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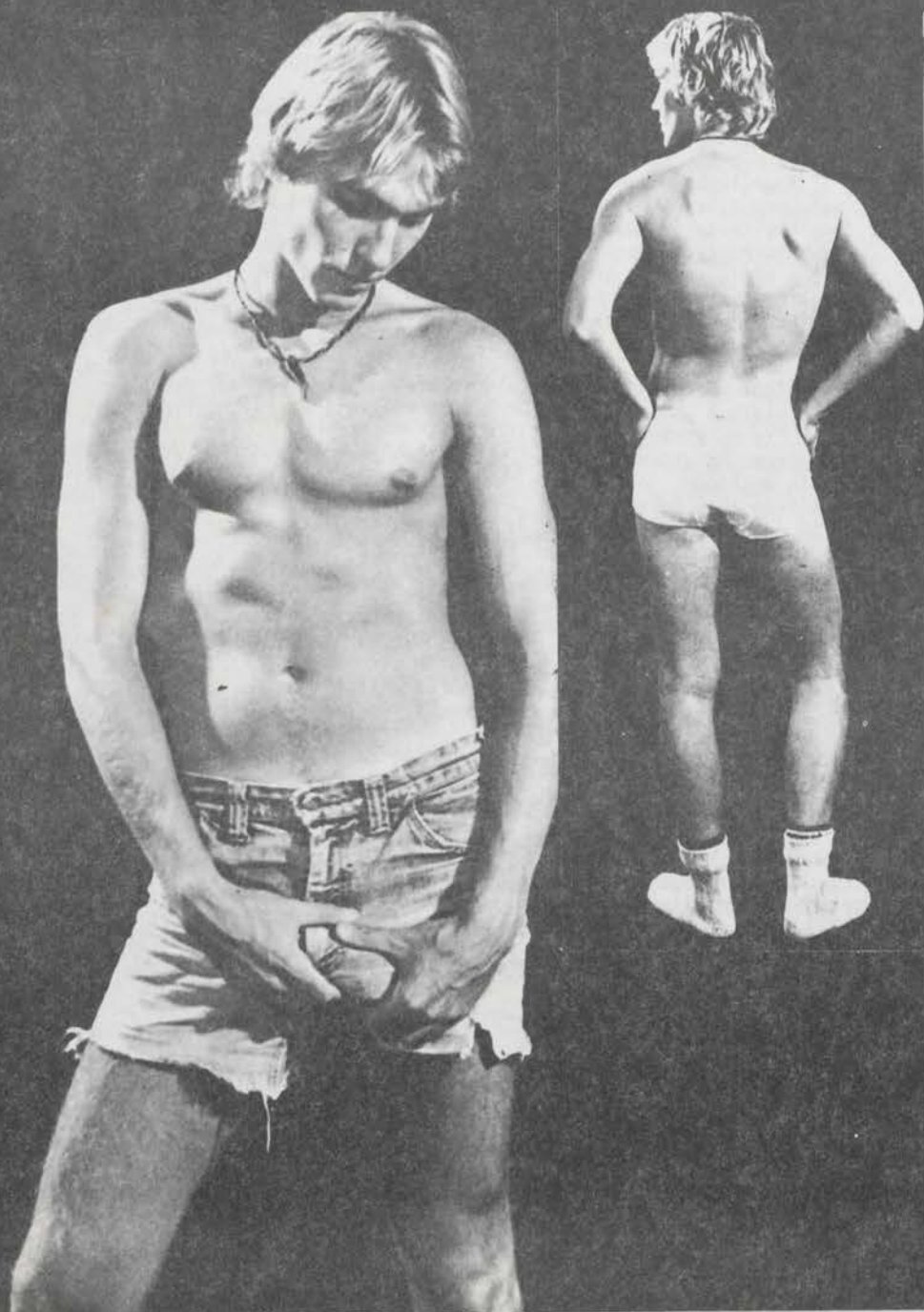
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# In the News

## CULTURAL FESTIVAL GRANT SURVIVES CUT; RESTRICTIONS VOWED

PHILADELPHIA — At their September 7 meeting here, the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts decided to retain their initial \$1000 grant to the Gay Cultural Festival, which has come under attack by several state legislators. Only five council members voted to reconsider the proposal, according to 1978 Spring Festival coordinator David Fair, 26.

However, on September 7, Senator John Stauffer (R-Chester) introduced a bill that would curtail the council's freedom to allocate its nearly \$3 million in public funds for artistic and cultural projects. The bill would require that groups receive the endorsement of their municipality — in the case of Philadelphia, the city council—before applying for art council grants.

Other restrictive bills are expected to be introduced during this legislative session. Fair explained that he "is trying to organize efforts to defeat this bill. We must ally with cultural organizations because they, too, will suffer from this political pressure."



## PRIEST HIRED TO LAUNCH GAY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Gay Task Force (PGTF) announced the hiring of the Rev. James H. Littrell, an Episcopal priest, to head up a broad-based campaign in Philadelphia to insure civil rights for lesbians and gay men. The object of the new effort is to work with other representatives of the gay community to obtain equal opportunity for gay

people where they work, live and worship. In addition, the PGTF, along with other gay organizations in the city, seeks to make the state and city governments more aware of and more responsive to the human needs of gay men and women.

"Our goal is to make Philadelphia a safe and satisfying place for gay people to live and work alongside our neighbors," Littrell said upon embarking on his new post as PGTF coordinator. "We ask all Philadelphians who believe in human rights, who believe in equal opportunity for all without regard to race, class, sex, or sexual preference, to join with us in this critical task."

The Philadelphia Gay Task Force, comprised of four lesbians and four gay men, was formed last spring with a grant from the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania. Littrell's employment is the first in what are expected to be major steps in charting a new direction for gay men and lesbians throughout the city.

Littrell, until recently Chaplain of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, is no stranger to the Philadelphia area. He attended Westtown School in Westtown, PA, and taught there from 1965 to 1967. Thereafter he acted as Director of Christian Education at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Philadelphia. He received his Divinity degree from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1970, and spent some summers working as a cook at the famous Melrose Diner. After graduation, he founded Voyage House, Inc., an alternative youth project in Philadelphia, and served as its Executive Director for three years.

"I welcome the chance to use my experience as a gay person, as an organizer, fundraiser, and minister in an effective way for lesbians and gay men," Littrell said. "I'm determined that men and women share the challenge as equals. Gay men, and I speak as one, need to realize that we can't oppose the injustices of an Anita Bryant, and at the same time, treat women somehow as inferior. Justice, like God, has no color, class, sexual preference, or sex," Littrell noted.

"I see my task as helping to make that claim come true in Philadelphia," Littrell concluded.

## OPPOSES CHARTER CHANGE

"We urgently call on all lesbians and gay men in Philadelphia to come out and register to vote against the effort to change the charter," said

the Rev. James Littrell. Citing Mayor Rizzo's "career built on racism and hate," the Philadelphia Gay Task Force announced that it had joined the "Stop Rizzo Coalition," a city-wide coalition organized against the charter change for Philadelphia which would allow Mayor Rizzo to run for a third term as mayor.

"Gay people must know that all the talking of 'protecting our right to choose' is just an attempt to confuse the issue. Rizzo is the issue. And Rizzo means hate, a call to turn back the clock and force blacks back to the plantations and gays back to the closets."

"Gay people know Rizzo," Littrell said. "We know him from the days when he used to grab headlines by bashing our heads in center-city clubs and have us arrested because we had dared to love. We know him from the continuing police harassment of gay people where they live and congregate. We know him from the lies about 'supporting everybody's rights', while at the same time he campaigns for fear and against the right of all minorities to the same protections and guarantees that all of our citizens must enjoy."

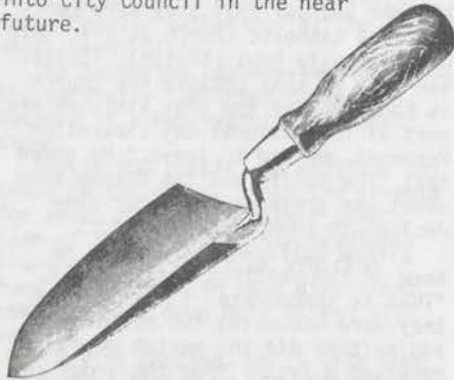
"Gay people come from all ethnic backgrounds, all races, all colors," Littrell continued. "But we are brought together by our common oppression as gay people. We align ourselves with all those the Mayor has chosen to hate. Philadelphia needs an atmosphere and a commitment to justice if our struggle for human rights is to succeed, and Rizzo has chosen to sacrifice that principle in his quest for power."

Littrell said that the PGTF would work to defeat the charter change with other Coalition groups and the Walt Whitman Democratic Club, an organization of gay Democrats.



## RIZZO AND GAY RIGHTS?

When Mayor Frank L. Rizzo launched his bid for a third term September 11, he was asked by the Philadelphia *Gay News* his opinion on gay rights. Rizzo said, "I want everyone to have civil rights — including homosexuals." Rizzo, however, would not say whether he supported a gay rights proposal, which may be introduced into City Council in the near future.

ATTORNEYS FILE CLOSING BRIEF  
IN \$5 MILLION SUIT AGAINST  
ANITA BRYANT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The attorneys for the plaintiffs in the so-called Hillsborough suit, have filed the closing brief in the lawsuit against Anita Bryant and her co-defendants in the case. The suit, filed in federal court in June 1977, charged Bryant and her Florida organization Save Our Children, Inc., along with California State Sen. John Briggs and four others, with a conspiracy to deprive Robert Hillsborough and Jerry Taylor of their civil rights.

The \$5 million suit charged that Bryant and the others conspired to incite the beating death of Hillsborough. The gay man was savagely beaten to death by four men outside his Mission District home on June 22, 1977. Witnesses, including Taylor who was also beaten, claimed the four men shouted "faggot, faggot" and the suit alleged the men also shouted, "Here's one for Anita."

In January of this year, John Cordova was found guilty of second degree murder in the killing of Hillsborough. Cordova was given a sentence of five years to life. A 16 year old was found guilty of assault and another suspect was granted immunity from prosecution after turning in evidence against his companions. Thomas Spooner, the fourth person accused in the killing, awaits trial.

The suit filed after the Hillsborough killing was dismissed by a federal judge because the Florida defendants, led by Bryant, had "lacked sufficient contact" with California to give the court jurisdiction.

The latest brief filed by the attorneys in the case charged that affidavits filed by Bryant and the

other Florida defendants, under penalty of perjury, "failed to disclose and falsely denied" contacts in California. The appeal brief also charged Bryant "and the corporation made numerous fundraising appeals to San Francisco and California residents."

The brief stated that Anita Bryant "is represented by one of the wealthiest, largest, and most powerful law firms in California... and that Bryant's lawyers unfairly hindered discovery of these facts."

The brief also indicated that the motives for the actions by Bryant were for profit. It pointed out the unfairness of Hillsborough's mother and his friend Jerry Taylor, as plaintiffs, being represented by an attorney donating his time. According to the brief, discovery of the facts in the lawsuit has been "severely hampered" by lack of funds.

The brutal slaying of Robert Hillsborough caused a mounting tide of public indignation at the time. Police officials and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone decried the action.

Three days before the arrests in the case, about 3,000 people attended funeral services for the slain gay man. Speaking to the press at that time, Hillsborough's mother said that her son's death is "going to bring more people closer. It's going to make more people understand homosexuality as I do now. My son's blood is on her (Bryant's) hands."

— Gay Community News

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FORMED IN LONDON

COVENTRY, ENGLAND — Representatives from 11 international gay organizations met here to discuss Greek legislation outlawing homosexuality.

The bill, which refers to homosexuals as "obscene people who are a shame even to dogs," was recently re-introduced by the Karamanlis govern-

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ment after it was first proposed by the totalitarian military junta. The law also claims to control venereal disease. Since the Greek government is at present engaged in a large public relations campaign to achieve membership in the European Economic Community, they are vulnerable to civil rights challenges.

The representatives formed the International Gay Association as a result of the newly-imposed legislation. The stated purpose of the organization is to combat the oppression that gay men and lesbian women suffer all over the world, and maximize the effectiveness of gay organizations by coordinating political action on an international level. The group will also establish an information center to distribute information on gay matters to promote a wider knowledge of suppression and political pressures.

Robert Mehl, a member of the Bureau President's office of the National Gay Task Force, was assured by the committee of support for gays in California in their struggle against the Briggs Initiative, the anti-gay legislation specifically directed against homosexual teachers. Support for gays in Ireland has been agreed to by the IGA delegates. Efforts will be made to raise money for an important constitutional trial against the Attorney General of Ireland brought by David Norris of the Campaign for Homosexual Law Reform.

*Body Politic*, the Canadian gay newspaper prosecuted for publishing a feature story on pedophilia, is requesting moral and financial assistance from the Association in their case against the state government.

The IGA will have a split base location. The Secretariat, which will handle information and emergency action, will be in Dublin and the office which will handle financial matters will be in Amsterdam.

The newly formed organization is appealing to "all gay and lesbian organizations to affiliate."

Memberships and affiliations are being handled by the Office of the Treasury for the group in Amsterdam. The meeting in Coventry agreed that 100 Dutch guilders would be the minimum annual subscription. Larger and wealthier groups are being asked to contribute more. Subscriptions may be sent to IGA, c/o COC, Fredericksplein 14, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The International Gay Association Secretariat can be reached c/o CHLR, Box 931, Dublin 4, Ireland.

— Gay Community News

HOLTZMAN HOUSE BILL ON NAZI  
CRIMES DOESN'T INCLUDE  
WAR AGAINST GAYS

NEW YORK — Persecution of homosexuals has been omitted from Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman's bill to deport Nazi war criminals from the United States, and to de-

ny entry to such persons, according to David Thorstad, spokesperson for the coalition for lesbian and gay rights. The bill has passed the House Judiciary Committee without any amendment being included to add "sexual orientation" as one of the grounds for action against war criminals.

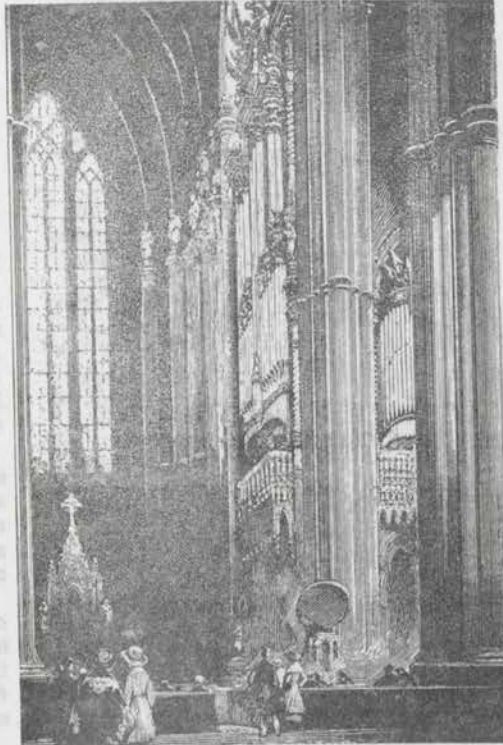
When the bill was first submitted more than two years ago, Thorstad, who was at that time president of the Gay Activists Alliance, elicited a promise from Holtzman of Brooklyn's 16th District that she would amend her bill when it came up before the House Immigration Subcommittee to include a reference to crimes against homosexuals in addition to the original categories of race, religion, or national origin.

In response to a recent query, Holtzman indicated, in a letter to Thorstad, that unsuccessful efforts were made to amend the bill to include "sex" and to broaden it to cover any alien engaging in persecution for any reason. But no effort was made to add the words "sexual orientation".

According to Holtzman, the changes were rejected, "primarily on the advice of the Justice and State Departments which felt that they would go beyond the substantial body of case law and other precedents now available to guide the administration of the bill. The departments stated that the concept of persecution on the basis of race, religion, national origin or political opinion is one which has become accepted and understood both in the United States and throughout the world. "They noted that virtually identical language already appears in two sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and was a part of both the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 and the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, under which refugees were admitted to this country after World War II. Similar language appears in the United Nation's Convention and Protocol on the Status of Refugees and in the multilateral agreements which served as the basis for the Nuremberg war crimes prosecutions."

"We are disappointed," Thorstad stated, "not only that homosexuals were left out of this bill, but also because a promise made to our com-

munity to attempt to amend it was broken". "The gay community," Thorstad continued, "regards the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany as a subject of the utmost seriousness—especially today, when voices are being raised in America urging the same fate. We, after all, were the first victims of the Nazi policy of genocide. As early as 1933, thousands of homosexuals were rounded up and herded into concentration camps. "Indeed, the 'final solution' to the Jews was first carried out against homosexuals. Today holocaust curricula are being added to many school study programs, yet any mention of the homosexual holocaust is being left out of them entirely.



MCC EVICTED FROM CATHOLIC CHURCH IN VIRGINIA

TIDEWATER, VA — The Bishop of the Archdiocese of Richmond has ordered the Metropolitan Community Church here to stop utilizing the facilities at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The group has been meeting in the church since April.

Verbal notice was received by

Rev. Roy Richard, pastor of the local MCC. The notice was received from the Bishop Walter Sullivan on Sunday, July 23 who told the church that it would be the last time the members could meet there for worship. Richard said that the group had been meeting in the church with the complete authorization of the parish council and Bishop Sullivan.

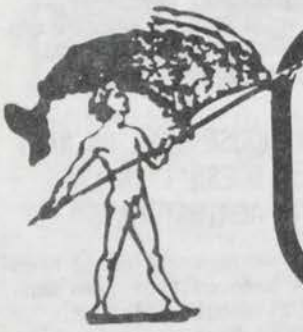
Richard, who found it remarkable and unusual that they were meeting in a Catholic church at all, told Gay Community News (Boston), "Sullivan told me that because the church is conservative and that since we are part of the National Gay Liberation Movement, we had to leave." He added that "The parish and the Bishop knew about our presence there but they decided to change their mind."

Bishop Sullivan denied that he knew of the meetings and told GCN, "That is inaccurate. I had no idea they were occupying the building and neither did the parish until I received a letter from the group at which point I ordered them out." Sullivan said the real reason for not allowing MCC to meet in the church was because of differences in denominations. He said that he had reservations about a Protestant group using a Catholic church as a place of worship. He also said that his second concern was that the "leadership of the MCC group has an emphasis on the gay lifestyle which is contrary to Catholic moral principles.

"We have taken public positions supporting the human rights of all people irrespective of sexual preference, and we do have Dignity (the gay Catholic organization) chapters in Richmond and Norfolk under Catholic auspices," Sullivan said.

According to MCC's headquarters in Los Angeles, the Tidewater MCC was the only church in the country being hosted by a Catholic church.

Following the eviction, the group secured meeting space in Suite 202 of the Janaf Office Building located in the area's shopping center. The activities will continue in their new location at the same designated times.



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## DISCO DEFIES HENRYETTA'S BAN

HENRYETTA, OK — About 700 persons turned out at a partially completed discotheque on a recent Saturday night, and about 40 of them danced exuberantly in support of repealing an anti-public dancing ordinance.

Both young and old, interested followers and just plain curious folks paid 25¢ to attend Henryetta's first "public gathering" at the Crystal Images disco.

The gathering was not limited to the partially completed dance hall, located in a now-vacant department store.

Nearly 800 people, in addition to those in the disco, lined the streets for about a block in either direction of the club. And car headlamps illuminated the block as vehicles bumper-to-bumper in both directions roared up and down Main Street all evening.

"They're dancing, we'll take some action on it," said City Manager Chester Simons, who made an appearance at the gathering.

"I don't know what we're going to do. We'll give a warrant to the people conducting the dance," he said. Simons also said an arrest will probably be made on Monday, but there were no arrests Saturday night.

The gathering was in defiance of a court restraining order issued the



day before in an attempt to enforce a 1957 city ordinance which prohibits the holding of a public dance.

The no-dancing statute has been a center of controversy since early June when disco owners Gary Moores and Jim Dobbs learned their establishment would not be permitted to open.

Moores, who feels he may be one of those arrested, said, "We're not holding any dance. They're (those attending the gathering) taking it upon themselves."

In addition to the steady stream of autos, local police, Highway Patrol and Okmuglee County sheriff's patrol cruisers moved ominously up and down the street during the disco hoopla.

Inside the spacious dance hall music blared, psychedelic lights flashed and persons dressed in the

latest disco fashions, others shabbily clothed, talked, shouted and drank warm soft drinks.

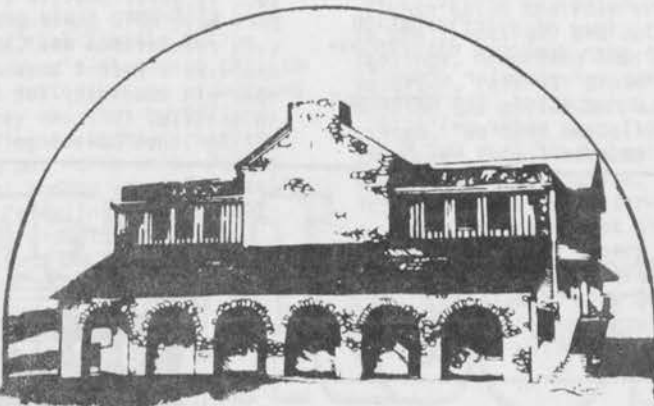
But no actual dancing occurred until a half-hour after the 7pm gathering began.

As a Hartshorne disc jockey and his music sound system began to rev up the anxious crowd, three girls and a young man "caught disco fever" and began to dance.

"I'm not dancing," said 20-year-old Tracy Sills of Henryetta. "I was just moving." Spurred by the courage of Sills, two of Henryetta's senior citizens, Ella Paneter and Mary Davis, got out on the floor and boogied to shouts and cheers of those assembled.

Wearing a green shirt that said, "If your mama don't dance, and your papa don't boogie, you must live a little bit south of Okmuglee," the 80-year-old Davis said of her dancing, "I like it. I just love to do it."

There were those in the crowd, however, who did not approve of the 30 to 40 persons dancing to the music by the 9 pm closing. As the music and toe-tapping continued, Assistant Police Chief Everett Allen mingled through the crowd and took pictures of the "dancing."



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# PRE-ELECTION POOP



State Sen. John Briggs



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## SEATTLE'S ANTI-GAY INITIATIVE

SEATTLE, WA — Numerous gay and straight organizations are fighting Initiative 13 which would repeal Seattle's anti-discrimination ordinance for gay people in the city.

The repeal effort was launched by two city police officers, David Fax and David Estes. The two officers formed the anti-gay Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME) and have been working diligently for the protective clauses to be repealed.

The organizations opposing the repeal effort, thus far, are Citizens to Retain Fair Employment and the Seattle Committee Against Thirteen (SCAT).

Also at stake is the Office of Women's Rights, which hears cases related to discrimination based on sex and marital status. Initiative 13 would move the Office's enforcement powers to the Department of Human Rights. Women's groups in the city are also participating in the opposition to the initiative.

Since the battle has begun over gay rights in Seattle, the City Council and the mayor of this city have voiced their opposition to the anti-gay Initiative 13. When the City Council accepted the initiative for the November ballot, it did so only after voicing its opposition to it. The City Council chose this method since state law prohibits the body from officially discussing such proposals after accepting them.

Since this is the method for local governments in the state of Washington, city council members and the mayor took the opportunity to voice their opinions before they legally accepted the measure.

Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, long a supporter of gay rights, was outraged at the proposal. He said, "We have a tremendous variety of lifestyles and an environment in which people can live as they choose. Gay citizens are active in every part of our community. I am emphatically opposed to the changes proposed by ini-

tiative 13," the mayor said.

City council members were also not going to sit back and accept the proposal without opposition to it.

Council member Michael Hildt said, "I believe this measure stems from the darkest side of human behavior which has brought us from witchhunts to Nazi Germany to McCarthyism."

Council member Jeanette Williams said the issue "goes right to the heart of what makes our city livable — the fact that everyone lives well together." John Miller, another member of council, added that the real issue "is whether we are going to have a city free of discrimination or a city which condones discrimination against an unpopular group."

As can be expected, the mayor and City Council came under criticism from the leaders of Save Our Moral

Ethics (SOME). Even after Police Officer David Estes demanded that the City Council apologize for its remarks, the City Council members refused.

When the SOME organization saw that it would get nowhere with the City Council members, it chose to attack the City Clerk of Seattle, Wayne Angevine. The group charged that Angevine, who is gay, used his office to "cast doubts" on the initiative.

Though most members of other city councils would shudder at such force aimed at an unpopular minority group such as gays, Seattle's council members have held their ground. One such reassurance was City Clerk Wayne Angevine's recent announcement to open his candidacy for City Council in Seattle.

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ly over the issue of gay rights here that even the Rev. Raymond Hunthausen, the Archbishop of the Catholic Diocese in Seattle has given his support to the anti-initiative forces.

To top off the whole argument about gay rights here, one cannot discount the fact that the initiative drive was started by two police officers—members of an institution which has fought the hardest against allowing openly gay people to work in the field of protecting the public.

David Falk, one of these police officers, has come under even harder attack from the black community for his attacks upon them. Considering both Falk and Estes have called Initiative 13 "only the beginning" and expressed their desire to strike down the city ordinances which prohibit discrimination against all minorities, the black community's recent attack upon the officers comes as no surprise.

Falk's recent attack by the black community was preceded by the shooting death of a black youth in the city's predominately black section. Hundreds of black and gay Seattle residents marched on police headquarters to protest the killing of the un-armed youth. After the demonstration, Falk was transferred out of the district by Mayor Royer. The demonstrators have demanded that Falk be suspended from the police force.

The family of the slain John Rodney and the black community have also demanded that Seattle Police Chief Vanden Weyer's statement that the shooting was justified be withdrawn.

John Rodney was shot by Officer Falk, according to Rodney's mother, while he was out for a walk. Police reported that Rodney was a "suspect" who had been "prowling" around Seattle's Rainier District.

This was not the first time that Falk has been criticized. He was transferred out of another district because of his "brutal ways" in dealing with incidents in that district.

Archbishop Hunthausen said that he supports the efforts of the city to "insure that the basic human rights of all its citizens are respected."

He also stated that he opposed the efforts "because I feel it will encourage discrimination. The city's ordinances do not say that the homosexual lifestyle is good, nor do they forbid legitimate authority from acting against those individuals who are an immoral influence on others, young or old."

The Archbishop continued, "However, all men and women have the inherent right, under God, to live and work in a manner befitting their dignity as human beings. I am convinced that it is our duty to support the city's ordinances which protect that right."

Falk, who is a 14 year member of the John Birch Society, was described by fellow officers as a "real tough" on the streets. Falk was also known well for his brutality toward activists who held protests in the past at Seattle University. "Off Falk" reportedly appeared in numerous places on campus at that time.

The other police officer, David Estes, is hardly well liked by members of minorities either. Estes was once suspended from the force for 30 days after the Chief of Police accused him of using illegal supercharged bullets.

Both Estes and Falk are outspoken in their anti-gay and anti-minority feelings. According to the Bay Area Reporter, Falk is "proud" of his work on the police tactical squad. He stated, "We used to call (the squad) the queer detail because we worked on queers, prostitution, and narcotics. The three are inter-related."

Estes has said that he has worked on cases in which "there were attempts to persuade teenagers to become homosexuals." The Seattle Gay Community's biggest hope is that the citizens will see through such

inaccurate information.

The opportunity for more open debate was hindered when Falk and Estes have consistently in the past refused to debate the question of gay rights in Seattle. "I am opposed to public debates when you've got the upper hand," Falk said.

According to Estes in the Bay Area Reporter, "The majority of the Christian community and the Jewish community is supporting us." He added that "Humanism has crept into the churches. We are fighting to get this back out of the churches." With statements such as above, the anti-gay forces should be glad that the officers are refusing to speak in public.

"There has to be absolute moral values and that means accepting explanations in the Bible. We must fight against homosexuality, suicide, ethanasia, and abortion," Estes said.

The usual arguments over homosexuality are also taking place here. It can be assured that quotes from biblical texts are warning residents of the fire and brimstone that will fall if they do not repeal the ordinance. The most reassuring argument that can be made in support of the anti-discrimination clause is that it has been in effect since 1974, with no apparent difficulty in upholding the ordinance.

## OH, CALIFORNIA

Oh, California, save thyself from destruction. What began when the mudslides were being used as a sign of God's wrath on the people of this state, has turned into a campaign to outlaw homosexual public school teachers and their supporters.

The Briggs Initiative, formally known as Proposition 6, will be voted on by the voters of California on November 7. The outcome of the vote can spell either complete defeat for gay rights in the state or could set off a barrage of lawsuits in the courts which could possibly set a precedent for the rights of gay people.

The public opinion polls in California show that voters are in favor of the anti-gay school worker Proposition 6. Polls by Mervin Field Associates, the Los Angeles Times, and the Concerned Voters of California (CVC) revealed that the so-called Briggs Initiative could pass in the state.

Field's California Poll shows that 61% of those questioned would vote for Proposition 6, while 31% would vote against it. 8% of the 1049 adults polled by Field were undecided.

The Field question asked of the registered voters did not use the word "homosexual;" it does not appear on the ballot in November. The Field poll said, "Proposition 6 would specifically prohibit hiring and requires dismissal of teachers and other school employees for soliciting, encouraging, or promoting

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private or public sexual acts between persons of the same sex in a manner likely to come to the attention of other employees or students, or who engage in such acts publicly or indiscreetly. How would you vote today on this issue?"

According to the Times poll, which was conducted by the Public Response Associates, 49% are in favor of the anti-gay proposal, while 41% oppose it. The others questioned remained undecided.

Meanwhile, there are ten organizations working to defeat Proposition 6. The No on 6 Committee is a statewide organization based in San Francisco. Other organizations working against the Initiative are the Bay Area Committee Against Briggs Initiative/No on 6, San Franciscans Against Proposition 6, A United Fund to Defeat the Briggs Initiative, Sonoma County Residents Against Proposition 6, Marin County No on 6, Hayward No on 6, San Mateo/Santa Clara Committee Against the Briggs Initiative and Citizens United to Defeat the Briggs Initiative.

In addition to the above organizations, there have been numerous mailings by gay porno film makers in California such as Falcon.

The Bishop of California has also come out against the Initiative. Bishop C. Kilmer Myers, while criticizing Proposition 6, attacked Anita Bryant while giving his sermon at the prestigious Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Myers called Bryant "a self-appointed, fundamentalist, evangelist."

Myers decried the "Hitler program of extermination" which "began with the homosexuals."

Because of his "understanding" of the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Bishop said he was compelled to oppose any law or any initiative which dehumanizes mankind or men or women, or imperils their responsible freedom.

Former California Governor Ronald Reagan has also come out against the Initiative. Reagan issued a statement declaring that the measure was unnecessary. Reagan said that the measure "has the potential of infringing on basic rights of privacy and perhaps even constitutional rights." Reagan continued in his statement, "It is cumbersome and has potential for real mischief. For example, it would require that if a complaint is filed against a teacher, a full public hearing must be held by the school board. What if an overwrought youngster, disappointed by bad grades, imagined it was the teacher's fault and struck out by accusing the teacher of advocating homosexuality? The school board, sitting — in effect — as a court, would have to judge the matter in public. Innocent lives could be ruined. Under present law such matters can be investigated first to see if they have any merit.

"Proposition 6 is not needed to protect our children. We have that legal protection now. It would be very

costly to implement and it has the potential for causing undue harm to people."

State Senator John Briggs, author of Proposition 6, has joined the bandwagon of martyrs. His recent claim was one regarding a threat to his life. Briggs, in a press release, stated that he had learned from the State Police, that a threat had been made on his life. "I am not going to be intimidated, and I will not be silenced. I will continue to provide the leadership on important social issues that the people of California have come to expect from me," he proclaimed in his release.

Counsel to the State Legislature, Bion Gregory, said the language in the initiative violates due process and free speech provisions of both the US and California constitutions. The opinion was requested by Assembly Speaker Leo T. McCarthy, D-San Francisco.

Gregory specifically noted language in Proposition 6 that described "public homosexual conduct" as "advocating or promoting of private or public homosexual activity... likely to come to the attention of school children."

Gregory said the definition was too vague to meet a court test of due process of law and would inhibit free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Gregory also said a teacher, gay or not, who campaigned against the initiative could be subject to dismissal. Teachers who publicly supported gay rights could also be dismissed, the opinion said.

It also said that the measure does not provide explicit standards for school districts to evaluate charges and thus arbitrary and unequal enforcement of the measure was a possibility.

Gregory's opinion did not find that Proposition 6 would violate constitutional guarantees of equal protection of the law or an individual's right of privacy.

— Compiled from reports by  
Gay Community News (Boston)  
and Gaysweek (New York)

## ANOTHER VOTE IN DADE COUNTY

MIAMI, FL — Gay activist Bob Kunst has begun an effort to place a new anti-discrimination ordinance on the November 7 general election ballot in Dade County. Last year, voters overwhelmingly rejected an ordinance in the referendum vote which launched Anita Bryant onto the public stage.

There has been much vocal opposition to Kunst's move in the national gay movement. Ruth Shack, the Metro Commission member who drew up the repealed ordinance, angrily attacked Kunst when he brought his proposal before the Commission last month. Shack stated that she was "appalled at what I see here today.

"You don't speak for anyone but

you own monstrous ego," Shack told Kunst. "You have already polarized the county. You are only going to open wounds that have just began to heal."

Kunst expressed his disagreement with Shack and his other detractors and has decried their "closet mentality." "I reject the closet gays who worry about the fact that we 'lost' last June. We didn't lose. We got the issue out of the closet and people are talking about it."

Kunst told Gay Community News (Boston) that people are "tired of Anita Bryant." Complaining that the efforts in Dade County were the "worst" in the history of the gay movement, Kunst said, "We are the only offensive campaign in the the history of the gay movement.

"We are not on the defensive as we were last year. We are getting the signatures and we are telling the people to vote, not Bryant. We are not compromising the issue of lifestyle this time around. We are not asking anybody for acceptance or endorsement of our lifestyle... We don't need that," Kunst said.

Over 10,000 signatures were presented to the County Attorney in Kunst's initial submission of a request for a referendum. Six thousand of those names were not accepted by the official because they were either duplicates or were not registered to vote. Kunst was then given another 30 days to collect the necessary, valid 10,000 names.

Kunst expressed optimism that the names would be collected in time and that the referendum question would be passed in November. "The reaction we are getting is quite phenomenal," he said. "We have received tremendous support not only in the gay community but in the Latino community, in condominium complexes... no matter where we go.

Kunst said that 70% of the gay community supported his effort for a gay rights ordinance. "I feel we are going to do it."

Not only will Kunst be trying to get a measure that would prohibit discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual and affectional preference, creed, political affiliation, state of pregnancy, personal appearance and lifestyle, but he is also seeking three other referenda questions.

One question would establish nude beaches, another would establish free bus service for the disabled, persons on welfare and persons older than 65. The last issue Kunst is hoping to have on the ballot is the establishment of a commission to study victimless crimes, such as prostitution and homosexuality, to determine if those acts should be decriminalized.

— Jim Marko  
Gay Community News

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## LEGISLATION

YES

NO

### CALIFORNIA

PROPOSITION 6: Would require school boards to fire or refuse to hire teachers who advocated or committed public homosexual acts.

43%

57%

### SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

INITIATIVE 13: Would repeal this city's ordinance which protected gays from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, etc.

X\*

### DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Voted on whether to re-enact legislation which would protect gays from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, etc.

40%

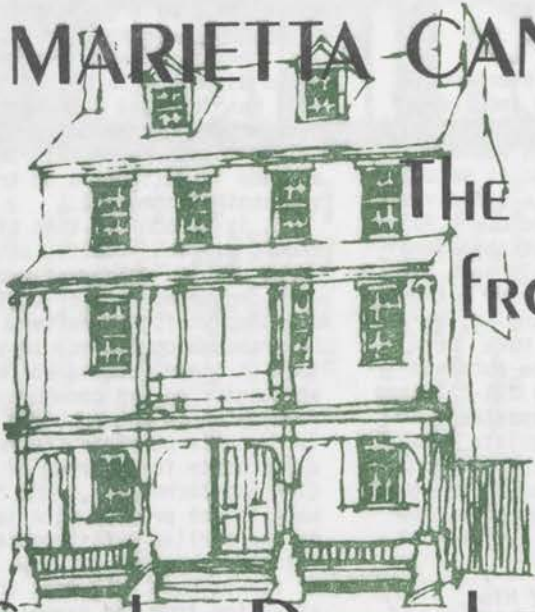
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# LETTERS

Editor, Gay Era,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the rally at Bloomsburg on Sept. 24, a success. I'd particularly like to thank the fifty people who did walk from the Town Park to and around the fairgrounds. The strength, dedication, and courage of these people is to be admired. They are indeed a credit to the gay community and the human rights movement.

This was a first for Bloomsburg, and I'm sure we had an impact on the community and the thousands of people who were at the fair.

I also regret any inconvenience to anyone who may have traveled to Bloomsburg on Monday to picket. Most of those who were there on Sunday could not return on Monday. Considering the number of people who said they would be there Sunday, and did not show, I did not feel that I could allow my brothers and sisters to set themselves up by picketing in such small numbers on Monday.

To those who said they could not be open enough to be seen at Bloomsburg, I understand.

To those gays who said that they would be there and did not show, I say that you show a complete lack of responsibility and total disregard for your fellow gays. The next time you wonder why something isn't being done, you shouldn't have to look far for the answer.

In Pride,  
Gary Norton  
Williamsport, PA

Editor, Gay Era,

Recently I had the opportunity, though not the necessity, to use the VD clinic facilities at St. Joseph Hospital, Lancaster. There were no symptoms, just a malaise that I might have one of the host of venereal diseases, added to the fact that I had not been checked in over 6 months. I called the Clinic, was reassured that every detail would be handled with professionalism (which it was) and drove on out. It's located in the emergency room at the hospital and the male attendants on ambulance call perform the tests on men while female patients are taken care of by women qualified to do the work. No sermons were preached...an air of calm prevailed.

Since this is an arm of Operation Venus, no fees were involved so I had the entire series performed: blood test and samples taken from throat, anus and penis. Of course some discomfort was experienced but no big problems arose, and it was good news the next Friday to hear that all tests were negative. I encourage all gay people to have these tests at least every 6 months, preferably every 3

months. If there is an infection it will be treated promptly and free of charge.

Naturally, these tests would be beneficial for anyone who is sexually active but we gays expose ourselves to a great number of people who do not care to tell us about their medical histories; they merely want to get it on, get off and leave without expecting to see us again. So, we must protect ourselves. More detailed information can be obtained from the Clinic at (717) 291-8111 and from the Pennsylvania Department of Health which issues pamphlets obtainable at the Clinic. I urge you to consider having tests for VD at your earliest convenience. Remember, you can have VD and have no symptoms at all.

Peace of Mind,  
R. Dennis Alexander  
Lancaster, PA

(Ed. Note: The following open letter was received by us from the Homosexual Information Center in Hollywood which has the primary task of deciphering information for the gay community. The letter regards the recent National Gay Task Force conference on "Referenda Leaders and Campaign Managers" which took place in California preceding the November 7 Briggs Initiative which would outlaw homosexual teachers from the public school system.)

An Open Letter,

An outfit of uncertain reputation in New York calling itself the National Gay Task Force has been wrong so often about so much that additional proofs become boring. The most recent example of its exercise in bad judgement occurred in Laguna Beach where it held a meeting last month "to assist in the upcoming campaign against the Briggs Initiative in California" (proposition 6 on the November ballot). It may sound like a good idea, but, as it turns out, the gathering was made up of a bunch of punk drunk pugilists who have been previously polished off by Anita Bryant in Miami, St. Paul, Wichita,

and Eugene. Rebuff by voters in those cities of zany arguments for "gay rights" ordinances have apparently left the proponents of those arguments dismayed. In the aftermath that has followed each setback they have somehow managed to pull themselves together and skip town. They are now in California to try for yet another comeback.

It is miraculous that after their record of steady losses around the country these itinerant promoters — along with a few of California's own supply of gay grafters — should have enough confidence to try to inflict their botched and broken strategies on our community. But the regrouping in Laguna Beach was clearly for this purpose: "To provide the opportunity for sharing of information and techniques," and "to adapt many of the printed materials used" in the earlier catastrophes to our situation here. Naturally, the "No on 6" forces here will want to take instruction from the example of these losers. For it is precisely their rejected message that we must avoid in devising our own strategies.

What this roving band of corn salve sellers ought to do is return to their own cities where they can join in the serious work needed to establish sexual freedoms there. For example, in 1970, Kansas enacted strict moral legislation that prohibits sex acts between persons of the same sex which is perfectly legal when performed by persons of the opposite sex; the law has a built-in gender-based discrimination that is unconstitutional. In New York "consensual sodomy" is still a crime. Florida law proscribes "deviate" sex acts — whether in a heterosexual or homosexual context. Thus, "gay rights" advocates in these backward states should employ what talents they have to repeal these and similar oppressive statutes.

In California since 1976, the homosexual has enjoyed the same protection under the law as the heterosexual. Moreover, the sexual freedom movement here is perfectly capable of dealing with Briggs and the initiative. Even so, we would normally welcome all the constructive help we can get. In the present instance, however, we must reject the offer if we wish to avoid ending up on NGTF's growing casualty list.



# Rural Resources

- ALLENTOWN (area 215)**  
Ribe's (bar), 814 Hamilton St.  
18101  
Stonewall (bar), 28 N. 10th St.  
18101  
Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for a Better Community (LVCBC), Box 4031 18105
- ALTOONA (area 814)**  
La Pierre Hotel (bar), 6th Ave & Union (Rt. 36)
- BERWICK (area 717) 210 18603**  
Universal Church of Jesus Christ, 300 Market St. 759-8737 Sun Serv. 11 am, "We welcome you no matter who you are, no matter what your lifestyle."
- BEETHLEM (area 215)**  
Lehigh Valley Homophile Organization (Le-HV-HO), Box 1003 Moravian Station, 18018. Meeting place: Unitarian Church, 701 Lehigh Ave. (Fountain H111)  
"An educational organization maintaining a library, Speakers & filmstrips available."
- BLOOMSBURG (area 717) 210 17815**  
Gay People at Bloomsburg, 152-A Iron St.  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Human Rights, Box 224.
- BRIDGEPORT (area 717) 210 19405**  
The Lark (bar), 302 Dekalb St. (Rt. 202 North)
- BRYN MAWR (area 215)**  
Bryn Mawr/Haverford Gay People's Alliance, Haverford College, Haverford, 19041. Meetings: Room 24, College Inn, Bryn Mawr College 19010.  
For Eyes Optical Co., 1004 N. Lancaster Ave.
- CARLISLE (area 717)**  
Country Store, RD5, Box 339, Pine Rd., 17013. Near Huntsdale at the entrance to King's Gap.
- CHESTER (area 215)**  
Andy's (bar), 2336 W. 3rd 19013.
- CRESSKON (area 814) 210 16670**
- PHILADELPHIA AREA CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**  
Gay Students at Temple, room 205, Student Activities Center, 13th & Montgomery Sts.  
Castaways Inn, 629 Front St., 16650.  
5609931. 24 hotel rooms 9pm - closing. Mon-Sat. Food, dancing, 9:02 PM. 10% GF. Large out of town crowds on weekends. reserve rooms "Very friendly bar."
- DOYLESTOWN (area 215) 210 18901**  
For Eyes Optical Co., 17 N. Main St.
- EASTON (area 215)**  
A1's Beehouse (restaurant, mixed), 14 N. 3rd St.
- ELIZABETH (area 412) 210 15037**  
The Waterfall (restaurant & lounge), 116 Market St. 384-9807 (upstairs side entrance).
- ERIE (area 814)**  
Midtown Lounge (Mait) Box 6372, 16512 723 French St. Food, dancing. Mostly GM.  
Washington 6-111, Washington & W. 10th.
- GREENSBURG (area 412) 210 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-Gen, 4415 N. Front St. 17100 GF.  
Neptune Lounge, 268 North St. 17101  
La Rose Rouge (bar) 400 N. 2nd St. 17101  
Dignity/Central PA, Box 297, Federal Square Station, 17108.  
Gay Switchboard, Box 297, Federal Square Station, 17108.  
Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, c/o Governor's Office, 328 Main Capitol Building, 17102.
- LANCASTER (area 717)**  
Brethren/Pennonite Council for Gay Concerns, Box 582, 17604, National office, Box 24060, Washington, DC 20024.  
Contract (counseling), 24hrs. call collect 299-4855  
Erotic Den (porno) 53 N. Prince St.  
Erotic Forum (porno) 227 N. Prince.  
GAY ENA, Editorial Office: 332 N. Mulberry St. 17603. Business Office: Front & Perry Sts., Harri-
- etia, PA. 17547 426-9811.**  
La Fleur (plants, and gifts) 701 Columbia Ave. 17603. 25 N. Prince St., 17603.  
Lancaster Independent Press, 227 N. Prince St., 17603. (daily alternative)  
Loft (restaurant, 2nd Fl.) 201 W. Orange St. 17603  
N.O.M., WMD, 110 N. Line St., 17602 Tally-Ho (bar), 201 W. Orange St. (domestairs)  
Tomhouse Greenery (plants) 49 N. Prince St., 17603.  
V.D. Clinic, St. Joseph Hospital, 250 College Ave. 291-8111, free, 24 hrs.  
Women's Center, 230 W. Orange St., 299-5381. 17603. Prince St. 17603.  
The Fiddlers, 10 S. Market St.  
Ye Old Bookstore, 227 N. Prince St.  
Jewelry Shop, 744 Yorkway Place.
- JENKINTOWN (area 215) 210 15701**
- MARCUS HOOK (area 215) 210 19601**  
Captain Jack's (bar) Market St.  
George's (bar), Market St.  
Paradise (bar), Market St.
- MARLETTA (area 717) 210 17547**  
GAY ERA, Front & Perry Sts., 426-9811.  
Railroad House Hotel, (restaurant, bar, hotel accommodations), Front & Perry Sts., 426-9811.
- MILLERSVILLE (area 717) 210 17551**  
Gay Awareness of Millersville State College, Box 3333, Gordonfar Hall, M.S.C..
- NEW HOPE (area 215) 210 18938**  
Carthel (bar), Rt. 202 West  
Chez Odetta (restaurant, mixed), Hwy. 32 at River Rd.  
New Prelude, 1 mile W. on US 202.
- READING (area 215)**  
Adventive Bookshelves, 10 N. 4th St., 19601, 373-0442.  
Gay Coordinating Society of Berks County, Box 3131, 19603.  
Glass Door (bar), 300 bl. of N. 5th St.  
Red Star Saloon (bar), 143 N. 10th  
This Is It (bar, restaurant), 8th & Walnut Sts.
- SCRANTON (area 412) 210 15602**  
Paradise Cove Hotel, Box 115, 295-2070.
- SHAVERTOWN (area 814) 210 18708**  
North East Pennsylvania Gay Alliance (NEPGA) Box 1710.
- STATE COLLEGE (area 814) 210 16801**  
\*For local information call GAYLINE, 863-0588. Non-Sun, 7-9 pm.  
Gayline (switchboard), 863-0588, Non-Sun, 7-9 pm.  
Homophiles of Penn State (HOPS), Box 218  
Lesbian Collective, c/o Women's Resource Center, 108 E. Beaver Mr. C's (mixed bar), 112 N. College Ave. 234-1031.  
Metropolitan Community Church, 106 Eisenhower Chapel, 238-0261  
Mittany News Bookstore, 108 W. College Ave.  
ZAP, Newsletter for HOPS, c/o HOPS
- STROUDSBURG (area 717) 210 18360**  
The Blue Bogle (bar), 724 Main St. Noon-2am, Dncg. ent. 645.
- SWARTHMORE (area 215) 210 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., H11-bourne, 19082, 352-9762, 8pm-2am.
- WEST CHESTER (area 215) 210 19380**  
Gays at Westchester, 718 Tyson Hall, Westchester State College  
Gay Hotline, 436-2879, Wed 8-11pm.
- WILKES BARRE (area 717)**  
Brian's Den, Butler House, Butler St. 18704.
- WILLIAMSPORT (area 717)**  
Homophiles of Williamsport (HOW), Box 1072, 17701.
- YORK (area 717)**  
Altland's Ranch (bar, accommodations), 10 miles W. off Rt. 30. 255-4479.  
Tom Tavern (bar), 41 N. George St. Mon-Sat. 8:30-2am. 843-8591.  
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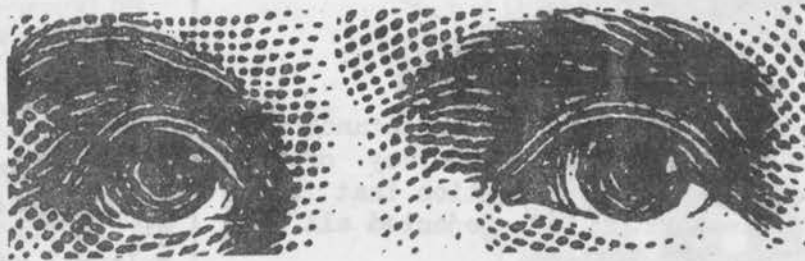
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## ART and AMERICAN CULTURE

We do not know what American culture is. Our generation has yet to define its cultural aims and social goals - that is, the generation raised under the spectre of the Bomb and weaned on commercial TV: we do not know what we will do or what we are capable of doing. We have yet to reveal ourselves. Who are we?

Art has been a traditional measuring device for interpreting the meaning of a culture from the point of view of both the creative artist and the intellectual critic of art. We speak of the Golden Age of classical Greece or "the grandeur that was Rome" and, as critics of the history of art and

from the vantage point of the 20th Century, we define the works produced in those periods as evidence of high cultures. The works show a still relevant attitude toward the world and we can still understand them, still enjoy them and criticize them - we can still use them.

The first question we can ask ourselves about our generation is: can we produce art and criticism worthy of use by the people of the future?

Our generation - just who are we? IN FACT, we do not yet know. We are still young, seeking outlet for our energy, for our creative powers, still trying to harness ourselves



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that goes into the production, the creative intellect at play, that we wish to reveal, and in so doing write the artistic and intellectual members of the community in a common, meaningful experience. We want to produce an experience in these pages, a group experience that shows itself -honestly- as what

it is by the very problems and successes of its publication.

In order to do this, mtr needs the intellectual and creative assests and talents of the very heart of the community. We need everyone who wants to contribute anything at all. We need writers, artists, print technicians, advertising people (we need advertisers too: a magazine,

unlike human beings, does survive on bread alone) - in short, we need the help and care of this community.

That does not mean we will use everything sent to us. On the contrary, if the experience of mtr is to be a meaningful one, we must arouse the efforts of the very best thinkers and craftsmen in the community. But who are they? We do not

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to some positive and solid direction. We can stand on a past dominated by our negation of the hypocrisy of the Vietnam War and the deceit and self-deception that is now known to have ruled our leaders. WE have rejected all that a long while ago - WE were the Sixties.

But is it enough for us to reject hypocrisy and corrupt bureaucracies? Will these individual rejections of the status quo remain stranded and alone, lost in a world they reject, and unable to form a common bond between one another? And most importantly from the viewpoint of culture is: will this rejection be useful in the future?

The second question for our generation: what have we done, what are we doing, what will we do, and is what we do enough?

Our generation no longer thinks about the Bomb and what it means - at least, if we think about it, we don't talk about it much, or if we do, we use it as a sardonic, macabre joke, as an indication of a kind of despair with the world: "That may happen, alright, if we live that long!" The Bomb is a bad joke, but a real one.

What kind of a generation are we who can laugh (when pressed) at the vision of our own doomsday? - A generation who still feels its life, feels its creative power, still feels its will to produce for the future?

yet know. We await their discovery, not by us, but by themselves. And in and through these individual self-discoveries, we will discover, too, the destiny of mtr in our common American cultural milieu, and, perhaps, the fate that awaits the thinking, creative individual in our society.

We are the "talked at" generation. So much noise has been thrown at us by the exploding technology of communication that perhaps the only sound which could draw our attention completely would be the last one. In all this noise, can we still think?

Third question for our generation: can we think and do in such a way to reveal ourselves as the producers of intellectual criticism for the use of future generations/

# Bits Collage Pieces

## LAMBDA GETS FUNDING AND STAFF

After five years of functioning with volunteer help, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, this past winter, established the position of Executive Director and in February '78, retained an attorney, Ms. Barbara Levy, to fill the post part-time. Recently Lambda has just received grants from the Aetna Foundation, the Playboy Foundation and the Eastman Family Fund, in addition to CETA funding for a full-time staff position.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation authorized to practice law under New York State law. The organization provides legal representation or assistance in cases which have the potential for developing positive law on gay rights issues.

The increase in funds and the addition of a second staff person, Ms. Linda Barr, will enable Lambda to begin expanding its services to the gay community. Ms. Levy commented, "The funding will first be used to meet office expenses and litigation costs in our major cases. We then hope to initiate several projects, including a series of educational pamphlets on aspects of the law which are of particular concern to gay people."

For further information about Lambda's work, or if you wish to contribute time or money, please contact Ms. Levy at Lambda, 22 E. 40th St. New York, NY 10016. Phone: (212) 532-8197.

## NEW GAY LIFE' FOLDS

PHILADELPHIA — New Gay Life, a monthly gay magazine which tried to fill a void left by the demise of a gay weekly, The Gayzette, published its last issue (Sept. 1978) after almost one and a half years of service.

New Gay Life attempted to "reach out to all sectors of the gay community — black and white, male and female, young and old," explained its publisher, Joseph R. DeMarco. It was the rigors of maintaining a publication on an all-volunteer basis that had become too demanding, according to staff members.

The demise of New Gay Life leaves Philadelphia with only one major gay publication, the Philadelphia Gay News.

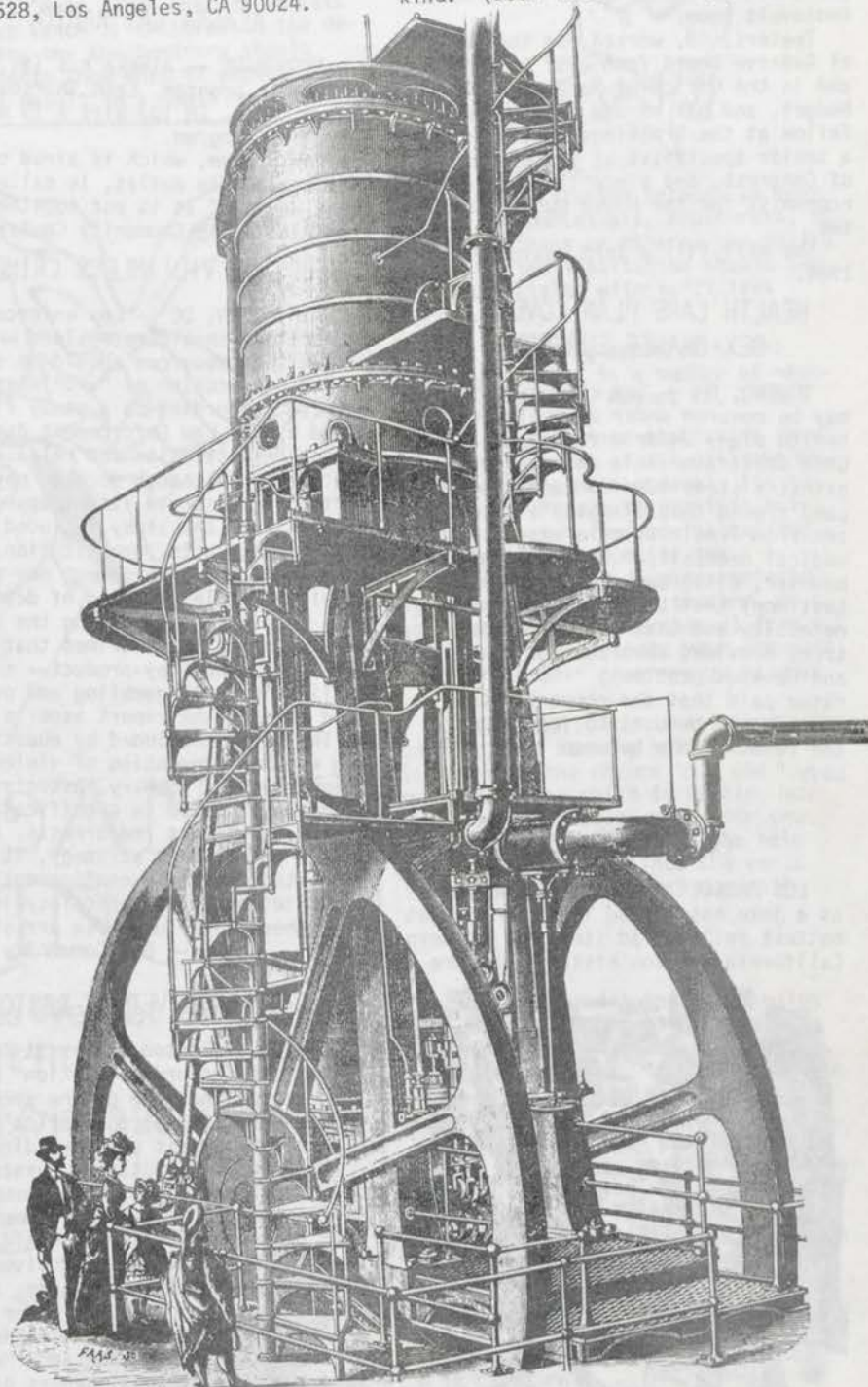
## PARENTS PRINT BOOKLET

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles

based Parents and Friends of Gays has announced publication of a booklet, About Our Children. Authorities from social, medical, educational, and civic organizations are quoted in the eight-page booklet, designed as a "handy reference" about lesbians and gay men for individuals and families. The booklet is available free by writing to: Parents, Box 24528, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

## ORTHODOX CHURCH WELCOMES GAYS

LOS ANGELES — At a recent meeting held in Los Angeles, the Patriarch of the North American Orthodox Catholic Church revised the Church Constitution to include the following statement: "We pledge to support human dignity and not to exclude from these services any condition of mankind." (Does that include gays?)



## FIRST WOMEN NAMED TO FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON, DC — Nancy Hays Teeters, a career government aide and economist, was sworn in recently as the first woman governor on the Federal Reserve Board.

"The president and I are delighted," Vice President Mondale said of Teeter's nomination. He called her "a brilliant economist" and "ideally suited" for the job.

Teeter's husband held the Bible and her son and daughter looked on as she took the oath from Mondale in the short ceremony in the White House Roosevelt Room.

Teeters, 48, worked for the Federal Reserve Board from 1957 to 1966, and in the Office of Management and Budget, and has served as a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, a senior specialist at the Library of Congress, and since 1975, as chief economist for the House Budget Committee.

She will fill a term ending in 1984.

## HEALTH CARE PLAN COVERS SEX-CHANGE SURGERY

TOLEDO, OH — Sex change surgery may be covered under an employee's health plan, under a ruling of an Ohio arbitrator in a case filed against a steel tube company. The company argued that changing a worker's sex from female to male wasn't a "medical necessity." The arbitrator, however, disagreed, citing medical testimony that the operation was a necessity and that the union contract provided coverage for "mental and nervous problems." The arbitrator said that the company's position was a refusal to recognize the relationship between "mind and body."

(ZNS)

## ON A CLEAR DAY...

LOS ANGELES — What started out as a joke has turned into one of the hottest selling fad items in southern California fashion history. They're



called "transparent pants." The see-through plastic trousers were originally designed to be placed on mannequins to promote a new company which makes jeans. But in Beverly Hills, thousands of orders began pouring in—at \$34 a pair—for the see-throughs that even come with vents to prevent fogging. At last report, more than 33,000 of the polyurethane trousers had been ordered.

The Parisienne Company which makes them reports the jeans—which leave nothing to the imagination—are particularly popular in L.A.'s steamy disco clubs.

## ALASKA GAY RADIO

ANCHORAGE — Alaska has its first gay radio program. Each Thursday at 7 p.m. KSKA, FM 103 airs a 15 minute gay news program.

The program, which is aired on the National Radio outlet, is called "Gay News Review." It is put together by the Alaska Gay Community Center.

## STUDY OF VICTIMLESS CRIMES

WASHINGTON, DC — Law enforcement authorities should reconsider whether limited resources should be spent on the prosecution of "victimless crimes," according to a study financed by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and released last week. "Although society may want to demonstrate its disapproval of such acts (the study included consensual sex acts, prostitution, and gambling), the enforcement may accomplish little in terms of deterring people from committing the acts or preventing other crimes that are said to be their by-product— such as links between gambling and organized crime," the report asserts.

The study concluded by questioning whether prevention of violent crime, such as robbery, associated with prostitution is significant enough to warrant the arrests. A better enforcement strategy, it suggested, might be confinement of prostitution to specific locations or higher fines for those arrested.

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## ADVOCATE ARCHIVED AT BOSTON U

BOSTON — Boston University's "Twentieth Century Collection" will soon become the home of the archives of the Advocate, North America's oldest and largest gay periodical.

Dr. Howard B. Gotlieb, curator of the collection which is housed in the Special Collections Department of the Mugar Library, said that the material to be received will include business records, the files, correspondence and other papers dating back to the beginnings of the Advocate a decade ago. He said that the personal papers of the paper's publisher David Goodstein may also be included, but

that this was still being discussed.

No material is available yet for use by the public. The increasingly famous Twentieth Century Collection includes papers and exhibits relating to nine hundred public figures in all fields, including entertainment, politics and the arts, and much of the material is considered unusual or "offbeat."

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## 'ADULT' BOOKSTORE SUES MASTER CHARGE

BALTIMORE, MD — Master Charge got more than it bargained for when it terminated its credit line memberships to 10 "adult bookstores" on the East Coast recently.

It seems the giant pay-later advocate just did not like the kind of business the "skin" stores were doing so it canceled credit memberships at stores in Maryland, North Carolina and Washington, DC. Master Charge reportedly told the X-rated bookseller, "We don't like the nature of your business and we don't want to continue doing business with you."

The Wall Street Journal reported that the rebuffed porno dealers have filed suit against Master Charge, accusing the credit firm of making "moral" judgements against them and their customers.



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## STEINEM SCANDAL

ST. PAUL, MN — Archbishop John R. Roach has reprimanded a parish priest for allowing Gloria Steinem to preach at St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Roach called the appearance of the publisher of Ms. magazine a "scandal."

Steinem gave the homily at two Masses, saying that women will have no power until they have control over their own bodies. In reprimanding Rev. Harvey Egan, Archbishop Roach stated, "I want to apologize in the name of this local church for the scandal caused by the extremely poor judgement used by Fr. Egan."

Roach added that Steinem's position of abortion is public knowledge and "to give her a platform, particularly during the Eucharist in a Cath-

olic Church, is an affront to the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as those who have worked so hard to protect life."

— Gay Community News

## GAY SEMINARY STUDENT WINS

LEXINGTON, KY — David Vance, a gay student who completed his requirements for his Master of Divinity at the Lexington Seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has won his case in this area's Circuit Court against the school.

Vance, who completed his requirements for the degree in 1976, had sued the Seminary for breach of contract.

Circuit Court Judge Charles Tackett ruled that Vance is entitled to the degree saying the the Seminary should "let students know what is expected or what will result in a denial of a de-



gree or admission."

If the institution intends to deny degrees to homosexuals, adulterers, agnostics, thieves or others, the ruling suggested, the institution should say so in its catalog with sufficient clarity.

(The following appeared in the Dear Abby column in a number of newspapers on Monday, August 28, 1978.)

DEAR ABBY: Since statistics show that 98.3 percent of all children molestations are heterosexual, I'm organizing a crusade to prohibit heterosexual teachers from instructing children of the opposite sex.

I don't want my daughter molested by a heterosexual male teacher, or my son seduced by a heterosexual female teacher. I'd appreciate your comments.

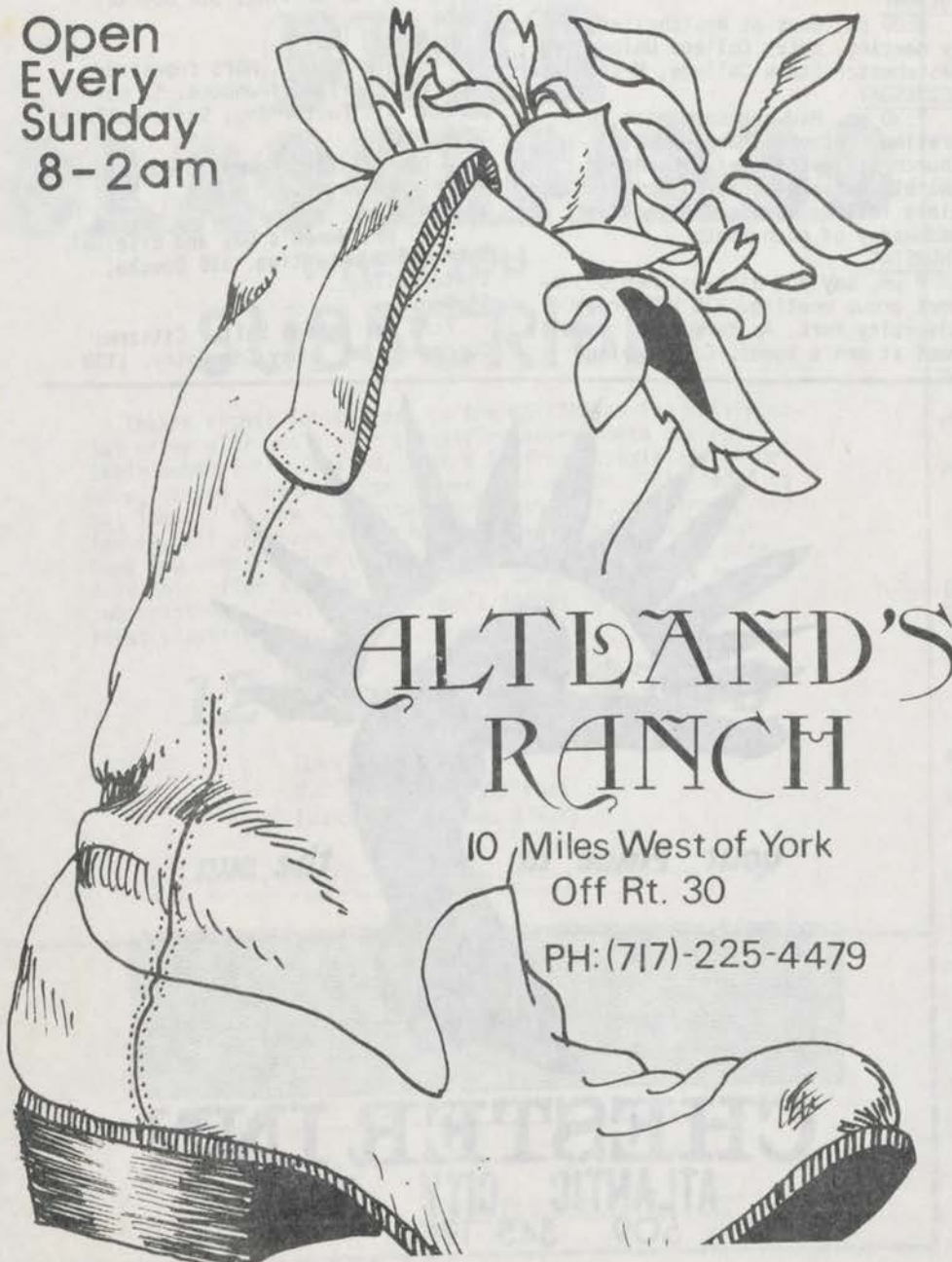
CONCERNED PARENT

DEAR PARENT: Your statistics are correct, but banning heterosexual teachers on the chance that one might molest a child is unfair. However, if you proceed with your crusade, be sure to enlist the help of Anita Bryant — since she wants so desperately to "save" our children.

QUOTE:

"What began with the anti-busing hysteria in Boston moved rapidly in the direction of the Bakke decision, the anti-ERA drive, the anti-abortion rights campaign and the vicious assaults led by Briggs in this state... on the rights of gay people. Since we are all in this together, since we are all confronting, in one way or another, wealthy financial interests and reactionary politicians, it seems we should resolve to fight back together." — Angela Davis, co-chair of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression, on the anti-gay school workers Proposition 6 in California.

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## WORKER FOR BRIGGS INITIATIVE PLEADS GUILTY

SANTA ANA, CA — A person working for the anti-gay school Briggs Initiative in California has pleaded guilty to charges that he hired citizens to falsify initiative petitions. The petitions were used to successfully qualify the question, which is now Proposition 6, on the November ballot.

William Crosby was granted three years probation following his plea in Superior Court in Santa Annain Orange County.

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(814) 863-0588 for more info.  
SUNDAY

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

## NOVEMBER

### 1 Wednesday

9 pm, Homophiles of Penn State gneral meeting. Call Gayline (Resource List) for location.

### 4 Saturday

9 pm, XYZ Club Committee at Epler's Grove. Tickets: \$6. Doors open at 8:15 pm. Ticket includes show, beer, set-ups, pretzels and chips. Deadline for tickets: Tuesday before each performance. Make all checks or money orders payable to XYZ Social Club, PO Box 674, Reading, PA 19603. (SASE)

### 6 Monday

7:30 pm, Women's Gay and Bisexual Support group meeting. 316 Boucke, State College.

### 9 Thursday

7 pm - midnight, HOPS sponsored Turkey Dinner/ Coffeehouse. \$2 per person. 415 Foster Ave, State College.

### 12 Sunday

3 pm, XYZ Club Committee at Epler's Grove. See Above.

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### 14 Tuesday

7:30 pm, Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for a Gay Community. 1130

## CALENDAR

### EVERY WEEK

#### 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 Bldg., Westchester 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.

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19 Sunday

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