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# In the News

## STATE GAY SUPPORT GROUP FORMED

HARRISBURG, PA — At the July 15 meeting of the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, the formation of a state-wide support group took place. It was decided to create a separate organization in addition to the Rural Caucus and was temporarily named the "Pennsylvania Gay Support Network" until a more appropriate name can be found.

The July 15 meeting was chaired by Robert Woods, Secretary of the Rural Caucus. The Caucus was acting with the endorsement of the "Pride '78" Gay Conference held earlier this year at the Delaware Water Gap.

Members of the new organization discussed the resources which were already available in Pennsylvania that would be used immediately to implement the group's purpose of uniting the various organizations in Pennsylvania.

Organizations which will be relied upon for information and will be asked to help contact people through their mailing lists or other forms of communication were: Presbyterians for Gay Concerns, Philadelphia; Dignity, Pittsburgh; Gay Switchboard of Philadelphia; Gay Community Center of Philadelphia; Dignity, Harrisburg; Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities; Rapid Action for Gay Equality (RAGE), Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus and Homophile Action League, Williamsport.

The purposes of the organization will include political action in the state, outreach programs to isolated gay communities in Pennsylvania and dissemination of information for the gay community. The group has also been planning the formation of a statewide gay switchboard which will incorporate the facilities of switchboards already existing in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, State College and Harrisburg; and a telephone tree for the purpose of contacting gays about emergency situations that will need the immediate and united support of gays in Pennsylvania.

The Network will be self-supporting and self-administrative and will include both external and internal outreach programs. It will have both long and short range goals which will vary from time to time according to the needs of the gay community.

The telephone tree system will be divided into 4 sections of the state. Area coordinators for the system were asked to implement them immediately.

Persons interested in participating in the organization should call Mary Nancarrow, (717)-697-3482.

Those who wish to be on the mailing list should send their addresses and phone numbers to the Pennsylvania Gay Support Network, PO Box 4031, Allentown, PA 18105.

## GAYSWEEK PATENT REJECTED

NEW YORK, NY — The Patent and Trademark Office of the United States Department of Commerce today rejected an application to register the name "Gaysweek" because the proposed trademark was "immoral or scandalous." Gaysweek is a newspaper published here.

In a letter addressed to Gaysweek general counsel Michael J. Lavery, C.J. Condro, examiner for the Patent Office wrote, "registration is refused because the mark is considered to consist of or comprise immoral or scandalous matter."

"It is remarkable that anyone, even the federal government, could

find the word 'gay' to be immoral or scandalous in this day and age," said Lavery. "Certainly Gaysweek intends to challenge this medieval attitude."

The examiner found the proposed trademark acceptable in all other respects but requested "one complete issue of the publication from which the specimens (of the proposed trademark) filed were obtained."

Alan Bell, Gaysweek publisher, said, "I'm surprised, but again I'm not. You can't take anything for granted."

## GAY CULTURAL FESTIVAL WINS STATE FUNDING; LEGISLATORS SEEK TO REVOKE GRANT

The Philadelphia Gay Cultural Festival has been awarded a grant of \$1000 by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency, for the



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To aid the Examiner in considering the registrability of the mark, applicant is requested to submit one complete issue of the publication from which the specimens filed were obtained. Trademark Rule 2.61(b).

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*C.J. Condro*  
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production of its Spring, 1979 program. The Festival, sponsored by the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania and Gays at Penn, will offer a program of films, theater productions, music, dance, and other artistic reflections of the gay experience today. Over a thousand people participated in the first Gay Cultural Festival this past Spring, the first event of its kind on the East Coast.

Two Pennsylvania State Senators have challenged the Council grant, claiming that the funding represents support for the gay rights movement in Pennsylvania. Senator Thomas Nolan (D — Allegheny), in a letter to Arts Council Chairperson Hiram Hershey, predicted that when the State Senate returns from its recess in September it will be "shocked... As a senator who is required to vote for appropriations, I strongly object to taxpayer's monies being used for the furtherance of the gay movement in this state." Nolan, who has a long history of anti-gay activism in Harrisburg, was quickly supported in his stand by Sen. John Stauffer (R — Chester), who said that "the role of the Council is to promote legitimate culture, not to promote homosexuality. Further, I don't believe that in the era of Proposition 13 taxpayers want their money squandered on promoting controversial social programs and misappropriating scarce money." Stauffer said he would ask Senate Appropriations Chairperson Joseph Smith (D — Philadelphia), another known anti-gay crusader, to amend the Council's budget to remove the \$1,000 grant. Nolan has threatened to urge the full Senate to cut the Council's entire \$2.3 million budget for the current fiscal year.

**SUGGESTION:** Write all of these people letters reminding them that we are in fact taxpayers also! Your State Sen.!

The Rev. Maurine Doggett, Co-Director of the Christian Association, which sponsored the Festival grant along with other proposals submitted by C.A.-based organizations, defended the Festival. "The Christian Association in the past few years has done a lot of work with minority groups, and gay people are one of them," she said. "The Festival gives both gays

and straights an opportunity to see what gay artists are producing."

David Fair, Project Director for the Festival, condemned the legislators' threats. "We have been assured by the Council that our proposal was dealt with carefully and with consideration, and that its decision to provide us with a \$1,000 grant was based on the artistic merits of our programs. We didn't present them with a gay rights proposal, and they haven't funded a gay rights campaign. Sen. Nolan is not just challenging the rights of cultural workers to portray the gay experience, he is mounting a frontal attack on the concepts of artistic freedom and on the independence of the Council on the Arts." Calling on the Pennsylvania cultural community to "let its outrage ring through the Capitol halls," Fair said that "the citizens of Pennsylvania have a right to be assured that the Council on the Arts will be permitted to make its decisions free from the pressures of single-minded politicians and from those who will take advantage of popular biases to squelch creativity, and sacrifice cultural freedom on the altar of political expediency."

Fair asked that concerned Pennsylvanians write to Hiram Hershey, Chairperson of the Council of the Arts, at 2001 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17102, commending him for his refusal to reconsider the Festival's funding and supporting him in his effort to defend the Council's independence and artistic freedom. He also suggested that copies of those letters should be sent to member of the State Senate. More information on the controversy and the Festival itself is available by writing 3601 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

### GAY ARTICLE HALTS STUDENT NEWSPAPER

BALTIMORE — Distribution of a 20,000-copy newspaper to city high school students here has been halted by a school system administrator because of an article about the problems of gay students. The article in the paper, which is produced by minority students, contained the actual names of the students inter-

viewed.

Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, deputy superintendent in charge of the city's Bureau of Education, said that the bureau will have to check out the "legality of this." Noting that many of the gay students interviewed in *The Scoop* were juveniles, Dr. Carroll added, "If these are real names, it may create a problem for the students."

The article in the newspaper, which is a publication of the black journalists' Minority Journalism Workshop, discussed the fear of gays being beaten by their fellow students when their sexual preference was known. The article also discussed a number of other problems faced by gay high school students.

Wiley Hall, a reporter for the *Baltimore Evening Sun*, is a professional advisor to the nine-student staff which produced the newspaper. Hall, who edited the story, said he had not realized there would be a problem in using the students' names. "If it's a question of the legality of it (publishing the names of juveniles), I guess they're (the school system) perfectly right to look at it."

According to another student advisor, Fay Welch of the *Baltimore Sunpapers*, the Student Press Law Center in Washington told her that publishing the names presented no legal problem if the juveniles had given their permission. "As long as the students agreed to be quoted," Welch said she was told, "nobody else could interfere."

Since the current school year has ended in Baltimore, it seems apparent that the student newspaper has not been distributed.

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### COSTANZA RESIGNS AS AIDE TO CARTER

WASHINGTON, DC — Margaret "Midge" Costanza, gay rights advocate, resigned recently as President Carter's assistant because of "differences in style and approach."

Costanza was the only woman on the White House staff until the recent appointment of Ann Wexler. Al-



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though Carter accepted it with regret, White House officials claim the President wants to give her time to decide what she's going to do. "The President regrets her departure but will accept the resignation. He will consult with Midge on the person who will replace her," an aide said.

According to Rex Granum, deputy news secretary, there will be a delay of 30 days before Costanza's resignation takes effect.

Last year Costanza met with representatives of the National Gay Task Force and other gay community leaders in her White House office. This was the first time gay men and lesbians were invited to the White House. During that time Costanza was very hopeful about Carter's platform on the human rights issues.

In a letter to Carter, Costanza said she was confident that he shared her concern over human rights issues of significance to the young, the aged, ethnic minorities and women, especially ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. "Although we share these common goals and concerns, it has become clear that our approaches to fulfilling them are different." She added, "My own approaches are of advocacy. I have sought to advise you on the concerns assigned to me and to present those interests and needs to you."

Costanza said she was happy with her decision to resign. "The things that have been important to me in the White House are still important to me."

"As to where I am going, I don't know. I want to think about it. The President is my friend and will always be my friend. It's a whole series of examples and styles, a whole different approach," she said.

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## VOTER REGISTRATION STARTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

A voter registration drive is underway in Pennsylvania in order to register as many gays as possible for the November elections.

The November '78 election will be especially important for the gay community. A new governor will be elected who will certainly have much to say about the continuation of the Council for Sexual Minorities, the Governor's Executive Order forbidding discrimination against gays in state government, repeal of the "sodomy statutes", and other important gay related issues. All of the above mentioned actions were products of the Shapp Administration.

The races for local, state and federal legislative seats will be important as well since they will affect government's policies and attitudes toward its gay constituency.

The strategy set thus far by the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, which is helping to organize the drive along with other organizations was set at past meetings. Mary Nancarrow and others from the Rural Caucus have developed a questionnaire which was sent to both Democratic nominee Peter Flaherty and Republican Richard Thornburgh. As the GAY ERA goes to press, neither one of the candidates have responded to the questionnaires sent in July.

Mary Nancarrow told the GAY ERA that a coalition of minority groups is trying to help the Caucus set a meeting with the gubernatorial candidates. No date has been set at this time.

Regional coordinators have been asked to volunteer to work on voter registration. The various drives will be run according to the community needs and resources. Persons wishing to coordinate voter registration should call Tony Silvestre (215)-732-3212.

All gays are asked to register to vote. The registration deadline for the November election is October 10.

## MEDIA WATCH LAUNCHED

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California announced recently the establishment of a regional MEDIA WATCH program. The project will monitor newspapers, magazines, radio and television for items involving lesbians and gay men. It will also offer informational services to both the gay community and the media.

Designed for community participation, MEDIA WATCH operates a 24-hour hotline for reporting media activity. By simply dialing (213) H-O-M-O-S-E-X, anyone can alert the service to something they've seen, heard or read. The MEDIA WATCH staff will

### ANITA TO APPEAR AT THE BLOOMSBURG STATE FAIR.

BLOOMSBURG, PA — An assemblage of gay and other human rights organizations will gather at the Town Park in Bloomsburg. The rally will take place on Sunday, September 24, the day before Anita Bryant appears at the Bloomsburg State Fair. The rally will begin at 2 pm and a march is scheduled to start at the Town Park and proceed to the fairgrounds. There will be speakers at the rally who will be announced at a later date.

An evening religious service will be held at 6:30 pm. On September 25, the day Anita will appear at the fair, there will be a picket at the main gate and then a walk to the grandstands.

Early reports from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and other cities indicate a good turnout. More support is needed from local areas. According to organizers of the protest, "Anita Bryant probably feels that there are not that many gays in rural Pennsylvania. We will prove otherwise! The most important thing we can do is to be there."

Early financial support has been

students participating in a Council of Youth workshop in April '78 denounced the workshop's inclusion of the gay rights topic. As a result of the protest at the following city council meeting, Council President Frey invited Anita Bryant to "personally bring her viewpoints on homosexuality." Frey was quoted as saying that he thought that "personally, I feel this movement by the homosexuals is regressive, appalling and disgusting. Homosexuality violates every principle of the Bible and all religions. It is my opinion," he continued, "that homosexuals are not born, but are conditioned." Bryant's appearance was cancelled because of alleged threats on her life.

Following the rally, two showings of the noted film "Word is Out" will be shown at the Afro-American Cultural Center, Sixth and Chew Streets. The showings will be at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. To wind down the days events, a dance is scheduled at the Center beginning at 10:00. Tickets for the film are being distributed for a \$2 donation before the event, \$3 at the door, and the dance will cost \$1 per person. Tickets and overnight accommodations can be obtained by writing to CCBC, PO Box 4031, Allentown, PA 18105

plan an appropriate response. According to GRC President Peter Thomas Judge, "Misinformation about gays is bound to surface in the media, especially between now and the November 7 election." Judge was referring to California State Senator Briggs' anti-gay teacher initiative, Proposition 6.

Judge went on to emphasize that "There's a lot more to MEDIA WATCH than just correcting false information. We are also commending the press for unbiased reporting. It could never be the function of the ACLU to stifle open debate; responsible discussion is the only real way to insure tolerance for sexual minorities."

"Reporters are generally eager to talk with articulate gay spokespersons," Judge affirmed. MEDIA WATCH is thus designed to act as liaison between the press and the gay community. ACLU/GRC is presently working with Parents and Friends of Gays, the Gay Academic Union, and other groups who have been active in similar activities. Organizations and individuals who wish to coordinate their work with MEDIA WATCH should dial (213) H-O-M-O-S-E-X for more information or write ACLU/GRC MEDIA WATCH PROGRAM, PO Box 480029, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

### MARCH PLANNED IN ALLENTOWN

ALLENTOWN, PA — Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for a Better Community (CCBC) is planning to kick off their Autumn Initiative for gay rights in this city with a march and rally on Saturday, September 23.

The march will begin at 11:30 a.m. and proceed from the 400 block of Hamilton Street and continue through the main business district. The march will pass City Hall, the location of the most heated arguments over gay rights, and continue the length of Hamilton Mall. At the end of the march there will be a rally at Union Terrace Park near 20th Street. Speakers are planned by CCBC which is a coalition of gay, women and civil rights organizations.

A city ordinance, which would ban discrimination in Allentown in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations, was endorsed by the city's Human Relations Commission last year. City Council members have been reluctant to sponsor the measure and Council President Alton Frey Jr. has insisted that the ordinance is a "dead issue."

The city has insisted that it cannot enact such an ordinance because it would go beyond state guidelines set by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. That theory has been rebuked by the state commission which insists that municipal commissions can extend protection against discrimination.

The fight for gay rights came to its most attention when parents of

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good. Additional support is needed. Contributions can be sent to Northeastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Human Rights (NPCHR), PO Box 224, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

A good relationship had been established with borough officials and with the Bloomsburg Fair Association. The group had reassured that the demonstration will be low-key and that they would not be there to harass, but rather, to present their views on human rights. The group claims that if they hold a large, orderly and educational demonstration, it will be a victory for all gay people.

As the GAY ERA goes to press, Gary Norton, Co-chairperson of the Rural Caucus, has informed us that the group has been denied a parade permit by the mayor of Bloomsburg. The group still plans to continue with their plans, but will walk on the sidewalks instead of in the streets.

More next month!

## GROUPS JOIN TOGETHER TO FIGHT INITIATIVE

SAN FRANCISCO — A newly-formed coalition of organizations has agreed to combat the anti-gay Briggs Initiative here. The Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative, Concerned Voters of California and San Franciscans United have met and laid the groundwork for combining their efforts against the Initiative.

San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk stated that the coalition "must work toward breaking down fear." With the groups working together, Milk, part of the leadership of San Franciscans United, said there can be a state-wide media campaign against the Initiative.

"More importantly," Milk added, "is the door-to-door registering of gay voters. Every poll shows that the people who know gay people will vote with us."

"We want an army of gays to come out to friends and relatives. We feel that if every gay person came out to a friend or relative, we can win. There are roughly half a million gays in this state, and the emphasis must be directed toward that community so that it will campaign." Milk said.

Howard Wallace, with the Bay Area Committee, has said that his organization has always encouraged mutual fund-raising and cooperative actions by the groups that oppose the Initiative. Support for the coalition also came from the Don Bradley Associates, which is managing the media campaign for Concerned Voters of California.

Shortly after the California organizations pledged to work together against Briggs, there was yet another setback in their campaign. The California State Supreme refused to

block the Initiative from appearing on the ballot.

The decision was based on a petition filed by several gay organizations and individuals which charged that political and privacy rights are denied by the mere presence of the question on the ballot. The court ruled, without comment, against the petition filed by the California Federation of Teachers, Lesbian Schoolworkers, Gay Teachers of Los Angeles, the Gay Academic Union, the Pride Foundation, and several individuals.

The high court in California has yet to rule on another petition against Briggs filed by the Metropolitan Community Church. The MCC action called for removal of the measure because of its denial of religious freedom.

The church group claimed that gay school employees in its congregation are fearful that their religious association could later be used against them if the Initiative is approved in November.

Despite the setbacks there has been some support for the fight against the Briggs question. The San Francisco Bar Association rejected the Initiative as has the 2000 member Barristers Club, an organization of attorneys under 36 years of age.

The Barristers argued that the Initiative would "cause teachers to lose their jobs as a result of the exercise of their rights of association and speech or their sexual orientation," and added, it would "punish school employees for their lifestyles and/or expressions of their political and personal beliefs."

The attorneys' organization also stated that the vagueness of the In-

itiative would "likely lead to unclear and unequal enforcement."

City Supervisor Milk, who welcomed the lawyers' remarks, remained optimistic about the battle against Briggs. "If we don't get the gay community to campaign," he added, "we are in trouble."

"But I am an optimist and it is possible to counter the filth and lies that are being spread by the Briggs people... all gays have got to come out and fight this," Milk said.

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## ARCO SUPPORT OF BRIGGS SPARKS BOYCOTT

SAN FRANCISCO — A boycott of the Atlantic Richfield Petroleum Company (ARCO) is taking place over the issue of its donations to State Senator John Briggs. The action was begun by the Lincoln Republican Club of Southern California and the San Francisco-based Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights.

Although neither organizers of the boycott nor ARCO have any exact figures on the number of credit cards returned to the giant petroleum company, that number runs in the hundreds since the beginning of the 3 week old boycott.

ARCO has contributed about \$2000 to the gubernatorial campaign of Briggs. Last month Briggs dropped out of that race and has been devoting his energies to his anti-gay teachers' initiative campaign.

ARCO officials claimed that the company had donated specifically to the Briggs campaign coffers. However, financial reports filed with the





state show Briggs showed almost half of the money he collected in the initiative campaign.

It remains difficult to determine the exact amounts of campaign money because of a number of committees used by Briggs. It appears that almost \$350,000 of the over \$800,000 which he collected went to the anti-gay efforts.

Rodney Rood, Executive Assistant to the chairperson of ARCO's board of directors, said that his company had specifically earmarked the donation "for Briggs' gubernatorial campaign." "We made it for a very specific purpose and we regret very much that the gay community is reading support of Senator Briggs' anti-gay teacher campaign into that."

The ARCO executive defended the company's contribution to Briggs by saying the Senator was a "serious" candidate for governor of California. The official maintained that the contribution given to Briggs came at a time when, "We thought Sen Briggs was a strong contender for the nomination."

Briggs' campaign statements showed a \$1000 donation from ARCO on March 13 of this year, a period when polls showed that Briggs would receive only two percent of the Republican vote in the primary.

ARCO's Rood said, "I can assure you that none of ARCO's money was transferred from Briggs' gubernatorial campaign to the anti-homosexual teacher campaign." He added that in that same period when they were donating money to Briggs, ARCO had "no knowledge of Senator Briggs' campaign on homosexual teachers."

A poll conducted in January and February of this year showed that 66% of all Californians were aware of the anti-gay initiative.

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### GAY VOICES RAISED AT SEABROOK PROTEST

SEABROOK, NH — Among the demonstrators who staged a legally sanctioned rally against nuclear power here on June 24, were a number of lesbians and gay men. Nearly 20,000 people gathered at the site of the Seabrook plant. The space was provided to the demonstrators in a last minute agreement with state officials.

Observers at the demonstration, which was handled by the Clamshell Alliance, noted a gay presence. Gay and lesbian activists carried signs which read "Dykes Against Nukes" and "Gays Against Nukes."

Gay activists Allen Young and Dennis Helmus handed out leaflets which spoke to the issues of "Sexism and Environmentalism" and anti-gay attitudes in the anti-nuclear movement.

The leaflet pointed out that although the danger of nuclear power may be apparent to everybody gather-

ed at Seabrook, people should "think about what kind of society this will be if Anita Bryant and the growing forces being mobilized by a powerful, wealthy and disturbingly pro-right-wing continue to mount up victories."

The leaflet called on the demonstrators to "explore the connections between the rapist, the authoritarian father, the wife beater and the fag baiters on the one hand, and on the other hand, those who seek to dominate nature with overly complex 'mad scientist' technology, the wasteful consumption for 'lesser' species, and the idea that 'men' and their machines will always provide a solution to everything."

Dennis Helmus told GCN that there was difficulty getting the message of the leaflet read. It was finally presented early in the morning of the second day of the demonstration.

"Most of the women who were handed the leaflet responded positively

on the whole," Helmus said. "many men tended to ignore it, though, and just put it in their pocket."

Helmus also noted that during the reading of a statement by the group "Dykes Against Nukes," many men in the crowd responded negatively.

The statement from that group, which was joined by "Women Against Nuclear Power," was drawn after lesbians and feminists met in the "women's space" at Seabrook.

Calling nuclear power a feminist and lesbian issue, the groups called the struggle "against the rape of our earth by rich, white males... the same as our struggle against the rape of our bodies and the rape of our lives."

The statement from the lesbian-feminist groups stated that the "complex, centralized, profit-oriented solar collector, or the hierarchy

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of Clamshell" was not moving toward an improvement over nuclear technology.

"We women who are the primary childraisers must teach our children not to dominate the earth, but to live cooperatively with it. We must start from birth to look for ways to get rid of sex roles which encourage our boys to be overpowering and our girls to be passive. We must not let our fear of homosexuality keep us from this task. We reject the overbearing male ego's love of elitism and power," the statement said.

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## VIRGINIA GROUP FIGHTS ANTI-GAY LIQUOR LAW

RICHMOND — A statewide campaign to eliminate certain provisions of Virginia's Alcoholic Beverage Control Act has been initiated by the Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights Political Action Committee.

The beginning stage of the VCLGR effort is a statewide letterwriting campaign this summer to the three Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission members, Robert W. Jeffrey, Archer Yeatts and Commission Chair T. Rodman Layman. The group is urging people who "support gay rights" to write the commissioners to recommend elimination of the "anti-homosexual provisions" of the ABC's code.

Two sections of the code have been singled out as being "especially discriminatory toward gays" according to the Coalition. Section 4-37 states that, "The Board may suspend or revoke any license issued by it, if it has reasonable cause to believe...that the place occupied by the licensee...has become a meeting place or rendezvous for users of narcotics, drunks, homosexuals, prostitutes, pimps, panderers, gamblers or habitual law violators."

Another provision, Section 4-58.10, provides that no licensee shall "knowingly employ in the licensed business any person who has a general reputation as a homosexual, panderer, gambler, habitual law violator, person of ill-repute, user or peddler of narcotics or a person who drinks to excess."

Any changes in the code in Virginia must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly. VCLGR's campaign is based on garnering the support of the ABC Commissioners for changes in the code.

Several legal arguments have been cited by the organization in urging elimination of the code's reference to gays. VCLGR will argue that certain categories of persons cited in the two sections are criminals under Virginia state law, something gays are not. Specific sexual acts are

illegal in the state, but it is not a "crime" to be a homosexual in Virginia.

VCLGR also believes Section 4-37 to be unconstitutional because it prohibits freedom of assembly, and sees Section 4-58.10 as "an unwarranted government intrusion on an employer's right to hire based on merit."

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## MEMORIAL TO HOLOCAUST WILL 'IGNORE' GAYS

WEST HARTFORD, CT — This city's Human Rights Commission has refused to recognize the more than 250,000 homosexual victims of the Holocaust. The representation would come in a planned memorial in the town's center.

The issue began in 1975 when the West Hartford Human Rights Commission organized plans to sponsor a "Holocaust Memorial Week" of activities. During that time a local committee of gay people was formed and requested consideration from the commission to allow homosexual victims to be represented on the monument. Since then there have been a series of sporadic meetings between the gay community and the commission on the matter.

The Human Rights Commission responded to the gay community's request by indicating that "a monument is for all victims of the Holocaust without reference to a specific group." Contrary to its policy, however, the commission has in the past offered representation to various constituencies including Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Blacks.

Various religious constituencies also voiced their objection to gay participation at the June 13 meeting. Rabbi Issac Avigdor who attended the meeting said, "Homosexuality is a sin in the Biblical sense. I am not out to fight homosexuals but I won't insult the Jewish people by placing them in the same monument as with the homosexuals. I would not oppose a separate monument but I cannot equate them with the Jews."

No official date has been set for the memorial's construction.

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## A.I. CONTINUES DEBATE ON ACCEPTING GAY PRISONERS

LONDON — The British section of Amnesty International has voted against supporting a resolution to extend the human rights organization's mandate to include cases of imprisonment for "sexual orientation or behavior." But according to London's *Gay News* the decision was far from unanimous and might even be reconsidered.

The opposition centered principally around the use of the term "sexual orientation or behavior." It

was felt that it included far too wide a range of sexual acts (adultery, for example) to be either acceptable to the international community or feasible for Amnesty International to defend. The organization is already overburdened with cases, it argued, and would be even less able to function effectively should it take up that cause of sexual freedom "across the board." (Although the resolution excludes child-adult sexual relationships.)

Similar arguments were raised against the resolution when it was introduced at the annual meeting of Amnesty International Council last September. Backed mainly by the French and American delegations, it proved highly controversial and was at that time tabled and submitted for further study to the International Executive Committee. The committee is to give its final vote at the upcoming International Council meeting this September in Cambridge, England.

But throughout there has been considerable support within the international body for the adoption of prisoners imprisoned because of their homosexuality (as opposed to "sexual behavior" in general).

Larry Cox, an American delegate to last year's International Council meeting said that it is his impression that "the will of the majority is to take up gay cases." This includes the British section, the chairperson of which, Paul Oestreicher, has said, "I would like Amnesty to find some way of helping people who are genuinely persecuted because of their homosexuality without getting mixed up in sexual law reform across the board."

Cox is confident that if the broad "sexual orientation or behavior" resolution fails, something will be worked out to cover "homosexuality." He suggested that persons imprisoned for their homosexuality will be taken up by the organization as prisoners of conscience in so far as what is seen as a "fundamental human rights" being violated. The most notable case of imprisonment for homosexuality is that of the Russian film director Sergei Paradzhanov, released in January after nearly five years in a Soviet labor camp. His case was apparently what prompted the French section to bring up the issue.

Amnesty International is interested in any information readers may have about other cases of imprisonment for homosexuality. Their New York address is 2112 Broadway, New York, NY 10023

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Strictly speaking, bisexual means hermaphrodite. Ambisexual is what most people mean by bisexual.

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# letters

Dan, RFD  
c/o Editor, GAY ERA,

I purchased a copy of the GAY ERA (June '78) yesterday whilst in State College, PA, and read your article on "Coming Out as an Old Man."

I was rather amused at your use of the word "old" to describe yourself at 45. Middle-aged perhaps, but surely not old, except from the point of view of extreme youth!

I'm not an American. I was brought up in Europe where there seems to be less youth worship; nevertheless, at 55 I also feel the chasm between the generations. In the 60's there was much talk by the youth about never trusting anyone over 30. That's a point of view that I don't hear anymore — perhaps because the chief exponents are now well into their 30's. However, the youth of the 70's seem to be very different — not so antagonistic toward their elders. I like your point about development as a trip that each person must take for himself in his own way. The older experienced ones can only indicate the options and the dangers, offer support. I'm not so convinced that they can supply companionship to the young. They can offer it but the rejection rate is very high I suspect.

Your final paragraph seems to be an intent to form a study group but what do you want to study — socialism? Or individual human developmental problems of your members (no double entendre intended!!).

I very much enjoyed your essay. It was a refreshing change from the more common homosexual pornographic stuff that seems to consume most of the gay press.

Ken Hooper  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada

Editor, GAY ERA,

I am writing in hope of getting your readers' full and united support to continue the struggle. The past six years have been a struggle with the government beyond any doubt; this struggle has placed an extreme hardship on you as supporters, and also on myself, both physically and mentally. The conditions and the lack of treatment in the U.S. Bureau of Prisons for gay brothers/sisters is inhuman, and getting worse. The mind control programs that exist are basically restricted lock-ups, overcrowded cells, punitive segregation, and denial of medical and other rights. Even outside contacts including publications, are withheld. In addition, there is the constant reminder that I am a gay brother who shouldn't be active in helping others.

After six years and 9 months, I was recently taken before the parole board in Terre Haute U.S. Prison where I was given a solid decision in what was a 21-day delay until the regional office in Kansas City would deny me. Yet, I have a non-violent crime conviction and a record of my being kept out of the mainstream of the regular prison population in return for my filing legal actions, and organizing the Gay Rights Movement in the federal prison system.

During these seven years, I have been sent to various state/federal prisons and been through some of the most inhumane treatment I could imagine. At times, I was even cut off from all outside support. Seemingly, it is continuing pursuant to my being transferred here to Terre Haute from the New Mexico State Prison where a real struggle is being had by gays and others — we have had extensive coverage of our plight there. After several suits were filed against officials, I was transferred, but have a mail suit still pending which is being pursued by my attorney in Albuquerque, and by the A.C.L.U in Denver, CO.

On my arrival at Terre Haute, I was placed on "Psychological Investigation" in an attempt to discredit my own struggle, and others who are fighting for rights and freedom. The rights of gay brothers/sisters inside — and outside — depend on our continuing to support the fight. A serious situation exists presently for all deciding which road we will take to make up for our setbacks over the last few months.

I looked forward to being out there, contributing a real part to the struggle. I am planning to continue my paralegal work, offering services for all. However, to continue appeals on my parole to the courts, donations are needed, in addition to letters. Help that the members of the National Prisoners Defense Fund is supplying on behalf of many prisoners takes several hundreds of dollars in many cases. You may send tax deductible funds for me to them in care of "Sister Evelyn Ancilla, Convent of the Transfiguration, 495 Albion Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45246" (513-771-5291) from whom you can receive regular and accurate updates on my situation.

You may also contact my attorney, "Jona Goldshmidt, 828-D East Main St., Robinson Center, Carbondale, IL 62901 (618-457-0414);" or "Diane FineBung, Worldview Publishing Co., 46 W. 21st St., New York, NY 10010" and "Brain O'Dell, Chairman, NY Gay Prisoners Support, 281-A Henry St., Brooklyn, NY 11237

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to lack of proper treatment and conditions being endured by me because of official harassment can be sent to "Warden George Ralston, Terre Haute U.S. Prison, Box 33, Terre Haute, Indiana 47808" as I do know that my health is in danger and my life in jeopardy. Your allowing officials to know your concern is desperately needed. I deeply appreciate this concern, as well as many others, for needed support for a brother trying to make it.

John Gibbs  
#86976-132  
Terre Haute U.S. Prison  
Box 33, Terre Haute  
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Editor, GAY ERA,

Thank you so very much for the July GAY ERA. I really appreciated it (I still do.)

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me another issue of GAY ERA. I am really pleased to be able to be in contact with you. I'm sure I'll be here in August so may I please have the next issue.

Another brother which is right down from me is discussing the GAY ERA and sharing it.

The GAY ERA — when shared — brings us closer together as friends. I've been out of the closet since 1976. I feel alot better now that I'm out. I've been closer to my parents and my blood brothers and sisters.

God Bless all you people at the GAY ERA and I hope you become very fortunate and are showered with many blessings.

With all my love,  
M.B. Fissel K-3610  
PO Box 200  
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## A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

(The following is the Dade County Coalition for Human Rights national letter to the President of the United States. That organization is asking gay people to read the letter, make a copy of it, sign it, and send it to President Carter, Office of the President of the United States, The White House, Washington, DC 20500. According to the Coalition the overall impact of the question it is putting to Carter "will depend upon the massive response we make nationally as a unified body of law-abiding taxpayers.")

Dear President Carter:

For the past 365 days, millions of Americans have been intellectually, socially, and spiritually offended by a woman from Dade County, FL. She has singled out an entire segment of our society to be the object of her particular religious fanaticism and has made gross, unfair, generalized accusations about millions of A-

merican men and women.

The fact is, almost all homosexuals are well adjusted sexually and socially and are no more interested in the sexual exploitation of minors than are well adjusted heterosexuals. This truth may be very difficult to uphold in light of the vicious and effective campaign of hate, fear, prejudice which has been launched this past year by Anita Bryant and her church, with such outlandish statements as, "Homosexuals are an abomination of God!" and "Beware the homosexuals — for your children's sake!"

You may only be aware of it in your heart, Mr. President, that you or your wife are, like millions of Americans, secretly related to a homosexual man or woman. Most certainly, you are served directly or indirectly by men and women of various lifestyle preferences who are at the same time capable, reliable, responsible, hardworking and upstanding American citizens. They are also the children, employees, employers, clients, patients, clergy and congregation in American society: the concerned, loving and dedicated professionals who have been our teachers in the past as well as the very qualified teachers of our children today.

Homosexuals are ordinary human beings with the same basic feelings, needs and values, including love, security and accomplishment, as is characteristic of yourself and the vast majority of Americans.

America was founded upon the premise of equality, individuality and justice. It has taken years of pain, blood and tears to gain these basic human rights for many of our citizens including women, blacks and many other minorities. Across this great land an effort has been made to bring these same rights to men and women who happen to be homosexual. We have seen human rights ordinances enacted and then watched in horror as they were withdrawn — in effect, cancelled — by pressure groups and antagonists like Anita Bryant and her anti-homosexual extremists who have used the same weapons of false information, fear, hate, hostility, intolerance and ridicule that have been used in the past against other minorities who were fighting for their human rights.

Mr. President, do you intend to tolerate these injustices against equality which are in direct opposition to the Constitutional rights of all Americans?

Most everyone knows that the phrase "up the creek" is short for "up shit creek without a paddle". What's less well known is that this was originally a homosexual phrase, referring to being caught in the act of anal intercourse.

## NEWS

### LAW STUDENTS HAVE 'MORE TOLERANT' ATTITUDE TO GAY RIGHTS

SAN FRANCISCO — The future judges and attorneys who will deal with gay rights — today's law students and most particularly women law students — seem to have a more tolerant attitude about the rights of gays to teach school children than do current judges and school principals. On the other hand, a substantial minority of them accept common stereotypes about gays. These were among the findings of a national study conducted by Joshua Dressler, Associate Professor of Law at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. The complete results will be reported in *Journal of Homosexuality*, a San Francisco based psychology journal, this December.

Dressler's study indicated that many myths about gays and homosexuality are accepted by a substantial minority of heterosexual law students (who compose 92% of the law school population.) Among the findings was that 12 percent of the students believe that most homosexuals are "mentally ill" (and another 19 percent had no opinions), and 24 percent believed that most gay males are "obviously effeminate." Another 22 percent believe that legalization of sodomy will "substantially increase the frequency of homosexual conduct." Regarding the charges of Anita Bryant, only 9 percent of the students believe that gay teachers will make more sexual advances upon children than will heterosexual teachers. Seventeen percent had no opinion. On the other hand, 13 percent agreed with Bryant's claim that the mere presence of a gay teacher will increase homosexuality among children.

On the other hand, only 4 percent of the students favor discharge of a gay school teacher. This conflicts with a 45 percent figure by high school principals (according to a recent McCall's poll). It also is more liberal than the Supreme Court of Washington which recently permitted discharge of a teacher for being homosexual. Other results indicate that a majority of law students would not fire a teacher for conviction of a consensual adult homosexual act.

Another finding of the study was that about 40 percent of the students report having had gay teachers in their youth. It was also noted that heterosexual law students had exactly the same percentage of such teachers as did gay students.

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### CONFEREES DISCUSS 'BACKLASH'

MINNEAPOLIS — Educational work on gay issues should take precedence over legislative work in the next few years. That was the message of both speakers at a conference on "Backlash: What To Do About It" held here recently.

"Gay rights today is simply not a winnable issue on a popular referendum basis virtually anywhere in the United States," State Senator Allan Spear said in explaining his advocacy of long-term political campaigns. The statement was viewed by some as surprising coming from Spear who has worked actively on three state gay rights bills in the past five years and played an important role in the St. Paul referendum.

Spear, who is one of three openly gay legislators elected in the U.S., called the St. Paul campaign "one of the best run, best organized, best put together campaigns I've ever seen." "We did not lose in St. Paul because we did anything wrong," he said. "We lost in St. Paul because the people of this country are not, at this point, willing to affirm gay rights at the polls."

He told the audience of about 150 activists and organizers that passage of a Minnesota gay rights bill within the next two years is "highly unlikely." And he urged his listeners to avoid putting much hope in Congress, the Supreme Court or militant street action.

"It's time now to focus on a painstaking, long-termed education effort," he said.

The second speaker at the conference, National Gay Task Force Executive Director Jean O'Leary, said that she agreed with Spear's emphasis on education, but that some legislative work should continue. She said she saw some value in further referendum campaigns.

Gay people should admit, O'Leary said, that we want openly gay teachers as role models for gay children and explain that it's ridiculous to say that gay teachers will change the sexuality of non-gay students. "It's almost like saying that children are at the mercy of every single role model that comes along," she said. "It's not giving the kids very much credit."

"If you say you're not going to discriminate against Catholics and Buddhists, it doesn't mean your kids are going to grow up to be Catholics and Buddhists," she said.

Spear said that churches should receive special attention from gay activists. Gay rights is already an important issue in the churches, he added. "In fact, if you pick up a Saturday newspaper and turn to the religion pages, it sometimes looks like the gay page." For many major

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denominations, gay rights is, "the most divisive issue since slavery," he said.

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## LOS ANGELES GAY PARADE DRAWS RECORD NUMBERS

LOS ANGELES, CA — Record numbers of gay women and men, and their non-gay supporters, marched down Hollywood Boulevard July 2 under cloudless skies in the 8th annual Gay Pride Parade sponsored by the Christopher Street West Association.

CSW President Terry Foster estimated that 7,000 to 8,000 women and men marched or rode in floats or convertibles during the 90-minute parade, while an estimated 18,000 to 20,000 spectators lined the sidewalks — another record.

Over 12,000 paid admissions to the 5th annual Gay Pride Carnival, on a parking lot just off Hollywood Boulevard, which ran for 3½ days.

Spirits were buoyed by a Certificate of Commendation presented to CSW and signed by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and five members of the City Council — Peggy Stevenson, Zev Yaroslavsky, Joel Wachs, John Ferraro and Pat Russel.

The certificate, sponsored by Stevenson and presented, at her request, by the Rev. Troy D. Perry of Metropolitan Community Church, "celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of gay people everywhere, and joins in the fight to preserve the rights of all people."

Accompanying it was a letter from Stevenson, "to express once again my strong support for the rights and dignity of all gay people...I pledge to you my firm and constant support in this struggle. I firmly believe we can and must win this fight."

The letter was written on June 29, only a few hours after the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner reported that there would be no proclamation of Gay Pride Week this year, as there was two years earlier from Bradley and the same five City Council members. CSW's Foster requested such a 1978 proclamation last April, but the Herald-Examiner reported Stevenson's firm opposition to it, quoting her as describing gay parades as "counter-productive" — a view with which she had earlier been identified.

Stevenson's about-face, after the newspaper account, included not only the letter and the certificate, but also the appearance of one of her aides, Stephen Schulte, in a convertible in the parade. It was the first time her office has been re-

presented in a CSW parade.

Other dignitaries in the event included Deputy Mayor Grace Montanez Davis; City-County Supervisor Harvey Milk of San Francisco, who served as CSW's grand marshal; Gary Wheelock, a Republican nominee for the State Assembly in Hollywood (whose opponent, incumbent Herschel Rosenthal, rode in the 1977 parade); Rhonda Saunders, liason to the gay community for State Sen. David Roberti of Hollywood, leader of the Democratic majority in Sacramento; and Don Amador, gay liason for Mayor Bradley.

## COMMENTARY

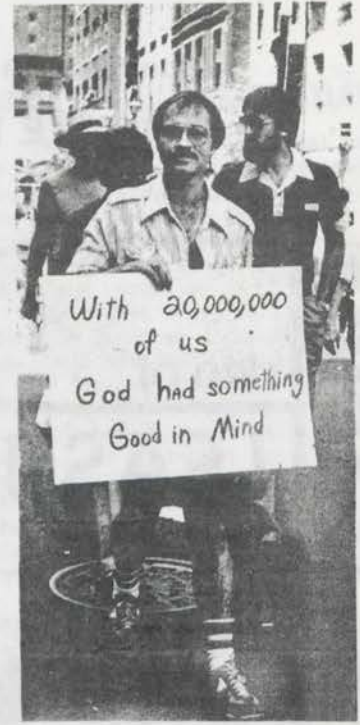
by Harold Pickett  
(Gay Community News)

NEW YORK — The "Gay Pride Day" March, June 25, in NYC should be renamed "Gay Shame Day." When gay rights bills across the country are being defeated and the national media reports political "shifts to the Right," when they themselves are creating those shifts by their own propaganda, a mere 85,000 marchers from up and down the whole East Coast is pathetic. We know there must be at least a million in the combined city bars and discos on just Saturday night, so when it comes to a daylight march, "shame" wins out by almost a 5-1 margin.

When you add bullshit to shame, the numbers are likely to decrease even further for future marches. The amount of bullshit this year was almost overwhelming.

Over the years, I've observed the side-tracking, disruptive, counter-productive efforts of four or five individuals at numerous meetings and events. A couple of them, in particular, seem to enjoy the role of professional victim and thrive on the hostility they generate. It's an amazing process to watch.

The half-dozen participants in "Gay Walk for Freedom" (GFW) did not "lead" this year's New York march. Rather, they did not want to be part of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee march. CSLDC agreed with these people and with the police that the group could walk ahead of the community march. Part of the mutual agreement was that GFW would keep at least one block ahead of the regular march's lead banners. (When one considers the broad range of the community with its diverse members, oppressions, and perspectives, the subject of "lead banners" is no small matter easily arrived at or dismissed.) The Fifth Avenue



New York's CSLDC March

march was, itself, illegal; there was no permit. Any individual marcher or CSLDC representative could have been arrested at any time.

Its wishes granted, GWF did not keep its agreement. The group fell back, shortening the distance between it and CSLDC. Police, maintaining the original agreement, urged GWF forward and when they resisted marching ahead, a police officer shoved. GWF marchers then sat down in the street, willing to block the 85,000 marchers behind them. Police arrested two GWF members, took them to the station, gave them summonses, and released them, all within an hour. Had the police not removed the sit-downers from the street, CSLDC marshals would have had to do so themselves. GWF might have preferred that occurrence. They could have more effectively accused the lesbian marshals of oppression and persecution. As it was, they tried to accuse first CSLDC and then the lesbian marshals of instigating the police action. Actions such as GWF's belong in provocateur manuals instead of those for gay liberation.

It was fortunate that most of those marching up to Central Park did not stay in Sheep Meadow for the whole rally. It's difficult enough to get people involved in political actions, but when you bore them to death with endless speakers and entertainers who can't perform well under poor conditions, it's a safe bet they won't be first in line again next year. It's about time to admit that three-hour rallies just don't work.

Two years ago, the Christopher Street Festival was viewed by many activists as counter to the march and having been instituted by the

bars. After one year, the Festival was referred to as an "institution." Indications are that relations between CSLDC and the Festival will be even closer next year. Maybe it's time to limit entertainment to the activities of the Festival. After the march has made its point, and after one or two short speeches, the Central Park rally could easily dismiss in under an hour. Let our activists speak from the stage downtown where people are free to come and go, expressing interest when they wish to do so, but without feeling trapped.

I'm amazed at some of the speaker's egos this year, outraged when they weren't scheduled to speak first. Every group has important concerns and needs; and every group and individual is important. However, when speakers do not stick to the main issue of gay rights, but instead harangue and abuse the audience, many of whom may be attending a rally for the first time, we can bet they will only alienate people and lose support for their own issues. This is regardless of how legitimate these other concerns may be. Lesbian and Gay Pride Day is not the day to complicate and to divide.

CSLDC and its member groups deserve our thanks and appreciation for the work they've done on behalf of the entire lesbian and gay community. It's too easy to just sit back and complain.

## A THERAPIST LOOKS FOR REASONS BEHIND RECENT ATTACK ON GAYS

NEW YORK — On July 5, 1978, at least six men were savagely clubbed with baseball bats in the Ramble section of Central Park by a roving gang of thugs. Five of them, including Dick Button, a sportscaster and former Olympic skating champion, were hospitalized with fractured skulls. Even though the Ramble is a well-known homosexual cruising area, the daily papers hesitated at first to term the attacks as gay related. Regardless of the reasons for hesitation, the papers could not avoid the gay issue for long.

Six suspects, four adults and two juveniles, have been arrested in the case. The New York Times stated, "The police said the suspects showed no remorse and even boasted that they would engage in similar actions again." The Times quoted one suspect as saying that all the Central Park victims were homosexuals and, "We went out to get faggots, because we hate them."

Michael Moss is a Jungian psychotherapist in private practice in Greenwich Village. He agreed to discuss the Central Park case and the psychology of the perpetrators.

Moss described the thugs as "psychotic homophobes," who experienced their psychotic outbreak when the

barriers on their primitive impulses weakened. They succumbed to "the shadow, which is everything in one's psyche that is unacceptable to one's ego; such things as are repressed, suppressed, denied, reviled, hated, everything that turns you off, that you don't want to admit in your own self." Such a mental state is "very emotional, extremely hot."

Moss pointed out, too, the aspect of the gang phenomenon "in which the level of group consciousness is lower than that of (any) individual consciousness." The crowd phenomenon is that individual rage catalyzed to expression.

However, "the direct, exact quality of the phenomenon is that they were worried about their own sexuality. Such worries center on and compensate for feelings of castration and ineffectuality by exhibiting macho behavior."

"The craziness begins when they start bashing heads, which is a real breakdown in the psyche. At that point, they're unable to stop themselves. David Berkowitz, the Son of Sam, was doing something he was primed to do, but he acted only in a particular situation. These guys went into the park ready to do battle with anyone they thought was gay. They were indiscriminate, to the point of almost beating a short-haired woman. They were not, though, psychotic in the same sense as Berkowitz, who was hearing voices, but they were immersed in the group psychosis."

The societal aspects of the case were referred to by Moss, who said, "Things are heating up now. There's a gay revolution going on." Moss, who is not gay himself, said.



## COMMENTARY

### HUNTING GAYS': NO ISOLATED INCIDENT

"Queer bashing," "fag baiting," or the more innocuous Village Voice's "hunting gays" — it's been going on for more years than most people can remember. During the night of July 5, a gang of bat wielding anti-gay street toughs from New York's East Side went on one of those sprees against lone gay men. After the rampage, five men ended up in various hospitals with serious injuries.

This incident may have gone all but unreported in the straight media in New York, save for the fact that one of those injured was Dick Button, a former Olympic ice skater and now

sportscaster. The New York Times put the beatings on the front page of its July 6 edition, devoting most of the article to Button and his injuries.

The attack occurred in the Ramble in Central Park. The Ramble has long been a gay cruise area, and it has long been the scene of vicious and unwarranted attacks by young men as sick and as misguided as those who attacked on the July 5 night.

There was little note in the Times of the fact that gays are continually victims of violent acts. Gay journalist Arthur Bell, who spends his Bell Tells space in the Village Voice on his latest trip to Studio 54, was given front page space for two weeks running. Bell found his "exclusive interviews" with the victims and his morbid interest in the youth gang fit topics for discussion. He avoided the larger issue of the ever-increasing violence against gays.

It is not enough to just point out that youth gangs are roaming the streets and parts of every city screaming, "Let's kill a fag," or "This is for Anita." It is time that we look into the reasons behind this violence and the obvious hatred of gays.

In the July 24 issue of New York magazine (another major publication which sensationalized the Central Park beatings), reporter Doug Ireland spoke to Dr. John Money, a professor of medical psychology at John Hopkins University.

"In every case of this type I've seen in 30 years of work in this field, I have found such young men, attracted to homosexuality and acting it out. On the other, they try to destroy it," Money said.

Through teachings in the school and at home and in church, children learn that gays are "sick" and "evil." Campaigns, headed by legitimate "stars" and politicians, are waged against these "sinners" and "perverts." Hatred against gays is taught in the most blatant and subtle ways by organizations from the KKK to the Nazi Party to the Catholic Church.

It is not enough to merely decry with righteous outrage the attacks on a number of lone gay men in Central Park. We must fight every day against the insidious anti-gay attitude that has become as American as the deep-seated hatred of the Third World people, Hispanics, so many minorities, and women.

We must fight on every front against ignorance and hatred. We must stand in the face of anti-gay legislation, sermons and speeches. Don't let your outrage abate with the end of the headlines in the straight media. Be aware that gay people are the targets of oppression, hatred and violence every day. Stand and be prepared to battle against the forces that would club you down in a park, in a pulpit or in a voting booth. (Gay Community News, Boston, Aug. 5)



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## GAY BLACK PUBLICATION

NEW YORK — Moja: Gay & Black is a newspaper which began publishing here recently. The first issue, dated June 23, contains several news articles. An editorial calls for the establishment of "a national communication network that is sensitive to our needs and concerns... psychological counseling centers for gay minorities to help with the difficulties of coming out," and a national association of gay minorities. Calvin Lowery and William Harris are editors.

Subscriptions are \$2 for four issues. Moja can be reached c/o Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, New York, NY 10014

## DEFINITELY!

"I have a definite feeling that homosexuals as a class are doomed to die out because they don't reproduce their own kind." — Vermont State Senator Melvin Mandingo (R-Essex-Orleans) quoted in the Sunday Rutland Herald, June 25, 1978.

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## JAYCEES ORDER WOMEN OUT

TULSA — The United States Jaycees has ordered all women out of its group by Dec. 1. Women members in any chapters must leave by that date or the chapters will face revocation of their charters in the all-male organization.

In the last four years, delegates to the annual Jaycees have twice turned down proposals that would allow women full membership in the organization.

Three years ago women were admitted to some state chapters under a "pilot program," but Jaycess President Barry L. Kennedy said that the bylaws had not been changed and that the programs must be halted.

— Gay Community News

## BROWN APPOINTS GOODSTEIN

SACRAMENTO — California Gov. Jerry Brown, keeping a promise made to the state's gay community, has appointed a gay person to a position in his administration. Brown announced the appointment of David Goodstein, publisher of The Advocate, to the new state advisory council on economic development.

Brown has been continuing efforts to secure gay support in his re-election campaign. He was rejected by the Gay Caucus in a recent California Democratic Council meeting in San Diego. The Democratic governor met with gay activists in Los Angeles recently where he voiced his opposition to the anti-gay Briggs Initiative.

Publisher Goodstein said he was "honored" by his appointment. "I think it is a sign of the governor's confidence in our community and in me that he would make such an appointment. He's not afraid of appointing a gay to a committee that deals with the problems of the entire state." Goodstein said.

— Gay Community News

## WIFE BEATERS BUSTED

NEW YORK CITY — The New York City Police Department has agreed in an out-of-court settlement to arrest wife beaters. Seventy-one women, who said they had been beaten by their husbands, had filed a suit in 1976 accusing the police and the administrative department of the city's family court of unlawfully denying

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 Lehigh Valley Homophile Organization (Le-Ho) Box 1003 Moravian Sts., 18018. Meeting 4th Sun. of the month, Unitarian Church, 701 Lehigh St., 248-1111.
- ELIZABETH** (area 412) Zip 15037  
 The Waterfall (restaurant & lounge), 116 Market St., 384-9807 (upstairs, side entrance).
- ERIE** (area 814)  
 Downtown Lounge (mail Box 6372, 16512) 723 French St., Food Dncg. Mostly GM. Washington Grill, Washington & W. 10th.
- GREENSBURG** (area 412) Zip 15601  
 Golden Arrow (bar), 108 W. Pittsburgh St.
- HARRISBURG** (area 717)  
 For local information call Gay Switchboard 234-0328.  
 C-1, 6th & Hoffman (disco) D-Gem, 4415 N. Front St. 17110, 6F. Neptune Lounge, 268 North St. 17101. Rose Rouge (bar) 400 N. 2nd St. 17101.
- JENKINTOWN** (area 215) Zip 15701  
 My Jewel Shop, 744 Yorkway Place.
- MARCUS HOOK** (area 215) Zip 19061  
 Captain Jack's (bar) Market St. George's (bar), Market St. Paradise (bar), Market St.
- MARIETTA** (area 717) Zip 17547  
 Railroad House Hotel, (restaurant, bar, hotel accommodations), Front & Perry Sts. 426-9811 Wed-Sun.
- MILLERSVILLE** (area 717) Zip 17551  
 Gay Awareness of Millersville State College, Box 3333, Gordiner Hall, M.S.C. 338
- PHILADELPHIA AREA CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**  
 Gay Students at Temple, room 205, Student Activities Center, 13th & Montgomery Sts.  
 Gays at Drexel, c/o Educational Activities Center, 33rd & Chestnut 19104  
 Gays at Penn, Christian Association, Room 4, 3601 Locust Walk, 19174
- PITTSBURGH AREA CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**  
 Gay Students at Pitt, Room 318, Pitt Student Union.
- STROUFSBURG** (area 717) Zip 18360  
 The Blue Bugle (bar), 724 Main St. Noon-2am, Dncg, ent., G&S.
- SMARTHORE** (area 215) Zip 19081  
 Swarthmore Gay Liberation, c/o Swarthmore State College. 544-7900 ext. 296, or 556-9467.
- UPPER DARBY** (area 215)  
 CAR Club, 6405 Market St., Millbourne, 19082, 352-9762, 8pm-2am, GFM
- WEST CHESTER** (area 215) Zip 19380  
 Gays at Westchester, 718 Tyson Hall, Westchester State College.  
 Gay Hotline, 436-2879, Wed 8-11 pm.
- WILKES BARRE** (area 717)  
 Brian's Den, Butler House, Butler St. 18704.
- WILLIAMSPORT** (area 717)  
 Homophiles of Williamsport (HOK), Box 1072, 17701.
- YORK** (area 717)  
 Adult Bookstore, 1715 Whiteford Rd. 17402.  
 Atland's Ranch (bar, accommodations) 10 Miles W. off Rt. 30. 225-4479.  
 14 Karat (bar), W. Market St.  
 Town Tavern (bar) 41 N. George St. Mon-Sat, 8:30-2am, 8438591.  
 Cupid's Connexion (porno) 244 N. George St., 854-4169.

MMM had charged that the station had run programming which depicted homosexuality in a positive light. A documentary on State Rep. Elaine Noble was condemned by the group as "promoting lesbianism," while an episode of "Monty Python" was cited for advocating transvestism. The group also cited "Masterpiece Theatre" and "Gay Brother" for advocating "immorality."

The FCC ruled that it is prohibited by the First Amendment and by its law from censoring broadcast matter. The ruling stated that the FCC does not attempt to direct stations in the selection or presentation of their programs.

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### VOELLER AND A.C.L.U.

NEW YORK, NY — Dr. Bruce Voeller, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, has been asked by the Nominating Committee of the National Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union to be one of the 19 nominees running for 14 positions on ACLU's National Board.

Dr. Voeller, a long time member of the ACLU, said, "I'm deeply honored by the Board's consideration of me. The ACLU has led legal efforts to secure equal protection for lesbian and gay men in such diverse areas as custody and visitation rights, free speech, the rights of gay groups on campuses and in jobs." Voeller said, "It will be a pleasure to serve on the Board, if elected, especially as to the best of my know-

ledge there is not presently an openly gay person on the National Board."

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### UNITED WAY GIVES GAY

SAN FRANCISCO — The United Way of the Bay Area has agreed to fund a gay-oriented service group by allotting \$30,000 from this year's crusade to the Pacific Center of Berkeley. The grant ends a long-standing feud between the gay community and the giant fund-raising organization.

The Pacific Center for Human Growth is the first gay-oriented social service agency to receive funds from the United Way and its predecessor organization, the United Bay Area Crusade. The organization applied for funding from the United Way in 1973 but was refused, as it has been every year since then.

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### MEN: NO SEX WITH MINORS

PROVIDENCE, RI — A judge in this state has upheld the constitutionality of Rhode Island's carnal knowledge law which bans only men from having sex with minors.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Needham said there were about 40 cases pending in which men were accused

them assistance after they reported beatings. The reformed law, which is a reversal of the long-standing practice, is contained in a 1000-word consent judgement signed by the city's corporation counsel, for the Police Department and by lawyers for the women. Laurie Woods, a lawyer for the women, said, "This is the first official recognition by any law enforcement agency in New York that wife assault is serious and pervasive."

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### FCC RULES FOR WGBH

BOSTON — The Federal Communications Commission has denied a petition filed against the public television station here, WGBH-TV, for broadcasting obscene programs. The petition was filed by a group called Morality in Media in Massachusetts, Inc.

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of sexually abusing young women. He said there were "not many" adult women having sex with young boys.

The judge upheld the law despite a recent federal court ruling striking down New Hampshire's statutory rape law because it did not provide penalties for women as well.

Judge Needham sentenced a Pawtucket, RI man to three years in prison for having sexual relations with a 14-year-old woman.

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### ANTI-GAY ALI

NEW YORK — Muhammad Ali has made it known that he is apparently no friend of gay rights. Returning to this country after a much publicized trip to the Soviet Union, the former boxing champion told reporters that he has seen much there that pleased him.

"I saw only one policeman," Ali said, "I didn't see no guns. No crime. Not one homosexual." Ali met for nearly an hour with President Leonid Brezhnev during his goodwill tour of the Soviet Union.

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### NURSES SAY YES TO RIGHTS

HONOLULU — The American Nurses' Association's House of Delegates, meeting at the association's 51st convention in June, adopted a resolution supporting the enactment of civ-

il rights laws at the local, state and federal levels which would provide the same protection to persons regardless of sexual and affectional

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son of the ANA Commission on Human Rights. "Wherever nurses practice they want to give quality care to all persons regardless of their sexual preferences. Wherever nurses practice, they must be assured of equal employment and economic opportunities."

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### BRYANT DOES DO DAMAGE

NEW YORK — Gay rights opponent Anita Bryant and Adolph Hitler have "done the most damage to the world," according to a poll in the July issue of *Ladies Home Journal*. The magazine surveyed 800 junior and senior high school students from New York, Florida, California and Colorado. The results also indicated that Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt had "done the most good for the world." Former President Nixon and Bryant are the people who "make them the angriest" and Bob Hope and Carol Burnett bring "the most laughter to the world." The students were also asked



to which famous person they would give a prize for achievement in certain fields. The winners were: peace, Anwar Sadat; statesmanship, Henry Kissinger; sports, Bruce Jenner; art, Leonardo Da Vinci; music, Elvis Presley; literature, Shakespeare; medicine, Dr. Jonas Salk; science, Albert Einstein and religion, Billy Graham.

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### GAY 'MARRIAGES' BY MAIL

TULSA, OK — The Church of Jesus Christ, which states that it follows "a doctrine of separation of church and state regarding marriage," has voted to proclaim gay unions as spiritual and Christian marriages. The church says it can declare "Christian Unions" without requiring the usual marriage license.

The church's president, Dr. Charles Johnson, has announced, "Considering the present need for zero population growth and the psychiatric evidence that sexual orientation is established in early childhood, the Church of Jesus Christ proclaims the right of gay people to enter into Christian marriage unions."

"If two people seek to love each other, the Church of Jesus Christ will witness that emotional commitment, register their religious commitment from the date the union was formed and issue a Church wedding certificate by mail."

The Church of Jesus Christ is located at 5 W. 22 St., Tulsa, OK 74114.

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### GAY FILM FINES

BALTIMORE — District Court Judge James Bundy issued maximum fine to two North Avenue gay movie house employees after convicting them of showing films without permission of the state censor board.

Dale Rosbottom, 24, of Pittsburgh and Frank J. Weiner, 22, of

Baltimore received a 30 day suspension. A third defendant, Joseph M. Posson, 22, who was tried with the others, failed to appear at a court hearing. The judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest and ordered him held on \$1000 bond.

William Zinnman, lawyer for the employees of the Cinema Follies Baltimore Club, argued that since it was a "fraternal organization" and part of a Washington based chain that regulated membership, the theater did not need censor board approval to show movies. Bundy, terming the contention "an interesting problem" said it nevertheless fell far short of the law.

The judge said he was not questioning the legality of the censor board or its regulations, which have been upheld by higher courts. Although he will not jail the men, the judge added, he would treat them "rather severely" and he hoped their conviction would deter others.

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The shorthand symbols for the words "I'm gay," resemble two penises facing each other, though not quite in the 69 position:



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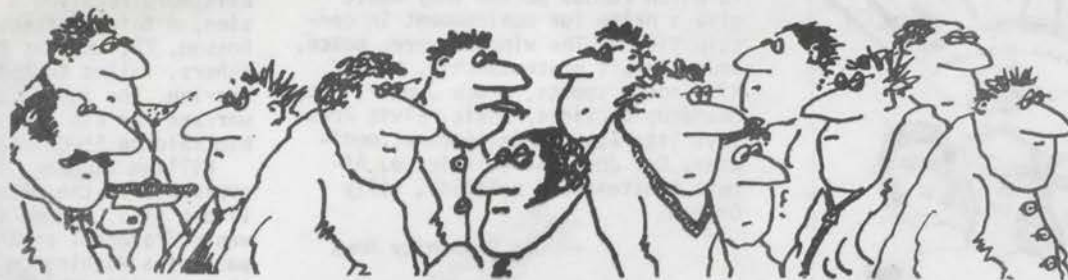
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### RUN-IN AT H.E.W.

WASHINGTON, DC — The League of Women Voters staged a "run-in" protest last week at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare office charging that sex discrimination is rampant in the educational system. The women's rights coalition and 32 other organizations accused Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of HEW, of delaying the enforcement of a six year old federal law favoring sex education in classroom courses and in school sports.

Under the 1972 Title IX Amendment to the education bill, all schools which receive federal funds must provide equal educational opportunities for men and women or they will lose

these funds. The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education charged that more than 150 cases of sex discrimination have been entangled in government red tape for about eight months.

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### POEM BACK IN SCHOOL

BOSTON — A U.S. District Court Judge has ruled that the Chelsea School Committee violated the constitutional rights of both pupils and faculty members by removing a poem from the high school library last year.

Judge Joseph L. Tauro ruled that the poem "The City to a Young Girl" be made available to Chelsea High

School students without restriction.

The poem, written by a 15-year-old New York City woman, expressed in street language how the writer felt about men who stared at her or called out at her in the streets. Former Chelsea School Committee Chair Andrew P. Quigley described the poem as "filth."

In his order, Judge Tauro said that the words "may shock but they communicate." "What is at stake here," the judge said, "is the right to read and be exposed to controversial thoughts and language — a valuable right protected by the First Amendment."

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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

#### 6 Wednesday

7:30 pm, Homophiles of Williamsport monthly business meeting. 659 Beeber St., Williamsport.

#### 7 Thursday

7:00 pm, NOW Williamsport Chapter meeting. Court and Willow Cafe.

#### 8 Friday

West Chester Area Women's Music Festival. YWCA, Church St., West Chester. Housing/child care/ workshops. To continue through tomorrow. Tickets: \$6 advance, \$8 at the door, \$3.50 concert. Info and tickets call: King (215)-692-2119 or Darlene (215)-692-2681.

#### 9 Saturday

West Chester Area Women's Music Festival continues today.

#### 23 Saturday

11:30 am, March and Rally begins for kickoff of Autumn Initiative for gay rights in Allentown sponsored by Citizens Concerned for a Better Community. Begins at 400 block of Hamilton Street.\*

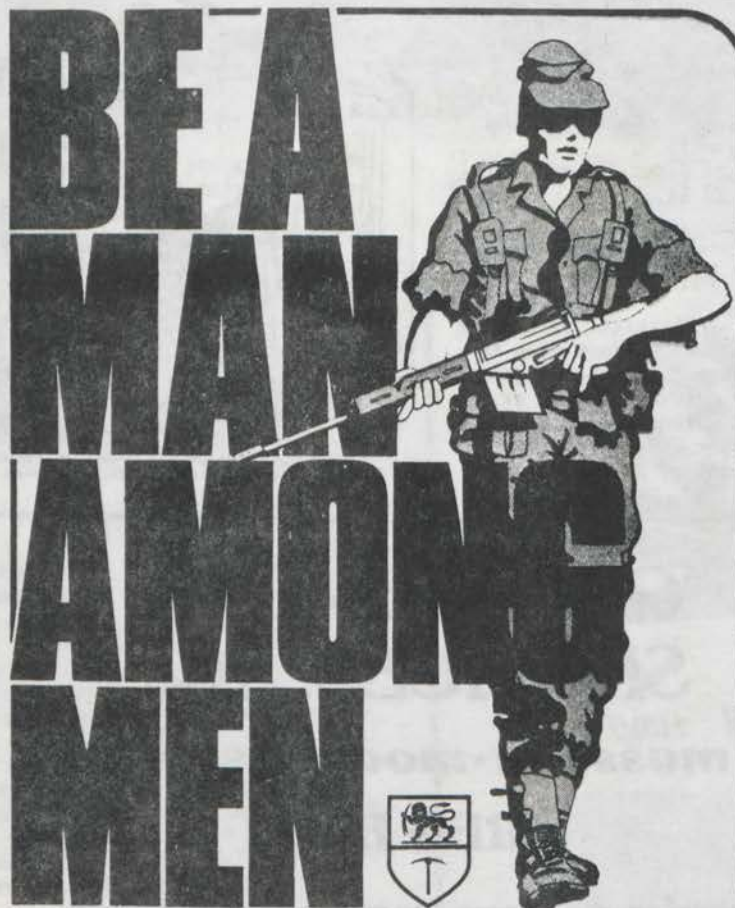
3:30 pm, First showing of "Word is Out" at Afro-American Cultural Center, Sixth and Chew Sts., Allentown. Tickets: \$2 advance, \$3 at the door.\*

6:30 pm, Second showing of "Word is Out" in Allentown.

10:00 pm, Dance for the benefit of CCBC, Allentown. \$1 donation.\* Tickets and information call (215)-437-2642.

#### 24 Sunday

Anita Bryant to arrive tomorrow



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row at the Bloomsburg State Fair.

2:00 pm, Le-Hi-Ho general meeting, 701 Lechauweki Ave., Bethlehem, PA. Call (215)-866-6390.

2:00 pm, Rally starts in Bloomsburg sponsored by Rural Caucus. Meet at Town Park.

6:30 pm, Evening religious service at Town Park in Bloomsburg. For more information on Anita's appearance contact NPCHR, PO Box 224, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

#### 25 Monday

Picket at the main gate of the Bloomsburg State Fair. Contact above address.

### EVERY WEEK

Gay and Bisexual men's support group forming in September in State College, Date, time, place not final. Call GAYLINE, (814)-863-0588 for more information.

#### MONDAY

8-9:30 pm, men's consciousness raising group meets at Persad Center, 5100 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

#### TUESDAY

8:00 pm, Gays at Westchester weekly meeting, Sykes College Union Building, West Chester State College, Westchester.

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30 pm, Midweek communion celebration. Metropolitan Community Church/State College. Eisenhower Chapel, University Park. Membership class follows service on the last Wednesday of each month.

#### SUNDAY

7:30 pm, worship service followed by social hour. MCC/State College, Eisenhower Chapel. (814) 238-0261.

#### PLEASE NOTE!

(State College)

The Scorpion Lounge's downstairs was closed by the PLCB. David Feldman has opened a new private club, BYOB. Info from (814)-234-3012. Pro-

posed house are 10pm to 4am. Membership entitles people to tickets good for sandwiches, mixers, disco-light show, pool table. Temporary membership available at door.

Club is called The Sanctuary, between Heister and Garner. Entrance on Caler Alley. More information is available from Schollkids Records.

The My-Oh-My has gone straight. Owner does not permit gay couples to dance, and is catering to so-called straight audience. We even heard that they have the Go-Go girls back.

(Lancaster)

The Fiddler is now a gay bar again after a temporary run as a straight bar. 10 S. Prince St.

## CLASSIFIEDS

33-year-old married, WM, 6'1", 165 lbs., br eyes, br curly hair, wishes to meet, for possible relationship, someone (25-38) who is also married or who is not, who can handle my situation. Discretion assured; live in York area; pictures reciprocated; interested in the arts, plants antiques, long walks, and people. Write Gay Era, Dept. K.

Top NYV model/masseur/escort/ 24, travels. photosets - \$12. sample - \$5. Also gay mags, books, male order. catalogue - \$1 & SASE. Marc Samberg, 247 E. 81st St., #4-C, New York NY 10028 or call (212) 288-4970.

49-year-old WM, 160lbs, 5'10", white hair, blue eyes, interested in music, politics, movies, plays, books, chess, and physical fitness. would like to meet men who enjoy the arts and are articulate, politically liberal, and in good physical shape but not muscle bound. Write Wesley Thomas, 1115 River House, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or call (717) 232-5487.

Can use young men for 1-2 days per week for indoor cleaning and some outdoor work such as painting, etc. Box A, Leola, PA 17540 or (717) 656-7220.

Would like to meet honest gay/bi male for possible relationship. Am very affectionate and fem, but can act or be butch for right person. Write Gay Era, Dept. G.

Wanted! Level headed, responsible people to help re-establish gay switchboard in Lancaster County. Call 717-426-9811 or 717-426-2460.

41-year-old, 5'9", 155#, into outdoors, biking, music, organic gardening-farming, art, nature. would like to meet other gay men in North Central PA. Write Jack Walters, Box 75, RD #1, New Albany, PA 18833 or Tel. 717-363-2585 or 212-865-7263.

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