

CALENDAR

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

27 sat

Boston — Women Against Violence Against Women continues its boycott of Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Records with demonstration in front of Strawberries in Copley Sq. 1 pm.

Cambridge — Gay Folk Dancing. 3-6pm. 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Univ.

28 sun

Boston — The Unitarian Universalist Lesbians and Gay Men will replay a tape of John Gerassi's address to the Boston/Boise Committee. Also, a tribute to folksinger Maxine Feldman. 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

Cambridge — Non-competitive women's softball game. No practice, no skills, no experience; bring bats, balls, mitts, cold drinks to Magazine Beach (on Charles River near Stop & Shop, 10 blocks south of Central Sq.) 5pm.

29 mon

Washington, DC — Vito Russo will present a lecture entitled "The Celluloid Closet," documenting the changing attitudes of Hollywood and society towards homosexuality. 8:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

30 tues

Washington, DC — The American Film Institute continues its program *The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Cinema* with a showing of *Staircase*. 6:30pm. Kennedy Center.

Boston — Free V.D. tests by the Gay Health Collective in cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. 4-6pm at The Club Baths, 4 LaGrange St.

NYC — "Backroom Bar Sex": a discussion of what goes on in backroom bars. West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St. 8:30pm

31 wed

Cambridge — Lesbian Task Force of the Boston Chapter of NOW meeting. 7:30pm NOW headquarters, 99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive, Central Sq. Open.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *Outrageous* and *A Position of Faith*. 6:30pm. *Un Chant d'Amour* and *Fox and His Friends*. 9pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

1 thurs

NYC — Midge Costanza, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, will speak at the Gay Women's Alternative. 8pm. Central Park West at 76th St. The National Gay Task Force will host a benefit cocktail party for Midge immediately preceding her GWA appearance. \$25 donation. For info, call NGTF at (212) 741-1010.

2 fri

Boston — Am Tikva — Roaring 20's party. Appropriate period attire. Dancing & refreshments. Frost Lounge, Eli Center, Northeastern Univ. Call 353-1821 for info.

Boston — Gay Teachers, an evening of fun and socializing at member's house. Meet at 7:15pm, 355 Boylston St. Bring pot-luck desserts. Open to all gay teachers.

3 sat

Boston — Hike up Mt. Bald Face, North Chatham, NH. Sponsored by Boston Unitarian Gays. All welcome, but advance reservation necessary. Leave Boston Common at Charles & Beacon Sts. at 7am. Bring appropriate shoes and warm clothing. Info: 227-6167

Boston — Free V.D. tests by the Gay Health Collective in cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. 10pm-1am at the Club Baths, 4 LaGrange St.

Allston — Kenny Arkin and Willie Sordill in concert at the Boston Food Coop Pub. 8:30pm. Donations accepted. 449 Cambridge St.

Boston — WE ARE, Women's Educational and Resource Enterprise is sponsoring a two-day Assertiveness Training Program for Men at the Lenox Hotel in Boston on June 3rd and 4th. Info: call WE ARE At 277-5944.

Boston — The women of CLEARSPACE are presenting a Picnic and Hayride. Open to all lesbian women. Deadline for sign-up is Thurs. June 1. For details, call Marty at 646-8598.

Cambridge — Gay Folk Dancing. 3-6pm. 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Univ.

Princeton, NJ — The Gay Alliance/Princeton will hold an alumni reunion and reception from 4 to 6:30pm at the Library, 83 Prospect. Princetonians of all classes and their friends welcome. Champagne, etc.

4 sun

Portsmouth, NH — Christian Community Church holds their monthly worship service at 7pm. All are welcome. 292 State St.

Boston — Unitarian Universalist Lesbians and Gay Men; Business — monkey and otherwise: an assessment. 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

NYC — Dykes & Tykes business meeting. Help plan projects. New women always needed. 6pm. Call (212) 777-7697 for address.

Washington, DC — *The Celluloid Closet: The Damned*. 8pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

Cambridge — Non-competitive women's softball game. No practice, no skills, no experience; bring bats, balls, mitts, and cold drinks to Magazine Beach (on Charles River near Stop & Shop, 10 blocks south of Central Sq.) 5pm.

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex spaghetti dinner. 3pm. 50¢ p/person. For info, call 877-8550.

5 mon

Washington, DC — *The Celluloid Closet: A Very Natural Thing*. 8:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

6 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group. "Exciting Gay Summer Travel" will be a discussion led by travel expert Richard Hamilton. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Washington, DC — *The Celluloid Closet: Fireworks and The Hunters are the Hunted*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

Cambridge — Feminist songwriter Joanna Cazden in concert at Passim. 8:30pm. \$3. admission.

7 wed

Washington, DC — *The Celluloid Closet: Portrait of Jason*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

8 thurs

Bangor, PA — Gay and Christian Conference, at the Kirkridge Conference Center. Leaders in residence will be Malcolm Boyd, John McNeill, and Ron Wesner. Call (215) 588-1793 for info.

9 fri

Boston — Free V.D. tests by the Gay Health Collective in cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. 10pm -1am at the Club Baths, 4 LaGrange St.

10 sat

Boston — Bicycle outing along Boston's famous 'Emerald Necklace' park system. Esplanade, Fenway, Jamaica Way to Arboretum. Return to Gay Pride Fair in Fenway. Meet at 10am on the esplanade side of the Arthur Fiedler Bridge. Bring lunch. Info: 227-6167. Sponsored by Boston Unitarian Gays. All welcome.

Dallas, TX — Fifth Annual Texas Gay Conference: Setting Sites on Human Rights. Workshops, guest speakers and social activities. Contact P.O. Box 20254, Dallas, TX 75220 or call (214) 528-4233.

Boston — The Unitarian Universalist Gay Men & Lesbians will sponsor a bike hike to Arnold Arboretum. Meet at 10am on the esplanade side of the Arthur Fiedler Bridge. Bring lunch. Info: 227-6167.

11 sun

NYC — Dykes & Tykes, Candle Making on the Beach. Noon. We will supply materials but bring whatever you have. Take D train to Brighton Beach, walk east along Brighton Beach Ave. to Brighton 13th.

Boston — Unitarian Gays will meet with MCC. 7pm. Old West Church.

Washington, DC — *The Celluloid Closet: Lot In Sodom and Tea and Sympathy*. 6pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

13 tues

Cambridge — Women's Folk Dancing. 7-9 pm. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Univ. Info: 623-1462.

14 wed

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex organizational meeting. 8pm. Call 877-8550 for details.

17 sat

Boston — Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Rally. Meet at 11:30am at Copley Sq.

Philadelphia — The Gay Pride Picnic '78. Belmont Plateau, Fairmount Park. Noon to 5pm. Games, sports, entertainment, etc.

18 sun

Boston — Spring For GCN Benefit at the Club Max. Auction, dance contest, fashion show, buffet, tea dance. Noon-2am. \$5.00 donation. All Day Disco! 54 Park Sq.

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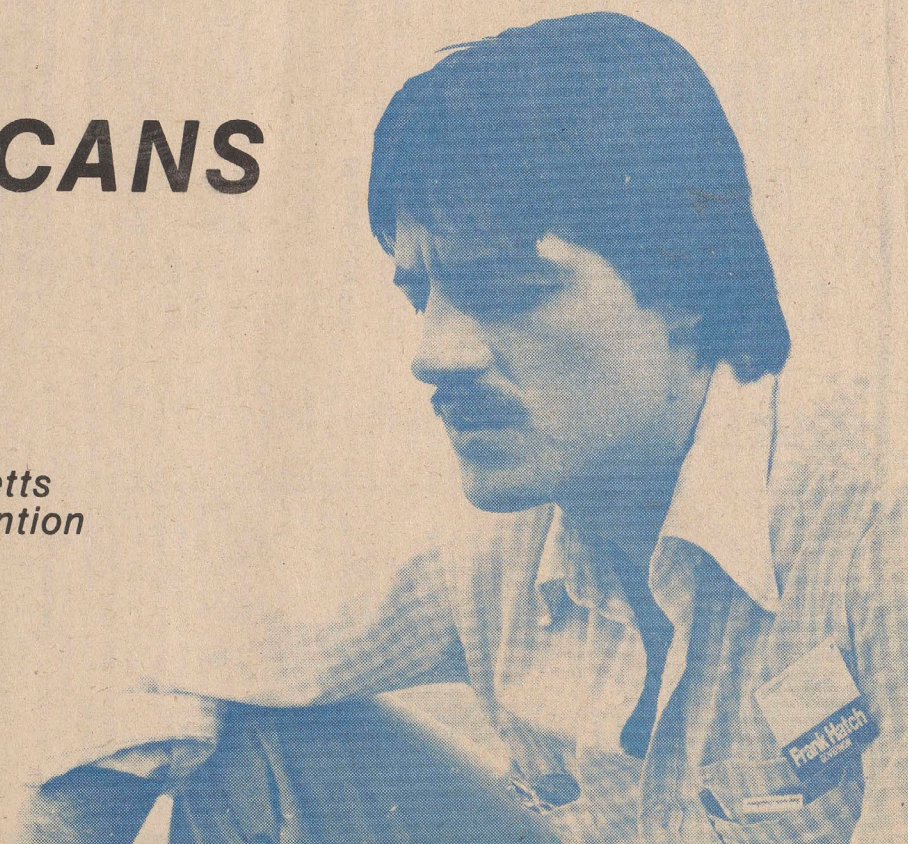
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Eugene Votes To Repeal Ordinance

By Nancy Wechsler

EUGENE, OR — Voters of this liberal Oregon city voted May 23 to repeal their city's six month old gay rights ordinance. With a 50% voter turnout, 22,898 voted to repeal the ordinance while 13,427 voted to retain it. A poll taken by the pro-gay Eugene Citizens for Human Rights, just before the election, had shown voters evenly split with 40% favoring retaining the ordinance, 40% against retention, and 20% undecided.

The Eugene Citizens for Human Rights (ECHR) spearheaded the campaign to keep the ordinance on the books. Carl Goodman of ECHR talked to GCN about the vote, "We were disappointed. We had hoped for a victory. There really shouldn't be referenda on civil rights issues. We shouldn't have to ask people for our rights, we should just have them."

Gains Cited

While disappointed, members of ECHR also point to many gains made through the campaign. Goodman explained, "The educational impact of the referendum was very positive for the gay community. Every person in this city became more aware of gay issues. We spent two months telephoning voters and a month going door-to-door talking to people. We had over 600 vol-

unteers working with us on election day. We collected over \$50,000 for the campaign, and most of it came from Oregon."

Candlelight March

After the vote, 500 lesbians, gay men, and their supporters, participated in a silent candle light march from ECHR campaign headquarters through downtown to the courthouse, where the ballots had been counted. A short rally was held at the courthouse. A lawyer from ECHR spoke, as well as a local Presbyterian minister. The crowd listened to music and joined in some singing. ECHR told GCN that 5,000 people marched in San Francisco in a spontaneous show of support for gay people in Eugene, after hearing of the outcome of the election.

Keep On Going

"We will go to the courts, to the streets if we have to," Queen told GCN. "We may go for more gay civil rights legislation, but it seems like it will be a while before we regain on that turf what we won in the last decade." She spoke for many others when she said, "We faced up squarely to the issue — we came out openly and talked to people about what it is like to be a gay person. A lot of us came out over the last several

months — to our relatives, neighbors and co-workers. We won't be going back into the closets."

Alan Laub, who had worked with ECHR as a volunteer, expressed hopes that ECHR would stay together and continue doing political work. He said there would be "another community meeting next week to discuss what the next step will be. As an organization

Carol Queen, another active member of ECHR, told GCN, "The whole campaign was good, well run and exciting. It really brought our community together. We did our job right. Any newcomer in a political race would be glad to do as well as we did." About losing the actual election, Queen said, "People here felt angry but also energetic. We are getting ready for Stonewall Day, and we will have the likes of one nobody's ever seen."

Role of Church

"We have gained a number of staunch gay rights supporters," Goodman told GCN. "Many non-gay people who hold 'prestigious' positions, including ministers and Eugene's only Rabbi, worked with us on the campaign. But while the churches supported us, they will have to start taking a more aggressive stand, as votes come up around the country." Goodman told

GCN that the Eugene anti-gay group VOICE, had used the recent vote by the Presbyterian Church (refusing the ordination of homosexuals) to bolster their anti-gay campaign. Goodman commented, "While the Presbyterian Church task force *did* vote against ordaining homosexuals, they voted unanimously in favor of civil rights for gays. VOICE failed to mention this in their campaign." VOICE has said that gay rights is only the first issue they planned to be active against and mentioned the ERA and abortion rights as other possible future targets.

ECHR could continue to do outreach and be a place for people to come to who feel they are being discriminated against. It could organize rap groups, and parents groups." Gay Pride Week for Eugene will be June 14-17. Laub predicted that the "Stonewall event will help us keep together for a period of time, while we continue to figure out what to do next."

Some members of ECHR felt energy would be put into a campaign to pass a state-wide gay civil rights bill. In both 1973 and 1975 gay civil rights bills were defeated by one vote in the State House.

Idi Amin Assails U.S. Congressman

KAMPALA, Uganda — Uganda President Idi Amin has assailed U.S. Rep. Frederick Richmond of New York, who recently confessed to offering money to men for sex. Radio Kampala quoted Amin as saying, "Congressman Richmond is one of the U.S. congressmen who are trying to get the Carter administration to impose a trade ban against Uganda."

"Mr. Richmond admitted the fact that he has had sexual relations with men and boys on payment, especially since the beginning of this year up to

now," Amin continued. "He says he has been having sex with his fellow men both at his home and in other places." The African president noted that Richmond had been given full support by the mayor of New York Edward Koch, whom Amin also called a homosexual.

"The President said he is not, therefore, surprised that the U.S. Congress, which is composed of such men, most of whom . . . are almost mad, are taking such savage and wild decisions against Uganda basing them on malicious propaganda from exiles," the broadcast continued. "Besides the fact that such high-

ranking officials in the American government are making love to young boys and their fellow men as if women died in America, it is also a fact that 50,000 people in America are killed almost every day through crimes."

Amin asked "if this is the type of civilization that America is teaching the world and the human rights that America is trying to be the champion."

Meanwhile, the misdemeanor morals charge against Cong. Richmond has been dismissed by a District of Columbia court because the 54-year-old Brooklyn Democrat "has been

receiving professional treatment" as required under a first-offender law.

Judge Eugene N. Hamilton ordered the charges dropped on May 3 after Richmond's lawyer, Stan Anderson, reported that the defendant had been complying with the treatment requirements. The representative had been arrested on April 6 for soliciting sex from a plainclothes police officer.

Richmond was one of only ten members of Congress who recently received 100% ratings from the National Women's Political Caucus.

Presbyterian Vote Denies Ordination of Homosexuals

SANDIEGO — After extensive committed debate, the full session of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church voted not to ordain practicing homosexuals as ministers in their church.

Delegates from the assembly claim this action followed years of study concerning social, psychological, as well as religious aspects of homosexuality, and previous to the vote, found themselves sharply divided as to the matter of ordination.

The deliberative process over the last week resulted in some crucial points of consensus. A 56 member Committee on the Church and Homosexuality emerged from three days of discussion

with two reports that disagreed on the ordination question but concurred in several key areas.

Homosexual Acts Called "Sinful"

A set of proposals that call homosexual acts 'sinful' was supported by 44 of the committee members. One such proposal councils Presbyterians that 'our present understanding of God's Will precludes the ordination of persons who do not repent of homosexual practice.'

Yet another statement urged those in charge of reviewing candidates for the ministry not to make a specific inquiry into the 'sexual orientation or practice' of a candidate who has not declared his or her sexual preference.

The report also contained a condemnation of the 'widespread contempt for homosexual persons that prevails in our society' and voiced strong support for laws upholding civil rights for homosexuals. However, while not ordaining declared homosexuals, the church will welcome 'such persons' as members.

Minority Urges Restraint

The two reports showed unanimity on issues of church membership, civil rights, and safeguards against what some Delegates feared would become a 'Witch Hunt' type of mentality in the screening of ministerial candidates.

Delegates used as a focal point for debate a long report from a special task

force that had looked into the subject for 15 months after its establishment by the 1976 General Assembly. The task force was made up of a broad cross-section of church members including social scientists, theologians, and laymen. The report, released January 23, included minority and majority recommendations that only served to increase the existing conflict.

Fourteen of the nineteen member task force underscored the right, covered by Presbyterian law, of each local Presbyterian to decide the issue for itself, and restated the prerogative of each church to accept or deny individual candidates as minister.

News Notes

FUNDING REQUEST REJECTED

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare last week rejected an application from the Charles Street Meetinghouse for the funding of Project Lambda, a program for gay youth. The application asked the Social Services Division for \$44,352 for protective and advocacy services for approximately 60 gay adolescents. Project Lambda has been operating since 1975, but recently has been functioning on a volunteer basis since the withdrawal of financial support from the Youth Activities Commission of the City of Boston.

Rev. Randall Gibson, project director, responded to the letter of rejection by making two announcements. First, Gibson said he intends to inform all government agencies which he works with — such as the Division of Youth Services, police, courts, and local welfare offices — that he will no longer accept referrals from them. Secondly, he said he intends to file suit against the Department of Public Welfare for failing to provide services for its young gay clients as it provides for other persons.

POST POLL SHOWS NO

NEW YORK, NY — In the heaviest response to its current series of call-in polls, the *New York Post* reported a close "no" vote on the question of gay rights.

In answer to the question "Should the city pass a bill allowing gays to hold any job?" 51.6% of those responding said no, while 48.4% said yes.

The *Post* stated that it received 8185 calls on the question. Robert Beck, who is conducting the polls being published by the newspaper, said that the issue created "tremendous interest" and "many people tried to get through to vote and couldn't."

DARTS REJECTION

BOSTON — The Boston Licensing Board has rejected an application from Dartmouth Restaurant Corporation, d/b/a "Darts" at 271 Dartmouth Street, Back Bay, for a change of ownership. The four-page unanimous decision, written by Commissioner Jon C. Straight, was issued on May 12.

The establishment was accused of discriminating against women in its door policy, following complaints of several individuals which were ultimately confirmed by two plainclothes female police officers. In addition, the Board cited the club for failing to obtain their approval for remodeling when the bar changed from "The Point After" to "Darts." Finally, the Board cited the bar for excessive noise and disruption to the other residents of the building.

The decision may be appealed to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

GAY ACTIVIST RE-HIRED

HOUSTON, TX — Gary Van Ooteghem, a Houston gay activist, who was fired from his job as an aide to Harris County Treasurer Harstell Gray almost three years ago, has won reinstatement. U.S. District Court Judge Ross Sterling ordered the reinstatement and also ordered Gray to give Van Ooteghem back pay.

Van Ooteghem was originally fired after he refused to obey an order from Gray to stay in his office when he was supposed to be addressing the County Commission on gay rights. Judge Sterling agreed that unreasonable limits had been placed on Van Ooteghem's right to freedom of speech.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

PHILADELPHIA — A seminar on "Homosexuality and Issues of Gender Identity" is being organized by the Pennsylvania Hospital, which is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania. Organizers are encouraging "Physicians, Psychologists, Social Workers, Counselors, and Clergy" to attend. The seminar will specifically take up issues of homosexuality, including: historical, sociological, diagnostic considerations, illness or lifestyle, issues of treatment. The seminar will also deal with "socio-cultural reactions and responses" including Anita Bryant, gay liberation, the reaction of the family, and the American Psychiatric Association Referendum.

The seminars will cost \$215 per person, plus \$35 registration fee. They will take place in New York on June 19-20, and Chicago August 23-24. If you are interested call toll free 800-223-7450. (If you are in New York State call 212-953-7266.

WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

URBANA, IL — The Fifth Annual Women's Music Festival will be held June 13-18 at the University of Illinois, Urbana Campus. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of Malvina Reynolds, singer/songwriter, who died recently at the age of 77.

Some of the performers confirmed for this year's festival are: Casse Culver and the Belle Starr Band, Woody Simmons, Kay Gardner, Mother Chord, Teresa Trull and Jubilee.

Dr. Antonia Brico, the first woman to conduct both the Berlin and New York Philharmonic, will conduct a classical concert on Saturday evening June 17. Anyone interested in participating in this orchestra should contact Kay Gardner, Box 33, Stonington, ME. 04687.

As part of an effort to include the music of Third World women, the organizers of the Festival have asked Val Grey Ward, a black cultural worker from Chicago, to coordinate the Thursday evening concert. The idea for this particular concert came from a workshop held at last year's festival.

Pre-registration costs for the week at \$30, with weekend passes for \$15.

Some performances and workshops will be designed for the deaf. All University buildings are accessible to wheelchairs.

For more information, write to: National Women's Music Festival, Box 2721 Station A, Champaign, IL. 61820 or call (217) 333-6443.

MEN'S MOVEMENT

NEW JERSEY — An estimated five hundred men and women from the metropolitan New York area will gather to discuss "Men and Masculinity" at a conference at Ramapo College, in Northeastern New Jersey, August 11-15.

Organizers believe that the Women's Movement has had a major influence on the way men think about themselves and their roles. They see this conference as a time to discuss the consequences of these changes in such areas as workstyles, parenting, and social relationships.

The Conference, planned by an ad hoc group of men and women experienced in what has been termed the "men's movement", will include workshops in personal growth, discussions of the limitations of present gender-role stereotypes, and exploration of future social and political changes. Other workshops planned include: gay relationships, non-sexual relationship between men, friendships between men and women, competitiveness, and gay-straight dialogue.

All interested men and women are invited to attend. For more information contact: Connell, 534 Walnut Street, Ft. Lee, NJ 07024; or Brannon, 16 De Koven Court, Brooklyn, NY 11230.

LESBIANS RAPED

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE — A criminal court sentenced three men to prison terms for raping two avowed Lesbians four years ago in a landmark decision which their lawyers said established for the first time "that rape is a crime" in France.

Although rape is listed as a felony in French legal statutes, the trial marked the first time a rape case was heard by a criminal court before a jury without additional criminal charges, such as armed robbery, accompanying the indictment.

In the past, rape cases in France were tried as simple misdemeanors by a judge without a jury in closed door sessions.

CENTRAL N.Y. GAY PRIDE

JAMESVILLE, NY — The Syracuse/Onondaga County Gay Pride Field Day will take place July 1 in this city in Central New York. Gay men and lesbians from all over the state are expected to share in the celebration of gay pride and community. There will be entertainment, raffles and workshops.

This Fourth Annual Gay Pride Field Day is sponsored by the Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition, a coalition of groups and people working for gay and human rights legislation, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Syracuse Peace Council, Central New York NOW, Women's Political Caucus, Liberal Party and many gay and lesbian groups.

The Gay Pride Field Day will be held on Saturday, July 1, at Camp Brockway, Pratt's Falls Park in Jamesville, New York from noon to 8 p.m.

INTERESTED PARENTS

WABAN, MA — *Parent's Choice*, a bi-monthly review of children's media, will debut in September with a 16-page issue of articles, columns and features designed to alert parents to trends and events in television, books, records, films, and toys, as well as educational issues.

Parent's Choice will be a "forum for informing parents what their options are in extending their children's learning process and growth through out-of-school experiences and entertainment."

Editor Diana Green is a member of the faculty of Radcliffe College's Seminars Program, where she has taught children's literature for a number of years. Guiding the *Parent's Choice* editorial staff is an advisory board which includes the Director of Children's Cultures at the U.N., Senator Muriel Humphrey, Robert Coles, M.D., Benjamin DeMott, Peter Blos, and Ms. Anne Pellowski.

The magazine will sell for \$7.00 per subscription. An introductory copy, subscription blanks and further information may be obtained by writing *Parent's Choice*, Box 185, Waban, MA 02168, or by calling (617) 332-1298.

VOTE TO BE HELD IN OKLAHOMA

Members of Oklahoma's lower house voted 88-2 to permit school boards to fire or refuse to employ persons who have engaged in "public homosexual conduct." Rep. John Monks (D-Muskogee) who authored the bill maintained that with his bill, districts could dismiss "people afflicted with this degenerate problem. . . people who are mentally deranged in this way." When asked whether his bill would apply to both sexes, Monks replied: "It will cover both queers and lesbians." The bill now goes before the Oklahoma Senate for action. The Senate version is sponsored by Sen. Mary Helm, a member of the John Birch Society.

The measure defines "public homosexual conduct" as "advocating, citing, imposing, encouraging, or prompting public or private homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees." By such definition, even heterosexual teachers who speak out in behalf of gay rights could be liable for their jobs.

GAYS IN UNIONS

TORONTO — A group of lesbians and gay men have formed the Lesbian and Gay Trade Union Group. The trade union group is open to all gay people who are members of trade unions or who are interested in organizing a union where they work. According to Hugh English, a member of the new group, an immediate task is to encourage the formation of gay caucuses in unions in order to provide support for lesbians and gay men in the work place. English indicated that the group would raise issues of lesbian and gay liberation in the trade union movement and support the special concerns of women in unions.

ERA RALLY

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Organization for Women is sponsoring a large national rally to show support for the ERA Extension bill, and to demonstrate to Congress just how important equal rights are to the women of this country.

The rally is scheduled for July 9th in Washington, DC. Anyone interested in attending, please contact the Boston NOW Office, 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139, or call (617) 661-6015. Leave your name, address, and phone number along with a request for more information on the rally or transportation to it.

TIDEWATER CONFERENCE

NORFOLK, VA — The Second Annual Tidewater Lesbian/Gay Conference will be held on the campus of Old Dominion University from May 26 to 28. The conference is sponsored by the ODU Gay Alliance and the Student Women's Caucus. Conference sessions will explore "the many ways we remain closed to each other within the lesbian and gay male community." Other workshops will focus on topics such as politics, religion, health, separation and music. Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, both of the National Gay Task Force, will be present at the conference.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Free housing and childcare will be provided, and facilities are accessible to the handicapped. For more information write or call: Conference, POB 11123, Norfolk, VA 23517, (804) 625-1130 (6 to 10 p.m.).

New Yorkers Demonstrate Against 'Aesthetic Realism'

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — Approximately 40 demonstrators picketed the headquarters of Eli Siegel's "Aesthetic Realism" (AR) on Saturday, May 13, in a demonstration co-sponsored by the Gay Activists Alliance and Lesbian Feminist Liberation.

Over 20 police officers, some in riot gear with their clubs drawn, formed a line between the demonstrators and the entrance to the AR building. These officers were called from the Midtown North Precinct, even though the demonstration was being held in the First Precinct. Bullhorns were not permitted and GAA had to remove the two wooden sticks from their banner.

AR has angered the lesbian and gay community with its claims to "cure" homosexuality, referred to as "H," and recently placed an ad in *The New York Times* to this effect. AR bases

such claims on its concept of "the aesthetic oneness of opposites."

GAA responded to AR by calling it "pathetic idealism" and demanding that AR "accept reality" and "acknowledge rights." GAA stated, "There is nothing aesthetic about a repressed closet queen! Eli Siegel and his pathetic idealists would have us believe that self-hate and oppression are preferable to healthy gay contempt for a repressive society. In their desperate bid for conformity and convention, they state that it is dangerous to have contempt for a society that oppresses, vilifies, attacks, and kills us for who we are! Their final solution is that we should end our oppression by 'liking' our oppressor!"

While the demonstration continued outside the building, an AR meeting of about 200 people was being held inside. Although the meeting was closed to the general public, two gay activists

managed to gain admittance. Homosexuality was not discussed by the group, but when a Walt Whitman poem was read, the activists took the occasion to bring up the subject and disrupted proceedings to question AR's position on homosexuality.

The activists reported that many of the people were "visibly shaken" by the demonstration and that the chanting could be clearly heard inside, even though the windows had been closed.

The AR meeting was cut short, though, when one of their members suffered a heart attack and ambulances were called to the scene. Members leaving the building were greeted by chants of "AR H's [homosexuals] are closet cases" and "AR kills — Gay life fulfills."

One small group of AR people were surrounded by gay hecklers and followed for two blocks while a police officer tried to hail them a taxi. They were eventually picked up by two other cars driven by AR members and allowed to leave after the cars were given a "gentle" shaking.

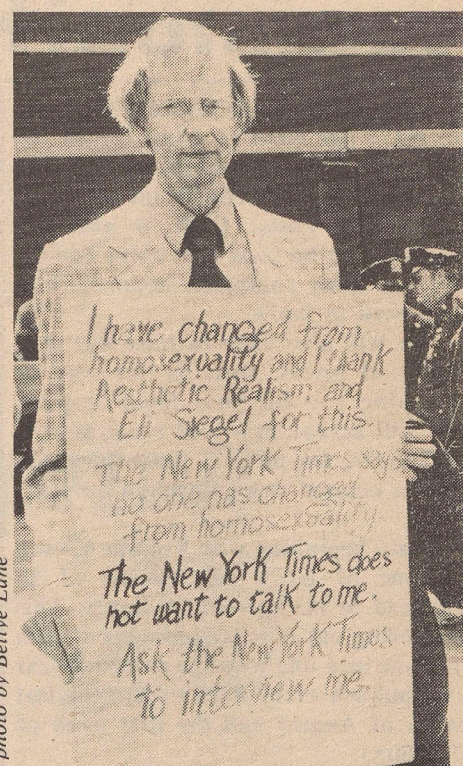


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"Gay Gone Straight" Group demonstrates in front of N.Y. Times

news commentary

Lesbian Feminists Organize in Israel

By Maida Tilcher

ISRAEL — Twenty Israeli lesbians confronted Israeli feminists at a Women's Conference in Be'er Sheva on May 1. In a move reminiscent of the "lavender menace" demonstration at New York N.O.W. in the early 1970s, the lesbian group sat together and read a prepared statement asking the women's conference to recognize their existence within the Israeli feminist movement. The statement read:

"The problems of women who are lesbians and feminists are many and complex. We live in a society that both created and perpetuates a negative, distorted image of women, a society that harasses and isolates the feminist woman seeking freedom. How much more so does it punish the lesbian woman, who is neither emotionally nor

socially dependent on men. The very fact of her existence constitutes a threat to patriarchal institutions.

She sees and is not seen.

She hears and is not heard.

And so, we have come here, today, to be seen and to be heard."

After the statement was read, the lesbian contingent stood up, en masse, joined by Marsha Friedman, a former Knesset member (equivalent to a U.S. congressperson). The total attendance at the conference was about 100, including the twenty lesbians, and women from a Haifa battered wives group, a Herzlia battered wives group, and a Be'er Sheva group working to improve conditions in the maternity ward of Be'er Sheva hospital.

The lesbian action was organized by Israel's new Lesbian-Feminist Organ-

ization, recently created by women many of whom also belong to the mixed male/female Society for the Protection of Private Rights, which is now three years old.

The status of lesbians within the Israeli feminist movement has been one of rejection until this action. Until a year ago, lesbians were active in the feminist organization and claimed some responsibility for running Israel's first "women's ticket" slate of political candidates. Subsequently, lesbians were evicted from the feminist organization by such actions as removing their names from the newsletter mailing list.

The Israeli lesbian movement includes women from many racial backgrounds. American immigrants to Israel who would not accept the de-

graded position of women started feminist activities there. The fight has been taken up by native-born "sabras" and is most vigorously carried on by Sephardi women who have immigrated to Israel from African and Moslem countries. Among feminists in Israel, recent immigrants from America and Europe, and second- and third-generation Sephardic Jews are most likely to be active feminists. The Lesbian-Feminist Organization is now working to have their group legally registered with the government.

The outcome of the demonstration by Israeli lesbians was described by a lesbian as "The important thing is we all met each other, became a little acquainted with the work of each group, and, hopefully, will work together and give each other the much needed emotional and physical support."

Deputy Sheriff Found Guilty In Arkansas Transvestite Beating

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — After deliberating seven hours, a federal jury found all four defendants guilty in the trial of present and former county law enforcement officials of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of an admitted gay man and transvestite. Special Justice Department prosecutor Ralph Martin, in his closing arguments, accused the deputy sheriffs of causing "an orgy of terror" for Lee Roy Watson, 24, who prefers to be known as Linda Sue Jackson.

Watson is seeking more than \$2 million in damages from the three men

and one woman on trial. A fifth defendant will be tried separately.

Watson was arrested twice in February and May 1977 on several misdemeanor charges, including criminal impersonation while working as an Avon salesperson. At the time of the second arrest, he testified that he was forced to appear naked before several women in Malvern City Jail as he was being teased by one of the defendants. Later he was beaten with a nightstick, according to testimony by eyewitnesses.

On June 25, Watson testified that one of the defendants took him to a remote part of Hot Springs, beat him with nightsticks and a flashlight, poured tur-

pentine in his anus, and cut his hair, injuring his ear in the process. They then set two Doberman pinschers to attack him, resulting in bites to his wrists and inner thighs; one of the defendants subsequently poured alcohol on the wounds. Watson also said that one of the defendants asked to be fucked by him, but later dropped the request.

Watson was hospitalized for ten days for treatment of wounds following the incident, causing his attending physician to call the injuries the most severely beaten patient he had treated in 25 years of medical practice. A police investigator testified that Watson had "welts across his buttocks big as your finger."

The judge in the trial described the poem as "quite appalling and it contains the most scurrilous profanity and I hope never to see the like of it again."

The defense claimed that the poem was not blasphemous, that it glorified Christ rather than attacked him, since the centurion had been converted by Christ's willing response to his homosexual acts. It also tried to defend the poem on the ground of its "literary merit."

But the Judge stood firmly on the meaning of blasphemy as it had been defined in the 1921 case in which Jesus

The defendants denied their various roles in the conspiracy. The major defendant, Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Smith, did admit that he had hit Watson with his hands because Watson had called him "a nigger." He also said that he "tapped" Watson with a flashlight on the head when he resisted getting into Smith's car.

U.S. District Court Judge Oren Harris commented, "It would have been very difficult to arrive at any other verdict. It must be made clear that the Constitution of the United States is for all citizens." Harris released all four defendants on bond pending sentencing later this month.

had been described as a clown. It was then decided that blasphemy was:

(1) "a scurrilous attack on the Christian faith, Christian doctrine and the Bible";

(2) "an outrage to the decent feelings of ordinary Christians and Christian sympathizers."

It was for the last reason that the judge refused to allow the defense to call "expert" witnesses to attest the poem's alleged literary merit. It was not the opinion of the intelligentsia that mattered but the effect of the poem on ordinary people . . .

DID YOU SEE?

This commentary by Bernard Smith in London appeared in a recent issue of the *National Laymen's Digest*, a publication of the National Laymen's Council of The Church League of America.

The first blasphemy case for over 50 years in England — the last was in 1921 — has ended in victory for the prosecution at London's Old Bailey court.

The case was brought by Mary Whitehouse, famous campaigner against TV sex and violence, against a

homosexual newspaper "Gay News." The paper had published a poem by James Kirkup, a writer of mediocre talent, who is now a professor of English at a university in Japan.

The poem records the thoughts and actions of a homosexual Roman centurion as he lifts Christ from the cross after the Crucifixion. After telling how Jesus committed buggery with 15 persons as well as with Herod's guard, the centurion then buggers the dead body of Christ and, in his fantasy, Christ, now resurrected, does the same to him.

community voices

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gay support needed

Editor:

We are planning to be part of a predominantly straight "affinity group" at the no nukes occupation in Seabrook, NH, on June 24. We would like to communicate with any gay men or lesbians who are planning to occupy, so that we can figure out ways to get together in Seabrook and possibly reach out to others. Please call or write.

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extremely offended

Dear GCN,

I am extremely offended by Robin Smith's "Movement Funeral," a piece so anti-feminist I wonder whether Robin is in this case a man's or a woman's name. It isn't a clever piece of black humor; it isn't humor at all. It is a senseless attack on lesbian feminists. I am disappointed that anyone would write such a piece for a gay publication, and that GCN could publish it. What justification can you possibly give for approving its publication? What gay audience, male or female, do you expect will appreciate this? We need not treat death with exaggerated reverence, but neither is it appropriate to depict in such distorted terms the reactions of women upon hearing news of the death of a sister. This depiction reflects a lack of experience (can Robin ever have buried a lover? a friend? or watched sisters grieving over a loss?) or a genuinely malicious attitude toward women, and lesbian feminists in particular.

Less than a year ago, the women's community did experience the loss of a strong and beautiful woman, and the reactions, contrary to the negative picture drawn by Robin Smith, were loving and supportive. What I saw in reality was sharing of women's energy, among friends and sisters who had never met before, experiencing pain and loss, and frustration when we came in contact with the institutions of funerals and burial of bodies over which, in the ultimate decision, we have no control. This pain and frustration is brought up again when I read Robin Smith's piece, which would have women hate themselves, once again for something they simply have not done, nor would they do. In actual experience, I felt the strength of women struggling to make an occasion meaningful, despite opposition. We don't need Robin Smith's put-downs; why does he or she bother to write this sort of thing? For a few misogynistic gay men? What we do need is a stronger critique of the patriarchal system that makes it difficult, but never impossible, to

control our own lives, and the rituals surrounding our deaths. There is, contrary to male put-downs of the "women's movement," plenty of joy and laughter in the women's community: we don't need dehumanizing standards of humor to teach us to "laugh at ourselves," or rather at the grotesque distortion presented to us as a mirror.

I can no longer think of reading GCN, much less of buying it, not because of any lack of interest in gay issues, but because of the pain caused by articles like those of Robin Smith. It's hard to convince women that the "gay" in your title is meant to include women, when you publish such negative images of women, particularly lesbian feminists, who are struggling against the patriarchal system that oppresses all of us. Women do need to take ourselves seriously. We don't need to be told what's funny. I protest this abuse of women and would like some kind of explanation for its publication.

Sincerely,

Name Withheld on Request

[Ed. Note: Robin Smith's writing has always been a source of controversy among our readers, as well as within the staff of GCN. Reactions have been polar, either extremely positive or strongly antagonistic. Regarding the subject matter, all we can offer is the maxim: to the satirist nothing is sacred.]

Robin Smith is a lesbian.]

art funds

Dear GCN,

As you may know, several collective members of THE BODY POLITIC magazine and THE PINK TRIANGLE PRESS in Toronto, Canada will be facing trials for distributing obscene materials in June. The materials said to be obscene are publications concerning gay liberation, specifically the December, 1977 issue of THE BODY POLITIC magazine. THE BODY POLITIC is a feminist, socialist, gay magazine, run by a non-profit collective. It has been partly funded by the Ontario Arts Council. The Ontario Arts Council is a body of twelve Canadian citizens who are appointed by the Government of Ontario to determine the distribution of government funds in support of the arts. In June the Ontario Arts Council will vote as to whether to continue their funding of THE BODY POLITIC. Because the council may well be

undergoing pressure to drop their funding of THE BODY POLITIC, we would like to urge all individuals and groups in the U.S. and Canada to write to the Ontario Arts Council and urge them to continue their support. The gay citizens of Canada certainly deserve a fair share of government money earmarked for the arts. We assure all Canadians and Americans can see the implication of censorship if the government funds are cut off due to the accusations of obscenity. Please send letters of support for THE BODY POLITIC to Ron Evans, Director of Policy and Planning, Ontario Arts Council, 151 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5S 1T6, or call (416) 961-1660. Thank you very much for your support of a free press for all humans.

Sincerely,

Maride Tilcher

nazis in america

Dear GCN,

In California, a frightening bill has been filed by Senator John Briggs. The Briggs initiative, as it is known, will prohibit any homosexual women or men from being either teachers or school workers. It also prevents any friends or colleagues of gay people in the school system from speaking out in behalf of gay rights, because any supporters of gays will lose their jobs too.

As a Jew and as a gay person, I am scared. The first thing the Nazis did to the Jews was to remove them from teaching positions, so that the Jews would not contaminate German youth. Myths about Jews killing Christian children for Passover, etc. were seized upon to further incite Germans against the Jews.

The myth of the gay person as child-molester is being used by Briggs, Anita Bryant and others, even though the facts refute their lies. As the economy gets worse, and jobs are scarcer, scapegoats must be found. After all, if you can get all the poor and oppressed people fighting each other, maybe they will be too busy to see just who the REAL tyrants are.

In 1933, Jews became the scapegoat. In the late 1970's, Gays are being deprived of the right to work in many parts of America. We're not to be taken away without a fight this time. All people, Gay or non-Gay must unite against fascism. Don't let basic rights be taken away.

Sincerely,

Satya Littlebear
San Francisco, CA

speaking out Seeing Ourselves on Television

By George Whitmore

Aside from a Sunday morning seminar program on local TV in Denver, called "Youth Wants to Know" or "Religion and Youth" (I can't remember which), I have never seen myself on television.

Of course I always like to see gay people on TV as long as it's not another David Susskind show or a "debate" on gay rights. I like it. I find it very interesting. I think we're very interesting. For instance, I like it when they show us eating. It shows we eat just like everyone else, with dishes and silverware and everything. This is very interesting. It shows that the straight media is trying to catch up and is a very good gauge of where the liberal mindset is at at any given time.

The only thing that's more interesting of this kind in my book is when the Advocate runs recipes — do they still do that? — telling you what to cook for Thanksgiving or something and they show gay men and lesbians all sitting down together in a nice San Mateo duplex (in pairs, not girl/boy/girl/boy) for turkey. In the last one of these featured spreads I saw in the Advocate the women were wearing neat doubleknit pantsuits and the men were in jeans and flowered shirts. Times change, and styles with them, of course. . . . But I'm getting a bit off the track.

Anyway, I was watching the Nightly News a month ago or so when they had a segment covering the gay rights dispute in St. Paul. This was the night before the referendum. This was the most interesting TV report on gays I have ever seen.

The report delineated three major factions in St. Paul: gays and our liberal supporters (who were shown marching); thousands of religious opponents of gay rights (a blond husband, wife and child were shown singing hymns in a large auditorium); and gay "radicals" (who were shown dancing to disco music). The latter, according to the report, considered opposition to gay rights to be fascist.

At the end of the segment the camera showed two men sitting in a theatre, I think, one with his arm around the shoulders of another. The commentator opined

that their "flamboyance" was the issue in the referendum that recalled St. Paul's 4-year-old gay rights bill.

Well, I was a bit confused. This "flamboyance" (which should be a familiar enough TV term by now, I suppose) and these new definitions of "radical" and "moderate." I didn't know if all this was an invention of the liberal mind or whether something really newsworthy was going on in St. Paul circles I hadn't heretofore guessed.

The only difference between the moderate, marching gays and the radical, dancing gays on the newscast, as far as I could tell, was that the former were indeed marching and the latter were indeed dancing. The men in the theatre were not different from the marchers or the dancers — they, too, were white and middle class.

When the gay rights bill was repealed in Wichita they showed gays dancing, too. And after Miami.

Now, we're all accustomed to assume that militant gays are the ones who take to the streets to demonstrate for our rights. And we're also in the habit of assuming that perhaps our apolitical sisters and brothers might party all night if they're into that. Perhaps as a more or less open show against militancy. Perhaps not.

But according to what I saw on the Nightly News this was not so in St. Paul. Marching in the street there was not considered radical. Dancing (and holding hands, I guess) was.

Then there's that "flamboyance" thing that seems to be at the heart of why they're voting to take away our rights.

Perhaps the central point of the report was meant to be that public displays of affection between members of the same sex are patently radical gestures. Dancing. Holding hands. Embracing. Gay liberationists have been saying this for a long

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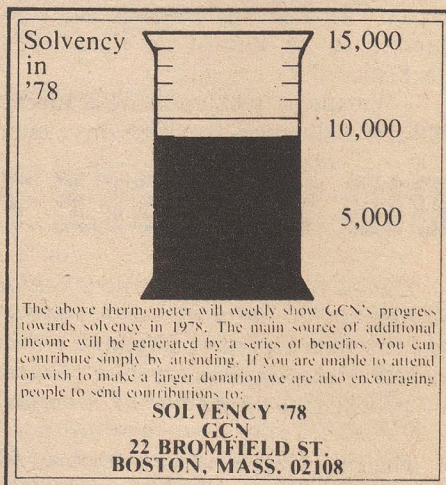
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time. Perhaps in St. Paul these *are* radical gestures. In Manhattan, of course, we pretend to think that this most natural and human behavior is either ill advised, embarrassing or unnecessary, even though we know just *being* can be looked upon as provocative and incendiary behavior by some people.

But what I love is not the "flamboyance" part, but the way it dovetails into the new definition of radicalism as dancing while other people march. This really turns my head around. Contrary to what some gay Democratic regulars are saying in New York, then, the St. Paul experience teaches us that the person who works in the closet close to political power with his or her closeted and politically powerful friends (vis. the Advocate) is no longer to be considered a moderate. For the moderates we must look elsewhere. The gays who march in the streets, hold noisy demonstrations and picket city hall are the moderates now. Clearly, if we pay attention to what the Nightly News is telling us about the St. Paul experience, the city hall gays can now be considered by this newly-moderate faction as being people who act irresponsibly and are somewhat passe as to their methods. The urgency of their cause, I suppose, has made them so strident. They are obviously at cross purposes with the current thrust of the gay civil rights struggle.

We're going to have to do a lot of revising.

Well, I just don't know. I just don't know what the straight world wants me to do anymore. Should I follow my live-and-let-live instincts and march in the streets with the moderates? Or is that just another insidious form of trying to pass for straight? Perhaps I should strike out in militancy and hie on down to the disco where I'm obliged to dance all night or otherwise act in a thoroughly "flamboyant" manner. Perhaps even run for public office, if I'm really seriously radical at all.

Decisions, decisions.

Of course, Anita Bryant (if I might drop a slogan) is a bit confused, too. According to her there are two kinds of homosexual persons. She has done a great deal of research on this. There are good gays and bad gays. The good gays are closeted, liable to conversion. The bad gays are "flamboyant". The problem, according to Anita Bryant (A.K.A. Mrs. Green) is that unless the bad gays act "flamboyant" (as we all will if our rights are protected by law, of course) one can't tell them from the good gays, or indeed from the hets. She *admits* that this confuses her. But it doesn't stop her on her holy mission.

I guess the only thing to do, with things so topsy-turvy now, is to get out and march like the responsible citizens we are and get a little dancing in on the side. But, please, no TV cameras. We don't want to risk showing how flamboyant we really are.

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community voices

safety in watering holes

Dear GCN,

I was appalled, but not surprised, to learn that a man died as a result of stab wounds received in the men's bathroom at Together. I myself only narrowly escaped a similar incident last night when a rather foppish black man with an elegantly coiffed pompadour cornered me in a stall of the same bathroom under the pretext of turning me on to some hashish. His dope turned out to be bogus (lettuce opium or some similar silliness), but when I told him I wasn't interested, he produced a straight razor and threatened to cut me. By remaining calm and bribing this crude animal with some legitimately good grass, I was able to escape the restroom unscathed, but nonetheless shaken.

While Together is probably Boston's most popular bar among black and third world gays, it is also rapidly becoming a hornet's nest of punks, thugs and cutthroats who prey upon individuals who are perceived as easy targets for abuse. Until the management gets it "together" and cleans out the riff-raff and trash that frequent this bar, I strongly urge concerned gays to boycott Together in favor of safer and saner watering holes. If our lives aren't even safe in our own bars, let alone the streets, it's going to take a concerned community effort and some consciousness-raising to get Together to clean up its act.

John Connolly
Boston

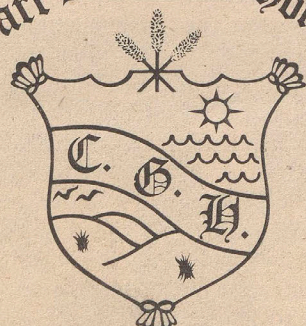
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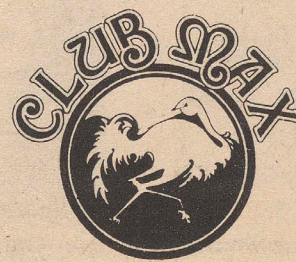
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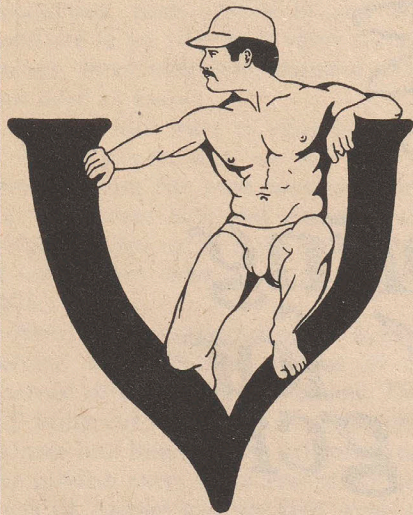
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MCAD Includes Anti-Gay Bias

By David Brill

BOSTON — Suffolk Superior Court Judge Roger J. Donahue heard arguments last Tuesday, May 23, on a request for a mandatory injunction to force the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to accept the discrimination complaint of a Boston gay man. The suit was filed by Robert MacAuley, an ex-employee of The Fan Club.

MacAuley's original complaint with the MCAD alleged that The Fan Club's chef and part-owner, Vincent Donato, verbally and physically harassed him because he is gay (See GCN, May 27). Six other Fan Club employees signed an affidavit testifying to the veracity of MacAuley's complaint. However, the MCAD refused to accept jurisdiction in the case because, it claimed, state law (Chapter 151b) does not include discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, but only "race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or ancestry."

MacAuley's attorney, Robert E. Dinsmore, has disputed the MCAD's contention that they lack jurisdiction. "I feel the statute is broad enough to protect the rights of gay people," Dinsmore said. "What we're asking for is for the court to decide whether it does [cover such discrimination] or it doesn't — one way or the other."

Dinsmore said he hopes the court will agree with his arguments. "There is a hysteria going on in this country which

is very disturbing. If one group can be denied their rights, there is nothing to prevent another group from being denied," he charged. If the court rules that the current MCAD enabling legislation does not include anti-gay discrimination, Dinsmore said he hopes that will be enough to convince the members of the state legislature "to get off their backs" and pass gay civil rights legislation.

The MCAD filed its response to the complaint on May 25. A hearing date has been set for June 19.

Jeffery Binder, general counsel to the MCAD, declined to discuss the specifics of the MCAD's position in the case, except to say that it was not "a discretionary position" nor was it a matter of budgetary considerations.

"I wish we could take these cases," Binder told GCN apologetically. He also confirmed that the MCAD has had to turn down similar requests for investigation of similar complaints.

MacAuley's complaint accused The Fan Club's part-owner of physically and verbally abusing him, and pouring hot coffee on him.

Dinsmore, who ran against Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in the 1976 Democratic primary, told GCN that MacAuley "was forced to leave" his job at The Fan Club as a result of the harassment.

Teacher Reinstated by New York Board of Education

NEW YORK — Sallie Herson has been officially reinstated to a teaching position for the New York City Board of Education. She had been released from her job as peer-group counselor at Walton High School in the Bronx in November of 1976, just days after sharing with students in a rap group discussion that she was a lesbian.

Officials of the United Federation of Teachers and the Board of Education have issued statements in support of the employment rights of homosexual teachers. The issue in this case was whether it is permissible for teachers to openly acknowledge, in the classroom, a homosexual lifestyle. With this decision, the Board has clarified its position.

The initial incident took place in late October of 1976. The student-initiated

topic of homosexuality led to a frank conversation in which Ms. Herson shared with the students that she lived with another woman and their six children.

With support from the Gay Teachers Association and the legal counsel of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Ms. Herson filed suit in federal court last August, charging abridgement of her constitutional rights by the NYC Board of Education. In response to this suit, the Board initiated an informal hearing procedure in October, 1977. As a result, it was determined that Ms. Herson should be returned to a teaching position. Arrangements were recently completed and she is presently teaching in a junior high school.

Freedom Riders

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — On Saturday, May 20, Lesbian Feminist Liberation (LFL) and the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) chartered a bus and co-sponsored a "Ride for Freedom" in support of Intro 384, the gay rights bill pending in the City Council.

The bus, carrying about 45 "freedom riders," visited Brooklyn and the Bronx, where activists staffed information tables, distributed leaflets, collected signatures on petitions in support of Intro 384, and discussed lesbian and gay rights with the public.

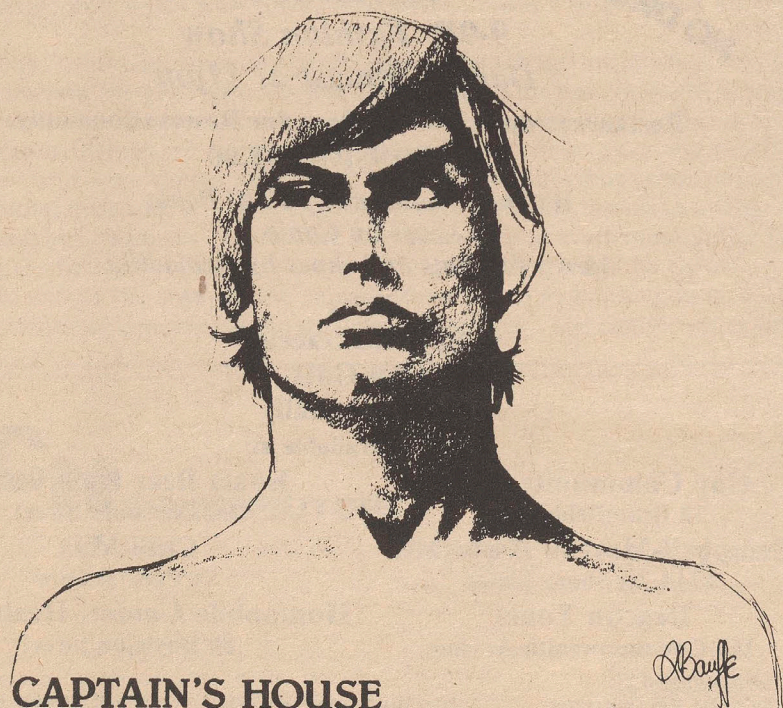
In the Bronx, where there is a heavier concentration of Blacks and Puerto Ricans, activists stressed the issue of "minority civil rights" while lobbying the public. It was reported that they received a more positive response in Brooklyn, though, which is characterized as "more open-minded and

liberal" on the issue. However, Brooklyn police stopped the activists from using bullhorns to address the public, stating that they "lacked a permit."

Returning to Manhattan, the bus stopped at the 20 block long Ninth Avenue Food Festival where several thousand leaflets were distributed to the crowds.

Cheryl Adams, a spokesperson for CLGR, described the day as "a very positive experience," stating "there wasn't that much opposition." People new to leafletting and interacting with the public were "shocked that some people would actually insult you on the street," but Adams added "that happens regardless of what you're doing." There were "no major hassles" and good weather and good spirits prevailed.

LFL is also a member of CLGR, which represents more than 50 groups endorsing equal rights for lesbians and gays.



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Women Against Violence Begins Summer Boycott



By Pat M. Kuras

CAMBRIDGE — On Saturday afternoon, May 20, the Boston chapter of Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) demonstrated at the Palmer Street entrance of the Harvard Coop. Jessi Brewster, member of WAVAW, stressed that they are "not against the stores," but as another woman said, demonstrating to urge shoppers to "boycott Warner, Elektra and Atlantic Records for their sexist advertising against women."

The demonstration was small but spirited and included members of the lesbian community. Amid the Coop's popular Saturday sidewalk sale, demonstrators carried signs which had reproductions of "offending" album covers. Included were captions that read "This culture sanctions our rape, our death," along with "Violence against women — are you buying it?"

The demonstrators handed out leaflets and encouraged people to add their names to a petition which stated that the undersigned would "boycott until album covers and advertising campaigns with sexual and physical violence to women [would be discontinued] and all such [existing] materials are returned to the producer."

Coop officials had no comment on the purpose of the boycott, but maintained that the entrance of their store should not be blocked. A policeman arrived and asked the demonstrators to "move away from the store." The officer told the women they were allowed to "picket" but once they "blocked" the store's entrance, the demonstrators would be acting in an

"illegal" manner and subject to arrest.

The women of WAVAW cooperated by moving directly on to the cobblestones of Palmer St., avoiding the Coop's doors. They continued presenting their case to sympathetic shoppers. Mostly women stopped to listen to the WAVAW demonstrators and accept leaflets. Some men responded favorably, while one teenaged woman remarked that she "never" bought those records for their sexist/violent advertising, but because "the music is good."

WAVAW Background Efforts

WAVAW, a national organization, began in Los Angeles in response to *Snuff*, a film which sensationalized the murder/dismemberment of a woman. The local Boston chapter of WAVAW began organizing last summer. They have produced a slide show: "Media's Assault on Women," which is available for group presentations.

WAVAW's summer boycott "is a national effort to resist corporate promotion of rape, battering and murder," according to member Ann Traynor. Women will be demonstrating at a different major record store in the metropolitan Boston area on each Saturday throughout the summer.

Lesbian, Gay Support

Ann Traynor commented on the lesbian connection with WAVAW "Violence to women is not necessarily a heterosexual problem. In a violent society, such as ours, there are necessarily victims. Women as a victimized majority constitute the most oppressed group, and many women are lesbians." She went on to tell GCN, "If as a woman identified with other women, I took the position that I do not find pleasurable or erotic the act of submission or the threat of forced denial of my will... I have made a choice away from traditional heterosexuality and heteroeroticism as the media presents it to us." She further analyzed that "many people resort to violence out of powerlessness and frustration. Powerless people will turn against any group (such as gays) that demand its rights or power."

WAVAW women will be at Strawberries, Copley Square, on May 27 at 1:00 p.m. and also at New England City Music, Kenmore Square, on June 10 at 1:00 p.m. For more information on the boycott or WAVAW write to: WAVAW, c/o Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, Ma. 02139 or call (617) 964-1009 or (617) 661-4995.

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Out of the Closet at the Rep

By Dave Drolet

Politics make strange bedfellows, and that includes gay and lesbian bedfellows of all political persuasions. When House Bill 3676, the gay rights bill "to prohibit discrimination in public employment," was introduced to the Massachusetts state legislature last year by Rep. Elaine Noble, it was co-sponsored by 22 other Democrats, 4 Republicans, and one Independent (Saundra Graham of Cambridge). Yet Republicans voted in favor of the bill in a slightly greater margin than did Democrats. So last April in Springfield, when I ran into an openly gay delegate to the Republican State Pre-Primary Convention to be held May 6 in Springfield, I decided to attend and cover the event — especially given the possibility of a floor fight on gay rights. GCN photographer Ken Rabb, who was raised in a Republican family, agreed to come along, and we made arrangements to meet our gay delegate friend in Springfield.

The political convention itself is a dying event. In Massachusetts, candidates may no longer be chosen by party delegates in convention, but must be approved at the polls in a primary election (this year, Sept. 19) by registered voters of the party (and by registered Independents, who may ask for that party's ballot). The pre-primary convention, however, is a beauty contest, a way for party regulars to give their opinion on the announced candidates, and give their favorites a boost, while clearing the field of less popular candidates. The 1800 delegates to the Springfield gathering proved, however, to be too evenly divided between the liberal and conservative wings, and so the final tallies were unspectacular. Edward F. King, a conservative who holds anti-gay positions, won the nomination for governor. His chosen running mate for lieu-

tenant governor, Rep. Peter McDowell of Dennis, did nonetheless vote steadily with the gay supporters in all the amendments and waverings on the House floor last October over H.B.3676. And Edward Brooke, a black supporter of gay and human rights concerns in the U.S. Senate, also won re-nomination.

Mr. Republican—Gay?

The trip to the other side of the political spectrum for this registered, liberal Democrat activist was a fascinating one. Here were the burghers and their wives, the old doctors, the handful of blacks. Everyone was courteous and everyone seemed middle class, with a few notably moneyed exceptions.

Courtney Brewer is not particularly exceptional in standing out in this crowd. Courtney grew up with the party, the Grand Ole Party, and was active in (he says, "in disbanding") the state Young Republican Club when he was club chairman a few years back. At 27, the operator of a long-established family-owned flower business in Lynn would seem to fit almost to a tee the Republican image of a certain kind. Whether answering the door in a long black robe at his Lynn seaside highrise apartment, or casually dressed driving around in his late-model rust-colored Mercury Monarch, Courtney is every bit the comfortable businessman concerned over high taxes and anti-incentive government handouts. But Courtney's name is not likely to appear in the marriage pages of the *Lynn Item*. Courtney is gay and proud to be gay. And he's open about it. "I don't care if you give my name to the *New York Times* News Service," he says, breaking with the tradition of thousands of other closeted Republican gay and lesbian people with similar business standing here and across the country.

As he strolled into the Frank Hatch for Governor "Victory" Party in the Silver Shell Room at the Springfield Marriott Hotel on the night before the convention, he was warmly greeted by more than a few delegates. "I know a lot of people," he says. He showed Ken and me some of the other candidate's literature against Hatch, notably the comment about Hatch's support for H.B. 3676, described as "the so-called 'gay rights' bill . . . that would allow homosexuals," in the words of the *King Campaign News*, "to flamingly flaunt their perversion." Hatch, who is Republican Minority Leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, was a co-sponsor of the legislation. He was also considered the candidate most likely to emerge victorious in Springfield. The King celebration in the smaller room next door was less well-attended, though workers and supporters there seemed to make up for it by the fervor of their conversation.

The Convening

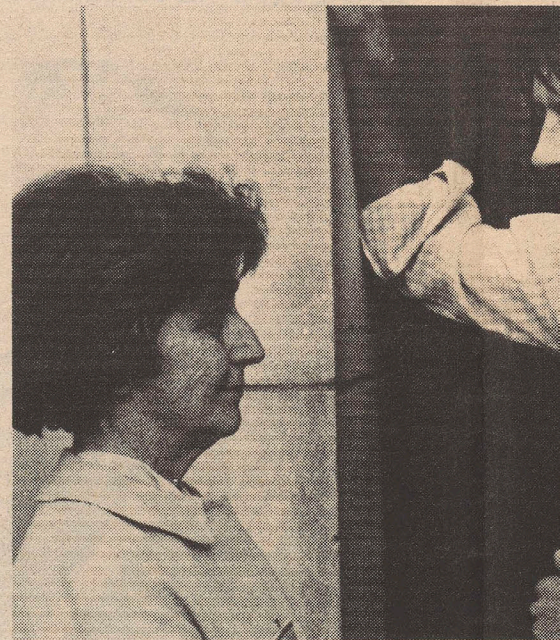
In the morning, Ken and I found ourselves seated at the front press table, where party officials had dutifully reserved us a space, the words *Gay Community News* screaming silently out from the namecard. Outside, a calliope and a clown welcomed the crowd in the name of one or another candidate, giving the event the sense of American political sport. Ken found Ed King's convention hall headquarters on the side of the hall and we went over to observe the candidate chatting with concerned delegates, and to listen to his well-rehearsed lines — "I'm a hard-line, business-oriented conservative . . . If I didn't believe I could win [the governorship], I wouldn't be here, I'd be in New Hampshire." His running mate, McDowell, asked us if he could be of help, so we asked him what he felt about

King's stands on gay rights. "Obviously Ed and I disagree on this issue," he responded, "that's just the way it is." For the first, but by far and away not the last time that day, we heard the famous "some of my best friends are gay" line. Those gay friends and constituents had obviously had some effect on the representative from Dennis, for he finished our chat with his unsolicited opinion that "gay people don't belong in the closet." Perhaps they can get him to work on his partner now.

Our Own Anita Bryant

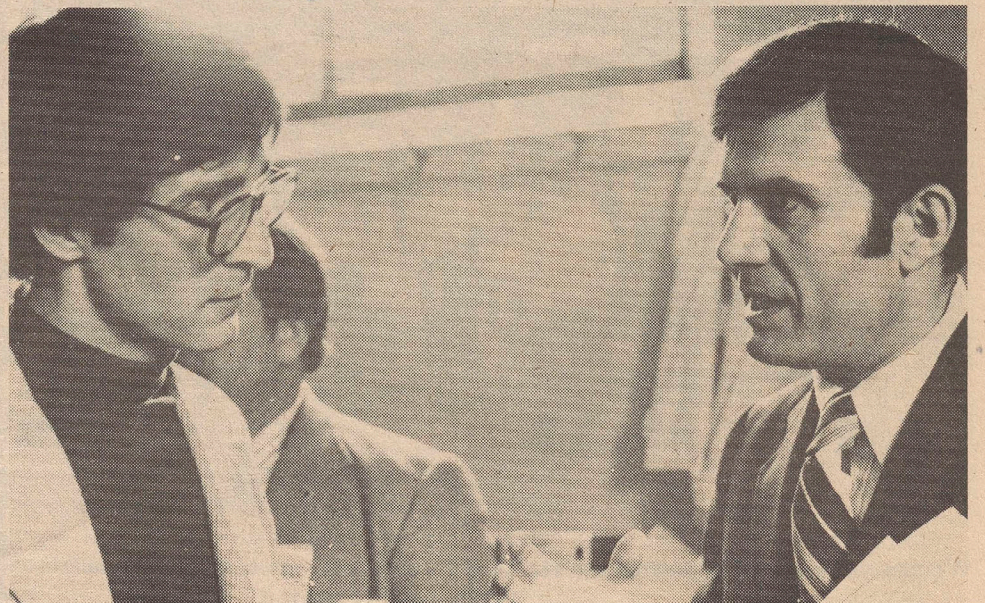
Ed King himself, perhaps the only candidate for high political office in the Commonwealth with an Anita Bryant approach to the issue, was then ready to speak to us. "I've got nothing against gay people," he started out, "some of my best campaign workers," etc., etc., "and you can ask them how they feel about me. I believe," he continued, "that the best qualified person that walks into my office should get the job." Why then the anti-gay literature? "I don't believe, however, that an openly gay person should be in certain sensitive positions." We struggled quite a while to pin down the nature of those positions, and why openly gay people should be excluded from them, but the candidate was not interested in spelling out his position, and proved to be uncannily elusive until he was whisked away for his rousing speech to the packed hall, in which the gay issue was not touched upon. At least now the candidate is aware of being watched, and will presumably be taken to task many times for his positions between now and election day.

Ken and I then sailed into one of our own passionate political discussions (right out of *Swept Away*) on the best way for activists to "cover" a political



Photos by Ken

Republican delegates pledge allegiance to Stars and Stripes



Dave Drolet and Ed King

e Republican State Convention



Photos by Ken Rabb

event — politely vs. aggressively — which presented nearby delegates with some of the more interesting dialogue of the day. We could hear the hall begin to resound with King's controlled enthusiasm. "We should want to control government, to get it off our backs and out of our lives." This did bring to mind his stand on the privacy of adult sexual behavior, perhaps his only pro-gay position. King seems to have no trouble with privacy. It's openness he shuns.

King's position seemed to be essentially one of guilt — guilt over being a human who has the nerve to stray from the straight and narrow. "We are the party of justice" we could hear him say, "and justice insists on the ability to imprison." Could we believe our ears? Turning to watch the crowd's response, we observed the spontaneous hoopla of workers and supporters engaged in an age-old drunken fascination with punishment and vengeance. The many liberals seemed frankly embarrassed as they sat stone-faced while shouting and hoorahs escalated.

We waited in vain to hear King talk of our flamingly flaunting our perversions. He plugged instead the "constitutional right to hold and bear arms," and lashed at "quotas, doles, forced bussing, and other forms of reverse discrimination." The silent liberals, who weren't quite numerous enough to give Hatch the day's victory, considered carefully every word, and wondered no doubt how they would vote if it ever came to a King-Dukakis confrontation. And finally, in a reminder of the evil master's own famous appeals to the German people at Nuremberg and at mass rallies elsewhere, the appeals to "the feeling in your gut," King asked of the crowd: "If you can just give in to your good instincts, we can win." It was over.

Ed F. King, Republican for governor, is not to be confused with Ed King, a conservative Democrat, whose little red, white, and blue bumper stickers are showing up all over the suburbs and blue collar neighborhoods. Neither is the hoopla surrounding King's speech to be confused with the general tone of the convention. The respected dignitaries were paraded out festively and often, leaving something of the impression of a class reunion. Cabot Lodge. Volpe. Frank Sargent was notable by his absence. The ever-smiling and optimistic Sheriff Buckley plugged his own, alas too weak, bid for the gubernatorial nomination.

Outside the front door, leaning up against the main arch of Springfield's venerable old Symphony Hall, we found our gay friend lobbying co-delegate Natalie B. Keohane of Topsfield, a King supporter, and attempted to get her to switch her vote. She was pleasant and said hello, but she remained unswayed.

Mr. Brown

The right-to-lifers were still milling about the front steps in the sunshine, one little boy asleep by his "Support life, not Brooke" sign. Senator Brooke was now speaking inside to a hushed hall as he politely castigated the delegates for their too vociferous complaints against him. "I've had to work hard for everything I have," he said. His chief opponent for the senatorial nomination, former radio commentator Avi Nelson, was not present and did not oppose Brooke at this gathering, but his supporters and others did see to it that Brooke got only 66% of the total ballot count. "I don't want your sympathy, I want your votes. But I will continue to be in favor of minority rights," he told the crowd. "If I always voted the way

you wanted me to vote [in the Senate], I wouldn't be a Republican Senator." That particular statement drew considerable applause. Republicans evidently respect the voice of authority.

Mr. Brown, an older man, was standing at the rear of the hall observing the proceedings. Himself not a delegate ("My wife is"), he spoke of morality and law as it pertains to gay rights. "A private businessman has the right to fire anyone he pleases — it may be immoral but it shouldn't be illegal." He didn't see himself as conservative, but as a person inclined to conservatism and struggling to be just as liberal as he can be. Certainly an interesting way of explaining it. Some issues were simply a matter of common sense to him. "You can't have both a ban on abortion and, at the same time, a ban on the dissemination of birth control literature as you do in Massachusetts — it won't work. It doesn't work." He too was upset with Ed Brooke: "He doesn't vote my position two-thirds of the time. How can I support him?"

The Upset

Courtney Brewer's lobbying for Frank Hatch was work, like most political work, that brought no immediate reward. Hatch was referred to jokingly at the recent annual "roast" of area politicians in Southie, the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, as "the landlord." He presents a delicate, lanky, and overly mild-mannered Yankee image. A likeable man, he will still have trouble in the months ahead making the patrician gentility of a Beverly Farms upbringing seem relevant to the workaday person on the street. As he spoke earlier in the day, his arms floating out and up from his tall slim figure in a genial version of the Nixon victory "V," he gave every appearance of being totally unanchored

in the everyday world — and politics is nothing if not appearances. He didn't excite anyone or win over any of the new votes he would have had to win. He may still, however, get the nomination on Sept. 19, as he is better known than King, who has never held an office higher than Republican committee-person, one of eighty.

Brewer himself is not at present planning to do much more for the party or the candidate. A number of the Lynn Republican Committee, he says now that it all takes up too much time. "I was always on hand, always did my duty," he related later. "An old lady got me interested long ago in the responsibility of becoming politically involved as a Republican. I was never talked into anything." He was disappointed that not even half of Lynn's delegates showed up in Springfield. Of Nixon, he says, "He comes from a lovely family. Isn't that a nice Republican way of putting it?" But he was sorely disappointed in the way Nixon turned out to be. "In a frenzy of admiration, I once put a picture of him on my wall. Now I'd like to ask him for a few of those expensive autographed copies of his 'Memoirs' to sell to pay for the damage to the wall when I move."

I like the gay rights movement, the Republican party is suffering losses these days, but neither will die out and each will see better times. And many gay people will continue to say, as Boston gay rights contributor and bar manager Robert Salterio did at a Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee meeting, "I've always voted Republican, and I don't care who knows it."

Just another gay Republican, out of the closet.

Dave Drolet is co-coordinator of the Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation.

Sen. Ed Brooke with his mother



Demonstrator on steps at Republican State Convention



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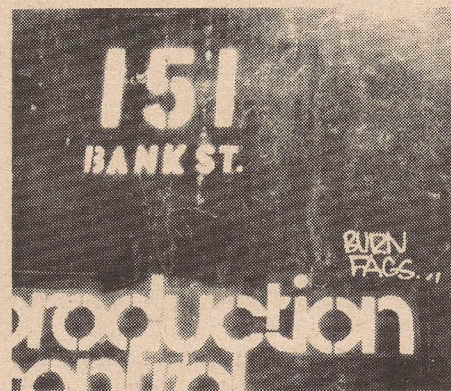
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Faggot Burning

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Before the Everard disaster, a local paper reported that in the limited-access elevator of the Westbeth artists' housing project was spray-can graffiti reading "Burn All Fags". The same slogan can be found today on many subway station walls and on New York City streets, in neighborhoods where gay people have established beachheads for such small freedoms as occasionally holding a friend's hand, or kissing someone goodbye.

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The new form is the steam bathhouse with all sorts of illegal features and crowding levels, which has all urethane mattresses that will produce cyanide gas in gushes of thick, black, deadly smoke. The new form is the discotheque with substandard exit provisions, illegal locks on one or more of the exits, or 50% more customers than the exits can safely handle.

Three fires:

One of the phenomenal success stories in the short history of the gay liberation movement was the Gay Activists Alliance Firehouse. This was a former firehouse in SoHo that G.A.A. rented from the City in 1971. It sheltered new kinds of politics, and was famous for its dances. Thousands of people had an opportunity to meet each other in a community place — less alcohol, some fund-raising for the organization, and you knew who owned it. After only three years of service, the uninsured building was lost to apparent arson. Fortunately the building was unoccupied at the time. But G.A.A.'s peak of mass popularity as a crossroads for the political and the personal levels

of the movement was quickly over. The group has yet to rebuild its membership to the level of the Firehouse days.

Thirty-two people died on June 24, 1973, when a New Orleans disco oriented to gay customers burned, trapping part of a packed crowd. Community leaders said that despite many signs pointing to homophobic arson, fire officials did not seriously perform their investigatory duties, in effect, encouraging arson by acting as if gay people's lives were not as valuable as the lives of other arson victims.

May 25, 1977, in the early morning hours, at least nine died and two were critically injured in a fire at the Everard steam baths in New York City. The Everard was a turn of the century establishment which had survived the loss of its earlier clientele (heterosexual Jewish men, primarily) by switching over to gay men. The management and staff had made no secret of their contempt for their new customers. But despite that, it became an 'in' place, possibly due to a combination of its safe and ideal location, 28 West 28th St., the plainness of its interior, a coffee shop, and its patrons.


Indications are that a mattress fire had been put out by patrons and/or staff, who did not call for help. Apparently the fire wasn't out, and broke out again about an hour and a half later. It burned through the wood floor sending thick black smoke throughout two levels, and cutting off electricity while many people were sleeping.

The City government had procrastinated for an unbelievable thirteen years on enforcing the Fire and Building Codes on this place of business. The owners succeeded in getting reversals, extensions, delays, and lack of real inspections on various illegal features, and had a policy of cramming in many extra rooms and overnight customers in violation of the old Occupancy Permit. The floors where the fire began contained private rooms partitioned with single plywood sheets, very old and dry, which didn't quite touch the ceiling. This is a standard method of evading codes by getting partitions considered as 'furniture', to avoid the higher cost of code level construction, and in some cases the uncertainties of permits, the waiting periods, or other problems. There were no working sprinklers anywhere, and by all accounts no emergency lighting, no fire detection or warning systems, and no fire-safe stair or outside escape. A fire-safe stair by the law, in New York, is designed with various features to keep smoke out. Most of the dead were found in the stairwell, not burned but poisoned by smoke. In addition to help being summoned over an hour too late, life saving operations were further hampered by the management's illegal sealing of upper windows with panneling, and previously filling most of the upper window area with concrete blocks. Firefighters, from various reports, could not break through the panelling with normal tools, and apparently had to break an opening using a hydraulic ladder as a tool.

The major city papers finally found a 'gay story' worthy of more than a column on page 42. The *News* and *Times* printed several square feet of sneering sensationalism, filling space with redundancies rather than the objective, decent attitude they displayed toward the 'supper club fire' in Tennessee a short time later. Photos of patrons in towels or half-dressed filled the *New's* centerfold, and the *Post* had a cut-away illustration drawn up of the bathhouse showing the private rooms to go with the bug-eyed article that dealt solely with the social scene at the place of the fire. Later, the smallest of the dailies grudgingly allowed a bit of the first day's space for a report on com-

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THEATER **Gay Guerrillas At Play**

By Allen Young

What I liked best about The Pink Satin Bombers was the skill with which they portrayed some universal truths about gay male experiences, capturing some of the spirit of gay liberation consciousness as it first emerged the year after Stonewall in New York City. That early gay consciousness involved a subtle combination of camp humor and New Left anger, a mixture of celebration of community and protest against oppression.

The Bombers' spiritual ancestors may well be a group of about 15 gay men who formed a gay guerrilla theater group in mid-1970 out of New York's Gay Liberation Front (GLF). Although there were many people in the group with talent, ideas, insights and commitment, a handful of men prevented the group from ever performing in public by insisting that the members of the group first become fully "intimate" and "trusting" through consciousness-raising. It may have been good in theory, but those CR sessions were the perfect power vehicle for those handful of men who fancied themselves to have the "higher" consciousness to browbeat the others. Before long the group disbanded amid considerable bad feeling. Those of us who were not involved could only lament the outcome and feel disappointed. In fact, a good gay guerrilla theater group could have had an important impact on the gay community, which was often bored to tears with GLF meetings, leaflets, demonstrations and periodicals.

As originally conceived, the life experiences of the members of that guerrilla theater group were to have been the basis for the performances — and so it is with The Pink Satin

Bombers. (In that sense, the Bombers are also descendants of some of the first feminist theater groups, such as the It's All Right To Be Woman Theater, also a New York group formed in the early 70s.)

The Pink Satin Bombers are a group of gay men from Ithaca, N.Y., and the surrounding area, some of them former urban faggots, who have been meeting and working together for about a year. The group studied mime and theater with Mischief Mime, a feminist group in Ithaca, and the men conceived of their production and wrote it collectively. They have already performed before audiences in Ithaca, Toronto, Philadelphia, Rochester and New York. (If anyone in Boston is an organizer, the Bombers should be invited up soon!)

In this production, six men appear on stage — six faggots dressed simply in white slacks over black tights before a plain white backdrop. The opening group of scenes, entitled "Gay Play," concerns a group of gay men in New York City on a Friday or Saturday night. While some of the men express their feelings about what they expect to find at the bar, and try to decide whether or not to go, two men on opposite sides of the stage silently and intensely prepare their costumes — one butch, the other femme. The scene at the bar, rhythmically performed to the clicking of a metronome, is a stark, almost scary pantomime of alcohol, poppers, pot and groping, of desire, hope, lust anticipation, rejection, frustration and resignation. (Actually, I don't think things are quite as bad in the Boston bars as in New York, and some may think that the portrayal of the worst aspects of the New York bars is an easily-knocked-over "straw man.")

The next scene is "the morning after," when the men wake up, some alone and some in couples. The morning dialogue between two of the men as they extricate themselves from each other and finally terminate the one-night stand will sound familiar to most gay men — familiar but not sweet. Telephone gossip later in the day takes the audience to a lighter plane, and a very familiar one too.

The second part of the show is inexplicably entitled "Are You Making Fun of My Father." It consists of short humorous skits, most of which focus on the theme of growing up gay in a world where straight and *macho* are the norms. The literal recital of ads for Charles Atlas' dynamic tension program (remember the 97-pound weakling?) and for a vacuum penis enlarger was especially well done, maybe because the manipulation in those ads now seems so blatantly ridiculous yet has been a money-making formula for decades.

The final segment of the show — dramatically the most promising and sorely in need of "fleshing out" — concerns a high school teacher who is suspended from his job after the parents of one of his students discover that their son has a crush on the teacher. The teacher has just learned about this crush himself, and has never had sex with the boy, but he is nonetheless accused of "molestation." Hysteria grips the school, and though the teacher tries to win support from his colleagues on the grounds that he has always been a "good teacher," there really is no support except from the three men he shares a home with — and even that is precarious. The camaraderie in that household of gay men — the sense of humor and the sup-

portive atmosphere — is by no means problem-free, but it is clearly portrayed as a source of strength for one beleaguered faggot and an affirmation of community for all of us. One character in the skit — a flaming queen who wears nail polish and insists on raising his co-worker's consciousness at a factory job — seemed to be more of a gay liberation fantasy than a small-town reality, but of course I could be wrong.

It would seem that the schoolteacher skit has the makings of a more complex piece. For example, the teacher has never had sex with the boy, but what about teachers who do have sex with their students? Are we to assume that they deserve automatically to be fired? I'm also disturbed by the notion that a gay teacher can be a "good teacher" and be in the closet. Being a "good teacher" on the school board's terms involves a limited perspective on education. Some of these issues could be discussed by the characters, even if no conclusions are reached, just to add an element of thought for the audience. At one point in the skit, the teacher and the student attempt a dialogue, but it goes nowhere. Are the Bombers merely portraying a realistic "generation gap?" Hopefully, some kind of meaningful dialogue between gay teacher and gay student should be possible by now.

As the performance unfolds, the audience becomes aware of the individuality of the six men in black and white — yet it doesn't seem appropriate or necessary to single any one out here. The six are Bill Castlemon, Charlie Henrich, Mitchell Karp, Lazar Mintz, Larry Mitchell and Richard Pohl — all worked collectively as producer, director, performer. They all deserve thanks for taking faggot lives onto the stage.

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Divine on the Rampage

By Robert Chesley

Tom Eyan (*Women Behind Bars*, *The Dirtiest Show in Town*, *Why Hanna's Skirt Won't Stay Down*, etc.) has opened a new vehicle for transvestite star Divine (*Pink Flamingos*, *Female Trouble*, etc.). The new show is called *The Neon Woman*, and is playing at Hurrah, a spiffy New York disco that is modishly hard to find.

The new show is set backstage in a Baltimore burlesque house during the early 60s, and the plot — plots, really, and a lot of them — involves petty jealousies, grand revenge, corruption of the seemingly innocent, incest, blackmail, murder — you name it. It's a glut of travestied melodramatic situations and clichéd twists of plot from old movies, shoving each other aside with outrageous awfulness. Of course, here, on the other side of "shocking," the awfulness is the point. And it's hilarious — except, I suppose, for those who really are outraged by its outrageousness. There are a good number of blatantly racist lines, for instance — it's part of the travesty. And, of course, the prime subject for travesty is "women."

But I put "women" in quotes because women as such are not targeted: it's the *image* of women given us from old movies (the *bad* women) that is garishly parodied. Backstage at the burlesque house we are immersed in cattiness and bitchiness, tough and foul-mouthed harlotry, and the tawdry razzle-dazzle of hyped-up sexual allure. All this is epitomized in the consummately gross presence of Divine, the quintessence of vulgarity, as the house's owner, Flash Storm. Perhaps Divine can be seen as the ultimate icon of woman as sex symbol; perhaps she can be seen as the actualization of the nightmare of sexist society: the woman of real power, who is everything implied in the concept of *not* being "a lady." At all events, Divine *is*, and is a product of our society.

Eyan also travesties the concept of "feminine innocence" or "virginal re-



Brenda Bergman

finement" in the character of Laura (Hope Stansbury), Flash Storm's daughter, first presented to us as the pure product of refined, private school education and over-protection. Laura walks in unexpectedly on her mother humping with the establishment's black pimp, Speed Gonzales (George Peterson), and during the course of events undergoes an enormous series of absurd "degradations," each time, all aghast, bewailing her "loss of innocence:" alcoholism, drug dependency, finger-rape by her own mother, "nigger loving," nymphomania, murder, necrophilia and incest.

It's no feminist tract. But there's a lot there for serious (as distinct from humorless) feminists. The politically priggish should avoid this show.

Amidst the coarse, shrill, brazen overacting (at which, by the way, Debra Greenfield and Helen Hanft are particularly good), there is, surprisingly, one truly riveting performance: Brenda Bergman as Kim, the dumb blonde with a drug habit that has just about blitzed any brains she ever had. Bergman gives us a brutalized character who has as her only remnant of humanity the mere fact that she is somehow still alive, against all odds. She barely gets her lines out for the wreck that she is, jittering because she

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Lesbians to the North

By Nancy Walker

There's something really splendid happening in that reputedly most retrograde of states, New Hampshire. New Hampshire Lambda, a state-wide, all-lesbian organization is and has been steadily growing "in numbers, strength, and purpose," according to Lyn Foley, my informant, active member of the organization and personal friend whom I am yet to have the pleasure of meeting. (We know each other, believe it or not, through correspondence related to classified advertising — *not* the personals section.)

The women who compose the membership represent a "good cross-section of women/lesbians from all walks of life, education, skills, etc.," says Lyn, and they have far reaching goals, all of which will be printed below in their statement of policy.

NH Lambda co-sponsors (with N.O.W.) the Lesbian Rights Task Force and had a very successful all women's dance on April 2, at Cityside in Portsmouth. A benefit All Women's dance is planned for June 25 at the Queen City Club in Manchester. GCN will keep you informed about details as we learn of them.

One of the most exciting and useful aspects of NH Lambda is their growing resource information and central file. Lyn Foley says,

"Anyone who needs resource info or who is willing to be added to our resource file should write us and give us

info at P.O. Box 1043, Concord NH 03301. The box is for all of New Hampshire, including our Keene chapter. If people want to contact our Keene chapter specifically, they should say so, and we will be responsible for getting the correspondence to them. We also meet lesbian speaker requests most of the time."

Meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 5:30 P.M. in the homes of various members.

Perhaps what touches me most deeply about Lambda is the very apparent concern with reaching out to gay women and making contact as easy and inexpensive as possible. There are four information phone numbers (see below) available "to help cut down long distance calls for people." Lyn and her sister-members try to think of everything needful.

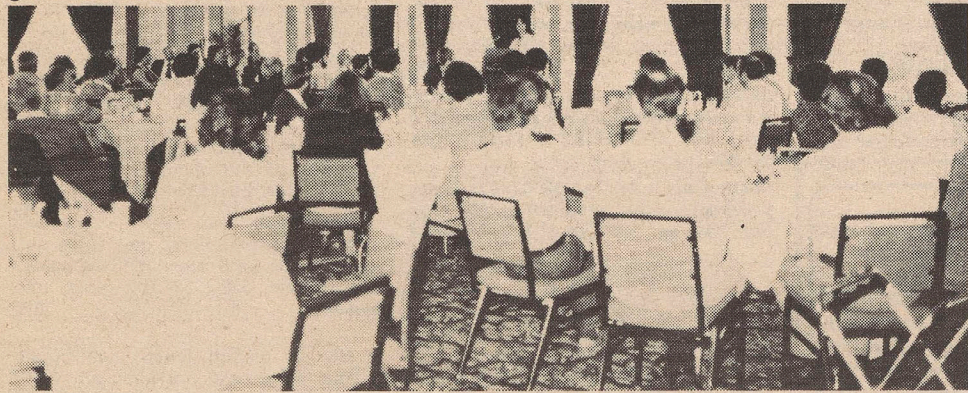
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How reassuring it is to know that New Hampshire is not the right wing wasteland I thought it was.

Around Gay Boston . . .

The Homophile Community Health Service's Spring Brunch brought 100 people to the Rooftop Ballroom of the Parker House last Sunday, May 21. There, supporters of the agency enjoyed a champagne hour, a sit-down brunch of crepes, asparagus, salad and parfait, and a series of presentations by mental health professionals associated with the Health Service.

The fundraiser was hosted by Dr. Sanford Reder of Boston City Hospital and the Gay Health Collective. Dr. Richard Pillard, Medical Director of HCHS, spoke to the audience about the beginnings of the Health Service in the Church of All Nations in 1971, when five professionals gathered together to give "fifteen hours a week to the gay community. . . we thought that would certainly do it; then hundreds of clients started to pour in." Dr. Jalna Perry, of the HCHS Board, spoke of homophobia in psychiatry and the need for HCHS and other mental health clinics to take the lead in educating practitioners. Susan Rosen, HCHS Director, discussed the agency's current programs and funding possibilities, and its goals for the future.



Rep. Elaine Noble and Rep. Barney Frank both appeared at the Brunch. Frank spoke about his relationship with the Health Service, noting that it was "a pleasure to be able to support an organization that everyone agrees is doing an outstanding job." Frank stated that public funds for HCHS seemed to be in the offing, and that "we'll know about this in a few weeks."

Los Papagayos descended upon the Massachusetts Horticultural Hall Saturday night for some "Heavy Traffic". One thousand pretty boys clad in red, green and yellow (the theme colors) danced beneath a laser light show, surrounded by mountains of strawberries, fountains spewing wine and the open bar. Construction workers, cowboys, and Dade County policemen all appeared, along with quite a few men in sequined jock straps and a small group in drag. All attractive, and all seemingly affluent (this bash required a \$15 ticket) the "Young Pros" people a sybaritic paradise. By reputation exclusive and cool, *Los Papagayos* were actually quite friendly. A large moving van labeled HEAVY TRAFFIC dominated one side of the hall, providing a setting for some high class filth.

A wonderful party, but you don't see this crowd at a march protesting arrests at the BPL or at a Gay Legislation; and \$15,000 could finance Project Lambda for a long time. Everyone's entitled to a good time, but just fiddling while Eugene burns seems more than a little irresponsible. *Los Papagayos* could have a tremendous impact on the status of gay people in New England if they would infuse some of their money and energy into the activist community.

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needs a fix, and with her boobs popping out of her absurdly small spangly brassiere; and her lines (as are all of the "screenplay's" lines) are pure cliché. But this is a character who would think in clichés, who would cling to them; and when she tells us that the *only* chances society has given her, with her "bombshell" looks and mental incapacities, are stripping and prostitution, we believe her entirely. It is a remarkable performance, and it

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munity demands for a full investigation, and the promises they got.

Then Mayor Beame and District Attorney Morgenthau rushed to promise the newly emerging gay vote that the Everard's long history of illegal conditions, previous fires, why the bureaucracy failed to act, and the possibility of arson would be investigated. They also promised that the person or persons responsible would be charged. As of May 15, 1978, D.A. Morgenthau's office has announced no progress and no charges filed. An investigative reporter found that due to the age of the Everard the listed owners were all presumably dead by now, with the property in receivership. Because of the intricacies of New York State law, the definite identity of the owner or owners cannot be researched except by the most time consuming methods.

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else. A very large mass of information we have gathered indicates that this is far from the reality in many business places. Life threatening illegal conditions were surprisingly easy to find built into places, and built into the way in which many places are operated (packing in customers 50% beyond the amount allowed in Occupancy Permits). In many instances, the businesses with multiple violations are the ones that are doing well enough to be able to afford to make alterations necessary for safe and legal use. People's lives are being risked by business places that are thriving on the fact that some gay people like a more gay than straight social environment on a night out, and that gays have been too tolerant of firetraps.

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dep & ref reqd. Adults. Call after 6pm.
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CENTR. SQ. CAMB 4 Summer. Own room
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mo & sec. M or F ok, to share w GM.
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Wanted, apt in So End. \$200/mo or under,
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(Due)

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included. Call 241-8239. (GD)

Sublet, 2 bedroom apt. till Sept. 1. Lots of
space. 833 Beacon no. 15. Call Bob be-
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(RW)

roommates

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Plenty of priv, yard, w/d. Avail now.
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pets, near Pike Rt 9 + 20 + 30. \$133 + util.
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present living sit. by July 1. You have or
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inc util exc phone. Nr pub trans. pkg
avble. 492-8423. (44)

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A gay teacher is doing a study on the sit-
uation 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)

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All ads must be paid in advance. No ads accepted by
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Community News, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
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wanted

We need a driver with a van or truck to donate time & truck (we'll pay gas) to help pick up donations for GCN. Call Richard at 426-4469. (c)

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30 Avery St. Food, Mixed.

BOSTON EAGLE

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

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22 Avery St. 482-9040

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Men.

Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA

(Area Code 617)

Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900
Am Tikva 524-1890
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 277-0966
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 AIAnon (alcoholics) 843-5300
Gay AIAnon, Greater Boston 471-6884
Gay Business Ass'n, Suite 129 102 Charles St., Boston MA 02114
G.B.A. 367-0733
Job Bank 367-3913
Gay Community News 426-4469
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 542-5188
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 262-3057
Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 21 Bay St., Cambridge 661-2537
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. 1165, Framingham, MA 01701 877-8550
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center,

46 Pleasant St., Cambridge MA (Meets Thurs., 8pm.)
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT 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 Ell Ctr. Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers, transsexuals and gender dysthorics, 102 Charles St., Suite 433, Boston 02114
Project Lambda 523-0368
Project Place 267-9150
Sexual Health centers of N.E., Inc. 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155
Unitarian 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)
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-8097
Montachusettis Gay Alliance Box 262, Fitchburg 01420 342-5963
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570
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Survival Crisis Line 471-7100

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Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060 584-4580
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Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Help Line 664-6391 664-6392

Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student Union, UMass, Amherst, 1002 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

Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amith Sta., New Haven 06525 -
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven 436-8945
Gay Switchboard 522-5575
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center, U-118, University of CT, Storrs 06268 486-4738
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281
Integrity/Hartford P.O. Box 603, Glastonbury, Ct. 522-2646
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
Yalesbians, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Wesleyan Gay Alliance 635-3035

RHODE ISLAND

(Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I., 55 Eddy St., Rm 306
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle, Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912 863-2189
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthewson 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
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 228-8542
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
Dykes & Tykes Room 502, 110 E. 23rd St. NY, NY 10010

Gay Women's Alternative 532-8669
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
Hykin Dykes, 44 Arden St. 569-1888
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017 758-1905
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001 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
New York Gay Prisoners Support Committee Box 2, Village Station, 10014 675-2983
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 Binghamton 13902 (607) 724-1973
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 14614 (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) 475-6857
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
Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition Box 121, DeWitt 13214 (315) 475-6857
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914) 473-3857