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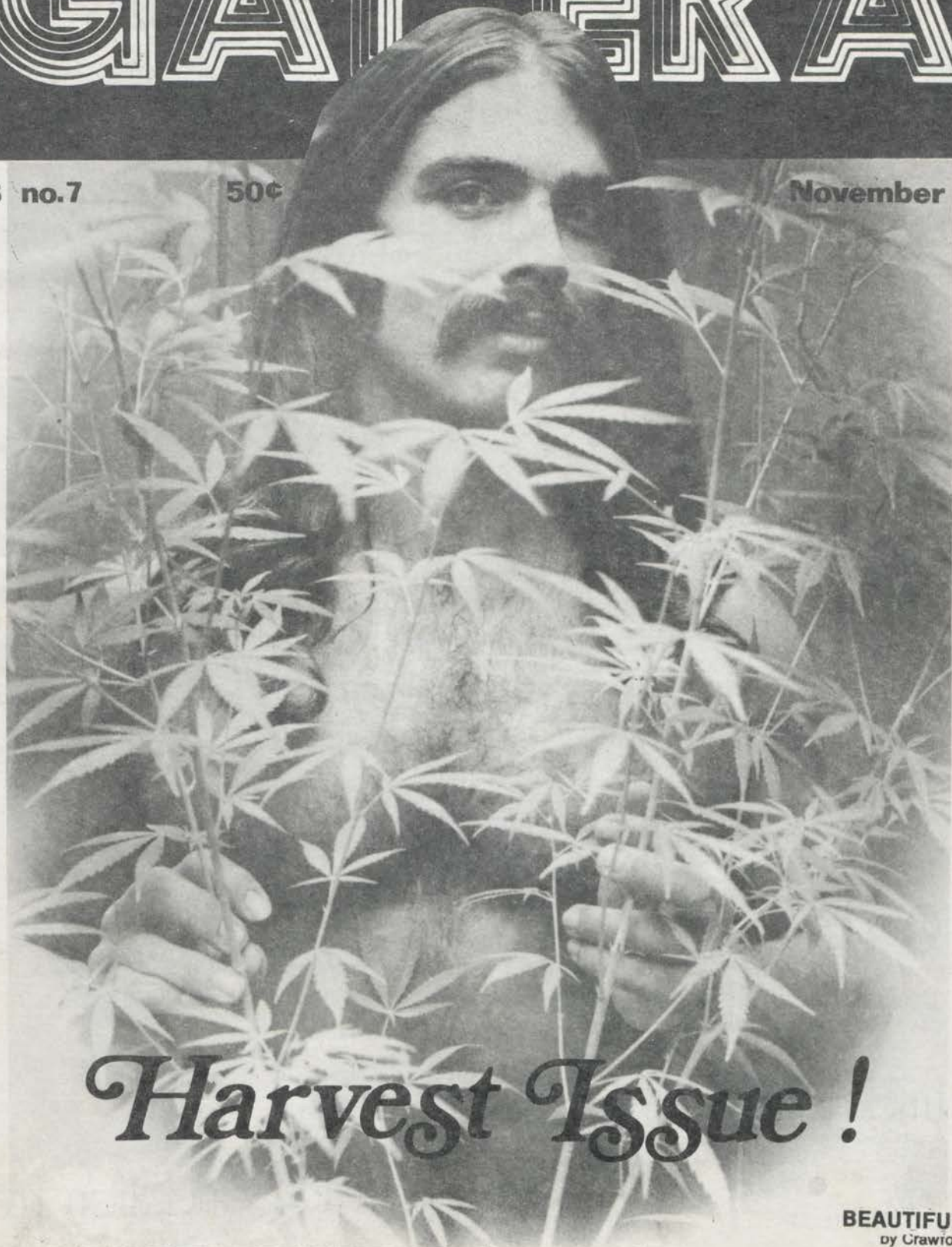
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KU KLUX KLAN CALLS FOR EXECUTION OF HOMOSEXUALS

HOUSTON—A tape-recorded telephone message from a Ku Klux Klan bookstore in Pasadena, California, urges the execution of all homosexuals. It is not known whether the call for the execution of gay people is official KKK policy. However, KKK members have offered their services to protect anti-gay singer Anita Bryant at public appearances and recently did so at a Huntington, West Virginia, rally.

The phone message states that "The Ku Klux Klan is not embarrassed to admit that we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals."

"While many church people are duped by their brain-washed pink-panty preachers into believing that we should merely pray for the homosexuals, we find that we must endorse and support the law of God, which calls for the death penalty for homosexuals."

"In recent years we have witnessed our churches court death so closely that it appears that they actually glory in the destruction that surely awaits them."

"Not only have we seen the establishment of homosexual churches in our once-unblemished land, but at

least two major denominations have actually ordained homosexuals into the ministry. The first was the 1.8 million member United Church of Christ which ordained a male preaching queer five years ago, and the other is the Episcopal church, which recently ordained a female homosexual, or lesbian, as a priest.

"The Ku Klux Klan does not have to rely on the feelings or thoughts of man, nor do we need to experience a dialogue with some Jewish psychiatrist or rabbi who is mentally warped anyway. We rely upon the age-proven and reliable law of God."

"The law on homosexuality states: 'That if a man also lie with mankind as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination, and shall be put to death' (Leviticus 20:13)."

"It is not our intention to put this matter up to discussion or debate the matter, or start a dialogue with a committee of queers as to their rights of sexual freedom. The law of God states the death penalty for homosexuals, and when God's laws are again enforced, the death penalty is what it will be."

- Gay Community News



Photo by Bettye Lane

Anita Bryant

BRYANT AIDE DETAILS GAY DADE COUNTY 'ERRORS'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an article in the August issue of *Conservative Digest*, Mike Thompson, who was communications director for Anita Bryant's Save Our Children crusade, lists several ways in which "To Fight the Homosexuals." The homosexuals made several mistakes in Florida which they make again," wrote Thompson in an article entitled "Anita Bryant's Crusade: What Next?" "If you must fight a sexual preference ordinance in your community, watch for these possible errors and exploit them."

Among the "errors" which Thompson lists include:

* "IDENTIFYING WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. The homosexuals tried to portray themselves as victims of persecution, like the Jews in Nazi Germany or blacks fighting for civil rights. Large numbers of Jews and blacks were offended by this absurd comparison."

* "URGING THAT ROLE MODELS BE AVAILABLE TO HOMOSEXUAL CHILDREN. The homosexuals argued that some children have already formed 'gay' sexual preferences at an early age and need publicly-identified homosexuals... to pattern their behavior after. This argument alerted parents to the danger that homosexual teachers, simply by public acknowledgement of their lifestyle, can encourage sexual deviation in children."



A bold banner headline on the first page of the "Special Report" proclaims "SAVE OUR CHILDREN from homosexuals!" Illustrating the front page is a large photo captioned, "Three degenerate queers parade the streets of Los Angeles in their best dress up clothes. It was not to [sic] many years ago in this country when the likes of the three shown above would have been run out of town on a rail. In the days to come they will be executed—by law."

* "LOOKING FOR ACCEPTABILITY. The homosexuals used the campaign as much to gain social acceptance as to win specific employment opportunities... The quest for respectability diverted energy from the limited, and perhaps winnable, goal of job rights to the general, and unwinnable, issue of lifestyle."

* "FAILING TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF DISCRIMINATION."

* "TYING THE LOCAL ELECTION TO A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN... Anxious to move their campaign forward, they brought in organizers and speakers from throughout the United States. This tactic backfired because the voters resented outside intervention on an issue affecting community life as profoundly as homosexuality."

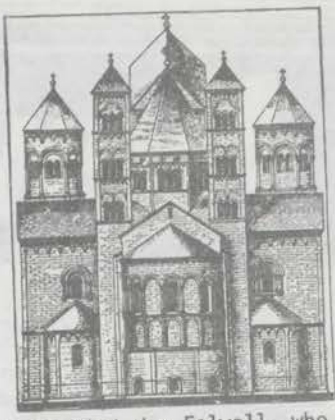
In an interview in the same publication, Thompson seemed to back away from forming alliances with other right-wing causes such as opposition to abortion and to federal financing of day-care centers, or support for parent control of school textbooks. "These all concern the family unit, the parents' ability to raise their children as they see it. But mainly we will resist attempts to legitimize the homosexual lifestyle 'through sexual and affectional preference' ordinances. That job will be enough to keep us busy," he said.

As for an alliance with anti-ERA forces, Thompson said, "we shouldn't get sidetracked on such issues, at least initially. We've got a good issue that can bring people together, and unfortunately many people who should oppose ERA do not, because they don't understand it... It's an abstract concept while ours is simple: you're either going to encourage a homosexual lifestyle or you're going to discourage it."

EXPORT GAYS, MINISTER SAYS

by Janet Melaragni

When Anita Bryant appeared as a speaker at the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, there was a bomb threat. Lynchburg police notified the church's minister, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who voted to remain in the auditorium and police searched the building as services continued.



Later that day Falwell, who organized the original pro-Bryant rally which filled the Miami Beach Convention Center, called for a return to "the McCarthy era, where we register all the Communists...not only should we register them, but we should stamp it on their foreheads and send them back to Russia."

After adding that "this is a free country" he castigated Bryant's many critics, and claimed that the media, for the most part, are "as perverted as the homosexuals they represent," and that the country would be "better off going back to the carrier pigeon and pony express" than relying on information disseminated by television and the Associated Press.

Bryant, after some alleged weeping because of the bomb threat, told the Lynchburg press that, among other things, she was "intrigued" that a number of gay bookstores have ordered copies of her forthcoming book, *The Anita Bryant Story*, due for publication soon by Revell, a new religious publishing house. No threats of militant action, legal or illegal, have been received thus far by Revell.

In Joplin, Missouri a convention center owner named Jack L. Webb has refused to rent his center to a religious group who planned a booking Bryant and Charles Colson (the ex-Nixon aide who made one of the most highly publicized religious conversions in recent memory) as keynote speakers. As he puts it, "I built this center. It's mine and I should be able to choose to whom I make it available. It's the American Way." Of Bryant, Webb said: "She couldn't make it as Miss America, her career

was on the skids. She couldn't peddle records so she started pushing orange juice. Then she hit the stand against people's rights, got some national coverage and now has taken to the banquet circuit."

- Gay News

FR. MCNEILL TO OBEY VATICAN AND KEEP SILENT

CHICAGO—The Vatican has ordered Rev. John J. McNeill, S.J., a leading advocate for a change in church attitudes toward homosexuality and the author of *The Church and the Homosexual*, to keep silent on the issue. Fr. McNeill has agreed to obey the church directive. Rome also directed Fr. McNeill to ask the publisher of his book, Sheed, Andrews, and McMeel of Kansas City, to remove the words, "imprimi potest"—the Latin phrase that indicates the church's permission—from all future editions of the book.

The Vatican decision was conveyed to Fr. McNeill through his superior, Rev. Eamon Taylor, S.J., New York provincial of the Society of Jesus, on the eve of the Dignity convention in Chicago. Fr. McNeill who had helped found the organization of gay Catholics six years ago had been scheduled to address the group but cancelled his speech after the Vatican decision. The order to silence parallels a similar 1973 command which delayed publication of McNeill's widely-acclaimed book for two years.

Dignity delegates issued a statement hailing McNeill as a "modern prophet" and stated that his silence "symbolized more eloquently than words the continuing oppression of gay people in the Church and elsewhere."

The Vatican directive, issued by the prefect of the Sacred Congregation, Franjo Cardinal Seper gave the following reasons for the decision to silence Fr. McNeill:

- * He presents a position that contradicts traditional church teaching on homosexuality.
- * He is guilty of "advocacy theology," that is, arguing in favor of an



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alternative teaching, rather than simply presenting an alternative along with the official position.

* He has raised "false hopes" in the gay community that the Church would change its position on homosexuality.

In his book, Fr. McNeill maintained that homosexuality could be morally good and that it should be measured by the same standards of love as heterosexuality. He also asserted that anti-gay views had been brought about by misunderstanding of Biblical texts.

Rev. Eamon Taylor, of the New York Province of Jesuits, called the decision "wise" and hoped that the result would be to "cool down the discussion." He did emphasize that the Vatican directive "doesn't represent a canonical penalty or condemnation of the man." Taylor also said that the granting of the "imprimi protest" had raised "false expectations" that the Church would change its position on homosexuality.

Brian McNaught, Catholic gay activist, told *Gay Community News* that the "Church is unintentionally building a case to make him (McNeill) a memorable person." He said that McNeill's silence put pressure on Rome and called it "good strategy." "If he didn't obey the directive, he would be a renegade," said McNaught. McNaught also expressed confidence that the order to silence would be lifted, noting that Fr. McNeill had been silenced once before. McNaught emphasized that "it was not the Jesuits who did it...The order came from Rome."

- Gay Community News

SCHOOL CUTS "PROPAGANDA" FILMS

WESTMINSTER, PA—The topic of gayness will disappear from the curriculum in county schools this fall as a result of action taken by the school's Health Curriculum Committee.

The committee, composed of parents, teachers, administrators and a county Health Department representative, voted to eliminate "Thursday's Child," a filmstrip about gayness, which had been on the eighth grade curriculum and available to high school students for two years, according to Doctor Robert Kersey, director of secondary schools.

The committee also elected not to add "What About McBride?" a 15-minute film on gayness, to the health curriculum, Kersey said.

Both presentations, according to the committee, are "based in favor of homosexuality" and therefore not suitable for the school curriculum, he said.

Kersey said he thought national publicity generated by Anita Bryant prompted the committee's decision to review and reject the filmstrips.



FEMINISTS FOR MEDIA RIGHTS —LATEST NEWS

by Joyce Reimherr Perry

Although the Steinmans have signed an agreement with FMR to divest their TV station, to provide \$100,000 worth of scholarship money to women interested in pursuing careers in broadcasting, to provide \$150,000 to establish a feminist news service and to initiate programming changes of various sorts, you would never know it by reading the news media.

We all caught our breath last when we read in the newspapers, "Steinman license renewed over the objections of the feminists. No conditions attached to the renewal." I finally tracked down the source of the story to the Associated Press FCC reporter in Washington, DC. As I was fairly sure that they had misinterpreted or downright distorted the actual facts in their reporting, I called up the Associated Press in Washington and gave them a piece of my mind. Their answer was, "Well, mistakes are made." My feeling was that if a woman made a mistake like this or if the mistake had been about a giant corporation, the reporter would have been fired on the spot. But notice the way the news media seems to bend over backwards to report any setback to the woman's movement. They're so eager to do so that they sometimes jump the gun and report a setback where there's actually a victory. (Another case in point—the Pennsylvania Womankind Conference was barely mentioned anywhere in the media outside this state. Why? Because they adopted a feminist platform. The only state meetings which receive attention are those where women's rights get the shaft!)

Well, we were by no means defeated although the press would like to make it look that way. The report came out that over FMR's objections, the license was renewed. This was completely incorrect. We withdrew our objections after the Steinmans signed an agreement saying they would do the things we asked. Their

license had to be renewed so that our amendment (programming changes) could be included and so they would have a license to divest.

When I told this to AP, they said, "Well, we can make a correction, but the corrections never catch up with the story." And so here we are again—The Women's movement gets screwed only it's by the big guys this time instead of the little guys.

If, by the way, you'd like to vent some anger about this, the name of the reporter who put out the story was Jerry Baulch of the D.C. AP office. News Editor there is John McClain.

- Lancaster Women's Liberation

HARRISBURG RADIO SHOW

"PARENTS OF GAYS, WHICH WAY?"

by Martin Miller
Gay Era staff

HARRISBURG, PA — "Parents of Gays, Which Way?" That was the topic for discussion Monday, October 14 on Radio Station WCMB-AM's "Party Line Show."

Joyce Reimer, the host of the 10:30 to midnight talk show, spoke with a local gay man and his mother about their relationship and the son's coming out.

The show's first half hour, which started with discussion between Joyce and her guests, was followed by questions from the listening audience. As could be expected, a vast majority of the callers condemned homosexuality as sin and reprimanded the station for broadcasting the show.

After the program, Cathryn, the mother of the gay man, commented, "We could have used an extra 2 hours to cover what we missed. If it wasn't for the callers quoting Bible verses over the phone, we could have concerned ourselves with the real issues." Cathryn continued, "Debating the Bible can go on forever. It's been going on since the Bible was written. The real issue is the relationship between parent and child and putting love before anger, guilt and hurt when your gay son or daughter reveals his or her homosexuality."



David, Cathryn's son, wanted the program to give momentum to the start of a Parents of Gays organization in central Pennsylvania. David told the GAY ERA, "When parents finally accept their child's homosexuality, it not only helps the son or daughter accept themselves, but eventually makes the family a warmer, stronger and more loving environment."

One woman called and asked David which sex act he was more proud of — "sodomy" or "felatio." Another caller asked Cathryn how she could be proud of her gay son and would she be proud if all her children were gay. Cathryn replied that "if all my children grew up to have as many fine qualities as David, then their gayness would not be a factor at all."

Marlin McConnell, proprietor of the Railroad House in Marietta, was the prime sponsor of the program. "If we expect these people to broadcast these programs dealing with gays," said McConnell, "then we have to give them encouragement. What better way than to advertise on these programs and make them understand that you will advertise everytime they do one of these shows?"

Is he afraid of repercussion from such advertising? He says no. "Some gay business owners would be scared to death. They think that straights don't know they are running a gay bar. The truth is that they already know. The word travels fast. I'm out of the closet and have no intentions of going back in." McConnell said that after the program he was speaking with one of the bar owners in Harrisburg who expressed interest in advertising on such shows in the future. "I think that it's about time we get out and start doing things for ourselves. No one is going to hand us what we want on a silver platter," said McConnell.

According to Dave Leas, Business Manager of the GAY ERA, "We tried to buy advertising as well. When we got to the station with the advertising copy, the boss said no. It would have been great when the subject of discrimination came up on the show, if David would have done a "for instance" and cited the advertising denial." Leas added, "But as the readers should already know, it was not the first time that someone has told this newspaper to go get lost."

Cathryn and David are trying to make arrangements to do a follow-up to the show but have not yet set a definite date. Anyone wishing to contact Cathryn or David in regards to their own family situation can do so by writing: Parents of Gays, PO Box 582, Lancaster, Pa. 17604

ALLENTOWN RIGHTS A POLITICAL HOT POTATO

ALLENTOWN—The issue of gay rights appears to be in limbo here, despite the city human relations commis-



sion's recent recommendation that the city ban discrimination against gays.

Mayor Joseph S. Daddona and City Council members seem acutely aware of its potential impact in an election year—and nobody wants an Anita Bryant on his or her back.

Action on the controversial recommendation will be delayed at least until after Nov. 8. And it is doubtful that even then any elected official will associate her or his name with the touchy issue.

Robert Manley, the commission's executive director, said about two months will be required to "transmit" the recommendation to City Hall. He acknowledged, "In view of the national publicity, nobody wants to touch it."

Although Manley said he intends to follow procedure and forward the commission's recommendation to the mayor, the latter doesn't want anything to do with it.

Recalling that City Council asked the commission to formulate an opinion on the question in March, Daddona said, "This wasn't initiated by the

administration. I probably will send it back and recommend that it should go to council."

Most council members hope the issue will just go away before it reaches them.

Council man Watson W. Skinner said there is no support for it among his colleagues. And he said the issue will be ignored until after the election.

"There are enough issues polarizing the community," he explained. "I don't see any advantage in adding this ingredient to the election campaign. If that's playing politics, so be it."

When asked if he would sponsor the gay rights amendment to the city's Human Relations Ordinance, Councilman Alton W. Frey, Jr. said, "Are you kidding? I hope it never comes up."

Councilman Benjamin F. Howells said he'll wait for the sales pitch from the commission before considering a proposed amendment.

Howell was uncertain as to whether he would sponsor the measure, but predicted, "You might find someone willing to stick his neck out."

A NEW YORK CITY FIRST

Kenneth Sherrill, 34-year-old political science professor at Hunter College, won his fight to become the first openly gay candidate elected in New York City. Sherrill will represent the 69th Assembly District Part A on the New York City Democratic Committee. As a holder of this party post, Sherrill will be the channel for neighborhood concerns of

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his district, which stretches from 79th to 98th Streets, between Central Park West and Amsterdam Avenue, in contacts with Democratic party officials.

Sherrill has announced his intention to name the Gay Independent Democrats his official "club-house," making them the first gay political club in the city to have a representative on the Democratic committee.

Running in a neighborhood that he estimates has a 25% gay population, Sherrill called the gay support he received both "the most encouraging and discouraging factor" in his campaign. He found little support from "big names in the movement" but credited his win to gay people "who worked their asses off and who weren't people whose names you'd know." On primary day, over 50 volunteers from the ranks of Metropolitan Community Church (NYC), Identity House (a gay and bisexual counseling center), the Gay Independent Democrats and the Gay Academic Union passed out leaflets to voters near the polls.

The post of Democratic district leader has a two year term; it pays no salary. Sherrill won the election in his 25,000 voter district on a \$5,000 campaign budget using largely his own funds. He received endorsements from incumbent City Council members Henry Berger and Bob Wagner, Jr., a primary candidate for Manhattan Borough president. While Berger and Wagner carried Sherrill's district, both lost their own primary battles.

- The Advocate

GAYS PRESSURE FCC ON "SIGNIFICANT GROUP" STATUS

NEW YORK—The National Gay Task Force and 143 other lesbian and gay organizations have filed a petition for a change in rule-making with the Federal Communications Commission. The petition asks the FCC to amend its community-leader survey checklist to include the lesbian and gay communities in each broadcast area.

The basis of the petition—similar to one which NGTF filed unsuccessfully last year—is that the FCC requires that broadcast licensees be



"For too long, I have been guilty of the crime of silence."

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required to operate in the public interest. FCC regulations define this "public interest" as meaning that radio and television programs must address the problems and needs of all significant elements of the community. In the past, gay people have not been included as a "significant element of the community."

"Just as the Commission has recognized the importance of women and racial minorities in the ascertainment process, it must now recognize that the problems, needs, and interest of the gay community must also be served by broadcast licensees," said the petition.

The NGTF petition comes in the wake of a 1976 decision by the FCC to specifically name 19 groups that must be served by the broadcast media. All other groups are "optional" in terms of radio and television attention. Before 1976, the groups had not been specifically named and therefore it was easier for gay people to claim inclusion under FCC guidelines.

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APA BACKS GAY TEACHERS

NEW YORK—As the national debate continues on the subject of gay teachers, American Psychiatric Association president, Dr. Jack Weinberg, has come out strongly in support of the right of homosexuals to teach in the public schools. "The APA is alarmed about a growing movement to discriminate against homosexuals as teachers in our public schools by courts and boards of education here and there throughout the country," said Weinberg. "The

Association, ever since 1973, has repeatedly affirmed that homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, liability, or general vocational capabilities. As Dr. John Spiegel said in March 1975: 'Many fine teachers from Socrates on have been homosexuals. There are many homosexual teachers in our school systems now, but they are forced to live in fear of being "found out"—at considerable psychological cost to themselves and in turn to society. Others stay out of the teaching profession because they fear exposure. This situation should be remedied. A teacher should be judged on the basis of professional competence, not on the basis of personal lifestyle or sexual preference.'

"I fully agree with Dr. Spiegel's earlier comments," said Weinberg, "and can only add that the effort to frighten citizens into fear of the influence of homosexuals on our children is utterly without scientific foundation, and the effort should be combated by all citizens of good will."

The Weinberg statement was made at the request of the National Gay Task Force. NGTF is in the midst of preparing a packet of statements and court decisions on the subject of gay teachers.

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CARTER ADMINISTRATION: GAY DISTANCE?

WASHINGTON, DC—The Carter administration appears to be moving away from what it considers too much identification with the gay rights issue. In a column by Jack W. Germond and Jules Witcover, generally considered to be a vehicle for the viewpoint of the Carter administration, the columnists attempt to distance the administration from the granting of tax-deductibility status to a gay organization.

The organization, The Fund for Human Dignity of New York—affiliated with the National Gay Task Force (NGTF)—was granted tax-deductibility status recently by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on

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the understanding that the group "will not advocate or actively seek to convince individuals that they should or should not be homosexuals." The organization promised to limit itself to disseminating information to the public "in order to foster an understanding and tolerance of homosexual individuals and their social problems."

"That sounds like something that wouldn't be too much for anyone except perhaps Anita Bryant, but the anti-gay forces see it as part of a dark plot by the Carter administration hatched when the presidential assistant Margaret Costanza met with a group of homosexual leaders at the White House last spring," wrote Germond and Witcover in their syndicated column, published in the Boston Globe. "Costanza says the tax-exemption issue did not arise in that meeting—which Jimmy Carter did not manage to drop in on—but that the gay activists already had their application in the works at the IRS and specifically asked the White House to keep hands off," revealed the two columnists.

- Gay Community News

LESBIAN SEAGULLS DISCOVERED OFF CALIFORNIA COAST

by Ray Spears

IRVINE, CA. — "We are everywhere," goes one popular gay slogan. Amid reports of hermaphrodite mules and gay male toads, a report in the June 24 issue of Science Magazine seems to indicate that some scientists are realizing that homosexuality is far more widespread than they had thought.

George L. Hunt, Associate Professor at the University of California at Irvine, and Molly Warner Hunt, both of the Department of Ecology

and Evolutionary Biology, have discovered that between 8 and 14 percent of the female Western Gulls living on Santa Barbara Island and other Channel Islands off the coast of Southern California, are engaged in long-term pair-bonding with each other. They stumbled on this discovery while observing the gulls over the period 1972-1976, in an attempt to explain the reason why certain nests contained large numbers of unhatched eggs. The answer was, that these nests, or "supernormal clutches" as they are called, are presided over by pairs of female gulls who live together over periods of years. This is the first time that homosexual bonding has been described in wild birds, although it has been noted before in captured birds.

There are also gay gulls who have fertile eggs in their nests. (There is also evidence that male gulls, particularly from other flocks, invade and rape female gulls, but most frequently these attacks are fended off). The Hunts report that pairs of chicks raised by female-female pairs have a survival rate "nearly identical" to the survival rate of chicks raised by heterosexual pairs.

One of the strangest aspects of this report is that this behavior in Western Gulls seems to be fairly recent. In the years before 1968, supernormal clutches were reported extremely infrequently among these gulls, a highly observed species, nor was any but heterosexual behavior observed. Reading through the older reports on gull behavior, it is evident that little attempt was made to accurately observe the gulls. (One report on laughing gulls contains the explicit assumption that in cases where copulation is observed, the top bird is always assumed to be male, and the bottom bird to be female).



The lesbian Western Gulls have been observed exhibiting much of the

behavior of 'straight' gulls, such as mounting and simulated copulation, although not with the same frequency as the heterosexual birds, and some forms of behavior, such as courtship feeding, are much diminished.

The authors of the paper are on extended sabbatical in the Pacific Northwest continuing for comment this year. The article promises that further information is forthcoming.

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OTTAWA, CANADA—Canada's House of Commons has passed a new Immigration Act, which eliminates provisions that made it illegal for gay people to immigrate to Canada. Hailed by Canadian gay activists as the first legislative victory for gay rights in Canada, the new act passed the House of Commons on July 25. Under section 5(e) of the existing Immigration Act, which has been law since 1952, homosexuals are barred from entering Canada as "a class of undesirables." For the past 5 years, gay groups have been pressuring Parliament to change the law.

"We have no statistics as to how many gay men or lesbians were denied entry into the country under the existing law," stated David Garmaise of the National Gay Rights Coalition. "However, with the advent of gay liberation, and the growing numbers of people who, publicly, identify themselves as gay, some cases were brought to our attention."

"We share strong reservations with other groups about certain aspects of this new legislation, specifically the discretionary powers left to immigration officials," stated Mr. Garmaise. "Nonetheless," he continued, "we consider the removal of the discriminatory section against homosexuals to be a victory for gay liberation in this country."

- Gay Community News



SELF-OPPRESSION

by Andrew Hodges and David Hutter

PARDON US FOR LIVING

Before going on to describe how homosexuals oppress themselves, we should first explain why they do so. It is because we learn to loathe homosexuality before it becomes necessary to acknowledge our own. As children and young people we never hear anything good said about Gay life, and only see it referred to as a subject for mockery, disgust, and pity. Moreover Gays, like cuckoos, are reared in alien, heterosexual nests, and even at home the message is the same. Never having been offered positive attitudes to homosexuality, we inevitably adopt negative ones, and it is from these that all our values flow.

SELF-HATRED. We have been taught to hate ourselves—and how thoroughly we have learnt the lesson. Some Gays deliberately keep away from teaching, lest they be a corrupting influence. Others, except for brief, furtive sexual encounters, consciously avoid the company of Gay people because they cannot bear to see a reflection of their own homosexuality. More typically our self-hatred is unconscious and our self-oppression automatic. Unthinkingly we accept the line that soliciting is offensive and confine our complaints about the law to the tactics used to enforce it, or to the unequal sentences passed on those convicted. So ingrained is our assumption of second-class status that we fail to notice even external oppression unless we make a positive effort to root it out. We seldom recognize the queer-basher's fist in the liberal's guiding hand. "How can you be sure that you are homosexual?" asks the psychiatrist. Whenever does he ask heterosexuals that converse question?

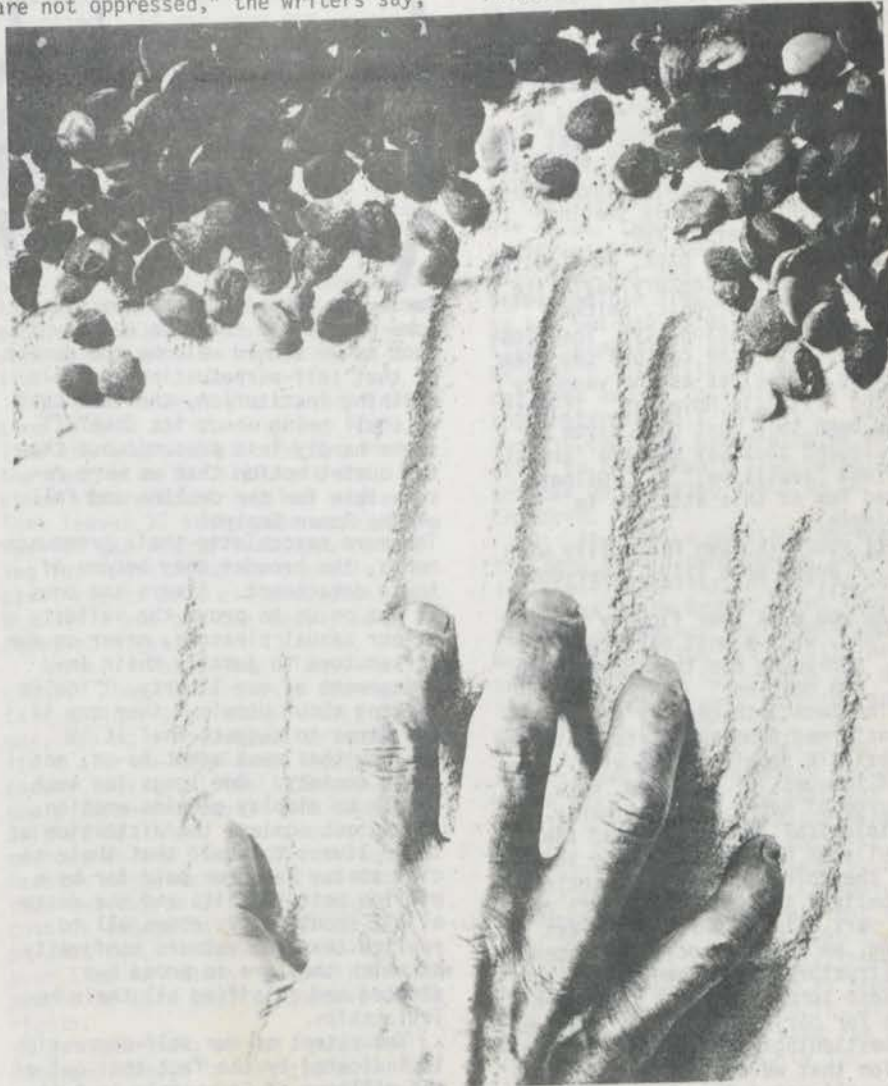
This interchange of homo- and heterosexual is a certain test for both Gay and self-oppression. Another is to compare ourselves with other minorities who may well resent and complain of things we tolerate. Gay people say they fear the loss of non-Gay "friends" if their homosexuality is revealed. What Jew would value the friendship of the anti-Semitic? Once blacks underwent the painful operation of having their hair straightened in an effort to resemble their white masters. This glaring act of self-oppression is nowadays repudiated by every Afro hair-style. If only an insurgent Gay could sweep away Gay people's painful, futile and unending attempts to straighten their lives.

EVADING THE ISSUE. Once they can no longer deny their homosexuality, Gays find ways to avoid confronting the fact that they are the people they despise. It is not easy to live with raw, undiluted self-hatred. Devious and complex are the means by which Gay people come to terms with the dilemma of finding themselves to be that which they have been taught to hate.

The Gay Liberation Front (GLF) Manifesto rightly identified the final stage of self-oppression as saying—and believing—"I am not oppressed." Conscious every minute that they are seen as ridiculous and pitiable, for ever working out ways to suppress evidence of their homosexuality, how can Gay people make such a claim. But they do. The Campaign for Homosexual Equality constantly receives letters imploring it to put a stop to the activities of the radical members. "We are not oppressed," the writers say,

"so please don't let them rock the boat." Ironically, the metaphor aptly expresses the danger and insecurity of our oppressed situation.

Of course it is the very degree of success with which Gay people can conceal their identity that makes it possible for them to shrug off their oppression. Indeed it is possible for Gays, by denying their homosexuality in every social situation, to imagine that they share the status of non-Gay people. Their self-deception goes deeper: they go on to adopt the attitudes of their oppressors—even the logic and language of the non-Gay people with whom they identify. Such "well-adapted" homosexuals have never in reality adapted to their homosexuality, only to its brutal suppression. They will never acknowledge a lifetime's subjugation and dishonesty. "Well-adapted" homosexuals would prefer to carry their oppression to the grave rather than admit that it exists.



TWO TYPICAL CASES. Facing the superior smile of the Gay psychiatrist who has grown rich and respected by writing and lecturing on the "problem" of homosexuality, and who recommends psychotherapy for "these people"; or the weary eyes of a homosexual academic who counters every assertion of the ubiquity of Gay oppression with, say, an instance of eighteenth-century bawdry—one realizes that powerful enemies lie within our ranks. Always they refute the general by the trivial. Cornered and challenged to drop their pretense, these Uncle Toms retreat behind a smokescreen of bogus objectivity. "If Gay pride," they ask, "why not queer-bashers' pride?" questioned the way the word defined us as sick and abnormal.

COMPENSATING FACTORS. Even the positive claims Gay people make serve to disguise their negative attitudes. It is tempting for us to compensate for our downtrodden position by inventing special qualities and investing homosexuality with a spurious glamour. Taught that we are nothing, the dregs of society, we defensively retaliate by compiling lists of famous Gays. "Jesus was Gay," we claim proudly (overlooking two thousand years of Christian persecution). "Gay people are so imaginative and creative," we plead. "We are so much fun to be with," we cry. Some Gays treat life as an unending commercial—fervently selling, not our genuine advantages, but whatever goods they imagine there to be a market for.

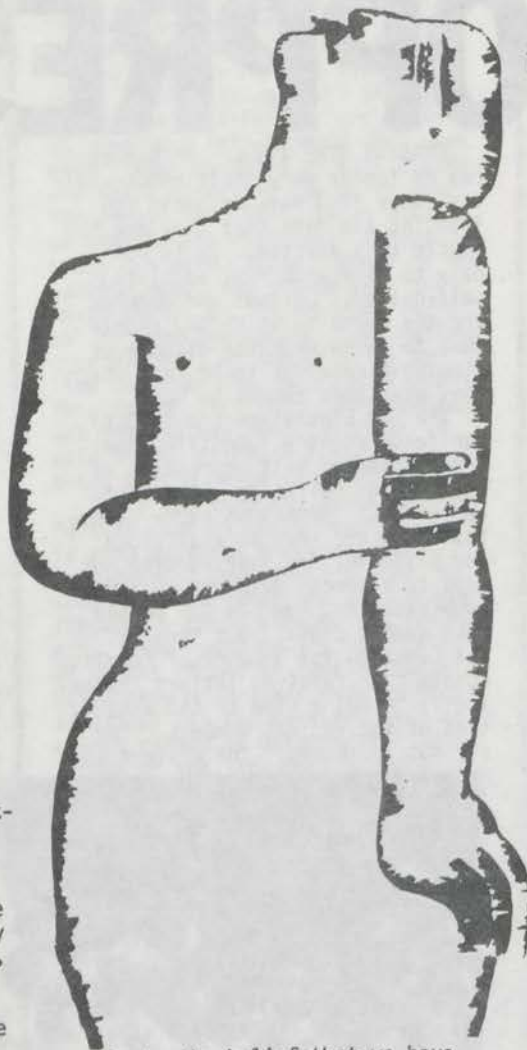
Briefly looking back, we find the early nineteenth-century Gay elite exploiting the Bryonic, "wicked" aspects of homosexuality. The closing decades of the century saw them viewing themselves as the vanguard of the Aesthetic Movement. It must have been this that gave birth to the legend that Gay men are "artistic" and "sensitive," W.S. Gilbert poked fun at this attitude in *Patience*:

If you walk down Piccadilly with a poppy or a lily...everyone will say

As you walk your flowery way...

"Why, what a most particularly pure young man this pure young man must be!"

The twentieth century saw Gays transformed from exquisite aesthetes to brittle sophisticated wits. Our acid tongues, we imagined, were the scourge of every cocktail party. The sociological seventies find the privileged Gay elite eagerly accepting the role of scourge of society. We believe that without effort on our part, simply through the act of being, we subvert social and economic structures. So keen are we to possess something extra to compensate for our homosexuality that we unquestioningly jump from the observation that we are, by our very nature, alienated from the nuclear



family to the belief that we have some particular power to destroy it. Much as we should welcome the demise of that self-perpetuating and role-defining institution, the idea that we shall bring about its downfall seems hardly less presumptuous than the quaint notion that we were responsible for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire! The more masochistic their pronouncements, the prouder they become of their detachment. Always the onus is put on us to prove the validity of our sexual pleasure, never on our persecutors to justify their infringement of our liberty. "You're talking about Utopia," they cry if one dares to suggest that it is society that must adapt to us, not us to society. One longs for such people to display genuine emotion, to cry out against the distortion of their lives; to admit that their social status has been paid for by a million petty deceptions and the death of all spontaneity; above all to realize that the outward conformity of which they are so proud has stunted and falsified all their relationships.

The extent of our self-oppression is indicated by the fact that out of the millions of Gay people in Britain only a thousand or so are

actively associated with the Gay movement, and out of these few only a minority are really determined to press home their demands on a society that persecutes and derides them. The majority of homosexuals, like underpaid but genteel office workers, refuse to join the union. They prefer the imagined status that comes from identifying with the management.

WORDS. Language itself is an instrument of self-oppression. Because it is not value-loaded we use the term "homosexual," but reluctantly, since it is a nineteenth-century medical definition. It is fast becoming replaced by "Gay"—a word chosen by ourselves. Heterosexuals chide us for using what they see as a euphemism, but there can be no euphemism for "homosexual," since a euphemism essentially replaces an offensive word.

One would hardly guess this from the argument in favor of "homophile," which is that "homosexual" emphasizes sex. If the substitution of the mild suffix "-phile" (as in Anglophile) means anything at all, it is that homophile is one who feels more comfortable with persons of the same sex—what used to be known as "a man's man." But serious analysis flatters the word. "Homophile" is simply an evasion of the fact that it is by their sexual love that homosexuals are defined; to evade this panders to the sexual guilt that permeates and perpetuates our oppression.

How clearly our self-hatred is revealed in the words we use. How easily "queen" becomes a term of abuse: "That silly old queen," we say. Even those women who show a preference for the company of Gay men we disparage with names like "fag hag." Until recently "queer" was a word used by all Gay people. We were so conditioned to believe in our abnormality that we never

This extra glass which Gay people feel obliged to give their lives is, of course, quite unnecessary; there is nothing in their homosexuality for which they need to compensate. When we genuinely believe this, and welcome our homosexuality for the natural thing it is, and see homosexuals as the different, but none the less ordinary, people they are, then at last we will have begun to throw off our self-oppression.

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- Mainly Gay

Viewpoints

WHY IS GAY LAW NEEDED, ANYWAY?

San Francisco is the only major California city with a law similar to the one repealed in Miami (though the City of Los Angeles does have a clause in its affirmative-action plan prohibiting discrimination in the hiring of municipal employees on the basis of sexual preference).

While a 1975 statute legalizes all sex acts between consenting adults in California, no state law specifically addresses the issue of discrimination against homosexuals. Three bills are in the offing, however. Two of these, introduced by Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), would amend the state Fair Employment Practices Commission code to prohibit such discrimination. On the other hand, Sen. John V. Briggs, the Orange County Republican who went to Florida to assist Miss Bryant in her campaign, plans to introduce a bill giving school districts the right to dismiss teachers on the basis of sexual preference.

Why do homosexuals see a clear need for legislation on their behalf, despite the setback in Miami? The following colloquy, prepared by Bruce Voeller and Jean O'Leary of New York, co-executive directors of the National Gay Task Force, addresses this underlying issue.

Question: You gays are always saying you're already in every sort of job and profession, including teaching, the military, pro football, whatever. How can you say you're discriminated against and need civil rights laws to protect you?

Answer: If you really think there's no discrimination, we dare you to wear a gay-rights button for just one day. Look, if Jews were still changing their names and bob-



bing their noses and pretending to be Presbyterians in order to get jobs, would you say that Jews weren't discriminated against? That's close to what lesbians and gay men have to do today. We're forced to join a conspiracy to pretend we don't exist, and we're socially acceptable only until somebody "discovers our secret." So most of us live in fear we'll be found out and lose our livelihood. That's why legislation is necessary.

Question: But being gay isn't the same as being Jewish. What you do in bed is your own business, so long as you keep it to yourself. What you're asking for is a license to flaunt your private life in public isn't it?

Answer: We suggest you open your eyes and ears to who's doing the flaunting. If you were gay, you'd realize most people let you know almost immediately that they're heterosexual. They're always telling you where they went last weekend with their spouses or dates, how many children they have, which movie stars of the opposite sex they think are sexy. They embrace and kiss in public places. They don't, for the most part, tell you what they do in bed, but most of us don't want to do that either. We just don't think we should be asked to censor ourselves when nobody else is required to do it.

Question: What you do isn't the same as what we do. You may not like the laws against sodomy, but the fact is only California and 17 other states have repealed them. That leaves 32 states where, by asking for gay-rights laws, you're asking for legislation to grant full civil rights to a class of criminals. Why don't you get the sodomy laws repealed first?

Answer: The present laws are clear. They declare only that certain actions are crimes. Just being gay, having a homosexual orientation, isn't a crime anywhere. Besides, the sodomy laws in virtually every state apply to heterosexuals and homosexuals alike. And, since such diverse sources as the Kinsey Institute and Redbook magazine report that more than two-thirds of heterosexual couples engage in "crimes" of oral or anal sex, it would follow—by your line of reasoning—that very few people in this country deserve civil rights.

Q: Criminals or not, you aren't numerous enough to worry about. Why should we go to all the trouble of passing laws to protect an insigni-

ficant group of people?

A: The rights of a minority, no matter how small, ought not to be abridged. But the fact is, you have not the faintest idea how many of us there are. And you can't say there aren't very many of us while, at the same time, you force us to remain invisible. You don't have to take just our word for it: According to Dr. Paul H. Gebhard, head of the Institute for Sex Research (Kinsey Institute), "When one speaks of homosexuality, one is talking about something that involves millions, not thousands, of U.S. citizens."

Q: All right, but I might as well tell you what worries me most. As Anita Bryant kept saying, the real reason for opposing gay-rights laws is to make sure that gay people, especially teachers, "will not be allowed to preach their sexual standards to, or otherwise influence, impressionable young people."

A: When we were kids, we thought that every one of our teachers (and everybody else we knew) was heterosexual. So, the sexual orientation of our teachers certainly didn't rub off on us. What you seem to be really worried about is that kids will find out gay people aren't the irresponsible freaks they're supposed to be, but can be warm, strong, sensitive, responsible and—yes—moral. We aren't interested in molesting children and in fact are less likely than heterosexuals to do so. We refuse to continue pretending we don't exist so that people like Anita Bryant can go on lying about us to children.

Q: It isn't a question of lying to them; it's a question of subverting their sexuality, of making them think, as Anita Bryant said, that "they have another legitimate choice open to them." You may be nice people and I might even invite you for dinner, but I don't want to encourage my child to be gay.

A: As a matter of fact, civil rights laws don't encourage anybody to be anything. If you say that people ought not to be discriminated against because they're Catholic or Buddhists, that doesn't mean your children are going to be Catholics or Buddhists. But you're right about one thing: It does mean that you see members of those faiths as human beings who are just as good as you are, and that all people, including your children, have the right to choose private morality for themselves.

letters

Dear Gay Era,

I was excited to find your publication, at the gay march on Sunday in New York. My father came from Mount Union, a small town about 80 miles west of Harrisburg, on the Pensy. I used to visit the area each year as a child, as that half of my family seems to live between there and Altoona. I'm sure most of them would agree wholeheartedly with Anita & Co. Very conservative, Fundamentalist and Republican. There was a tightness among parts of my family that was suffocating; fortunately my father had left the area and I grew up in small town New England, which however confining and oppressive, did not subject me to the added oppression of a lot of relatives in close proximity to keep me in line. I rarely go back. Janet Cooper and I once exchanged memories of Mount Union.

Well, I'm rambling... My roommate David Walker was also excited by your publication, as he's from Lancaster. We're both now living in a collective here in Boston, the Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom. Several of us work on Gay Community News.

Wishing you the best of luck,
love & struggle,

John Kyper
Roxbury, Mass.

(Kyper also enclosed a copy of his letter to Anita Bryant, which follows)

Miss Anita Bryant
P. O. Box 40-2745
Miami Beach, Fla. 33140

Dear Anita Bryant:

I am writing you because I was once one of the children you are determined to "save" from homosexuality. I grew up during the 1950's listening to your music, and I especially enjoyed "Till There Was You." I must have been ten at the time.

In those days, of course, my parents were determined to "save" me. I was repeatedly told, "Never take a ride from a stranger," and offered evil visions of dirty old men who wanted to molest me. Well, I never was molested—sorry to disappoint you—but today I am gay and proud.

I don't know how I became homosexual, and I honestly don't care. I see little comparable speculation on the causes of heterosexual development. Once I was asked, awkwardly, how long I had "been homosexual." I believe I said I had come out, i.e. accepted my homosexuality, several years before. Had I taken the question literally, I would have replied that I had "been homosexual" since my earliest childhood fantasies of other little boys.

Learning to accept myself was a struggle that took many years. Like everyone else, I was brought up with the expectation that I should marry and raise a family. No adult I knew could admit the possibility that I should differ; that I might desire other males was never a plausible alternative. Certainly there was nothing my parents could have less wanted me to become, except perhaps a murderer or a thief. My schoolmates were no more understanding, and I soon discovered that "queer" is an epithet as vicious as "nigger"—but I could find no one who shared my subversive passion. My queerness was a badge of shame that I alone felt, and I suffered alone, in secrecy.

It was not until I was twenty that I could admit to myself that my feelings were homosexual. Two more years were necessary before I could accept myself. Finally, I made my decision, after much struggle. I soon joined Boston's fledgling gay liberation movement, for myself and for those seeking the courage to affirm themselves. For the first time I did not feel alone, as I learned to love myself and my sisters and brothers. Having suffered, I was rebelling against those labels by which others sought to define my reality for me.

Most of my family is Fundamentalist and would probably support your campaign. My father was a minister for 33 years. When he learned of my homosexuality, he was so upset that he never spoke to me again, and he died of a heart attack several months later. Such cruelty, to me and to himself, is the kind of "Christian compassion" I see in your behavior. I know many, many other gays who have come from strict religious families.

We come from everywhere, including no doubt from your own family. What would be your reaction if one of your own children turned out homosexual? Do you endorse the sentiments of John Sorenson, former head of the Miami vice squad and a Baptist deacon, "I would rather see any of my children dead than homosexual"? Like you and like those who burned homosexuals, witches and Jews during the Middle Ages, Mr. Sorenson claims to be motivated by the love of God. At least the Nazis pretended no such hypocrisy when they sent 200,000 homosexuals to the gas chambers!

In plain English, Anita Bryant, you are a bigot, shamelessly exploiting the Gospel for your own ends. The book of Leviticus also prescribes animal sacrifice, and forbids the eating of shellfish (11:10) and the wearing of garments made with more

than one kind of cloth (19:19). Do you also uphold these laws? Competent scholars tell us that the true sin of Sodom was its inhospitality to strangers. Consider also the tender friendship between Jonathan and David. I suggest that you read your Bible more closely before you condemn others: Judge not lest you be judged.

I am angry, most of all, because I have worked with children as a day-camp counsellor. I was once refused a job as an aide at a local state hospital on account of my homosexuality, told I was "not suitable to work with young people." I was insulted by the implication that I am a potential child molester, which is as absurd and obscene as the superstition that black men are naturally rapists.

Your insistence that "recruitment of our children is absolutely necessary for the survival and growth of homosexuality" is a pathetic lie. Repression does not prevent homosexuality; it merely insures that those who are homosexual shall grow up with guilt and ridicule. Like Kenneth Myers, a youth who shot himself last September in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, because he was, literally, sick to death of the taunts of his teachers and classmates. This is the fruit of your cruel, vindictive morality.

Sincerely,
John Kyper

May, 1977.

Dear Mom + Dad;
Miguel and I like
to put our dicks
into each other's
bums and mouths.

Love,
Gully



Body Politic

VOLUNTEER POWER

by Bob Herrick

How often have you said, "Why is it that the same people always end up doing all the work?" This is a standard lament not only in the gay community but in all non-profit groups. Equally often it is said, "I spent hours trying to talk him/her into taking on this project and somehow she/he never came back." It is true some people are scared to be involved; others are just looking to meet someone and their visit is only incidentally for work. And some people arrive with answers to all your organization's problems and resent it if they too are asked to help stuff envelopes. Those are some of the difficulties. What to do about them?

First of all, a volunteer coordinator is a must! And for a while still, it may be best to have separate women's and men's work nights, with separate coordinators. The coordinator(s) should have an uncanny ability to make routine work interesting. Learning the names of the volunteers and talking with them about their own interests and—most important—the work the organization is doing is vital. They want to know what they've helped accomplish, and to feel that their comments and suggestions are taken seriously. Encourage volunteers to read what they stuff! and ask questions about it (which you should be able to answer).

Regular scheduling of work on the same night(s) of the week is important so that you can build up an experienced group of regular volunteers. And be prepared for them: have work projects carefully set out and geared to the individual talents of different volunteers. Try to



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schedule people and projects so that you can assign tasks in rotation. Do not waste volunteers' time; they do not appreciate it and it's a waste of energy you need. But do take a break during the work period: serve refreshments, let people know what's happening, talk up special projects or committees needing help. After a break is a good time to move volunteers from routine work onto a project. But be sure that the project has supervision and a definite goal in sight; nothing can be more disheartening than a seemingly endless assignment. Review the work that has been done, tactfully correct or criticize, and never neglect to give thanks.

Note: be careful about sending out questionnaires to your membership requesting volunteer help. Do not do it if you aren't able to make effective use of the help that is offered. People who ask in good faith to help and are never called on feel frustrated and ignored. Emphasize in your questionnaire, if you use one, that you are gathering a data bank of confidential information about available skills that you will call on from time to time for special projects. Don't raise expectations that you can't fulfill.

- National Gay Task Force



Robert LaGuardia's *Monty* (Arbor House, 304 pp. & photos, \$12.95, hardcover) is one of two major studies of the film star announced at the same time; LaGuardia's haste to get into print first sometimes shows. Or maybe, LaGuardia was simply uninterested in really depicting the making of Clift's films, except as to the people he met as a result or the health problems (both physical and mental) which he was undergoing at the time.

Clift, one of the fifties' most brilliant screen actors, was a troubled, tormented personality who was not helped any by his evidently "quack" psychiatrist, his family, or his choice of equally neurotic lovers. Once he began combining pills and alcohol, his descent was assured, steady, and not so slow. Clift died at the age of 46, ostensibly from a heart attack. LaGuardia's portrait of Clift is not pretty (and I doubt any honest biography would be), and the detailing of Clift's life has all the horrible



fascination of watching a vivisection.

I shall probably deal at more length with *The Sexual Outlaw* (Grove Press, 307 pp., \$8.95, hardcover) at some time in the future when I am less outraged and able to deal with it more objectively. Suffice it to say that after wading through this over-long hodge-podge, I found myself wishing that John Rechy's intelligence equalled his talent. His repeated phrase of "the beauty of the choreography of the sex-hunt" and his insistence on public sex as an act of revolution are pretentious at best and bullshit rhetoric at worst. There's also his annoyingly coy habit of combining words (i.e., sexhunt, youngman), which is one of the tritest style-gimmicks around and absolutely unnecessary for a writer of Rechy's power. The man has an absolutely uncanny knack for telling detail and thought juxtaposition which manage to convey things even the author seems trying to hide from. I will not, as some reviewers have, berate Rechy for "exposing" the seamier side of gay life. In fact his jaded insider viewpoint is a refreshing change of pace from all the aghast media reporters. What is lamentable is his downright silly preoccupations—his refusal to even hint at his age, his boring rantings against S&M, his passion for turning his sexual encounters into novels—and the basic fact that, despite his talent, he has nothing to say, mostly because he rarely thinks. Perhaps when Rechy's physique catches up to his body, and he's no longer able to pass and run around like a young hustler, he might begin to produce important thoughtful work.

I have always been predisposed to like anything by Christopher Isherwood. I admire the clarity of his writing where simplicity and precision of word usage combine in a gem-hard style whose roots lie more in poetry than the prose it disguises itself as. Cocteau (who

believed every art form was a kind of poetry) would claim Isherwood wrote novel poems. What Cocteau never stated and may not have realized is that a deceptively simple style is the mark of a self-assured master who knows that he can invoke with a bold stroke what lesser artists would use tons of chiaroscuro to convey.

One can turn to the works of lesser authors to see how pathetic the bold stroke can become. Compare, for instance, Nikos Kazantzakis to Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., or F. Scott Fitzgerald to Erick Segal. One can also compare Christopher and His Kind (Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 339 pp., \$10.00, hardcover) to Sexual Outlaw—although at first this comparison may seem absurd, and should certainly not be carried beyond the surface of the style and the fact that the two authors' homosexual lifestyles form the bases for their books. Certainly the comparison is a disservice to Isherwood, but let's pursue it for a moment.

To begin with, both authors refer to themselves in the third person. Rechy creates the persona of "Jim" to go through the motions of his life. Isherwood refers constantly to his younger self as "Christopher." Both authors place themselves at a distance to view their activities. Isherwood tends to act as his own (sometimes) objective biographer. With Rechy, however, because his activities are more current, the effect is more of a split-personality "the devil made me do it." Rechy is also unsure of his abilities (unnecessarily so) and thus lards on effect and trick after effect and trick. Isherwood creates a consome; Rechy, a Mulligan stew.

Further comparison is a disservice to both authors. Depending on the reader's taste, Isherwood may seem unfulfilling or Rechy bloating.

What I found most fun about Isherwood's book was that it read like a veritable Who's Who of British literati of the 30's, most of them gay: W.H. Auden, Stephen Spender, Somerset Maugham, Gerald Heard, E.M. Forster and a host of others march through the pages. If nothing else, it gives a gay reader a certain sense of history. (There are also accounts of Magnus Hirschfeld and the Institute, where Isherwood lived for a time while in Berlin.) But even if one does not recognize the names, Isherwood's memoirs can be enjoyed for the simple, uncluttered style he uses as adroitly in telling his own story as he has in writing novels. There are insights so clearly stated that they suddenly bash your skull in with their insights. I cannot recommend Christopher and His Kind too highly.

In contrast to Isherwood's nearly guilt-free account of his "coming out," I turn with no less of a recommendation to Under the Rainbow (Morrow, 255 pp., \$8.95, hardcover),

Arnie Katrowitz's angst-fraught account of "growing up gay." We deal here with two entirely different mileaus and approaches. Isherwood looks back over some 30 years to an upper-class British childhood while Katrowitz looks just over his shoulder to a lower-class, Jewish, Bronx, guilt-trip upbringing. Katrowitz's proximity to his past, with raw nerve-ends still showing, makes his account of psychotherapy, attempted suicides, attempted heterosexuality, self-punishment, et. al. all the more harrowing. In the hands of a lesser writer, the account could wallow in schlock and self-pity. Katrowitz, one of the most gifted wordsmiths currently in the movement, keeps one's eyes glued to the page. I put this book down only when I absolutely had to be elsewhere, and then very reluctantly.

I came away from The David Kopay Story (Arbor House, 247 pp. & photos, \$8.95, hardcover), co-authored with Perry Deane Young (Two of the Missing), vastly dissatisfied. There is simply too much of something missing, and I'm not quite sure I can say exactly what. I just don't feel I had any more insight into the man or his unique problems and experiences by the time I finished the book. Perhaps Young's journalistic training keeps him (and Kopay) from ever going very far beneath the surface. Certainly the authors' consistent refusal to shock robs the book of a great deal of texture. Perhaps, it is merely life itself that robs most confrontations of any drama or catharsis and leaves relationships as confused and unresolved as they were before the confrontation. But something is wrong in a book whose possibilities are so absorbing as to hold me to the very end, only to wonder why I'd bothered. This book should not have been as forgettable as it is. Perhaps I expected too much.

Bantam Books has announced its acquisition of Patricia Nell Warren's The Fancy Dancer for a paperback edition. By the time this announcement sees print, it should be in the bookstores. For a full review of the novel, see the May issue of the Gay Era.

Giovanni's Room, the feminist/gay bookshop in Philadelphia, hit the road this summer with a bookmobile, servicing East Coast gay workshops and conferences. A fine idea, we hope it was successful and will be continued.

— H L

THE AUDEN GENERATION

by Samuel Hynes
Viking, N.Y., 430 pp., \$12.50
Reviewed by Ken Rabb

There is an aura of myth settled over the literary generation which emerged in England during the thirties, an image of the Communist Poet publishing in New Signatures, living



in a working class district of Weimar Berlin, dying in the shelling of Barcelona. Though much of the literature produced during that time is today critically disparaged and rarely read, the romantic image persists.

In The Auden Generation Samuel Hynes writes with sympathy, presenting an intelligent and readable reassessment of the decade's literary output. Hynes successfully reawakens interest in such neglected works as the fiction of Upward and Warner, and the travel writings of Isherwood and Graham Greene, while at the same time finding useful things to say about the decade's more familiar works, as in his lucid reading of the often willfully obscure early poetry of Auden. Hynes' chronological approach—he devotes a chapter to each year—enables the reader to observe the evolution of writers over the course of a decade more commonly treated as a single phase in their careers.

However, in his effort to construct a literary "generation," Hynes at times distorts his subject, over or under emphasizing elements within a writer's works to ensure that they adhere to the thematic pattern Hynes has set for them. Hynes makes too much of Waugh's social criticism, too little of Auden's lyrical efforts. The term "Auden Generation," as Hynes deploys, is a misnomer. It is an unwarranted extension of the literary group Orwell contemptuously termed "Auden & Co." which included a number of writers, Orwell among them, having little more in common than their English nationality and birth dates in the first decade of this century.

Not surprisingly, though Hynes is aware that many of the writers he is discussing were gay, he fails to treat their homosexuality as a significant factor in sharpening the content of their literary work. To do so might divide his "generation" into bothersome gay and straight factions. Consequently, the homosexuality of Auden and Isherwood is attributed less influence on their writings of the thirties than the fact that both were born too late to serve in the First World War.

"A low, dishonest decade" Auden wrote at the thirties' end, condemning his own poetry along with the hopes that inspired it. Auden's judgment was too harsh. The Auden Generation, though flawed, contributes to the appreciation of a literature that has been unjustly ignored.

— Gay Community News

Training your Lover

Lesson 1

TEACHING HIM TO SIT

PRINCIPLES

The most important part of training is learning the basic principles of the art.

Look at your lover as an individual; evaluate his temperament and abilities.

He will work for two reasons; for praise, and to avoid correction. Design a procedure using the right amount of praise and the right amount of correction for your lover.

A shy, sensitive lover, the kind that is easy to push around, can't take much correction. Sometimes the word "no" is enough. A big, extroverted, cheerful lover may need harder physical correction.

Before you apply any correction to your lover, you should make certain that he understands what he is supposed to do. He will take correction if he knows why it is happening. If he doesn't know what's going on, you'll just confuse him.



CORRECTING YOUR LOVER: A QUICK SNAP OF THE CHOKER IS ALL THAT IS NECESSARY.

TOOLS: You'll need a choker collar and a six-foot training leash, available from any pet supply store.

Correction consists of a snap of the choker and the word "no." Correction is not a constant strain on the choker. That's called "strangling your lover."

To correct properly, snap the choker quickly, then release it. (See photo.)



SIT PROCEDURE

1

Position him on the right side of the handler so his shoulders are at the handlers shoulders.

STARTING POSITION.

CORRECT

INCORRECT



2A.

Give the command, "Sit."

2B.

Pull up gently on the choker with your right hand. With your right foot apply gentle pressure to the back of his knees. This makes him sit down without hurting him. (Don't push down on his hips from the front; he will resist and you could hurt him.) Praise him as soon as he sits, even though you made him do it.

3.

Turn to face the same direction as your lover. If he gets up, repeat the procedure. "Sit" is a very easy command, and your lover will probably catch on after 5 or 6 tries.

4.

Once he begins to sit by himself, you can start adding a slight correction when he stands up again. The correction consists of a slight upward jerk on the choker, and the word "no."

Now say the word "sit."

If he does not sit, repeat the correction until he does. As soon as he sits, praise him.

Always jerk the choker on the word "no." If you jerk on the word "sit," he will be confused.



MAKING YOUR LOVER SIT: PUSH GENTLY ON THE BACK OF HIS KNEES AS SHOWN.

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BUTCH MEANEY AND FRIEND

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Bits 'n' Pieces

San Francisco—Activist actress Jane Fonda told a gay rights fundraising party-dance that Anita Bryant is "not well" and is "fanning the flames of fear."

Further, she stated that Bryant "represents a kind of mentality and attitude that should have been swept away by the civil rights movement."

Another guest of honor, Sheriff Richard Hongisto, said that Bryant had demonstrated her "potential for bigotry and stupidity."

In an ABC television interview, Liv Ullman said, "I'm a mother, too, and what I want most to save my child from is the Anita Bryants of the world, the people who teach our children intolerance, who teach our children that some people are more normal than others." She added, "We haven't seen for many, many years someone who discriminates against a group of people in our society becoming a hero. That's why I retch."

- High Gear

Some harsh words for Anita Bryant come from syndicated columnist Mike Royko, who recently added her to his list of the "10 most obnoxious Americans." Wrote Royko, "She wants us to believe that it is God's will that she hound and persecute the gays. Well, then, let her explain one thing. If God dislikes gays so much, how come he picked Michelangelo, a known homosexual, to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, while assigning Anita to go on TV and push orange juice."

According to a poll released in late July, Anita Bryant was voted "America's greatest American" by teenage beauty pageant contestants. Jerry Lewis and Bob Hope were runners-up in the Miss National Teenager contest poll.

- High Gear

DR. SPOCK SPEAKS

SAN FRANCISCO—Author and "baby doctor" Benjamin Spock has told the Bisexual Center here that sexual orientation is determined before age five. Spock, author of Baby and Child Care, added that teachers do not affect teenage sexual development. "Homosexuality does not result from seductions by homosexual teachers," said Spock.

According to Spock, who announced he would launch a campaign to educate Americans about homosexuality and children, "it is proper and advantageous for children to be taught about what homosexuality and heterosexuality are." Spock added that parents should tell their children that gays are "human beings like you and me."

- Gay Community News

Vodka is just as good in grapefruit juice with grenadine; or, join the OJ boycott!

That's just what the Swedish Federation for Sexual Equality is doing. Riksförbundet for Sexuell Likabehandling has announced its intention of starting a Sweden-wide boycott of orange juice imported from Florida.

The action was initiated to support "our gay sisters and brothers in the United States and their struggle for human rights and the disapproval of the inhumane scare tactics used by anti-gay groups such as Anita Bryant's Save Our Children, Inc."

According to RFSL, the boycott, involving all of Sweden's gay organizations, is "helping to serve as a means of raising the consciousness of both our gay and straight communities in our fight for gay rights in Sweden. We want the entire world to know of the universal struggle for gay rights and that human rights are absolute."

With an endorsement like that, how can any of us, here, drink Florida orange juice again?

- Gaysweek

BERWICK HOTEL SOLD

BERWICK, PA—Robert Rood, former owner of the Hotel Berwick, which contained Berwick's one and only gay bar, has sold his interest in that hotel. The new owner will not operate a gay bar on the premises. A deciding factor in the sale was harassment of the establishment, including numerous unpleasant incidents such as the breaking of windows, which began to occur after the ruckus raised by everyone's professional enemy, Anita Bryant.

- Philadelphia Gay News

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BISHOP BACKS "GOING STRAIGHT"

DENVER—An Episcopal ministry that attempts to change homosexuals to heterosexuals has won the endorsement of the Episcopal bishop of Colorado. Bishop William Frey recently wrote a letter to bishops and other clergy, endorsing the work of the King's Ministries Program. The program is coordinated by William Preussing who claims his program is one of about 30 such organizations in cities throughout the country. Those gay people seeking to change their sexual orientation are referred to the group through Episcopal priests.

- Gay Community News

7TH DAY ADVENTISTS CONDEMN

WASHINGTON, DC—Rev. Richard Pierson, president of the general conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, has strongly condemned homosexuality. "Any perversion that weakens the very basis upon which a Christian nation is built cannot be accepted by the Church," he said. In addition, Mr. Pierson asserted that a gay relationship is "contrary to nature and to God's expressed will and is generally transitory in nature."

The statement was the Church's first formal statement of opposition to the gay rights movement. The statement emphasized that the denomination had the responsibility to oppose any efforts to "promote pride" in behavior that was opposed to what the Church considers biblical standards of morality.

- Gay Community News

"EX-GAY" EVANGELIST QUILTS

NEW YORK—Guy Charles, the former gay activist and Advocate writer, has resigned his position in the Christian fundamentalist organization, Liberation Through Jesus Christ. Charles had been leading revival sessions in an attempt to persuade gay people to "repent" and go "straight." He recently led a meeting in Braintree, MA, in which two young men were "saved" from homosexuality.

According to Liberation Through Jesus Christ, the former Gay Activist Alliance public relations-person resigned for "personal reasons." However, other sources reported that Charles was forced out after a number of complaints that he had attempted to have sexual relations with young men who were sent to him for spiritual "guidance."

- Gay Community News

ANOTHER GAY CHURCH HIT BY VANDALS

For the second time in as many months, a building occupied by a gay church has been vandalized by anti-gay crusaders.

Vandals struck a building used for services by the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in Minneapolis, breaking a window and defacing the exterior walls with slogans. One of the spray-painted slogans read: "Anita Bryant for President."

Police estimated damage to the building, operated by the Quaker church as a Friends Meeting House, at \$2,500. The meeting house is used regularly by the MCC for its services.

The incident brought an angry reaction from Minnesota's United Methodist Bishop Wayne Clymer. In an open letter to all the state's congregations, Bishop Clymer blamed the vandalism on "persons who are stoking fears, anxieties and hatreds...with religious feeling." Bishop Clymer urged Methodists "not to get caught up in this spirit which is alien to the love of God."

- The Advocate

WAS JESUS GAY?

DENVER, CO—An ordained minister with a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago's Divinity School has written a full-length manuscript in which he argues that Jesus Christ was gay. According to an article in *New Times* magazine, the book, written by Denver artist Gary Michael, was offered to large publishing houses in 1973 but was turned down. Michael refused to rewrite the book for the popular press, insisting that it was a scholarly work intended for a scholarly audience.



Michael reportedly is not interested "in proving Jesus was gay" but in investigating the "theological implications of the idea."

According to Michael's *Jesus Christ, Homosexual*, there was no theological basis for Christ to have surrounded himself with males. There are only two instances throughout the Gospels in which Jesus as much as touches a woman, and both encounters, asserts the author, are awkward. In addition, Michael claims that Christ displayed an "ambivalence towards the institution of marriage" and never repeated the "emphatic and unequivocal" Old Testament strictures against homosexuality although he had several logical opportunities to do so.

"When you add the threads together," says Michael, "they're like the threads of a cloth. They add up to an argument." Michael, who is himself not gay, says that he sent a copy of the manuscript to anti-gay fundamentalist Anita Bryant.

- Gay Community News

ST. PAUL—The Minnesota Supreme Court ruled recently that public welfare funds can be used for transsexual operations.

- Gay News

SACRAMENTO, CA—California Governor Jerry Brown has signed a bill into law that would give transsexuals the right to get a re-written birth certificate. The new birth certificate would take note of the person's sex change. The bill, which was sponsored by Assemblyperson Willie Brown (who also led the fight for the state's recently enacted consenting adults law), is expected to affect about 100 people.

- Gay Community News

SACRAMENTO, CA—California Governor Jerry Brown recently signed into law legislation designed to ban gay marriages.

The measure specifies that marriage is a contract "between a man and a woman," language that had been missing from previous marriage law in California.

- Gay News

Police in San Francisco say they are "fairly certain" that they know who is responsible for 14 homosexual slayings. However, the man has not yet been charged because three survivors of his knife attacks, including a "wellknown entertainer" and a diplomat, "won't come out of the closet" and testify against him.

- High Gear

"The Naked Civil Servant," a film biography of the flamboyant and self-proclaimed British homosexual, Quentin Crisp, which won universal acclaim from critics in Britain and

the U.S. when broadcast as a television special, will be distributed as a 16mm film, available for sale or rental to groups and organizations by Arthur Cantor, Inc.

The film, described by the Hollywood Reporter as "a salute to the superb courage of the disenfranchised," is based on the published autobiography of Mr. Crisp, who is superbly portrayed by John Hurt in a tour-de-force performance which won him the British TV Academy Award and critical huzzahs on both sides of the Atlantic. "The Naked Civil Servant" also won the British TV Academy Award for its director, Jack Gold, as well as the Prix Italia and the International Emmy. Far from being a piece of fictional sensationalism, this is a serious and responsible contribution to the understanding of a very real facet of our society, as well as being a vivid presentation of one man's life.

Quentin Crisp, who, at 66, is alive and well and living in Chelsea, is not merely a self-confessed but a self-evident homosexual who made a decision in his early 20's that he would live his life according to his nature and make that a statement. The film is a cavalcade of the passionate and comic life and times of Crisp over five decades; a recreation of the way society felt about eccentrics in general and homosexuals in particular; about how society's views have changed and about the people who survived knowing him.

Information regarding rental rates and terms for the 90-minute color film can be obtained by writing or calling Arthur Cantor, Inc., 234 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036; (212)-391-0450.

BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT "COMES OUT"

LONDON—A British Labour Party Member of Parliament has come out openly as a lesbian after the local party committee voted that she could not be a candidate for re-election. As a result of revelations in the London Daily Mail that she had left her husband to live with another woman, Labour Member of Parliament for Northampton North, Maureen Colquhoun, was denied re-nomination for the next elections. The decision to field a new Labour Party candidate and to deny re-nomination to Colquhoun was made by a 23-18 vote of the general management committee of the Northampton North Labour Party on Sept. 27.

In their decision not to support Colquhoun, the Labour Party listed six charges against her, not one of them referring to the fact that the MP was a lesbian. However, believing that her lesbianism was the underlying issue in the attempt to unseat her, Colquhoun decided to come out



Britain's lesbian MP, Maureen Colquhoun.

publicly just after the vote was taken.

"I am gay and proud of it," she told the press after the meeting. "I am glad that in my private life I have love and care for someone. I hope that everyone receives the love and affection I do. This has been an underlying issue here and I am astounded by the hypocrisy of my opponents. My sexuality has nothing to do with my ability to do my job as an MP."

- Gay Community News

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE ERA?

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell revealed last week that the Justice Department is attempting to determine if it would be legally possible to extend the ratification period for the federal Equal Rights Amendment. 35 states have ratified the ERA thus far and 3 additional states must ratify the amendment by March 22, 1979 for the ERA to become law. However, because of setbacks in several states, ERA proponents fear that prospects for ratification by the 3 needed states are dim at this time.



"Where's the food? I suppose you kids ate all the chicken before I got here?"

Historically, the texts of the majority constitutional amendments have set a seven year period for ratification by the states. However, in the case of the ERA, the seven year limit was not part of the amendment itself but in the resolution under which the ERA was introduced by Congress. The Justice Department is therefore checking if this "loophole" could enable the time limit to be altered by vote of Congress.

The Carter Administration strongly supports the ERA and women's organizations would applaud any extension of the time period for ratification.

- Gay Community News

VERMONT LESBIAN MOTHER WINS DAUGHTER'S CUSTODY

ESSEX JUNCTION, VT—The case of a lesbian mother and her child here, part of a collective of eight lesbians and three children, has been settled out of court, with the mother keeping custody. The mother had taken her case to both the New England Gay Conference and Boston's Gay Pride Week's legal workshop in an attempt to gain support for the case.

The mother, divorced and separated for five years, had had custody for those five years when the ex-husband filed for custody last November. The mother asserts that the father was threatened by her collective lifestyle and up-front lesbian stance as well as the fact that the daughter was beginning to assert herself in confrontations with him.

Both sides had prepared to go to court and a lawyer was appointed by the court to represent the child. A psychiatrist, hired by the court lawyer, turned in a favorable report supporting the mother and this was considered to be the turning point in the case.

- Gay Community News

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING

SAN JOSE, CA—Studies on female sexuality involving 162 lesbians and 100 randomly selected women found that only 18 per cent of the random sample almost always experienced orgasm during lovemaking, as opposed to 87 per cent of the lesbians.

- Philadelphia Gay News

BROOKE ASSAILS

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass) condemned the amendment to the Legal Services Corp. appropriations bill sponsored by Rep. Larry McDonald (D-Ga) to prohibit federal legal assistance in gay rights cases. In a statement to Gay Community News, Brooke stated that the legislation has not been re-introduced in the Senate yet, nor has the anti-gay amendment been re-filed.

"I oppose discrimination of any

nature. And I can assure you that I would not support such an amendment in the Senate."

The McDonald amendment, approved by the House on June 27 by a vote of 230-133, prohibits any Legal Services Corporation funds for "legal assistance for any proceeding or litigation in any disputes or controversies arising out of homosexuality or so-called gay rights." Legal Services is the funding agency for the Boston Legal Assistance Project and the Mass. Law Reform Institute. While the funds have not been used in gay rights locally, they are used extensively in other cities in such matters as custody cases.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

FINAL OK IN WICHITA

WICHITA, KS—The Wichita City Council gave final approval to a city ordinance that would prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing, and public accommodations. The measure, which gained initial approval two weeks previous, was given final approval by a 3-2 vote. The legislation was passed after a city commissioner received an opinion from the Kansas Attorney General's office that the ordinance would apply to all government units, including public schools.

The Wichita passage is significant because the Kansas town becomes the first major municipality in the country to pass gay rights legislation since the defeat of the Dade County, Florida, referendum. The Wichita proposal goes even further than did the Miami ordinance, which did not include protection for public school teachers.

Opponents of the ordinance have promised to attempt to force a city-wide referendum on the issue.

- Gay Community News

NEW YORK—The National Gay Task Force's Fund for Human Dignity has been granted tax exempt status under Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The section makes gifts to the fund, also known as the Howard Brown

Memorial Fund, tax deductible. Ginny Vida of NGTF called the ruling "a major breakthrough for gay organizations" and noted that the ruling followed a two year effort by the Fund.

- Gay Community News

SACRAMENTO—An adult "peep show" movie booth separated from view by a curtain is a public place, the California Court of Appeals has ruled. The Sexual Law Reporter said that the decision came in the case of People v. Freeman, in which the police, without a search warrant, entered the back of the bookstore and pulled back the curtain on the booth, to arrest the defendant for "engaging" in lewd or dissolute conduct in a public place.

The defense argued that the booth, because it was partitioned off by a curtain, was not a public place and therefore required a search warrant. However, the court held that the curtain's purpose was to shut out excessive light, not to secure privacy,

and that the intrusion did not violate the expectation of privacy. The California Supreme Court denied a hearing of the case.

- Gay Community News

PROVIDENCE, RI—The Fraternal Order of Police, a national association of police officers with 150,000 members, voted unanimously at their national convention here to oppose the hiring of homosexuals as police officers. "Homosexuals are sick people and sick people shouldn't be policemen," one delegate was quoted as saying.

The FOP was described by a Boston Police Department spokesperson as "a social organization like the Elks or the Moose," which has no official standing in Massachusetts, although they are the officially recognized bargaining units in other areas. The resolution was introduced by a group of officers from Maryland.

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LAWYERS BAR GAY RIGHTS

CHICAGO—The American Bar Association, meeting in Chicago in August, voted to table a resolution supporting gay anti-discrimination legislation in employment, housing, and public accommodations. The resolution, which had been recommended for passage by the Assembly's Resolutions Committee, was tabled on the assembly floor by a 163-110 vote. A similar motion was tabled at last year's conference.

Proponents of the gay rights resolution included former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark; American Psychiatric Association President Dr. Jack Weinberg; and New York attorney E. Carrington Boggan, who acknowledged his gayness in a speech to the Assembly.

The Immigration Committee of the ABA's Section on International Law did call on the President and Congress to revise Immigration and Naturalization laws, which discriminate against gay people.

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DE BEAUVOIR & SARTRE SUPPORT

PARIS, FRANCE—Writers Simone de Beauvoir and Jean Paul Sartre have signed a petition supporting gay rights. The petition stated in part that "the battle of Soviet dissidents, of opponents to totalitarian regimes everywhere in the world, of women for freedom to dispose of their bodies, of blacks in South Africa against apartheid, of homosexuals for the right to exist, are one and the same battle."

The circulation of the petition coincided with a gay rights march which was held in Paris on June 26. On that day some 350 to 700 lesbians and gay men and their supporters marched from the Place de la Republique to the Place des Fetes to protest the Dade County vote against gay civil rights.

- Gay Community News

PRO-GAYS TRIUMPH

SAN FRANCISCO—Mayor George Moscone, Sheriff Richard Hongisto, and District Attorney Joe Freitas all won votes of confidence from the San Francisco electorate as an effort to cut their terms in half was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls. Proposition B, which would have subjected the three to a recall election, was crushed by a vote of 112,123 to 62,185. All three public officials have taken strong pro-gay stances. Moscone recently ordered all flags in San Francisco to be flown at half-staff after the brutal murder of a gay man, Robert Hillborough. Hongisto campaigned for the gay rights referendum in Dade County and has also urged San Francisco gays on the police force to "come out."

- Gay Community News

PAROLE FOR LITTLE JOHN?

BROOKLYN, NY—A Brooklyn federal judge has reduced the length of the prison sentence for John Wojtowicz, making him immediately eligible for parole, reports Gays Week. Wojtowicz's 1972 robbery of a Brooklyn bank was the basis of the Al Pacino film "Dog Day Afternoon." Wojtowicz, who had robbed the bank and held nine hostages in order to get money for his lover's transexual operation, had his sentence reduced from 20 years in prison to 15. The Parole Board in California, where he has been serving time after being transferred from Lewisburg (PA), will rule on his possible immediate release later this month.

- Gay Community News

The Body Politic reports that Cepacol, Coricidin, and Chloroseptic throat lozenges are of some use in preventing oral gonorrhea. These antibacterial lozenges act to make the mouth "just a little too hostile" for

the gonococcus germ. Author Merv Walker recommends sucking a lozenge immediately after oral sex.

HOUSTON GREEN

Someone recently asked Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Tug McGraw whether he preferred grass or Astro turf.

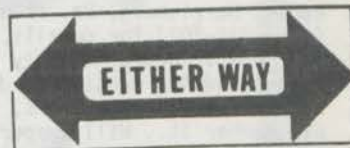
"I don't know," replied McGraw thoughtfully, "I've never smoked Astro turf."

- Harrisburg

NEWSWEST DIES

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California bi-weekly newspaper, NewsWest, has ceased publishing after two years. The newspaper—the second most well-known gay male publication on the West Coast after the Advocate—had been reformed and renamed Out in an attempt to revive its flagging fortunes but this latest effort ended in failure. The newspaper, which was begun by staffers from the "old" Advocate, who left that publication after David B. Goodstein assumed control, had been one of the leading sources of gay news in the country.

- Gay Community News



CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK

Sundays

7:30 pm, worship service, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), State College, Eisenhower Chapel, Social hour follows.
 *Christian Awareness Rap, call for day and time.
 8:00 pm, worship service, MCC, 1001 N. Spring St., Apt. 1-2, Middletown, (717)-944-1574.

Tuesdays

8:30 pm, Lesbian Collective. Warm, social and supportive environment for women. Women's Resource Center, 108 E. Beaver Ave., State College.

Wednesdays

7:30 pm, Midweek Communion Celebration, MCC, Eisenhower Chapel, State College. Social follows.
 8:00 pm, prayer meeting, MCC, Middletown.
 8:30 pm, consciousness raising, MCC, Middletown.

3 Thursday - 8:00 pm, Homophiles of Williamsport (HOW) regular monthly social meeting at David Griffin's apt., 1006 W. Fourth St., Apt. #7, Williamsport. Call 326-6268.

12 Saturday - Dignity/Central Penn., "Workshop on Sensitivity" by Dal Lehmer from 1pm to 5pm. Pot Luck Supper at 5pm. Mass at 7pm. Friend's Meeting House, Harrisburg. Phone: (717)-232-2027 for details.

13 Sunday - Women Oriented Women meeting. Lancaster Women's Center, Lancaster, Pa. 7 to 9 pm.

17 Thursday - 8:00 pm, Regular monthly business meeting, HOW, Dan Maneval's, 659 Beeber St., Williamsport. "Bring your own, if you want socializing afterward" (?). Call 322-7987.

27 Sunday - 7 pm, Dignity Mass/Social at Friends's Meeting House, Harrisburg, Pa. Phone: (717)-232-2027 for details.

HOW's regular monthly Correspondence meeting to do newsletter at 6 pm. Dan's, 659 Beeber St., Williamsport. Call 322-7987.

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Isn't that ANITA BRYANT behind that pie?



A man who identified himself as a homosexual from Minneapolis smeared a pie into the face of entertainer Anita Bryant during a pre-concert news conference in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday.

"At least it is a fruit pie," said Miss Bryant.

Miss Bryant led a fight to repeal an homosexual equal rights ordinance in

Dade County, Fla.

The entertainer's husband, Bob Green, immediately told those in the room he wanted no one to touch or harm the man. The man later identified himself as Tom Higgins.

Asked what he proved by the incident, Higgins said: "We have another fight with a sticky face."