Calendar

Boston, MA — Front Runners Boston, gay and lesbian running group. Info: 825-0181.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Regularly scheduled sports events and general info #s for outdoors events: general #s: John 275-1336 and 864-0823; volleyball Dee 266-2147; basketball 236-1914.

weekly events

sunday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center for youth 22 and under from 3:30 to 5pm at Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill). Info: 436-4561. (Please send all BAGLY mail to Box 10GY at GCN only.)

Boston, MA — Black and White Men Together of Boston meets at 2pm the second Sunday of the month at 57 E. Springfield St. (So. End). Info: Richard 247-3043 or Tom 536-3392.

Cambridge, MA — Overeaters Anonymous, lesbian meeting. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. Sun eves 7:30 pm; DOB office.

Framingham, MA — Tricounty Assoc. (Framingham, Milford, Franklin area). Social and support group for gay and lesbian community. Meets Suns. Info: (617) 376-4323.

Boston, MA — Musically Speaking, Women's programming music, ideas and announcements. Call Melanie at 494-8810 with events and comments. (WMBR, 88.1FM) 1-4pm.

Boston, MA — Boston's Other Voice. Weekly discussions of problems facing the lesbian/gay community. News, interviews, calendar, music. 10:30pm. WROR, 98.5FM

Boston,MA — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. Second Sundays. 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6874 or 247-5485.

Keene, NH — Potlucks and other fun get-togethers for lesbians. First Suns. (2pm) and third Tues or Wed (6pm). Info: Keene Klondykes, Box 261, Gilsum NH 03448.

Concord, NH — Concord Area gay Youth, support group for youth 16-22, rap session and social time. Carpools & counseling available. Info: Scott or Joe 224-6931.

Acton, MA — Central Middlesex Social Club meets at 7:30pm. Info: Carlton 486-8177. All are invited.

Orono, ME — Wilde-Stein Club. Social/support group for lesbians and gay men. Informal, friendly and open meetings. Peabody Lounge, 3rd fl, Memorial Union, UMO. 7pm.

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a social group alternative to the bars on Cape Cod, meets second Sundays. Info: Box 1614, Orleans, MA 02653.

Northern Vt/NH-League of Gays (LOGS) meets third Sun. Info: (802) 626-3618 or write: Box 703, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Central VT — Central Vermont Gay Men (CVGM) meets first Sun. of the month for socializing, business and a meal. Info: Box 42, Barre, 05641.

monday

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: P.O.Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

Nashua, NH — Nashua Area Gays meet 8pm. Info: Tony 888-7933, or write: Nashua Area Gays, Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

tuesday

Brattleboro,VT — Southern Vermont Lesbian and Gay Men's Coalition meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harv. Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633.

Pittsfield, MA — Berkshire County Gay Coalition meets 2nd and 4th Tues. Info: (413) 442-7772.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm (First Tues.) Info: 249-7691.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Fathers in Transition, a group of gay/bi fathers meets Weds. for friendship and support. Info: Gay Fathers, c/o GCN Box 6, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108, or call Exodus Ctr 266-0612.

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY): New person's meeting 6-7pm; General meeting and group discussion 7-9pm. Youth 22 and under. St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill). Info: 491-0242.

Boston, MA — Walk-in VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 6:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

Boston, MA — Boston Gay Men's Chorus meets every Wed. 6:45-9pm. Community Music Ceter, 48 Warren Ave. (So. End). Info: 625-3247.

Nashua, NH — Greater Nashua Area of NH Lambda sponsors speakers and/or raps on the second Wed. and 4th Thurs. of each month. 7pm. Business meetings on first Sats. 5pm. Info: (603) 889-1416.

Bridgewater, MA — South Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance meets Weds. Info: 586-1503.

Hartford, CT — Lesbian AA meeting. Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 8pm. Info: (203) 232-9737 or 742-8203.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian "coming out" group, new weekly open rap group, is now meeting at Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) 8-10pm. Info: 354-8807

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. 35+ women's discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Second Wed. and last Fri. of each month.

Hyannis, MA — Lesbian Support Group meets first Wed. of every month. 7:30pm. New members welcome. Orientation, social meetings. Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St. Info: 771-6739.

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: 542-5679.

Augusta, ME — Gay/Lesbian AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meeting. All Souls Unitarian Church, 11 King St. 8 pm. Open to all.

Lynn, MA — North Shore Gay AA weekly meeting. Lynn Community Health Center, 86 Lafayette Park. 7pm. Info: 599-5928

Providence, RI — Transvestite/transsexual meetings. 8pm. Info: 272-9247

Hampden County,MA — Social/Support Group for Lesbians. 8pm. Info:Debbie 532-5878 or Julie 532-4959.

thursday

Boston, MA — Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project. 7:30pm. Info:424-1993.

Somerville, MA — TV/TS Peer Support Group meets at the Gender Clinic. 7:15-9:15. Info: Martha 666-8280.

Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley Gay People's Alliance is now forming. Meetings on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 586-5979.

Worcester, MA — "Straight Talk About Gays", a free form radio show with news, announcements, music, poetry, in-depth interviews and raps. 8:15pm. WCUW, 91.3FM.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston, MA — The Lesbian and Gay Focus of PAM (People's Antiwar Mobilization) meets every Thurday from 7-9pm at the PAM office in the Freedom Center, 355 Boylston St

Boston, MA — The Mass. Gay Political Caucus meets on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm. 755 Boylston St. Rm. 215. New members welcome. Info: 471-8404.

New London, CT — Lesbian and Gay community at Connecticut College weekly meeting. Discussion, planning and outreach 9pm. Fanning Hall Rm 412. INfo: 442-7458.

friday

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Hartford, CT — Your Turf, a weekly drop-in center for lesbian and gay teenagers. 7-9pm at the Hill Center, 350 Farmington Ave. (upstairs). Sponsored by the Coalition of Sexual Minorities.

Pittsfield, MA — Weekly meetings of Lesbians United. Info: Women's Services center, 499-2425.

Concord, NH — Concord's Men's Group meets Fridays at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. 67 Thorndike St. Info: Joe 224-6931.

saturday

Providence, RI — Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian Youth meets every Sat. from 1-5pm for youth 14-21 years of age. Info: MCC 272-9247 or Gay Help Line 751-3322 (eves).

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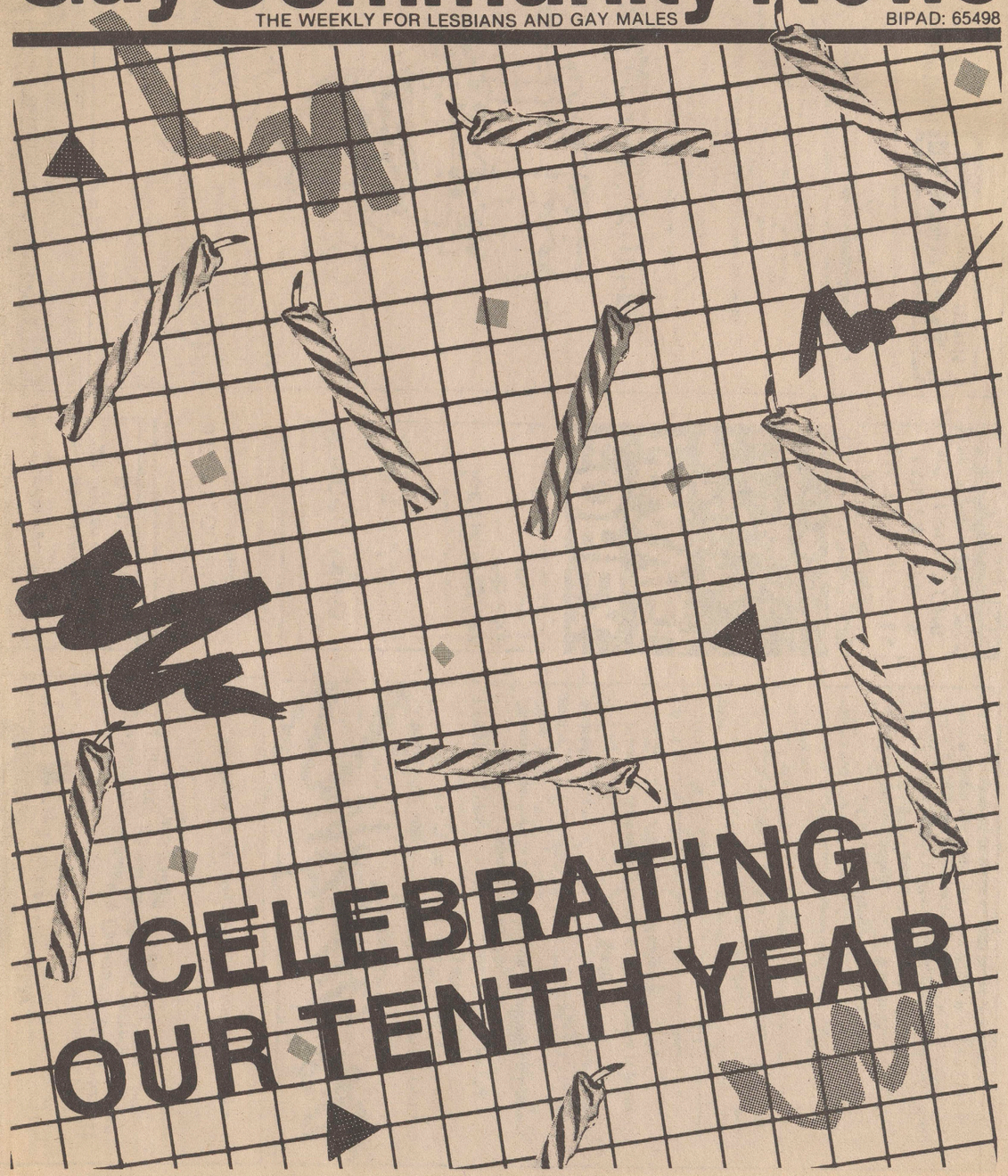

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Supporters Meet To Help Rebuild

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON—More than 900 people gathered at the Arlington Street Church on July 12 for a community meeting to discuss the fire last week which destroyed the offices of *Gay Community News*, *Fag Rag* and Glad Day Bookshop (see *GCN*, Vol. 10, No. 1). Representatives of the two publications and the bookstore called the meeting to share information, plan community action and ask for support.

Members of the *Fag Rag* collective spoke first. Maya Silverthorne described the intermittently-published gay male newspaper, which began in 1970: "We're here to speak the unspeakable. . . . Because of this, we're no strangers to controversy."

Pointing at a stack of singed and soggy issues at the rear of the church, Silverthorne declared, "What you saw at the table back there is all that's left of the twelve years of *Fag Rag*." After the publication of each new issue of *Fag Rag*, Silverthorne explained, there has always been some doubt as to whether another issue would follow. But with the fire, "we know we're going to have another issue."

Siong-Huat Chua echoed Silverthorne's resolve and called for support. "The most immediate way you can help is to put in your advance order for the twelfth anniversary issue," he said. That issue is now being printed and will be available directly from *Fag Rag* (see box).

GCN and *Fag Rag* contributor John Mitzel spoke on behalf of Glad Day Bookshop. "I miss *GCN* and Glad Day and *Fag Rag* already," he said. "Where else do you go when you want two hours away from your straight, hostile environment?"

GCN Managing Editor Cindy Patton gave a rundown on the facts of the fire known thus far to *GCN* (see accompanying article). Richard Burns, president of the *GCN* Board of Directors, called for concerted action to raise money for the sustenance of the paper. Burns suggested that individuals and organizations sponsor *GCN* benefits, become *GCN* sustainers, and donate whatever they could afford to the paper.

Burns also stressed the importance of subscriptions as the primary source of income for the paper. "Please talk your friends into subscribing and give a subscription to your mother," he asked.

Former Managing Editor Amy Hoffman sought to clarify the political context of the arson attack. "Let's not get confused," she said. "We do not call this hatred and maliciousness and stupidity down upon ourselves. It's too easy for us queers, so well trained to hate ourselves, to start thinking, 'Oh, if only I had put that file away, it would still be here,' and then 'I wonder, if we hadn't run those articles on the New Right,' or 'If we hadn't criticized the cops, the office might not have been torched.' If we hadn't published a newspaper, founded a bookstore, or started a movement, none of this would have happened!"

Brian McNaught, Mayor Kevin White's recently-appointed liaison to the lesbian and gay community, was notably absent from the meeting. However, Steven Fox, a mayoral aide, and Tom McNaught, the liaison's brother and a worker in the Mayor's Research Office, were among the City Hall employees in attendance at the meeting. Neither Fox nor McNaught spoke, however.

Fox later told *GCN* that Brian McNaught was in Syracuse, New York, fulfilling a year-old commitment to speak at a conference of teachers, counselors and ministers.

What Do We Know?

By Larry Goldsmith

A major purpose of last week's community meeting was to draw together *GCN*, *Fag Rag*, Glad Day Bookshop and their friends to share information and decide how to use it. While the local straight media may have given prominent coverage to the fire, those who came to the meeting did so knowing that neither the straight press nor the abundance of rumor in the lesbian and gay community itself could be entirely trusted.

GCN Managing Editor Cindy Patton urged those at the meeting who might have information concerning the fire to avoid the circulation of unfounded rumors by calling *GCN* to verify what is known and what is not.

"The question of who lit the fire is complex and impossible to answer at this stage," Patton explained. "*GCN*'s political history suggests a wide variety of people who might want to burn us out."

The attack on the paper's office is not unprecedented. In 1978, burglars and vandals broke into the office no fewer than six times, culminating in a major ransacking in September of that year, shortly after a visit to Boston by anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant. Bullet holes in the windows overlooking Bromfield Street appeared in 1976 and remained until last week as a daily reminder of the vulnerability of the paper and its staff. In November of 1979, veteran *GCN* reporter David Brill died under suspicious circumstances; although the official pronouncement was suicide, many people who knew him believe he was murdered.

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Public Employees' Union Backs Gay Rights Laws

By David Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—One of the nation's largest labor unions has adopted a resolution calling for federal, state and local laws prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

The resolution, approved unanimously by the 2700 representatives at the national convention of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) on June 23, was one of 300 resolutions adopted at the convention. Its passage is largely the result of organizing and lobbying work by gay AFSCME members and by the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL).

AFSCME, with over 1.1 million members, is the nation's largest public employees union and the second largest union in the AFL-CIO.

The resolution, which is consistent with the union's history of progressive stands on social and economic issues, follows adoption of an amendment to the AFSCME constitution at the union's last convention two years ago which bans anti-gay discrimination within the union.

The resolution was endorsed by many union officers, including Secretary-Treasurer William Lucy, the second highest officer in the organization.

Susan Green of GRNL, who says she spent six months organizing for passage of the resolution, told *GCN* that forming coalitions with organized labor is an important goal of GRNL and of the gay movement in general. She pointed out, however, that GRNL is interested primarily in the passage of gay rights laws and that the GRNL effort for passage of the resolution was intended to obtain the support of labor for those laws.

Tom Stadnicki, openly gay president of AFSCME Local 2081 in Chicago, told *GCN* that the effort to organize support for the resolution was part of a continuing effort to form a lesbian and gay caucus within AFSCME. Stadnicki and his lover, Barry Friedman, who is chief steward in the same local, said that without an organized gay presence within the union the resolution and the amendment to the constitution may not be seriously enforced.

Stadnicki acknowledged the valuable work of GRNL in lobbying for the resolution but stressed the importance of organizing lesbian and gay workers in AFSCME and other unions.

Lobbying work by Green and by Vic Basile, who is a member of both the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club and of AFSCME Local 2027 in Washington, resulted in co-sponsorship and endorsement by six locals and district councils.

Stadnicki urges lesbian and gay AFSCME members interested in joining the caucus, or members of other unions interested in forming similar caucuses, to contact him by writing AFSCME Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 10303, Chicago IL 60610.

The GRNL Labor Task Force can be contacted at P.O. Box 1892, Washington DC 20013.

—filed from Boston

Court Approves Gay Man's Plea To Adopt Lover

By Jil Clark

NEW YORK—An appeals court ruled four-to-one last week that a man may legally adopt his lover.

"The 'nuclear family' arrangement is no longer the only model of family life in America," wrote Judge Sidney Asch in his lengthy opinion. "The realities of present day urban life allow many different types of non-traditional families.

"In any event," the judge continued, "the best description of a family is a continuing relationship of love and caring and an assumption of responsibility for some other person. Certainly that is present in the instant case."

The appellate court decision reversed a lower court ruling made last November by Judge Mortimer Getzels, who blocked the adoption on the ground that it would not "result in the creation of a parent-child relationship" and, therefore, was against public policy.

According to New York State law, any adult may adopt another adult.

Roz Richter, an attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF), which was involved in the appeal, said she is "thrilled" by the decision.

"It represents an acknowledgement by the courts that the family has a different definition in 1982 than it did even one decade ago."

Richter added, "This is only the beginning, however. It [adoption] is not a substitute for [lesbian or gay male] marriage."

The two lovers involved in *Adult Anonymous II v. the State of New York* sought the adoption two years ago when their landlord began enforcing a city lease law

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Fight for Life Continues For Gay Man on Death Row

By John Kyper

STARKE, FL—On June 30 a three-judge panel of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Jacksonville is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the petition of gay death row inmate Robert Sullivan for a new trial.

Sullivan, who was convicted in 1973 for a suburban Miami murder he claims he did not commit (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 3, and Vol. 8, No. 44) alleges that his homosexuality was used against him during the police interrogation and the trial.

In June, 1979, Sullivan came within two days of the electric chair after Florida Governor Robert Graham signed his death warrant—ironically, during gay pride week. His death watch ordeal lasted six days before his lawyer could obtain a stay of execution because his appeal was still in process. He has now been on death row longer than any other inmate currently facing execution in the United States.

Sullivan's appeal is based on a claim of insufficient counsel, alleging that his attorney, public defender Dennis Dean, failed to locate two potential alibi witnesses who could have testified that he was in a gay bar 40 miles away at the time of the murder. At several of the hearings on his motion for a new trial, Dean has appeared as the state's star witness against him.

As a result of the national publicity surrounding the signing of the death warrant, two of Sullivan's alibi witnesses came forward. They testified at a March, 1980 hearing in U.S. District Court in Fort Lauderdale but that court rejected Sullivan's arguments in July, 1981.

In the history of decisions made by the Eleventh Circuit Court in capital cases, there is usually a lapse of three to six months between the hearing and the decision. The side that loses will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the final step in Sullivan's case. If he loses there, the governor of Florida will sign another death warrant. With all appeals exhausted, he would almost certainly be executed.

Since he became governor three and a half years ago, Graham has signed 35 death warrants. One of the first of these concerned John Spinkelink who was electrocuted in May, 1979—four days after a San Francisco jury had given assassin Dan White a short prison sentence for killing Mayor George

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Support for *Gay Community News*, *Fag Rag* and the Glad Day Bookshop should be directed to the following addresses:

Gay Community News, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 426-4469. *GCN* mail sent to the old address will be forwarded to the proper location.

Fag Rag, Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215. The *Fag Rag* Twelfth Anniversary Issue is now being printed and will soon be available directly from *Fag Rag* for $9.95.

Glad Day Bookshop, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston MA 02108, (617) 542-0144. Mail for Glad Day will be forwarded.

News Notes

quotes of the week

"We agree that the column title 'Gay Rights' should be changed, to explicitly refer to the lesbian community . . . The proposed term 'liberation,' however, is in our view subject to such widely differing interpretations, within the lesbian and gay community and between Marxists and non-Marxists, that its use in the column title would add little clarity. We plan to rename the column 'Lesbian and Gay Struggles.' "

—from an editorial response to a letter in the *Guardian*, an independent leftist weekly. The letter had criticized the title of an ongoing column, "Gay Rights." *Guardian*, July 14, 1982.

"I haven't been down there yet."

—Gary Flannegan of the Boston Police Department Arson Squad and *GCN*'s contact with the police on matters pertaining to the burning of *GCN*'s offices, referring to the site of the fire. Flannegan offered this comment in response to questions about the investigation on the afternoon of Thursday July 8, some 32 hours after the blaze had been extinguished.

put off pols

SAN FRANCISCO—"More conservative Democratic leaders may be put off by the certainty of nationally televised gay rights demonstrations if they convene in San Francisco," commented political analyst Larry Liebert in the San Francisco *Chronicle*. Liebert was referring to the debate within the Democratic Party as to where the 1984 party national convention will be held.

San Francisco is being seriously considered as the site for the event, which is the cause for some concern within the party, according to the *Bay Area Reporter (BAR)*.

"[Former Vice President Walter] Mondale's selection at the convention could disturb a number of local gay activists who remember his refusal to make even a simple statement supporting gay rights during a 1977 speech here," noted the *BAR*. Mondale, however, did recently address the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs in Philadelphia.

Other cities being considered for the convention are New Orleans and Houston, but both are located in states which did not ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The final selection will be announced in January of 1983.

misquote of the week

"We are destroyed."

—former *GCN* Managing Editor Amy Hoffman, misquoted in the Boston *Globe*, July 7 and 8, 1982.

mourning and organizing

SAN FRANCISCO—A gay man here has filed suit against his employer, Southern Pacific Railroad, for refusing to grant him three days paid funeral leave when his lover of 11 years died, according to the *Bay Area Reporter (BAR)*.

Lawrence Brinkin, a secretary and word processor at Southern Pacific, is being represented in his suit by the ACLU and by San Francisco gay attorney Matthew Coles.

Brinkin claims that SP's denial of benefits is discriminatory under California law. He had applied for the paid leave under Rule 67 of his union contract, which states, "In the event of a death in the immediate family an employee shall be entitled to a maximum of three days off with pay."

When Brinkin requested the leave, he was told by the railroad that the policy only applied to a wife or husband. He then turned to his union for assistance, but was told that Rule 67 was written "to exclude your kind of relationship." "I am angry and upset with the company for not helping me through this period of mourning—that is what Rule 67 was written for," Brinkin told *BAR*.

"Rule 67 of the union contract governs funeral laws. This rule discriminates against gay employees because it conditions leave on a status [marriage] which they are unable to obtain," attorney Coles told a press conference when the suit was filed. "In addition, Rule 67 conditions the right to funeral leave on how an individual makes private decisions about living arrangements, sexuality, and personal commitments. This violates the California Constitution's guarantee of an employee's right to privacy," Coles added.

This suit, in which Brinkin's union is also a defenddant, asks the court to award Brinkin damages of three days' wages and general damages, asks that Rule 67 be declared unlawfully discriminatory and seeks an injunction requiring SP and the union to draw up a nondiscriminatory funeral leave policy.

"I feel I am entitled to take a leave to mourn the death of a man to whom I was totally committed in every way," Brinkin told *BAR*.

naturally traumatic sex

PARIS—The French Senate has rejected a bill which would have lowered the age of consent for gay men from 18 to 15, according to the *Advocate*.

The Socialist government of President Francois Mitterand had promised to secure legislation to eliminate any discrepancy between age of consent laws for heterosexual and for homosexual sex. Shortly before the end of last year, the National Assembly passed such a bill, but the Senate rejected the proposed legislation on a vote of 188 to 108.

The *Advocate* notes that the legal commission of the Senate advised it that homosexual acts "by their nature cause irreversible physical and mental traumas."

city of sisterly love

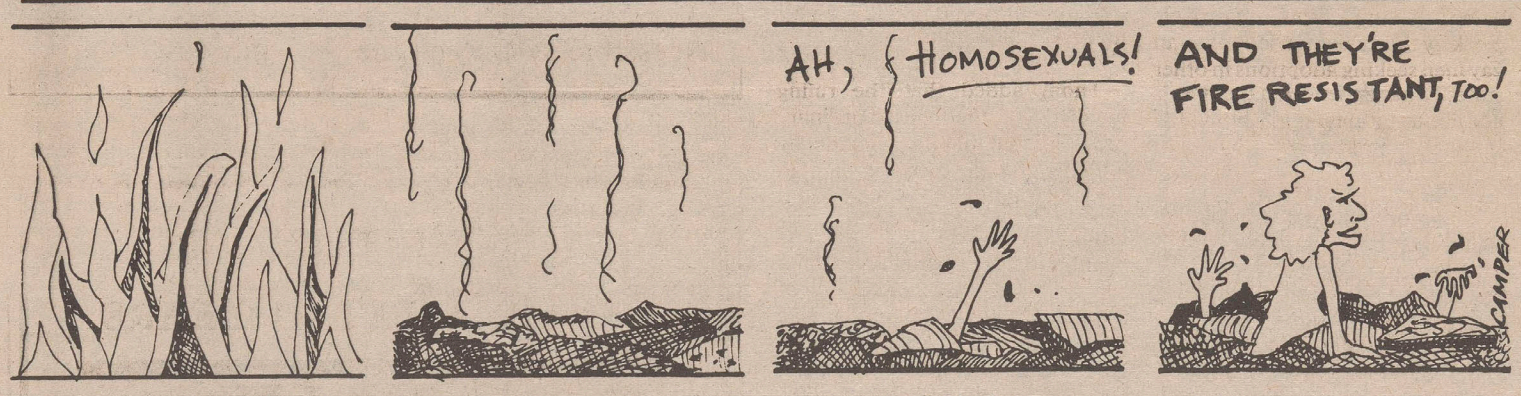
PHILADELPHIA—Philadelphia may soon ban discrimination based on sexual orientation if a recently-introduced amendment to the city's Fair Practices Act is passed by the City Council, according to Philadelphia *Gay News*.

Nine members cosponsored the measure, which would prohibit discrimination in "employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation." "Sexual orientation" is defined as "male and female homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality, by preference, practice or as perceived by others."

The introduction of the amendment took Philadelphia's gay community by surprise. *Gay News* commented, "Though aware of the fact that some people in the community were discussing the possibility of a gay rights bill, the *Gay News* was unaware of plans to introduce the bill until about an hour after it occurred." A member of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, which had been working on the bill recently, said that "any prepublicity would [have] threatened its introduction."

Gay and lesbian Philadelphians have limited protection against discrimination, although a similar bill to the one just introduced failed in 1974. In 1975, Governor Milton Shapp issued an executive order banning discrimination and in 1980 City Managing Director W. Wilson Goode issued a directive prohibiting anti-gay discrimination in all city departments.

News Notes compiled this week by Scott Brookie



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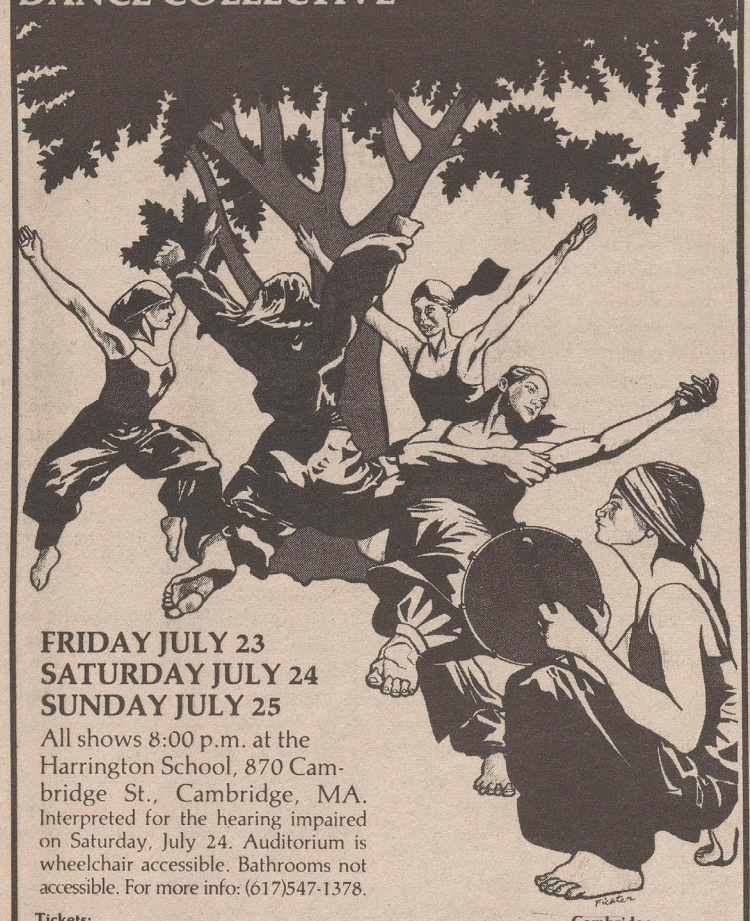

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And in March of 1981, Promotions Manager Mel Horne was killed on the street during a homophobic robbery attempt.

In addition to the possibility of political vengeance, Patton speculated that financial gain may have been a motive for the setting of the fire. "*GCN* was located in one of the prime development areas of Boston. The owner of the building stands to get not only insurance, but much higher rents when the historic building is renovated. Furthermore, research indicates that our building may have been owned by a front for a major downtown landowner."

Brian Oper, a spokesperson for the Druker Company, which manages the building, refused all comment on the fire or the ownership of the building.

The Boston Arson Squad, a task force comprising members of the Boston police and fire departments and agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), has been conducting the investigation into the fire, but as of press time, Arson Squad Chief Paul McCarthy would say only that the investigation was continuing and that he was still awaiting laboratory results on samples taken from the site.

McCarthy said his office has received word from City Hall that Mayor Kevin White has taken an interest in the case. A ***statement released to GCN*** by the Mayor's office on July 9 promised "a complete and thorough investigation," adding that "we are aggressively pursuing this matter and will devote all the resources necessary to establish the facts."

"[Fire Commissioner George Paul] has been after me on a daily basis, and I know he's concerned," McCarthy added.

According to Jack Dowd, investigation supervisor for the ATF, the use of any explosive chemical to start a fire brings an arson incident within the jurisdiction of federal law and under the purview of his bureau. ATF investigators conducted a separate inquiry at the site of the fire, performing tests, examining debris, and collecting samples for analysis at a federal laboratory in Washington, D.C. The results of those analyses will probably not be known for several weeks.

Many people fear that the adversarial relationship between the lesbian and gay community and local law enforcement agencies may result in a less than thorough investigation into the causes of the fire. As *GCN* Managing Editor Cindy Patton put it: "We need a lot more information before we will get to the truth about the fire, but one thing is certain: whoever burned us out did not expect to be caught—did not expect *our* demand for an investigation to fall on sympathetic ears."

Readers and supporters of *GCN*, *Fag Rag* and Glad Day Bookshop are urged to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's office to demand a proper investigation. The number is (617)727-5063.

Adoption

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which allows lessors to evict lessees who are living with non-family members. The couple decided that the younger man, who is 33, would adopt the older, who is 42, since the older man's parents were both deceased and he therefore had no inheritance to lose by forfeiting legal membership in his blood family.

The two men preferred to make no comment to the press about their victory.

GCN spoke with their lawyer, Wiliam Thom. "Being members of the same family will make many things easier for them," said Thom. "They'll be able to take advantage of family plans for things like travel. If one wants to take out life insurance on the other, it will be easier."

Thom continued, "The benefits may be similar [to marriage benefits], but they are quite distinct. In adoption, there is no duty for the adult to support the child and vice versa. Also, adoption is permanent and certainly everyone knows marriage is not."

Will the precedent set in New York by this case assist lesbians and gay men seeking adoptions in other states? That depends on the state's adoption statutes, said Thom.

"Adoption is completely a creature of statute," he explained. "Some states limit adoption to people who are related, some limit it to the adoption of the younger person by the older person, some limit it to people living together for a time in a parent-child relationship. So any one considering [adoption] would have to discover if their state's laws make it possible."

Richter added that the strongly progressive opinion in this case may be useful to lesbians and gay men fighting custody battles or laws which discriminate against non-traditional families.

Thom added that the ruling highlights the extraordinary progress that has been made by lesbians and gay men fighting for their civil rights. "Ten years ago, the same court refused to let Lambda Legal Defense incorporate in the state."

Two cases cited by Judge Asch in his opinion were successfully argued by LLDEF in recent years.

—filed from Boston

Death Row

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Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Florida has the largest Death Row in the United States, containing several hundred inmates. With appeals nearly exhausted for many inmates, officials in Florida and other states, especially in the South, are most eager to begin massive executions.

Robert Sullivan is a native of Belmont, Massachusetts. Friends of his have organized a defense fund and are organizing a raffle during the summer to raise money badly needed to continue his fight. Donations can be sent to Robert Austin Sullivan Legal Defense Fund, c/o Ralph Jacobs, 53 Leicester Road, Belmont, MA 02178.

One potential alibi witness, Thomas Murphy of Dorchester, MA, and Sunrise, FL, has been approached but refuses to talk. The defense also needs to contact Robert Porter, a native of southern New Hampshire who in 1973 was a student at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and would now be about 29 years old. Anyone knowing either one of these persons is urged to contact the Fund immediately.

Former Middlesex Country Sheriff John J. Buckley, a Belmont resident and Defense Fund contributor, argued in an essay against capital punishment that was published in the February 15, 1981 issue of the Houston *Chronicle*: "We know there is an error rate which none deny. It may be as high as twelve percent, for the criminal justice system is far from perfect. There is no way that such a wrong as the sacrifice of life itself against an innocent person can be righted."

— filed from Berkeley, California

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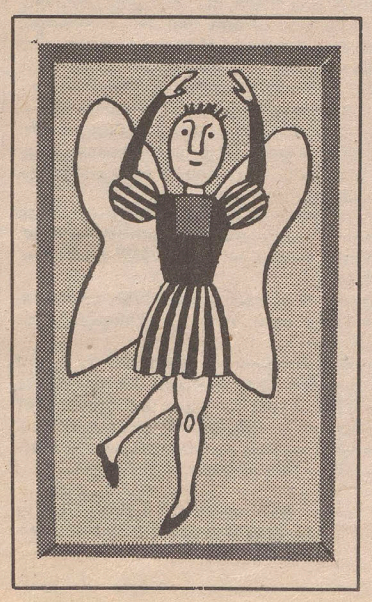

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Community Voices

canadian friends

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was with the greatest shock and sadness that we heard this morning of the fire that destroyed your offices, along with those of *Fag Rag* and the premises of Glad Day Books.

Operating in circumstances similar to yours—and out of offices which are probably no more secure—we had an instant sense of how immense this injury must be, and of the literally gut-wrenching feelings of violation, despair and rage that you must all be going through. For us, it was especially disturbing that this attack should fall upon the two American publications with which we have the strongest sense of shared history, commitment and respect.

As you noted in your press release, which Jeremy Granger read to us on the phone today, your most valuable resource—you and the people around you who put together *GCN*—has survived this disaster, even though so much else has not. Your resolve to continue publishing is, for us, a source of gratitude and pride. The role you have played in the building of strong and well-informed lesbian and gay communities across the US and beyond is one that must be maintained, and you can count on our support in helping you get back on your feet.

Despite this adversity, may your tenth anniversary find you—and all of us—stronger and more committed than ever.

In solidarity and pride,
Rick Bebout
for everyone at *The Body Politic*
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

deep appreciation

To the Management and Staff of *GCN*:

In this time of tragedy, our organization, NH Area Parents of Gays, wishes to extend to you our deepest concern. However, we were glad to hear the news that you plan to continue publication of *GCN*. The services you provide are not only a necessity but also deeply appreciated. In times of crisis we must all bond together.

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary, though at this time it may not be appropriate, may you have tenfold-plus more years of success.

Sincerely yours,
Sandi & Ron Simoneau
NH Area Parents of Gays
Hudson, NH

keep on

To the members of *Gay Community News*,

I am writing to express my outrage at the recent fire which destroyed your offices. I am ashamed to be a resident of an area where such actions are committed. Such action convinces me more than ever of the need for such groups as yours, where human beings treat each other with respect.

I hope you will not be too discouraged to continue working for what amounts to basic human rights. I hope you know that there are many members of this area who support your cause.

Sincerely,
Jane M. Adams
Cambridge, MA

Good bye/Hello

Thanks to Maida Tilchen for her service to *GCN* and the lesbian and gay community as our Promotions Manager. We welcome Maxine Feldman as our new Promo-homo.

Thanks, folks!

The staff and members of *GCN* appreciate the wonderful support we have received. It is still hard to accept what has happened, and the concern expressed helps make it easier to take. We still need financial, emotional, and material support . . . if you want to send contributions, send them to: Gay Community News, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 426-4469. *GCN* mail sent to the old address will be forwarded to the proper location. Fag Rag, Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215. Glad Day Bookshop, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston MA 02108, (617) 542-0144. Mail for Glad Day will be forwarded.

Re-Write

It's not that we don't want to write back, it's just that your letter got burned. Anyone who has written us before Wednesday July 7th and hasn't heard back should assume that their letter was lost. This includes letters to the editor, bills, inquiries, manuscripts, love letters. (You can save the hate mail for a week or two.)

growing...together

Dear Friends at *GCN*,

I was deeply saddened when I learned of this morning's fire which destroyed your office. This afternoon I boarded the subway to go to work but instead found myself standing on Bromfield Street. The smell of smoke for blocks and the sight of the gaping black holes which yesterday were windows brought a flood of tears and memories.

It seems like another lifetime that I was an 18 year old nursing student just coming out. Once a week I smuggled *GCN* into my homophobic dorm and I soaked up every word. It was my only link with the Gay community. It gave me support and encouragement at a time when I desperately needed it. I wondered "Who was this crazy Porcupine who kept sending messages to some Mouse every week." Two other students were thrown out of school that year because "Someone thought they might be Gay."

Over the years *GCN* has become much more to me. We have watched each other grow. It has become one of the first places to call when there is a demonstration to be organized, a death in the community, a victory to be celebrated, or an announcement to be made. (One thing hasn't changed. Mousie and Porcupine are still going strong.) I am sure it has meant this and much more to thousands of others.

However, this is not a eulogy, it is a call to action. It is now time for the multitudes to give back the support and the encouragement that *GCN* has given for so long. Being broke is no excuse for not helping out. Donate furniture, office supplies, a box of paper clips. Every little bit will help. Organize a benefit. Donate your time, energy, and skills. But do something!

We owe it to *GCN*, to ourselves, and to the countless people who need *GCN* because it is their only contact with the Gay community, as well as a source of news and information. Together the community and the staff can build a stronger and better *GCN* than ever before.

My love and thoughts are with you,
Kathy MacDonald
Boston, MA

shocked

Friends,

Shocked by the news—the issue came today and I wondered why the mailing envelope was so thin.

Here is a token from someone in the socialist and pacifist community.

All the best,
David McReynolds
War Resisters League
New York, NY

real will

Dear *GCN*,

Thank you for making the writing of Will James available to us all. His reviews and articles are the work of clear vision, good humor, and words in their proper order. He is a compliment to your paper and I look forward to reading much more of his writing in the future.

Sincerely,
John Calvi
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Hancock, VT

new right and 'liberal friends'

Dear *GCN*,

Your recent issue on the New Right is a much needed contribution to the understanding of the political enemies of gays, lesbians, women, children, and racial and ethnic minorities. Having worked with NCARL against the Federal Criminal Code over the past six years, I was pleased to see the article on S.1/S.1630. However, I would like to make some comments about the bill. First, while the draft provisions in the bill are considerd more repressive than current law and should be opposed, not all draft counselling would result in six years and $250,000. That section of the code pertains to counselling that "incites others" to evade military service. This language has not been interpreted by the courts. But, while counselors would have to be extremely careful, presumably purely informational and impartial draft counselling would not be covered by this section.

Secondly, because the code does not make gender discrimination a criminal offense, it should not be assumed that those who suffer discrimination have no legal remedies. Civil law, such as Title VII, would still provide remedies such as hiring, back pay, promotion, reinstatement, etc. for illegal discrimination.

Finally, while the New Right is certainly a threat to all oppressed groups in the U.S. (and the Third World), it is important to note that in many cases, oppression and repression is aided by those liberals who are supposedly the friends of the less powerful. A much stronger statement should be made against Senator Kennedy for his continued sponsorhip of this draconian bill. Without his intervention, S.1 would never have been resurrected as a viable piece of legislation and would not have survived the many reincarnations that have brought us to S.1630. He, alone, in fact, is responsible for the harsh sentencing provisions that eliminate parole, increase fines and incarceration, and offer no less restrictive sentencing options. All those who cherish civil rights and civil liberties should join with the Greater Boston Coalition Against Repressive Legislation in demanding that Kennedy remove his sponsorship from any future omnibus revisions of the Federal Criminal Code.

In addition, other liberals should take their share of the blame in perpetuating the continued effort to revise the code. Rep. Drinan played the major role in keeping the bill alive in the House prior to his departure from Congress. Now, none other than "our closest ally in Congress," Barney Frank, has provided a key vote in getting a preventive detention measure, similar to that of S.1630, out of committee so that it can be considered by the House. This measure would allow judges to deny bail and jail persons who have not been found guilty of a crime. In a society in which all minorities, and especially gays and lesbians, are considered a threat to the welfare of the state, this measure could be used against YOU. Barney Frank must be informed by his constituency that such repressive measures are unacceptable. With liberal friends, like Kennedy, Drinan, and Barney Frank, who needs the New Right?

For justice,
Diane Engster and Sue Porter
JPC Staff
Rochester, NY

Join the GCN 100 50 25 0

The fire last week has made many of us realize how valuable **GCN** is to us, both personally and as members of the lesbian/gay community nationwide. You can help with our efforts at rebuilding **GCN** in many ways, but one way which will strengthen **GCN** now and in the future, is by becoming a Sustainer and regularly contributing to the financial health of the paper. We are 50 Sustainers away from our goal of establishing the "GCN 100" during 1982. Now, more than ever, consider becoming a **GCN** Sustainer. This week we are particularly interested in hearing from people concerned about rebuilding **GCN**, as well as Congressional pages and Wimbledon champions.

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Speaking Out

We Will Not Be Destroyed

By Amy Hoffman

The following is a speech given at the community meeting about the arson at GCN *held on Monday, July 7 at the Arlington Street Church.*

One of the first thoughts that flashed through my head when I heard that 22 Bromfield Street was in flames last Wednesday was "Oh my god, was it my fault? Did I put out a cigarette in a garbage can on Tuesday afternoon?" I think everyone who worked in the office went through a similar experience. When we began salvaging what was left of our files, everyone was saying things like "If I had only been more efficient and put those papers away in the file cabinet instead of leaving them on top of my desk. Next time I'll know."

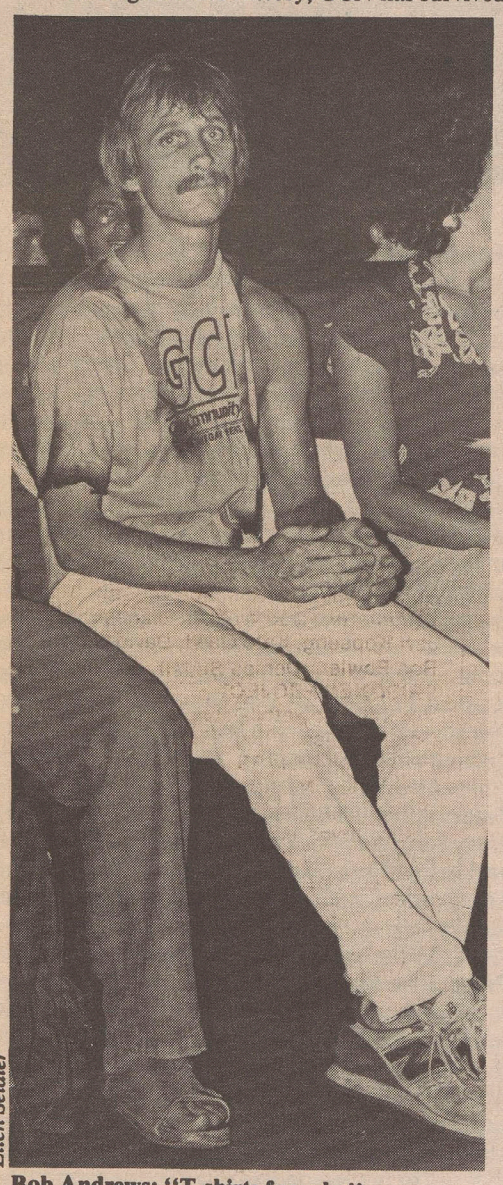
The truth is that the fire at our office was *not* an accident. (For me, I think it would almost be easier to cope with if it had been.) It was *not* our fault. The work that we did in that building we did out of love, and our office was full of love and strength. I used to be able to feel it around me every moment I was in it. On Wednesday morning, four people were very nearly killed. The space that we cherished, and much of our history and our work was ruined, because someone full of blind hatred or a petty desire for profit deliberately burned down our office.

Let's not get confused: we do not call this hatred and maliciousness and stupidity down upon ourselves. It's too easy for us queers, so well trained to hate ourselves, to start thinking, "Oh, if only I had put that file away, it would still be here" and then, "I wonder, if we hadn't run those articles on the New Right . . ." or, "If we hadn't criticized the cops . . . the office might not have been torched." If we hadn't published a newspaper, founded a bookstore, started a movement, none of this would have happened!

Throughout our history, *GCN* has survived a series of attacks. There were bullet holes in our front windows. Our office was broken into six times during 1978, culminating in a break-in in September of 1978, days after a demonstration against Anita Bryant. That time, all our files were dumped over and the whole office trashed. In November of 1979, David Brill, who had been a reporter for *GCN* practically since it began, died. Many of us who knew him believe he was murdered. And in March of 1981, Mel Horne, who had been *GCN*'s Treasurer and then Promotions Manager, was killed outside of Chaps (a Boston bar) in what I think was a homophobic robbery attempt. In my life I never expected to see my friends and co-workers picked off one by one. It's been intensely painful, horrifying and frightening.

This fire broke out at a time and in a city where attacks on racial minorities, Jews, women and gays are everyday occurrences. We begin to see that our lives are not valued or protected. I hope this community meeting will become part of an enraged public outcry, and force a change in this climate of violence and viciousness. We are demanding a thorough investigation by city, state and federal officials into the causes of the fire at 22 Bromfield Street.

The greediness of landlords and the hatred of homophobes cannot stop us. I was very upset last week to find myself misquoted in the Boston *Globe* as having said, "We are destroyed." *We* are not destroyed; just our office is. It never occurred to me or anyone else at 22 Bromfield Street that our voices would be silenced by the fire. Even while I stood ther watching the flames shooting out of the roof, I knew that *GCN* would publish on Friday as always. *Gay Community News* has been able to publish weekly since 1973 because of the courage and support of the lesbian and gay community, and as long as we continue to have that, we will not be destroyed.



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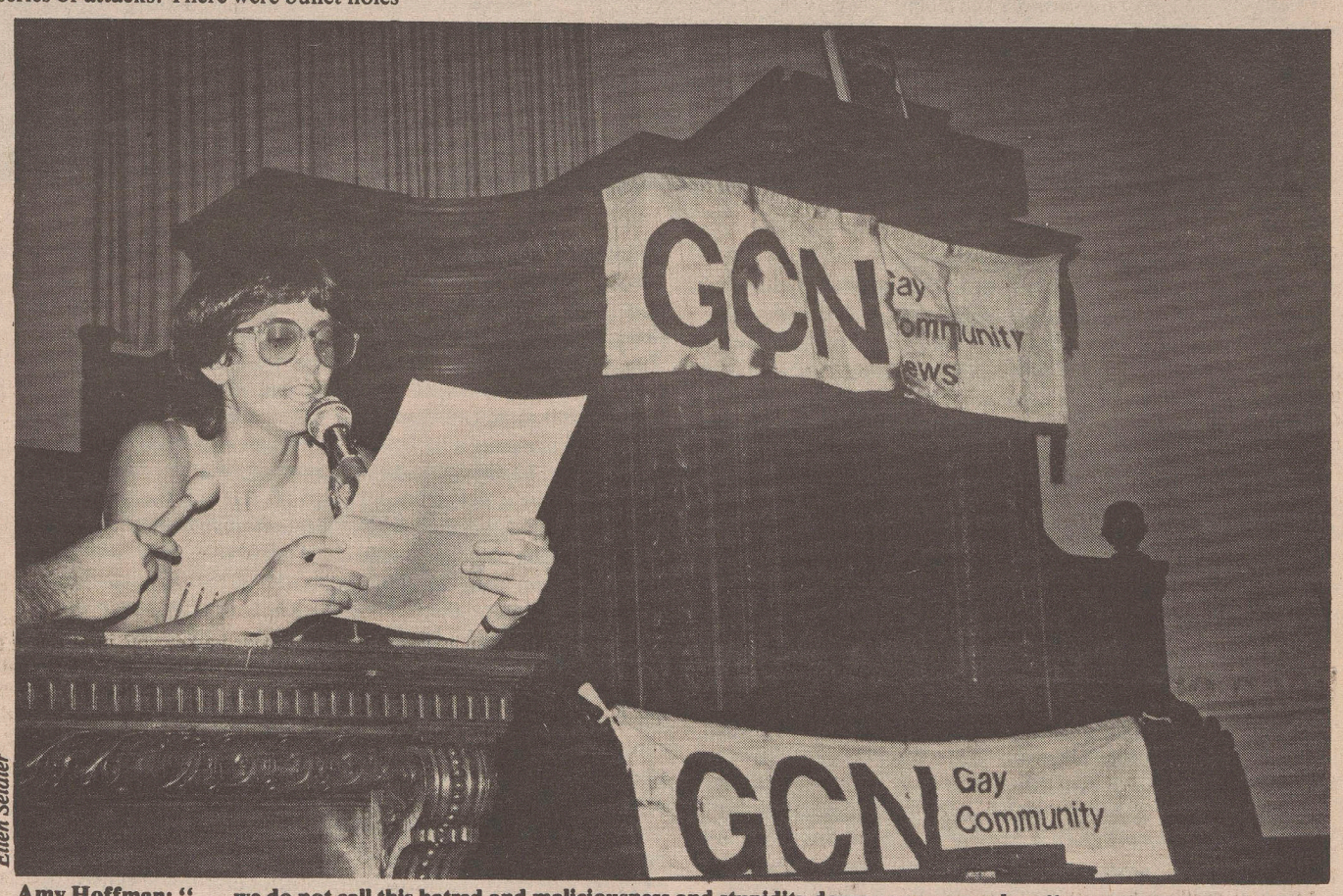
Bob Andrews: "T-shirts for sale."



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Amy Hoffman: ". . . we do not call this hatred and maliciousness and stupidity down upon ourselves."

Community Meeting

Ellen Seidler

Cindy Patton: "We cannot lose our voice."

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It was a hell of a time to burn up our books, what with the fiscal year ending and the long weekend. We lost a lot of your checks to the fire, so *please* check your checks to see if we cashed them. If you sent a check for *anything* — contributions, classifieds, advertising, subscriptions, whatever — help us find the money. But remember, we can't figure this out; only your bank statement knows for sure!

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final word

Dear *GCN*,

In News Notes (10 July, Vol. 9, No. 50), you refer to a 17-year-old male as a "boy."

Now if you were to call a 17-year-old female a "girl," you'd raise a storm of controversy. Have you figured out an editorial policy on what you call folks of various ages, given the political importance of this issue?

I's hate to see *GCN* end up like some straight papers I know, which have referred to 16-year-olds as "young boys"! In most cases, "young boys" is redundant; "boys" would do just fine. I'd add "young" down below the age of about 7. The following list is just a suggestion:

female	*male*	*age*
girl infant	boy infant	0-1
little girl	little boy	1-3
young girl	young boy	3-6
girl	boy	7-12
teenaged girl	teenaged boy	
female youth	male youth	13-17
teenaged woman	teenaged man	
woman	man	18-up

Finally, I'd like to thank the Sears-Roebuck Fall and Winter Big Book for help with the above suggestions.

Sincerely,
Charles Bonnell

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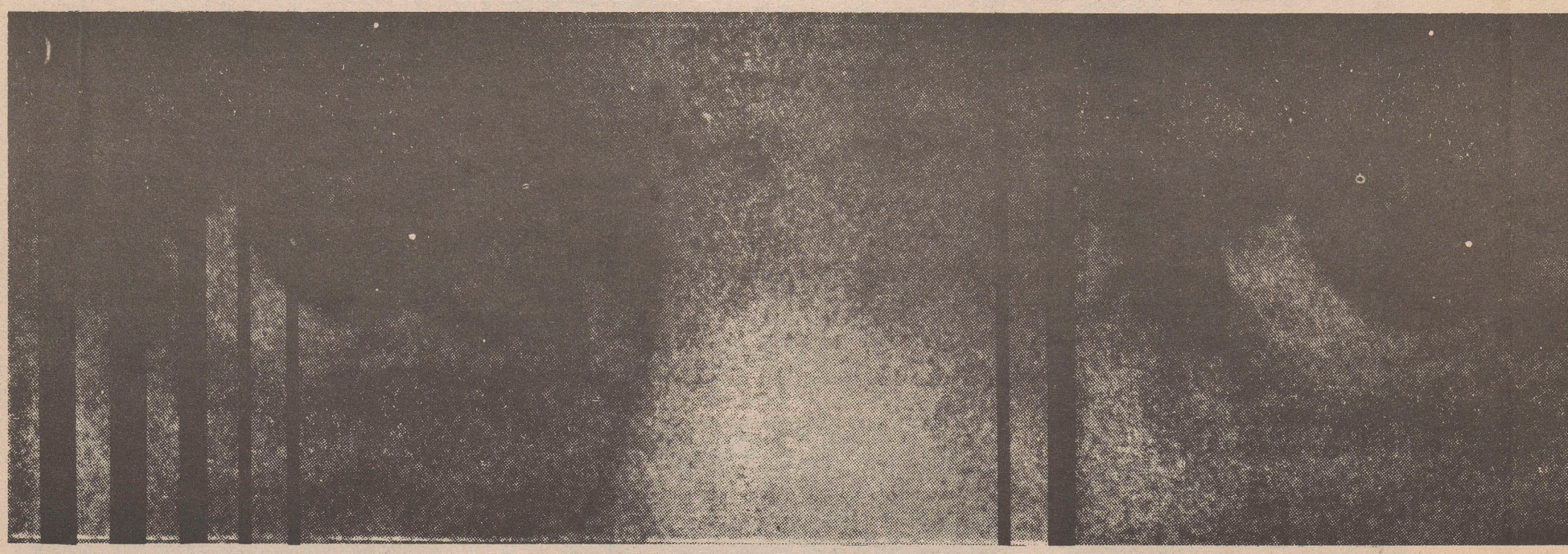

Interview by John Kyper

On June 8th California voters handily approved a series of vindictive law-and-order ballot propositions, which are almost certain to have no effect on the rising crime rate because they fail to address its causes. One of those was a $495 million prison construction bond issue, another gives judges added discretion to deny bail to defendants and allows for preventive detention of persons who have not been accused of any crime.

But the most ominous was Proposition Eight – dubbed by its proponents a "victim's bill of rights," although it will do virtually nothing to benefit victims. The measure will all but do away with state and federal constitutional provisions against unreasonable searches and seizures and it will allow illegally-obtained evidence to be introduced in court; further, it will abolish plea-bargaining and allow prior convictions to be brought up during trial. Drafters of this Proposition, led by Paul Gann of Propostion Thirteen fame, are reportedly well aware of its many unconstitutional provisions. According to the Berkeley community newspaper **Grassroots**, *they plan to use any California Supreme Court decisions on this new law to launch a recall of Chief Justice Rose Bird, a liberal jurist hated by the Right.*

At the same time, money for employment and for other social services that might have had a chance of preventing people from turning – or returning – to crime has been slashed from its already meager levels. (Such funding, of course, had never been anywhere near adequate.) In a self-fulfilling prophecy, our society will continue to create more criminals and the warehouses to put them in, while we continue to replicate proven policies of failure.

One can dismiss criminals as inherently evil people, deserving all that we in our vengefulness can heap upon them. A letter to **GCN** *last winter was typical when it declared that "sympathy or empathy with the great majority of those incarcerated is misplaced . . . [they] have worked overtime to earn the privilege of enjoying the accommodations of the penal system." Such a lynch-mob mentality, symptomatic of the sweep-our-problems-under-the-carpet approach, feeds the drive for more prisons and harsher sentences. It gets cynical politicians elected and building contractors rich, while the rest of us face the brunt of resentment from incarceration that explodes in increased crime. Society has made a judgment upon criminals, and they return this judgment upon society.*

Lesbian and gay prisoners may or may not have had it worse in the sense of being entrapped in the usual pattern of poverty, violence and poor education that so often leads to criminality. But it is indisputable that their prison stay is frequently all the more hellish because of their homosexuality, and that the service agencies that purport to cater to prisoners' needs – especially those homophobic fundamentalist ministries that prey on misery and guilt – often cannot or will not help them.

Coming Out is a new San Francisco-based project that is aimed to the needs of gay prisoners. It features pre- and post-release counseling to help provide for their educational, employment and emotional needs, to keep them from returning to prison. In addition, it hopes soon to open a half-way house in San Francisco.

Recently, **GCN** *interviewed Ruth Hildebrand, Executive Director, and Peter Messina, the project's Personnel and Grants Coordinator.*

GCN: How did Coming Out begin?

Ruth: Coming Out was the result of my involvement in the prison ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church. I saw the need for some place for gay and lesbian prisoners to come to when they came out. I realized that when they do get out they need the support of other gay men and lesbians. Often they've lost their families, either because they're homosexual or because of the crime they've committed, or both. They've lost lovers, they've lost friends, and they need emotional support from their brothers and sisters.

GCN: How long has this project been going?

Ruth: I've been working almost two years.

Peter: I came on working with Ruth just about a year and a half ago. Last October our funding proposals really came together. We had already been working with clients, but we started working more specifically on a long-range basis at that point. Today we have a total caseload of 218. That grows by leaps and bounds every day. Most of our clients come through word of mouth, through other client-inmates. We'll be working with one person in Carson City [Nevada], and the next thing we know there will be letters from four more people from Carson City who heard about the program through our original client.

GCN: So you start working with people when they're already in jail?

Peter: We start working with clients eight to ten months prior to their release. What transpires in that time? An initial letter is sent out by myself, informing them what the program is, what we can offer them and asking if they want to participate in the program – they always say yes. A battery of personnel tests are then sent back and forth, questionnaires regarding personal lifestyles, as well as vocational aptitude and interests. It's been referred to sometimes as a "dating form" application because it's very personal, but the questions on it tell us a lot about them because sometimes they are 3000 miles away from us. So we're dealing not only with their educational and vocational needs, but we're dealing with their emotional needs, as well.

Once I receive back their application as well as their past education and jobs, I start verifying everything that's on that application. Then I'll verify the work that they're currently doing in prison. Sometimes our clients don't have any type of educational or vocational skill – what we do then, we find out hobbies, interests, and we will develop that interest, or develop that hobby.

GCN: Are these prisoners just in California, or are they all over the country? where do they come from?

Peter: Our prisoners are everywhere from California to Alaska, to New Jersey, to Carson City, to Florida.

Ruth: Huntsville, Texas – all over the country.

GCN: Do you work primarily with correspondence?

Peter: Initially, yes. Though here in California I will make visits to the local prisons: Vacaville, San Quentin, Pleasanton, Soledad and Folsom. Ruth goes to Frontera, which is down south.

GCN: So you start working with people approximately eight months before they're due to be released? Once they're out, what contact do you have with them?

Peter: We will have for them a comprehensive, if you will, resumé of the different areas of vocation that they can go into, that we suggest they go into, or that they want to go into, as well as what we feel they need to do educationally to get to their ultimate goal. When they come out we are able to give them a comprehensive resumé of job contacts, educational contacts, what they need to do – more or less a parole plan for them once they're on the outside. We will not hold their hand in any way, but we will definitely show them the way, because they have to do it on their own.

GCN: In other words, you help them achieve parole?

Peter: Most people, whether they are incarcerated or not, don't know how to look for a job – they have to do their homework, and we're going to do their homework for them. They have to follow through.

Ruth: We want to show them that we care for them, but we aren't going to take care of them. That's the difference: We'll show them the way, we'll help them every way we can; but we aren't going to go out, take them by the hand and say, "Here's a job for you." We can't guarantee that for anyone.

GCN: Do you deal with people who are planning to settle in the San Francisco Bay Area upon their release, or people who are going to go back to East Oshkosh, or wherever else?

Ruth: Since we're pointing to a targeted population, and because San Francisco is the gay capital of the world, most of them want to come here. They can't get the support in Oshkosh that they can here, with their own; so most of them will come here. But this is a program that *can* be replicated in any area that has a high concentration of gay people.

Peter: What makes us unique is that there is no other re-entry house in the United States that is targeted at a gay and lesbian population. In fact, most places don't know how to deal with gays and lesbians in a re-entry house facility.

GCN: Where does your money come from?

Peter: The bulk of our funding will come from private foundations. There is too much bureaucracy and too much red tape to deal with in federal and state monies. If we got into state monies we'd probably end up dealing with the same type of programs that pre-release programs deal with. We would have to monitor our clients as well as monitor our money very closely. Not that we're not going to monitor our money, but we don't *want* to have to monitor our clients. Once they're released, they're released.

GCN: You're planning to open up a half-way house at some point; however, that has not been achieved yet?

Ruth: Not yet, not until we get our funding.

Peter: That is estimated toward the early part of 1983.

GCN: Do you have a proposed location?

Peter: The only requirement is that it be near downtown, because of easier access to employment.

Ruth: Yes, but definitely not in the Tenderloin, [San Francisco's "red light" district] because that puts them right back into the environment from which a lot of them came in the first place. I have found that a lot of them are street people, have been all of their lives. A lot of them have never worked. Some of them cannot read or write. All of those things we want to help them with. If they need remedial education, we'll fight *that* for them – both through tutoring and public education.

GCN: Do you now have a location of some sort where you counsel clients?

Ruth: We do, mainly in our homes.

Peter: One of the reasons we meet in our homes, besides not having a space at the moment, is that it helps break the barrier when you're not dealing with a client over a desk. We don't want to represent another authority figure that they have been pitted up against for all those years that they've been in prison. We want to share as much as we can.

It often takes me three or four months just to build up the trust level that I need to deal with them. You sometimes don't accomplish anything in that period except just to gain their trust, but that's the most important thing I need to start off with. One of the first things I point out to them, in my initial meeting or through correspondence, is that I will always be honest and upfront with them, and I will not give them any false

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hopes. The only thing I *expect* from them is their honesty, because without it I *can't* work with them.

GCN: You mentioned that some of the clients that you deal with are 3000 miles away. How much help can you give someone who is that far away and wants to go back to wherever they came from, besides referring them to whatever resources are available in their area?

Peter: As much as I can offer someone here in California who plans to come back to California. If they want to release-parole to their own home town or to wherever they were incarcerated from, I can give them over an eight to ten month period, if you will, a manual of how to look for that job they want to seek out. Again, the battery of tests and the information-sharing that goes on is the same that I would do for someone coming to San Francisco – except that I would gear it for them to do it themselves once they're released, and wherever they're going. I would also give them a referral list to other agencies that are empathetic in dealing with both gays and lesbians, and ex-offenders.

Ruth: Constantly building networks, finding out what agencies are available for what people, and where.

Peter: We have several networks – that's a big word here: One is of agencies throughout the country that are both doing prisoner/ex-offender work, as well as those employment agencies that are empathetic toward gays, as well as ex-offenders. I have been able to set up an employment network in this city of some of the largest corporations. It is through these people that I have built up a trust level, and twice I have actually placed people in jobs who have not met their employer until the day they started. This was solely done through correspondence and mutual trust, a three-way mutual trust.

GCN: Then these employers knew –

Peter: They were gay and lesbian ex-offenders, and it doesn't make a difference, usually. Because their records are confidential. The fact that they're gay and lesbian and ex-offender doesn't go beyond the personnel office. It doesn't make a difference to them. Sometimes it actually helps them because of their affirmative action policies. But the bottom line is that their records are confidential. Whatever the inmate writes to both myself and Ruth, they go into a confidential file – no one else ever sees those files.

GCN: How large is your agency?

Peter: Ruth and I are full-time volunteers at this point. None of us gets paid until our funding comes through. We each hold outside occupations to pay the rent, but if you take however many hours there are in one full week and deduct 40, that's how many hours we work with Coming Out. We have a working board of nine people – it's not just a board of directors that meets, but they all take on jobs and they all carry them out. They are considered a working board, and they're very supportive of us as we are of them. At present there are about fifteen volunteers.

GCN: In addition to the board?

Peter: Yes. We've had people write to us from across the country, asking how they can help us. We have volunteers who will do one of three or four things: Sometimes they will take on the role of visiting prisoners in their state, almost as an outside liaison for us, to let them know that they are there to help or to offer support. Two, they can often be a liaison to social service agencies in their area. Here in the city our volunteers usually fall into the category of doing the typing and helping us do research work, and just getting out mailings for us.

GCN: Have you been affected by the funding cutbacks of the past year, or are you too new to have gone through the agony of lots of other public service agencies?

Ruth: We haven't been affected because we are not seeking state or federal funds. In the private foundations the money is still there.

Peter: There is one amendment, in that there is one area of federal monies we are seeking, the National Institute of Mental Health. But the NIMH has never really been regarded as federal money, because while federal granting agencies usually have a say in how you run your program, NIMH does not do that. They hand you your money like a private foundation and say, "All right, submit your quarterly report," and they usually don't have anything to say in how you run your operation. NIMH does fall under the federal government, but it does not operate as do many state and federal monies.

GCN: However, it is money that is controlled by Congress, and if they ever pass the "Family Protection Act," you would lose that?

Peter: True. But then again, the bulk of our funding is through private foundations. Most agencies apply for two-year grants but end up with one-year grants. This agency goes for three- and five-year grants, and we get them. That way we can be more assured of our funding and we have more time to work each year on our granting process.

GCN: One of the big problems, which has gotten much worse since Reagan's come in, is growing unemployment, which must affect your getting jobs for people?

Peter: That could affect our program if we didn't do our homework. There may be cutbacks, and there may be a higher unemployment rate – but it still comes down to the bottom line of *knowing* how to look for that job. Then if you can't find a job in the area you want to go into, you have a viable plan of what you can do as an alternative. That's another thing that makes our program so workable is that if we can't get you into the program that is most suited for you as a career-oriented choice, then we have alternatives where you can develop skills and other interests until you can get to that eventual goal. We do a job-search workshop. In showing how to look for that job, one of the things we stress very clearly with Coming Out is job choice and change. In other words, you don't have a job and fit that person to that job; you take that person and fit the job to them.

GCN: Wouldn't people coming out of jail have a harder time getting various public monies for job training and the like?

Peter: I have set up with several schools throughout the Bay Area free tuition for some of our clients. For those who are not eligible for this program, we'll enroll them into city colleges, or into evening courses. When our clients are released and they come to the city, General Assistance is available to them – but we're not pushing for them to go onto GA.

Ruth: There's also the WIN program of the federal government, which is a tax break for hiring people in targeted populations – I think it's up to $3000 a year – and ex-offenders come under that, as well as Vietnam veterans, and so forth.

GCN: Have you been going long enough that you can say you have a certain success rate?

Peter: Over the past ten months we have placed eleven people in jobs. Of those eleven they are still all in those jobs.

GCN: You've been placing people for the past ten months. Are they still considered clients?

Peter: They remain clients for a year and a half to two years. Their first year of being out is the most difficult, it's the hardest readjustment period: They've got a job, but the job isn't everything. You have to make sure that they're developing their own personal growth, that they know how to manage their money, that they have a supportive group of friends. We have a rap group, which is a very supportive group. It all comes down to one word, and that's *support*, the mutual support of every member in that group – they help each other. That group is open to any gay or lesbian ex-offender.

GCN: Do you have any trouble dealing with prison officials, like tampering with mail or harassment of visitors?

Ruth: I *have* had, especially at Vacaville: There have been times when they lose the memos that you're coming in. Our sponsor there was forced to quit out of peer pressure from his fellow officers.

GCN: Was that homophobia by the officials?

Ruth: Very much so. In Frontera, which is the only women's state prison here in California, they will not even tell you that there are any homosexuals in that prison. You ask them how many, and they'll say, "I wouldn't tell you if there were any." That's a direct quote.

Peter: There is another aspect, the small percentage of our clients who are transsexual. By no means are they excluded from the program.

GCN: Do you help them get help for the operation, or do you have any position on that?

Peter: We can refer them to counseling, and that's about it. Their other needs are the same – employment, emotional, housing – it's all bottom line the same. Perhaps the only difference is that their counseling is going to have to be more specialized.

Ruth: Transsexuals have an especially hard time in prison, also, because they go into protective custody or isolation for months and months, because they know they'll be killed or raped if they're put in the main population.

Peter: We have two clients who are transsexuals who were both in a federal prison, and they were housed in an open ward with men because by law they are still legally men. Both of these women have been repeatedly raped, and in trying to protect themselves they were then labeled troublemakers. They were put into isolation, sometimes for many months on end, and eventually they were transferred out. They were just trying to protect themselves. There are *so many double standards*, particularly for transsexuals, inside prison systems.

GCN: Is there anything you want to add in closing?

Peter: For those inmates reading about this, if they plan to parole anytime within the next eight months to a year, drop us a letter telling us 1)when their release date is and 2)where they hope to parole to. We can start from there. Those people who want to do volunteer work can also contact us. Ruth and I also do speaking honorariums at various colleges, schools and organizations. Also, we want to build networks with other social service agencies around the country.

Ruth: Society made the laws that were broken. Society puts these people in prison and doesn't help them, and society throws them out when they've served a specified time. We're there to try to keep them from going back. We want them to become productive members of this society that put them into prison in the first place.

Those wishing to contact Coming Out can write the agency at: 1716 Ocean Avenue, Suite 7-L, San Francisco, CA 94112; or call (415) 586-4718 or (after 5:00 p.m.) (415) 334-3711.

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Nina Hagen Gives More of Her Lip

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BLASPHEMY FROM ABROAD

"Get down on your knees and pray to God!" is how German rocker **NINA HAGEN** greeted Boston's jam-packed Channel Club on June 30. We were prepared for this religious twist by album covers papering the Channel walls, featuring Hagen in a punk portrait of Madonna and Child.

Nina Hagen's most singular feature is her amazing voice.She can run up and down two or three octaves in one line, and varies from opera coloratura to a raspy, otherworldly pitch. Her operatic tones are matched by a face skilled in distorted mime, as her eyes roll and cross, her eyebrows flip, and her mouth jeers, keeping the audience spellbound in spite of a nonsensational stage act.

The religious imagery of her new album, *Nunsexmonkrock* (Columbia), set the tone for the concert. With Hagen curling her lip at every mention of God and looking like she'd just stepped out of *Escape from New York* it seemed safe to assume she has no time for religion unless to mock it. But past interviews reveal sympathies with Rastafarianism and apocalyptic visions. Hagen has described herself in a *NYRocker* interview as a "christian communist" ("because the real communism is only in heaven"). Her politics sometimes hit hard on reality but mostly reflect a deep mysticism. In the same interview, she predicted that New York City and LA would drop into the ocean and Afrida would be saved "and then Jesus or somebody like that is coming again and the sky will be open with much noises . . . But the people who are clean and have he in their heart . . . will survive . . . nature always makes bad things kaput when they are too evil."

But you can't pin Nina Hagen to any one image, even that of mystic. She has a lot to say and none of it is predictable. Her lyrics usually contain a message: "Why should I do my duty as a woman? Who for? For them? For you? For me? Before my first baby starts bawling, I've got to free myself."

Hagen does not restrict herself to a lesbian audience, but has songs of both heterosexual and lesian love. "I kissed you, you kissed me, we kissed! PS Fair dark or brown, I love all women."

Nina Hagen is originally from East Germany. Her stepfather, Wolf Biermann, was barred in 1976 from reentering East Germany after lecturing in West Germany. Nina and her mother got exit visas and joined him there. Her musical background includes singing for an orchestra hit band, and performing in the rock 'n' roll movie *Cha Cha*, which also featured Lene Lovich.

The current live show contains an eclectic range of songs from Carmen's *habanera* to Bowie's "Secret Life of Arabia" to the Sid Vicious version of "I Did It My Way," as well as her own compositions. Until this tour the Nina Hagen Band's popularity has been restricted to Europe. The first two albums, *Nina Hagen Band* and *Unbehagen* (Ill at Ease) were released only as CBS imports. But now that other tough women rockers have broken the ice, the US rock market is ready for another shock, and the Nina Hagen Band is giving it a go.

ITCHING TO SURVIVE

Ex-LaBelle sidekick **NONA HENDRYX**, in a departure from her extensive gay club appearances, is currently touring with soft-reggae stars Third World. In this format, the seemingly frivolous "Boys Will Be Boys" takes on bitter new meaning as a lead-in to "Living on the Edge," and the entire set seems to be dedicated to all people who are "just trying to survive." Hendryx is unusual in being a black female band leader (with a strong touring band, Propaganda), and in her wide-ranging recording projects, from singing engagements with an international assortment of new wave bands to a recent cover of the Three Degrees' "Love Is Like an Itching in My Heart."

Nona Hendryx

photo © Neal Trousdale

BOSTON TO WARSAW

PLASTIC WARSAW is the puzzling name of one of Boston's most interesting (and newest) bands. The music the band plays is, however, far from esoteric: this three women, one man combo turns out a basic, catchy, melodic rock and roll which will have you swaying in no time.

The band made its debut just three weeks ago at a Rock Against Sexism (RAS) sponsored gig at Cantone's. It was a powerful and exciting performance, featuring a sound that is hard to cast into trendy labels like "power pop" or "no wave." PW played a 45-minute set of originals which actually sounded original.

Because Plastic Warsaw isn't trying to sound like someone else, they can take more risks in their music. Their songs are marked by surprising changes in tempo and style. The amazing thing is that the band is confident and proficient enough to pull off these difficult collage-like songs.

"Bad Joke on Blondes," for example, begins as a country and western number with a stacatto tempo, and ends as a rollicking punk tune. In another song, "Africa," PW dramatizes a poem by Dennis Brutus, the exiled South African poet whom the Reagan administration is trying to deport. "Africa" evokes memories of early Bound & Gagged, and the Patti Smith group's *Radio Ethiopia*.

The band members' politics emerge strongly in all of their music. Born out of involvement in RAS, the band and its songs are explicitly anti-sexist. The most unusual thing about PW's attempt to rock out their political feelings is the humor with which they do it. The band identifies with the fake-blonde or the alienated white kid, at the same time as it tries to reach them with a message. Perhaps because it is new, PW has not developed a star trip, and its stage presence is low-key, open and endearing.

The birth of Plastic Warsaw is but one sign of the ever-growing activity of RAS in Boston. A fourth issue of the always informative and opinionated RAS Newsletter is out, and future issues should appear on a bi-monthly schedule. The monthly RAS dance card now includes the second Sunday of each month at the Marquee, third Tuesday at Cantone's, and last Sunday at the 1270. The Cantone's dates include live bands (applications gratefully accepted). Following their successful dance last Monday at the Marquee, RAS has another *GCN* benefit scheduled Sunday, July 25 from 5 to 9 pm at the 1270 (1270 Boylston St., Boston).

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THE BLOODS: *Button Up/ Raumen* (Exit/021 Records)
Brenda Alderman's tight bass and Adele Bertei's confident vocals hold together the spare funk on the A side of this single. "Everywhere you go round this small world/ See you getting wrapped up in rules and expectation." The B side, dedicated to European squatters, is more loosely structured but still emphatically dance music.

LOU MIAMI AND THE KOZMETIX: *Fascist Lover/ To Sir with Love* (Final Vinyl, Box 199, Cambridge MA 02140)
Two from Lou's extensive and tasteless repertoire. "A fascist lover made my mother/ And then my mother made me!" Lou likes a song that tells a story, and this is no exception. The B side is a cover of the old Lulu hit with a few variations (in addition to the gender of the singer): "When I'm tied up in the lumber yard/ Those two-by-fours are ripping through my spine."

These are the only releases to date by two bands that have been out there performing for a while now, and though highly recommended, you should also check out their live shows.

THE SUBURBS: *Music for Boys* (remix) (Twin Tone, 445 Oliver Ave. So., Minneapolis MN 55405)
In this macabre little story we follow the "boys" to the summer camp where "Brother John will be your guide/ In a summer of indescribably earthly delight." This is a dance floor remix of one of the outstanding songs from the *Credit in Heaven* album whose all-encompassing satire ranges from religion to romance.

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THE BONGOS: *Drums along the Hudson* (PVC)
These 15 songs present a series of pithy vignettes and riddles from "Certain Harbours" ("I'm nineteen/ She's forty/ I'm stationed she's rationed") to "Automatic Doors" ("When worlds collide, you know, I'll stand clear/ I'll want you near me and you'll be here/ One hundred people with a hundred names/ One hundred and one dalmations they all look the same"). Gay band leader and vocalist Rich Barone projects the absurd lyrics with a boyish tenor that makes them stick, though the band's a slippery thing that is evocative of '60s boy-pop without presenting anything recognizable as stolen goods. Their stage image fails to conform, too: if boy rockers are notorious for phallic guitar technique, Barone and second guitarist Jim Mastro make great sport of jerking off each other's instruments. The Bongos blazed when they accompanied the B-52's on their US tour back in April. They play frequently in New York and at Maxwell's in their native Hoboken, NJ.

ROBERTA FLACK: *Making Love* (Atlantic)
Perhaps the only good thing to come out of a pathetic movie was this Burt Bacharach/Carol Bayer Sager gem. In all the hype about the "courage" of those involved in the film project no one mentioned Flack, the only one with a real career to damage. Flack's integrity stands above a new wave of sexism in black music, composed of equal parts of female submission and male aggression. The song generated respectful publicity for the movie on black radio, and Flack liked it enough to include on her fine new album, *I'm the One*.

CHARLENE: *I've Never Been to Me* (Motown)
Sometimes I've been to cryin'
for unborn children
That might have made me
complete
But I took the sweet life and
never knew
The bitter from the sweet.
Yes, Motown. The reason we need more Roberta Flacks. This smash hit—only in the US-of-no-ERA—was introduced by a DJ on New York's KISS-FM as "a song about a woman who's been everywhere—except inside her own mind."

ON THE BEAT . . .

PETE SHELLY's *Homosapien* album now available domestically on Arista. His recent US tour consisted mostly of a tape and his voice, but still presented a solid set of songs . . . **TOM ROBINSON** is back with yet another band and a new album . . . **ALLEN GINSBERG** has become a sort of NY/Wave cult figure with his appearances at such homo hangouts as the Mudd Club and Club 57, and his anti-Reagan record "Birdbrain." . . . Ginsberg is one of several "special guests" on the **CLASH**'s *Combat Rock*, an underrated album which continues the band's practice of exploring political and musical minefields . . . Watch for a summer issue of **FREE LUNCH**, a free-form art/music/political compendium with subject matter ranging from "War as menstruation envy" to "Summer with Billy Jean King."

This installment of Queerbeat *was compiled by Rob Schmieder with contributions by Joanne Brown and Urvashi Vaid. Please send records, tapes and local news to* Queerbeat *c/o* GCN.

Classifieds

PERSONALS

MOUSIE MOUSIE WILDFLOWER
Maybe I've missed my calling
I belong
With a smile and a song.
All my love, Porcupine.

THANKS, FROM MAXINE
To all you wonderful folks who came in that heat and mug, and did a super job on the security for our Town Meeting. And a special pat and gratitude to the puppies. Love, Maxine.

Gd lkg German 25, 5'7", 158 masc a t h will visit NY, Bos, Chi, Mpls, SF, LA in Oct. Wnts make frnds. Joe Relig, Senftenberger Ring 7, 1000 Berlin 26. (2)

"DON'T *YOU* BE THE JUDGE OF *MY* MORALS"
Tell it like it is! Express yourself. Help yrself & our anti-oppression campaign by preventing organizations like the Moral Majority from dictating yr life, life style, reading material & forcing their beliefs on you. Join us in our efforts to retain our inherent freedoms. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to all freedom causes. Unique poster or bumper sticker w/slogan: "Don't *you* be the JUDGE of *my* MORALS," designed & illustrated by S. Pyren, one of America's top illustrators & designers. Both in color. Poster ideal for framing as art. Bumper sticker $2.50. Poster 22 x 28 $4.50 or both for $5.50, add .35 for postage & handling. Name & address w/check or money order to: I.O. Humanetics 5101 Two Notch Rd., Columbia, SC 29204. (2)

German engineer 45, 5'10", 165, sks friends & welcomes travelers. Write H.J. Norrenberg PO Box 35131, Dar es Salaam Tanzania. (2)

GM, 5'10", 33, 162, gd shape & lks, blond but thinning hair, weight lifter (for tone, not bulk), sks new friend w/some emotional commitment, pref also lifter. Am into massage, meditation (TM), films, theater, reading about current events & recent history, beach, P'Town, White Mts, New York. Wld like to meet someone who has really read this ad w/similar interests, or complete opposite (mechanical or artistic). No strong pref, but am especially into foreigners, Mediterraneans & Latins. I am & sk a man who is at peace w/self & world. I am not, but enjoy people who are, religiously centered. Am not lkng for people who are very hairy , effeminate in manner or voice, over 38 yrs or sexually hung up. Am sexually versatile & enjoy same in partner. Not into S&M, etc. Box 150, 104 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114. (2)

CABINS TRIPP LAKE MAINE
Poland, ME 2-3 rm w/kitchenette & bath Sandy Beach $160 & 225/wk. (207) 998-2168. (2)

KAY GARDNER CONCERT P'TOWN
July 24 P'Town, Kay Gardner & Julia Willis, a comic, will be in concert at Townhall 8 pm, from the ridiculous to the sublime, a concert for everyone $5. This is an alcohol-free event. Come! Come! Come! (3)

Wanted teenager to live at lake in ME and help out around place & swim & fish & whatever. Pref uncut. Call collect (207) 998-2168. Russ. (2)

MID-COASTAL MAINE GWM
Other young gay men who are happy, healthy, loving, looking for fun and gay friends: Please write: Boxholder, PO Box 1064, Rockland, ME 04841. (50)

SW MONTANA — NW WYOMING
GWM, 31, 5'8", 160 well-placed lbs, gdlkng, masculine & sensual. Lkng for husky, heavy-weight, well-built, masculine GM or Bi's to 45 yrs. For good times & hot sexual endeavors. Photo, phone, address or general info appreciated. Discretion assured. No fems or fats please. Let's get it on. GCN Box 570.(50)

SERIOUS
Prof LF mid 40's sks potential mate "to love & cherish 'til death do us part." No drugs, no bars. Commitment & sharing a must (NH). GCN Box 571. (1)

NURSERY - DAY CARE
We have a lot of "scrap paper, mostly colored, much in odd sizes, which we'd like to give to day care or nursery group. Some printed one side only. Phone ahead. Xanadu Graphics, 661-6975.

GAY AIRWAVES
Updated list of gay radio and cable TV shows in US, Canada, and abroad. $1 and SASE, John Zeh, GCGC, Box 19158, Cincinnati, OH 45219. (c)

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DEAR ADVERTISER
If race is not a crucial issue for you, why put it in your ad? It is *not* a required formula: GWM, GWF are not necessary. GM, GF would do as well, unless you really want it otherwise.

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So am I. If you are a young GM, non-hairy, thin, honest, sincere, & can enjoy going steady w/a GWM 5'11", 160, gdlkg 35, & can come live w/me on beautiful Cape for the summer & then to Boston or Fla, send photo & description to GCN Box 574. (1)

HUSKY AND BEARDED
Guys to 35 wanted to share life w/white 38 in Baltimore area. Serious only send photo. Pref Italians but all considered. Gals for penpals too. GCN Box 575. (1)

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GAY WOMEN ONLY
Social, support group for unattached, professionals, over 30. Write: Box 22, 77 Ives St, Prov, RI 02906 Discretion expected. (3)

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ROOMMATES

2 Ls, dog, cat sk 2 br apt, 2 BR in women's hsehld, other women to sk w. Nonsmkng veg. For 9-1. Pref edges of Bos acc by T. Maria 837-3286. (2)

F sought for mixed gay/str semicoop hsehld (3 M, 1 F) lge 3 story hse Cam/Som line 15 min H Sq on busline, 110 + / mo. Avail 9/1 776-4821. (2)

Prof LF sks indep woman to share btfl 2 bdrm apt in Winchester. Pkng, walk to train & tennis. On Wedge Pond. No smoking, no pets. Pat, eves (617) 729-5117 (3)

3 LFs sk 4th 24 + for Cambridgeport hse w/beautiful yard. Non-smoker, semi-veg, one cat already. Avail now. 864-7572. (3)

JW, 37, fem lvs discpd holistic life, erly rsr, sks W fr frdly indep 2 flr Camb apt. lg bdr sun porch nr T, wshr & dryr 260 inc ut. Sec dep 497-9625. (3)

LF 32 sks 2 LF friendly, neat quiet 2 fl apt in hse, Oak Sq, Bri. Nice nbhd, porch, yd, nr river. No cigs, pets. 165/mo + . Chris 738-0204. (3)

MALDEN, NR T, LG, QUIET, 2 FL to share w/prof F 30's & son. Washer & dishwshr. Porch, priv rm w/stor rm. I am away a lot. $275 inc util. Sec dep. Mature, resp F wntd. 322-5393 or most likely: (207) 647-8371. Ready now! (3)

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NEWBURYPORT APT
LF sks roommate 30 pls nonsmok for spacious sunny apt nr ocean. $175. 462-8389 wkdays AM late eves. (2)

GM 27 prof quiet supportive lkng for home w/1-2 others in Brkline, So End, Back Bay. $250/mo max. Pls call Robert 876-5416 after 7 pm. (2)

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LF sks rmte for lg 2 BR apt in Brighton. $250/mo inc heat. Avail Aug or Sept. Gd neighborhood. Close to T & reservoir. Marybeth 899-3300 x 244 bet 10 am & 4:30 pm. (2)

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1 GM to share 3 br-6rm in supportive all G house. Porch, yard, laundry. Gd area 2 blks to Shawmut T. Avail 8/30 $185 pls util. 536-9420, 7-8 AM, 6-10 PM. (2)

INSTANT ROOMMATES
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$20 Service Fee (3)

APARTMENTS

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ROSLINDALE—APT FOR RENT
Sunny spacious newly renovated 2 bd apt on T. 450 pls utils. Eves Dan 323-8373. (2)

FORT HILL
Seek GM or GF tenants for 3 flr apt in frndly gay nghbrhd. 3 bdr, 2 bth lg sunny kitch, lg workrm/studio, lg lvngrm, wash/dryr, on-strt pkng. 10-24 mo lease. Avail late Aug. $300 + util. 427-2778. (5)

For Rent: Comfortable 1 bdrm duplex condo in Provincetown East End on Bradford. Parking. $200/wk June. $275/wk Aug. $200/wk Sept, Oct. Fully furnished & equipped except for linens & towels. 2 people maximum. Sec dep req. Eves 236-1292 or before 9 am. (48)

AUGUST SUBLET
Woman wanted to sublet apt for month of August. Nr Union Sq Som. Cat care for 2 necessary. Reasonable rent. 625-1692 eves. (2)

August sublt, Camb. 1 blk from City Hall, 3 rms, compltly furnishd, quiet, safe. $275 inc util. Rent neg also. Nancy (617) 497-4455. (2)

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So end 8 rm apt (1670 sq ft) 3rd fl of owner occ bldg. Washington St nr Bos City Hosp. Fireplce. Avail now $395 inc heat. 262-0225/247-2570, 5:30-10 pm. (1)

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Gay men wrestle! Pro-style, Olympic, collegiate. Meet them all USA/CAN. Hot sample photomag & info: $3, NYWC, 59 West 10th St., NY, NY 10011. (1)

LOST AND FOUND

June 19 Pride March I lost roll of film in canister. 135-36 ASA 100. Did you find it? Please call 625-6522 anytime, keep trying. (1)

INSTRUCTION

FREEHAND: An independent learning community of women writers & artists. An experience of disciplined & unrestrained lust for art & freedom. Beginning our first yr Oct. 1 in Provincetown, MA. Broumas, deVries, Gambill, Grahn, Miller, Roth, Speicher, Tijerina, Vold. RSVP: P.O. Box 10, Cazenovia, Ny 13035. (315) 655-3788. (1,5)

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LF sks same to share my ride to the Michigan Music Festival, lvng approx 8/8 cont west to SF after that. Margie 281-1543 or wk 599-4131 & keep trying, I'm very hard to reach. Lv message at work. (3)

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GCN SPECIALS

EX-GAYS
& former lesbians wanted: people who have changed (or who have tried to change) their orientation from homo- to heterosexuality. Your experiences are needed for a GCN article on the subject. Please send first name and way to contact to GCN Box 655. All replies will be held in strictest confidence.

ORGANIZATIONS

First major gathering of the Lesbian Feminist Union. Discuss rap group topics, social & cultural events. Tues, July 13 at 903 Broad St in Prov. (1)

Men Who Care—For Each Other
Write for free Brochure
The Loving Brotherhood
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GAY/LESBIAN AND JEWISH?
Am Tikva welcomes you. Activities include religious observances, discussions, potluck dinners, folk dancing, etc. For events, check *GCN* calendar, call 628-3986 or 524-1617 or write PO Box 11, Camb MA 02138. (36)

NH LAMBDA
A LESBIAN Organization. Box 1043, Concord, NH 03301. Concord: 224-3875, 746-3339; Dover/Portsmouth: 431-1541. CRISIS LINE: 483-2592, Sun, Mon, Wed 6-9 pm. A statewide organization meeting the third Saturday of every month. Support, education and political action, since 1976. (45)

SAM
The Social Alternative for Gay Men is meeting regularly in the NH/VT Upper Valley area. Info: SAM, PO Box 479, Norwich, VT 05055. (2)

D.O.B.
Support organization for lesbians, 1151 Mass. Ave., Camb. Old Bap. Raps every Tues & Thurs 8pm, 35 pls rap 2nd Weds & last Fri, 8pm, Parents & Co-parents rap 3rd Mon, 8pm. Softball every Sun 3pm Apr-Sept, weather permitting, Magazine Field. Bimonthly magazine FOCUS $8. Mnthly social & fundraising event. Info & office hrs 661-3633. All women invited to participate. (c)

PAEDOPHILE?
The Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) is a campaigning self-help group which seeks to promote, through its international English-speaking membership, a wiser understanding & acceptance of the rights of paedophiles & young people. For full details write to: PIE, PO Box 75, London E5 8AQ (UK) (46-6)

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Socialist-Feminism Discussion Bulletin; articles on: Trends in the women's mvt, reproductive rgts, lesbian/gay liberation, community org, wking women, soc-fem theory. Available from: Solidarity, a Socialist Feminist Network, 4360 23rd St, SF, CA 94114. $3.95 (inc. postage). (c)

GAY CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS
Gay Christian Scientists/Boston plan to meet July 18 at 7 pm. call Ricky bet 1 & 4 pm at 288-9262 for details. (1)

PICNIC — BWMT — NEW HAVEN
Black & White Men Together will hold a potluck picnic at Edgewood Park, Whalley & West Rock Ave on Sat, July 17. Noon till? Further info (203) 562-2906 or (203) 933-0185. Rain date July 24. (1)

BOSTON LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS
Dignity/Boston sponsors a liturgy for Lesbian/Gay and concerned Catholics every Sunday at Arlington Street Church (Boston), right side entrance on Arlington St., at 5:30 pm. For info call Dignity/Boston MF 7-10 pm, Sun 2-5 pm, 536-6518. DIGNITY/BOSTON, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114 (c)

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When you're in New York, give us a call for the latest information in gay and lesbian events, which bars to go to, where to stay, what group to contact, and which businesses to patronize. Call us to rap or just to say hello. (212) 777-1800 from noon til midnight.

New women's media gp committed to lesb. education outreach thru media sks mems. Need assistance w/marketing, graphic design, fundraising, media work. Letter of interest &/or resume to Women's Educational Media, Inc., 36 Colwell Ave., Brighton, MA 02135. 367-2086. (8)

PUBLICATIONS

Let's Flaunt It! Collection of writings by men, women, and children in the gay/lesbian community. $1.25 to Gays & Lesbians of Ames (GLA) Box 2283-G, Ames, IA 50010. (1)

FOCUS: A Journal for Lesbians, is now soliciting never-before-published essays, stories or personal histories (NO poetry) for its 7th annual prose contest. Entries should be no longer than 3,000 words and must be postmarked by August 1 to be eligible. FOCUS has first publication rights on all entries submitted. Include SASE if you wish you MS returned. Mail to: *Focus*, 1151 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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