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LAVENDER RHINO AT LAST ON SUBWAY!

By IAN JOHNSON

(Boston) After nine months of delay and legal difficulties, Gay Media Action-Advertising has announced that the consciousness-raising advertising campaign on Boston's subway will begin December 1st. According to contracts signed November 25th with Metro Transit Advertising, the MBTA's advertising agent, the second ad will begin Jan. 1st, with the third and last installment appearing February 1st. Since the MBTA had already approved the copy, all parties see no further difficulties.

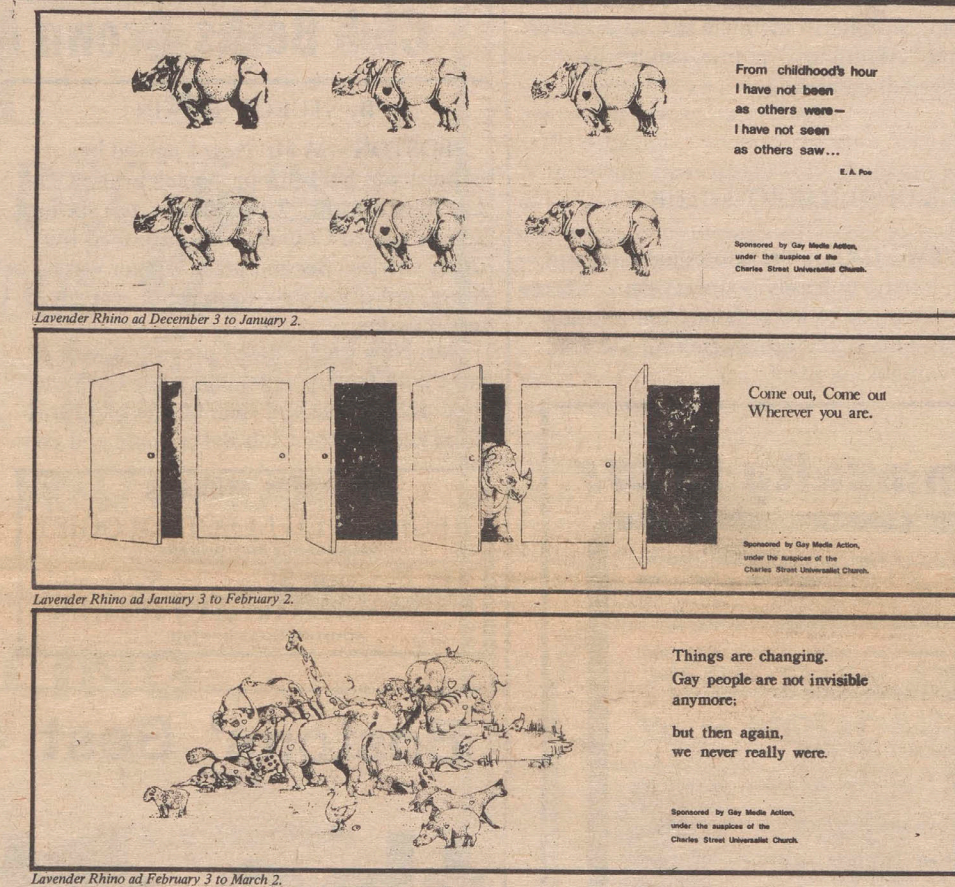
This breakthrough was based on Gay Media Action-Advertising's decision to pay the commercial rate for the advertising, rather than hold out indefinitely for the much lower public service rate. The appropriate rate became an issue last June when the MBTA rejected GMA's claim that the campaign qualified for the public service rate.

Designed by GMA-A as a consciousness-raising program, and submitted under the auspices of the Charles Street Universalist Meetinghouse, a recognized non-profit organization, the program was financially planned utilizing the public service rate of \$2 per car-card. The original problem was to get the MBTA to accept the advertising at all, because of its possible controversial nature. The June decision came as a shock, therefore, since the MBTA accepted the ad but required the \$7 per car-card rate, more than tripling the cost of the campaign. The decision was made to challenge this move, both through protest and legal suit.

An extensive protest campaign was mounted, generating hundreds of letters to the MBTA and Metro Transit Advertising, including letters from legislators and many concerned straight people. Although surprised by the support, the MBTA would not relent, and plans were made for a court suit to procure the public service rate.

As with most legal matters, progress was painfully slow. When the court decided recently that Pre-term, a local non-profit abortion clinic, was not entitled to the MBTA's public service rates, GMA-A and their attorney, Richard Rubino, decided that their suit's chance of success was less important than the need to get the advertising on the subway without further months of delay.

With a fund of approximately \$1,500, which would not cover the higher rates, GMA-A has had to make some difficult decisions. The original plan for 200 cards on two different subway lines for each of the three posters was reduced to only 100 cards on one line. The Green Line was chosen because of its very high usage, which includes four separate lines—Riverside, Huntington-Arbor-



way, Boston College, and Cleveland Circle. This line will allow exposure to the Downtown, Back Bay, Fenway, Jamaica Plain, Allston, and Brighton sections of Boston, as well as East Cambridge, Brookline, and Newton. 100 cards will enable coverage of one card on every other car on the four Green Lines.

GMA-A has sufficient funds presently to pay for the first two months, but must raise approximately \$1,000 by the middle of January for the last advertisement. According to Tom Morganti of the GMA-A organizers, the raising of this money is especially critical because of the nature of the campaign. "The first two cards lead up to the third, and if the first two were to run without the third, it would be practically useless, since most people would not understand it." Morganti feels that the money can be raised, especially when the ads finally appear. "Many people have said that they will contribute when they know it will happen, and this long legal hassle has not helped people's faith in the campaign. But now the ads will appear, and we are counting on all those people to now come forward and help with the last effort." Bernie Toal, co-director, expressed relief and satisfaction to GCN. "It's been a long haul, but people didn't give up. We have shown that the gay community is willing to put extended effort into its programs, and not give up when it gets difficult. The precedent is really wonderful, for gay people have finally

broken through into the straight media."

The ad features a lavender rhinoceros chosen by GMA-A because, according to Bernie Toal, "The rhino is a much maligned and misunderstood animal and in actuality is a gentle

creature—but don't cross him or her! The color lavender, a mixture of pink and blue, expresses the merger of feminine and masculine qualities into one: the human quality."

GMA-A hopes to raise the remaining money by the same methods by which previous funds were collected. Buttons and tee-shirts are still being sold, as well as copies of the first poster. The second and third will be on sale as soon as they are printed. Of great importance is the sponsorship campaign—a \$10 contribution will cover the cost of one poster on one car, and will let you know that you put one of them there. Donations of less are also appreciated. Materials are sold at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Donations, mail orders, and price list requests should be sent to: Lavender Rhino, 7 Water St., Boston MA 02109. Checks should be made out to either Gay Media Action-Advertising or just GMA-A.

NOTICE

Homophile Community Health Service is moving to 80 Boylston St., Boston, effective Friday, Dec. 6. They will be located on the 8th floor.

For more details, and a new telephone number, see next week's GCN.

WARNING! TWO MEN ACOSTING GAYS

On Friday, November 23rd, a gay man was picked up and robbed by a man calling himself "John Ford." The next Tuesday, the same man was brutally beaten and robbed by an accomplice of "John Ford."

Bob (not his real name) and John Ford met at the 1270, then went on to the Shed for a drink or two, and finally returned to Bob's Back Bay apartment, where John suggested that Bob take a shower. When Bob emerged from the shower he discovered that John Ford had disappeared with his keys and leather coat.

On Tuesday afternoon, another man appeared at Bob's door, claiming that he was John Ford's brother and that, since he was applying for the state police, he wanted to repay Bob for his coat to keep his brother

out of trouble. When Bob let him in, he was savagely beaten and robbed again.

Bob called the police, who, he says, were extremely helpful and courteous. He also went back to the Shed, and the management there stated that they had seen "John Ford" in the bar several times before. "John Ford" is white, 31 or 32, 185 lbs., 5'11", with medium length brown hair. He was driving an approximately 1966 Chevrolet, which was painted black except for a white door on the driver's side. Bob believes that "John Ford" and his accomplice enjoy beating up and stealing from gay people.

GCN urges anyone who has similar problems to report them to the police and to us.

news notes

REAL PAPER DENIES DISCRIMINATION

The firing of Stu Byron from the Real Paper is not and never has been a gay issue, according to David Gelber, the new editor for the paper. Gelber assured GCN that the Real Paper will continue to carry gay news and stories.

COLORADO GAY RIGHTS DELAYED

(Rhinoceros, Denver) The Colorado Civil Rights Commission has postponed any decision about sponsoring or endorsing a gay rights bill presented by the Colorado Lesbian Task Force, National Organization of Women and the Gay Coalition. The people

who drew up the bill are hoping that the Commission will 'sponsor' the proposal, which requires the commission to put time and money into getting the bill passed in the State Legislature. Failing that, it is hoped that the Commission will 'endorse' the gay rights proposal, which would indicate the Commission's approval to the legislature.

Of the seven Civil Rights Commissioners, five seem at least open to the idea of gay rights, but not yet committed. The other two are hostile toward gay people, and there is little hope that their opinions will be changed at this time. The Colorado gay groups and NOW intend to use the postponement time to educate the sympathetic commissioners to the need for the passage of the gay rights bill.

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAMS CHALLENGED

The Senate sub-committee on Constitutional Rights has produced a report revealing the extent the U.S. government is involved in behavior modification experiments on supposedly anti-social people, including, of course, gay people. Sen. Sam Ervin, a member of the sub-committee, questions in the report whether the government should be involved at all in programs which threaten basic human rights. Psycho-surgery done on gay people to change them to "normal" is part of the research and programs that the committee finds objectionable.

The report also refers to a program funded by the Dep't of Health, Education, and Welfare at UCLA, conducted on boys from ages 5 to 8 who demonstrate "feminine mannerisms". The children are given rewards for displaying behavior which HEW considers more appropriate to the male sex, to discover whether "effeminism" in men can be discouraged at an early age.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB...

NEW YORK — "Homosexuals are, as a rule, lonely, unhappy people...every effort must be made to keep them from injuring others who would otherwise find the road to a normal sex life."

The preceding quote came from a current Book-of-the-Month Club selection entitled *THE COMPLETE MEDICAL GUIDE*. It is authored by Dr. Benjamin F. Miller, a Massachusetts native whose credentials include training at MIT and Harvard. Dr. Miller is presently on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. The book is published by Simon and Schuster of New York.

First authored in 1956 *THE COMPLETE MEDICAL GUIDE* has undergone three editions and updates. *THE GUIDE* is advertised as "a classic in its field".

The book's cover advises readers that "in this newly revised edition, all sections have been checked and rechecked by many specialists....It has been amended and added to, so as to conform with the latest medical thought and practice."

Other offending paragraphs include the following gems;

"Homosexuality is a complicated problem and in itself is only one factor of the mal-adjusted individuals personality."

"Many boys and some girls indulge in some form of homosexual 'play' with a companion or companions. Here the parents should be on the alert. Usually such practices are harmless and cease as the boy or girl matures. However, it is at this time that an older, confirmed homosexual may exert an unfortunate influence...."

"The normal adolescent then grows up emotionally, finding opposite sex attractive. A man or woman who has not progressed this way can be regarded as emotionally retarded, immature, or ill, however brilliant intellectually he or she may be."

Club Baths Crown A Mr. New England

By STURGE HASKIN

BOSTON — A Mr. New England beauty contest was held this past week at the Club La Grange baths. The winner was a six-foot adonis named Conrad, who outpolled five other entries. Second place winner was Steve, not quite a six-footer, but scarcely less fetching.

Mr. New England was presented with a large gold trophy and a check for one hundred dollars. He will spend a week in Florida as guest of the Club Baths chain and com-

pete against thirty-four other winners from all parts of the United States.

Conrad, who works in the music field, told GCN that he works out each day at a local gym for three hours. He was not, he said, active in any homophile organizations.

The contestants were presented in the Club's lounge to a full and enthusiastic house. A buffet and drinks were served to those who attended.

A spokesman for the Baths, who might well have qualified as a contestant himself, said that the Club chain has long interested itself in the Gay community. Most notable perhaps are the free VD check-up it offers on a regular basis. Other less publicized activities include contributions to civil libertarian causes and gay fund-raising benefits.

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Gala Benefit Held

By RUSTY BUTLER

On Sunday, November 24th, an event unique in Boston's gay community took place at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. A benefit for Bobby Soderholm, who is suffering from muscular dystrophy, was organized by Rusty Butler, Don Gilfe from Entrous, the Viking's MC, Fred Tags of the Hounds' Tooth Restaurant, and Lloyd Belleau of Nick's Restaurant. Bob Graham provided the transportation for the benefit and Danny Skelis was the popular MC and auctioneer.

Over 275 people attended and were entertained by performers who kindly donated their time and energy: Jack Swan from 12 Carver, Anne Loring and Kurt Lawrence from Nick's Restaurant, Ellie Boswell and Family who are presently working at the Blue Hills Country Club, Bobby Weatherbee from Berachi's, and Wayland Flowers who was recently working at Cabaret/After Dark.

The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by both the audience and the performers.

Never before in the gay community, have so many people and places donated both time and gifts. The organizers want to thank the following donors: Reverend Randy Gibson of the Charles Street Meetinghouse, Nancy of the Charles Street Pet Shop, Larry Newhall, Frank Cashman of The Nineties, Jeff of Nine Knox, The Charles Playhouse Restaurant, The Hound's Tooth, The Beef and Ale, Playland Cafe, Twelve Carver, Herbie's Ramrod Room, Essex Liquor Store, 1270, Sporter's Cafe, The Carnival Lounge, Topp's Steak House, The Growing Concern, The Turk's Head Coffee Shop, The Cuttery, Dr. Buckle and Mr. Hyde, Maison de Felix, The Print Shop on Charles Street, The Esplanade Book Store, 21 Charles Street Steak House, Period Furniture Hardware, Baskin and Robbins of Charles Street and Victoria Cleaners of Charles Street.

Ann Ma Guire, who was campaign man-

ager for Elaine Noble, spoke at the end of the benefit, urging Boston gays to have more community meetings, not only benefits, to encourage cooperation and unity in the community. Without a strong gay community, she stressed, our cause and rights are weakened.

Bobby Soderholm is very grateful for all the help he has received from the gay community, and wishes to thank all those who participated in the benefit.

Cabaret Closed

By TOM HURLEY

The sign says "Closed for remodeling: watch for grand opening; see you at Bob White's and Sporter's." The sign stands over the entrance to Cabaret/After Dark, the large Boston gay bar and club that surprised many of its patrons when it closed on Sunday, November 24. At this time, there is no indication when Cabaret will reopen.

Ron Larson, owner of the club, was out of town and unavailable for comment. Rumors that Cabaret was in financial trouble and might close permanently have persisted in the gay community, despite Larson's assertion in the November 9 GCN that his club was doing well.

1270 owner Bob White, a friend of Larson's, told GCN that Cabaret was not going out of business, that the bar was not having money problems, and that the closing "had nothing to do with the laws." White declined to make a further statement. He indicated that Larson would soon be back in Boston and would presumably want to explain Cabaret's situation himself.

Nudity May Be

Banned on

National Seashore

(Truro) On November 23rd, the Advisory Commission to the Cape Cod Nat'l Seashore recommended to the Nat'l Park Service that nude bathing be forbidden next summer at all beaches within the Nat'l Seashore. The Advisory Commission, which is composed of 10 appointees from the towns within the Seashore, has been under considerable pressure recently from adversaries of public nudity. The nude beach at Truro, which has been used by gay and straight bathers for over 60 years, has become a sanitation problem because of its listing by tourist agencies and underground press, increasing the numbers of people using it.

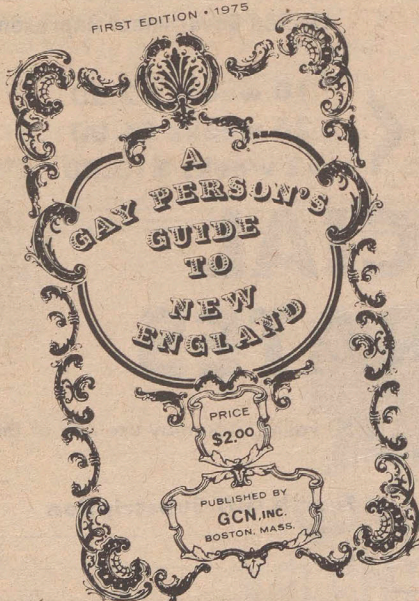
The superintendent of the Nat'l Parks Service, Laurence Hadley, feels that before a final decision can be made the Parks Service must consider whether a public nudity ban would be an infringement of the rights of the individual. If the ban is put into effect, it may well be that this aspect of the situation will be ultimately decided by the courts.

Hadley suggests that if nude bathing is allowed by the Parks Service either the town of Truro or the Parks Service would have to take over operation of the Truro beach, incurring expensive sanitation costs. Another possibility would be that an area of already established and serviced beach could be set aside for nude bathers.

A decision is expected from the Nat'l Parks Service soon. It seems clear that the proposal was presented now because the Cape is deserted and protest will be minimal.

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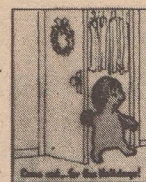
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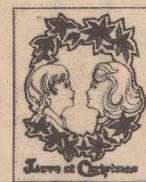
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LETTERS

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Dear People—

On Sat., Dec. 14th, a rally and march will be held in Boston as part of a nationwide movement in support of integrated quality education. The rally in Boston will be particularly important, due to the national attention given to the present busing protest.

As Mrs. Martin Luther King said last Saturday, the explicit racism involved in the busing controversy must not go un-denounced. As gay people, we must be aware of the consequences of irrational discrimination against any people, whether it be because of race, sex, or sexual preference. Indeed, the theme of the rally is that such discrimination effectively divides the people from uniting against their true oppressors, whether it be the Boston School Committee, which manipulates issues for its own benefit ('power,' and 'to get re-elected') or the economic system which forces us all to pay \$3.36 for 5 pounds of sugar while the manufacturers reap profits 1000% over last year.

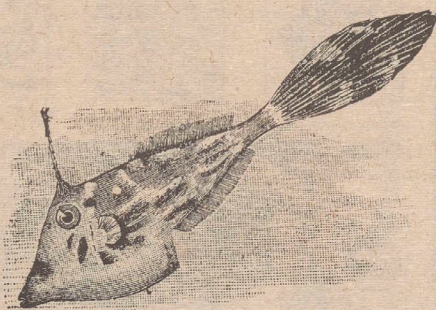
With the encouragement of the rally's organizing committee, we will be marching under a banner reading "One Battle, Many Fronts—Boston Gay Liberation", and our chants will be the same as the rest of the participants - aimed at denouncing racism in any form.

I was personally struck by the absence of gay people at the Nov. 30th "pre-rally", and wondered where all my gay sisters and brothers were—perhaps the same place all our straight and black sisters and brothers were on that day in June when we marched for Gay Pride.

As many fractured groups, we gain identity, but lose power. To come together, symbolically linking our energies, would be a beautiful occasion. I hope we're all there to witness it.

Meet at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, at 11:30 AM on Sat., Dec. 14th. We will go to the rally, together.

Ian Johnson
Boston



File-fish (*Aulentera schaefferi*).

Soc. side?

Dear GCN,

The October 26 issue of the GCN contains an article by David DeNeef on the Socialist Workers Party, the first in a series on political alternatives open to gay people.

Unfortunately, the author felt he was "obligated" to devote half of the article to three-year-old charges made against the SWP by two Boston feminists. They ramble on, alleging the SWP is a dishonest, secretive organization that took over feminist groups by controlling the typewriters and xeroxes. These unsupported allegations are given blanket endorsement by the author when he writes immediately after them: "Well, at any rate, plenty of Gay people (women and men) are still involved in the SWP; they must like it."

With this line, the idle charges of years ago become golden truths that some people just choose to ignore. Then we are

treated to the author's paternalistic view that SWP members are young people with good intentions that "may have produced bad results", again giving full approval to completely unbiased charges. No attempt is made in the article to get the SWP's side of the story, if there is any story here at all.

As a journalism student and a member of the Gay community, I am embarrassed to find such an example of yellow journalism in the only Gay newsweekly in the country. I hope that writers will exercise more judgement and increase their sense of responsibility in the future. As for the moment, I think the GCN has a moral obligation to offer the SWP space to answer these and other charges that have appeared in the paper.

Ken Withers
Boston, Mass

[Author's reply: Paternalistic?—David DeNeef]



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Dear GCN,

Regarding your coverage of the NBC-TV episode on "Policewoman" entitled "Flowers Of Evil", about a nursing home: When I become 70 years old I may be stooped and I will be old, but I won't be "little" and I'll never be a "lady". I can't imagine any woman that age thinking of herself as a little old lady, any more than we think of ourselves as queers.

Laura McMurry
Cambridge, Mass.

r.i.p.

He was a young man. He was charming, beautiful, angelic, kind and courteous. His name is of no import, it's in my heart like the one who remains alone. Because he was.

They were a couple of loving friends to me. But he was and the one that loved him or loves him, is.

They graced society with their love, their beauty, "they're absolutely right for each other." The storms that blew him off a bridge into the Charles are whipped by us, my friends. We do it to each other.

He is at peace... Shall we drown the one he loved too? OPINION spreads!! The storm in the loved one's heart grows by the winds of "supposition" and "prejudgment."

Can't we say this once "amen" instead of "why" to calm the storm in his loved one's heart?

[Name withheld by request]



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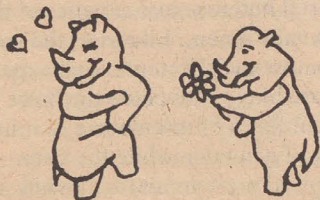
By SATYA

Coming out can be a process or it can be a single event depending on who you're coming out to. Coming out is an emergence into the world of light, a time for feeling good about oneself. Let me share a part of my experience with you.

About ten years ago ('64) I fell in love for the first time. I was not disturbed that it was another man that I loved. Our love was pure and intense, and it instantly broke through thousands of years of taboos. It was natural for us. We knew, of course, that we'd have to keep it a secret, because only certain kinds of love were allowed in our culture, but I (at least) had no guilt.

I met Larry in the registration line at the University of Miami (Fla.). Our eyes met, and friendliness was evident. It was so rare for men to share their eyes. Soon we were talking, and we made plans to go surfing together. The next day at the beach was a soaring experience, one of those rare times when joy seems endless and one's heart pounds quickly as each moment of bliss engulfs and caresses. Each smile, each glance sent adrenaline through my veins. We had yet to touch.

The first time we held hands will be a part of me 'til I die. So strange, this hand



attached to a man. Neither of us had ever done it before. But we were already sharing our hearts; just thinking of the other caused us to float. So it was natural to share our physical selves as well.

Hand holding and later, hugging, were sufficient forms of affection. Neither of us had had any real gay experiences. We certainly never thought of affixing a gay or homosexual label to our love. We were simply Larry and Don, doing what came naturally.

When I told him that I wanted to kiss him, he said, "Oh, no, we shouldn't. That's

going too far." But Love had its way, and we eventually let our beauty unfold.

I couldn't study. I skipped classes and just about everything else that didn't involve Larry. We were together every possible moment. Month after month of being high; of being in Love. Our favorite song was Dusty Springfield's, "I only wanna be with you." She spoke and sang exactly what we were experiencing: "I never thought that I could be in love like this."

The happiness couldn't last forever, however. One night while making love in a car, we were caught with our proverbial pants down. The flashlights which lighted our frightened faces, were held by angry and aggressive men in blue uniforms. On the way to jail, we quietly made a pact that we would deny everything. Maybe we'd get off.

I was taken into a room and questioned. Larry was taken elsewhere. "How often do you do this?" "Are you a homosexual?" "What were you doing?" "Well, you see, officer, we were just signing yearbooks and. . . I denied everything. Another officer comes in and tells me that Larry has "confessed." This was an important moment in my life. I had always been taught to respect police, but could it be possible that they were lying? After all, Larry and I had made a pact not to tell. Was not our love a bastion of strength? Had he really confessed? (This was before Chicago and Attica when blatant police brutality and deceit became known by the general public). Anyway, I stayed firm on my decision not to tell. Later when I saw Larry, our strength and our love was confirmed. The police had lied to each of us, but neither of us had broken the pact.

Our parents had to be called down to the station (since we were under legal age) and we were racked with emotion, mostly fear. My mother graciously offered to pay for a psychiatrist, but I refused. After all, we weren't doing anything. I wasn't a homosexual.

Life went on. Our love seemed as strong as ever, though we had to be extra careful, like remembering to mess up both beds even though we had slept only in one. We even

dated women occasionally to present a "normal" image.

One day Larry turned on me. I couldn't believe it was he. He called me names and put me down in many ways. He wanted me to hate him, and he wanted me to believe that he hated me. What could have caused love to turn to hate? What else—the greatest hate producer the world has ever known, the Catholic Church. Larry was still into his Catholicism, and felt the need to make confession. The priest had convinced Larry, that I was a long-time homosexual who was pretending to be in love with him, and that I would lead him straight to hell. All the fears of Larry's childhood were affirmed. Hell is for homo's. I think (under duress) I could forgive the Catholic Church for all the people it has murdered and tortured, but I don't think I'll ever be able to forgive it for taking my love from me. Our relationship

was bleeding and would soon die.

Shattered by both the church and the police, and being emotionally distraught with no one to share my troubles with, I eventually got married to a nice woman. Larry became a school teacher. With the help of my brothers and sisters in the gay movement, I eventually came out again in 1971. Larry has disappeared somewhere. I'm sure I'll run into him again one day, because my love for him has never died.



GRIPES

By TOMMI

It is not unusual that I am writing a column entitled "Gripes" at four ten in the morning. I do most of my writing these days late at night. Night is less chaotic, more relaxing.

Gripe No. 1: "I want a man!" Usually spoken in reference to preference for a more "masculine" identified male. Not wrong in its own right since I don't condemn preferences, but considering the general attitude toward effeminacy in our culture, it's downright aggravating.

Example: in a lot of gay circles "she" is used as a term of contempt for a gay male. "She's such a slut!" Effeminacy is mocked both within and without gay culture. Straights are afraid of it; and gays seem to tolerate it only in certain circumstances.

"I want a man!" means in effect "I want want someone who's not one of those contemptable swishy queens! I want a real man!"

Question: what is a real man? Shall we take out our yardsticks and measure machismo by the denim he wears or the hairy chest he has, or the ape-like strut he commands?

Gripe No. 2: "Kill those stereotypes!" Fine, I'm all for getting rid of the limp-wristed fairy and diesel dyke, but at the same time let's not come on with all this "we're just like you" bullshit. I don't think most gay women are in favor of women being subjected to menial slave labor (ie., secretarial work and housework) or of the nuclear family's "mother" role for women; and, most of all, are more assertive and independent than straight women, simply because they've had to be.

As I think most gay men are more sensitive, less machismo, more creative than straight men. These are stereotypes which we should be proud of!

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UNDERSTANDING THE POOR HETEROSEXUAL

By CHARLES BONNELL, B.A., M.B.S.

[Note: Every fact and every study referred to in the following paper is absolutely true. Every difference quoted is a statistically significant difference. Check it out yourself!]

Abstract

Recent sex research into the relative maturity of homosexuals and heterosexuals is reviewed. A great many facts point to the conclusion that a heterosexual is someone fixated at an early, immature stage of psychosexual development, and that most homosexuals have briefly passed through this stage on their way to mature, adult homosexual functioning. The possible causes of heterosexuality are discussed, and the multidetermined nature of the heterosexual condition is stressed.

The cause of heterosexuality has occupied scientific researchers for many years. Plato (*The Symposium*), God (*Genesis*), and countless other pre-scientists have tried to explain the heterosexual, but it was only recently that modern sociological resources have begun to yield insights.

This paper presents the thesis that heterosexuality is the result of an unnatural blockage of natural homosexual impulses. This blockage often occurs as a result of pathological early-childhood relationships, but often is also the result of low intelligence, simple retarded sexual development, early unhappy experiences in homosexual relations, or an unjustified phobia of normal homosexual relations or persons. Throughout this paper, "intercourse" will mean "heterosexual coitus" unless otherwise indicated, and "dating" is restricted to heterosexual dating.

Delayed Sexual Development in Childhood

The first line evidence showing the immature nature of heterosexual development concerns the rate of development of homosexual and heterosexual impulses. Saghir and Robins (1973; see references) discovered that homosexuals have had wider sexual experience than heterosexuals; therefore, homosexuals have a better basis on which to advance to mature functioning. For example, 48% of their male homosexuals had had heterosexual intercourse (Table 6.6), while none of the heterosexual males had ever had homosexual anal intercourse; in fact, only 23% of the latter had ever been masturbated to orgasm by another male (page 50)! The situation is even more striking in regards to women: "Significantly more homosexual than heterosexual women were involved in sexual intercourse" (79% versus 58%, Table 13.6), and likewise an insignificant number of heterosexual women ever engaged in a lesbian relationship.

Not only do homosexuals show a less lopsided pattern of sexual behavior, but they also start their heterosexuality earlier and get it over with sooner. The Saghir and Robins Table 13.1 shows that lesbians start dating earlier than heterosexual women, and Table 13.6 shows that homosexual women start intercourse earlier than heterosexual women (8% versus 0% before age 14!). Table 13.3 shows how heterosexual women continue to show the immature dating pattern for longer periods of time, and Table 13.8 shows the same weakness in regard to the number of years

spent engaging in intercourse. Likewise (page 85), "the process of dating among homosexual [males] was often short-lived and...frequently...a stage in the total evolution of the homosexual identity." Thus, those homosexual men who dated began much earlier than the heterosexual (40% versus 0% before age 16, Table 6.1), the dating was shorter-lived (Table 6.2), and many homosexual men skipped over the dating phase altogether (13% versus 0% of heterosexuals, Table 6.1). Again, those homosexual men who had intercourse got it over with sooner than the heterosexual men (Table 6.8); statistically equal percentages of both groups of men had had intercourse (page 88).

These findings have been confirmed by other investigators. The Kinsey Institute for Sex Research's so-called "San Francisco study", currently in press, found that a larger percentage of lesbians had prepubertal heterosexual experience than heterosexual women. Likewise, the (white) male homosexuals' heterosexual experience was more likely to include the more advanced techniques of intercourse or mutual touching of genitalia, while the heterosexuals showed more immature kissing and necking. Weinberg and Williams (1974) found that a

majority of male homosexuals have had orgasms in heterosexual experiences (page 213), while no study has ever found more than 40% of all men (including homosexuals among them!) having had even a single homosexual orgasm, not to mention the more advanced techniques. Manosevitz (1970) found that at all ages (except age 10-12 years), male homosexuals showed much more heterosexual activity than heterosexuals showed homosexual activity (Table 4).

Other Childhood Determinants

Often the heterosexual condition results from more or less chance events in early childhood. The above-mentioned San Francisco study, for example, found that the first homosexual experience of a pre-homosexual male child was likely to be with another adolescent boy, while the pre-heterosexual was likely to have his first homosexual contact "with an adult partner, and in a group setting"! Needless to say, this is not the sort of situation likely to encourage healthy homosexuality in an impressionable boy of inferior intelligence (see below) or delayed sexual development.

In their classic study of pornography and sexual preference, Goldstein et al. (1971) found that young "homosexuals report significantly less exposure" to pornography than heterosexuals and that this "marked difference...exists across all categories of exposure." If ever there were an example of the tragic effects of pornography on today's youth, heterosexuality is it!

Intelligence

It had long been suspected that heterosexuality is caused by a low intelligence. Thus the person in question may not realize what he or she is missing in ignoring homosexuality. Way back in 1957, for example, Scott wrote, "It has several times been suggested that homosexuals are more intelligent than other sex offenders [sic], and certainly they give the clinical [sic]



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impression of being in the main better integrated persons." Kinsey et al. (1953) found that the incidence of lesbianism is highly correlated with educational level at all ages (Figure 85). More recently, Raboch and Sipova (1974) found that homosexual males have an I.Q. distribution that is significantly far above average compared to the heterosexual controls. The notion that the low intelligence of heterosexuals leads to their ignorance of the rewards of homosexuality also receives strong support from the above section on delayed development—a great many heterosexuals have never even tried to attain a single homosexual orgasm!

Adjustment

The quotation from Scott above hints that, even in 1957, scientists were aware of the superior adjustment of homosexuals. But it was only recently that sociologists have revealed the full extent of the misery associated with the heterosexual condition. In making such a statement, of course, one must avoid overgeneralization. Just as there are a few—perhaps even several—heterosexuals who seem completely satisfied with their orientation, there must also be some homosexuals somewhere who are dissatisfied with theirs. In spite of this qualification, however, the scientific evidence is relatively clear-cut.

Evans (1970), using the "Sixteen Personality Questionnaire", found that homosexual men were significantly more Self-Sufficient and Imaginative than heterosexual men, which is not surprising given the data on intelligence. Siegelman (1972a), using the "Scheir and Cattell Neuroticism Scale Questionnaire", found that heterosexual women are more Submissive and overall more Neurotic than homosexual

Parental Background

The early years of life are critical in the causes of heterosexuality. Most confirmed heterosexuals, if asked, will admit that their parents were suspected of being heterosexual. Since such parents tend to be less intelligent, less self-confident, less goal-directed, etc., it is not surprising that some of their children should fail to achieve mature homosexual functioning. Such, after all, is the price *Homo sapiens* has had to pay in its rise from the jungle instincts of reproduction at any cost.

Siegelman (1974a), using the "Parent-Child Relations Questionnaire", found that heterosexual women's fathers and mothers women; using other scales, he found lesbians to be more Goal-Directed and more Self-Accepting. In another paper, Siegelman (1972b) compared homosexual and heterosexual men who scored low on the "Gough Femininity Scale" and found (on the Scheier-Cattell) that the homosexuals were significantly less Depressed, more Goal-Directed, more Self-Accepting, less Dependent, and had a better Sense of Self than did the comparable group of heterosexual men. (It would, of course, be unfair to include the high-Feminine heterosexuals in this comparison, since they often scored significantly poorer.) Thompson et al. (1971), using the "Adjective Check List", found that lesbians score significantly higher than heterosexual women on Self-Confidence, and that heterosexual men score significantly higher on Defensiveness than homosexual men.

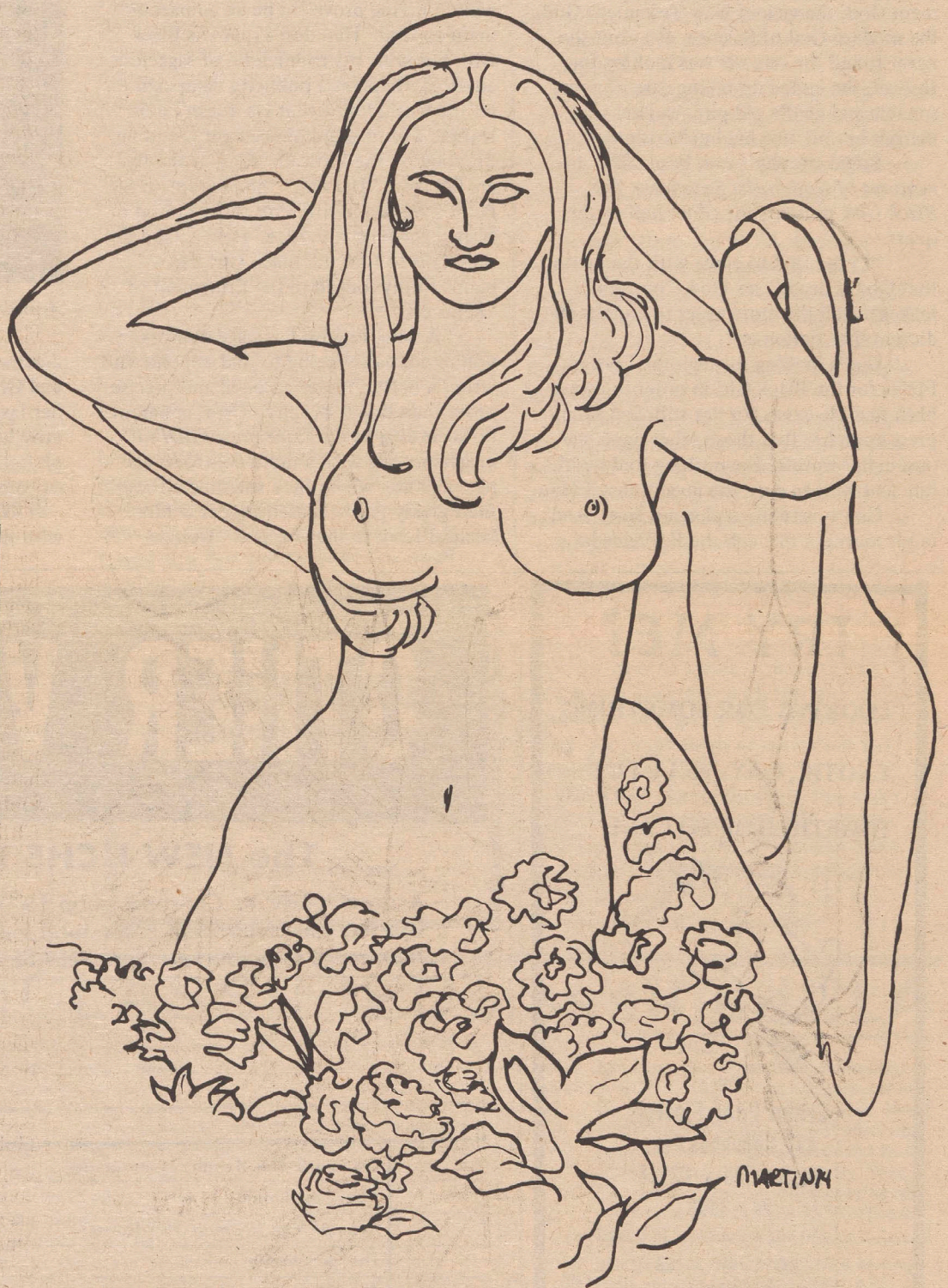
scored significantly higher on the Loving scale than did the parents of the lesbians; moreover, the heterosexuals' mother was rated as significantly less Demanding. The heterosexual women also reported themselves Closer To Father and Closer To Mother, and rated their Family Security as higher than the lesbians did. Thus, a common pattern causing heterosexuality involves a close-binding, excessively loving and intimate mother and father, and a mother who was excessively lax in her demands. Moreover, the heterosexuals themselves showed considerable confusion in deciding which parent they were closer to. It is scarcely surprising, then, that this playing off of father against mother resulted in the heterosexual women reporting significantly more Inter-parent Friction than the lesbians did.

The situation in the homes of heterosexual males is similarly depressing. Using the same scales as above and once again eliminating men who scored high on Femininity, Siegelman (1974b) found that the heterosexual men had fathers who were significantly more Protecting, less Demand-

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OFF THE BOOK SHELF

THE ADVENTURES OF GOD IN HIS SEARCH FOR THE BLACK GIRL

A Novel By BRIGID BROPHY

Little, Brown and Co., Boston
224 pages, \$7.95

Review By JOHN MITZEL

In 1934, George Bernard Shaw published an amusing book: *The Black Girl In Search of God and Some Lesser Fables*. The Black Girl, poor dear, ran into many gods in her search—the weird Old Testament God, the vicious New Testament God, the modern God of Science, etc.—but she never found the one she was looking for. Instead, she ended up taking care of a reasonable and gentle old philosopher who marries her off to a big-buck Irishman.

Brigid Brophy's new book, *The Adventures of God in His Search for The Black Girl*, presents the other half of the quest.

"I, the first to agree with the dictum that God is dead," sex God, "but that makes me all the more eager to contest the dictum that fiction is."

God's looking through the Elysian Fields for the Black Girl in order to establish that He exists for her still, and to impress upon her that those other ogres she met in her travels have nothing to do with him and were merely the inventions of Man.

God is actually a pleasant sort. And in his journeys through the E. Fields he

engages the ghosts of Voltaire, Gibbon, and Shaw in some provocative dialogue. Others drift into their conversations too, including a "humble Christian," who is by far the most obnoxious person in the book and who, with his zealous self-effacements and weird praying proves to be an embarrassment to God. Him don't find His Black Girl, but with His triumvirate of sagacious advisors, He plans a publicity campaign to let the world know that He doesn't exist; leaflets with this announcement are to be dropped on the Vatican. Alas, as the flyers fall from "Heaven," the pilgrims to St. Peter's are too indifferent, self-involved or rushed for time to notice. Hence, God not only fails to find the Black Girl, He remains firmly lodged in the firmament of "believers."

Among English-language authors, you're not easily going to find anyone who writes a better, more reasoned and precise prose than Brigid Brophy. (Nor, apparently, according to the Luce-press *PEOPLE* magazine, one with a more controversial personal life, which they splashed all over their glossy pages, presenting Mr & Mrs Michael Levy to the world as "Weirdo-

Homo-Lesbo-Combo," and not even extending her the courtesy of plugging her new book.) Brophy's a writer of ideas, but she's also one of great imagination and vast talent, as her impressive *oeuvre* to date well testifies.

And in *God-Black Girl*, amidst the



Author, Brigid Brophy, (Dustjacket Photo)

argumentative fun had by God, Voltaire and Gibbon, Brophy gets off her shots at her favorite targets: meat-eaters, unimaginative leftist cant, male supremacists, exploitative publishers, sexual hypocrisy and, of course, all religions.

God Himself appears to be pleased with the passing of Judeo-Christian-Moham-

edan cults. Yet, muses The Deity, "I do hope that, when all this literal belief is over, the Latin and Anglican liturgies will still be read as literature...They could be given in concert performance, only not perhaps *quite* as often as once a week."

Brigid Brophy's new book has gotten bad reviews so far in this country, and its publisher, Little, Brown, seems uninterested in promoting it, which is a pity. I found it to be a wonderful book, sassy, thoughtful and irreverent. The first half of the book is composed of twenty fables. One of these which particularly intrigued me proposes that Juan Luis Borges is none other than Ambrose Bierce who has managed through unknown means to survive and have a second literary career as an "exotic" Argentinian, his last cruel joke on the Anglo-American literary establishment.

The likes of Brigid Brophy don't come cantering so gracefully around our turf near enough for my tastes, and I recommend to all that they take advantage of this, her most recent spin.

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HETEROSEXUALITY

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ing, and more Loving than the homosexuals' fathers. This finding suggests heterosexuals have close-binding, intimate, excessively loving father, and a mother who is unable or even unwilling to break the bond of lassitude that was growing like a cancer between the two males. An interesting parallel can be drawn here with the importance of seduction by an adult male in the cause of male heterosexuality; even if the boy involved manages to avoid overt sexual contact, he is nevertheless prone to the mental effects of the unconscious incestuous relationship with his father.

Fear of Homosexuality and Homosexuals

We have seen that heterosexuals have much less breadth to their sex lives than homosexuals; one cause of this is fear of one's own genitalia and homosexual relations. This is especially true of males. Schmidt and Sigusch, of West Germany's Institut für Sexualforschung, studied heterosexual male and female University students. They found that the women did not report significantly different levels of discomfort after viewing films of male versus female masturbation; however, the men were very much more anxious viewing the film of their own sex. Considering the relative innocuousness of masturbation, we might have expected even stronger reactions had the films shown overt homosexual activity.

Indeed, Steffensmeier et al. (1974) studied the phobic reactions of heterosexuals to homosexuals. Only 33% of the male heterosexual students "would work with [a male homosexual] on class assignments", while 48% of the female students would with a female homosexual (Table 1).



Moreover, the fact that 13% of the male heterosexuals would not "allow [a male homosexual] to live in my nation" is indeed a sign of the incredible phobia that heterosexuals have whenever a homosexual exists within a radius of 3000 miles.

Conclusion

Modern sociologists agree that heterosexuality is a complex, multi-determined phenomenon with no simple explanations. After all, not all heterosexuals are alike: the habitués of the so-called "singles" bars, the net-stocked "streetwalkers", the reserved Iowa City newlyweds, and the lace-panties fetishist really have very little in common, except, of course, their sexual preference.

Nevertheless, some preliminary conclusions can be reached about the pathogenesis of some types of heterosexuality. A close-binding, overprotective parent or parents is one common pathogenic factor; overexposure to pornography in adolescence seems to be another. For some men, seduction by an older male seems to be a negative reinforcement leading to a heterosexual condition, and for other, an irrational fear of sexual relations with one's own sex seems to be paramount. Often, with both men and women, biological factors like low intelligence or retarded psychosexual development seem to be involved, although the old notion that heterosexuals have an abnormal chromosome number is no longer considered tenable.

Through all this welter of studies, however, shines one pre-eminent fact: more research is needed to more fully understand this mesmerizing, mysterious phenomenon called "heterosexuality". It is hoped that this paper will be one small step towards attaining that goal.

SPRINGFIELD ORGANIZES

By S.G.A.

Late in August a group of four people, two women and two men met at the Cabaret Lounge in Springfield. This small group firmly believed there was a need in the area for a gay organization and felt they would like to do something about it. They made up posters and hung them in the bars and called everyone they knew. The following week a dozen people showed up and not only wanted to rap about gay problems, but were willing to work at solving them.

From that meager beginning, grew the "Springfield Gay Alliance." Each week they gathered together, first in a bar, then in the reception room of a doctor's office and finally in their new headquarters, a meeting room at the Unitarian Church in Springfield.

Each meeting gives this energetic group new purpose and meaning. Their regular membership now amounts to over twenty people, with an advisory board of four consisting of a minister, a psychologist and two counselors.

On Nov. 19th, the S.G.A. hosted a guest speaker, the pastor of the MCC church in Hartford, Jay Deacon. A question and answer period followed Mr. Deacon's talk. This was followed by a coffee hour which enabled the many new people to get acquainted.

In the near future, S.G.A. is planning a few more public functions, such as a play which is a history of gay life in the U.S. and a Christmas party. They are planning to have more speakers who will be of interest to the gay community.

Early in their discussions it was felt Springfield's primary need might be to emphasize serving the gay community itself. This along with many others projects has kept the whole membership quite busy. S.G.A. is hoping that with the anticipated growth of their group they will be able to reach out to the fields of education and politics.

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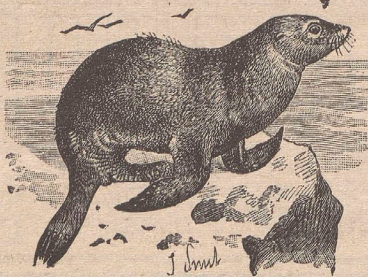
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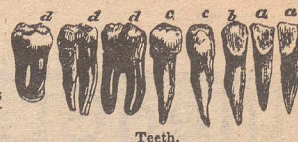
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Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667
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3 tues

Community Meeting with GCN to rally the support we so badly need. If you have ever thought of giving your energies to help this part of the gay community and have not got 'round to doing so, or if you want to do more than you already have, this is the time when we need you to be with us as never before. If GCN has been of value, if you think there is still a place for it in our life, it is now that we must all put the pieces together. Please make a showing at 7:30 at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. The paper you save will be your own!

4 wed

The Charlestown (Mass.) Gay Neighbors Association will hold its monthly meeting today. For time and location call (617) 241-8357.

A day long film benefit for GCN will happen today at the North Station Cinema I, 276 Friend St., Boston. Film will be highly acclaimed art/porn film "Passing Strangers" by Arthur J. Bressan Jr. The film, whose premiere this will be in Boston, has been heralded as "... a well polished story with excellent photography, touches of humor, good sound, exciting sex ... unusual technical polish ... a great sense of style." Screening will begin at 12 noon and be continuous about every hour and a half, with the last show at midnight. Admission at the door will be \$4.00.

For women only: Two films, *When This You See Remember Me*, Biography of G. Stein, *Lavender*. 7:00 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Sponsored by MCC Woman's Caucus. Adm. 50c.

GCN will hold another special Governing Board meeting tonight at 7:30 pm for the purpose of hiring a new office manager, and perhaps a new managing editor if there are enough applicants and if there is time. Everyone who works on the paper, paid or volunteer, has a vote and is therefore urged to attend. To be held at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

5 thurs

Gay Support and Action of Bangor, Maine will hold a discussion of *Food Co-ops* today at 7:30 pm at 138 Main St., Bangor. If you've ever thought about how you get your food, you may be interested in being at this discussion. If you've never thought about how you get your food, you should start.

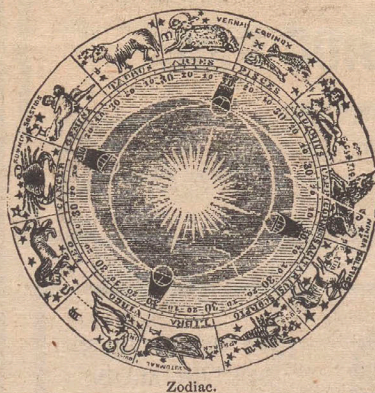
6 fri

MCC/Boston will sponsor a Couples' Pot-Luck Supper tonight at 7 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. "Vir Amat", a film about a gay male couple made by the Glide Memorial Church of San Francisco, will be shown. All gay couples of whatever sex are welcome, and ought to bring a hot dish, salad, or desert to share.

7 sat

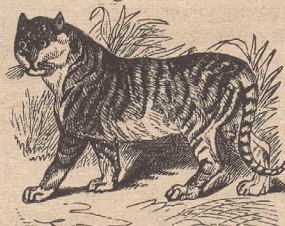
Bill Homans Jr., singer-musician-songwriter, and Esso Kugush, poet, will perform their respective specialties today at 8 pm at the Stone Soup Gallery, 313 Cambridge St., Boston. This will be an open party in honor of Esso's one full year of poetic editorial broadsides, published and dispensed on alternate Saturdays on the Boston Common. Bring a donation, eats, drinkables, and good vibes.

Boston area Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. All are welcome.



Zodiac.

A meeting will be held today at 2:30 pm for all persons concerned with the upcoming 1975 season of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts (Mass. State Legislature), and the proposal and abettment of pro-gay legal reforms, including anti-discrimination bills for the areas of housing, employment, and so forth. Also attempted again will be the decriminalization of those old bugaboos, "unnatural acts." Any wishing to work in any aspect of this campaign are urged to come to the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston for this afternoon's organization meeting.



Bengal Tiger (*Tigris regalis*).

8 sun

Gay Academic Union of New England will present a program entitled "Towards Community—an account of the New York City Gay Academic Union Conference" held over the Thanksgiving weekend. Will start at 2 pm in room 14E-304, at the Mass. Institute of Technology, Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Mass.

D.O.B. Fifth Birthday Party, 9 pm at Saints. Snacks, birthday cake, dancing. Adm. free. All women invited. Come help us celebrate.

Entre Nous, a non-profit organization dedicated to the leather and denim gay persons, will hold a flea market today from 1 pm to 5 pm at Bob White's 1270, 1270 Boylston St., Boston. Booths are available; write Entre Nous, P.O. Box 2063, Boston, Mass. 02106.

11 wed

Mass. Chapter of the Gay Nurses Alliance will meet at 7:30 p.m. Open to gay or straight RNs, PNs, nursing aides, attendants, and student nurses interested in improving health care for gay people. See article elsewhere in this issue for more info. Call (617) 232-6323 or 354-4169 for directions.

12 thurs

Gay Support and Action, 138 Main St., Bangor, Maine, will present a discussion entitled "Celery and Exercise" on losing weight at 7:30 pm. John Croxford will lead the discussion.

13 fri

GCN will hold a dance for its financial benefit tonight at 9 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Featured will be the women's band "Whitch." Donation at the door will be \$2.00. Beer in cans will be available for sale at the dance. Y'all come.

14 sat

Boston's Gay Jewish congregation, B'nai Haskelah, will hold its first fund-raising Chanukah party this afternoon starting at 3 pm and continuing till 11 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Share the joy, Jew or non-Jew, gay or straight. Donation will be \$5.00, by ticket only. For more information call (617) 265-6409.

A nationwide demonstration will be held today in support of integrated quality education. Boston will hold a mammoth rally and march, with featured speaker the Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy. The rally coordinators have asked for the organized participation of the gay community, so we plan to march in support under a "One Battle, Many Fronts—Boston Gay Liberation" banner.

Meet at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, at 11:30 AM.

28 sat

Gay Support and Action of Bangor, Maine, will hold a Gala Holiday Ball tonight at 8 pm in the Gay Community Center, 23 Franklin St., Bangor. There will be a buffet and live entertainment. Tickets will be \$4.00 in advance, and \$5.00 at the door. BYOB.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

everyweek

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—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details
8pm—MCC/Providence, prayer and rap group, 75 Empire St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm—WBCN-FM "Rhinos" radio show, 104.1, Boston

7:30 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
8:00 pm—Otherfund Inc. meet at GCN office, 22 Bromfield 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
7pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Me.

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

8:30 pm—UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College Trailer, 'R' lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Conn.
7pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.

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
7pm—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)
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine

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
7pm—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
7:30 pm—DCB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House

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
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield.
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House

Quick Gay Guide...see page 11