chairman of the Massachusetts Committee to Elect Nixon in 1968.

Cimino, Independent candidate for State Representative running against Elaine Noble, approached Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike Dukakis recently, and reportedly offered to donate \$1,000 to the Dukakis campaign if he would endorse Cimino over Noble. The conversation, according to a little bug, went something like this:

"But don't you know she's a lesbian?" said Cimino. "Did she win the primary fair and square?" asked Mike. "Yes."

"Well," Dukakis said, "if that's the only thing you have against her then you have no business running." Dukakis, obviously, declined the offer, and is supporting the Democratic nominee, Noble.

This week's Rumor Dept.: Attorney General Robert Quinn reportedly came close to falling off his chair last week after reading that article in the *Phoenix* by Win Davis about the "Lavender Bandwagon." Perhaps he'd do things differently if he could start all over.

In case anyone is wondering why the *Phoenix* really increased its price to 35¢, it's probably because of their new political columnist Peter Lucas (formerly of the *Globe* and previously the *Herald-Traveler*), who is without a doubt the most knowledgeable person in Massachusetts politics.

It was a wise Silas Bent, who, in "Strange Bedfellows," said "Harmony seldom makes a headline." Without discordancy, disaster, disputes, and destruction, there would probably be no newspaper at all, so all your criticisms are most welcome. I'd be terrified if everyone stayed silent.

The View from the Closet

THE CURE OF SOULS

by A. Nolder Gay

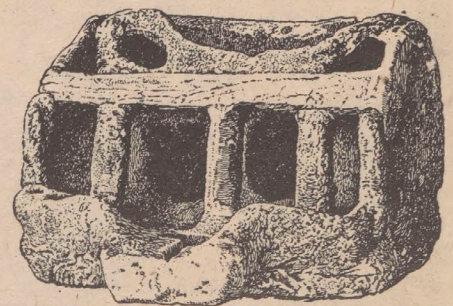
Majestic autumn draws peacefully to its close, and we approach All Souls Day, Nov. 2. This ancient Feast Day of the Dead is a time for taking stock, for considering the living as well as remembering those who have gone before us, for sorting out the meaning of life at the edge of death.

In the first novel of his eight-volume sequence *All Souls*, our late brother Lucien Price describes an episode in which his central character, Bob Moore, has received a severe beating from his hung-up clerical father. Working through his feelings, Bob recalls some lines from the *Argonautica*: "And Cheiron smiled, and said 'To each Athene and Apollo gave some gift, and each is worthy in his place; but to this child [Aesclepius, the future physician] they have given an honor beyond all honors, to cure while others kill.'"

From that point young Bob, yet to learn he is gay, enlists on the side of the healers. He takes on a life-long responsibility for what, in a more strictly religious context, was once called "the cure of souls." The successive novels trace a network of male-male relationships in which each unlocks the gifts which were latent within the other, sometimes first having to pull out the thorn in the other's brain before the gifts of Apollo and Athene could be discovered and accepted. So the richness of Bob Moore's inner life is spread, both in his professional career as a concert violinist and through direct human relationships of mutual support and redemptive friendship.

The smiling wisdom of Cheiron the Centaur speaks to our condition. We are none of us a Socrates or a Sappho or a Whitman or a Stein. Yet each of us has been given some worthy gift, and each has the power to choose to use it, or to withhold or neglect it. In a sense, when we make such a choice, we make it for the world. We opt to join

either the killers or the curers; indeed, by not choosing to cure, we choose to permit



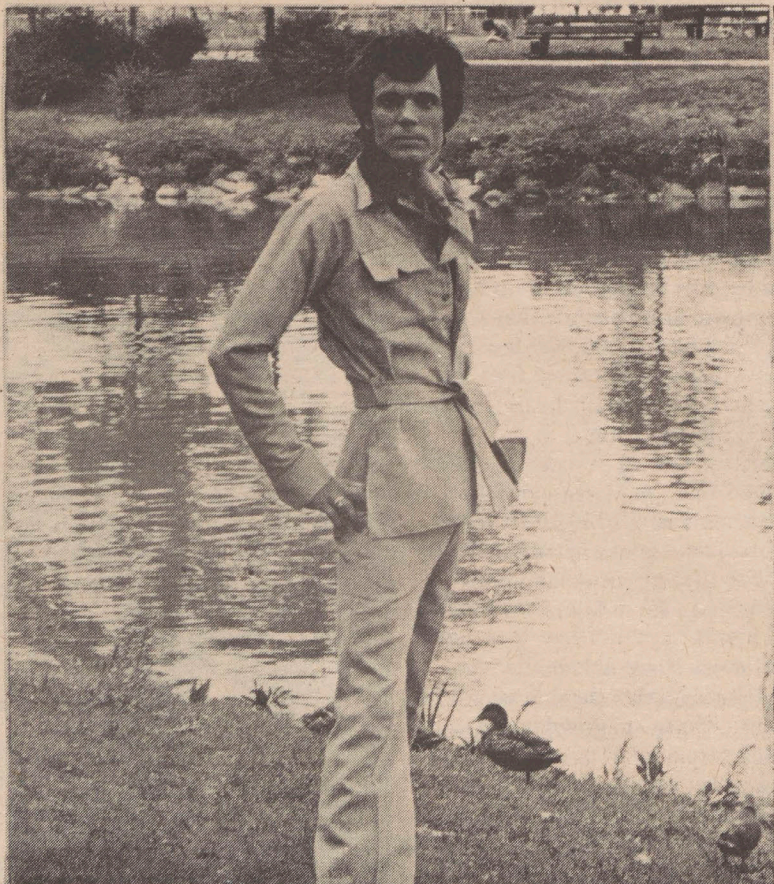
Soul-house. — From restored model in Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

the killers to operate unchecked. Bob Moore (and Lucien) opted for the healers; which is it to be for us?

Sooner or later it hits us that life's meaning is found through relating to something beyond ourselves, in finding a rewarding outlet and focus for the gifts which lie fallow within us. I know more than one gay person who has seen the near edge of suicide before discovering that something. Who can count the number of our brothers and sisters who have been lost to us before that discovery has been made?

In our best moments, as we move out together to create alternative institutions of support, we sense that the liberating, life-giving effect of a realized "gay community" lies in the awareness that we are all bound together in an invisible fellowship of All Souls. And we hope—indeed, some of us passionately *know*—that we can, in the fullness of time, together actualize the gifts inside us, and set them to work in a process of healing the (too often self-inflicted) wounds of those for whom it is our proper business to care.

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By SATYA

THE RECENT NAZI ADS IN GAY PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS THE GAY AREA REPORTER (B.A.R.) AND THE ADVOCATE HAVE CAUSED QUITE A FUROR (FUHRER?) IN GAY CIRCLES. JUST WHAT IS THIS GROUP WHICH CALLS ITSELF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST LEAGUE (NSL) AND APPEALS TO GAY NAZIS? SHOULD GAY PUBLICATIONS PRINT ADS FOR THIS GROUP? WANTING TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THIS GROUP IS, I SENT AWAY FOR THEIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, NS KAMPFRUF. THE PAPER ITSELF IS CRUDELY PUT TOGETHER AND FULL OF PROPAGANDA AIMED TO MAKE THE READER BELIEVE THAT NAZISM IS ABOUT TO TAKE OVER. BUT IT DOES ANSWER MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION. IT IS NOT JUST AN S&M CLUB; IT IS A GROUP DEDICATED TO RACISM AND THE IMPLEMENTING OF HITLER'S IDEAS.

THE RACISM IN THEIR NEWSLETTER IS DIRECTED AT ALL GROUPS THAT ARE NOT LILY-WHITE, BUT MAINLY AT JEWS AND BLACKS. IN DISCUSSING THE BIBLE, THEY MENTION THAT IF THE BIBLICAL COMMANDMENT THAT GAY MEN SHOULD BE PUT TO DEATH WERE MEANT FOR JUST JEWS TO FOLLOW, THAT THEY WOULD THEREFORE ENDORSE THE TORAH (JEWISH BIBLE). THEY CALL BLACK PEOPLE'S MUSIC THE "DEMON BEAT OF DARKTOWN." THE NAZIS ALSO CASTIGATE THE GAY LEFT SAYING THAT THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND THE CULTIVATION OF "FEMININE" QUALITIES ARE FALSE GOALS.

THE GROUP DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE SOME ENLIGHTENED THINGS TO SAY ON MALE HOMOSEXUALITY AND BISEXUALITY, CALLING THESE: "THE NATURAL CAPABILITY OF MANKIND"; AS OPPOSED TO, "FEAR-OBSSESSED HOMOSEXUALITY."

BUT OTHER GAY GROUPS DON'T SEEM ABLE TO SUPPORT THE GAY NAZIS, EVEN THOUGH THEY SHARE A COMMON SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE B.A.R. FINALLY DECIDED TO REJECT THE NAZI ADVERTISING, HAVING FOUND THEIR ADS TO BE "DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE."

EVEN THE STRAIGHT NAZIS OPPOSE THE GAY NAZI GROUP, STATING THAT "QUEERISM IS TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE 'NATURAL' PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM."

THE GAY N.S.L. SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF HOMOSEXUALS SLAUGHTERED BY THE NAZIS IN HITLER'S GERMANY. IN FACT, THE GROUP ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT HITLER WAS PRO-GAY BY PRESENTING SOME HALF-BAKED "FACTS" SUCH AS: HITLER'S "PERSONAL HERO" WAS FREDERICK THE GREAT, WHO WAS AN "UNABASHED HOMOSEXUAL."

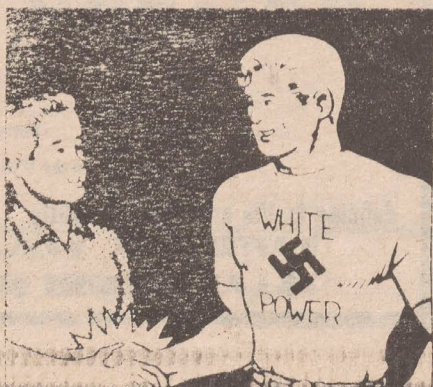
IF YOU PURCHASED ONE OF THEIR MAGAZINES, YOU COULD DISCOVER THAT "THE WHOLE STORY OF THE 6 MILLION DEAD JEWS IS PURE FICTION," OR YOU CAN THRILL TO SUCH PROGRESSIVE SLOGANS AS: "WHITE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE!" "STAND UP FOR YOUR RACE!" (SOUNDS LIKE A NATIONAL LAMPOON ARTICLE, DOESN'T IT?)

THEIR CLASSIFIEDS INCLUDE PEOPLE INTO SUCH LIBERATIONIST IDEAS AS—"HOW TO HAVE A REAL DUNGEON"—AND—"I LICK HIGH BOOTS".

SUCH IS THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST LEAGUE. LET IT SPEAK FOR ITSELF...



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The Falsehood Exposed

Since 1945 the Gentile world has never been for one moment allowed to forget the 6,000,000 Jews alleged to have been killed by Hitler in World War II. Even memorials have been erected to commemorate these 6,000,000 "dead" Jews. World Jewry obviously wants maximum publicity for these 6,000,000 Jews. Let us therefore turn yet another spotlight onto this matter.

In 1938 there were 15,688,259 Jews in the world—according to the World Almanac for 1947. This figure was given to the World Almanac by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Statistical Bureau of the Synagogues of America.

In 1948 there were between 15,600,000 and 18,700,000 Jews in the world according to an article in the *New York Times* of Feb. 22, 1948 by Mr. Hanson W. Baldwin, a recognized and wholly impartial expert on population. Mr. Baldwin can by no conceivable stretch of imagination be termed an anti-Semite. Moreover, his "boss" and owner of *New York Times* is a Jew. Arthur Sulzberger, noted as a staunch friend of Britain. Taking Mr. Baldwin's maximum estimate of 18,700,000, we get aht during ten years, 1938-1948—which includes the war years 1939-1945 when Hitler was supposed to have killed the 6,000,000 Jews—the Jewish population in the world actually increased by over 3,000,000 or—if for purposes of argument we assume that Adolf Hitler really did kill 6,000,000 Jews, by 9,000,000—that is to say the 3,000,000 increase plus 6,000,000 births to replace the 6,000,000 killed by Hitler.

As there are now only some 18,000,000 Jews in the world, an increase of 9,000,000 Jews in the ten years, 1938-1948, represents a total increase of population (in only ten years) of fifty per cent—an impossibility even for a race so immersed in sex as the Jews.

Even if every single able-bodied Jew spent 24 hours of every day between 1938-1948 doing nothing—day-in-day-out—except having sexual intercourse with every single Jewess (of child-bearing age), it is beyond the possibilities of eugenic science for them to have produced 9,000,000 young Jews in only ten years.

No wonder Allen Lesser, himself a Jew, was compelled to admit in an article on "Anti-Defamation Hysteria" in the Spring issue, 1946, of the *Menorah Journal* that, "As reported during the war years by Jewish news agencies, the number of Jews killed in Europe totals several millions more than the Nazis ever knew existed."

In other words the whole story of the 6,000,000 dead Jews is pure fiction.

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On May 10, Rudolf Hess completed his 36th year in prison. He is held in solitary confinement behind the grim walls of Berlin's Spandau Prison by detachments of Soviet, American, British and French military police.

All these troops guard just a single prisoner, for Hess is the only inmate in the cavernous place. There he is serving a life sentence for so-called "crimes against peace."

On May 10, 1941, Deputy Fuhrer Rudolf Hess flew alone from Germany to Scotland in an heroic effort to open peace negotiations between Britain and Germany. But powerful world interests did not want peace. These interests foresaw that, by using Europe's two leading Aryan nations to destroy each other, the ultimate winners would be Europe's ancient racial enemies and the system of world communism.

So Germany's peace proposals were spurned and the Reich's envoy, Hess, was held incommunicado until the war's end. Then, in a cynical travesty of justice at Nurnberg, the democratic and communist victors sentenced him to life imprisonment for "crimes against peace."

Because Hess has far from the scene of the so-called death camps when "The Final Solution" was allegedly put into effect, what was this man's real offense to the

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What's the Furor All About?

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In God We Trust

Los Angeles—Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim has petitioned the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for membership. Formed as the first Gay synagogue in the U.S., it now wants into the Union. Scholars of the Torah are chewing their beards over Jehovah's command to Moses: "If a man lies with a male as one lies with a woman, the two of them have done an abhorrent thing; they shall be put to death." Now, if Jehovah had restricted his commandment just to Jewish Gays, we might find ourselves endorsing the Torah.

Washington D.C.—At the current price of copper, it costs the American government nearly a penny to make a penny. The U.S. Mint wants Congress to authorize aluminum pennies in place of copper. The Federal Reserve System (and its Jewish string-pullers) have already debased the coinage by the removal of gold and silver from circulation. Copper is next. If they can find a way to remove the paper from paper, expect that proposal to follow.

England—Recently the rector of St. Mary's Church, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, "banned" the use of the Old Testament in his church. Secular Christian literature is scheduled to replace the unwanted portions of Scripture. Why the ban? He says: "It's that horrible stuff about the invading Israelites being ordered by their repulsive war god to massacre innocent people." He is also upset by "the revolting and unhistorical Passover saga of Jewish tradition," in which Jehovah killed every first-born child in Egypt.

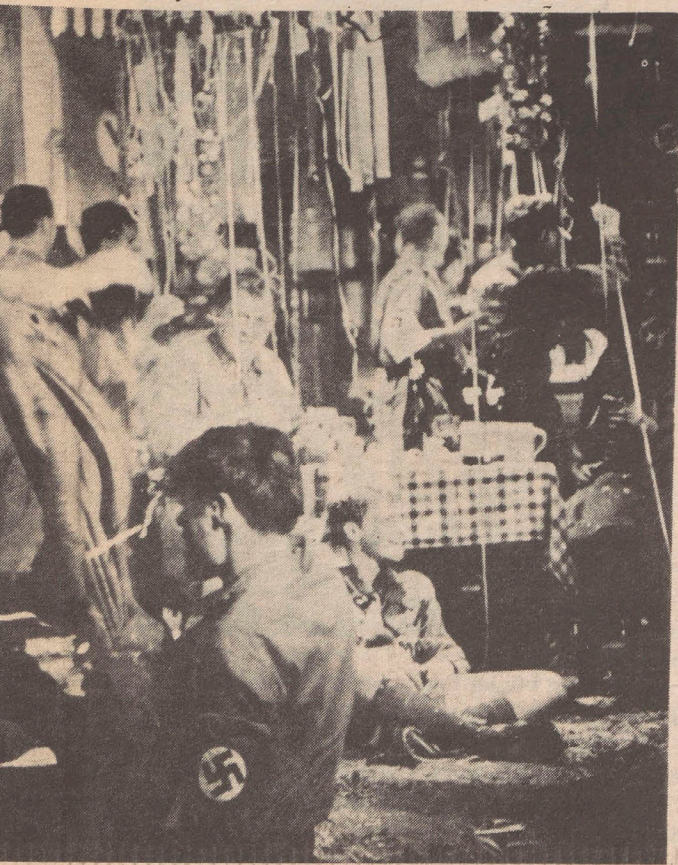
Viet Nam—The few members of the U.S. press corps to remain behind won't let the world forget the pet peeve of the Liberal news media: that quote by former Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky. Being interviewed in the mid '60's, Ky said, "I have only one hero—Hitler. He pulled his country together when it was in a terrible state. We need four or five Hitlers in Viet Nam."



Hollywood—High in the Hollywood Hills (as were most of the guests) on April 20, 1974, more than 400 people—Gays, straights, N.S.L. members, other right-wingers, and just plain free Americans—all gathered to enjoy a night of "Cabaret" and to honor the 85th birthday of Adolf Hitler.

Few of those who took the shuttle limosine up the hill were

ready for the spectacle: a pair of brown-shirted security guards at the door, opening the way into a world of Nazi banners, portraits of the Fuhrer, balloons imprinted "Springtime for Hitler," tape-recorded speeches and marches from Nurnberg, dozens of guests in various versions of appropriate dress, plus an elaborate rum cake complete with a frosting swastika.



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BULLETIN

WARNING!

In an unabashed attempt to discredit the National Socialist Movement, a new provocateur operation has been set up in Southern California. Calling itself the "National Socialist League," this latest pseudo operation brazenly advocates homosexuality and queerism.

On the question of homosexuality, the position of National Socialism is crystal-clear and unequivocal: *Queerism is unnatural and a sick perversion of the life instinct; and as such it is totally incompatible with the NATURAL principles of National Socialism.* There is absolutely no room in the National Socialist Movement for queers and sexual perverts. When National Socialism comes to power, it is going to stamp out this perversion once and for all. There will be no place for such an abomination in the New Order we are going to build.

Members and supporters are accordingly advised to have absolutely nothing to do with these pervert provocateurs — except to stomp the life out of them should they be approached by any of them!

YOU ARE WHERE YOU EAT

A House is not a Home;
But it may be a Restaurant...

Review By JIM SASLOW and JAY DAVID

Like many other gay activities, entry is rather difficult the first time, but once you know where to look, it's well worth the effort. Tony Bosco, owner of "The House," Allston's new gay restaurant, is more than making good on his goal of providing a relaxed, friendly atmosphere for the enjoyment of high-quality Italian cuisine.

Our difficulty in finding the front door of "The House" was one natural result of Bosco's delightful do-it-yourself philosophy. At the time of our visit, he had personally removed the entire front wall of the building—the first step in the creation of a glass-enclosed terrace-cum-fireplace—for dinner with a view. Only after a long search around the alley, with our noses leading the way, did we spot the pencilled note on the temporary plywood: "Yes, we're here—pull!"

Once inside, we left the world of auto parts and railyards for a charming atmosphere of high white walls, red-enameled open beams, and luxuriant hanging plants. Obligatory red-and-white-check tablecloths are the only concession to "Italian restaurant syndrome"—otherwise, the dark carpet and low lights create a warm contemporary feeling. The three-story interior (formerly a discotheque) is open to the roof, airy yet intimate. The walls serve as a gallery for local gay artist Byrd Swift (no kidding) and her Miro-inspired paintings.

"The House" menu offers a wide variety of Italian pasta, seafood, veal, and poultry dishes, with a good choice of hors d'oeuvres. The chicken with rice soup wasn't especially noteworthy; but the main dishes were quite good. The sauce for the chicken cacciatore had a good thick texture with

plenty of peppers, and the veal and eggplant parmigiana was nicely browned. Both were amply but tastefully seasoned, as was the spaghetti sauce. The big hit of the evening was definitely the home-made dessert. The specialty that night was ricotta cheesecake, rich and moist and so-o-o chewy, and flavored with orange rind. The garlic bread is some of the best in town; each slice is individually toasted and very smelly.

But the main strong-point of "The House" is the *gemutlich* atmosphere created by the personable owner and his staff. Bosco feels that Boston is sadly lacking in places where gay people can be at home in informal surroundings, and every detail is thought out to put his guests at ease. Silverware comes rolled together in the napkins, so you don't even have to think about "which-fork-first" etiquette. The chalkboard near the door announces, "While rest rooms are being built, feel free to use my house across the street." We did, and were not the first "House" customers to find a routine trip to the loo a highlight of the evening. Tony has been remodeling his house (small "H") for some time, and the dramatic results—a three-story spiral staircase in a giant light-well—augur well for the presently-in-renovation restaurant.

"The House" is presently open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, from 11:30 a.m. until "late"; though changes are being contemplated, so call first. Prices are reasonable for dinner: all items a la carte, entrees from \$3 to \$7, wine by the bottle.

"The House" Restaurant; 12 Wilton St., Allston—Off Cambridge St., near Harvard Ave.

poets (Continued from page 1)

Arts receives its support from the State of New York. In 1970 Nelson Rockefeller was the governor. Dial-A-Poet ceased, and John Hightower, the director of the Museum, was fired.

In 1972, Giorno worked at the conventions in Miami, and for McGovern's campaign. In 1973 he visited India for several months, and studied meditation under Rinpoche, a Tibetan Buddhist Lama who is now in America.

He read two poems. The first, a long poem, new and not yet finished, is called *Subduing Demons In America*. It begins with descriptions of the fear, violence, and failure in our society, intersperses fragments of the poet's life, and proceeds to a visionary voyage down a river's canyon. There, the poet gazes at the canyon's walls and sees the geologic and archeologic past that has preceded our society and his life: the walls of Persepolis, "the endless jealous gods." The voyage ends in the desert at evening, where he sees "Buddhas transformed into shellfish," and the Buddha is reborn in a flower of fire. "Like the space inside broken bars, his body dissolves into being," and the poet attains his *dharma*. The poem does not end there; it returns to the society described in its beginning, in a catalogue of the mass of men whose desperation is loud.

The second poem was *Suicide Sutra*. He suggested everyone participate by tightening their muscles, by becoming more tense, and by becoming as uptight as possible; and so, *Suicide Sutra* began while everyone was still laughing. At first, it presents descriptions of the subject's states of mind alternating with descriptions of growing tension—the reason for Giorno's instructions. The subject of the poem is in jail, and the personal oppression becomes physical—smothering, crushing. He kills himself; and

the tension lives on. "And you are dead, and it's the same, nothing has changed. You're in another hell." There is no dying off, until a second death, not a suicide, by a napalm bomb. This leads to rebirth "like a flower"—like the Buddha in the first poem. It ends there, with a cyclic conclusion, "You haven't gotten anywhere—only here."

He read well: his poetry has strong rhythms, recurrent phrases, and a formal pattern that repeats the thinking in a poem. As his experience with Dial-A-Poet would indicate, his poetry is meant to be heard aloud. He spoke almost in a chant, swinging his knees to the rhythm. He has published three books of poetry. The first, *Poems*, (1967) is out of print. The second, *Balling Buddha*, 1970 is published by the Kulchur Press in New York City, and the third, *Cancer In My Left Ball*, (1973) is published by the Something Else Press in Vermont. The title is more than a grim joke; he has been hospitalized, and operated on, for cancer. There are also two record sets available of the Dial-A-Poet selections: *The Dial-A-Poet Poets*, and *Disconnected* are distributed by Giorno Poetry Systems Records, 222 the Bowery, New York, N.Y. 10012.

Burroughs came in what he has called his "banker drag": black hat, gray topcoat, brown suit, tan leather briefcase—and a pair of gold sneakers. Like Giorno, he's a good reader. He sat at the mike and read in what sounded like a Yankee drawl with the edges worn off. The first selection was an essay, *Sexual Conditioning*, which had appeared in *The Gay Liberation Book*, and which he is now rewriting for publication in the November *Gay Sunshine*. So much has been said about his obscenity, that his humor is overlooked. He makes good fun of the vested interests that destroy us, and we laughed throughout his reading. After the essay, the selections came in chrono-



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logical order from his published works: *Naked Lunch*, *Nova Express*, *The Ticket That Exploded*, *The Soft Machine*, *The Exterminator*, and finally, two excerpts from *From Here To Eternity*. Most of the bases were touched, as he scored against the bias in psychiatry, religion, government, and business. After he had finished, a small crowd kept him on stage for more than half an hour, talking more.

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ADA and CPPAX have also been urging all of their members and friends to vote "no" on Question 2, reducing the size of the Massachusetts House from 240 members to 160. Their main reason for opposing the House cut is the harm that will come to minority groups (women, Blacks, Gays) under such a plan. ADA and CPPAX will be co-sponsoring gay rights legislation this year.

In the race for Attorney General, ADA and CPPAX report that Democratic nominee Francis X. Bellotti has taken extremely hard-line positions against the right to abortion, pornography, birth control information, prison furloughs, as well as a particularly unenlightened attitude regarding the repeal of the state's "sodomy laws." Bellotti stated that he is opposed to discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, but also said, "... but as far as a change in the law about it, no, I'm not in favor of that." Rep. Barney Frank has endorsed Bellotti.

Republican nominee Josiah A. Spaulding has taken positions on these social issues completely opposite to Bellotti's, and was endorsed last week by a number of liberal Democrats and Independents, includ-



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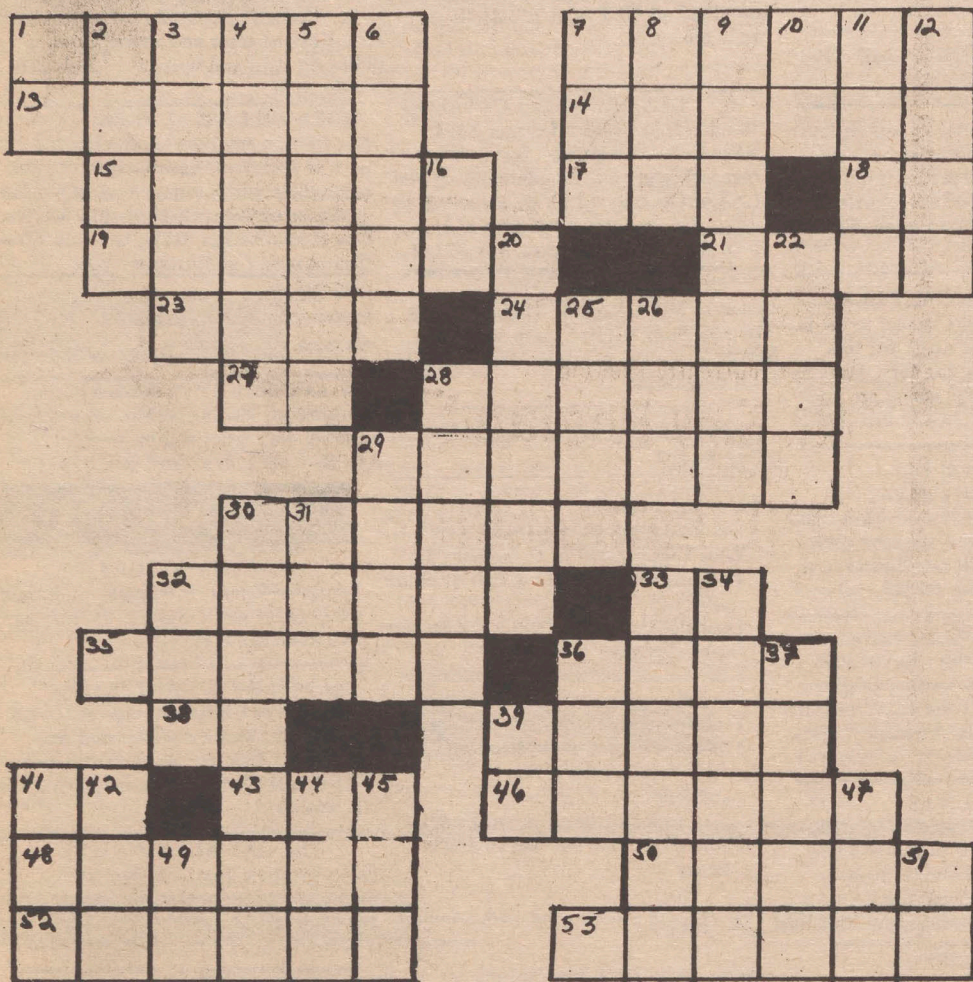
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WHO WAS THAT WOMAN?

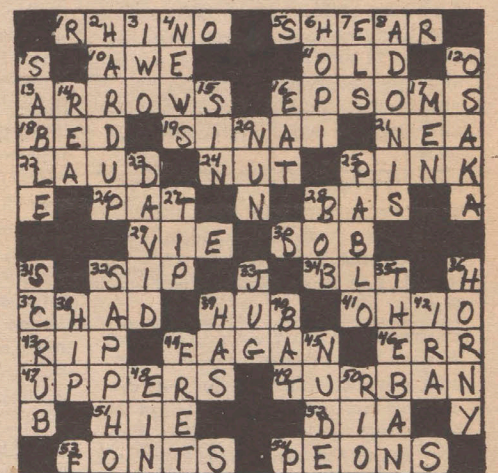


ACROSS

1. Brownies by Alice B. _____
2. Lesbian love lyricist
13. Rape is a v_____ crime
14. Matriarchal warrior
15. Homesteader, squatter
17. First name of red chinese states-person Yutang
18. Myself
19. Perhaps (Scot)
21. Via con _____ (Sp.)
23. _____ds the perfect day
24. Femme fatale of the 30's, Lady Mary _____
27. Nun (abbr.)
28. A woman's charm
29. Psychic injuries
30. An incarnation (Hindu); also a boston underground newspaper
32. To change or alter in form, _____ute
33. Acknowledgement of receipt (abbr.)
35. Five-cent fare (slang)
36. Messenger goddess of the rainbow (Gr.)
38. Letter of the alphabet
39. Northwestern state, _____n
41. That man
43. Mixture of dirt and water
46. Addictive drug, sounds like—a woman admired for her achievements
48. Abelard's affair with this young student ended with his castration
50. Mistake
52. Patricia Hearst was allegedly held for _____
53. Cars manufactured in the 60's, now collectors items
16. Nurse (abbr.)
20. Eastern salutation or ceremonial greeting
22. Angers
25. To pronounce indistinctly, disparage
26. Commercial digestive aid
28. Grotesquely creative (slang)
30. Gr. lesbian goddess of the moon and the hunt
31. Enclosed motortruck
32. Cravat
33. When sunburnt, you _____ as a beet (slang expression)
34. Hardships
36. Woman's name meaning peace
37. Evening (Fr.)
39. Exclamation
41. She
42. Building wing
44. Our female readers probably wouldn't go to this kind of men's club (abbr.)
45. America's "liberal" party (abbr.)
47. Trui____, drug frequently prescribed for nervous disorders
49. Atop
51. Royal Society (abbr.)

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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



DOWN

1. Seventh note of the scale
2. Beautiful wife of playwright O'Neil
3. Daughter of 7 across
4. Island home of 7 across
5. Deer's horn
6. Autobiographer of 1. across
7. My gal _____
8. Friend (Fr.)
9. Mythical woman who had trouble with a box
10. S'il vous plait, _____lee (var.)
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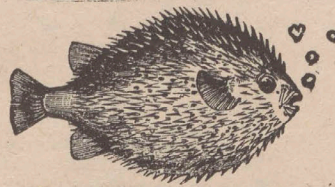
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3 sun

Gay Speakers' Bureau of Boston will hold a training session for prospective speakers today at 7:30 pm in Cambridge. This will be the last training session in 1974 for new speakers. It will involve discussion, role playing, and fact finding. Contact GSB at (617) 547-1451 for location and details.

Gay Women of Providence will have a field day at Roger Williams Park (quick before the snow flies) in Providence, R.I., today. Women will meet at the Betsy Williams House at 11 am. Bring a picnic lunch, sports equipment, musical instruments, books you'd like to discuss, whatever. For more information, call Jean at (401) 942-2094.

Dignity/Boston will hold their November meeting today at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston, at 1:30 pm. Business meeting will be preceded by a Mass in the Upper Church. This day has been designated as 'Women's Day' by Dignity... there aren't many women involved, and they sure would like to see more. This will also be an open meeting which will deal with the nominations for elected officers for the group. An important meeting to be sure!

4 mon

Tonight at 8:30 pm WNAC-TV, channel 7 in Boston, will present a program called "Bostonia". The focus of this installment will be a down-home portrait of a pair of Boston's gay women. The Lesbians in question being none other than GCN's own Ellen Davis and Mille Possolt. This ought to be good.

5 tues

For those of you who would vote except you're a little absent minded—today's the day to get out to those polls and do it!

6 wed

The Charlestown, Mass., Gay Group will hold its monthly meeting tonight. Contact Ian at (617) 241-8357 for time, location, and other details. NOTE: The phone number listed here is a correction of the one which has run in this space for the past two weeks.



One-hand Alphabet.

10 sun

The Club LaGrange will hold a free VD clinic for its members today from 5 to 8 pm at Tufts-New England Medical Center, 185 Harrison Ave. near Kneeland St. in Boston. All testing and advice are confidential. Free clinics will also be held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 2. Remember, the organs you save may be your own.



13 wed

GCN will hold its monthly governing board meeting tonight at 7:30 pm at its office at 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All persons who work on the paper are urged to attend this important function. Paid or volunteer, all have a vote.

15 fri

The Social Committee of Dignity/Boston will hold an eat-out-together tonight at 8 pm. Members and their friends are urged to attend. The place for the get together has yet to be set, but should be announced at the monthly meeting on November 3rd, so stay tuned.

Gay Women of Providence will hold a Bar Outing tonight somewhere in the Providence, R.I., area. They will meet at 9 pm at MCC/Providence headquarters, 75 Empire St., downtown Providence, for rides and directions. No blue jeans allowed in this bar (!) so remember your corduroys.

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WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and supp, Box 7100 c/o GCN (2nd and 4th Weds.)
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm—WBCN's "Rhinoceous" radio show, 104.1, Boston
7:00 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine

7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Lord Jeffrey's Hair Salon, Amherst Inn, Amherst
7:30 pm—MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center

8 pm—Gay United Fund, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland Maine

FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union

8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094
2:30 pm—Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
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
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3733

7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gays and Alcoholism discussion at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)
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—Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows

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