

CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

24 sat

NYC — CSLD Stonewall '78 Gala Benefit—starring Divine and the cast of *Neon Woman*, Laurie Carlos and Robbie McCauley of *For Colored Girls*, Hot Peaches, Tally Brown, Pink Satin Bombers, Satin Doll & Co. and disco 'til dawn! \$8. donation. 1am. Hurrah, 36 W. 62nd St.

Boston — Workshop: Identity & the Leather/Denim Scene. 5pm. Over Harry's Place, 45 Essex St.

Boston — DOB Summer Crafts/Flea Market. 10-5pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church.

Boston — Informational meeting of the National Lesbian Feminist Organization which was formed in Los Angeles in March. 1pm. Rm. 355A, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ.

Morristown, NH — Gay Liberation Celebration. Speakers, food & drinks, disco, Olympic games, etc. Unitarian Fellowship, Normandy Hts. Rd. Info: (201) 691-0388.

Cambridge — Gay Folk Dancing. 2-6pm. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Univ.

Boston — Citywide Conference on People's Issues, sponsored by the All City Organization to Represent Neighborhoods. 10am-4pm, Ell Center, Northeastern University, Huntington Ave. Info: 262-3428.

25 sun

NYC — CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY GAY PRIDE MARCH. Assemble at Sheridan Sq. at noon.

NYC — Christopher St. Festival, after the rally. Entertainment will include Tom Robinson Band, Blondie, Rosie Ross and the Shadows, and Cherry Vanilla. There will be dancing in the streets, food, drink and more.

Boston — The Boston Committee to Challenge Anti-Semitism is sponsoring a rally to protest the Nazi march in Skokie, Illinois. 1pm, Copley Sq.

Boston — Unitarian Universalist Gays and Lesbians meeting. Ivan Bathes will lead an architectural tour of the Arlington St. Church. 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

26 mon

Boston — OUT HERE Social Evening for Gay Youth. 7-9pm, Arlington St. Church. Sponsored by the Committee for Gay Youth.

27 tues

Boston — Boston Area Gay Schoolworkers meet at 355 Boylston St. at 7pm. All interested teachers, ex-teachers, and schoolworkers invited.

NYC — Integrity Cook-out. 8:30pm. St. Luke's, Hudson St. at Grove St.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group: "An Evening with Parents of Gays" featuring the parents of several gay people. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Cambridge, MA — DOB Open House. Refreshments and entertainment. All women invited. 8pm. 1151 Mass. Ave.

Boston — Gay Deaf Club at MCC, 131 Cambridge St. This is our first meeting. 8pm.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *Fortune and Men's Eyes* and *Caged*. 8:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

28 wed

Cambridge — Lesbian Gay Task Force of Boston NOW meeting. 7:30pm, 99 Bishop Richard Allen Dr., Central Sq. Open to all women.

Boston — OUT HERE: Lifestyle, Living on your own, jobs, apts, runaways. Sponsored by the Committee for Gay Youth. 7-9pm, 355 Boylston St.

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex. Discussion group, 8pm. Info: 877-8550.

Cambridge — Clearspace presents a bicycle outing for gay men. Meet at Lars Anderson Bridge at 10am. Bring a lunch. Info: 262-5121.

29 thur

NYC — Gay Women's West Side: *The Role of the Gay Woman in the Professional World*. 8:30pm, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

30 fri

Indianapolis, IN — 1978 Midwest Gay, Lesbian Awareness Conference. Workshops, speakers, films, concert and dance. Free child care provided. Through July 2nd. Cavanaugh Hall, Michigan St. Campus of IUPUI. Contact Indianapolis Coalition for Human Rights, P.O. Box 20124, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *Reflections in a Golden Eye*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

Providence — Gay Coffee House at Big Mother Cafe, Faunce House, Brown Univ. Local performers, food & music. 9-12pm. \$1.50 donation to benefit the Lesbian Feminist Union and Part of the Process.

1 sat

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *The Fox*. 6pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

Cambridge — Women Against Violence Against Women Rally to protest the corporate promotion of rape and battery (Warner, Elektra and Atlantic Records). 1pm at Strawberries in Harvard Sq.

Jamesville, NY — 4th Annual Gay Pride Field Day. Featuring *Cranberry Lake*, Camp Brockway, Pratts Fall Park. \$2.50 donation. Sponsored by the Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition. Info: (315) 475-6857.

2 sun

Boston — The Oracle: Poetry and Fiction Workshop. Guest reading at Stone Soup. 8:30pm. 313 Cambridge St. 50¢ donation.

3 mon

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *Some Of My Best Friends Are...* 8:30pm, the American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

4 tues

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex. Cook-out Celebration. 2pm. Info: 877-8550.

5 wed

Cambridge — Open House at the Women's Community Health Center. 5:30pm. 639 Mass. ave. Rm. 210. Info: 547-2302.

6 thurs

Cambridge — Gay Folk Dancing. 8:30pm Phillips Brooks House, 3rd floor, Harvard Univ.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *To An Unknown God*. 9pm, The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

7 fri

Portland, OR — 2nd Annual Northwest Women's Music Festival. Open to women and children and is designed to show the depth and strength of women's culture. Concerts, workshops and dance. Contact Carole Jackson, P.O. Box 20472, Portland, OR. 97220.

9 sun

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex. 11am. Trip to Ashland State Park. Info: 877-8550.

Mt. Desert Island, ME — Gay Mountain Climb! Up Mt. Penobscot. Meet at 10:30am at Jordan Pond Hse, Seal Harbor Rd. (Maine). Info: (617) 227-6167.

Washington, DC — National ERA March for Extension and Ratification. Assemble at 11am at the 14th St. end of the Mall. Rally at the Capitol following the march. Participants are requested to dress in white. Coordinated by the National Organization for Women. Info: (202) 737-2295.

10 mon

NYC — Dykes & Tykes meeting. All women welcome and needed! 7:30pm, 110 E. 23rd St. (near Park Ave.)

11 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group. *Working for Gay Rights: The Role of Media*. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Boston — Feminist Therapy Collective: Women Questioning, Exploring or Changing their Sexual Identity, a course offered at Womanspace. 8 wks. 637 Beacon St., Kenmore Sq. Info: 267-7992. 7-9:30pm.

12 wed

Boston — Lesbian Support Group at Womanspace. 8 sessions, 6:30-9pm. Sponsored by the Feminist Therapy Collective. Info: 267-7992.

15 sat

Boston — Gay Mountain Climb up Mt. Osceola, Livermore, NH. Meet at the Boston Commons at Charles and Beacon Sts. 7am. Or 10am at the base at Tripoli Rd. Info: (603) 883-5583.

18 tues

NYC — "How to Succeed in Business Without Being Straight." 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

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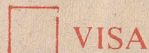


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Rally for Freedom

Thousands March to Celebrate Gay Pride

By Jim Marko

BOSTON — Some three to five thousand people marched and rallied on a sunny Saturday afternoon, June 17, in the Eighth Annual Celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride in this city. Behind banners proclaiming "We Are Everywhere," the crowd moved from Copley Square down Boylston Street, turned left on Charles Street, proceeded up Cambridge Street to Tremont Street, turned right on Park Street, then left on Beacon Street where the marchers gathered at the corner of Beacon and Charles for the afternoon rally.

Banners carried by organizations from across Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and the other New England states hung from a stage which towered above the crowd on the Boston Common. Observers noted that the rally attracted fewer people than last year's Lesbian and Gay Pride March, which followed the vote against gay rights in Dade County, Fla.

The Speakers

Linda Carford of the Boston Gay Business Association welcomed everyone to the rally. Allen Young, co-author of *Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation*; Leslie Cagan, a lesbian, socialist-feminist; David Drolet of the Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation; Ed Mede of the Boston/Boise Committee; and Kate Gyllensvird were the speakers at this year's rally.

Gyllensvird, who is with Lavender Resistance, opened the rally explaining that simultaneously, a rally in support of the struggle of blacks in South Africa was hearing solidarity expressed with the Lesbian and Gay Pride Cele-



bration. Gyllensvird then expressed support and solidarity with their rally.

Linda Carford read a letter from Susan Saxe who is serving a prison term at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Framingham [see center-spread].

Commemoration and An Outlaw

Allen Young reminded the crowd that the rally was "a commemoration of the riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York in 1969." That event is viewed as the beginning of gay liberation in this country.

Leslie Cagan, who called herself a "woman who loves women . . . a lesbian . . . an outlaw" brought the crowd to its feet a number of times. "I can't think of a nicer way to break the law," Cagan stated. "To be a lesbian is a reflection of certain ways I've come to

see the world I live in . . . while it's really hard to be a dyke in this culture, I wouldn't change for anything."

Some Politics

Dave Drolet of Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation urged everyone who is not registered to vote, to do so at the special voter registration booth set up on the Common. Nearly 175 new voters registered at the rally. Meanwhile, MCGL also announced its first endorsement; it went to Democrat Barbara Ackermann who is an announced candidate for governor.

No politicians or candidates appeared at the rally this year in Boston although some letters of support were received. Linda Carford told the crowd that support was given by State Representatives Mel King, Elaine Noble and Barney Frank. A letter of support

was also sent by Boston City Council President Larry DiCara.

Ed Mede and the Rally

The only note of controversy at this year's rally came during the long speech by Boston/Boise Committee member Ed Mede. Mede is not only a member of that rights and support group, but a defendant in the so-called "Revere sex-ring case."

The crowd enthusiastically received Mede's attack against Suffolk County District Attorney Garrett Byrne. Byrne's office handled the Revere case which led to the creation of Boston/Boise. The audience also seemed genuinely moved by Mede's description of his coming out as a result of the charges filed against him in the case.

However, the speech was attacked by a number of lesbians in the audience who denounced Mede as a sexist while he spoke. Mede seemed either not to notice the angry denouncement or choose to ignore it.

The Entertainment

There was, of course, entertainment at the rally led by the comedy and song of Maxine Feldman. Feldman kept the rally going even after Linda Carford had read the last of the announcements of the afternoon. Also on hand to entertain were members of the New Harmony Sisterhood Band, Kenny Arkin and Joanna Cazden.

During the song and comedy, members of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee circulated with buckets to collect money to cover the expenses of this year's rally. About \$1,000 was collected by the Committee, substantially less than was collected at last year's rally. The money was used to pay for the rental of the mobile stage.

Asked to Take Leave of Absence

Methodists Allow Gay Minister to Keep Job

NEW YORK — The Rev. Paul Abels publicly acknowledged his homosexuality last year. Since that time, he has been assured of retaining his Methodist congregation for at least another year.

Rev. Abels was reappointed by the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church last week, after a ministerial board overruled Bishop W. Ralph Ward Jr., who had sought to place Rev. Abels on a leave of absence.

The Washington Square United Methodist Church at 133 W. 4th St. in New York City, has an active membership of at least 50 people, and half of them are gay. Rev. Abels said he was relieved to know he could continue as pastor of the church.

Rev. Abels is the first avowed gay minister in the United Methodist Church.

Asked To Take Leave

Protestant denominations are struggling over the issue of ordaining professed homosexuals, and several ordained clergy have admitted their sexual preference. Few, if any, of these clerics have been appointed pastors, although some are engaged in other church work. Rev. Abels, a native of

Ohio, has been based at the Washington Square church since 1973. Last fall, it was revealed that he had been performing "covenant" ceremonies for gay couples.

Since then, he had expected the New York Conference to take action against him. At the Conference's annual meeting in Connecticut last week, Abels was asked to take a voluntary leave of ab-

sence, but he said he would fight any attempt to remove him.

A one-year leave of absence was given last year to the Rev. C. Eagan, who had been pastor of the Metropolitan-Duane Methodist Church in New York City, after he had publicly acknowledged his homosexuality. This year, Rev. Eagan was given retirement status by the conference.

Gay Candidates to Seek Office

By Tony Domenick

ATLANTA, GA — The First Tuesday Democratic Association (FTDA) has announced the candidacy of gay politicians for the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Fulton County.

This is the first time openly gay candidates have run for public office in Georgia. Six gay candidates will seek posts from 72 seats available on the Executive Committee. The ballot for the Democratic primary will be Aug. 8.

Gil Robison, chairperson of the First Tuesday Democratic Association and candidate for one of the posts, told GCN, "The time has come for the gay

community to take part in making those decisions that directly affect our lives." He continued, "Anita Bryant's recent visit to Atlanta and the homophobic reaction to her anti-gay campaign have politicized the gay community, both locally and nationally, like it has never been before."

The purpose of the FTDA is to give the gay community in Atlanta an opportunity to become more politically active in government affairs. The association was formed July 4, 1977, the date Dade County passed a gay rights bill, which has since been repealed. The association engages in such activities as voter registration, polling candidates

on gay rights issues, and inviting candidates to speak to various gay organizations.

Robison told GCN, "We have been successful on a city level in that we provide an open avenue of communication for gay issues through providing police protection for the bars and input into the Department of Human Resources."

Steve Warren, a candidate for one of the posts, commented on the success of the press conference, "The short-term effect of the meetings is that we got publicity and showed politicians that they need to work with more gay people on the issues, but the long-term effect remains to be seen."

News Notes

TRADEMARK REJECTED

NEW YORK — The Patent and Trademark Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce has rejected an application to register the name "Gaysweek" because the proposed trademark was "immoral or scandalous."

In a letter addressed to Gaysweek general counsel Michael J. Lavery, C. J. Condro, examiner for the Patent Office, wrote, "registration is refused because the mark is considered to consist of or comprise immoral or scandalous matter."

"It is remarkable that anyone, even the federal government, could find the word 'gay' to be immoral or scandalous in this day and age," said Lavery. "Certainly Gaysweek intends to challenge this medieval attitude."

The examiner found the proposed trademark acceptable in all other respects but requested "one complete issue of the publication from which the specimens [of the proposed trademark] filed were obtained."

Alan Bell, Gaysweek publisher, said, "I'm surprised, but again I'm not. You can't take anything for granted."

POLICE PROBE

HARTFORD, CT — State Police are investigating allegations that a homosexual torture ring is operating between New York and New England, but they refuse to discuss details of the investigation other than to say that it's "of a very large scope." The investigation has been conducted during the past year in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts.

Reports of the investigation surfaced after police abandoned a two-day search of a three and one-half acre field in West Springfield last week for possible victims, however no bodies were found.

The case began when Edward P. Leonard of the Connecticut State Police received confidential information from New York authorities in June, 1977, regarding homosexual activities involving kidnapping and soliciting.

Connecticut State Police spokesman John McLeod confirmed last week that an investigation is underway, but refused further comment.

McLeod told GCN, "In Connecticut, we are concerned with not jeopardizing any act of the investigations so we can not confirm or deny any involvement with the West Springfield case."

GAY GROUP DETERS CRIME

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. — A group of gays calling themselves the "South of Market Surveillance Squad," began patrolling an area south of Market Street in San Francisco last week, in an effort to reduce the rate of crime against gay people there.

The neighborhood is the center of the leather scene and has also been the site of many incidents of arson, muggings and beatings directed against the baths, bars and their patrons.

The volunteers, led by Robert Duan, work three-hour shifts starting at 9 p.m., with headquarters located in a closet at the Arena Bar. Equipped with whistles, flashlights, and CB walkie-talkies, the group can notify the police and report on potential trouble they encounter. The funds are provided by businesses in the area.

San Francisco Police Chief Charles Gain said: "This kind of citizen action is excellent as long as they don't get involved as vigilantes."

RHODE ISLAND MURDER

PROVIDENCE — Police are investigating the torture-slaying of John Leatherwood, whose body was found in a Pawtucket park on June 11. He was reportedly seen in several Providence gay bars the night he was slain. Providence police have questioned and released a man seen leaving one such bar with Leatherwood several hours before he was killed. One male, previously arrested on a breaking and entering charge, is now said to be a prime suspect in the case. Laboratory reports indicate that blood stains do not match Leatherwood's blood type. No motive has been established by the police for the murder. Leatherwood, who was 32, was employed by the City of Providence Cultural Affairs Commission.

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

NEW YORK — Gaysweek reports that psychiatrist Richard Green and a team of researchers at the State University of New York, who are studying children being raised by lesbian mothers say that the children are developing along identical paths with children being raised by heterosexual couples. The experiment included 21 children, ages 5 to 14. Green says that there is not the slightest indication that being raised by a lesbian mother influences the child's sexual orientation.

GAY SONG BANNED

NEW ZEALAND — Part of the Broadcasting Corporation of New Zealand has banned the Tom Robinson Band song called "Glad to be Gay." The Wellington Gay Liberation group has denounced the ban as "blatant and unjustifiable discrimination against New Zealand's gay community," and has protested to Beverly A. Wakem, station program director.

Wakem replied to the protest letter by stating: "The song has indeed been banned from air play because it opposes the Broadcasting Corporation's rules and the Radio Regulations." She denies however, that Radio New Zealand is promoting "gross oppression of gay people." The station's record over recent years shows that it has contributed "a great deal to an understanding of the views of gay people about their preferred existence."

Radio New Zealand suggests that "Glad to be Gay" be aired in part to illustrate documentary programs.

N.O.W. CONFERENCE

HARTFORD — With a theme "With a little help from our friends", the first lesbian conference of the Northeast region of the National Organization for Women (NOW) produced an agenda calling for a coalition of heterosexual and homosexual women on the issues of abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The meeting took place at the Hartford Sheraton Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut.

Ms. Kay Whitlock, keynote speaker for the conference, debated the strategies used by the Right Wing to defeat feminist issues on all levels. One issue of concern was a call for a Constitutional Conference.

Workshops were centered around topics such as mental health, parents of gays and political confrontations with the new right. The conference, addressed by such speakers as Karen DeCrow, former president of NOW, and Lois Peckitt, Northeast Regional coordinator, resulted in a decision to send a telegram to the Hartford City Council supporting their "gay rights ordinance."

BLOCK-BUSTING

BOSTON — More than 35 men have been arrested during the last two weeks by police officers in Boston Police District Four on charges of prostitution. According to Lt. William Bratton, the majority of the arrests have been made in the section of the Back Bay known as "The Block" although about one-third of the arrests took place in the late night and early morning hours near the Greyhound Bus Terminal and the Park Square Building.

LOVE ON TAPE

LOS ANGELES, CA — The first gay values cassette course, *The Power of Gay Love*, was published here this month. Jeremiah McGuire, Ph.D., author of the new program, was on the faculty of the University of Southern California for nine years, and received his masters degree from the University of California.

Dr. MacGuire described the gay values course as a "means to channel feelings into creative self-expression."

The four one-hour tapes are described as repeatable value experiences, featuring two narrators, music and explorations of emotions, relationships and body consciousness. A twenty-five page workbook is included.

The Power of Gay Love is available for \$39 from World In Formation Publishing Co., 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 212, Los Angeles, CA. 90046, in a plain mailer, first class postage paid.

ACKERMAN ENDORSED

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation issued a "limited" endorsement of former Cambridge Mayor Barbara Ackerman in her bid for the Democratic nomination for the governorship.

Speaking at the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Rally on Boston Common, Dave Drolet, co-coordinator of Gay Legislation, praised Ackermann for her promise to issue an executive order, if elected, prohibiting discrimination against gay people in state employment. "She has promised to do in her first week in office," said Drolet, "what Governor Shapp did in Pennsylvania and what the mayors of Boston and New York have done in those cities. Mr. Dukakis has had four years to prohibit discrimination against gay people in state hiring and he has not seen fit to do so. Ackermann is treating the lesbian and gay communities," Drolet added, "with the same respect that she has given other minorities in her political career, and we're proud to have her with us here today."

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) has agreed to a motion made last Monday in Suffolk Superior Court that could allow a gay man to file a discrimination complaint with the agency on the basis of "sex." Attorney Robert Dinsmore filed a motion, which the MCAD agreed to, that instructs the judge sitting in the jury-waived civil session to report his decision directly to the state's Supreme Judicial Court. Dinsmore filed a suit on May 23 to force the MCAD to accept jurisdiction over the complaint of Robert MacCauley, an ex-employee of The Fan Club. (See GCN, June 3, 1978)

Dinsmore told GCN that he feels this is a case of "first impression" — a precedent-setting case which is important enough to be decided in the state's highest court, which has made two unanimous decisions (in 1974 and 1977) upholding the right of adults to engage in homosexual acts. The attorney explained that he considered the MCAD's action in the case to be "a good sign" because it shows the agency is sympathetic to the gay man's complaint. The point of law for the court to decide now is whether "sexual preference" discrimination is already barred under current statutes.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIDEOTAPES

SAN FRANCISCO — The Human Rights Network, an affiliate of the Human Rights Foundation, has currently released a new series of six videotapes on human rights. Elaine Noble, Massachusetts State Representative, and Ruth Shack, commissioner of Dade County, Florida are featured in the film series. The six topics include: "The Family of Minorities—What Gays, Women, Blacks, Latinos and the Disabled Have in Common," "The New Right," "Power—A Feminist Indictment of Western Civilization," "Human Rights on the Ballot—Anti-Human Rights Initiatives and What You Can Do About them," "The Bible and the Church—Uses and Abuses of Religion For and Against Homosexuality." The tapes run approximately 30 minutes long, and are \$75.00 each. For more information, contact the Human Rights Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 14561, San Francisco, CA 94114. Phone: (415) 957-8777.

GAY COURSE PLANNED

GREENSBORO, NC — An anthropology professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro says he will likely propose an honor's course for next year that "will examine the role and status of homosexuals in primitive and contemporary societies, including our own. Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, using the working title "Homosexuality: A Cross-cultural Approach", thinks it is appropriate that an anthropologist would teach about homosexuality "in its proper context". He believes that two years ago, when he was not a full professor, he would not have suggested the idea to his colleagues. Now he expects the two biggest obstacles to continuation of such a course would be too few students and homophobic educators. Dr. Fitzgerald said he would appreciate feedback from anyone who has had experiences involving courses on homosexuality. His address is Foust 201, UNC-G, Greensboro, NC 27412.

BONIN: FINAL ARGUMENTS

BOSTON — Final arguments were presented last Tuesday in the misconduct trial of suspended Superior Court Chief Justice Robert M. Bonin. (See GCN, Vol. 5, No. 49.) The point of contention between prosecution and defense attorneys was whether it was proper for Bonin to have attended the April 5 lecture by Gore Vidal for the benefit of the Boston/Boise Committee.

Defense Counsel Paul Sugarman argued, "A judge should hear all the views of the community, all the views that the community has to offer, with-

out endorsing them, even if they be those of a sexual minority or any other minority." Sugarman said Bonin never would have attended the benefit had he known the proceeds were to benefit a defense committee for defendants in the Superior Court.

Bonin's aide, Francis X. Orfanello, "may have thought" he warned the judge but perhaps forgot to do so, Sugarman added.

Prosecutor Robert W. Meserve, in a highly emotional, 90-minute summation, called Sugarman's assertions "nonsense" and rhetorically asked the

justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to consider the propriety of a judge's attending a rally in support of or against abortion rights or busing. He insulted Bonin as "a knee-jerk liberal . . . arbitrary, illogical, and arrogant."

"For all his brilliance," Meserve said, "the Chief Justice appears to be . . . one of those literal minds who know everything but understand nothing." Meserve specifically cited Orfanello himself — the chief prosecution witness against Bonin — as "a brave man, braver perhaps than those smart people whose lives are not exposed to

such a stress . . ." At that point Meserve's voice cracked and he appeared to be on the verge of tears.

The Supreme Judicial Court is expected to issue a brief memorandum in the case within two weeks, although a formal written decision may take up to two months. While the Court may disbar Bonin, only the legislature may remove him from office, and it is expected to do so if he does not resign first. Two bills to remove Bonin from office are presently pending the legislature, awaiting the outcome of the Court's decision.

Alaskan Criminal Code Revised

By Tony Domenick

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A complete revision of Alaska's criminal code which will decriminalize homosexuality, was passed in the state senate last week. The vote was 18-2.

Article three of the previously existing code makes no reference to homosexuality or gender in its provisions. However, the new law, which will become effective January 1, 1980, eliminates previous statutes against homosexuality and other crimes against nature. This includes adultery, cohabitation, sodomy and indecent exposure. There is no history of any prosecution under the old statutes referring to adultery, cohabitation or sodomy.

The bill also eliminates any sanctions against sex between consenting adults, lowering the age to 16 and in some

cases, 13. This new code follows precedents of 18 other states, Canada, England and all countries under the Napoleonic Code.

Charles Eggen, a member of the Alaska Gay Community Center, told GCN, "The current code is an abomination of homosexuality. It bans female prostitution but it doesn't say anything about male prostitution." He continued, "But under the law there are sanctions against male prostitution as well as no prohibitions against adultery and sodomy."

The Subcommittee for Criminal Law Revision, a legislative committee, began working on the reformed criminal code three years ago following its passage by the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, respectively. They recognized the fact that large numbers of people share strong sentiment regarding morality, and that

what was considered immoral under the current law is now moral under the new one.

A section of the original draft of the Subcommittee code reads: "There are limits beyond which utilization of criminal sanctions loses its meaning and may become destructive to social interest as a result of capricious special applications, constitutional infringements, or non-enforcement leading to general contempt for law or misallocation of limited law enforcement resources."

Eggen explains, "This means that the law in effect becomes a joke when you take personal, moral issues and make laws out of them. They, in effect, become insignificant and should be taken off the books."

The premise for the revised code is based upon two state court cases involving private sexual activity

between consenting adults. In *Ravin v. State*, the Alaska Supreme Court noted, "... at least some of us might perceive a right to a privacy claim."

The law awaits official approval by Governor Jay Hammond before it becomes effective in January. Scott Foster, Governor's Press Secretary, told GCN, "It is policy of the governor not to indicate how he will act on an issue before it comes up in the Legislature. However, he did say he thinks the bill has more good in it than bad." Eggen told GCN he believes he is confident that the governor's approval will not be a problem.

Commenting on the bill, Eggen said, "I, as an individual am pleased with what the legislature did. It is an acceptable code because we will no longer be referred to as criminals."

Phillips Enters Race for Senate

BOSTON — A conservative Democrat has entered the race for Edward W. Brooke's U.S. Senate seat, claiming he offers "the only real choice for Democrats who favor sharp cut-backs in federal taxes and spending, oppose quotas and forced busing, support the right to life, and are willing to take the steps necessary to restore America's military superiority."

Howard Phillips is a Boston native

who gained national recognition in 1973 for his efforts to close down a major federal welfare agency, the OEO. He said, "There is only one issue in this campaign: Shall the people of Massachusetts have a Senator who works for them, or a Senator who works for the Washington Establishment?"

"No other major candidate in this Democratic primary contest can

honestly say, 'I stand with the people, against high taxes, increased government spending, and mounting inflation'," Phillips continued. The conservative Democrat said he "will consistently vote to reduce federal spending, sharply cut federal taxes, eliminate bureaucratic jobs, and oppose deficit spending."

Phillips' anti-gay views as director of The Conservative Caucus have been

cited many times in *The Advocate* in its continuing articles on "the new right." Phillips once invited the editor of the national gay newspaper to join the organization "should he decide to go straight."

Phillips has other opponents in the Democratic primary, including Rep. Elaine Noble, Secretary of State Paul Guzzi, and Boston School Committee member Kathleen Sullivan Alioto.

Ackermann Seeks Nomination

BOSTON — Barbara Ackermann, the former Cambridge mayor who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor of Massachusetts, has announced that she will issue an executive order prohibiting state job discrimination against gays if elected.

She does not intend to make gay rights a central campaign issue. She feels that "the governor can set the tone, but laws can only be passed by the legislature."

Ackermann sees Proposition 13 fever as unnecessary in a properly and professionally managed government.

"A lot of the anger is because people feel government is cheating them. There is some truth to that, but it's white-collar cheating. Good government is less expensive than bad government," she said.

She deplores Governor Dukakis' cuts in human services, calling them "unpardonable," especially those dealing with the mentally ill. "I was saddened by a visit to the hospital for the mentally ill at Northampton. It was badly run, with lots of money to spend. However, none was spent on personnel training. Good management means

good personnel procedures.

"State taxes totalling \$73 million were left uncollected by the Dukakis administration and a surplus of \$130 million has been reported. The problem is not lack of money, but proper management of funds," stressed Ackermann.

Ackermann has had 16 years of government experience, ten of which were spent on the Cambridge City Council. During her tenure as a councilmember and as mayor, Cambridge taxes were held down, but essential services were not cut. She worked for program bud-

geting with community schools, neighborhood health care and public transportation.

Polls taken on candidate visibility show that she is running close with Ed King, the other Democratic candidate opposing Dukakis. King has spent \$300,000 to Ackermann's \$16,000 so far, showing, she says, "that I offer a lot more for the money."

The ex-mayor said, "Many candidates talk of their 'war chests'. I am not interested in war, I'm interested in reason."

R.I. Forms Caucus of Gay Legislation

PROVIDENCE, RI — A community meeting attended last week by more than 50 persons and a gala dinner-fund raiser has marked the establishment of a branch office of the National Gay Task Force in Rhode Island. The branch is the first such NGTF office in the country.

Bruce Voeller, co-executive director of the NGTF, presented the newly incorporated National Gay Task Force/Rhode Island (NGTF/RI) with documents establishing the branch office at the dinner. He announced that Charles Noice and Alix Stockwood have been designated as NGTF's

field representatives in Rhode Island. Noice has served as spokesperson for the RI Gay Political Caucus and Stockwood has been active in the state's Lesbian Feminist Union and Rape Crisis Center.

The designation of NGTF/RI as a branch office by NGTF is the beginning of efforts by the nation's largest gay civil rights organization to establish branch offices throughout the country. Voeller told the community meeting that NGTF is now discussing affiliation with several existing groups elsewhere in the country. NGTF's plan for affiliates is based upon the model

of the American Civil Liberties Union. Members of NGTF who live in Rhode Island will automatically become members of NGTF/RI.

Voeller also explained that the branch office could employ full-time staff after raising \$7500, and would be designated a full affiliate once it had hired two co-executive directors, one of each sex, and had reached certain criteria regarding membership and budget.

Stockwood and Noice told the community meeting on June 19 that the incorporators of NGTF/RI are now accepting nominations for membership

on an interim board of directors for the corporation. The interim board will be replaced by a board elected by NGTF/RI membership over a period of three years.

They also outlined certain immediate concerns of the new organization, including a coordinated response to police harassment and to the rising amount of violence against gay people in the state.

NGTF/RI will sponsor a pool party-fund raiser scheduled in July or in August at the Town and Country Restaurant, in Smithfield. Anyone interested can call the Gay Help Line at 751-3322.

speaking out

By Tom Reeves

Gore Vidal was brought to Boston by a motorcycle gang. An odd assortment of winos, the mentally ill, and "males wearing off-the-shoulder gowns" gathered at the infamous Arlington Street Church to hear him on April 5. These persons paraded about, mumbled incoherently, booed, catcalled and created a major disturbance. The speakers were raising funds directly for the defense of some men who had viciously raped little boys in Revere, Chelsea or East Boston. Lurid details of the cases were revealed. There was so much noise, however, so many bizarre distractions, and the loud speaker system was so poor, that no-one heard anything. The Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, the President of the American Trial Lawyers' Association and their wives wandered into this assemblage. They asked for reserved seats as far as possible from the bikers and transvestites, but were instead seated right in the middle of them, down front. Why they came to such a fringe-group orgy is a puzzle since they had been "warned" by a defense lawyer involved. He warned the Judge's aide (who may not have conveyed the warning adequately in light of his difficulty with technical terms like Boise) that the event was to raise money for his fee in a case which he really didn't believe in, but had to take because, "It's a job." "This is a homosexual case involving children arising out of a house in Revere," he said though his client claims innocence, the youth involved was not a child but was 15, and there was no connection with Revere in his case. The lawyer testified last week in the Supreme Court trial to see if Chief Justice Bonin ought to be disbarred for, among other things, attending the outrageous faggot affair. It seems likely he will be disbarred since he admitted in Court that he made a highly derogatory comment to Gore Vidal. "Not all judges are troglodytes" (anthropoid, mysanthropic cave-dwellers), he said. After the Justices consulted a dictionary, they seemed distinctly displeased with their brother Judge.

What you have just read is mostly false. The rest is exaggerated and distorted. Anyone reading newspapers or watching TV would assume it is all titillatingly true.

The facts are quite different. Gore Vidal accepted my personal invitation to speak for the Boston/Boise Committee on April 5. About 1500 persons bought tickets and attended our benefit that evening. One transvestite was present, so far as I saw. I heard there were members of a motorcycle club present, but I did not see them. As I looked over the audience I did see many whom I knew to be active in the gay community. I saw many gay and straight friends. I saw people I knew to be mechanics, construction workers, lawyers, psychologists, clergymen, academics and unemployed. I recognized many straight people as well as gay. I saw the elderly, families with children, and many young people in their teens and twenties.

What I said and what other speakers said has been aired twice on radio and was heard in full in Court the other day. The judges heard a letter read from 80-year-old Sarah Montgomery who pled for acceptance of all non-violent sexuality. The court heard legislators, clergy and others support the notion of fair trials for all gay persons. They heard John Ward, attorney for Boston/Boise, describe motions and trial dates generally for the "Revere" and "library" cases. He said nothing about details of any case. They heard speeches about homophobia, witchhunts, hotlines and civil liberties from Joe Martin of Gay Legislation, Rev. Ed Hougen of MCC, Anne Kotell who is a feminist, and from me. The tape reveals astounding order in the hall. There was regular, sustained applause for all speakers, several times during my speech, and frequently during Gore Vidal's. Both he and I received ovations when we finished. Though the church was crowded, those who questioned Vidal were clearly heard and they were polite.

As a speaker who has often addressed large crowds, I am acutely aware of the nature of my audience. That night, the crowd was attentive, supportive, orderly and diverse. I have heard and re-heard my own remarks and others' remarks. No-one discussed the substance of any case. It was clear that Boston/Boise was NOT a defense committee and that no funds were to be raised for defendants or their lawyers. I said that we sought funds for the needs of the so-called "victims" (the witnesses, not the defendants) and for a poll being conducted by the National Jury Project to determine whether fair trials were possible. These are civil liberties goals, similar to those of the A.C.L.U. and the N.A.A.C.P. Judges attend such meetings and no-one bats an eye. A Superior Court Justice attended District Attorney Byrne's recent \$50 fundraiser, and no-one cried, "Conflict of interest." Chief Justice Bonin had been previously accused of certain wrong-doing, yet he remained on the bench. He attended our meeting and was suspended almost immediately.

What accounts for the gross discrepancies and distortions and for the virtual panic with regard to the Boston/Boise meeting? Homophobia is surely a root cause. An Assistant D.A. called the committee attorney a "fag" and insinuated that members of our committee were all child molesters. A defense attorney in Supreme Court last week was reluctant to be identified in any way with the gay "cause," or even with the cause of his own client. An assistant Superior Court

Clerk said quite simply he was "horrified" that his boss would attend a meeting sponsored by gay people. The Supreme Court investigator pressed witnesses about terms — fairy, queer, faggot — and asked witnesses how they would feel if their children went to a gay meeting. The media continue to refer to all sex cases involving gay people as "homosexual rings" or "homosexual crimes," yet straight cases (like the one alleged in Salem) are not called "heterosexual." When I questioned a WEEI reporter last week about this, she called me a "goddamn fucking queer" before several witnesses in the Supreme Court press room. Homophobia thrives and festers within most straight hearts and within every straight institution.

We are dealing here with much more than homophobia, however. Gay people who seek fair treatment by society's institutions or fair media coverage are up against at least two other sets of injustices:

- (1) An arrogant, increasingly monolithic and corporate media incapable of selecting or covering news except as it can be packaged for entertainment, mass marketing, and for the purposes of big business and government.
- (2) An insidious, self-serving police/court system which encourages lying; which is almost wholly based on entrapment, informers and manufactured "crimes" in police set-ups; and which consists of a circle of lawyers and judges trained together to support each other and to honor a system which lavishly rewards them.

The media can and will not present facts fairly in situations involving those without power or who challenge power: gay people, blacks, Southie Irish, Native Americans, welfare mothers, prostitutes. The media's main goal is to entertain "middle-American" masses with enough sensations to sell the products they peddle. As a *Boston Globe* editorial said about Judge Bonin, "The appearance of fairness is more important" than the substance. Images, stereotypes — these are the media's products. They must not offend the advertisers or the sensibilities of pseudo-liberal professionals and bureaucrats who now run our society. The media must jump at every golden word of public officials, especially police, and they must never doubt official "unnamed sources." Once the media find a popular "news story" about a scapegoat target acceptable to the powers that be (and usually drawing attention away from real problems and scandals like crime or child abuse), they must not let one shred of contrary evidence appear to refute their courageous "investigative" journalists.

The coverage of the Bonin trial provides many examples. I stated in Court that the Boston/Boise Committee never raised a penny for the defendants or their lawyers and never would. I spoke at length about our real goals. Although lengthy excerpts had been in the media from the testimony of lawyers, including many quotations attributed to me, my own testimony was virtually ignored by the media. Rather, the *Globe* stated falsely that I had said money had been raised on April 5 for the *defendants*, never quoting my statement to the Court. Laurel Campbell, Arlington Street Church secretary, told the Court she was not sure she had told Judge Bonin *anything* about the Boston/Boise Committee when he bought his tickets, yet the media selected out portions of her other statements that made it appear she had told him it was a defense committee! The result was unfair to Ms. Campbell, to Judge Bonin, to the Boston/Boise Committee and to the public.

The media select out trivia and embellish with irrelevant detail until the actual events are buried beyond recognition: the length of my hair, Ms. Campbell's weight, the fashions worn by the women present, asides by witnesses and lawyers. Carried away by Watergate reputations, the media are engaged in as many witchhunts as their advertisers will sponsor and those in power will allow. Worst of all, the "alternative" media spawned in the '60s are gone. The *Phoenix* and *Real Paper* provide no alternatives. They prefer to play it safe and fashionable and to avoid unpopular sides of controversies. If there were an alternative media in Boston, there would long ago have been some alternative view of both the "Revere" witchhunt and the Bonin affair. Media in New York and elsewhere have given fairer coverage to these matters than the straight media here. *GCN* and *Esplanade* appear to be today the only alternative media in Boston — on any subject!

The "justice" system is even more unfair to those without power or wealth. Police entrapment, paid informing and plea bargaining are so widespread and based on unfairness and dishonesty that they have completely undermined justice in America. Plea bargaining, for instance, encourages defendants to plead guilty to acts they know are untrue, and often to expose others unfairly, in order to get reduced sentences. A recent example is a man in a town near Boston who pled guilty to assault and battery rather than face a full trial for "intent to rape" (carries up to 15 years) of a teenage boy. The man was not accused of *touching* the boy or of making sexual advances, yet the state persuaded him to admit falsely that he had attacked the boy nonsexually. In return, he was given a suspended sentence rather than face ruinous publicity and possibly a nervous breakdown.

A second vicious fact of law in Boston is the "old-boy" network and conflicts of interest among judge, prosecutors and defense attorneys. The counsel for Judge Bonin is part of that social, professional and political network. He dared not call former Chief Justice McLaughlin and others from the judicial elite to prove that

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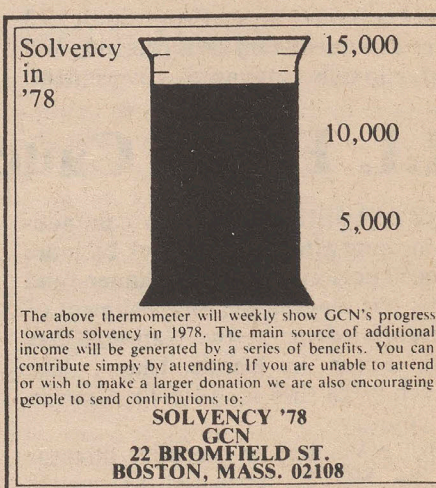
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the Judge may have been set up by them for political reasons to embarrass him in connection with his attendance at a gay rights meeting. For him to do so would spell his doom within that system. The key state witness, the clerk in Superior Court, is related by marriage to a defense attorney in the "Revere" cases and has worked professionally with two others. One "Revere" defense attorney felt compelled by his relationship to the system to warn the Superior Court Chief Justice *not* to attend a meeting where he knew the defense of cases would not be discussed but where gay people would be present and the gay cause championed. Another defense attorney warned Senate President Harrington, who had also bought tickets, not to attend. If these attorneys were truly behind their clients, they most certainly would not have felt it necessary to keep public officials away from a meeting on behalf of fair trials for them.

Many, if not most, defense attorneys have worked for the present District Attorney (he's been around for more than 50 years). They have learned his rules all too well and imbibed his prejudices, whether they are consciously aware of these or not. Every Suffolk defense lawyer was invited by former Chief Justice McLaughlin to pay \$50 for the recent Byrne fund-raiser and more than 100 of them did so for the man they will presumably have to oppose in court.

The attitudes of the defense attorneys, shaped over the years by law schools and prosecutors, is bound to be negative and defensive. In every single statutory rape case involving men and adolescent boys in Boston in recent years, the defendants have been persuaded or frightened into plea bargaining. It is perhaps the most significant fact of these cases, after solid gay support, that not one of the original so-called "Revere" defendants has plea bargained, and not one has yet been found guilty. Yet many of them have been repeatedly urged by their own attorneys to plea bargain, to turn state's evidence, and to "stay away from the gays." Most of them are forced to remain silent rather than proclaim their innocence or openly acknowledge gay support, because of their attorneys' attitudes.

In court, the language of lawyers and bureaucrats encourages equivocation. The tendency emerges for every party to take refuge in sly technicalities, to recreate facts to protect images, and to avoid straightforwardness and discussion of real issues at all cost. Again, the Bonin proceedings are filled with such prevarication. A defense attorney, eager to ingratiate the Court, testified that he had originally told me he wanted Boston/Boise sponsorship for the National Jury Project "not for the donation so much as for a public group to sponsor it publicly." Later, he insisted there was never any talk of Boston/Boise mentioning NJP publicly or of the public use of the NJP results for the gay community. The fact is, Boston/Boise was asked originally for public sponsorship and assured throughout that the results of NJP work would be available for use by all. It was clear also that the NJP work might benefit defendants' motions for fair trial, but that it did not assume innocence or guilt and that it would also benefit others so charged. In court, the attorney hid the truth to preserve an image — even at the expense of his own client. The same attorney called the Gore Vidal lecture a "crashing bore" in Court. In fact, that attorney hovered about the platform eagerly throughout the evening and later embraced me, telling me he would gladly give me free counsel if I ever needed it because the evening had been "the greatest of [his] life."

Judge Bonin and his wife have generally been a cut above the others in terms of fairness. Angela Bonin bravely stated that "an attack on gay rights is an attack on civil rights." Judge Bonin was asked this week in court whether he would still attend a Boston/Boise meeting, knowing what he now knows about our aims. He

replied forthrightly that it was the "obligation" of judges to attend such meetings on behalf of racial, sexual and other minorities. It is therefore tragic that Judge Bonin became entrapped in the duplicitous legal style of the system. Instead of sticking to his Constitutional obligation to be at our meeting, he allowed his attorneys to lead him into ridiculous strategies. He said he could not hear, he was bored and that there were too many distractions. Here again, the truth has suffered. I frequently looked at Judge Bonin while I was speaking and while Vidal spoke. I was only a few feet from him. He was most attentive all evening. He laughed when jokes were told, and he applauded vigorously several times during my speech and Vidal's. We are all lost, and I fear the Judge will soon be lost, when we fall into such traps laid either by media or by the "justice" system.

The solutions for gay people in overcoming such overwhelming problems are not easy to carry out, but they are simple to state. We should never allow fear or ingrained "respect" for institutions (especially police or courts) to intimidate us, to confuse us, to cause us to over-react or to coerce us into admitting any kind of guilt. We should never allow the media to think for us. We often catch ourselves remembering and unconsciously parroting the media, even when we know better. George Orwell called this "groupthink." It is a disease in all of us.

Whenever we read an article or see a TV program about Mashpee Indians, a lesbian mother in court, a racial melee in Dorchester, or an alleged mass murder in Springfield (heterosexual or homosexual), we must remember that the media *cannot* give fair and complete details. We must never choose sides in public controversies by default to the media. Meanwhile, we must increase our support for the excellent gay media and we must start believing our *own* sources rather than the unnamed and hostile sources in the straight media. We should support the gay men and lesbians within the straight media (and there are very many) to come out and to resist homophobic and other unfair media practices.

With regard to the Courts, we should remember that *all lawyers* have an interest in conflict with ours: they get *money* for victimless crime cases! A moderate estimate of the money spent for defense lawyers in the so-called "Revere" cases would be \$500,000, while the state has spent over \$1 million in investigation and litigation. Our oppression is good for business — especially the legal business. I for one will not allow an attorney to represent me in court. If I need legal backup, I will choose only a gay lawyer. I will never plea bargain and I will never be intimidated into silence or into helping police intimidate others.

Such strategies may not pay off at once, but they do leave us our pride and our self respect. In the long run, I believe they will protect us from attack and imprisonment far better than playing by the dishonest rules of *their* game. They alone set the rules, alone know what they are, and they alone will benefit from them. We will benefit by being united. We must refuse to let them divide us by calling some "queer" and others "gay"; by maligning transvestites, man-boy lovers, hustlers or motorcycle club members, or by calling upon us to be "respectable." Being respectable in America means being willing to shut up. We should speak loudly with our own voices and listen carefully to each other rather than consider the babble of those who are paid to dissemble and to oppress us.

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There is a demonstration this afternoon in Franklin Park to commemorate the second anniversary of the Soweto Uprising. The Soweto Day Solidarity Coalition is making an announcement in support of lesbian and gay pride at their demonstration. They have asked me to announce their rally and to extend to all of us here their support of our common struggle against right wing repression of all kinds.

A lot of you may think this has been a bad year for lesbian and gay rights. In terms of electoral politics, that's true. In the past couple of months gay rights bills have been defeated or repealed in St. Paul, Eugene, and Wichita. One reason is the growing right wing backlash in this country, led by people like Anita Bryant, Phyllis Schlafly, and Meldrim Thomson. The New Right attacks at the polls. It is successful within its own institutions because it manipulates and mobilizes the voting public through fear — fear of difference, fear of change, fear of any challenge, to the institutions of the state, the courts, the schools, the church.

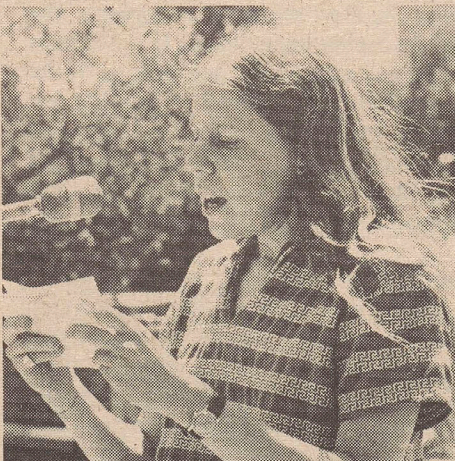
How do these attacks and defeats affect us? They create a repressive mood which makes us feel paralyzed with fear of guilt, isolated from each other, and closeted. These attacks inhibit our ability to feel good about being different. They affect our pride in the lesbian and gay liberation movements and our desire to work for

change. We respond with fear and cynicism. And no wonder — the consequences are increased violence and repression like police entrapment, beatings in the Fenway, and the Briggs Initiative. If the Briggs Initiative passes in California, any teacher or school-related person who advocates homosexuality can be fired.

Can struggling for civil rights, fighting for gay rights legislation, really confront the growing homophobia, violence, and repression in this country? There are some ways in which electoral politics have helped to strengthen our movements for lesbian and gay liberation. They have put the issues of lesbian and gay rights in the public eye. People have been made aware that we are everywhere in this society and that we demand equal recognition. People have been pushed to take a stand. Many non-gay individuals and groups have come out in support of lesbian and gay rights. And a lot of these people are here today.

But lesbian and gay rights are not

won at the polls. We may win a referendum or an election. But as we have seen, these victories can be, and are, reversed. Our rights, anybody's rights, can be voted away, can be judged unconstitutional no matter how hard we campaign for them. Winning an election does not change people's homophobia, nor does it change people's sexism or racism. Most importantly, it does not challenge these institutions. Civil rights do not challenge the irrational fear and hatred on which the institutions of racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism and anti-Semitism are built; it does not confront the ways in



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How have the lesbian and gay movements grown in numbers and strength since the Stonewall uprising? We've grown from our internal victories — victories which the right can't go to the polls and vote away: victories like the creation and spread of lesbian and gay culture, like the film *Word Is Out* — a movie about real people like any of us here and not some trashy Hollywood hype — the proliferation of lesbian and gay music and poetry, some of which we're hearing today, the proud sharing of our lives through this culture. Victories like the growing awareness of gay health care, the existence of Fenway Community Health. Some of our most important victories are the expressions of support we show one another. When the gay rights bill was

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ARE PRIDE MARCHES VALID IN 1978 ?

By Pat M. Kuras

At this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade, a lesbian contingent led the parade, followed by a contingent of gay youth. When this formation was planned, one gay man saw fit to quip "Woman and children first." I look back on this pun with its connection to shipwreck melodrama and wonder: is the joke more relevant than we suspect? Is the Lesbian and Gay Movement sailing towards disaster?

Thousands marched at this year's parade, but it was a mellow demonstration compared to the angry 7,000 marching last year. With hindsight, I have reviewed the past year. What victories have we attained since Dade County? None that I can see. Legislation has been defeated in numerous cities, while here in Boston gay men are being smeared with the label of child molesters.

At this year's parade, I developed a case of writer's cramp along with my usual sore feet. I was on assignment for GCN, interviewing women for their perceptions of the day's events. Hoping for a cute sidebar, I had scanned the spectators attempting to find a very conservative-appearing, straight woman that would give me a nifty, pro-gay remark. Ah, the best-laid plans of mice, men and dykes — there I was, searching for a quite obscure needle in a very homophobic and hostile haystack. From the more than

two dozen straight women spectators I conversed with, I was battered relentlessly with their tirades of hatred and disgust. Almost thoroughly dejected, I grumbled to my editor that I had spent far too much time talking to straight people.

Pride marches, I guess, are valid avenues of liberation. In reference to such demonstrations, Leslie Cagan said to me, "By making the issue public, I hope it provides support to other lesbians and gay men." The pride marches do, in fact, show that we are a strong and happy people. My heart goes out to the handful of folks that marched in disguise, wearing masks and paper bags over their heads. I wish they could have marched openly. They suffered a conflict of pride and fear — wanting to add themselves to the numbers of open lesbians and gay men, yet fearful of possibly damaging consequences.

Among my interviewees at the rally, I was delighted to find one "intergalactic soul who lost her resume and can't remember all the details, but remembers she is a lesbian." This dear soul found that the Lesbian and Gay Pride Planning Committee "threw a good party," but thought that next year we should "rally on the State House steps so it would be a more real and symbolic gesture" to demonstrate our demands for freedom. She ended

her comments by suggesting that "we should raze the State House." However, I think that that would be a hard act to follow in upcoming years.

The "intergalactic soul" hit close to home for me. Our present efforts for freedom seem picayune. I know there are large numbers of gay men and lesbians scattered throughout the country adamantly fighting for our rights, yet I'm suffocating with the sense of apathy prevalent in Boston's community.

This may strike you as amazing, but I have encountered a certain school of thought among lesbians and gay men in which they assume that a *single* person will overthrow our oppression. Yes, my friends, there are certain dykes and faggots living in gay abandon while they await a queer savior to free us from our turmoil. This ludicrous belief reminds me of the old joke: Which do you feel is our greatest problem — our community's ignor-

ance or apathy? The response: I don't know and I don't care.

Dottie, a woman of the community, commented that Lesbian and Gay Pride "reminds me of Christmas; it's only once a year," whereas the spirit should be with us every day. A truly fitting remark considering the numerous battles we have ahead of us, riding the crest of the New Right. In these sourly-stagnant seventies, I cry out for the activists of bygone days. What upcoming plans of action do we have? I can only claim ignorance: I don't know.

But if you haven't already noticed, gays are in for trouble along with women, the poor and Third World people. Note California's Proposition 13, and its already noticeable effect on public services and welfare. The attacks are increasing. We can't delude ourselves by waiting for a savior. Our freedom and dignity depend on all of us.

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Are you gay?

Yes . . .

How do you feel today?

Wonderful — it's all just wonderful!

Why are you marching?

Because we *have* to this year. It's more important than ever.

Why?

Because there's so much repression in the air, we have to clear it with a little good spirit and sense of celebration.

Are you gay?

Yes.

How do you feel about marching today?

I'm happy to march today.

Why march in this kind of parade?

I'm marching to thank the union where we work, for getting us a week off for our honeymoon.

What union is that?

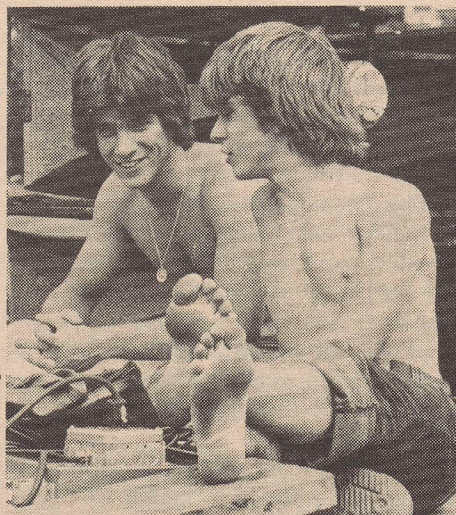
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Do they know that you're gay?

Yes, and they know we're lovers, and they know we work together. We're having a holy union in July. We asked them to help us fight for a week off. It's going to be in July so we can have a nice long vacation.

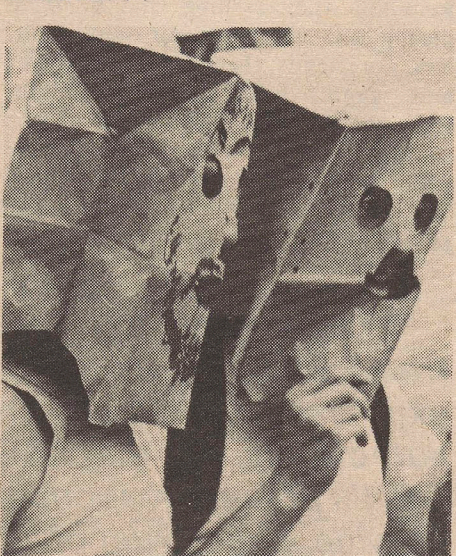
Does IBEW have a pro-gay stance?

I don't know. All I know is that we're their first!



Michael Thompson

Shirtless. . .



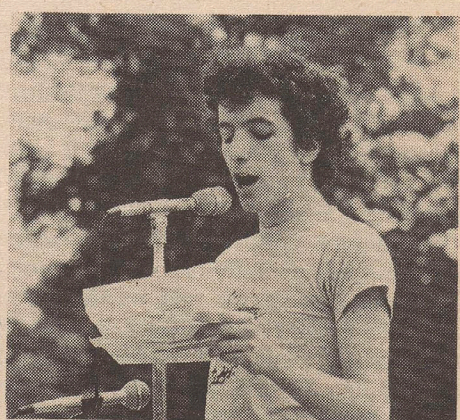
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In bags. . .



Michael Thompson

Lovers. . .



Ken Rabb

Teenagers. . .



Tim Grant

Short people. . .

"This is my first gay pride march and I find it very exciting. It's invigorating to see people with many different interests come together in this common cause. This really shows the power of gay people to seize control of their own lives."

—Joe Interrante



Michael Thompson

Many kinds of people. . .

Are you gay?

No—yes—maybe!

Why are you marching today?

'Cause all my friends are.

How do you feel?

I feel real fine.



Tim Grant

Roller Skate Stars. . .

"I remember well the first parade. We had commitments from about one hundred people to march, but by the time we reached the Boston Common, fewer than seventy of us were left. People dropped out, tired and afraid. We looked like a strange, small band, huddling together on the big Common . . . I was quite moved by Saturday's parade. It marked an important step in the history of gay pride, of the movement by the people trying to gain some control over their lives . . . We have come a long way. As for me, I think I now have some sense of how a mother feels as she watches her child grow."

—Elaine Noble

Are you gay?

No.

Why not?

Because I'm queer. In 1978 gay is straight. Gay means middle-class; gay means male-dominant; gay means white dominant; gay means money.

Why are you marching today?

To be with the lesbians.

Are you going to enjoy yourself?

That's hard to say. It depends on how many lesbians come.



Ken Rabb

Friends. . .

What do you think of today's events?

This is far out!

What's written on that placard you're wearing?

It says, "Lesbian speech therapist".

Why are you wearing a mask?

I'm a lesbian and a schoolteacher.

How do you feel about marching?

I'm glad to be marching to show there are lesbian schoolteachers. I have to wear this mask, otherwise if I am seen in the open I'll lose my job. It's a conflict because wearing this mask diminishes the pride I feel.

Gay Pride March

Michael Thompson



Men...

Are you gay?
Yes I am.

Why are you marching today?
Because I'm proud to be gay. This is the first parade that I've ever attended. I just feel like it's time for me to come out and exhibit who I am and what I am.

Why do you feel there aren't more black gay people here?
I think it's because of the kinds of things that happen to black gay people in the black community once they come out and say that they're gay. There are so many things that are in the community that separate us so that to come together around a common issue like being gay is very difficult.

How do you feel about being black and gay?

It's more how I feel about being a woman, black and gay. I feel that it's a struggle, but I'm very proud of it.

Are you marching with the gay youth contingent?

Yes. It's time the community started paying attention to gay youth.

Are you in high school here?

I was just graduated.

Aren't you afraid your classmates will see you?

I just saw someone down the street.

How did it feel?

It felt fine... I always thought he was a faggot.

Judy Judge



Out in the open...



Women parading...

"It wasn't hard to come up with a brief message for this rally because I have only one major thing to say for this occasion: Let's stop being on the defensive. Let's quit apologizing for being different from the uptight, woman-hating, child-battering hypocrites who are so intent on denying us our rights. Let's move ahead, being as different from them as we can."

—Susan Saxe

Did you have fun marching?
I rode all the way.

Where did you ride?
In the showgirls' car where else? The car for the Carnival Lounge.

Did you have fun?
Oh yes — waving, throwing all those kisses...

Why did you march?
Because I'm proud to be gay.

Michael Thompson



Singers...

Are you gay?
I'm a lesbian.

How do you feel today?
I feel good. I went to the dance last night and it brought back memories from when I first came out five years ago and it got me really up. But I've been very hesitant about coming here today. Because I think we should be doing much more forceful things to be getting our lesbian and gay rights.

Why are you here today?
Because I'm gay and a mother of six children.

How do you think this parade can benefit gay people?

It will help everyone know we're around and we're going to stay. Somebody's got to be here on the streets.

Tim Grant



In drag...

Angela Russo



Women...

Are you gay?
I'm gay.

Why are you marching today?
I'm marching because, as one other person among all these people, I think it's important to show how many of us there are around.

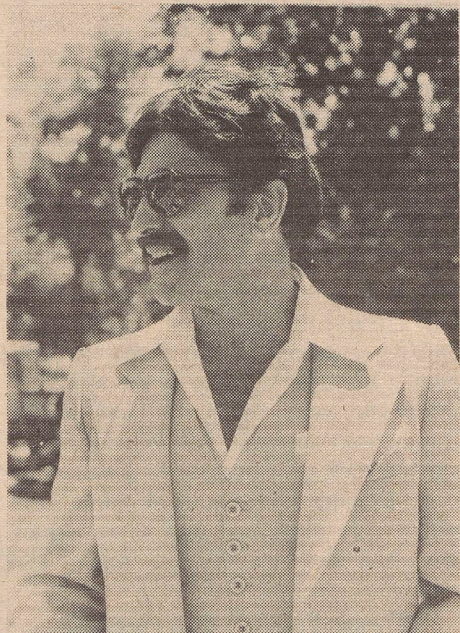
You're not going to wear a bag on your head?
No bag.

What do you do for a living?
I'm a teacher.

Don't you think anyone's going to see you?
If they do, they do. If not, all the better for now.

How do you feel about that?
A little apprehensive, but I'm going to enjoy myself today.

Ken Rabb

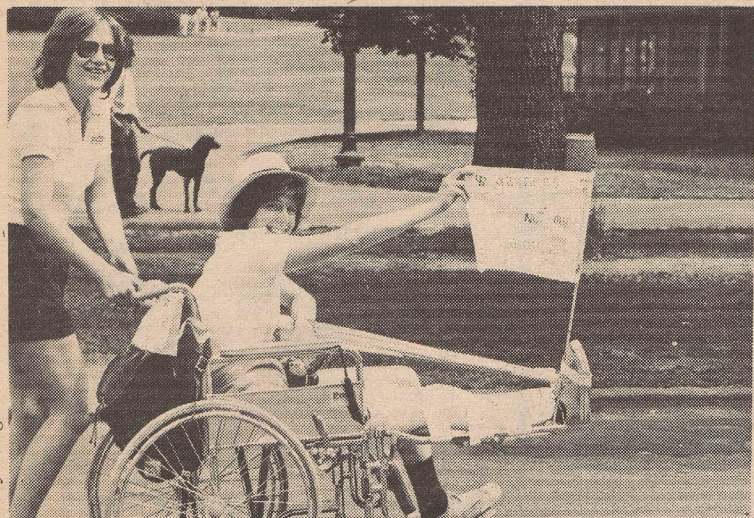


In suits...

"This year the gay day parade and rally made me feel that the spirit of the sixties still invigorates the gay community. There was the right mix of anger, festiveness, outrage and outrageousness. The speeches were right-on — filled with analysis of our oppression, yet sensitive to us as women and men in struggle. Gay Day is always my favorite day of the year, and this one especially so; the dead hand of straight life never seemed farther away."

—Mitzel

Judy Judge



In wheelchairs...

Wheels On The Run!

By Leland Stone

One can't help lapsing into a commercial frame of mind and humming "I Love New York . . ." when faced with the beauty of the Woodstock-Tannersville area. Carloads of men and guys on bikes wound their way through the twisting roads of upstate New York to reach the Wheels 9 run site at the Tyrol Inn and camping area. Met by the friendly registrars, an ample buffet, and loads of cold beer and tonic, everyone had time to recover from their journeys.

I groped my way through some of the 170 men attending this function and sidled through the nearly 60 bikes gleaming in the day's end sun. I joined other Viking members and we tramped through the Inn's seven adjoining acres to our campsite. Tents of all descriptions were being set up. Some of them carried state flags or club colors. Others, like one of the Philadelphia Club's members, added personal touches: he parked two pink flamingoes outside the tent and ringed the canopy with red handkerchiefs! After struggling with an eight person tent, I took a walk by the nearby stream and enjoyed the beautiful, clear sky.

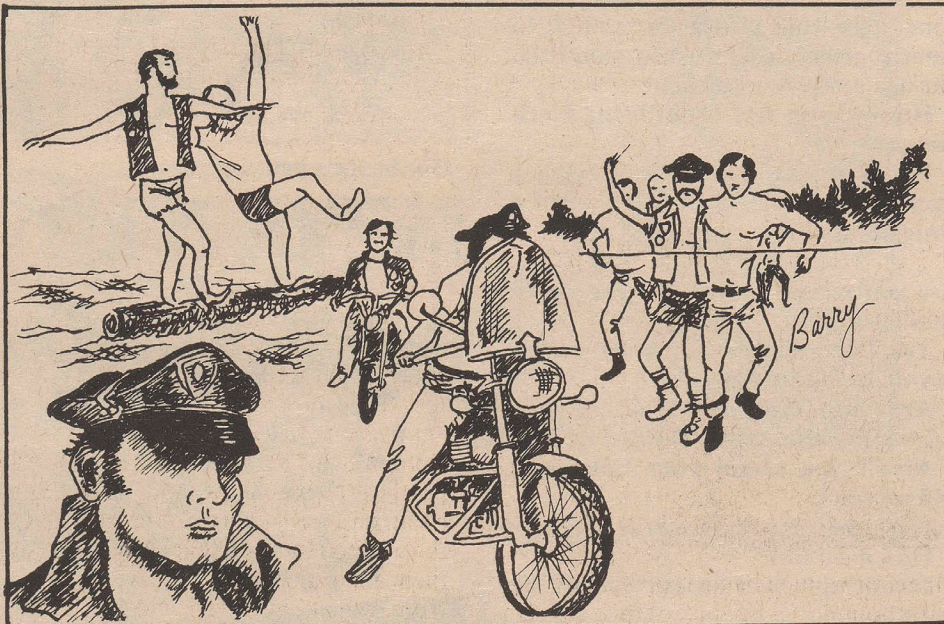
An outdoor run's days and evenings are filled with events and constant rounds of get-togethers and cocktail parties sponsored by other clubs or bars. The bike events for individuals deal with speed and dexterity. The buddy-bike events consist of non-bike owners joining in a partnership with bike riders in what often becomes hilarious situations. One contest on the Wheels 9 run was for the bike-buddy to hop on the back of a motorcycle, ride quickly to an appointed spot, jump off, and run to a table which holds a pan of cherries. The object of the race was to scoop up and keep as many cherries as possible intact in your mouth within a set time limit, then hop back on the bike and have your partner speed back to the finish line. During all

this time, your hands must be kept behind your back. The winner of the cherry-scoop race won with 23 cherries in his mouth. A variation of this race was later done with chocolate pudding.

Another day was spent participating in "people events." These events can be found at any country fair. Among the contests were log rolls, three-legged races and egg carries. Sandwiched between the contests was a showing of first-run films on closed circuit television, including *Carrie* and *Star Wars*. The Wheels' emphasis on creativity was continued through the run with a

constant chance for individual sexual contacts and after-hours orgies, one might expect to have little time spent in solitude. All events, parties and shows are scheduled, although attendance is the decision of the individual.

The key to a run's success is its creativity, good food, and administration. The Wheels' officers and members put out great personal effort and consideration to insure a trouble-free four days. The volume of work and the long hours involved in handling 170 men over a four day period is mind boggling. The coordination between the club



well costumed and superbly performed gay version of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Deep in the woods, a cocktail party was held by the Philadelphia M.C. where costume or no costume were equally encouraged in the title *Anything Goes*. Another late hours cocktail party was held outdoors by the Shipmates M.C. Dress for this event was sailors' whites. One club member had done a huge black on white backdrop of a clipper ship, and music from *South Pacific* was playing throughout the bash, with the whole crowd singing along. With all these events, and the

men and Ray Tempo, manager of the Tyrol Inn, is no easy job, with hundreds of little details and foul-ups that are never noticed by run participants. Ray's success is due to the years he has spent handling large gay groups at his Inn on a year round basis.

The end of every run is rather emotion filled. Funny and tender moments have been shared with many fine people who will be returning to different cities and different states. The closing ceremony is one of my favorite events because it locks in the spirit of fellowship and caring that has grown throughout the run. The Wheels M.C. started their ceremony with a march of over 25 club banners. Individual trophies were presented and two couples who had met at a Wheels' run of the

past were brought forward to much applause. The Vikings M.C. of Boston won the overall participation trophy, much to the surprise of the members and their president, Russ L. The national anthem was sung with special meaning in this ages of Bryant and Byrne, Briggs and Davis: those who would restrict our personal freedom to congregate and enjoy each other's company in an uninhibited environment will not be tolerated!

After the run was officially over, some of us decided to stay on and talk about the status of motoring clubs in the general gay male community. Large numbers of unaffiliated individuals are attending the big outdoor runs and, while we agreed that club membership remains stable, younger men and women (there are several women's leather/denim clubs on the east coast) don't seem to have the need to join clubs. Since the liberation years, we seem to have reached a time when fostering feelings and group identity are downplayed. Some men felt that leather/denim is in vogue and the "outlaw in your own community" feeling, so prevalent a few years ago, was no longer valid. Many felt that the younger independents were turned off by the parliamentarianism and politics of the club scene. And there's also the work!

Independents will always be welcome, but they'll never know the feeling of working together to accomplish a run like Wheels 9, the joy of starting a club charity and watching it grow like the Wheels' Robert Walsh Memorial Fund for Cancer Care, or the excitement of attending a significant event *en masse* like the Boston Vikings' attendance at Gore Vidal's recent lecture. As long as club membership patterns don't change significantly, the Wheels M.C., Spartans, Druids, and other large clubs can continue to host the large outdoor runs they are famous for.

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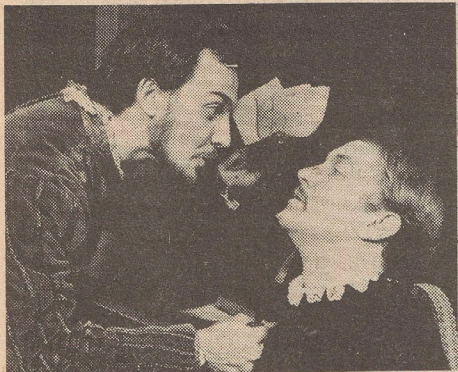
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Theatre

A Cumbersome Marlowe

The Marlowe Show by John Adams and William Kromm. Directed by Jan Kubicki. At the Suffolk Theatre, Boston.



A Review by Gregg Howe

John Adams and William Kromm have managed to take a short life of

Christopher "Kitt" Marlowe, Elizabethan playwright and sometimes spy, and reduce it to 21 rather dull scenes.

The Marlowe Story chronicles Marlowe's life from his Cambridge University days to his murder at age 29. What is lacking in the cumbersome script is space for the characters to crystallize. The play is structured in vignettes and, despite Roger Mooney's clever set design and director Jan Kubicki's ability to run the scenes at a quick pace, there are still too many scenes (some wholly extraneous), too many wooden characters, and not enough sense of Christopher Marlowe and his contemporaries. The playwrights have chosen to show us as many elements of Marlowe's life as possible — his love interests, his undercover activities for

Queen Elizabeth's secret service, his dealings with theatre people producing his plays, and his own vain aspirations. Unfortunately, they try to chronicle so much that the audience feels it has read Cliff's Notes on *The Life of Marlowe*.

The element of the play that is most interesting is the way the authors deal with Marlowe's homosexuality. It is

have been presented. Zachary Grenier's Marlowe is intelligent and more full-bodied than one could hope, but even Grenier postures before us at times, instead of allowing us to know the true Marlowe. Mark Arnold's Tom Walsingham is too petulant. He deviates from petulance to giddiness to misery with very little substance in

Marlowe's homosexuality . . . is treated as an integral part of his life, and not as a "problem."

treated as an integral part of his life and not as a "problem." It is the societal pressure of the time which destroys Marlowe's relationship with Tom Walsingham and not some psychological deficiency in his psyche.

The production as a whole is competently staged. The pace of the epic-like script is rapid and many of the actors vainly attempt to carve full characters from the stick figures with which they

between. Richard McElvain handles his multiple roles expertly, delineating each character in a way that defies the script, and Jay Foote gives an overblown performance as Ned Allyn, the strutting Elizabethan actor-producer.

While this is not an exciting evening of theatre, it is a play worth seeing simply for the unsensationalized gay scenes. It is rare that gay people are presented as human and not ultraneurotic or pathetically funny.

Records

Songs for the Matriarchy

By Pat M. Kuras

Through her minuscule appearance in *Word Is Out*, Trish Nugent has already gained favorable attention, and well she should. Her music is as fresh and stimulating as a dew-swept morn. She is one of the latest artists being presented on the Olivia label.

Her album, *Foxglove Woman*, includes some familiar entities from the lesbian-feminist music scene. Nancy Vogl and Woody Simmons assist on many songs while Susann Shanbaum, a member of the local women's jazz group Bougainvillea, also adds her talents.

Nugent's songs are geared for a strongly women-identified audience. Her album opens with the song, "Cast Away." Written by Carol Ventrillo, it is the only song on the record that was not written by Nugent. The song has a smooth opening with crystal-clear guitars played by Vogl and Shanbaum, and concerns women conquering our "obstacles to freedom." With the song, "Angry Woman," Nugent details the



Judy Todd

Freckles and Trish

anger of women being repressed by specific boundaries because of their sex. On a more joyful note, she caps her matriarchal visions with "Woman Strength," which celebrates women's strengths, love, wisdom and life.

On a more personal level, the well-known "Were You There" is a poignant journey of one woman's growth as a lesbian. At eighteen, a budding lesbian romance (which she initiated) frightens her away, and she fumbles through a heterosexual relationship and much soul-searching. Years later, she does come out, confident in her choice. Marcia Bauman's keyboard talents heighten the mood of bittersweet memories in the song.

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means: where are the days gone by?

Trish Nugent plays no musical instruments herself, but is the main vocalist, singing in fluid pride. Her songs range from the politics and love of women-identification to the casual tranquility of returning to the countryside. Proven by her debut album, she is an accomplished singer/songwriter. As usual, we can depend on Olivia for bringing us the finest in lesbian-feminist music.

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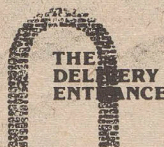
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Spring for GCN!

By Eric Rofes

The benefit-party held at Club Max on Sunday, June 18th, was a smashing success! Organized by an *ad hoc* committee from the gay community, the day-long affair was the brain child of Michael Campbell of Campbell-Moreau Interiors. Along with Judy Previte of Koala Bear Haircutters, Michael chaired the committee, which included Tony Mantia, Reggie Ruggiero, Jim Caton, and Steve Gelber. Almost 500 people attended the party, which included day-long disco-dancing, a fashion show, dance contest, and a special auction.



Elaine Noble and Mel King

The dance contest brought some fine couples to the floor of Club Max. Walter Gee of Boston and Manuel Britto of Brookline took the first place

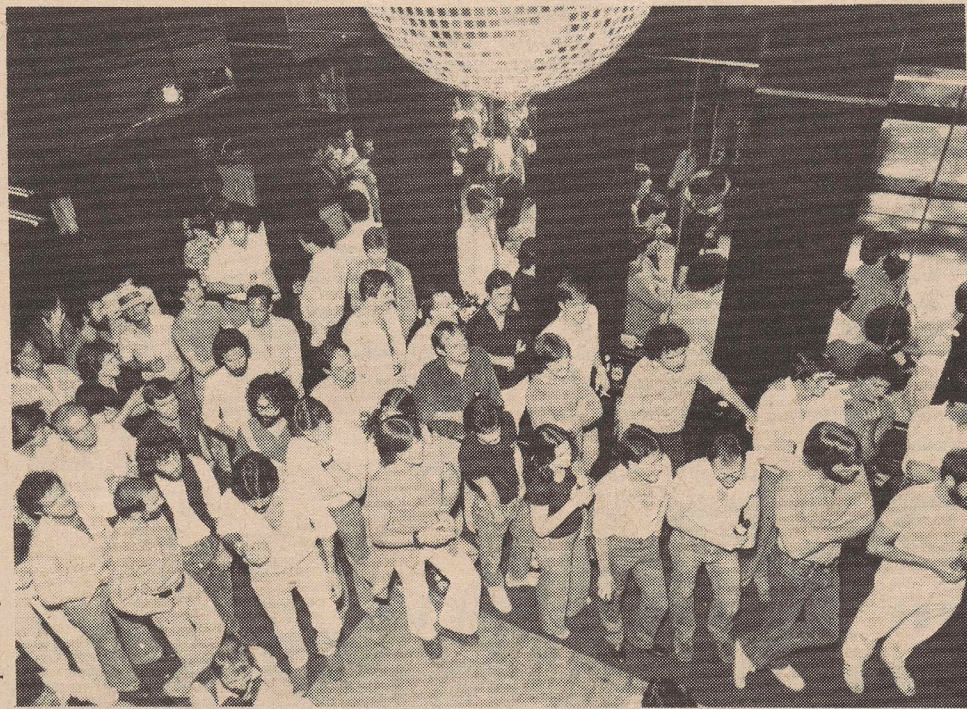


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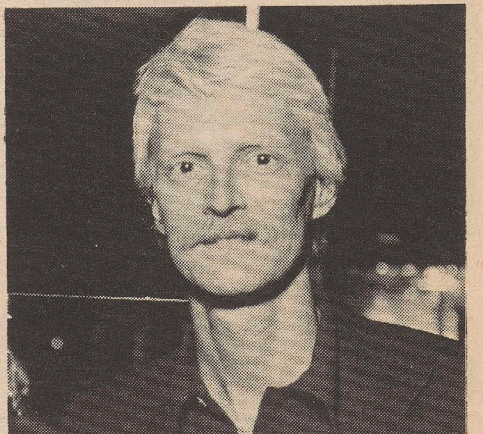
The crowd enjoying themselves at the GCN benefit

prize of \$100. Second place winners, Dave Winsor and Elliot Lopez, won a bottle of champagne. This reporter's favorite dance-team was John Bradstreet of Bridgewater and Jerry Ross of Randolph who danced to Donna Summer's "The Last Dance." It was exciting to see so much dance talent in Boston's gay community.

Among the local community leaders that attended the GCN benefit were Rep. Mel King and Rep. Barney Frank, long time supporters of gay community events. Mary Ellen Preusser, a member of the Cambridge City Council, stop-

ped by during the brunch, as did an aide to Senator Bill Owens. Rep. Elaine Noble helped out as auctioneer and did an excellent job forcing up the prices on the auctioned items. National Gay Task Force Co-Executive Director Bruce Voeller appeared to support

GCN and speak with members of the Boston gay community. Ron Robin, disc jockey on WBOS radio, took his turn at the microphone, auctioning items that included weekends in Provincetown, dinner in a local restaurant with Barney Frank, and a designer coat by Fiandacca.



Bruce Voeller

GCN's thanks go out to everyone who helped out with this benefit — especially Michael & Judy, and also John Burr, manager of Club Max, who provided a gourmet brunch which included clams, oysters, and a special roast beef dish cooked by chef Dean McLaughlin. It was truly a day to remember, and one that helped GCN enormously.

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People, Places & Flings

By Lee Stone

Pat and Laddie Ventures are sponsoring two group travel tours exclusively for women. The first tour will be August 5th through 12th at the Breckenridge Inn, in Breckenridge, Colorado. The second and most fabulous tour will be to Mexico. I've been to both tour spots, Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara, and they offer quite divergent views of Mexican life. Their brochure is filled with great parties and side excursions which are included in the basic price. The dates for Mexico are December 26th through January 2nd. For info and brochure write to No. 644 Novato, California 94947. That's the same **Pat and Laddie of Wishing Well Magazine** . . .

Been to the new **Regency Baths**? Well you should! The metamorphosis it has gone through is amazing. There's a great new snack bar, complementary wine and snacks on different nights during the week, and a total new look. This is just the beginning, though, as the "public room" and hallways are being re-done. I've been told it's only a matter of time until the disco on the third floor will be finished. Drop by and say hi to **Steve** behind the snack bar . . . yes he's really 19 . . .

So you've been looking for something new? While browsing through **Copley Fair**, I chanced on the craziest selection of gay greeting cards for both men and women. They span the lyric to the lunatic and will guarantee to bring beauty or a laugh to anyone. My favorite was a Victorian Fairy birthday card, but you'll just have to find out what it says yourself!

Last week's column omitted that 69th cent night is Tuesday at **Isaiah's** in Worcester. Also **Kurt Laurence** and **Ann Loring** will be finishing their gig there this month. Let's hope they return to Boston again.



Doty Mulcahy

Friends in march for Gay Pride '78

OK **M.C.C.** members! There's a dinner followed by a congregational meeting and forum on Saturday, July 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. The inter-denominational service on Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was moving and well attended by Jewish, Catholic and Protestants alike. Pastor of Providence **MCC Marge Ragona**, delivered a dynamic and humorous sermon using the fairy tale of Snow White as its basis . . .

The "Dump D.A. Byrne" effort is continuing with more voter registration drives. The next will be at the **St. Botolph's Street Fair** on Saturday the 24th, from 11:30 to 3:30!

Attention all bars! Contact Gay Legislation if you wish to have voter registration tables on busy nights. Nobody, business or person, is immune to Byrne's attacks or raids, so help do your part in registering more gays to vote in this year's primaries!

Amaranth held an informal women's poetry reading during the Lesbian Gay Pride Week celebration. It was both moving and dramatic. One woman sang original songs a cappella; others read poetry to conga drum and flute accompaniment; another incorporated sign language with her reading, adding to the symbolic strength of her poems.

WGBH, Channel 2, Public T.V., will be hosting a **Disco Dazzler** on July 15th when couples will compete for two grand prizes of \$1,000. It will take place at **Boston-Boston** and gay couples are encouraged to compete! Those interested in being contestants may obtain information on qualifying rules from Disco Central at 492-2777, ext. 730. Let's show 'em some of those great dancers this community has!

Concannon's had always been a mixed bar, but when it became **Playland**, in 1938, under the new ownership it became totally gay. There used to be a piano player by the window; beer was only 10 cents and mug and booze was 20 cents a shot. The present ceiling was not here to



Angela Russo

Kenny Arkin at the rally

separate the two floors and some might remember **Josey** singing **Eva Tanguay's** hit, *I Don't Care* from the balcony to the crowd below. It was not declared off limits to servicemen 'til after the war and was the hot spot for those into uniformed men! **Playland** has never been raided and only closed for any length of time twenty years ago after a devastating fire. It was opened within three weeks and has had great after-work and weekend crowds ever since. I'm sure **Jim, Joe, Betty Duck**, the much loved **Jeanette Lavin, Ken** and all the **Playland** workers are happy and proud to be working at Boston's oldest continuing gay bar.

SPEECH

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repealed in Eugene, there were massive demonstrations in San Francisco and other cities. At the Lesbian Mothers' Day rally here in Boston there was an organized and supportive gay male presence. Lesbians have brought culture and support to women in Framingham Prison. People from all over the lesbian and gay communities are angered by the authorities' vigilante tactics in the Boston/Boise and Boston Public Library entrapment cases. And this march which we have every year is an example to the rest of Boston of our pride and our strength.

All these victories, these expressions of solidarity, have added to the building of the lesbian and gay movements

hate ourselves and to put ourselves down. There is a growing pride and respect in our movement which affects how we relate to each other and to the rest of society. Lesbians and gay men question the accepted ways of relating. We question the assumption of heterosexuality, the tradition of marriage, the institution of male supremacy. Most importantly, we question the basic component of relationships in this society — that one person (a man, an adult, a white person, a boss) naturally has power over another (a woman, a child, a black, or third world person, a worker). We explore and experiment with new ways of relating, ways of developing and sharing power, ways of



Michael Thompson

Speakers Allen Young and Leslie Cagan.

ing institutions, and because they play with people's insecurities about sexuality, about power, about realizing the American dream. We must use our strengths to contend with the forces of the right and to continue building our movement.

In confronting the right wing we must also look to other groups which are under attack. Organized groups of women who are fighting for our rights to control our bodies, to control our sexuality, to determine what it is to be a woman. Organized groups of Black and third world people who are fighting for the survival of their own cultures, for an end to racism and genocide. All these groups are under attack by anti-abortion, anti-ERA, anti-affirmative action right wing organizations. They are under attack because they confront the hierarchical structure of social relations in this society.

We have to go to the roots of op-

pression and repression in this society to understand the basis for homophobia and heterosexism and to figure out new ways to confront them. I work with **Lavender Resistance** — a group of lesbians and gay men who are socialist, feminist, anti-racist, and anti-imperialist. We struggle as part of a larger movement for lesbian and gay liberation in the context of a total transformation of society. We support other groups who struggle to change society and we push them to deal with gay and sexual oppression.

The lesbian and gay movements have built up a great sense of pride and strength over the last several years. We must not allow the right wing attacks to stop us; we must always remember that they are reacting to our strength and not our weakness. We must continue to strengthen our community and defend our sexuality. It's a long struggle and we will win.



Michael Thompson

All of us together in the sun!

and to the strengthening of our communities. We have power in this movement. One reason is because we do support each other. We have learned to see our individual lives as part of a common struggle against a heterosexist society which has always taught us to

improving the quality of our lives.

Our questioning and experimenting is very much a threat to traditional institutions and those who uphold them. They are fighting back. And they are powerful because they have money, because they work within exist-

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5:30pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.

6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians, phone (603) 228-8542.

6-8pm — Lesbian awareness consciousness-raising group. BU Women's Center, basement of Sherman Union Bldg. 353-4240.

6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA. 661-1316.

6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA.

7-9pm — Supportive lesbian rap, Janus House, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, (617) 661-2537.

7-9pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.

7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7-9pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203) 486-4737.

7:30pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.

7:30pm — Lesbian Feminist Union meeting, 55 Eddy St., Providence, RI.

7:30pm — Homophile Community Health Service — Drinking problems rap group, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.

8pm — Nashua (N.H.) Area Gays rap session; call (603) 882-8732.

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8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St. NH.

8pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.

8:30pm — Gay Alanon (gay alcoholics). Info. 843-5300.

8:30pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.

8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.

9pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Fernald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

6:30-8pm — Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT, (203) 486-4738.

7pm — Pot Luck Supper, 228½ Atwells Ave., Providence, RI.

7:30pm — Integrity, gay Episcopalians, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston.

8pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.

8pm — Martha's Vineyard Gay Women & Men's Rap Group; info and details call 627-8097.

8pm — DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA. 661-3633.

8:30pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI, 333-1396.

8:30pm — Deaf lesbians and gay men are invited to meet other deaf and hearing gays who know (or are learning) sign. MCC, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

8:30pm — Gay A.A. 33-1396

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6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — MCC/Providence Potluck at Parsonage, rap during and after dinner. Bring and share. (401) 272-9247.

7pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH

7pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting, Storrs, CT. Info: (203) 486-4738.

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7-9pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.

7:30pm — MCC midweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.

8pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

8pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.

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8-10pm — URI Gay Social Club, 4th floor Group Room, Roosevelt Hall. (401) 792-5954 or Carl 789-8360.

8:30pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.

8:30pm — Gay A.A. meeting, Old West Church (side door), 131 Cambridge St.

9-12pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

10:15pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

THURSDAYS

5pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.

7pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester, MA.

7m — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, alternate weeks.

7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7:30pm — Daughters of Bilitis. Gay women's rap at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. For more information call 661-3633.

7:30pm — UConn Gay Alliance meets in the Student Union, Rm. 218, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

8pm — Lesbian Liberation, informal rap group Woman's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Cambridge, MA

8pm — Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council. 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

8pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.

8-9pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, 661-2537.

8pm — Lesbians with Children Support Group, Cambridge Women's Center, 354-8807.

8:30pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.

8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.

9pm — Emerson Homophile Society, rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

FRIDAYS

7-8:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Stanford St., across from Longfellow Towers.

7-9pm — GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Stanford St., Boston.

8pm — Am Tikva service, social at Frost Lounge, Eli Center, Northeastern Univ., 300 Huntington Ave., Boston.

7:30pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME.

7:30pm — Gay get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.

8:30pm — Berkshire Community Gay Coalition meets at 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA. Call (617) 442-9450, M-Th eves.

8:30pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston.

8:30pm — Gay A.A. meeting, 150 Beacon St., 2nd floor.

9-12pm — GAY coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

SATURDAYS

2pm — Project Lambda Rap session for gay teenagers, 70 Charles St., Boston.

3-6pm — Gay folk dancing for women and men, Peabody room, 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House (north end of Harvard Yard). Call Eric (617) 776-6377.

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