

CALENDAR

We've expanded our calendar to include monthly listings. The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

1 sat

Boston — MASS DEMONSTRATION to protest the entrapment arrests at the Boston Public Library! 1pm in front of the BPL, Copley Square. Bring a sign.

Cambridge, MA — A benefit concert for Men Against Sexism, a men's music collective will take place at 8pm at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$3 at the door or \$2.50 in advance at Redbook. Proceeds will help defray the production costs of recording the group's first album. Childcare will be provided by the Men's Childcare Collective.

Cambridge, MA — Gay folkdancing, 7-9pm. Phillips Brooks House, 3rd floor, Harvard Yard.

2 sun

Cambridge — Closet Space (WCAS 740am) An absolutely insane April Fool's show.

Boston — The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will feature British Gay U-U Dudley Cate, 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

New Haven, CT — Tea Dance at the Gypsy Bar, 204 York St. (behind Yale Daily News). Presented by Gay Alliance/Yalebians. 5-8pm. \$1 donation.

4 tues

Boston — ****MCC/GCN Benefit Variety Show! Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., 8pm. For ticket info: 426-4469 or 523-7664

Storrs, CT — A forum on "Counseling and Health Issues in Gay Life Styles" will begin the Gay Awareness Week sponsored by the UConn Gay Alliance. 7:30pm. Commons 310, UConn. For more info, call (203) 486-2273.

NYC — "Death in Venice": The book, the movie, the opera will be discussed by Richard Plant, known for his writings and talks on Nazi treatment of gays. 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

5 wed

Storrs, CT — "Coming Out to Parents," a forum sponsored by the UConn Gay Alliance. Student Union 217. 7:30 pm.

Boston — Gore Vidal talks about "Sex and Politics in Massachusetts." A benefit for the Boston/Boise Committee. \$5 at the door. 7pm. Arlington Street Church.

Central Falls, RI — Intro. meeting for women's softball team. 7:30pm, Marti's Lounge, 174 Railroad St.

NYC — Spring Social & Dance at the gay Women's West Side. 8:30pm. \$3. donation. For women only. 37 Ninth Ave.

6 thurs

NYC — Betty Friedan and the Lesbian Role in the Feminist Movement. Gay Women's Alternative, the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

Storrs, CT — NGTF co-chairperson Bruce Voeller will speak on Gay Rights. 8pm. Commons 310, UConn.

Atlanta, GA — The Ninth National Conference on Women and the Law will feature a number of workshops on the legal rights of lesbians. For more info, call (404) 542-7669.

Boston — CLEARSPACE is offering a free introductory session to their "Inside the Gay Experience" course. 7pm at Somewhere, 2nd floor, 295 Franklin St. Call 277-0966.

Cambridge — Meeting to plan Mother's Day demonstration in support of lesbian mothers. Cambridge Women's Center, 45 Pleasant St. 6-8pm.

7 fri

Amherst, MA — Disco sponsored by the People's Gay Alliance at UMass. 9pm-1am, 10th floor of the Campus Center, UMass. \$1 donation.

Providence, RI — Gay Rights Rally. List Aud. College St., Brown Univ., 8pm. Bruce Voeller of NGTF will speak.

Delaware Water Gap, PA — PRIDE '78 Gay Conference. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities and the Penn. Rural Gay Caucus. Featuring workshops, entertainment and speakers Elaine Noble and Bruce Voeller. Call (717) 697-3482 or (215) 437-2642 or write Pride '78, P.O. Box 552, Lancaster, PA 17604 for info.

New Haven, CT — Gay Alliance/Yalebians presents Gay USA, a 73-minute color documentary. \$1 donation. 7:30pm. Davies Aud. in Becton Center, Prospect near Grove.

8 sat

Boston — We Are, Women's Educational and Resource Enterprises, is sponsoring a two-day Assertiveness Training workshop at the Lenox Hotel. Info: 277-5944.

Cambridge — Gay folkdancing. 3-6pm. Peabody Rm, 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.

9 sun

Boston — The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will welcome Steve Mehalko of the Gay Health Collective who will speak on "Staying Healthy and Gay". 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

Boston — Gary Ralph will speak on the "Nazi Persecution of Gays" at the B.U. Hillel, 233 Bay State Rd. 3pm.

Boston — Closet Space (WCAS 740 am) Gay mental health issues will be discussed with staff from the Homophile Community Health Service. Guests are Shirley Johnson, Bob Andrews and Kevin McGurr. 9am.

Boston — A women's music series at Club '76. Shirley Sherwood, lesbian feminist songwriter and guitarist will be featured from 5-9pm. No cover. Info: 542-3377.

Augusta, ME — Maine Gay Men meeting. Contact Box 893, Waterville, ME 04901.

Amherst, MA — Men and Masculinity Conference. 1-8pm at the Campus Center, UMass. Co-sponsored by the People's Gay Alliance. Contact Southwest Men's Center, JFK Lobby, UMass, Amherst 01003 for info.

11 tues

NYC — "The Gay Novel: Onward and Upward." Patricia Nell Warren, author of *The Front Runner*, will discuss her new lesbian novel, *The Beauty Queen*. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St. 8:30pm.

Amherst, MA — Radical feminist Andrea Dworkin speaks on "Protective Oppression: What the Right Offers Women". Distinguished Visitors Program, UMass, Mahar Aud. 8pm.

Boston — Behind the Badge (WBUR 90.9fm) Discussion about the problems which homosexuals and prostitutes face along with the state regulations affecting both groups. 11pm.

12 wed

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex organizational meeting. Call 877-8550 for directions and info.

NYC — "Can You Have A Good Relationship Without Living Together?" Discussion at the gay Women's West Side. 8:30pm. 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

13 thurs

Boston — CLEARSPACE presents "Living as a Lesbian Woman" discussion support group. Free. For info call Marty at 646-8598.

NYC — A speaker on Coming of Age in the Lesbian Movement, the Gay Women's Alternative, Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

14 fri

Cambridge — Women's Music from the West. Woody Simmons and Nancy Vogl will be in concert at Paine Hall, Harvard Univ. at 8pm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Women's Community Health. \$3.50 donation. Free Childcare will be provided (call in advance, 547-1378).

Boston — Final concert appearance and reception for David and Julia, at Bourbon Street. Chamber orchestra accompaniment. Ticket info: 261-2054.

15 sat

Boston — Celebrate Spring Fever Disc Dance, sponsored by Gays at MIT. 9-1am. MIT Student Center, 84 Mass. Ave. \$2 admission. Free w/MIT/Wellesley ID.

New Brunswick, NJ — Statewide Conference on the Problems & Progress in the Struggle for Gay Rights. Will feature speakers and workshops. 10am-5pm. Rutgers Student Center, College Ave. Sponsored by New Jersey Gay Coalition. For info call— New Brunswick: 932-7886. Newark: 481-1197. Hackensack: 343-6402. Montclair: 746-6196, evenings.

16 sun

Boston — CLEARSPACE is sponsoring 2 separate Health Massage workshops. 10am-3pm. 277-0966 for details.

Central Falls, RI — The Gay Community Services of RI are planning a spaghetti supper at Marti's Lounge, 174 Railroad St. \$3. admission

17 mon

Boston — Dignity Bake Sale, 10am. onward. Arlington St. Church 355 Boylston St.

20 thurs

NYC — Midge Costanza, liaison and aide to President Carter, will speak at the Gay Women's Alternative. The Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

25 tues

NYC — "Working for Gay Rights: The Role of the Media". WBAI-FM commentator Frank Richter will discuss the media's place in the gay rights struggle. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St. 8:30pm.

28 fri

Boston — Maine to Maryland Women's Conference. Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Workshops, seminars and open discussions. Park Plaza Hotel. For info, contact Polly Logan (617) 227-2478.

27 thurs

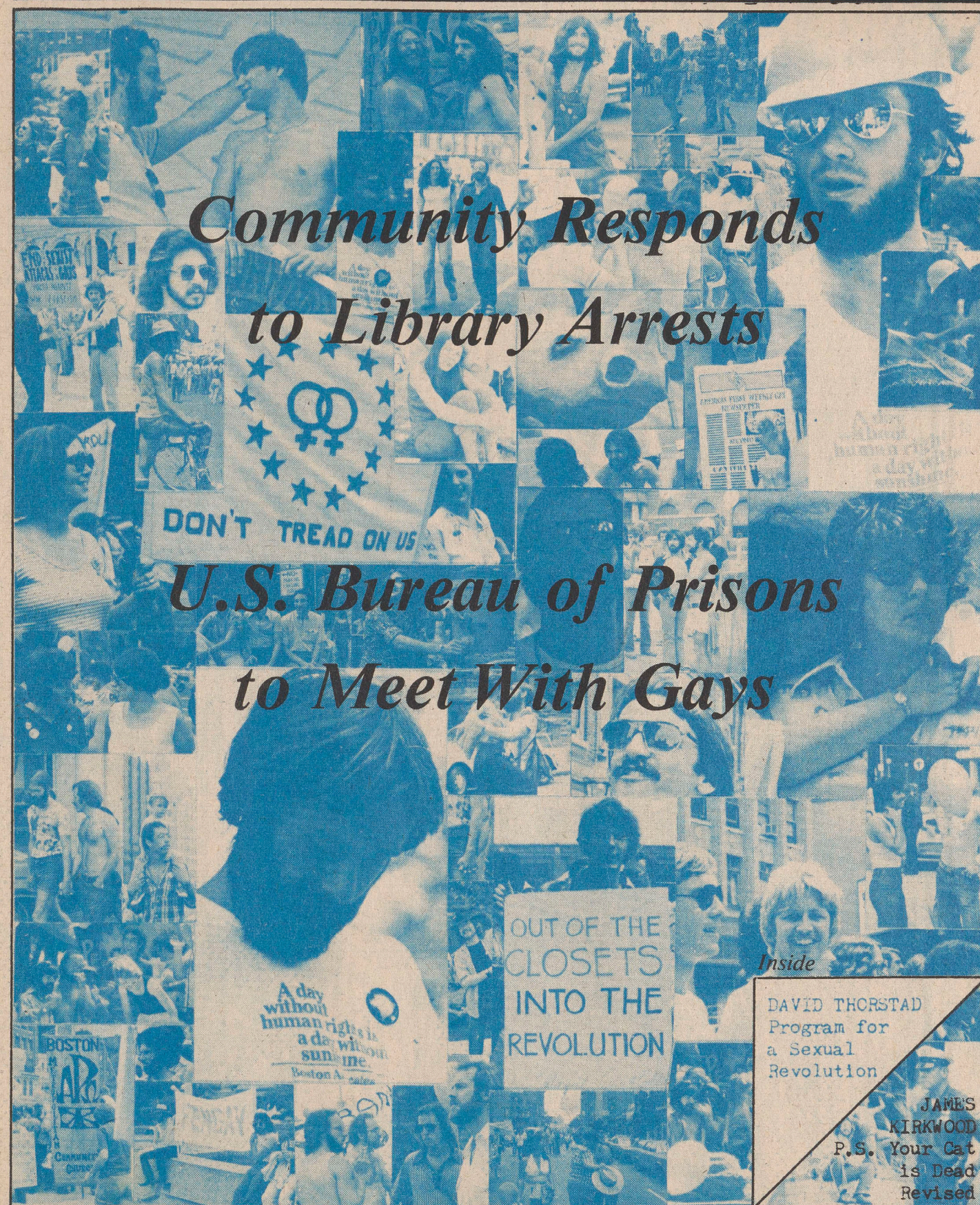
NYC — Bertha Harris will speak on "The Joy of Lesbian Sex" at the Gay Women's Alternative. The Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

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Community Responds to Library Arrests

By David Brill

BOSTON — Intense community response to the massive entrapment arrests at the Boston Public Library surfaced last week on several different fronts. The most significant of these was a community meeting — attended by more than 100 persons — at the GCN office on March 29 to air the issues involved in the library situation (see GCN, last week) and outline possible avenues of action.

Demonstration Voted

There was near unanimous support among those present for a demonstration against the Boston Police and the Public Library. The event has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 1, 1978, at 1:00 p.m., on the Boylston Street side of the library.

The crowd was divided as to the

goals of the demonstration. Rev. Ed Hougen of Metropolitan Community Church made repeated, impassioned pleas that the community not make the defense of public sex an issue, although others, such as Lee Stone of the Boston/Boise Committee, contended that the library arrests were but one front of a multi-fronted political war against gay people in the Boston area. Ken Withers, former co-ordinator of Boston Advocates for Human Rights, suggested that the community enlist the aid of library employees, who, Withers said, "would not want the Boston Public Library to be known as the capital of gay harassment in New England."

There was strong support voiced by most of those present for repeated demonstrations, if necessary, to counter the police harassment at the

library. Charley Shively of *Fag Rag* said that the community should approach library officials and demand that the library increase its services to the gay community in the form of more gay books, periodicals, and records, support for the Gay Pride Week events in June, and even a "gay alcove" specifically for the use of gay patrons of the library.

Outside the Gay Community

Michael Scully, legislative aide to State Rep. Mel King (D-South End), addressed the meeting and stated that Rep. King would be willing to meet with library and police officials on behalf of the gay community to attempt to put a stop to the entrapment arrests.

A resolution was also distributed from Sanford Latner, chairperson of the Social Action Committee of the

Arlington Street Church, urging Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti, Mayor Kevin H. White, and Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan to take action to protect the rights of men who wish to use the library. The committee statement said, "There seems to exist in the city of Boston a growing climate of over-reaction and hysteria against gay people in general, including previous patterns of harassment by some police personnel."

Also in attendance at the meeting were four Boston lawyers who are representing many of the arrested men: Attorneys John Ward, Nancy Gertner, Andrew Weiss, and John Reinstein, general counsel to the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. Three attorneys from the Massachusetts Defenders Committee — John Cunha, John Salzburg, and Pamela Hattem — who

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Carlson Agrees to 'Sensitivity Training'

U.S. Bureau of Prisons to Meet With Gays

NEW YORK — Norman A. Carlson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, at a top-level meeting held at the Justice Department on March 16, pledged that National Gay Task Force representatives and other members of the national gay community will be included among those conducting sensitivity-training sessions for prison staff at upcoming seminars in Atlanta, Dallas and Denver. He also offered representatives of the gay community the opportunity to go through these staff-training sessions as full participants, and mentioned the possibility that additional sensitivity-training sessions on the concerns of gay inmates might eventually be held at the 38 Federal prisons themselves.

Among those participating in the Washington meeting, along with NGTF Co-Executive Director Jean O'Leary, were Presidential Assistant Midge Costanza and Asst. Attorney General Patricia Wald. "It was a most important and encouraging first step in our relationship with the Bureau of Prisons," O'Leary said, "and we account it among the most productive sessions we've had with Federal agencies to date."

Another direct result of the meeting was a promise by Carlson to appoint a member of his staff to deal directly with complaints from gay inmates, particularly from those who fear or have experienced sexual assaults, and to act as a liaison with the gay community. A promise was also made to supply NGTF with full details of Bureau guidelines on classification of prisoners, parole recommendations and the like; and statistics on segregation and recreational facilities.

Handy To Head Prison Project

In order to evaluate materials received from the Bureau as well as complaints received from inmates in Federal and state prison facilities, and to continue the process of negotiation with prison authorities, NGTF is establishing a prison project, to be headed by Carolyn Handy, who was also present at the meeting.

Handy, a resident of Washington, D.C., and a seven-year employee of a Federal agency, is a co-founder of the National Organization of Black Women, a member of the board of directors of the National Women's Education Fund and a member of the National Women's Political Caucus. She

is also a former Onondaga County (N.Y.) Human Rights Commissioner and Area Commissioner for the New York Governor's Area Council.

Goal Is 'End to Violence'

In addition to the meeting's concrete results, NGTF representatives were heartened by Carlson's emphasis on the fact that the Bureau of Prisons and the National Gay Task Force have "a mutual goal, to eliminate violence in prisons," and his suggestion that the Bureau will shortly be revising its manuals to reflect its understanding that prison rape is not a "homosexual" problem, but a problem related to violence in general.

The Bureau's position has been that dissemination of gay-oriented materials in the prisons, and visitation by gay ministers would contribute to violence by identifying prisoners as gay, and no discussions of these issues took place at the meeting since they are currently in litigation, but NGTF representatives came away with the impression that the Bureau's increased understanding of the nature of sexual assaults in prisons represents an important first step toward resolving the issues which still divide the Bureau and

the gay community. GCN is a plaintiff in a lawsuit to force a change in Bureau policy.

Also present at the meeting, representing the gay community, were David Rothenberg, Executive Director of the Fortune Society and former NGTF board chairperson; The Rev. Troy Perry, moderator and Elder, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches; Nan Hunter of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; and Robert Arthur and John Wahl, attorneys representing the Metropolitan Community Church Prison Project.

On the government side, also in attendance were Robert Maulsorn of the President's Domestic Council; Eric Richard of the Department of Justice, Marilyn Haft and Seymour Wishman, assistants to Ms. Costanza; Curtis Sitterson, representing the Bureau's General Counsel; and Dr. Peter Nacci, who is conducting a sexuality study for the Bureau, and who will be meeting with representatives of NGTF and the gay community next month.

Hartford Hears Testimony on Gay Rights Bill

By Eric Gordon

HARTFORD — According to the weatherperson, spring arrived in Hartford, Conn., on Monday, March 20 at 6:34 p.m. But gay people here didn't need a weatherperson to feel the gust of fresh air at a hearing on the proposed gay rights ordinance before the City Council that night at 7:30. For three hours, council members heard the testimony of 30 speakers for the ordinance. Three hundred people

attended the hearing, more than had been to a council meeting in years.

Some speakers had been lined up by the Hartford chapter of the Connecticut Gay Task Force. These included representatives of the YWCA, the Caucus of Connecticut Democrats, psychiatrists, lawyers and social service professionals, as well as spokespeople for Dignity, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, and Metropolitan Community Church.

Opposing the ordinance were a

dozen Blue Berets, mostly women followers of a right-wing "faithful and true" Roman Catholic visionary in New York City named Veronica Lueken. The group customarily appears to picket and protest "immorality" wherever they see it, including the new "humanism" within the Catholic Church. Revealing their ignorance on the subject of homosexuality, the Blue Berets lectured the City Council members on alcoholism and VD among homosexuals, child seduction and

homosexuals as teachers.

One ordinance opponent read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah from the Bible and warned that Hartford could face a similar fate. Another reminded the Council members that "You will face your Maker at some time," suggesting that a "no" vote would help assure a spot in Heaven. Several speakers called for a public referendum on the ordinance.

Only three speakers other than the

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News Notes

GAY VICTORY IN TEXAS

FORT WORTH, TX — The Fort Worth Police Department has agreed to a judicial decree following a civil suit filed by gay activists as the result of police harassment at the Texas Gay Conference in 1974. (See GCN, Feb. 18, Vol. 5, No. 32) The police department was enjoined from conducting any surveillance of non-criminal activity of gay people, from maintaining files dealing with non-criminal activity, and from harassing the plaintiffs or other gay people in the absence of any actual criminal activity.

U.S. District Court Judge Edward B. Mahon, further ordered the police department to destroy all records of any non-criminal activity by the plaintiffs, and pay all costs incurred by them in the prosecution of the suit.

THE \$10,000 ANSWER

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's annual gay parade has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the city's Hotel Tax Fund to partially finance this year's Gay Freedom Day Parade to be held on June 25. Roger Boas, the city's chief Administrative Officer, announced the award two weeks ago, in an action which ends a long-standing feud between the city and the gay community. In prior years, funds were denied to the gay parade — the largest annual event in San Francisco — because it was allegedly "too political."

The city award represents 40% of the estimated \$25,000 cost for the parade and fair. The rest of the money will have to be raised by the community. Donations to this year's parade are tax-deductible because the Pride Foundation is acting as the funding agent.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

BOSTON — A weekend of workshops, seminars, and open discussions for women "expanding and exploring new challenges" will be held at the Park Plaza in Boston from Friday evening, April 28, through Sunday afternoon, April 30. Among those invited to speak at the various workshops and seminars are Ambassador Shirley Temple Black, President Matine Horner of Radcliffe College, and Dr. Anne Jardim and Dr. Margaret Hennig, authors of *Managerial Women*. Workshops and discussions will center on women in the job market, women in professional careers, and women in politics.

For further information, contact Polly Logan, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02138, (617) 227-2478.

PHILLY POLITICS

PHILADELPHIA — The Walt Witman Democratic Club is supporting the candidacy of a pro-gay Baptist minister, Rev. Bill Gray, for the Second Congressional District. WWDC is also organizing a voter registration drive to be held in April in the Spruce Street area of the city. For further information, contact Jeff Britton, president, at 1719 Rodman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, or call (215) 735-0904.

ALASKA UNCOOL

ANCHORAGE — The Copper River School Board has adopted a morals policy prohibiting homosexuality and cohabitation by school department employees. Job applicants must make a statement that they are not gay before they are hired.

In another Anchorage school, Michelle Lish, a gay elementary school teacher, has been transferred to a non-teaching post after school board attempts to fire her were blocked in court. A proposed new bill presently before the Alaska legislature would repeal the state's law against homosexual acts, which have been on the books since 1899.

GAY PARENT CUSTODY/ VISITATION PROJECT

BOSTON — The Anti-Sexism committee of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Lawyers Guild is sponsoring a Gay Parent Custody/Visitation Project in Boston this summer. The project will bring interns to Boston to train community people to staff a Gay Parent Custody/Visitation Center. Trainees will be trained in the areas of custody/visitation law, women abuse law, welfare law, food stamps, and how to choose a lawyer. Lesbians and gay men who are interested in being trained are asked to make a commitment of two evenings per week for six to eight weeks this summer, and one evening per week staffing the center for one year beginning in the fall. Those interested should contact Nancy Shilepsky at (617) 282-1778.

ENDORISING THE ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, DC — More than 60 high school newspapers in the Washington area have refused to accept an advertisement from the local gay bookstore, Lambda Rising. Even the editors of the two newspapers that did accept the ads — Paint Branch High School's *Main Street* and Charles Woodward's *Advocate* — are now expressing second thoughts. At Langley High School, the staff of the *Saxon Scope* wanted to run the ad, but they were overruled by faculty advisor Hud Clark, who said it would be tantamount to "endorsing the activity."

LUCKETT ARRESTED

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL — Roger Luckett, a leader in Florida's gay community, was arrested on March 8 on charges of selling \$1,000 worth of cocaine to undercover police officers. He was held at the Broward County Jail on \$45,000 bond. A friend of his, 33-year-old Edward Bray, was arrested at the same time for conspiring to sell marijuana.

The 46-year-old gay businessman was a candidate for the Fort Lauderdale City Commission last year.

SWEDEN CHANGES?

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The Swedish government has asked parliament to lower the ages of consent for homosexual acts from 18 to 15. Meanwhile, the Swedish Federation for Sexual Equality has launched a kingdom-wide boycott of imported citrus products to let the world know of "the universal struggle for gay rights."

RACISM AND SEXISM SEMINARS

CHICAGO — A series of four seminars on racism and sexism will be held in Chicago during the months of April and May. Each seminar will consist of consciousness raising, speakers, and small discussion groups. The seminars are being sponsored by the Gay Horizons Coffeehouse, Dignity/Chicago, Metropolitan Community Church, Gay Academic Union, Blazing Star, and the Women's Institute.

The dates set for the seminars are April 15 and 29th and May 13 and 27th. All will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Center Stage, 3730 N. Clark. Interested persons may attend any one or more of them. For more information about the seminars call (312) 525-6622.

GREECE SLIPS

ATHENS, Greece — The Greek Ministry of Public Order and Social Services, is preparing a bill to propose the deportation of the country's gay population. The bill provides for one year's imprisonment for first offenders and deportation for a second offense.

SWIFT KICK

CRANSTON, RI — "I fully support your efforts in keeping the traditional values intact," said Rhode Island congressional candidate John C. Swift, in a letter to Anita Bryant last week. Swift, who is seeking the Republican nomination to oppose U.S. Rep. Edward P. Beard in the Second Congressional District, invited Bryant to campaign in Rhode Island with him "to speak out on the homosexual issue that you are so well informed."

"Even if you don't come to Rhode Island, please don't stop your crusade," continued Swift, who failed as an independent candidate for Governor two years ago. "God only knows we need more people like yourself to stand up for what they believe in and in your case good moral standards that are needed by a vast majority."

Swift told the *Providence Journal* that he is not "trying to invade people's privacy" but added that he felt homosexuals should not be allowed to be public school teachers.

A NON-ISSUE

TORONTO, Ontario — Gay rights "is a non-issue" said Dorothy Crittenden, the new chairperson of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. "Almost no cases come to the Commission for discrimination on that ground." When asked by the *Body Politic* whether she thought gay people may be reticent to file complaints because of fear of retribution, Crittenden said, "I don't believe that people don't like to come to the Commission or are afraid to."

Crittenden's predecessor, Dr. Thomas Symons, authored a report for the Ontario Human Rights Commission recently which stated, "There can be no doubt that homosexual men and women suffer from frequent and extensive discrimination because of their sexual orientation."

CETA SUIT

MIAMI — Gay activists filed suit in U.S. District Court here on March 3 to force reinstatement of a \$55,000 grant to the Transperience Center, a counseling and growth center which describes itself as "like a domestic Peace Corps" with a heavy gay clientele. The South Florida Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) consortium first granted the money, then rescinded it after it came under pressure from "fundamentalist religious groups in Dade County," according to clinical director Alan Rockway.

PRIDE POSTER CONTEST

BOSTON — The Steering Committee of Boston's Gay Pride Week '78 has announced a contest for the design of this year's parade and carnival posters. Anyone may enter a proposed design, which should combine the theme of celebration and human rights. The design should entail no more than two colors of ink in addition to black, and one halftone photograph. Designs submitted should be no smaller than 8½"x11" and no larger than 17"x22". They should be submitted to Sue's City Diner, next to Chaps on Blagden St. in Boston on or before Thursday, April 27. The publicity committee will announce the winner after the weekend of April 28. The committee reserves the right to make changes in the submitted copy. Further information may be obtained by writing to Gay Pride, Box 93, Hanover Street Station, Boston, Mass. 02113.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

BANGOR, PA — "Gay and Christian" is the title of an ecumenical conference to be held from June 8-11 at Kirkridge, a mountain retreat and study center on the Appalachian Trail. Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Barbara Gittings, Nancy Krody, Robert Raines, and Rev. John McNeil are listed as leaders of the conference. The cost for the event is \$110, for which a limited number of partial scholarships are available. For further information, contact Kirkridge, Bangor, Pennsylvania 18013, (215) 588-1793.

NYC Plan for Gay Rights Bill

NEW YORK — The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) is stepping up its campaign to pass a gay rights bill in the City Council, planning a march and rally on Sunday, April 16, as a focal point. The marchers will assemble at 12:30 at Columbus Circle on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

"We are expecting a gay rights bill to be introduced into the City Council during the first week of April," said David Thorstad, a spokesperson for CLGR.

A letter writing campaign is underway, he said. The Coalition is setting up tables in targeted Council districts to urge constituents to write their Council representatives in support of the bill.

CLGR is also calling upon all organizations supporting lesbian and gay rights to sponsor activities during the week of April 9-16 which they are designating as "Gay Rights Week."

April 4 is the expected date for the gay bill's introduction in the Council, the bill's sponsors claim. I'm told that the last time the sponsors tried to schedule a meeting about the bill, not enough of them showed up to even have the meeting. At the beginning of the year, Councilmember Stern was

telling the press that "gay leaders" wanted to delay the bill's introduction until later in the year. Of course, the Coalition was demonstrating on Jan. 1 at Koch's inauguration pressing for passage of a gay rights bill, as well as for the Mayor's delivery on his promised executive order. Apparently Stern and others like him have appointed a few secretive individuals as *their* gay leaders, disregarding the demands of the broad gay community. It appears that this lame attempt to stall the bill is still in effect by our administration "friends."

These stall tactics originated with Stern and members of the Study Group and National Gay Task Force "leaders" even before Koch took office. They even considered trying to railroad the bill through the Council last December in the final days of ex-Mayor Beame, possibly to spare Koch the scandal. Fortunately, the scheme went no further than backroom sessions.

Mayor Koch can't escape his responsibility for the bill's delay, either. Koch could have changed the composition of Aileen Ryan's homophobic Welfare Committee to insure that the bill could at least reach the floor of the

general Council, had he wished to do so. Koch's aide Rickman was never condemned by our friendly administration for Red-baiting Coalition representatives as "Trotskyites." Of course, the Coalition never received an apology, either.

Some of the sponsors of the bill urge not to move "too fast" with it, otherwise Thomas Cuite will kill it in the Council. Since "behind the scenes" is the way these people like to play, one would think that our friend Koch could apply some "behind" pressure to Cuite to prevent such a death from occurring. However, considering the way certain "gay" groups are lining up with the administration, it is quite possible they are laying the groundwork to blame the Coalition for the bill's defeat, should such an event occur.

One activist told me he's "amazed at the apathy among gay groups who don't consider the bill serious or urgent." In the past, he said, he's "not had to deal with gays obstructing things."

Jim Levin, of the Gay Independent Democrats, successfully obtained endorsements for the Coalition's statement of purpose from both the

New Democratic Coalition and the New York State Americans for Democratic Action. Quite an achievement, to say the least. Interestingly, the NYADA endorsed the statement of purpose, but held-off on actually joining the Coalition as a member group. Interesting because, I'm told, the straights who were present were all in favor of joining, while it was the gays who opposed the move. They wanted to stall "until they knew more." Levin will probably be successful in getting them to join if he can work around the gay stallers.

A New York City coalition of gay student groups is in the process of forming. Two preliminary discussions have already taken place among representatives from Columbia, Baruch, Barnard, and Hunter College. Other metropolitan groups are also expected to participate. They plan to share information on ways to increase their campus memberships and develop support systems to deal with student governments, administrations, and campus projects. They're planning to conduct letter writing campaigns on behalf of the gay rights bill and to organize for participation in CLGR's April 16 demonstration.

Lesbian Mothers Plan National Mother's Day Demonstrations

By Nancy Wechsler

BOSTON — Demonstrations are planned throughout the country during Mother's Day weekend supporting the strengths, struggles and demands of lesbian mothers. The nationwide demonstrations are being called by the Seattle-based Lesbian Mother National Defense Fund and New York City's Dykes and Tykes.

New York City Dykes and Tykes describes itself as an organization of Lesbian mothers, their lovers and children, lesbians involved in the child care and teaching professions, and lesbians who wish to be involved with children in the lesbian community. They are organizing a cultural/political rally on Mother's Day that will "cele-

brate Lesbian motherhood but also include speakers on abortion, sterilization abuse, and the removal of children from Native American and other Third World families." On Monday, the day after Mother's Day, they plan a noon to 2 p.m. picket in front of Family Court in Manhattan.

Dykes and Tykes believes that fighting through the courts alone is a losing battle. They feel it is important to organize publicly in support of lesbian mothers. "Especially now when the right wing is organizing against Lesbians, Gay men, women and Third World people. It is important to call on the lesbian, gay, feminist and progressive communities to make the issue of

Lesbian Mothers public and to demand an end to child custody attacks. While our demonstrations and rallies will relate specifically to lesbian mothers we wish to put it in the context of who the state allows to bear and keep children and why attacks are being made on Lesbians, Third World women and poor women."

In addition to issues specific to lesbian mothers, Dykes and Tykes' list of demands for the Mother's Day demonstration include issues that they feel "most progressive people would support." That list includes universal free childcare, readily available free health care, full medicaid coverage including abortions, the resources to feed, clothe

and house our children; full employment, ending of gay firing and discrimination against gays in hiring. They support affirmative action and urge that the Bakke decision, now before the Supreme Court, be overturned.

In Boston, a May 13 rally is being organized for noon on the Boston Common. Organizers envision an afternoon of theatre, music, speeches, and public outreach. The next planning meeting for the Boston demonstration will be on Thursday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. All women interested in working on the demonstration are welcome.

contact

By Dai Thompson

NEW HAVEN — On Wednesday morning, March 22, the IWY Continuing Committee (CC) met in Washington, D.C., for its first business meeting. That afternoon, the committee, which includes at least 16 lesbians, went to the White House to present to President Carter the National Plan of Action, a group of 26 resolutions (including one on Sexual Preference) passed last November at the National Women's Conference in Houston. The main business item passed during the morning session was the creation of an Interim Committee to act as a coordinating body for future CC meetings and other IWY actions. Other business included a comment by Charlotte Bunch regarding the omission of any reference to the Sexual Preference resolution in the press release going out that day. This comment was later made in the form of a resolution by Wilma Scott Heide of Massachusetts. Bella Abzug, chair of the National IWY Commission and presiding chair at the meeting, assured the committee that no such resolution was necessary: the omission was an inadvertent mistake by some unknown person and would be corrected. Obviously, the battle is far from over: far too many "feminists" still seem to try to ignore their lesbian sisters in spite of the over-

whelming support gay rights received in Houston. But at least when an omission is made, an apology is forthcoming: a reaction that probably would not have occurred even a few months ago.

The afternoon's events included waiting in line to be checked into the White House; coffee, tea and cookies served in the lobby; over 300 women crowded into the East Room waiting for the appearance of President Carter — all amidst the occasional cries of baby ERA whose Native American mother went into labor last November during the Houston conference. Finally, many of us were crowded to one side, a path was cleared and President and Mrs. Carter entered the room and mounted a platform already populated with the IWY Commissioners, including Jean O'Leary of the National Gay Task Force. The President gave what seems to be his usual "women's address" and then "introduced" Bella who presented him with a document entitled "The Spirit of Houston," a compendium which included the National Plan of Action, a minority report written by those who opposed the National Plan, and a number of "new business" resolutions that never came up in Houston due to a lack of time.

Following the speeches and presentation, Carter headed into the crowd, shaking hands and grinning as he went. Afterward, we left the East Room and again hit the coffee in the outer lobby. A military chamber group was playing waltzes in the corner. To a couple of lesbians present, the opportunity could not be passed up: dressed in high dyke gear, arms outstretched in proper ballroom fashion, Barbara Love of New

York and Kay Whitlock of Philadelphia began dancing just inside the front portico of the White House! Eyebrows were raised, of course, but amazingly, the musicians did not miss a beat and even the numerous guards positioned around the room seemed to feel that non-interference was their best alternative. The dance ended and a group of us who had collected around the courageous couple, clapped

Law School Bans Anti-Gays

NEW YORK — The faculty of the New York University School of Law voted 28 to 4 on March 7 to ban employers who actively discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation from using the school's placement office.

Law School Dean Norman Redlich said, "These people [gay students] pay tuition which goes toward operating placement services, so this is the only fair thing to do."

Robert Rygor, who organized Gays for Carter in 1976, and who actively campaigned for the University-wide policy, said, "The Law School vote is a loud and clear message to the U.S. military and to anti-gay America: Stay

off our campus until you recognize and respect the rights of all citizens."

The University Senate last month declined to apply the university anti-discrimination statement to any external policies. According to S. Andrew Schaffer, counsel to the university, the issue is "technically still on the table."

Jane Maggin, vice president for student affairs, said other university placement offices would not follow the law school's lead, but rather would continue to interpret the NYU's anti-discrimination policy as applying to internal matters only. "We don't have the resources to find out who's discriminating," she said.

community voices

dignity on BPL

To the Editor:

Dignity/Boston, its Board and Membership, wishes to go on record in voicing its grave concern in regards to the situation at the Boston Public Library.

While we cannot condone, and indeed abhor, solicitation of sex in public places, by either gay or straight, and are further aware that a problem does indeed exist at the Library, we are nonetheless outraged at the methods being used to rectify the situation by police and library officials. We view entrapment to be as much of a crime, in both the legal and moral sense, as the alleged crimes it is designed to correct. In addition, in the process innocent people could be and have been apprehended and those who are actually guilty of solicitation are punished legally, mentally and societally far beyond the culpability of their offense.

We further believe that this situation at its base stands in direct relation by virtue of methods and reaction to the alleged Revere sex ring incidents and should serve as a warning to the entire gay community and as a goad to increased unity among that same community of all of its diverse elements, for there is an increasing possibility of continued incidents of this nature. The pattern is being set. Reason and justice dictate that we be prepared to meet it.

Sincerely,
Patrick Keefe, President
for the Executive Board
of Dignity/Boston

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Dear GCN:

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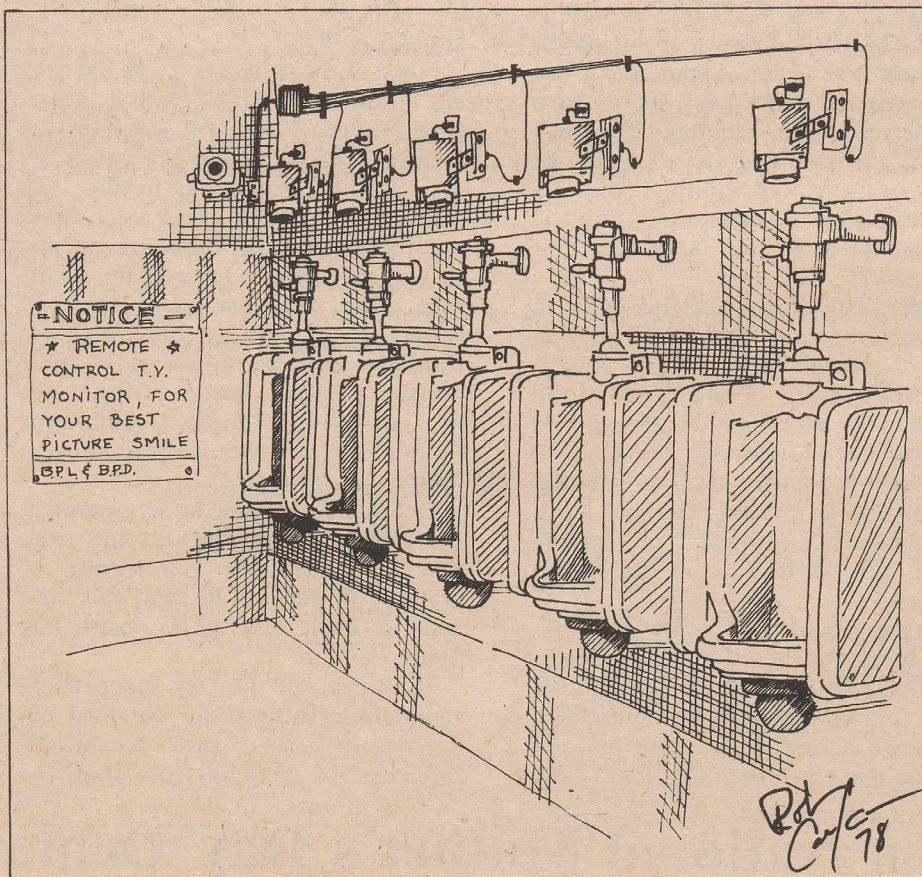
co-existence with men

Dear GCN:

I have been reading this newspaper for over a year and have been made aware through the letters to the Editor that women have seemed to have "missed the boat" concerning the awareness of ourselves as women and lesbians. Our whole system of laws, economics, religion, morals, and values have been made and set up for men by men. Any reliance or relationship with a man by a woman, gay or straight, is embarrassing a system that does not support us as women and in fact discriminates against us.

Women will never be free until we recognize the bias in our systems and refuse to support them. Only then can there be co-existence with men.

J.J.H.
New Hampshire



IS THIS WHERE IT ALL LEADS?

library reference

Dear GCN:

During the past few weeks in the city of Boston the gay community has been forced to focus on the Boston Public Library. For many years men have used the library as a place to meet other men, to talk, and later agree to meet at other places for their own enjoyment. But now it is against the law to even talk to another man in the library! Excuse me, I mean it is against the law to look at another man, to smile and say hello!

For me, a gay male and proud to be gay, the recent events at the library have caused a phobia to arise within me. A phobia of one place. I fear I may not be the only person feeling this way. Other men use the library, both straight and gay. They have a right to use the library without fear of arrest.

As I read the articles in the GCN, Globe and hear and see these things in other media, I wonder very seriously how far the Boston Police are going to go in this matter. I am not ignorant to facts about the BPL and the many misuses of the building. People do meet there, men and women, for whatever their reasons. They may talk, smile, laugh, cry or discuss sex and sexual acts. But I ask, "What is wrong with that?" Since when has it become a crime to verbally relate to other people?

As plainclothes officers make arrests of men in the PBL, how many women were stared-down

by men, or approached by a man or visa-versa during the past few weeks. Were they arrested? Were men and women in the Public Gardens, Boston Common or on Tremont or Washington Streets downtown arrested for kissing or holding hands? These acts are "open and gross lewdness."

It is the right of the management to stop the misuse of the library premises. But the use of entrapment and plainclothes officers is wrong and a threat to the Constitution of the United States. It would seem to me the most appropriate way to handle the situation would be to post police in uniform or maybe installation of surveillance cameras. The cost for these steps would be far less than it is costing the state now.

I therefore ask that all interested persons write letters to newspapers and their Representatives and Senators (Massachusetts & U.S.) The Boston Police Department has gone too far in its right to protect the public. Your support and letters can help stop such acts from ever happening again. Letting these acts continue, only enforces the police's justification to continue.

Remember, the next man arrested COULD BE YOU!!!!

Al Stickney
Boston

DEMONSTRATION

to protest harassment at Boston Public Library, Saturday, April 1, 1978, at 1:00 P.M., Boylston Street side.

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illogical comprehension

To the Editor:

John Kyper's "The Myth of the Common Denominator" (GCN 35) can be best summarized by quoting him directly, "the polemics are thoroughly predictable, and predictably, they go nowhere".

After eight columns, two pages, of moldy, delayed retorts, premeditated distortions and indulgences, he concludes with "Our work is in front of us". Uh, dear John, I am convinced you have the larger share "in front" of you, deservedly, advisedly and urgently!

I could easily have ignored and dismissed it were it not for his quote from a letter I wrote to GCN (9/10/77) during the "Andrea Dworkin" debate. While he doesn't mention my name, the words and sentiments are mine. Kyper stoops to an old and familiar trick of lifting a partial quote, using it out of context, in order to distort the original intent and serve his confused purposes. He smugly suggests that I "unwillingly revealed" my "patronizing (condescending) assessment of women". The partial quote he used is as follows: "For years we (Gay males) indulged lesbians with unwarranted priorities, supportive propaganda and wishful thinking, all in hopes of gaining their increased participation and a reasonable unity."

Now, it should be made clear that all of my remarks about lesbians were explicitly worded and directed to or at "lesbian feminist supremacist separatists" with the exception of the quote he chose to use. My choice of words was deliberate. There is no "unwitting" revelation, for while lesbians are (usually) women, that all inclusive word, "women" does not appear in the quote or anywhere else in the letter (except where I mention the "women's movement" as an alternative for separatists). Furthermore, my "assessment" of "lesbian feminist supremacist separatists" is more like contempt than "patronizing."

It is understandable that Kyper would think in terms of "men" and "women" instead of *people* as his ability to understand Dworkin's anger and "see some truth in what she had written" once again reflects his feminist politics. Stripped of emotion and political rhetoric, feminist separatism goes one step further than male chauvinism and is equally odious. A dubious tactic at best.

I can't help wondering if in light of Kyper's infinite (seemingly) understanding and compassion for the "Andrea Dworkins," there is room for the Anita (bibliomaniac) Bryants, too. After all there are some "truths" in what she says and she, like he, makes selective use of quotes and "facts" with equal disregard for logic and ethics.

He says I remind him of a "white liberal" (referring to the black movement) inferring that I am resentful of women "forming their own movement without" me. Now that's a real knee slapper! I can assure him and others that I am more than willing to let feminist-separatists, male and/or female go their own gay way. Along with other extraneous and self-indulgent factions, they have been a diversionary and devious element.

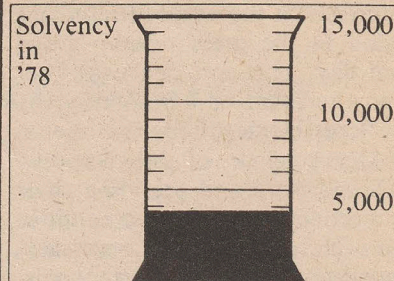
Kyper's own biases are underlined by his astonishment at the suggestion that a lesbian might be "homophobic". Need I say more?

In spite of women's liberation, Gay liberation etcetera, the madonna complex still permeates our culture and Kyper gives us the 70's look in male chivalry.

Yes, some alert, unintimidated males (not "men"), are "threatened" by the "invective" (read: verbal genocide) of the Andrea Dworkins, Jean O'Learys, Leah Fritzs et.al. Similar broad-sweeping, irrational and venomous attacks by Gay males on lesbians I expect would be met by corresponding expressions of alarm and anger. The status of Gay me in our society is hardly privileged; in fact we have always been fair game for detractors and "bashers," a vulnerability some of our lesbian sisters have exploited for their own "feminist" purposes.

Finally, I believe Kyper's confused, illogical comprehension and thinking is a clear example of the distraction that has caused stagnation and pollution of the concept of "Gay liberation."

Rudy Grillo
New York



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speaking out

By Eric Rogers

The March 5, 1978 issue of *National Reader*, a gossip tabloid that sits beside *The Enquirer* and *Star* at many newsstands throughout the country, contained an exciting front page headline — "Most Major Hollywood Stars Are Gay or Bisexual!!!!" Splashed on the cover are photos of Rock Hudson, Shaun and David Cassidy, Liza Minnelli, Shirley Maclaine, Lauren Hutton, Jim Nabors and, last but not least, Lily Tomlin. In the top right hand corner is the subheadline — "Finally Shocking Truth Can Be Told!" The layout is meant to grab your eye and it grabbed mine last Thursday morning in Harvard Square.

This is not a reputable publication and I certainly cannot vouch for the authenticity of the paper's content. It features such exploitive and offensive articles as "Tortured Woman Loses 272 Pounds, Husband, Job, Happiness . . ." "Telly [Savalas] Fears Death So Much He Can't Sleep . . ." "Cancer Will Kill Carter . . ." and "Rosemary Clooney Returns After Bout with Insanity." Despite the nature of these "appealing" pieces, the centerspread on homosexuality in Hollywood brings up some important points in regard to the state of this nation's media.

The article doesn't present any new, juicy tidbits for those of us who have heard the rumors that filter up from New York. We hear about Rock Hudson & Jim Nabors, Julie Christie and Lauren Hutton, Rudolph Valentino, Paul Lynde, and Joan Baez. The article treats Farrah and Lee Majors delicately, discussing "America's best loved superstar couple, who often show up at Studio One, a gay disco in L.A. Both handsome stars have had their own TV shows and are enormously exciting to the opposite sex, yet he invariably dances with men, while she — who has a face that launched a thousand ads — looks on approvingly . . . All of which seems to prove: no one's an Angel in Hollywood!!" Regardless of whether these rumors are fact or fiction, no one would deny that the media heroes of Hollywood are a decidedly closeted bunch. Even when Lily Tomlin deigns not to discuss her personal life with the *New York Times*, it's not the same as taking the risk and stating the facts.

Hollywood seems to be one of the last bastions of heterosexuality, even though the superstars lead their lives privately and can carry on with whichever sex they like in the seclusion of their Beverly Hills mansions. While gay people in many professions — many risky professions — are coming out on the job, movie stars

and entertainers cloister themselves away from it all. Lesbians and gay men who are teachers, police, athletes, doctors, counselors, government officials and in the armed services have started to come out. Why do the media idols lag behind?

My guess is that it's the bucks that keep the closet door shut. If Middle America thinks that Lily's gay, they'd never take her seriously — down goes her box office receipts. Any kind of gay scandal will lead to an unofficial blacklisting — the star's appeal is lost. Supposedly, the publicity that the Hudson-Nabors romance brought on caused the cancellation of Nabors' variety show. And rumors have also drifted in that Farrah's departure from her lucrative *Charlie's Angel* show was caused by her unabashed cavorting with other women. Despite this, America does not have a single media star, even of the lesser degree of an Anita Bryant, who has come out loudly and clearly as a gay person fighting for gay liberation.

This situation is appalling. By continuing to portray heterosexuals on the tube or movie screen, these "gay" people are supporting the continuation of oppression through exclusion — gay people are not visible to the young person growing up in front of the television set. Certainly producers, directors, camera people, writers are gay also. Why aren't they all working together to produce high quality films with gay themes? Why are supposedly straight people taking on the gay roles — Mastroianni in "A Special Day," Michael York in "Cabaret," and soon we'll see Paul Newman in "The Front Runner."

Some people may argue that the entertainment industry should not concern itself with politics or "causes" and that these stars are actors or singers or comedians, and adapt to their roles, whatever they may be. The question seems to be one of responsibility. When will people in Hollywood have enough chutzpah to openly and loudly align themselves with gay liberation — not as just a supporter, or even as a "bisexual," — but as an openly gay person? The time will certainly come, but probably when it's safe enough and there's nothing left to lose . . . or gain. There seems to be nothing we, the audience, can do to hasten the process. However, I know that if I read one more interview with a superstar who explains that he's single because he "plays the field" or is "too busy with work" or claims that she "hasn't met Mr. Right" or "prefers to be with friends," I'll boycott the film industry forever.

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An Analysis 'National Review' on Gay Rights

By Robert Etherington

BOSTON — There is, sort of, a respectable side to conservatism: a bias in favor of greater freedom for the individual and against increase in State power. Unfortunately, one rarely finds such a bias, or much else worthwhile, in the pages of such conservative publications as the Catholic *National Review*, a journal devoted to eliminating virtually everything that has happened in America since The Beast Roosevelt became President in 1933, and to defending the greatest single cause of increased State power: the Cold War against the Red Menace. Of course, one can plausibly argue that *National Review* and similar publications on the far Right are not conservative at all but radical in their own cranky way, as radical as, say, *The Guardian* on the Left, in that they advocate massive social and economic changes — backward, reactionary changes to be sure, but changes nonetheless.

It is, therefore, strange for *National Review* to try to address itself seriously to what is normally a leftist, or at least a liberal cause: gay rights. On this subject editor William Buckley and his fellow opponents of the 20th Century usually content themselves with brief, snide remarks about hairdressers and the "boys in lavender." But a few years ago *NR* published elaborate essays pro and con on the subject of gay rights, with Boston's own David Brudnoy writing pro and the arch reactionary Ernest van den Haag very much con. And now, in its most recent issue, *NR* once again attempts to examine at length demands by homosexuals for civil rights.

The format is the same as the Brudnoy-van den Haag confrontation: two essays, one pro, the other con — what *NR* grandly calls "A Symposium." This time Dr. Brudnoy, having been translated to the pages of that august journal *Esplanade*, has not written pro, nor Dr. van den Haag con. Brudnoy's place has been taken by one Jere Real, a journalist and former Air Force officer (of all things), while

regular *NR* contributor M. J. Sobran, Jr., fills van den Haag's jackboots.

Surprisingly, Real's defense of gay rights is largely sensible, proving that not all *NR* writers are hopeless. He is distressed that so-called respectable conservatives are adopting the deranged views of the "fantasy Right" (i.e. the Birchers) concerning homosexuality. Such views include equating homosexuality with murder and blaming it for the collapse of assorted empires. "From the 'responsible Right' . . . there has echoed a similar chorus. While lacking the thundering *Weltschmerz*, the Wagnerian abandon, of the Birchers, these more respectable conservatives have played variations on a similar melodic line." Real believes that this won't do, since such extravagant attitudes alienate many homosexuals who are also conservative, thereby depriving conservatism of potentially useful adherents. In so saying, Real raises an interesting question: what role (if any) should non leftist or non liberal homosexuals play in the gay rights movement? They seem to be between the rock of homophobia on the Right and the hard place of intolerance on the Left for those who are insufficiently radical. It is a question to which Leftists in the gay movement should perhaps address themselves.

Real further dismisses the conventional fears conservatives seem to have about homosexuality by remarking that a) child molestation is largely a heterosexual enterprise, b) economics and divorce are doing far more to undermine the proverbial family unit than homosexuality could ever do, and c) responsiveness to same-sex stimuli is the result of entirely unconscious conditioning and something a teacher can neither "encourage" nor "discourage" in a student.

Real concludes by daringly attacking such darlings of the Right as Meldrim Thompson and Richard Viguerie, who are attempting to use homophobia as part of their Grand Crusade to drag America as far to the Right as possible.

Real comments, "It is to be hoped that intelligent conservatives can resist such 'leadership.' . . . Abuse of a minority, no matter how unpopular, is no service to the conservative cause. All in all, the essay is not bad, particularly considering the journal for which it was written.

But, of course, far, far be it from *National Review* to actually endorse gay rights. Such a position would probably greatly offend its advertisers (American oil companies and South African diamond mines). So M. J. Sobran, Jr. is trotted out to remind us at great length that homosexuality is *naughty* and those who indulge in it don't deserve to live and work where they want.

Sobran's favorite rhetorical device is the specious analogy. He equates homosexuality with drunkenness and miserliness and comments that though drunks and misers (and gays) shouldn't be greatly persecuted ("Charity by all means."), they still aren't very nice people, so let's have as little to do with them as possible.

Sobran does admit (no doubt reluctantly) that a gay teacher cannot "teach" a child to become homosexual. "If a child turns out homosexual it is much more likely his parents' fault [sic] than his teachers'." But he certainly doesn't want the subject of homosexuality mentioned in the classroom except in the most negative of contexts. ". . . do we want our children taught in school that homosexuality is merely an 'alternative lifestyle,' or any such cant? I don't know that marijuana is medically deleterious, but I don't want its consumption advocated in school." The foolish tacit premise, of course, is that homosexuality and marijuana are more or less equally awful.

In arguing against civil rights laws aimed at protecting homosexuals, Sobran writes, "I might, for wholly idiosyncratic reasons, decide not to rent a room to a milliner. And don't milliners have rights? Of course they do. Shall we have a law, then, against anti-

millinerism? Preposterous." It says something for the brainlessness of contemporary conservative thought that Sobran can't or won't distinguish between homosexuals (who have no conscious control over the sexual stimuli to which they respond) and those who sell hats. Does he seriously believe that an occasional "idiosyncratic" discriminatory act against a milliner is the same as the generations of constant abuse to which homosexuals have been subjected? And, in any case, civil rights laws should protect milliners, homosexuals, indeed *all* people from ignorant and arbitrary discrimination which threatens to deprive them of their livelihood.

But then, no argument is too supercilious for Sobran when he is playing his favorite game: attacking civil rights legislation. Such laws, regardless of those whom they protect, are for Sobran and all too many other conservatives unwarranted intrusions by the State into a person's right to be a bigot. No doubt a person has such a right. But when a bigot attempts to deprive others of their rights, then the State has a positive duty to intervene.

Even assuming Sobran were capable of grasping as elementary a thought, he would nonetheless maintain that the whole question is academic since "Most Americans take a live-and-let-live view of things they disapprove of. The harassment of homosexuals has surely decreased in the last few years." This is nonsense. Americans are notorious busybodies, quite incapable of adopting a sensible attitude about anything they dislike. And certainly Robert Hillsborough would be surprised to learn that the harassment of homosexuals has decreased. The fact is that fag-baiting, indeed fag-murdering remain favorite American sports.

Perhaps Sobran would agree (though probably not in public) with the attitude expressed by another conservative, the columnist Holmes Alexander: "I think [homosexuals] are better off dead . . . No psychiatrist has done more for the violent queer than the hangman's noose." Needless to say, there is no dealing with such people. Unfortunately, at present there are too many of them and too few of us.

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are representing about 15 defendants, also attended.

Gertner urged the community to hold as big a demonstration as possible, adding that the publicity from the mass arrests will only help the cause. She was roundly applauded by the group.



Nancy Gertner

Salsburg told those present that it is important for all the defendants to coordinate their cases so that they may all be scheduled for trial on or about the same dates.

Legal Action

Prior to the community meeting, the seven above-mentioned lawyers met in the office of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, joined by Atty. Richard Rubino, Boston criminal lawyer who is well-known for his activism in the gay rights area. At the meeting, Ward and Reinstein discussed the possibility of a state or federal civil suit against the Boston Police to prohibit them from engaging in the type of conduct that fostered these arrests. The problem with such affirmative action of that sort, it was stated, was that it could have a deleterious effect upon the cases of the actual defendants, some of whom face the loss of their professional careers should their names become known.

Rubino pointed out to the lawyers that the most serious problem for most of the men is the fact that, as a result of the arrests, they all have felony arrest records on file not only with Boston and Massachusetts officials, but with other agencies — such as the FBI — which the Boston Police Department routinely advises of such arrests. Getting the criminal records sealed and/or expunged, Rubino said, could mean the difference between keeping or losing a job or license.

State Gives Ultimatum to Women's Community

CAMBRIDGE — Women's Community Health (WCH), the state's only feminist health center offering abortion care as well as health care services for women, has been issued an ultimatum by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In a letter dated March 2, the department threatened to deny the Center's application for a clinic license and take legal action to close Women's Community Health Center if various certificates pertaining to clinic licensure are not in the hands of DPH officials by May 31, 1978.

Women's Community Health is currently renovating office space in Central Square in order to satisfy extensive physical plant requirements for clinic licensure. The DPH has notified the Center that "relocating" before obtaining a clinic license will be considered a criminal offense. (WCH now operates under a Physicians license.) All of the required certifications, however, must be obtained for the new location before licensure. WCH is unclear what the DPH is actually requiring of them and feels like they are being caught in a "bureaucratic Catch-

Frank Responds

Rep. Barney Frank also entered the controversy last week. In a letter to Capt. James MacDonald, commander of District Four who ordered the library arrests, Frank said, "I am distressed by the unusually large number of complaints I have received about the manner in which some of the police activity was carried on." Frank accused the police officers in question of initiating conversations which led to the arrests, and said that it "sounds like entrapment in several cases."

He urged MacDonald to respond to the library "cruising" complaints, when they occur, "in a more suitable fashion, providing full protection for the public without inflicting unnecessary harm to dozens of responsible citizens who mean — and do — no harm to anyone else."

Frank also agreed to meet with Mayor Kevin White and other city officials in the library and police departments to urge a more civilized response to the library situation. "I think some of the decent people at City Hall should be pressed into something," Frank told GCN.

Media

Coverage of the library arrests and subsequent reactions was by and large negative. A March 19 story in the *Boston Sunday Globe* by John Cullen (a former state trooper) contained no response from the gay community and implied that men arrested in the library were actually all engaged in sexual acts. An Associated Press report which ran nationwide in dozens of daily newspapers on March 25 was a reprint from a *Globe* story the day before, and the only source of information was Deputy Police Supt. James MacDonald. WCAS and WBCN were two local media outlets that sought responses from the gay community.

Meanwhile, the massive publicity from the library arrests has had some effect on the arrests. Officer Al Knipis of the Boston Police Information Services Unit told GCN that the 103rd arrest took place on March 25 and there have been none since. However, GCN has learned from other sources that the police officers previously assigned to the library have been replaced with new ones — ostensibly because the others, after 103 arrests, were becoming too well-known and thus it was time for "new faces."

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A WCH spokesperson said, "These repressive measures are the direct result of a campaign by anti-abortionists to close the Center as one way to make abortion a more and more difficult option for women to choose." Specific attempts to harass abortion providers have been escalating since November, when State Representative Raymond Flynn of South Boston persuaded the Post Audit Committee of the legislature to ask Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti to rule on the legality of health facilities operating while in process of obtaining a clinic license.

Although the Attorney General decided it would be improper to make a ruling on the specific questions posed by the committee, he has pressured the DPH to take action against unlicensed facilities. The DPH has responded by reversing their policy of allowing facilities to operate while in process of becoming licensed. In the future, any facility seeking clinic licensure will be required to obtain the license before offering any health care services.

DID YOU SEE?

All of a sudden The Family is very big, with attention shifting from speculation as to whether it is worth saving to desperate inquiry on how to save it.

People who a few years ago were celebrating liberation from the patrimonial yoke are now trying to figure out some graceful way to get back under it. Just about everybody agrees that The Family is a basket case. The controversy is over the source of injury.

Conservatives tend to blame The State, whose interventions, they allege, sap moral fiber, and dilute parental authority. These critics ignore the inconvenient fact that, if families had moral integrity and parents had authority, The State would have no excuse to intervene.

Liberals reply that government is not doing enough. The line is largely articulated by self-interested professionals who see in a larger government role opportunities for expanded employment, personal prestige and political power.

The family did not collapse all at once. Decadence is gradual. But certain influences have clearly been operative.

- Marriage manuals. These were the pornography of the generation now approaching grandparenthood. These mischievous how-to-do-it books persuaded millions of men of a preposterously solemn and ordinarily implausible obligation to manufacture female ecstasies. This has produced guilt-ridden, insecure and inadequate males, incapacitated, unadmirable and often even impotent. Is it any wonder women are disappointed and bored?

- Suburban patriarchy. The separation of the male worker's home from his workplace constructively abandoned women and dumped them on the direction and control of local politics, religious practice, child care, maintenance of domestic infrastructure and transgenerational conveyance of tradition. Unequipped, women rebelled. The consequences in family dissolution, child abuse, homosexuality and impotence are everywhere.

- Delayed maturity. John Paul Jones attacked England and harried the coast

of Scotland in command of a fleet at about the age most American undergraduates are considering a junior year abroad. With sexual maturity dropping toward the single-digit numbers for both sexes, full participation in society is being postponed at ruinous cost into the mid-20s. Any wonder the kids on the school bus have such fun guessing who's preggie this week?

- The pace of change. The circumstances of growing up are so different from those of a generation ago as to deprive parents and children of the comfort of common, shared experience.

Nothing can be done about a lot of this. On the other hand, some remedies seem already in being, among them a more conventional, even romantic, approach to sex, replacing the grim, manipulative athleticism of the recent past.

Flexible work schedules and the movement of jobs into the suburbs are bringing working mothers and fathers closer to home. Higher education shows signs of pricing itself out of the market, and proposals for lowering the compulsory school attendance age are gaining currency. There seems, at least, to be a genuine, middle-class tax revolt.

—from a column by David B. Wilson in the *Boston Globe*, March 21, 1978.

DID YOU SEE?

God has a remedy for the homosexual that will remove his sin problem. God is able to save anyone who will come to the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as Saviour. The Bible declares that all have sinned. If the homosexual will admit that he is what God says he is — a sinner — and realize that God hates his sin and must punish it; but then believe that Jesus Christ, who is God, paid for his sin on the cross of Calvary, and be willing to turn from all his filthiness of sin, asking Jesus Christ to save him, believing that He will, God says he will be saved. (See Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-13).

After having taken Christ as Lord and Saviour, the ex-homosexual will have experienced the joy of sins forgiven and a new life in Christ. Then he

will, with the host of other sinners who have been made saints, rejoice in that he has been washed, sanctified, and justified in Christ.

In I Corinthians 6:9-11 we read, "know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, or adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

You will notice that the effeminate denotes a person who looks and acts like a female.

It is extremely important that parents raise their children to be what God made them. Boys should be taught to act, dress, look, and play like boys. Girls should be taught to act, dress, look, and play like girls. God makes the distinction; then mankind certainly should also. The "abusers of

themselves with mankind" takes in all the vulgarities of sodomy. But notice that all-important statement, "and such were some of you; but ye are washed." God did the cleansing when the sinner came to the Saviour.

Homosexuality is sin, according to the Bible. May Bible-believing pastors have enough backbone to stand up against this ungodly movement involving our country and communities. The homosexual is not normal, nor is he sick. God's Word, the Bible, says he is exceedingly sinful. Call it what it is — SIN. Let there be churches that will be narrow enough to hold to the standards of God's Word, and not compromise because of the pressures and whims of the ungodly crowd.

Well did Isaiah prophesy of such a day: "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20). God pronounced a woe upon all who endorse homosexuality.

—from the *Manchester Union Leader*, March 14, 1978.

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Blue Berets opposed the ordinance. One was a Catholic priest who pointed out that "the symbolic effect [of the law] would be that Hartford supports permissiveness." Another was a city official, who called for a city-wide referendum. Ivan Backer, a member of the Hartford Human Relations Commission, spoke against the ordinance by criticizing its present language.

Terry Stack, vice president of the Hartford-Springfield chapter of Dignity, won lengthy applause for her distinction "between a person's rights and a person's activities." She stood as evidence that within the Catholic Church there is a lively movement for change. Rejecting the conservative Blue Beret positions, she told the assembly that Dignity's work is to "bring the love of Christ to others." Father Ed Dempsey, son of the former Connecticut governor who signed into law the state's consenting adults law, made the distinction also between crime and sin. He said he believed that crime is the legitimate concern of the state, while "sin" is a matter of conscience between the individual and

God.

Most people who testified at the hearing described anti-gay discrimination they faced in private employment and housing. Few city employees stepped forward to describe how the city had treated gays. An investigator for the State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities said that she received numerous calls every week asking for recourse in anti-gay discrimination cases, but that the existing laws forced her to turn them away. Her points were emphasized by the number of people in the audience who hid their faces from television cameras, for fear of losing their jobs the next day.

The ordinance now proceeds to the policy committee of the City Council, headed by Nick Carbone, one of the two councilmen who introduced the ordinance. Since the Council last year passed a unanimous resolution supporting the Dade County gay rights ordinance, it appears particularly likely now, after the rousing hearing of the 20th, that the proposed ordinance will become law, though no expected date of passage could be predicted.

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David Thorstad: Program for a Sex

Compiled by Harold Pickett

Last Christmas, I received a card from David Thorstad. The picture on the front was of a nude young man carrying a flag of revolution, the same picture that appeared on the cover of *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement*, co-authored by John Lauritsen and David Thorstad, and which was the logo from the 1923 German edition of Grigori Bakis' *The Sexual Revolution in Russia*. Inside the card, David's inscription offered "Revolutionary, Homosexual, Atheist Greetings for 1978!"

I don't remember first meeting David. When I started participating in gay political activities in New York City, I think he was just always present, whether discussing in a meeting, handing out leaflets, or speaking from the stage at a mass rally. David's participation in the expansion of gay liberation continues to be an inspiring example of focus, dedication, and hard work.

Having served as a former president of the Gay Activists Alliance, David Thorstad is currently a spokesperson for New York City's Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, working for the passage of the gay rights bill in the City Council. But he refuses to limit his social/political vision to a single issue that's fixed in time, which, I believe, is the reason he can continue to work so effectively for immediate goals.

If you haven't read *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement*, published by Times Change Press, I suggest you do so. It's an excellently written capsule that roots our struggle for liberation firmly in a historical context. We need to grasp a knowledge of our history in order to evaluate our present circumstances, with victories and defeats, while maintaining an objectivity in the midst of emotional turmoil.

As GCN reported, a Spanish edition of the book, entitled *Los Primeros movimientos en favor de los derechos homosexuales (1864-1935)*, was recently published. The edition, published by Tusquets in Barcelona, contains a preface by the Spanish poet Juan Gil-Albert. In 1976, the book also appeared in an Italian edition.

David Thorstad comes from northern Minnesota and while attending the University of Minnesota was involved in anti-war activity and the socialist movement. He has considered himself a socialist since 1960, having read books concerning the Utopian socialists, as well as books about fascism, while in high school.

"Socialism is the only thing that ever made sense to me," David says. "Socialism or communism. I never really got into anarchism. Of course, now, I instinctually consider myself an anarchist. I think that Marxism and anarchism go hand-in-hand, but first of all, I see myself as a revolutionary Marxist and a Leninist. I part ways with the anarchists on the question of how we get from 'here' to 'there', the way we get to the free society we want. Anarchists are against parties and tightly disciplined revolutionary organizations." However, in terms of goals, David feels that "communism, itself, if

we get that far, will be anarchism. I don't see how a communist society can be anything but an anarchist society, ultimately. No state at all — that's the goal."

David was a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota and once ran for state office on the party ticket. In 1967, he was working with the Bertrand Russell War Crimes Tribunal in the Paris office. He was a member of the SWP for more than six years and came to New York City to serve as a staff writer for the party's newspaper, *The Militant*. During that period, the gay issue surfaced in the party as a result of pressure from the ranks of new members and campus groups. In 1970, the SWP lifted its ban against the membership of homosexuals in the party. For the next three years, internal discussions took place within the party, analyzing the gay liberation movement and the party's relation to it. On April 29, 1973, the party leadership approved its "Memorandum on the Gay Liberation Movement." Briefly, the Memorandum stated that "the party does not and should not take a stand on the nature of homosexuality" (forbidding usage of the term "Gay Is Good") and that gay liberation lacks "social weight." It warned against "exotic forms of dress and decorum" and insisted that all women's functions be organized such that they "do not present an image that they are restricted to lesbians."

On Dec. 17, 1973, David wrote his letter of resignation from membership to the Political Committee of the SWP. He concluded his lengthy letter by stating "You still cling to your conception of the socialist revolution being an essentially heterosexual revolution — made of, by, and for heterosexual workers. You fear that too close an identification of the revolutionary party with gay liberation will alienate it from the (heterosexual) masses and interfere with its ability to lead the socialist revolution. And you have tied the hands of gay comrades (and straight sympathizers) who wish to help you change your mind. You have made membership in the SWP for many members of our oppressed minority intolerable." He suggested "throwing its memorandum on gay liberation into the nearest trashbin."

David rejects using the word "libertarian" to describe himself and has no sympathy for the Libertarian Party. Libertarian "is used in so many ways. It's used by anarchists in Europe who are Marxists. They call themselves 'Libertarian Marxists'." Another anarchist-Marxist group, he points out, calls itself "Libertarian Communists". In the United States, there's the Libertarian Party, which David says, "in many ways, is the next thing to Fascism that I can see. Their modus operandi is not authoritarian. In fact, they're opposed to authoritarianism, so they say, but they're pro-capitalist. They want to retain the rights of employers to discriminate. They even advance the goal of capitalists, to make profits. They believe in a laissez-faire kind of capitalism." David mentions that a lot of Libertarian

Party members are gay and that "a lot of them really think of themselves as anarchists — Ian Young, for instance. I can't for the life of me figure out what's wrong with these people. Even if I like them personally, I don't understand how they could be in this organization."

David's father died in 1970, before David publicly came out gay. When this fact came up in our conversation, it related to the serious topic of "circumcision," which David and I had discussed earlier. Thinking of his father reminded David of the "circumcision" subject, which David considers a form of anti-sexual mutilation. David said "I would like a chance to thank him (his father) for not circumcising me. I really feel good about that today, because for most of my life I've felt bad about not being circumcised. I felt this was some kind of slip-up that my parents had allowed to happen. My father wasn't circumcised, either." Circumcision is a serious political issue for David, one to which he would like to devote more time in the future.

David's mother knows he's gay. "I wrote her a letter at the end of 1970, when I openly came out as a homosexual." Although she didn't write him for a couple of months, she soon got over her upset. David was worried "as I think we all are who do these things. But I had made up my mind that if for some reason she couldn't accept it or decided to be shitty about it, which didn't seem to be in her character really, that if eventually that had happened, I would simply have broken off relations with her altogether. There's no doubt about it. But that didn't happen."

Gays As a Minority

"It seems to me that the gay liberation movement is fighting basically not for a defense of a minority of human beings who are thought to be gay, but for a complete revolution in the way people think about sex, including the liberation of all possibilities in sex. The principle should be that it should be allowed as long as nobody is hurt and as long as it is mutually consensual. The law, the church, the schools, the state should all stay out of this subject because they're not qualified to deal with it. And so should science, by the way. Scientists, themselves, should not have anything to say about what people do in bed. What business does the American Psychiatric Association have telling us, and making a list of, what's sick and what isn't sick. This is an important point. I think that the very core of the gay movement is that it aims to bring about a society or a change in our present society which allows complete freedom of sexual expression.

"This is one of the reasons why I'm occasionally annoyed by the gay movement, at least since the demise of the Gay Liberation Front (the first militant, activist group in New York City) and the original enthusiastic, stimulating, exciting rebellion of the late '60s and early '70s, which

had a thumbing-its-nose-at-society kind of flair to it. What has happened now is that, by and large, the gay movement has sunk into a kind of minority consciousness about itself, which is very clearly reflected in attitudes and approaches of certain kinds of gay groups, such as the National Gay Task Force, the gay church groups, and *The Advocate*. That is, they present us to the society at large as though we were a minority within the society, that we are a special kind of human being that is gay, that is homosexual, that is lesbian. We should be making clear statements to the society about who we are and what we are, which is simply that we are people, like everybody else, who engage in certain kinds of sexual acts. That is all. The same kind of acts that we engage in everybody else should be able to engage in, whether they think of themselves as heterosexual or not.

"The core of the whole question of homosexuality, gay liberation, and gay oppression is, in my opinion, that what makes us what we are is what we do, not what's in our head. In other words, we are simply acting upon impulses that are existent in everybody. This gets lost when we say 'We're a minority. We're just like you — the only difference is that we love people of the same sex'.

"I reject that definition of us. I don't think it's accurate. We are just like other people in so far as we have the same potentials that they do and they have the same potentials that we do for loving people, both of the same and the opposite sex. That's something everybody has, but society destroys it in people. Your family, the church, the schools, the law, the police — everything — all the institutions in society mobilize to prevent you from acting on what are purely natural impulses to have sexual pleasure, sexual interaction with other people regardless of what sex they are. So I reject both the heterosexual conception that people are heterosexual until something goes wrong and the liberal concept that many gay people have about themselves, which is that they are just a minority within what is predominantly a heterosexual society where 'these' people are heterosexual and 'we' are homosexual and 'we' happen to be a minority. Therefore (in this line of thinking) we are pleading with and appealing to this presumed heterosexual majority to grant us equality with them.

The Myth of Heterosexual Choice

"I look upon the so-called 'presumed heterosexual majority' as a majority of people who've gone wrong. The exclusive heterosexual in this society has not chosen to be heterosexual. Maybe one or two here and there have chosen, but, by and large, they've made no choice whatsoever. They simply assume that they are born that way or that society has always been this way and will always be this way. But I don't believe it.

Sexual Revolution

"Science itself whether anthropology, ethnology, art, history, sociology, even statistics, and even the so-called 'science of psychology' has established that there is no such thing as a homosexual or a heterosexual. There are only acts, some of them homosexual and some of them heterosexual. You can go from one to the other. People fall somewhere on the Kinsey Continuum, which I accept by the way, as being either at one extreme, or in between, or at the other extreme. Here, the point is that people do not choose their sexuality or what they prefer.

"The majority of heterosexuals could not say to you that they have chosen heterosexuality because they prefer it. It's not true. They have been forced, coerced into this exclusive heterosexuality by the institutions of this society. It's not normal to be exclusively heterosexual in this way. I'm all in favor of people choosing to be exclusively heterosexual if they wish, but then they have to have some more experience, don't they? You can't choose it unless you know what you're choosing.

"With many of us who are largely or exclusively homosexual in our experience at this point, I think it's true that many of us have chosen it out of taste and preference because we know what we're doing. We know what we're choosing and what we've experienced. And we do so not because we dislike heterosexuality either.

"The link here is that the gay movement today is primarily aimed at getting equal rights with heterosexuals under the law. There are many other things we're fighting for as well, but the focus is repealing anti-sodomy laws, repealing any kind of anti-gay legislation, and at the same time getting pro-gay legislation, or equal rights legislation, passed by municipal, state, and federal governments. In the process of doing this, too many of our own people, in my opinion, lose sight of the realities of our struggle, which are that we are not fighting to preserve the rights of a minority of people who are presumed to be gay, but rather we're fighting for the rights of everybody to have a free sexual life, to choose their sexuality, to do whatever they want in bed, to do everything! That's a very different point of view from the one that the majority of people in our movement seem to have.

"There really is no minority here at all. We're actually talking about society as a whole. Our ultimate goal of liberation will not be achieved until everybody can engage in homosexual love without the slightest fear and where they can freely choose to engage in any sexual act, depending on the opportunities and their mood, and so forth."

He sums up this feeling, stating "Christianity and capitalism have destroyed the ability of most people to even recognize in themselves the ability to love someone of the same sex."

Boy-Love

The discussion of gay rights and gay liberation leads to the subject of pederasty. David remarks,

"There's the whole question of the age of consent laws. The question of pederasty, or boy-love, and the age of consent is very timely. Probably most gay activists would be annoyed and upset to see me making public statements about pederasty, although I have been making a number of them in the past summer. Anita Bryant has used the phony issue of child molestation. She equates homosexuality and child molestation, depicting homosexual men as praying mantises out to gobble up little boys, while she ignores entirely the real child molestation in society, which is, according to the heterosexual's own evidence, that they and the families themselves are molesting their own kids. Actually 'molesting' is too nice a word. They're beating them up in such large numbers, and even wounding and killing them. This is not what Anita Bryant talks about.

"Nevertheless, to raise the question of boy-love now, and put forward arguments in favor of it, will probably draw the ire of a lot of gay people, who will say we are simply playing into the hands of the enemy. People get very hysterical about this subject.

"If the gay liberation struggle is seen only as a struggle for white, middle-class men and women who engage in consensual sex between adults, then we've completely missed the point about gay liberation. It has to involve much more than just the few who are in the position to benefit from the tolerance of this presumed heterosexual majority in society at this stage and time. And that presumed heterosexual majority is not about to roll over and let you push pederasty on their children, or let you convince them that their ideas on pederasty are all wrong. There's a kind of hysteria in the air today which makes it all the more difficult to argue in favor of sexual freedom; but, in my opinion, it has to be done.

"The gay liberation struggle would be pretty hollow if it did not work for the liberation of the most oppressed in society, including Blacks, Puerto Ricans, and including the people who engage in certain kinds of sexual acts that are just too shocking to the well-bred society to be talked about in public, let alone to be given the stamp of approval by society. I think that pederasty should be given the stamp of approval. I think it's true that boy-lovers are much better for their children than the parents are, and, at a minimum, it's something that doesn't harm the boy at all."

The question of pederasty raises two issues in particular, David points out. One issue is "law and how it relates to the gay liberation struggle as a whole" and the other issue is "the question of sexuality, whether certain kinds of sex-

uality are good or bad." David doesn't think "both of these issues can be treated separately in the case of boy-lovers."

"With gays as a whole and our struggle we can push for and win concessions from the governmental bodies, from people who sit in legislatures and who hate homosexuals and who may even think we're sick, but who can vote in favor of gay rights. They may just say they're opposed to discrimination, and that if you're a homosexual you're a handicapped person. They separate these two questions, saying 'I don't like homosexuality, but I also don't like discrimination. Therefore, I'll help you get this law passed that will ban discrimination against you'. Can you imagine this with boy-lovers? I can't imagine those same legislators turning around and saying the same thing about boy-love."

The Sexual Rights of Children

"The most fundamental question here is whether children have any rights. In our society I think it's pretty clear that children don't have any rights, let alone the right to decide what to do with their own bodies. Their parents, priests, and straight teachers have decided these things for them.

"Those who have broken out of the stranglehold of their parents and who have experimented with gay sexuality, as well as heterosexuality, are in a very difficult position because they can't get out of the home to go and meet gay people. I think it's extremely important that the gay movement support boy-lovers, who are, by the way, people who are active in our gay liberation movement as well. I think it's terrible that there's this silence about this."

Anticipating the possibility of objections, David is quick to add: "I will grant you that it will take quite a few more victories on the part of the broader gay movement before the subject of pederasty can be debated in a rational way." David feels, though, we shouldn't wait to begin educating our own people about the subject. "Among gay people themselves, and particularly among lesbians, there is an abysmal ignorance about pederasty."

The question of pederasty should be approached through "age of consent laws" and not by the pseudo-issue of "exploitation." "Rape laws cover any violations of human rights that would occur in the pederasty act."

The Gay Activists Alliance has held a position for several years in favor of abolishing all age of consent laws. One of GAA's past forums, "Of Men and Little Boys," didn't pass unnoticed by pederasts, David says. He adds, "It's a very frightening thing to be a pederast in this society. At least in Boston, our brothers and sisters are fighting back."

"One of the reasons the issue of pederasty has not come up in the gay movement in the United States is precisely because our organizations, by and large, are too timid to deal with it. They're afraid, especially with Anita Bryant on the loose now,

of having the child molestation argument used against us. And this is not an argument that can be refuted very simply. It can be refuted to rational people because all the evidence shows that heterosexuals are the molesters, not gay men.

"Pederasty cannot and should not be the central focus of the broader gay movement, which involves many other issues. However, for it to win the support of the entire gay movement, pederasts themselves are going to have to speak out on it more than they have in the past and that's very dangerous for them. I, myself, am not a pederast and I don't say this in a closeted way.

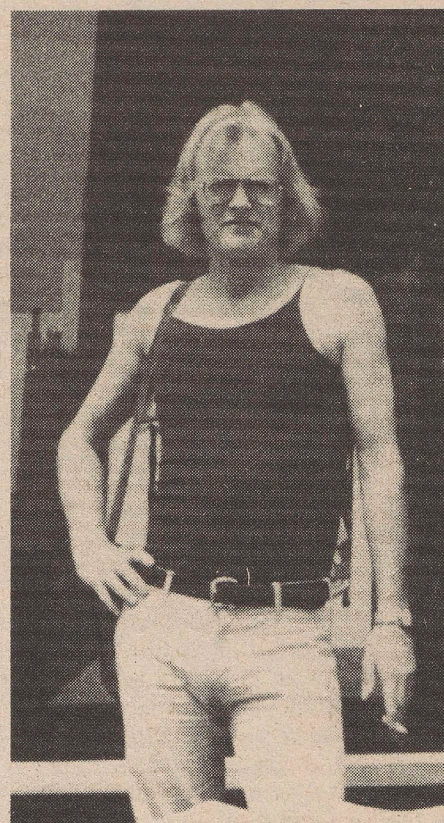
"How nice it could be for a boy to have a man show him the ropes, a very sensitive person, a man who loved boys, who liked to be around them, and who treated them like human beings. I think that would be glorious!

"A boy has a very special kind of appeal to other human beings. If that weren't true, there wouldn't be so many statues of boys in Italy and Greece. It's a fact. There wouldn't be any boy choirs, either, if there wasn't some kind of appeal that a boy has.

"Basically, boys are sex-positive. The only time they aren't is when society gets to them and fucks them over. Basically, they think sex is good. By and large, they engage in what they want to do. All children are oppressed, though. Girls are not at all supposed to be sexual, while with boys, it's assumed they are, of course. For boys, the problem is viewed as, how to keep them from acting on their sexual impulses."

David sums up his thoughts:

"Arguments could be made by pederasts as to how good it is for the boy and, ultimately, how good it is for society. This society is a real cesspool, but I mean how good it is for a civilized, truly human society."



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BOOKS Parents as Kidnappers

LEGAL KIDNAPPING by Anna De-
 meter (pseud.). Boston: Beacon,
 1977. 148 pages. \$8.95, hardcover.
 Introduction by Adrienne Rich.

By John Kyper

This is a courageous, compelling book. It is one mother's account of the breakup of her marriage to an irrational, vindictive husband, who retaliates against her request for a divorce by absconding with two of their four children. It is the story of how she searched for two months, again and again running up against the male-dominated legal system that refused to recognize that her children had been kidnapped, or to help her in her search. At last, after hiring a detective agency to locate her husband, the children were returned. But she had to struggle through the divorce and custody hearings combatting rumors he had carefully planted that she was an unfit mother. Finally, after incredible heart-break, she won.

Like wife-beating, such behavior is most commonly associated with the lower classes, but it knows no class boundaries. Both Anna and Michael Demeter were doctors at a hospital in a Midwestern town. They had met while in medical school in the 1950s, and for years Anna had attempted to live as both wife and professional, enduring Michael's rages and his possessiveness. So thoroughly had she convinced herself that she was fulfilling her proper role that it required a suicide attempt before she realized that she could not have it both ways. In admitting, finally, that she had to have a divorce (with the support of another woman who had witnessed Michael's performances), she found the courage to refuse to play along with his terrorism.

Michael's arrogance was typically masculine. He thought himself indispensable to "his" family, and he could not imagine that Anna could find the strength and determination to live without him. He had once dangled the idea of divorce in front of her as one more tactic with which to manipulate her. When she demonstrated that she

was serious about terminating an intolerable marriage and took him to a divorce counselor, his methods changed even as he continued not to recognize the reality of what was happening. Kidnapping was the means by which he sought to force her "back to the family."

Anna first attempted to have Michael and the children traced, by the hospital, by credit agencies, and by the police, all of whom proved most uncooperative. She frequently encountered the assumption that she had brought it all on herself — especially when she dealt with his former colleagues. Rumors came back to her. At best, she received the disinterested reply that the police could not intervene in what was clearly a "family matter."

Most infuriating to her sense of herself as a self-supporting woman was the discovery that the husband's access to the children derives from his obligation to support the wife and the children, and that courts rarely deny the father access, no matter how destructive he may be. "The mother-right, on the other hand, comes out of the obligation to take care of and can be challenged on the basis of an examination of the quality of care." Tiring of Michael's taunts, and finding all other avenues closed, Anna spent several thousand dollars for a private detective.

Finally, after he realized that he had been traced, Michael returned the children to her. But his efforts did not end. He hired an investigator of his own, who was unable to find anything damaging. He continued to spread rumors that she was unfit as a doctor and as a mother, including (predictably) insinuations of lesbianism. Local hostility forced Anna and the children to move to another town. Michael eventually conceded to her custody of the children in exchange for his possession of the house and the bulk of their property, demonstrating once and for all that the children were mere pawns in his rage.

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Woman from the West

By Barb Nesto

Woody Simmons is a versatile performer who plays mandolin, piano, acoustic guitar, and banjo, and sings original songs and traditional music as it relates to women. From a musical background which included touring with Cris Williamson in Calamity Jane, and performing with a women's traditional bluegrass band called the Clinch Mountain Backsteppers, Woody produced her first album, "Oregon Mountains." The album is on her own label, Deep River Records, and is distributed by Olivia, adding to the collection of recorded women's music in which the entire process of production, engineering, and distribution has been handled entirely by women.

"Oregon Mountains" features Woody's blend of reflective personal ballads, abundant nature imagery, political awareness, wry humor, and zesty traditional tunes. Her songs take us through many mood changes from lighthearted lovesongs and social commentary to a serious searching for answers and understanding. Spiritual dimensions reminiscent of Indian sitar music are contained in the exquisite instrumental piece "Banjo Raga." A close association with nature reverberates throughout Woody's music. She expresses her choices, politically and personally, in her gentle lovesongs to women, such as "You've Got The Love," which begins with a rejection of commercialism:

*They tell me I'll be happy
 With the right amount of dough
 And if I buy a new car 'n' if I go to
 Lake Tahoe
 But I don't see the joy for the sorrow
 in their eyes
 Though they win a few and lose a few
 They know they're livin' lies.*

Woody's mellow, strong voice falls pleasantly on the listener's ear and complements her stylistic range, a blend which includes folk, jazz, blues, rock, country and bluegrass. Her lickety-split banjo picking was featured on Cris Williamson's album "The Changer and the Changed," and is a particularly exciting and unusual part of "Oregon Mountain." Woody's thoughtful songs and varied talents enrich the musical gene pool of women's culture and add to the rising tide of women expressing thoughts, feelings, and experiences to be shared by us all.

Woody will appear in the Boston area this spring as part of a national tour with Nancy Vogl. Nancy, of the Berkeley Women's Music Collective, will accompany Woody with vocal harmonies, steelstring guitar, piano, and electric bass. Their April 14 concert is being produced by Allegra Productions, with part of the profits to be given to Women's Community Health Center, Inc., as a benefit.

THEATER

The Cat Burglar Returns

P.S. Your Cat Is Dead! by James Kirkwood. Directed by Robert Nigro. At the Promenade Theatre, NYC.

By Robert Chesley

James Kirkwood's play *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead!* opened nearly three years ago on Broadway, and, so the story goes, was promptly killed by the critics — presumably because of its gay material. Kirkwood then went on to co-author *A Chorus Line*, and now *Cat*, which has had successful runs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and Buffalo, is being given another chance in New York City, somewhat rewritten, and attempting to ride *A Chorus Line*'s coattails. It opened March 22 at the Promenade Theatre. The play is as well written and as entertaining as many plays on Broadway. Kirkwood gives us an original and amusing situation and vigorous characters: an out-of-work actor, with just about everything in his life going wrong (including losing his woman and the death of his cat), captures the burglar who has ripped him off twice before, ties him across the kitchen sink, and cuts off his trousers and underwear so he can urinate. During the course of the New Year's Eve when this all takes place, the actor moves from a cynical and rather whackily expressed bitterness against the burglar to a point of liking him and (maybe) considering accepting the burglar's offer to make love. "Have you had any better offers recently?" asks the burglar. The actor, who has admitted that his life is a "shit sandwich," has to answer "No." "Then you're a fool," the burglar replies. Was it the gay material which put people off when the play first opened? Considering that a touch of homosexuality has been, if anything, quite popular in plays for a number of years, it is worth questioning why a gay theme should be seen as *hampering* this play. Perhaps audiences prefer to see either a comically decadent or an anguished gay, and were not ready to accept the simple option of physical love between two men, which Kirkwood offers as both natural and valid.

The audience at the preview performance I attended seemed quite taken with the originality of the situation, and were enjoying the play's jokes enormously. The latter rather annoyed me: a good deal of the material consists of put-down jokes — of the retarded in one line, of spastics in another, and even of users of pacemakers in another. Is this supposed to be witty? Kirkwood has the heart of a nasty schoolboy, for all his slickness, and it is really only circumstantial that gays aren't put down in the same manner.

Unfortunately, the chief target of many of the put-down jokes is women. Lines like "She got lockjaw of the legs?" and "Wish the old pussy Happy New Year for me," and "Do you know that she can't stand not knowing *everything*?" reveal a streak of misogyny. It is true that the actor has good reason to be bitter against the woman that has left him, but, at least in the present production, the audience is invited to join in this woman-hating, to laugh at the jokes, and to feel satisfied when, finally, the actor's woman is humiliated to the point of speechlessness and he tells her "Do you realize that this is the first time in *seventeen months* that I ever heard you say you didn't know something?" The audience is *not* invited to *observe* the actor's bitterness against her, they are expected to *share* it.



Peter Simon (l.) and Vasili Bogazianos

This streak of misogyny perhaps has been intensified by Robert Nigro's direction — I do not know to what extent the actions and attitudes have been specified in Kirkwood's script. The actor's woman is made to look like a complete fool. When, at her exit, she is reduced to speechless fury and gives the finger to the actor, Nigro (or Kirkwood) has her do it ridiculously, like a prig — shocked at herself.

I tend to think that a large share of this might be Nigro's fault, as it fits in well with the general overacting, a rather too broadly comic style that is so like television sit-com acting that one expects to hear canned laughter. Would a more restrained style, focused on character rather than on winning laughs, make the play more substantial? There is a lot of very human material in the play, and, were the characters played more believably and sympathetically, the play might well show greater strength. Kirkwood knows his way around human situations.

If it's the direction that's off, then it's really not fair to pick on the actors. Of the four characters in the rewritten version, I felt that only Vasili Bogazianos as the burglar had believable moments. Peter Simon plays the actor, Claire Malis is his woman, and John Shearin has a small grinning-idiot part as her new boyfriend. Judie Juracek's set — a seedy Greenwich Village loft apartment — is convincing.

BOOKS

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Parental kidnapping — usually by the father — is growing with the divorce rate. A most useful addition to her book is a 23 page appendix on its legal status (including citations) and general advice for parents who are facing, or might face, the same situation.

Legal Kidnapping is, by no means, a wife's diatribe against her ex-husband. Rather, Anna Demeter demonstrates throughout a compassion toward Michael, himself the victim of a similar kidnapping when he was a child. He seems more pathetic than truly villainous. "I once asked Michael, during one of his telephone calls, if he wanted to risk harming his sons in such a way that they might grow up to a third generation of this sort of raging retribution. He said, 'Maybe.'"

Her own summary of her situation makes for the most sobering reading in the book:

I worked hard to build security for my family, a professional career, a comfortable home. The man who was my husband could and did take from me — with no protest from the courts — my savings, the properties in which I had invested, my job, my home. He could even threaten to take my children away. I willingly submitted to Michael as the wife he owned and mothered the children he owned. I allowed the loss of my rights."

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people, places and flings

By Eric Rogers

Gore Vidal, author of *Myra Breckenridge*, *Burr*, *Matters of Fact and Fiction*, among other books, will be sharing his wit and wisdom at the Arlington Street Church on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00. The appearance is a benefit for the **Boston/Boise Committee** and the tickets are priced at \$5. Vidal will be talking on *Sex and Politics in Massachusetts*, and this is going to be an important talk, especially with the recent media hysteria over the Revere scandal and the current police harassment of gay men at the Boston Public Library. Vidal's insight and analysis is usually right on target and is always thought provoking. Write it on your calendar today and don't miss this important evening...

You may have heard a terrific gay song on **WCAS' Closet Space** last weekend. The song, *Sing Out If You're Glad to Be Gay* is by the **Tom Robinson Band**, a British rock band, and I'm told it's soaring to the top of the English charts. Unlike American gay-disco lyrics, the song has a firm political base — mentioning the *Gay News* obscenity charges, "queer"-bashers, and raids on London bars. Even more impressive is the music and rhythm, which make the song a sure-fire smash if someone would only bring it to the States. Listen to *Closet Space*, as I'm sure **Joe Martin** will be playing it again...

Harvard and is now one of the most influential folk singers in the world. Welcome Pete back to Boston. Tickets are \$5.50 and \$5.00 at Symphony Hall box office... On Sunday, April 9th, at 1:30 in the afternoon, **Robert Duncan** will be featured on *Writers in America*, on WGBH-Channel 2. Duncan, who had an article in an early issue of *Fag Rag*, is very popular with many gay writers, as well as many poetry readers...

Hallelujah! **Norman Gamble**, formerly of Harrington's, is opening his own hair salon and gallery at 69 Newbury St. in Boston. Norman's been responsible for this writer's coiffure for quite a while now and I have been extremely pleased with the wonders he's worked with my locks and my beard. The opening reception at **Norman** will be on Saturday, April 1st, from 4-7 p.m. The first gallery show will be lithographs by **C. David Thomas**. Stop by and welcome Norman to Newbury St. And phone 536-3288 for your appointment... On April 9th, Sunday, there will be a **Men & Masculinity Conference** from 1-8 pm at the Campus Center at U Mass. Contact Southwest Men's Center, JFK Lobby, UMass Amherst, 01003 for information. Some exciting workshops are planned...

I spent a pleasant evening at **Gary Dotterman's** place, *The Bar*, last week and spoke with someone who criticized the lack of coverage I've given drag

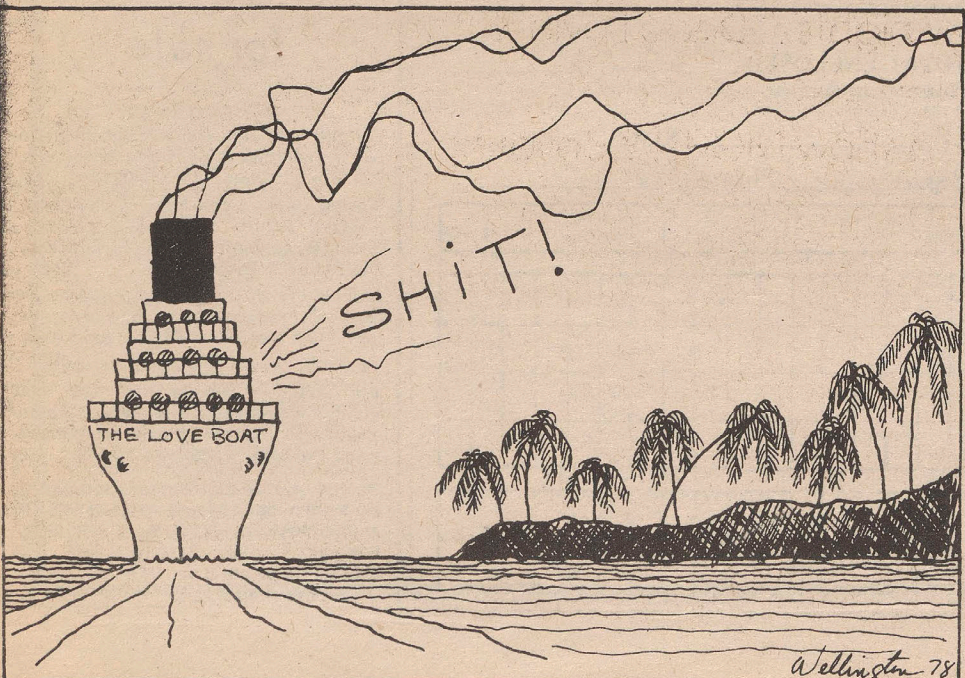


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Jacqui Mac's Club '76 will be hosting **Sherli Sherwood**, singing lovely women's songs, on Sunday, April 9th, from 5:00 - 9:00. Stop in and check these sounds. Jacqui's got one of the friendliest places in town... I spoke with **Pat Ouellette** of **New Harmony Sisterhood Band** and she told me that the band will be going on tour early in July — to Maine and New Hampshire, as well as south to Philly and Washington D.C. For our readers in those areas, watch for dates and places for where the band will be. If they come your way, be sure not to miss them. They're inspiring and also a lot of fun... **Pete Seeger**, who has been a supporter of many political movements, including gay rights, will be in town on April 7 at 8:00 at Symphony Hall. Seeger lived in Cambridge during his college days at

queens in this column... A valid gripe and I've promised to get myself over to **Sylvia Sydney's** show at *Together* on Monday nights, in the next few weeks... **Herbie's Ramrod Room** is packing them in on Thursday nights, for *Viking* night. I stopped by for a quick drink and stayed till closing. See for yourself...

I found a wonderful birthday card for my brother at **Copley Flair**. Now that the weather's warming up a bit, they've got beautiful plants out on the street. Stop by and pick up a lily... I walked through the mud at the Esplanade to check out my favorite in-city summer spot and found the benches decaying, the shoreline cluttered, and tidy little dog deposits all over. Let's hope the city cleans up before the windy season ends. I'm hoping to pull my kite out of hibernation and send it soaring



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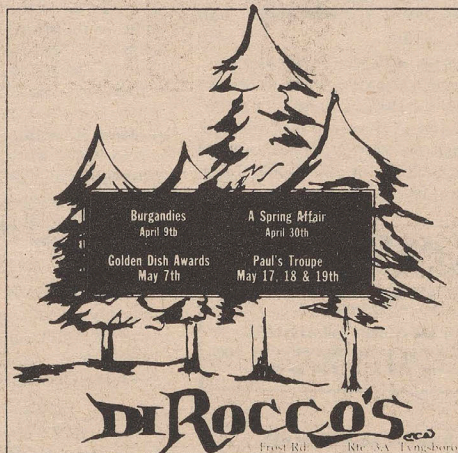
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Vegetarian lesbian or gay man for a balanced, beautiful straight and gay home (3M) in Winchester (near Arlington). 15 min to Boston, 35 by bike or bus. Support. trees, tennis, track, garden, darkroom. \$100. 729-5668. (14)

Woman or gay man wanted to share lge Camb. apt. w/1 woman, 2 gay males. Call 492-6263 (jn)

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GM or F to share warm house, 10 mins to HVD Sq. pking, yard. Prefer respon. caring, non-smoker over 25. \$150/mo. Call 648-1639.

job op

COOK
to work at House Restaurant. 783-5131. (TB)

VOLUNTEER THERAPISTS NEEDED
M.S. plus experience or field placement possible, to work at HCHS. Professional indiv and group supervision provided. Join staff of the gay community's own mental health clinic. 542-5188. (38)

RESTAURANT HELP
To work at the House in Allston. Call Tony 783-5131. (TB)

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misc

MUSICIAN ORIENTAL PIANIST
43 seeks violin/flautist chamber music Montreal/Boston Bach Mozart exchange hospitality. P.O.B. 567, Westmount, Quebec. (39)

GAY TEACHERS
A gay teacher is doing a study on the situation of the gay elementary and high school teacher. If you are or have been such a teacher, or you have quit teaching because you are gay, and you are willing to discuss your experiences, please write to Teacher, GCN Box ABC, 22 Bromfield St., Bos. 02108. (ER)

THE EAGLE HAS FEAS!!!!
Space avail. at Boston Eagle for Gay Flea Market, Sat., Apr. 22. 3-8pm. Call Dick 4-6pm, Thurs and Fri only, for further info. 353-0292. Peace! (38)

WOMEN WOMEN WOMEN
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To sublet in comfy fag hshld for June, July, Aug. \$85/mo + utils. (415) 641-9364 or write Robt Haule, 1604 Dolores, SF 94110 Drags & Dykes welcome. (38)

job wanted

GWF 24 student seeks summer job on Cape. Diverse experience; avail mid May thru L-Day. Also need room. Please send info to GCN Box 876. (40)

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GCN is always in need of office furniture, paint, sofa, file cabinets, shelves and anything that is in good repair for our office. To donate contact Richard at 426-4469 (c)
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For Sale — Minolta SRT 102 mint condition (used by GCN staff photographer) with 1.4 lens & case. Negotiable price. Call after 6, 289-6584, Angela. (c)

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For sale, almost new 12 windows 36x68 double hung wooden sash thermo-pane. 1 door-solid core w/ram + hardware 30x78 total. \$500. 266-2296. (37+)

resorts

PROVINCETOWN ON \$4 AN EVENING For the DECENT GAY MALE visiting Provincetown. CARL'S is comfortable, friendly and offers complimentary coffee, mixers, parking, etc., starting from \$4 Student Dorm. \$8 up Pvt. Room. Carl's Guest House, 68 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657. Tel: 487-1650. (48)

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penpals

We get many requests from gays in prison to put pen pal ads in for them. Limited space prevents us from printing as many of these ads as we would like to, since the prisoners do not have the funds to pay for their ads. We will print more if anyone out there is willing to contribute. For each \$3 we receive we can print one more pen pal ad. Send checks to Penpals, GCN Box 892. (c)

ATTENTION INMATES

If you desire penpals, please contact M.C.C. of the Rockies, POB 9536, Denver, CO 80209. (c)

People writing to the following prisoners take note of change in their addresses. Ray Barker, 13910 Unit 9, Wilford Seek 14845, Unit 8. Bob Peterson 14922, Unit 8 All are at P.O. Box 14, Boise, ID 83707 (43)

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5'11", 155, very attrac. Virgo, love reading and writing about practically anything, 25 years old. Will answer all. Sidney Davis, 010501, K-3-N-8, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091 (43)

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Seeking someone to share thoughts with. Joseph Garrett, 005638, 67-104, P.O. Box 221, Raiford, FL 32083. (41)

organizations

LUTHERANS ALC, LCA AND Mo. Uniting for justice, love, understanding in our church. Lutherans Concerned (for gay people), Box B-19114A, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, services each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. (hymn sing 6:45), 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Edward T. Houghton, pastor. Office 523-7664. All persons are welcome.

BOSTON GAY CATHOLICS Dignity/Boston sponsors EXODUS MASS, a liturgy for gay and concerned Catholics every Sunday at Arlington Street Church (Boston), Boylston St. entrance at 5:30 pm. For info, contact Dignity/Boston, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114. Tel. 536-6518. (35)

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WORCESTER, church service at 6 Institute Road, 2 p.m. Sundays, 756-0730.

COMING TO S.F. BAY AREA? Stanford Gay People's Union welcomes you. Social hours, rap group, peer counseling, programs, parties. Phone (415) 497-1488; mail to Box 8265, Stanford, CA 94305.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING Men, 40 and older, have problems different from young Gay Activists. Small discussion group forming NYC. Call (212) 242-8112 or write Burdick, Apt. 1C, 270 W. 25th St., NYC, NY 10001.

In New Jersey, the Gay Activist Alliance/Morris County meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. using facilities of Unitarian Fellowship, Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ. Info: (201) 884-0653; 347-6234.

BOSTON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GAYS AND LESBIANS (BUUGL), an inclusive group of religious liberals working to provide opportunities for community building among lesbians and gay men, meets every Sunday evening at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston St., at 7:00 pm. Lesbians especially welcome. For more info call Bob Wheatly at 742-2100. (D49)

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publications

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Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA (Area Code 617)

Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900
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, Suite 129 102 Charles St., Boston MA 02114 367-0733
Job Bank 492-0056
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Education Service (Human Achievement Foundation), P.O. Box 398, Allston 02134 277-2484
Gay Hotline (6-12pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus) P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02117 73 Tremont St., Rm 224 742-4811
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117 287-1900 (X2396)
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 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. 877-8550
Nites and weekends 354-8807
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center
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 Gays, 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 Eli Ctr. Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers, transgenderists and gender dysthorics, 102 Charles St., Suite 433, Boston 02114 523-0368
Project Lambda 267-9150
Project Place 266-3444
Sexual Health centers of N.E., Inc. 333-0146
739 Boylston St., Boston 02116
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center)
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 851-6711
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm) 523-0368
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-5370
Montachusets 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
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Help Line 664-6391
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003 664-6392
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, Amity 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 751-3322
Gay Help Line
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
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthews 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)

Christian Community Church 292 State Street (617) 363-2286
MCC-Extension, 292 State St., Portsmouth 03801 382-4678
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
Broome County Gay Alliance P.O. Box F-1711 (607) 724-1973
Binghamton 13902
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
Cornell Gay Liberation Room 28 Willard Straight Hall Cornell Univ., Ithaca 14853 (607) 256-6482
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 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 Light Collective 389 W. Onondaga St. Syracuse, 13202 (315) 475-6875
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
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Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914) 473-3857
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