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31 tues

Cambridge, MA — Boston Chapter of the National Organization for Women announces its general meeting. Discussion will be held on IWY-Houston featuring NOW members who attended the conference, and a slide show of Houston. 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (617) 661-6015.

NYC — The West Side Discussion Group presents "Is Gay Unity Imperative?" Martin Walker of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee will speak. For info call (212) 675-0143.

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Boston — An evening of theatre in two acts: Act 1 — sketches by Pinter, Mulner and local authors. Act 2: *The Lover* by Harold Pinter, a touching love story of romance, fantasy, and adultery. Directed by Michael Menendian. Wed.-Sat. evenings at 9 p.m. \$3. Information (617) 523-0368. Charles Street Meeting House.

Cambridge — Women's Community Health Center presents an open house at 5:30, 137 Hampshire Street, (617) 547-2302.

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Cambridge, MA — Vocations for Social Change and Little Flags Theatre present a new revised "Furies of Mother Jones" and the premiere of their newest play "Winds of the People." Three benefit performances. Call (617) 661-1570 for times and ticket information.

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Cambridge — *Gay USA*, a documentary film about gay life in the USA, will be at the Orson Welles Cinema Friday and Saturday nights at midnight.

NYC — Gay people at Columbia monthly dance, Earl Hall Center, Columbia University Campus, 117th St. East on Broadway, 9pm to 2am, \$2.50. Boston — Am Tikva service and social Frost Lounge, Eli Ctr., Northeastern U., 360 Huntington Ave., 7:30pm.

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Cambridge — Closet Space, WCAS, AM740. Adrienne Kane, of the Outreach Foundation, discusses transvestism and various myths and fears of transvestites.

Boston — Cyclorama Flea Market and Antiques Fair at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street (between Berkeley and Clarendon Sts.). 12 noon to 7pm. \$1.50 at door. For information call (617) 426-5000 or 262-6572.

Boston — Introducing Boo Watson, Canadian blues musician performing her original tunes at Somewhere, 295 Franklin St., 3pm. Follows free brunch, no admission. Plus benefit performance for Boston Wages for Housework at 8pm. Bread and Roses Restaurant, 134 Hampshire St. For tickets and info call (617) 782-7685.

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NYC — "The Gay Novel" featuring speaker Patricia Nell Warren, authoress of "The Front Runner," "The Fancy Dancer" and a forthcoming lesbian novel to be published in '78. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Avenue at 14th Street. Info (212) 675-0143.

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Hartford, CT — Women's Dinner and Dance! Hartford YWCA, Broad St. Pot Luck Supper begins at 7pm. \$2. Benefit for the Hartford Women's Center.

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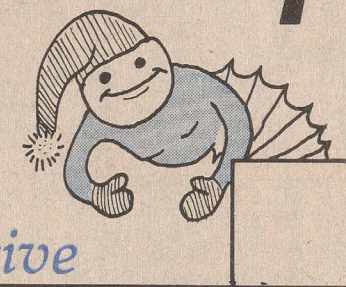
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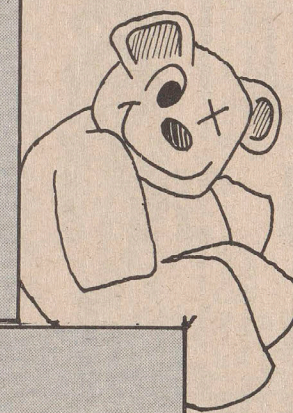
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CLGR Angry at Delay of New Bill

NYC Mayor Bans Discrimination in Depts

By Jim Marko

NEW YORK CITY — Mayor Edward Koch has banned discrimination against homosexuals in all city departments and agencies, including the Police and Fire Departments. Fulfilling a pledge made in his first day in office, Koch told newspeople that, "All we are doing is not discriminating."

"I personally believe that you should not discriminate, that discrimination is immoral," Koch said. In the executive order, the phrase "sexual orientation or affectional preference" was added to the list of things that cannot be used as a basis for firing or refusing to hire.

The order covered about 120,000 city employees in New York, excluding those who work in what are called "non-mayor aide" agencies — the Boards of Education and Higher Education, the Health and Hospitals Corporation, the Transit Authority and the Housing Authority.

As reported in GCN last week (GCN Vol. 5, No. 29), Koch's new order has

the effect of putting off plans for a city-wide anti-discrimination bill in the City Council. Council member Henry Stern, leader of the 13 co-sponsors of the proposed measure, announced that he will not introduce the bill this month. Stern told the *New York Times* that he was doing this "at the request of the gay rights groups."

'It's Ridiculous'

Cheryl Adams of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) told GCN that Stern's statement was "ridiculous." "Stern has known all along," said Adams, "that we want immediate passage of the bill. It is an understatement to say that there is a difference of opinion here."

On Saturday, Jan. 21, CLGR held a community-wide meeting with some 35 to 40 gay organizations where the unanimous decision was to call for immediate passage of a gay rights bill.

"We voted to demand immediate in-

troduction and passage of the bill," Adams told GCN. "We don't want a delay of this bill to further the careers of certain politicians."

Opponents of a gay rights measure have threatened to get such a law put up for public referendum, and passage this year would put the question on the ballot in the fall when the state votes for Governor and the Legislature. Cheryl Adams said that a referendum this year would force politicians and candidates to take a stand on the issue. "We say they are worried about their own necks — we don't want them to delay," she added.

Language in Koch Order

The executive order issued by Mayor Koch does not contain the word "homosexuality." The measure, according to an aide, was "intended to refer to homosexuality." Both the Mayor and his aides contended that the phrases "sexual orientation" and

"sexual preference" are synonymous.

According to the *Times*, council member fears that male transvestites might come to work in female attire, were apparently calmed by the Mayor. Koch told newspeople that his order does not eliminate dress code. "It does not permit inappropriate attire on the job," he said.

Affirmative Action

Koch likened his order banning discrimination to the order that had already prohibited discrimination against blacks and women. Questioned about the possibility of affirmative action hiring for gays, Koch voiced his opposition to quotas.

As a practical matter, he said, it was "insane" to think that agencies could be surveyed to discover the percentage of gay and straight employees they might have. Enforcement of the Mayor's order would be up to the City Commission on Human Rights.

Probe Follows GCN Questions

'Pax Centurion' Funding Tactics Investigated

By David Brill

BOSTON — Does the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association extort money from gay businesses in the form of advertisements in the BPPA monthly newspaper, *Pax Centurion*? The Internal Affairs Division of the Boston Police Department has been conducting a probe of the union's fundraising tactics following a GCN investigation into the practice. (See "In Search of a Gay Bar: Look for the (Police) Union Label," GCN, Nov. 5, 1977)

The Internal Affairs investigation began last year after a number of Boston businesses complained to police headquarters about the aggressive tactics employed by *Pax Centurion*'s advertising salespeople. Some of the "letters of solicitation" reportedly had the appearance of an invoice or bill, while businesses which agree to advertise are given a small gold police badge with the inscription "BPPA."

GCN looked into the matter after observing that the police newspaper — which regularly insults gay people and recently offered vocal support to Anita Bryant — contained advertisements for several gay-oriented businesses. Among these were numerous gay bars,

one gay bath-house, and an adult movie theater. A number of gay businesses in the downtown area display "Certificates of Appreciation" and/or "Booster" stickers bearing the BPPA insignia.



BPPA's Chester Broderick

BPPA leader Chester J. Broderick recently was called into the office of Dept. Supt. Anthony J. DeNatale, head of the Internal Affairs Division for interrogation concerning the union newspaper's advertising sales. With BPPA lawyer Frank McGee at his side,

Broderick denied that his newspaper used heavy-handed tactics in soliciting merchants, and instead charged that the investigation was politically-motivated harassment of the newspaper's staff by the administration of Boston Mayor Kevin White. *Pax Centurion* has been an outspoken critic of the White administration. A cartoon in the December issue sent "best wishes and good luck" to White's long-time rival, State Sen. Joseph Timilty, who is expected to run for mayor next year.

The latest issue of the newspaper contained conflicting responses from the union concerning the use of the "toy badges" which are supposedly given to advertisers. In one article, Broderick is quoted as saying, "We had no involvement with these toy badges..." In McGee's accompanying column, "From The Legal Viewpoint," however, McGee does not deny the use of the badges but instead insists they are harmless.

The use of badges, stickers, and other novelties by police unions is a recurring problem. An investigation into the MDC police union's fundraising tactics is also presently under-

way, following the complaint of several Cambridge business people who say that they were told that a \$50 contribution would entitle them to a bumper sticker which would exempt them from parking tickets. GCN was one of the businesses solicited by both the MDC and Boston police unions for advertisements; both requests were rejected.

Supt. John F. Doyle, head of the Bureau of Investigative Services at Boston Police Headquarters, told GCN that the specific subject of soliciting gay businesses was not discussed with Broderick and McGee at the most recent interrogation. "We're saving that for later," Doyle said. He added that anyone with complaints concerning advertising salespeople from *Pax Centurion* are invited to contact him, confidentially if necessary, to make formal complaints. (Doyle may be reached at 247-4320.)

Meanwhile, the BPPA newspaper continues to assert that the probe is "a blatant attempt to scare people from writing or drawing cartoons for our union newspaper." Broderick charged the effort consisted of "terror techniques."

US Army Sued Over Discharge of Gay in Denver

By Tony Domenick

DENVER, CO — An avowed homosexual has filed suit in the Federal District Court here against the US Army, which he said expelled him because of his sexual orientation.

Roger Rich, 27, was discharged under an Army regulation governing fraudulent enlistment after he disclosed that he was gay. Rich served a tour of duty from 1968 until 1971. Five years later, in August 1976, he re-enlisted. Part of the criteria for enlistment in the Army is an application ascertaining the candidate's medical

and personal history. Rich responded "no" to a question on his re-instatement application indicating "a homosexual preference."

Identity Crisis

During his second tour of duty, Rich experienced what he described as a "sexual identity crisis." In the course of clinical assistance, he told his superior officer that he was gay. As a result, the Army accused Rich of "fraudulent representation," claiming that he knew of his homosexuality before he re-enlisted. "They said I knew I

was gay, but I didn't because I hadn't come to the realization yet that I was gay. I finally had to reveal it to the military," Rich said.

The suit, which charged that the Army's policy of expelling homosexuals is unconstitutional, requests a preliminary injunction and a permanent injunction requiring the Army to restore Rich to his former rank of Medical Specialist 4th Class.

Attorney's Challenge

William Reynard, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in

Denver, said the dismissal is a violation of due process of law and a question of the plaintiff's First Amendment rights. "We are challenging this case not only on the basis that he was, according to the Army, committing fraud but the whole premise that the Army claims it has the right to discharge an officer solely on homosexual inclinations," said Reynard.

James Joy, Executive Director of the ACLU in Colorado, agreed with Reynard. "The case represents a gross in-

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News Notes

ALASKAN HUMAN RIGHTS

ANCHORAGE, AL — By a 4-2 decision, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights has put itself on record as being in favor of including the phrase "sexual preference" in the state statutes.

The Commission voted in favor of a resolution that acknowledged "the fundamental human rights of all persons, including those with a sexual preference which may differ from the majority population." The Commission called on the state legislature to extend the statutory jurisdiction of the Commission for Human Rights by incorporating "sexual preference" as a "protected right under the laws against discrimination."

The Commission cannot, at this time, accept formal complaints of discrimination against gays, but it can accept notice by letter or telephone from any person who has experienced discrimination in housing, employment, financing, public accommodation or public services.

For further information, contact the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, 204 W. Fifth Ave., Anchorage, AL 99501. Telephone: 907-274-4692.

PROVIDENCE ORDINANCE

PROVIDENCE — The Ordinance Committee of the Providence City Council is considering re-opening public hearings on the proposed Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. The ordinance includes a prohibition against discrimination because of sexual orientation. At a hearing on the proposal last Nov. 29, 34 spoke in favor of its passage and none spoke against it (GCN, Vol. 5, No. 23). Committee Chair Vincent Cirrelli said that the hearings might be re-opened in order to allow opponents of the gay rights provision a chance to testify.

The Providence Human Relations Commission, sponsor of the ordinance, is opposed to any new hearings as is the Rhode Island Gay Political Caucus. The Caucus has promised legal action to block any session that might be ordered closed by chairperson Cirrelli.

The Ordinance Committee meeting on the proposal, whether it is a hearing or just a session to "mark up" the bill is expected to be held on Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Gay Political Caucus is urging anyone who supports the Ordinance to attend that meeting. For more information contact the Providence Human Relations Commission at 421-3708.

PERSPECTIVE ON ANITA

WALTHAM, MA — "Is Anita Bryant Right? A Philosophical Perspective" is the name of a discussion that will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Bentley College in Waltham.

Dr. Arthur Brown, a Bentley faculty member, who has completed his thesis on homosexuality, will deliver the talk which is open to the public.

Bentley College is located at Beaver and Forest Sts. in Waltham. Dr. Brown's talk will be held at 11:30 a.m. at 30 Lindsay Hall.

KEARNEY CASE

LOS ANGELES — Patrick Kearney, who was sentenced to life imprisonment last month after pleading guilty to three murders in Riverside County, will be charged with 14 murders. Law enforcement officials said that based on a new review of the so-called "trashbag murders" case, they believed that Kearney was responsible for 21 killings. Earlier police estimates were that Kearney was involved in as many as 42 murders.

All Kearney's alleged victims were male, and several were described by police as homosexuals. Kearney reportedly told police at the time of his arrest, that he was gay.

Investigators are still not talking about possible motives in the killings, but a court-appointed psychiatrist reportedly said that Kearney had complained of being small for his size until he was about 12 years old and that childhood friends "had picked on him."

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WOODSTOCK'S GENERATION

WOODSTOCK, NY — Local sources are predicting that this Catskill Mountain resort town will pass a gay rights ordinance by the end of the winter. The Woodstock Town Board has begun interviewing lawyers to draft the ordinance after it accepted a 1300-signature petition asking for the adoption of such a law.

The petition was circulated by the Woodstock Gay People.

Once the ordinance is drafted, it will have to go before a public hearing and then be voted upon by the board. However, as three members of the five-person board are already on record as being in favor of the measure, passage is virtually assured.

SEX FOR A FEE UPROAR

NEW YORK, NY — A Family Court judge has ruled that sex for a fee is "recreational" and not a crime, and dropped prostitution charges against a 14-year-old girl. In a lengthy opinion, Judge Margaret Taylor held that the adult prostitution laws were unconstitutional.

The charge of prostitution against the unidentified 14-year-old was dropped on the ground that the child's act would not be a crime if committed by an adult and therefore, under state law, was not an act of juvenile delinquency.

In her decision, Taylor said, "Sex for a fee is recreational . . . the arguments that prostitution harms the public health, safety or welfare do not withstand constitutional scrutiny."

Judge Taylor's decision has come under sharp attack. The City of New York said it would appeal the ruling and Mayor Edward Koch, though declining to endorse a call for removal of the judge, said "The state cannot look aside when a minor — in this case a 14-year-old girl — decides she is going to sell her body."

GAY DISABLED

CHICAGO — Anyone who is gay and disabled in some way is invited to join a "special interest penpal club" now being formed.

Organizers are hoping to start a newsletter or newspaper which will focus on the special needs of persons in this category.

For information, contact Duane J. Boulware, 5973 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60660.

BODY POLITIC SUPPORT

SAN FRANCISCO — About 60 demonstrators, led by openly gay city supervisor Harvey Milk, marched in front of the Canadian embassy here on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The group was assembled to protest the closing down of *The Body Politic* after the Canadian gay journal's publication of the article "Men Loving Boys Loving Men."

Milk called for a tourist boycott of all the English speaking provinces of Canada. He and a small group of people entered the embassy and met with a lower echelon official. There were no reports on their discussion.

VIOLENT WARD HEARING

CAMBRIDGE — A group of taxpayers opposed to the Dept. of Mental Health's proposed Unit for Violent Women at a Worcester mental hospital has filed requests for a public hearing to determine the need for the unit.

The hearing was agreed to by the DMH as part of an out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit brought against it for misuse of taxpayers' monies. The group charged that the DMH proposal, for a maximum security ward in an institution already under investigation for patient abuse, has never been justified to the public.

The taxpayers' group said the hearing will be held by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health's Determination of Need Office sometime in February. For more information, call 491-1575 or 491-8362.

RESEARCH GRANT IN SF

SAN FRANCISCO — A grant for a three-year project to study civil liberties and sexual orientation has been given to the Center for Homosexual Education and Evaluation Research at San Francisco State University.

The \$50,000 grant was awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health of the US Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare. This is the first federally-funded study of the violation of civil liberties of homosexual men and women and makes possible implementation of the findings of a study by the research group.

The program, which will be directed by Dr. John DeCecco of San Francisco State, will involve interviews conducted in the San Francisco and New York City Metropolitan areas. The information collected will be used to document cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation and social-sex-role stereotyping in public and private institutions.

With the award of this grant, the San Francisco-based research group has received \$1,200,000 in federal funds.

MURDER TRIAL

MARTINSBURG, W.VA. — A murder trial, in which a young teacher has been charged with the murder of his lover, has gained widespread publicity in this Appalachian town.

Harry Lee Johnson, 24, is charged with the May 1977 stabbing death of his lover, James Payne, a 30-year-old advertising salesperson for a local newspaper.

The prosecution in the case has been attempting to prove that Johnson "deceived police" by claiming he was a "casual acquaintance" of Payne. Johnson has admitted having dinner with Payne, at the dead man's apartment, on the night before the body was discovered. On the night of the alleged murder, Johnson claimed to have been at the Bull Ring, a gay bar in Martinsburg.

The trial, which began on Jan. 16, has seen a number of rulings on the admissibility of evidence, and an array of circumstantial evidence presented by the prosecution.

ABZUG FOR SURE

NEW YORK, NY — Bella Abzug has been reaffirmed as the Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives in the 18th Congressional District in this city. The action followed weeks of political campaigning by Abzug which preceded nine days of legal maneuvering against the initial winner, Carter Burden.

On Feb. 14 there will be an election for the interim term to the House seat vacated by Mayor Koch. Despite the recent weeks of disarray in the Democratic party in Manhattan, Abzug starts out the abbreviated campaign as the favorite, largely because of a 3 to 1 Democratic enrollment margin in the district.

GAY EXPERIENCE

CAMBRIDGE — A workshop on "The Gay Experience" is one of a number of late-starting courses being offered by the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. The workshop will deal with "the realities of being gay in today's society."

Emphasis is on the special recreational, vocational, health, counseling and pastoral services now available to gay people. State Rep. Barney Frank will be among the guest lecturers.

The class starts Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Center, 42 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge. For more information call the Center at 547-6789.

NO DESNUDEZ

MADRID, SPAIN — Spanish theaters and cinemas will no longer be allowed to display pictures of nudes outside their buildings, according to a royal decree published in this city.

The decree forbids the public display of any material, including nudes, which is likely to corrupt children.

Last year, a decree ordered newsstand operators to keep all magazines with nudes on the cover out of public view. There has been a boom in the circulation of sex magazines and erotic films and plays in Spain since the death of Francisco Franco two years ago.

Community-wide Forum

Boston/Boise Urges Community to Fight Homophobia

BOSTON — The basement of the Old West Church was nearly full Jan. 25 as concerned members of the gay and straight community met at an open forum to discuss the so-called "boy-sex ring" case (GCN Vol. 5, Nos. 26, 27, 28).

Sponsored by the Boston/Boise Committee, which was formed as a committee of outrage after the indictment of 24 men by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, the meeting gave individuals and groups the opportunity to express their views on the committee's activities. Boston/Boise has charged that the defendants' civil liberties have been violated because of sensationalized media coverage and because of "harassment" of the men by the D.A.'s office.

William Homans, Jr., the defense attorney for one of the indicted men and prominent for his defense of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, spoke on the "issue of civil liberties and the ethics" of placing the defendants in the position of being informants. He asked, "How does a lawyer deal with the human situation involved with the defendants as victims?" Staring at the floor, and speaking in a harsh monotone, Homans said, "The defendants involved in this case are the victims as well. They are the victims of the law enforcement process in this society."

Tom Reeves, a Boston/Boise member, outlined the status of the cases at the present and commented on what he

saw as the "sensationalized climate" in the gay community. Reeves cited "distortions" which, he charged, were reported as fact in the media. The *Boston Globe* reported that all of the 24 men



Edward Hougen of Boston/Boise indicted were part of the alleged "sex-ring." However, according to Reeves, fifteen of those men had no connection with the ring, reportedly based in Revere, Mass., but are charged with specific sexual acts. Reeves charged that

the *Globe* had reported another "falsehood" in its listing of the ages of the young men involved. Reeves said there was only one case of a person under 13 years of age, and "this occurred in 1971."

After having conducted interviews with eight of the young men involved, Reeves told the community meeting there were no instances of men forcing the boys to take drugs and no instances of physical or psychological coercion.

"The media constantly spoke of rape," said Reeves. "A number of men have been charged with rape, but they did not engage in forcible rape or coercion. Any form of touching between a male child and an adult can be considered rape. I have a deep-seated anger against violence and I am assured that there is no violence involved in these sexual acts."

Edward Hougen, a minister at MCC/Boston and a member of the committee, spoke about sex between adults and adolescents. "Sex between a young boy and man," he said, "is considered wrong in our society. We have a responsibility to support efforts to protect the rights of those in our community. The way this case is being handled is disastrous because of the homophobia that exists in our society."

John Ward, the attorney for Boston/Boise, also cited "homophobic" attitudes in the media. "The *Globe* printed the names and addresses of every defendant in bold type. But in

female prostitution cases, the *Globe* never publishes the names of the men involved. The media found these men guilty in every aspect of their lives before they had a chance for a trial," said Ward.

Dr. Richard Pillard, a Boston psychiatrist, referred to the "taboo of adolescent sexuality" as crucial to the issues in the cases. He alluded to a conversation he had with Dr. Joseph Jankowski of Tufts, who contends that the young men will be "scarred" psychologically, to some degree, by the incident. When asked his opinion, Dr. Pillard said that he had seen a number of gay adults and "none to my knowledge felt victimized as a result of sex with an adult. However, no one really knows what happens to the child who engages in sexual activity at an early age."

State Rep. Elaine Noble did not attend the community-wide forum as had been expected, nor did she send a representative. Tom Reeves said that Noble, who has been under fire for recent statements viewed as non-supportive by Boston/Boise "still remains unreached [by the case]."

A number of the indicted defendants attended the forum but did not participate in any of the discussion or speak to the press. A spokesperson for one of them told GCN, "It's not that we have anything to hide, but they were cautioned by their attorneys not to say anything until the trial is over."

Must Be Approved by Parishes

Presbyterian Church Study Group Supports Ordination

By Philip Smith

NEW YORK, NY — A special study group of the United Presbyterian Church has released a report favorable to the ordination of practicing homosexuals who are otherwise qualified for the clergy. If the report receives the approval of the Church's General Assembly, it will be the most liberal statement on homosexuality yet adopted by any major denomination in the country, both in its recommendations and in its conception of homosexuality as morally acceptable.

The report had been commissioned by the Presbyterian General Assembly of 1976, when the issue came up for discussion in conjunction with the candidacy for ordination of a homosexual in New York. It was prepared by a 19-member group, whose participants were said to be representative of Presbyterian church

members as a whole, including theologians, doctors, psychiatrists and academics. A majority of 14 supported the pro-ordination position while the 5 dissenters issued a minority report in which they opposed the ordination of any but "repentant" or celibate homosexuals.

The majority view, however, held that there was no basis either in the scriptures (where homosexuality constitutes only a "minor theme") or in the Church's constitution for rejecting a qualified candidate for the ministry because of his homosexual relationships. A homosexual relationship is not morally condemnable *a priori*—rather, it is to be judged according to the same ethical standards which apply to heterosexual relationships. What matters is that the persons involved "encourage and support growth in faith and self-giving love."

Homosexuality is understood, by the study group, as a "strong, enduring, not consciously chosen and usually irreversible affectional attraction to and preference for persons of the same sex." The term "affectional attraction" was purposely considered more relevant than any reference to sex.

Further recommendations in the report called for efforts to "heal" the church of its "homophobia," and for protective anti-discrimination legislation for gays.

The conclusions of the study group were approved on January 16 by the church's Advisory Council on Church and Society. The report now awaits discussion and a vote in the General Assembly, the 700-member national representative body, which will meet in San Diego in May.

However, the General Assembly can

only establish policy guidelines — it is the individual local presbyteries and congregations which make the final decision on ordinations. Even if the report's recommendations are passed, their practical effect would remain highly uncertain.

This fact was reflected in the comments of Rev. Lynn Illingworth, moderator of the Presbytery of Boston, who stressed the independence of the local presbyteries. Even if the report were to pass in the General Assembly, he termed its actual outcome "speculative." Illingworth refrained from giving his personal views or those of the Boston Presbytery on the ordination of gays until the report has been seen and discussed.

Catholic Magazine Poll Supports Gay Rights

CHICAGO — In an article in the October issue of *U.S. Catholic*, a liberal Catholic monthly published in Chicago, Sister Lois Spear called for an end to discrimination against homosexuals. The article was followed by the results of a survey in which the magazine's readers expressed their views on homosexuality and civil rights for gays, largely supporting Sister Spear's stance.

The article rejects Anita Bryant's "stereotyping" representation of homosexuals as "depraved individuals,

exhibitionists, molesters of little children who seek to undermine the family." Sister Spear distinguishes between the "perverse, irresponsible few" and the majority of those involved in the gay movement who "pose no threat to the larger society."

This distinction is overly stated in the article — the "average homosexual" is conceived of as "a young person from an upper-middle-class family who is deeply troubled by sexual inversion and painfully eager to feel acceptance within home and community."

Sister Spear's contention is that basic legal and human rights of homosexuals should be recognized as an act of "Christian compassion and concern." Gays should be welcomed into Catholic churches (especially since gay Christians are said to experience a "great deal of pain and suffering"), and should have access to the priesthood "on the basis of individual worth." Sister Spears argues, "Hearing the Good News from a celibate homosexual priest is no different than hearing it from a repentant liar,

Peter, or a converted murder accomplice, Paul."

Sister Spear's argument could leave intact a view of homosexuality as a sin or a disease. However, 56% of *U.S. Catholic's* readership in fact disagrees with the statement "I think homosexuality is a disease." Yet the prevailing view that emerges from a selection of readers' comments is that homosexual acts are sinful, and, basically, that the good homosexual is a celibate one.

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The Voice of the Community

Last week's issue may have been delayed in getting to you at home or at your local news stands. The major winter storm that dumped nearly two feet of snow in the Boston area caused a three day delay in the printing of the paper and further delays in our distribution. We apologize for any inconvenience that you may have experienced and we hope that you finally received the last issue.

In Vol. 5, No. 29 we asked for outright donations to help us get through this financially tight winter season. "If we are to continue publishing . . ." may have seemed a drastic approach to our call for help, but we felt it was necessary to let all of you know our current state of affairs.

Again, we remind you that the struggle is a collective one. It continues. We will continue. We need, seek, and welcome your support in the form of a monetary donation. The ideal donation would be \$10, but any amount of money will be warmly received with heartfelt thanks. We will keep you posted as to how much money we receive during this important period of our history.

As the long winter nights give themselves over to some soul-searching and quiet moments in which we all have time to reflect, we feel it important to remind you that we are the community's voice.

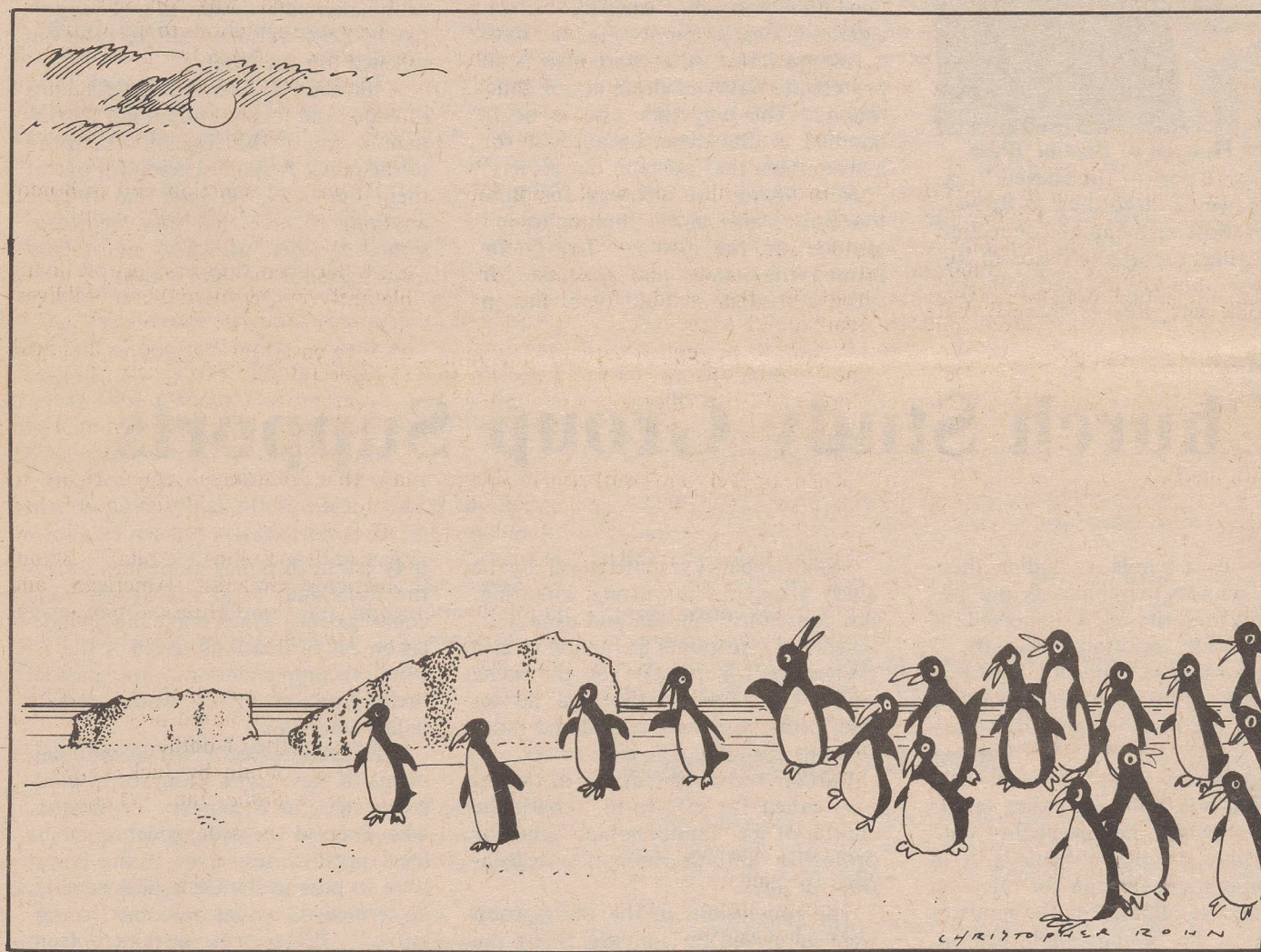
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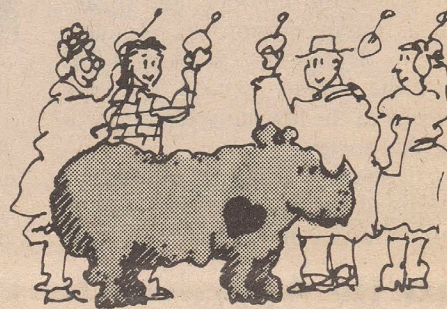
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*A group of lesbian penguins shout and dance upon hearing reports of lesbianism among California seagulls.
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search and seizure

Dear People:

It is with a sense of fear and outrage that I read the news from Toronto and what has happened to *Body Politic* over the past few weeks. The seemingly tolerant Canadian government has done nothing to stop the illegal investigation that is currently taking place in one of the most cosmopolitan cities in North America. What is happening in Toronto can happen in any other Canadian city or for that matter in an American city. The action taken by the Toronto Police Department is dangerously fascist in its orientation. It has violated Canadian civil liberties.

The Body Politic Collective needs our help badly. If you can't send money then write to the Canadian Consulate's office in Boston. If the illegal precedent is set in Toronto it may spread to other Canadian and American cities. If we can perhaps forego the white sale at Bloomingdale's this year, and send some cash northward, then we might all feel a little safer in the future.

Most sincerely,

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Allston Restaurant Seeks Later Closing Hour

BOSTON — The Boston Licensing Board heard testimony on Wednesday, Jan. 25, on the application of the House Restaurant and Delivery Entrance to extend their closing hour from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. The applicant is the only gay-owned and-operated establishment in the Allston, Mass. area.

Considerable opposition to the application was expressed by area residents, although nearly each opponent praised House owner Tony Bosco for his contributions to the improvement of the neighborhood. Bosco has personally planted trees and shrubbery and provided for street cleaning and snow plowing for the Wilton Street area of Allston, where the restaurant and lounge are located.

City Councillors Albert L. O'Neill and James Michael Connolly, as well as Allston-Brighton Little City Hall



Tony Bosco

manager Ann Muenster testified against the application. Robert O'Connell of Allston-Brighton Fair Share, Joseph Smith of the Allston Civic Association, State Reps. William F. Galvin and John Melia, and a number of local residents testified that they do not want anymore late-closing lounges in the Allston area. They claimed the area is already "harassed" by the 33 other late-closing establishments along Harvard Ave.

Sgt. Donald Wilber of Boston Police District 14, in his statement, argued that the police cannot handle any increase in the number of 2 a.m. bars. Attorney Jeffrey A. Roth, representing Bosco, presented three pages of signatures from area residents, however, in support of the establishment's application. Roth explained that none of the

customers of the House Restaurant frequent any of the other "singles bars" in the neighborhood, and added that the later closing hour would be a "reward" to Bosco for his efforts on behalf of the community.

State Rep. Barney Frank and the Rev. John White also submitted statements in support of the petition and Bosco's application for the later closing time.

Attorney Roth, in his closing statement, told the Licensing Board that Bosco "should not be penalized" for the activities of the other establishments in the area.

Letters of support concerning the application may be sent to Commissioner Andrea W. Garguilo, Chairperson, Boston Licensing Board, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201.

Army Suit

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vasion of privacy. His sexual preference should have nothing to do with his ability to perform his job effectively," Joy told GCN.

Cases Cited

The defense for this case followed similar litigation brought against the Navy in San Francisco by a lesbian. In *Saal vs. Middendorf*, a favorable decision was granted in the District Court of California allowing the woman to re-enlist at her former rank. Attorney Reynard also drew similarities to the case of Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich.

Matlovich was given a dishonorable discharge from the Air Force in the summer of 1975 and became a symbol for military gays when his story made the cover of *Time* magazine. His discharge has already been upgraded to "honorable," and his suit, charging that the Air Force regulations against homosexuals are unconstitutional, is still before the US Court of Appeals in Washington, DC.

Attorney Reynard told GCN, "I think Matlovich would have been better off had he not admitted overt sexual activity. In this case, it was a violation of state laws that were not soundly based. In the Rich case, there is no evidence of overt sexual activity. It's a question of the government claiming fraudulent enlistment."

When asked if the Army deals with the issue of overt homosexuality differently from just admitting homosexuality per se, Rich told GCN, "There

is definitely a difference in the way the Army treats you. You can admit to overt homosexuality in the Army, but in my case, the Army proved nothing except for what I told them." Rich added, "The issue of sexuality is a private matter, but I made this a public issue because my homosexuality has no bearing on my professional life."

50-50 Chance

Rich received an honorable discharge, which entitled him to some GI benefits, but he said he did lose "a great deal of money" due to expulsion on the fraudulent enlistment charge filed under Chapter 44 of the Army Regulations 600-235. He is presently employed in a civilian post at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver. Although he had no problem obtaining this job, he did express the feeling that finding future employment would be difficult.

Attorney Reynard, who characterized the upcoming trial as a "guarded prognosis," told GCN, "The issue is, of course, an emotional one. The fact that the government doesn't have to answer to this case in 60 days and the reluctance of the federal courts to deal with military personnel poses a major problem."

Rich believes his strongest points for winning the case lie with due process of law and his rights under the First Amendment. "My chances are fifty-fifty, but my family and friends have known about the case since it started and they are most supportive."

DID YOU SEE?

The Boston Globe

Last January, when the Dade County Commissioners voted to ban discrimination against homosexuals, Anita Bryant was in a state of shock, and she went to the home of her pastor, Brother Bill, for some banana sandwiches.

"Brother Bill," she wept, "are you sure God will forgive me for my sin of ignorance and for not being more aware of the issues and for having my head in the sand, for being so apathetic?"

"Anita," he replied patiently, "you know your sins are covered by the blood of Christ so long as you confess them. My dear, you will not be held accountable."

Then, to everyone's surprise; as they sat in the pleasant kitchen, drinking milk and eating banana sandwiches, the pastor began to whistle "Victory in Jesus."

That, of course, is only one of the spellbinding anecdotes in "The Anita Bryant Story," the recently-published, first-person account of her successful campaign to repeal the law safeguarding the rights of homosexuals in matters of housing, public accommodations and employment.

Anita Bryant, a born-again Christian, says that God talks to her, that he has revealed to her his dislike of homosexuality, and that he wants her to fight homosexuals, although no one

has explained why on earth he'd convey sex regulations to us through an orange juice pitchlady. . . .

"Anita, you're going to ruffle lots of edges," said God. "My people are often so noncommittal, so neutral. That's the problem in America."

"If we . . . sanction known homosexual teachers," she writes, "then to be consistent . . . we would have to allow idol worshippers, people living blatantly adulterous and immoral lives, thieves, drunkards and other undesirables to enter our classrooms and pose as respectable role models. . . .

Nonsense? Of course. But because of Anita Bryant's campaign, Dade County voted two to one to rescind the law that guarantees equal rights to homosexuals. In addition, more than 3500 teenage girls participated in an election naming Anita Bryant America's Greatest American, and readers of Good Housekeeping magazine have elected her America's Most Admired Woman.

Gore Vidal was right. Anita Bryant is either full of hatred or stupidity, or perhaps a little of both.

—from a column by Jack Thomas in the *Boston Globe*, Jan. 9, 1978.

Gay Rights

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Ninety percent of those questioned disagreed with the statement "If any child of mine were a homosexual, I would disown him or her." 61% did not agree that people are born homosexual and cannot change.

The poll by U.S. Catholic magazine showed that 63% of those questioned agreed that gay people "like heterosexuals, have a human right to do whatever they want as long as they do it in private."

Nevertheless U.S. Catholic readers showed overwhelming support (80-90%) for the equal rights of gays in both housing and employment. The readership polled by the magazine agreed that priests should be ordained if they agree to be celibate, "regardless of their sexual orientation." 64% agreed with that statement while 24% disagreed.

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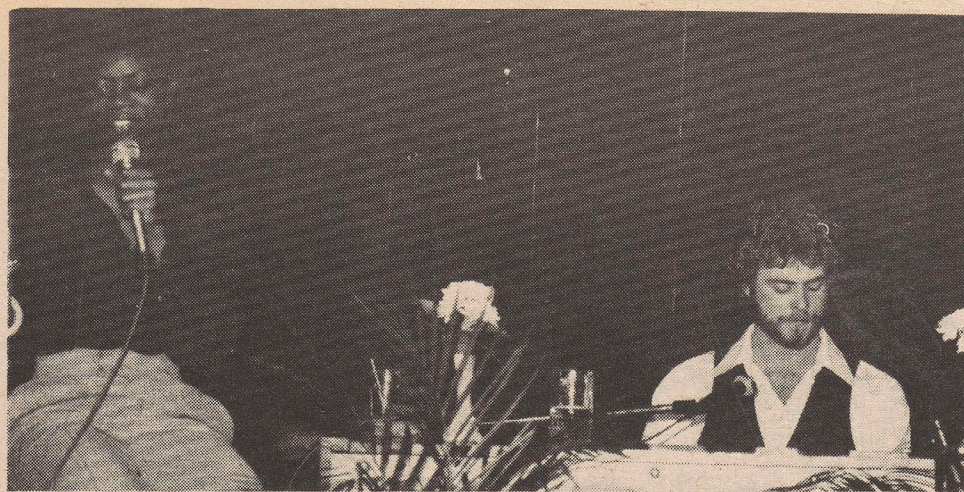
The Harvard Medical School Health Letter

Reports of intestinal diseases in homosexual males spread by infectious organisms from the gastro-intestinal tract are becoming increasingly common in the medical literature. Oral-anal contact makes widespread transmission of these infections possible and, per these reports, increasingly probable among gay males. Specifically, the diseases include giardiasis, shigellosis, and amebiasis — all caused

by intestinal organisms. Both physicians and homosexual patients should be alert to these infections as possible causes of unexplained abdominal upsets and diarrhea. As with all venereal disease, confidential identification and treatment of contacts is essential to prevention.

—from the Harvard Medical School Health Letter, January 1978.





David and Julia entertain at GCN benefit

GCN's benefit last week, held at the opening of Bourbon Street, a new bar at 22 Avery St., was a smashing success. Over two hundred people braved a snowstorm and beat a path through the icy streets for an exciting evening of performances, disco music, and old-time films. Club manager Skip Rosenthal hosted guest artists Beth Sass, David & Julia, and magician Max Maven who kept the crowd on their toes. GCN news editor, Jim Marko, took the microphone to welcome people to the benefit and share his brand of humor with the audience. Roving photographer Angela Russo snapped away throughout the evening, capturing the event for the pages of GCN.

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By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — Sat. Jan. 7, about 20 members of the Gay Activists Alliance picketed the offices of the Canadian Consulate protesting the police raid in Toronto of *The Body Politic*, an internationally respected gay liberation journal.

In a prepared statement, GAA said they "and other concerned groups want to publicize the fact that this is part of an ongoing campaign of harassment of homosexuals in Canada, which two months ago took the form of a raid on a gay gathering place in Montreal by policemen armed with submachine guns."

Meanwhile, in a letter sent to Robert McGee, the Crown Attorney for York in Toronto, the New York based **Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights** condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the raid on *The Body Politic*, calling it "an outrageous violation of freedom of the press."

The Coalition stated, "We conditionally support the right of *The Body Politic* to publish material on any subject of interest or relevance to the struggle of lesbians and gay men for their freedom."

"We demand the immediate release of all files confiscated by the Toronto police!"

"We demand that no charges be filed against *The Body Politic* collective!"

Almost 3 years ago, GAA issued a statement of policy regarding the phrase "sexual orientation" used in gay rights legislation when describing homosexuality or lesbianism. A recent letter from the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights sent to Mayor Koch, Council President Carol Bellamy, and Councilmember Henry Stern noted "At that time [3 years ago], a tendency was beginning for pro-gay rights legislators to substitute the phrase 'sexual or affectional preference' for the phrase 'sexual orientation' . . ."

"Gay activists themselves do not see eye to eye on this point. Certainly, the desire to broaden protection (to include holding hands and kissing in public, for example) by adding the word 'affectional' is commendable. However, there are many good arguments against 1) eliminating the word 'sexual' altogether (as Ms. Bellamy did in her inaugural speech) and 2) using the word 'preference' at all in describing homosexual behavior. These arguments are explained in the enclosed letter from GAA dated Feb. 13, 1975."

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The six points raised regarding "affectional preference" are as follows:

1. The term 'affectional or sexual preference' is defined in HR-166 [the Congressional Bill] as 'having or manifesting an emotional or physical attachment to another consenting person or persons of either gender, or having a preference for such attachment'. This is vague and appears incomprehensible.

2. It diverts attention from the real source of homosexual oppression — the fact that we engage in sexual acts that are forbidden and criminal in our society. Neither homosexuality *per se* nor homosexual lifestyles are illegal in any state in the United States; it is certain kinds of acts that are illegal.

3. It is of questionable validity from a scientific point of view. By implying that people engage in homosexual or heterosexual acts by choice or preference, it goes against all scientific evidence showing that same-sex love is not the product so much of individual choice as it is an inherent and natural capacity of the human animal. Conversely, it is also incorrect to imply, as this phrase does, that exclusive heterosexuals who are incapable of acts of love for persons of the same sex have chosen their condition out of personal choice or preference.

4. It tends to obscure the reality (demonstrated by history, anthropology, and the Kinsey studies) that human sexual behavior falls on a continuum between those who are exclusively heterosexual and those who are exclusively homosexual.

5. When 'affectional preference' is defined as 'having or manifesting an emotional . . . attachment to another consenting person or persons . . .' this is a logical absurdity. May one not feel an 'emotional attachment' to another person without having first obtained that person's 'consent' to feel such a sentiment?

6. It represents a concession to the prevailing heterosexual view that sex is good and justifiable *only* when it is complemented by 'love'. Equal rights must be extended to homosexuals regardless of whether or not they are emotionally or physically attached to another person.

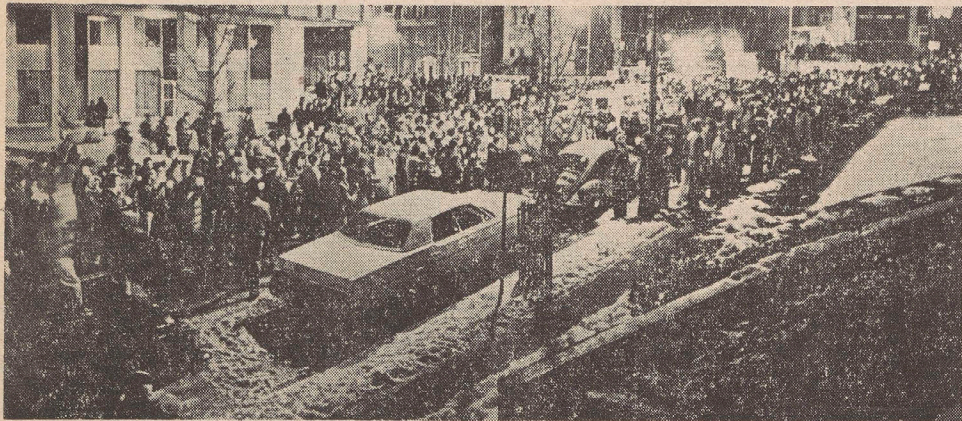
The Coalition suggests that a compromise is possible using the term "sexual or affectional orientation".



The crowd at the bar of the new Bourbon Street

Two Thousand Demonstrate and March

Bryant Takes Her Campaign to Convention



Hundreds of protestors encircle the Washington Hilton after a candlelight march

WASHINGTON, DC — More than 2,000 people crowded into the Dupont Circle here on Sunday, Jan. 22 for a rally against Anita Bryant. The anti-gay crusader was in the nation's capital to appear before the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. As she performed before the convention in the Washington Hilton, the demonstrators held a candlelight march from the Circle up Connecticut Ave. to the hotel.

Along the way, marchers sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the same song with which Bryant ended her performance that evening. Surrounding the hotel, they chanted, "Gay is just as good as straight," "Gay rights," and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Anita Bryant's got to go."

Earlier that day, Bryant held a news conference and repeated her oft-stated case, saying that God "loves" homosexuals. "I would like to tell them . . .

that I love them. I love them enough to tell them the truth, which is that homosexuality is wrong — not according to my standards, but God's standards," she said.

"I have never, never had hate in my heart for any of those individuals," Bryant said. "I will eventually carry out an idea to set up counseling centers across the country to help homosexuals rehabilitate."

A spokesperson for the National Religious Broadcasters said Bryant would receive between "\$3,000 and \$7,500" for her appearance at the convention.

Other well-known "born again Christians" appeared at the convention at the Washington Hilton. *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt, former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, former Nixon aide Charles Colson,

and LaBelle Lance appeared at the gathering.

In her evening concert, the spokesperson for Florida orange juice and the spearhead of the anti-gay campaign appeared carrying a Bible and wearing a red, white and blue gown and cape. "I hear that Christians," she told her audience, "are drinking orange juice like holy water."

After Bryant received a standing ovation for singing "This is Worth Fighting For," a young woman stood up and yelled, "Anita, you're a Fascist. A sexual Fascist. Human rights for gays." A man standing at the door of the auditorium simultaneously yelled, "Anita, you're a Nazi."

"You know something?" Bryant said, as the two were ushered out, "I love you."

Cost of Sex Change Questioned

HARTFORD, CT — A 32-year-old Hartford welfare recipient has sued the state of Connecticut because it won't pay for the surgery he needs in order to change his sex.

Hartford Superior Court Judge Walter Sidor has continued a hearing on the sex change suit brought by a man who is called "Jane Doe" until lawyers finish filing legal papers.

The plaintiff, an unidentified Hartford resident, charged in the suit that the social services departments of both the city and state should be forced to pay for his sex change operation.

Pamela Hershinson, a Neighborhood Legal Services lawyer who represents "Doe," said both agencies have refused to pay for the operation, claiming it is cosmetic surgery not covered by state aid to the needy.

The attorney said both have agreed to pay for hormone treatments and other care associated with the surgery, but not for the operation itself. Her-

shinson told Judge Sidor the anxiety and depression of being a male has already driven her client to attempt suicide. She claimed because of the mental anguish "Jane Doe" cannot look for or hold a steady job.

The lawyer said if the state agrees to pay for the surgery, it will save money in the long run because "Jane Doe" will find work and get off the welfare rolls. Hershinson also told the judge that her client has considered himself a female since his early childhood and began cross-dressing when he was nine years old.

In her legal briefs, the lawyer cited cases in Georgia and Minnesota (see GCN Vol. 5, No. 26) where judges ordered the state not to cut off funding arbitrarily to welfare recipients who want a change in gender.

Attorney Hershinson also noted that the California Supreme Court is hearing the appeal of a lower court decision ruling the state did not have to pay for sex change surgery.

FBI Nominee Made Favorable Ruling as Judge

WASHINGTON, DC — The person nominated by President Carter to become director of the FBI ruled in favor of a campus gay organization in a case before his court.

William H. Webster overruled a lower court decision last year that upheld the University of Missouri's refusal to recognize a campus gay group. "I have no doubt that the ancient halls of higher learning . . . will survive even the most offensive verbal assaults upon traditional moral values," Webster wrote when sitting as a Federal appeals court judge in St. Louis. "Solutions to tough problems are not found in the repression of ideas."

If confirmed by the Senate, Webster will become the third permanent director of the FBI. He would succeed Clarence Kelly who is scheduled to retire Feb. 15.

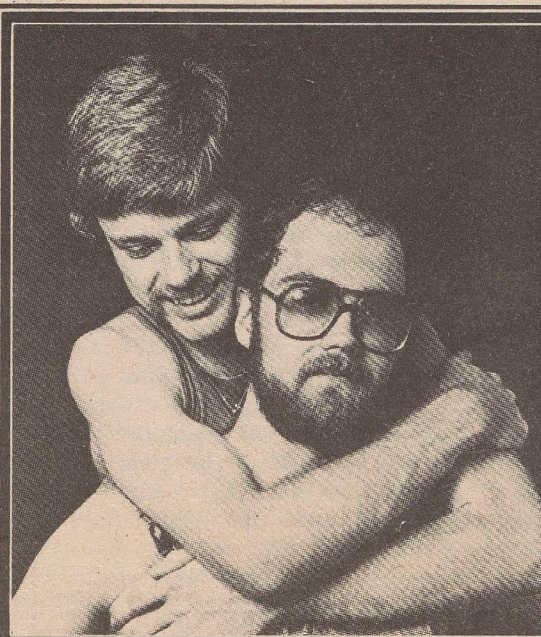
Observers say that Webster is a respected judge with a reputation for concern for individual rights and a moderate approach to law and order

issues. "I think of myself as operating from a position of restraint, but being ready to make any judicial actions necessary to achieve the ends of justice," he said. "When you fashion a remedy, you ought to do as much as is necessary. But not more than is required to achieve a just end."

The nominee for the FBI post has been criticized in the past for belonging to several all-white clubs, including the Veiled Prophets Society. That organization is a male, Protestant group of 1,000 which has been called racist by critics of Webster. Nonetheless, Webster has sponsored resolutions committing two St. Louis clubs to accept members without regard to race, religion or ethnic background.

Margaret Bush Wilson, board chairperson of the NAACP said Webster was "great." "We have no basis for feeling he is insensitive or has feelings that would in any way suggest that he's prejudiced," she said.

Reports indicated that Webster seemed likely to win quick approval from the Senate.

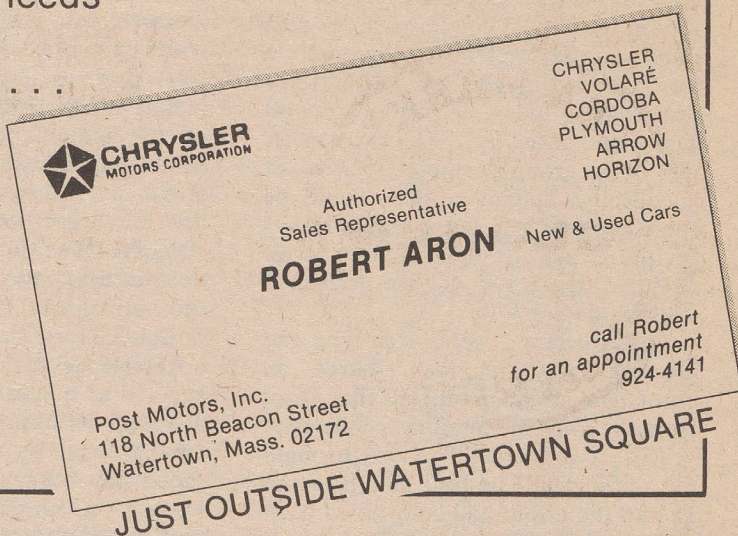


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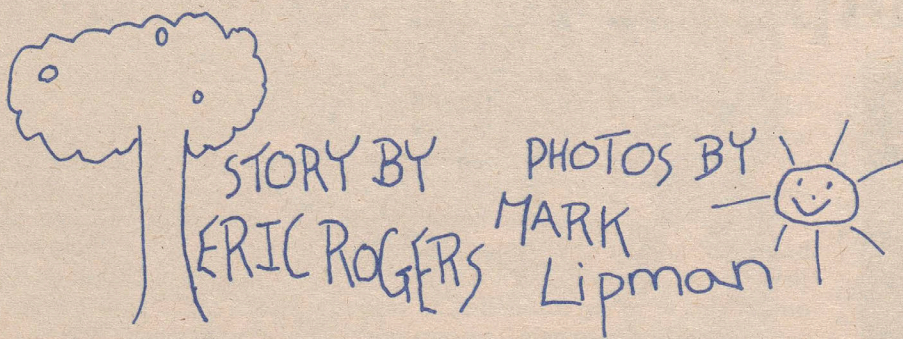
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MEN AND CHILDREN

The Men's Childcare Collective



The Men's Childcare Collective seems able to break out of the usual stereotypes that people have for a group of men. Women decry the lack of men's support for feminist concerns, yet the Childcare Collective functions specifically to support women's groups and single mothers. Men rarely work with children, yet the collective works directly with young children in the role of nurturing and caring rather than competing and educating. And, at a time when it seems impossible to find gay and straight men working within the same organization, this group of men is committed to struggling against the defenses and biases that men of any sexuality acquire. Boston's Men's Childcare Collective is a unique group of men who, over the past ten months, have developed into a cohesive and articulate group performing an important service in the community in the context of radical social change.

The idea for the collective developed last winter when four friends from Cambridge decided that they were interested in exploring their relationships with children through a support system of other men. Two of these men were schoolteachers and another was regularly providing childcare at Transition House, a refuge for battered women. All of the men considered themselves political leftists, but that's where the similarities ended. As Paul, one of the original members of the group, recalls, "Though we knew each other socially, we realized there were a lot of loaded issues that we'd have to deal with — issues of politics, organization and sexuality." The early meetings of the group attempted to arrive at a collective statement that would be specific enough to serve as guidelines for the group, yet open enough to include a large group of men needed to actually do some work.

These meetings were often long and grueling, but the men shared an excitement and commitment that arises from the spirit of founding a collective.

The group increased in size throughout the spring. The four had grown to 15 and the group had committed itself to three different areas of childcare: 1) Single events, which included political rallies, demonstrations, cultural events; 2) Weekly events, including regular work at Transition House and at CASPAR, a treatment program for women alcoholics; 3) Ongoing relationships, as in the "Big Brother" situation. These commitments allowed for the diversity of needs expressed by the collective and shared a similar goal — to work with other men in childcare, supporting the feminist struggle.

Richard was one of the first members of the group, and he entered the project with some apprehension. He didn't like children and had only limited experience with them. The responsibility of caring for children made Richard fearful. Like many men, he did not know whether he could be competent in this area. One day, while he was working as a cashier at the Cambridge Food Coop, he became aware of a child lying on the floor near him, crying and screaming. Adults would

pass the child by, complaining or pitying, yet doing nothing to help her. Finally, Richard was moved to argue with the adult complainers. "Of course she's crying, her teeth are probably all coming in. If you or I felt that much pain, we'd probably be home in bed but a child doesn't have that choice!" It was then that Richard realized "children have rights too," and he overcame his fears and found himself at a meeting of the collective.

Bruce heard about the group from some of the men with whom he had gone to college. Bruce was at a particularly vulnerable point in his life — he had just ended an important relationship and felt his life was empty. He was looking to meet people, to become involved and, since he had always expected to work with children, he decided that the time was right to begin.

Other men joined for different reasons. Some were looking for a way to move from theoretical feminist politics to active support of women's struggle and they found no structured vehicle for this support in the area. Others worked with children already, yet felt isolated in their jobs — sometimes the only man in the school, sometimes the only gay person. Still others joined to learn and grow, to more clearly understand the limitations of traditional male roles and to break out of the barriers that contained them.

Since its start, the group has functioned as a collective, without a power hierarchy and with all major decisions made by consensus. Like many collectives, there is a constant struggle to maintain a balance between the needs of the individual members and the actual capabilities of the group. Several men left the collective because they did not want to work through the struggle. Most of the men thought the debates that were focused on defining the priorities of the group were draining experiences, although they all acknowledge the necessity of such a process as a means of building unity and self-definition. One of the more controversial issues the collective has faced has been the choice of which women's groups to support. This discussion led to a great deal of discomfort due to feelings of apprehension of having men in the position of judging women.

While the collective provides a supportive forum for the men to exchange thoughts on childcare, a great part of the experience of being in the collective is the actual work done with children. The collective has ongoing commitments to two organizations — Transition House and CASPAR. At Transition House the men usually work as a team and have their hands full with between two and 14 children. Last summer, they would frequently take the kids out of the house — to the library, beach, movies, museums, wading ponds. These excursions were caused by the cramped quarters at the house, as well as by the nice weather. Some of the men in the group were critical of this practice of taking the kids out for fun trips. They felt that it was too like a "father" to enjoy good times with the kids while leaving the "mothers"

to face the day to day hassles. The kids are usually under some degree of distress, since they have left their homes, their friends, and their father and are confused and nervous about the future. Staying in the house up to six weeks hardly gives the childcare workers time to establish trusting relationships with the kids. The workers try to give the children a relaxing, enjoyable day and provide them with the attention they need. The focus of the work is on allowing the children to make their own decisions and share interactions with their peers. However, the demands of the individual mothers and the anger and confusion in many of the kids, sometimes combine to make a high pressure atmosphere that falls short of ideal childcare conditions.

While working with these children can be frustrating, there seems to be many moments of excitement and joy. One woman who stayed at Transition House reported that, prior to that time, her son was afraid of men — perhaps due to his violent father. After being at the house five weeks, the woman saw her son opening up to men again. His time spent with the Childcare Collective had allowed him to reach out again. It is this kind of positive feedback that keep the men in the collective going.

The list of single events that the men have provided childcare for includes political demonstrations — the Abortion Action Coalition Rally, Coalition Against the Worcester Ward for Violent Women; fund raising events — benefits for J. P. Stevens workers, Elizabeth Stone House, Women's Bail Project, Transition House, and educational and cultural events — "In the Best Interests of Children," a film about lesbian mothers; the Berkeley Women's Music Collective, the Tufts Women's School courses on racism and classism, and a visit from the Vietnamese Delegation to the U.N. While the number of children that appear at these events is variable, as the community realizes that reliable, responsible childcare is provided at events, more and more parents will not feel tied-down at home with the kids.

Men and Children

One goal that the men in the collective share is a commitment to changing men's roles in society. Many of the children the collective has worked with come from broken homes and, particularly in Transition House, the children have often been abused by their fathers. The collective feels the importance of providing positive experiences with men for these children. As Bruce puts it, "I want to show them that there really is another way . . . it all comes very naturally to me to be nurturing and be soft. The hard stuff for me with kids is being authoritarian when it's necessary." Breaking out of the pattern of machismo and competition, a difficult process for many men, is made more difficult in the context of children who are already conditioned to respond to those qualities.

Politically, the Childcare Collective



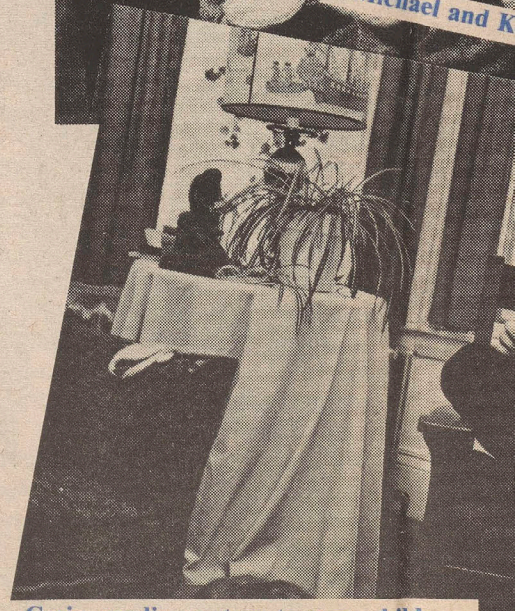
The Men's Childcare Collective



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Craig, reading a story to some children

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sees their work as vital to the breakdown of the capitalist class which encourages a sexual division of labor that classifies childrearing and nurturing as "Women's Work" — unproductive and, therefore, unpaid. Mothers must be provided with daycare if they are going to have the energy needed to break away from traditional patterns and become strong, self-identified women. Since the collective can certainly not expect to provide childcare for all mothers who need it, they have set as their priority "women who are in transition from a nuclear family, or those already in alternative lifestyles, such as lesbian mothers, battered women, and welfare mothers." These women, at a particularly crucial time in their lives, are likely to benefit most from the support of the collective.

While the collective is performing a service for the children and their mothers, the individual men are not entirely altruistic. They're gaining a great deal from their involvement with these children. Though the actual experiences with the children are sometimes frustrating and exhausting, all the men agree that they have developed their ability to reach outside themselves and care and help the children. Living in a world that conditions men to stifle their feelings, the directness and immediacy of being with children breaks down many of the walls. One of the men found himself "more in touch with feelings that I had given up in adolescence — things that were really important to me. I thought they were part of the magic of being young; yet now I find I can recapture those feelings of enthusiasm, silliness, wonder, and just plain fun. Even though I'm doing childcare, the kids have taught me more than I ever could teach them."

Gay Men and Children

The issue of whether homosexuals should be permitted to work with children, particularly young children, is controversial these days. Despite this controversy, and because of the generally liberal attitudes of the groups it works with, most of the gay men in the collective report positive experiences with the children and their mothers. Though an occasional child hurls the insult "Faggot!" at another child, rarely does one's sexuality enter into the childcare context.

Some of the men wonder whether or not it is important to bring their sexuality into their childcare experience. Despite their youth, the children are still conditioned to see life as basically heterosexual — the men are assumed to be married or have "girlfriends" and the children expect to grow into traditional straight men and women. Richard feels a certain responsibility to make the children aware that everyone doesn't turn out "that" way, and yet he feels uncertain as to the way to accomplish this.

"Since they probably already have all this stuff built up about gayness being bad, I want to be 'out' with the children, which is a very threatening thing to do because they tend to ask

very direct questions." Brian, who frequently wears earrings around the children, was confronted by one of the boys, who asked, "You're gay, aren't you?" Brian confirmed the boy's feelings and had a talk with him about it. When the boy explained that two gay men lived upstairs from him, Brian was delighted. When he thought everything had been carefully concluded, the boy began telling other children "Brian's Gay! Brian's Gay!" and Brian had to have another talk about dealing with this responsibly. The boy knew exactly what Brian was talking about.

Gay Men and Straight Men Working Together

The Childcare Collective was predominantly gay during the early meetings but, since that time, there has been an influx of men, some of whom are heterosexual. While the gay men still constitute a majority, straight men are neither isolated nor condemned in the group. Several of the gay men who have been in the group have been somewhat defensive about working with straight men, and there seems to be a certain consciousness toward maintaining a numerical ratio in favor of the gays. The men in the collective have had different experiences and reactions to the issue of sexuality within the group.

Richard seems to have a mixed reaction to the mixture of sexuality within the collective. Initially, he was excited at the idea of gay and straight men working together and struggling with their prejudices, but now he feels that things might be "easier" if the collective were all gay. He explains, "There could be more assumed if we were all gay. Issues could be discussed without feeling as if we were alienating anyone." When pressed as to what issues he is referring to, Richard stresses the fact that gay men share common experiences that relate to working with children and he feels that focusing discussion on these subjects would leave the straight men feeling left out. Despite these reservations, Richard finds that this has been the first time that he's worked with straight men that the group's energy hasn't been directed towards consciousness raising. The straight men are comfortable and aware of the problems of gay oppression.

For Bruce, being straight in this group was a big issue. At one of the first meetings Bruce attended, a gay man named Peter told him that he harbored feelings of antagonism to straight men, and did not feel fully comfortable in a work situation with straights. Bruce became sensitive to a certain amount of gay chauvinism that he felt from the gay men. Bruce recalls, "A dynamic I felt as a straight man was that somehow I wasn't quite as together or quite as 'good' as a gay man because he had addressed things and pushed through barriers that I hadn't pushed through yet." Through the process of confronting the chauvinism in the group and by exploring his own feelings and thoughts, Bruce found a mutual respect building up between him and Peter. He found that

he learned to be secure and confident about his heterosexuality, and lost much of the defensiveness and guilt of being straight. The group process helped him do this.

Bruce speaks candidly about his growth through the collective. "I've gotten more in touch with 'gay pride' than I was before. When I first came into the group, I was uncomfortable with some of the men because they were 'outrageous' in their dress and mannerisms, and now I think I have started to understand a little of the 'camp' scene." Other straight men have learned more about gay men and more about themselves than they expected to learn. While none of the men have crossed into new areas of sexuality, there seems to be a more open-minded attitude, more exposure to new things. The gay men feel strongly supported by the straight men, to the extent that sometimes straight men are those who raise issues of particular relevance to the gay men.

In addition to this, several of the gay men have been involved with each other and, at times, there have been unfinished relationships and unresolved questions making for awkward and uncomfortable feelings within the collective. Certainly the web of relationships at times has weighed heavily on the group; although at other times it has been a source of great energy and teamwork. After ten months, the collective finally seems able to separate their personal inter-relationships from the workings of the group, and only issues that affect the collective are raised at meetings.

But sexuality is not the major force behind the collective. While people do not flaunt their preferences, there is also no attempt to hide the facts. One man, who had worked with the collective for three months, could not divide the group by sexuality. "It seems like a goulash of gays, straights, bi's but you can't tell who's who, or what's what." Richard provides a succinct conclusion to the subject of sexuality. "It's one of those basic things underlying everything we do in the collective, but it's not as if we have heavy make-out sessions. Sexuality doesn't have to be blatant to still be there."

The Boston Men's Childcare Collective seems to be a unique group. There are only two other groups of men working in childcare throughout the nation. Portland, Oregon, has a collective of men that serve as a clearinghouse for men interested in childcare for feminist events. Recently, a group of gay men in San Francisco have formed a childcare collective with the name "Candy from Strangers." Still, Boston's group has been together for ten months, struggling with many issues and finally arriving at a stable place. Men interested in working with the collective, or women's groups that are interested in the services of the childcare collective, can contact them through Brian or Bruce at 492-5211. The rewards of working with children seem to outweigh the pitfalls for this dedicated group of men.

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A Review by Allen Young

A mood of soft nostalgia for the old days of family life and rural simplicity pervades many of David Watmough's tales, yet the author is a fully conscious, aware, urban gay man whose experiences make it clear that such nostalgia, while it warms the heart, cannot be taken too seriously nor too far.

Readers familiar with any reasonable quantity of feminist and/or gay liberation writings will have, by now, come across strongly-worded critiques of the nuclear family system. There's much truth to these critiques — one only need check out daily newspaper reports on such subjects as the divorce rate, wife-beating and child-abuse, or, for a deeper view, read well-argued essays showing that the patriarchal nuclear family provides for women and children to be the property of the male, while homosexuality is simply "out of the question."

And yet, for many of us, there are moments when the word family conjures up something comfortable and nice, something akin to words like home and community. For some of us, furthermore, our best friends may include a man and a woman and their children who live as a nuclear family (though presumably without the role-playing demanded by patriarchal structure). At this point in our lives, after nearly ten years of gay liberation, a significant portion of gay people know that home and community and even "family" are available to us, whether we live alone, in couples, or in a group situation, with or without children, and still, the old-fashioned kind of family still has a certain appeal.

When we are feeling angry, and that anger can be a necessary constructive force, it is not unusual to focus on the ways that our own families brought us pain. Nonetheless, whether it's something as simple as the love for our mothers, or perhaps our fathers, too, or something more complex than that, like the attachment to an ethnic tradition, our response to the idea of "family" can be a warm, glowing one, nostalgia perhaps, yet a nostalgia firm with resolve: "you can't go home again."

Such a mood characterizes the writings of David Watmough, whose stories are termed monodramas because he often reads them on stage or on the radio. A couple of years ago, in the pages of this paper, I enthusiastically reviewed Watmough's collection entitled *Love & the Waiting Game*. Now, his first collection, *Ashes for Easter*, which had been out-of-print, has been re-issued, and I recommend it without reservation to anyone who is hungry for good fiction with gay themes.

Some of my gay friends and acquaintances feel an attachment to family traditions, especially those of European ethnic groups such as Jews (like my own family), Armenians, Italians and Greeks. I know that such ties are significant, and despite the ambivalence we may feel, something keeps us attached. Watmough's "ethnic" links come as a bit of a surprise; I for one knew nothing of Cornwall or its simple country people. Cornwall is a section of southern England where old farms, stone cottages, wheat fields, graneries, wisteria, gulls and graveyards are among the items providing "local color." Though Watmough's stories make me want to visit Cornwall, I'm not sure what I'd do once I got there, since 15-year-old Davey Bryant, the central figure in these stories, is now in

his early fifties and lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, as David Watmough!

Most of these tales are situated in Cornwall's little villages, where Davey grew up, where he played with lizards, masturbated to men's underwear ads, ate his mother's fresh-baked biscuits, obeyed his father, and fell in love with assorted boys and at least one girl.

A few of the stories deal with Davey's life after he left his native land, including the title story "Ashes for Easter." The ashes are the cremated remains of Davey's father: Davey has changed, and, yes, indeed, you can't go home again, for Davey is now a full-grown gay man with a new life in Vancouver. That new life means more freedom for Davey, but the Cornwall of days gone by brings moist eyes for us as it must for Davey, too.

In his early twenties, en route from Cornwall to Vancouver, Davey spends some time in New York City, and we get a glimpse of that in a rather scary yet poignant story about a pick-up in the men's room at Grand Central Station. (The homosexuality in these stories is up-front and starkly real, but it's not what you'd call political or gay-and-proud. When the tearoom pick-up turns out to be a thief, he asks Davey, "What you wanna be a fruit for, eh?" and what Davey tells the reader is a matter-of-fact "That I couldn't answer." There's no shame or apologia in any of this writing; the gay experience is presented as merely one large part of the slice of life, which is the way it is for most of us.)

Another touching story from more recent times in Davey's life is a beautifully-constructed flashback about Davey's relationship with Franz, a flighty and ineffectual but kind and well-meaning young German queen who likes to cook and make love and who is frustrated in his wishes to play wife to Davey, or someone.

This is contemporary gay literature at its finest. Watmough's books are very badly distributed and are virtually unavailable in the U.S. The best way to obtain either *Ashes for Easter* or *Love & the Waiting Game* (try one, then order the other if you like it) is to order directly from Glad Day Books, 4 Collier St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Inquire about current prices and shipping costs. (Gerald Moldenhauer, proprietor of Glad Day and one of the founders of the Body Politic, runs one of the finest gay bookstores anywhere, and he's happy to be of assistance to readers in the U.S. as well as Canada.)

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Am Tikva — One Year Later

By Richard Burns

Am Tikva, Boston's gay Jewish congregation, is marking its first birthday this month and some examination is in order. Translated as "People of Hope," Am Tikva provides the gay Jew with an alternative to traditional forms of organized religion. Defined as a multipurpose group with both social and religious concerns, Am Tikva holds Friday night services, sponsors parties and disco nights, runs a film series, and fosters the development of mutual support and individual growth for Boston's gay Jews.



Organized Judaism is oriented primarily towards the family, encouraging heterosexual union and procreation. A synagogue usually has organizations which cater to its youth, its married couples, even its divorcees. However, a synagogue does not usually accommodate the single person over the age of twenty-one. Many of those involved in gay Jewish congregations have left organized Judaism because they felt uncomfortable in a traditional synagogue in which there was no place for young gays. Most of the people active in Am Tikva are not native to Boston but have come from New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia and do not have the family ties and associations which may have bound them to a particular synagogue back home.

Boston's only previous gay Jewish group, B'nai Haskalah, was initially formed by people of several different faiths, including Marge Ragona of MCC, to meet the needs of gay Jews, many of whom up until that time had participated in the activities of Dignity and MCC. Jan Prolet, a woman who has been active in both B'nai Haskalah and Am Tikva, remembers the functions performed by

the first group as primarily religious rather than social and remarks that B'nai Haskalah "eventually suffered the fate of most organizations in which too few do too much, collapsing on itself after a series of internal problems." Am Tikva rose from the ashes, appealing to a broader potential membership through the development of a program in which both social and religious interests are given equal weight. Prolet saw this membership including people from all different traditions and backgrounds. "Many had not been inside a synagogue in years, but saw Am Tikva as a means to get back into it."

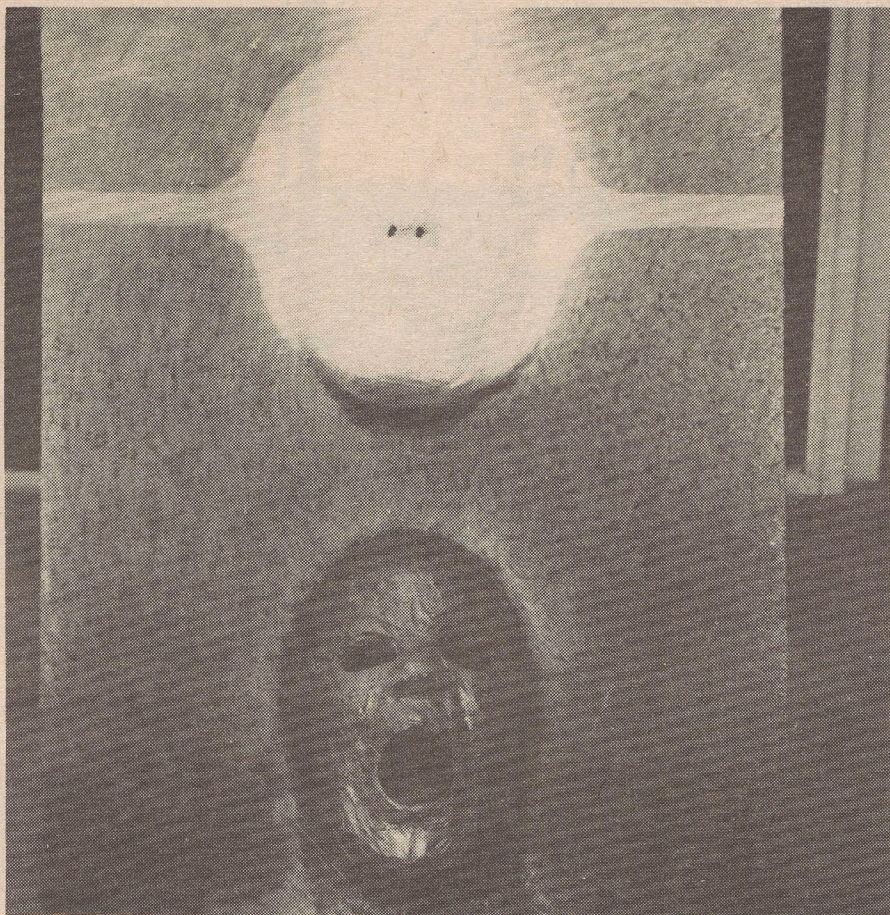
Am Tikva answers the needs of many who want to identify with and support other Jews. As one participant in a recent service explained, "An irreligious person may be attracted to the group and its services through a need for contact with some cultural traditions. I attended services and underwent religious training with my family as a child. I think many find comfort in maintaining some of those traditions."

Although there are gay Jewish congregations in major cities all over the world, there is no larger structure or umbrella group which binds them all together as in other denominations. Am Tikva keeps in contact with some of these other groups through the exchange of newsletters and through representation at the International Conference of Gay Jews which took place in New York this past year and which will occur in Los Angeles this April.

One of the prime concerns of the group is to overcome the sexism inherent in most religious hierarchies. As a step towards this goal all references to God as a male have been eliminated from the Am Tikva service. Both men and women conduct the services and all work hard to maintain the present compatibility between sexes.

Stephen Spector, a spokesperson for the group, sees the future of Am Tikva as a little different from those of MCC and Dignity: "We're not interested in huge growth or political activism right now, but in meeting the immediate needs of individuals."

Am Tikva meets each Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Frost Lounge of the Ell Center at Northeastern University.



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By Eric Rogers

The **Alter-Eagle**, Boston's new leather & levi disco "for the macho male" has opened in the back room of the **Boston Eagle**, and this Eagle-goer has mixed feelings about the addition. The disco certainly is hot — in every sense of the word. So hot, that men coming out of the snow strip off their leather jackets, shirts and tee-shirts and dance bare-chested, as if it's a July afternoon tea-dance at the **Boatslip**. The sound-system is good and the lights are much better than I expected, so the **Alter-Eagle** succeeds as a new place for those of you into butch men to go and "shake your leather booties." My disappointment is the changes that the disco may make in the **Eagle**, a bar that has offered leather & levi men a quiet, dark, and sexy place to "socialize." While the sound-proofing between the two rooms is excellent, every time the door to the disco opens, the **Eagle** is flooded with too much music. It also seems that the disco is attracting a younger crowd to the bar, and a crowd not terribly interested in maintaining the **Eagle** as a leather/levi bar. Let's hope that the new disco, a "touch of New York in Boston," survives without great changes in the bar. It's taken Boston too long to establish as good a men's bar as the **Eagle**.

Tip of the Week: The **Meetinghouse Theatre Company** has announced the opening of the **Meetinghouse** as a cafe-theatre. The cafe is open full-time, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. They have daily soups and dinner specials and delicious lunches at reasonable prices. They also have my favorite dessert — the chocolate fudge cake that tastes so good with a big glass of milk. Stop by the **Meetinghouse** — on Charles St. at Mt. Vernon — and enjoy their fine theatre productions too!

Fag Rag's February/March '78 issue is out and it is an important issue. For those of you who were interested in **Tom Reeves' Speaking Out** about "Boy-Love" in **GCN** a few weeks ago, don't miss his epic biographical piece in **Fag Rag's** emergency supplement, called **Of Boys & Baltimore**. In addition to sharing some of his insights into the politics of sex between men and boys, Tom tells the story of his early experiences with boys in East Baltimore. **Fag Rag** also includes an article by **Charley Shively** on organizing in the gay movement, an article called "The Rolling Stones and the Gay Sensibility" by **Loftin Elvey, Jr.**, as well as their usual abundance of excellent poetry. Don't miss this important issue!

The **Newbury St. Theater** which brought us *Working* and *Footholds*, is opening their new production **The Pushcart War** on February 4. The play focuses on a rebellion of a city's pushcart peddlers and children over a takeover of the city streets by trucks. Performances are Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the **Newbury Street Theater** at 565 Boylston St. near Copley Square. For more info call 261-8894. . . . **Maxine Klein's Little Flags Theatre Co.** opens **Winds of The People (Vientos del Pueblo)**, a "musical cantata" of people's struggles throughout the world, from Chile to China, from the USSR to the USA. The show opens February 4 and runs Saturdays at 8:00 through February 24. Call 354-9466 for ticket information. . . . And down in New York City, at **The Glines** in Soho, composer/author **Ned Rorem**, will hold a reading and discussion on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. A two dollar donation will be asked. . . .



Maxine Klein

Television time! On Sunday evening, January 29, at 9pm, **All in the Family** faces homosexuality again. This time Archie finds out that Edith's late cousin Liz had a roommate who was also her lover. Don't miss it. . . . And all week at 11am, Monday through Friday, on **Not For Women Only**, Channel 56, the shows will focus on gay people. **Frank Field** and **Lynn Redgrave** are hosts and Wednesday's show, February 1, will give a look at **Parents of Gays**. Take a coffee break and catch the show. . . .

Finally! **Gay U.S.A.**, hailed all over America as an excellent portrait of the gay experience in contemporary America, will be shown at the **Orson Welles Cinema** in Cambridge. Shows are on Friday and Saturday nights, February 3 & 4, and are only at the midnight shows. This time, hit the disco early and join the crowds at the **Welles**. . . .



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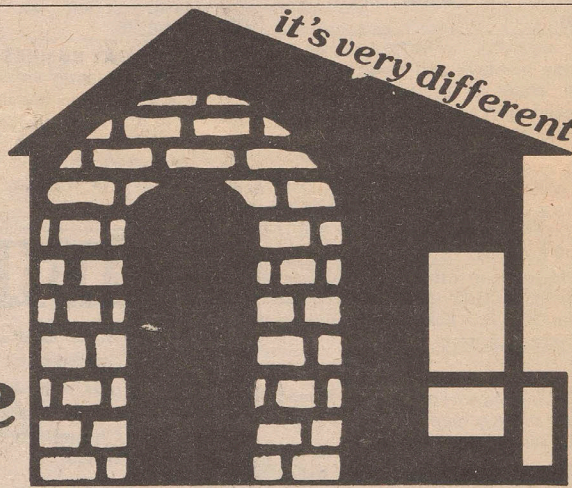
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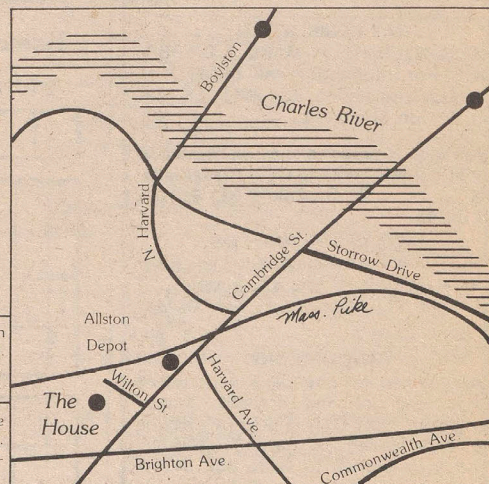
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personals

MOUSIE, MOUSIE, PH D
It's nice to have a snow day and snuggle. The hell with the psychological novel. All my love, Porcupine.

ELGIN
I looked for the issue you wanted. It doesn't exist. No one wrote up your meetings after the fact. What negligence. Sorry. N.

PITTY-PAT
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GWF sks GWM for gentle sex, see if we can get "cured" together. GCN Box 85.

ATTENTION WOMEN!
FOCUS will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at 6:30. We are a group of congenial, hard-working women who put out a lesbian literary journal of which we are very proud. We welcome all women who wish to join us. You need not have writing skills, layout people are particularly needed. Please come to 1151 Massachusetts Ave., (Old Cambridge Baptist Church) Cambridge. For further info call 259-0063. Ask for Judy or Paula.

BUZ
Happy Birthday Love For Ever Me. (3)

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of gay men forming—seeks 2-4 men Boston area. Prefer those age 25-40 who are not newly out. 367-1828 or 868-1546. 6 to 10 pm only.

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job op

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New bar needs doorman, waiter or waitress, + bartender. Start immediately. Apply in person only. 1st fl., Citadel, 22 Avery St., Mon or Tues Jan 16 or 17 between noon and 3pm. (28+)

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25, slender, black hair, brown eyes. Interested in gay news and rights. Please write Charles Fowler, 145-539, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (32)

I would like to correspond with anyone that can find time. 19, WM, 5'11", 155, black hair, blue eyes. Enjoy pool, dancing, swimming. William R. Lamson 051569, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091 (32)

Gay, lonely, write me. Harvey B. Roberts, 029601, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (32)

22, light brown hair, blue eyes, 5'6". Seek correspondence with sincere persons. Please write Steve Brown 044526, P.O. Box 667, Bushnell, FL 33513, F-232/ (32)

27, brown hair, brown eyes, 135, 5'6". Will respond to all. Phillip Edward Peppers 028275, Union Correctional Institution E-46, P.O. Box 221, Raiford, FL 32083. (32)

Lonely prisoner, seeks penpals. Raymond W. Watford 021139, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091 (32)

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organizations

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Quick Gay Guide

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Am Tikva 524-1890, 628-3986
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141 491-0968
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-1081, 354-8807
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 742-8020
CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian women and gay men (now being developed) P.O. Box 398, Allston, MA 02134 277-2484
Closet Space WCAS (740 AM) 380 Green St., Cambridge 02139 492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138 661-3633
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114 536-6518
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
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 492-3353
Gay AlAnon (alcoholics) 843-5300
Gay AlAnon, Greater Boston 471-6884
Gay Business Ass'n (Job Bank), 102 Charles St., Boston MA 02114 Suite 129 739-2200
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Education Service (Human Achievement Foundation), P.O. Box 398, Allston 02134 277-2484
Gay Hotline 3-12pm, Mon.-Fri. 426-9371
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus) P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02117 742-4811
73 Tremont St., Rm 224
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900 (X2396)
Gay Professional Women's Assn., Box 308, Boston U. 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, 90.9FM) 353-2790
Gay Youth Advocates 70 Charles St. 523-0368
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn. 498-2014
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
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. 1165, Framingham, MA 01701.
Nites and weekends 877-8550
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center,

46 Pleasant St., Cambridge MA (Meets Thurs., 8pm.)
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788
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, 661-6358
National Organization for Women 267-6160
New Words Bookstore 876-5310
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Ell Ctr. Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers, transsexuals and gender dysphorics, 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 Universalists 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)

Dignity Merrimack Valley P.O. Box 348, Lowell 08853
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm)
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-5370
Montachusettts Gay Alliance Box 262, Fitchburg 01420 342-5963
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 442-9450
Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060 584-4580
Everywomen'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
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student Union, UMass, Amherst, J1002 545-0154
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
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amith Sta., New Haven 06525
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
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
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center, U-118, University of CT, Storrs 06268 486-4738
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 UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union, U of CT, Storrs 06268 527-2656
Yalebians, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Wesleyan Gay Alliance 635-3035

RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 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. 272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

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, U of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 863-1236

NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)

Ass'n of Gay Social Workers, c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center, 110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U., 10027 280-2574
Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn 11217 789-8176/499-1060
Gay Switchboard, Box 805, Madison Sq. Sta., 10010 777-1800
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway 925-2619
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017 758-1905
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St. 10011 242-1212
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., 10017
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., rm 506 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097
Tri-base Collective 533-4492
West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. 675-0143

NEW YORK (STATE)

Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus), 34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm), 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518)462-6138
Capital District Gay Political Caucus, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester 42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St., Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 University Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640 14614 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640 or 244-9030
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Lesbian Resource Center, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716)244-9030
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914)473-3857

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