

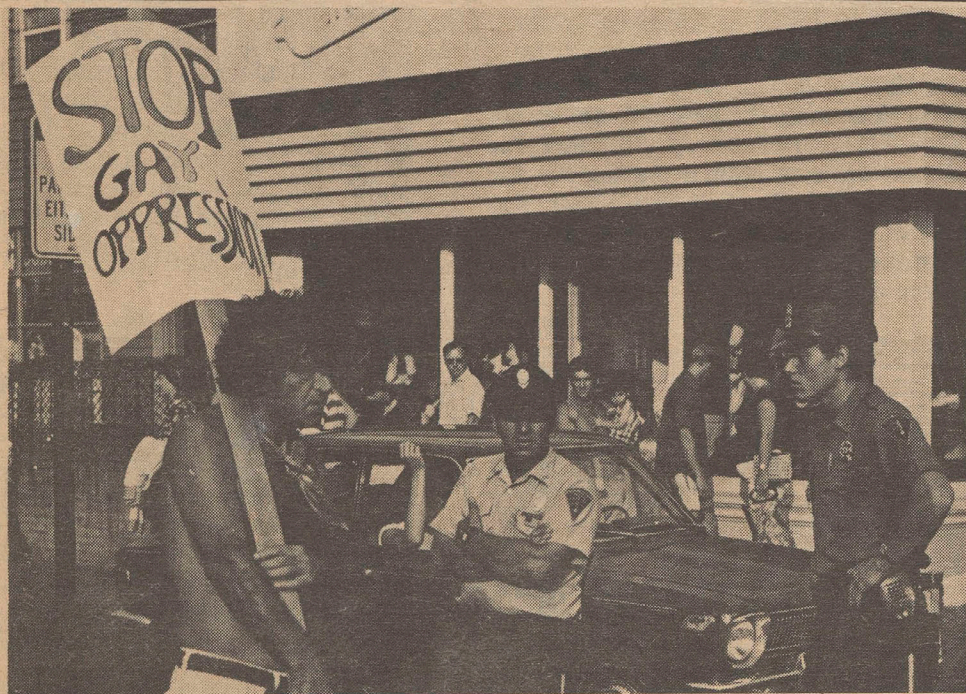
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Good Gay Poets Picket in P'town

By Neil Miller

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. — Six members of the Good Gay Poets picketed the Provincetown Town Hall last week in protest at the decision of the town's Art Association to cancel all further poetry readings by the Boston group. The immediate purpose of the demonstration was to publicize a protest poetry reading, which was held the evening of July 28 in front of the Provincetown Art Association. Both the demonstration and the reading went off without incident.

The protests highlighted a week of controversy and rumor in which the Art Association informed the Poets on Monday that it was refusing use of its hall for Thursday's scheduled poetry reading and for all further readings. Art Association Director Sheila Miles claimed that the Poets had "consistently violated fire laws, had not collected admission as agreed, and had permitted beer drinking and marijuana smoking" in the Association's hall.

Much speculation in Provincetown revolved about the role which an "erotic" poster publicizing the event had played in the Association's decision. The poster, which appears on the cover of the current issue of *Fag Rag*, was the source of at least one protest to the police by the proprietor of a "straight" Provincetown bar. However, Ms. Miles heatedly denied that the poster had played any role in the Association's decision to suspend the readings. "No one knew about the poster when we made the decision," she said.

Good Gay Poets spokesperson Ron Schreiber confirmed Ms. Miles' reasons for the cancellation. He claimed that the Association was going to suspend the readings at the end of the month regardless but that the poster

was the cause of the "immediate suspension." Schreiber emphasized that the Art Association was "not homophobic in any way." "It's a very conservative group," he said. "It was incorporated in 1914 and has 550 members, many of them old." Schreiber indicated that the Art Association probably had believed the Poets to be more "respectable" than they later proved and that many Association members were put off at the Poets' often flamboyant behavior. Schreiber also said that poor attendance was also a factor in the Association's decision.

Reports that the Art Association feared that the police might take away their liquor or public visuals license, as reported in last week's GCN, were apparently untrue. According to Charley Shively, one of the cancelled poets, that kind of accusation is typical of the "buck-passing" that has characterized the incident. "It's a classic case of vacating responsibility," said Shively. "The Art Association used the police as an excuse and the police deny everything."

Shively recalled that the Art Association had been "very eager" to open their hall to the Good Gay Poets. The first conflict between the Poets and the Association came over another poster which the Association feared was "obscene" and asked to be re-designed. Shively noted that "it's very ironic that an art association would object to the content of something artistic — something obviously beyond a men's-room level." Shively characterized the Association's decision as one "which divides and demoralizes the gay community."

Ms. Miles told GCN that the Art Association was prepared to relent and to allow the Poets to do their last

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New Assaults Reported

Violence Continues

BOSTON — Violence against gay men in the Boston area has continued during the last week. The largest increase in reported attacks has been along the Cambridge and Boston sides of the Charles River, in the areas well-known as cruising spots for gay men. One man has reported being beaten with a chain on the Cambridge side, and stated that the MDC police appeared totally disinterested in investigating the matter. Other gay men have reported similar experiences along the Boston side of the river.

Additional harassment by both police and carloads of young men has been reported at Revere Beach in Revere, in the area of the beach near the MDC police station. GCN reporters have observed gangs of young men throwing bottles and rocks from cars at gay men on the beach, as well as MDC police cars ordering men off the beach at varying hours. One MDC police officer told GCN that any curfews imposed by the police on persons walking the beach depend "totally on the number of complaints" regarding noise on the beach received from area residents.

There are no residents, however, near the section of the beach where the most harassment has been reported, and the nearest residential area is more than a quarter-mile away.

One gay man who left his car to photograph the police in action was issued a motor vehicle citation by the MDC for "leaving a motor vehicle

while the engine was running," in what the man claims was a way of harassing him. MDC Police Sgt. McDonald slammed the telephone on a GCN reporter who called to inquire about the situation in Revere.

One of the most violent incidents occurred last Sunday outside of the 1270 Club in Boston's Fenway area. Three gay men leaving the club after closing were assaulted by three men riding in a 1968, gold-colored Oldsmobile. One of the men brandished a screwdriver and threatened to "cut the fags to ribbons."

The gay man most severely beaten was pounded in the face, sustained a broken nose and was knocked to the ground, although he refused hospital treatment when Boston police attempted to take him to the hospital. One of his friends suffered chipped teeth and several fractured ribs.

Boston police who were called to the scene conducted less than cursory inspection of the incident, and did not ask who the victims of the assault were. Gary Hayes, a staff assistant to the police commissioner in charge of relations with the gay community, told GCN that the police cannot force the victim of an assault to identify himself if he refuses hospital treatment.

The biggest impediment to the investigation of these incidents has been the unwillingness of any of the victims to make official complaints to the police, or even to provide their names to GCN.

D.C. May Legalize Gay Marriage

By Kevin McGirr

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As part of a marriage, divorce and child custody reform bill now before the Washington, D.C. City Council, gay marriages may become legal in that city. The Gay Activists Alliance, the Metropolitan Community Church and the Mattachine Society of Washington testified at hearings for section 30-101 of the reform bill which authorizes same sex marriages. The hearing took place before the Washington City Council on July 7, 1975.

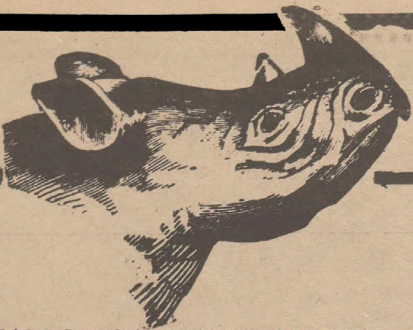
In his testimony for Mattachine, Dr. Franklin Kameny noted that Washington gay groups had already interpreted the District of Columbia Human Rights Act as a requisite for legalizing gay marriages. But Kameny explained that ambiguities and court rulings in other parts of the country required a specific ordinance authorizing same

sex marriages.

Kameny cited three main reasons before the Committee for support of the gay marriage provision: 1.) as a symbolic equalization in the status of gay people, 2.) for financial protection and benefit which would be derived from legalization and 3.) social and psychological support for gay life styles.

Testimony was also heard from gay groups on other areas of the reform bill as they related to gays, such as the sex of the child custodian in divorce cases (challenging the de facto presumption that the mother should get custody), use of hyphenated names in marriage and the visiting rights of a divorced gay parent.

Mattachine Society has expressed an optimistic outlook for passage of the Bill with the gay marriage provision within the next few months.



news notes

GRAHAM ON GAYS AND WOMEN

BRUSSELS, Bel. — Evangelist Billy Graham has come out in favor of ordaining "reformed" homosexuals in the ministry but hesitated on the subject of ordaining women. At a Brussels news conference last week, the conservative churchman said that he would be willing to see gays in the ministry if "they turned away from their sin." An aide of Graham later defined a "reformed" homosexual as one who abstained from and has repented his homosexuality. Among other qualifications for homosexual ministers, Graham listed "receiving Christ, offering themselves to Christ and the ministry after repentance, and obtaining proper training for the job." As reported in the *New York Times*, Graham emphasized that cases of homosexuals should be considered on individual merit.

The churchman coyly declined to answer a question on his views on women in the ministry, promising to make his position known in a "thoughtful article, biblically based." "If I entered the debate, I would probably receive about 100,000 letters," he said.

FEMALE FRUIT FLIES

FRANCE — Female fruit flies aggressively approach their own sex and males using male courtship techniques; so reports a research geneticist in France. This finding opposes the insect's reputation of passivity. Some scientists are worried, since these insects are a favorite experimental animal for studying heredity because they breed quickly.

MAZEL TOV

PHILADELPHIA — Mark Segal, a local gay activist, has been elected to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia. Mark will be a member of committees on Civil Rights, Discrimination in Employment, Housing, and Related Matters, and Civil Liberties. He will also lead a proposal on gay rights for the JCRC Advisory Council.

PEEPING

BALTIMORE — Randy Agnew, who made national news when it was revealed that he had left his wife to live with a male hairdresser, is back in the headlines. The son of the former Vice President was recently arrested as a "Peeping Tom". Baltimore police were summoned when a couple found someone lurking outside of their apartment and peering through the windows. The couple caught the young man and held him until the police arrived and established Agnew's identity. He was released on his own recognizance pending trial. The former veep's son claims that he was looking for the apartment of a friend.

the layout crew

'GAY' EDGAR HOOVER??

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Was J. Edgar Hoover one of us? That was a topic of debate on "Meet The Press" when a member of the FBI was interviewed last week by the panel of journalists. The newperson questioning the agent said they had information that Hoover maintained a retreat in Southern California where 20-30 "male secretaries" were often in attendance. The top echelon agent fussed, fumed, and otherwise avoided a direct answer.



GAY JEWISH FIRST

NEW YORK — Beth Simchat Torah, New York's gay congregation, has found itself a home. After renting space from the Episcopal Diocese for two and a half years, the congregation approved a contract for use of space in the Westbeth complex. The building seating over 300 people, will hold its first services on Friday evening, August 8. Congregation Beth Simchat Torah is the nation's first gay Jewish group to have their own synagogue.

NOBLE HOURS

BOSTON — Representative Elaine Noble announced last week that she will be holding office hours in her district in order to enable greater accessibility. District hours will begin on August 1 and will continue on the first and third Fridays of each month.

The office hours will be from 4 to 8 pm and will be at the salon, 30 Gloucester Street (above the Casa Romero) on the first Friday of the month, and at the Fenway Community Center, 78 Queensberry Street on the third Friday.

"I hope that any of my constituents who have suggestions or concerns about the district will take advantage of this time to come and talk with me," Rep. Noble said, "as well as those who have questions about personal problems that I may be able to help."

The hours may be extended in the fall to every Friday if the present schedule is not sufficient.

LESBIAN RUNNING

ANN ARBOR — Carol Ernst, an open lesbian, has announced her candidacy for Mayor on the Human Rights Party ticket.

LESBIAN COUPLES

BOSTON — Janus Counseling Associates, an alternative women's counseling collective, are offering a lesbian couples growth group. The group aims at exploring the emotional, social, and political aspects of being a "couple".

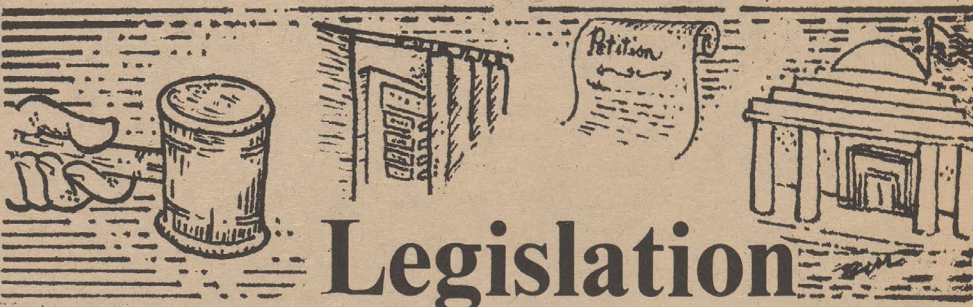
Interested couples can contact Jeanette or Laura at 354-4169 or leave a message at 536-3071 anytime. Fee is on a sliding scale.

HEAD SHRINK COMES OUT

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Chief Psychiatrist at Emory University Medical School has come out publicly vis-a-vis a front page interview in the *Atlanta Journal*. Dr. Stuart Strenger, 33, stated "There comes a point in most people's lives when the discomfort in denying what you are is greater than the risks involved in coming out." Only a month before, friends, colleagues, and his ex-wife were informed. "I want my daughter to know," he said, "I don't want her finding out from someone else."

OFF THE PRESSES

Sports Illustrated recently carried the following remarks. "A girl is not qualified to report sports unless she grew up as a lesbian playing for the Chicago Cardinals," and a man was quoted saying: "The greatest handicap in the world is being dumb — unless you are beautiful."



By Neil Miller

CALIFORNIA: BACKLASH BLUES

California gays are organizing to fight back against attempts to repeal the state's newly enacted consenting sex law. A committee, called the Organizing Committee for Concerned Voters of California, has been formed by twelve gay activists and has raised \$6000. The money will be used to hire a professional campaign-organizing firm to oppose attempts by conservative Christians to place a recall-referendum on the new law on next June's primary ballot. It is expected that the referendum's proponents will gain the necessary number of signatures. The potential presence of the referendum on the California primary ballot is having wider political ramifications as well. Seasoned political observers in the state are already expressing fears that a Wallace-type candidate might use the gay issue for political demagogic purposes.

TEXAS:

LONE STAR PRECEDENT

AUSTIN — Austin's City Council set a precedent in Texas by passing a bill barring job discrimination against gays. The Council voted unanimously to protect city and private employees from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, race, national origin, or physical handicap. State or federal employees are not covered by the ordinance.

Austin Human Relations Commission, the group responsible for drafting

DROP IN

WORCESTER, Mass. — Metropolitan Community Church of Worcester will open their drop-in center, Another Way, at 64 Chandler Street, Friday, August 8. There will be an open house on Friday from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Programs are being developed for the center to provide counseling, referrals, education and information to the Worcester gay community. Beginning August 15 the Alcoholics Together group will meet every Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the center. There will be a coffee house every Friday following the A.T. meeting from 9:00 to 1:00. Women's and men's rap groups will be forming. The staff of the center hopes to offer, in the future, a Lesbian Mothers' rap group, a Gay Youth group and expanded programs concerning alcoholism. For more information about Another Way call 754-7817 or 756-0730.

the bill, will handle all complaints against employers. Violation of the law carries a maximum fine of \$200.

TEXAS:

COWBOY CONSCIOUSNESS II

Merle Miller, the best-selling gay author of *On Being Different* and *Plain Speaking*, tried his hand at political lobbying as he addressed the Texas House of Representatives on behalf of a gay rights bill. Miller, invited by the House, received a standing ovation as he entered the legislative chambers to speak in favor of the bill. However, the famous author's presence was to no avail as the legislature overwhelmingly defeated the bill 117-14. One legislator called the House action, "the purest hypocrisy."

DULUTH, MINNESOTA:

BOB DYLAN 117th DREAM

Gay rights has proven the red-herring in the hometown of folksinger Bob Dylan. A bill, promising equal rights for all minorities, was scuttled by the town's city council because of the inclusion of gay people in the proposed legislation. The vote was 7-2.

WASHINGTON:

OLYMPIA, Wa. — Washington became the nation's 12th state to repeal statutes against sodomy, June 30, when Gov. Dan Evans signed a comprehensive bill reforming the state's criminal code. The law takes effect July 1, 1976.



Maryland Women Keep License

By Kevin McGirr

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Michelle Bush and Paulette Hill, whose Maryland marriage license was previously reported (GCN, Vol. 3, No. 4) as being in possible jeopardy, will remain married and not lose their license. The ruling came in an opinion issued by the Maryland Attorney General. The County Clerk in Montgomery County Md. claims to have issued the license unaware that the prospective partners were both female. Maryland law explicitly states that only persons of the opposite sex may receive a marriage license.

In a statement received by GCN from Franklin Kameny, President of the Mattachine Society, it was explained that in the Attorney General's opinion it is clear that once a marriage license has been issued, the marriage solemnized, and the license properly returned to the licensing office the marriage cannot be invalidated.

The Attorney General left to Montgomery County Attorneys to decide whether there is ground for criminal prosecution. The County Clerk's office claims that the license was issued after a false declaration by Michelle Bush. Ms. Bush has already denied any misrepresentation in her application for the license. Kameny expresses that it is doubtful that any prosecution will take place.

Ms. Bush and Hill have moved to Washington, D.C. and have also applied and been refused a marriage license in that city. This was done under the advice of their attorney, whom according to Kameny, is interested in making their marriage a test case in the Washington, D.C. courts. Kameny, who has also advised the two women on the situation round their license, feels that making their marriage a test case is superficial in light of pending legislation (see related story) before the Washington City Council.

Matlovich Hearing

NEW YORK — (NGTF) Pressure from Capitol Hill has quashed the Air Force's attempt to move back the date of Sergeant Leonard Matlovich's discharge hearing. The hearing, originally planned for September 16, was suddenly re-scheduled in an attempt to outflank the defense team. The new hearing date would have given the defense only six days to prepare their case. Matlovich won national attention when the career airman announced his homosexuality last April in order to fight to change the military's prohibitions on gay servicemen.

Immediately after the Air Force's decision became known, Matlovich and his lawyer, David Addelstone, began intensive lobbying of allies on Capitol Hill to put pressure on the Pentagon to modify its position. Finally, the day before the re-scheduled hearing was to have taken place, the Air Force relented and announced that

the hearing would definitely be held on September 8. This date gives the defense plenty of time to prepare itself for what has been called "the perfect test case" for the rights of gays to remain in the armed forces.

The contingent, headed by NGTF, was very well-received by the almost 20 Senators and Representatives or their aides. Phone calls or letters went out from the offices of Senators Bayh (Ind.), Brooks (Mass.), Buckley (New York), Cranston (Calif.), Gravel (Alaska), Hart (Mich.), Inouye (Hawaii), Kennedy (Mass.), Mathias (Md.), Muskie (Maine), Percy (Ill.), Stevenson (Ill.), Tower (Texas), Tunney (Calif.), Weiker (Conn.), Williams (N.J.). Senator Muskie's office was particularly helpful in providing time, effort and staff to route a round-robin letter among Senators to be sent to the Secretary of the Air Force advising him to intervene in Sgt. Matlovich's trial date change.

Poets

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reading despite the suspension. However the discovery of the poster put a quick end to this idea, according to the Assistant Director. "We did not object to the content of the poster," she said. "We objected to the use of the Art Association's name."

The Good Gay Poets' next reading is tentatively scheduled for Provincetown on August 7 with Ron Schreiber and Jane Kogan reading their poetry. The Poets are at present negotiating for use of another hall.



Women from People's Republic of China at International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City. (photo by Bettye Lane)

Rangers;HALP Confer

PROVINCETOWN — Rangers from the Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) met Wednesday with Bill Damon, Director of the Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown (HALP) to discuss what District Ranger Hanley referred to as "the current situation at Herring Cove Beach," better known to local residents as gay beach.

Prior to the meeting reports of ranger activity in the area had prompted HALP's director to discuss the possibility of joining as a plaintiff against the National Seashore's Nudity Ban. The favorable atmosphere generated at the meeting lessened that possibility.

While expressing the CCNS's recognition of the existence of gay beach, District Ranger Hanley expressed concern over what appeared to be growing incidents of "overt public homosexual activity" in the high dune area.

"We have had a limited amount of nude sun bathing along the beach area," stated the ranger, "but when the offenders have been approached and told of the nudity ban we have received cooperative responses. However, those areas which are open to the view of families passing down the beach vehicle trails must be maintained in good order."

While stating that the nudity ban encompassed the entire Cape Cod Seashore, the District Ranger noted that there were not now sufficient rangers patrolling the Herring Cove Beach area to warrant patrols in the

high dune areas off the main vehicle trails. He stressed that if the CCNS received sufficient complaints of overt public exhibitionism or recurrent reports of visible sexual activity in the area, that patrols might be increased.

A resident of the area noted that for the past five summer seasons gay visitors in the area have shown both ample respect for other beach goers and for the delicate natural beach foliage in the area so that patrols have been kept at a minimum. In seasons prior to that, the entire area had been posted closed to the public. Hanley and other rangers remarked that they hoped the situation this year would remain contained and that the area could remain open.

In an open letter to the gay businesses of the Lower Cape, HALP stated, "The Provincetown beaches and the rangers here have enjoyed the respect of the gay men and women who utilize the facilities here. We trust that this summer's visitors will not wreak ecological havoc by trampling down the bushes and dune grass, creating new paths through the brush. Without the natural undergrowth the dunes would blow wild, destroying the habitats of the animals which live there and creating a situation which the National Seashore, as conservationists, would not be able to tolerate. It is the implied wish of the Seashore to maintain the status quo at Herring Cove. It is the responsibility of the gay community to see that their wish is imparted to the visitors of gay beach."

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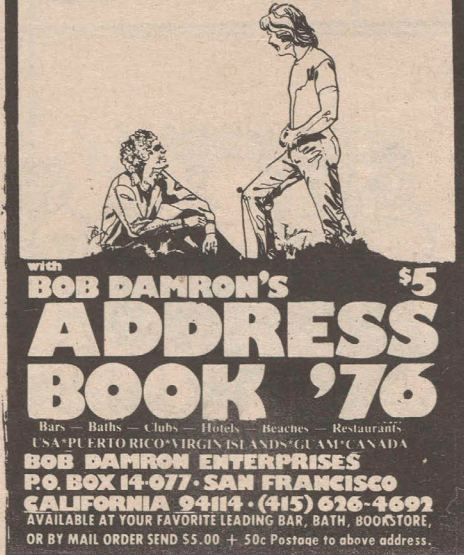
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continued oppression

Dear People:

I personally feel a need to respond to the GCN Editorial regarding the continued oppression of transsexuals. For whatever reasons, and despite the efforts of individuals and groups within Boston, this blatant oppression seems to be a very ingrained and persistent phenomenon. On most occasions it is probably not as overt as exclusion from a bar. The editorial correctly stated that Conference '74 took a pro-transsexual stand. That stand was maintained, but was constantly being challenged by women, some of whom were not part of the planning group. (I mention this only to point out that persistent efforts kept this decision from being reversed.)

I believe that the right of *any* self-definition (political, gender identity, sexual preference, etc.) is reserved to those individuals who chose to do so. It is my hope that we can refrain from imposing self-definitions on individuals, and instead, begin to direct our energies towards more creative and positive goals. Perhaps we can move in that direction by acknowledging the personal worth of each human being, and respecting their freedom to be.

Sincerely,
Barbara Albenesius

insular closet

Dear GCN,

Yes, Lisa Schwartz, "the bodies are still flowing." It is not unlikely that some of them were feminists, some of them lesbian-feminists, some of them children. But male or female, gay or straight, adult or child, they undoubtedly had one thing in common: their humanity.

Joan Baez, if you had really listened instead of trying to corner her into some predisposed niche of your own, represents a humanism, that far from being relegated to a particular decade is, as it should be, ageless. Liberation, Ms. Schwartz, is not so much the making of distinctions, as the overcoming of differences.

To say that Joan Baez "seems to walk the fine line between diversity and political commitment" is sheer rhetoric, but to open an article with such a banality signals that Ms. Schwartz has been hiding in her own insular closet straight through the Civil Rights movement, the anti-war movement, the prison reform movement, the farm workers struggle, and Amnesty International.

It's the same river, though the bodies span a spectrum of colors and no doubt sexual preferences. It's the same river, over which one voice has consistently risen a cappella, telling us that no matter what we're doing it's not enough, because the bodies, Ms. Schwartz, are still flowing. And in that context, I can only concur with Ginsberg when he said, "sometimes gay is too much of a category."

Paul Morse
Boston

separatist society

Dear People,

After reading a recent *Forum* article on homosexual separatism by Walter J. Phillips, I felt compelled to render a few personal observations on the issue.

I reject the homosexual separatist approach to ending the oppression of gay people because I feel it is an immature and infantile analytical approach. It assumes that the enemy are all those heterosexuals we live with and is based on a black vs. white type of logic. Or should I say a lavender vs. non-lavender logic. At any rate it is basically an either them or us type of argument.

This analytical approach assumes human beings to be either all gay or all straight. However, the ideological approach falls apart when confronted with daily reality. In the real world where the majority of faggots and dykes spend the majority of their time people are not either all gay or all straight. In my sexual relationships with people I consider myself exclusively homosexual and in sexual relationships with myself I consider myself autosexual. In social relationships I consider myself to be homosocial, bisocial, heterosocial depending on the nature and parameters of the relationship.

I did notice in Walter's article that he seemed to dwell on the sexual aspects of the 'homo' relationship as opposed to the social aspects of the 'homo' relationships. He did briefly mention something about a homosexual society based on the needs of homosexuals. But until the 'needs of homosexuals' are defined we can not even begin to talk about how we want to restructure society. I for one need a society in which my brother faggots spend more time developing the social aspects as opposed to the sexual aspects of the 'homo' relationship. And as an aside I need a society that is free of Gay Capitalists. I am a human being not a Capitalist and as such need a society that caters to human needs not profits.

So what I need as a male faggot is a society in which human needs are met. I do not need an exclusively homosexual society which might or might not meet these needs. Perhaps what we all need — both homosexuals and heterosexuals not to mention all those who are both homo-and-hetero — is a society free of restrictions on any type of social relationship which enhances our human potential. In this context a 'social' relationship would encompass the sexual aspects of the relationship. I feel that human sexuality is a small part of the human experience and one of many needs that we have. Therefore, I have to reject the idea of a separatist society based on sexuality alone.

Yours in a Human society,
Joel Starkey

rantings and ravings

Dear GCN,

I was very upset by Sylvia Sydney's anti-lesbian remarks quoted in your July 12 issue. He claims to be for a movement of both gay women and men, but then he tears apart that movement by trashing lesbians. I must say, I'm ashamed of gay brothers who support him in his rantings and ravings. (This is not to say that I'm not upset about gay women who hate all men. They do upset me, but it's absurd to answer hatred with more hatred.) Sylvia Sydney may be an emotional release for some gay men, but he doesn't speak for me.

Sincerely,
Jeff Keith



acceptance

Dear GCN,

I am disgusted to see you give so much space to electrolysis. Aren't we here to accept ourselves — both our inner emotional and our outer physical selves? Creating this hairless image is no less than a continuation of racism, sexism, and ageism. Nordic racial characteristics (scant hair on the body and blond hair) have been pushed on all of us. So the women with dark hair on their legs, underarms, arms, and mustaches, are supposed to either shave it off or bleach it. And gay men are supposed to be hairless, blond "little boys" their whole lives, never surrendering their youth to the beauty of the human cycle.

As a Jew, I'm especially angry at your racist slurs on those with "eyebrows meeting in the middle", and calling people like me a "were-wolf". I am not a WASP, and i fucking don't want to look like one. If GCN continues to allow racism through its pages, i will discontinue my support.

If the *Boston Globe* made anti-gay remarks, we gays would be up in arms. As someone who is trying to create a world of human dignity instead of perpetuating plastic roles, i am up in arms against GCN.

Sincerely,
satya



visits

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Two days ago I paid my periodical visit to the GCN office. The visit was, as always, very pleasant. However, on my way out I saw something on the door which was very upsetting. An excerpt from Bill Loeb's *Manchester Union Loser* (it's really *Leader* but the paper will always be a loser in my book) made my blood boil. The article poured forth a lot of garbage about how E.R.A. will be a low blow to men (no pun intended) as well as depriving women of their femininity.

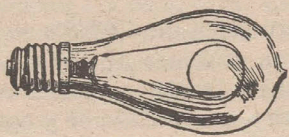
Loeb and his henchpersons are entitled to their opinions just as we are entitled to ours. What annoys me is that Loeb sees that anti-gay and anti-feminist editorials are written as if they were news stories. Worse yet 90% of this rubbish ends up on the front page. Can't Loeb and Company at least put their nauseating homophobic opinions on the Editorial page?

On the other hand, GCN news IS news. When I read a NEWS story in the *Gay Community News* I know I am reading facts and information. Opinions, whether those of the GCN staff, the readers, or opposing viewpoints, are written on the editorial page. Surely no one can deny that that is fair journalism!

Keep up the fantastic work, GCN. We love you.

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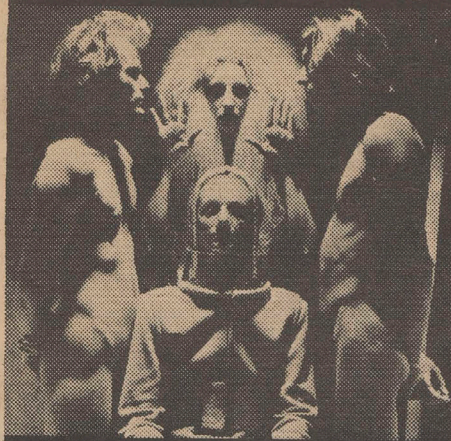
Most of the people reading this paper clearly remember the period in their life when they knew they were gay but couldn't face the facts of letting it be known to their family, friends, and fellow workers. As you look back on it now, you see all the foolish things you did to try to cover it up and to prove to yourself and others you were not gay. Finally in desperation it was come out or go insane. For some the process of finding their identity involved committing crimes to try to prove their identity. At present there is a 21-year-old brother in prison in California that very badly needs the help of those who understand the internal fight of admitting to the world you are gay.

This young man was arrested at 19 years old for attempted rape and rape. He was sentenced to prison under California's indeterminate sentence law, which in theory says that if a person solves the problems that led to the commission of the crime, or develops an understanding into the situations that caused the commission of the crime, to where he is aware enough not to get into the same problems again, he can be released in a fairly short period of time.

The police reports and trial records clearly show he was unable to achieve an erection in the commission of the crime (it was a fine line to call the one case rape). He had been involved in homosexual activities since age 5 and very deeply involved during his mid-teen years in homes, camps and foster homes where he had been sent for being beyond the control of his parents (very typical for young gays). Each time he was to go home there were problems that usually resulted in him being placed away from home by the courts. His mother understood and accepted his behavior, while his father rejected it to a point of beating him for showing any signs of being gay. At 16 his mother died, leaving only his father for him to turn to. For three years he went through the many changes of trying to prove he was not gay, including joining the Marines and finally the crimes that brought him to prison.

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It is the total agreement of all the prison treatment staff that his crimes were the result of a sexual identity problem. It is also their agreement that he has now accepted and understands being gay, thus, resolving the problem. In addition he has completed his high school education and started on a college major of sociology. He has also helped establish a half-way house in San Francisco for ex-offenders and hopes to open another in Los Angeles in 76. He has met and fulfilled the programs established for him upon entrance to prison. This is his first time in prison.

The last day of June he went to the parole board for a release date. He had been locked up 22 months and according to his prison legal status was eligible for parole August 1975. He was seeking a release date of mid-January 1976, so that he could enter a training program, available only at that time, to become a member of the management staff of the new half-way house to open in Los Angeles. He not only was not given a date to correspond with this training program, but was not given a date period. At the same time, the same panel of parole members gave dates to others with very negative reports, one stating the person was ready to explode any minute.

This is an out and out strike at all of us that attempt to make something out of our lives. We would like to ask the assistance of the many people on the outside who can understand the feeling of this young man, who for the past two years has worked day and night to become a proud member of his society, only to be kicked in the teeth for it. Letters protesting this decision and demanding a new hearing for Harry S. Lieble, B-53731, should be sent to Gov. Brown, California State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Carbon copies may be sent to me for his legal file. Your help will be appreciated.

In the Struggle,
Ronald Rose B-53354
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wrong ideas about boston

Dear GCN:

I am compelled to answer Stuart Kingsley's letter on Gay Pride Week, lest people around the country get wrong ideas about Boston and also to help Stuart get his facts straight.

There were 2 male entertainers on the bandstand. It was not a day for speakers, but for celebration. Elaine Noble and Rita Mae Brown gave of their time and brought joy and love to all of us — both men and women.

Last year 3 buses (not 4) went to New York. Three buses would have gone this year if everyone hadn't waited until the last 3 days to buy their tickets. The members of the Gay Pride Planning Committee are not mind readers. We had to know in advance to reserve the buses with \$150 and would have lost \$ if the third bus had not been filled.

As for next year, unless more "responsible" gay people show up at the meetings there will not be a gay pride week. It is the same few who do all the work. And unless you worked to make it a success then don't bitch and moan. People were asked not to call Lois and myself at home. Lois asked people to call her at her office. Our phone at home is a business phone yet one day I received 15 calls and 12 calls came the day before the march. It was an inconsiderate invasion of our privacy (what little we have) not to mention how much it hurt my business. If I had wanted to be chairperson I would have volunteered for the job.

Sheri

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Gay Men,

When I came out I felt that men being loving with other men would be the base for social change. The gay movement would replace the competitive and selfish world which men were taught to operate in, with a more egalitarian and caring society. However, after being in the gay community for two years, my idealism has been very much crushed. I, a few men I know, and many women strongly believe that the manner in which men relate with each other personally leaves much to be desired.

I've almost seen enough competition, selfishness, cruising-consciousness to give up gay life and go straight! But I won't cause that's not how I really feel. Men are supposed to be growing, supporting, and learning from each other with their newspapers, magazines, and rap-groups. But instead, in everyday life men see each other as sex objects, only supporting someone when that someone is going to be an agent of fulfilling their own needs.

I feel that men have to work on being a lot more warm and responsive to each other as people, to be more COMMUNE-ative, and learn how to be more open to feelings that are independent of sexuality. Men have been taught to see women as sex objects. That genital-oriented reality of relating has just been transferred from women to other men after we've 'come out.' YUK! That, I feel, accounts for my being bummed-out at many bars and gay parties. If you touch someone at a party, it's interpreted automatically as a sexual come-on, as is just going up to someone and talking. No wonder then that there is so little affection, because every little touch or word practically is interpreted as a heavy. With all that in the air, who can really relax and have a good time? This sexual preoccupation when just touching or even talking, ends up keeping us much apart as a community. Yuk again! Touching often gives me a feeling of being here and now and of being centered with the person whom I'm getting to know. Holding a knee cap, a wrist, hugging once in a while, seems to really help people feel good and get to know each other.

Brothers, let's get it together more!

Love,
Paul Cahan

freedom is love

Dear GCN,

I enjoyed viewing your Gay program on "Catch 44" on Thursday evening (7/24/75).

To support your cause, I would like to submit a poem I wrote entitled "A SALUTE TO THE GAY WORLD."

Sincerely yours,
Clee Snipe, Jr.

June 13, 1975

A SALUTE TO THE GAY WORLD

You cannot produce yourself and neither can I
Seated in the wings off stage is the
Great Producer and Director who created us all
Your beauty is as rich as "Schubert's
Unfinished"

You are the reflection of the Original Artist
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hypocrisy

Dear GCN,

First let me say I like the paper very much. Of course I have followed with great interest the cases of the gays in the military that have "come out" and are fighting back.

For a long time now I have known that the Military suffers from the same hypocrisy that all "straight" society suffers from. Namely — "be gay if you must but under no circumstances admit it, and stand up and fight back." This is true of so many parents I've had the misfortune to meet in "Parents of Gays." "If we don't admit it, it will go away."

Now as to the Services. I had a cousin by marriage who was in the Navy. He is retired a long time now. He was "straight" but talked long and freely of all the gays he knew to be gay in his service. Those close to the stereotypes and those not so easily spotted. NONE of them were discharged. The question was simply just not brought up.

Next, my sons were in the service in World War II. The gay son was in the navy. Again no questions asked. Just so it was not brought up in the whole hypocritical game. The last years of my son's life he lived with his lover who had been in the Army. He had had a fine tour of duty because his commanding officer was gay.

I was very close to a young man who did not want to be drafted and go to Vietnam. This is both an insulting but also revealing story. When he went for his physical, he painted his eye lids, wore long red fingernails and earrings. They asked him how long he had been gay and he said, "all my life." So they turned him down. He was extremely "straight." He knew others who had done it. He was delighted!

Finally my straight son. He has been girl crazy since he was 13. But he is very handsome, so in the Army his buddies thought it a joke to tell the gay Mess Sergeant that he was gay but just would not admit it. He had a rough time as you can imagine. But this also shows the terrific hypocrisy in all the services.

The time is NOW to expose the whole straight world and all its institutions!

Sincerely,
Sarah V. Montgomery

mutual goals

Dear Friends,

Our congratulations to GCN and David Brill for the well written piece *Black Caucus and Gay Rights* (7/26/75).

The parallels of our shared struggles must be continuously reaffirmed. Never is it a question of gay vs. Black vs. women. Our goals are clearly mutual in essence. The ugly fears that oppose us are mutual in their affliction.

Nor is it a question of *we* (the minorities) vs. *them* (the majorities) as such. Our immediate efforts to achieve social and political rights are consistent with the fundamental aspirations of *people* everywhere. Our course points ultimately towards a more sensitive human society in general.

But foremost, we must grow united in our consciousness of each other. Thanks again for drawing that point.

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BLUE TRUCK

By Richard Kinscherf

There was a time in Boulder when my truck was blue.
A boy was livin' in it hardly out of school.
We talked a lot of evenings sleepin' side-by-side.
The boy he looked into me feelin' eye-for-eye
my friend.
The thing developed slowly as the sun went down.
The truck, the dog, the boy and I drove into town.
But there the folks was starin' at the two of us.
The boy he burst out cryin' just fit to bust
his friend.
So I folded up inside myself and picked out a cave.
Shut the door behind me, on the dirt I lay.
But a voice outside was cryin' just to let him in.
Tho' love's not workin' always it is not a sin
To hear a friend.
The stranger stuck his hand out partially
Into my cave where he says to me,
"It's time come out, brother, there's the sun to see,
and tho' I may not be your lover, I would like to be
your friend."
Well, there's time when you want to give up and you want to die.
When your laughter sounds all hollow, and your tears don't cry.
Tho' your fingers touch nobody they can reach the sky,
When you're standin' on the shoulders of the kind of guy
you call a friend.

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Orchestra Luna: Kinscherf is second from the left.

By DON SHEWEY

"It seems that everyone is afraid
Of each other. Why do they travel
alone?
Resting their hearts in the shade.
Ol' dog beside 'em with a bone.
Why can't they have each other?
Why can't two friends love each
other
more than brothers? I don't
know."

These are the opening lines to one of the most beautiful gay lovesongs ever written, Orchestra Luna's "George and Lenny," written by lead singer/pianist Richard Kinscherf. Based on John Steinbeck's novel, *Of Mice and Men*, the song is formed by Kinscherf and the band into a strong and moving treatise on love between two men.

"George loves Lenny, Lenny loves
George.
Share their bed, share their board.
An' Mister I tell you what they had
Was bigger than Paradise, bigger
than the land.
George love Lenny, Lenny love
George,
Share their house, share their love.
(Inside their hearts burned a
vision.)
'Hey George,' cried Lenny, 'tell me
again
about the alfalfa an' how I can tend
them rabbits.'
'Them rabbits is yours, Lenny,
they come from me,
An' mebbe we'll have 'em, mebbe
they'll be . . .'
'Softer than ladies, white as snow,'
'But you look out cross the river,
Lenny,
watch the river flow. Watch the
river flow.'

(Beside the river, George shot his
friend.)

Lenny come quickly, wash my
hands,
And when I get to heaven, will you
be in the Band?

No one is
afraid any more.
Afraid of the thoughts in our
minds
We are all in the Band.

The Boston-based Orchestra Luna is an extraordinary band in many ways. They combine exuberant vocalizing, show-biz theatricalism, and excellent musicianship in a near-perfect mix. Their music includes a well-polished grab-bag of styles, from choreographed vocal numbers like "Fishbowl" and "Boy Scouts," to instrumental numbers featuring the three-piece band, to selected oldies such as Mary Wells' "Two Lovers" and the showstopper "Ya Gotta Have Heart," to the full-scale rock epics "Doris Dreams" and "Sky is Red." These songs are often interspersed with spoken narratives by poet-in-residence Peter Barrett.

In addition, their repertoire (largely composed by Kinscherf) includes a number of charming and romantic gay songs (such as "George and Lenny," "Blue Truck," "Chicken," and "Joey") that portray gay love in its simplest, most human form. "I'm most myself when I'm writing about love," explained Kinscherf, relaxing on the porch of the house in Allston he shares with most of the Luna band. "I get the feeling from gay people, although more from lesbians than from fags, of a very warm human love," one, he suggests, that trans-

cends gender. "But I think Orchestra Luna sings about all kinds of love — man-woman, man-boy . . . *There's nothing bad about love.*"

This seems to be the universal message throughout Orchestra Luna's music, summed up in another epic lovesong that highlights their stage show called (ironically) "Love Is Not Enough: Let lovely Light surround the space of human being/No one can escape the peace behind love's feeling."

Orchestra Luna's first album is available on Epic Records, and they make frequent appearances throughout the city from time to time, which are highly deserving of support from the gay community.

Lewis Furey

Another rock artist of interest to the community is newcomer Lewis Furey, a Canadian singer-songwriter with an album on A&M Records who writes about a perspective of gay life that sharply contrasts with that of Richard Kinscherf. If Kinscherf musically provokes comparison to Cole Porter, then Furey can be likened to Kurt Weill; where Kinscherf is brightly romantic, Furey is darkly sinister!

"I've always had the feeling i'm a
tourist in town
picking up boys, faking a love and
then just letting them down
ready to give any pretty thing a
whirl
sometimes i got to thinking i was
unnatural, a mean old churl
i made out in the scenes that i
wanted to make
but i was feeling unholy, on the
take — what to do."
("Last Night")

On his very strange record, Furey sounds alternately like Lou Reed and Cat Stevens, often forbiddingly, and the record cover depicts a wasted, zombie-eyed guy you'd probably not want to meet under any circumstances.

However, in his recent appearance at Joe's Place in Cambridge, Furey turned out to be much more amenable and approachable than the image he portrays in his record company bio. (Do you like to write? "the shame ennobles the boredom." Are you a romantic? "sometimes i look up at the moon and i think of napoleon.") In person he was quiet and energetic as he rambled on about his colorful past: his brief career in underground movies, his singing career in Montreal, his fascination with pornography, his admiration for Jean Genet. The Genet influence is one that pops up throughout his songs.

"caught you
investigating my mask
did you
find any traces from my past
the guns bark, the geese take flight
a starving man loses his appetite
my lips and my ass are shut tight."

This is from "Caught You," one of Furey's favorite songs, which he says "is about that moment at the beginning of a love affair, the real horror." His interest in the dark side of things is a recurring theme. "I write songs about the distance between people. I like that coldness," he says, though admitting, "Now I'd like a little accessibility so people can be on top of the coldness."

According to Furey, he has been attacked in the gay press as being "unliberated" in his chilly portrayal of gay life, an allegation he feels is unsubstantiated. "I figure I'm pretty

liberated — I try to base each song on one character, which is naturally going to be a facet of my own experience.”

Mention must be made of Furey's stage show, which is remarkable. Playing piano and violin, he directs a band which consists of three imposing women who sing and play a bizarre variety of percussion instruments (roto-tomtom, glockenspiel, cymbals, harmonica, maraccas, etc.) to fill in the unorthodox orchestration Furey writes into his songs.

The emergence of these two good gay rock lyricists is quite applaudable, especially given the heavy macho attitude usually associated with rock personalities. The only renowned gay representatives in rock previously have been sharply divided between, on one hand, the thundering, quasi-decadent Lou Reed, David Bowie, and Mott the Hoople, and on the other hand, the

simple, often-trite Stephen Grossman. The vast space in between really needs to be filled in, and Kinscherf and Furey are making a good start.

When asked why there aren't more rock musicians writing about gay people/love/life, neither could quite find an answer outside of their own individual objectives. Both men defined the source of their gay songs in a way that has always seemed to describe gay art. “I'm very open to that part of me,” Kinscherf noted, echoing Furey's simple explanation: “I open my heart and sing.” With these two men as examples, perhaps more men and women in rock and roll will open *their* gay hearts and sing.

(Don Shewey is a staff reviewer for *PopTop* — *The Record Buyer's Guide*.)

lewis furey



lewis furey . . .

HUSTLER'S TANGO

By Lewis Furey

you say you want to rape, rape me baby
well you know you've got, you've got to pay pay
the match is fixed, setup setup already
you're going to wrestle with an angel
(chorus) do you want to make a deal
ah c'mon my friend
do you want to make a deal
my brother my lover
do you want to make a deal
wanna work with me

you say you want to rape, rape me baby
well you know you've got, you've got to pay pay
don't feel guilty it's quite, it's quite propertious
you're going to get what you, whatever you deserve
(repeat chorus)
c'mon decide . . . enter
this is my magic circle . . . enter
you say you want to rape, rape me baby
and well you know you've got, you got to pay pay
you'll never ever again gonna make love
after twenty bucks the money changes hands again and again
(repeat chorus)
c'mon decide . . . enter
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Arthur Blake: A Gay Ziegfeld

By RICK PAQUETTE

The son of a mayor of Altoona, Pa. being asked to give a command performance for the Prince and Princess of Sweden may make interesting fodder for many fantasies, but it's part of Arthur Blake's scrapbook. He has also been asked to give performances for U.S. presidents. Twice for the Roosevelts and once for the Trumans. Blake has even done his act for the late Charles deGaulle.

This female and male impressionist was raised in a middle class family and is an industrial graduate of Pratt Institute in New York City. He started his career by doing impersonations at debutante parties. For the last 38 years Arthur Blake has been doing the stuff that many of us only dream about . . . he's been working with people that we worship from afar. Yet sitting at a table beside the pool at the Back Room in Provincetown, he seems like a real person.

Blake has appeared in theatres and clubs all over the U.S. and Europe and done guest spots with David Susskind, Mike Douglas, and Johnnie Carson. Audiences have chuckled or roared with laughter at his spoofs presented on the Ed Sullivan Show and the Frank Sinatra Show. He played the Tropicana on Sunset Strip with Arlene Francis.

In New York he started at the legendary Spivy's Roof on New York's smart East Side. From there he followed Frank Sinatra into the Rio Bamba Club. He was later featured at the Roxy and played the old Blue Angel and Cafe Society. In Chicago, Blake played the Palmer House Empire Room. He's also done New Orleans' Roosevelt Hotel, the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas and played 9 years at the Mocambo in Hollywood. "I've even done shows in Saginaw, Michigan." In London he was the only American actor ever to be asked to appear at the famed Palladium twice in the same year.

Under contract with Twentieth Century Fox, Arthur received fourth billing in *Diplomatic Courier* which starred Tyrone Power and Patricia Neal. He played leading man to Joan Davis in *Harem Girl*. Too, he's worked with Tallulah Bankhead, Lilian Roth, Robert Cleary, Connie Sawyer, Polly Bergen, Charles Laughton, Sidney Greenstreet and more. He did *Port of New York* with Yul Brynner and Scott Brady and appeared in the Academy Award winning *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Jose Ferrer.

"I gave Barbara Streisand her first break, and I gave Lilian Roth her comeback after fourteen years." The

list goes on. While I was talking with Arthur Blake in P'town, his manager reminded him that he had to get a tape done for Bob Hope. It needed to get into the mail in order to reach Hope for the Golf Classic the following Friday or Saturday. "Rodney Dangerfield was here to see me last week." When Blake opened a show in P'town, he told me that he received a "good-luck" telegram from "one of my closest friends", Bette Davis.

Blake has also done a couple albums. The most recent one is called *The Best of Blake*. He also did one with Jayne Mansfield, *Jayne Mansfield Busts Up Las Vegas with Arthur Blake*. GCN: With the various clubs that you've appeared in, you seem to appear before a lot of "straight" audiences. How do they accept you and the gay references in your act?

Blake: I like the challenge — to win the public. That's what gay people must do. People will accept anything if it's done with taste. I usually get a better reaction from a "straight" audience. I believe in class, not gaucheness — gays have enough of a cross to carry.

GCN: What do you think of other impersonators like Sylvia Sydney?

Blake: First of all, I'm not an impersonator, I'm an impressionist. Second-

ly, there's no comparison. We are completely different. Sylvia Sydney doesn't have the background that I have. It's like trying to compare Tiffanys with Woolworths.

Now appearing at the Back Room of the Crown and Anchor Hotel in Provincetown, Arthur Blake presents a Bicentennial Follies that he hopes to take on a road tour in the fall. He has been appearing in P'town for the last seventeen summers. This summer's show is a delight. Blake who produced and directed the show, does a number of entertaining impressions in fantastic costumes. Between costume changes and during some of Blake's numbers, a gorgeous male chorus line entertains with mime, songs, acrobatics and some near-perfectly timed choreography. There are a couple of solos by women and an impersonation of Tina Turner that had the audience screaming its approval. Hermoine Gingold as Betsy Ross done by Blake sings "I'm a Gay 'ol Hag" to the tune of "You're a Grand 'ol Flag". Blake also does Jimmy Stewart as George Washington in which he reminds his oarsmen, while crossing the Delaware, that when he says "stroke" he means the oars. Truman Capote as Ben Franklin and Marlene Dietrich as Molly Pitcher fell

(Continued on page 9)



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"Before you, you see a full-fledged Queen — and a Virgin one at that."



"People will accept anything if it's done in good taste."



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"I like to think of myself as the Ziegfeld of gay reviews."

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By DAVID P. BRILL

BOSTON SCENE AND HEARD

Boston Mayor Kevin White and his opponent, state Senator Joseph Timilty have both asked Rep. Elaine Noble for her support for this year's mayoralty contest. Noble is staying neutral. Rep. Barney Frank is already behind Hizzonor The MDC police have been very active late at night along Revere Beach, near the bathhouse area. When I tried to find out who gave the orders to invade the area, which is exclusively gay after 11 pm, a bitchy Sgt. McDonald slammed the phone down on me Activity along the North Shore is abounding these days. Rumor has a gay bar opening in Salem soon, with an existing one in Revere reportedly ready to go gay, and a new one in Lynn almost ready to open You read it here first There have been a few reports of arrests for nude bathing along Crane's Beach in Ipswich Cover up for safety State Rep. John Toomey of Cambridge is being deluged with mail and calls in support of H.2848/S.272, the gay rights bill that should be coming before the House next month. Maybe the veteran pol can be convinced to support it If you haven't already written your senator and representative on that bill, write away! Gay men are being beaten around L Street Beach in South Boston. The MDC are doing nothing to control the situation Governor Dukakis appointed his Commission on the Status of Women last week, and there was not a single lesbian in the group. Elaine Noble's campaign manager, Mrs. Virginia Hurley, was appointed. Where are all of Dukakis'

promises about "affirmative action"? The Boston Licensing Board's decision on the fate of Jacques and the Other Side was too little and too late. How many more gay people are going to be killed while the Varas bask in their millions? The Licensing Board told them to move by the first of next year or else. Or else what? If Henry Jr. needs a cab to Mars I'll be happy to call him one Frank Cashman is saying that Mayor White will walk into office for a third term. With Timilty's brother supplying linen to the Bay Village bars, that's quite a remark. Can you see bumper stickers reading "Another Drag Queen for Timilty"? David Bartley left the House of Representatives last week. His support for gay rights was the biggest plus we had at the State House. The new Speaker has some pretty big shoes to fill *Boston Globe* reporter Bill Henry, who has been the press contact for Gay Legislation '75 at the State House, has been kicked over to the *Globe's* Editorial Department Why couldn't an openly gay person have filed for city office this year? The demotion of Joe Saia is a blessing for the Boston Police Department. The man has played favorites once too often. His botching-up of Bay Village activities and his nastiness over the anti-soliciting legislation earlier this year are but two more good reasons for his dethroning. Thanks, Commissioner DiGrazia Many gay people are complaining about the lack of in-depth news in the new *Advocate*, and are switching to *Contact*, another national gay paper The Napoleon Club has put on a very lively face on weekends. The young crowd makes the

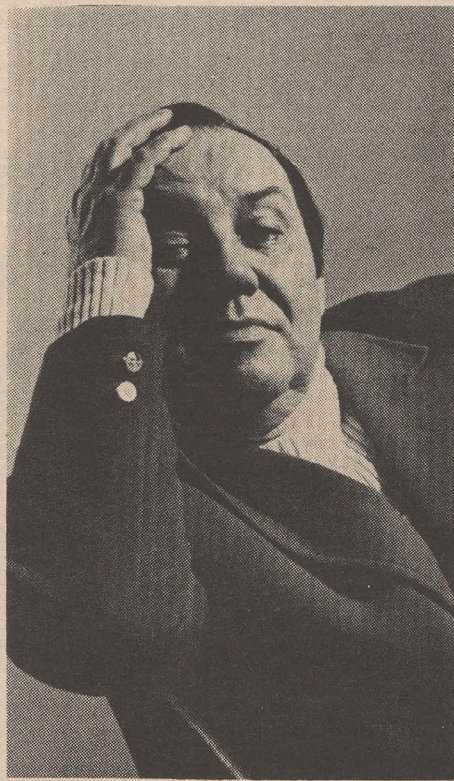
place seem different from when I remember first going there four years ago Why is everybody against older people? You're not getting older, you're getting better. That's what the

ads say Be good to your neighbor, even if they're straight. (Nufsed) With thanks to George Murphy of the *East Boston Times*.

Arthur Blake

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a little flat, though I could have been distracted at that point by the beautiful men hanging around the pool. The



costume for Shirley Temple is fantastic, but when Blake entered as Bette Davis' Queen Victoria, the applause was deafening. Blake later told me that

that costume cost \$1,500. In regal-Davis-splendor Blake announces to the audience, "before you, you see a full-fledged queen — and a Virgin one at that." Arthur's favoritism for Bette Davis is evident as he continues to do a number of scenes from her movies including, *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* and *Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte*. Barbara Stanwyck as Julia Childs tells us how to make "Hot Buns", round, brown, hot buns. When Mae West is asked, "Are you in drag?"; she replies, "I'm Canadian, I invented it."

The beautiful dancers for the show, which can be seen daily this summer from 5-7 pm, are recruits from Broadway. Blake plans to take some of them on his road tour. The men perform in tight black leotards, which in itself is resplendently beautiful, but I nearly fell off my stool when, during the finale, the dancers stripped to glittering red, white and blue scanty, very skimpy jockstraps. The experience was breath-taking.

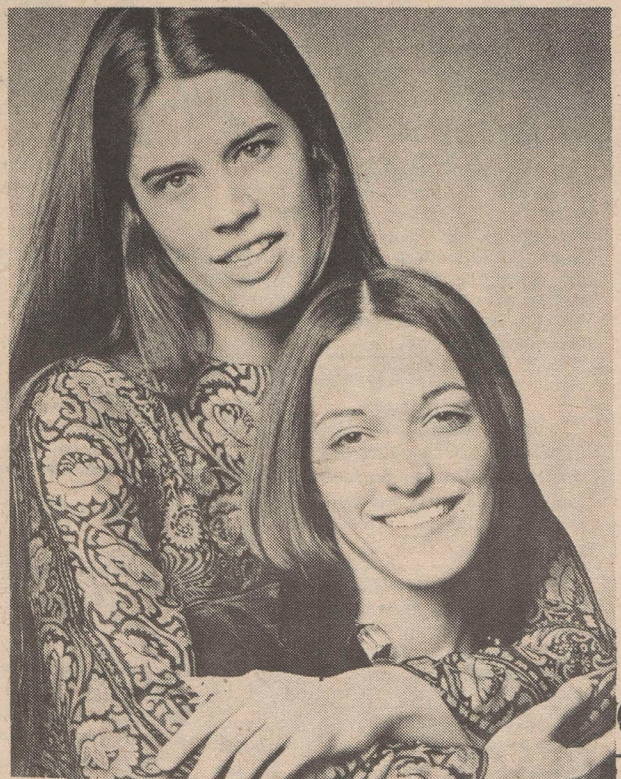
The whole show reminded me of some Broadway spectacular condensed onto the small Back Room stage. Blake later told me, "I like to think of myself as the Ziegfeld of gay reviews." If you have caught the show you can't help but agree that Arthur is certainly living up to the 'ol show-biz tradition of giving the public a great show. If you are in P'town this season, this show is a must.

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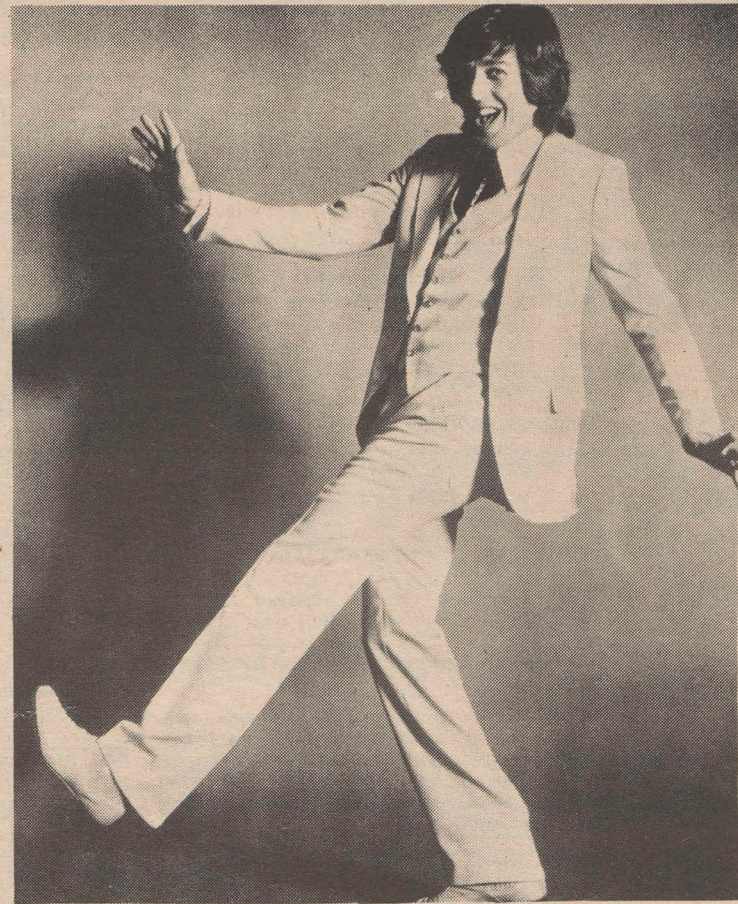
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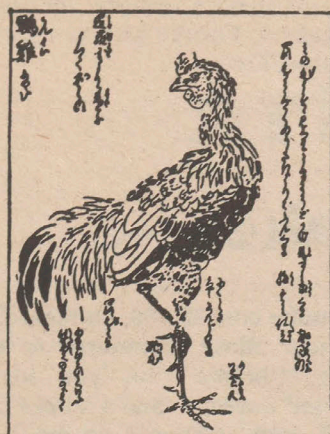
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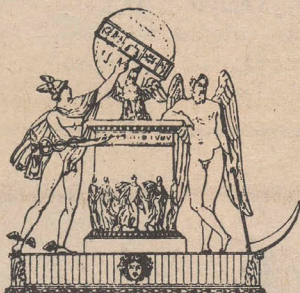
Meetings held every Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. Concerned brothers should call 617-734-0618 for more information or write to GCN, Box 9600.

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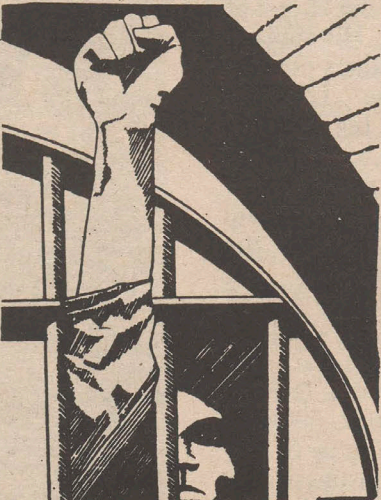
We now meet downstairs at the Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst (enter off Spring Street — look for the sign on the door). Still Thursday nights at 7:30 come talk and share — help us plan picnics and other functions this summer. For more information, write c/o Jeff Keith, 652 S. East St., Holyoke, MA, or PVGU, c/o Windy Hill, Charlemont, MA.

BOSTON LAVENDER THEATER

Men's group of Boston Lavender Theater seeks new members interested in collective gay theater. Leave message for John at 440-9241.

pen pals

I'm Black, a professional chance taker, 26 yrs. young. I'd like to establish some meaningful correspondence with any interesting gay person, that can be sincere. As well as serious about themselves as well as other people; in more ways than one. Please write. Orlando Forest, P.O. Box 50796-CTF, N. Soledad, CA 93960.



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Prisoner in need of correspondence. Please write: John Williams, P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

I am 26 yrs. and presently serving time in the Fla. State Prison. I would very much like to hear from some of you beautiful people in the free world. All letters will be answered promptly, but only the honest and sincere should write. Send letters to Jerry W. Williams, P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091; #B-024570/s-3-N-6.

personals

If you wish to respond to a box number in any of our ads, send to GCN Classifieds, Box 22, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

GWM, 16, living at home, seeks other young gay males for friendship in area. It's a drag being at home for the summer with no one to talk to. Do things with, or share experiences. Peter, GCN, Box 437.

GCN is doing an article on gays in mental hospitals. Anyone who can offer their experiences are urged to write Neil, GCN, Box 1984.

Lowell area, this young 50-yr.-old, BIWM, single, str. app., coming out of closet. Seeks an honest GWM for teacher in man to man loving. Drop me a line and tell it as it is. May turn out good for the two of us. GCN, Box 393. GWF couple just moved to Merrimack, NH would like to meet other GWF couples from NH for friendship, age 40 to 50.

Kathi —

Hope you enjoyed the birthday party, you missed out on in Madison. To our second year together!

— Jan

FAG RAG announces it Fall Deadline for submissions. Graphics and photos especially desired.

BIWM, good looks and body can use extra cash. Anything goes. Write: Occ., P.O. Box 394, Belmont, MA 02178.

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Elmyra,

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— Josie

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GM, 27, seeks anti-sexist group living, preferably near Harvard Square. Am responsible, considerate, pleasant to live with. No phone, so send your number to GCN, Box 435.

Gay person wanted to share 2 bedrm
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Attention: North Shore Gay Females — we know that many of you desire to "come out" and meet your Gay Sisters. Let's Get Together! We are casual gays, seeking more North Shore friends. No drug users please. We want your friendship! Write GCN, Box 436.

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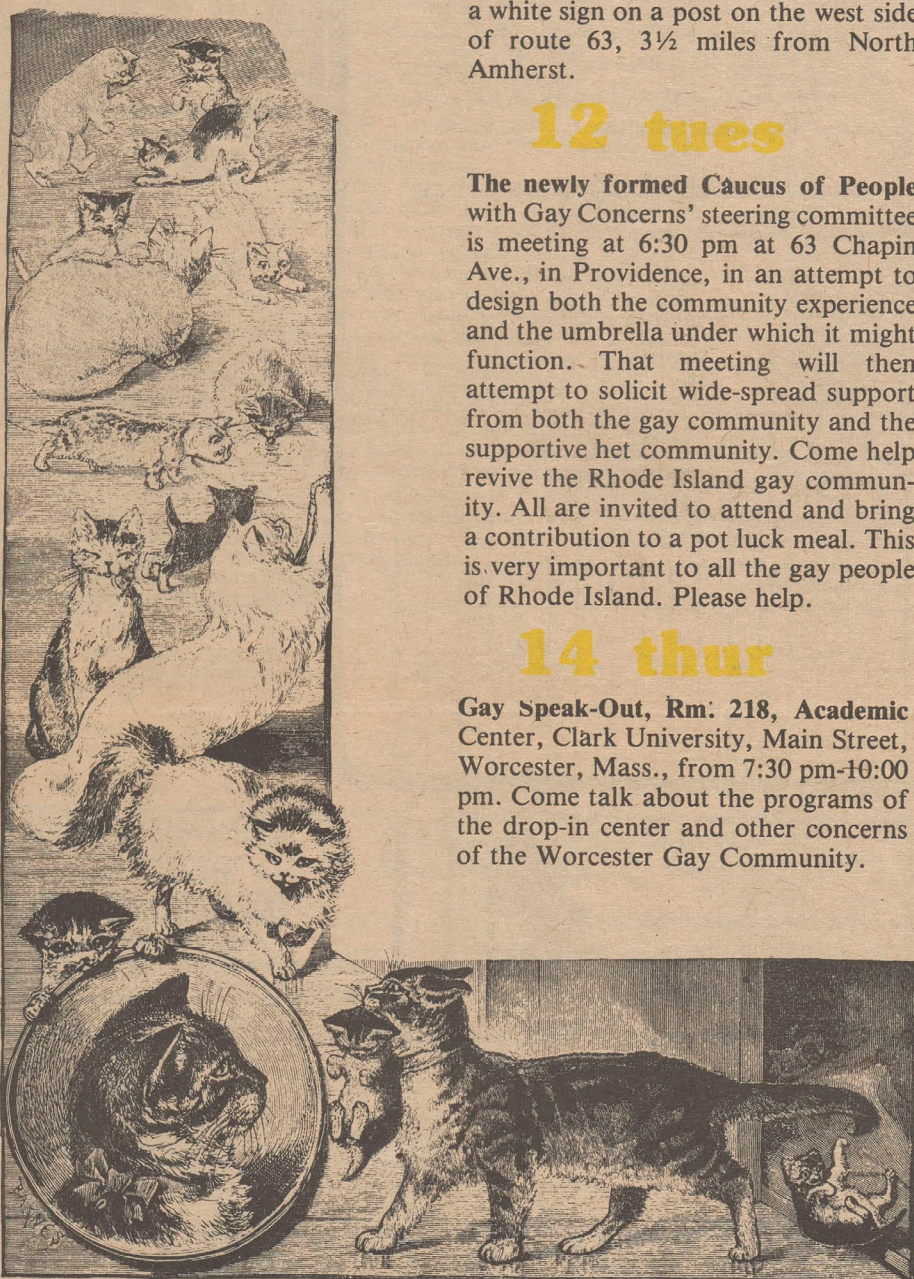


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The Framingham Unicorn Society will have a general meeting at 36 Concord St., Framingham, MA, at 7:30 pm.

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Lesbian Mothers, a support group is having an open meeting at 8:00 pm at the Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, Mass. Come share experiences and give support to one and other.



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Gay Moonlight Cruise, to benefit the Homophile Community Health Center, on the Mass. Gay Line, Rowes Wharf, 344 Atlantic Ave., Boston. Departure time 8:15 pm, return 11:15 pm. \$5.00 per person. There will be a band and refreshments on board. Tickets in advance from your friendly HCHS person. For more info call (617) 542-5188.

9 sat

Pioneer Valley Gay Picnic, 2 pm till ?, on the grounds of the Friends Meeting House in Leverett, (inside if it rains). Lots of woods around, and ponds nearby for swimming. Bring your own food, or a little extra to share. Watch for sign, "Friends Meeting," it will be a white sign on a post on the west side of route 63, 3 1/2 miles from North Amherst.

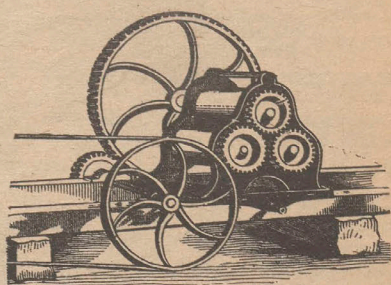
12 tues

The newly formed Caucus of People with Gay Concerns' steering committee is meeting at 6:30 pm at 63 Chapin Ave., in Providence, in an attempt to design both the community experience and the umbrella under which it might function. That meeting will then attempt to solicit wide-spread support from both the gay community and the supportive het community. Come help revive the Rhode Island gay community. All are invited to attend and bring a contribution to a pot luck meal. This is very important to all the gay people of Rhode Island. Please help.

14 thur

Gay Speak-Out, Rm. 218, Academic Center, Clark University, Main Street, Worcester, Mass., from 7:30 pm-10:00 pm. Come talk about the programs of the drop-in center and other concerns of the Worcester Gay Community.

Zazu Pitts Revival Film Series presents, "Imitation of Life", directed by Douglas Sink, starring Lana Turner and Juanita Moore. A tear-jerker based on Fannie Hurst's novel about two sets of mother-daughter relationships that become strained as their finances and careers prosper. 8 pm at Harvard's Science Center, Hall D, Cambridge, Mass. Donations at the door.



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15 fri

Disco Dance sponsored by the People's Gay Alliance and the Gay Women's Caucus at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It will be held at Farley Lodge (on campus) from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. Free refreshments. Donation 75c. It's the last dance of the summer folks, so let's get together and live!



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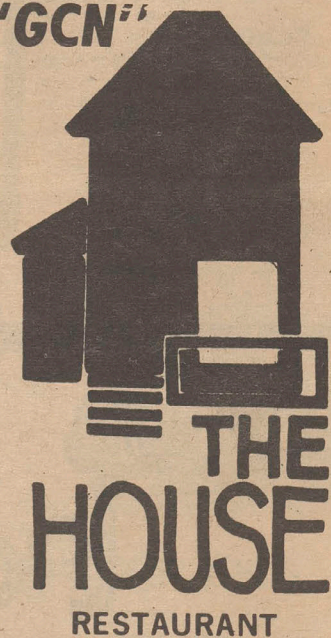
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MONDAYS

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.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., N.H.
8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, 290 Westminster St., Prov. R.I. (401) 274-4737.
8:00 pm—Lesbian rap and action group: Cambridge Women's Center basement; (617) 354-8807.
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.
7:00 pm—Pot-Luck Supper, MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., 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—Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.9 FM.
8:00 pm—Homophile Union of Massachusetts, business and social, Burbank Hospital Health Clinic, Fitchburg, MA.

WEDNESDAYS

12-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
6:30-9 pm—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573
7:00 pm—Rap session (open), MCC/Providence, 140 Chapin Ave.
7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.
7:00 pm—Women's Rap, 63 Chapin St., Providence.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and sup (2nd and 4th Wednesdays), Box 7100, c/o GCN.
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.
7:00 pm—Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester.

8:00 pm—Health Clinic, Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, MA.
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—KALOS, Hartford, CT, 568-2656.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Mothers group; 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA (617) 354-8807.

FRIDAYS

7:00 pm—Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730, 754-7817.
7:00 pm—Golden Gays, social meeting, Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffee Shop.
7:30 pm—Rap group for men & women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, Me.
8-11 pm—"Open house at the parsonage", MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence.
8:00 pm—"Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

SATURDAYS

3:00 pm—Soccer for dykes & fags, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston.
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW, 91.3 FM.
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
8-11 pm—"Open house at the parsonage", MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence.
8:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity, St.

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.

4-6 pm—Gay Women's Group of Providence Rap, (401) 831-5184.
4:00 pm—Dignity Rap Group (except 1st Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston.
4:00 pm—MIT-SHL (1st and 3rd Sunday), Rm 50-306.
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
7:00 pm—Metropolitan Community Church worship service, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, (401) 274-1693.
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.
7:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
7:00 pm—Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, Ct.
7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, Conn.
8:00 pm—Worcester Homophile Organization, (formerly W.G.U.), 892-9113 for meeting place.

