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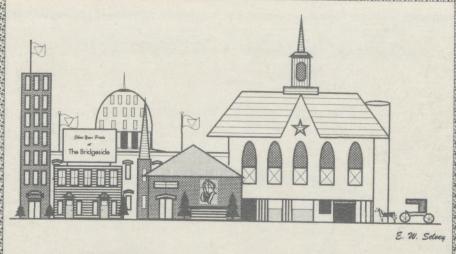
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Pride Festive,

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Produced by the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania

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Early last year, York Area Lambda went though gut-wrenching emotions, but were successful in obtaining civil rights for gays and lesbians in the city of York, PA. After that experience they, along with other Central Pennsylvania organizations, knew there was a necessity to build a bridge—within our community as well as to the general public so both can understand one another. Thus, on April 9, 1994, twelve groups and individuals came forward to form the nucleus of the **Pride Coalition of Central PA**.

Along with networking, one of the primary purposes of the Pride Coalition is to affirm the well-being of **all** gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people. By striving to be an inclusive body serving the needs of **our** community, we gladly accept the challenge and responsibility of producing today's Pride Festival and those festivals yet to come.

As for myself, I view 1994 as the year we continue what was begun last year—encouraging established groups that have the strength to assist in providing the means for new organizations to take root and sprout. Those being youth associations, P-FLAG chapters and yes, even a new chorus; all forging new futures aside the tried and true of Central Pennsylvania. The potential of the newly-established Pride Coalition and our future as a people should excite all of us a great deal. I also see a community center where all will be welcomed with understanding arms and drink of the cup of fellowship.

Today's Pride Festival is the result of intense planning and hard work by a team of dedicated individuals who believe in the message *I think I can*. I can't thank them enough for having the trust and the vision of the bridge building witnessed here today as well as the promise of a better tomorrow for all of us.

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We are everywhere. We are lawyers, doctors, legislators, business persons, teachers, service men and women. We are in every corporation from the laborers to the presidents and CEO's in Pennsylvania and throughout our nation.

Miracles do seem to happen and it's a good thing because they help us to keep going. That's what we in Central Pennsylvania must do—KEEP GOING. It means becoming involved, joining organizations and working towards harmony and tolerance within our community. It takes a conscious act, a decision to take our lives into our own hands and be accountable. We must encourage mutual respect to all of our diversities.

Together, we can reach out and show the rest of the world that we have strength, integrity and are PROUD of who we are.

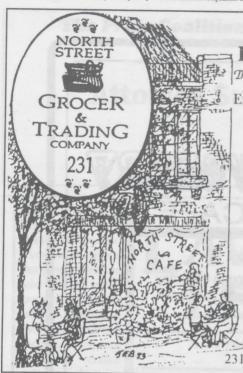
On behalf of the 1994 Pride Coalition, I would like to thank our president, Doug Warner, for all of his endeavors in making this Pride Festival a huge success. He has, through his determination, shaped ideas into reality.

I look forward to the opportunity of continuing next year as president of the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania. And today I am asking all of you to continue with your support and involvement. We must celebrate again!

See you next year!

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#### **Bandshell**

#### 11:00 Opening

11:15 Lily White & Co., Inc.

#### 12:00 John Teats Clogging Demo

12:30 Red Letter Day

1:30	Doug Stevens and
	the Outband

2:45 Change of Heart

3:45 Bobbi Carmitchell

4:40 Rodney Martin

4:50 Andy Pushnik

5:10 Natalie Darkes

5:50 Closing

#### **Pavillion**

11:30 Non-Denominational Worship Service

1:00 Women's Theatre Guild

2:20 Katie Dunton & Friends

3:00 John Teats

Learn to Clog

4:15 Ballroom Break

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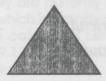
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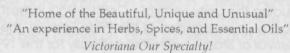
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A former member of bands including Girls' Club, The Avengers, Araby, and NRJ, Natalie continues to explode on stage with her high energy and excitement. Without music in her life, "Nat" would prefer to simply purchase land in Florida and start a pig farm.

#### Katie Dunton

Singing is Katie's first love. She has performed in numerous sacred, choral and pop groups in Pennsylvania and New England, including her own acoustic group—STATE OF MIND. Katie is also active in musical theatre having appeared annually in local community theatre productions, including the Ensemble of *Godspell* at Met Rep and as *Dorothy* in the *Wizard of Oz* at HCT.

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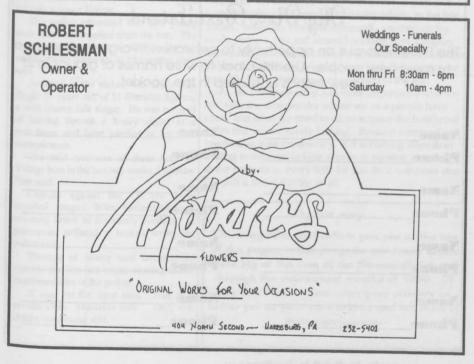
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#### Melee Near Sheridan Square Follows Action at Bar

Hundreds of young men went on a rampage in Greenwich Village shortly after 3 A.M. yesterday after a force of plainclothes men raided a bar that the police said was well known for its homosexual clientele. Thirteen persons were arrested and four policement injured.

The young men threw bricks, bottles, garbage, pennies and a parking meter at the policemen, who had a search warrant authorizing them (to) inestigate reports that liquor was sold illegally at the bar, the Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher Street, just off Sheridan Square.

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Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine said that a large crowd formed in the square after being evicted from the bar. Police reinforcements were sent to the area to hold off the crowd.

Plainclothes men and detectives confiscated cases of liquor from the bar, which Inspector Pine said was operating without a liquor license.

The police estimated that 200 young men had been expelled from the bar. The crowd grew to close to 400 during the melee, which lasted about 45 minutes, they said.

Arrested in the melee, was Dave Van Ronk, 33 years old, of 15 Sheridan Square, a well-known folk singer. He was accused of having thrown a heavy object at a patrolman and later paroled in his own recognizance.

The raid was one of three held on Village bars in the last two weeks, Inspector Pine said.

Charges against the 13 who were arrested ranged from harassment and resisting arrest to disorderly conduct. A patrolman suffered a broken wrist, the police said.

Throngs of young men congregated outside the inn last night, reading aloud condemnations of the police.

A sign on the door said, "This is a private club. Members only." Only soft drinks were being sold.

# A reason to remember

In our commeration of those of the June 27, 1969 Stonewall riot or *The Hairpin Drop Heard Around the World*, I wish to relate ironies discovered as I prepared this tribute.

In the brief time given to prepare this snipet, I recalled a Newsweek cover article which recalled important events of 1969 and their legacy twenty years later. I remembered my pleasant surprise at finding Stonewall as one of those events.

I went to the library to get a copy of what I felt was a unforgettable moment in my gay life. To my chagrin, having seen the article five years later, I was also recalled my disappointment of the legacy of Stonewall (according to Newsweek)—the AIDS crisis. One impact of the riot, which is shared with AIDS is the media's monitoring of issues affecting the gay and lesbian community. From AIDS to breast cancer and from job discrimination to gays in the military, the media's reporting has become, more sensitive to the plight we all suffer due our orientation. See the recent New Yorker article concerning the termination of Dan Miller because of his sexual orientation for proof.

After feeling intelligent in successfully operating the microfilm machine (now complete with its own copying mechanism), I triumphantly headed to the nearest exit wondering how the press, not so sympathetic in the late Sixties, originally covered Stonewall. I turned on my heels, doing a 180 and almost knocking over a display showcasing this month's literary acquisitions, returned to the stacks to find the original New York Times article of June 29, 1969 which you see unedited to the left.

As we celebrate what and more importantly who we are, take the time ponder where we as a people have come and what we need to do to acquire the basic civil rights that we are sorely lacking. Become informed and involved in your community. If it is nothing more than stuffing envelopes, licking stamps or running a mailing to the post office, every little bit you do is one more step towards a better day for us all.

#### By the way ...

The song titles and artists you see at the top of the pages in this program are tunes which were big at the time of the Stonewall riot and through the subsequent months of 1969. Jf you don't know them...ask your parents or better yet as your co-workers and tell them of their significance.

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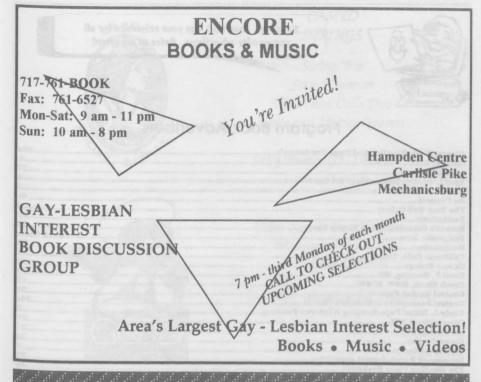
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