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The Calendar

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Dignity Potluck with Parents and Friends of Gays, 5:00, FMH, Hbg. Harrisburg MCC Worship Service, 7:00, FMH		Volleyball, 6:30, PAL Building, Hbg.	Volleyball, 9:00, SA, Hbg.	Dignity Eve. Prayer, 8:00, Call 236-1081		
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Harrisburg MCC Worship Service, 7:00, FMH	The Link, deadline for advertisements	Volleyball, 6:30, PAL Building, Hbg. Hbg. Switchboard Mtg. 7:30 Volleyball Pizza Nite At Shadows, 9:00	LAYOUT THE LINK, Call 732-3537 Volleyball, 9:00, SA, Hbg.			
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Harrisburg MCC Worship Service, 7:00, FMH	Parents & Friends of Gays, 7-9, Tressler-Lutheran Social Services Bldg., 2331 Market St., Camp Hill, Call 761-6920	Volleyball, 6:30, PAL Building, Hbg.	Pennsmen at La Rose Rouge 9:30, Hbg. Dignity Board Mtg., Call 234-8179, Hbg. Volleyball, 9:00, SA, Hbg.		Dignity Mass, FMH, Call 236-1081 The Link, Vol. 1, No. 3 issued	PA Lesbian/Gay Support Network Meeting, 1:00, FMH, Hbg.
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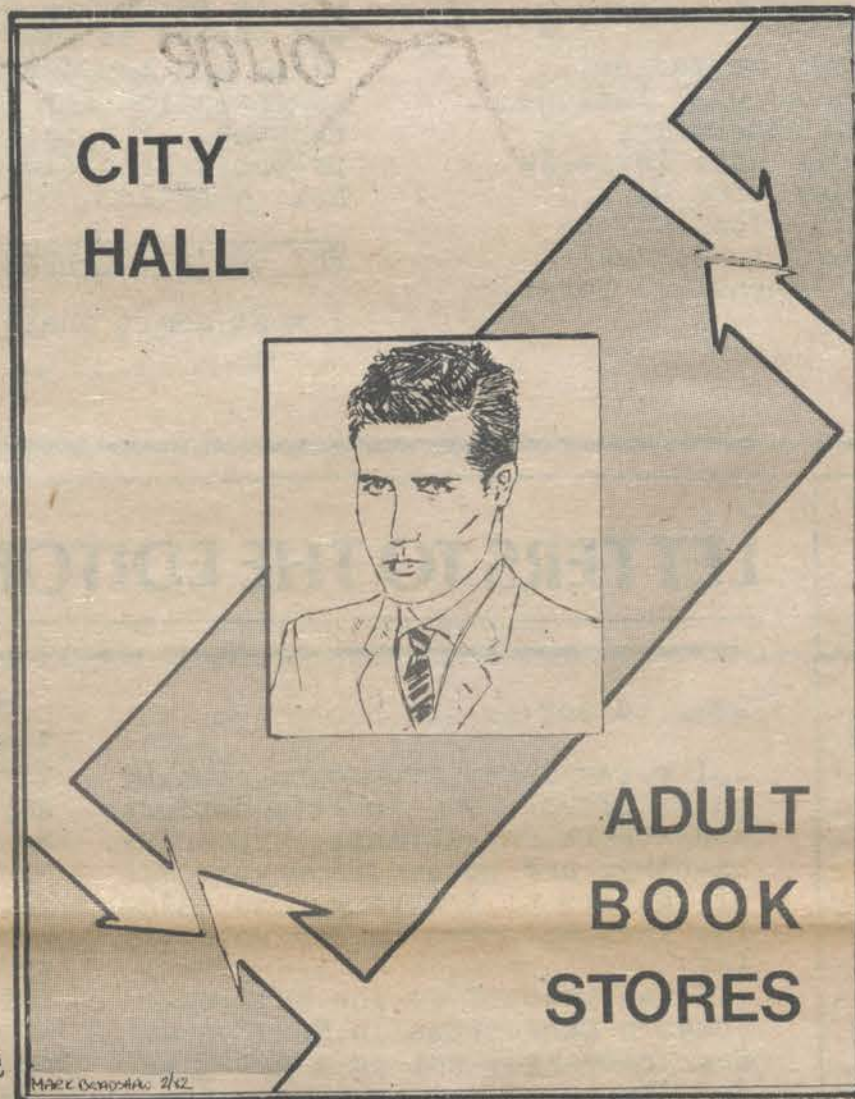
Market Square arrests prompt action

Harrisburg lesbians and gays have delivered notice to City Hall that they will not tolerate harassment of any segment of the lesbian/gay communities. A delegation from the gay community attended the February non-legislative session of City Council to air their concerns about a recent series of arrests on Market Square.

During the closing weeks of January, plainclothes members of Harrisburg's vice squad arrested about 15 men outside the adult bookstores on the square on charges of indecent assault and indecent exposure. The arrests resulted from invitations or actions initiated within the bookstore. After an invitation from the officer to "go to my place," the two men would leave the bookstore, whereupon the officer would make his arrest.

After hearing this scenario, Council member Robinson said that it sounded like "entrapment" to him, and Council member Moore said, "I don't think the police should be using this manner."

Council heard a prepared statement sponsored by Dignity/Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg Metropolitan Community Church and the



Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg. Bruce Hughes read the statement.

The statement's major thrust was that individuals were being used as "scapegoats for what is essentially a problem of urban

planning" [the adult bookstores]. The statement went on to outline the costs in the personal lives of those arrested, including the suspension from jobs for two of the men. (See the box below for a complete transcript of the statement.)

The statement also raised the question of priorities. "Could not the tax dollars used in the execution of this program be more effectively used in the elimination of violent crimes against individuals and property?" asked Hughes.

Council member Faust echoed the "yes" response of others when she related an incident of just a week before.

While she was talking to a friend on Second Street, a car sped by "at about 90 miles an hour," she said. She turned to her friend to express her hope that the police would apprehend the driver of the car. Her companion expressed doubt that they would, however,

since "they [the police] were all in the bookstores."

Council responded favorably to the complaints, but as Council

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PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 2

Good evening. I am Rev. Bruce Hughes, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Harrisburg -- an ecumenical Christian fellowship with a special outreach to gays and lesbians. I speak tonight not only on behalf of the Metropolitan Community Church, but also on behalf of Dignity of Central Pennsylvania, an organization of gay and lesbian Catholics and other interested individuals; on behalf of the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg; and on behalf of concerned citizens.

A recent series of arrests in the Market Square area prompts this address. During the past two weeks some 20 men, patrons of the so-called "adult bookstores," have been arrested by plainclothes members of the city's vice squad on charges of indecent assault.

Although my knowledge of the law in this regard is by no means comprehensive, it strikes me that this series of arrests in no way serves the cause of justice in Harrisburg. In particular, the methods of these arrests are somewhat suspect, for I understand that many of those arrested were encouraged to propose or initiate sexual activity through the apparent interest or activity of the arresting officers.

Whatever you or I may think of the morality of such sexual activity, it is my understanding that it was proposed between apparently consenting adults in what is, for all intents and purposes, a private establishment. The question we must face then is this: What good is being served through this program of harassment? Surely the sensibilities of those individuals frequenting these establishments are not offended; the nature of the activities occurring in these adult bookstores is generally known.

More fundamentally, the question of priorities needs to be addressed. The mayor himself in a recent article in the Patriot and Evening News points out that it is important to set sensible priorities. Could not the tax dollars used in the execution of this program be more effectively used in the elimination of violent crimes against individuals and property?

With the imminent opening of the new City Hall on Market Square we can appreciate the discomfort and even embarrassment which city officials may feel due to the proximity of the adult bookstores. This is understandable. But we do not understand why individuals should serve as scapegoats in what is essentially a problem of urban planning. It is important to realize the costs in the personal lives of those affected; the stigma of identification in the media; the embarrassment of confronting peers and other members of the community; the stress of family life, including the breakup of marriages; the suspension from or loss of jobs; and even (God forbid) suicide. Is this council and this administration willing to bear such a price when other less costly and more humane means are at your disposal for attaining the same goals?

Mr. Mayor, members of council, many of you personally know gay and lesbian people -- as fellow citizens, as fellow workers, and finally, as supporters of the Reed team -- supporters who gave time, money, and votes. For this reason we chose this forum in which we could address the entire Reed team, and indeed, all whose actions affect life in this city.

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EDITORIAL

This editorial is not an editorial in the true sense of the word. That is, it is not going to proffer an opinion. It is, hopefully, going to answer some nagging questions and provide you with some useful tidbits for future reference. So, read on.

WHAT'S UP?

The editorial calendar is roughly mapped out through the spring. Future issues will include more features, some photos, and hopefully, some cartoons. The theme for the next issue is "Gays and Lesbians: How do we perceive each other?" The following issue will look at the gay contribution to redevelopment in Central Pennsylvania, concentrating on Lancaster, York, Harrisburg, and Marietta.

WHAT'S THE MCC CONNECTION?

Did I say something earlier about nagging questions? Well, if ever there was one this is it. To set the record straight: The Link is not the church newsletter for MCC. Neither is it the official organ of that organization. MCC is parenting The Link because the people who wanted to start the paper felt a need to "link up" temporarily with an established organization for financial and credibility reasons. The paper's ties with MCC will probably be officially severed by July 1. Next question.

WHY DON'T YOU EVER TAKE A STANCE?

I must admit there are times when I feel like a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I peregrinate around to country quite often. Gay Society deplors and abhors intolerance, hypocrisy, bigotry, and persecution yet, all are guilty of the very same things. The lesbian woman is the worst by far.

I was present at the National Women's Conference in Houston a few years ago, not as a delegate or alternate, but as an observer and "student". Very few there knew a transsexual was among them. I kept a very low profile. The majority of women there were heterosexual ("straight") and all treated me with respect and good manners. The most intolerant, rude and bad mannered women were lesbians. They weren't this way to just me, but outwardly they displayed arrogance and belligerence. Heterosexual Society has the "W.A.S.P.'s" and the "John Birch Society"; lesbians have "Separatists" and the "Daughters of Bilitus". All are militant extremists filled with prejudice, intolerance, and hate. Lesbians are not alone in this. I have encountered extremist among the gay male too.

Three years ago I tried to enter a gay bar and was refused admission. "Sorry, no drag queens allowed!" I beg your pardon! I do not hustle males and I select who I go to bed with. Over a year ago I was barred from all the gay bars in Harrisburg, including the "D.-G.E.M.". This past spring, I was barred from all the gay bars in D.C. and Baltimore, not because of me personally, but due to others like me.

The "Catch 22" of all this is that I have to have a Pennsylvania L.C.B. Card to enter any gay bar. The P.L.C.B. informed me that I do not need one at my age: 58! I tried entering the "Rose Rouge" as a male and as a woman. Both times I was grabbed and violently pushed back out the door. As a woman, I am a "common drag queen", and as a male, I "looked straight". The same things happened in Baltimore and Philadelphia. I am generally by myself and a "loner".

I went to Washington D.C. a few years ago to be in the Gay/Lesbian Rights march and was refused. Gay males and lesbians objected to drag queens being in the march. Two young lesbians ("Separatists"?) grabbed my wig and threw it in the street, screaming "We don't want any imitation females here". The very same people who moan and bewail about being persecuted and oppressed are the very same ones who are guilty of persecuting and oppressing others. Especially those like me.

The transsexual male is unique. We are forced into our closets by heterosexual and homosexual societies and we are persecuted, oppressed and humiliated more than any gay male or lesbian for being ourselves. The gay male is male gender in a female body, but the transsexual male is feminine gender in a male body. No two people are exactly alike, however, Gay Society is guilty of stereotyping people. A pathetic fallacy with women is that all males who dress as women are transvestites and hustlers. There is no such person as a "transsexual". Wrong! A true transves-

sort of anti-Martin Luther, saying "Here I don't stand." This will not always be the case. But you see, when we started the paper we really put the cart before the horse. That is to say, we printed the paper before establishing a real philosophy for the paper--a philosophy that would include guidelines for editorial statements. To remedy this problem the paper's staff has set aside a weekend in April to work through these issues--a sort of Link Think Tank. So, after April expect us to more willingly share our wisdom and ignorance with you.

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH ADVERTISING?

The staff was, I believe falsely, accused of publishing a "gay shopper's guide" in January. In our defense we had as much copy proportionately as either the Philadelphia Gay News or Baltimore's Gay Paper: about 40-45%. It's just that 40% of 12 pages makes for a lot less reading than 40% of 32 pages. Although we have tried to maintain the same advertising to copy ration, I think there will be fewer objections this month since we've moved to 20 pages.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Lot's of things. We need people, especially experienced people: photographers, artists, layout people, writers. We also need people who are willing to help with circulation, to type, to run errands, and to distribute the papers. We especially need people from Lancaster and York. But right now, even more than people we need equipment--or the money to buy equipment. We are in desperate need of a typewriter. We need a waxing machine and a light table, as well as many of the smaller pieces of graphic arts equipment, like X-acto knives. If you have any suggestions about people who might be willing to donate such items, give me a call quick: 732-3537. If you don't have any suggestions, how about getting that check for a subscription in the mail today. Those \$5.00's mount up fast.

Bill

LETTERS

tite male seldom takes female hormones and would never have an operation to change their male bodies; most are proud of their male sex organs. The true transsexual male wants female hormones and the operation to remove the male sex organs in order to find a place in womanhood. At this time, I do not want or need a lover. My direction and goal is to do volunteer work in a Crisis Center caring for the children of victims of rape and battered women undergoing treatment for their traumas.

Thank you very much for your valuable time.

Name Withheld

An Open Letter to Gay Christians:

In a recent Sunday sermon, I spoke about the arrests of men from the local adult bookstores. The following Tuesday, members of the gay community aired their concerns to City Council. I want to share with you some of my feelings concerning the church's responsibility toward these events.

What does the church have to do with matters political? This country was founded upon principles of separation of church and state. How can we, as concerned Christians, balance our Christianity and our politics?

First, Jesus was a political person. He often clashed with the powers of His day, and was considered a radical. He fought with the lawmakers, argued with the governor, and continually brought the people up short regarding their responsibilities

of loving and caring for each other.

Jesus, however, recognized the civil authorities in regards to civil matters. He exhorted the people to pay their taxes and to abide by the law. Paul, also, in his letter to the Galatians, told the people to obey the laws of the state. We, too, must do so. What, then, should be done about adult bookstore arrests? We are called to love our neighbor. But that loving needs to be done in a responsible adult context. As Paul writes to the Galatians, We must not use our freedom in Christ to disobey the law, (or to do evil).

I am not condoning sex in adult bookstores; neither am I condoning pornography that demeans or humiliates other human beings. We are called to responsible sexuality, and, as Christians, we are called to lead others to accept their sexuality in a loving and caring way. The Good News can be spread in bookstores, baths, and bushes (and in the bars). God is indeed, everywhere. But how can we be Christian in an adult bookstore?

One way is by being a caring human being. Be concerned and interested in the people you meet, anywhere, anytime. Care about them as people first. If you use your encounters to bring love, warmth, and concern, it doesn't matter if you are in a bar, bookstore, or anywhere else. But make sure your motivation is in the right place. Don't use your Christianity as an excuse to pick up a trick.

But what about unfair laws-- laws that cause pain and suffer-

ing, or that discriminate? Laws CAN be changed. We have a Christian responsibility to write our Congresspeople, to speak up against discrimination or against anything that exploits, demeans, or humiliates other human beings. It is one very definite way in which we can love our neighbor, and put the Gospel into action.

You and I are followers of Jesus, the Christ. He was political, speaking out constantly against injustice. As His followers, we can, and should, do the same. I exhort you to read Paul's letter to the Galatians. Your comments, criticisms, and concern in this matter are welcome.

Rev. Bruce Hughes

The Link will accept letters to the editor of a reasonable length. All letters must be signed and are subject to verification. Names will be withheld upon request.

Pam WE NEED YOU!

Pam, you know who you are. You called me to offer your talents as a graphic artist. I was supposed to call you to arrange a time to get together. I lost your number. I'm sorry. But we still need you. Give us a call, will you? 732-3537.

STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS BEYOND A STONE'S THROW

REAGAN NOMINATES HOMOPHOBIC

President Reagan nominated Rev. B. Samuel Hart to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Rev. Hart is outspokenly anti-gay. He maintains that homosexuals choose their fates and should not expect protection under the "guise of civil rights." "I do not see homosexuality as a human right. I see it as a problem in our society," says Rev. Hart.

Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh and Senators Specter and Heinz have expressed their dismay over the nomination, about which they were not consulted.

Gay rights organizations encourage gays, lesbians, and other interested individuals to write their legislators to oppose Hart's nomination.

GAY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

Richard Meritzer, a veteran Pittsburgh gay activist and community organizer, has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination for state legislator in a newly created district. Meritzer will seek to unseat an incumbent whose district is expected to be drastically changed due to reapportionment. Gays and Jews populate the area in large numbers. Because of his past community work, Meritzer expects to draw support from the total community.

ABORTION CONTROL ACT

Pennsylvania legislators Friend and Cunningham have been working with assistants from the Governor's Office in developing an Abortion Control Act that the Governor would not veto. The act may be attached again as an amendment to the Marital Rape Bill.

ROADSIDE REST AREAS

The Pennsylvania Bulletin of January 9 contained the following rulemaking: 443.2 Prohibited activities or actions; roadside rest area. The following specified activities or actions are prohibited in all roadside rest areas. (15) Engaging in or soliciting any loud, boisterous, lewd or lascivious conduct, including, but not limited to,

sexual intercourse, indecent contact, indecent exposure and open lewdness, as defined in 18, Pa C.S. 3101-5904.

HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS BILL SHELVED

A proposed Homosexual Rights Bill was shelved in Pittsburgh on January 18. The bill, which would prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in employment and housing, was to have been sponsored by four council members. Minutes before the bill was to be introduced, the sponsors withdrew their support, preventing the measure from reaching the floor. This bill was unique because it did not depend on the Human Relations Commission for enforcement but would have relied on enforcement by the City Courts through citations issued by Community Relations Officers of the police.

The measure was shelved when City Clerk Mike Perry sought to verify the four signatures on the bill. What ensued appears to be a real last minute case of homophobia. Some Council members felt that the group should go the state route since this is not a local problem exclusively.

GAY CABLE TV

Pittsburgh lesbian and gay activists are organizing a gay television show. Once organized the show will use the local cable television facilities of Warne Cable. The eight organizers decided on a magazine format, not unlike "Evening Magazine." The group is writing a proposal for a 13-week series. They do not expect to begin taping before the end of February.

EX-REP JAILED IN SEX RAP

Former state Rep. David S. Hayes, R-Erie, convicted in a 1979 sexual assault involving a suburban Monroeville boy, was sentenced to a 1-12 month prison term and fined \$2,000.

Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge Samuel Strauss allowed Hayes to remain free on bond for 30 days until he decides whether to appeal the June 1981 conviction on charges of corrupting the morals of a minor, which carries a maximum penalty of 2½-

5 years in prison.

The jury trial last June became "hopelessly deadlocked" on three other charges in the case: rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and indecent assault.

Prosecutors decided not to seek a new trial and accepted the verdict for the corruption charge because the 17-year-old youth Hayes was accused of assaulting at an area motel did not want to go through additional legal proceedings.

GAY SCULPTURE

San Francisco is preparing to offer a spot in a civic plaza to George Segal's "Gay Liberation," a sculpture saluting homosexuality. The work was commissioned for \$150,000 by a small private foundation, the Mildred Andrews Fund, which is offering to donate the sculpture to the city. The figures are life size, and an unoccupied portion of the bench invites passersby to sit. The plan still needs approval from several city agencies, but so far little public criticism has emerged.

MCDONALD AMENDMENT FAILS

The United States Senate completed work on the appropriations bill for the Legal Services Corporation without including an expected anti-gay amendment similar to the one offered in the House of Representatives by Congressman Larry McDonald.

GAY RIGHTS SUPPORTERS BLASTED

"New Right" groups have recently taken aim at Congressional supporters of justice for gay people, in their direct mail fund raising efforts. The Moral Majority has targeted "the perverts" who co-sponsored HR 1454. Their obvious goal is to induce "cold feet" in present and potential gay rights supporters. A number of legislators seem extremely uncomfortable with the significant amount of mail they have received opposing the bill.

OKLAHOMA: REMOVAL OF CHILD

The Oklahoma Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling permitting a judge to remove a child from a homosexual parent's custody. In its ruling, the Court relied heavily on testimony from a psychiatrist that a child growing up in such an environment would be confused over whether to accept society's rules or his parent's rules.

You can help

"Beyond a Stone's Throw" is designed to "link" our readers with the state and national scenes. You can assist us in this endeavor by sending us items of statewide or national scope that would be of especial interest to gays and lesbians.

TRAVEL EXPRESS

The Link is new to the gay community. This, a second issue, provides more new articles. Travel Express is designed not only to provide you with reviews of popular destinations, but to inform you of what to expect in travel--business or pleasure. The ever transient gay population spends a great deal of money in the travel industry: seeking warmth during the winter; cool breezes during the summer; experiences in far away lands, or just a short jaunt to clear the mind over a weekend.

First, start with good travel sense: Use a travel agent, a professional you can trust to do the groundwork. Be upfront: Tell the agent what you expect, in addition to how much time and money are available. Agency service is easy, personal, fast and free.

We at The Link want to make sure you have a great trip and are not just taken for a ride. If you have any questions or problems with travel, write The Link. We will do our best to investigate, then reply. Look forward to articles on rock bottom deals, first class comforts, and most importantly, rules and your rights.

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One note of caution: These low cost air fares may require you to pay for extras normally expected (checking baggage, meals, etc.). This will vary depending upon the airline, so ask what is included with the price.

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Gay Skate is scheduled

Lace up those skates you haven't worn in five, ten, twenty (I quit counting) years; there is going to be a gay skate. On Thursday, March 18 we will gather at the Gold Skate, at 1733 E Harrisburg Pike, in Middletown, at 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church of Harrisburg is sponsoring the skate, and tickets are available from members and friends of MCC. The donation is \$2.00 per person.

This is probably a first for Central Pennsylvania (if anybody knows for sure, let us know). Be part of a first, and see if those ankles are as strong as they used to be.

Parents of Gays

Family and Friends of Gays provides an opportunity for parents, relatives, spouses, or friends of gay people to share the reality of the good times and the bad times of being a "straight" friend or relative of a gay person. Family and Friends of Gays meets monthly at Tressler-Lutheran Service Associates, at 2331 Market Street, Camp Hill, on the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

Parents and friends of gay people are cordially invited to attend. No prior registration is required and no fee is charged.

Members are also available to talk by phone. For further information contact William Sowers, T-LSA, P.O. Box 397, Camp Hill, PA 17011, phone (717) 761-6920 or call The Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg at 234-0328.

Market Square arrests

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member Faust pointed out, Council is "powerless to act," but does have "the power to influence."

Council member Perkins said that the delegation had indeed chosen an appropriate forum in which to air their concerns, and reiterated her support. "I'm not sure what we can do, but you can be sure we'll be interested," she added.

Calvin Gilchrist, chairperson of Council's Public Safety Committee, invited the delegation to attend the next meeting of that committee, and indicated his support.

Council President Gohl and Council member Hill did not comment.

arrests cease

Someone obviously had the "power to influence" since the arrests have ceased. If other arrests have been made or arrests are made in the future please contact this paper with the information.

public safety committee

A delegation of gays attended the February 11 meeting of the Public Safety Committee of City Council and reiterated their concerns. A spokesperson for the group expressed the fear that the arrests may presage a larger program of harassment of gays and lesbians. If, however, as the administration, maintains, the arrests were part of a program to close the adult bookstores, "The administration has more humane means at its disposal to achieve these ends," said the spokesperson.

gay liaison formed

Council member Perkins suggested that the gay/lesbian communities form an informal liaison with City Council. Delegates to Council have submitted a list of potential

liaisons for Council. Further details will be forthcoming as they are available.

civil rights complaint

The American Civil Liberties Union and the PA Lesbian/Gay Support Network are investigating the legal aspects of the arrests. The ACLU referred at least one client to attorney Ralph B. Pinskey.

Attorney Pinskey plans to file a Class Action Civil Rights Complaint on behalf of all those arrested. Pinskey hopes to halt further such arrests, to expunge the criminal records of those arrested, and to have the courts award compensatory and punitive damages.

Dauphin County District Attorney Lewis has effectively denied Pinskey's request to cease further prosecution until the courts rule on the complaint.

Pinskey, therefore, plans to file a request for a restraining order that would effectively put further legal proceedings on hold until Federal Courts rule on the Civil Rights Complaint.

who dunnit?

An intriguing sidelight to the public aspects of the arrests is the more private aspect of responsibility: Who ordered the program of arrests?

O Frank DeGarcia, an aide to the mayor, said he was unaware of any administration instructions to conduct the crackdown and said he assumed it was "standard police work."

The Harrisburg Patriot, however, reported that "Police Sources who declined to be named said the arrests were being made on orders of Mayor Stephen R. Reed."

Letters from the mayor responding to criticism about the arrests indicate clearly that the orders came directly from the mayor.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

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While the overwhelming majority of the many thousands of gay and lesbian people in the metropolitan Harrisburg area do not frequent such establishments, it is nonetheless ironic that such an operation should be directed against so vulnerable a population.

Therefore, we call upon you Mr. Mayor and members of this council to cease this program of harassment and actively explore alternative methods of dealing with this embarrassing problem.

We recognize that neither this nor any other body may be expected to achieve consensus of the questions of the morality or of the desirability of such sexual conduct as resulted in the recent arrests, but we do expect that the issue be approached with a more humane sense of justice and equality for all concerned, of whatever sexual or affectional preference.

Members of the gay and lesbian communities remain available to work with this council and this administration in resolving this and other issues affecting our lives in Harrisburg.

Thank you for affording us this opportunity to air our concerns.



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MUSIC WORLD

Album reviews

IRENE CARA, Anyone Can See, E160003 (Network)

Since her outstanding performance in Fame, Irene has been busy getting her solo album together. The single released from the LP, "Anyone Can See," is a smooth, silky, romantic ballad with vocal harmonies which add to the slow soulful intensity. Other ballads on the album include "Slow Down" and "Don't Throw Your Love Away." Cara, who has taken the challenge of remaking "Reach Out--I'll Be There" by the Four Tops, could not provide the strong vocals the song called for.

Danceable cuts on the LP include "Thunder in My Heart," a mid/up tempo song which builds throughout, and "Why" and "True Love," both solid pop/rock numbers with strong bass and guitar. The strongest songs on the LP, "Wha'd You Want" and "You Hurt Me Once" are similar in music styles of Denice Williams and Phyllis Hyman's latest albums.

SISTER SLEDGE, The Sisters SD5231 (Cotillor)

The quartet not only produced its latest album, its members were also involved in the writing or co-writing of the cuts. The best tunes are the ballads, including the remake of Smokey Robinson's classic "My Guy". Two other impressive cuts are "Jackie's Theme, There's No Stopping Us," a perky number along the lines of "We Are Family," and "Grandma", a solid midtempo pop/rock number.

PATRICK COWLEY, Menergy, FPSF003 (Fusion)
Megatron Man, M1002 (Megtone)

Cowley, who produced both newly released albums, has taken America's dance floors by storm. His first release, "Menergy," has been on the charts for 12 weeks and has recently been joined by two other cuts from the LP: "I Gota Line on You," an uptempo instrumental and "X Factor," an uptempo vocal with hints of New Wave.

His followup LP, "Megatron Man," has hit the charts within weeks of release. The best tunes are "Megatron Man" and "Lift Off," uptempo songs

that leave the dance floors sizzling. Also strong are "Get a Little," a midtempo pop/soul number, and "Sea Hunt," a midtempo instrumental with chanting throughout. "Sea Hunt" brings to mind background music from Jacques Cousteau done disco. "Teen Planet," also on the LP, is Cowley's contribution to New Wave.

Single reviews

VOGGUE- Love Buzz (12 inch) CLS-81001 (Celius)

Vogue's last song, "Dancin the Night Away," hit the charts and packed the dance floors. The same is expected of "Love Buzz." The melody in "Love Buzz" is almost identical to the previous hit.

JOSIE COTTON- Johnny Are You Queer, AS11538 (Electra)

Just hitting the charts this 12-incher has some interesting lyrics. A 1950's rock'n'roll tempo and sweet sounding female vocals backup this new artist. The B side, "Let's Do The Blackout," is an electric and up beat treat. P.S. as was reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer this week, the Moral Majority is not at all pleased with this young lady from a conservative Republican background, maybe its the title of the song?

Potpourri

Vocalist Janis Siegel of "Manhattan Transfer" has been signed to do a "Do You Know Me" commercial for American Express....Fifty years of entertainment at Radio City Music Hall is being commemorated in "Encore", a stage spectacular with music from Irving Berlin to Burt Bacharach with a little from the Beatles. Of course the Rockettes will be there kicking up their heels.

In the eight months since the Chipmunks made their comeback, record sales have hit \$18 million by using the sped up voices....Ashford & Simpson are busy producing two tunes for Stephanie Mills new album on 20th Century Records....Two records have gone Platinum, Juice Newton's "Juice" and the Royal Philharmonic with "Hooked on Classics." Olivia Newton John's single, "Physical" has hit platinum, making number two for Olivia.

Coming Next Month: Disco Top 10, compiled from the dance clubs of Hbg. York and Lancaster.

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The Pennsylvania NOW State Board adopted, on January 10, its 1982 goals for the Lesbian Rights Worksession. These goals propose both political and educational approaches to ending discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The worksession, chaired by Vicki L. Hall and Marjorie L. McCann, will work during 1982 to carry out significant efforts in each of the following goals.

The Family Protection Act, introduced this legislative session as S. 1378 and H.R. 3955, institutionalizes discrimination against lesbians and gay men, against all women, against minority and poor people, and against most persons who believe in personal freedoms. We will work during this year in organized opposition to this bill and others related to it. The defeat of this legislation is the single most important short-term goal.

Continuing in the political scene, the members of the Lesbian Rights Worksession will begin to educate our state legislators on the demand for positive legislation protecting the civil and human rights of lesbians and gay men. We recognize that the passage of positive legislation is some time in the future, and that we must take the initiative and begin the process. We plan to pattern this long-term campaign on the model developed in Massachusetts. This model triggers public discussion by introducing a model bill, documenting the arguments raised against the bill, organizing media responses to these arguments, and educating and mobilizing the public around the issue. The success of the model depends on continuing to introduce the bill each legislative session, gradually building up support for its passage.

The success of both negative and positive campaigning of our third goal: outreach to and networking with other organizations which support lesbian and gay rights, and to the lesbian community around the state. The Family Protection Act provides a pointed focus for this effort, and a detailed analysis of this legislation is being prepared.

The Worksession will also continue its effort within NOW to educate all of our members on the connections between lesbian rights and other feminist issues. A program developed during the last two years, "Why Lesbian Rights is a Feminist Issue," has been presented fifteen times, at chapter meetings, state and national conferences, and colleges. We will continue to present the program and encourage all NOW members to participate in the fight for lesbian and gay rights.

REAL ESTATE ADVICE

We have all heard the term "creative financing," but do we really know if and how that can benefit us in buying a house or an investment property? One form of creative financing, known as "the variable rate mortgage," can look good now but really cause us to dig deep into our pockets years later if that promotion or salary increase is not forthcoming. For that reason, the variable rate mortgage is not my favorite method of solving the problem of high interest rates.

Let us look at a much more attractive method of creative financing: the first and second mortgage. You and your companion have found the perfect property. You decide that it is the right house for you if you could just swing the monthly payment. You have decided that the value of the property is \$50,000. The down-payment is no real problem because together you are able to come up with ten percent or \$5,000. The real problem is managing that monthly payment! A \$45,000 mortgage at 17 per-

cent, amortized over 20 years, will cost \$660.07. However, if the property is owned by an individual who does not need to realize all of his/her equity at once and is looking for a decent return on his/her money, why not offer to finance a first mortgage for the amount of \$30,000 at 17 percent amortized over a period of 20 years. Then finance a second mortgage in the amount of \$15,000 at ten percent, amortized over a period of 25 years, with a payback at the end of five years? Your total monthly payment of principal and interest will be \$576.30, almost \$100.00 less, and now the house is getting in focus for you. What happens at the end of five years? Well, chances are your investment will have appreciated and during that five year period you have an opportunity to shop the market and still have the larger amount locked in at a permanent rate of 17 percent, which, by the way, may end up looking good in five years. If you have experienced a promotion or salary increase during that time you can voluntarily save some additional funds toward that second mortgage payoff.

Women form Lancaster help line

A group of women recently formed the Lancaster Gay/Lesbian Help Line. The phone has been installed and the line is open from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. The number to call is 397-0691.

The organizers need professionals willing to be listed as referrals. There is also a need for men who will accept referrals from male callers.

Pennsmen celebrate fifth anniversary

The Pennsmen Levi/Leather Club of Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster celebrated its fifth anniversary on two occasions in January.

At its regular third Wednesday bar night at La Rose Rouge in Harrisburg, the group celebrated with champagne and cake at the back bar. There was a light turnout, probably due to the extremely cold weather, but we understand that it was hot inside.

The Pennsmen held their official anniversary dinner in York on Saturday, January 30. Cocktails were served at the Town Tavern at six. Jenny's Restaurant hosted the dinner for 30 members and guests. Guests from New Hope, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston attended.

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MEAN CUISINE

February--Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, 28 short days and more than half the way to spring.

The Link is a first and this month's recipes are connected with another first: George Washington.

George, the first president elected under the Constitution and his wife Martha (the real First Lady). Pity.

For years we've heard about George's cherry tree perversion and his "coming out" about the nasty deed of chopping it down. Honesty is a wonderful virtue and G.W. certainly believed in it.

I've always wondered though what he had against cherries. I love them--who doesn't?

So for February, George, Martha, and you--recipes with cherries.

Happy Birthday, George!

This recipe is a good winter dessert served warm with ice cream or whipping cream.

Cherry Crisp

1 can cherry pie filling	3/4 tsp. cinnamon
2/3 cup brown sugar (packed)	3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup flour	1/3 cup soft butter
1/2 cup rolled oats	

Pre heat oven to 375°. Pour cherry pie filling into a greased 8" square pan or 1 1/2

quart baking dish. Blend remaining ingredients until mixture is crumbly. Spread over cherries. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until topping is golden brown. 6 to 8 servings.

This second recipe is so easy that anyone who doesn't cook should try to make it. Your success may tempt you to experiment on bigger and better things.

Quickie Cream Cheese Cherry Pie

1 6-oz. ready made graham cracker pie crust	1/3 C. lemon juice
1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese (room temperature)	1 can cherry pie filling

In a bowl, beat softened cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in sweetened condensed milk. Add lemon juice and vanilla. Stir until well mixed. Pour filling into crust. Chill several hours and then top with cherry pie filling. Makes 1 pie.

Cherry Blossom Cocktail

1 jigger cherry liqueur	1 tsp. curacao
1 pony brandy	1 tsp. grenadine
1 tsp. lemon juice	

Stir well with ice and strain into a cocktail glass.

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Sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Harrisburg, the event attracted guests from the Harrisburg, Lancaster and Reading areas.

Leandra

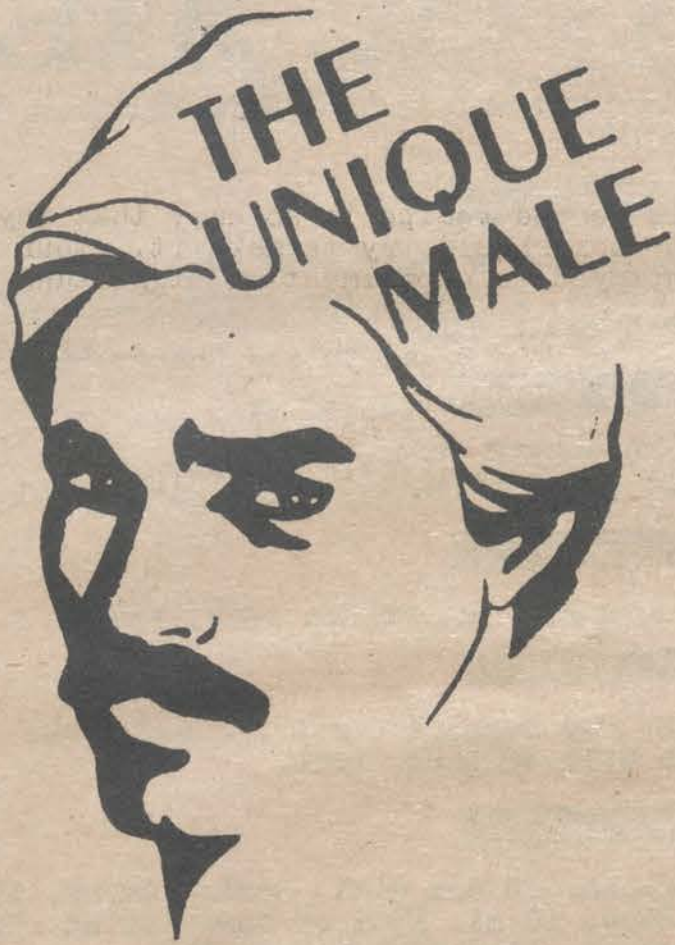
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234-0328 (6-10 p.m., Mon.-Fri.)
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- La Rose Rouge, 400 N. Second St. (bar)
- The Link, PO Box 3897, 17105 (Newspaper)
- Metropolitan Community Church of Harrisburg,
PO Box 3897, 17105
- Neptune Lounge, 268 North St. (bar)
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- Pennsmen Leather/Levi Club
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WORDPLAY

- ACROSS
- 1. Auto
 - 4. 1st note of the scale
 - 6. Wide of sports
 - 10. With Rouge, (Hbg bar)
 - 12. Curse
 - 14. Legendary bird
 - 15. Light
 - 16. Rock n' (Liquor)
 - 18. the down staircase
 - 19. New, (comb. form)
 - 20. Los Angeles, (ab)
 - 21. Pa. Network acronym
 - 23. and peace
 - 25. boys or girls
 - 26. Tavern, (Yrk bar)
 - 27. 227 & 1400 are these
 - 30. Bill Blass possessive, (in. proper)

- 31. way!
 - 34. kosh, b'gosh
 - 37. Latin king
 - 38. Yoko
 - 39. Exclamation of discovery
 - 40. Unusual
 - 44. Pronoun
 - 45. Marrietta place, (transportation abode)
 - 49. Cart
 - 50. Greek letters
 - 51. Gay religious group in Hbg & Lncstr
 - 52. Present tense of gone
 - 53. Business abbreviation
 - 54. What are you ?
 - 55. your cat is dead
 - 56. Female sheep
 - 57. Talley-, (Lncstr bar)
 - 58. Some womens' preferred title
 - 59. Genetic abbreviation
 - 61. Place, (Lncstr place)
 - 65. 7th note of the scale
 - 66. Penn State Gay Group
 - 68. Tide does this
 - 70. restaurant, (Yrk place)
 - 71. Lncstr restaurant
- DOWN
- 1. La, (Hbg bar or movie)
 - 2. Italian river
 - 3. French king
 - 4. 4th letter of alphabet
 - 5. Switchboard of Hbg
 - 6. Pronoun
 - 7. Railroad, (ab)
 - 8. Sundown, (Lncstr womens' bar)
 - 9. Local gay Catholic group, (ab)
 - 10. State College "listeners", Gay
 - 11. Hbg bar
 - 12. West Support Group, (Wmsprt)
 - 13. Hbg bar
 - 17. Breakfast staple
 - 22. I'm blue
 - 23. Lncstr womens' group, (ab)
 - 24. Type of nurses, (pl)
 - 28. Office or Shadow
 - 29. House, (Lncstr restaurant)
 - 32. Religious poles
 - 33. City or Governor's
 - 35. Hbg bar
 - 36. Person's head "fur"
 - 41. Diphthong
 - 42. Atland's, (Yrk)
 - 43. Marietta tea shoppe, (ab)
 - 44. A rose a rose
 - 46. 6th note of the scale
 - 47. Health Maintenance Organization (ab)
 - 48. Pronoun
 - 52. Hbg womens' bar (with 4 Down)
 - 55. Mothers & fathers of us, (Hbg Org., ab)
 - 59. Noise
 - 60. Exclamation, (pl)
 - 61. Postscript
 - 62. Government Printing Office, (ab)
 - 63. Still
 - 64. Lncstr gift shop, (ab)
 - 65. Town News, (ab)
 - 67. Ma & Kettle
 - 69. S&M relative

Last month's answers

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Harrisburg, Lancaster and York should be a triad, but all they share is an undeveloped river, an unfinished airport and an unworkable nuclear plant. - Paul B. Beers.

When it comes to sex, people should draw the line at goats. - Elton John

talk to the editor

The Link claims to "serve the gay and lesbian communities of Central Pennsylvania." Presumably, that includes you. So, I'd like to know how well you think we're living up to that claim. I'm not going to give you a questionnaire to complete.

It would only answer questions that I'd think of. So here's about 15 precious inches of column space-- worth about \$25.00-- in which you can raise your own questions, and maybe answer them too. It's open season on the editor, so shoot away.

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MEDICAL

Editors note: This is the first in a series of columns about health and medical issues of special concern to the gay/lesbian communities.

Several factors account for the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases (venereal disease, VD) in the gay community, particularly among gay men: many gay men have numerous (often anonymous) sexual partners, and may be apprehensive about telling doctors the nature of their sexual behavior, and may carry and transmit the disease without having symptoms. Thus, it is easy to understand that VD in gay men is a very serious public health concern; almost one half of all diagnosed cases of early syphilis in male Americans are associated with homosexual activity and gonorrhea is believed to be more prevalent in the gay male community than in the population as a whole.

gonorrhea

Gonorrhea (the clap, GC) is caused by a bacterium, *neisseria gonorrhoeae*, which can survive and grow on the warm and moist areas of the body. In the penis, the bacteria can cause burning when the male urinates and a yellow-greenish discharge, or pus, may drip from the penis. A sore throat can be caused by the gonorrhea and, if the bacteria are growing in the rectum, irri-

tation, discharge, and pain on defecation may be the symptoms. In the female, acute gonorrhea may cause painful or burning urination, vaginal discharge, or abnormal menstrual bleeding; GC is however, believed to be very rare in women whose sex life is exclusively lesbian. The problem is that GC is often present in both men and women without causing symptoms. It takes from one day to two weeks from the time you have had sexual contact with someone who has GC until the symptom appear. Symptoms may even clear up without treatment (but you still have the gonorrhea bacteria).

The best thing to do when you think that you have gonorrhea is to consult a health care provider. It is very important that you tell this person the nature of your sexual activities so that the GC will not go undetected or misdiagnosed. Laboratory samples will be taken with a cotton swab, and if the culture results are positive, if you know you have been exposed to an infected partner, or if the health care provider is reasonably sure that you have GC, you will be treated in the office with two shots of penicillin. If you are allergic to penicillin, oral tetracycline will be used. Repeat cultures should be done in ten days to two weeks to insure that the medication has done the job.

If untreated, the initial symptoms may disappear, only to allow time for the GC to show itself again as arthritis, new skin lesions, or heart and liver involvement--and the person who has the GC may very well be a chronic, asymptomatic carrier who is infecting other people.

syphilis

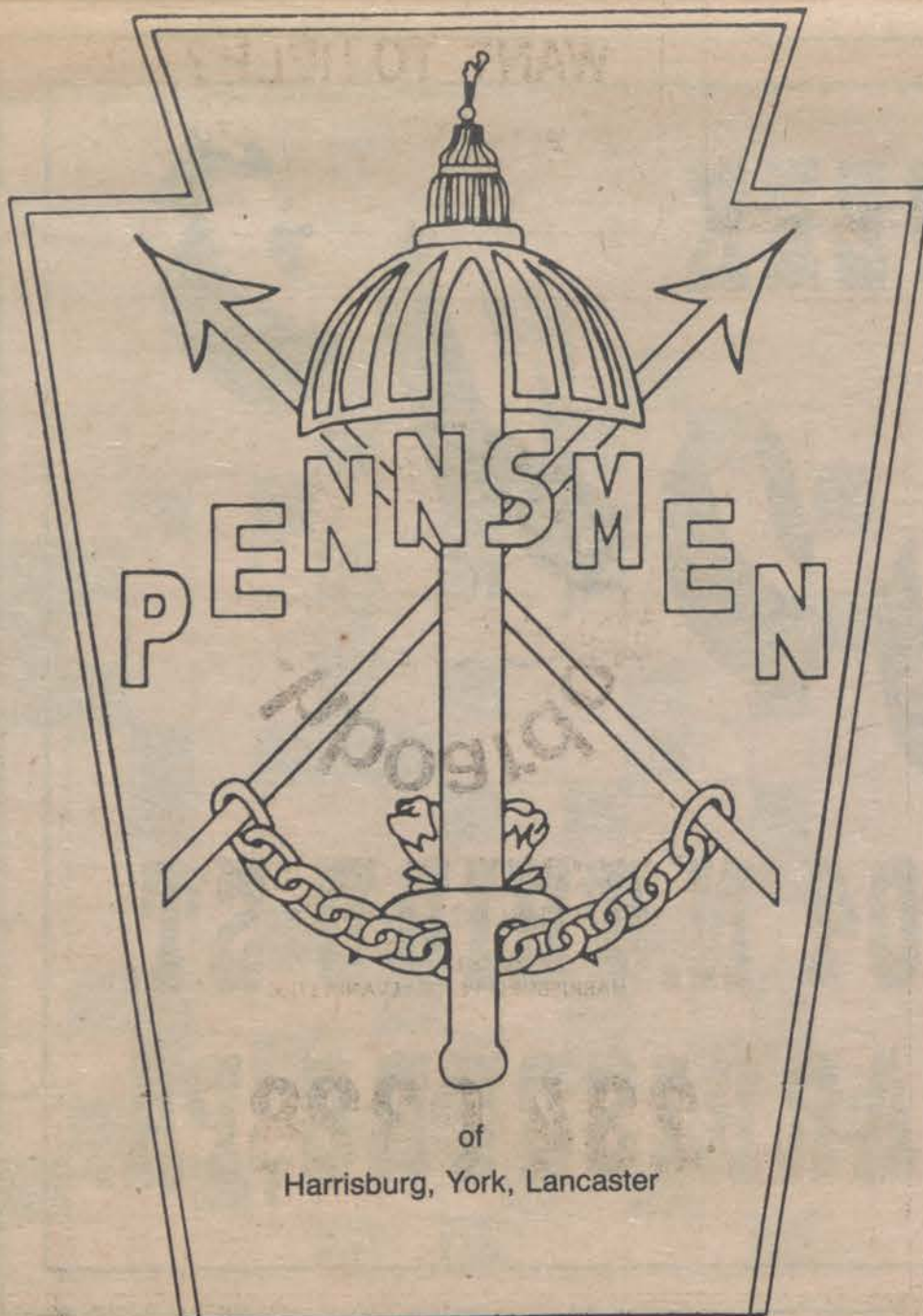
Syphilis is caused by the microorganism *Treponema pallidum* and is spread from an infected person through a tiny break in the skin or mucous membrane of another person. Syphilis goes through successive stages if left untreated. The first stage is indicated by a sore (chancre) which is usually about the size of a dime. It is painless and will disappear on its own in four to six weeks. If the lesion is in the throat, mouth, anus, or vagina it may not even be noticed. Between six weeks and six months later, a variable rash may develop and will eventually disappear. If still untreated, the organism can cause, in one third of the people who reach the third stage because of improper treatment, heart disease, paralysis, insanity, and even death.

Diagnosis of syphilis is most commonly by a blood test of the body's antibody response to the infection. As with gonorrhea, the treatment is with penicillin, except for patients with penicillin allergies.

good advice

1. Seek medical attention immediately if you suspect you have VD.
2. Inform all of your sexual partners of the last month that you have VD as soon as possible after you develop symptoms.
3. If you have several sexual partners, you should have cultures for GC taken three to four times each year (with a syphilis blood test taken at the same time)--even if you don't have the symptoms.
4. If you have symptoms of VD or know that you have been in contact with someone who has it,

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Family Protection Act threatens gay and lesbian rights

The Family Protection Act recently introduced in Congress aims to define a "typical" American family in terms so restricted as to exclude, and indeed, to punish, gay people. Singles, racial minorities, teachers, and women would also suffer as a result of passage of this legislation.

The Family Protection Act states in part that "No federal funds may be made

available under any provisions of federal law to any public or private individual, group, foundation, commission, corporation, association, or other entity for the purpose of advocating, promoting, or suggesting homosexuality, male or female, as a lifestyle."

Passage of this legislation would have wide-ranging ramifications. Funds from the Legal Services Corporation for gay

cases would be cut off. Colleges which recognize gay student groups could be denied federal funds. In the extreme, social security benefits could be denied to retired gays and lesbians, and tax exempt organizations such as MCC or Dignity could be denied such status.

While the bill certainly reeks of unconstitutionality, there is no guarantee that the courts would decalre it void.

Human rights organizations, and gay/lesbian political groups urge gays, lesbians, and other interested parties to contact their members of Congress urging them to oppose this legislation.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire is part of a research project being conducted by a student at the Hershey Medical Center. You could greatly assist his research if you would complete the questionnaire and return it to:

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Hershey, PA 17033

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Age: _____
- Sex: Female Male
- Race: White Black Other
- Sexual Activity:
 - Exclusively homosexual
 - Predominately homosexual, only insignificantly heterosexual
 - Predominately homosexual, but significantly heterosexual
 - Equally homosexual and heterosexual (Bisexual)
 - Predominately heterosexual, but significantly homosexual
- Education:
 - 8 years or less
 - 9 - 12 years (high school)
 - 13 - 16 years (college or other schooling after high school)
 - 16+ years
- Occupation (check as many as apply):
 - employed, full time
 - student
 - retired
 - unemployed
 - other _____
- Yearly Income:
 - less than \$5,000
 - \$5,000 to \$9,999
 - \$10,000 to \$14,999
 - \$15,000 to \$25,000
 - more than \$25,000
- If you live in Pennsylvania, county of current residence: _____
- Type of community:
 - rural
 - suburban
 - urban

B. PHYSICIAN - PATIENT RELATIONS

For the following questions, the phrase "your physician" includes the personal or family doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant whom you see the most for health care.

- Do you have a physician whom you regularly see when you are ill?
 - Yes No
 - If yes, what type of health professional do you consult the most when you need health care:
 - personal physician (any type of medical doctor)
 - nurse practitioner or physician's assistant
 - other. Please specify: _____
 - If no, please answer the rest of the questions with the last physician you have seen in mind.
- Is your physician aware of your sexual orientation and/or your sexual activities? Yes No Don't Know
- Is your physician a 'gay person'? Yes No Don't Know
- Do you believe your physician thinks homosexuality is a disease?
 - Yes No Don't Know
- How would you evaluate your physician's attitude of your sexuality?
 - positive attitude
 - negative attitude
 - neutral
 - don't know
- Have you ever delayed seeking medical care because the visit may have led to your telling the physician about your sexuality? Yes No
 - If yes, what do you believe this admission of your sexuality would have led to? _____

- Are any aspects of your health care being neglected by your physician because of your sexuality? Yes No If yes, what are they? _____

- Has any physician ever recommended or suggested therapies for changing your sexual orientation? Yes No

- Have you ever experienced, while seeking health care, any discrimination or ridicule because of your sexual orientation? Yes No
 - If yes, how many times has this type of experience occurred while you were seeking health care?
 - always often occasionally rarely

C. VENEREAL DISEASE

- Have you ever had venereal disease (VD)? Yes No
 - Have you ever been examined or tested for VD. Yes No
 - If yes, where did this take place? (check as many as apply)
 - personal physician
 - public health clinic
 - VD clinic
 - gay health clinic
 - hospital outpatient department or emergency room
 - other Please specify: _____

If no to both parts of the above question, please skip to question # 26.

- How many times have you had each of the following?
 - gonorrhea amoebiasis or giardiasis
 - syphilis genital herpes
 - hepatitis venereal warts
 - crabs or scabies (condylomata acuminata)
 - don't know which type
- Do you have regular VD checkups? Yes No
 - If yes, how often? _____
- Do you see the same physician for examination or treatment of venereal disease as you do for other health problems? Yes No
- Have you ever delayed seeking medical treatment because the illness was a venereal disease? Yes No
- Do you travel farther for examination or treatment for venereal disease than you do for a physician for other health problems. Yes No
 - If yes, how much farther (one way)?
 - 1 to 10 miles 11 to 25 miles 25 + miles
- Has any venereal disease ever been misdiagnosed or overlooked because the physician was not aware of your sexual activities?
 - Yes No Don't Know
- Usual number of different sexual partners you have per month?
 - 0 1 2 - 5 6 - 9 10 +
- Have you ever treated yourself, without the advice of a physician, for venereal disease? Yes No
- Where have you obtained information concerning gay related health problems and/or venereal disease? (Check as many as apply)
 - friends general newspapers
 - doctors /magazines
 - VD clinics gay newspapers
 - other health care providers /magazines

D. DRINKING HABITS

Please circle the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- Do you feel you are a normal drinker? Yes No
- Do friends or relatives think you are a normal drinker?
 - Yes No
- Have you ever attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous?
 - Yes No
- Have you ever lost friends or girlfriends or boyfriends because of drinking?
 - Yes No
- Have you ever gotten into trouble at work because of drinking? Yes No
- Have you ever neglected your obligation, your family, or your work for two or more days in a row because you were drinking? Yes No
- Have you ever had delirium tremors (DTs), severe shaking, heard voices or seen things that were not there after heavy drinking? Yes No
- Have you ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking?
 - Yes No
- Have you ever been in a hospital because of drinking?
 - Yes No
- Have you ever been arrested for drunken driving or driving after drinking?
 - Yes No

Thank you very much for your help in filling out this questionnaire!

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