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By Jane Picard

GAYS JOIN MARCH

By IAN JOHNSON

(Boston) A gay contingent of approximately 200 persons participated with some 20,000 others in Saturday's "March for Freedom," organized by the Cambridge-based Emergency Committee for a National Mobilization Against Racism, and largely activated by the racist emotions involved in the present Boston busing controversy.

Although the march was slightly marred by confusion and factional disputes at the staging area in the Fenway for the march to the Boston Common, and by a slight clash with police at the intersections of Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston Street over the parade route, most participants, including the gays, were either unaware or undaunted by the problems.

Composed of people from the Maine Gay Task Force, and groups from Connecticut and Buffalo, N.Y., the gay section was very lively and led its section in numerous chants the length of the march. Such chants as "Racism-No," "The people . . . United . . . will never be defeated," and chants directed at the Boston School Committee were punctuated with "Ho-ho-homosexual, racist schools are ineffectual" to a mixture of surprise, amusement, and applause from bystanders and other marchers.

The estimate of 200 in the gay contingent is reliable in that 90 lavender armbands were quickly used up, and then almost all divided in half for others, with many people

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Noble Robbed and Harrassed

A toy burglary and a slashed tire have plagued the staff of Representative-Elect Elaine Noble over the last few days. Her car was found with a punctured tire on Monday morning and \$500 worth of Christmas gifts for children of the Fenway area were stolen Thursday night from Noble's office at 78 Queensberry St.

The after midnight burglars broke into the adjacent beauty shop through a skylight and made off with the toys, typewriter, a tape recorder, an engraver, answering phone, two radios, and a bicycle also was taken. Most of these items belonged to the Fenway Community Service Center which uses the Noble office.

The thieves left through the basement door, after overturning files and ransacking the office. Nothing was reported stolen

from the beauty shop although there were several portable hairdryers on the counter.

The children's gifts had been collected through a three month effort by members of Ms. Noble's staff. The items were for youngsters from three to twelve.

One of the top items was a pottery wheelworkshop that was slated to go to a craft-oriented youngster. There also was an assortment of stuffed animals, craft kits, records and books.

The robbery was discovered Thursday morning as the office was being opened to allow two neighborhood mothers in to select parcels for their own children, matched to the children's wants and desires. One, a mother of seven, is now faced with additional Christmas time problems, but she

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Meetinghouse Receives \$52,371

By LINDA LACHMAN

After many years of working for the Beacon Hill community and the communities of oppressed blacks and gays, the Charles Street Meetinghouse has at last been duly recognized by the establishment with financial support so that it may continue its ongoing programs of services. The \$52,371.00 grant from the Youth Advocacy Commission of Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime-Juvenile (TASC-J) for a Gay Youth Advocacy program is seen to be a major advancement for the gay community of Boston as well as a striking example for the entire nation in a first of its kind program. The proposal was officially approved this week and is to be operative by January 27, 1975. Although the funding of the program would be astounding news no matter what the actual amount, the grant is still \$13,000 short of the figure called for in the proposal budget.

The specific purpose of the program as it relates to TASC-J is to divert street crime, which in the case of the male homosexual adolescents includes hustling and hooking. As the proposal states, the Meetinghouse Advocacy staff hopes "to identify and provide advocates for youths between the ages of 7 and 17 who need the services of existing agencies of various sorts and—for whatever reasons—have not found their way to, or perhaps, through, those agencies which could best help them. Our purpose in pairing such a youth with an advocate is to avoid the former's institutionalization or reinstitutionalization . . . We would like to work with young people to direct their energies toward constructive growth."

The co-director of the program, Reverend Randall Gibson, has been the initiator

of many of the services which have kept the Charles Street Meetinghouse in the forefront of minority services in the past twenty years. The proposed program recently funded is actually one that has been going on informally for quite some time. And, as stressed in the proposal, the advocacy program would have been continued in any case to the best of the ability of the limited staff now engaging in gay youth advocacy, but it is hoped that by receiving funds for the program it can be expanded and maintained more effectively.

The staff for the program, besides co-director Gibson, will consist of another co-director, Suzanne Relyea, a volunteer at the Meetinghouse for two years who has been supervised by Rev. Gibson in crisis intervention and counselling, and administrator Steffi Sommer, another long time volunteer who originally set up and managed the Meetinghouse coffeehouse. There will also be six advocates who have not yet been chosen for the program. Resumes are being accepted immediately for these positions and those with exact details should stop by the Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St. in Boston, where a copy of the proposal may be read. Interviews for these positions will be held January 2, 3 and 4. The advocates will work with each assigned youth through any court involvement, including going with him or her to meet lawyers, probation officers, social workers, etc., help the youth investigate educational and vocational options, perhaps through counselling at a suitable agency, and generally fill a kind of trouble shooter role. The advocate is not a clinical counselling position, nor is the program set up for counselling, but for advocacy and referral.

The advocates will also, when possible, attempt to develop viable working relationship with the youth's parents and siblings, involving the family in advocacy programs in as creative a manner as possible. The question of parental authority and parental control is a sensitive area, says Gibson, particularly in relation to homosexual adolescents, and is one which requires understanding and thorough attention. Consultant for Family Services in the Meetinghouse will be Donna Medley, Director of the Education Department of the Homophile Community Health Service.

In announcing the receiving of the grant, Rev. Gibson stressed the enthusiasm which

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Rev. Gibson and Steffi Sommer of the Meetinghouse. By Ed Braverman



MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

ORONO—The Wilde-Stein Club at the University of Maine announced that it was working to establish an information-exchange network among New England college gay organizations. John Frank, who will coordinate the new project, said that member campus organizations will share information, problems, ideas and possibly projects. A newsletter will serve as the primary communication vehicle. Those interested are invited to contact Frank, c/o the Wilde-Stein Club, Student Union in Orono.

Jim Cyr, new program director for WMEB-FM, the university's radio station, has invited the Wilde-Stein Club to present a regular program. In a meeting Dec. 6 with members of the club, Cyr said he had attended a college radio conference recently and had discovered that most campus stations sponsored radio programs not only for women but also for gays. He said he was embarrassed that the university presently had neither. No details have been worked out but W-SC officials reported that plans should definate by mid-January. A radio program had been one of the priority items for this school year, a spokesperson told GCN.

All subscribers to the Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter will be shortly receiving a copy of GCN to acquaint them with the paper and to encourage them to subscribe.

Gay Resources in Western Mass.

A good place to meet gay friends is at the Pioneer Valley Gay Union. The group meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hair Styling Center in the Lord Jeff Amherst.

The Student Homophile League (545-0154) and the Gay Women's Caucus (545-3438) both have offices in the Student Union Building at UMass/Amherst. Call them for events and information. The Gay Women's Caucus meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center.

Both UMass Everywoman's Center (545-0883) in Goddell and the Southwest Women's Center (545-0626) in Hampden Commons provide excellent gay counseling.

Gay-related information, events, news, interviews, music and occasional dramatic presentations can be heard on Gaybreak. Aired on WMUA 91.1 FM every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 10:10 p.m. following the news. Send to Gaybreak c/o UMass., Amherst, your poetry, ideas, encouragement, and support.

A bulletin board of gay events is maintained at the Amherst Resource Center (253-2591), second floor in the Jones Library, Amity Street, Amherst.

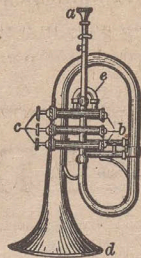
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existed on the eleven member Youth Advocacy Commission. Individual members expressed the opinion that the proposal was the most sensitively put together they had ever seen. One member also stated that they had read over 2000 proposals since they had been involved but had never come across one dealing with the subject of homosexual youths.

Rev. Gibson also discussed the years of background work at the Meetinghouse which built the necessary frame of acceptability in the eyes of the commission which enhanced the chances of getting funds for the program. As a clue to other gay organizations, he explained the necessity of creating a reliable name and consistent image of responsibility to the community. The Meetinghouse has been involved in work with various mental health agencies for years, not only in the specific area of homosexuality, but also in other related fields as well. This has meant attending hundreds of meetings of different health associations and working with persons involved in such institutions as the Lindemann Mental Health Center, the Harbor Mental Health and Retardation group, and the Harvard Medical Center. To be accepted in one's own field, it is necessary to demonstrate concern for the total community, according to Rev. Gibson. He added that he understands the apprehension in the gay community toward working in the rest of society because of attitudes of many of its members, but stated his belief that now is the time to begin building bridges to the larger community within which the gay community exists.



Bob White's 1270 is coming to Santa's aid. Upon hearing of the great toy theft at Elaine Noble's office, Bob White announced that anyone bringing a toy to Sunday brunch, December 22 will be admitted free.

NOBLE

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holds to the hope that the Noble staff will be able to replace the stolen items in time.

Many smaller items scheduled for distribution at the December 23 Elaine Noble Christmas party were also taken.

Noble's late model Vega was found Monday morning by two staff members with a flat right rear tire. A pair of sharp-nosed pliers had been stabbed through the tire wall. The act was committed sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning.

The irony of the situation is that the staff was about to use the car to collect Christmas groceries for needy families.

news notes

WHITCH CONCERT

"Whitch" drew 350 people to Charles Street Meetinghouse Friday night for the benefit of Gay Community News. Karen Brooks, Karen Baldassare, Merry Moscato and Wendy Sobel, who are "Whitch," played for 3½ hours to the crowd at the dance.

They did such numbers as "Grape Vine" and "Gimme Shelter."

The benefit, organized by Elaine Whitney, grossed \$860.30 and netted GCN \$717.25.

GAYS IN THE PROFESSIONS

The problems of gay people in traditional professions will be highlighted at a conference in New York City on Saturday, January 18, 1975. Sponsored jointly by the Homosexual Community Counselling Center and the Horizons Ministry of the Riverside Church, the Conference will feature a panel discussion with historian and playwright Martin Duberman, former New York City Health Commissioner Howard Brown, attorney Ann Ellwell, and theologian Robert Carter. Moderator of the panel will be teacher Meryl Friedman. Economist Jeffrey Escoffier will present a paper entitled "The Economics of Gay Identity: Passing vs. Coming Out." The afternoon session will be devoted to panels

and workshop discussions in the areas of education, law, medicine and religion.

The Conference will explore the problems involved in relating professional responsibilities and expectations to sexual orientation. The relative costs and benefits of openly acknowledging a gay identity will be discussed.

The Conference will be held at the Riverside Church, Riverside Drive at West 122nd Street. The registration fee of \$15.00 includes luncheon. Further information and reservations may be obtained by calling Charles Ihlenfeld M.D., 427-4455, during business hours, or by writing H.C.C.C. Inc., 45 East 74th Street, New York, NY 10021.

OTHERFUND NOW HIRING

Otherfund is now ready to accept applications for staff positions. These positions include Executive Director, Executive Advisors (2), Publicity Director, Office Manager, and Bookkeeper. Applications and job descriptions are available by writing: Otherfunds, GCN Box 3000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, 02108. Applications must be filed by January 6, 1975.

In addition, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows of available office space. Weekly meetings are on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Meetinghouse, and are open to all.

Pair Challenged in Wayland



Arthur Kanev and Peter Dimond of Glezen Lane, Wayland, have petitioned the Wayland Town Zoning Board for an exception to the present code that states that single-family dwellings must be inhabited by "blood relations."

The violation was brought to the board's attention by neighbors who complained that laws were being violated by more than one family being in residence. The neighbors also claimed that a male guest was living there too.

The issue of what constitutes a family is being subverted by the issue that anything but a strict interpretation of "family" would invite homosexual couples to Wayland.

The Zoning Board has not yet issued its decision, but people on both sides of the case have indicated they will test the decision in court. The League of Women Voters is interested in the case because of human rights implications. The Boston Globe in an editorial of Dec. 16 stated "Zoning Laws or other city ordinances should no more be used to advance narrow moral notions of a community than to bar blacks, orientals or poor people."

The Wayland Zoning Appeal Board ruled in March of 1973 that the bylaws prevented five unrelated persons from renting in town. On the other hand, the U.S. Supreme Court in a 7 to 2 decision ruled in April that a Belle Terre, N.Y., decision restricting land use to one-family dwellings was constitutional, but the ordinance defined family to allow two unrelated persons to live together within the one-family dwelling concept.

MARCH

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ple still left without them. Many gays that were late meeting the group at either the GCN office or Representative-Elect Elaine Noble's Fenway office, were unable to find the contingent at the park among the sea of banners, and marched among other groups. There were reports that several other gay groups, including another Maine group and one from New York, marched unaware of the main group's location.

The organizing committee actively encouraged the organized participation of a gay contingent, securing and printing of their leaflets, the endorsement of the Homophile Community Health Service and Loretta Lotman, Chairperson of Gay Media Action, as well as working with GCN and the Charles Street Meetinghouse on publicity and logistics support.

Rumors the day before the rally that the committee had decided to play down the gay support by cancelling a gay speaker were denied by Lotman, who explained that a gay speaker, perhaps Elaine Noble, was originally on the list, but Noble's absence for the International Gay Conference in Scotland and the limiting of the speakers to only approximately six, were the factors, explained Lotman. "There was definitely no hostility," she explained, and added that they had "been most supportive of gay participation; many of the original planners are gay."

As another instance of the cooperation, GCN learned that the National Committee solicited the aid of eight women from the Saints and the DOB rap, on the Tuesday night prior to the march, to put posters up in South Boston. In the cover of darkness, 'til 3 in the morning, they pasted posters up over the racial slurs over the storefronts, walls, housing projects and schools. In an interview with two of the participants, who wish to remain anonymous, they both showed great dedication and expressed outrage at the tone of the slurs that they covered. Remarked a bystander, "Those dykes can do anything!"

CONTACT

by Tom Caruso

(Hartford) A major goal of Hartford gay organizations is the creation of a gay community center to serve the area. The two most prominent Hartford groups working toward that goal are the Metropolitan Community Church and the Kalos Society. Both have held meetings to discuss the feasibility of such a center, but finances are the biggest obstacle.

The importance of a central location for providing services and information to the gay community was highlighted in a recent Saturday workshop sponsored by Hartford's M.C.C. The all day workshop, held November 16, was part of M.C.C.'s first anniversary celebration, but many of the 40 in attendance were representatives from other New England gay organizations.

The workshop coordinator, Boston's Rev. Don McGraw, helped initiate and lead various group discussions on "Gay Lifestyle and Leisure." Although the need for the gay community center dominated many of the group discussions, the importance of educating the public about gay needs, and the necessity of better media coverage for gay issues was also raised.

In a letter recently published by the Hartford Times, Hartford's M.C.C. pastor, F. Jay Deacon, offered a gay response to the two New Milford, Connecticut Baptist ministers who contended that teaching home economics to sixth grade boys was promoting homosexuality in their local public schools.

Labeling the Baptist ministers' claims "highly insulting to gay people," Deacon noted that "straight men can learn from gay men—who aren't generally ashamed if they can cook, and aren't threatened if they possess feminine qualities such as sensitivity or gentleness." Deacon went on to lament the many straights who cannot accept many important elements of their own personalities because they subscribe to a religion that identifies God as male.

Deacon also wrote of the tragedy of gay youth who have no Gay adult models for their own growth. "An openly gay school superintendent would not last in any school system," noted Deacon. Claiming that every aspect of school life is stacked against gay adolescents. Deacon said that gay youth find little help in affirming their own identity.

"Unable to experience adolescence in the way that is natural for them, gays are frequently forced to experience that necessary phase later in life," Deacon wrote. "And it's hard to be an adolescent when you're in your 20's or 30's."

Closing with an attack on those who support the same damaging and outmoded fears and prejudices of the Baptist ministers, Deacon said: "It's too easy to condemn people who are 'different' in the name of a God who looks like you. Apparently, She made some people homosexual. Don't lay the responsibility for that on the school."

Dignity Hosts Author

By PHILIP SEARS CASTLE

On Tuesday, December 10 Dignity National sponsored a get-together with Reverend Clinton Jones, author of a new book entitled "Homosexuality and Counseling", published by the Fortress Press. Reverend Jones spoke to a large and responsive group of men and women at St. Clement's Parish on Boylston Street. He outlined his philosophical approach to counselling, talked of his book in detail, and answered questions from the group in general. Coffee and cake were served, and among other things we learned that gayness in geese is rather common. A review of the book will appear next week.

NGTF Hires Lottman

By JACK ARMSTRONG

Loretta Lotman, who has become a fixture of the gay rights movement in Boston over the last year and a half, has moved to New York City to become media coordinator for the National Gay Task Force.

She will replace Ronald Gold, who recently resigned from that job. Officially she will be the tentative replacement. But unofficial word is that Lotman will be named as the permanent replacement by the NGTF board of directors soon.

In her new position Lotman will be doing much the same sort of work she has been doing with Gay Media Action in Boston. But her duties will be expanded. She will be working directly with executives of newspapers, magazines and national television and radio networks to make sure that gay people are represented fairly in mass media.

Hints that Lotman, 25 years old, was looked on favorably by NGTF came earlier this fall when NGTF appointed her coordinator for the nationwide protest against an offensive episode of the ABC-TV series "Marcus Welby, M.D." Partially through her efforts six television stations (including WCVB-TV in Boston) blacked out the offensive episode, and another 11 stations broadcast "disclaimers" warning that the show depicted gay people objectionably.

Lotman also helped with the protest several weeks ago of an episode of the NBC-TV series "Police Woman" which gay people found objectionable. But that hastily conceived protest was less effective than the Welby protest was.

In New York Lotman will focus her efforts on national television networks, "because they help shape the lives of everyone." She hopes to establish a Gay Media Action group in New York to work with local television stations "so I can concentrate on the national networks."

She also hopes to "set up the proper channels" with network officials to allow gay people to submit television scripts that would portray gays in a realistic manner. And through NGTF's newsletter she hopes

to tell gay people across the nation how they can obtain access on local television and radio programs and how they can most effectively protest against stations.

She also has long-range plans for helping to establish a gay news service, and for publishing pamphlets and posters patterned after the Lavender Rhinoceros poster campaign on the MBTA in Boston.

Lotman came out on March 11, 1973. She recalls the date vividly because she wrote in her diary, "Hallelujah and praise be liberation! Now I want to come out!" So enthusiastic was she that she auditioned for a part in the Johnathan Katz play "Coming Out," and was a member of the production's first cast in Boston.

Two weeks after she came out WCVB-TV broadcast a series of "documentary" news segments on "Homosexuals In Boston," a series which outraged many gay people. Lotman and a small crew of gay men and women formed the Ad Hoc Committee For Truth in Broadcasting. The group evolved into Gay Media Action, a broad-based group which has organized protests against several firms, including the Boston Phoenix, and which also produces the Closet Space radio program on SCAS-AM and which sponsors the Lavender Rhino poster campaign.

Although she had considerable experience working for television and radio stations in her hometown of Chicago, and had worked for WGBH-TV and Creative Learning Group in Boston, she was unable to get a job after she became a gay activist.

"I foolishly thought being active wouldn't hurt me," she said recently, recalling that a radio station manager told her she was qualified for a nighttime radio talk show job, but that she could not be hired because of her gay "notoriety."

Ellen B. Davis, a former news editor of the GCN and a new member of GMA, will assume many of the duties Lotman had here.

GAY WEDNESDAY

By KEVIN J. MCGIRR

"Congratulations, you have just come out, welcome to Gay Wednesday." Such was the message given to blue jean wearers as they passed through the main corridor of the Mass. Institute of Technology. Last Wednesday, Dec. 11, three University gay groups (MIT, Tufts, and Harvard-Radcliffe) sponsored Gay Wednesday on their respective campuses, an idea that was originated and pioneered by the Rutgers University Homophile League. The purpose of the day was to identify anyone wearing blue jeans as gay. The action purported to symbolize the oppression of Gay people by pointing up the assumption that people are straight until they declare otherwise. The intent was to reverse the discrimination and stigmatize the entire community as well as to dramatize the dilemma of gay people in their inability to identify each other. Aside from this noble purpose, such a demonstration simply served to make visible the presence of gay people in their communities and provoke discussion.

All three campuses publicized the advent of Gay Wednesday with articles, advertisements and posters at each campus, as well as a slide presentation that was interjected at the MIT film series. Both Tufts and MIT gay students leafletted on Wednesday. Responses varied from straights wear-


ing blue jeans in support to the usual snide remarks, profanities and giggles. Reports from the campus groups also expressed a, "I'm not going to be intimidated," kind of response. As this reporter randomly questioned jean wearers at both Tufts and MIT many people responded that they saw the action as a prank. One person reported a sign hanging in his dorm which read, "If you don't like fags telling you what to do, wear jeans on Wed." A few posters were noticed calling for straight Friday in reaction to Gay Wed. Tufts gay students also reported that many students seem to view Gay Wed. as a game; a decision as to whether or not they would be intimidated. Aside from the usual profanities, the "you're sick" invective and the torn down posters people expressed that they felt imposed upon and that the demonstration was unfair. One person walked through the leafleters wearing a t-shirt that bore the inscription, "I love jeans but I hate queers." When questioned, this male retorted with stock intellectualisms stating that he believed in heterosexuality because of "biological and philosophical rationale." He was wearing jeans and suggested that we should have chosen pink tights to identify ourselves. "They have no right to impose this on me," was a very usual response.

When a few people were asked how they felt about being identified as gay because they were wearing jeans, their response was often supportive and claiming not to be uptight. But they were also quite prompt to inform me that they were not gay. One person responded that people were mistaken in identifying him as gay because of his blue jeans. When he was asked if he had ever made that mistake in reverse, "I hadn't really considered it" he acknowledged.

Perhaps a stronger statement, more subtle and silently made, was the decline in the number of jean wearers.

Clearly society has not recognized the fear of homosexuality and homosexual identification. Both MIT and Tufts groups (and they make no claim to scientific precision) took a survey of the number of jean wearers on comparable days. At MIT there was a 47% decrease in jean wearing and a 29% decrease at Tufts. At Harvard, although there was no leafletting, there was also a report of a decrease. Perhaps there is a danger in exaggerating the significance of these statistics although the point of the demonstration was not to count numbers; but to create a process whereby people could come to appreciate the stigma and fear of homosexual identification.

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active week

It was a week of good news and bad for the gay community. Charles Street Meeting House finally received some of the recognition it deserves for its Gay Advocacy Program as it received a grant in excess of \$52,000 from TASC-J. Two hundred gays marched in the "March for Freedom" and met with cooperation and support from the organizers and other participants.

The bad news on the scene was the robbery and vandalism at Elaine Noble's. But it does not seem right that the few persons involved in the harassment of Elaine Noble should offset the good news from Charles Street and the March.

Even if Charles Street funding is \$13,000 less than requested the grant should be considered seed money for area gay groups that are providing community services that are unavailable elsewhere.

And the March can serve to remind us that all is not what it should be, as the march was rerouted to serve the interests of the Boylston Street merchants who feared a loss of Christmas revenue. But Dick Gregory's words were well chosen as he urged all of us not to turn on the people of South Boston, for that only continues and perpetuates the problem of racial conflict.



EDITORIALs be well...

There is a certain sadness this week at GCN. Three prime staff members: Ron Arruda, Ian Johnson and Linda Lachman are leaving.

Ian has been with us since the first issue and has served as publisher, business manager and news editor. Ron started as a volunteer in August '73 and moved to full-time office manager in April. Linda joined us in July as managing editor, she's leaving to take a job in computer operations.

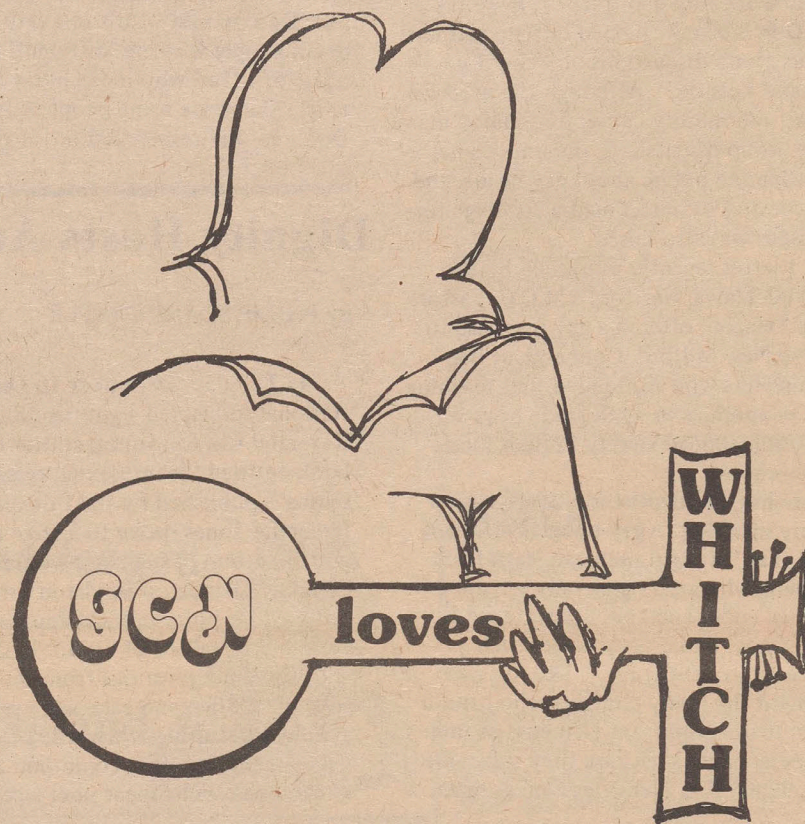
Their departure is particularly poignant

as it is the holiday season and one is more aware of the passing of time and the movement of events than at other times.

Having known these people for just over a week, we who are replacing them, cannot yet claim friendship—but we can speak of them with respect and admiration for the work they have accomplished at GCN.

As they leave, we can only close the ranks and assume their goals for our own. This is the most effective farewell.

Be well...all of you.



LETTERS



bar harbor

Dear GCN:

Let me tell you a tale of Bar Harbor.

Joan and I were there in October, (sorry it took so long to write to you about this) and in the midst of a long conversation in front of the fireplace we started to speak of marriage counseling and how such a service might smooth out the rough spots for us.

We called the counselling service at Bar Harbor Hospital. Yes, they have a counselling service. But when we explained that we were a gay couple, the response was: "We haven't had that problem here before, I'd have to check to see if any of our staff would handle you."

Never before had we believed that we had a problem, and a problem so unique that no one had it before, even in Bar Harbor. Never before had we thought that counselling services were available at the option of the staff.

Enough said on Bar Harbor—but are you in the real world?

Cassidy

beware

Dear GCN:

Where I work I run into a lot of people, and want to warn your readers about two of them. Both are 19-year-olds, male and pretty in a late adolescent way. One is very tall and skinny, with dark hair; the other is about 5'10", medium-dark hair, slender, with a pubescent mustache. Both of them go to gay bars, get picked up, taken home, at which point they beat-up and rob the people who took them home.

They shared this information with me. I have no reason to disbelieve it, they're nasty enough. So, watch out.

A Boston Social Worker

no parade

Dear Editor:

I am writing as a middle-aged, combat veteran of WWII, poor, college educated, disabled Jewish Gay who has struggled and suffered many years to be free.

I, too, admire the activists in the Gay Liberation Movement but am somewhat distressed to find these splendid young gays scattering their efforts in such areas as race relations instead of concentrating their strength and limited resources on the major areas of Gay Liberation.

As I see it these areas are: decriminalization of various sexual relations between consenting adults; lifting of legal barriers directed at gays in employment, housing, military service, etc.

When gays take a left-wing political position they seem to identify themselves with the pro-communists and I think this repels many gays. When gays identify with a right-wing position they seem to favor neo-nazi attitudes that bring to mind the torture and mutilation and murder of many gays by the Nazi terrorists in the 30s and

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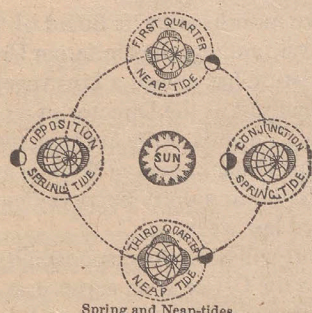
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Let me close by quoting a short saying which I carry with me: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change those I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

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A Friend in Brookline



Spring and Neap-tides.

...hinterlands

Dear friends at GCN;

I want to send along some words of support from the hinterlands of Vermont. Yes, I care that GCN continues—I hope it can thrive, not just manage to exist.

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Bill Lippert



rightonrhino

Sister and Brothers:

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ZAP!

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Sincerely,
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[Ed.—Tom; Stop in when you do get to town.]

santa?

Dear Editor:

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License Renewal Contested

The Boston Licensing Board met in City Hall last Wednesday, Dec. 11, to hear evidence for and against the liquor license renewal of The Other Side and Jacques, two gay bars owned by Henry Vara of Profile Lounges Inc. The four hour meeting was attended by an estimated 80 people, 50 to 60 of them employees of the two bars who will be out of work if the bars are forced to close, and 15 to 20 people from the Bay Village Association Unincorporated, which is one of the tenants groups in the area where the bars are located. The Association is petitioning the license board to revoke the licenses.

Two residents of the Bay Village and members of the Bay Village Association Unincorporated, testified to the Board that the area around the bars is noisy until late at night, that cars are parked illegally on the sidewalks, and that there are frequent fights and disturbances. Ms. Joan Campbell, a resident of the area for nine years, told the board that the area has deteriorated and that female prostitutes "just adore my corner." She further stated, "Cars drive around the block that the bars are on, going against a one-way street in order to do this." Leonard Phillips, president of the Bay Village Association, told the board, "I have no objection to licensed establishments per se, or to Mr. Vara. In fact, I lived for a time in an apartment building owned by Mr. Vara and had no problems at all. What I have seen in the last few years because of these bars is the development of a situation which is terrifying to Bay Village residents. People are afraid to leave their homes at night and walk in the area because of the fights and disturbances."

State Representative Barney Frank of the 5th Suffolk District, which encompasses the two bars, told the board, "There are many licensed premises in my district and there are few problems with them. There are more complaints to the police, more violence and disruptions in these bars than anywhere else in my district, and I recommend to the board that these bars do not have their licenses renewed."

Letters from Mayor White and City Councilperson O'Hara were read to the board, both urging the board not to renew the licenses.

Lt. Det. Leoni, acting as representative for Deputy Police Supt. Jordan, commanding office of vice control, reported to the board that since May 1973, there have been an inordinate number of crimes and incidents in the area of the bars. Superintendent Jordan feels that the bars are a considerable drain on the resources of the police department and should be closed.

Mr. Francis DiMento, lawyer for Profile Lounges Inc., countered these charges by explaining that all the complaints made about the bars did not concern the bars themselves but the area outside the bar. He told the board, "The licenses cannot be revoked unless specific violations have been committed in the bars. No evidence has been presented to this board that demonstrates any violations of the law either in

Jacques or in The Other Side." DiMento explained that the bars and their predecessors had been established for 41 years and the area where they are located was designated by the Boston Redevelopment Authority as an entertainment area.

Several police officers testified that they had been assigned to special detail in the bars, and paid by Mr. Vara. They considered the bars well-managed and the management very cooperative with the police. The police officers noted that at the request of the bar management, they patrolled areas outside the bars to decrease loitering and disturbances.

Mr. DiMento charged that the problems outside the bars are caused by the curious from the suburbs who come down to see what is going on. "The clientele of these two bars, for the most part do not own cars to block the sidewalk. Crime in the streets is a city-wide problem which cannot be blamed on these bars. In fact these bars have done a great deal to combat crime in their areas by hiring police officers to maintain the peace," he said. Mr. DiMento argued that there are several entertainment centers in the area such as Howard Johnson's and the 57 Theatre complex, which could help to account for the large amount of foot traffic in the area and the parking problems. "The Other Side," he said, "has been exiting its clientele through an alley and onto the Charles St. Annex since July 1974, to avoid disturbing Bay Village residents."

Boston City Councilperson for Roslindale, Albert O'Neill, told the board that the situation in the Bay Village area is unfortunate and is the responsibility of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. O'Neill told the board that the Redevelopment Authority "created this mess and have now handed it over to you to solve."

Two employees of the Nineties Restaurant, whose license is not up for renewal, were selected by Mr. DiMento to tell the board of the economic hardships they and their respective families would face if Profile Lounges, Inc., were to close down.

Mr. DiMento also argued that the Bay Village Association is not representative of the residents of the area. "The majority of residents in the Bay Village area are completely unconcerned about what happens to these bars. The members of the Bay Village Association are concerned that their property values will go down if the do not turn the area completely residential."

The Bay Village Association Inc., which is a breakaway group with Larry Cisco, a local realtor, as its president, presented to the board its support of the license renewal.

The Homophile Union of Boston presented a letter to the board, encouraging the board to renew the license. Kevin Sullivan, spokesperson for HUB, told GCN that the fights and disturbances at the bar are caused by "straight people from South Boston trying to take the bar over." He and the bar employees consider the issue an anti-gay effort by Bay Village residents.

Mr. Phillips of the Bay Village Association told GCN, "I have absolutely nothing against gay people. Napoleon's bar is in the area and I have no complaints about this bar at all. Several years ago, before the bars got very rough, I used to go to Jacques for an occasional drink with friends. This is not a gay issue; it is an issue about fights, noise and prostitution."

The three-man board and its advising attorney will hand down a decision on the renewal sometime this week.

GAY NURSES MEET

The Massachusetts chapter of the Gay Nurses Alliance met on Wednesday, December 11th to decide the direction of the group and to plan future activities. Thirteen people were present including two from New Hampshire.

It was decided that three representatives would attend the Mass. Nurses Association Human Rights Committee meeting in February, when the primary topic will be issues concerning gay patients and gay health personnel. This is a first and important step in educating nurses on a professional level.

Plans of a presentation for the next MNA convention were begun. This will probably be a display or panel discussion of gay health issues. It is hoped that this will reach a wide range of nursing personnel.

Several people are interested in speaking to groups of nurses and schools of nursing. Plans are under way to contact schools of nursing to begin this program.

The next meeting of the GNA will be around March 1st. GCN will publish date and time when it is set. For information about GNA, call 232-6323.

New Office of Gay Concerns

By JOHN KYPER

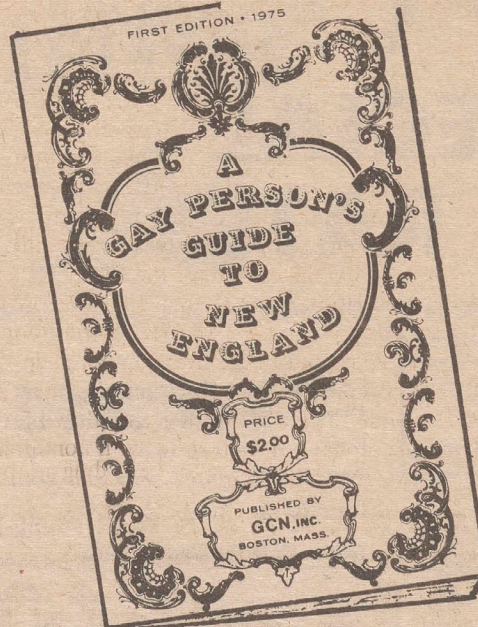
Two months after its Board of Trustees' approval funding, the Unitarian Universalist Association has named a Los Angeles lesbian feminist as the Director of its Office of Gay Concerns. Arlie Scott, active in the National Organization of Women and the L.A. Gay Community Services Center, was selected last week.

Scott will have the responsibility of setting up the Office as an active part of the denomination's Department of Education and Social Concern at its Boston headquarters. She is expected to start later this month.

In a related development, 29 ministers and lay leaders have signed an open letter critical of UUA President Robert Nelson West. A month ago West had issued a statement that termed the Office "a distortion of priorities." Both West's statement and the reply were printed on the front page of the denominational newspaper, the *World*.

The reply read in part: "We are saddened and dismayed to discover that the President of our Association has chosen to frustrate the will of the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees by repudiating the Office of Gay Concerns even before it has been established. No matter what Dr. West's motives, his statement can only serve to undermine confidence in the Office and to make its effective operation exceedingly difficult. Unfortunately it seems obvious that the initial task of a director when appointed will have to be to deal with the hostility of an administration which is morally obligated to provide effective support."

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“1974, Year of the Whore”—a new coyote howl of loose winnmin everywhere—wuz passed from mouth to mouth as hookers, ex-hookers, frens, supporters & lovers of hookers came together² for the gig of the year, “Coyote’s” Masquerade Ball-In. The Longshorepeople’s Union Hall, a giant geodesic dome in san fran’s whard area, wuz “turned out” as Drag City on October 27. Drove (thousands) of folks came in drag as their favorite fantasies to show their support for the rights of sexual freedom for prostitutes & other “victimless criminals”.

This unprecedented happening wuz conceived to raise bread & broad support for hookers' survival needs, including a bail-fund & other legal services, medical aid & counselling. The Foreplay Cocktail Party (for fancy folks at \$25 a head) & the follow-up Masquerade Ball (\$10 a head, base worth for a self-lovin' streetwalker) were led off by whore-able (simply horrible!) Margo St. James on decriminalizing prostitution. She founded "Coyote" (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics), originally a hooker's union, now a growing action coalition, on Mother's Day, 1973. Farmworkers, gay people, black people, industrial workers, among others, are working together, uniting around their common interest in sex & the right of all people to control our own bodies, free of regulation by the state.

“Coyote” is a good example of a thriving female-dominated political coalition, wimmin up-front, men in the wings. The coyote, known in Creaturedom as non-sexist, loose-lovin’ & the wittiest of all wild animals, wuz chosen by clever san fran hookers as a symbol of themselves. Margo is a high-humored, life-digging hooker, who knows, takes & spreads her own power. Coyotes like her around the cunt-ry³ are doing a lot to change the image of hookers from “heart-of-gold” socially out-cast, pitiful Mary Magdalens to socially out-front, heady, resourceful, freedom-seeking wimmin.⁴

It wuz 'round Hallowe'en & we (roaming "Sister" reporters) went to the gig dressed as an Amazon for Freedom & a Bat outa Witchdom, in solidarity with ancient matriarchs & mental ("batty") patients. Martha Washington, draped in red, white & true-blue, & Mao smokin' a people's weed showed for the scene. One upfront presswoman, revealing her whore-



Margo St. James, Coyote's Gallumping Whorse

consciousness, appeared with 2 (male?) hands "clittering"⁵ on her breasts.

The Ball was steeped in whorifying (to the puritan mentality) humor: "Hire a Hooker, Buy a Piece of America," (political satire), "No Hippo-Critters Allowed" (radical in-dig-at-the-nation), "Birds & Bees & Snakes & Apples" (proud pagan symbolism). A gig bar, "where the grown-ups hang out" & United Coyote Corner, where streetwalkers meet, divided the adults from the animals. A poster of a woman whose crotch became a coyote & her arm a swan wuz an example of surrealist sexuality.

Shel Silverstein of the funky rock group, Dr. Hook & the Medicine Show,⁶ invited everyone to GET DOWN on the floor & roll around to celebrate opening up “a new era of social acceptance”, a new attitude toward wimmin gettin’ down for love & money. A light show with common streetwalkin’ symbols⁷ & a drag contest

with out-ragin' outfits followed.

One of the contestants, a drag queen, wuz at home in his element, til he later got beat up by Hell's Angels while others—cops & fella faggots alike—watched him, helpless, go down. Teddy, a san fran queen, seized the time & the stage, to give a passionate political rap, reminding us all that, while we play, others still die & cry out.

The absence of directed consciousness raising & a focus around the basic issues of prostitution & puritanism seemed to be the missing links of the evening. It is in the nitty-gritty (needy-greedy) interest of all wimmin that prostitution as a basic reality of a \$\$/commodity economy be understood & seen in perspective. This consciousness of our common reality as hookers, forced on us all by "the man", in marriage or out, is a potential source of strength & solidarity among wimmin. Conscious coyotes, hip to where men & "the

man" are at, are in a real position to add this di(wo)mension of consciousness to women's liberation. (Ah Women)

Perhaps a more politicized program wuz planned for the evening, but fell thru when the women—Joan Baez, the Pointer Sisters & Linda Lovelace—all copped out. Seems like so many artists cop out of movement benefits, either for bread they can make somewhere else, or for political reasons, as with Baez. Wuz sharing the stage with a “porn” symbol to radical a statement for Joan to make at this time? Even tho’ as a pacifist, she’s marched many miles with communists for peace, she wouldn’t walk a few streets to the long shore to share a woman-identified message: “Free Our Sisters, Free Our Selves.”⁸

We were disappointed by the lack of visible women thruout the evening, especially in an organization inspired & led by women. Men did most of the rappin' & most of the singin'. A dude wuz the formal "master" of ceremonies. The fact that wimmin usually run the show wuz not as visible that night. Perhaps a womon-m.c. (ms. of celebration) woulda made that mo more obvious to all. When it became clear that the planned female-entertainers were not showing, even on short notice, more sisterly coyote yelps coulda gone out.

to bring more wimmin into the ball
since we are the sex that started it all.

Political emphasis on the links of common oppression wuz also needed—for instance, the common oppression of hookers, gays (expecially Lesbians), hetero “oral copulators”, masturbators, incest taboo shatters, child-lovers, animal-lovers & other “sex offenders”.

All wimmin are judged by straight male Christian standards of sexuality—monogamy, marriage & hetero sex. Independent wimmin, who defy these standards, are bagged together & share a common sexual oppression.

Straight society says,

“Dykes & whores are uppity wimmin.”
 “Dykes & whores are bitches too big
 for their britches”.

It is all true! Neither Lesbians nor hookers depend on society's accepted ways of making money & making love.

Since heterosexuality is the norm in society & therefore in the prostitution movement, the common bonds between Lesbian lovers & "professional" lovers are
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THE NUDE BEACH CONTROV



By FRED JUNGSMANN

The young man from New Jersey stood naked on the peak of a windswept dune on top of the cliffs facing the Atlantic along the remote coast of South Truro. "How perfect!" he said, "all of this so beautiful—and the people, the complete freedom. It's a park now, no land rapes, it'll be this way forever!"

As he spoke, small trickles of sand slid from the frail primary dune beneath his feet. The yellow roots of dune grass felt the glare of the sun, and the dryness of the air. There could be no recovery. Those few wisps of grass were gone. In the months to follow, even now, winter winds find the weakened spots in the primary dunes. As they wither away, the glacial strata of clay and sand cliffs below the primary dunes are open now to erosion, scarring, falling.

The painful irony is that the young man was helping to destroy that which he came to feel, and sense, and love. No willful vengeance here. It's just that he didn't know.

Cape Cod National Seashore Rangers reported that 2400 people who enjoy nude swimming and sunbathing used this area each weekend of the summer. Counts of up to 900 were common even on weekdays.

Fourteen years ago, a proposed sub-development by a local realtor was one of the reasons cited by the US Department of the Interior, and Congress, for the establishment of the Cape Cod National Seashore. To date, the Seashore's Master Plan singles out the area as one of several "wilderness" areas not to be developed. It is instead designated as a conservation zone. For the first ten years of the National Seashore's presence, and for more than a century before, this area boasted only a few human souls on even the summer's most glorious day.

But these few souls did something unique then, and unfortunately, still unique—they shed their clothes. They felt the beauty of the sun and water; they felt freedom and joy. And why not? This area was over a mile from the nearest public beaches. No one was there to offend, if offense was worthy of consideration. And it was a tradition. Nude people had enjoyed the

beaches in this remote area of Cape Cod since the days of Henry David Thoreau's writings on the "Narrow Land."

Then, in the 1960's, at a place called Long Nook, a few miles north of where the young Jersey man stood this summer, gay society discovered the narrow land. Nude bathing and other fun things flourished. A few straights and families would

more remote area along the South Truro coast. No raids ever happened there. But something else common did happen. Where gays pioneered a new lifestyle, straights caught on and followed.

The population and the infamy of Truro's nude beaches mushroomed, as first the underground press told of the place and then *Time*, *Newsweek*, countless radio and TV stations spread the news. By 1973 the dozens of the people had become hundreds; by 1974 the hundreds had become thousands. A majority were straight, but it didn't matter. Gays and straights got along fine and all enjoyed the same ambience.

However, the peaceful rural town was not prepared for the influx. The spot has no roads leading to it, no sanitation or litter collection facilities, no safety protection. The area is frail land and vegetation. Soon the problems started.

Near Long Nook in 1973, a huge section of weakened sand and clay cliff fell at high tide. Luckily it was near dusk and few people were there. Still, an 11-year-old boy was buried alive. Hours later, under searchlights, the local volunteer rescue squad pulled his crushed and lifeless body from the sand. Along the South Truro Shore at the nude beach, on Labor Day of 1974, a young man drowned in full sight of hundreds. Luckily for those brave people who tried to save him, there was no rip-tide to cause a multiple drowning. That has happened at Cape beaches where there are life guards.

Now, the crowds have gone, and one can walk out on the beach and see the litter, the crushed vegetation and the damaged dunes. Truro people are protesting the ruin. The protest is not new; it has just reached peak volume in the year that the crowds have reached peak volume.

For over a year there has been organized opposition. Two Truro groups are now the prime movers for action. The Truro Neighborhood Association and the Truro Voter's association had already appealed to the National Seashore. They went to Secretary of the Interior Morton and to Senator Kennedy. When an inquiry was held about the drowning, officers of the Department of the Interior appeared. Before and

during the summer there were public meetings with the Acting Police Chief, the Truro Selectmen, and the Truro Beach Commission.

The protestors now claim to have no argument with nudity *per se*, just to the "attractive nuisance" that it becomes when only one small town is host to it. Last March, at the annual Town Meeting, Truro voters defeated a proposed by-law to outlaw nudity. They even turned down two new parking ordinances proposed to deal with the influx of summer cars. Truro's voters said that it was the National Park Service's problem, that no extra money could come from the economically-depressed town to post and enforce new laws.

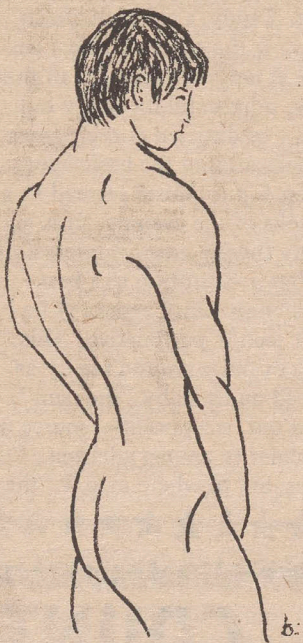
One of the showiest protests was led by a retired TV network executive who claimed outrage at not being able to get a parking space at the nearby Town beach. He hired a private plane and an aerial photographer to take pictures of the crowded beach at an altitude high enough to show the crowds, but not individual nudity. Just before the town meeting the local press quoted his disparaging remarks about nudity and gay people. Despite his efforts, the anti-nudity by-law was defeated because town people were concerned about the cost of enforcing the laws.

When the summer season of 1974 arrived there were token efforts by the Park to control the crowds. A few signs appeared here and there, saying "Private Property: Please be Courteous—Respect Owner's Rights." The signs usually stayed in place for less than a day. The Town police and the Park service stated a "live and let live" approach to the nude beach for the time being, but the few applicable Town parking laws were vigorously enforced.

In the same mid-summer week, *Time*, and *Newsweek* magazines chose to publicize the beach, implying that it had been sanctioned, legalized, or even institutionalized by Truro and the National Park. More and more people came to see and try.

The majority meant no harm to the area or the town and went out of their way to help. Most picked up litter meticulously. Many who knew of the dangers cautioned others about the frailty of the dunes and the dangers of the sea and cliffs at certain times. But a minority of the crowds acted differently; this minority caused devastation.

A path near a town beach leads to the nude beach through a valley of beauty and tranquillity. At its entrance the path crosses the land of a family whose large property borders the shore. Though not people of great wealth, they have resisted any efforts to commercialize their land, sell it to the National Park, or the like. It remains in its natural state. One of the great joys of this family is their horses corralled near the path. The horses have been tortured with thrown rocks and splattered mud. These people's home, and almost all others along the Pamet Roads, has been besieged with people parking on the lawn, even in the garden! Often these families have received severe verbal abuse, or worse, simply for asking people not to leave their cars. When Truro closed a sec-



be there too. Yet the population in those days never exceeded a few dozen at a time. Still, police raids occurred. Not surprisingly it was the gays who were arrested. The former Truro police chief referred to them as "the boys from Provincetown" in his comments to a local paper following one of these arrests.

Later the scene moved. In the early 1970's the gays started going to the even

NTROVERSY REVEALED

NUDITY BANNED AT TRURO IN 1975

tion of the Pamet Road to parking the problem merely scattered. In many wood-side areas, cars and vans were simply plowed head on into the vegetation. Frequently, the little path through the quiet valley felt the roar of motorcycles, some of which then went on up the dunes over the native wild cranberry ground cover. The vegetation will show the scars of just one car or cycle for years. Atop the dunes, piles of litter remain.

A local merchant, already the subject of environmental violation suits by the town's Selectmen, chose to exploit the situation. He started a parking lot and shuttle bus from his commercial property to the little path. Nearby, a local realtor simply opened a parking lot and let people hitchhike to the various approaches to the nude beach. Because he was also chairman of the town Beach Commission, he took the greater "flak" from the local press, suggesting conflict of interests. Elsewhere, everywhere, cars parked wherever their drivers chose to leave them. In short, an ill-behaved minority of those attracted to the nude beach, and the sheer numbers of the well-intentioned others, combined to create a legitimate problem.

Ideas on how to solve the problem vary. There are many who would like to see the Town of Truro or the National Park take over management of the nude beach, leaving it where it is. Some propose making a black-top parking lot out of the valley near the beach. Others want to widen Collins Road and make parking spaces along the sides. This road runs parallel to the South Truro shore, but is nevertheless often more than a mile away. So, the proposal would also entail long walking trails in to the beach, and entrance to it over the dunes and cliffs.

Others question the need of more parking lots, trails, and resulting ecological damage. They point, with at least statistical accuracy, to very large existing parking lots at both Head of the Meadow ocean beach and Corn Hill beach on the bay. Even at the summer's height, these lots are rarely more than half full. Why not just designate areas adjacent to these already developed beaches as OK for nude swimming and sunning, they say.

The question of a total ban of nudity in Truro, or throughout the National Seashore, has now come back into focus. Last week, GCN reported on the November 23d meeting of the National Seashore Advisory Commission, which was set up in the Seashore's basic charter. Made up of representatives from each of the towns within the park, the commission advises the Department of the Interior on any issue involving the co-existence of the towns and the Park. The Commission's edicts, while usually accommodated, are not binding on the federal government. The November 23d vote opted for banning nudity within the seashore with a statement of regret at the need for the move; it pointed to all of the attractive nuisance and ecological aspects of the problem but stressed that the vote was not meant to be a moral statement or an attempt to regulate individual liberties. The board specifically excluded "small numbers of nude bathers in isolated areas" from

its recommendation.

Cape Cod National Seashore administrator, Lawrence Hadley, was now faced with making a ruling. Hadley is new to the job. The Interior Department rotates commissioners. Hadley replaced the 7-year veteran Les Arnberger in 1974. He claimed that he would deal with the problem squarely and solve it. But, when Hadley met with the Truro Neighborhood Association at Town Hall on November 29, he equivocated most of the evening. He claimed that his policy manual for Park Commissioners allowed no room for each and every suggestion that was forwarded. Hadley cited his solution to the problem of overpopulation of Elks at Yellowstone, then he said that the shooting of nudists wouldn't work at Cape Cod. That was his one definite statement of the evening.

The presiding vice-chairman of the Truro Neighborhood Association read aloud

several passages from Hadley's manual which seemed to give him much more authority than he wanted to use. After Hadley's appearance, the meeting heard from the Town Beach Commission about plans to tighten up Truro's muddled beach parking sticker system for the summer of 1975.

In a sudden move this past week, the Truro selectmen withdrew the proposed by-law banning nudity from the warrant of the Dec. 16 town meeting. They did so as a result of a unanimous vote of the town's Finance and Advisory Board recommending a negative vote on the nude bathing ban again based on the far reaching implications and cost of enforcing the law. The Finance and Advisory Board also firmly reiterated that the problem was the National Seashore's and not Truro's!

Perhaps forced to move by Truro's latest action, Seashore Superintendent Lawrence Hadley released a lengthy ruling last

Saturday. In it, he announced his decision that nudity would in fact be banned within the Cape Cod National Seashore this coming summer. His "decision" was in the form of an appeal to his own superiors at the Department of the Interior. There seems no doubt that Washington will agree since the Interior Department long ago gave Hadley the green light to arrive at any solution to the problem he could. Perhaps Hadley's appeal to Washington is a prelude to asking for more manpower to enforce the regulation. At present Hadley has only 36 rangers on his staff to patrol the entire 30-mile stretch of the park. Hadley's statement cited all of the environmental and overcrowding problems previously discussed.

The best bet is that we have not heard the last of the controversy.

[Fred Jungmann is a resident of Truro and active in the town government.]



Truro's Nude Beach at the height of the summer season.
—Photograph by the Provincetown ADVOCATE.

THE FILM SCENE

"Cabaret" Falls Flat on Its Message

Cabaret
a film by Bob Fosse

Review by GARY JANE HOISINGTON

Cabaret comes on with the suggestive menace of the Dark Presence at a cocktail party: white titles appear on a deep black background, with the discreet clinking of glasses and murmured chatter on the sound track. When the curtain goes up, so to speak, the first thing we see is a huge distorting-mirror reflecting garish colors, warped contours. We are plunged, and stay plunged, into "BERLIN 1931" as imagined by an historically astute interior decorator certain to win a six-page spread in *Vogue*. If time recaptured were a matter of matching the right bracelet with the right shoes, this film would knock Eisen-



stein right out of the ring. The surface qualities of this film, however, are the only qualities it has, and for all the historical hoopla it tries to conjure, *Cabaret* tells us about as much about the spread of Nazism as the Good Food Guide tells about endangered species. The takeover of the Nazis is indicated, like Ionesco's rhinoceri, by the observation of more of them at the end than there were at the beginning. But, as they say in the movies, "it had to be this way", if you're out to make a modest musical shoulder a burden of meaning no musical is equipped to deal with. *Cabaret* takes on a plethora of moral questions it isn't prepared to answer; so much the worse.

The film is as insincere as it is pious, like those clergymen who "absolve" you of being homosexual "as long as you don't do anything". Personally, I find it odd that a vehicle for Liza Minelli would presume to say anything important, particularly about the virtues of decadence, or the tragedy of decadence, or whatever exactly it is that all those Storm Troopers and anti-Semitic dance numbers are supposed to tell us. The only Jew in *Cabaret* eliciting any authentic compassion is the lapdog owned by Marisa Berenson, and in a film about "BERLIN 1931", a lapdog shouldn't be required to take on this kind of theatrical responsibility.

Cabaret is photographed nicely—this is what people generally say about a film they don't understand or don't like and in this case it happens to be true. The MC of the KitKatClub played by Joel Gray does



look demonic, in a cute way, just as Liza Minelli looks depraved, in a cute way. As Sally Bowles—and I'm not relying strictly on theatrical or fictional precedent—Ms. Minelli is too cute for her own good, and I seriously wonder if she is capable of being anything besides cute. As a singer, she's competent; as a dancer, less so; as an actress, though, she has the expressive range of an Ice Capades midget. She has become the latest object of fag hag worship—Judy Garland without pathos, at least so far—re-

markable for her inadequacies, her devotion to performing, however badly, "to all those fans, out there, who have scrimped and saved week after week for a glimpse of that special magic that only I can give them," as Glenda Jackson campily remarked in *The Boy Friend*.

Here is an example of a "more than a musical" musical that should have tried to be just a musical. As presented, *Cabaret* is something else again: a pretentious, bad musical.

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William Burroughs is the author of six novels, two of which *Naked Lunch* and *Nova Express* are certainly among the most devastating books of our time, and for quite different reason. *Naked Lunch* is, as has often been said, "a piercing cry from hell, an attack on everything that is false and hypocritical in our society"; *Nova Express* carries on the themes of *Naked Lunch* but is a major revolution in fiction for its technique, which is a fragmentation or scatter-bombing of the English sentence into discrete verbal units. Burroughs is a great writer, perhaps the greatest living American writer. He is also a crackpot, and if *The Job* doesn't convince you of this, nothing will.

The Job is a collection of interviews conducted with Burroughs by an enterprising French journalist, Daniel Odier. It first appeared in a hardcover edition about four years ago, at which time I thought that if Burroughs had any interest in being an extra-literary influence on the American scene he had most assuredly blown his chances. *The Job* affords an oblique sort of glimpse into Burroughs' day to day life, consisting, one would gather, in such elucidating activities as sitting in orgone boxes, delivering impromptu lectures on the evils of Scientology, and trying to drive people mad by walking through crowded streets playing tape recordings of "subliminally manipulative" messages. The paranoia informing the statements in *The Job* leads

Burroughs to advocate the elimination of females, among other things; the Mayan codices are discussed at some length, anthropological speculations, etc.

Burroughs claims to be an anti-fascist, but it's hard to think what he might be if he isn't, in fact, a fascist. It's one thing to speculate on the cloning of babies from the sphincter tissue of young boys in a novel (*The Wild Boys*), quite another to advance this as a biological necessity in an interview. As in his novels, Burroughs sounds here like some extraterrestrial invader whose intentions are questionable, parrying critical scrutiny with allusions to a 'higher mission' whose full scope could only be revealed by some Uranian deity. One of the most repulsive theories Burroughs espouses is the idea that women contrived the patriarchal family system to castrate the infinitely superior male. Burroughs' ideal society, elaborated in a long digression captioned "Academy 23", is one in which women are tolerated for reproductive purposes, led by an army of half-Tibetan, half-Hitlerian young boys (the physical type of young boy is aggressively Aryan in Burroughs' recent writing. It used to be Arab boys.) who sound a lot like the Hashishin.

Granted, Burroughs is against capitalism, against corruption, against a lot of the things that are false and idiotic in our society. But what he seems to be for is even worse, a totalitarianism of the liberated.

WHORE

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often overlooked. All the more reason for conscious coyotes to look for ways of making these political connections:

"One Man/One Woman is not where it's at for Hookers & Lesbians."
"Hookers & Lesbians are part of the hummin family, not the nuclear family."

Ultimately, our common struggle for hummin liberation is rooted in our understanding of our common bondage of wimmin. Wimmin, as the sex in bondage, will lead in the struggle to set us all free.

'74 will be remembered as the Year of the Whore. It is the year to reckon with the division of the world in two distinct parts: the whores & the pimps. Most of us are whores, selling some part of ourselves to the pimps in control—our talents, our time, our labor, our lovin', our lives.

1974 marks the rise of Coyote, U.S.A.'s first conscious hookers' tribe, & the downfall of "head" pimp, Dick Nixon. From the looks of things, the hookers are comin' out ahead. "Better an honest hooker than a crooked politician."

Sudi & Cree
of "Creature Comfort(h)s"

1. North American cat-call, perhaps spiritually linked to the freedom howl of Algerian wimmin in North Africa, who helped re-SOUND the struggle of wimmin internationally. (See flick, "Battle of Algiers", where wimmin are central in the revolutionary process against

French domination of Algeria.)

2. "Our convention is different. We want everyone to come", wuz one of the messages that came out of the first hookers' convention, thrown by "Coyote", in June.
3. "Pony" (Prostitutes of New York) & "Asp" (Associated Seattle Prostitutes) have recently taken root as part of our counter-culture.
4. Bree, played by Jane Fonda, in "Klute", & Mary, in Nelly Kaplan's French film, "A Very Curious Girl", are 2 recent examples of the hooker with head & heart.
5. Female counterpart of "cock-rock" glitter.
6. From "Git Yer Pichur on the Cover of the Rolling Stone" fame.
7. Padded bra, fire hydrant, upside-down North American flag.
8. Buffy Saint Marie, in her song, "Sweet Fast Hooker Blues" & Joni Mitchell, in "Raised on Robbery", have recently expressed their solidarity with hookers. Maybe sisters like these, who've shown their willingness to risk on behalf of wimmin, are more likely to come out for sisterhood at the next hookers' pow-wow.

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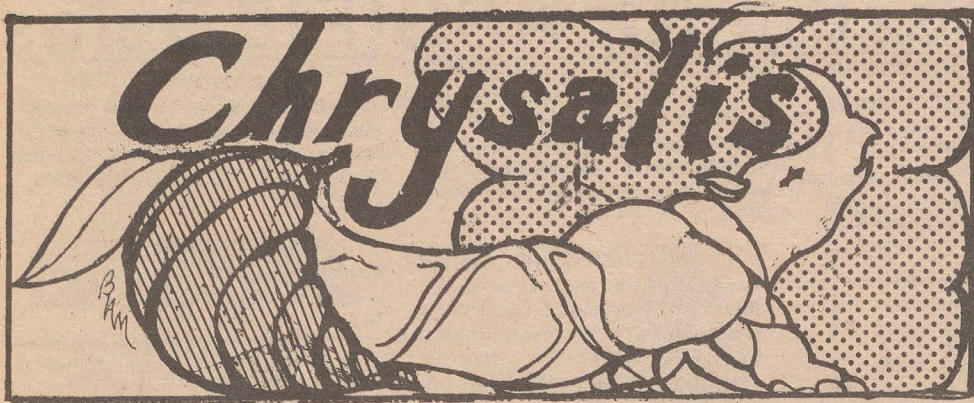
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Chrysalis is a new column written for GCN by the Alex Portnoy of the Gayworld.

By K.

All through school physical education was the period I dreaded; the bleeding sore in my schedule that I finally escaped with a doctor's note. But I was free only from the hour a day; my unconscious remained a vast locker room I entered and relived in sleep.

Elementary school recess ill prepared me for my graduation into junior high and what was intimidatingly called 'Physical Education'. In recess I was free to hold one end of the rope in the girl's deadly serious game of jump rope, or watch the males play kickball.

I might have guessed what was coming. In fourth grade everyone had to run the 600 yard dash and the only person I was ahead of was Linda Pasteurs, whom I promptly fell in love with. I didn't discover until later, after my emotions had been set in their mold, that she had merely hurt her foot.

So I graduated to junior high where I made two, not unrelated discoveries. P.E. was where it counted and in P.E. I was the pit, the untouchable below the bottom of the order. Secondly, I discovered that I wanted to get my hands on those gorgeous men. I didn't have a clear idea what I would do once I did get my hands on them, though my unconscious fantasy seems obvious in retrospect. I would fuck them and strangle them, not necessarily in that order.

The only part of the period that provided any amelioration for the pain was shower time. Here there was a side benefit other than cleanliness for those inclined to take advantage of it. (In fact, it didn't provide cleanliness at all, just nudity. By the time you had been cramped in line for

your towel and dressed in the shuffle you were as sweaty and smelly as before, only now it was mixed with the odor of steam.)

First of all, I loved the levelling effect. Some ten classes were cramped into the locker room and only the members of one class (and the elites of the other classes, who were in contact with the elite of my own) knew that I was an untouchable along with the duds, the fatties, and the four-eyed math whizzes who were picked last in the sorting out of teams and that I couldn't do a pull up if an alligator were biting at my nuts.

Now I don't know how much of this was due to my own paranoid projections but it certainly seemed that there were quite a number of others getting an enjoyment out of the showers that went beyond hygiene. Random hands, quick accidental brushes against crucial areas, once overs, cramping in line for towels—for those of us who played it was a mass courtship dance, a fabulous hidden orgy that made our hearts go thump thump thump.

Since the majority did not know I was a low beast, I was judged on physical merit alone. Here a handy trick improved my socio-sexual standing. Upon coming in from strenuous activity the average penis shrivelled to infantile proportions. I believed that because my flaccid penis was small, my erect one must be small also, in comparison with the others. (Masters and Johnsons proved me wrong, and I have been a devotee of their work since.)

Well, my wee wee had little or no drawing power so I devised a system to assist it. As we lined up to go into the lockers I began madly fantasizing until I got my penis to the state of maximal engorgement it could attain while still hanging downward. This process was assisted by Eddie Baker

who always managed to line up just ahead of me, and lean back slightly. In this way I disguised my penis so that everyone thought I was naturally hung. My wee wee became a COCK. Now *that* had drawing power and what I lost in self esteem on the field, I partially made up in shower victories.

This feat of penile legerdemain was, unfortunately, a bit precarious. Anxiety saved me from complete erection, though once, sandwiched between two hunks from the elite, I was saved only by my towel. The greater danger was in the other direction. It took constant monitoring to keep myself in penile equilibrium and if I forgot myself for a minute the whole charade came tumbling down.

Once a boy sent out signals (that, of course, is all we ever did. At least I never saw anyone take another's phone number in the showers). He came by the next day; only, instead of yesterday's COCK he saw only my wee wee. The look of confusion on his face was priceless, although at the time the price seemed high.

There was a direct correlation between penis and ego, with my ego as the dependent variable. As my penis grew so did my ego; as it shrunk, I shrivelled. But that ex-

pansion was a hollow success as my defeat on the field was permanent. To this day I will not participate in any group or contact sport (except, of course, sex.). To this day I can feel my hate of the mean—talking coaches who pampered the athletic elite; I can feel my daily dread of the big black dude who used to enjoy hitting me in the stomach during dressing-time. (He found it a refreshing interlude—but then he had his own battles to fight). I can still feel my bottled rage the day Howard Merton spit on me for kicks; I can still see the big wad of mucous on the front of my shirt.

I knew even then that many lived in darkness. They were primitives compared to me, I who knew Spinoza and felt Ferlinghetti. But my high school haughtiness could not protect me. When it came to the meat of things, Spinoza's geometric philosophy could not help me, except as a cathedral of quiet and escape.

My hate has faded but I will not forgive. I could only stop hating myself, stop hitting myself by re-turning my anger to its true source. For years they made me believe it was me. I am no christian and I will not forgive.

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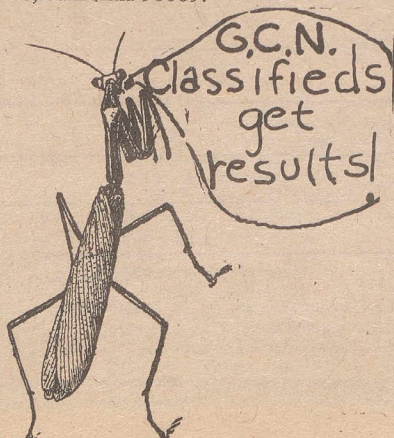
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pen pals

I'm an Aries, 5'10", 170 lbs. I love David Bowie, New York Dolls, and all classical music. I'm into sports such as tennis, baseball, and basketball. I'm presently incarcerated at Soledad, Calif., but am originally from Newport, Rhode Island. I would like to write to brothers interested in politics, and someone who will accept me for what I am; not for what I've been. William (Billy) DeWitt, PO Box B-34742, Soledad, Cal. 93960.

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Dear Browneyes: Saw you again at the Saint's during the DOB birthday party. I was too shy to speak, but I'm sure you noticed me. I didn't take my eyes off you all evening. I'll be there again on Sunday. Please come too. Maybe we can get a little closer.—Woman with the Sappho book.

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19 thurs

The Good Gay Poets present the Fabulous Sylvia Sydney--The Biggest Quean in the World--in a "Poetry and Dish Night" at 8 pm at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Requested donation is \$1.50 at the door.

Note: This event was erroneously listed as Wednesday, but it is, in fact, Thursday: my apologies.

20 fri

The Company of Players of St. John the Evangelist will present *A Sleep of Prisoners* Christopher Fry December 13, 14, 15, and 20, 21, 22, at 8:30 pm, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 33 Bowdoin St., Beacon Hill, Boston. Admission by donation of \$2.00 at the door. Group reservations invited; call (617) 227-5293 between 10 am and 4 pm daily.

22 sun

The Springfield Gay Alliance will hold a Christmas party today from 6 to 10 pm at the Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, in Springfield. Price of admission will be \$2.00 at the door, which includes refreshments.

MCC/Hartford will begin a series of monthly Sunday afternoon buffets with a Christmas buffet at 6 pm this evening at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1 Amity St., corner of Park St., Hartford. Tickets will be available by mail only from MCC, P.O. Box 514, Hartford, Conn. 01601, and are \$1.50. The annual Christmas service will be held up-



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23 mon

Gay Health Night at the Fenway Community Health Center will be held on Monday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 30, instead of on the two Wednesdays as usual because of the holidays. Fenway Health Center is at 16 Haviland St. in Boston

24 tues

MCC/Worcester will hold Christmas Eve services tonight at 8 pm at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester. All are welcome

Dignity/Boston will hold their midnight Mass tonight at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. The service is open to all who wish to attend. Come early to avoid parking problems.



25 wed

A free Christmas dinner for the community will be held today at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Watch this space for more details.

The Charles St. Meetinghouse will hold a free Christmas dinner for the community today. Serving will begin at 2 pm, but come early, as there will only be room for the first 150 people. The fare will be a traditional ham dinner with all the accoutrements. The meal will be held at the Meetinghouse Coffee House, 70 Charles St., Boston.

MCC/Worcester will hold a traditional Christmas turkey dinner today starting at 1 pm at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester. Also bring something to share with others.



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.

31 tues

A New Year's Eve party at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, beginning tonight at 8:30 pm and lasting until?? Live music by Airline, refreshments, dancing, mad poets, free champagne for everyone at midnight, plus an inexpensive cash bar. Presented by Jack Powers for the benefit of the Meetinghouse and Stone Soup Society. Tickets available for \$5.00 each at Stone Soup, 313 Cambridge St., Charles Circle, Boston. For more information call (617) 523-9481.

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4 sat

Active Gays' Brunch will hold its monthly meeting today at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, at 11 am. All are welcome.

Gay Legislation will hold its second organizational meeting today at 2:30 pm at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. The laws you change may be your own.

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

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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
7:30 pm--HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7pm--MCC/Providence, Love-Feast Pot-Luck, supper, 75 Empire St.

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--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
7:30 pm--HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

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 sup, 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.
7:30 pm--HUB TV Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm--WBCN-FM "Rhinoceros" 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

6:00 pm--Otherfund Inc., meet at Charles St. Meetinghouse
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

1:45pm--MCC/Providence services, 75 Empire St.
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

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