

calendar

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Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis women's discussion, 7:30pm, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church, refreshments.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Task Force of NOW meets at 7:30pm, 99 Bishop Allen Dr., Central Sq., open to all women interested in joining NOW.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group on masturbation, 37 Ninth Ave. near 14th St., 8pm, \$2 donation, refreshments.

NYC — Ass'n of Gay Social Workers meeting, contact Ron Ginsberg, 345 West 21st St., 243-8683.

6 wed

Boston — Meeting to discuss Politics of Dress at 19 Cortes St., 7:30pm, info call Taffy or Cha Cha at 482-5995.

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Boston — Older and Other Gays meet at Gay Men's Center at 7:30pm, guest speaker, Barney Frank.

Boston — Vikings Club Night at Herbie's, 12 Carver St., Freakie Cut-off Night.

Somerville, MA — Boston Men's Center holds men's sharing evening at Multiservice Center, 1 Summer St., near Union Sq., wear loose clothing, bring musical instruments if you wish.

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Boston — Am Tikva service and social hour, 7:45pm, call 262-0179 for place.

Boston — Formation of Mass. League of Gay Voters, women and men needed for Steering and Working Committees, at HCHS, 80 Boylston St., rm 842, info call Phil 536-7680, Carl 521-0710. Please come.

Cambridge, MA — "Monday Morning Pronouns" by Micki Dickoff will be shown at YWCA, 7 Temple St., 8pm, \$1.50.

Boston — Folders, stuffers, sealers: where are you? We need volunteers tonight and every Friday to help with the GCN mailing. No experience needed, just willing hands. GCN offices, 22 Bromfield St., 4:30-8pm, info call 426-4469.

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NYC — Dance at West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. near 14th St., \$2 donation.

Cambridge, MA — Women's Dance to benefit Boston Area Lesbian Defense, music by Seafire, 7:30-12pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., suggested price, dinner \$1.50, dance \$2, info call 354-8807.

10 sun

Boston — Boston Men's Center is organizing rap groups to examine men's roles, meet at 2pm at Campus Free College, 14 Beacon St.

Portsmouth, NH — MCC will have summer worship service in private homes, for info call (603) 482-3678.

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Boston — First meeting of a new group for gay teenagers to be held at the Gay Men's Center, 718 Beacon Street, near Kenmore Square at 6:30. Potluck Supper, no adults permitted.

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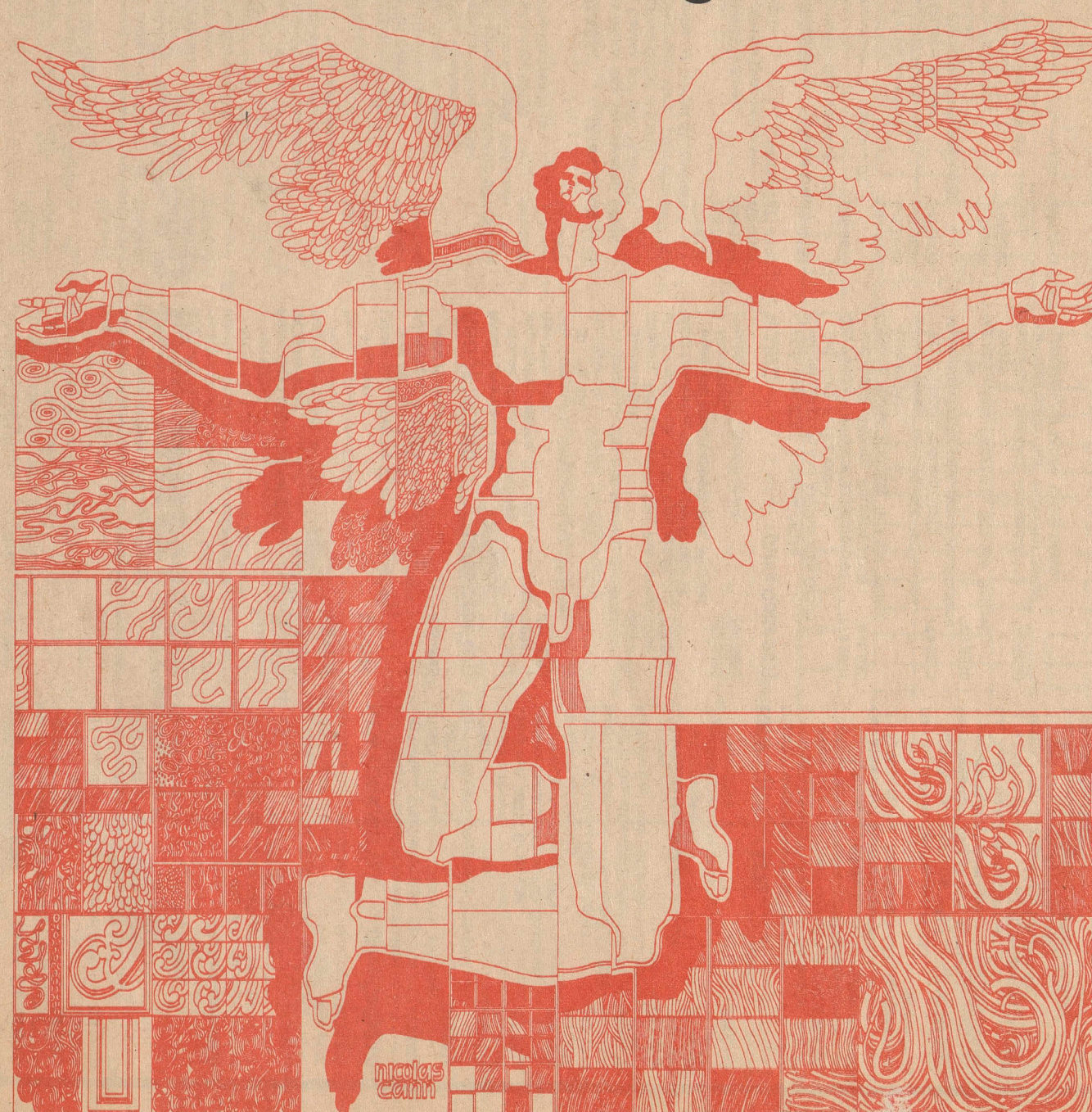
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230-133 Defeat 1st Vote on Gay Issue

US House Bars Legal Aid Funds for Gay Rights

By David Brill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Taking its second swipe at gay people in a month, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted an amendment that would prohibit use of federal legal assistance funds in gay rights cases. The June 27 action was taken by a roll-call vote of 230-133.

At issue was a measure to extend for two more years the Legal Services Corporation, a quasi-public agency that channels federal funds to more than 3,000 lawyers and firms that represent poor people in civil legal actions. The program, which was enacted as

part of the Johnson Administration's anti-poverty program more than a decade ago, includes such groups as the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and the Boston Legal Assistance Project.

Rep. Larry McDonald (D-Ga.), a urologist by profession and a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, introduced the anti-gay amendment. McDonald proposed to exclude from LSC coverage any "legal assistance for any proceeding or litigation in any disputes or controversies arising out of homosexuality or so-called gay rights."

When he read the amendment from the floor of the House, the entire chamber went into an uproar. "He was hooted out and jeered when they heard what he was saying," said David Hoffman, an aide to U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.). On two preliminary voice votes, the McDonald amendment was defeated, according to Hoffman. However, when McDonald pressed for a roll call on the issue, it was accepted by a vote of 230-133, with 70 members absent during the voting.

Why McDonald chose the LSC legislation to attach his amendment is unclear. In Massachusetts, no LSC funds

have ever gone to any gay rights issues. The Mass. Law Reform Institute, for example, is largely involved with Mass. Fair Share on issues involving utility companies. However, according to McDonald aide Colleen Hendrickson, "there have been times in the past where money has gone to gay cases."

Adam DeBaugh, lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby in Washington, said the amendment "took everybody by surprise. It even took the committee by surprise." DeBaugh told GCN that McDonald's amendment was the first time that Congress has

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350,000 March World-Wide for Gay Pride

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 350,000 gay men and lesbians marched for gay rights as National Gay Pride Week came to an end. Gay parades and rallies were also held in several foreign cities during the weekend of June 25.

The biggest march was held in San Francisco where an estimated 230,000 people turned out. The march there, from the financial district to City Hall, drew heavy support from many heterosexual groups and organizations. The anger of San Francisco's gay community was heightened last week by the slaying of 33-year-old Robert Hillsborough [see article this issue]. The marchers, chanting "Human rights are absolute," attracted applause and cheers from sidewalk spectators, but there were no reports of violence.

The march up New York City's Fifth Avenue attracted at least 25,000 people to the end of parade rally in Central Park [see story this issue].

Some 2000 persons marched through Seattle where a bomb threat briefly interrupted a rally, but there were no other incidents. The Seattle Gay Pride Parade was supported by Mayor Wes Uhlman, whose declaration of "Gay Pride Week" honored the contributions of gays to that city.

In Los Angeles, more than 3000 marched on Hollywood Boulevard, while about 1000 lesbians and gay men took part in the gay rights parade held in Denver.

Peaceful demonstrations were held Saturday, June 24, in Great Britain and The Netherlands. About 1000 gays marched in London, ending with a picnic in Hyde Park. In Amsterdam, 2000 paraded the streets to protest the defeat of the gay rights bill in Dade County, Florida.

In Barcelona, Spain, police firing rubber bullets dispersed some 4000 people at a demonstration sponsored by the Gay Liberation Front of Catalonia.

Police Act After GCN Harassment

BOSTON — The editorial offices of the Gay Community News have been the victims of harassment by persons claiming to be affiliated with the "South Boston Defense League." At first, threatening telephone calls — which were thought to be a response to a favorable news article in the *Real Paper* on June 20 — were ignored, on the advice of Police Supt. John F. Doyle, head of the Bureau of Investi-

gative Services.

However, on the morning of June 27, GCN staff members observed six holes presumably caused by bullets or pellets in the front window of the newspaper offices on Bromfield Street, downtown Boston. Additional telephone calls were received by GCN and the *Real Paper* from the same callers crediting the "South Boston Defense

League" with the shootings. Boston Police detectives called to the scene conducted a thorough investigation.

GCN requested Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan's office to institute 24-hour surveillance of the GCN building. The police commissioner has ordered action be taken to apprehend the offenders, in response to the GCN request.



GAY FREEDOM DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO: 230,000 San Franciscans marched last Sunday in the largest gay pride parade ever held in the world. The heavy turnout, which included many straight people, was spurred on by the brutal murder of a local gay man and the defeat in Dade County. It took four hours for the parade to make its way from the financial district to the Civic Center.

Photo by Ray Spears

Brutal Slaying Arouses 'Frisco on Eve of March

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor George Moscone has offered a \$5000 reward for information leading to the capture of four men who killed Robert Hillsborough, a gay man, outside his Mission District apartment on June 22. Moscone also lashed out at "anti-gay crusaders for inciting violence" in San Francisco.

Shocked reaction to the brutal killing of Hillsborough came from other officials as well as from the private sector in the city. District Attorney Joseph Freitas called the killing tragic and added, "I want to assure the gay community we will make every effort to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators."

Various gay organizations pledged

private rewards for the capture of the attackers. The Tavern Guild of San Francisco, which represents the city's gay bars, pledged a \$5000 reward and a reward of \$2000 was posted by two popular gay clubs, the Biarritz and the N'Touch Disco. Another reward, of \$1000, was offered by the Emperors Council, a social organization of wealthy gay men in San Francisco. A gay community charity group, the People's Fund, offered to pay for Hillsborough's funeral.

According to police, Hillsborough, who worked as a gardener at a playground in San Francisco, was stabbed 15 times in the chest and face by a group of four well-dressed young men who shouted "faggot, faggot." The

attack occurred outside the apartment that Hillsborough shared with Jerry Taylor who was able to escape the attackers and flee for help.

Police claimed that they arrived minutes after the brutal attack had begun but the 33-year-old Hillsborough was unconscious from the beating and loss of blood. He died within the hour at Mission Emergency Hospital.

Friends of Hillsborough, who was born in Portland, Ore., described him as a "sober guy, who wasn't an agitator or anything like that." A spokesperson for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department said he was a "good, conscientious worker who caused no problems whatsoever."

Harvey Milk, a leader in the city's gay community, claimed there has been an increase of harassment against gays since "Dade County and Anita Bryant." "There have been more and more attacks and abuse, with these punks yelling 'This one's for Anita,' as they come into our neighborhoods. We live in a paranoid state."

On Friday, June 24, the San Francisco City Hall flag was flown at half-mast in memory of Hillsborough. Mayor Moscone ordered the action taken as police continued their search for the four men wanted in the attack.

news notes

FIGHTING FOR LESBIAN MOTHERS

NEW YORK — The East Coast Lesbian Mothers Defense Fund and the National Lawyers Guild are sponsoring a six-week program this summer to teach lesbians to fight child custody cases. The program, the first in the country, will aid lesbians in peer counseling and pose alternatives for lesbian mothers who are involved in custody cases.

The program will meet two nights a week from July 1 to Aug. 15. Women who are interested in the project should call (212) 788-5987 or (212) 789-5206.

LEGAL IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska has become the 19th state in the union to abolish criminal penalties on gay sex. The state legislature voted to override Gov. James Exon's veto of a criminal code revision package that decriminalized all sexual acts between consenting adults. The reform, which won in a 33 to 15 vote in Nebraska's unicameral legislature, takes effect on July 1, 1978.

As in Wyoming, where sodomy laws were also repealed this year, Nebraska's decriminalization came without lobbying from the gay community. Supporters stressed throughout the lobbying process that gay people were not pushing for passage.

NEW YORK ACTIVISM

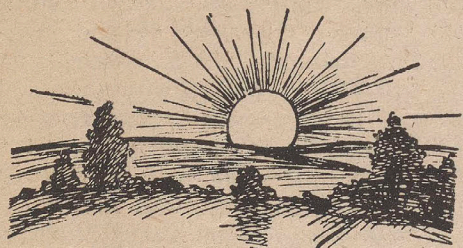
NEW YORK CITY — A week after the defeat of the gay rights bill in Dade County, a mass meeting of more than 200 people representing 50 groups from the New York area was held, and the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) was formed. The Coalition was formed "to fight the attack on human rights led by Anita Bryant and the forces she represents."

CLGR is preparing to fight for the passage of a New York City bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the areas of jobs, housing and public accommodations. The Coalition will hold a New York area conference on July 15 and 16 at Earl Hall, Columbia University, 116th Street and Broadway. For more information you can contact the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, 17 W. 17th St., 8th floor, New York City 10011.

OLDER GAYS SURVEY

DENVER — A research project, with eventual publication in mind, is being undertaken on the gay male who is 65 or older. Among the items to be covered are sexual beliefs and experience, social accomplishments and contentment, family and religious backgrounds, and advice to the younger homosexual and various segments of society. A 34 page questionnaire has been prepared to survey these and other aspects of gay life. All information is to be held in strict confidence and no signature will be required or necessary in returning the questionnaire.

If you would like to participate in this survey, write to Dr. C. E. Moritz, 2464 S. Jasmine St., Denver, Colo. 80222.

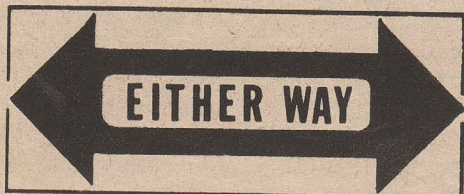


NUDE BEACH DAY

NEW YORK CITY — July 4 has been designated as National Nude Beach Day. Beachfront NY, a newly formed clothes optional group, has chosen two sites on Fire Island to celebrate the day. The Pines and Davis Park, which are gay and straight respectively, have customarily allowed nudity on their beaches. According to Beachfront NY, Nude Beach Day is being celebrated in those two communities to "show the need and desire for legal swim suit optional beaches to be accessible to those who prefer this choice." Beachfront NY's stated aim is to help "advance the popular nude beach idea and to help secure the rights, by Federal Court rule, of the many nude bathers." For more information contact Beachfront NY, John Burris, Coordinator, at (212) 472-1031.

BUSTED IN SEEKONK

SEEKONK, MA — Four men were arrested at a rest area on Route 195 on June 27 and charged with a variety of crimes ranging from lewd and lascivious conduct to unnatural acts. The arrests were made by undercover officers and the names and addresses of all four men were published in the Monday morning edition of the *Providence Journal*. One of the arrested men is the principal of an elementary school. All four men were charged with lewd and lascivious conduct, while two of the men had assault and battery added to their charges. The second pair were accused of unnatural acts in addition to the lewd and lascivious charge.



PRESBYTERIANS KEEP STUDYING

PHILADELPHIA — Delegates to the 189th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have overwhelmingly rejected efforts to kill a study group which is examining the subject of homosexuality and the possible ordination of gay ministers. The continuation of the study group — which will report its findings in 1978 — was strongly backed by the church leadership.

A resolution that would have banned the ordination of openly gay people now or at any future time was also voted down 381-278.

ABORTION ALERT

BOSTON — Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts has proclaimed a maximum emergency alert in the wake of action by both the US Supreme Court and the US Congress to restrict abortion care for indigent women. The Massachusetts state legislature is now considering a bill that could cut off all state funds for abortion. Such action is permitted under the new Supreme Court decision which ruled that individual states could refuse to use Medicaid funds to pay for abortions.

"We must act now to salvage abortion care for poor women. Failure to act could mean that thousands of welfare abortion patients will either endure non-medical, back-alley abortions — or bring unloved and unwanted children into a world of poverty and rejection," the Planned Parenthood statement read.

Planned Parenthood urges people concerned about the issue to write Gov. Michael Dukakis as well as state senators and representatives. Planned Parenthood believes a potential Dukakis veto of the bill to be critical.

SPEAK OUT, STARS

RENO, NV — Shirley MacLaine, who throughout her acting career has taken many politically controversial stands, has now come forth with a plea for celebrities to speak up for civil rights for gay people.

Backstage after a performance at a Reno nightclub, MacLaine said that gay activists should enlist the help of performers in their struggle. "We owe our acts to gays. We owe much of our music, our dancing, our costumes, plenty of everything to gays," she said.

"You've got to come out and bop this thing on the head, hit it as hard as you can, to protect both civil rights and human rights in this country. And performers can be at the head of this drive."

GAY VOTERS LEAGUE

BOSTON — A small group of concerned gays met at Homophile Community Health Service here on June 28 to discuss the formation of the Massachusetts League of Gay Voters. Primary goals of the organization will include the registration of qualified voters in the gay community and urging those already registered to exercise their right to vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8 at HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm 842, at 7 p.m. For information call Phil at 536-7680 or Carl at 521-0710.

EQUITY MEMBER IN DISGRACE

NEW YORK CITY — Actors' Equity, the performers' union, has "expressed dismay" that Anita Bryant would so "outspokenly embrace discrimination against homosexuals." In a letter from the governing board of the 20,000-member union to Bryant, who is an Equity member, her fellow performers characterized her position against gay rights as a "tenet so contrary to the ideals of this association."

The Executive Secretary of Equity, Donald Grody, stated that "calls for capital punishment, inspired by Ms. Bryant's activity, echo the actions of the most reactionary elements of our society. This is an alarming attack on individuals whose activity is harmful to no one."

FAGGOTS & CLASS STRUGGLE

BOSTON — A meeting to discuss organizing an East Coast conference on Faggots and Class Struggle will be held Thursday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at 19 Cortes St. This meeting grew out of a Gay Pride Week workshop on Gay People and Radical Politics and is open to all interested gay men. The proposed conference was inspired by a West Coast conference on the same subject that was held last year. For more information call Clover or Cha Cha at 482-5995.

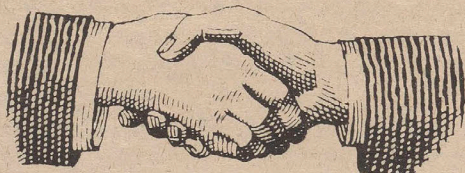
RECALLING THE JUDGE

MADISON, Wis. — A recall campaign to unseat a local judge who blamed a "sexually permissive atmosphere" and "provocative women's clothing" to justify a young boy's act of rape is moving briskly ahead. Leaders of the drive to force a recall election of the judge, Justice Archie Simonson, say that they have already gotten 21,500 signatures, 500 more than needed.

Judge Simonson made his comments while sentencing a 15 year old youth to spend a year at home under court supervision after the youth had pleaded no contest to the rape of a 16 year old girl in a high school.

BRYANT COUNTRY

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Human Relations Advisory Board in this college town voted 2 to 1 to recommend that Gainesville's anti-discrimination laws not be altered to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The board had considered a gay rights ordinance at the request of the local gay community service center. Gainesville is a center for northern Florida gay activism as well as the home of the University of Florida.



TEENAGE GROUP

BOSTON — The first meeting of a new group for gay teenagers 15-19 years old will be held on Monday, July 11 at the Gay Men's Center, 718 Beacon St., near Kenmore Square. This will be a regular time for gay teenagers to socialize with their peers. No adults, except for the staff of this program, will be permitted into the group.

The first meeting will begin with a potluck supper from 6:30 to 7:30 and it is asked that all teenagers who plan to attend bring either a soup, salad, main course, dessert or other foods. During this meeting the next meetings will be planned, with a discussion of what the group wants to do with the time. Some possible ideas are dancing, movies, rap groups, play performances, informal games.

The staff of this program consists of two men and two women who, among other things, are teachers, social workers, and counselors and have had experience working with young people. The program is open to young women and young men from the Boston area.

STATE COLLEGE SETBACK

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Two pro-gay legislative attempts were defeated in this city this month. The municipal court first voted against adopting a gay rights ordinance and then went one step further by voting 4 to 3 against a resolution [it would not have had the force of law] that would have put the town government on the record as being against gay discrimination. Local activists said they will not press the issue further until after November municipal council elections. State College is the location of Pennsylvania State University.

Mass. Right-Wing Challenge Crushed

Lesbian, Abortion Activists Prevail at IWY

By Nancy Wechsler and Marla Erlien

BOSTON — A delegation of ten pro-ERA, pro-abortion and pro-gay rights women has been selected to represent the Boston area at the International Women's Year national convention to be held in Houston in November. Two black women, one latino woman, and several lesbians were among the ten delegates chosen at the Boston conference, held on June 25 at English High School in Boston. The Boston meeting was one of five regional conferences held in Massachusetts.

The Boston conference also passed resolutions supporting gay civil rights and praised lesbian feminism as "essentially strengthening and supportive of women."

There were reports before Saturday's conference that right-wing anti-ERA, anti-abortion, and anti-gay forces would attempt to pack the meeting and elect their delegates to Houston. The reports were not completely unfounded and the presence of "right-to-lifers" was strong enough to elect Agnes Smith — past executive board member of ROAR, the anti-busing organization, and presently a member of the John Birch Society — as an alternative delegate.

Similar attempts by conservatives to dominate state-wide IWY conferences have succeeded in Ohio, Georgia, and Missouri. Boston feminists had received reports from Rhode Island of the attempt by conservative women to take over that conference and these reports mobilized Boston-area feminists. Lisa Rafel told GCN, "We heard from people we knew in Rhode Island that women there were being bussed in to vote against abortion, gay rights, and the ERA. We thought that in Boston the right wing would be able to win unless we mobilized progressive women to attend the conference — to at least stop the right wing from taking it over. It seemed important that we didn't just let the anti-ERA, anti-abortion, anti-gay forces take over the IWY. The IWY is a national network which the government has allocated five million dollars to. It will get a lot of press at its national conference and it is supposedly set up to express the concerns of women in this country."

Nancy Wilber added, "It's not that we feel the resolutions we pass will end up directly affecting national policy. It's that we wanted some of the people at the national convention to be people who are upset by the backlash that's going on in this country and is exemplified by the vote in Dade County and by the most recent Supreme Court ruling on funding for abortions. We didn't want to see Houston become yet another public forum for the right wing."

Blodgett Gets Life Without Chance of Parole

BOSTON — A Suffolk Superior Court jury debated less than one hour on June 27 before finding John Blodgett, 26, formerly of South Boston and Methuen, guilty on all counts in connection with the death of John Asinari of Arlington more than two years ago. Blodgett was one of a gang of South Boston men that was assaulting gay men in the Back Bay-Beacon Hill area from 1973 to 1975.

Blodgett was found guilty on one count of first degree murder, two charges of kidnaping, two armed robbery, two assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, and one



Boston women consider the issues at the International Women's Year regional meeting held at English High School last weekend. An attempt by more conservative women to dominate the meeting failed and gay rights resolutions were adopted.

Workshops

The most controversial and well attended workshop at the Boston conference was one entitled "Reproductive Freedom." The workshop turned into a battle over abortion. A resolution narrowly passed the workshop 93-78 which called on the conference to amend the IWY resolution on abortion to include the statement: "We deplore the recent Supreme Court decision on allowing states to withdraw funds for abortion from women on Medicaid. We demand that if states refuse to pay that the federal government be obligated to." An anti-abortion resolution was then defeated by the same margin.

Other workshops included health, sexuality, battered women, employ-

ment, older women, housing, wages for housework, women and politics, and women and business.

The sexuality workshop endorsed resolutions calling for decriminalization of prostitution, protective legislation for gays, and stated that "We affirm our belief that women-identified-women, lesbianism, and lesbian feminism is essentially strengthening and supportive of women."

Voice Votes

After the workshops people who were still left reconvened in the auditorium to debate and vote on resolutions proposed during the day. The gay rights resolutions from the sexuality workshops passed, as did the resolutions criticizing the recent Supreme

Massachusetts Anti-Gay Group Organizes

BOSTON — A group calling itself "Concerned Citizens and Parents" has organized in Boston, with the purpose of defeating H.3676 in the Massachusetts House. Several state representatives reported receiving a form letter last week in opposition to the bill, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public employment.

"There is no need for this bill. It is a leverage to open the door for homosexuals to get what they are really after," the letter begins. "The right to marry, the right to adopt children, the right to teach in private schools."

"We clipped out the newspaper article entitled '100 nude-boy photos seized' [on the child rape case]. We became sick, actually sick, when we watched the news last Saturday night and read the newspaper last Sunday. These people are sick. Anyone who

votes for this bill is as sick as they are — and deep down inside you know that."

"Finally, God destroyed two cities with fire and brimstone. We urge you to read Genesis 19:24. This is what God thinks of this bill. And you are responsible, first, to God, and then to the people. If America is to remain One Nation Under God, Indivisible, we, the people, cannot tolerate this

HUD Edict Goes to Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A measure which allows financial assistance for public housing to be spent only in cases of a "stable family relationship" and specifically omits homosexual couples has been approved by the US Senate. The \$67.6 billion

Court decision on abortion. A resolution also passed opposing forced sterilization and U.S. involvement in coercive population control programs around the world. The conference then passed a resolution favoring independence for Puerto Rico but failed to adopt a motion saying the U.S. should give up control of the Panama canal.

The following women were elected by the conference to be delegates to the national IWY convention: Wilma Scott Heidi, Lisa Leghorn, Linda Lachman, Sally Lunt, Reggie Healy, Katherine Triantifillou, Anna Del Prado, Muriel Knight, Barbara Smith, and Barbara Magovsky. Agnes Smith is the alternate delegate. Lachman is a former GCN Managing Editor and former aide to Rep. Elaine Noble.

Regional Reports

IWY conferences were also held across Massachusetts in Worcester, Springfield, Methuen, and South Dartmouth. Although no information was available from South Dartmouth as GCN went to press, some information was available from other cities. In Methuen a liberal delegation was elected to attend the national convention, although anti-abortion supporters took over workshops on sexuality and reproductive freedom, passing right-to-life resolutions. These resolutions were overturned by the meeting of the entire Methuen conference.

In Springfield three anti-abortion right-to-lifers were elected out of six delegates chosen to the national convention, and in Worcester a liberal delegation was chosen.

abomination which is against God's moral principles."

Among the persons signing this letter were Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Fiorentino of the Church of the Christian Assembly on Cambridge Street, Beacon Hill. The Fiorentinos were the only two opponents at a hearing of the Boston Licensing Board last year considering the expansion application of Sporters Cafe.

appropriations bill would fund the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 1978 fiscal year.

Earlier in June, the House passed its version of the bill on a voice vote. The Senate approval came on a 78 to 5 roll call vote. There was no mention of the gay rights issue during the floor vote but a minor change in the wording of the bill by the Senate Appropriations Committee has forced the appropriations measure into a Senate-House conference committee.

Sen. Lowell Weicker (R.-Conn.), whose amendment was passed, argued in committee that the House version might violate the constitutional rights of gay people. Weicker told his Senate colleagues that "in this era of hysteria, there ought to be an adequate hearing of both points of view (on the gay rights issue)." "The Senate should not be deciding people's rights on the basis of some psalm-singing orange juice salesman," said Weicker.

community voice

bunny's response

Dear Editor:

Had I been asked my opinion about the future of gay liberation for yr centerspread last week, I would have made my answer short 'n sweet: "Show hard; make date."

Love,

Bunny LaRue

international women's year

Dear GCN:

Many thanks for your fine coverage of New Hampshire's International Women's Year Conference June 10-11. I would like to make one minor correction to the article, which is that there are over 150 resolutions in a dozen or more workshop areas, such as education, employment, physical health, media, mental health, female offenders, and men (the resolution there stating that men should have opportunities to learn from and with the changes brought about by the women's movement).

I should also like to add that the lesbian rights resolution, in addition to supporting the repeal of "consenting adults" laws, also demanded that N.H. IWY support federal anti-discrimination legislation (HR 2998) and, most importantly, that New Hampshire develop concrete strategies to eliminate lesbian oppression in the state. In my view, the last part is the most important, and is the area that N.H. Lambda and the Lesbian Rights Task Force of NOW will be working on between now and the national IWY conference in November.

Finally, Dai Tompson and other lesbian IWY delegates: how about us all getting together before November so we can support each other in Houston?!? Lesbians unite!

In gay love,

Lynne S. Brandon

bahr's accounting

Dear GCN:

In GCN (June 25, 1977) Ken Withers, coordinator of BAHR, is quoted as saying: "I see no reason to defend BAHR. It's the most accountable organization I've ever seen Ledger books are not movements." True, it would be foolish to measure social movements in terms of dollars and sense, but the gross errors and glaring mistakes that are present in the BAHR Financial Statement that accompanies Withers' statement hardly show the organization to be as accountable as they would have us believe.

The major mistake is the fact that the \$1000.00 mentioned in the text as being sent to Dade County is never listed in the statement. The figures in both Income and Expenses tally up correctly — but there is no mention of this \$1000.00. (The other \$1500.00 which the text

mentions as being sent to Florida did not pass through the organization's accounts.)

This mistake may just be an error in how the statement was arranged. The second error is more questionable. The third item listed in Expenses is \$1800.00 for "Volunteers" (salaries). There is a contradiction here since volunteers don't get salaries. But obviously someone did — who? how much? for what? What is the purpose of giving a financial statement if you are not going to give out the most pertinent information or attempt to confuse the issue by mislabelling it?

The issue is further confused by the fact that since its inception BAHR has always told people that they were staffed by volunteers. This was implied in their press statements and told directly to two people I know who called to inquire.

Aside from these two questions there is also a third. BAHR raised \$7463.75 to be sent to Dade County (this includes the \$5,983.75 on their income statement and the \$1500.00 mentioned in the text and not appearing in the statement. Out of this money they sent \$2500.00 to Dade County. This means that 2/3 of the money that people donated to BAHR under the impression that it was going to Dade County never got there. It is not that the money is unaccounted for — except for the \$1000.00 — every penny of it is. But it does seem as though any organization involved in fund raising should be able to do better than use 2/3 of its income to sustain itself.

"Ledger books are not movements." But the fact of the matter is that they are useful in determining how any organization functions and how effective it is in handling itself and its finances. These mistakes are still something that BAHR has to account for to the gay community.

Michael Bronski

standing (or falling) on her own merits

Dear GCN:

As if Anita wasn't enough we have Linda Lachman's letter in the June 4 issue of GCN. Linda would have you believe that "the political naivete of this community is pathetic." She predicts Elaine's [Noble's] possible downfall because of "this community's political immaturity and pettiness."

Such allegations are irresponsible and divisive in the extreme. If Elaine wins or loses, the coming election will be entirely based upon whether or not her constituents feel she has performed her job.

Just because the candidate is gay does not insure complete support of all gay people. Controversy is the nature of the political process. Has Elaine done the kind of job and supported the ideals that the people who worked for her and voted for her expected of her? That I believe is the issue and is certainly open for discussion. Perhaps Linda should start with the elderly in Elaine's district and find out some of the answers to that question.

Elaine will stand or fall on her own merits.

Sincerely,

Sheri Barden

Lois H. Johnson

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noble — no progressive

Dear GCN:

I have been involved in legislative work at the State House for nearly a year, and have noticed a number of letters to GCN concerning Rep. Elaine Noble's voting record. I think the record should be set straight, if you will excuse the word.

I think GCN's readers should know that Rep. Noble's voting record reflects more the record of the retrogressive house leadership than of a hard-working progressive. In the past six months alone, she has voted against such things as financial disclosure for elected officials and random ballot order for candidates, as well as proposals to make it easier to get minority reports out of committee by lowering the percentage for discharge, which is extremely important when bills are held "in check" by conservative committee chairmen. She also voted against making it easier for independent candidates to get on the ballot and for independent voters to vote, issues which should be important in a district like hers where most voters are neither Democrat nor Republican.

She voted down the line with the leadership on the issue of binding arbitration, something which has probably enamoured her to the police and firefighters unions, but something which will also probably raise the rents in her district. She also voted against almost the entire Boston delegation — and thus in favor of the banking industry — when she supported the leadership position on redlining, a banking practice which has made urban areas like Boston victims of unfair discrimination.

And when redistricting was being voted on, Rep. Noble voted against every single proposed change, and, by doing so, voted against a few legislators who have been strong supporters of gay rights legislation for a long time.

Her attendance is one of the worst in the House — she is absent for about one out of every four votes.

I do not live in Boston, but I think that when people talk about how hard Elaine Noble is working, they should check with the people who know her legislative performance. Then you will find out how hard she is working, and at what.

(Name Witheld By Request)

Newton, Mass.

bad taste

Dear Friends,

For several months, I've been noticing with increasing discomfort the sexually aggressive nature of some of the gay "propaganda" issued to combat Anita Bryant. Bumper-stickers and T-shirts with slogans such as "Anita Sucks Oranges" and "Anita, dear, cram it!" just don't strike us as funny. The implication of the first slogan is that sucking is bad. The implication of the second slogan is that having something up your ass is bad. Obviously, gay men writing these slogans have not overcome certain negative feelings about their sexuality. This analysis, we admit, is a bit "heavy" and, some will say, humorless. But in any case, these aspects of the anti-Anita campaign are at the very least in exceedingly bad taste. The simple slogan, "A Day Without Human Rights Is Like a Day Without Sunshine" seems much nicer and more to the point.

Yours truly,

Allen Young

Leonard Mazza



self defense

Dear GCN Readers:

Response to my column in Speaking Out ("Fighting Back at the Fens," GCN, May '77) has been small, but favorable. My apologies for the delay in getting things rolling, but I hope to be commencing the self-defense seminars the first week in July. The seminars will be eclectic, stressing the psychology of self-defense with individualized instruction in protective strategy. If you have not already registered with me, or if you have but would like further information, please call me at 427-2778. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Connolly

obsessed by hatred of men

Dear GCN,

As a gay male I feel angered by Andrea Dworkin's response to the question "what do you think the lesbian/gay movement has achieved in the last five years and in what direction would you like to see it heading?" . . .

Who are these gay men who "are doing more than their bit to undermine and oppose" the work of feminists on rape, the ERA, abortion rights, etc.? Who are these gay men committed to "male supremacy" and "who function in solidarity with those who hate lesbians and all women"? Who are these gay men who want women "raped, mutilated . . . in enticing poses in the name of 'sexual freedom' "? Dworkin is clearly so obsessed by her hatred for men, and perhaps gay men particularly, that she exaggerated a minor trend in S&M faddishness totally out of proportion. Her perceptions of gay men seem to be based on some of the more outrageous advertisements in the "trader-dick" section of Goodstein's *Advocate* . . .

Dworkin exemplifies what I would call the new homophobia. It seems to be practiced by many of those lesbians who consider themselves feminists and "radical." They seem to hate men more than they love women; much of their thought and energy is absorbed by being anti-male rather than by being pro-women. In addition, they seem to have a particular hatred for gay men. They refuse to believe that male homosexuality can involve positive, genuine, non-exploitive feelings of love and warmth . . . But the main reason I call this the new homophobia, other than the notions by some separatists that male homosexuality is inherently negative, is that the vibes I get and that I know many gay men get from these women remind us of straight men. The gut emotion with which they regard gay men seems nearly identical to that of the homophobic straight male.

As a gay man I'm proud of the love, warmth, and beauty — not to mention the humor — that I know exist among gay men . . .

Yours in the meager hope of unity or at least some harmony and lesbian/gay male communication.

John Laflure

gay pride process

To The Editor:

Now that Gay Pride Week '77 is over, and the fury over this year's choice of speakers has hopefully settled a bit into perspective, perhaps it's time the Gay Pride Parade Committee explained a bit of the process by which our speakers were chosen.

1. The speakers for Gay Pride Rally '77 were discussed in general meetings for three consecutive weeks. General meetings were open to the entire gay community, and anyone attending any one of the meetings is eligible to vote at that meeting. Several speakers were discussed besides Ann Maguire and Charlie Shively, among them Brian McNaught, Joe Martin, and A. Nolder Gay. There were over forty people at the meeting during which final selection of speakers was made. At least half of these people were members of the business community, including many bar managers and owners. The meeting was definitely not "packed" by the Fort Hill Faggots or ANY radical or left-wing gay group. The vote for Charlie was almost unanimous. There was one vote for another male speaker.

2. Charlie Shively is hardly an unknown quantity



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in this community. He has lived here for over ten years. His politics and his philosophy are hardly unknown to any gay person who reads any gay publication. In short, every person at that meeting should have known what they were getting. Charlie makes no secret of himself.

3. Once a speaker is chosen, that's it. The Parade Committee could no more ask to see and censor his speech in advance than we could ask to see and censor Elaine Noble's, Barney Frank's, Ann Maguire's or Jacqui Mac's.

4. It has been suggested in several quarters that the Committee should have cut off the sound or forcibly removed Charlie from the stage when he threw the Bible into the fire. I believe Jacqui Mac answered that best at the rally immediately following Charlie's speech when she said "remember while you're hissing and booing that there's still something called freedom of speech." Perhaps we need to remember it applies to gays too.

The Gay Pride '77 Parade Committee had no more knowledge of the contents of Charlie's speech in advance than we had of any other speaker. I would suggest that perhaps Mr. Keefe and the rest of the people who are so quick to express their "gay outrage" can next year find the time to do more than complain after the fact. Perhaps, just perhaps, Mr. Keefe and the others expressing similar opinion about this year's Rally will actually participate in the planning of the Parade and the Rally.

At each general meeting of Gay Pride '77, a list was passed around for people in attendance to sign. After reading the letters in *Esplanade* and GCN I made a point of reading over those lists. It is amazing how few names were on both. It is equally significant that one of the people who was was Jack Rubin, whose letter in *Esplanade* expresses my feeling far more eloquently than I can here.

In summation, Gay Pride '77 Parade Committee does not endorse Charlie's action. Each of the speakers on that platform spoke as members — INDIVIDUAL members — of the gay community, and not for the gay community as a whole. We do stand behind the organization and planning of this year's Gay Pride Parade and Rally, and do so with pride. Hopefully, as a result of controversy generated by the Rally, next year will show many more people willing to respond to our calls for assistance in planning, rather than simply sitting back and complaining.

In Gay Pride and Love,

Bob Riordan
Chairperson

Gay Pride '77 Parade & Rally Committee

a male in a rather faded academic robe

Dear GCN,

Dangerous, very dangerous male in a rather faded academic robe is burning up. Lighter fluid is being squirted in the flames to feed the majority that once upon a time was the minority. The squirts are wearing shiny brand new lavender cloaks.

Bethlehem Steel crosses hang below neatly trimmed beards. Live Free or Die is the chant imposed by the state on the excited throng of on-lookers, some in hard hats, some in soft hats. The day was hot, the sun shining. From head to ankles sweat oozed freely out of pores. Below the ankles cold feet prevailed.

What's going on? What's burning? A faggot is burning, they're told. Yup, someone smiling remarks, say a prayer for the last of the red hot Mamas.

Gay Christian science fiction: Fags & Dykes carrying baskets of fruits & nuts with government endorsed stamps of approval worn proudly on bright foreheads march through a manmade tunnel, happy as larks are supposed to be, giggling and dancing. Those in the lead proclaim; See Jack, see Jill, see Jane, hurry stragglers, close ranks and sing along there's a light beckoning us ahead. The ovens where we can bake our cakes and eat them too!

Freddie Greenfield

not gay rights only

Dear GCN,

As publicity chairperson of this year's Gay Pride Planning Committee, I can claim to have had more influence over Gay Pride's appearance than any other committee member. I was the only member of the committee who knew that Charlie Shively was going to burn a Bible on the podium, and I was and still am pleased with what that conveyed to those watching.

Gay Pride has traditionally had four great goals: celebration of our gayness, gay visibility via large scale events, educating the straight community through the straight media, and educating the gay community through workshops. At the first Gay Pride meetings this year, it was decided that the theme of this year's events

would be simply Gay Pride, celebration, introspection. This year's activities have been geared around a massive coming together of faggots and dykes to explore our common sentiments, sensibilities and goals and to impart to each other what we have learned about our sexuality, our culture, and the nature of our oppression.

We deliberately and purposefully rejected Gay Rights as this year's theme. With Gay Rights as our focus, it would have been necessary to fetter our reality in order to appear acceptable to straight eyes. I consider it unfortunate that our goals were co-opted as much as they were by Gay Legislation. It is not by winning a few civil rights that we will gain freedom. It is by challenging the nature of the State, and to do this we must turn to each other in support and celebration and prepare ourselves for the struggle.

This year's Gay Pride Week was an unparalleled success. The march was three times larger than last year, and all workshops were well attended. Charlie Shively's action should be seen as one statement in a week of communication between Gay people. The brightest hopes of this year's committee were realized in what took place. I only hope that next year's celebration goes as well.

Cha Cha Heels

love, understanding, and the bible

To Gay Community News:

Charlie Shively burned a Bible at the Gay Pride rally, and at first I was upset and maybe a little angry. But I got to thinking about it and realized that what was more important was the human being who was hurting badly, and striking out at what he had experienced as his oppressor, organized religion. Maybe if I had lived Charlie Shively's life I would have felt the same way he did, and I looked back and realized that there have been times in my own life when I would have reacted as he did, because none of us have escaped the bigotry of people reacting in the name of their beliefs. I come out of the Old Left (YCL, AYD), and am old enough to remember the book-burnings of the '30s and '40s. Bible burnings, however, remind me of the Nazi destruction of Gays and Jews and Christians like Dietrich Bonhoeffer who stood for the church against the Nazis. Somehow,

however, my faith is strong enough to withstand one Bible being burned, because I believe that there are still good people who understand that what the Bible is *really* talking about is not 8 verses of homophobia, 3 chapters of misogyny, some pages of separation of races and people, but ultimately what it speaks to is *love*. Love of people for people, love of God for humanity, love of humanity for a good, and generous and giving God. Those of us within the gay religious movement see a brother who is hurting, and we reach out to him for we, too, have experienced the same pain and anger. We have learned, more importantly, that the pain can be relieved, the wounds healed, and the anger cured by a far greater force — love. The actual book burned was merely print on paper, and its destruction would have taken moments. The ideas taught in that book are not so easily destroyed, nor are the gay People of the Book, gay Christians and Jews. We *are* the living word of God, and we are learning to carry the message to our brothers and sisters, gay and straight alike, that there *is* love in the world, that gay people are loving and good, and that we have a right to be loved in return. The message will grow and take root and flourish. Possibly gays once again will be able to *trust* (where now, we understand, there is distrust) and know that God, too, loves them. We love you, Charles Shively, and know and understand your pain. We would like to help reconcile any differences that keep those in the radical *political* community from those of us in the radical *religious* community. We, too, are trying to change the world; our weapon and our Source is *love*. And we are learning just how radical and dangerous *that* is. We invite dialogue, interaction, and sharing. We offer you love and caring in return.

Marge Ragona
Metropolitan Community Church

our finest hour

dear gcn

regarding charlie shively and the bible burning. the bible has been used to oppress blacks, women, children and gays while it secures the oppressor — the straight white man and his institutions: churches and governments.

i have just returned from miami and with whitman i say "i am the man, i suffered, i was there." no more suffering under the heel of christianity. thankyou charlie shively — it was our finest hour.

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It is bad enough to have the lesbians and sodomites trying to force their disgusting way of life on the rest of the nation outside of New Hampshire, but in New Hampshire such a resolution never should have been passed...

For news to go out across the nation that New Hampshire women have endorsed a lesbian rights bill is something that all of us must be ashamed of. This is an illustration of what happens when the good and decent women of the state do not come out and fight against these special interest groups.

The evil that is occurring in this country today is due almost entirely to the fact that the good and honest and hard working men and women in New Hampshire and the nation have remained quiet while forces of evil have done their dirty work."

—from an editorial in the *Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader*, June 24, 1977.

House Bill

(Continued from page 1)

ever dealt with a gay issue on a roll call. "It put us on the defensive," said DeBaugh, "but 133 votes with no advance warning isn't that bad."

Had word of the impending amendment reached the press, DeBaugh said that it probably would have been postponed through parliamentary means. Nine sponsors of the federal gay rights bill, including Reps. Herman Badillo and Edward Koch of New York, were absent for the vote. There was no debate on either side of the amendment, which had the support of House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas.

DeBaugh called the amendment "a very poorly worded one," explaining that, as written, it does not specify whether the gay or anti-gay position in litigation is covered by the exclusion.

The bill must now go to the Senate, where DeBaugh said a senator will

have to re-introduce McDonald's amendment if it is to become enacted. He urged all gay people to write their senators as soon as possible, urging them to oppose any anti-gay amendment. A vote on the issue is expected some time next week.

DeBaugh said it is possible that McDonald's amendment could be deleted in a House-Senate conference committee. The Senate had previously supported a five-year extension of the LSC, as opposed to the House's two-year extension.

McDonald is a second-term representative from the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia. He is the leading proponent of the legalization of the drug Laetrile, and his articles on such subjects as civil rights and the death penalty have appeared in *Pax*

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Centurion, newspaper of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, and *Human Events*, a monthly journal of right-wing opinion.

Back in Boston, Rep. Barney Frank announced that he was writing letters to Reps. John Joseph Moakley and Joseph D. Early to chastize them for their votes in support of the amendment.

HOW THE NEW ENGLAND DELEGATION VOTED ("Yes" means in favor of the anti-gay amendment, "No" means opposed):

YES: Connecticut: William R. Cotter (D), Ronald A. Sarasin (R); Massachusetts: Margaret

M. Heckler (R), Joseph D. Early (D), John Joseph Moakley (D), Edward P. Boland (D); Maine: David F. Emery (R); New Hampshire: James C. Cleveland (R); Rhode Island: Fernand J. St. Germain (D), Edward P. Beard (D).

NO: Connecticut: Toby Moffett (D), Christopher Dodd (D); Massachusetts: Robert F. Drinan (D), Paul E. Tsongas (D), Michael J. Harrington (D), Edward J. Markey (D), Gerry E. Studds (D); Maine: William S. Cohen (R); Vermont: James M. Jeffords (R).

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Connecticut: Robert N. Giaimo (D), Stewart McKinney (R); Massachusetts: James A. Burke (D), Silvio Conte (R), Thomas P. O'Neil (D); New Hampshire: Norman E. D'Amours (D).

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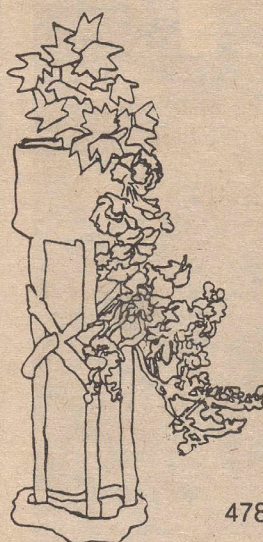


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By David Brill

BOSTON — Doug Butler left the Fenway exhausted Saturday afternoon, but he had a smile on his face.

Why? Doug is a seven-year veteran employee of the City of Boston Elections Department, and he spent the afternoon of June 25 at Clemente Park in the Fenway registering voters at a carnival organized by Boston's gay business community for the benefit of Gay Legislation 1977. "It's the most fantastic registration I've ever seen," said Doug, who registered 77 new voters in the span of a few hours. "I've never seen a waiting line like this."

The city's voter registration table was only one of dozens of activities for the estimated 3,000 persons who attended Saturday's event. Another popular booth was a Welcome to Orange Grove canopy sponsored by Roger's Florists. For a mere dollar, one got the opportunity to throw a pie at someone who bore a striking resemblance to Anita Bryant.

Most of Boston's gay clubs were represented — Herbie's Ramrod Room, Twelve Carver, the Rainbow Room, Twelve Seventy, the Regency, 119 Merimac, Community Club, Chaps, Styx, the Eagle, to name a few. But the real credit for organizing the day went to two of Boston's favorite men-about-town: Jack Rubin of Sporters and Bob White of Somewhere. Through their efforts, Gay Legislation reaped an estimated \$5,000 profit, which will go toward their 1977 legislative lobbying effort at the State House.

Other businesses who contributed to the success of the day included The Shed, Together, 69 Broad, The Carnival, Saints, Club 76, Harry's

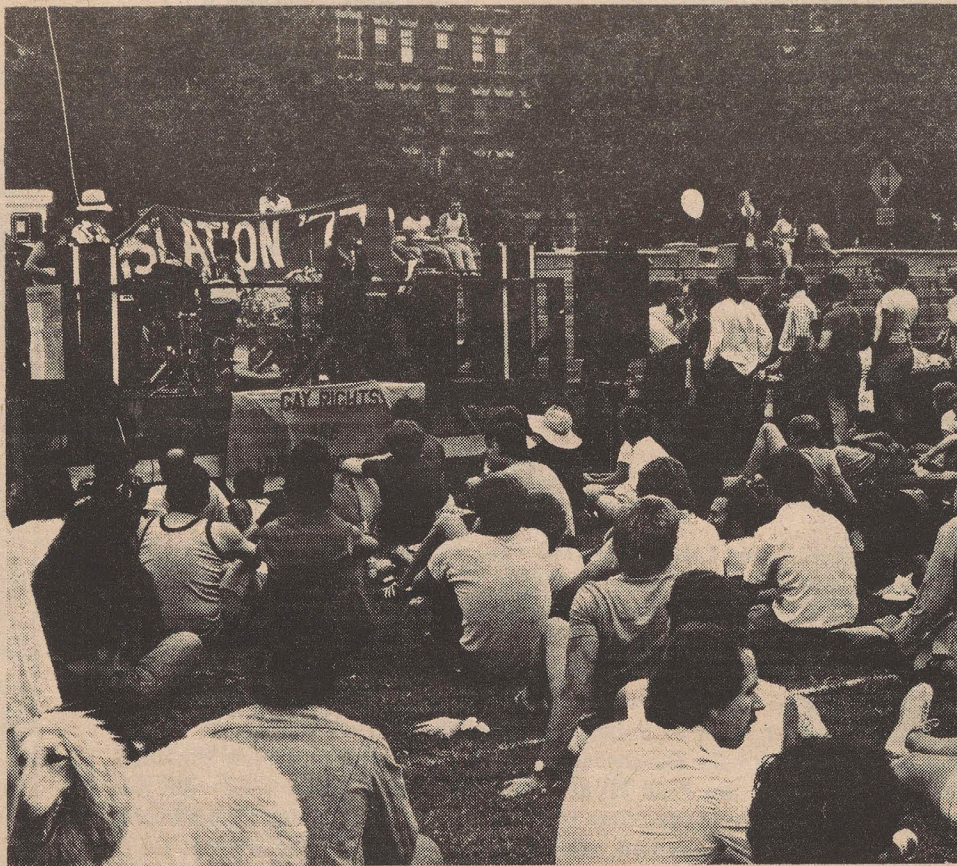


Photo by Ed Blaney

Place, The Citadel, Champagne Lounge, Playland, Seaport Club (Portsmouth), and Green Leaf Florists.

Gay Legislation co-ordinator Joe Martin said he was gratified to see "so many gay people get together unashamedly" to help the gay cause. He said it was no accident that this year, when Gay Legislation raised more money than ever before, would be the year that Massachusetts would see a

gay rights bill enacted into law.

Early in the afternoon, Carol and the Burgandies entertained the crowd with an hour-long concert. A solo performance by Maurey Richards, and a few more hours of disco music then followed. Jack Rubin announced several winning raffle ticket numbers, shortly before Jim Mitchell of the Regency threw a pie in his face. Not to be outdone, Somewhere's Ann Maguire caught Joe Martin face-first with a pie

as well.

While all this was going on, nomination papers were circulated for John-Michael Williams, openly gay candidate for the Boston City Council this year. Gay Legislation set up a letter-writing table for individuals to write their state representatives, who will be voting on H.3676 next month. It was a political afternoon.

Around 7:00, Rep. Barney Frank — who had brought his mother to the event — addressed the crowd. The fact that 77 persons had registered to vote that afternoon, he said, was just an example of the increased political awareness in Boston's gay community. Frank called upon those present to contact their legislators, and urge their support for gay rights legislation.

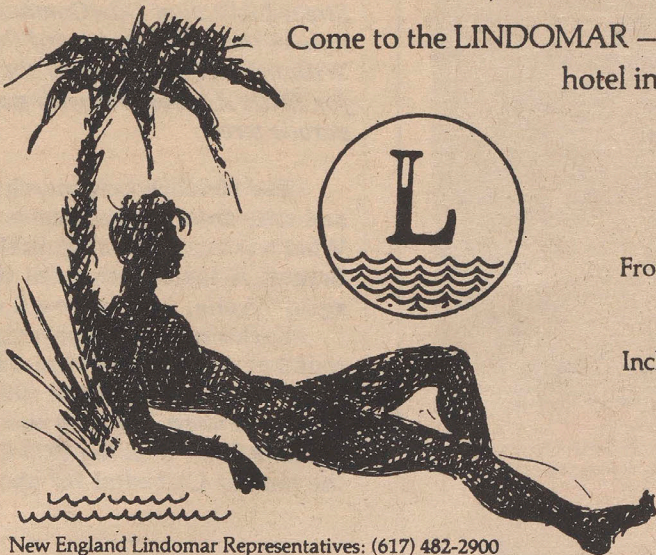
Frank then drew the winning ticket for the main prize of the afternoon — an all-expense-paid trip to Ft. Lauderdale. Tom Johnson of Brockton was the lucky winner.

Despite predictions of rain, Clemente Park stayed dry for almost the entire event. Jack Rubin attributed this to the Lord's desertion of Anita Bryant. In addition to cooperation from Above, Gay Legislation expressed considerable thanks to Boston Parks Commissioner Peter Meade and Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan, whose assistance in planning Saturday's event was invaluable.

Saturday's carnival was the most successful benefit ever held by Gay Legislation. When the gay rights bill is passed this year, Joe Martin added, "everyone who participated in it will be able to claim a share of the victory."

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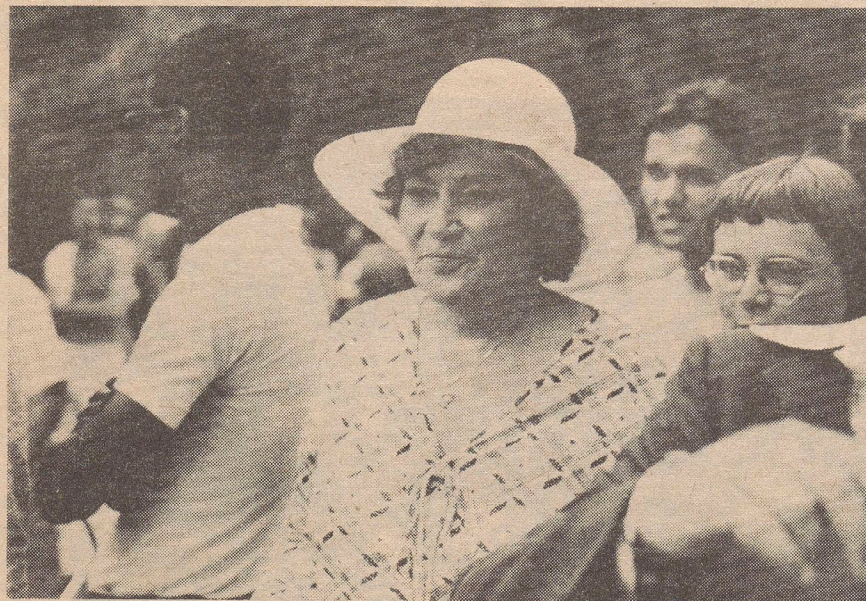


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The Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee made it known a week before the march that politicians were invited to attend the rally at Central Park but none would be allowed to speak. There was some political haggling, then, when long time gay rights advocate Bella Abzug appeared on the edge of the crowd. "Bella, Bella, Bella," was the cry that soon almost drowned out moderator John Paul Hudson. Those near the stage could see one of the famous Abzug hats bounding along behind a wave of outstretched arms and friendly faces.

Abzug, a candidate for the Democratic Mayoral nomination in New York, did not speak to the crowd. John Paul Hudson told the audience that she "did not want to speak because it would take time from gay men and lesbians." This explanation did not sit well with the crowd, which seemed obviously pro-Abzug. GCN has learned that Hudson's explanation was not quite right. Apparently Abzug did want to address the crowd but was told by the CSLD leaders that they would stick by their plan not to allow politicians to speak. They did offer the candidate a chance to speak during the "open mike" time set up for the end of the rally. Abzug declined the offer saying that she could not wait.

Some committee members then changed their minds and decided to allow Abzug to address the crowd. As Bob Abendroth, of CSLD told GCN, "We have no choice but to let her speak." But by that time, Bella Abzug and party were well out of Central Park.



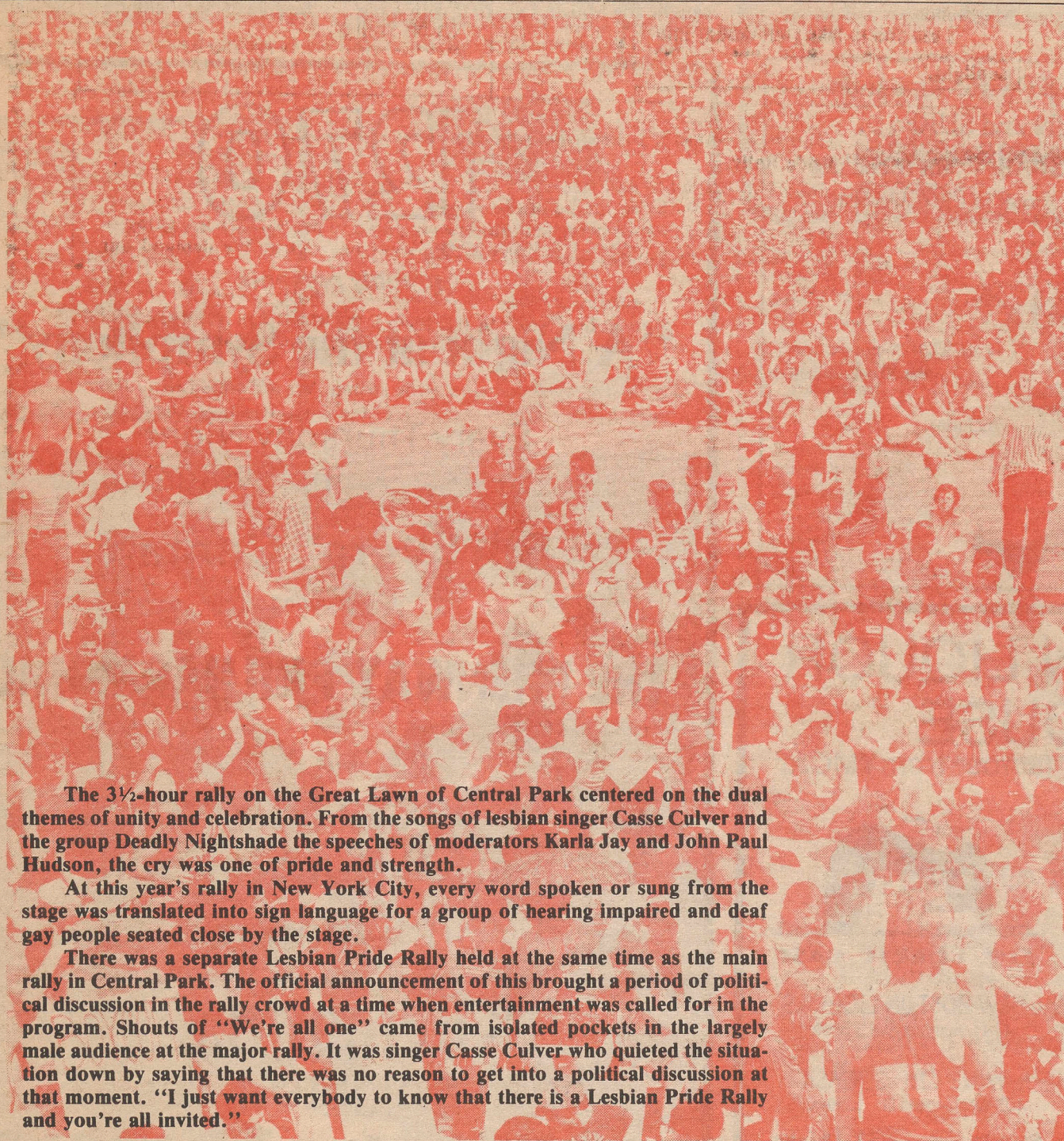
By Jim Marko

Gay and Lesbian Pride Week ended on Sunday with the largest parade and rally ever held in that city. Gay men, and gay rights supporters paraded through New York City from Christopher Street up Fifth Avenue to Times Square. The parade, led by a large contingent of lesbians, stretched for about 30 blocks under the watchful eyes of the police.

The parade route itself lent a new dignity and respect to the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee and all the gay men and lesbians who have participated in the 8-year history of the march that it was. With the tacit approval of the city, the marchers were allowed to use Sixth Avenue and with police leading the way, the parade street.

The 80-block long march up Fifth Avenue was a sight to behold. Cries from the thousands of obviously exhausted marchers were heard. What was most prevalent in the rallying cries was the name of Anita Bryant. A favored chant at the head of the parade was "Anita, you liar, we'll set your ass on fire."

Each cross street passed, on which traffic was stopped for a round of applause and cheers and much of the loud chanting. The marchers of St. Patrick's Cathedral which was surrounded by a mob of angry gay men and lesbians. The "God is Gay" chant kept the 1977 Christopher Street Liberation Day parade from the famous Cathedral for about 5 minutes.



The 3½-hour rally on the Great Lawn of Central Park centered on the dual themes of unity and celebration. From the songs of lesbian singer Casse Culver and the group Deadly Nightshade the speeches of moderators Karla Jay and John Paul Hudson, the cry was one of pride and strength.

At this year's rally in New York City, every word spoken or sung from the stage was translated into sign language for a group of hearing impaired and deaf gay people seated close by the stage.

There was a separate Lesbian Pride Rally held at the same time as the main rally in Central Park. The official announcement of this brought a period of political discussion in the rally crowd at a time when entertainment was called for in the program. Shouts of "We're all one" came from isolated pockets in the largely male audience at the major rally. It was singer Casse Culver who quieted the situation down by saying that there was no reason to get into a political discussion at that moment. "I just want everybody to know that there is a Lesbian Pride Rally and you're all invited."



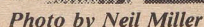
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n which traffic was backed up, elicited a fresh much of the loudest demonstrating came in front was surrounded by Sunday tourists, police barri- bians. The “God loves gays” and a sign reading Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade in front of 5 minutes.



"We are 20 million strong, if we want to be strong. We are telling them out there to clean up their act. We know who we are. We are our friends, the dykes and faggots of America. We are angry. We are determined. We must all come out into the streets."



Photo by John Scagliotti

Patti: I got a lot of friends here.

Gay Rap... Coming Out to Parents

By Steve Kyle

When I decided to tell my parents that I was gay, I spent hours and hours crying over it. It was just too painful to face — but I knew I had to do it. This was last August and I was eighteen.

They were both in the living room, my mother knitting and my father watching TV. I knew I couldn't put it off any longer, or else I'd end up always putting it off. So I walked into the living room, nervous as could be.

"Could I talk to you both . . . in the kitchen?" I couldn't believe I had said it — there was no turning back now.

I turned the TV off and they followed me into the kitchen. As soon as they sat down, facing me, the impact of the situation suddenly came to me. This is it, that one moment you've always dreaded. *Don't blow it.*

"I want you to understand this is a very difficult thing for me to do." My voice was shaky, and my breathing was so uneven and jittery I thought I was going to choke. "I have to tell you something . . . something that, that I just can't keep secret any more." The words were coming out, but was I the one saying them? It all felt like a dream.

"You see, the thing is . . . I am a homosexual."

The words seemed to echo, forever and ever floating in the air.

I looked up to my mother's eyes. They were blank, as if she hadn't even heard me. I knew it would be hard for them to say anything, so I continued talking.

"It was very hard for me growing up. With everyone joking about 'queers' and 'fags.' But today I am very happy, and I'm very happy with the person I am. I know there is nothing wrong with it. I don't feel

there can be anything wrong with love."

Again I looked to my mother's eyes, now filling with tears. She seemed to be groping for something to say.

"I-I don't understand. What about these girls you've gone out with? Are they just friends, or . . .?"

"Yes, most of them are just friends; they even know about me. Sometimes I went out with girls because I felt I was *supposed* to, to keep up the image. It was to keep people from suspecting anything."

My mother held back the tears and just sniffed as my father held his arm around her shoulders.

"You know the church frowns upon it."

"Yes . . . I know." I had no answers. I just hoped that someday they could understand.

"How — you know, it could be just a phase, a stage." Her voice quivered and those watery eyes seemed lost from any hope.

"No. I've known this about myself since junior high. And it's not just a physical thing. It's a very deep love for another human being."

There were things I was forgetting. Things I had practiced saying so many times. But I was too nervous to remember everything.

"I wonder . . ." she sniffed, "if a psychiatrist wouldn't help?"

A shrink! She thinks I'm sick!! I didn't know what to say to her.

"No, Mom, I'm never going to see any psychiatrist." Then I knew how long it was going to take to get her to see things my way.

The deep, dark shadows under her eyes seemed more noticeable now than ever. "I planned for you to have a wife, and raise children. I wanted you to be *happy*! But this way you'll just have a very lonely life, full of one night stands."

For the first time I was actually angry at her. So stupid!

"Mom, what I want to give is a very deep love. I want a lasting relationship. I feel that way, can't you see there must be others like me?"

A stiff silence hung in the air. My father spoke. "I don't know how this is for you, but right now this is an awkward moment for us. Is there anything else you want to say?"

Yes, there was so much I wanted to say to them! Just to tell them that there was no reason for this foolishness, for

their being upset about it. But I looked at Mom, her face hidden from me in her arms, my father holding her.

"No. Uh . . . I have to go to work now." I moved toward the door. "G'bye," I said in almost a whisper.

"Bye," said my father.

That night I didn't go to work. I went to a gay bar. I've gone to several frequently, and neither of my parents know.

I've had a lover since October, who lives twenty miles away. Between seeing him and going to school, I've hardly ever been home.

We haven't talked much about my gayness. I guess we get too tense whenever the subject is brought up. Sometimes I feel guilty about hiding so much from them, but I know they still aren't ready for it.

It seems that the negative parts of the story come to my mind most often. I usually forget that night was the first time they ever told me they loved me. I guess that's good for starters.

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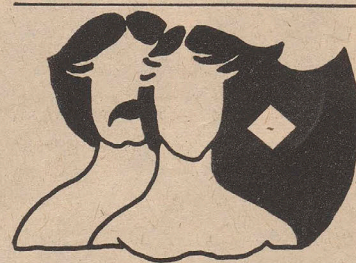
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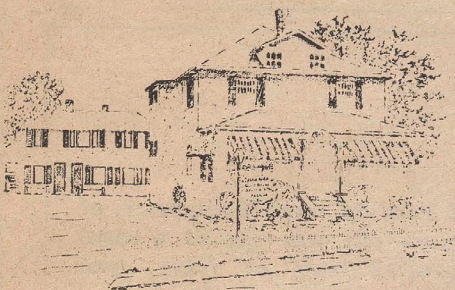
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Midge Costanza: Gay Rights Proponent at the White House

By Jim Marko

Presidential aide Margaret (Midge) Costanza is Jimmy Carter's Assistant for Public Liaison. On March 26 of this year, Costanza, the former vice-mayor of Rochester, N.Y., met with representatives of the National Gay Task Force and other gay community leaders in her White House office.

That meeting was the first time in America's history between gay people and a presidential assistant. It was the first time in this nation's history that gay men and lesbians were invited to the White House.

A strong gay rights advocate, Costanza spoke to GCN prior to her appearance at the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus on June 27. Midge Costanza, an intense woman of direct and concise speech, discussed gay rights, women's rights, President Carter's comments on homosexuality, and the defeat of the gay rights ordinance in Dade County in this GCN interview.

GCN: After your meeting with NGTF and the other gay movement leaders, what concrete hopes can you give to gay people about the Carter administration's dealings with the gay community?

Costanza: At the outset, you have to admit that simply the symbolic gesture of holding such a meeting has brought about a great deal of activity. There has been a raising of consciousness and new organization in the gay community.

Gays had not been welcome or invited ever before to the White House. Concretely? There are meetings being held with the Justice Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agencies. Gays are getting this and that's concrete.

There is a commitment from me and from these agencies to continue the dialogue with the gay community.

GCN: The President spoke to gay issues in a Father's Day interview with the Associated Press and seemed to some to be equivocating when pressed, especially about gay teachers. [The President told AP, "This is a subject I don't particularly want to involve myself in. I've got enough problems without taking on another."] Is this just a careful answer on the President's part or another of what his critics see as his unclear stance on some issues?

Costanza: The President said in that interview that he knows that "there are homosexuals who teach and the children don't suffer." Sure, his comment on gay teachers should bother some of you, but have you ever heard any president speak openly on this issue? Especially after the massive defeat of the referendum in Miami? Here's a president who says he doesn't see "homosexuality as a threat." That to me is... well, have you ever heard Ford say that?

President Carter, even during the campaign, did not say anything about supporting or understanding the gay

life-style. He did say that he would sign a gay rights bill into law. That's an incredibly positive statement for a president to make.

GCN: Might the President actively back the gay rights legislation now before the House Judiciary Committee (HB 2998)?

Costanza: We don't know that he will and we don't know that he won't. I have not had any long discussion with the President about gay rights. I don't agree with the negative things he says, but I am grateful he didn't say more. He doesn't understand it [homosexuality]. He could be more negative but he's not.

GCN: Many of us consider gay rights a human rights issue and that, of course, is a key phrase lately in the Carter White House. Are gay rights considered a part of the President's selective human rights campaign? Do you think we fall into the apparent benign neglect situation vis a vis Chile and South Korea?

Costanza: Jimmy Carter is a human rights advocate. He has not gone into all the aspects of human rights. Our own domestic human rights have not been addressed. We should give him a chance. I'm willing, and I'm a strong proponent of gay rights, to give him an opportunity to understand.

GCN: Is the President planning to meet with any gay people?

Costanza: The meeting on March 26 [between Costanza and NGTF representatives] had on its agenda the setting up of a meeting between Task Force people and the President. The request was made through me but I have not passed it on to the President. NGTF wants to complete its meetings with the agencies and other departments before their meeting with the President.

It's their decision because... well... let's say they get no response from those other meetings. They will want to bring that to his [Carter's] attention. That's a wise thing to do.

GCN: The President's religious background is similar to that of Anita Bryant — fundamentalist, born again Christian — do you know his feelings concerning her anti-gay campaign?

Costanza: No one who is sensible, no one who believes in human rights and civil rights can be in agreement with those who opposed the Dade County Coalition. They are a right-wing conservative-based group that goes well beyond the Miami vote.

Anyone who has ever been oppressed had as much to lose in Miami as the gay community had to lose. It was unfortunate that so much went wrong in Miami: the wording of the referendum was confusing and the vote centered on the gay teacher issue. That is not the issue. The issue is and was, do you, as tax-paying human beings, have the right to be protected by the same laws as all the tax-paying citizens of this nation.

GCN: What are your own feelings about Bryant's Save Our Children campaign?

Costanza: The gay movement has no



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business but to operate in a strict political sense. That's how to combat those forces. Gays should not be turned off to voting but turned on to it. The gay community is starting to understand that politics is what it's all about. The vote in Dade County was strictly political. This is not a social movement but a political one.

If the government and the courts and legislators want to share our bedroom, personally I can't stand the crowd... well, you know... the point is, it's a question of politics.

GCN: Did the defeat of the gay rights measure in Dade County have an effect on the President's thinking?

Costanza: It's not fair for me to presume what the President might do. I do plan to talk to him though.

I rest my case on the fact that, although he is not a proponent of gay rights, I can be grateful that he did not succumb to the whims of those organizations that are against gays. He is someone who is very outspoken about the discrimination and harassment of gay people.

GCN: You're in Boston for a meeting of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and the Equal Rights Amendment is, of course, a major topic. Do you see that passage of the ERA is connected to passage of gay rights legislation?

Costanza: There is a connection here. We see those opposed to gay rights and the ERA as one and the same. Where is the money coming from to fund these groups? Why is there the coincidence that those who support anti-forces are the same names familiar to us in the John Birch Society and the Klu Klux Klan? Why is that? Is that a coincidence?

Listen, we have to stop playing games with people's lives. The right of every human being to choose his own destiny, his own way of life, is utmost. Depriving us of this right is the political war of survival that we are engaged in as human beings in this country.

Let me say just one more thing. Non-gay people have as much to lose when anybody's rights are questioned as those who are being questioned.

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Explorations Into Trance-Jazz

By David Holland

There are inherent difficulties with writing reviews for GCN. One is discovering quality entertainment (a difficulty for most reviewers), the other is finding some scrap of interest for gay readers. Combining these two makes the task nearly impossible. And of all the realms of escapist pleasure, music adds an exclamation point to the above problems.

I have no illusions that the following artists are gay or that their lyrics espouse the intimacies of being such. Rather the selections represent the subtle transcendence of disco into the smoky realms of jazz — a jazz in search of a new definition. Because

these selections have a lucid sensuality and a meditative hallucinatory quality, I thought they'd appeal to the large audience who consider the rhythmic under-currents of disco one of the seven essential nutrients.

Ronnie Laws

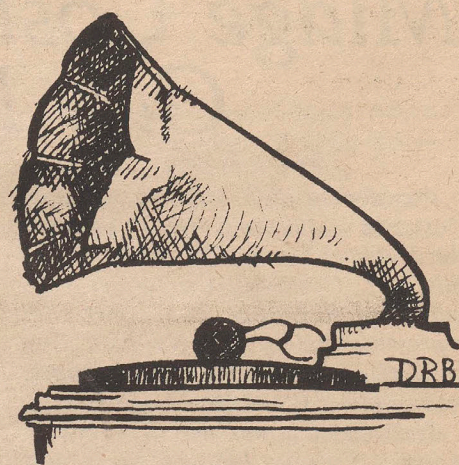
The first of these albums is Ronnie Laws' "Friends and Strangers." Up to this time Laws' music has sustained a disco cadence around which he wraps his snake-charming sa^o phone. Now he has added some plunky guitar and a variety of synthesizers — and it's this inclusion that has me scratching my head pondering the exact nature of his music.

"Friends and Strangers" remains consistent to tempo and mood throughout. The essence of Laws' style is apparent in the selections "New Day" and "Life in Paradise." Both have his musical interpretation of a bristling, bright summer day. The melodies are crisp, while his strings, piano, synthesizers and vocals cool like an off-shore breeze. Other selections "Goodtime Ride" and "Friends and Strangers" abound with electronic sorcery — an experiment on Laws' part I find only enchanting. Although on recent albums, the earlier being "Fever," there are a few credits or acknowledgements, I sense the influence of Corea, Quincy Jones and Herbie Hancock.

Dexter Wansel

Dexter Wansel represents the new breed of artists who have been working behind the scenes and recently come center stage. He has released two solo albums on the increasingly popular Blue Note label within the past six months.

Wansel's latest effort, "What the World is Coming To," is a musical advance over the first. This is a curious phenomena given the time. The fact that the album was recorded and mastered in Philadelphia will give a hint to disco aficionados as to its beat — TSOP conducts percussion. Consequently Wansel's music appears more appropriate to New York than Newport. The selections are, for the most part, instrumental with an emphasis on the synthetic. The few vocal measures that occur have a sensual tone common to Ashford and Simpson. Wansel knits these and makes a tapestry of dreams or at best, a trance medium for your own.



Gino Vannelli

This last discovery is a late one for me. Gino Vannelli has been around long enough to produce four or five recordings but it has not been since the last that I've been lured by his salsa charms. Unfortunately salsa and reggae have recently swept over us in a commercial tidal wave. In those instances Madison Ave. and record companies spit out a phlegm of vinyl drek. Vannelli has escaped that fate and withstood the storm.

With "Crazy Life," Vannelli has updated his Latin tempo and added bits of electric piano and reverberation to compliment the marimbas. And for those who "pooh-pooh" the lyrics coming from this genre of musical hustle, Vannelli tries to bridge the gaps. In "Cherizar" he speaks of love-making "until the moon is drunk and/ the noon has sunk it." In "Hollywood Holiday" he cha-chas on the Sunset Boulevard graves of those who "buy to be poor." In all, Gino Vannelli's "Crazy Life" is just that — a disc of delightfully jumbled tunes. In fact, when he vibrates the speakers and bids us to "rent one night for two," we're tempted to make an extended reservation.

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A THURBER CARNIVAL

By David Holland

As some of the staff were off covering events in New York and others recouping from events of the previous weekend, I hauled my "news" reporting equipment to the Fenway Carnival (that is: two eyes, two ears). My two-wheeled limousine wasn't parked before Suki rushed up to me with two petite bags of peanuts. "50¢," she said with a smile and then quickly returned to her hoard of monogrammed lovelies attending the palm-decorated Chaps booth. I later asked her for a personalized version of the T-shirt worn by registered Chapettes. "Sorry," she cooed with more tact than I. "Limited Editions, only." . . . 1270 urged the swelling crowd to toss an orange at an already pulp-smear version of the

Florida Sunshine Lady . . . 119 Merri-mac insisted I tote their barroom balloons . . . In between the non-stop musical events, including some unifying verses from the Burgandies and party-time disco by local d.j.'s, I hunted down the stories that lingered in the crowd . . . Barbara Randolph — whose gayness once caused an uproar in the US Army — made a quiet appearance, seeming to enjoy the gathering, and like the rest of us, gave no credence to the overcast sky . . . Danny was up from Provincetown, wondering "what the hell to do next." We talked about the Crown and Anchor situation. "People warned me that they'd do something like that [force his resignation]," he said. "I didn't believe them then but I do

now." Whatever the success or failure of the new bar created almost exclusively by Danny, the incident proves them as shoddy as everyone suspected . . . Sporters' Jack Rubin was the first to call the winning raffle



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ticket but had difficulty shouting the digits through the glops of whipped cream others had smeared on his face. It was done in fun and accepted in the same manner . . . By seven, it was time to go: enough beer, enough peanuts, enough dancing, enough talk for one Saturday afternoon . . . The Boston Rep is back on the up-swing from their smash "Cat" success. Elizabeth Swados' "Nightclub Cantata" opens

July 20. "Cantata" is Swados' Obie award-winning theatrical masterpiece and will no doubt be awaited by Boston audiences. Reservations a must! 423-6580 (half-price previews July 18 and 19!) . . . A delightful Thurber Carnival is the Publick Theater's first summer offering. The frivolity continues until July 30, outdoors, at 1175 Soldiers Field Road, Herter Park, Allston. They begin "Love's Labours Lost" August 5 . . . As for some club news: the ASMC is running a Club Pride Night July 13th at Chaps. There are prizes (in greenbacks) for the best kid's outfit worn. Get out your beanie. The affair begins at 7 and the money raised helps send kids to camp. I wish someone would send me . . . Bob Riordan of the Gay Pride Committee appears as d.j. at Over Harry's Place on Friday and Saturday nights. You might want to check out his "Broadway" blends . . . Following this last set of dots, I'm on my way to the Provincetown fireworks. John Water's "Desperate Living" opens at the Metro Cinema, with the entire cast in attendance. Mama's Boys, a riotous spoof I saw at Ft. Lauderdale's Copa earlier this year, opens at the Post Office Cafe. Harriet Leider, who will shortly appear in the new production "Alice," will be at the Cafe as well. The Broadway Dandies at the Provincetown Inn gets under full swing. Whew! It's time for the dots . . .

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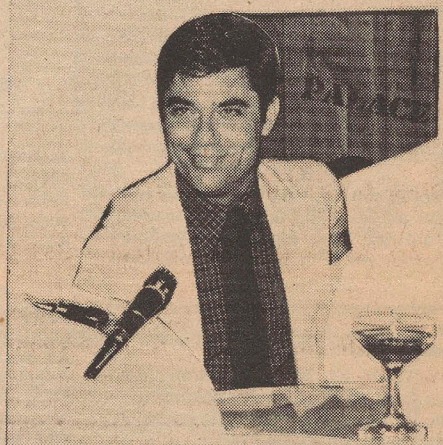
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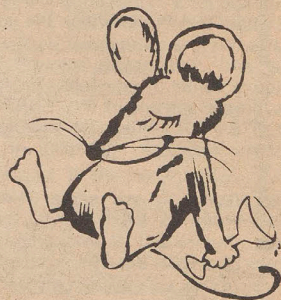
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