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Celebrating NLGJA with a look back at LGBTs and media

These next four pages feature images that tell part of the story of LGBTs in mainstream and community media. These are excerpted from the book Gay Press, Gay Power, by Windy City Times

Publisher Tracy Baim. The artwork will be on display as large banners at the National Gay & Lesbian Journalists Association convention and 10th LGBT Media Summit at Chicago's Palmer

House Aug. 21-24. See www.nlgja.org .

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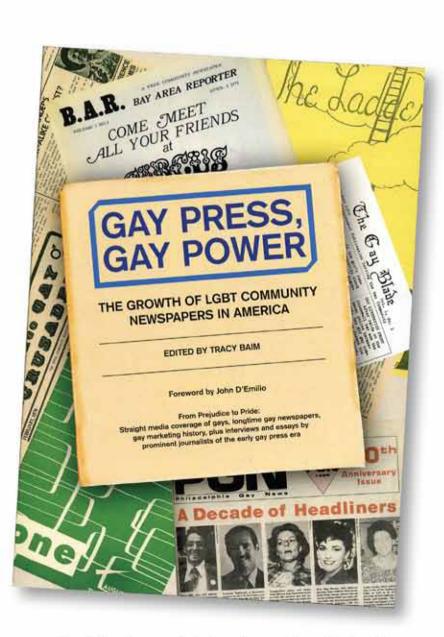
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The following panels feature images from the book Gay Press, Gay Power, by Windy City Times Publisher Tracy Baim. The book was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award and was a Top 10 favorites selection from the American Library Association GLBT Round Table "Over the Rainbow" List.



The New York Times, April 19, 1950.

especially vile, if there was coverage at all, in pre- Stonewall U.S. media. While there are still issues with coverage of the LGBT community in the mainstream media, that dramatically changed by the 1990s.

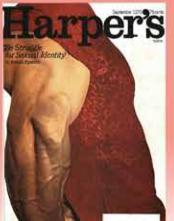
Life magazine,

June 26, 1964

Growth of Overt Homosexuality In City Provokes Wide Concern

Time magazine, January 21, 1966.





🛕 This post-Stonewall Harper's Magazine essay by Joseph Epstein sparked 🛕 outrage in the gay community. It appeared in the September 1970 issue.



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Mainstream Media Improves



In the post-Stonewall era, the mainstream media began to improve in coverage of the LGBT community, but in fits and starts. The AIDS crisis forced changes inside and outside of mainstream media, as many journalists were impacted by AIDS both personally and professionally. The founding of NLGJA also had an immeasurable impact on the shift in LGBT coverage.







Entertainment Weekly, September 8, 1995.

▲Time, April 14, 1997.

Newsweek, May 21, 2012.

Early LGBT Media

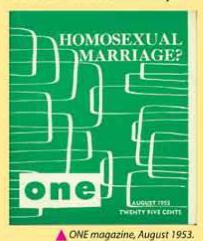
The earliest known homosexualfocused publication in the U.S. was Friendship and Freedom, produced by the short-lived, Chicago-based Society for Human Rights, founded by gay postal worker Henry Gerber (who was inspired by homosexual media he saw in Germany during World War I). There were also progressive and arts-oriented publications that were inclusive of diverse sexual and gender identities.



Courtesy of Jonathan Ned Katz.

Lisa Ben's 1940s lesbian newsletter Vice Versa was followed by ONE, Mattachine Review, The Ladder and other short- and longerterm media for general and special interests in the community.





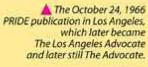
Vice Versa lesbian

publication, October 1947. THE LADDER A LESBIAN REVIEW mattachine





Mattachine Review, February 1958.





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Drum magazine, 1965.

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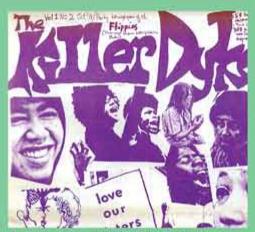
▲ The Los Angeles Advocate, October 1968.

L.A.'s Biggest Bash

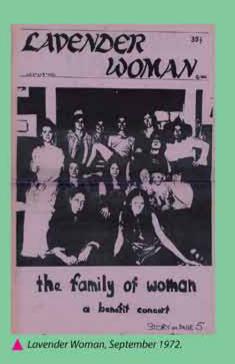
Sex Laws-Weird & Tragic

Post-Stonewall LGBT Media

There were dozens of pre-Stonewall U.S. LGBT publications, but in 1969, there was a huge increase in media outlets, some that lasted just a few issues, some that are still publishing today. On this page are a few of the Chicago LGBT publications from the 1970s.



portion of the cover of Killer Dyke newspaper,





▲ GayLife, June 20, 1975.

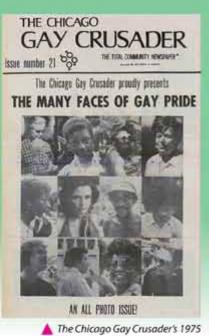
Images courtesy of the M. Kuda Archives, Oak Park, Illinois.



Mattachine Midwest Newsletter published both pre- and post-Stonewall in Chicago. This is from June 1968.



Chicago Gay Pride paper, 1971.

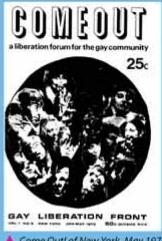


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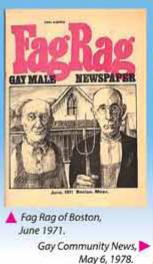
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Here are a few more regional LGBT publications from the 1970s-1980s.







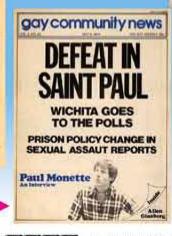


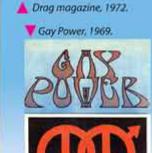
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Lesbian Connection, October 1978.

GAY of New York,

February 16, 1970.





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Longtime Papers

These final two panels feature some of the longestrunning regional LGBT newspapers.



Bay Area Reporter's first issue, April 1, 1971.



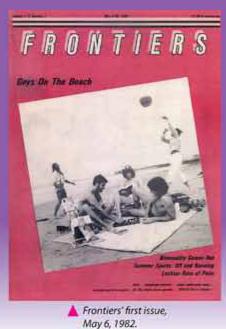
Between The Lines' first issue,



Dallas Voice's first issue, May 11, 1984.







Longtime Papers



DENVER

The first issue of Philadelphia Gay News, Jan. 3, 1976.



▲ GA Voice, June 25, 2010.



A The first issue of Denver's Out Front,

founded on April 2, 1976.

 Windy City Times' first issue, September 26, 1985.

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