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someday there'll be..."



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... inquiry.
... 12/12/72
The Rhode Island branch of the American Civil Liberties Union accused Providence Mayor Joseph Doorley of violating the constitutional rights of homosexuals. Doorley has said the city would not hire anyone who is known to be a homosexual

McGovern Forces Shape Planks to Suit Candidate
July 13, 72 *NY Times*

By JOHN HERBERS
Special to The New York Times
MIAMI BEACH, July 12—In an 11-hour session that ended at sunrise today, the Democratic National Convention projected strong efforts to rewrite the party platform a series of New Left stands on such issues as abortion, homosexual rights, tax reform and guaranteed income. The McGovern forces did not...
... a 24,000-word document with a liberal, Populist tone and direction, but one so worded that he could shape his own stand on the major issues of the day.
The McGovern forces did not...
... with a New Left...
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The State's Duty

To the Herald Traveler Editor:
I am boiled by any and all protagonists of the pending bills to cancel out our laws for punishment of sex crimes. The promoters claim it is not the function of the state and I counter claim it is the function of all governing bodies to preserve, uphold and enforce all the commandments of the Supreme Creator of the Universe.
MISS LILLIAN LEBONVILLE
Somerville

N.H. moves to end marriage of two men

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The State of New Hampshire moved yesterday to dissolve the marriage of two men, one of whom had impersonated a woman when saying his wedding vows.
... pair had taken the required blood tests in Concord after they had attempted and failed to get married in

Lowell, Mass. They were married by a justice of the peace who didn't realize the bride was a man.

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BOSTON DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS is a women's organization formed in October 1969 as a chapter of the oldest lesbian organization in the country. Daughters of Bilitis was started in 1955 in San Francisco. Bilitis was a lesbian poet in Pierre Louys' The Songs of Bilitis. The name was chosen because the founders hoped that only gay women would know what the organization was about. Since then we all have discovered that few lesbians know any more about Bilitis than anyone else. THE BOSTON CHAPTER is now, as are all the chapters, autonomous. It has by-laws, officers, an office, and a monthly publication (that's this).

Women of all ages and political persuasions participate in D.O.B.

D.O.B. ACTIVITIES include regular evening rap sessions where both newcomers and oldcomers share feelings about being gay; suppers, parties, sports, etc. as scheduled; public speaking and education; work for civil rights of gay people; and work with the women's movement

D.O.B PROVIDES safeguards for those wishing to work quietly within the organization, planning the social program, writing, staffing the office, etc. For those able to be more open, there is educational and political activism.

CALENDAR OF COMING DOB EVENTS

TUESDAYS at 7:30 pm RAP SESSIONS ON BEING GAY, FOR WOMEN, where all women are invited to share feelings about being gay. Newcomers welcome. For location (in Cambridge) call the DOB office.

THURSDAYS 9-10 pm GAY WAY RADIO SHOW, WBUR-FM, 90.9 on dial.

SUNDAYS at 7 pm sharp FEMALE LIBERATION POETRY READINGS, bonofit for THE SECOND WAVE. Readers: Jan. 7, Susan Wilkins; Jan. 14, Elizabeth Fonton; Jan. 21, Adrionno Rich; Jan. 28, Mary Damon. At 552 Massachusetts Av., Cambridge (Central Square). For child care call Karon at 491-1071.

January 11, THURSDAY, 8:30 pm ICESKATING, DOB. ON THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER RINK (OUT-DOOR). Meet at Brigham's in the Prudential Center. Skating lasts for 2 hours. Cost is \$1.50 to skate, plus \$1 if you need to rent skates.

January 18, THURSDAY, 7:30 pm sharp D.O.B. BUSINESS MEETING, St. John's Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston (near government center), in the basement.

February 9, FRIDAY evening, D.O.B. VALENTINE'S DANCE, Arlington Street Church, Arlington & Boylston Streets, Boston (at Arlington MBTA stop).

* also January 11, THURSDAY, 7:30 pm MASS. WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS OPEN MEETING for all women interested in working in the caucus on legislation, etc. Library, Room 308, the Fenway, Simmons College, Boston.

D.O.B. office hours: Wodnosdays and Fridays during the day, Mondays and sometimes Thursdays in the evoning. Occasionally at other times. Also usually Tuesday evoning.

MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION FOR DOB

Return this or a copy to the DOB office, 419 Boylston St., Room 415, Boston, Mass. 02116 (262-1592).

- Enclosed is \$_____ for Membership in DOB. \$10/ year (\$15 for a couple). Includes one subscription to FOCUS plus voting privileges and reduced admission to some events. Open to all women 18 years old or older.
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_____ DATE _____

Gay rights legislation

Gay rights legislation in Massachusetts - Have You Been Denied Your Rights?

Cases needed

We are presently collecting cases of discrimination against gay people, to present as testimony during hearings on bills to make discrimination against gays illegal. Cases used in the testimony can remain anonymous. Please contact D.O.B. with your information.

Error

The December FOCUS was in error in saying that the Eastern Mass. National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) was a cosponsor of the Mass equal rights amendment including gay people. We were misinformed by a hopeful N.O.W. member. N.O.W. is filing its own equal rights amendment to include race, color, and sex, but not sexual preference.

Another equal rights amendment

The Boston Globe reported on December 17 that a Ludlow paraplegic, Rosemary Barszcz, has filed a Massachusetts equal rights amendment for handicapped people.

Next New England Gay Conference to be in Boston

As a result of the New England Gay Conference held in Northampton, Ma. on December 9, a more extensive weekend conference is being planned for March in Boston.

The twenty-five participants present at the December 9 meeting wanted more time to talk with people from other groups about such mutual concerns as how to keep a group flourishing, how to coordinate political activity, etc. They decided to hold a longer conference focusing on workshops on such specific topics.

Boston D.O.B., The Homophile Union of Boston (H.U.B.), will coordinate arrangements of space, housing, and scheduling of workshops. Suggestions for workshops or offers of housing may be sent to either group.

Groups represented at the December 9 conference were Boston D.O.B., H.U.B.,

Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Student Homophile Leagues (U. Mass. at Amherst and Boston), Holyoke Homophile League, Kingston Gay Liberation (R.I.), and a new gay women's group from Rhode Island. Also present was one person from the National Gay Student Center in Washington, D.C., and one from the Gay Activists Alliance in New York City.

Regional conferences have also occurred or will do so in the Pacific-Intermountain states in the West, in the south-eastern US, the midwest and on a state level, in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

San Francisco D.O.B. bans transsexuals

San Francisco D.O.B., after a long controversy, voted to bar male-female transsexuals from membership. Such transsexuals are persons who were born as biological men but who felt themselves psychologically to be women and who as a result underwent a sex change via hormonal treatments and an operation. As a result of this vote, the staff of the S.F.D.O.B. newsletter SISTERS, one of whom was a transsexual, resigned their memberships. The pro and con arguments on this issue, given by members of S.F.D.O.B. are posted in the Boston D.O.B. office.

Improvement in East Lansing laws

In East Lansing, Michigan, all discrimination against gay people in employment, housing, and public accommodations is illegal as of October 17. Formerly discrimination was illegal only for the city itself in municipal hiring. (ADVOCATE 12/20)

Houston Community Center

A gay community center, The Montrose Gaze, has opened in Houston, Texas. It is in an old two story house and has a dance room with a juke box, a game room with pool, a kitchen, library, living room, office. The rent is \$150 monthly which is paid by 120 members of the center at \$1 per month apiece plus benefit dances, etc. The place is run by a board of directors and committees, with final say on all things up to the members. If you're in Houston, check it out at 504 Fairview (P.O.Box 66411), Houston, Texas 77006 713-528-9069

January 1970 MAIDEN VOYAGE.

Editor: Marty Kelly
reproduced by mimeographing.

President.....Ann Haloy
Vice President....Diana Travis
Secretary.....Donna Ferguson
Treasurer.....Andy Cox

D.O.B.'s address was P.O. Box 221, Prudential Station, Boston.

Membership cost \$15 per person, which included a subscription to THE LADDER and to MAIDEN VOYAGE. You had to be 21.

The news was:

Rev. Edward Harris, Arlington Street Church (where DOB had its meetings) spoke to the first mixed (men and women) DOB meeting. He had been scheduled to talk on "What organized religion says about homosexuality" but abandoned that to give some of his more personal thoughts.

BOSTON AFTER DARK (now the BOSTON PHOENIX) changed its policy against accepting ads pertaining to homosexuals.

There was a report on the first DOB Christmas affair, a big social/dance in Weare, New Hampshire.

And the coming events were:

The first meeting of the committee on law reform and public education.

An open discussion "Should you tell your straight friends?" at the Arlington Street Church on a Friday night.

January 1971 MAIDEN VOYAGE

Editor: Diane Benison
reproduced by mimeographing.

President.....Andy Cox
Vice President.....Jo Peckarsky
Treasurer.....Rose Tuttle
Recording Secretary.....Jean O'Brien
Corresponding Secretary..Laura Robin

Membership now was \$10 for a single, \$15 for a couple, and included a

subscription to MAIDEN VOYAGE. You had to be 18 to join.

The news was:

The Christmas dance held in Modford December 12 on a snowy eve drew 50 women. The party was free to all.

The coming events were:

Martha Shelley was scheduled to speak to DOB January 29 at the Arlington Street Church.

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Editor: Pam Boyd
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President.....Gail King
Vice President.....Toni Kroger
Treasurer.....Rose Tuttle
Recording Secretary....Margaret
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The news was:

At a January 8 conference at Smith College, the Mass. Women's Political Caucus supported resolutions in favor of gay rights.

Four women who appealed fines given for "disorderly conduct" outside of Jacques' received 6 month continuances. The cases would be dropped after that time if they got into no further trouble. Four other women involved in the same case received \$100 fines and two were given probation. None of the latter four had appealed. Boston DOB gave the women \$100 for legal fees.

Boston DOB rented its office on Boylston Street.

The coming events were:

Rap sessions every other Tuesday at 8pm.

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Men do not stumble over mountains, but over molehills.--Confucius

Men always were kinda dumb.

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Boston, Ma. 02116 political activities; publishes monthly journal FOCUS.
262-1592
- DIGNITY - BOSTON A group for gay Catholics, branch of a national organ-
1105 Boylston St. ization.
Boston, Ma. 02215
- EMERSON HOMOPHILE SOCIETY FOR THE ARTS To develop communication through the arts,
c/o Box 455, Emerson College social and political advancement. Pro-
96 Beacon St. grams open to all.
Boston, Ma. 02116
- FAG RAG Newspaper published by gay male liberation group.
354-1555 Opportunity for writers, typists, artists, etc.
- GAY COMMUNITY CENTER (GCC) Sponsors gay dances. Working towards opening a gay
492-7871 coffee house and community center. Men and women.
- GAY PHONE Manned by gay men. Raps; info on gay community events;
354-1555; 354-1556 legal, medical, psychiatric referral; V.D. info.
- GAY SPEAKERS' BUREAU (GSB) Coordinates public speaking activities of Boston gay
c/o Homophile Community groups; sends gay women and men to groups wanting to
Health Service (see below) know more about homosexuals and homosexuality.
- GAY WAY is gay radio, 9-10 pm every Thursday on WBUR-FM 90.0 mc. Now has call-
ins from listeners.
- HARVARD-RADCLIFFE GAY STUDENTS ASS'N. 498-2301
- HOMOPHILE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE (HCHS) Professional counselling service. In-
419 Boylston St., Rm. 403 dividual and group therapy; religious counselling;
Boston, Ma. 02116 medical, legal, and employment referral. HCHS's atti-
266-5477 tude is that homosexuality is a valid lifestyle. Fees
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- HOMOPHILE UNION OF BOSTON (HUB) Social, educational, civil rights and service
419 Boylston St., Rm. 509 organization. Open to all men and women, straight or
Boston, Ma. 02116 gay. Legal, medical, job, religious counselling; 24-
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meetings.
- HIGH SCHOOL GAYS UNITED (HSGU) Group for gay men and women of high school age.
536-6197 Meets Sundays.
- LESBIAN MEETINGS AND GAY CONFUSION Rap meetings on Thursday evenings for women;
c/o Women's Center other projects; not political. Call for info. 354-
46 Pleasant St. 8807.
Cambridge, Ma. 02139
- METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, BOSTON MISSION (MCC) A church for all people serv-
Rev. Larry Bernier, Nancy ing the gay community. Presently meets at Hunnewell
Wilson, pastors Chapel (in the Arlington Street Church) at 7 pm on
419 Boylston St. Rm. 408 Sundays.
Boston, Ma. 02116
- 266-7491
- RED RIVER DYKE COLLECTIVE A new group of radical gay women in the process of
43 Willow Ave. planning actions.
Somerville, Ma.
666-8753
- STUDENT HOMOPHILE LEAGUE (SHL) Group of young gays, mostly men. Educational,
492-7871 political, social activities.
SHL at M.I.T. 492-7871

MASSACHUSETTS

Holyoke Homophile League
c/o Bruce McKoon
484 Chestnut St.
Holyoke, Ma. 01040

Student Homophile League
R.S.O. 368
Lincoln Campus Center
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Ma. 01002
545-0154

RHODE ISLAND

Kingston Gay Liberation
Memorial Union
University of Rhode Island
Kingston, R.I. 02881

Caroline Overman
Diane Chain
184 Angoll St.
Providence, R.I. 02906
401-274-0239
(getting gay women together)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Occupant
Box 137
Northwood, N.H.
(the equivalent of D.O.B.)

CONNECTICUT

Kalos Society
P.O. Box 403
Hartford, Ct. 06101

This directory is incomplete. We welcome up-to-date additions.

REFERRALS

LEGAL

Rook, Roth, & Rubino
7 Water St.
Boston, Ma. 742-2243

Male lawyers with experience in handling gay cases.

Mass. Lawyers Guild
595 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, Ma. 02139 661-8898

Will refer you to an individual lawyer; general help.

The Law Commune
(Flynn, Gollor, Millor, Taylor)
698 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, Ma. 02139 492-5200

Will give advice, referral, or handle case themselves. Women lawyers on staff.

HEALTH

Community Sex Information
232-2335

Information and referral on any problem related to sex.

Women's Yellow Pages
c/o Sanctuary
1151 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, Ma. 02138
60¢ (+ 15¢ postage)

All kinds of information on clinics and other facilities (plus other info useful to women). A copy of WYP is in D.O.B. office, also on bookstands.

OTHER

People's Yellow Pages, 1973
Vocations for Social Change
353 Broadway
Cambridge, Ma. 02139
\$1.45 by mail, \$1.25 on newsstands,
\$1.00 at VSC.

A directory of all sorts of movement and alternative groups. D.O.B. has a copy.

Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus
P.O. Box 261, Grove Hall Sta.
Boston, Mass. 02121

Works to get women elected to public office and to support women's issues.



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