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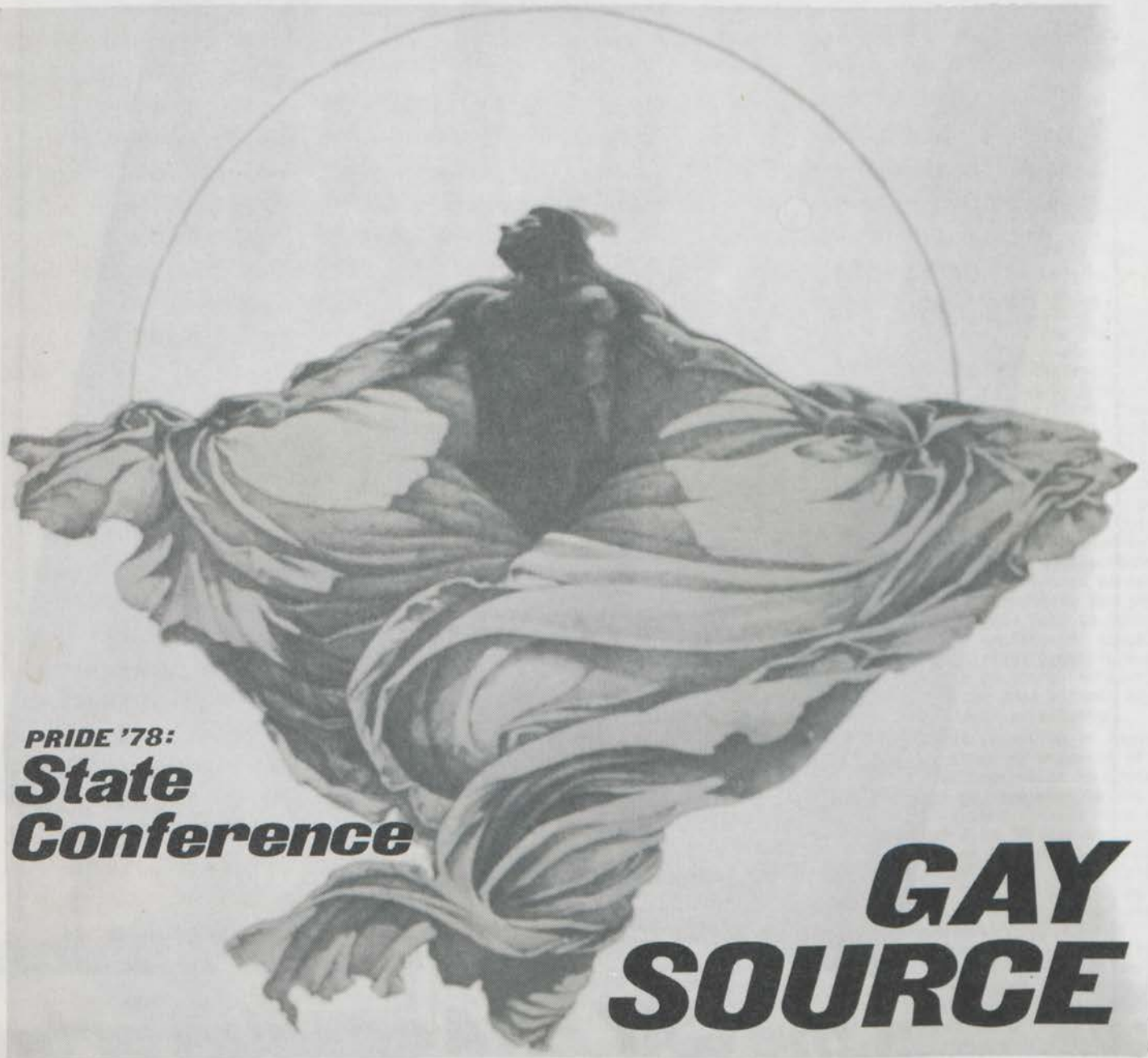
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In the News

CONFERENCE SITE FOUND

by Harry H Long

The Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus has located its "Pride '78" Conference at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Delaware Water Gap. The lodge itself after the refusal of the Americus Hotel and the Genetti Hotels was made public in an article in the Allentown Morning Call. The conference will convene on the night of January 20.

Elaine Noble, the openly lesbian Representative from Massachusetts, and Bruce Voeller of the National Gay Task Force will be the main



Bruce Voeller, NGTF co-director.



Elaine Noble

speakers. Additional speakers include Tony Silvestre of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities and Kay Whytlock, chair of the National Organization for Women's National Task Force on Lesbian Concerns. Entertainment will include the music group, Ruby Fruit Begonia.

The fee for the conference is \$13 up to 10 days prior to the conference, \$15 within those 10 days, and \$17 on arrival. The payment will cover admission to the various workshops, the entertainment, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. Lodge rooms are \$13 per person extra.

Following the news of the Americus and Genetti Hotels' refusal, several other offers were made to house the conference. Holiday Inn West, in Allentown, was considered unsuitable because of their costs and lack of spare rooms, among other factors. Gay Awareness of Millersville State College also offered to host the conference, but community based housing would have had to be found. Since an attendance of 250 is projected, it was felt this added burden too large in addition to the other problems of organizing the conference.

Joseph Burns, co-chair of the Rural Caucus noted of the Howard Johnson's facilities, "The lodge is beautifully arranged for the conference. The main meeting room breaks down into various sized workshop spaces, the sleeping rooms are immediately adjacent to the meeting room, and there is an indoor heated swimming pool. Finally the lodge is easily accessible by good roads and easily found without further instructions than that it is located just off Interstate 80 from the last exit before the Jersey border."

Pennsylvania groups are encouraged to send displays and representatives. All individuals and groups from any state are welcome. The conference fee and hotel accommodations should be sent to "Pride '78," PO Box 552, Lancaster, Pa. 17604

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS SENT TO GOVERNOR SHAPP

HARRISBURG, PA — Most Pennsylvania state agencies have included in their affirmative action plans non-discrimination clauses which protect gay and other sexual minority workers. The Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities announced that the



Penn. Governor Milton Shapp.

plans have been submitted to Gov. Milton Shapp's office.

The plans prohibit discrimination on the basis of "life style, affectional and sexual preference." Anthony Silvestre, chairperson on the Council, said that by protecting homosexuals in the plans, "many state agencies have institutionalized a concern for the rights of all their employees. Although this isn't a splashy action, it may be the most significant achievement for sexual minorities in Pennsylvania this year."

Officials stressed that this expansion of agency nondiscrimination clauses is not intended to result in preferential treatment for gays, since that would lead to identification of all applicants' sexual orientation. Hiring, promotions and other state personnel actions, however, will be done without any regard to sexual orientation.

This latest action in Pennsylvania was another of a series of steps which have been taken to protect the rights of gay state employees. The state's personnel rules were recently expanded to include the provision and three of the unions representing state workers have successfully bargained to have the protective wording included in their contracts with the Commonwealth.

According to Council chairperson Silvestre, "In regards to protecting the rights of gay people and all people, our state government has taken a leadership role. I expect that similar actions will be taken by other employers in this state and on the national scene as well."

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NEW MEMBERS TO GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

HARRISBURG — Governor Milton J. Shapp filled some of the vacancies on the Council for Sexual Minorities by appointing Alan LaPayover, Dr. Julia Rux, Dr. Joann Hunter Fan (Community Representative) and James Huggins to seats on the Council. The remaining vacancies are expected to be filled shortly.

Tony Silvestre, Council chairperson, is attempting to form two groups which would exist to aid the Council: an Advisory Board and a Friends of the Council.

The Advisory Board is being formed as current liason with various national organizations is not always successful. The Advisory Board would consist of representatives of national civil rights groups and others to facilitate communications. Nominations will be accepted by mail; invitees will be selected by the Council.

The Friends of the Council, established to generate and receive funds, has been incorporated. Contributions can now be accepted. The Friends will also be seeking tax-exempt status and state approval for solicitation of funds.

COUNCIL ASKS FCC STUDY

WASHINGTON, DC — The Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities recently presented written testimony to the United States House Communications Subcommittee, asking that the subcommittee study the effects of broadcasting policies on sexual minorities and initiate legislation changing Federal Communication Commission regulations to protect the interests of sexual minorities.

Tony Silvestre, chairperson of the Council, said, "People have been killed, deprived of jobs and evicted and television's response has been to include a few stereotypical gay men in situation comedies. The time has come for them to shoulder their responsibility."

The study called for by the Council would focus on discrimination within the industry, the pro-

motion of destructive stereotypical portrayals in programming and the neglect of important sexual minority issues in broadcasting.

In addition, the Council urged that "sexual and affectional orientation and lifestyles" be added to the FCC Equal Employment Opportunities clause.

— ZAP! (State College)



HOUSTON CONFERENCE APPROVES LESBIAN RIGHTS

HOUSTON, TX — Resolutions favoring lesbian rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, and a host of other feminist issues passed overwhelmingly at the International Women's Year Conference held the weekend of Nov. 18-20 in Houston. The conference, which was attended by more than 2,000 women, was described by National IWY Commission president officer Bella Abzug as "the most diverse meeting of American women ever held in this country." Although 15,000 anti-feminist women demonstrated in Houston during the weekend, there were no disruptions of the conference itself.

The meeting was originally conceived in 1975, with the U.S. Congress providing \$5 million in funding. Delegates to the Houston conference were elected at individual state conferences. The state conferences also drew up a 26-point National Plan of Action that would "identify the barriers that prevent women from participating fully and equally in all aspects of national life" and finds ways to remove them. Lesbian rights was approved at 30 of the 50 state meetings and thus

qualified to be part of the Plan of Action.

Five of the 26 resolutions voted on at Houston were considered to be controversial, high-pressure issues. These included endorsement of the ERA, a proposal for federally funded child care programs, abortion rights, support of lesbian rights, and a demand that a cabinet-level women's department be established by Jimmy Carter.

Because of the disturbances caused at many state conferences by right-wing groups such as the John Birch Society and the Ku Klux Klan, some disruption at the national meeting were expected. However, there were no major altercations, and many delegates were surprised by the spirit of solidarity and sisterhood that prevailed.

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Bob Wheatly

UNITARIANS MERGE OFFICE, NAME COORDINATOR

BOSTON — The Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) voted at its last meeting here Oct. 23 to consolidate its Office of Gay Concerns (OGC) into a new Office of Social Responsibility. Under the new plan, proposed by the new UUA president Rev. Paul Carnes, the OGC will be the responsibility of the new Office's associate director, Robert P. Wheatly, who has previously served as full-time Executive Director of the denomination's Committee on Aging. Wheatly will divide his time between gay concerns and issues of



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aging. The OGC had previously been headed by a full-time director, Arlie Scott, who resigned over the summer.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus attended the meeting and spoke against the new plan, in favor of a full-time director of gay concerns. The new proposal cuts both people-power and funding for the gay office by about 50%. Despite that and the objections of several trustees (among them openly gay Trustee-at-Large Frank Robertson, minister of education at All Souls Church in Washington, D.C.), the board voted to implement the consolidation.

According to an article in the *Unitarian Universalist World*, members of the Board voiced concern that the OGC "would lose its identity at a time when Anita Bryants make visibility of the office more important than ever." Carnes gave assurances, however, that the office would not lose its identity.

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GAY LEGAL AID BAN KILLED

by David Brill
Gay Community News

WASHINGTON, DC — An amendment to the Legal Services Corporation appropriations bill to prohibit the use of any LSC funds in gay rights cases was killed in a House-Senate



conference committee last week. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Larry McDonald (D-Ga.), had been approved by the House on June 27 by a roll-call vote of 230-133.

It was expected that Sen. Jesse N. Helms (R-N.C.) would re-introduce the amendment in the Senate, which would be necessary if the anti-gay prohibition were to be maintained. However, Helms did not introduce it, and the amendment was one of several differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation that had to be ironed out in a conference committee chaired by Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc.) and Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Wisc.).

The Legal Services Corporation is

a quasi-public agency that channels federal funds to more than 3,000 lawyers and firms that represent indigent persons in civil legal actions. It was enacted more than a decade ago as part of the Johnson administration's anti-poverty program. LSC funds have been used in such matters as custody cases.

The McDonald amendment prohibited the use of any funds for "legal assistance for any proceedings or litigations in any disputes or controversies arising out of homosexuality or so-called gay rights."

According to Art Wolfe, legislative aide to Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.), a member of the conference committee, "The Senate was against it (the McDonald amendment). It was the general view of the conferees that they don't like restrictions. The whole direction has been to remove restrictions in general."

CITRUS COMMISSION RENEWS BRYANT'S CONTRACT

by Neil Miller

LAKELAND, FLA — The Florida Citrus Commission voted unanimously Wednesday, November 16, to extend singer and anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant's contract as spokesperson for Florida orange juice. The Commission voted to continue the singer's \$100,000 television contract until August 1979 despite recent remarks critical of Bryant by Edward Taylor, executive direc-



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tor of the state's Department of Citrus.

Florida Citrus officials refused to talk to the press except to read a terse two paragraph statement that stated, "The Florida Citrus Commission voted yesterday to exercise an option to pick up a third year of singer Anita Bryant's three year contract as advertising spokesperson for Florida orange products. Miss (sic) Bryant's new contract will expire August 31, 1979."

"The Commission had been scheduled to consider Miss (sic) Bryant's contract during a February meeting but the matter was pushed up to November because of recent speculation that she might be on her way out as an advertising personality for Florida orange products."

The Commission statement did not endorse Bryant's position on gay rights. However, Dan Richards, commission chairperson, told a national wire service, "she's doing a great job for us." Her controversial positions on issues had "nothing to do with our decision," he said. "Our decision is based on whether she still is effective (as a citrus promoter) and she is."

According to a report in the New York Times, the Commission also adopted a resolution supporting the right of Anita Bryant to express her views on any subject, without fear of reprisal. This included her views on the issue of gay rights.

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DISMISSAL OF BRYANT FROM SUIT IS APPEALED

SAN FRANCISCO — An Appeal has been filed against a federal judge's order dismissing Anita Bryant and the Florida Save Our Children, Inc., as defendants in the \$5 million lawsuit brought by the mother of a slain gay man. The judge granted the defendants' motion to dismiss on the grounds that the court in San Francisco had no jurisdiction over the defendants because of their "lack of contacts with California."

Last June, Robert Hillsborough was brutally beaten and killed near his Mission District apartment. According to police, Hillsborough was stabbed 15 times in the chest and

face by four men who shouted, "faggot, faggot." After a public outcry led by San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, police arrested John Cordova, Richard Spooner, Michael Chavez and a 16-year-old juvenile and charged them with murder. Cordova and Spooner are being tried on the murder charge; Chavez was granted immunity after he agreed to testify against the other defendants; and the 16-year-old was handed over to juvenile authorities.

On Dec. 9, attorney John Vaisey filed his appeal on behalf of Helen Hillsborough pointing out a number of "contacts" by Bryant and SOC in California. The appeal stated that anti-gay state Senator John Briggs

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was involved in the Dade County gay rights referendum and had planned to bring the SOC campaign to California. Briggs and the other defendants later denied, under oath, that he was planning such an action. Briggs further denied, under oath, any media stories ever said there were plans to come to California. The denial followed Briggs' trip to Miami and his use of Bryant's picture and endorsement in his Save Our Children campaign, as well as his now postponed initiative against gay school teachers.

The appeal in the Hillsborough civil rights suit contended that Briggs' use of the SOC slogan was "with the knowledge of a Florida federal court's injunction against the use of the name 'Save Our Children,' because of the Connecticut-based Save the Children organization." The appeal also pointed out that Bryant herself had stated that 45% of cash contributions and letters of support came from California.

Hillsborough attorney Vaisey said that the issue before the court is whether these "contacts" and others are sufficient to give the court jurisdiction to hear the case, "and whether or not gays as a class are entitled to the protection of the civil rights statutes."

"It presents an issue," said Vaisey, "which the courts are just beginning to deal with, namely, the extent to which persons may be responsible who use nationwide media, including radion and television, and cause harm to others."

Costs of the Hillsborough suit are being underwritten by contributions to a Legal Defense Fund set up by the Pride Foundation. The foundation is a San Francisco-based national organization which promotes educational and legal activity on behalf of anti-discrimination causes.

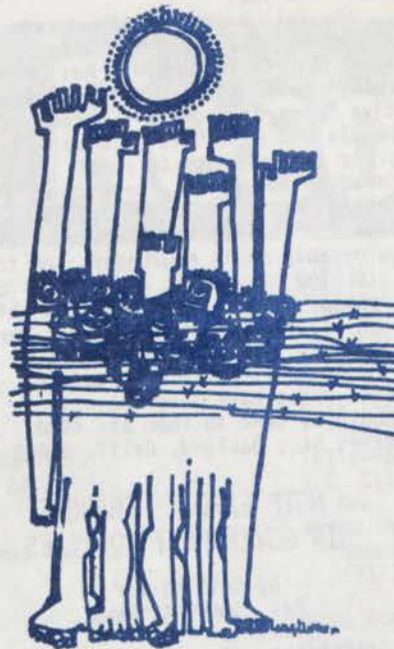
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GAY PRISONER'S UPDATE

SANTE FE, N.M. — John Gibbs, the gay prisoner activist who has been transferred from prison to prison in the last few years, has written to *Gay Community News* (GCN) warning that his life "remains in jepardy." A federal prisoner, Gibbs protests his "punitive transfer" from Springfield, Mo., to the New Mexico State Prison "in an attempt to keep distance between me and my attorney and supporters."

Gibbs states that he was placed in solitary immediately upon arrival with no mattress for 10 days, no medical treatment for his anemia and kidney injury, and no regular meals or hygiene items to keep clean.

Gibbs asserts that authorities were going to place him "among the same people who had set-up my friend and vice-chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition



Ernest Venezuela, as they were placed here before my arrival." Although Gibbs managed to avoid the situation, he was then "placed in a segregation cell with psychotic inmates."

Gibbs has filed legal action in federal court at Albuquerque for an immediate transfer and damages. Gibbs also wrote GCN that other gay prisoners have been raped and beaten at the prison in the past month and that a trial is to be held on the latest rape during the second week of December. According to Gibbs, prison officials failed to stop inmates from raping gay prisoner Richard Hays of Albuquerque.

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ANIT-GAY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT GETS \$5,000

by Don Barrett

NEWARK, DEL. — E.A. Trabant, the president of the University of Delaware who was personally assessed \$5,000 in damages in the case of a



gay teacher who was fired by the university, has received an identical amount from the university's board of trustees.

The teacher, Richard Aumiller, was dismissed as the university's theatre director in 1976 for allegedly making statements advocating homosexuality. Aumiller, who was adviser to the gay students' group, revealed that he was gay in an interview with the student newspaper. In the court case that followed, U.S. District Court Judge Murray Schwartz awarded Aumiller back pay and punitive damages from Trabant. In his findings, Schwartz wrote that, "...because President Trabant demonstrated a malicious and wanton disregard for Aumiller's constitutional rights by his actions, he will be ordered to pay Aumiller punitive damages in the amount of \$5,000."

The money was collected from individual members of the board of trustees this past summer and presented to Trabant. The chairperson of the board said that Trabant was acting with the knowledge of the executive committee of the board and should not therefore be penalized personally.

The action of the trustees has drawn criticism from the university community as well as from the local gay community. In a recent editorial, the campus newspaper, *The Review*, wrote, "If they either intended to condone Trabant's actions or take responsibility for them, it is imperative that the public be made aware of such attitudes. If it is meant as a vote of support, we would find such an attitude outrageous."

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POLICE IN QUANDARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The District of Columbia Police Department is attempting to decide how to deal with a police officer who is undergoing hormone treatments as a prelude to sex change surgery, the *Washington Post* reports. The police officer has been undergoing hormone treatments at John Hopkins Hospital for the last year and a half. During the last two months, his police powers have been revoked and he has been reassigned to clerical work. The department is keeping him at his same salary while it considers what to do next.

The police officer — who has asked to remain anonymous — has praised the department's "big-heartedness" in the case. "When I needed to reach out, when I was really up against it they were there," he said. He told the *Post* that it was his own idea "that I be given a non-contact position, preferably plain-clothes." He refused to criticize the department for relieving him of his gun and police powers. "They

don't know what they're dealing with either," he said.

The officer indicated that he wishes to remain in the department after his sex-change operation but would not challenge the department if it asked him to leave. "The last thing I would want to do is to bring something that is potentially derogatory to the department..." he asserted.

He also indicated that his situation "has nothing to do with homosexuality. If anything, it has been asexual for the last several years, and before that I was heterosexual, as strange as that sounds."

Although police officials have declined to talk to the press about the issue, at least one department official told the Post that he could see no grounds for the officer's dismissal. Gay activist and D.C. Human Rights Commission member Frank Kameny believes that the Washington human rights law would bar such a firing. The law prohibits employers from discharging employees for a host of reasons, including sex and sexual preference.

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FEMINIST PRESS VANDALIZED

On the morning of October 25, Diana Press was methodically vandalized by persons serious in destructive intent. Five thousand copies of Rita Mae Brown's A Plain Brown Rapper were soaked with solvent and ruined. Equipment, including printing presses and typesetting compositors, was filled with thick printer's ink, paint, chemicals and Comet cleanser. The typesetting and paste-up of three new fall books were torn up and vital material for reprinting other books were destroyed. Plates were destroyed, negatives crushed and covered with rubber cement, and paste-up and layout were pulled apart, ripped up and thrown everywhere. Manuscripts, correspondence, checks, accounts payable and receivable, bookkeeping records and files of all sorts were rifled, torn up, strewn and dumped with chem-

icals and ink.

The full extent of the damage is not known, only that it is very serious. The feminist press has been put in severe financial and productive jeopardy from this attack by people who wanted to silence the press and knew how to do it. As the Canadian newspaper, The Body Politic noted, "We... had only to look around our office to understand how vulnerable small newspapers are to this kind of violent and direct censorship. We are only safe from this kind of attack if we know that our community will come to our aid."

Contributions to help get the Diana Press back into operation should be sent to them at: 4400 Market St., Oakland, Calif. 94608.

NGTF EXPECTS CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES

by Neil Miller
Gay Community News

CAMBRIDGE, MA — The U.S. Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will "fairly shortly" make a "complete reversal" of their anti-gay policies, National Gay Task Force (NGTF) co-director Bruce Voeller told GCN in an interview last week. The expected policy shifts are the result of meetings between the Task Force officials and the agencies, initiated since last spring's White House meeting with Carter Administration aide Margaret (Midge) Contanza. Claiming "excellent contacts with at least 10 different agencies," Voeller asserted that "the meetings with the various government agencies are progressing extremely well. We can't believe how well they're going."

According to Voeller, who was in Cambridge last week to address a colloquium at Harvard University, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons will soon end its ban on gay publications in the federal prison system. Both GCN and the National Gay Task Force publication It's Time are involved in a legal suit to force the agency to change its policy. Voeller said that meetings with director Norman Carlson and other agency officials will also bring an end to the barring of gay ministers from prisons and an end to "some of the special unfairness visited on gay prisoners."

"Often if you're gay," he observed, "you have to give up being gay to be considered for parole. That's a very common occurrence. In addition, denial of access to educational programs is often used against gay prisoners. We want to get rules that would make it absolutely impossible for gay people to be denied access to such programs."

Voeller asserted that the Immigration and Naturalization Department itself is "helping us actively"



to change policy. "The stick-point here is that Congress passed the law (barring gay people from entering the U.S. as immigrants). It's not just administrative law." It is currently illegal for homosexuals to immigrate to the United States on the basis of 1) unfit moral character and 2) sex deviancy. When a federal court recently ruled the "unfit moral character" clause unconstitutional, Immigration and Naturalization head Castille "was persuaded not to appeal that decision. He agreed to make it official policy of INS that 'unfit moral character' is not a barrier, based on that court decision," Voeller said.

With the "unfit moral character" terms no longer in place, NGTF is now attempting to remove the restrictions on the basis of "sex deviancy." "We found that the term comes from the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Public Health Service," said Voeller. "So we got Jack Weinberg, the president of the American Psychiatric Association, and Judd Marmor and John Speigal, both past presidents, to come with us for a meeting with the surgeon general." That meeting will happen within the next two weeks. "This is the definition used throughout the federal government, as a stumbling block... That is the keystone of the whole arch."

THIRD TAX EXEMPT RULING

CINCINNATI, OH — The Lesbian Activist Bureau, Inc., is the third homosexual group nationally to receive Internal Revenue Service tax exempt status. The granting of the status is a turnabout in IRS attitudes towards homosexual groups. Previously, the IRS denied this exemption to any gay charitable causes unless that particular cause voiced in its articles of incorporation amendments or bylaws that homosexuality "is a sickness, disturbance, or diseased pathology." This is no longer the case and in recent months the status was also granted to the Howard Brown Memorial Fund, New York City, and Lambda Services, Denver.

The Lesbian Activist Bureau of Ohio was granted that status on the basis of its purposes as a nonprofit corporation to educate the public on homosexuality and foster community acceptance and promote civil, social and economic equality for homosexuals.

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Rural Resources

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Room 24, College Inn, Bryn Mawr College,
19090.

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D-Gem (bar), Front Street.
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Gay Community Services, Box 297, Federal
Square Station, 17108.
Gay Switchboard, (717)-234-0328, Mon-Fri.,
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Golden Coach (bar), 4309 Linglestown Road.
Integrity/Greater Harrisburg, Box 3809, 17108.
Le Rose Rouge (bar), 400 N. 2nd Street.
Metropolitan Community Church/Central Penna.,
1001 N. Spring St., Apt. 1-2, Middletown.
Neptune's Lounge (bar), 268 North Street.
Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities,
c/o Office of the Governor, 238 Main Capitol
Building, 17102.
Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, Box 1505, 17105.
The Rose Garden (club), 1522 Derry Street.

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Homophiles of Indiana University of Penna.,
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Erotic Den (porno), 53 North Prince Street.
Erotic Forum (porno), 227 N. Prince Street.
Fiddler Lounge (bar), 10 South Prince Street.
Gays United of Lancaster, 3002 Marietta Ave.,
17601; (717)-898-2876.

Gay Era, 332 N. Mulberry Street, 17603.

Loft (restaurant, second floor), 201 West
Orange Street.

Tally-Ho (bar), 201 W. Orange Street.

V.D. Clinic, St. Joseph Hospital, 250 College
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Women's Center, 230 W. Chestnut Street,
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Gay Awareness of Millersville State College,
Box 3333, Gordinier Hall, M.S.C., Millers-
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Gay Coordinating Society of Berks County,
Box 3131, 19603.
Glass Door (bar), 300 block N. 5th Street.
Red Star Saloon, 143 N. 10th Street.
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SCRANTON

DeMitre Cafe, 237 Wyoming Avenue.

SHAVERSTOWN

North East Pennsylvania Gay Alliance, Box 1710,
18708.

SHIPPENSBURG

Shippensburg Students for Gay Rights,
Shippensburg State College, 17257.

STATE COLLEGE

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Homophiles of Penn State (HOPS), Box 218, 16801.
Lesbian Collective, c/o Women's Resource
Center, 108 E. Beaver Ave, 16801.
Metropolitan Community Church, all mail c/o
Homophiles of Penn State.
Mr. C's (mixed bar), 112 W. College Avenue,
(814)-234-1031.

My-Oh-My Bar, 128 E. College Avenue.
Scorpion Lounge (downstairs), 119 South
Burrows, (814)-238-7914.

STROUDSBURG
The Blue Bugle (bar), Main Street.

SWARTHMORE
Swarthmore College Gay Liberation, c/o Swarth-
more College, 19081,
(215)-544-7900 ext. 296, or (215)-566-9467.

UPPER DARBY
C & R Club, 6405 Market Street, Millbourne.

WEST CHESTER
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Town Tavern (bar), 41 N. George Street.

THOUSANDS TAKE TO STREETS IN PROTEST

MONTREAL — The spirit of the Stonewall riot tingled in the air as 2,000 furious gay men, lesbians and straight sympathizers demonstrated in the early hours of Sunday, October 23 against the biggest mass arrest in Quebec since the October 1970 War Measure crisis.

The massive Friday night police raids on the Truux and on the Mystique (gay men's bars on Stanley Street in downtown Montreal), led to the riot-like protest which broke out only 24 hours later at midnight, and blocked one of the main intersections in the downtown area. The protest lasted until 2:30 am.

It was the largest and most militant gay demonstration in Canadian history. The Association pour les Droits des Gai(e)s de Quebec (ADGQ) organized the vent on less than six hours notice by means of 4,000 leaflets distributed in all gay bars and clubs across the city.

Despite its illegal status, insofar as no permit was obtained, the demonstration was announced on several radio and TV stations, and news of it tore through the gay community.

While angry gays attempted to blockade the intersection of Stanley and Ste-Catherine — only steps away from the Truux — ten police motorcycles equipped with sidecars quickly cleared the streets by driving into the crowd at high speeds. This act prompted yells of "Gestapo!", "Down with police repression!", "We want our rights!", "Gays into the streets!"

The potentially very dangerous situation created by charging motorcycles and police clubbing demonstrators sparked confrontation, the like of which has not been seen in Quebec since the big protests of the late 60's and early 1970's. Not only did the motorcycles run down several demonstrators, the police also injured several others with indiscriminate billy-club attacks.

The protesters retaliated by attacking passing motorcycles and police officers, and throwing beer bottles and glasses. Despite the added presence of several fully-



Aislin cartoon in Montreal Gazette following the Truux raid TBP Correspondent Stuart Russell among the demonstrators.



equipped members of Montreal's infamous riot-squad, the protest was one of the most inspiring outpourings of gayness ever seen in the country. Gay women and men danced, sang and fought back against the brutal attack the police had made on the gay community the day before.

Not satisfied with the arrests stemming from the Truux-Mystique raid, the police chalked up a few more by arresting and charging two men with assaulting a policeman, and two others for breaking windows. In addition to receiving coverage on both national TV news broadcasts, the main French daily in the city, Journal de Montreal, headlined a front-page report in almost two-inch red letters: "Homos and the Police: IT'S WAR. And war it was!

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But the massive protest on October 23 did not stop police harassment. The night after the Truux raid one man was stopped and questioned as he left Le Jardin — another club nearby. He was taken to a police station and held all night while the police forced him to turn over his keys. They subsequently ransacked his apartment.

Other gays faced the same treatment and were confronted with questions such as: Are you gay? Does your employer know? Are you a member of a gay group? Did you participate in the demonstration? Who were the leaders?

— Body Politic (Canada)

Viewpoints

SODOM & GRANOLA

My parents have been overtly heterosexual for as long as I can remember. Being raised in that kind of blatant atmosphere, I've come to accept their chosen lifestyle as a valid alternative to mine. I'm well aware that prejudice does exist, however; and therefore I feel the need to educate my readers on the controversial human rights necessity of—ACCEPTING YOUR HETEROSEXUAL PARENTS.

Let's confront those mythical stereotypes first. Sure, they dress funny. But if you and your mate had twelve kids, maybe you'd find yourselves shopping at Zody's too. Some of my friends swear they can spot heterosexuals a mile away. "They walk like Richard Nixon doing a jock itch commercial" is how one ill-informed friend puts it. Not true, not true! While Mr. Nixon once served the nation as its ultimate heterosexual role model, I find he affected few imitators in the area of poise, at least among my personal heterosexual friends. And some of my best friends.....

Many are concerned that these openly heterosexual role models will adversely affect the emotional stability of our young sisters and brothers. My personal experience of 18 years with heterosexual teachers left me amazingly unimpressed and unchanged, despite their constant flaunting of personal heterosexual quirks. I may have been influenced by individual displays of intelligence, compassion, contagious humor



or healthy optimistic outlooks, but what transpired in their bedrooms, or who they chose to spend their lives with, was a matter as personal to them as it is to me.

Recruiting does seem to be an obsession with heterosexuals, although a somewhat paranoid concern in light of the world's present state of overpopulation. Their churches, schools, young adult literature and G-rated movies all endorse and propagandize heterosexual couplings as the inevitable answer to adulthood. Gratefully, I confess my grasp of (hetero) sex education in the sixth grade was comparable to an IBM computer being fed Rice Krispies: "DOES NOT COMPUTE...DOES NOT COMPUTE...."

To this day I am a victim of incessant heterosexual recruitment. In the mail I received a questionnaire from a singles dating service interested in setting me up with a compatible "other half." Fine. I filled out the form as honestly as I could. Questions designed to determine the extent to which I am attracted to the opposite sex received the appropriate negative response. Still they contacted me. Still the female interviewer attempted to flirt and entice her way into my little heart. I asked if the program included a gay dating service, since I was gay. No, not that she knew of. But still she would contact me next week with details. Goodness! Even a Die Hard Battery knows when to quit.

But let us not become judgmental of the flaunting heterosexual breed. Despite their inclination toward child molestation, sexist attitudes and divorce, despite their preoccupation with sex, and their lack of creativity (with all due respect to such notable exceptions as Astro Turf, "Charlie's Angeles" and leisure suits) they are our parents, deserving of our patience and understanding, and our love. It is our duty to deal with the stereotypes and the statistics as examples of some, but not all, heterosexuals.

I recall the Biblical story of Lot asking God if the city of Sodom might be spared if fifty righteous citizens could be found. God answered that he would spare Sodom for even ten righteous citizens. Well, Sodom must have been Pit City, since it was snuffed. But I say unto you, despite those glaring aforementioned statistics, if there are but ten righteous heterosexuals, let us not condemn the whole.

We are all individuals. Yes, even

my parents are individuals. And my parents are heterosexuals—I can say that now with no shame. I love and accept them as they love and accept me. The "threat" of heterosexuality is an imaginary one, based upon ignorance and traditional misconceptions. Historical evidence reveals that homosexuality can survive, may even thrive, in a pro-heterosexual culture. Heterosexuals, after all, are notorious for producing gay children.

toodles, P.S.

- Focus



WHY WE SHOULD STILL BOYCOTT ORANGE JUICE

By Brian McNaught

Despite all those letters to the Florida Citrus Commission, despite half-hearted attempts at a boycott of Florida Citrus products, despite all the intense national publicity, gay people are still forced to watch Anita Bryant sell orange juice in her living room. Each time I see her saccharinely-wholesome face and listen to the voice which referred to homosexuals as human garbage, I am enraged.

Why don't we see famous anti-blacks or famous anti-Jews doing television commercials? The answer is simple. The black community and the Jewish community are organized enough to exert the necessary economic pressure to assure they will not be offended by a commercial. Not gays.

The one action which gay people have been asked to nationally participate in as a sign of political strength is the boycott of orange juice (Coors beer only affects the western half of the country). And yet, it is not uncommon to see gay people down orange juice as freely and easily as they would if Anita Bryant were a champion of gay rights as opposed to an anti-gay crusader. At a recent convention of gay persons orange juice was ordered as the first course during breakfast for an entire caucus. The waitress in the

hotel restaurant commented on the large number of gay people drinking orange juice. At another convention, the bar set up in the hotel lobby served an abundance of Screwdrivers.

When asked why they are drinking orange juice, the gay respondents answer "Oh, this isn't Florida orange juice. It's California." Some comment "What good does it do to boycott?" Others simply reply "Because I like it."

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CALIFORNIA ORANGE JUICE marketed commercially as a name brand across the country. Independent calls to each nationally-marketed orange juice company verifies that every orange juice at that level contains the juice from Florida oranges. Some states which grow their own oranges do sell their product from home to home but none are name brands.

Why boycott? What good does it do? Believe it or not, the Florida Citrus Commission has reported an increase in sales since the Dade County defeat of gay rights. Bigots who support Anita Bryant have made it a point to buy more orange juice than they used to. Gays who were affected by the national publicity surrounding the controversy are generally buying as much. It would seem easier to send their contributions to the anti-gay campaign directly to Anita Bryant. You would then receive an autographed picture of her praying with her family.

Boycott by the consumer has always been an effective means of bringing about change if the boycott is well-managed and maintained. The most recent classic example is the national boycott of non-union lettuce, grapes and wine. Individuals who participated in that non-violent action (which included picketing super markets which sold non-union produce and leafletting customers) tasted the sweet juices of victory when the Teamsters finally sat down with the United Farm Workers to negotiate a settlement. (The

boycott continues however until the growers abide by the agreement and allow workers to vote.)

Currently, there are several companies either enjoying the benefits of worker-organized boycott (Farrah slacks) or are beginning to feel the pinch of a boycott (J.P. Stevens). Blacks in Montgomery, Alabama, boycotted that city's public transit after Rosa Park was kicked off the bus for refusing to give her seat to a white man 20 years ago. In what city do we now see blacks forced to sit in the back of the bus?

Some gay people argue that the boycott of orange juice is intended to force the Florida Citrus Commission to fire Anita Bryant thereby losing her \$100,000-a-year salary. This, they say, is wrong because no one should be refused the right to work. However, the Florida Citrus Commission was asked by the Dade County Coalition to keep Ms. Bryant but make a statement in support of the rights of gay people. They refused to make any such statement and

have increased the visibility of anti-gay spokesperson Bryant by purchasing more and more air time.

I don't agree that everyone has the right to work regardless of what action they have publicly taken. When a person ascends to the status of public figure, he or she loses a variety of rights reserved for persons out of the public eye. In the law of the press, for instance, public criticism of a public figure is legal while a libel case brought forth by an ordinary citizen is generally easily won. We are constantly watching politicians removed from office because of "conflict of interest." The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, after firing me from my newspaper position, forced an agreement that I would never work for the Church in Detroit in any capacity. In their eyes, my public status compromised their position on homosexuality (even though as far as they knew I was a celebrate homosexual

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Anita Bryant has deliberately made herself national spokesperson for the fear and hatred of homosexuals. In the name of God, she put everything on the line to fight the "holy" crusade. Now she doesn't want to pay the price. It got too expensive. Rumor has it that she has "pulled back" and will not be fighting the national battle she promised her contributors. It's too late. When the Supreme Court upholds the decision to fire a gay teacher, newspapers contact Anita and she gleefully makes comments, hangs up the phone, does another orange juice

commercial and then picks up her fat check.

They say this is a free country. "They" refers to those who are free. But freedom has a price. Unless Anita Bryant pays the price for exercising her right to free speech, our support of her income will encourage other public figures to verbalize their hatred and fear without risking the loss of anything.

To those persons who merely drink orange juice because they like it, please be assured that those of us who are not drinking it also like it. We miss it. But we consider it the very least we can do to contribute to the struggle.

— Gay Community News

LOOKING GOOD:

A GUIDE FOR MEN

Charles Hix
Photographs by Bruce Weber
Hawthorne Books, 1977, \$17.95

This is the kind of book that calls your cock and balls your "you-know-whats," refers to women as "the distaff side," and calls sex "that."

Cutesy is one thing, but there's a kind of terminal preciousness hanging over this whole effort. The section on hair straightening is called "Nothing Kinky," the chapter on perms is "Curl Talk," and on and on through "Sound Advice" (the ears, honey) to "Organ Grinders" (you guessed it). By the end you want to throw up into the nearest jar of cold cream.

Not, mind you, that I don't want to look good. And looking good is largely artifice — except for that one guy in a thousand who is so blessed as to look perfectly munchable after a quick run of the hands through the hair.

Looking good is also looking gay. It's that bit of extra care that 'men' shouldn't take. It's the one ear ring, that ever-so-slightly tinted hair, that hint of bronzer.

So there's a need for a book like this. Most men don't know moisturizers from mineral oil; haven't considered the wonders of a facial; don't know the five techniques of hair replacement. Hardly. That kind of thing was for fruits. But even among gay men, a lot of this stuff is suspect — it's too fem (if you're butch), or too frivolous (if you're serious or radical or committed).

It is a bit fem, and certainly a touch Frivolous — both rather important gay contributions to maleness, and nothing to be ashamed of. Something, rather, to be studied.



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But is this the book?

Afraid not. It's not a total waste. I'll be looking for moisturizers on me next foray into Eaton's, and I don't expect I'll head into winter without a facial and a manicure. None of which I would have considered before "Waterproof," "The Skin Game," and "Nail Safe" — the relevant chapters in Looking Good.

But so much of this book is so obvious it sounds like mother: brush your teeth. Wash like crazy. Wear clean underwear. Scrub your you-know-whats. Don't smoke. Get a good night's sleep. For this, \$17.95?

But then there are all those pictures. A lot of hunky guys looking good. A lot of hunky gay guys looking good (a friend of mine did "that" with page 83).

Think again. 'Nobody here but us straights' is in the tone right from the start: "Hair she wants to touch is hair you want to have." And when these guys get their picture taken frolicking in the tub, it is most decidedly not with each other.

Directions on "how to trim a full beard" doesn't mean the book has made a sudden foray into carpentry — just that the proofing is so bad you get to read the same paragraph twice on page 51, and ordinary typos abound.

It's a shoddy effort, obviously rushed into print, and overpriced for the useful bits it does contain. And as long as looking good is looking closet, it isn't good enough.

Reviewed by Gerald Hannon
Body Politic (Canada)

Of Allen H. Todd's Mr. Inbetween (Vantage, 154pp, hb, \$6.95), one is tempted to make all sorts of wise-cracks along the lines of: this book wasn't released, it escaped. For Mr. Inbetween is not just another bad novel; it's positively ghastly. And reviewers usually trot out their most wickedly brittle barbs to describe such efforts. That, however, would be letting it off too easily. According to the dust jacket, the reader is to be treated to "penetrating psychological and emotional insights...an illuminating portrait of the ecstasies and horror of the homosexual existence..." Whew! Well, the ecstasies are there, alright; in fact this is about the closest to hardcore porn that has ever been put between hard covers... and that's all it is. One-handed reading matter can be had more cheaply and even better written (the Blueboy paperbacks are a recommended example). In fact I've found more gay consciousness in some gay porn than in this supposedly enlightening account. Consider Todd's description of a cruisy restroom: "...it was well stocked with perverts." Again according to the dust jacket, Todd is at work on a sequel to this opus; forewarned is forearmed.

One series of books that no popular arts lover or trivia buff can

afford to do without is Richard Lam-parski's Whatever Became of...??? series. Even the average reader will get a kick out of some of the entries. Bantam has just released the Giant 2nd Annual of a series and it tells us all sorts of fascinating stuff. Like what happened to the "Superman" TV cast. That Jay (Dennis the Menace) North was briefly married to a Playboy bunny and is looking for a career in law enforcement (in North's opinion "the justice system in the United States is too liberal"). Ever wonder what happened to Toby Wing, Andrea King, Martin Kosleck or Turhan Bey? I did, and I found out here. Or how about rugged James Craig, Mrs Brecenridge's favorite actor ("...for years I practiced self-abuse thinking of that voice, those shoulders, those powerful thighs thrust between my own...)? Lash LaRue, Aquanetta, Carol Borland... The Munsters. Wow! This book has got to be the most fun one could have legally for \$2.25. And if you think Whatever Became of...??? is only for Trivia Queens, consider the following:

"William Haines became a movie star in the mid-twenties when he began playing smart aleck heroes in



Jay North as
"Dennis the Menace"



Noel Neill, who played "Lois Lane"

photos from

LAMPARSKI'S WHATEVER BECAME OF...?

such silents as "Tell it to the Marines," "Slide, Kelly, Slide" and "West Point." His popularity continued in talkies and lasted until 1934. By then, he and his lover, Jimmy Shields, were well established as interior decorators. In "Alias Jimmy Valentine," the first MGM feature that had any dialogue, Haines was the first MGM star to actually talk on film. (another gay "first" — ed.)

"Haines' personal popularity among the film colony survived a 1936 scandal in which both he and Shields were literally run out of a beach town where they kept house for weekends. Residents of El Porto, California, pelted them with garbage after one of their houseguests was accused of molesting a six-year-old boy. Although neither Haines nor Shields was ever accused of any crime, their names were smeared all over newspapers because of...(the)... accusation made by the parents..."

"The two decorated the homes of some of the country's most glamorous and powerful, including the U.S. embassy in London. They shared a luxurious Brentwood home until Haines died of cancer on the day after Christmas, 1973.

"On March 6, 1974, Jimmy Shields committed suicide. In his report to the Los Angeles coroner, Shields' physician stated: 'The deceased had been despondent since the death of his close friend.'"

Briefly noted, etc.:

The Portland Town Council's Legislative Guide to Gay Rights is chock full of useful procedures, viewpoints, arguments and endorsements which were used to lobby for gay rights in Portland. Anyone active (or even just interested) in the political arena of the gay struggle should have a copy. It is available for \$5.00 from the Portland Town Council, 320 S.W. Stark St., No. 303, Portland, Ore. 97204.

The Gay Academic edited by Louie Crew (ETC publications, \$15.00) is a prestigious compilation of essays by (what else?) gay academics on a variety of subjects and most distinguished list of contributors we've ever seen between two covers. It will be reviewed more fully in our next issue. So far it is available mostly by mail (PO Drawer 1627A, Palm Springs, Cal. 92262).

Received too late for review this issue was Stranger to Himself, which is Major Books' reissue of Joseph Hansen's Known Homosexual, which introduced readers to gay black detective Steve Archer.

Peace and Pieces Foundation is a small publishing concern which, judging from the material they sent us, deals primarily with gay and lesbian artists and writers. A list of titles can be obtained from them at PO Box 99394, San Francisco, Cal. 94109. One of their most prolific authors is Todd S.J. Lawson, whose

work ranges from outrageous political satire (Patriotic Poems of Amerikkka, The Empire of Howard Hughes and his recent The 69 Days of Easter) to the lovely poem reprinted below. It's the nicest New Year's thought we can think of to share with you.

— HL

A LETTER FOR YOU

You have one less day to live -
Live it in Sanctity and Peace.

If you are poor in health,
be restored.
If you are sad,
turn to someone happy.
If you are angry,
let me quiet your passion.
If you are unloved,
I will love you.

Give me the strenght to understand
my own limitations
and to overlook yours.

Carry evil thoughts away from
our numbered days,
and let the Universe
embody our love of it,
so that we may never have to say:
"This day was not fruitful."

— Todd S.J. Lawson



DISCO SCENE

LET'S GO DISCO DANCING

We paid our admission fee and we're ready to dance our damn asses off. After working, we're ready to Salsa all night till the break of day. And believe me, once we step on the floor we're going on a musical fantasy trip that won't stop till the hot pulsating music does. To me, it never ends.

The Disco music is loud. The floor is vibrating as the heavy beat pounds the atmosphere around you. You can't hear yourself think; you can't hear the chatter around you; your head is with the music, swirling into Disco space. Nothing matters now to the both of you; all you really want to do is grab each other and Salsa to

the hot Disco beat.

The music is not funky or rock. It's beautiful choruses and instrumentals blended to give the ultimate sound of the NY Discos. The Trammis, Salsoul Orchestra, Donna Summer, and many other composers/singers who believe Disco music should be a beautiful medley, come from the huge DJ booth, that is suspended from the ceiling, to the blaring speakers that enchant the dancers. The lights never miss a beat, and the huge plants seem to grow to every beat.

The lights keep flashing on and off to the music, reflecting the colorful spectrum of lust on the mirror walls, the floor and the dancers. Neon lights explode constantly. Sprinkles of light are landing everywhere; rainbow lights, and chasers are racing along the mirror walls and over the huge dark ceiling. The neon-plexiglass dance floor makes you hustle for more. The huge mirror balls are constantly changing with the pace of the music. As all the colored lights are reflecting off the mirror balls, the music gets louder and louder. The dancers hustle the night away.

The dancers Salsa happily and whirl each other around to show the latest Disco step. You're dressed to kill, your hair is in place, and your best clothes pressed just right. You've got class and it surrounds you in every whirl. Touch dancing is back, from the Hustle, to the new craze, the Salsa. The Salsa is a Latin dance consisting of elegant swirls and never letting go of your partner. The gentle swirls add that certain "chic" to dancers.

Disco DJ's carefully select their music to add that certain class to

the music. We want our dancers to hear the best. At the time of this writing we're pushing songs such as: MOONBOOTS-ORS, MOONLIGHT LOVIN' - Issac Hayes, LOVE MAGNET - Freda Payne, and of course Donna Summer. These are just a few songs that show class and get good responses.

Being a DJ, I visit other Discos when I'm not spinning at Phase III, which is a private club and gives the Library in Philadelphia a lot of competition. Here is a list of Discos that are gay and show class.

Lancaster — Tally-Ho, N. Water & Orange. Disco Fri.-Sun., 10pm-2am. Cover: \$2 for two drinks.

The DJ plays alot of recent music and his mixes are good. The place has a new sound system and light show.

Harrisburg — Class One or C-1, Hamilton St. Disco Mon.-Sat. 10pm-2am. The DJ strictly plays Phila. and NY music. It's very hot and the light show is fantastic with neon lightening rods. The next best thing to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia — Steps, Delancy St. (non-private). Disco Fri.-Sat., 11 pm - 2 am. Very classy for the in-crowd.

Second Story, 12th and Walnut, Disco everynight, 10 pm - ? The club is private and you need a sponsor. The music is computerized and very hot. The light show is the best. Alot of New Yorkers visit frequently and also top names in entertainment. The club is a must.

I hope you enjoy this new column. Until next month, I'll see you in the grooves.

— by Jayson Messner



(Berkley Windhover, 228pp. 8x10",
pb, \$6.95)

It would be nice to say that Gay Source is the only reference book one will ever need, because it almost is. After all, it is not Dennis Sanders' fault that some institutions in the gay world are so ephemeral that some of the data included in this mammoth undertaking will be outdated shortly after the book sees print. But then, too, one hopes it will be the beginning of a series, a sort of gay Whole Earth Catalogue.

If you're looking for a bar guide, you can keep on looking, for Gay Source is concerned with far headier stuff than where to go when out of your accustomed stomping grounds. Sanders has compiled lists of Hot-lines, Speaker's Bureaus, Periodicals, Film, Theatre and Video resources, Legal and Prisoner Resources, Gay Studies, Correspondence Clubs, Transvestite Resources and collected articles on such diverse subjects as Gays in the Military, History and Society, Rape, Communes, Plastic Surgery and, yes, even Fire Island and P-town.

And as if that weren't enough, the book is lavishly illustrated with the elegant pencil drawings of George Stavrinis, one of the best young magazine artists currently working. Stavrinis' drawings insure that the book is as good to look at as it is useful.



GAY SOURCE

A CATALOG FOR
MEN



DENNIS SANDERS



The Outdoorsman, a synthesis of the best of the North Woods and the far West ranch country, stalks his prey in virile duds. The basic Levi button-fly jeans (about \$18) are the foundation garment for this man; his plaid wool shirt (about \$30) is worn over thermal underwear (about \$7, top half only); his leather vest establishes without a doubt his Western heritage (about \$40 to \$80, depending on design and craftsmanship); his feet sport heavy-soled construction boots (about \$20 to \$30). Total cost: about \$115 to \$155.



The Collegiate wears classic khaki pants, available in many clothing stores from \$10 to \$30 a pair; classy accompaniment is the 100 percent cotton Lacoste ribbed-sleeve, long-tail tennis shirt (available in many colors as well as the standard white), under \$20 at sporting goods and department stores; chill campus breezes are warded off by a school sweater, cardigan type (\$25 to \$50 in synthetic or wool); footwear is the old standby Bass-Weejun loafer in oxblood, brown, or black, a shoe out of fashion these days, but due for a comeback (about \$30); socks are white wool, (about \$2); bare ankles are in during the warm months. Total cost: about \$87 to \$132, depending on quality of merchandise.



The Leatherman stalks the streets in head-to-toe skins. The Brando classic black leather motorcycle jacket is the heart of his wardrobe (about \$90 new, priceless, used); his custom-fitted leather pants complement the jacket (about \$100 to \$125 depending on the craftsman); the hand-studded leather belt adds emphasis (about \$25, more with custom buckle); the motorcycle cap tops the image (about \$25); while heavy-duty boots with belts and buckles provide a sturdy foundation for a masterful look (about \$30 to \$40); subtle flair is added by the leather wrist band (about \$10) and the studded leather cock ring (not shown; about \$5). No shirt necessary; chains and handcuffs additional. Total cost: about \$285 to \$320.



The Sportsman makes the scene in an all-cotton t-shirt (about \$2 to \$5), complementing his all-cotton gym shorts (about \$3 to \$5), worn over a nylon athletic supporter, (about \$3); all are available at sporting goods stores and, except for the jockstrap, in a variety of colors; his fleet feet boast all-purpose sports shoes (about \$20—Pumas, Adidas, and Jox are some brands), and colorful striped gym socks, knee-length (about \$2 to \$5) in synthetic or wool; he keeps the sweat of his brow under control with an elastic sweatband, (about \$2 at sporting goods stores). Total cost: about \$32 to \$40.



The Body wears a classic Speedo nylon racing trunk with side stripe (about \$10), setting off to perfection his muscular, tanned body (about \$300 for four years membership at a health club, plus about \$400 for health food supplements during that period); his fashionable tan comes from Brazil (about \$1500 for two weeks); he wards off excessive rays with his polarized aviator sunglasses (about \$30). Total cost: \$2740.

Bits 'n' Pieces

VIETNAM VET GETS AN UPGRADED DISCHARGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A former Navy Radioman Third Class has become the first reported gay person to have a 'general' discharge upgraded to an honorable one as a result of military service during the Vietnam war era. Robert A. Martin, who was given a general discharge in 1972 because of "unfitness due to homosexual acts," had his discharge upgraded Oct. 6. The upgrading comes as part of the Carter Administration's program to improve discharges of several classes of veterans who served in Vietnam.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

Coos Huijsen, president of the Netherlands-based Foundation For Free Human Partnership, says President Carter's "strong stand in defense of human rights" has been "undermined" by deprivation of rights for homosexuals in the United States.

Huijsen, a Dutch labor party leader and former member of parliament, told reporters that an "intense level of anti-homosexual prejudice" was evident here that was shocking to most Europeans.

"Civil rights and liberties is no longer a controversy in most of Western Europe," he said.

The group has taken out a full-page ad in Time magazine's Jan. 9 issue which says in spite of Carter's proclaimed human rights stance, "in certain states homosexuals are ex-

PRIDE '78

THE PENNSYLVANIA GAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 20 — 8:00 pm - 12 Noon, Registration and Hospitality. Delaware Water Gap's Howard Johnson Motor Lodge.

Saturday, January 21 —

8:30 - 10:00 am, Registration (to continue throughout day)
10:00 - 11:30 am, Greetings, Co-chairperson of the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus. Keynote Speaker: Mass. Rep. Elaine Noble.
11:30 - 12:30 pm, Lunch and Booths.
12:30 - 2:15 pm, Workshop I.
2:30 - 4:15 pm, Workshop II.
4:15 - 6:00 pm, Booths, pool, group meetings.

6:30 - 8:30 pm, Founder's Dinner. Keynote Speaker: Tony Silvestre, chairperson, Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities.
9:00 - ? Cabaret and Disco.

Sunday, January 22 —

9:30 - 10:30 am, Breakfast, registration continues.
10:30 - 11:15 am, Keynote Speaker: Bruce Voeller, co-chairperson, National Gay Task Force.
11:15 - 12:30 pm, Workshop III.
11:15 - 12:30 pm, Multi-Denominational Worship Service.
12:30 - 2:00 pm, Lunch.
2:15 - 4:00 pm, All-Conference session: "Priorities for '78 - Onward with Gay Pride."

cluded from governmental jobs... have been denied housing, employment and access to public accommodations." The ad was signed by 26 European political and governmental figures, philosophers and writers, including Gunter Grass, Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir.

ANITA'S 'DEATH THREATS'

MIAMI — The Dade County Coalition has assailed Anita Bryant's assertions of "death threats" as a "contrived publicity gimmick." Bryant fled from New York City after an appearance on NBC's "Today Show," claiming threats on her life.

The Coalition noted that "during the June 7th campaign she (Bryant) claimed over 100 threats on her life had been phoned in to the Citrus Commission, but when contacted, the Citrus Commission knew nothing of any death threats."

G. Michael McKay, the Coalition's media vice-president, told a press conference that "it would not surprise me if the recent bomb threat to NBC Network was phoned in by one of her supporters, providing a forum to promote her new book."

— Gay Community News

ANITA DE-BOWLED

NEW YORK, NY — Denying that the move has anything to do with her anti-gay stances, NBC dumped Anita Bryant as co-host of this year's televised Orange Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve. A spokesperson for the network said Bryant would be re-



placed on the telecast by Rita Moreno.

Bryant, who has claimed she is the victim of a blacklist because of her campaign against gay rights, has been a co-host of the Orange Bowl Parade for nine of the last 11 years. Her husband, Bob Greene, does not buy the network's disclaimer and is blaming fear of an on-the-air incident for the cancellation.

— Gay Community News

ENGLAND'S BRYANT

LONDON, ENGLAND — Anti-pornography crusader Mary Whitehouse, who successfully brought London's Gay News to trial recently on charges of "blasphemy," is emerging as England's answer to Anita Bryant. In a recent speech Whitehouse asserted that the gay community is one of 40 "strategies" of a Communist plot to "destroy Western Civilization." The plan, she claimed, was to "present homosexual degeneracy as normal and healthy."

In another address, Whitehouse used the same strategy that Bryant used so successfully in Dade County — to link homosexuals with child molestation and "recruitment." "I believe that homosexual relationships are wrong...the same as I believe that lustful use of children in pornographic magazines is wrong." The Gay News reported her as saying "The fact that whenever they can, homosexuals take their leaflets and go into the school and try and influence children is also wrong..."

A poll by the right-wing London newspaper The Daily Mail, listed Whitehouse as one of the ten "most obnoxious" public personalities.

— Gay Community News



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A JURY OF PEERS

TAMPA, FL — Elwood L Albright, who has been charged with robbery in the holding up of two savings and loan associations here, has asked that his case be decided by a jury made up of homosexuals.

At a hearing before Circuit Court Judge Morton Hanlon, Albright demanded that the jury for the trial have an "equal amount of jurors available for jury duty in accordance with minority rule." When the judge asked, "What's this minority rule?" Albright said, "Homosexuals, sir."

AMENSTY INTERNATIONAL MAY 'ADOPT' GAYS

NEW YORK — Amnesty International, the human rights organization and recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is considering a resolution that the organization define violations against homosexuals as a human rights issue. At the recent Annual International Council Meeting to determine new policy, the French delegation (with American backing) introduced a resolution that stated:

"The International Council of AI, recalling the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, considering that certain governments imprison people because of their homosexuality and considering that freedom of choice in sexual matters where this does not infringe upon the rights of others is a fundamental right, resolves to recognize as prisoners of conscience, those persons detained because of their homosexuality."

MONEY FOR LESBIAN MOMS

CAMBRIDGE — The Polaroid Foundation has given a \$3,000 grant for "servie to lesbian mothers" to Janus Counselling Association. Donna Medley of Janus told Gay Community News that Polaroid was the only company to respond favorably to the many proposals sent out during a summer fundraising campaign.

"What's interesting," Medley told GCN, "is that we requested money for 'services for lesbian mothers.' We made the proposal such that it had to be acknowledged that any money would be going to the lesbian community — it didn't have a straight component. It feels damned good."

In its grant, Polaroid said it was "pleased to be able to participate with you in your efforts to provide a wide range of services for lesbian women." Janus counselling offers outreach services for all women in the Boston/Cambridge area with particular attention paid to the lesbian community.

— Gay Community News

SEEING A CERTAIN LIGHT

BOSTON — Hustler publisher Larry Flynt has already announced his "turning back" to the Bible after much publicized religious talks with Ruth Carter Stapleton, sister of the President. The controversial pub-

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lisher recently insisted though that his magazine will not be changing much. "We've got all the sex we need right out of the scriptures," said Flynt.

Flynt said he had a new idea for a cover, showing President Carter in an alarmed pose. "Then we'd have the headline say something like 'Inside, Ruth Carter Stapleton shows pink for Jesus'. Then in the centerfold, we'd have her standing in a pink dress holding a copy of the Bible."

There has been no comment from Ruth Carter Stapleton about Flynt's new approach to his magazine.

— Gay Community News

IT'S THE REAL THING

PHILADELPHIA — The Community Alliance of Philadelphia has decided to boycott the popular soft-drink Coca-Cola. The organization of more than 30 business, professional and civic leaders in the city's gay community took its action because of the company's connection with Florida orange juice.

A spokesperson for the Alliance charged that Coca-Cola owns 35,000 acres of orange groves which provide part of Anita Bryant's salary as the symbol of Florida orange juice.

This is not the first indication of a boycott of Coke. "Hurricane Anita," a new disco in North Miami, has banned sales of the product from the bar.

— Gay Community News

'UNCONVINCING'

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Tavern Guild is not calling off its boycott of Coors Beer after a meeting between members of the gay organization and a public relations representative of the Colorado beer company. A Coors public relations person and two gay employees met with the Tavern Guild members at the 527 Club. The Coors spokesperson told the Tavern Guild that reports that Coors used polygraph tests to weed out potential gay employees were untrue. He asserted that union documentation that prospective employees were asked about their sexuality were "put-up jobs." The two gay employees told the group that "gay people are all over" at Coors, "having a ball."

However, the Coors presentation did not convince Tavern Guild president Lenny Mollett who told the Coors representatives, "You haven't proved anything to us." Coors sales have been declining in California since rumors began to circulate that the Coors brothers — who have contributed to many right-wing causes in the past — were contributing money to Anita Bryant. Coors denied the charge, which has since been revealed to be untrue.

— Gay Community News

'MIND-WARPED QUEERS'

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah Supreme Court judge has denounced "mind warped queers" in his opinion upholding the Salt Lake City obscen-

ity ordinance. In his statement Justice Albert Ellet asserted, "If the judges (who decide in favor of pornography) have not the good sense and decency to resign from their positions as judges, they should be removed either by impeachment or by the vote of the decent people of the constituency...It would appear that such an argument (in favor of pornography) ought to be advanced by depraved, mentally deficient, mind-warped queers."

— Gay Community News

Robert MacKenzie, writing in *TV Guide* about the homosexual as a comic figure says, "...the gags remind me of old-style ethnic jokes that used to confirm our notions about what 'they' were like. Maybe it's time for a gay detective — a guy who can out-fight, out-shoot, and out-run the Crooks and play the violin to boot,..."

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The Sentinel religiously greets us with this message: Father Desmond O'Connor, 68, a senior tutor in law at Melbourne University's Newman College proposed the adoption by homosexuals of a patron saint, a 12th century abbot known for his homosexuality.

According to O'Connor, Roman Catholic homosexuals trying to fend off temptations would do well to have a special saint to whom they would pray.

The abbot in question, Saint Reired of Rievruix in Northern England, was "one of those clean-cut, handsome, blue-eyed, blond youths whom novelists like to portray and exemplify as 'portraying the perfect Englishman,'" said Father O'Connor. But because of the saint's courageous resistance, his homosexual friendships and love affairs were never consummated.

Seems that was what Pope Paul VI was trying to tell us.

— High Gear

SAVED MONEY FOR S.O.C.

MIAMI — Reportedly the US Postal Service granted an educational organization permit to Anita Bryant's Save Our Children, Inc. during the June referendum campaign in Dade County. That permit enabled the organization to send 350,000 anti-gay sample ballots to voters at a substantially lower postal rate.

S.J. Boldrick, head of the Miami-Dade County Public Library's Rare Books Division, charged that Miami postal officials have ignored questions about the special rate for Save Our Children. Reportedly a letter to the Postmaster General has also gone unanswered.

— Gay Community News

A U.S. District Court in Maryland has ruled that discrimination against a transexual is not based on sex or sex-stereotyping, but on change of sex, and is therefore legal.

NEW YORK — Referring to "That Anita Bryant dame" in a recent issue of US magazine, columnist Ann Landers said, "I would rather leave my

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grandchildren with a homosexual than I would with her. Where does she get off saying homosexuals recruit from our young, when any psychiatrist will tell you that's not their bag? Boy, if there's one thing I distrust it's a woman who thinks God talks directly to her."

— Gay Life

KIDS' RIGHTS!

SEATTLE — King County Superior Court Judge Francis Holman has made what may be a landmark decision in placing a male 15 year-old runaway in the foster care of a gay man of his own choice. This decision is contrary to the wishes of the youth's parents, who wanted their son placed in a jail for young people. According to a UPI story printed the Oregon Journal, "The youth ran away from his home in Bellevue last year and met his foster parent at a downtown Seattle club frequented by homosexual youths. The man worked there as a bouncer..."

— Gay Life

RUBBER DECOY

Former CIA agent David A. Phillips claims that a fellow agent once approached him with a bizarre proposal designed to cause Soviet males to doubt their manhood.

Phillips, in his book called The Night Watch, says the unusual proposal was called "Operation Penis Envy."

He says the details of the proposed psychological warfare operation were spelled out in a typed memo handed him at CIA headquarters. "Operation Penis Envy" called for the agency to manufacture millions of oversized rubber contraceptives or condoms — each one of them at least several feet long — that were to be air-dropped over the Soviet Union.

Phillips says the memo explained that, after the air-drop, Soviet males would find the contraceptives far too big for use; however, they

would also discover words printed on each one reading: "Made in U.S.A. — medium size."

Phillips quotes the author of the memo as predicting: "The Soviets will never recover. Russian morale will plummet."

— Lancaster Independent Press

BACKING FROM THE BISHOP

SAN FRANCISCO — The Right Rev. C. Klimer Myers, Episcopal Bishop of California, has endorsed the ordination of women and homosexuals to the priesthood. The Sentinel reports. In a statement to the 128th Episcopal Convention, Myers stated, "To be a Christian is to be radically human. The model for humanness is Jesus. I know many homosexuals who are radically human. To desert them would be a desertion."

The Bishop, who has re-licenced openly lesbian Episcopal, Mary Ellen Barrett, noted that "to bury one's self in the question of the priest's homosexuality and sexuality is to lose sight of the true meaning of the church."

— Gay Community News

GREEN-EYED DEVIL

A study has found that jealous wives and husbands become more upset if the target of their envy is unattractive in appearance.

According to a paper presented to the American Psychological Association convention, it's harder, more embarrassing and damaging to self-esteem for an individual to be threatened by a drab looker.

Jealous spouses reportedly would prefer to blame their losses on a Robert Redford or Racquel Welch type, and not a Walter Mitty.

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GAY MARRIAGE RECOMMENDED

OHIO — A task force appointed by the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio has recom-

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mended that "practicing homosexuals" be ordained and be married in the church. The report stated that rather than placing guilt on "God's people for sexual expression, the church needs to give thanks that they are as responsible as they are while at the same time working to increase responsibility in sexual activity."



CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAYS

- 7:30 pm, Worship Service, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), State College, Eisenhower Chapel. Social hour follows. *Christian Awareness Rap. Call Gayline (Resource List) for day and time.
- 8:00 pm, Worhsip Service, MCC 1001 N. Spring St. Apt. I-2, Middletown, 717-944-1574.

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- 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. (address above)
- 8:30 pm, Consciousness Raising, MCC, Middletown.

JANUARY

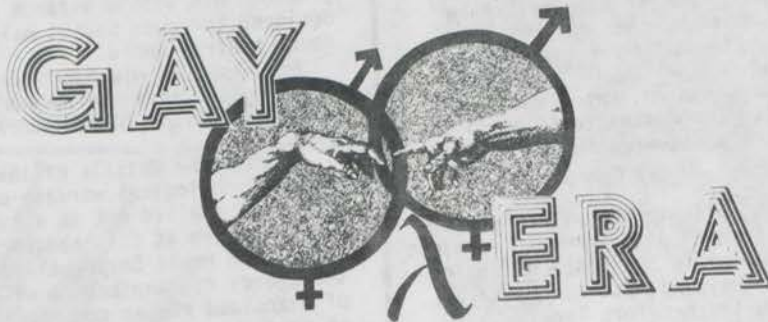
- 20 Friday - 8 am - 12 noon, registration starts for the Pennsylvania Gay Conference at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Delaware Water Gap. (See news article in this issue for more info.)
- 9 pm - 1 am, Steve, Rob and More often Paige, Original Music at Gay Community Center, Phila.
- 21 Saturday - 8:30 am - 10 am, Registration continues for Pennsyl-

- vania Gay Conference. (See separate schedule of events.)
- 22 Sunday - Pennsylvania Gay Conference.
- 7 pm, Mass for Gay Community sponsored by Dignity at Friend's Meeting House, Harrisburg.
- 8 pm - Mid., Ken Bridgeman, Guitarist/Folksinger, Gay Community Center, Phila.
- 27 Friday - 9 pm - 1 am, Peggy Bernstein, Folksinger (Guitar and Banjo) at Gay Community Center, Phila.
- 29 Sunday - 2 pm, Le-Hi-Ho (Allentown) sponsors guest speaker: Dr. Francis Ringer, Lancaster Theological Seminary. Will speak on "Religion and Homosexuality." For more info and directions call Bob 215-866-6390.
- 31 Tuesday - 7 pm, Dignity's Board of Directors meet. Call 717-232-2027 for location.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Friday - 9 pm - 1 am, Hank Baron, Guitarist/Songwriter, Gay Community Center, Phila.
- 5 Sunday - 8 pm - Mid., Wellspring, Original Music, Gay Community Center, Phila.

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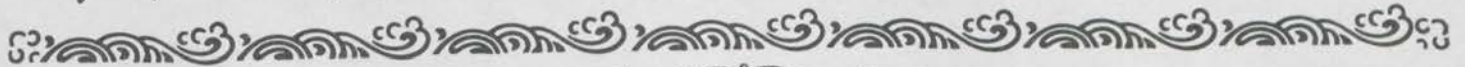
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