



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 24, 1997

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COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
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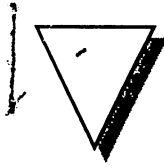
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CAMBRIDGE LAVENDER ALLIANCE



April 1997



Dear Lavenders:

The Atlanta bombing of a gay nightclub and the gay bashing and murder near the old Greyhound Station in Boston makes paranoia seem too tame a response. The more that we are out in our daily lives, the more progress we will make toward ending the violence. Be loud, be queer and watch your backs.

On the brighter side, is a trip to Hawaii in your future? Governor Weld was the only governor to declare that his (our?) state will recognize gay marriages performed in Hawaii. Accolades to the lonely Cambridge Republican. The court's decision was foreshadowed by the State of Hawaii's (the bad guys) prime witness when he said that gay and lesbian parents are as fit and loving as non-gay persons and couples, and that they have the same capability as different sex couples to manifest the qualities conducive to good parenting. One wonders how they went from a same-sex marriage case to a lawsuit about parenting, but supposedly straight minds can work in twisted ways. Perhaps the Attorney General's office doesn't know that you don't need marriage to be a parent, or that generally you need contributions from those of different genders to create a child. Luckily, the judge untied this knot by finding that there was no causal link between allowing same-sex marriage and adverse effects upon the optimal development of children. Judge Kevin S.C. Chang deserves a seat on the US Supreme Court. He also cast aspersions on the State's argument that same-sex marriage would encourage legalized prostitution, incest and polygamy. Hello, is anybody home in the Hawaii Attorney General's office?

Human Rights Explosion!

Put on your dancing shoes! Get your smiles ready. On Sunday, April 13, 1997 from 6 to 9 PM, a flaunt and dance party will be held Upstairs at Ryles. Entertainment will be by Abe Rybeck and the Superstars of the Theater Offensive. The lively dance music will be provided by Tranzband Tranzgression. This is a CLA organized and sponsored event. The cover is \$5 (really cheap) and keeps you in the swing at Ryles until 1 AM. Join us at 212 Hampshire Street. Call 868-0441 for more information.

Amazing Gender Change

The party is in celebration of the unanimous vote in City Council on February 24 to change the Human Rights Ordinance to include gender expression. The groundbreaking amendment protects the right of all people to express and identify with whatever combination of masculinity and femininity suits them. The amendment was sponsored by the Cambridge Lavender Alliance, and introduced by City Councilor Katherine Triantafillou. Many thanks to each of the City Councilors, the commissioners of the Human Rights Commission, Bea Ackland of the Human Rights Commission, Nancy Ryan of the Women's Commission, and CLA member Nancy Nangeroni for helping us make history. Surprisingly, the decision was not popular with everyone. Our friend at the *Boston Herald*, Howie Carr, wasted quite a bit of newsprint and airtime attacking Cambridge for the expansion of rights. His focus was whether he would have to share a bathroom with a transgendered person. Poor big eejit, it is likely that he has, and didn't even know it. Enlightenment comes slowly to those who resist.

The Police Love CLA

Robb Johnson, Lisa McDonnell and John Gintell of CLA met with the new police commissioner, Ron Watson. The Commissioner not only agreed to recruit GLBT police officers for the next round of hiring, but has also scheduled in-service trainings around GLBT issues led by a CLA member. Commissioner Ron Watson is to be commended for his willingness to act, as well as talk. Many thanks to the CLA members who received little press, but were the ones who really made this happen.

Representative Kennedy's Education

CLA members Sue Hyde, Chuck Colburt, Pam Chamberlain and Robb Johnson met with Congressperson Joe Kennedy's staff to try to enlighten him on gay issues. If JK is looking at the governor's seat in the next election, he will need a lot of education and insight about GLBT issues. There is hot competition from Weld and Harshbarger, both strong on their commitment to gay rights. The topics of discussion included same-sex marriage, domestic partnership benefits, anti-homosexual violence, same-sex domestic violence, making public schools safe for GLBT kids and the "don't ask don't tell" military policy. We asked that the Congressperson be more vigorous in leadership



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against discrimination in the military as the ranking minority member of Veteran's Committee. He was also urged to not take any steps back around same gender marriage -- the political leadership in this state has already voiced strong opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act and has agreed to recognize same-gender marriages from Hawaii. The staff listened attentively, took notes, asked good questions but made no commitments.

Planning Brunch in Pride

The Cambridge Pride Breakfast '97 planning committee is forming once again. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 5 PM. at 8 Cleveland Street (in between Broadway and Harvard Streets/Dana and Ellery Streets). For more precise directions, call 576-2455.

CLA Meeting

The next CLA meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1 at Workbench from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pride planning, party planning and political puns are on the agenda. Join us.

Queer Movies

The next CLA homomovie nights are April 18 and May 16. To find out the film time and place, contact us a few days before the movie at 492-6393. You can also contact us by e-mail at cla@compuserve.com.

Parents, Teachers and Allies

CLA/PTA and the Cambridge Teacher's Union are co-sponsoring a showing of "It's Elementary" for Cambridge public school teachers on Monday, April 7 at 3:30 PM in the Tobin Elementary School. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and question period. CLA/PTA is also working with Kim DeAndrade of the School Department to organize presentations to the faculty of each elementary school about issues of concern to gay/lesbian families. CLA/PTA activists have been attending the trainings and answering questions. Reports are that they are sometimes pleasantly surprised by the questions, and sometimes not.

Join CLA/PTA

To join CLA/PTA, come to a meeting. The next meetings are April 30, May 21 and June 11. All meetings of CLA/PTA are at 8 PM and held at 192 Upland Road.

NGLTF Salutes Sue Hyde

Come and fete Sue Hyde for her years of local activism with the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce. This is a rare opportunity to dialogue with Kerry Lobel, the new executive director of the NGLTF, and Sue about the direction of the movement on the national level. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. It will be held on April 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at 23 Greenough Ave., #1. Greenough is between Cambridge Street and Broadway off Ellsworth Street. For information about the event or directions, call 492-6393. Directions can also be obtained by calling 868-7838. By attending the event and making the appropriate donation, you will become a member of NGLTF. Membership rates are \$20/yr. for student/low income, \$35/yr. for an individual, or join as a family/household for \$60/yr. Kerry will also speak at a symposium entitled "Queer Politics Conference" at Harvard in the Kennedy School of Government Arco Forum that day. The symposium is free and open to public. It runs from 10 AM to 5 PM. Kerry will be speaking around 11. Amelia Craig of GLAD will be speaking after lunch. Check with Jane Aceipuno at 493-2163 or look at their web page at : <http://www.hcs.harvard.edu-queer>.

Interested in the Superintendent's Job?

The Cambridge Superintendent of Schools is leaving. Will a GLBT friendly, progressive leader be chosen? Doubtful, but now is the time to try to make a difference. CLA/PTA is working hard to have representation on the search committee. Lobby your elected members on the school committee to hire a strong, progressive community-based leader. The future of Cambridge rests with its children. Don't let Cambridge fall to the cretins of the Christian Coalition.

Marching Dykes

It's time to begin planning Boston's 3rd annual Dyke March! Do you remember last year's march fondly? Are there things you'd like to see part of this year's Dyke March? The planning has begun. Please help coordinate the marching dykes, a progressive alternative to the gay parade. For more information, contact either Beth Hastie at bhastie@cfia.harvard.edu or 524-5895 or Sarah Shreeves at sls@mit.edu or 524-6365.

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Gay Unions

Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists Network (GALLAN), a group of progressive political union members and friends, invites you to attend their monthly meetings. The next meeting is on March 24, Monday, 6:30-8:30, at SEIU Local 509, 675 Mass Ave. in Cambridge. For more information call Harneen at 522-7156.

Hannah's Submissives

To subscribe to a really great queer e-mail list with local cultural announcements, political notices, and classified ads, send your electronic address to HDORESS@sph.harvard.edu.. The goals of the list are to help people find fun things to do, connect Boston's queer women's community, increase visibility and strengthen Boston's queer and progressive communities, and to promote networking and coalition building within them.

Financial Security

The GBBC March Women's Networking Brunch will be held Sunday, March 23 at noon and will offer the program: "Achieving Financial Independence." The brunch will be held at American Express Financial Advisors, Two Constitution Plaza, Charlestown (by Barrett's Restaurant and the USS Constitution). Fee: \$5 for GBBC members, \$10 for non-members. RSVP to Johanna Schulman at (617) 242-0700, ext. 418. Anyone who achieve financial independence after attending this brunch must make a large donation to CLA.

Body Alchemy

On March 29th, 8 PM, at the Mass. College of Arts, Hanarchy Now Productions will bring you the awe-inspiring Loren Cameron, author of "Body Alchemy". The San Francisco based FTM (Female to Male Transsexual) photographer, oft compared to Mapplethorpe, will present his aesthetically sumptuous and evocative photography. Join us. Admission is \$6.

The Inside Scoop

The CLA Newsletter is distributed whenever the editor's muse strikes (sporadically at best). A reward is offered for a more active muse -- dead or alive. We publish the editor's abstract thoughts, Cambridge queer information, progressive political alerts, and information about what other Lesbigators are doing. Post information to the new CLA e-mail address at cla@compuserve.com or write to us at P.O. Box 380884, Cambridge, MA 02238. Ads in

the newsletter are \$25 for 2" x 3.5" camera-ready copy.

Your humble servant,



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(a.k.a. Donna Turley)



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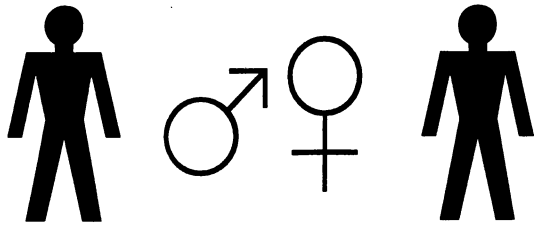
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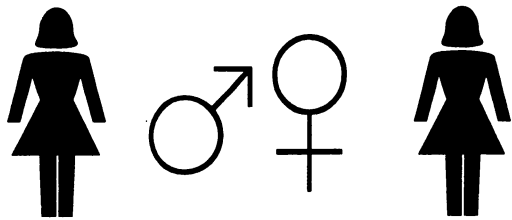
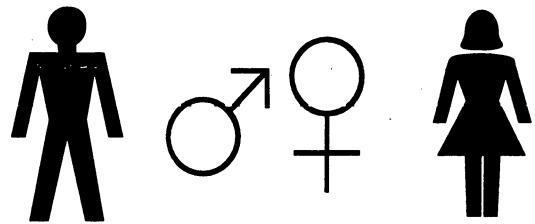
EXPRESS YOUR GENDER! CELEBRATE YOUR RIGHTS!

The Cambridge City Council voted unanimously to add "gender expression" to the Cambridge Human Rights Ordinance. Take those fabulous outfits out of the closet and celebrate!



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PARTY

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 6-9:00

UPSTAIRS AT RYLES

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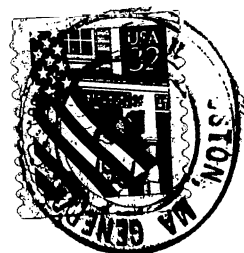
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