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Boston — Town meeting to discuss future of gay civil rights activities in Boston at Arlington St. Church, 7:30pm, speakers from BAHF, GRNL, Gay Legislation, Gay Speakers Bureau and Gay Media Action, info call 742-4811.

Cambridge, MA — Gay Pride workshop, "Faggots and Children" by Men's Child Care Collective, at Redbook, 136 River St., 8pm.

Cambridge, MA — Gay Pride workshop, "Lesbian Mothers" by Dykes and Tykes, at Camb. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., 8pm.

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Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis open house to celebrate new home, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 7:30pm.

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Boston — Interfaith memorial service of ALL gay religious groups for victims of the holocausts: Hitler's, New Orleans and Everard, at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., 8pm.

East Boston — The Noodle Island Society for the Protection of Our Waterfront Dykes and Fairies hosts "Tackydisco '77" in Bartolo's Sierra Room, Maverick Sq. World's smallest revolving crystal ball starts glittering at 9pm, \$1 donation, call 567-4494 for info.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group for women host professional mas-seuse doing demonstration, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St., 8pm, \$2 admission.

NYC — Celebrate Lesbian Pride Week, "Lesbianism: a personal politic" with G. Apuzzo, A. Dworkin, B. Harris and E. Kane, 8pm, Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St., \$1.50.

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Boston — Vikings Night at Herbie's, 12 Carver St., Champagne Night.

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Boston — Am Tikva, gay Jewish group, meets at 35 Worcester Sq., service 7:45, discussion follows.

Boston — After hours coffeehouse at Gay Men's Center, 2-4am, 718 Beacon St.

Boston — Dance at Boston Univ. to benefit Gay Pride Week, 10pm, Sherman Union, Comm. Ave.

Boston — Gay Pride Week Evening of Theater at Boston Arts Group, 367 Boylston St., women and men perform four pieces, 8pm.

Boston — Horizon will sing and play guitar at Gay Men's Center, 718 Beacon St., 8pm.

NYC — Lesbian Pride Concert with Alix Dobkin, Sally Plano and Teresa Trull, 7:30pm, Washington Irving HS, 40 Irving Place; \$3.50.

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Boston — Film program, featuring "Monday Morning Pronouns," at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 8:30pm, \$1.50 donation to benefit Project Lambda and Women's Filmmaking.

Boston — Gay Legislation Benefit at the Fenway, entertainment, speakers, beer garden, food, raffles, and more, 2-10pm.

Boston — Gay Men's Center game night, 8:30pm, 718 Beacon St.

NYC — Lesbian Feminist Liberation brunch/open house, poetry, photography, food, 1-6pm, Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St., free; films by Jan Oxenberg showing at 3 and 7pm at Women's Center; \$2.

NYC — Lesbian Pride Dance, Loeb Center, NYU, 566 LaGuardia Pl. near W. 4th St., 9pm; \$3.50 includes beer and soda.

Providence, RI — Gay Pride Parade, assemble at Municipal Parking Lot (behind Union Station) 1:30pm, step-off time 2.

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Boston — Older and Other Gays excursion to George's Island, leave from ticket office on Long Wharf at 11:45am and 1:45pm, everyone is invited to come along, for more info call GMC at 247-7312.

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New York Unifies, NGTF Raises Funds

Activists Plot Strategy After Dade County Defeat

by Neil Miller

NEW YORK — Angry and energized gay people took to the streets to protest and to the meeting halls to plan a counteroffensive in the wake of Anita Bryant's national campaign against gay rights. Bryant and her Save Our Children forces won an over-

whelming victory on June 7 as Dade County, Florida, voters rejected a widely-publicized ordinance that would have protected homosexuals from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

But an exultant Bryant was dogged by gay protesters as she attempted to

perform and exhort in several locations around the country last week. 300 gay people marched and shouted inside the Scope Arena in Norfolk, Virginia, as Bryant addressed a crowd of 2,500 at the tidewater religious crusade. The activists stormed out of the arena after the singer read a Biblical passage which condemned homosexuals as sinners. After the walkout, Bryant said that she had wept because the gay people would not listen to the Gospel message that God can cleanse them of their "sin."

In Chicago, Bryant met with a similar reception as thousands of gay male and lesbian activists marched outside the hall where she was giving a performance. Although the protesters did not attempt to enter the hall, Chicago police dragged several of them away.

A Bryant speech in Houston, Texas, was accompanied by a gay rally which featured Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church and Ginny

Apuzzo of the Gay Rights National Lobby. California gays, 8,000 of whom marched on Monday in the largest gay demonstration that Los Angeles has ever seen, planned to demonstrate against Bryant during her scheduled appearance in Sacramento this Tuesday.

NGTF Crash Campaign

In New York, the National Gay Task force announced the beginning of a \$1,000,000 fund raising drive called "We Are Your Children." the purpose of the drive, which will focus on booklets, fact sheets, and "weeks of dialogue," will be to change public attitudes that perceive lesbians and gay men as "sinful," "criminal," and "sick."

"While we continue to believe that these attitudes are not appropriate reasons to deny legal protection against discrimination in jobs, housing, and public accommodations to any group of

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Photo by Bettye Lane

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: GCN photographer Bettye Lane visited both the victory celebration of Save Our Children and the non-victory party of the Dade County Coalition on the night of the Miami referendum's crushing defeat. Above, singer Anita Bryant (right) holds up her finger, asserting that heterosexual sex is the only fit and proper sexual activity. With Bryant is her husband Bob Green (center), and the minister of her church, Rev. William Chapman (left). In the picture at the left, the defeated gays hoist the American flag, Iwo Jima-style. At far right is former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, who was one of the Dade County Coalition chairpeople. Next to Matlovich is Arlie Scott, vice-president of the National Organization for Women. Other people in the picture are Coalition volunteers.

House Vote Put Off Until August

Mass. Senate Passes Bill, Adds Referendum Rider

by David Brill

BOSTON — "The worst of all possible circumstances," was how Rep. Barney Frank described the sequence of events that took place in the Massachusetts Senate on June 13, events which could bring the spectre of a Miami-like referendum to Massachusetts next year. On one hand, the Senate passed and sent to the House H.3676, a bill prohibiting public employment discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. However, the senators narrowly approved an amendment sponsored by Senate Minority Leader John F. Parker (R-Taunton) placing the bill on the ballot at next year's state election in the form of a non-binding referendum.

The first issue the Senate faced was Assistant Minority Leader David H.

Locke's (R-Wellesley) proposed amendment to include a variety of sexual, social, and political preferences to the protected categories. This included everything from necrophilia, and bestiality to misanthropy and membership in the Ku Klux Klan. However, the amendment was ruled out of order by Senate President Kevin B. Harrington (D-Salem) on a motion by Sen. Robert A. Hall (R-Fitchburg), on the grounds that it exceeded the intended scope of the legislation.

Undaunted, Locke submitted a revised amendment, including only the sexual aspects of his previous one. Sen. George Rogers (D-New Bedford) attempted to scuttle that amendment also, but Harrington ruled that it was not beyond the scope of the bill to include such things as bestiality, voy-

eurism, and pedophilia. In arguing for passage of his amendment, Locke said, "I don't understand how they (pro-gay majority) could possibly oppose my amendment. These are selective liberals — they oppose discrimination for some but not for others."

Locke then reported, much to the titillation of the Senate chamber, that he had received a threatening telephone call on Friday. "They said they were going to get me. I don't know what they mean by that. They may have other targets in the Senate, maybe even more willing targets."

Reading GCN

In addition, Locke — who had read some back issues of GCN earlier that day for the first time—shared his perception of the dynamics of the gay community with his fellow senators,

and complained that GCN's news articles "were quite unflattering" to himself and Parker. "This is no group of closet queens . . . This is a highly organized, militant, vocal group!" he roared.

His amendment, however, was trounced, with only Parker and Sen. Denis L. McKenna (D-Somerville) voting to extend the anti-discrimination bill to other "sexual minorities."

Parker then moved to amend the bill by adding a non-binding referendum question to the 1978 state election ballot seeking the voters' opinion on the bill. "The people have not risen up on this issue," said Parker. He was joined by Sen. Arthur J. Lewis (D-Jamaica Plain), who said, "I think that seal of

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news notes

UP FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK — With feelings running high after the Florida gay rights debacle, New York's Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee has decided that gay pride marchers will march up Fifth Avenue next Sunday. The Committee had originally been granted a permit to march up Sixth Avenue on that day. The shift to Fifth Avenue — where most parades are allowed to march but which has been off limits to gay marchers in the past — comes despite the fact that no permit has been issued for that location. The committee's decision to march up Fifth Avenue regardless is seen as an attempt to "force" the issue. The city had agreed to a police escort for the Sixth Avenue march.

Last Wednesday, the day after the Florida defeat, some 3,000-5,000 lesbians and gay men marched up Sixth Avenue without a permit in a protest against the Miami situation.

New York gay pride marchers will gather at Sheridan Square on Sunday, June 26, at noon for the trek uptown for a rally in Central Park. Author John Paul Hudson and lesbian activist Karla Jay are scheduled to address the rally on that day.



WOMEN'S MUSIC

CHAMPAIGN, URBANA, IL — Singers Margie Adam, Willie Tyson, and Ginny Clemens will highlight the 4th National Women's Music Festival to be held here June 28-July 3. The Festival will feature about 20 major performers in addition to workshops to be offered by each performer. There will also be opportunities for those women who will be performing for the first time.

Other workshops will include themes like Country Music and Politics, Music and Healing, and a Feminist Radio Network.

The Festival will also open a boycott effort against the record album which the Festival Collective believes is "most offensive to women." The album, recorded by the group Montrose, on RCA Records, is entitled "Jump On It" and the album cover pictures a full-size view of a woman's crotch. The Festival Collective urges women to begin complaining to local record stores and to write Warner Brothers, 330 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91510.

Registration by mail is \$20, payable to the National Women's Music Festival. A registration pass will cost \$25 from June 27 on. Individual concert tickets will be on sale for \$3 at the door each evening before the concert, and workshop tickets will be \$1 at the registration booth.

For more information on the Festival and housing call 217-333-6443 or write the 4th National Women's Music Festival, P.O. Box 2721 Sta. A., Champaign, IL 61820.

ERA REJECTED

SPRINGFIELD, IL — The Illinois House of Representatives has rejected passage of the Equal Rights Amendment by a vote of 101 to 74. There was heated debate on the measure before the vote was taken with opponents being led by Rep. Thomas Hanahan (D-McHenry) who called ERA supporters a "bunch of braless, brainless broads." The measure can still be brought up in the Illinois Senate before the end of this year's legislative session.

\$20 PIE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — A Jesuit priest here has admitted to paying \$20 to a man who threw a pie at Archbishop John R. Roach to protest Catholic opposition to a gay rights bill in the Minnesota legislature.

Father George Casey, a former chaplain to a gay Catholic group, said he regretted his complicity in the pie-throwing incident. "My participation was stupid, foolish and wrong," he said.

The incident occurred when Roach, head of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocese, was awarded a brotherhood citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in May.

GAY VOTERS ORGANIZE

BOSTON — A group is being organized in Boston to organize a massive get-out-the-vote drive in an effort to register the many unregistered gay voters. The group hopes to set up tables in local Boston bars to encourage registration and plans to have an equal number of lesbians and gay men on the steering committee. Interested people should contact Carl at 227-0560.

FARRAH: NO LAVENDAR ANGEL

LOS ANGELES, CA — Is TV star Farrah Fawcett-Majors gay? "Definitely not," according to Bob Palmer of ABC-TV in Los Angeles. GCN contacted Palmer about the star of the television series "Charlie's Angels" after continuing rumors that the nation's latest "poster person" had come out during a guest spot on "The Tonight Show." The rumors had it that Fawcett-Majors made the surprise announcement when Johnny Carson asked her how husband Lee Majors was. "Lee and I are not getting along," Fawcett-Majors was supposed to have said, "because I'm gay." Carson, said the rumors, went to a commercial and when he returned, the TV star was gone.

"She's never been on the Carson show," Palmer told GCN. "In fact," he added, "she has not been on any talk show recently and the subject [homosexuality] has never come up." Palmer said that a spokesperson for "The Tonight Show" claimed the first calls about the incident were from Pennsylvania. He said that the Carson people characterized the rumors as "an effort to spread some dirt on Farrah."

GAY MEN'S CENTER NEWS

BOSTON — A new open rap group will be forming at the Center under the leadership of Larry Martin. The first meeting is scheduled for June 15, but new members may join at any time after that date.

In addition, the well-known local musician Horizon will provide music for two coffee house evenings at the Center on June 24 and July 1.

The Center continues to provide space for a wide variety of activities. Older and Other Gays will meet at the Center on July 7 and 21; gay forums will include speakers on gay literature and history, gays in the 1920s and '30s, and the work of the Metropolitan Community Church.

During July, or perhaps even before, a new program of folk-dancing practice and instruction is planned for the Center. The program is being set up so that beginners and old hands should derive satisfaction from participating. Watch the GCN Calendar for details.

During Gay Pride Week the Center hopes to be open additional hours to welcome visitors from the suburbs and from out of town. Call (247-7312) if you'd like to drop in.

INT. WOMEN'S YEAR

BOSTON — On Saturday, June 25, the Greater Boston District Meeting of the International Women's Year will be held at English High School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur in Boston from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Sandra Graham, State Representative from Cambridge and a community leader. All women from Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex and upper Plymouth Counties are being urged to attend and take an active part in the workshops being offered and the business of electing delegates to attend a National Women's Year Conference to be held in Houston, Texas, in November.

Some of the workshops for women which will be available are on issues concerning health, employment, sexuality, battered women, handicapped women, displaced homemakers, women in politics, consumer affairs, women and the law and education. Any woman who is a Massachusetts resident and 16 or older is eligible to be nominated as a delegate and is eligible to vote at the meeting. For more information contact the Massachusetts Coordinating Committee of the National Observance of International Women's Year at 617-262-1988.

NO IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, NE — The governor of Nebraska has vetoed a revision of the state's criminal code that included the decriminalization of all sexual acts between consenting adults in that state. An aide to Gov. James Exon, a Democrat, said the bill was vetoed because Exon did not feel it had been adequately reviewed by the Nebraska judiciary or the legal profession. Asked if the sodomy repeal played a part in the veto action, the aide said, "He didn't specifically mention that in the message."

REV. BARRETT DENIED LICENSE

BERKELEY, CA — The Anglican Church's only openly gay priest, Rev. Ellen Marie Barrett, was denied a license to practice by the Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of California. Barrett had been a deacon at St. Mark's parish in Berkeley and also a student at Graduate Theological Union. Earlier this year she was ordained by Bishop Paul Moore in New York. That action coupled with Barrett's acknowledged lesbianism caused a storm of controversy among members of the New York Diocese.

In April of this year, Barrett's deacon's license expired; she then applied in Bishop C. Kilmer Myers' diocese for a priest's license. In the wake of the Bishop's decision, Rev. Barrett remains a priest but she does not have a place to conduct services.

The question of ordaining homosexuals into the priesthood is scheduled to be discussed by the Episcopal Church during its convention in 1979.

WANDERING JEWS IN NEWPORT

NEWPORT, RI — Members of Am Tikva, the Boston area gay Jewish group, last Sunday visited Newport's Tauro Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the United States. The group followed up the visit to the historic spot with a picnic on the Newport shore. Plans are presently being formulated for a picnic on George's Island in Boston Harbor.

For the time and place of Am Tikva meetings and future events, check the GCN calendar.

EASTIE DISCO

EAST BOSTON — The Noddle Island Society for the Protection of Our Waterfront Dykes and Fairies, a gay neighbors association serving the East Boston-Winthrop area, will hold its First Annual Tacky Disco 1977 evening at Bartolo's Sierra Room, Maverick Square (Sumner St.), East Boston, on Wednesday, June 22, at 8:00 p.m. There will be a requested donation of \$1 at the door. For further information call the Society at 567-4494.

N.H. Women's Year Backs Lesbian Rights

by Lisa I. Schwartz

PLYMOUTH, N.H. — A resolution that calls for "repeal of laws which govern private sexual behavior between consenting adults" was resoundingly approved here at a meeting of the New Hampshire International Women's Year committee. Prepared by the Lesbian Rights Task Force and Lambda, the lesbian activist organization, the resolution is part of a strategy to force consideration of lesbian issues at the National ISY meeting at Houston in November.

More than 700 women gathered last weekend at Plymouth State College to discuss issues such as public child care, wife abuse, and women in politics. They approved over a dozen resolutions, developing a plan of action on both the state and national levels.

The lesbian rights resolution, endorsed by the Mental Health Task Force, was brought to the floor in a surprise move by the lesbian coalition. According to parliamentary procedure, resolutions are introduced by workshops or task forces. However, fearing the issue would be ignored or "buried" by such procedure, the coalition introduced the resolution on the floor where it would be open to general debate.

Lynne S. Brandon, a member of Lambda and the LRTF, introduced the resolution by criticizing a report by the IWY coordinating committee that referred to Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, but never mentioned the fact that the two were long time lovers. "The practice of ignoring their rela-

tionship, and similar relationships between many women, can no longer go on. This is the time to end it," said Brandon.

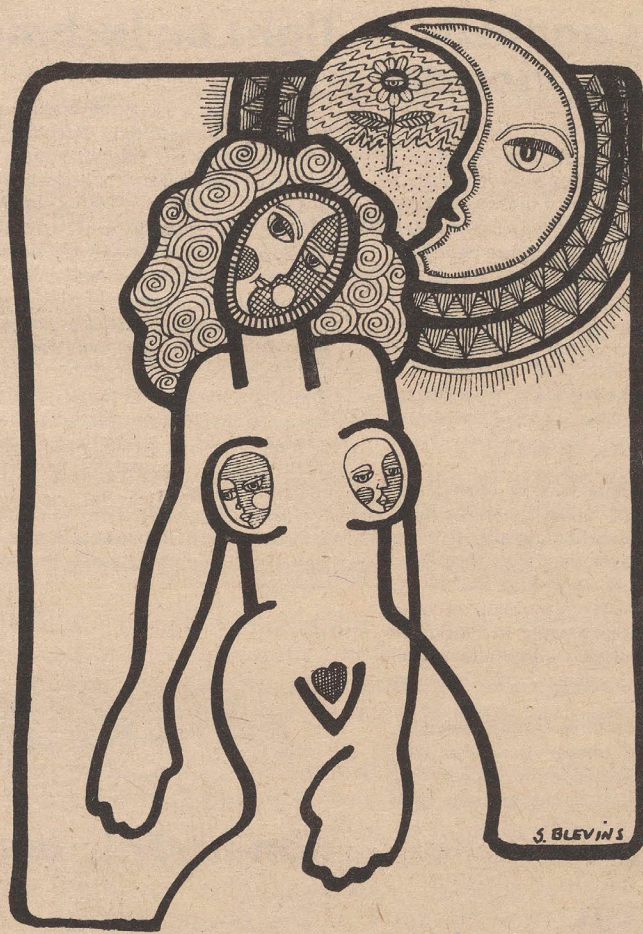
Speaking against the lesbian rights resolution were 3 members of conservative anti-ERA and anti-abortion groups. One of the women simply walked to the microphone and said "Hey Anita, we need you."

The debate ended by a voice vote that clearly reflected the enthusiastic approval of the resolution. "I think the opposition did more to galvanize support than anything or anyone else," Brandon commented.

Brandon was later elected as an "open" lesbian delegate to the National IWY meeting. Her election, in addition to the passing of the resolution, is the culmination of a month's intensive work by New Hampshire lesbians to press for recognition of lesbian oppression by the International Women's Year committee.

Carolyn Makestead, chairwoman of the Lesbian Rights Task Force, was delighted with the victory. "I think we won because there were a lot of professional, heterosexual women working for the passage of the resolution."

Brandon commented on the diversity of women who helped gather support for lesbian rights. "A lot of women came together — all ages, middle class, radical, conservative — an incredible blend. And I think this is going to be the start of something new. There's a climate of support here which has been absent for the last 5 years. And I think



that lesbians are realizing that their fear of 'coming out' comes from internalizing society's oppression. I'm now 'out' at my job, and it's an incredible feeling of freedom."

The Lesbian Rights Task Force of

NOW and Lambda will begin meeting soon to discuss specifics of the resolution to bring to the national meeting in November. Issues include child custody, education, attitudes in the mental health field and employment discrimination.

Everard Fire Fund: What to Do With \$6300?

By Jim Marko

NEW YORK, NY — Benefits in New York City bars and discos and individual contributions have brought the Everard Fire Fund up to just under \$6300. The Rev. Gil Lincoln of the Metropolitan Community Church in New York, which is holding the money in trust, told GCN that over \$2000 was raised in a cabaret benefit at the Mine Shaft disco. Lincoln said that the Fire Fund is being held in its own account and there have been no withdrawals to date.

On Saturday, June 18, the MCC will hold a meeting at 201 W. 13th St., New York City, to discuss the creation of a committee to handle the fund. Lincoln said that the committee of about a dozen people will be made up of

members of the community "who are representational and who have a lot of contacts throughout the city." "We have to know that the decisions to use the money will be made with the best judgment not only to aid individuals but as a piece of community organization," added Lincoln. He said that the committee will be representative of men and women both in persons and in connections. The MCC minister also said that the Fund "must be concerned with connecting the lesbian community to the effort." "We are not interested in something that is only for gay men, but interested in a bond between gay men and lesbians," said Lincoln.

The Fund committee will not only receive requests for money from the fund but will also work on creation of

a community blood bank for the gay community in New York. Lincoln said that he has spoken to the Greater New York Blood program, and officials there are "very interested in setting up something." The program would provide umbrella coverage for all gays in New York who might be in need of blood; it is something, added Lincoln, that "needs a community structure to validate requests, so it will be another month before we can get that going."

Two men still remain in the hospital in the wake of the fire at the Everard Baths. They are identified as Earl Hunt and Alexander Mamon. Nine men were killed and 10 others injured in the May 25 tragedy. Fire officials in New York report that no other bodies were found in the rubble and the investigation of

the cause of the blaze continues. Fire marshals have been given a list of gay bars and baths in New York and, with the assistance of gay community groups, will be checking those establishments for fire hazards and general conditions.

Officials in Houston, Texas, reported that on the same day as the Everard fire, the Club Baths in that city was extensively damaged by a blaze. The three-alarm fire caused considerable damage to the bunk house area and the exercise room. Other areas suffered water and smoke damage. Fire officials in Houston reported no injuries and there was no apparent connection between the Houston and New York fires.

Activism Sprouts in Provincetown

PROVINCETOWN, MA — Gay activism is sprouting throughout this seaside resort town in the wake of the defeat of the Dade County gay rights ordinance. Over 250 people attended a meeting at the Provincetown Community Center on June 13 to found the Human Rights Coalition of Provincetown. No relation to the Boston group of a similar name, the Human Rights Coalition will work towards the achievement of gay rights legislation in Massachusetts and focus on boycotting both Florida citrus products and tourism.

"We're definitely in favor of a boycott," Coalition spokesperson Jacqui Mac told GCN. "We're sending out petitions to both the citrus industry and Florida tourist bureau telling them that we're boycotting them. Almost every guest house in Provincetown is going to have a petition sitting around there for people to sign. Everybody in town is getting involved in one way or another." The Boston Advocates For Human Rights has strongly opposed a

boycott of Florida citrus products.

Mac emphasized that the group had received a large amount of support from 'straight' people. "We set up a booth at the celebration for the 250th Anniversary of Provincetown and got about \$100 in donations," she said.

As a result of the establishment of the Coalition, the June 18 benefit at

the Post Office Cabaret — originally organized for the Boston Advocates for Human Rights — will split its proceeds between the Boston and Provincetown groups. Both the Medeira Room and the Atlantic House have given a positive response to holding benefits in the near future. "Every-

body will be doing a benefit for us," emphasized Mac.

Barbara Stevens and George of George's Inn are the co-chairpeople of the Coalition. Anyone interested in contacting the group should call Jacqui Mac at 487-1527 or Carl Gregor at 487-1650.

Catholic Theologians Urge New Look at Gay Sex

NEW YORK — A four-year study by a committee of the Catholic Theological Society of America has rejected the church's condemnation of homosexuality and various sex acts as evil in themselves. The report of the committee, to be published this month by the Paulist Press (*Human Sexuality, New Directions in American Catholic Thought*), points out that much of the Scriptures has been misinterpreted and taken out of context. Declaring that for them to be moral, all sexual acts must enhance "creative growth and integration of the human persons," the

report cites seven qualities as necessary for that purpose in sexual conduct. The qualities have the characteristics of being "self-liberating" (truly self-expressive and not fearful or anxious), "other enriching" (concerned for the well-being of the other), "honest," "faithful," "socially responsible," "lifeserving," and "joyous." "Where such qualities prevail, one can be reasonably sure that the sexual behavior that has brought them forth is wholesome and moral," the report says.

Brian McNaught, a leading spokes-

person for gay Catholics, told GCN that the committee's report is "the most important statement by the church in the US on homosexuality." "The theologians, the teachers in the church, are saying that we have been in error in our reading of the Scriptures on homosexuality," adds McNaught. Although he does not expect the Bishops of the Church to react publicly to the questions raised by the report, McNaught says the document is one that "cannot be disputed because it is what the teachers of the church are saying."

community voice

sanctions against florida

Dear GCN:

We all know how loudly money speaks. In the light of the recent Dade County fiasco, I have written letters and taken the following action, and I would encourage my gay sisters and brothers to do likewise if they feel we might have some impact on the Florida business community's reaction to us as a group.

1. I have a small amount of investments in that state. I have ordered my broker to sell and close out my account.

2. I have written to the Florida Citrus Growers Association telling them that unless I am sure a product does not contain Florida Citrus, I will not purchase it.

3. I am on the mailing lists of several real estate, club, hotel and other business-tourist organizations. I have written to all of them, asking that my name be removed from their lists.

The letters I write are very short and to the point. I say that I have given up plans to vacation, invest, and eventually settle in Florida in the light of the recent Dade County referendum and the anti-human rights campaign led by Anita Bryant.

I believe that two or three simple sentences, void of emotion and unnecessary adjectives, addressed to business people in Florida will have some positive effect and get the business community thinking twice.

R. Martin

building an underground

dear gc,

in another publication, elaine noble said she thought we would all have to go underground within 8 years . . .

whether that is true or not, i suggest we start building that underground right now . . . after all, suspicion is the better part of survival . . . with fear and love,

cassandra

gcn ads get results

Dear GCN:

In reference to patronizing GCN advertisers, I have the following comments: The other day I had to have some repair work done on my color TV. After first checking prices with a few other companies, I suddenly remembered that I had seen an advertisement for Lester's TV in GCN.

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Sincerely,

Bill Connaughton

light on lachman

Dear GCN:

Recently GCN has published several letters by Linda Lachman strongly defending Representative Elaine Noble. Ms. Lachman was highly critical of those who were not supportive of her. While Ms. Lachman's letters should be judged on their merits, nevertheless it would have been ethically correct if she had identified herself as a former campaign aide and chief State House Assistant to Ms. Noble.

It was interesting to read in the current *Boston Phoenix* that Ms. Lachman was hired to work for Elaine Noble through the CETA program. This seems to raise additional questions of ethics. It was, I am sure, not the intention that CETA monies should be given to political figures to hire former campaign workers, however competent, as aides.

Unless Representative Noble can publicly explain this, I will consider it one more reason why I will support Barney Frank in the next election.

no name please



non-mythic account

Dear GCN:

Congratulations on Eric Rogers' fine article in the June 11 issue "Gay Issues in the 6th Grade."

It's refreshing to read a first-hand and non-mythic account of the healthy constructive interaction between a gay teacher and his pupils.

We need a lot more of this type of material to counter the Bryant and Co. slanders. Couldn't Mr. Rogers publish similar pieces in the general media?

With appreciation,

William N. Agosto

women and the movement

Dear GCN and Readers:

Re: Paula Bennett's "Speaking Out" column on the low visibility of women in some areas of the gay movement . . .

Speaking as one of the coordinators of Gay Legislation (Patricia Hanratty is the other), I have always been disturbed that more women have not been involved in our work.

In spite of the sometimes low visibility of women in Gay Legislation, more women have been involved this year than ever before. The NOW Lesbian Task Force, the Mass. Women's Political Caucus and the Cambridge Feminist Caucus have actively participated in the lobbying effort. Our Steering Committee consists of roughly 30-40% women, and the rest are men. Ideally, the percentages will even out with time.

What matters most is that our work gets done. For our letter-writing campaign, people have been literally grabbed and put to work on the spot, regardless of sex. Women and/or men who are readily available are provided with tasks.

On numerous occasions, I have actively sought greater involvement from women. Aside from wanting to see more people helping to share our burdens, I have wanted to see more women involved. When I recently pleaded with the women on our Steering Committee to invite more of their friends to participate, one of our lawyers responded that, she believed, the priority for lesbians tends to be the women's movement and not the gay movement. She added that women were not *against* gay movement politics so much as they were *for* active participation as lesbians in the women's movement.

I think I understood. Still, I remain sorry that a greater number of lesbians are not more active and visible.

Sincerely,

Joe Martin
Cambridge

where we went wrong

Dear Editor:

Hopefully we will have learned something about running a campaign by our defeat in Dade County. If we are to maintain credibility as a national movement, we simply must become more professional and more politically mature.

In short, we ran a disastrous campaign in what is one of the most liberal counties in the nation. While the "Save Our Children" group came off as radical conservatives, the gay groups came off as ultra-liberals. According to at least one voter, "The campaign brought out the worst in both sides."

Neither Bob Kunts' "flamboyancy" nor the Coalition's denouncement of him improved our public image. And Mr. Matlovich's publicized statements were at best irresponsible and embarrassing. In the *Miami News* he said, "My greatest fear is not Anita Bryant, but the concentration camps this country may set up (for homosexuals)."

What the gay campaigners refused to understand is that many very decent people support the rights of anyone to be treated fairly but have tremendous fear of what homosexuals might do to their children. A great number of people believe this stereotype, and they are not necessarily bigots; it's just what people have been brought up to think. How do we deal with the "child molestation" myth? We simply ignore it. Quoting the police chief of San Francisco refuting this myth only serves to build credibility for that outdated belief.

No, you never win campaigns by reacting to your opponents' charges and that's what we did in Dade. Thousands of dollars were wasted on full page ads entitled "Myths and Lies." To think that people are going to discard very deeply entrenched beliefs by reading "educational" campaign ads is the height of naivete . . .

Our campaign theme should have been — and should become: "Support the President." This appeal to the most conservative voter would have been embraced by a larger segment of the voters in Dade, especially in light of the President's popularity in that part of the country, than the offensive campaign to "save our children from bigots."

When will we learn that radical left politics only intensify people's fears and stereotypes? Had we left Anita alone, she would have been defeated by her own hysteria. When we confront voters with radical rightwingers and radical leftwingers, voters opt for the status quo rather than risk what they already fear becoming worse.

We have, if anything, learned one thing in Dade County, you don't win elections just by spending a lot of money . . . You win through political ingenuity.

Sincerely,

Robert Rygor, President
Citizens Lobby for Human Rights

awakened activist

Dear GCN:

My initial reaction to the news of Anita Bryant's victory was shocked disbelief, followed by chills. Bigotry is alive and well in the US of A. 70% of the electorate in Dade County, who cared enough to vote, feel that gay people are not covered by the Constitution nor the Bill of Rights. June 7 I retired in a state of shock; June 8 I awoke as an activist. Today I'm angry and determined to channel that energy constructively.

Monday, boycotting Florida citrus products was a debatable issue. Today there is no choice. Bigots can be moved, I dare say, even faster than liberal whites, when you hit them in the pocket-book . . .

If you are one who vacations regularly in the Miami area, why not write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce informing them that you were unaware, until recently, that Greater Miami was the center of bigotry in the US of A and therefore you will be vacationing elsewhere.

My last suggestion parallels Anita's. Save OUR Children; charity begins at home. Lend financial support to Project Lambda (see GCN, May 14, 1977) and help gay teenagers that no one else gives a damn about . . . My finances are limited so I have pledged a set amount each week. It may sound corny but I get pleasure writing out that check. If every reader of this letter sent \$5 a month to Project Lambda (70 Charles Street, Boston 02114) the program could be expanded and a halfway house set up.

Become Activists — get involved!

Love and Anger,

Don
Rhode Island

gardeners and cruisers

Dear Friend,

A friend of mine with whom I share a garden in the Fens was accosted the other day on her way back from pulling weeds by a man who, it appears to her, felt that she was invading his turf just by being in a gay cruising area.

I'd like to think she was mistaken. It would be easy for me to say that she was overreacting and accuse her of nervousness. Sadly, however, that is probably not the case. Many gardeners are gay and some have reached leadership positions in the Fenway Garden Society, yet they have not done what they could to foster better relations between the gay and non-gay communities, nor between the gardeners and others who use that public park for whatever activities. That is sad. It is even sadder to note that the City intends to remove the reeds that give cover for cruising either because groups like the Garden Society have requested it or have done nothing to oppose such plans.

I am gay and I will miss those bushes if and when they go. My friend is straight and she has sound ecological arguments why the reeds should stay. Nevertheless, both of us are gardeners and both of us want to be left alone to tend our garden and harvest its produce. Gay men are free to cruise the reeds, but they are to stay out of our garden.

My friend was minding her own business when one of my gay brethren assaulted her. Maybe he felt better at her expense and maybe he thought he was making a point for gay rights by ranting at a straight woman, but he did nothing for me, and just may have injured the cause of good relations between gay and non-gay communities.

I therefore propose the following: I will do all I can with my brother and sister gardeners to set a good example and to show that not all of us who use the bushes are rude and offensive if that unknown man will treat me and my fellow gardeners with respect.

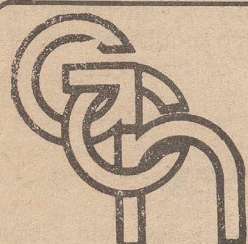
There have been any number of muggings, beatings, and murders in that park, and it is wrong to say that a particular type of assailant attacked a particular type of victim. We are all potential victims and even if not the perpetrators of violence, by our very silence we assent to it.

I make no apologies to my fellow gardeners for being gay; I make no apologies to my gay brothers for being a gardener and I will defend the right of all of us to use that park for our respective purposes, either with a writ or a rake, against anyone, gay or straight, who attacks me — or my brothers, or my sisters. The park belongs to the people — ALL of us.

There is too much stereotyping now. People are too quick to divide and categorize and hate whole groups of people and to assign to those groups a particular character based on the observation of individual behavior. I'm guilty of it and I regret it. When I am shown the error in my thinking I try to correct it, and alter my behavior accordingly. I'd like to think that more people thought that way than not.

Sincerely,

Thom Nylund



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speaking out

Miami and the Siege of the 14th Amendment

By John Mitzel

A friend was the first to ask me my reaction to the vote in Dade County. "Well," I said, "remember that over 60% of the electorate voted for Nixon in 1972 and his show folded less than 2½ years later. So will Anita's." But the heavy margin of the vote in Anita's favor gave her act a great boost. She's got it all together now, and she's taking her show on the road. We've seen the curtain-raiser in Miami. Whether it ends as farce, social-message drama, or a jacobean revenge play will depend in great measure on the appropriateness of the response of the gay community across this country.

Looking back at the debacle in Dade County, we can analyze the mistakes in the tactics used by the supporters of gay rights there and, I hope, not repeat them in our upcoming encounters with the forces and agents of reaction.

That the reactionaries would use the ballot box to assault a minority's rights is so peculiarly American. The ballot box: visible symbol of American Democracy (!), through which all issues and candidates can be validated and legitimized, no matter how unconstitutional or morally noxious. Using the forms and the slogans of our corrupt participatory democracy makes the threat of their political reaction no less threatening to us and to the rule of law. And it is ample evidence that the rights of citizens in a polyglot and secular nation are too important to be left up to the fanciful and changing prejudices of a majority ("the Normal Majority" as Anita, in her unctuous and self-serving way, calls them, a phrase obviously reminiscent of Nixon's "great silent majority").

To begin with, I think it was incorrect for the referendum battle to be joined at all. It was a false and diversionary step to even acknowledge the legitimacy of this particular vote. It debased us to submit our rights to the ballyhoo and whirligig irresponsibility of a popular election. Our rights are not like candidates who can be voted in and out of office each term. Rights are inalienable; the only party we need negotiate with are the representatives of The State. We demand that the State must acknowledge and guarantee to protect our rights. We need not submit to the regard of the popular will in this matter. As I think the Dade County Coalition — and advocates of civil rights everywhere — have now come to realize, the proper place for opinion on the limits of civil rights is in the Federal Court System.

One reason the Dade County Coalition and its supporters were eager to join the battle in Florida was because there were polls indicating the vote would be close. Hence, they assumed there was a fair chance of scoring a "victory at the

polls" which would be of enormous symbolic value. I never for a minute believed that there was any truth to these polls. The polls were, in fact, wildly in error, as the final vote demonstrated. The gay coalition was misled by a lie.

How did it happen? It's difficult to establish whether it was a deliberate conspiracy or not (I'm quite capable of accepting anything in this matter). But overt conspiracy or not, I think much blame must be placed on the mass media who have for years participated in their own kind of conspiracy of silence about the conditions of life for faggots and lesbians. I think John Rechy hit the right note in his recent commentary in the *Los Angeles Times*: "A new kind of gentleman's agreement — a frightened gentleman's agreement — exists in the 'liberal' heterosexual establishment. It is an agreement to ignore the daily wreckage of lives by arbitrary sex arrests and the subsequent suicides; to ignore the daily violation of homosexuals' civil rights; to systematically shun gay subject matter; to never mention marauders inevitably unleashed and legitimized by public campaigns against homosexuals. With the help of the news media, the Anita Bryants of this world repeat a whole litany of ugly myths . . ." So in the absence of truth about our condition in this Christian-riddled country, it's no wonder that Anita's Big Lie that we are child-molesters seeking "special privileges" goes down so well. As one of Anita's flunkies said himself after the referendum vote: "The molestation was the thing that particularly got the headlines. We now know how effectively it can be used."

The so-called "liberal" media in this land must bear much of the responsibility for the reactionary results of the vote in Dade County. This was a response to their legacy of years of ignoring and abusing us. Some future energy must be expended correcting the attitudes of the press. As obtuse as journalists and editors can be, they are educable.

As to our position vis-a-vis the general public, we should establish right away that we seek rational discussion with those who are open to it. There is no point talking to people who are already thumping their bibles to Anita's beat. We must emphasize that we are not like Anita's people; we must not assume for ourselves any tactics or characteristics of her fanatics. Nothing could hurt us more than adopting the strategy recommended by Brian McNaught (GCN, 18 June 77). McNaught suggests that gay people reclaim religion and patriotism as their own. He advocates that we sing patriotic songs along with Anita, and while doing so we should "vigorously wave a small American flag in one hand and a Bible in the other." This is a prescription for self-destruction. Half the enemy's fight is to get us to acknowledge *the legitimacy of their terms for the battle*. They use lies, superstitions, appeals to ignorance and emotions and prejudices backed up by the "authority" of the Bible. To combat them, we should not become like that. Our terms are: civil rights, appeals to laws based on the Constitution, and the rights of minorities in a diverse and secular society. The bible is not our friend; it is the most vicious instrument of the enemy. We must avoid appeals to unreason and religious prophets.

McNaught is not alone in his fallacious strategy. Bruce Voeller and Jean

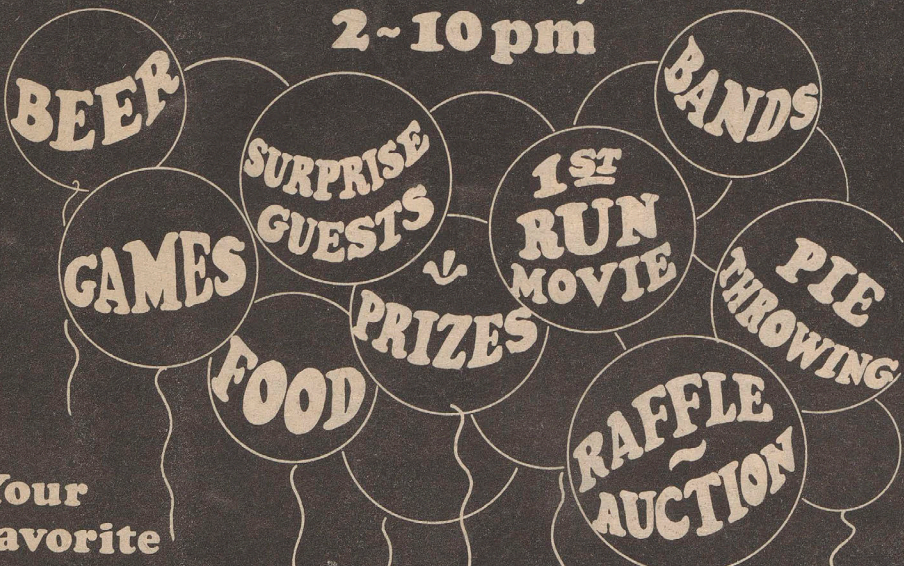
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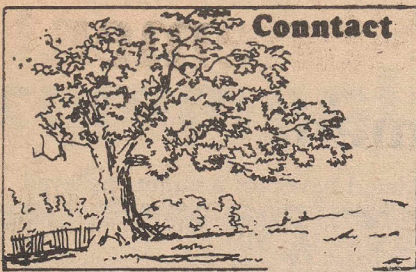
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by Dai Thompson

NEW HAVEN — Think of a dream: the powerful liberal establishment of this country finds a new *cause celebre* — and that cause is Gay rights. And the new Cause provokes so much excitement that the liberals practically run in order to jump onto their newest band wagon. It becomes unthinkable for anyone to even question the validity of Gay rights. Even the slightest hesitancy in advocating the new Cause can totally destroy a candidate's chances at the polls. And terminology that might in any way be construed as an insult to the gay community is completely eliminated. Gays, freed from their own oppression, are finally able to devote substantial time and energy toward helping other minorities: the handicapped, senior citizens, the Black and Hispanic communities, thus becoming the prime advocates of justice for all.

The above dream is a pretty good capsule description of what went on at Connecticut's IWY Conference, June 11 and 12. Several New Haven dykes helped organize a Feminist Coalition, uniting the efforts of women from NOW, the League of Women Voters, ERA-NOW, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, and Conn. Women's Educational and Legal Fund (CWEALF) as well as many individual feminists. The coalition ran on a 3-point platform: calling for passage of the ERA, Reproductive Freedom (i.e. pro-abortion), and Gay Civil Rights. For even lukewarm feminists, the first two planks represented little problem,

so the major topic of discussion was Gay Rights. No one who was less than solidly behind us was endorsed by the Coalition — and the only unendorsed candidate who won was Gloria Schaffer, Conn's secretary of State and Chair person of Conn's IWY Coordinating Committee. (Ms. Schaffer was also quite definite about her support of Gay Rights).

The 22 women who won the election will represent Connecticut at the National IWY Conference to be held in Houston in November. The entire

Conn. Delegation will be composed of feminists strongly supportive of Gay Rights and includes several lesbians, although only one (myself) is publicly known as such.

Passage of positive resolutions (to be carried as suggestions to Houston as well as to the Conn. General Assembly) proceeded as smoothly as the election. The Conn. IWY Conference officially supported passage of Gay Civil Rights legislation, repeal of all sodomy laws, elimination of any reference to a mother's sexual/affectional orienta-

tion in child custody cases, affirmation of the separation of church and state, full access of prisoners to all publications, and an end to misuse of Grand Juries as fact-finding arms of the FBI. In addition the Conference passed a resolution protesting the lack of any scheduled lesbian workshops or any other direct reference to the special needs of lesbians, particularly lesbian mothers. All in all, it was one incredibly beautiful weekend.

Mass Bill

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approval should be put before the people. I think it will be overwhelmingly defeated."

If that occurs, Parker said he will seek to repeal the law.

Sen. Chester G. Atkins (D-Harvard) rose in anger to oppose the referendum amendment, calling it "a dilatory tactic" and "foolish," adding, "it distorts the issue all out of proportion." Although the bill's support was strong enough to survive three other roll calls since June 1, Parker's amendment passed by a vote of 18-17. Two reliable gay rights supporters were absent during the voting, and went unpaired: Sen. Bill Owens (D-Roxbury), a sponsor of the bill who has been hospitalized with a muscle ailment, and Sen. Michael LoPresti (D-E. Boston), whose father died the day before. Sen. Robert D. Wetmore (D-Barre), who had voted consistently with the bill's supporters during the other roll calls, defected to the opposition as well.

Kelly's defection

However, the deciding vote was cast by Sen. James A. Kelly (D-Oxford), Rep. Elaine Noble's frequent lunch-



Sen. James Kelly (D-Oxford) — deciding vote on the referendum rider.

time companion who had sponsored the same bill in prior years.

In a telephone interview with GCN, Kelly defended his vote. "I am never very much against a referendum

amendment as long as it's non-binding," he said. "I could have voted either way, but I didn't see anything wrong with it." Kelly added, however, that should the referendum amendment be repealed by the House, he would work to have the Senate sustain the repeal.

After Parker's referendum amendment passed, the bill was approved on a voice vote and sent to the House. Gay Legislation announced that it will attempt to have the referendum amendment stricken when the bill reaches the floor.

In view of the less than favorable climate for the bill's passage — as indicated by the approval of the referendum rider — the House leadership suggested to Rep. Elaine Noble that House consideration be postponed until August. Noble acceded to the request and told GCN that "it was the rational approach." "We felt that it was important to wait until the atmosphere cooled down a little. If we went to a vote in the House now, the referendum would probably pass and we might even lose the bill itself," she said.

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Boston Advocates Release Financial Statement

BOSTON — The Boston Advocates for Human Rights (BAHR), the local organization established to provide New England support for the Florida gay rights struggle, has released its financial statement. According to the BAHR statement, during the period from the group's inception until June 8 — the day after the Miami vote — the organization had a total income of \$5,963.75 with total expenses of \$6,021.73. This leaves BAHR with a net loss to date of \$57.98.

However, of the \$6,021.73 raised during the period of its existence, only \$1000 — the legal limit — was sent to Dade County. To date another \$1500 — which does not appear on the BAHR financial statement and which did not pass through the organization's accounts — was also sent from Boston supporters to Dade County.

Ken Withers, coordinator of BAHR, praised the organization's "ability to pay its own way." "No other gay organization that I've seen has been able to staff offices and leadership, pay off their bills and dissolve in a business-like way," he said. A meeting is to be held at the Arlington Street Church on June 20 to decide whether

BAHR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Individual Donations	\$2,177.84
Group Donations	471.51
Function Proceeds	2,757.46
Cash Collections	550.80
Bank Interest	6.14
Total Income	\$5,963.75

EXPENSES

Rent and Office Supplies	\$408.70
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Postage	146.28
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Function Costs (Benefits)	1604.66
Miscellaneous	84.67
Advertising Expenses	361.56
Transportation	12.50
Total Expenses	\$6,021.73
Net loss to date	\$57.98

to dissolve BAHR or to change the focus of the organization. Withers emphasized that the organi-

zation did much more than simply raise money for Florida. "We were able to create an atmosphere where Anita Bryant has no effect here in Boston. We completely changed the atmosphere of the gay rights movement, mobilizing public support beyond gay activists themselves. We sent a speaker up and down the East Coast who spoke at a dozen or more cities and who then

Florida Defeat

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citizens in a pluralistic society, we none the less agree that these attitudes are the central issues which must be faced by the American public with reference to homosexuality. And we hereby declare that we accept the challenge," said the NGTF statement.

National Conference Call

In Los Angeles the Board of Elders of the Metropolitan Community Church reacted to the Dade County defeat by calling for a national conference on "Gay Solidarity" to be held in Denver, July 29-31. The National Gay Task Force and the Gay Rights National Lobby have agreed to co-sponsor the conference with the church. "Nothing has been finalized yet," Frank Zirelli of Rev. Troy Perry's office told GCN. "We haven't sent out invitations, we don't even know if we're going to send out invitations. But any gay person or any representative of any gay organization will be welcome."

Back in New York, hundreds of gay and lesbian activists gathered at the

worked in Miami. We revived Gay Media Action, we set up a New England-wide media blitz. We got the straight civil rights movement on the front-lines. We flew Lenny Matlovich to Boston.

"I see no reason to defend BAHR. It's the most accountable organization I've ever seen . . . Ledger books are not movements."

Church of the Beloved Disciple in New York's Greenwich Village to form a Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The Coalition, which was organized by the city's Gay Activist Alliance and Lesbian Feminist Liberation in a rare show of lesbian and gay male unity, called for a city-wide conference to be held on July 16-17 to map a counteroffensive. The Coalition's goals include a demand for and a defense of gay rights, passage of New York City gay civil rights legislation, and formation of a mass movement and a greater sense of community.

"People are riled up and full of energy," said one observer who was present at the mass meeting. A week before, 3,000-5,000 gay people had marched up Sixth Avenue to Columbus Circle in a protest against the Dade County vote. The march — organized by the Gay Activists Alliance and which took place on a Wednesday night — culminated in a speech by former Rep. Bella Abzug at Columbus Circle at 1 a.m.

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BARNEY FRANK
State Representative

speaking out

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O'Leary made the same error in a piece that appeared on the Op-Ed page of the *New York Times* the day of the vote. Voeller and O'Leary actually quoted St. Paul against Anita! *St. Paul!* We must not base our arguments on whatever St. Paul is alleged to have said. We must base our arguments on American history of civil rights guarantees based on the 14th Amendment (as well as others). Citing religious figures is Anita's gambit; it is a fit tactic for those who wish to live in a theocratic society. And Anita and her people *want* a theocracy; she said, "The laws of God have been vindicated." (The "laws of God" dictate that all homosexuals should be murdered — remember that the next time a gay person quotes testament to you.) It is to our advantage to quote someone like James Madison, who wrote: "Religion is not within the cognizance of Civil Government."

Another error in public action was the use of the "Thank You Anita For Bringing Us Together" line. We heard this over and over again. If one result of her campaign of bigotry and hatred has been to bring us closer and focus our energies, well, is it reasonable to assume we would have done anything else? Would you not fight back against an attack against your civil rights and personal safety? Yes, we can acknowledge that Anita has brought us together, but this truth is strictly for intra-gay consumption. The straights to whom we are addressing ourselves in this battle must *never* see any of us saying "Thank You Anita." They will not understand. They will only wonder what the fuss is about — they see Anita saying she loves homosexuals and prays for us, and we're saying thank you Anita. It makes no sense!

One member of the Boston Advocates for Human Rights, upon hearing that Anita might be making a personal appearance in Boston, suggested to me that we paint a big THANK YOU ANITA banner, meet her at the airport, then present her with a dozen roses. I explained that we must depict Anita as an American fascist — not as a symbol of unity. We must not kiss the boot that's aiming to smash us in the face.

Speaking of identifying Anita as a fascist, I think the Dade County Coalition was insensitive in allowing, permitting or encouraging comparison of Anita to Hitler. For many Jews in Dade County, no one is on a level with Hitler. Putting

Anita on that level only debases the point we are making, and reveals our lack of understanding of the history of oppression of other minorities — with whom we should otherwise form a natural alliance. I recommend that we identify Anita as a fascist, but a fascist of a distinctly — and in some capacities sublime — American stripe. She stands in the company of Father Coughlin (the best analogy), Joe McCarthy, and Richard Nixon. It is up to us to get across the image of Anita not as a sweet, gentle, crying, tender mother and sunshine 'n orange-juice lover; we must reveal her as a yahoo, know-nothing, bible-thumping subverter of civil law and due process. Unfortunately, to get this rather obvious point across, we will probably have to yell and kick up a fuss — so sold are the media on Anita's image as a soft-spoken and well-meaning crusader (viz. that lamentable — and really quite campy — *Newsweek* cover several weeks ago). We must not be divided and sidetracked by false issues like Anita's "civil rights are being violated." Let the liberals worry about that. It is better for us to shout her down every time she or one of her lackies starts with their lies about us. We must not be well-mannered and polite as the reactionaries come to try to crush us.

All in all, I'm recommending a strategy of aggressiveness and not one of an apologetic defensiveness. We set the terms of discussion; we make demands on the State. And to date we've met with great success in utilizing this strategy. To have the Pope admit in public (as he did last year) that he is not a homosexual is an enormous step. Homosexuality is more widely discussed now than in any time in western culture since the days of Justinian (who made sodomy a capital crime because, as we all know, it caused earthquakes; and I dread the day when San Francisco gets levelled by a 'quake — think how the fundamentalist press will rant and rave over that, though they are oddly silent at the devastating earthquake that killed over half a million in the Peoples Republic of China last year, in a country whose leaders maintain there is no homosexuality in China). We must remain ourselves; we must stand on *our* own ground; we must continue to demand protection of our rights as we are today, and we must *not* become like those of the opposition who, religious and patriotic though they say they are, seek only to rid the world of us.

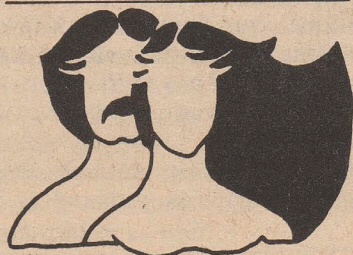
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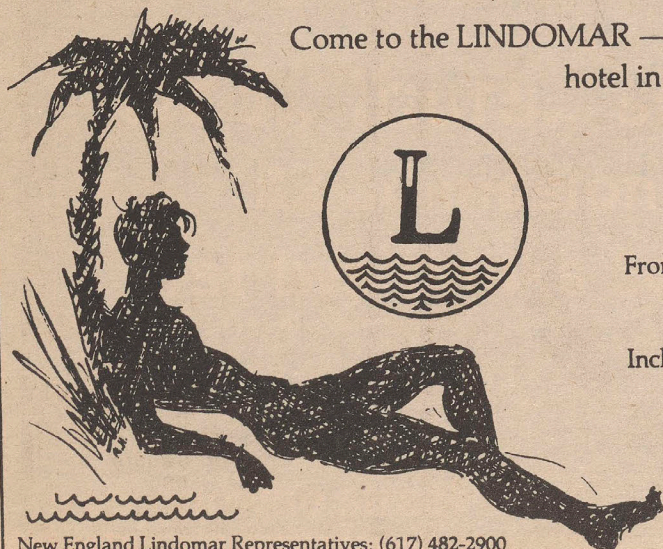
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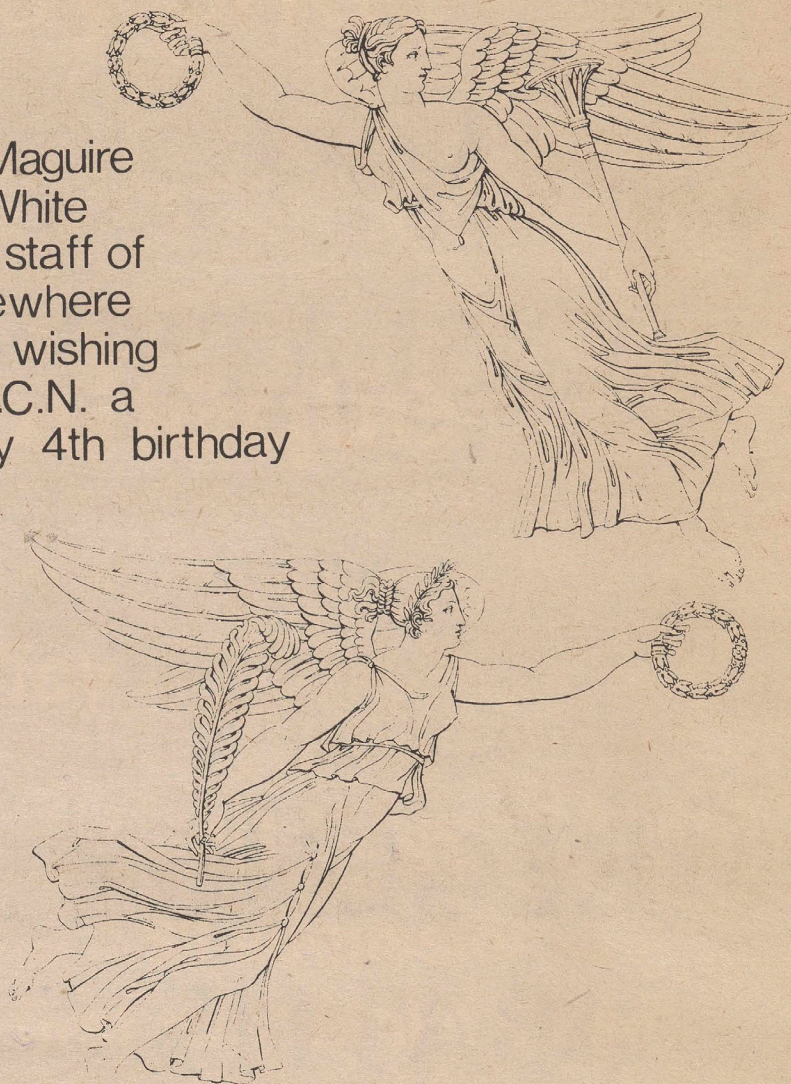
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... A Quiet Week in the Life of An Average Lesbian

By Robin E. Smith

Of course, we know Erma Bombeck isn't gay . . . but imagine if she were? We'd be getting columns like these —

Sunday

Well, Diary, Margie and I thought we were going to have a quiet evening at home when the phone rang. It was Margie's mother, on a surprise visit from Nome, Alaska, and she was waiting at the airport. Margie drove out to fetch her, while I tried to hide forty-eight records, five hundred books, eight revealing pictures, and our two closest friends, all in the same broom closet. For good measure I gagged and bound the four children (two are mine, two are Margie's) and put them in the closet as well. Of course, it didn't work. Mrs. McAlister came in, walked past three clothes closets, and tried to put her parka in the broom closet. When she stopped screaming, she informed us that she had flown to Kentucky from Alaska to testify on behalf of Margie's ex-husband in the child custody trial tomorrow. She also said that it was all my fault that Margie has become corrupt. (I am 32 and Margie is my first woman lover; Margie is 36 and has had five women lovers before me.)

Monday

Quite a day in court, Diary. Margie's ex-husband testified that after Margie met me, she stopped baking angelfood cakes. Margie's mother cried on the stand and said that her darling baby girl had always been such a nice child, but that she was now corrupt and an unfit mother. Margie took the stand and testified that her husband had had one mistress after the other when they were married, and had tried to run her down with the power mower when she was pregnant with their second child. Our attorney says things look bad for us — baking angelfood cakes is pretty important in this area of the country.

Tuesday

Oh dear, Diary. I had to come out at work today. *The Daily* printed up Margie's trial, and everyone read about it. At first they thought there was some mistake because the paper used my college graduation picture and Margie's high school senior picture. But they knew it must be us when they checked the address with the Accounting Department. So far, so good, though. The Support Staff, three of the Researchers, most of Accounting, and one man from Sales & Marketing are still speaking to me. Personnel, the

Switchboard, and the Mailroom are not.

Wednesday

My ten year old son Timmy came home from school today with a black eye, a cut lip, one front tooth chipped, and no overcoat. He now wants to go live with his father, but I had to explain to him that I have been trying to locate his father for six years, through the Child Support Payments Bureau. (NOTE: Make dental appointment for Timmy.)

Thursday

Margie's mother called to ask Margie to take her to the airport. Margie said why not, since she's lost her job anyway.

Friday

Another busy day, Diary. In the morning we went to Court for the last

day of the trial. We had three psychiatrists testify that Margie was a fit mother. Margie's ex-husband had two ministers, a general practitioner, and a chiropractor testify that Margie was an unfit mother. Our attorney says it doesn't look good — chiropractors pull a lot of weight in this area.

In the afternoon we visited a coalition of three women's groups and four gay liberation groups to ask for money for our legal defense fund. They promised to hold a dance on Saturday night.

My office called me to say that they'd overlook it this time, but I mustn't take any more leave without pay to go around making speeches.

Saturday

Tonight we went to the dance held

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Gay Cryptogram

The three following cryptograms are quotes from well-known gay authors. Figuring out a cryptogram is much like breaking a code — each letter in the quotations is represented by another letter consistent throughout the puzzle. The names of the authors are also part of the cryptogram. This puzzle was submitted to GCN by Eric Gordon of Hartford, Connecticut.

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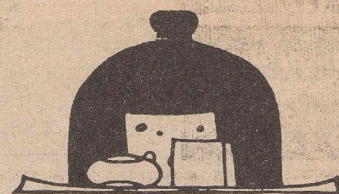
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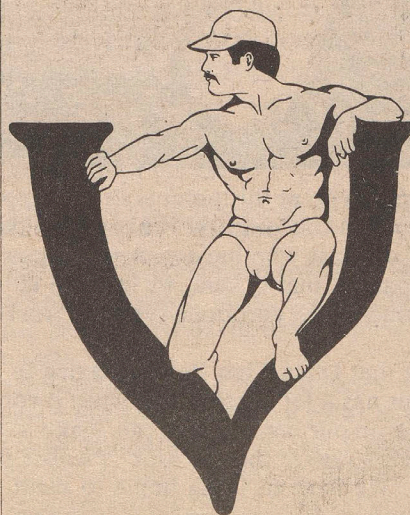
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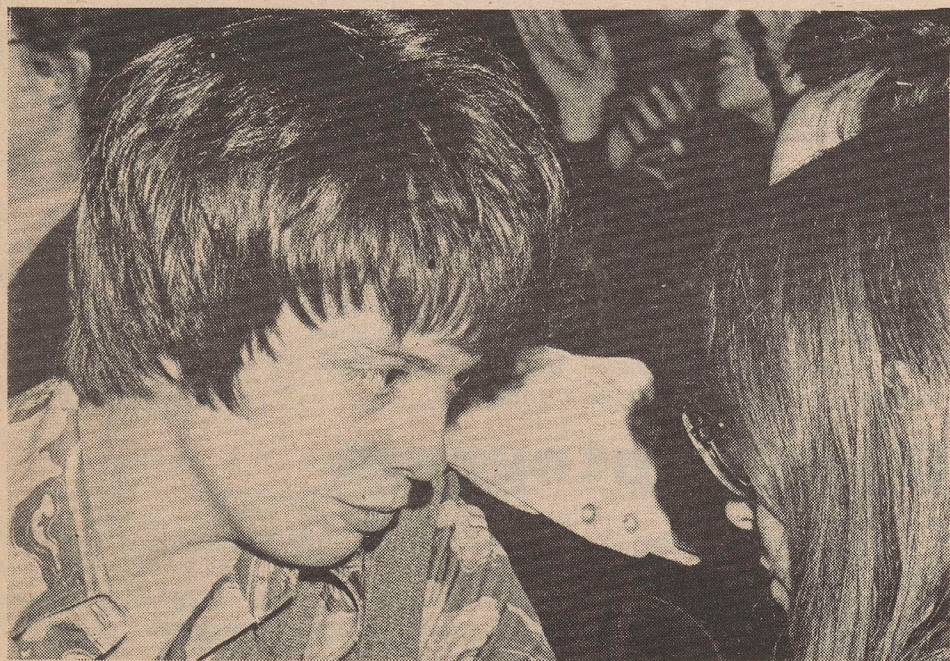
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What do you think the lesbian/gay movement has and in what direction would you like to see it head

jean o'leary
co-director, national gay task force



Five years ago the general public couldn't even say the word lesbian or homosexual or gay. Now gay rights and the problems of discrimination of gay people have become household issues. People are discussing it over the dinner table with their families. At this point, we have to educate the American public, to give them the truth, and that's a major undertaking. Legislation won't do us any good unless the attitudes of people are changed. Yet legislation is extremely necessary and I would like to see legislation introduced in all 50 states within the next year.

I hope that in the next ten years we'll all work ourselves out of a job — but perhaps that's a little optimistic.

charley shively
teacher and writer

Gay liberation has given everyone a new framework of love and identity. We are everywhere; we are in everyone; nowhere are we free.

Looking to the future, I hope "gay" identity comes to more people — all races, classes, ages, sexes and geographies — who will themselves transform the meaning of gayness. The greatest fear of the existing powers is that we will spread from a safe, isolated group to the whole culture. The gay ghetto has been built not to protect us but to contain us; as we break down the barricades, we kill western civilization and create ourselves.

skip rosenthal
businessperson



The most important thing for gay people to do at this point is to get support from some of the major corporate institutions in this country. Whether we like it or not, the system tends to work on behalf of those who have money and power. Unless gay people can become an integral part of that system, we can win all the rights in the world and it won't mean very much if the corporate system is working against us.

An example of what I mean is the role that Utica Club Beer is playing in the Boston gay community. A company like this has a lot at stake and when it comes to going to bat for gay people, testifying on our behalf, they can make a difference. We have to make other companies realize the fantastic revenues that they are getting from the gay community. We have to bring home to them the financial viability of the gay community; until we become part of that system, all our efforts are pretty much in vain.

elaine noble
mass. state representative

The gay movement is still in its infant stages. We have learned much from other movements such as the black civil rights and women's movements and because of that we are far more sophisticated now. For instance, in the past five years, we have organized state by state, and in some areas city by city and county by county, to effect positive political change. The Koch bill, on a federal level, is an example of a lot of hard work and commitment on the part of dedicated gays on a local level.

A sign of real maturity is when we elect local, city and state as well as federal political people to office who will personally and politically look out for and protect our civil rights. I'd like us not to lose the sense of solidarity and the caring that held so many of us together for so many years before there was a gay movement. What I hope is that we are not harsh on those who cannot "come out" at this time but rather create mechanisms and organizations around which those of us in the closet and those of us who are out can work together, love, and support each other.

Finally, I would like to see the springing up of gay nursing homes so that I will have a place to go and disco in my wheel chair with people of my own kind in my old age.

andrew kopkind
journalist

The gay movement was never separate from the several great social movements that erupted in America in the 1960s, and its history is bound up with them: feminism, equal rights, cultural and ethnic pride, personal liberation. Gays have won significant gains on all these fronts. Gay civil and human rights have been recognized, a new gay culture has developed, the dominance of straight male authority has been questioned, and millions of gay people are able to lead more fulfilling and rewarding lives out of the old closets.

Those gains show how far we've come, but they also suggest how far in every direction there is still to go. The gay movement has not transformed society or its attitudes in the way the early activists hoped. The radical notion that gay consciousness contains the seeds of a revolution that will change straight people as well as gays is rarely remembered these days. Our immediate battles are for simple acceptance, not social transformation.

If the gay movement is destined to be more than another struggle for assimilation into existing American institutions, it will have to reassert its special purpose: to challenge the repressive power of society in all its aspects — race, class, religion, as well as sex. Gays know what's wrong; we still don't have the will, or a way, to change it.

flo kennedy
feminist activist



I think it should head to where the feminists are trying to drag it. Gay people should boycott all Florida citrus products, until the Fundamentalists get off women's and gays' backs.

You see, the issue in Florida was sexuality, the sexuality of men and women, gay and straight. I'm not surprised at what happened in Florida — gays asking for their rights was like the Israelis asking the Arabs for the Golan Heights.

I also think gay people should challenge the tax-exempt status of the church — the church is a political body. And I also think gay people should follow Elaine Noble's example and run for office so they can make their own laws.

leonard matlovich

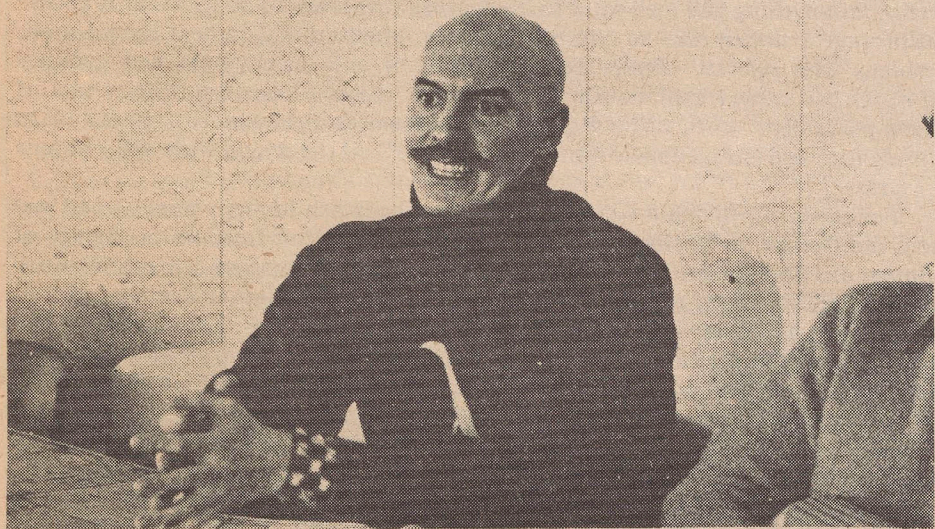
I think in the last five years many gay people have walked out of the closet and locked the door and thrown the key away. We are learning slowly but surely the most powerful word in the English language — "No." I will not be your slave any more, we will not be your slave of silence any more.

In the future, we have no choice but to go to improve our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

What has been achieved in the last five years, and what is heading?

Compiled by Lisa Schwartz and Neil Miller

john paul hudson writer



Though the Reformists have temporarily seized the initiative from the visionaries/Revolutionists, participating in bossism, promising to deliver the gay vote and to quell "irresponsible" dissent in exchange for power grants, overall progress has been made in the eight years since the Stonewall Resistance, to wit:

The Gay Liberation and Gay Civil Rights Movements (they are not synonymous) have helped make significant numbers of dykes and faggots aware of their oppression; have created a more nearly guilt-free climate in which younger homosexuals can discover themselves free of heterosexist brainwashing; have laid the foundations of a genuine threat to institutionalized heterosexuality.

But now the nonviolent Revolutionists must assert themselves, resuming the campaign of the early 70s to persuade lesbians and gaymales everywhere to come out, publicly, vigorously opposing *The Advocate* sloganeering conspiracy assuring fags they can now "come out and never have to leave the house!" Further, as an anarcho-syndicalist, I should like to see us undertake a militantly methodical subversion of the straight sexist system and all its supports — military, mafia, men, memories, momism, monuments, materialism — under the tutelage of those radical lesbian feminists who are not seeking honors or spoils within this corrupt society's framework. *How* would be up to them. While I behold gaymales aspiring to the position, phallic privilege and style of straight males (men), I do not know any radical dykes who envy the status, dress code, roles, *sturm und drang* of straight womanhood, which is why I trust them to innovate and get on with the Revolution, which most of my brothers have abandoned to the father (David Goodstein and glossy consumerism), the son (the National Gay Task Force accommodationists and supererogatory fund-raising), and the unholy ghost (delusions of straight-welcome, hallucinations of "respectability").

allen young writer

The incredible beauty of the New England countryside springtime that surrounds me is the first thing that comes to my mind when I think about the meaning of gay pride for me in 1977 . . . Yes, faggots are part of nature's beauty, and if nature's beauty is not part of faggots' lives, it is, pardon-the-political-interlude, due to the forced urbanization of gay people created by the oppressive patriarchal society and nourished by the internalized fear and self-hatred.

So, if I have anything to say on this anniversary of the movement that has given me new life, it is this: one true measure of the success of this movement will be whether the forced urbanization of gay men and lesbians is ended and whether being gay in the country seems more attractive to urban gay people than it does now. The fragmentation of our lives must end, and the urban gay ghetto is no solution — not for me, anyway. But sometimes it gets lonely out here, so, yes, I'm proselytizing again.

brian mcnaught catholic activist

Being a non-violent civil rights movement, our future lies in our ability to form powerful economic and political coalitions with one another and with other civil libertarian groups. Born-again Christians, the Klu Klux Klan, Catholics United for the Faith, the John Birch Society and the Right to Life people are working together against gay rights; against the ERA; against Jews, blacks, Hispanics and against sex education. No group, standing by itself, has a chance to stop them.

Likewise, we need to identify ignorance as the enemy and concentrate sophisticated efforts at re-writing early educational textbooks; producing children's literature; pushing for formal renunciation of Biblical "condemnations" as being inaccurate; accepting the fact that the majority of the population has real fears and questions — educating ourselves to answer those questions and refrain from calling anyone who can't cope a latent homosexual or homophobe.

Most importantly, let the word go out that the horrors of the closet far exceed the pain of self-affirmation. No one is oppressed without their consent. Discriminated against — yes; oppressed, never. How can we argue with the fear of heterosexuals when they can accurately state "I've never seen one!"

sheri barden dob activist

It would be impossible to talk about the past and think about the future without dealing with the present. We can't escape it; thousands of words have been written about the "Sun-Kissed Beauty of the South," Anita Bryant. Boycott, debate, quote the Bible, wave the flag, be patriotic; do whatever feels right for you, but for God's sake — do it!

If we fail now, it will be simply that enough gay people across this land do not care.

When I think about the past, I think about Howard Brown and the National Gay Task Force and the impact they have had toward the visibility of gay women and men. I think about Sarah Montgomery and how she's eased the pain between us and our families. There isn't enough room to mention all the people and organizations that have brought us to where we are today.

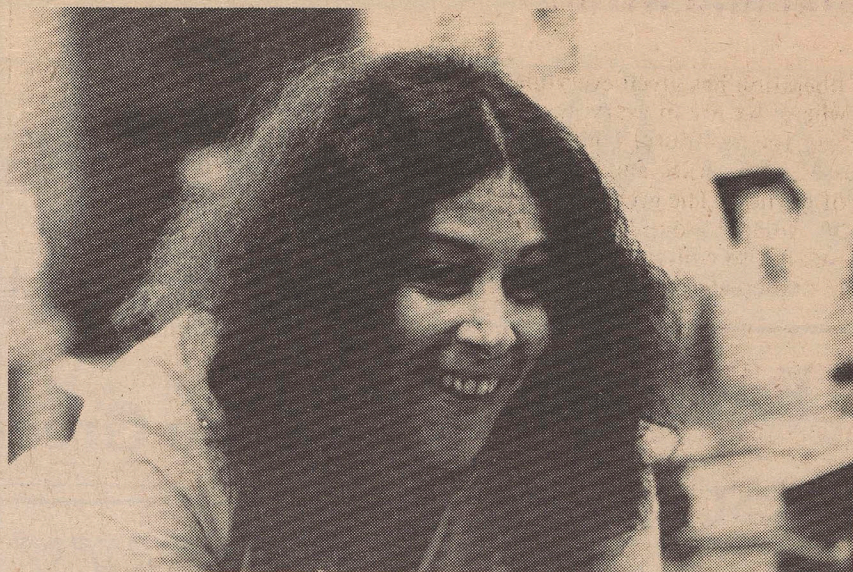
Last week, a friend called in great despair. "I feel as though I've just been thrown in a dungeon, never to be free again." I smiled and said, "You don't know what it's like to stand in the sunshine of a hot Sunday afternoon in NY City. Far as the eye can see, thousands of gay people are marching. Marching so that others could be free to live in a world without closets." They marched with pride and determination. Thousands and thousands of gay women and men have marched out in the sunshine from Maine to California. It isn't likely we will be turned back by Anita.

As to the future, it is a matter of education. It is up to everyone of us to get one point across; this is not an issue of morality or sexuality, but a matter of civil rights. Basic civil rights at that! It is plainly a legal question, one that would best be settled in the courts and not by our emotions in the voting booth. I'm beginning to wonder who runs this country, the church or the state? We are not asking for special privileges, but just the rights to have a job and live with a roof over our heads.

The raucous joyous years of gay liberation have passed. But there is great joy to hear two women say "We've been friends for years and suddenly realized we were lovers." The joy is quiet and the 'army of lovers' marches on!

Time has not dimmed my love for and faith in my fellow gay sisters and brothers.

lyn rosen former gcn editor



I believe that the greatest achievement of the movement in the last five years is effective use of the media. Organizations have learned to use available methods of access to the media extremely well. Meetings and political action are covered much more than ever in the past.

The proliferation of the gay-oriented media (press and radio) as a serious and interesting media has made it difficult for the movement to suffer defeat. For example, the gay media warned of Anita Bryant and helped organize the resistance before it became a major media issue. The gay media reveals movement successes such as the passage of pro-gay legislation. This helps to organize energies behind our leaders and friends. I feel that strong channels of dissemination of information have turned the movement into a coherent force nationally, and will prevent us from ever being quietly pushed aside by either political or police action.

In the future, I hope that the general media will adopt a gay perspective in their regular coverage of all events and issues. And I hope that the gay media will continue to provide a strong focal point for helping bring that about.

barney frank mass. state representative

The major accomplishment of the last five years has been a substantial breach in the wall of bigotry. Specifically, in the area that I know best, the gay community has become one of the most sophisticated political action groups in the Commonwealth.

Unfortunately, the community's partial success has brought a variety of specimens out from under the rocks and what I look forward to in the next five years is an intensified and openly successful assault on bigotry. The gay community has to complete the task of demonstrating that people who have an obsessive interest in regulating the sex lives of others are dangerous and perverted.

The Gay Movement, Past and Future

(Continued from page 11)

neil miller gcn editor

In the last several years, the gay movement has made important progress both in formulating our own identity and in bringing about a limited social acceptance. But with the increased emphasis on legislative reform, with the trend towards sitting back and letting a few spokespeople negotiate with politicians, we have begun to neglect the development of our own community institutions. We need to put our emphasis on building our communities — establishing structures for gay teenagers, for gay men and lesbians just "coming out," establishing community centers and gay old age homes. It's in these kinds of institutions that we develop our own strength and positive self-identification. Our potential power comes out of strong community structures. Once we have these, the politicians will have to listen to us and the Anita Bryants of the world will be unable to touch us.

david brill gcn political editor

Gay people are unlike any other minority group — such as blacks, Jews, or diabetics — in that before we can associate with each other, we must acknowledge our minority status, first to ourselves, next to others. Some, perhaps most, gay people never make that first step, and that is what has kept the gay movement in the Dark Ages for most of its existence.

As a firm believer in the theory of Future Shock, I am happy to observe that this is changing. The progress of the last five years is equal to the progress of the previous fifty. That progress is directly proportionate to the degree that gay people have been willing to acknowledge their gayness, to themselves and to their community. Were every gay person to come out, to the maximum possible, on the same day, the vastness of our numbers would be recognized, and Anita Bryant & Co. would be powerless by comparison.

And power is what we are seeking.

How would such a redistribution of power begin? We are already seeing it. First, gay teenagers, more than ever before, are acknowledging their sexuality and refusing to hibernate for a decade or more, as previous generations of gay people did. Secondly, gay people in positions of power at the state and federal levels can be expected to come out in greater numbers, shattering the stereotypes of the past. But most importantly, how non-gay people are perceiving the gay community has changed dramatically. This change in perception — from that of an identifiable class to an incredibly diverse group of persons with a single unifying characteristic — is like to herald the most significant changes in the years to come.

andrea dworkin author of *women hating*

In my view, the male gay movement is unreservedly antifeminist, ruthlessly contemptuous of women, and unashamed in its advocacy of sexual brutality as the essence of masculinity. These were once strong but not exclusive features of the male movement; now they are its defining characteristics. Radical political analyses of sexuality and the sex-class system have given way to ejaculatory celebration of anything gay men want to do because they want to do it. "Gay is good" has become a slogan used to numb conscience, intellect, and radical imagination. Lesbians who operate within the boundaries of gay male values and political priorities can expect exploitation and betrayal, the two constant bitter fruits of mixed-movement work. The Equal Rights Amendment was just defeated in Florida too, and enraged male mourners did not flood the streets with either shouts or tears.

Feminists are facing a virulent, dangerous backlash in every area — and gay men, indifferent or hostile to the survival, not to mention freedom or dignity of women, are doing more than their bit to undermine and oppose our crucial work on rape, prostitution, pornography, the ERA, abortion rights, woman-beating, sexual abuse of women in all of its malignant, pervasive forms. Lesbian organizers and organizations are fully committed to radical political work in all of these areas. Our very lives depend on succeeding. The gay male movement, with its increasingly self-involved, self-congratulatory, navel(chains-whips-urine)-gazing commitment to male supremacy, functions in solidarity with those who hate lesbians and all women; who want us raped, mutilated, dead or dying (in enticing poses of course, in the name of "sexual freedom" of course); who want us to live each day in powerless dread, in limitless danger.

I do not know what gay men as a group have to be proud of. Lesbians should be proud of having survived another year with feminist conscience and integrity still in evidence, militant struggle for radical change still ongoing, despite the organized, cruel, and often murderous opposition of all factions of the male gender class.

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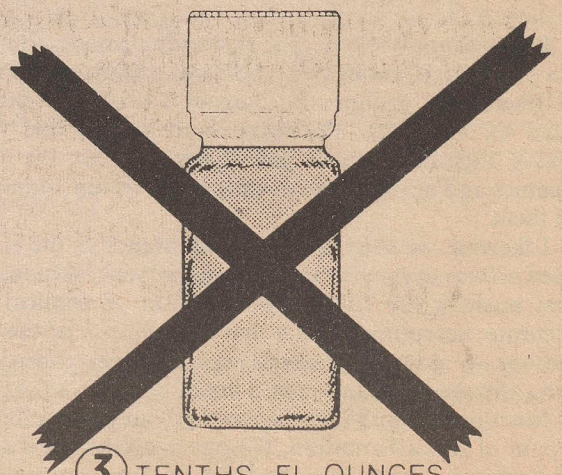
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joe martin coordinator, mass. gay legislation

The women's and gay movements have placed a lot of important questions in the general public consciousness. People seem to question more often the validity of so-called traditional sex roles and western concepts about sexuality. That can lead to a period of healthy growth.

As for its impact on gay people, I like to believe that gay liberation makes it easier for us to feel good about ourselves. Hopefully, the self-hatred that manifests itself in so many self-destructive ways will diminish. And that's important. If we don't truly like ourselves, we won't care for ourselves and we certainly won't fight our own battles.

I worry that gays will equate gay liberation with drinks in a cozy bar and a *Time* article about gay liberation. If large numbers of gays don't unite and exert themselves politically, we'll be destined to remain convenient scape-goats.

Finally, I guess I wonder if we are seriously questioning the institutions that have a vested interest in screwing us. I see many contradictions in the movement to gain legislative support — a movement I am very much a part of right now. Legislative work is obviously reformist. My hope is that legislative work positively affects gay and straight consciousness. Who knows? Admittedly, such work may be an exercise in futility. In any case, it's important to be visible everywhere and to make it clear that we don't intend to go away.

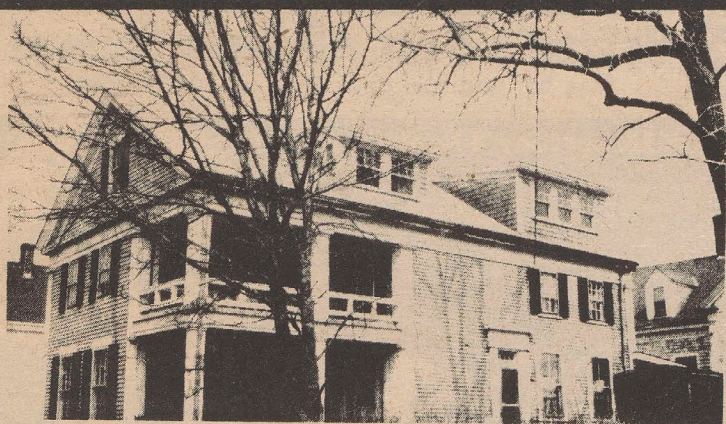
arthur bell village voice columnist

The most important thing that's happened is that people are more aware of us and we're less mysterious to them. The more we show of every side of ourselves, the less threatening we become. The fact that we can do that and discuss it is terribly constructive.

As to the future, I wish we wouldn't spend so much time on politics, in putting all our energies into a gay rights bill. We have to change attitudes within ourselves, and about ourselves and that's the most important thing. For me, anger is far better than ennui. And lately I've seen people who I've never seen outside of their apartments involved, marching against Anita Bryant. I'd like to see more of that. It's collective action that does it, talking doesn't.

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A Quiet Week in the Life

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by the Child Custody Coalition. It was a great success, six hundred people attended. After the rent for the hall, the money for the band, and the cost of printing the tickets were subtracted, Margie and I received a check for \$1.46 for our legal defense fund.

After we got home, Margie sat down with her calculator and figured that even if we win our case, we'll owe our attorney \$3,651,000. She estimates that at the rate of \$30.00 a month, it will take us over 1,000 years to pay him

off. She says we'd be much better off trading in our cars, buying a station-wagon, and quietly splitting with the kids. She says we'll have to change our names and identities, but that's no great loss compared to the advantages of never hearing from her husband or mother again. She says, after all, if they couldn't find your husband, how will they find us? I don't think it will be quite as easy as Margie thinks, she always does tend to be a little more optimistic than me, but it's certainly worth considering.

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Winds of the Old Days... A GCN Memoir

By Ellen B. Davis

I am about to embark on a new career. And it's during major change times in my life that I allow myself to be self-indulgent and nostalgic. Last week I found myself helplessly engaged in one of those periods. Shopping downtown I stopped by the sandwich and muffin shop downstairs from the GCN office. Over a blueberry muffin and coffee I recalled the initial excitement at our discovery that we could buy a dozen day old muffins at half-price before climbing the stairs to work and our new office. It didn't take much to excite us in those days. My thoughts the other afternoon ran more along the lines of disjointed moments of madness, mayhem, pleasure and sadness.

So that the reader may follow with greater clarity, I'll start at the beginning and reveal everything you always wanted to know about GCN but were afraid to ask! Well, almost everything... I can't tell you about the time late one Saturday night two former prominent staff members were on the news editor's desk engaged in wild... That's another story. Sorry.

First, I feel it's important that I mention something that was a strong factor in the founding of *Gay Community News*. My co-workers and I rarely had any idea of what we were doing! Each one of us came to the paper with some talent which had little, if any, relevance to journalism or the running of a newspaper. What mattered to us at the time was that there was a need for community communication, and we were generating enough positive energy for a beginning. Ian Johnson (the first editor), couldn't spell. He wrote every-

thing phonetically. Ian showed a definite preference for double letters, and added them liberally. He especially liked e's. But that was okay. I (the news editor) never felt quite comfortable with commas or quotation marks and would try not to use them if there wasn't anybody around to tell me that maybe I ought to put in a couple of commas someplace. Dave Stryker, our typesetter, the only one who knew what he was doing, saved us from looking stupid on many occasions. That's sort of the way we fit together. If somebody didn't know something, someone else knew of a way to fake it.

There had been much talk during the early spring of 1973 to get something started in the form of an information sheet so that gay groups in the city could know what the other groups were doing and planning. Nothing was ever actualized. But with the outpouring of Gay Pride Week '73 enthusiasm, an eight page mimeographed newsletter came off of the Charles Street Meeting-house mimeo machine.

The first copy of *GCN* resembled a PTA bulletin and contained reports of the week's events, calendar, and a listing of about twelve gay organizations in Boston. The five unpaid fulltime staff were ecstatic and made plans for issue #2 Vol. #1. At about this point a young aspiring gay media freak, the soon to be nationally renowned Loretta Lotman, happened on the scene to tell us to clean up our act along with other constructive suggestions. Issue #3 was our first offset copy. We now looked like a high school newspaper. Suddenly, the idea of actually being a newspaper reporting the news hit us. We were a cocky



David Peterson

but mindless bunch then. Cute but charming with lots of personality. But the news wasn't always easy to get. Actually, getting it wasn't the problem. A man would come in and tell us that he was beaten up on his way home from one of the bars. He only had a busted lip, but one friend had two broken ribs, and another a broken nose. News to us. "Don't use any names, don't say which bar or when it happened." Someone else, "I think I saw a dead body on a bench while I was cruising in the Fenway last night." The straight press, never really clear on gay related crimes, had nothing. The police, never really generous with gay anything, adamantly denied any crime — particularly a death in the Fenway that night. Fearless news editor to police detective, "Look, I have an eyewitness report of a man with a knife sticking out of his chest slumped over on a bench. Are you trying to tell me that the man got up and walked home?" Detective, "I'll check around and get back to you." Three hours later, Det.: "Yes, a man

was found stabbed to death in the Fenway last night but he wasn't dead until he was dead in the hospital. So, no, there wasn't a man stabbed to death in the Fenway last night." I found that half the fun in doing the news was *trying to figure it out* so it could be reported!

Along with all of my other responsibilities, I was the unofficial recruitment person in charge of volunteer services. It was in this capacity that the above aspects of my personality became more fully developed. Being in the backroom of CSMH had many disadvantages (which I will discuss later) but one of the advantages was the successful coffeehouse and its clientele. Each evening I would saunter out and cruise the place for bright, clean, intelligent faces. Zeroing-in with all the charisma I could muster, I'd then escort them into the back room to sign them up as gay Lois Lanes and/or Jimmy Olsens.

As we were growing, the paper began to suffer adolescent pains and ways we had envisioned its growth did not always work. Our idea of functioning as a collective and collectively reaching decisions didn't quite make it. More than once, a drunk would wander in off of Charles Street and help us vote and determine some major policy of the paper.

A rather strong but well-taken cartoon depicting a bartender with a pig head was the impetus for our first really big policy disagreement. Advertising: the bars. The cartoon never ran, the decision on bar advertising remained nebulous, and two of the founders of the paper quit. Advertising, specifically sexist, personal and

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politically offensive advertising, was to remain a constant pain-in-the-policy.

We were always having meetings (for what I considered to be migraine *provocateurs*) to decide anything. The one concerning advertising that I particularly recall to be the best and funniest but which was not without heated debate was the great "Automatic Blow Job Machine" meeting. Ian decided that the decision to accept or reject this ad would be the perfect opportunity to define our ad policy. The immediate staff (paid, all four of us) knew what the product was but were sworn to secrecy and were not to reveal any information. The full staff was assembled and debated for at least three hours the pros and cons of censorship — what was offensive and what was sexist, without ever disclosing the product. All of a sudden some poor soul (who was not supposed to have known what we were talking about) reached his threshold of pain and jumped up and started screaming that he didn't give a damn about automatic blow job machines and was leaving!

We pretty much remained the community's favorite child throughout our early adolescence. Elaine Noble paid us periodic visits, usually to just sit and talk like a big sister, but more frequently to yell and find out what the hell we were trying to do by printing such an article on this or that! I particularly enjoyed her winter visits when she would put her cold hands down my neck and back! Sheri Barden and Lois Johnson were like favorite aunts. They would bring us presents from their trips and furniture for our office.

Thank you New England Telephone, Big Business, and the City of Boston for your help. One social worker from the Youth Department made weekly supply runs to our office with pens,



Loretta Lotman

paper and pencils, and once he brought us a typewriter. We couldn't afford a telephone so we had to have a pay phone installed in the office. Miraculously, more times than not you got your dime back. The fellow who came to empty the coin box gave me a knowing wink on one of his visits. Lesbians would come in and give us items they had ripped off during their secretarial chores. Dave Peterson, our classified ad manager, managing editor and interior decorator, had city map routes for trash pick-ups in Boston, Cambridge and Brookline. I remember a rather desperate phone call from him one night at 11:30 about a desk he found but couldn't move by himself. I think the strain was too much for him. I understand he still haunts the streets on garbage nights. That's the way we got by the first seven months.

The community darlings image came to an abrupt end when one of our columnists called the 1270 a fire trap,

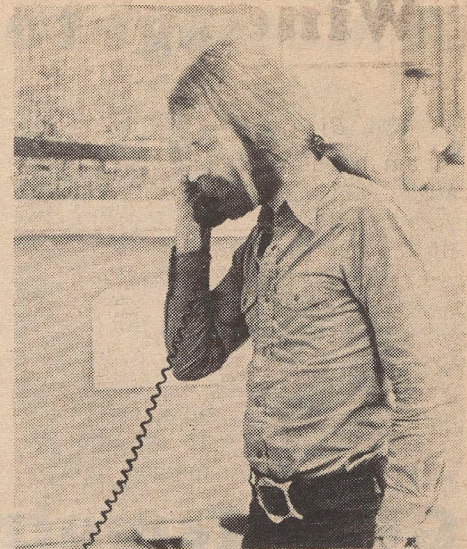
citing reasons. Elaine paid us one of those yelling and screaming visits. There were no cold hands that day! That's about the time we started realizing that things were serious, that we were growing and that we had to assume responsibility for our growth as a credible newspaper. The decision to move out of the Meetinghouse and try it on our own came a couple of months later.

Leaving CSMH was very sad and somewhat analogous to a child leaving home. Randy Gibson was good to us. He didn't push or offer his opinions unless we asked; he fed us, supplied paper and postage and was generally supportive of us as individuals. There were, of course, lots of difficulties for a newspaper functioning in a room with an ice machine and being located between a kitchen and a cafe. We had tired of scenes from "Gone With the Wind" in the kitchen, the Charles Street Col.'s chicken, and dropped lemonade on layout sheets. Yes, it was time to move.

Once the voting was over on the colors for the new office ("they" decided on twilight blue and white — feh!) the exhaustive process had only just begun. We got Peterson off the streets and a bunch of us scoured Goodwill Stores, thrift and second-hand shops for our office furnishings.

For the first few weeks at the Bromfield Street office a lot of us sort of had a displaced refugee look. I guess we were all a little scared sitting in this big room with four telephones, five desks, three typewriters and assorted tools of the trade.

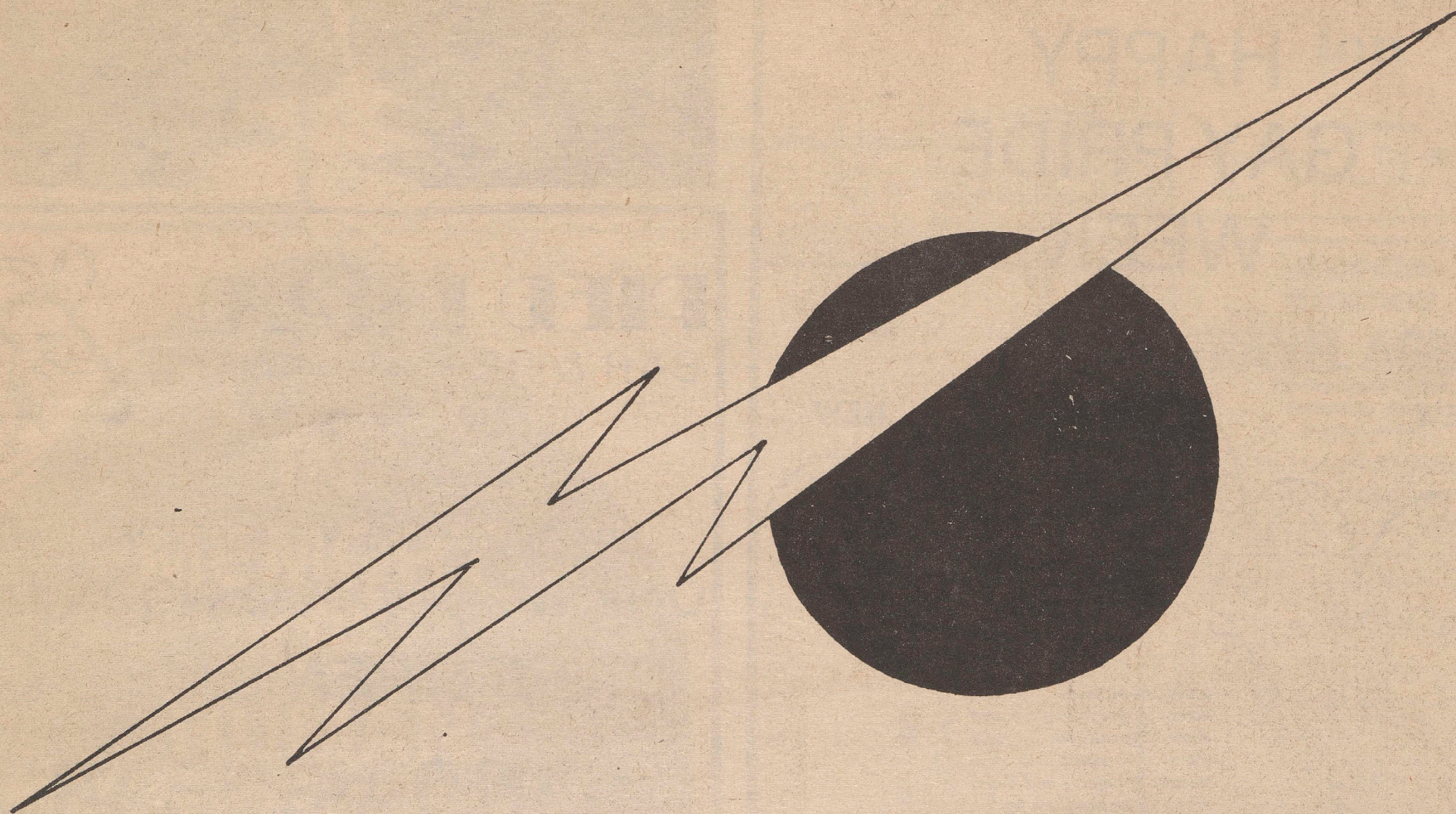
Not too long after we moved, the paper grew a little more in pages, we got a new logo, changed *Gay Community News* to *GCN*, incorporated and finally went to newsprint and started looking like a real newspaper. This was



Ian Johnson

also about the time the "old people" were getting tired and worn. It had been a year and a half, and the growing that the paper had done and seemed to be doing was perhaps way beyond our original hopes. Maybe we all lost sight of our own goals and directions. GCN was moving out of our control. I started evaluating my place and the paper's part in my life and came to a lot of upsetting conclusions. It was difficult I think, to separate GCN from myself and remember that it was not really a living, breathing thing, but paper. I loved GCN and the way it was a struggling infant, a growing child, then, an adolescent searching for an identity of its own. I loved the way it almost did breathe on those Fridays when it came back from the printers. We could carry it upstairs and cut the wire and read stories we had seen twenty times during the week. I usually didn't have the time to think back to Monday assignments — getting typed pages, then getting copy, then

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CHAPS

A Message to Our Closeted Sisters and Brothers

By Nancy Walker

Those in the closet, I salute you, not in my satirical voice, by in my real, sincere one. It must be lonely in some small corner of your lives, lonely and frustrated and angry all at once.

There are so many valid reasons for hiding — jobs, family, blood-thirsty fools campaigning against our right to live and let live — that I, for one, cannot blame anyone for not wanting to take on the slings and arrows of outraged non-gays, not to mention gays who have a narrow-minded militant-

activist approach to the whole complex issue of being gay in an anti-gay society.

Nevertheless, the validity of the reason for keeping your lifestyle a secret, at least from certain significant others, cannot completely remove the little voice within every feeling human being that says we have something to offer to our own people, something we want to offer, something we should offer. The question is, how? How do we remain safe and still participate? How do we show that we care and not

show too much?

I have heard a great deal of angry rhetoric on the part of old (circa 1970) activists so I sympathize with anyone who, having attained a degree of comfort or success, doesn't want any part of the gay liberation movement. Yet I know also that those very people who remain in the closet, for whatever reasons, want to share. They just don't want to be insulted, dumped on, accused of sinning against the light of freedom and love, by other gays who have chosen, for whatever reasons, not to remain in the closet.

What all this boils down to is that now, as we celebrate Gay Pride Week and begin another year in the long-term struggle to create a better atmosphere for all of us, we should look at our innermost selves and try to see where we fit into the larger picture. If we are "out" need we try to drag

others out with us? If we are not "out," can we not make our presence felt anyway? I would suggest that there is tremendous strength within the gay closet community that the community at large could use. Such closeted individuals could give the benefit of their thinking power and of their financial and political resources. Surely there is a way for each of us, in our own particular way, to do something meaningful toward making the life we live more open and less stressful. I sense that this is the right time for more of us to join hands and do battle against the repressive forces in our world.

The "ins" and the "outs" are not natural enemies. On the contrary, we are all the same underneath, and we could all find some means of making common cause. Why not try?

GCN Memoir

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doing the layout. To me every week was special when it was Friday, and a new paper would come back after being created during a week of fights, meetings, work and love.

Cryptogram Answers

— PAUL GOODMAN

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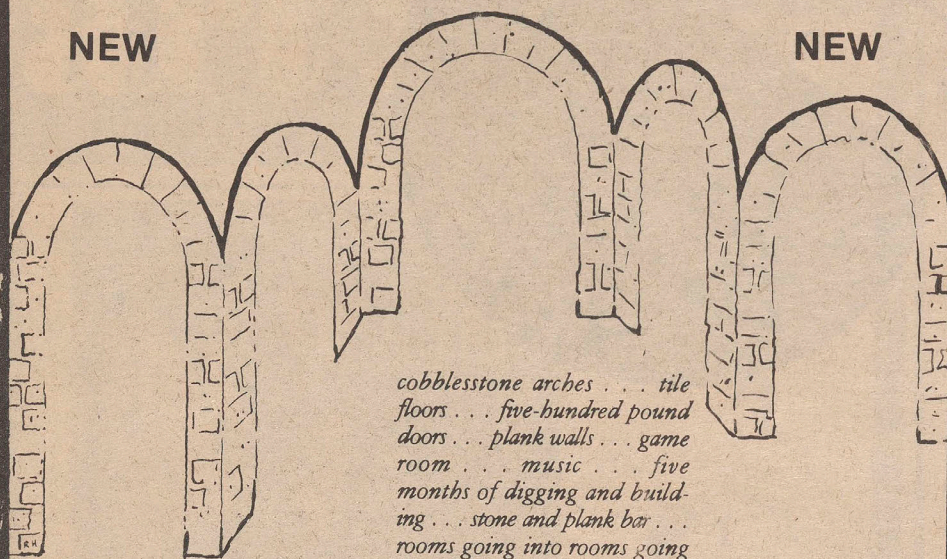
I remember Shri Palmanandra, a dead six foot palm tree that Satya found in the trash and dragged into the office (we dressed it in some of Dave Peterson's old clothes and made it the office mascot); the misunderstanding over the Nazi articles, and the 70 people that jammed the office for a community meeting; the Gay Pride Week '74 birthday cake that we made in the Meetinghouse kitchen (four feet long and three feet high, it wouldn't fit through any of the doors). But the best had to be the GCN 4th of July picnic at a beach on the North Shore where we (almost) literally ate our hearts out. The highlight of that day, though, was the cast of 30 lesbians and gay men frolicking among families and young 'straight' couples. Mothers grabbed their children, police were summoned to watch for any unnatural acts, and Satya and Charlie held hands in the water.

I have by no means told *everything*. There are a lot of other things I remember as well but sentimentality serves a kinder purpose in this case. Maybe a sequel next year.

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people, places and flings

By David Holland

This running from column to column is making me dizzy. Yes, more than usual . . . The big News this week is the start of Gay Pride festivities. Had the rumor concerning Ms. Bryant's arrival to launch her zealous battle against the pending Mass. bill been true, cartographers might have been busied with placing "Here It Is!" markers on future maps of Boston. Stonewall might have dimmed by comparison. Regardless, I expect the jubilee will be more festive than previous years, celebrating victories yet to be won . . . All once and future patrons to Huntington Ave. nightspots have a new alternative to the 2 a.m. hop to Ken's. **The Gallery Cafe**, nestled beside **Chaps**, recently opened. The decor is one I'd dub: Valentine Bright. The selection of eats seems suited to late-night snacking and the ambience (a word voted "Most Over-Used" for 1977) I've not yet experienced but will relish the occasion. Of course I've peeked through the window but my appetite wasn't whetted at the time. Bet they can't wait for my arrival. Another new locale is **69 Broad Street** (formerly **Cantone's**). This latest addition to the waterfront is run by **Bill the Greek** (formerly of some of the big Once-Popular bars in town). You may want to discover his newest endeavor . . .

Tony Bosco's House Restaurant has long been a statement in fine dining, and last Sat. night Tony hosted the



John Savage, John Canada, David Trant and Chet Ferris in a scene from **BROADWAY DANDIES**, a musical romp through the city of New York. The show, which will be presented this summer at the Pilgrim Playhouse in the Provincetown Inn, will run from June 24 through September 11.

opening of **The Delivery Entrance**, his new bar which is located beneath the House at 12 Wilton St. Cobblestoned arches, flagstoned floor and lots of natural wood mark the look of this new addition to Boston's nightspot scene. Boston's spectacular **Rainbow Room** voiced a bit of dissatisfaction at my lack of neon-palace coverage. What more can I say about this city's hottest disco. Everybody knows about it by now and

no one stands in a fabulous line of people for nothing! . . . **John Rechy's** book "**The Sexual Outlaw**" is beginning to get some flack. Some NBC affiliate TV stations have refused to run advertising. A general manager for a major West Coast broadcast station said, "If it was just about regular homosexuals O.K. but what he (Rechy) describes is unnecessary. People don't want to know about that . . . If it were

Henry Miller, well O.K. but this is worse than dirty." Since when did Miller write about "regular" homosexuals? . . . The incomparable **Anita O'Day** closes the Merry-Go-Round June 20 through the 25th. But not for long. Something smashing appears this coming fall and I can't wait for press night . . . "**P.S. Your Cat Is Dead**" is finally exhausting its exhaustive run at the Rep. Final performances will run until July 10. One good compensation is that this will make room for Pinter's "**No Man's Land**" in the up-coming season . . . The **Institute of Contemporary Art** is exhibiting an extremely rare group of art titled: **Collectors Collect Contemporary**. The works are from private collections around the Boston area and represent rare delights of art from the past twenty years. The ICA is also running a series of films called **Artists On Film**. Although it's self-explanatory it might interest you to know that many of those on celluloid are featured in the exhibit. Don't forget: Admission free Wed. 2-9. 266-5151 for further info . . . Summer does mean a glut of freebies for those of us remaining here. They pour in slowly. Par example: The **Boston Ballet's** Esplanade performances begin Aug. 10-14 and 17-21. There are other "Summerthing" dates and they will come to you as I receive them . . . Not for free but worth a look is the Loeb Drama Center's summer schedule. Beginning June 24 is the immensely popular musical, "**I Do, I Do**," Arthur Miller's "**The Price**" begins July 15 and the final selection is Noel Coward's "**Hay Fever**." It may be worth breaking the piggy bank . . .

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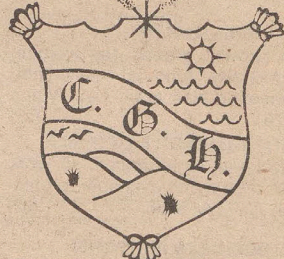
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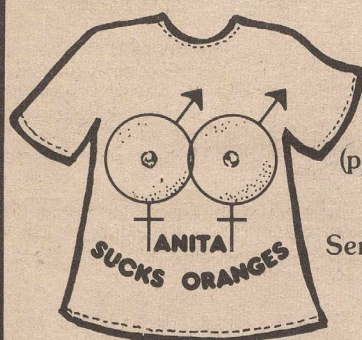
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BOSTON BAR GUIDE

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30 Avery St.
Food, Mixed.

BOSTON EAGLE
88 Queensbury St. 247-9586
Leather, Men, Thurs. Club Nite, Sunday Brunch 3PM, Movies Mon. & Tues. 8PM.

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39 Boylston St. 338-7159
Dancing, Mixed.

CHAMPAGNE LOUNGE
227 Tremont St. 338-8385
Dancing, Men.

CHAPS
27 Huntington Ave. 266-7778
Food, Men.

CITADEL
22 Avery St. 482-9040
Dancing, Men.

CLUB 76
76 Battery March St. 542-3377
Food, Mixed (Mostly Men).

COMMUNITY CLUB
252 Boylston St. 247-9308
Noon to 2AM, 7 days a week.
Dancing, Games, Food.

HARRY'S PLACE
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Dancing Fri., Sat., Sun.; Men.

PLAYLAND
21 Essex St.
Men (Some Women).

119 MERRIMAC
119 Merrimac St. 523-8960
Dancing, Men, Tues.-Thurs. Buffet 9-11PM

RAINBOW ROOM
15 Lansdowne St.
Disco Dancing, Men.

SAINTS
(Call 354-8807) Women.

69 BROAD
69 Broad St.
Eves., Food during day, Men.

SOMEWHERE
295 Franklin St. 423-7730
Disco Dancing, Mixed, Sunday Brunch 12-2PM

SPORTER'S CAFE
228 Cambridge St.
Food, Men, Saturday Brunch 5PM, Movies Mon. 3PM, Sunday Brunch 3PM.

STYX
20 Blagden St. 247-3910
Disco Dancing, Men.

THE SHED
272 Huntington Ave.
Leather, Men, Sunday Brunch 4PM.

TOGETHER
110 Boylston St.
Disco Dancing, Mixed

1270
1270 Boylston St. 261-1257
Disco Dancing, Mixed (Mostly Men).

TWELVE CARVER
12 Carver St.
Men.

Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA (Area Code 617)

Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900
Am Tikva 262-0179
Boston Advocates for Human Rights, 73 Tremont St., rm 224, Box 2232, Boston 02107 742-4811
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141 492-3433
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 742-8020
Closet Space (WCAS 740m AM) 492-6540
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138 661-3633
Dignity, 102 Charles St., Box 172, Boston 02114 739-1091
Elaine Noble (Rep.) 727-2584
Evangelicals Concerned 894-3970
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Tom Nylund 267-1066
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom 442-1739, 440-8551 or 427-1893
Framingham Unicorn Society, P.O. Box 163, Framingham 01701 877-8550
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 266-2069
Gay A/Anon, South Shore 843-5300
Gay Community Chapter (Human Achievement Foundation) 277-2484
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Hotline (3-12 pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371
Gay Legislation '77, P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02114 742-4811
Gay Men's Centre, 718 Beacon St. 247-7312
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900 (ext. 2396)
Gay Professional Women's Ass'n, Box 308, Boston Univ. Sta., Boston 02215
Gay Recreational Activities Committee, (GRAC), c/o GCN Box 8000
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107 354-0133
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9 FM) 353-2790
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St. 227-8587
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Ass'n 661-7451
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 262-3057

Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 21 Bay St., Cambridge 661-2537
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Ctr. 354-8807
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Homophile League, rm 50-306 253-5440
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139 661-8898 or 661-6358
National Organization for Women 267-6160
New Words Bookstore 876-5310
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Eli Ctr. Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers, transgenderists and gender dysthorics, 102 Charles St., Suite 433, Boston 02114
Project Lambda 523-0368
Project Place 267-9150
Sexual Health Centers of N.E., Inc., 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155
Unitarian Universalist Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108 742-2100
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139 661-1316
Women's Community Health in Cambridge 547-2302

EASTERN MASS. (Area Code 617)

Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6 pm)
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-5370 (leave message at 267-6464)
MCC/Worcester 756-0730
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
Survival Crisis Line 471-7100

WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)

Berkshire Community Gay Coalition, Box 493, Pittsfield 01201 442-7033
Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060 584-4580
Everywoman's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 732-9315
Together, Box 427, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)

"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale Station, New Haven 06520.

CT Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 522-5575
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven 436-8945
Gay Switchboard 522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 232-5110, 522-5575
New Haven Lesbian Rap, 148 Orange St., New Haven 436-0272
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-2656
UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union, U of CT, Storrs 06268
Yalebians, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945

RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, rm 510, Providence 863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I., 55 Eddy St., rm 306
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence 02912 863-2189
Integrity, Box 71, Annex Sta., Providence 02801
MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. 751-6023
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrum 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 231-5853

MAINE (Area Code 207)

CMGA, Box 2242, Augusta 04330
Confidential Drug and Alcohol Rap Group, Box 4542, Portland 04112
Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford St. 773-2981
University of Maine, Portland 04103 ext. 535
Growing... Sober and Gay, Box 893, Waterville 04901
Maine Freewoman's Herald, 193 Middle St., 3rd floor, Portland 04111 774-6071
Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland 04112 773-5530
Maine Lesbian Feminists, Box 125, Belfast 04915
Mainly Gay, Box 4542, Portland 04112 773-5530
The Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)

MCC-Extension, 292 State St., Portsmouth 03801 382-4678
Nashua Area Gays 673-5315
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 228-8542



Northwood Women's Group, G. Ball, Box 273, RFD 1, Manchester 03104
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, 4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834

VERMONT (Area Code 802)

Counseling-Support for Gay Women, c/o Susan Katz, South VT Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, VT 05701 775-1518
Gay Student Union, Univ. of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9 pm 656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 05401 863-1236

NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)

Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC 10014 242-6616
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U., NYC 10027 280-2574
Gay Switchboard 924-4036
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway 925-2619
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Station, NYC 10017 758-1905
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., NYC 10017
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm 506, NYC 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097
West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave., NYC 675-0143

NEW YORK (STATE)

Dignity/Integrity/Rochester, 42 Tyler House, 17 South Fitzhugh St., Rochester, 14614 (716) 232-6521
Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Inc. 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640 14607 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-8640
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14627 (716) 275-6181
Gayphone (Mon-Sat 7-11) 423-3590
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Lesbian Resource Center (formerly GROW), 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-9030
MCC/NY, 201 West 13th St., 10011 242-1212
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914) 471-8885