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Wedding Day at City Hall

By Rick Paquette

BOSTON — On May 1, at high noon, on City Hall Plaza, a gay wedding took place. Gary Dotterman and John Cyrus were united midst the lunchtime mingling of government workers. The double-ring ceremony was celebrated by a minister of the Church of the People's Choice.

A small reception following the nuptials was held for a few close friends at Dotterman's apartment. Later that afternoon the celebration continued at the Other Side, where both Dotterman and Cyrus are employed. Dotterman said that he wished to emphasize that the wedding was not a publicity stunt for the Other Side, which is currently involved in a public confrontation with the Bay Village Association. The decision to hold the wedding on City Hall Plaza was an expression of openness and gay pride. Cyrus told GCN that their wedding may seem a revolutionary act now, but hopefully in the future it won't be.

Dotterman, who strongly supports the Socialist Workers' Party, said that the May 1 date for the wedding was chosen to celebrate the worldwide people's revolution.

Johnnie stated that people around the club are "calling me Mrs. Dotterman, and I like it." GCN extends best wishes to "Mr. and Mrs. Dotterman" for a happy marriage.



Gary Dotterman (on top) and John Cyrus, after their wedding outside Boston City Hall, May 1 (photo by Jane Picard)



Sun and frolics at the Gay Recreational Activities Committee picnic, Mother's Day, May 11 on the Boston Common (photo by Ray)

Robbery in New Hampshire

EXETER, N.H. — Sterling Example, a gay owned jewelry shop, was broken into at 3:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. A large amount of hand-crafted jewelry was taken in the robbery. Laura Perkins, owner of the shop, is offering \$100 reward for information leading to the return of the following items: gold necklaces, gold bracelets, large cloud necklace with wings and ivory carved face, large breast necklace with seven breasts, 40 silver and gold rings, 15 pieces of art deco, 3 art deco compacts. Anyone with information should contact Laura Perkins, c/o Sterling Example, 27 Exeter St., Exeter, N.H.

Calif. Bill Signed Into Law

*By Douglas Sarff
Gay News Alliance/NewsWest*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed the consenting adult sexual acts bill into law, but the law will not go into effect until January 1, 1976.

Had a script been written for it by a Shakespeare, the passage of the bill, AB 489 by the California Senate May 2 could not have been more dramatic.

The last-ditch effort by police departments and fundamentalist churches to defeat the bill — the hectic maneuverings on the Senate floor — the grim debate — the tie vote — and the breaking of that tie by Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally — all seemed parts of some mysterious scenario deliberately planned to maximize the tension and publicity.

Dymally had to be flown by helicopter to the capitol out of a San Francisco fog. At 7:50 p.m., standing under a vast portrait of George Washington, dwarfed by the vast, columned chambers of red and gold, Dymally gazed upon the hushed, expectant Senators and the hushed, expectant gallery and announced:

"The President of the Senate votes 'aye'." There were gasps from the opponents in the gallery — and applause from the Gays. It had been done.

The historic bill, named after San Francisco Assemblyman Willie Brown, would legalize sexual acts between consenting adults in private.

Called by some the "homosexual bill of rights," it would void California's century-old laws against sodomy, oral copulation and adultery for all kinds of

partnerships: man-man, woman-woman and man-woman.

Brown introduced the bill annually starting in 1969. But this was the first year the bill got beyond the state Assembly. On its first trip to the Assembly floor in 1971, it was overwhelmingly defeated. This time it passed by a margin of almost 2-1.

Assuming that the Assembly approves minor Senate amendments to the bill (including a prohibition against homosexual acts in penal institutions) and that Gov. Edmund Brown, Jr. signs it into law, California will be the first state to have passed such legislation with debate on the floor of its legislative houses.

The morning's debate had been partly biblical, partly philosophical and partly politics.

Calling it "the most important bill ever introduced in this body on the critical question of victimless crime," backer Rep. Moscone (D-San Francisco) asked the "respected" opposition not to "impose your moral codes upon the public. That's not the business of the state."

But Rep. Richardson (R-Arcadia) had his Bible and 3,000 telegrams against the bill. He held the telegrams above his head in fistfuls. "The will of the people must be served," he said.

The Long Beach Police Department, which had conducted a last-minute drive against the bill, had supplied Deukmejian with various statistics. Of 179 arrests for oral copulation and sodomy in the city in 1974, some 175 were for lewd acts in "public places."

While acknowledging that public sex would still be illegal under the Brown bill, Deukmejian said such figures "indicate the moral character of homosexuals."

"There is something missing in these people (homosexuals) . . . something in their nature which compels them to have sex in public," said Deukmejian.

Deukmejian also predicted that "homosexuals and their supporters will not be satisfied with this bill. They will want more and more, until we put our sanction on their activities in public places."

Two senators, David Roberti (D-Hollywood) and Albert Rodda (D-Sacramento), rebutted Deukmejian's argument that "civilizations have collapsed because of rampant immorality."

Rodda, a distinguished history instructor at Sacramento State University — and a Roman Catholic layman — is often called "the conscience of the Senate." Citing Gibbon, Mill and other classic authors, Rodda said Rome had fallen, not because of moral depravity, but "because of Christianity."

It was clear that Rodda and other senators who voted 'aye' would get no payoff at the polls. The bill divided all the factions. One senator from Fresno voted for it, while another from the same town voted against. Eight Democrats were adamantly opposed, and three Republicans were just as adamant in its behalf. Not one senator could be persuaded to reverse his vote in order to avoid the tie.

Worcester Speaks Out

By Julie Benavides

WORCESTER — Worcester Gays held the first Gay speak-out at Worcester library May 10. Information on FBI harassment, gay alcoholism and current practices in mental hospitals was shared. Speakers made statements on coming out and read gay poetry.

There were disappointingly few straights and few new gay faces. Approximately thirty-five of the community's more active gays attended. Since most of the people were well acquainted with each other, representatives of MCC, W.H.O. (formerly the Worcester Gay Union) and from one of the gay bars decided to use the speak-out as a forum to discuss the differences now present between the many facets of the Worcester gay community. A representative from the bar suggested that MCC or W.H.O. could hold an event at the bar, to introduce their programs to the bar people who were hesitant to leave the security of the bars or who had misinformation concerning the organizations. A member of W.H.O. explained its aims and recent activities. W.H.O. is concerned primarily with acting politically by zapping local agencies, supporting all New England gay organizations and working on a statewide incorporation of all homosexual organizations. Members of MCC and W.H.O. discussed bridging previous gaps between the groups and supporting each other.

Because of the difficulty in organizing the gay community for the sake of organization and support, the groups will concentrate on using acts of oppression and controversial issues as central rallying points.

All involved felt a need for continuing the meetings at the library and will try to do so on a monthly basis. Members of the different organizations will meet before then to discuss strategies on how to approach the bar community and to distribute information on people's rights with the FBI.



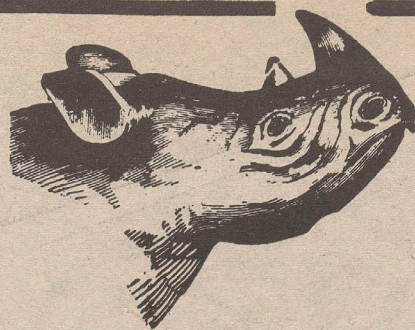
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By David Walker

HARTFORD — When they hear about a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous for gays, many people admit that they know someone who ought to start going to the meeting. Many members of the gay AA group which meets every week in Hartford also know people who are suffering from the disease of alcoholism, and they too wish that they could attract these fellow sufferers to the place where some help may be found. But all they can do is share how they themselves have found help to make a new life, answer questions about the disease itself, and demonstrate by their very lives that recovery is possible.

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news notes



REV. WILSON BEFORE HOUSE

The Reverend Nancy Wilson of the Metropolitan Community Church of Worcester will be offering the opening prayer at the formal session of the State Legislature (House) on Tuesday, May 27, 1975. The session will most likely begin at 11:00 am.

Representatives may invite a guest minister each year to offer the opening prayer at one session. Rev. Wilson will be the guest of Representative Elaine Noble.

Members of the gay community are invited to attend and listen in the gallery of the House on May 27.

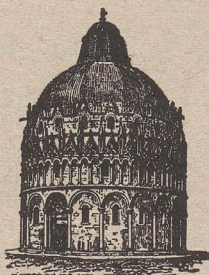
OTHERFILMS CANCELLED

Otherfund, Inc. "the Gay United Fund", announced today the temporary suspension of Otherfilms due to booking difficulties with Esquire Theatres, Inc. The film series which had been appearing weekly at the Symphony I Cinema will be rescheduled at another location. When contacted at her office, Liz Master, campaign co-ordinator for Otherfund, stated, "It's unfortunate, especially after all our publicity that Esquire Theatres were unable to produce the contracted films. We cannot continue to put our audience through this. We especially regret the fact that the two women's films, "Persona" and "The Fox" did not play. Esquire Theatres arbitrarily replaced the films with "Women in Love," a film which many women found offensive. We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused members of the community in the mixup."

As soon as a new location and booking company have been arranged, the film series will be back. So hang on movie freaks.

SAGA PROTEST

WELLS, me. — The Seacoast Area Gay Alliance has met with the Police Chief of Wells to discuss the position of the police and protesters in the forthcoming protest rally May 31. Chief Carter stated that he will protect the townspeople and protesters alike. The rally is to protest the denial of a liquor license by the Town of Wells to the Stage Door, a gay bar located on Rte. 1. (GCN, Vol. 2, No. 31 and 32) SAGA requests that people who are planning to attend the picket contact them as areas of proposed picketing will depend on attendance.



Baptistry of the Duomo, Pisa, Italy.

SAD NEWS

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — The Southern Mass. University Gay Alliance will be closing permanently when school ends this semester. The SMU Gay Alliance had problems in recruiting active membership among the student body, and many people who were involved this past year are either graduating, moving or transferring. The group worked hard to establish good relations with the university administration and with local radio stations, especially WBSM.

If anyone is interested in forming a group in the New Bedford area, please write to Paulette Bottieri, SMU Gay Alliance, Campus Center, N. Dartmouth, Ma. 02747.

our lives may differ. Now I am able to go back to regular meetings and listen to how very much alike we alcoholics are."

A professional man shares: "It was here that I first realized the truth of one of the AA slogans: YOU ARE NOT ALONE. And it was here that I learned about a new kind of love. There were people who asked how I was doing — and they really cared. There were people who shook my hand — and they weren't trying to make out."

"At first," admits another member, "giving up drinking sounded like giving up everything: fun, friends, even sex. But I found out that's not true. It gets better. Now I find that I have my homosexuality in a much deeper way than ever before, that I really enjoy life (especially sex), and that I am surrounded by friends — real ones."

AA means different things to different people. Each of these statements reflects the personal opinion of members and does not summarize the official thinking of AA. It is an individual program with certain basic suggested steps that have helped many to begin a life turned sour over again. If you are gay, and suspect that you are having trouble with alcohol, why not call (203) 522-2646 and get yourself in touch with some experts on the problem? Perhaps you are not an alcoholic. There is a way to find out.

AN INTRA GENDERAL EVENT!

NEW YORK — Queens Liberation, a national organization of transvestites and cross-dressers, has announced a party for May 23. Attendance is not restricted to members, and the party is designed to be an enriching experience for the cross dresser, either homosexual or heterosexual.

The group has worked extensively since 1969 on changes in the legal system affecting drag. Statistics from telephone calls from the last year indicate the need for social outlets. "Our people are isolated," says director Bebe J. Scarpie. "Most of the phone calls are centered around 'is there anyone else like me . . . how can I meet them . . . just to talk.' Granted our milieu has been and will be in the legal area, but there is a specific need here."

There is no admission charge for the event, though donations are appreciated. More information can be obtained by calling (212) 489-1348/9, after noon.

RACISM AT PITTSBURGH CLUB

PITTSBURGH (*Pittsburgh Gay News*) — A coalition of gay women, working closely with Gay Alternatives Pittsburgh (GAP), is in the process of filing a discrimination complaint against the recently-opened Home Circle Club, on Pittsburgh's Northside. The complaints stem from the anti-Black, racist door policy of the predominately gay club.

The manager of the club, Gary Sisk, is reportedly quite vocal about admitting that he will not permit any Blackperson to enter his private club.

The charge of racism was carefully documented by three gay women with witnesses. Two women, both white, entered the club and one left soon after, returning with a Black woman. The Black woman was refused entry to the club. Sisk told the woman, "Blacks aren't allowed in . . . once you let a couple in they all want in."

A complaint is being readied for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission with assistance from the NAACP, ACLU, and Neighborhood Legal Services. A city-wide boycott of the club has also been organized and the *Pittsburgh Gay News* has refused all advertising from the club until the policy of the bar is changed.



Alice, when you say 'gay', do you mean 'merry' or that other business?

Reprinted from the Unitarian
Universalist Gay Caucus newsletter



Rep. Doris Bunte (D-Suffolk 9)

Anti-Discrimination Clause Passes

BOSTON — The South End Neighborhood Action Program's board of directors on May 12 passed an anti-discrimination clause for sexual preference to be added to its personnel policies manual. This act was accomplished after one refusal to pass the clause but after reconsideration and an airing of the facts, the sexual preference clause was included. State Representative Doris Bunte was instrumental in this action due to an article she wrote for the SNAP Newsletter questioning the moral fiber of a group of persons who state they stand for the rights of oppressed people then themselves discriminate. To quote Representative Bunte, "I believe this issue is important enough morally to merit passage whether or not anyone sympathizes with the oppressed minorities it protects. What is important is that an agency that states it stands for the protection of poor and minority people not lose sight of its purposes now at its tenth anniversary. It ill behooves us as minorities to discriminate against other minorities on any grounds. Here in the State House, I speak forcefully and loud against any discrimination; thus, I am unable to relate to such a position as a policy of SNAP. In eliminating the anti-discriminatory clause, the Board has actually condoned such discrimination." The board of directors admitted their confusion over the issues and thanked Representative Bunte for her action on this point.

A number of letters from concerned community people were read which expressed the confusion of the failure to be sensitive on this discriminatory action. Representative Elaine Noble responded by letter and made her point that the issue was clearly one of discrimination. After discussion the board of directors passed the sexual preference clause.

The South End Neighborhood Action Program has been operating to

help and educate poor and minority people for ten years. It has always headed the battle against discrimination and fought for the rights of the poor and oppressed. Many programs started in the South End through the agency such as Summerthing and the Youth Tutoring Youth Programs.

By Annabelle

(Although the events in this child custody case happened nearly a year ago, GCN and the women involved have decided to print the story so that other gay women and men in similar situations will get support and information from their story and so that the gay community as a whole will become better informed on the issue of gay parents. The names in the story have been changed to protect the women's anonymity.)

BOSTON — Despite knowing that Janet Corey is a lesbian and living with another woman, Judge Robert Ford awarded her custody of her youngest daughter in Dedham County Court on June 10, 1974.

Janet was granted a divorce from her husband in June, 1972. At that time she tried to get custody of all five of her children, but was only allowed to take the oldest daughter, then almost 18, who insisted on being with her mother. The lawyer representing Janet's husband brought up Janet's homosexuality in the original court proceedings. "I told the court that I am a lesbian," she said, "and hoped that the judge would keep clear the distinction between a good wife and a fit mother. I felt confident that I am a good

mother." According to both Janet and her present lawyer, Ruth Budd, it weighed very heavily against her that she had spent time away from her home during the year preceding the divorce. When Janet re-opened the custody case of the four remaining children in 1974, only the custody of the youngest, Jean age 9, was in question. A son was about to go into the service, and two teenaged girls told Janet that they wanted to move with their father when he left the state. Several factors helped Janet in the renewed custody case. When she felt one of the children was getting into trouble, she went to the Division of Child Guidance and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. According to Janet, "I was able to point out that I was concerned about the welfare of the children."

Also, Janet's husband lives with a woman, but has not remarried, so in the eyes of the court Janet said, "This time neither of us came in with our hands clean. We saw the court psychiatrist, Dr. Schuman. My ex-husband was yelling morals and the psychiatrist said, 'Maybe she doesn't like your morals.'"

To Janet's lover, Millie, "Homosexuality is what the whole thing is

about. It was not a custody case. It was a trial. No one goes into a court room claiming that because you are heterosexual, you are immoral." Both women agree that Judge Ford was very fair.

Ruth Budd, Janet's lawyer, believes, that there is no evidence that Janet's gayness affected the second court appearance. She did not file a brief of legal precedents, because she thought that the case could be won on the strength of the evidence in the case. In her opinion, the courts decided in this case on the basis of what is in the best interests of the child. "Now someone could write a strong enough brief, so that even a non-sympathetic judge would be in error not to give custody on the grounds of lesbianism," she said. She feels that the courts are increasingly open to non-traditional lifestyles and more likely to grant custody to fathers, single women and men living together, and gay people.

People who would like to contact Janet and Millie about the case, are asked to write: Janet and Millie, Box 3500, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108; and if there are other gay parents who have been involved in custody cases, whether they were won or lost, please contact Linda Graham at 426-4469.

Rhode Island Baptists React

By Tony Caporaletti

FOSTER — By a unanimous vote of the members at a district meeting last September, the Line Baptist Church has withdrawn from the American Baptist Church of R.I. because of the R.I. Council of Church's decision to grant affiliate status to the Metropolitan Community Church of Providence. On May 13, 1975 Rev. Harold S. Carpenter, pastor, announced the 7 month old decision to withdraw stating that the church had tried to avoid publicity at the time.

The action was taken because the members of the church felt that the council's action "appeared to go against the teachings of the Bible," he said. "Because it is incumbent on anyone who believes in Christ to express his faith."

The decision of the Council was also criticized by Rev. Harold Burchette of the 1000 member Quiddnessett Baptist Church in N. Kingston. Rev. Burchette accused the Council of "completely bowing and adapting to another new fad."

"Weakness and confusion, they have allowed the name of Christ to be hitched to sodomy," the pastor told some 550 parishioners during his church's worship service. "Let it be understood that the leaders of the Council did not speak for the members of the churches they presume to represent let alone for the many churches which have no connection with them."

The decision of the Council of Churches in part said, "homosexuals are persons for whom Christ died and therefore are like all of us the object of His Love and have access to His Grace." (see GCN, Vol. 2, No. 45) The task force was divided over whether homosexuality can be a valid Christian way of life. The report deplored and condemned the structures and attitudes which tend toward cruel and brutal treatment of homosexuals.

Rev. Burchette said homosexuals are pressing for the right to marry and on promoting the Equal Rights Amendment to gain constitutional backing to obscure the distinction between sexes. "It is now time for the traditional view to be heard," he said. "Unnatural and promiscuous sex is harmful to society in general. You see no man can sit unto himself. The affects are not only deviate and personal but they move outward," the pastor said. "Already school buttons are being worn which read, 'Equality for Fornicators,'" he warned.

The Reverend Joseph H. Gilbert pastor of MCC-Providence along with 3 men and 3 women of his congregation met with another Baptist church in R.I. to discuss the issues. There were 60-70 Baptists at the meeting.

"We felt that they were very open. I was very pleased because obviously they were very fearful. They had come to see where Christ would have them to go on this issue," he said. "It is my feeling that God loves me and God created me to be gay and that is not a flaw in His creation as murder or rape would be. Because a murderer or rapist's lifestyle abuses other people. I try to structure my life as other gay people do, so as not to abuse other people." Rev. Gilbert was commenting on the statement by Rev. Carpenter that "God loves the homosexual as he also loves the murderer and the rapist. But he does not condone their activities nor does he build churches to promote and encourage them and neither do his people."

Rev. Gilbert stated that he knew of no gay people in the state of R.I. that were pressing to be married at the time. Referring to the statement of Rev. Burchette concerning the baptism of the Devil, Rev. Gilbert said, "I am not baptized as a matter of right, but I proclaim Jesus Christ because I am a person of God."

Custody Case



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EDITORIAL

Recently, flyers have been distributed in and around Boston denouncing homosexuality as sick and perverted. Anti-gay leaflets were handed out to Massachusetts Representatives just prior to the voting on Gay Legislation. This was done by the National Alliance, whose Massachusetts office is located in Springfield. Their propaganda consists not only of anti-gay rhetoric but "white supremacy" statements that advocate the extermination of Blacks and Jews. We can all feel outrage at this type of propaganda. We are sure that they are on the wrong side but what side are you on?

Racism, sexism, ageism are rampant within the Gay Community. We who are fighting for our civil rights, fighting for acceptance and understanding are not willing to fight for other people's rights. We refuse to deal with our own prejudices. Gays who don't want to be called "dyke" or "fag" somehow don't mind using the terms "kyke", "spic", or "nigger".

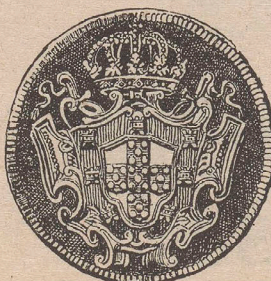
How can anyone who has been oppressed because of their sexuality continue to oppress others. Homosexuals (who have never been accepted as complete "normal" human beings) should be able to empathize immediately with all oppressed people. Instead we continue to add to their oppression by refusing to deal with our prejudices. Every gay must make a conscious effort to confront these prejudices and deal with them openly.

No longer can we point our finger at such groups as the National Socialist League or the National Alliance and scream Anti-Semites! We must point the finger at ourselves and remove our own bigotry.

Having suffered from the hatred of the "straight" society we should not be willing to extend this hatred to others because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or age. We must work together to overcome all hatred. We can only accomplish this by first removing the hatred we have within ourselves.

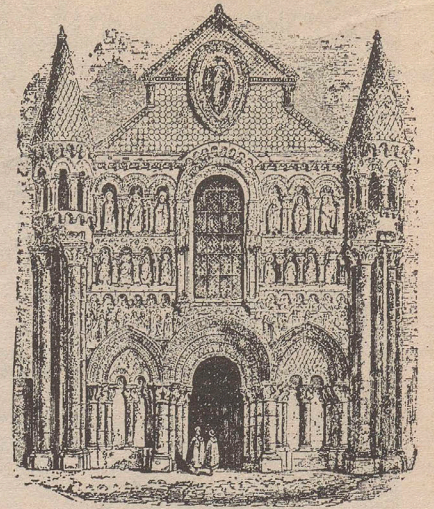


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LETTERS



e.n. & w.b.

Dear GCN,

I shall be quite candid with you when I confess that I have been following the Elaine Noble — Warren Beatty "Dating Scene" through its meandering peregrinations in many of our leading periodicals with considerable interest.

Needless to say, I was somewhat reassured by the notice in GCN's "Did You See" column that, Ms. Noble still is primarily interested in women. (Though this lamentably shatters the folk wisdom "it takes one to know one").

I am still concerned by the future of this matter, fearing that I'll open my Christian Science Monitor some morning over coffee to a front page photo of E.N. & W.B. smooching at the Louis B. Mayer Wedding Chapel at Las Vegas's MGM Grand Hotel with the caption: "Her Hairdresser Set Her Straight."

Signed,
Bunny LaRue

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Would like to take this opportunity to express my delight to you about the conscious direction you have embarked upon in expanding *Gay Community News'* geographical reportage. Your efforts are much appreciated; indeed, just this afternoon it was announced at the March Against Media Arrogance (MAMA) that GCN was being cited for extraordinary service to the Gay community.

Special appreciation for your news leadership and extensive and incisive coverage of the F.B.I./Grand Jury events in New Haven, Lexington...

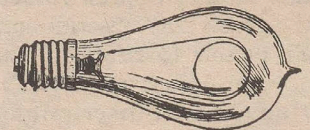
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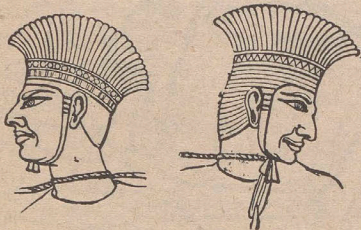
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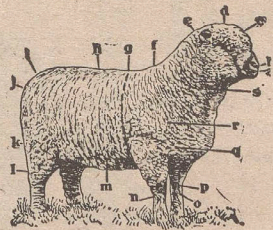
Once again I take pen in hand to express my revolutionary love for you, the gays of this work — love that must appear suppressed because of the bars and gun towers that bind and deny my freedom — love that burns brighter each day and fights to be free to express itself — so strong is the love that flames within, no power on earth can diminish it, nor none but death extinguish it — all that I can freely express is my hate for this racist, sexist capitalistic pig — hate that requires all my strength to control, for my time and day to deal the death blow has not yet come — only with my freedom will this be possible — but how much longer will it take for the people to awaken, and join ranks with our people to fight against the capitalizers of racism, sexism, prejudice, and liberalism?

How can I express my pride when I see those who are totally involved in the struggle? I hear your cries of "Free All Gay Prisoners" and I know that it is only a moment of time before you come to take us all away from this madness.

Peach & Gay Pride,
Milton Milburn



Philistine Prisoners.— Sculptures at Medinet Haboo.



Nomenclature of the Sheep.
a, mouth; b, nose; c, forehead; d, poll; e, neck; f, withers; g, girth; h, loin or back; i, rump; j, tail; k, leg; l, hock; m, underline; n, ankiejoint; o, knee; p, forearm; q, brisket or breast; r, shoulder; s, throat.

rip-off

Dear GCN,

I was disturbed by the announced theme of this year's Gay Pride Week: "Gay Americans Bicentennial Celebration/200 Years of Gay History." Aside from pedestrian speculation as to which of the revolutionaries were faggots and dykes — and I've always wondered about Paine and Jefferson — the theme sounds like one more play for middle class respectability by joining the Bicentennial bandwagon.

I, for one, am offended and insulted by the crass capitalistic exploitation of the ilk of red-white-and-blue Pontiacs and of Boston 200. They are the same people who helped to get us into the present recession, and now they are trying to rip us off again. This is the anniversary of a *revolution*??? As one of the Patriots said 200 years ago, "Death to tyrants is obedience to God."

John Kyper

90%

Editor:

In reading your paper for the last six months and appreciating the great coverage you give to different issues within the Gay Community through out New England.

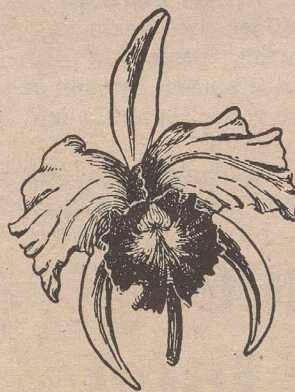
I commend all those on the staff of GCN for their hard and dedicated work.

The only gripe I have is your classified ad section. I find that 90% of your ads are sexist, and full of animosity to those who are women, Black, fat, old, ugly, etc.

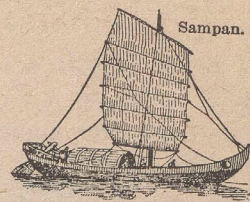
I am writing this, urging all my brothers and sisters to start loving each other as human beings, and not look at our skin or body or facial features. How are we to gain the acceptance of our straight brothers and sisters if we are unable to accept those with in our own community.

Brothers and Sisters, wake up and unite with each other.

Love and Peace
Brian T. Harrison



ORCHID



undesirable

Dear G.C.N.,

Months ago I wrote to WBZ-TV for "Speaking Out" and WNAC-TV for "Access", the following statement. As of today I have not heard a word from either of these NBC and CBS outlets that I might talk for one minute as so many people do "speakout" on television.

Please publish my letter and statement if you care too.

In 1963 after fifty three weeks in the US Navy (that I loved so very much and still do) I was discharged with and Undersirable Discharge.

In those days I was in "the closet" as far as sex was concerned. I loved being Gay but sex was some years (not many) to be discovered.

My ship was DD-949-USS Parsons out of San Diego. I never said I was gay. I never acted gay — BUT as I was gay the ship's crew realized I was homosexual. No one bothered me except two. They had been restricted to the ship and without female companionship needed sex. The first sex assault was in San Diego harbor — the last in Pearl Harbor.

When the USS Parsons reached Japan I had had enough — I declared my homosexuality to the Captain. I never saw Hong Kong. I saw bars, I felt a fist against my face, I cried, I prayed, I have never been the same again. I hope that no gay thinks that homosexuals are not persecuted!

"Love for all"
Stuart



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Quote of the Week

This week's quote of the week comes from Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Malden), a supporter of gay rights legislation and member of the House Judiciary Committee. When Rep. Barney Frank's bill to establish zoning districts for prostitution came up for discussion before the committee, Markey asked, "You mean erogenous zones?"



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David Barnett

Heated Exchange at Mass. State House

By David Brill

State Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth) last week launched an all-out campaign to urge the Massachusetts Senate to kill H.5868, a bill banning discrimination against gays in public employment. Connell's letter to all forty Senators, however, was largely ignored by most of the legislators, but did attract a stinging rebuttal from Sen. Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg), the sponsor of S.272, the broader anti-discrimination measure.

Connell's letter to the senators read, "Civil service laws and rules currently on the books already rule against discrimination against *anyone* for any reason. Why specify a 'cannot' for this small but fast-growing group? I do not think it is wise to attempt to

appease them with a repetitive and unnecessary law."

Connell continued, "With due regard to chivalry, I doubt that we should do this just to accommodate an aggressive and persuasive lesbian-legislator. The motivation of those who want this needless 'special' legislation come from a desire to give the impression to the citizens of the Commonwealth that the homosexual/lesbian life-style has the approval of the Massachusetts legislature."

The same day that the letter was sent out, Sen. Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg) sent Connell an angry reply. "I find your memo on the gay rights bill, H.5868, as well as your reported comments on the House floor both personally repulsive and degrading to the already shabby image of the

Legislature," Hall said to Connell.

H.5868, originally scheduled to be voted upon last week, has been delayed at the request of two of its supporters, Sens. Bill Owens (D-Boston) and Chester G. Atkins (D-Acton). A motion to table [kill] the bill has been filed by Sen. Mary L. Fonseca (D-Fall River), and despite several meetings between her and Rep. Elaine Noble, the Bristol County legislator has reiterated her intent to kill the bill.

"I also note your direct reference to Rep. Noble, and 'due regard to chivalry'. The code of chivalry included courage, courtesy, protection, and aid for the weak and unfortunate clearly beyond your 'due regard'."

Hall continued, "Where it is true that I find Rep. Noble's professed sexual attraction personally very unap-

pealing, it is both private and far less distasteful than your public lack of common decency towards a colleague. You need not worry about being like the Representative for you are far from noble in most respects. I found her an intelligent, warm, compassionate human being."

Hall closed by saying, "Of the chivalrous code, I must confess that you represent courage. As every college freshman knows, psychology accepts that those who are most uptight and fearful of homosexuals are usually fighting against such latent tendencies in themselves."

"Not too many legislators would have the courage to have every educated person in the Commonwealth wonder about them just to oppose an 'unnecessary law'," Hall said.

Jacques and The Other Side

By Kevin J. McGirr

BOSTON — In this week's hearings, Commissioner William Arrigal of the Licensing Board departed from his usual silence and charged the Boston Police Dept. with attempting to suppress his own independent investigation of the bars and the Bay Village area. Arrigal was stripped of his police escort by Deputy Supt. John Doyle. The purpose of the escort in Arrigal's

words was, "for protection against entrapment." In response to reporter's questions, Arrigal expressed that Bay Village residents were receiving preferential police protection for their \$80,000 townhouses. He went on to say that, "the police should be left out of political control."

Frank Cashman, manager of Jacques and the Other Side, remained

in the witness' seat for four days in direct and cross-examination. Cashman agreed to a polygraph to verify his accusation against Deputy Mayor Robert Kiley in which Cashman charged Kiley for attempting to extort a \$50,000 campaign contribution. Defense Counsel Dimento requested the same for the Deputy Mayor.

Under cross-examination Cashman was asked about an alleged 22 suits brought against him that involved debts. Cashman acknowledged some of them and confirmed that Henry Vara had assisted him financially in these suits as well as on the foreclosure of his \$76,000 Bay Village home. Hearings resume Monday, May 19.

Providence City Doors Open

PROVIDENCE — The Providence City Council passed a resolution last week prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, or sex. The resolution came a few months after an executive order of Mayor Vincent Cianci setting Affirmative Action guidelines which were intended to include all people and all forms of discrimination.

Rev. Joseph H. Gilbert, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Providence met with Dr. Carl Stenberg, special assistant to Mayor Cianci on May 7 to discuss the affect of the resolution and order on the gay community in Providence.

Commenting later, Rev. Gilbert said, "I believe that city and state officials must come to grips with the fact that gay women and men in their community are responsible productive members of society and are entitled to the same kind of loving strokes that other segments of society receive as a matter of course." The pastor does not believe that the order of the Mayor was worded strongly enough.

He stated that there was a sense of paranoia in the gay community stemming from a step-up in the patrolling of gay bars in the city and the recent arrest of a high-ranking city official on a morals charge.

In a letter to Dr. Stenberg on the meeting he said, "It was interesting to me to have confirmation of the impression in the community that the patrolling of gay bars by uniformed officers has been stepped up in the new administration. At some point we may need to come to understand why this should be true of gay bars instead of all bars."

Dr. Stenberg stated that the implication of the paragraph was not exactly right. "The Mayor, in the interest of public safety has increased uniformed police patrols in all bars in the city and not the gay bars in particular," he said.

"I was most pleased that Rev. Gilbert met with me," Stenberg said.

"I want people to feel that the 'open administration' of Mayor Cianci is not a myth. We want to do what we can to make people comfortable in the city." Dr. Stenberg further reiterated that the executive order was intended to include all people.

Contempt Hearing Postponed

By John Crowley

NEW HAVEN — The contempt hearing for Ellen Grusse, Terry Turgeon, and Diana Perkins have been postponed until June 3. An investigation is underway to determine if their phone lines were tapped by the FBI. The women are charged with contempt of the Grand Jury investigation into the activities of Susan Saxe and Kathy Power in Connecticut.

Cookie Polan, who is working on the case in New Haven told GCN, "We are glad that the hearing has been postponed as it gives us more time to educate the public about the case and put pressure on the court through public opinion."

Terry Turgeon is "glad to have three more weeks of freedom. There are lots of people who don't realize things like this can happen . . . We weren't convicted of anything . . . We have already been in jail for a month and now we have to go through the whole thing again. Each time the jury reconvenes we can be called again. It is a way that the government has of keeping people in jail."

"The judge has already made up his mind," Turgeon continued. "Anything anyone can do is really appreciated. The support we have been getting is really encouraging to us in our struggle."



Did You See?

By TONY CAPORALETTI Jr.

A New Sales Target

"For years major movie companies have offered special screenings to groups that might talk up their new films — Black leaders, collegiate editors, even taxi drivers. But now, the studios are adding a new group: homosexuals."

"Indeed, Columbia Pictures plans to spend over \$200,000 this year for advertising and promotion directly aimed at the homosexual market . . . In major cities, the Columbia Pictures Industry Inc. unit has started to retain promotion and publicity agents exclusively to push key films like 'Funny Lady' and 'Tommy' among homosexuals . . . 'Market research shows us that the gay audience is a very highly movie orientated audience. We can no longer afford to ignore this market,' Mr. Powell says. (vice president worldwide advertising)

"Jerry Oldenburg, San Francisco district manager for Falstaff Brewing Corporation, St. Louis says he regularly attends meetings of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco, a trade association of 45 San Francisco homosexual bars. Falstaff last year let the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco use its meeting rooms for a convention and also donated \$100 to a fund raising benefit for deaf gay people."

"Acme Brewing Company, which is headquartered in San Francisco devotes about a third of its advertising budget to the homosexual press . . . In publishing, companies are offering ten times as many books aimed at homosexuals as five years ago. Bantam Books . . . is scheduling . . . Patricia Warren's *The Front Runner*, a novel about an openly homosexual track star in love with his openly homosexual coach. Paul Newman has purchased the movie rights.

Bloomingdales, a leading New York department store, last summer offered a line of towels carrying the imprint of Continental Baths, a well-known homosexual sauna in the city. The store says they sold so well that Bloomingdale's decided to stock a whole special section with Continental Baths, T-shirts, sweat shirts and other items . . . 'This is one of the campiest things we have ever done,' says a spokeswoman." (*The Wall Street Journal*, Tuesday, May 13, 1975)

Dogs Bites Dog News

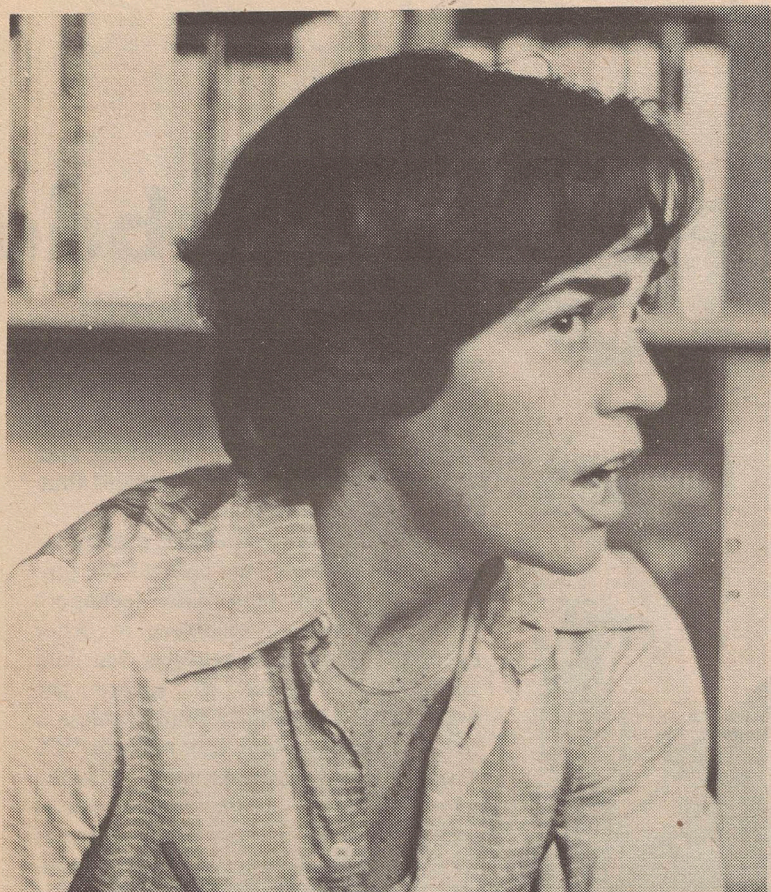
"A Columbus city ordinance which forbids persons to dress in the clothes of the opposite sex was ruled unconstitutional last week by the Ohio Supreme Court. In an unanimous 7-0 ruling, the high court said that the ordinance was too vague." (*The Village Voice*)

We are to be thankful

"The May 5 *Globe* Editorial . . . castigating Rep. William Connell for his calling a spade a spade, is evidence of the general moral disintegration so frightening in its prospects for our society. Let us be thankful we have, as a defender against such corrosion, a representative of the people, a man who is prompt to tell the facts in clear and unencumbered terms." (*A Letter*, *Boston Globe*, Sat., May 10, 1975)

Ella Grasso needs wife

"The nation's first female governor (sic: recall Lurleen Wallace), Connecticut's own Ella Grasso, is having few difficulties steering the ship of state. Keeping her floors scrubbed and polished, however, is a very different story. Sighed Ms. Grasso at a recent Washington party: 'I'm having trouble running the governor's mansion. What I need is a wife.' Mr. Grasso needn't worry — so far there have been no volunteers." (*Playgirl*, June 1975)



Rita Mae Brown speaks.

Rita Mae on Everything

Rita Mae Brown, lesbian-feminist author, came to Boston last Friday night and spoke on "Feminism and Literature." She and Elaine Noble shared the stage at a talk given for the benefit of GCN. Brown is best known as the author of *Rubyfruit Jungle*, the story of a lesbian-feminist Tom Sawyer. She has also published *Take A Lesbian to Lunch*, *The Hand that Cradles the Rock*, and *Songs to a Handsome Woman*. Her latest book, *In Her Day*, is soon to be released.

Brown has also been an active organizer in the feminist movement for eight years. She spoke to GCN as both a feminist and an author. Brown had sparkling and insightful comments on topics of interest to all the gay community. See below.

Brown on success:

I have been an organizer for eight years, but organizers receive little or no recognition. Then I wrote a funny book and suddenly everyone wanted to listen to what I had to say. Of course, we need funny books; it's not that. It's just that the women working out there in the streets, doing the grassroots organizing don't get the recognition that they deserve.

Brown on separatism:

I want to be up front about this. I believe that in order for a woman to truly come into her own, she must be a separatist for a period of time — six months, a year, whatever. She must separate herself in a collective or alone, become celibate or lesbian. She must

dramatically cut herself off from male culture to see how much of it is in her. She will find that the man is in her head and she will have to clear him out. I encourage both men and women to become separatists for a time. If they survive that process, they come out much stronger. Then they find out what their true commonality is. When I came out of my separatist thing in '73-'74, I found that men had changed, become more feminist. They had to; they didn't have us to lean on anymore.

Brown on revolution:

For me revolution is a process of joy and laughter, as well as struggle.

Brown on the New Left:

We don't need them at all; they will drag us down into the pits with them. We need a strong and independent movement.

Brown on FBI investigations and apprehended fugitives:

They will try to incapacitate us by keeping us in the court for the next decade fighting for the civil rights of women who may not even be allied with us, who may not have been feminist when they committed their crimes, who committed them before a feminist theory was in existence. They will try to get us to identify with these women. Not that I condemn them for their crimes; it is difficult to call robbing a bank a crime when we pay Richard Nixon \$60,000 a year to be a crook. But these women, Susan Saxe, for example, did not commit their crimes as part of our movement. That was before feminism. Of course, I don't mean that we drop these women since civil rights is the issue of everyone interested in human liberty. I am only saying that there are legal structures to do this: the ACLU, defense funds. We should give money and present our bodies in the court when necessary, but our real job is to make policy to change this nation, not to react to what they do. They want to exhaust us in the courts so that we don't have the energy to create and carry out our programs.

Anyone who is freaked out by the FBI or the CIA is a lightweight. For a political person, FBI and CIA investigation is an occupational hazard. That should tell us that we should take ourselves seriously because they do.

You can spot an agent. She generally carries last year's book. Seriously, look out for the woman who applies divisive tactics. The one revolutionary thing that we have is our process, our loving, working process. Beware of the woman who plays heavier than thou and says one woman is better than another. They will gain followers, but consider those people lost. Not all will follow them.

Brown on ageism:

Lesbians are still affected with "youthism." The young people have a holier than thou attitude because they are just finding out who they are and have adopted a whole new system of thought. They think that because the system is a good one that makes them righteous. They call the older women

dumb because they are not revolutionary, but their years of life should count for a hell of a lot. It's no wonder that they don't want to deal with the younger people. I feel good about turning 30. I want to tell my younger sisters that older is better and to look forward to getting older.

Brown on writing:

I just sit down at the typewriter and whatever happens, happens. I am not a self-conscious writer.

Brown on her new novel:

In Her Day grew out of my experiences in the movement. I saw people fight over age differences when they should be fighting the economic system: sexism, racism and capitalism. We seize upon these petty differences because we have been conditioned to do it.

The book is about a young woman who falls in love with an older woman. The young woman is a book feminist and the older woman knows a lot about life, but is not a feminist. The young woman constantly attacks her. Throughout the book the older woman is fighting with these new concepts and with the younger woman's attacks at



the same time. This comes out of my experience. I'm not very good at abstractions.

Brown on *Rubyfruit Jungle*:

I realized that I had no right to judge my mother. She was born in 1905 and went through poverty, factory work, things I know nothing about. We, as children, tend to see our mothers not as people but as functions. In the first part of the book, Carrie, the mother is shown through the child's eyes. That is why it seems as if I am hard on her. Later, when the girl grows up, she sees her mother as a broken, old woman in a rocking chair. We should realize that our mothers are individuals and embrace them.

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Project Lambda: De

By TOM MYLES

Project Lambda is the youth advocacy program run by the Charles Street Meetinghouse in Boston. It is the first program in the country funded by the government to deal with youth who are gay or who are questioning their sexual identity. The funding came from TASC-J, Treatment Alternative to Street Crimes-Juvenile. TASC-J funded six advocacy programs throughout the city of Boston; their aim is to prevent juvenile crime by helping youths find constructive ways to handle their problems. Project Lambda is one of those groups, the only one who is specifically to deal with the gay population or with youth questioning their sexual identity.

The program is housed in the Meetinghouse, the Boston Unitarian-Universalist Church that has spent the last few years giving social and meeting space and support to the gay community. Rev. Randall Gibson and Steffi Somers are co-directors. And there are seven youth advocates: men and women, Black and white, straight and gay, young and older. All of the advocates have previous experience dealing with youth; many are well-known in the local gay community for their work in GCN, *Fag Rag* or in other activities.

"The advocate role is a new one to the social services," Ian Johnson explained. "We are neither social workers, nor counselors. We act as friends and role models, sort of saying, 'That's really difficult to do. I know, I've been through it'."

As Baja Brown expressed it, "I feel that dealing with teenagers is a commitment to social change. If I can help the young gay to deal with the



From left to right: Co-directors Rev. Randall Gibson and Steffi Somers; advocates Sturge Haskins, Lyn Rosen and Stephanie Byrd.

problems that being gay in our society can cause, then by the time she/he is an adult, there will be that much less to deal with."

Lambda advocates hope that they will fill a role that other agencies may not be able to do: to show those youth that may choose a gay lifestyle that it is possible and can be happy, and to show questioning youth what a gay lifestyle is like so that they may see if this would be one that fits them. But this is only part of the advocate's role.

Advocate means someone who pleads the cause of another. It means

counselor, and it also means one that defends or maintains a cause. The youth advocate does all of these things. They are not social workers who have heavy caseloads and can only see their clients briefly each week. The youth advocates spend as much time as the youth needs with the youth each week as a friend. The advocates plead the causes of the youths accompanying them wherever necessary: to court, probation officer, doctor, etc. Those in the age group 12-17 do not have much experience in working through the establishment of court, clinics,

welfare, unemployment, school. The advocate learns with whom and how to talk to these agencies and is always ready to go along with the youth and help her/him to get those services that are provided by law.

Finally, the advocates are maintaining a special cause, the case of the gay youth that they help. Gay teenagers have often been a problem to other agencies. Since most agencies that deal with youth prefer to ignore the question of a youth's sexuality unless it results in unwanted pregnancies or VD, a gay youth's homosexuality is often ignored. Even worse, most social service workers are not even aware if their client has a homosexual component. In order to get the best service for

Fourteen and Free

By STURGIS HASKINS

"I'm not quite sure I want to step into the gay world. I've got to find out more about it and what I'm getting into. I am definitely going to make up my mind though."

The speaker is Peter. He is fourteen, Black, bright and beautiful. Peter thinks he might be gay. He's not certain and not in a rush to make up his mind about anything. For one barely in his teens he possesses a remarkable air of detachment about life. "Coming out" is no big thing. He knows openly gay people. He sees movement-oriented gay publications sold on newsstands and in book stores. Unlike the often-tormented coming out process to which generations of gays have been traditionally subject, Peter does not feel the pangs of guilt and secrecy. But there are people he cannot yet tell. People he feels in one way or another he might hurt.

"My mother does not know," he says, "but I don't think she would mind that much. She is nice even if we aren't that close." His father is living away from his mother. Telling his mother would be no real obstacle. "She believes in live and let live," he says.

"I could not tell my Guidance Counselor," Peter explained. "He would tell my mother. They tell parents everything." Boston teenagers, he said, feel they cannot be openly gay at school.

At fourteen Peter is coming out

relatively early. Most people seem to realize their homosexual component at a fairly young age, but because society views homosexuality as unpalatable, coming out is frequently delayed for some time.

Peter's first sexual experiences were with girls beginning from the time he was ten. He is still attracted to the opposite sex, but finds himself increasingly drawn to males. He is vague about his experiences, perhaps understandably. He does not believe his sexual contact with other males is "homosexual," rather he prefers to call it "playing around."

"Homosexual is when you go with someone you really like," he explains. By his own definition Peter has not yet had an homosexual experience.

Asked how he discovered the "gay world," he replied that he met someone who told him about Boston Gay Youth. He attended several meetings, but it reminded him of "a bunch of old ladies gossiping." He said many members were not interested in the problems of coming out or gay liberation.

It was at the Meetinghouse Coffee Shop that Peter met many of his gay friends. The Coffee Shop, operated primarily for the gay community, is run by the Charles Street Universalist Church. Unwelcome at bars, baths and other gay commercial businesses, gay youth are often attracted to the Coffee Shop. While they do not come here in

great numbers, they are welcome.

GCN asked Peter a number of questions on his views of the Boston gay world. He answers as follows: **Straight people often think of homosexuals as child molesters. Is that your experience?**

"No, but some men like kids. And some kids like men, older men. I don't see any problem." **Then no one has forced themselves on you?**

"No. I think the real problem is when kids tell stories." **What is your impression of gay people — if you can generalize?**

"I think all people are alike. I don't think gay people are really any different. I wish gay people (men) had more women friends though."

Do your friends at school know you sometimes dig men?

"Most of them do. At school they are all straight. They don't care."

There is something distinctly refreshing about Peter. He may be gay, he may not. But his contact with the gay community is a free one. He is intelligent and well-adjusted. His sexuality, whatever its eventual direction, is relatively free from guilt and fear. Peter does not suffer the inhibitions many gay-oriented youths have traditionally felt. His life is before him, and whatever its course the gay movement has made its direction easier.



Donna Price is one of Boston's licensed troubadours on Park Street corner. Donna was heard singing and can be heard at the Otherfund arts and crafts Radio and at the feminist-therapy conference at

Out and Ho

By DONNA PRICE

A letter to young gays,

So what's keeping you from coming out? It took me four years of changes and a seventeen-year-old woman who was into men (a fuzzy) to bring me out. I fumbled around with feelings of guilt and fear from the time I was fourteen, thinking of myself as sick and perverted because in Maine and most small towns, cities and states in the country, homosexuality was (and still is in some cases) a thing to be cured, not nurtured.

But things have changed since then. Society still frowns on homosexuality to an extent, but for those that want to come out there is a way now. There are people (gay people) who can and will listen to what you have to say without laying any trips on you about damnation, salvation or a cure. (A plug for Lambda — do it.)

I'm 18 now, very much out and involved in politics, music, books, speaking and writing. Coming out is a

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Provincetown



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AN INTRODUCTION

Provincetown, our major gay resort in these parts, is small: the year-round population hovers around 4,000, but in season up to 100,000 tourists a day jam the narrow streets. P'town in season is a complicated, complex place, catering to a bewildering variety of life-styles: from paunchy Trentonians who gawk at the tired fish in the sad little aquarium and devour mountains of pink cotton candy, to dotty little old ladies with white earrings who buy

those fake scrimshaw tie-tacs, sip their chowder, and cluck over the unwashed hippies.

Gay P'town coexists with, and interpenetrates, these straight scenes, and the local businesses are well aware of their dependence on gay trade (as it were). You and your lover probably won't be turned away, or otherwise hassled wherever you may roam, but with a bit of foreknowledge, you can sidestep the families from Ohio and

find a gay world to fit your fancy. Gay P'town is itself a tangle of tastes and attitudes: from the determinedly elegant through the carefully casual to the orgiastically communal. Gay P'town can be a romantic honeymoon, a cruisy social jungle, or a steamy succession of one-night stands. Or any stop in between.

(the preceding was reprinted from "A Gay Person's Guide to New England".)

Where to Dine...

Poolside Dining

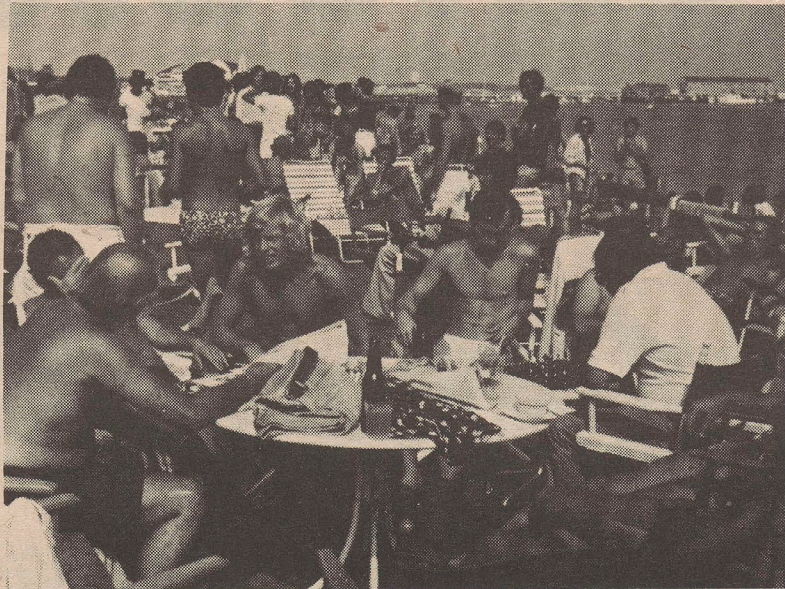
The Boatslip at 161 Commercial St. is one of Provincetown's more unique motor inns — a happy marriage of plate glass, concrete and old driftwood beams — and is ideally located just a few short blocks from the center of town. All rooms have picture windows opening onto private balconies and each overlooking the beach, Cape Cod Bay and the forever-fascinating fishing and marine activities of Provincetown's Harbor (\$28.00 per day, May 27 to June 30, 2 people). Studio apartments have limited cooking facilities and spiral staircases leading from one floor to another with north lighted studio windows overlooking Commercial Street (\$35.00 per day, May 27 to June 30, 4 people).

Downstairs enjoy food and/or your favorite cocktail in the fireplaced lounge dreaming with driftwood or, if you prefer, poolside dining reminiscent of the French Riviera. The view of the bay is magnificent, the sun penetratingly bright. The young men and women lounging around the pool in their bikinis seem too good looking to be real.

You wouldn't want to order anything conventional in an atmosphere like this, and in keeping with the mood of the place, chef Nicky Koich provides original European-style cuisine. His most popular dish, Boneless Breast of Chicken Alsace/Lorraine with a wine sauce and chipped bacon (\$6.00), is superb — especially for diners who appreciate food that is delicately seasoned. Another unusual dish, Duckling served crisp with orange sauce (\$7.95), is equally successful. Also suggested are the original Scampi a la Nicky (\$7.50) and the Veal Cordon Bleu (\$8.50). The interior restaurant is limited to a seating capacity of just 40, but on warm evenings, the outside deck makes an idyllic location for moonlight dining.

Telephone (617) 487-1669 for more information.

(Portions of the preceding article were reprinted from the *Provincetown Advocate*)



Poolside dining at the Boatslip.

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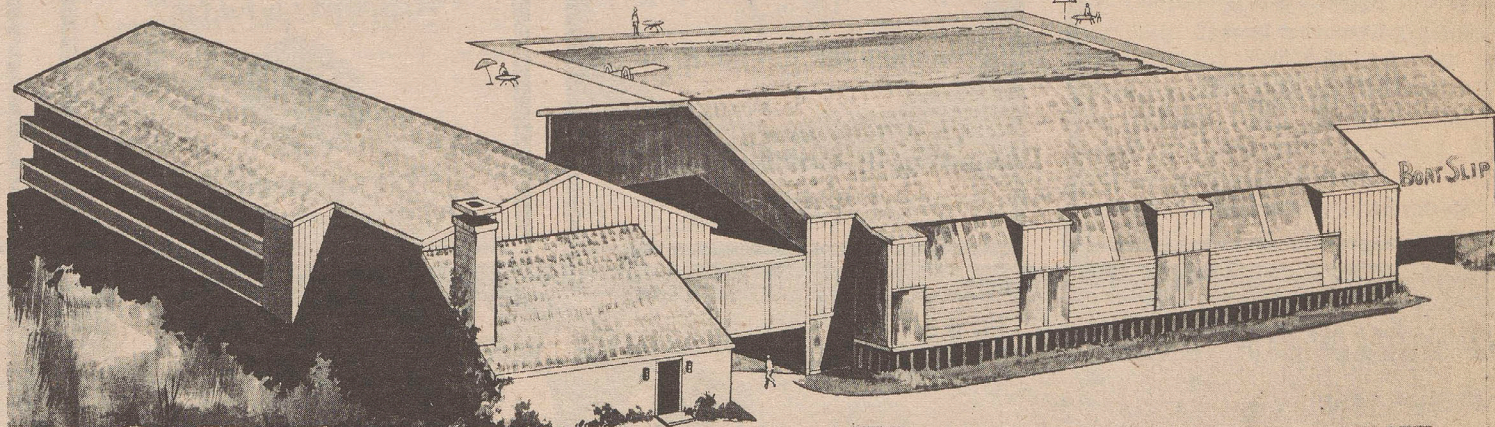
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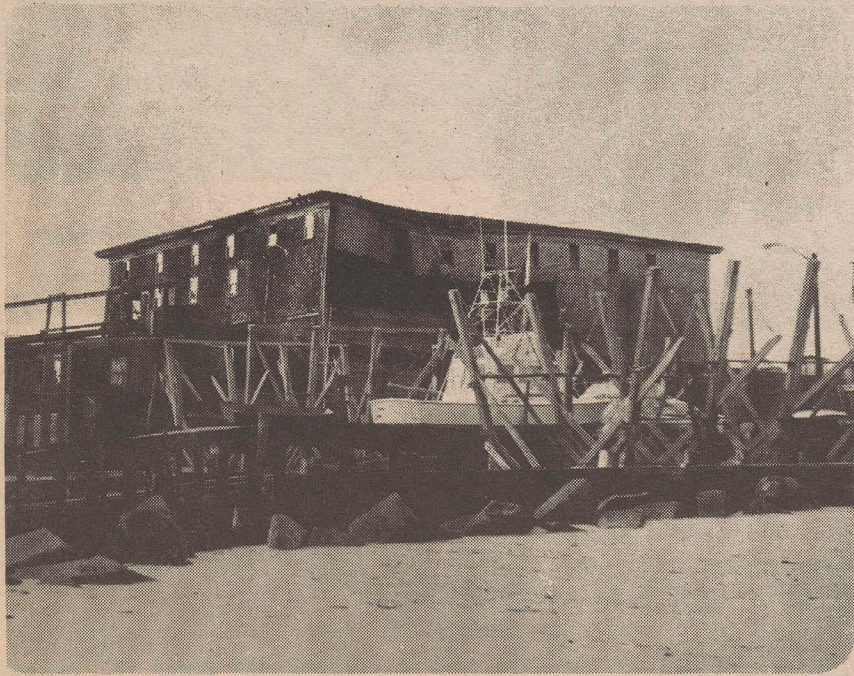
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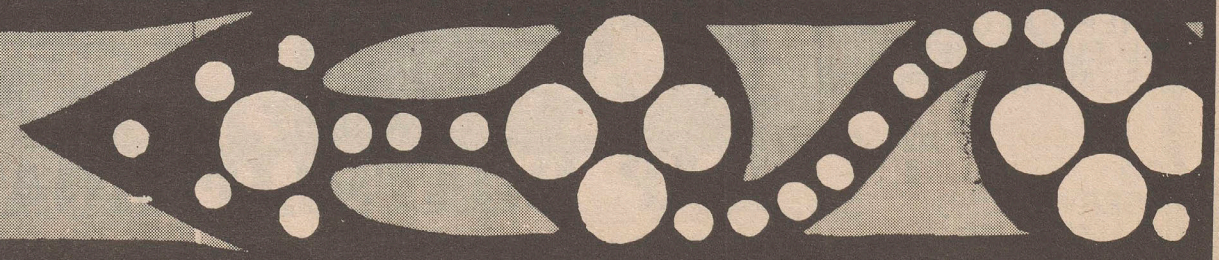
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gays, Lambda advocates have gone to numerous other agencies in the city talking about the special concerns of gay youth. They have talked to hospitals about special health needs, to other advocates about special social needs, to probation officers and other social agencies trying to make them aware that they may have difficulty in relating to a youth because they have not addressed themselves to problems of sexuality.

"Often, we are asked how a youth knows that she/he is gay," Lyn Rosen reported. "We have tried to tell them that many young people decide at ages as low as nine. I always tell them that a young person knows with whom she/he falls in love. She/he does not



's licensed troubadours. She is pictured here singing a was heard singing on Closet Space, WCAS Radio, fund arts and crafts show. She has spoken on WRKO therapy conference at Goddard-Cambridge.

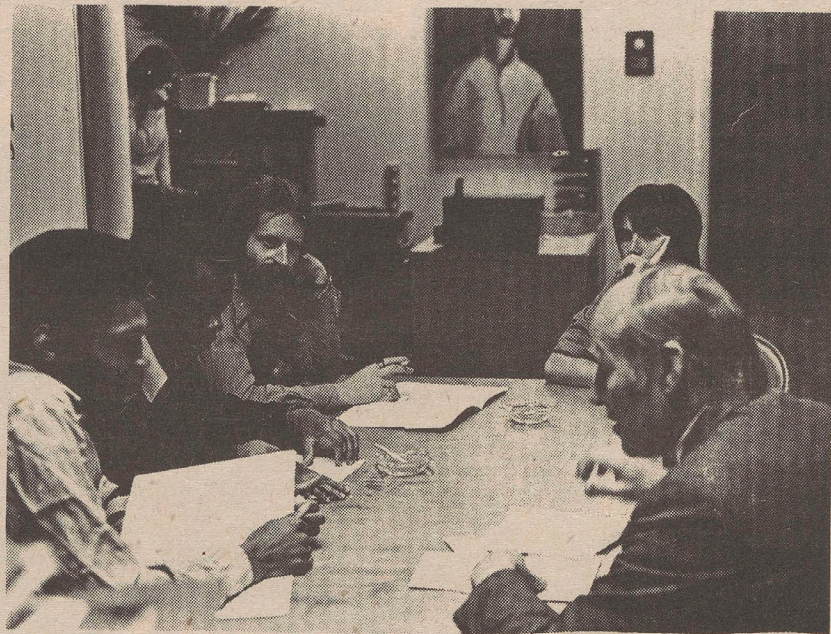
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trip. Once you've overcome the obstacles and gone through the initial change, there's a whole wide world out there. It's intense and somewhat confusing to me at times, but it is very much alive and exciting.

So what's keeping you from coming out? You have questions? Ask them. Need solutions? Search them out and discover yourself. You don't have to be scared any more, nor do you have to hide. It's not easy, but whoever said it would be? At least, it's possible now. Times have changed and people have changed and grown.

I am looking forward to this year, the year of the woman. And I'm looking forward to the day when society will do away with labels like faggot, queer, nigger, disadvantaged, low income, etc. And I'm looking forward to the day when all the oppressed peoples in the world will stand up and fight for themselves and each other.

Til then, I'll be looking for you.



Advocates confer. On the left from front to back are Larry Anderson, Baja Brown, Ian Johnson; on the right are Ted Sanger and Linda Graham.

have to have sex to know that."

Steffi Somers said, "People in the other agencies are beginning to respect us because we deal with issues and problems that they cannot handle. They realize that we are filling a void."

The youth who come to Project Lambda are in trouble. Often this means trouble with parents, home life, school, the court. Many are troubled inside about the form that their life will take. Advocates do not have a program ready; they talk to the youth and see what is needed. Then, because they have or can find information that a youth may not have, they help him/her to choose goals and reach them.

A youth may have left home and need a temporary shelter. Advocates can tell the youth good places to stay, places that they have already contacted and know are willing to deal with and can help these youth. Advocates know

of good and sympathetic clinics, employers, therapists. They can offer the youth time with others in to talk during the young men's rap group on Wednesday afternoons or the women's group on Wednesday mornings. Maybe the youth just wants to talk. Advocates will help youth to work through problems with complete confidentiality. Often, other advocates do not even know the youth in the project. Parents are only consulted when necessary for legal or emotional needs.

Many youth that come to the project have already left home. Lambda has provided foster homes and hopes to provide more. They hope that people, including people in the gay community, will come forward and offer their guidance and homes to youth on a temporary or permanent basis. Many volunteers are needed.

Lambda also hopes to have a

recreational program in-house soon and again needs volunteers that may like to lead a group or teach a craft or art.

The advocates generally feel good about the project; they feel that it gives them a chance to work in areas that need special attention.

Linda Graham said, "I feel that gay youth have often been overlooked, or exploited, even within the gay community. I feel that Project Lambda is working to give the young people the kind of help that so many of us could have used when we were young and struggling to come out."

Larry Anderson feels that the project can address itself to the special concerns of Third World gays.

"The Meetinghouse has and has had an image for the Black community and women that makes them uncomfortable in the environment. We advocates are using the awareness of that to make the environment more comfortable," he said.

Stephanie Byrd said, "My work with Project Lambda includes not only the advocacy of the rights of all youth, but also includes providing a stronger sense of community among Third World lesbians."

Since January approximately 22 youth have been welcomed into the project. Referrals have come from the court, the Department of Welfare, from other social agencies. And, of course, some have heard about the project from other young people and have walked in. There are young men and young women, Black and white, from all different backgrounds. The mean age is 15. Not all of them are gay, but all are in trouble, striving for a happier lifestyle with the aid of some dedicated people.

Below are short articles written by two of the youth that have been connected with the project. The other article is about a youth that has not been connected with the project.

Project Lambda needs volunteers. Contact Ian or Linda or Baja at 227-8587.

Gay and Living at Home

By ROBERT M. HOOVER

Remember what it was like when you were sixteen? Did you know that you were gay? Was there someone to help when you needed it?

When I was asked to write an article about growing up gay I said "Terrific, I would love to." I have written two different versions that take two views. One from a more general, broadened area and one from a personal view. This one is from a more personal view and I hope that you can get an idea of what it is like for at least one person.

I am sixteen and I know that I'm gay. Do not ask me how I know because I can't answer it for you. I live with my brother and mother in the Boston area. I attend high school not far from where I live. I hope to someday become a minister and possibly the pastor of a church. An MCC Church of course.

Most of my problems and hassles occur at home. I do not desire to live at home but due to financial insecurities I have to. I can't say that it is easy putting up with my mother. It isn't. At times she can be real nice and at others she is a real pain.

She is probably like most mothers only a little over-done. Trying to get out of the house is like being interrogated like a spy. I answer all the

questions as best as possible but that never seems to be enough. I can't say that I am going to Project Lambda to sit in on a rap group because I would have to tell her that it is a gay organization or make up a lie. I can't say a gay organization or I would be on the street in five seconds flat. Most of the time I would rather stay at home than go through all that.

Another thing is the guilt trips she tries to lay on me. Ever ask your mother what she wants for Valentines Day? More than likely she will say save your money. Well, this year I did. You would have thought I was the cheapest thing on earth. I'm still getting flack about it!

Now my brother is okay when it comes to being a brother but asking for advice is not worth the bother. A few days ago I was talking to him and saying how someday I would like to change my entire name to Keith Troy Johnson. That really did it. First he said, "What are you a fag?" Then to complement the first remark he said, "You know, you're really effeminate." For those of you who know me: Am I?

My father divorced us six years and has since remarried. He has a nice wife and I like her. When he comes to visit my mother always starts a fight with him. This is something I can't under-

stand. Why can't they be friends. I become very mad at mother because I still love my father.

Now school is a totally different kind of life. There are good times as well as bad. Everyone is relaxed about the clothes you wear. If I went in wearing a pair of baby blue slacks and a flamboyant pink shirt I would be accepted by most, but there would be a few who would say, "Look at the fag."

The only thing that really gets the boys started is when you don't make any comments about girls. For example: One day in homeroom period a good-looking, heavily-endowed girl came into the room and was talking to the teacher. The boys started talking about her and making rather loud comments about her. I was just sitting listening to them when one of the boys started in on me. "What's the matter don't you like girls? Oh! I forgot you like boys instead." I can't quote myself on what I said to him because of the language but obviously he did not get the message.

I have learned how to fool just about anyone I want. But to be honest I don't want to. I do not like it in this stuffy old closet. The moths are starting to pick at me and I think it is time to come out.

But I don't know. Someday.

Russo Explains Gays in Films

By Byron Marshall

"The reason why it's important to talk about the way gays are portrayed in the media," according to Vito Russo, is because the media educates — and mis-educates. Prejudices and stereotypes are poured into films, straights are perpetuated in their ignorance of gay people. At the same time gays learn self-hatred or a very limited and negative idea of what their life is supposed to be like. The problem is especially important for the gay minority since it can choose to be invisible. The straight and the gay person may be sitting side by side in the theater, the first never suspecting the latter. The straight can be reinforced in her or his prejudices by the unreal image on the screen, he said.

Some of these unreal images were shown for us Friday, May 9, by Vito Russo as he illustrated two shows, run as benefits for Otherway '75, with numerous film clips. Not all of the clips came from negative films: there were scenes from *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, *Victim*, *Machen in Uniform*, *This Special Friendship*, as well as the trailer for *A Very Natural Thing*. Some of the films discussed presented problems. Because one is aware of their possible impact on an audience, it is difficult to judge them objectively. Watching the special circumstances of *The Boys in the Band*, the decadence of *Fellini's Satyricon*, or the romantic moodiness of *Death in Venice*, the viewer is left blissfully unaware that gay people are "the corner grocer, the light bulb fixer, or the construction worker's son," Russo said.

In early American films the approach was to endorse the "invisibility" of gays. "Sissy" or "butch" characters were intended to stand for male and female gays... and be comic. By the '40s and '50s, the invisibility became more bizarre and malicious. (Consider, for example, the "comedy" *My Three Angels*, where the two gay stand-ins are humorously bumped off.) Gayness, as it began to

be a problem, was often disguised: in *The Lost Weekend*, Russo pointed out, "latent homosexuality had become writer's cramp." The disguises continued, for example, in *Bonnie and Clyde* ("you can't have an anti-hero

sleep with a man.") But as invisibility ended, and the words began to be used, distortion continued.

In fact, judging from some of the film clips, overt anti-homosexual propaganda, carefully orchestrated, seems

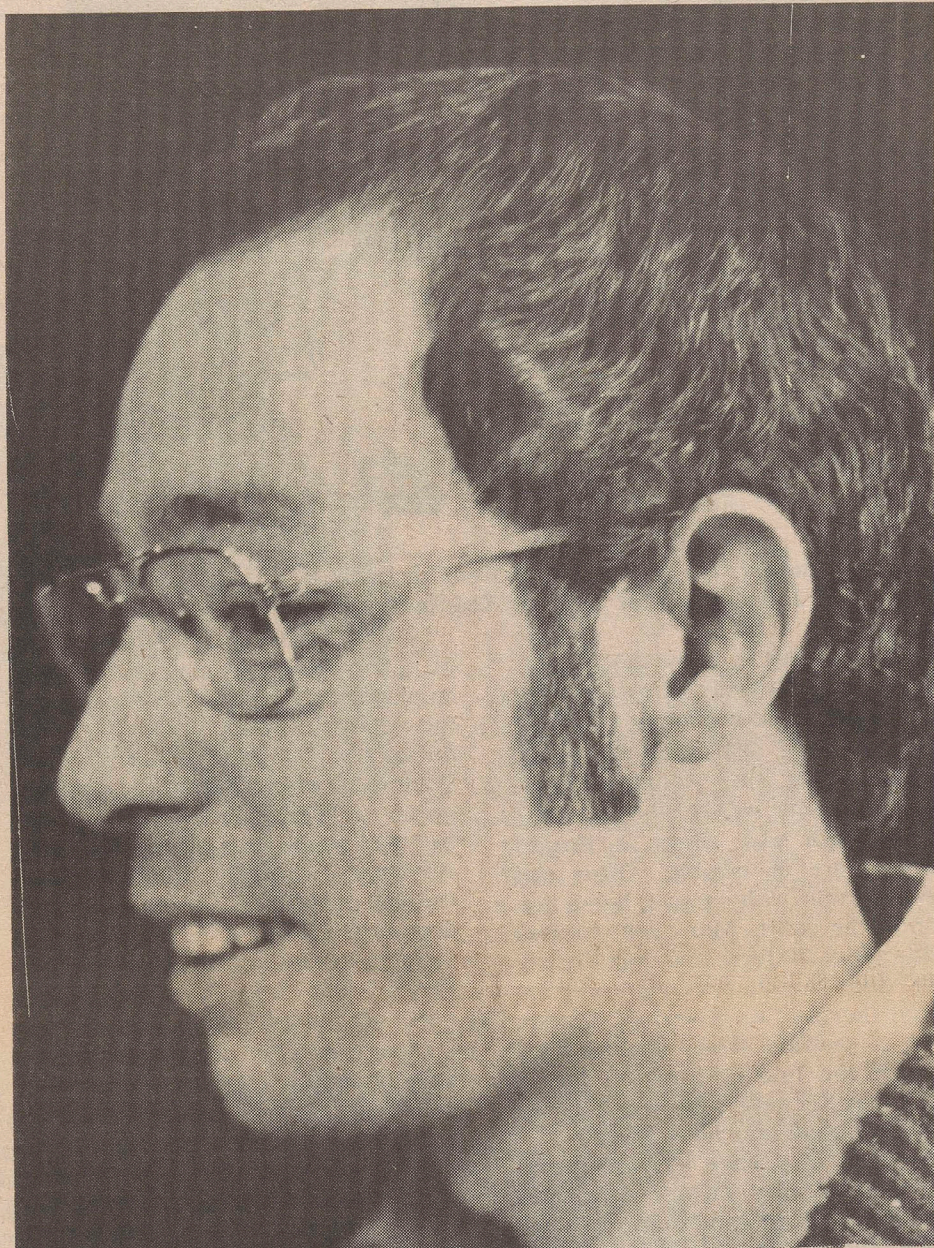
to have replaced the previous benign neglect. Movies such as *Advise and Consent*, *The Children's Hour*, *The Fox*, *Reflections in a Golden Eye* are remarkable for their savagery and distortion.

The once invisible gay characters are now insistently disposed of by the final reel. The string of cliches give an idea of the viciousness these films earnestly pushed at their audiences: "we've never thought of each other that day;" "I'll always be alone;" "I don't want any part of it;" "Don't say it — you're just tired and worn out;" "it was just because of the war;" "good normal life;" "you're playing with a lot of children's lives;" "he shot himself."

The combination of self-hatred and invisibility was strikingly demonstrated by clips from a television "first," a Mike Wallace show on "The Homosexuals." In this the anonymous people being interviewed are literally, ludicrously, and pathetically obscured by the leaves of a potted plant, as they talk of their "sickness."

A "breakthrough" picture such as *Boys in the Band* (still leaving us with the tormented individual, alone and lonely) must be judged, according to Russo, from "where it is in our history."

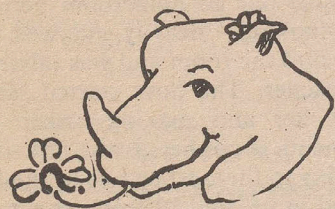
Russo realizes that "no film is going to satisfy everybody." But for real improvement, he believes that the initiative will have to come from gay people themselves, who must open up, come out, and make themselves visible, so that people will know who their neighbors are. Gays are involved in the making of films, in the advertising and buying of products, in the everyday life of their communities, and must let other people know this. "Any group," he feels, with "enough energy" to make national stars out of singers and department stores have enough energy to improve their own position in society. The portrayals in the media "can change us," he says, "but we can't change them until we change ourselves."



Vito Russo lecturing on the history of gays in film at Otherway benefit.

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"The Point" — Children's Theatre for Everyone

A Review By DON SHEWEY

Round-headed Oblio is banished from the Pointed Village for lacking a pointed skull and proceeds in exile to the Pointless Forest, where he discovers that everything has some kind of point. So, he explains upon his return to the Pointed Village, "I must have a point somewhere." And a voice from the crowd assures him, "You've got a point there, son."

And that's the point — er, message portrayed in Harry Nilsson's "The Point," a piece of musical fantasy currently being performed by the Boston Rep Theatre.

"The Point" originated as a record album by Nilsson (of Nilsson Schmilsson renown) and shortly thereafter appeared as animated television special with music by Nilsson, cartoons by Gary Lund, and narration by Dustin Hoffman. Director Esquire Jauchem then spent about three years designing and adapting "The Point" for the stage, finally opening at the Boston Rep in March of 1975.

That "The Point" ever made it to the stage is an achievement in itself, since, like the best "children's stories" such as *Alice in Wonderland* (which "The Point" unavoidably calls to mind), it's based on fantasy and imagination in an elusively child-like (and non-cerebral) fashion. In this respect the Boston Rep made a lot of good, successful choices, attacking "The Point" with pure children's-theatre style, giving the kids toys to look at, funny costumes to see, happy songs to hear. (In all fairness, you must know that children's theatre is pretty shoddy by normal standards, "The Point" included; however, it's meant

for kids, so if you go, ya gotta be able to see it like a kid.)

The star of the show is, naturally, Oblio's canine companion Arrow, represented by a Bunraku puppet (operated onstage by a hooded player). He sniffs and wiggles and wags and projects as much energy as anyone else in the cast (if not more).

David Morse in the lead role of Oblio is pleasant and attractive, neatly sidestepping most of the cliched mannerisms often used by adults playing children. Susan Palmer-Persen and David Zucker as the Star Lady and the Moon Man share the narration of the story, which is accompanied by a good deal of smooth and inventive movement; these two bear the responsibility of keeping the show moving, and they succeed with ease.

The rest of the nine-member cast hustles about creating the remainder of the 15 or 20 characters in "The Point." Jauchem with an eye for the playful, concentrated on creating vivid visual characters, which Martha Burt's bizarre costumes adequately achieves.

Any production aimed at children such as "The Point" needs to be evaluated, of course, in terms of its value as a social influence on youngsters, and for this reason I wish there were more solid women portrayed as models — the only ones presented (besides the co-narrator) are the "motherly" Mother and the Leaf Lady, who's terribly vain. But the men portrayed in power (the well-meaning, weak-willed King, the villainous Count) are not relentlessly superior, either. In general, "The Point" deserves a reprieve from over-analysis, and earns my approval at least in carrying the subtle and important

message that — whether you're round-headed or gay or Black or Chinese — it's okay to be different.

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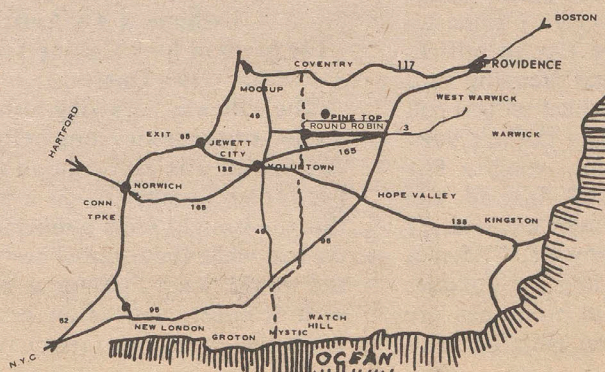
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Margo Sings the Blues

By Rose Flower

Margo Schuller played and sang her Kozmic Lesbian Blues to the great joy of an enthusiastic audience Friday night at Other Voices Bookstore in Boston for Good Gay Poets. Margo's music is unique. She plays with skill the organ, xylophone, kalimba, and melodic, often in combination of two or three at once. The music is a modal and sometimes atonal mixture of sounds from the thirteenth, fourteenth and twentieth centuries in the Western world and from all ages of the Orient.

Margo sings of love, a love that passes beyond the boundaries of the average into a new land for lovers; they have left the world behind separately and then found each other. She sings, "I'm a pterodactyl." She tells her lover that though they may fly in different circles and paths, the two will fly together above "those left on the ground." Expressing her independence in love, she sings, "I sing for a little while, and then I am with you." In another lovely, oriental song she tells her lover that they will meet beyond the horizon in a new land. Margo warns that "If you wanna love somebody, you gotta treat her as an equal." Always, love is the bringing together of

independents that then form an alliance.

Many of her songs would leave the audience breathless with laughter; then the next number would leave them breathless with the beauty of a strange melody, twentieth century echo of a time past. The funniest of the funny songs was "Public Service Announcement" which warned youngsters that the real drug danger is not pot, but the big "P," pepsi. Another talked of the late night life in the big city as seen from the eye of a city hippie, "and I'm still a freak." All loved the funny song dedicated to Margo's spiritual lover; both "could not find dates for our senior proms." Janis Joplin, of course. Margo sings as if the two of them grew up together, making many jocular references to their similarities ("we both do our vocals to get stoned") and expressing a shared mystical experience: "we both O.D.'ed on the blues." Another tribute to Joplin is an *a capella* "Lesbian Blues Gospel" in which Margo sings: "Praise the Lord/ For She's sent us/The Mercedes Benz of love."

In a scant hour and a half Margo showed her tremendous versatility. She played all the instruments in various



combinations. She sang blues accompanied and *a capella*. She played instrumentals. And all were original and unique.

Although Margo treated the audience to songs that echoed all kinds of music from the fugue to Schoenberg to gospel to the Oriental, her last number was an added surprise. She called it a Tibetan love chant, a tantra. In this number, Margo plays the xylophone, then stops. Without accompaniment, she chants one long note. It seems to be a low note, but within it her voice expresses the high note that accompanies it. Thus, the audience actually hears a note and its own harmony coming simultaneously from one throat. It is cosmic. It reminds one of Janis Joplin's blues chanting, but with a Tibetan air.

The audience loved it, but let Margo sum up her performance in her own words:

"Now you can cuddle with a tree/Or you can dance with bears/It ain't of Margo's business how you handle your affairs./O you can live by your own rules/And you can love your way/But I'm a freaky Lesbian/And so I'm gonna stay."

DAKE COOPER

By JANET COOPER

Can any of us imagine picking up the daily paper and seeing stories like the following?

The Secret World of the D.A.R.

A D.A.R. housewife has allegedly robbed banks and murdered a policeman. The F.B.I. and the local police assume that D.A.R. sister clubwomen and officials throughout the country have given her shelter and have a network of information about other such alleged D.A.R. fugitives and unrelated matters. Long before her capture, the F.B.I. had questioned D.A.R. committees in five different cities. Grand juries had subpoenaed and were holding in jail indefinitely a number of D.A.R. women until they talked. "I intend to fight on in every way as a Republican, a housewife, and a den mother," she declared at the time of her arrest. She and her husband slept in the family's inherited four poster bed looking up at an old family portrait by Copley.

City Cop Arrests Top FBI Fugitive

A Black ex-convict, who had been on the FBI's 10 most wanted list for nearly five years, was arrested as he walked down the street holding hands with his girlfriend. The policeman who arrested him circled the block a couple of times in a patrol car before he got out and said, "Excuse me, Sir. Do you mind if I ask you a few questions? Do you have any identification? You look an awful lot like someone whose picture we saw just before I came on duty. You don't have any identification? Would you mind stepping into the police car for a moment while I call into headquarters? Why doesn't your girlfriend come along too?" The subject was not frisked. Instead, the policeman looked at them and said, "I don't want to shoot anyone." After a little difficulty in finding the building and then the door that policemen are supposed to use when entering with

prisoners, they finally had their highly-valued captives secure.

In America, everyone is innocent until proven guilty. His girlfriend denied that they would ever consider living together as other than husband and wife.

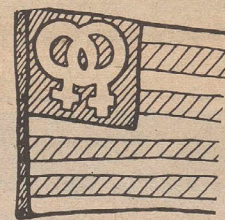
Prayer Breakfast Supporters Questioned in Search for Watergate Fugitives

Many Watergate suspects have said, "I believe in God." They are reported to have been seen in church on several Sundays. The FBI says if they pray on Sundays, they very well may pray on week days also. The FBI has requested that all religious literature be removed from the libraries of U.S. prisons. The lead soprano of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has refused to sing any more religious hymns for fear of being implicated in this massive FBI intensive investigation. "I am urging all my friends to listen only to Lavendar Jane and Steven Bloomfield. Sacrilege is our only salvation, errrr, I don't mean salvation, I mean our only alternative." She doesn't know what to do about her spouse. He refuses to remove the cross hung above their bed. He insists it's the only way to be assured that they will not be bothered by vampires at night but she is deathly afraid of harassment. He recalls earlier days when harassment or no harassment, he at least would have his other wives.

Lesbians & The Left: The Myth of Ever Getting Two Sides to a Question

The FBI was harassing lesbians and lesbian communities long before Susan XX (Susan was deliberate in not using her father's name) made a statement that the straight press publicized out of context when they quoted her as saying she would 'keep fighting as a lesbian, as a feminist, and as an amazon.' I know that every issue that confronts a

SEXISM IN THE SUSAN SAXE ARREST AND NEWS REPORTS



woman is a feminist issue as it Susan's position as a political prisoner and while we are all concerned about how each of us will support or not support her today and whether or not each of us will or will not support her actions of five years ago, we know that how each of us supports her is an individual decision and we must respect the right of each of us to make up her own mind. We know that Susan XX herself never implicated the Movement. She identified with it. We know that the FBI and the straight press implicated the Women's and Gay Movements and if lesbians can't distinguish between these issues and identify what they are, how can we expect straight male press and straight-identified press writers to do the same? Susan chose to identify as a lesbian, as a feminist, and as an

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Talking Politics

By DAVID P. BRILL

Since the 1972 Supreme Court ruling that prohibited "discretionary" execution for those convicted of committing capital offenses, thirty states have adopted death penalty statutes that conform to the Court's mandate. No one, though, has been executed in the United States since that 1972 decision, and the Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the death penalty itself later this month.

Throughout history, gays have been the victims of violence. Whether it was when we were burned as witches during the sixteenth century, decimated under Hitler's reign during World War II, or set ablaze in the infamous Upstairs Lounge fire of New Orleans in 1973, violence is not new to gay people. In Boston alone, gay men have, for two years, been on the receiving end of some unbelievably gruesome assaults by what appears to be one group of men.

The issue of gay rights has always been an issue of "the liberals" in the political system. The same "Amnesty-Acid-Abortion" platform offered by McGovernites in 1972 invariably includes opposition to the death penalty. One sometimes wonders if "liberals" are always right.

The Massachusetts Senate recently failed by one vote to override a gubernatorial veto of a broad-sweeping capital punishment bill. During the debate, the various Senators involved sought to make emotional pleas both supporting and opposing the death penalty. While one legislator spoke of the executions of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Sacco and Vanzetti, another legislator rose to remind his colleagues of the six Israeli athletes killed by Arab terrorists at the Munich Olympics in 1972. For every charge of

"barbarism" made in opposition to capital punishment, an equally strong pitch on behalf of the victims of violent crimes was made.

"What if your brother were wrongly accused of murder and sentenced to death for it?" asked one. "What if some guy stabbed your mother twenty times after raping her," replied another one.

It is clearly a case where both sides have rational arguments.

On the one side is a "revenge" factor, a gut-level, conscience-like voice that tells us that persons who victimize another person's life must be punished. That philosophy further says that the person about to commit murder will be less quick to act if he knows what the penalty for his actions will be.

Many persons have very strong feelings against those who have murdered gay people, be it the Arboretum murder of 1973 or the killings on Boston's Fenway area over the last few years. Even some of Barney Frank's "litmus test liberals" have found it difficult to find compassion for those people. Many of the nation's most vocal feminists — who are otherwise on the left of every other issue — have been advocating the death penalty for convicted rapist-murderers.

On the other side is a "humane" voice, that is telling us that no government has the right to take a person's life in punishment for a wrongdoing, regardless of how atrocious it may have been. What if, they ask, the accused person is found guilty when in fact he is not? Who is willing to bet a person's life on the accuracy of a judge and jury? To these persons, correction is more important than punishment. To them, capital punish-

BARBARISM OR JUSTICE?

ment is barbarism.

I am finding it increasingly difficult to decide which side is right. The "what if he really didn't do it" argument is the strongest one that the anti-death penalty gang has going for it. But still, when I think of the horrors, the cruel assaults, and the tortuous killings that gays have been the victims of, there is no argument on earth that could convince me that such killers do not deserve what is rightly called the maximum punishment.

Another argument often advanced in opposition to capital punishment is that most murders are crimes of passion, between parties who knew each other, and were often related. There is, it is claimed, far less intent-to-kill or malice involved with these crimes than with the type of "underground killing" for which organized crime is held responsible.

Some say that the non-addicted, multi-millionaire heroin magnate is a far bigger criminal than the man who raped and murdered a woman during an argument.

And so the beat goes on. Shall we get even with those who surely seem to deserve it, as the majority of people in the United States has indicated in poll after poll after poll? Or should we concentrate our efforts on the prevention of crime, of long-term planning, and rehabilitation?

Does the death penalty really act as a deterrent to crime, or is it just a vengeful and unconstitutional use of governmental power? Do those who mangle and maul other human beings deserve to live? These are not easy questions when you are seeking to satisfy two sharply conflicting emotions — both of which appear to have merit. You can't have it both ways.

Connections

By Avi

"I can't believe it's two o'clock already."

"I enjoyed dancing with you."

"The time just ran by."

"Yeah."

"I'm happy to have met you."

"So am I."

"I usually don't meet somebody I like here."

"I like you too."

"Wow, look at that coat line."

"It's pretty long."

"Do you live near here?"

"Not too far. How about you?"

"I'm about twenty minutes away."

"How'd you get here?"

"I drove."

"You must live pretty far then."

"Not really."

"I'm not very far at all."

"Do you live in an apartment?"

"Yep. It's very big. I have two roommates."

"Do they know about you?"

"I don't think they'd understand."

"Oh, that's an interesting setup."

"It's not bad. We get along."

"That's good."

"I've never been any good at closings."

"We don't have to draw to a close."

"Thanks. You're helping me."

"You noticed."

"I guess I should ask you."

"Don't guess, give it a try."

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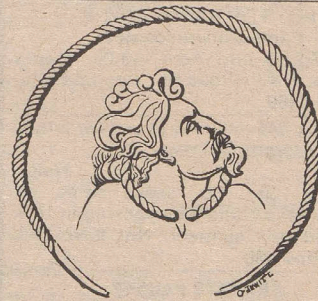
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M 30 would like to spend some weekends soon in outdoor play in Maine, but it's no fun alone. Need M companion under 21, realize I can't have everything I want, but would like to try for a masculine, lithe, intelligent, happy, smooth-skinned physics undergrad who might like to hike, canoe, or play chess. Will provide in return whatever I can of friendship. GCN Box 383.

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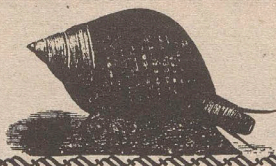
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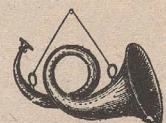


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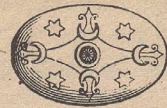
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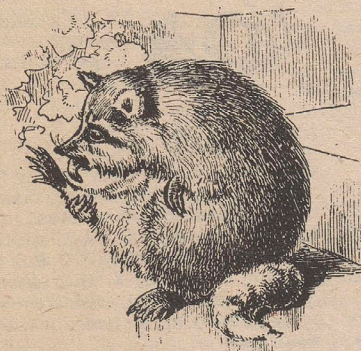
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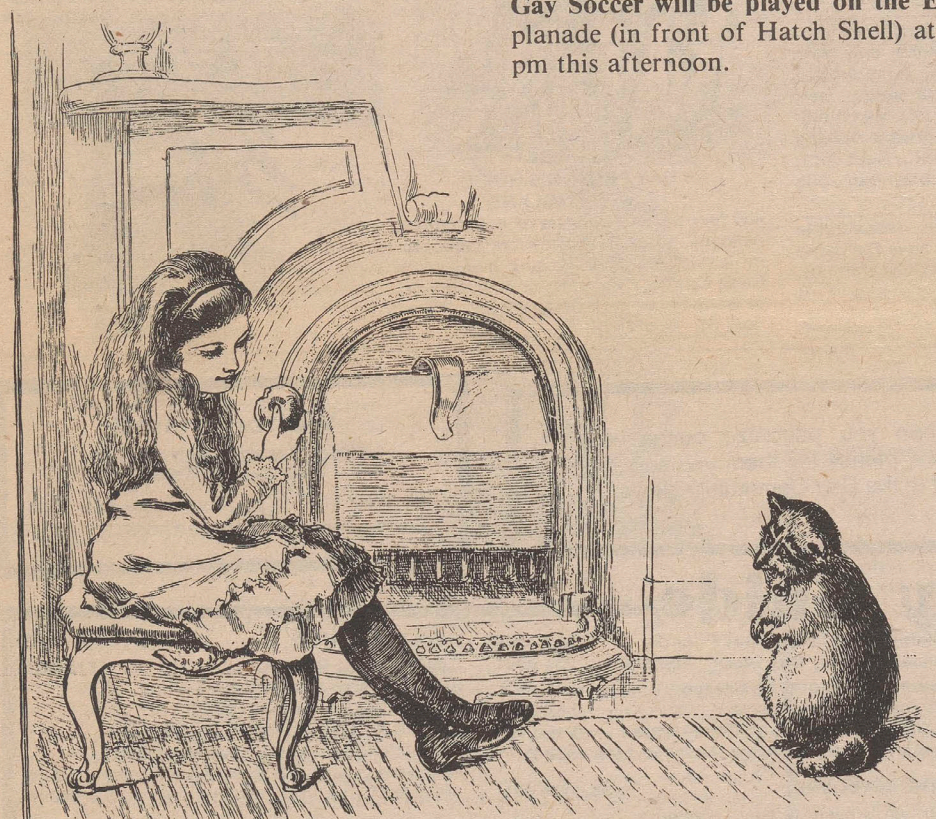
Otherfund on Catch 44: You may catch our half-hour presentation moderated by Linda Lachman, on channel 44 at 9 pm. tonight.



20 tues

Gay Pride Week Planning will take place at 8 pm in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All people interested in helping are asked to attend.

Otherfilms is showing "Cabaret", starring Liza Minelli, Joel Grey and Michael York, in the gay classic of the 70s. Come to the Cabaret, at Symphony #1 Cinema, 252 Huntington Ave., Boston. Shows continuous from 1 pm.



Rap on sexuality, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, at 8 pm. Guest resource person: Sister Bessie Chambers, of Episcopal Divinity School; this week's topic, "Love." Go to the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

21 wed

The Waltham-Watertown Gay Group will have a cocktail party this evening at the railroad collective. Bring booze, mixes, and appropriate attire.

The Gay Recreational Activities Committee will have a meeting this evening at 8:30 pm at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All interested peoples are asked to attend. A spring outing and hiking will be discussed.

23 fri

Couples Pot-Luck Supper, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, at 7:30 pm this evening. Come bring a hot-dish or dessert to share with your friends. Go to the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

24 sat

Gay Soccer will be played on the Esplanade (in front of Hatch Shell) at 2 pm this afternoon.

27 tues

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THE REVEREND NANCY WILSON, of the Metropolitan Community Church of Worcester, will offer the opening prayer at the formal session of the Massachusetts House of Representatives this morning at 11:00 am. Rev. Wilson will be the guest of Rep. Elaine Noble, and the gay community is invited to be present in the House Gallery, on the fourth floor of the State House.

28 wed

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30 fri

"Flo" — film of Florynce Kennedy. 8:00 pm at Charles Street Meetinghouse.

The New England District Conference of MCC will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church Center, 11 Amith St., Hartford, Ct. Representatives and clergy from 13 churches in the district will be represented. The conference will be held through the weekend.

31 sat

Picketing in Wells-Ogunquit, Maine. Meet at Stage Door at 10 am.

1 sun

Rev. Ann Montague, assistant pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of New York City, will be the guest preacher at MCC/Providence, 7 pm, 37 Clemence St. "Samaritan Sunday."

Metropolitan Community Church, Hartford, receives its formal charter, 6 pm during the monthly buffet. There will be a charter service at 7:30 pm. MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St.

7 sat

Gay Pride Planning Meeting, 2 pm at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. Gay Pride Parade this year is Saturday, June 21 — only seven weeks away. Come and take part in the planning for the parade and a week of celebration.



Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Tuesday 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.
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Rap, Exeter, N.H. (603) 772-6636.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., N.H.

8 pm—Alcoholics Together/Prov. MCC, 37 Clemence St., Providence
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.
7 pm—Pot Luck Supper, MCC/Prov., 37 Clemence St., Providence
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield.
8:00 pm—Rap on sexuality, MCC/Boston, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (except 1st Tuesday).
8:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM

WEDNESDAYS

12-8 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 pm—Women's Rap, 63 Chapin St., Providence
7 pm—Open Rap, 37 Clemence St., Providence
7:00 pm—Straight-Gay Rap, Conference Room, UConn Infirmary (side entrance), Storrs, Ct.
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center.

7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.
7-10 pm—Salem Gay Drop-In Center; Sexuality Learning Rm., Salem State College.
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.

7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and sup (2nd and 4th Wednesdays), Box 7100, c/o GCN.

8:00 pm—Brown University Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence, 2nd floor.

8:30-9:30—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.

8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, St. John of the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston.

10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine.

7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, basement meeting rms., Grace Church/Amherst.

7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center.

8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford, Conn., at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.

8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.

8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.

8:00 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn., Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge.

8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale meeting in library of Dwight Hall on High St., New Haven.

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 pm—Alcoholics Together/Worcester, 756-0730

7:00 pm—Golden Gays, social meeting, Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffee Shop.

7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union.

7:30 pm—MCC/Providence Health Clinic, 37 Clemence St., Providence, R.I.

7:30 pm—"Somewhere" Coffee House, MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St. Live entertainment
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

SATURDAYS

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.

8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.

8:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity St.

8:30 pm—UConn/Gay Alliance, Coffeehouse, Student Union Bldg., Rm. 217.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc., 942-2094.

2:00 pm—Gay volleyball. Call 241-8357.

2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

3 pm—The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford

4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays).

4:00 pm—Dignity Rap Group (except first Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston.

4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Centra Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.

4-6 pm—Gay Womens Group of Providence rap (401) 831-5184.

5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church 1105 Boylston St., Boston.

6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St. Bangor, Maine.

7:00 pm—MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Boston.

7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark," bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.

7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, Conn.

8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, Call 892-9113 for meeting place

9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

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