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Plough Wants 'Homos' Out of Overton Park

by Allen Cook
Co-editor

Philanthropist Abe Plough has made a call to rid Overton Park of the "homos."

In an appearance before the Memphis Park Commission Wednesday February 15, Plough called sections of the large Midtown park "useless." He said, "There are homos, dope and every other [kind of] people there and I think it's a crime and a shame the underbrush is there."

Local Gay activists immediately reacted to Plough's use of the term "homos." John Stilwell, current facilitator of the Memphis Gay Coalition said, "For a person of Mr. Plough's stature to use the term 'homos' in reference to Gay people is offensive to me. The term falls in the same category as nigger, spic and kike."

Another activist indicated that Plough misses a very important point. "We pay taxes, too. There is no reason why we should be

singled out for using the park too much. Certainly no one should fear the fact that Gays use the park any more than you should fear the fact that a lot of Blacks or women use the park," he said.

Plough, who served on the Park Commission from 1945 through 1958, said some people refuse to use portions of the park because of fear of murder or rape. Commissioner John Elkington said, "Nobody's been murdered in the park."

Plough especially criticized the portion of the park which remains almost virgin forest, the only major forest still in existence within the city. That area was used this past year as a location for the filming of the locally produced movie "The Old Forest."

In responding to the question of safety in the park, Charles F. Newman, attorney for Citizens to Preserve Overton Park, said a possible solution would be to require permits or guides before visitors could enter the forest, a method



used in some national parks. "It would give the [park] rangers some leverage and give access to people interested in seeing that kind of forest," he said.

The controversy about Gay men

using Overton Park for a meeting place has come up a number of times over the years. Previous attempts to crack down have resulted in police harassment of Gays.

Mondale Cawdaddin'?

A coalition of national Gay groups has both praised and criticized Democratic presidential front runner Walter Mondale for answers given to a survey about his position on Gay rights issues.

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) recently released Mondale's answers to 27 questions on Gay-related issues and women's issues.

NGTF commended Mondale for promising to issue an executive order banning discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the federal government and for pledging support for a "legislative remedy" to the discrimination problem. However, the Task Force is less than pleased with Mondale's responses regarding the areas of military service, security clearances, immigration and health care.

In response to a question about the current Gay rights bill in Congress, Mondale said he supports the concept but not necessarily the

currently proposed approach to amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include protections for Gays as well as women, Blacks and other religious and ethnic minorities. Sen. John Glenn was criticized in recent months for making essentially the same response. He, however, took his statements a step further to indicate that he would not "advocate a homosexual lifestyle."

Mondale said, "I favor a legislative remedy to the injustice of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. While I have not settled on any one approach, I support an avenue which recognizes that discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians is a denial of fundamental civil rights. In matters of equal rights, there can be no double standard; either our nation is committed, as I am, to equal opportunity for all Americans, or it is not committed at all."

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Views From 10% Nominated As Best Minority Program

Views from 10%, the Memphis Gay Coalition's monthly cable television program was nominated for best minority program in the first annual Community Programming Awards held February 23 at The Peabody in Memphis. The awards were sponsored by Memphis Cablevision to recognize outstanding achievement in local community access programming.

In presenting the award, Cablevision Production Coordinator Allen Cook indicated that the decision of Best Minority program was the most difficult to arrive at of all the 20 awards.

Women NOW, a production of the Memphis chapter of the National Organization for Women

was also nominated to receive the awards.

The winner was Rainbow Connection, produced by AOZ Production's Arthur Robinson.

John Stilwell, producer/host for Views said he was pleased to have been nominated and that "there were no losers in this category."

Stilwell received an award for his contribution to On Cable Tonight, a mainstream public affairs magazine program which he also produces. On Cable Tonight is an hour long program which airs live on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30.

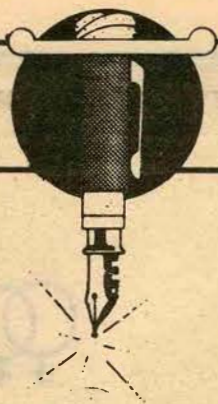
Views from 10% is seen three times monthly on cable Channel 7 on various days and times.

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Gazing

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By John Stilwell

Gaze receives papers from all across the country and one fact consistently jumps out at you. Editorials from all these papers say the same thing: with few exceptions, most organizations and hence their papers are managed by a small core group of Gay men with little or no Lesbian support.

The question of getting Lesbian support and participation seems as elusive as motivating people in general. But I perceive one problem as paramount in preventing us from becoming a more unified community.

Lesbians have gone to great pains to identify themselves as completely separate and apart from men and Gay men. When referring to the community, it has to be identified as the Gay and Lesbian community, alternating the order of Lesbian and Gay to ensure equal billing.

But in their efforts to identify themselves as a separate and distinct group, Lesbians have slipped into reverse discrimination, chauvinism and sexism. All men, Gay and straight, are identified as the

As Good As Any Lesbian

enemy. We are viewed as being insensitive, bar-creatures with our brains in our crotch. And I resent it.

Straight men and Gay men alike have been listening and learning from our sisters. Many of us are sensitive to their wants and needs without being condescending. I'm different from most men and I'm proud of that difference. I think each man, Gay and straight should be judged on an individual basis. Many of us are as good as any Lesbian and as worthy of respect as any Lesbian.

The notion that you can't be a

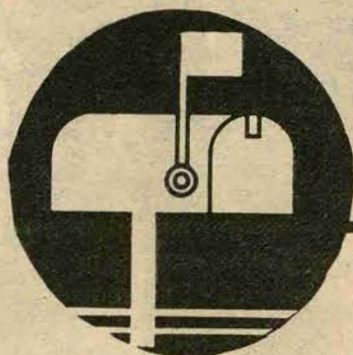
Lesbian, feminist, activist (or any combination of the three) and like men (as people) is just as absurd as the notion that Gay men hate all women. It is absurd to condemn men for trying to assert their superiority and dominance and then turn around and try to assert your own superiority and dominance.

As for as Gay men and Lesbians are concerned, neither group is superior or better than the other.

Lesbian and Gay men are being drummed out of the service, we're being denied security clearances, we're being denied custody of our children, we're being denied the

right to love one another openly and unashamed, and we're being blamed for all that's wrong with this society, this country, this world.

We don't have time for semantic games, personality conflicts, infighting, jealousy and pettiness. We need to get our act together get our forces together and present a strong and united front if we ever hope to make a place in this world for Lesbians and Gay men and show our straight brothers and sisters what God's message of love is really all about.



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ness given that our struggles are bringing rewards. Thank you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors (and from my heart), I want to take this opportunity to thank you and express our deep gratitude for the advertisement you donated to Gaze for us. We have had some good response from that and we are appreciative.

If MCC, Memphis can be of avail to you or any of your members, please do not hesitate to call on us. We are here as your servants. We send our love and prayers to be with you, always, all ways.

We would like to thank you for the listing we have received in "Information and Services." Our address has now changed to 1729 Church Street. The phone number remains the same. As one of our educational services here at Lifestyle, we would like to offer a health issues article for publication in Gaze. Enclosed you will find an example of one used locally. Lifestyle Health Services could submit an article on a monthly basis. If you're interested, please contact us at the address aforementioned.

Sincerely,
Bob Keller, P.A.
Clinical Manager

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Administrator

Beloveds:

Greetings from MCC of Memphis! We thank God every day for your presence here, and the aware-

Your servant in Christ, sincerely,
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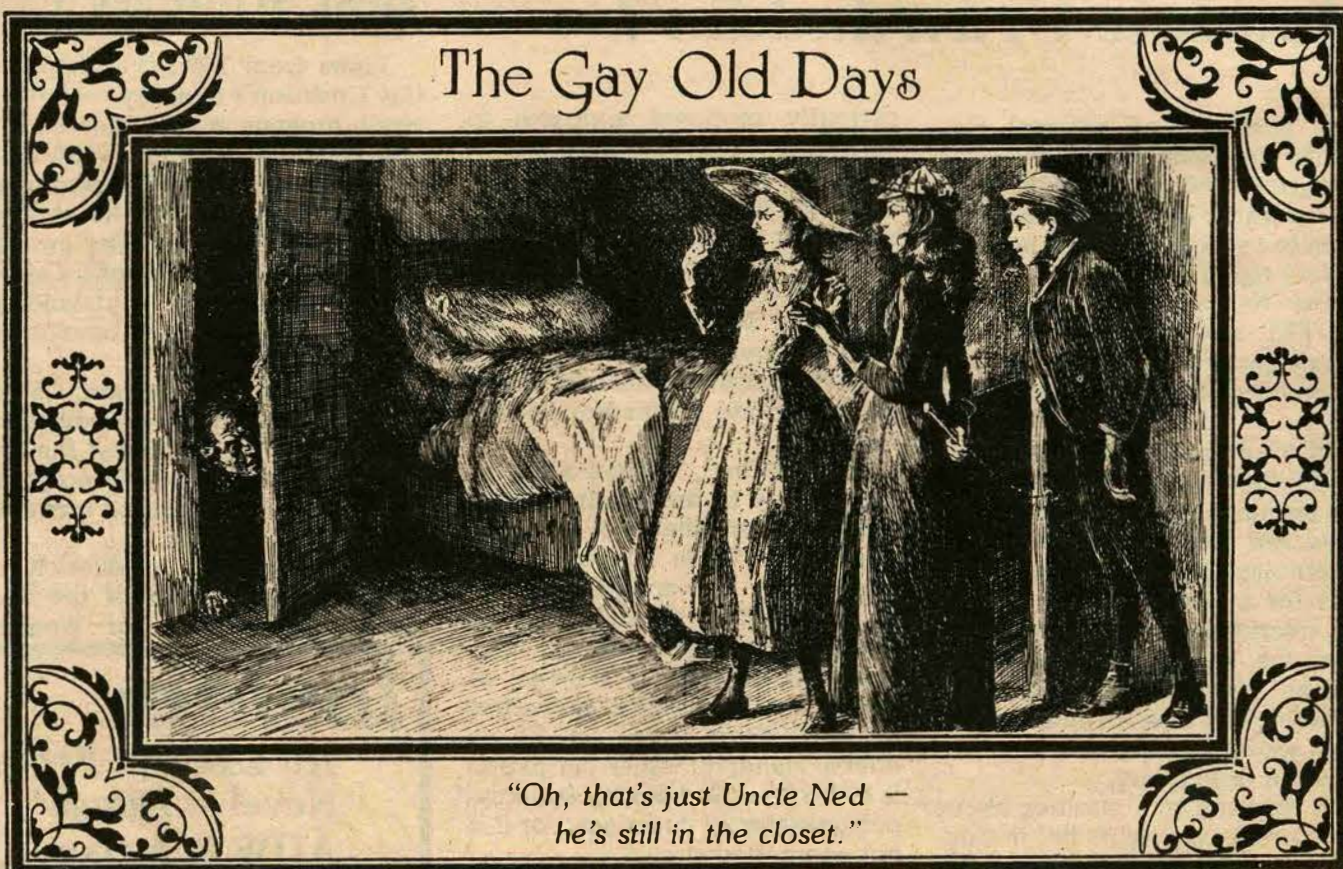
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Glenn Making Hay on Anti-Gay Stance

Philadelphia Gay News— Campaigning in the South, Sen. John Glenn is making political hay from his anti-gay rights stance. Although the Democratic presidential hopeful himself has not boasted about his homophobic position. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga) last week told a Glenn rally that the candidate "has the courage to give up his New York state coordinator rather than give up his strongly held moral belief that homosexuals should not be role models for the children of this nation." Nunn was referring to the resignation of New York state Sen. Manfred Ohrenstein because Glenn refused to support the federal gay rights bill. According to Glenn's communication director, the Nunn statement represents an attempt to make the best of what had been a bad situation—attacks on the candidate by gays. "We've suffered on the downside of that position," Greg Schneiders said. "We might as well get the positive benefits as well." Glenn himself never brought up the issue of gay rights. When asked about it during his Southern swing, he replied that while he did not discriminate against gays in hiring for his own office, he did not believe that a federal law should prevent school districts or other government agencies from not hiring homosexuals. Political observers see this latest Glenn tactic as a means of wooing conservative Democrats who voted

for President Reagan in 1980 and do not feel comfortable with Walter Mondale, who they feel is too liberal.

Glenn Fears Gays

According to an article in *US Magazine*, the decision to begin guarding Democratic presidential candidates on January 14, more than two weeks earlier than originally planned, was triggered by a report that John Glenn felt that he might be threatened by irate Gays. Glenn told activists while campaigning in New York that he opposes extending the civil rights law to Gays. In early January Glenn sought Secret Service protection citing the potential threat from the homosexual community. The Secret Service investigated and found that "there was no basis for his claims." Treasury Secretary Donald Regan then concluded that Glenn did not need early coverage; but others in highly placed areas elected to err on the side of caution and protection for Glenn and other contenders soon began (Jesse Jackson got Secret Service body guards shortly after announcing his candidacy Nov. 3)

The Glenn campaign had no comment on the affair.

Koch Denies Being Gay

New York-New York Mayor Edward Koch has charged the state's governor, Mario Cuomo, with spreading rumors that Koch was a homosexual. In his recently

published book, *Mayor*, Koch said, "There can be no doubt of Cuomo's complicity" in spreading the rumor in 1977 when Koch defeated him in New York's mayoral race. "I also hold Cuomo responsible for the same thing happening in 1982," Koch said, when Cuomo defeated the mayor in the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Blacks, Gays Open Dialogue

CHICAGO (NY NATIVE)—Several Black Gay activists have begun "a private dialogue" with officers at Operation PUSH, the black community organization founded by Rev. Jesse Jackson and headquartered in Chicago. The purpose of the dialogue, according to *Gay Life*, is to educate PUSH about Gay issues and to combat religious-motivated homophobia. Homosexuality reportedly has been an especially controversial issue within the civil rights organization since Keith Barrow, son of PUSH vice president Rev. Willie C. Barrow, died of AIDS-related infections last October.

The consultation between Blacks Gays and PUSH were initiated by Max Smith, co-founder of United Faith Affinitas Church, a Lesbian and Gay church with a third-world congregation. Smith says he and other activists want to inform PUSH about "what the Bible really says about homosexuality...that loving homosexual relationships are in no way condemned by the Bible."

Black Gay activists see the dialogue with PUSH as an important step in combatting anti-Gay stereotypes in the Black community because PUSH is a national organization with actual religious/civil rights nature. Some activists believe that although Jackson and other prominent Black clergy and legislators have endorsed Gay civil rights legislation, their support for the issue has been tempered by religious beliefs that "Gay lifestyles" are morally unacceptable. Black Gays say that in order to strengthen the nascent alliance between the Gay movement and the Black civil rights movement, this religious-based homophobia must be overcome.

Aversion to homosexuality within the Black religious community has become more acute with the advent of the AIDS epidemic, according to Smith. "We want to establish an ongoing dialogue with Black ministers," he said, "because we

have heard reports that Black people who have died of AIDS have been condemned to hell at their own funerals" by ministers who believe that the disease is "God's judgment against the homosexual lifestyle."

Studds Announces Re-election Campaign

Representative Gerry E. Studds (D-MA), who announced on the floor of the House of Representatives last year that he is Gay, is planning to seek re-election to his seventh term in Congress.

Gay rights leaders immediately hailed Studds' decision to run for another term and said plans are being made to support his campaign through fundraising efforts throughout the country. His districts include much of southeastern Massachusetts, including the Cape Cod area.

Studds gained notoriety last year when, in response to charges that he engaged in sexual relations with a 17 year old House page, he announced in the floor of the House of Representatives that he is Gay. What made the pronouncement most noteworthy was the fact that Studds chose not to hide his sexual identity behind a smokescreen of alcohol, drugs or an "error in judgement."

Surprisingly the reaction by Gays seemed to be duplicated by Studds' constituents. His office received thousands of letters of support, with only a few dozen attacking him for his sexual orientation. Chances for his re-election appear good.

Monkey Virus Linked to AIDS

The Associated Press reported late last month that scientists at the New England Primate Research Center in South Boro, Massachusetts believe they have discovered a new virus in Rhesus monkeys that causes symptoms in the monkeys remarkable similar to symptoms which appear in human AIDS patients. Researchers say it is doubtful, but possible, the virus also causes AIDS in humans. The virus is believed to be one of a small family of type-D retroviruses related to human T-cell leukemia viruses which some believe cause AIDS in humans. A full report on the new virus is expected to be published in the February 10 issue of *Science* magazine.



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Lesbian Comic, Not Publicity

LOS ANGELES, CA — Lesbian comic Robin Tyler, through her attorney Gloria Allred, has charged that quadriplegic Elizabeth Bouvia "slapped the hand that reached out to help her."

Bouvia, who says she wants to starve herself to death because she is tired of living in a "useless body," refused an offer by Tyler of housing. Then Bouvia charged Tyler with publicity-grabbing.

"We still hope that Ms. Bouvia is able to achieve her goals and we still feel she has the right to die with dignity," Allred said. "However, she does not have the right to slander people to label legitimate offers illegitimate and to malign the integrity of a woman such as Ms. Tyler who was only trying to help her."

The incident began after Christmas when Allred contacted the hospital and said she had a client who wished to provide a humanitarian service and allow the cerebral palsy victim to stay in a home where no food, water or medical care would be forced on her. Tyler was not identified as the interested person. After two days of negotiating the conditions, Bouvia rebuffed the offer.

Washington Grants AIDS Funding

The Reagan Administration budget submitted to Congress on Feb. 1 calls for a \$6.5 million increase over current spending for AIDS related activities in fiscal year 1985 reports the National Gay Task Force.

NGTF Director Virginia M. Apuzzo called the \$53.9 million request "a reflection of how seriously the Public Health Service takes the AIDS crisis."

Despite the higher level of funding, Apuzzo expressed concern that "there is still much more that the government can and should be doing".

She stressed that increases in funding for AIDS activities "should not come at the expense of other vital health programs."

While the Centers for Disease Control will once again revive \$12 million for their AIDS work, Apuzzo said, "the Administration is requesting a cut of \$4 million in work on infectious diseases at CDC and the elimination of funding for the tuberculosis control categorical grants," which are funded at \$5 million in 1984.

NGTF reiterated its call for the creation of an independent panel of outside experts who can assess the government's research efforts on AIDS and recommend a master plan for future funding.

"Until all the agencies working on AIDS sit down with the top scientists from around the country and review all the research underway and made systematic decisions about how to tackle this problem," Apuzzo said, "it will be hard to assure the American

people that all that can be done is indeed being done to fight AIDS."

Hustler Sends Insulting Letter to Studds

Hustler magazine, which blends shrill sexual and religious lampoons with heterosexual pornography, published an open letter to U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) in its February 1984 issue. It seems Hustler publisher Larry Flynt gave complimentary subscriptions to all members of Congress and Studds - who came out as Gay last year in the wake of the investigation of sexual relations between congressmen and pages - complained to postal authorities and insisted his name be removed from Hustler's mailing list.

Hustler's open letter reads in part, "Gee, Gerry, we're sorry. We can only imagine how it must have repulsed you to open that first copy of Hustler magazine and lifelike color photographs of adult female genitalis. If we'd been a bit more considerate, we might have remembered that you'd rather spend your time ramming your aging cock up the assholes of young boys whose parents have entrusted them to your safekeeping....we forgot why the citizens of Massachusetts sent you to D.C.—they must have figured Washington was the best place for an admitted faggot page-molester such as yourself...No sense having you back home in the Bay State sucking off their kids." Hustler publisher Larry Flynt recently made headlines when he appeared in court dressed in a diaper made from a U.S. flag. A spokesman for Studd's office said they intended to ignore the matter entirely.

Straight Houstonians Upset With Mayor

Homophobic Houstonians attacked Mayor Kathy Whitmire for thanking the city's Gay community for supporting her mayoral campaign. At a recent City Council meeting they accused Whitmire of "setting a bad example" by touring the Houston Gay bars to show her appreciation. "God is after you" one man screamed at the mayor. Another said the mayor was "slipping and slithering over semen soaked floors to become a bar maid." The mayor and the city council members who accompanied her showed no reaction to the remarks. Afterward, she was asked if she would make another bar tour. "I probably will," she responded

Homophobia in provincial France reached a point in the 18th century that "pederasts" were buried alive with all records of their trial, so that no trace would remain of the "crime."

Madison Ave. Pitching Ads to Gays

Have you ever wondered about some of those hunky bodies in the ads for the likes of Calvin Klein, Soloflex, Chaz cologne and others? Just who are they trying to reach? Well, it seems they are reaching out.

The Los Angeles Times reported recently that many national advertisers avoid using Gay publications because they fear alienating straight buyers if a product is thought of as being Gay: Gay publishers suspect Madison Ave. has developed a new strategy to reach homosexuals without having to advertise in the Gay press. These are ads designed for mainstream publication that feature partially clad, greek-god-like men pushing everything from underwear and cologne to shaving cream and razors. The appeals, of course, reach everyone, but Gay men see a special appeal.

"Scores of American businesses are wooing homosexuals — and their money. This has become an increasingly important goal. Gays say they detect subtle hooks—a hairstyle, a style of dress, a cryptic sales pitch — in ads for Calvin Klein fashions, Soloflex exercise equipment, Paco Rabbne Cologne and other products. Advertisers say

Gays are exaggerating the perceived trend, 'beefcake,' they say, has simply become an accepted sales method, regardless of the sexual proclivities of the audience."

The Times states the Gay male household is appealing to advertisers because it is more affluent than other groupings. Gay males have larger incomes, have the obvious financial advantage, in most cases, of having no children. Lesbians are less affluent and they are ignored by major marketers.

"Like many ethnic groups which encourage self-sufficiency through buying," writer Scott Harris emphasized, "from other members of the same ethnic group, Gay merchants have started to preach a 'Buy Gay' ethic. More and more Gays are shopping in Gay-owned shops, dining in Gay-owned restaurants, vacationing at Gay-owned resorts, placing ads in Gay oriented newspapers, and even saving at Gay owned financial institutions such as Unity Savings and Loan in West Hollywood and Atlas Savings and Loan in San Francisco." Unity Savings opened its doors more than two years ago with assets of under \$3 million. Today assets stand at about \$110,000,000.



An Interracial Gay People's Organization

Thursday, March 1: *Action Committee* 8:00 pm: Review of Southeastern Network Meeting in Atlanta; IA Board Bulletin and Ballots, Goals and Objectives; Political Activities

Sunday, March 11: *BWMT Brunch at Benchmark Hotel*: 12 Noon

Tuesday, March 13: *C-R/Support Group*: 8:00 pm: "Conflict Resolution"

Thursday, March 15: *Steering Committee*, 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 22: *C-R/Support Group*: 8:00 pm: "Spouses Night Out?"

Saturday, March 24: *Social Event*, 8:00 pm

Monday, March 26: *General Meeting*, 7:30 pm, Main Library, Meeting Room B.

We are Gay individuals creating an interracial, cultural, social, political and educational organization dedicated to fostering a supportive environment where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome, as well as working to combat racism both within and outside the Gay community.

For further information call 276-4160 (Irwin) or 274-0532 (Joe) or 726-4299 (Gay Switchboard) or write: Black and White Men Together of Memphis, Inc., P.O. Box 41773, Memphis, TN 38174.



Dan White Story — TV Movie?

It was just last month that Dan White was released from prison after serving five and a half years for the murder of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. Now a TV-movie on the killer and his victims is being pitched to the networks. According to TV Guide, Producer Joe Hamilton, whose credits include The Carol Burnett Show, says he's hired Ernest Tidyman to write the script, which will be based on information which came out of White's trial. Tidyman is best known for his movie screenplay for The French Connection.

Hamilton insists that the movie will not be a white wash. "It's not at all a compassionate look at White. It's a story of a travesty of justice."

M. Robert Schwab, Houston Activist Dies

Houston—A co-founder of the Gay Rights National Lobby and

prominent Gay rights activist and civil rights lawyer, M. Robert Schwab, died December 15, a victim of AIDS. He was 36.

Schwab was active in the successful fight to overturn a Texas law that made homosexual activities illegal. He was also a co-founder of several other Gay organizations, including the Houston Gay Political Caucus, the National Education Foundation for Individual Rights, and the American Bar Association Committee of Gay Rights.

Gay/Lesbian Naturists Group Formed

Naturist Society, a national organization for nude beaches and clothes-optional recreation, announced that it now has a Gay and Lesbian naturists group.

The group, organized both socially and politically, holds regular parties (not orgies, said a representative) in the New York City area and is affiliated with Tri-State Metro Naturists.

Organizations also exist in Florida and the D.C./Virginia area, with more being organized as interest increases.

Anyone who would like more information on clothes-optional lifestyles should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Gay and Lesbian Naturists, c/o TSMN, Box 1344, Arsonia Station, New York, N.Y. 10023.

NOW Conference Promoted Lesbian Rights

National Organization for Women President Judy Goldsmith, National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo, and Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark were among the featured speakers at the 1984 NOW Lesbian Rights Conference held the weekend of January 20-22 at the Red Carpet Inn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference was "Lesbian Rights: Power and Politics in 1984."

"This conference provided an opportunity for pro-Lesbian and Gay activists to plan together for this crucial election year. Feminists and Lesbian and Gay activists must work together to assure that the United States finally protects the rights of all its citizens, regardless of sex or sexual orientation," Goldsmith said.

Clark, the highest ranking openly Lesbian elected official in the

United States, has been a member of the Minnesota State Legislature since 1980. She spoke at the opening plenary session Saturday morning on the role of the Gay community in political campaigns. *Stay with Me* a film about Clark's election, was shown.

Apuzzo addressed the dinner plenary session Saturday evening on the impact of Reagan administration policies on the Gay community.

NOW Vice President for Action Mary Jean Collins, National Association of Business Councils President Sarah Craig, National Coalition of Black Gays Co-Chair Chris Cothran, Gay Rights National Lobby Midwest Director Kathy Patrick, Gay Democratic Clubs Executive Director Tom Chorlton, and representatives of state and local Gay and Lesbian rights groups also participated.

Insemination Open to Lesbians

Philadelphia—Lesbians who want children can be inseminated at the Elizabeth Blackwell Health Center, Philadelphia's Gay News reports. In its 1st year of operation, the center has fertilized about a dozen women, at least one of whom is a Lesbian, said coordinator Miriam Diamond. Center directors voted last year to allow Lesbians to be inseminated. "Lesbians have just as much right to be mothers as straight wo-

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men," said Diamond. "We're very anxious for a Lesbian to feel comfortable here. This is a service difficult to get elsewhere." The sperm, which comes from a New York company, is injected in the woman's vagina three separate times over a two-day period. The whole process costs \$200.

AIDS Fund Donates

The Memphis Gay Coalition's AIDS Fund has donated \$100 to the National Gay Health Education Foundation, Inc. to help publish the first edition of its Sourcebook of Lesbian/Gay Health Care.

A conference to be held in New York City in June is being held in conjunction with the Third National Forum on AIDS. Over 1500 health care professionals from all over the United States and many foreign countries are expected to attend these events.

The sourcebook will include summaries of all workshops and panel discussion presented at the Conference, comprehensive essays on important facets of Lesbian/Gay health care, as well as panelist's biographical data. A directory will provide comprehensive state-by-state listing of Lesbian/Gay health care services, including a special section on AIDS resources.

The AIDS fund was established over a year ago as the result of a benefit performance produced by Vincent Astor. The fund is designed to provide information services to the Gay community as well as to assist in funding AIDS related forums and workshops. A series of brochures was developed by AID Atlanta and distributed locally as part of the project. In addition, publicity for a recent AIDS forum for local physicians and the general public was paid for out of the fund.

GRNL Still Searching

Washington, DC— Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Committee has voted to extend the deadline in their search for a new executive director to replace Steve Endean.

The executive committee also voted to increase the salary range from \$25,000-\$30,000 to \$30,000-\$35,000 in order to attract more candidates.

"We do this with regret, but it became necessary to extend the search process for a new executive director. It is essential that the entire Board choose GRNL's new executive director and to this point the Search Committee has decided that although several good resumes were received, not enough resumes were submitted for an adequate selection process to occur," stated Board co-chair Kate McQueen.

The board meeting to make a decision on a new executive director has been postponed from February 17-20, to March 30-April 2. Those interested in applying should send resumes to GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013.

AIDS Reactions To Be Subject of Book

The Gay Sunshine Press in San Francisco is publishing a book of quotes, feeling journals, and interviews portraying the emotional impact of AIDS. The AIDS Anthology is inspired by trying and tenacious life stories. The author is a social psychologist with AIDS, and provides resources and coping skills.

Send statements of your emotional experiences with AIDS. Include your occupation, age, city and current health status.

Mail to the author: Lon G. Nungesser, M.A., P.O. Box 5389, Stanford, CA 94305.

MGRA Publishes Security Clearance Brochure

SAN FRANCISCO CA— National Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based public interest law firm, has just published a new brochure directed toward Lesbians and Gay men who need a security clearance. The Federal government's policy, NGRA states "is one which has caused apprehension for many Gays."

Lenoard Graff, NGRA legal director, said, "The government often refuses to grant a clearance because of a supposed vulnerability to blackmail. Yet they cannot point to a single case where a Lesbian or Gay man has been blackmailed into giving up secret government documents." The result of not getting a security clearance is usually losing one's job.

The brochure is an a question answer format and is intended for the lay person. It was made possible by a grant from the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Scientists and the volunteer services of Ryan J. Nakagawa.

The brochure costs \$1 and is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request to: NGRA, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Editorial on Homophobia Censored at Wisconsin H.S.

Madison, WI— An editorial written for a student newspaper entitled "Homophobia: A Social Disease" has been censored by the principal of a public high school here. According to *Out!*, Madison's Gay newspaper, the student, Jerry Dryer, has vowed to "pursue [the matter] until it's printed."

The principal, Milton McPike, told *Out!* that he censored the editorial because it was disruptive. He said that "some of our kids don't understand these kinds of things."

The student editorial board approved the piece for publication but was overruled by a faculty supervisor. McPike agreed with the faculty member, calling the editorial "not well written" and accusatory.

Dryer said there are no services

for Gay and Lesbian students at the high school and, that although he doesn't know of any openly Gay students, he believes "targets of abuse" at the high school could eas-

ily include Gay students. Dryer has been transferred to another school but has promised to take the censorship issue to the school board and, if necessary, to court.

Advocate Terminates Bush

Prominent Gay journalist Larry Bush, who has been Washington editor for the popular national Gay news magazine *The Advocate* has been notified by Advocate editor Robert McQueen that his relationship with the paper has been "discontinued."

Bush, who said he received notification of his termination January 30 in a letter from McQueen to his agent, said his contract with *The Advocate* had run out on December 1, but that he had been in negotiation with *The Advocate* on a new contract since August.

According to Bush, who declined to read the entire letter, McQueen's letter to his agent said "I find I have no choice but to discontinue the *Advocate's* relationship with your client."

"They didn't offer me any explanation of why they chose not to negotiate with me and I don't want to publicly speculate on their motives," said Bush in an interview with *The Washington Blade*. Bush said he did not call McQueen for an explanation "because it was clear (during contract negotiations) that there was a fundamental gap about

issues" of how *The Advocate* would cover election year political news. Bush denied there had been any disagreement over salary matters, but added that the only disagreement in negotiations when *The Advocate* backed out was over "expenses."

McQueen said through a spokesman that he would have "no comment" on his letter to Bush.

Bush and *The Advocate* gained considerable notoriety within the national Gay movement last year following articles by Bush in *The Advocate* which harshly criticized the leadership of Gay Rights National Lobby executive director Steve Endean, who eventually resigned. Many supporters of Endean charged that Bush's criticism of Endean was encouraged by *Advocate* owner David Goostein.

Bush, who said he had "anticipated" the possibility that his year-to-year contract with *The Advocate* might not be renewed, said he has already begun plans to syndicate his "Capitol Report" news column to other Gay newspapers around the country.

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Navy Seeks to Oust Gay Man with AIDS

Officials with the U.S. Navy are attempting to "punish" a Navy enlisted man who has AIDS by discharging him from the service on grounds of homosexuality rather than on grounds of a medical retirement disability, the enlisted man's attorney has charged.

Harvey Friedman, an attorney representing Navy Petty Officer John E. Baskin, 27, said unidentified officials with the Naval District of Washington, D.C. are acting with the "mentality of the lynch mob" by attempting to override a Naval discharge review board which found insufficient evidence to discharge Baskin on grounds of homosexuality.

Baskin was diagnosed as having AIDS after being admitted to the Jacksonville Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. last July. Friedman said Baskin's Navy records indicate a physician treating Baskin requested a sexual history and noted on Baskin's medical records that the enlisted man "revealed regular homosexual activity over several years."

The disclosure of the sexual history led to an immediate inquiry by the Naval Investigative Service (NIS), according to Baskin's records. An administrative discharge board met last month to determine whether Baskin should be discharged for homosexuality.

Friedman argued before the three member board that the physician who took the medical history was not present at the hearing, the evidence presented against Baskin was based on hearsay, and Baskin, in any case, has a life-threatening disease and is requesting a discharge on medical grounds.

By a vote of 3 to 0 the board ruled that the government "has not

presented adequate evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt Petty Officer Baskin has engaged in homosexual activity."

By a second vote of 3 to 0 the board recommended that Baskin be referred to a medical evaluation board.

Friedman said he thought Baskin's discharge through a medical route had been secured until Baskin was notified in writing on February 1 that he was once again being considered for administrative separation. This time the separation would be through a procedure called "in the best interest of the service," a catchall method of discharging members of the military that is specified in a little known military personnel manual.

The reason cited in the notification was Baskin's "statements" to medical personnel in Jacksonville that he had engaged in homosexual activity.

A Navy spokeswoman said actions by discharge boards are only the first of a three-step process. The spokeswoman, Lt. Commander Deborah Burnette, said findings of administrative review boards are considered under Navy rules as recommendations that must be reviewed by the Naval Military Personnel Command. The Command, in turn, makes its own recommendation and forwards both recommendations to the Secretary of the Navy, she said.

Burnette noted that in Baskin's case, the Command's recommendation was apparently in disagreement with the review board, a situation that occurs infrequently. She said Baskin's case is now awaiting action by the Secretary of the Navy.

Friedman said he is considering

filing a temporary restraining order to block the administrative discharge. According to Friedman, the administrative discharge would be honorable but would confine Baskin to Veterans Administration hospitals. VA hospitals, he said, are not equipped to treat AIDS patients as effectively as facilities such as the Bethesda Naval Hospital, to which Baskin could only be admitted if he receives a medical retirement disability discharge.

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Gay Youth May remain in Scouts

Dallas Gay News - In a move heralded as a victory for Gay rights activists, the California Supreme Court denied a petition by the Boy Scouts of America contesting a Gay youth right to belong to that organization.

The ruling in Curran vs. Mt. Diablo Council of the Boy Scouts of America sends the case back to Los Angeles Superior Court where the Boy Scouts will have to show cause why a Gay young man cannot remain a member of that group.

"This is a giant step forward in the ongoing effort to end discrimination by organizations which appeal to the public for membership," said George Slaff in commenting on the high court's decision. Slaff, an ACLU Foundation volunteer attorney, is lead counsel in the case.

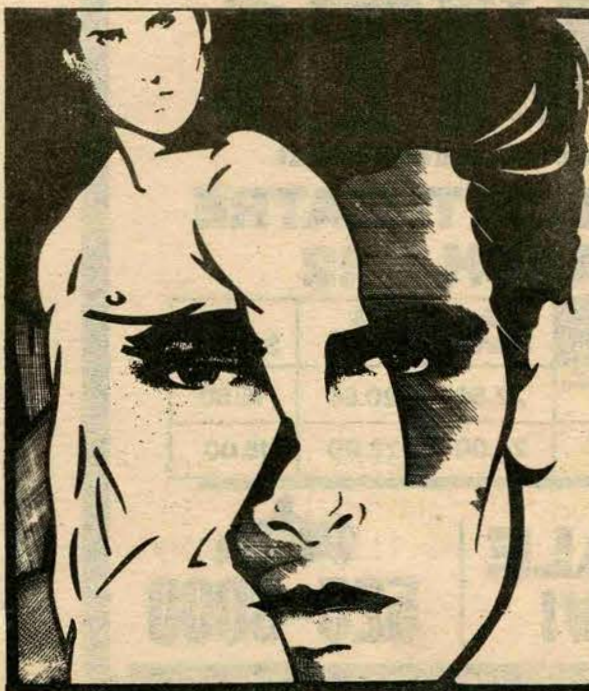
Timothy Curran a Gay scout who claims that his expulsion from the Scouts violated California's Unruh Civil Rights Act and his common law right to fair procedure, had held numerous leadership positions in his Scout troop

and helped form a troop for deaf boys in the Oakland area.

When Curran turned 18 he was no longer eligible to be a Boy Scout, so he applied for Scouter status; young adult members who assist the Scoutmaster of a troop. He was expelled because he revealed that he was homosexual during a newspaper profile. He then filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court only to have the case dismissed, ruling that Curran had no constitutional right to belong to the Scouts.

Last fall, however, the California Court of Appeal, in a unanimous decision ruled his expulsion "capricious and offensive to public policy." The Boy Scouts filed a petition with the California Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of Curran.

"This affirmance by the Supreme Court, that the Boy Scouts are subject to the Unruh Act, underscores California's leadership position in rooting out bias and prejudice wherever possible in our society," Slaff noted.



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Nashville

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

by Jeff Thompson, Nashville Correspondent

*Joseph---he was Jacob's favorite son.
Of all the family, Joseph was the special one.
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A multi-colored coat to wear.
Joseph's coat was elegant, the cut was fine;
The tasteful style was the ultimate in good design.
Such a dazzling Coat of Many Colors!
How he loved his Coat of Many Colors!*

Thus begins the stirring tale of Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors, one of the most remarkable stories in the Book of Genesis. So also begins the captivating Broadway musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which was performed last month in Nashville to seemingly unanimous acclaim. The opening night performance of *Joseph* was part of a magical evening of theatre and fellowship for much of Music City's Gay community.

On Tuesday evening, February 7, a large delegation of theatre-goers (assembled by Earl Carlile of Nashville's Warehouse 28) attended

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat's opening night at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center downtown. The group of Warehouse patrons and employees joined *The Tennessean* and *Nashville Banner* newspapers, WSMV-TV 4, and virtually every audience member throughout *Joseph's* successful, six-night run in applauding the production's great energy, imagination, music costuming, and choreography.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, setting the Biblical story to a pop beat, was created by Britishers Andrew Lloyd Webber (composer) and Tim Rice

(lyricist) for the 1967 spring concert at the Colet Choir School in London. From there it went to the English stage and then to our own Broadway--and Webber and Rice went on to write *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Evita*. As a matter of fact, in October of 1982, Tony Award-winning Andrew Webber became the first composer ever to have three musicals running in both London (*Evita*, *Song and Dance*, and the spectacular *Cats*) and New York (*Cats*, *Evita*, and *Joseph and the...Dreamcoat*)!

(More recently, thirty-five-year old Webber has written two more musicals, *Starlight Express* and a show based on David Garnett's novel, *Aspect of Love*. Lyricist Tim Rice is working with ABBA on a musical about chess--and Rice's lyrics combined with fellow Englishman John Barry's music to create last summer's number-one Adult Contemporary song, "All Time High," from "Octopussy.")

Andrew Lloyd Webber's music for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is an amusing blend of several styles. The singing styles of Maurice Chevalier and Elvis Presley are recalled in two songs, and the show's other musical numbers range from rock and country to ballads and the 1920's sound!

The touring production of *Joseph and the...Dreamcoat* which visited Nashville last month starred handsome, endearing Don Goodspeed in the title role. The blond,

twenty-five-year-old, Shakespearean actor sported a winning smile and a powerful and very pleasing singing voice. Co-starring as The Narrator (a role similar to the Che Guevara part in Webber and Rice's *Evita*) was energetic, lithe Robin Boudreau. The young woman has appeared on TV's "Saturday Night Live" and "One Life to Live" alumnus and Connie Stevens' co-star in a touring show last year. Rounding out the two-dozen-member *Joseph* cast were eleven attractive young men, who played Joseph's jealous, conspiring brothers.

After *Joseph's* enthusiastic reception by the Warehouse-organized group of first-nighters, everyone was thrilled to meet the performers in person at a lively Cast Party at B. Palola's Restaurant immediately after the show! Co-sponsored by The Warehouse and B. Palola's, the reception offered a priceless occasion to talk with "Joseph" (Goodspeed), "The Narrator" (Boudreau), "Pharaoh" (Davis), "Jacob" (Kenny Morris), "Potiphar" (Leslie Feagan), "Benjamin" (Philip Carrubba), and the rest...and even to collect an autograph or two. Nashville's Gay community mingled, enjoyed refreshments, "stargazed," and capped a dazzling night of theatre in a festive, unforgettable way.

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AIDS AND AGING

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.
Stonewall Features Syndicate

There are many parallels between AIDS and the process of aging. AIDS is "acquired immune deficiency syndrome." Aging may be the same process. This has led to some conjecture that the plague of the Gay community may just be a speeded-up phenomenon of aging.

As you know, one of the theories about AIDS is that numerous infections to which Gay men, hemophiliacs, and drug abusers expose themselves may be overloading, or "using up" the immune system at an accelerated rate, leaving it depleted. If the immune system is like a punchboard with only so many possible responses, and you use all your chances early in life, you die young; some people may have larger punchboards than others and age more slowly because they have more immune responses to spend. Or so goes this theory.

If fact, why people should age at all is not really understood? answers such as "we wear out" are not good enough.

In a book on genetic approaches to aging, one author speculates that some strategic organ orchestrates the entire phenomenon of senescence. He thinks that organ is the thymus. In his words, aging is "progressive weakening of immunologic surveillance" which allows somatic mutations (or body changes).

The mass of the thymus gland begins to decline shortly after sexual maturity, and by age 50 has only 15% of its original maximum size. The thymus seems essential to making educated T-lymphocytes from the cells of the bone marrow which pass through it on the way to the peripheral lymph nodes.

As we age, the immune system has less and less ability to respond to antigens or foreign substances such as viruses, bacteria, etc. T-cells, in particular, seem to lack this ability; as you know, T-cells are consistently low in AIDS persons.

Researchers have found that with age, T-lymphocytes lose their ability to multiply. (B-lymphocytes do not). T-lymphocytes especially (as opposed to B-lymphocytes) get their education from the thymus, more and more recognized as "where T-lymphocytes go to col-

lege." That's especially interesting in view of reports from pathologists which frequently observe that the thymuses from AIDS persons were wiped out. Did planned senescence occur earlier?

The immune system may have a built-in lifespan controlled by something genetically unique to the individual. Inbred strains of mice have been known to have genetic control of their lifespans found in the same portions of the genome, or chromosome map, that controls immune function.

Despite the common impression that the triumphs of modern medicine have lengthened human lifespan, neither vital statistics nor biological evidence supports the belief. In fact, the disease oriented approach to medicine so common in our country may have had little actual effect on increasing lifespan. The fundamental causes of death are not diseases, but physiologic decrements (weakenings) that make their occurrence more likely.

If the two leading causes of death in Western countries (heart disease and stroke) are eliminated, only about 18 years of additional life can be added. Eliminating cancer adds only two more years. Human lifespans have remained virtually unchanged since recorded history; only life expectancy has increased. Medical achievements have simply allowed more people to reach the limit of what seems to be a fixed lifespan which appears to be somewhere in the ninth decade.

One theory of aging relates lifespan to the number of cell divisions possible. These seem peculiar to each species. For example, Galapagos tortoises have a mean lifespan of 175 years, and their fibroblasts are capable of about 100 doublings. Human fibroblasts can double only 50 times, and therefore we live about half as long. Chickens can live at the most 30 years, and their fibroblasts can only double 20 times, as might be expected. (New England Journal of Medicine, 12/2/76).

Another striking change that regularly occurs in the aging immune system is an increase in the incidence of auto-antibodies, a kind of attack on self. There is a six- to eight-fold increase in the appearance of anti-human antibodies in 80-year-olds compared to

40-year-olds. There is also a comparative rise in the prevalence of high titers of circulating immune complex.

These factors may cause slowly progressing low-grade tissue damage and some of the degenerative physical changes of aging. Some researchers suggest that this sort of auto-immune tissue damage is of major importance in the aging process.

Interestingly enough, auto-immune phenomena have been seen in AIDS persons, expressed as idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, where platelets (the cells largely responsible for clotting) are eliminated. High titers of circulating immune complexes or anti-platelet antibodies could be responsible.

Older people are more susceptible to infectious disease than younger ones. For example, the reactivity to the TB skin test declines in people over 70. Also, amounts of antibodies to AB blood group antigens are lower in the older. Along with impaired reactivity to old antigens, there is impairment of the ability to develop new hypersensitivity skin responses. Individuals are usually sensi-

tized to the chemical dinitrochlorobenzene on first contact. 95% of subjects younger than 70 show reactivity on subsequent exposure. Only about 70% of people older than 70 react after reimmunization.

I, personally, failed the Heptavax vaccine; after the first two doses, there was no antibody formation, not uncommon response for those over 40. A higher dose of antigen is required in older animals to bring about the response found in younger ones.

In cancer control, natural "Killer" cells sound great, and they are especially important in destroying tumor cells. Older people have lower number of these, and higher incidence of cancers. AIDS persons, too, have lower numbers of natural "killer" cells, and this may be why they often show a rare form of cancer, Kaposi's Sarcoma.

No final conclusions can be drawn. However, it is interesting titers of auto-antibodies, low T-cell helper and suppressor lymphocyte activity and severe impairment of cutaneous hypersensitivity are associated with increased mortality and aging — and they also correlate with AIDS.

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In a era when everyone is con-

cerned with physical fitness, nutrition and healthy maintenance, sexually transmitted diseases are a serious threat to your well being if you are a sexually active person. By learning early that there is a problem, your responsible actions in seeking treatment will prevent you from developing serious consequences of these diseases.

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Gay Vote '84 — It's Not Over

by Dan Siminoski, Ph. D.
Stonewall Features Syndicate

Not one vote has yet been cast in the elections of 1984, yet the experts are telling us the results are already self-evident. Pollsters, pundits, and political "experts" tell us that President Reagan and former Vice President Mondale are running away with their respective nominations, and that Reagan leads his Democratic challengers by a wide margin. Some polls show broad general support of the President, while others identify key electoral blocs (Blacks, women, and environmentalists) who oppose him strongly. Recent interviews with Gay leaders suggest that the Gay vote is far from crystalized at this point, and that it has the potential for affecting this year's political process in a number of ways.

The more unified and effective we are this year, the greater will be the impact of the elections on the priorities of the Gay/Lesbian Rights Movement. In particular, our political work can affect the Democratic presidential and vice-presidential nominees, the Gay and human rights platforms of both parties, and the election or reelection of supporters of the Gay Rights Amendment in Congress.

Perhaps the issue of greatest immediate impact is the possibility that the Republicans might lose control of the Senate next January. Democrats need a net gain of six seats (five, if they win the Vice Presidency) to gain leadership, and while few Democratic incumbents are considered vulnerable, many Republicans are. Among the unstable Republican seats are two in Texas and Tennessee where incumbents are resigning and Dem-

ocratic challengers with better Gay rights records are considered possible winners.

In other races, antiGay, "new right" incumbents face progressive Democrats in West Virginia, Iowa, Maine, and North Carolina (where a coalition of groups has united to combat untraconservative Senator Jesse Helms). Women campaigning with the endorsement of NOW and other civil rights groups, are considered strong Democratic Senate contenders in Minnesota, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oregon. Each can be expected to be more supportive of Gay Rights issues than the men they would replace in office.

If control of the Senate would return to the Democrats, many key committee chairs would switch from civil rights opponents to friends of the Gay, feminist, and Black communities. Most notably, control of the Judiciary Committee (which has jurisdiction over the Gay Rights Amendment) would pass from Strom Thurmond to Ted Kennedy. Likewise, the leadership of committees dealing with AIDS and health funding, legal aid, and other issues of importance to our communities would be in the hands of politicians who could be expected to show more response to our demands.

In 1980, the Gay "Convention Project" was organized to create the strongest possible Gay presence at the Democratic Convention. Over 75 openly Gay delegates were elected, and Gays played key roles in the rules, credentials, and platform committees. The result was a strong commitment by the Democrats to Gay rights legislation, and the formation of a

formal Gay caucus of the party. This year, we have the opportunity to begin to build such a relationship with the national Republicans and to reaffirm our growing influence among the Democrats.

Such as process depends on the activities of Gay people in the caucuses and primaries which are just beginning. We have to support good candidates organizationally, at the polls, and then, hopefully, at the conventions. We have to contribute to the efforts of our Gay delegates with money and muscle. It's now time to turn to your local state political organizations for specific suggestions about how you can participate. At the very least, determine what candidates support Gay issues and others that are important to you, and offer to work in some way for them.

Despite the general belief that President Reagan won a "landslide" victory in 1980, his margin was relatively thin. Had Carter won a couple of hundred thousand votes in a few states, he would have been reelected. A good part of the difference was the result of eligible voters who were not registered, and registered voters who did not go to the polls on Election Day. In city elections last year in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and elsewhere, minority candidates

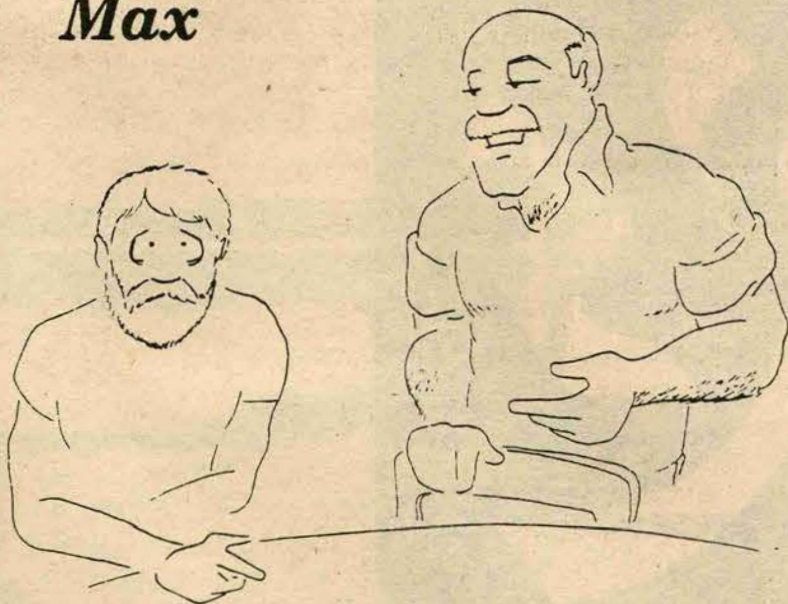
demonstrated they could win office through a combination of effective registration campaigns and coalitions with other minority groups. In many areas, the strategy resulted in the election of openly Gay candidates; in many others, to victories for supporters for Gay rights.

In 1984, national Gay leaders are convinced that strong voter registration is critical to the success of our candidates and cause. A coalition of six national Gay rights groups has been formed to encourage and coordinate local registration campaigns. The groups include The Gay Rights National Lobby, National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs, and the National Gay Task Force. Information and inquiries should be directed to NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave. New York, New York 10011, (212) 741-5800.

Whatever your party affiliation or ideology, you can help to strengthen the Lesbian/Gay movement in Washington and in your own community. Don't let the mainstream media convince you that the outcome is decided, and that you have no control over the results of the upcoming elections. We have an opportunity to accomplish a great deal.

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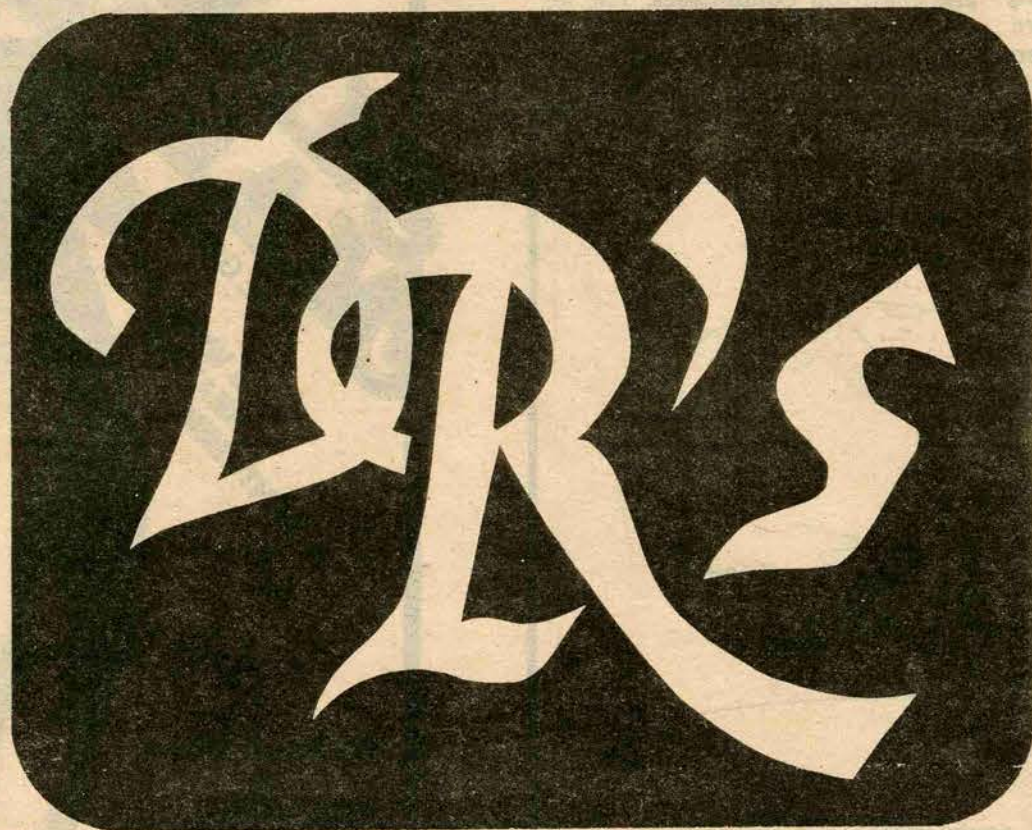
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I DIDN'T KNOW
THAT YOU COULD
SEE OUT AT DR'S

NO! REALLY
WHAT DO YOU
SEE?

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DO YOU GET OFF WATCHING
EXPANSIONS?

WELL, I CAN DIG IT IF I
KNOW ALL THAT 1.5%
PROFIT IS GOING BACK
INTO A PLACE WHERE GAYS
CAN BE!

I JUST WISH THEY'D PUT SOME
LIGHTS UP HERE--IT'S DARK
AS HELL UP HERE.

MAN, HAVE YOU SEEN THE
LIGHTS AT T.O.S.? TALK ABOUT
LIGHTS!!!

I DON'T WANT TO
HEAR ABOUT IT. WE SPEND OUR
ASSES OFF AND THE COMPETITION
WANTS TO COME IN AND
GET THE GRAVY.

I DON'T HATE YOU!

YES YOU DO, OR YOU WOULDN'T
GO TO EUROPE ALL THE TIME
AND LEAVE ME TO SAVE THE
BUSINESS...

YOU DO HATE ME. YOU'RE JUST
JEALOUS BECAUSE I'M THE BRAINS
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN A C.P.A.

I CAN'T SEE

WELL, WATCH WHERE
YOU STEP. I DON'T THINK
THEIR INSURANCE WOULD
PAY US.

WE'D HAVE A BETTER
CASE. THERE'S NO
LIGHTS--WE COULDN'T
SEE THAT PENCIL.

HAVE YOUR HAIR DONE--
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT
WHEN YOU KNOW WE NEED
EVERY PENNY TO RENOVATE

I JUST KNOW GETTING YOUR
HAIR DONE WOULD HELP.
MAYBE I WOULDN'T HATE
YOU THEN.

SEE, YOU DO HATE ME.

NO, I DON'T.

WELL, HOW DID IT GET
AROUND THAT EVERYBODY DON'T
LIKE US IF ALL I NEED IS MY
HAIR DONE??!

I JUST DON'T GET THE
CONNECTION!

BABY, THAT'S NOT ALL YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO GET. YOU
GOT FIRST PICK. NOW YOU'RE
CRYING...

I WISH THEY'D TURN THE
LIGHTS ON.

I WISH YOU WOULD
SHUT UP ABOUT THE
LIGHTS!

WELL, WHAT ARE WE DOING
IN HERE IF WE CAN'T SEE.
I FEEL LIKE A FOOL STUMBLING
AROUND IN THE DARK!

THAT'S ALL THEY WANT. IS
US STUMBLING AROUND IN THE
DARK--DO SOMETHING ABOUT
YOUR HAIR.

WELL, LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT
LIGHTS! JUST REMEMBER WHAT
WE'VE DONE FOR THE GAY
COMMUNITY. WITHOUT US, THEY'D
STILL BE GOING TO JAIL FOR
DANCING AND BEING IN DRAG!

YEAH, WHO THE F-K DO THOSE
PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE. MAN, DO
THEY OWE US. I DON'T THINK
THEY'LL EVER BE ABLE TO REPAY
US
NOW YOU'RE SHEDDING SOME
LIGHT.

I DON'T THINK
THERE'S **ANYTHING**
BACK THERE!



REVIEWS

Celebrity Bottoms Out

by John Stilwell, Co-editor

NBC's recent mini-series, *Celebrity* has reached into the past to present us with a characterization of a homosexual that I had hoped society had outgrown. The only bigger disappointment is the attitude of Joseph Bottoms, who plays the Gay character, Mack Crawford.

According to *US* magazine, the homosexual issue is pivotal to the plot but Bottoms told *US*, "I don't think of Mack as 'The Gay.' To me, that's not the key to Mack Crawford." He went on to say, "I know that in doing this role I'm going to face a lot of questions that come right to the point, so I've given it some thought."

For those of you who missed it, *Celebrity* deals with the "three princes," the most popular, the most promising three old friends who, on graduation night, rape a young girl (Actually T.J. did the raping while Mack and Kleber watched from another room.) The girl apparently died from the experience; the three dispose of the

body and vow silence forever.

Each goes on to fulfill his dreams.

Mack, the star athlete, is injured in a football accident and after his release from the hospital is hidden away by his religious fanatic mother who believes athletics is sinful. He is finally discovered and rescued by his old pal, Kleber.

A physical therapist, played by Tess Harper, gets Mack on his feet again. They marry, he starts doing commercials, they have sexual problems (infrequency), a son is born; they divorce and Mack goes on to fame and fortune making movies.

The relationship between Mack and his ex-wife is strained, at best, and at first she refuses to let Mack even see his son, Jeffie. Eventually she relents and during a visit Jeffie catches daddy in the act and refuses to ever see him again.

Mack's character as a homosexual is vague and never really developed. There always appears to be some male companions in evidence, but we never see Mack

showing any kind of affection toward any of his male partners.

It is his sense of loss over his son and the emptiness of his life that drives him to return to Texas to the fateful reunion of the three princes that will result in Mack's death.

In his interview with *US*, Bottoms said, "I don't hate Gays, but I think they're awfully unfulfilled human beings. I really think that homosexuality is a dead end street. It's self-adulation. It's masturbation. Where does it go?"

"...to me, it's sad. I know many homosexuals. I feel sorry for them because they're unnatural."

And unfortunately, that's exactly how Bottoms played Mack... unhappy, ashamed and unfulfilled. Bottoms said, "Maybe it would have been better if I hadn't played this role because of my feelings." Ain't that the truth.

The conclusion (as far as Mack is concerned) comes about when he discovers that his son has joined the cult of The Chosen (T.J. got religion in prison and became a Bible-thumping, money-collecting, faith healer calling himself The Chosen.)

While growing up, Jeffie, now Brother Paul, had various problems with the law. It is implied as a result of discovering his father with another man and during the confrontation, T.J. takes credit for saving him. T.J. then shoots Mack because he is evil, perverse, "queer," and demon-possessed. At the trial, T.J. will testify that God Himself pulled the trigger and it was not Mack who died but the demon which possessed him.

So once again, the sad, lonely, unfulfilled queer finds violent death as the end to his meaning-

less life. The only thing that keeps me from completely condemning *Celebrity* is that it also shows how a completely amoral, evil, con man can appear to be a man of God, convincing even himself, in his fanaticism, that everything he does (including murder) is the will of God and, therefore, right.

Again, Joseph Bottoms in *US*: "I have a relative who is a homosexual and has been for many years. I'm happy that he has found one lover who has been with him 35 years."

"But for the most part, it seems to me that homosexuality is probably the way I felt when I was single and was just sort of roaming through people's lives. You know you hurt people by being with them and limiting your relationship to just sex and leaving."

On one hand, speaking against homosexuality, Bottoms says the fulfillment of sex should be with the opposite sex, because that's life. "That's what this is all about." Then, he says he and his wife don't plan to have children but are considering adopting. Bottoms wants them walking and talking and wiping themselves. Then we can have fun."

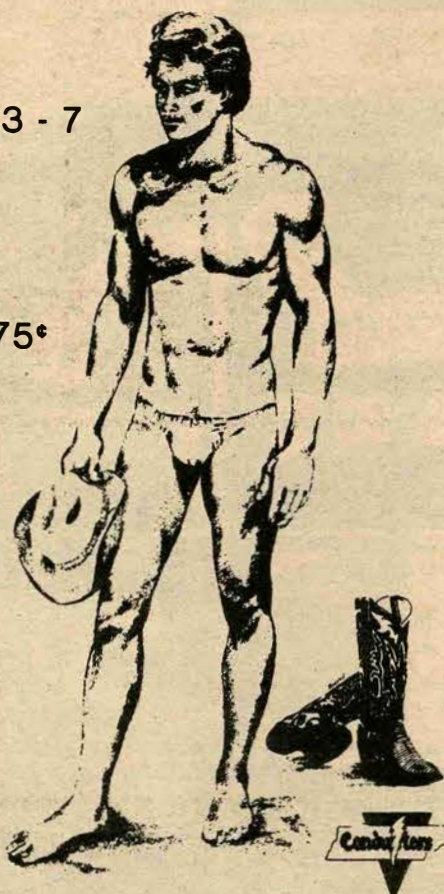
Whereas Cher's portrayal of Lesbian Dolly Pelliker brought us one step forward, Joseph Bottoms portrayal of Mack Crawford in *Celebrity* drops us two steps back. The battle for a positive Gay image in the media goes on. Joseph Bottoms should go back to playing pretty straight men, stick to subjects he knows about (love, marriage, adoption) and avoid the subjects he knows nothing about (homosexuality and homosexual relationships) and just maybe he won't lose all of his Gay audience.

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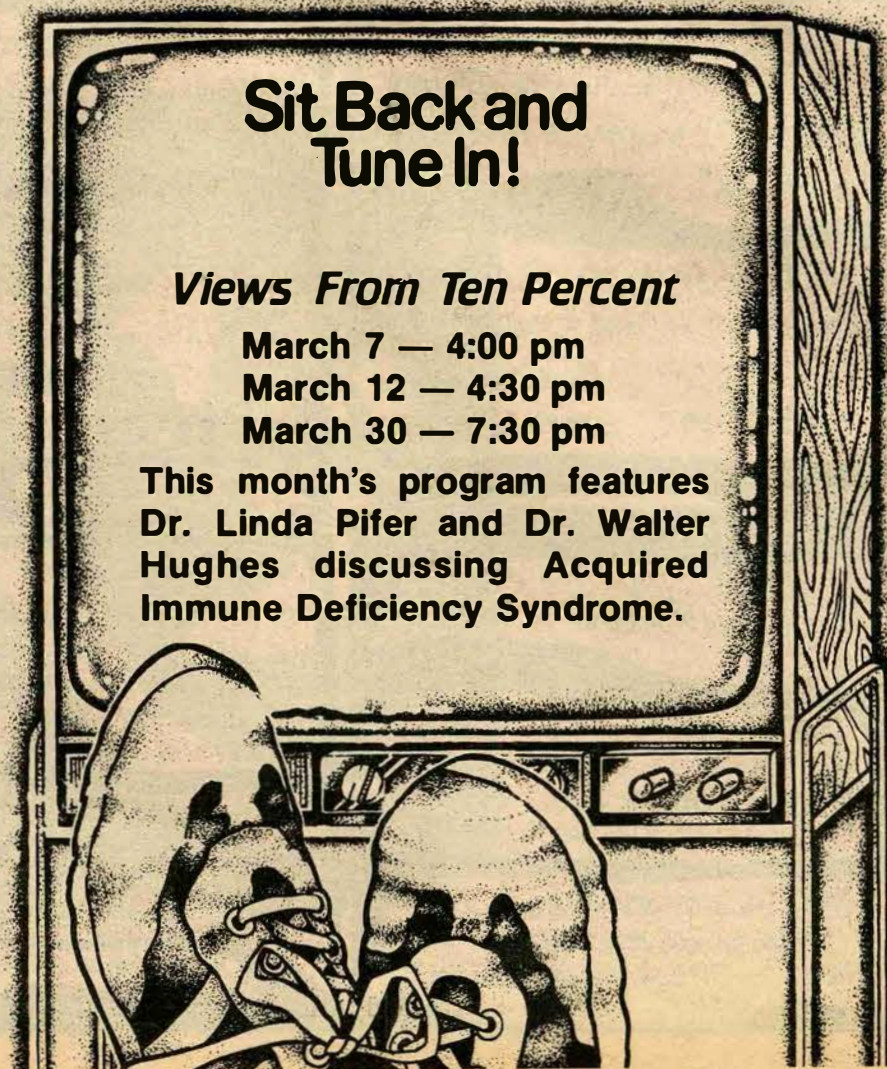
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Hot Wax

by Houston Butler, Rumors DJ/VJ

Uptempo singles are being released in abundance these days, thanks to the success of mega-hits like Prince's *Let's Pretend We're Married* and *Maniac* by Michael Sembello. The new Posse Records single *Sneaky Eyes* by Zoe (pronounced ZOH-ee) fuses a Pointer Sisters *I'm So Excited* style with a new wave Prince Funk. Sounds complicated, but why worry. It works!! This is a love song with a gutsy punch, incorporating strong vocals with a driving bassline. Dance reactions will be intense as this single generates locomotive energy in clubs everywhere.

Explosive energy is the appeal of the latest Hazel Dean single *Jealous Love*, a powerful followup to last year's smash hit *Searching*. This irresistible single incorporates strong percussion and melodic synthesizers with a high caliber arrangement, resulting in hot action on the dance floor. Backed with a hauntingly beautiful rendition of *Evergreen*, this English import on Proto Records merits immediate success. Thanks again Hazel!!

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10. Dr. S
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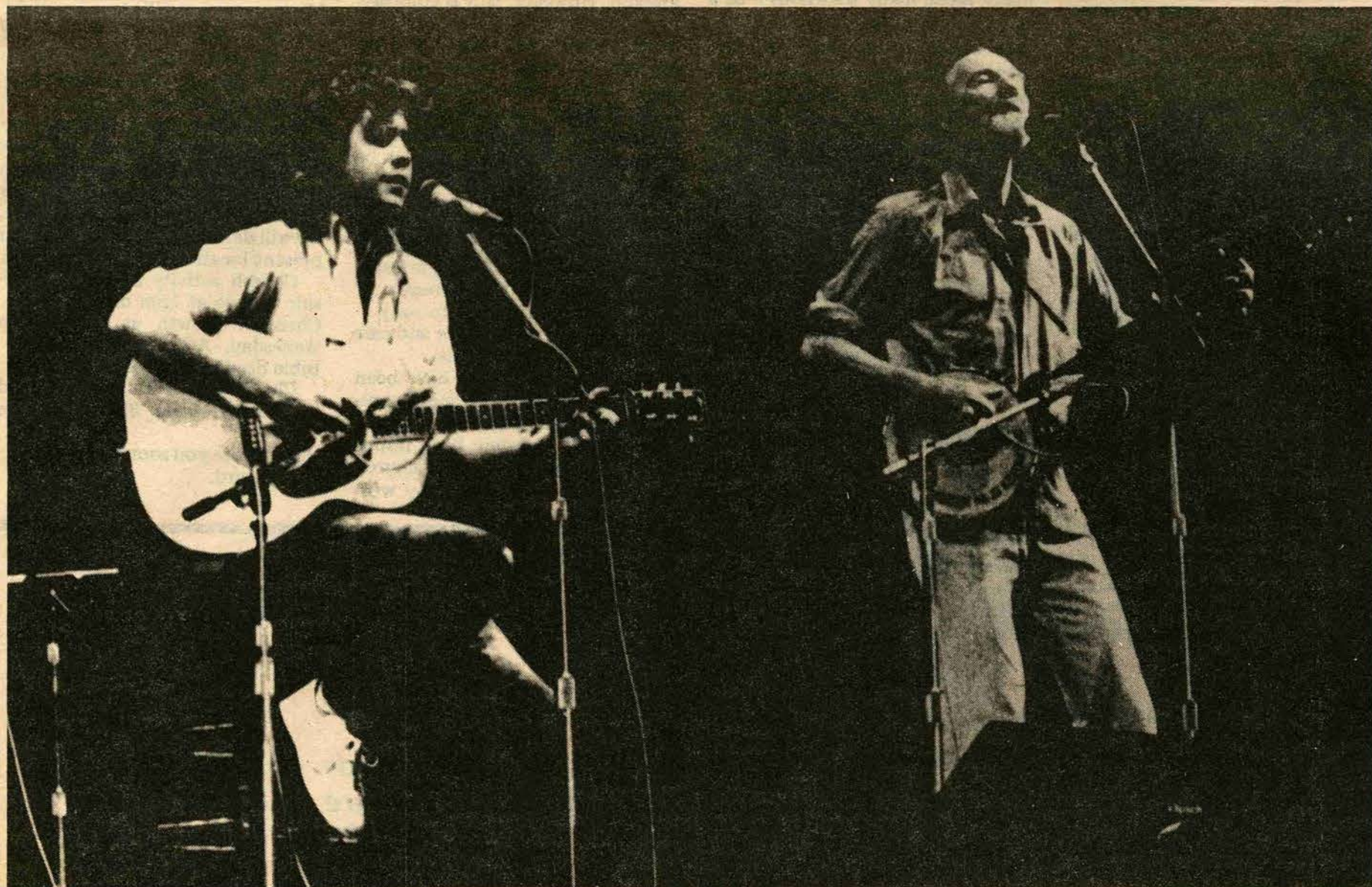
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Outlook

The Other Half

by Rev. Larry J. Uhrig
Stonewall Features

I have a friend who is Black whose lover, spouse, significant other, is white. In fact, I know quite a few biracial couples. What constantly amazes me is the amount of flack they receive from other friends and acquaintances. There is a constant pressure on them, as though they, by virtue of their relationship, have somehow, betrayed someone or something.

The white partner is accused or suspected of some form of strange, "abnormal" behavior; it is just not acceptable to be in love with a member of another race. But the pressures on the Black partner are just as strong, perhaps even worse. Their Black friends accuse them of being "traitors," of somehow "selling out" to Uncle Tomism.

I find it hard to believe that any of us, knowing as we must some form of prejudice, rejection and public judgement, can lay that same kind of guilt and fear on our brothers and sisters.

The racial tension seems to get worse still when we move from talking about two people in a relationship to one person of mixed parentage. Not so long ago, I counselled with a young man who was the child of a Black and white parents. He was extremely confused and angry. He found no acceptance from either whites or Blacks. He was a man without a place, and therefore ended up hating himself. He hated his white background, he hated his Black background, he hated society in general.

There was little I could say to dissuade him. After all, in excluding him from their groups, "so-

ciety had left him little room in which to look for any kind of love.

In truth, we are all "half-breeds." There is just no "pure" anyone around these days. A woman in Louisiana was recently much surprised to find her race listed as "Black" on her birth certificate, because one great-great-grandparent had been Black, making 1/32 mixed parentage. We are made up of all kinds of national backgrounds, and colors and races and creeds. Most of us could not name our 32 great-great-grandparents, much less tell with any surety what their heritage was.

Most Gay people have heterosexual tendencies, and non-Gays find secret longings for their own sex. So what? Whocares? Why is it so important to base our identities on sexual preference, race, nationality, religion, or whatever? We have put so much energy into stressing our differences that we begin to lose sight of our common concerns, the things we share as human beings, residents of Earth, children of God.

Why can't the reality -- that our relationships and we ourselves are combinations of many factors, many races, many traditions -- be a source of joy and a reason to share? Who wants to put a lot of energy into criticizing anyone sheerly because his or her partner is of another race? Who cares (or even can say with absolute certainty) that you are 100% white or Black or any other color? Why do so many people expend so much effort in fighting to establish their credentials as members of this sub-group or that?

I guess I will never understand this choice of conflict over concert, this identity of division rather than diversity. Ultimately, it does

not mean a thing, for both you and I along with all the "isms" we care to defend and support will eventually join the great parade of those who have gone before us and now have no color, who have become dust and ashes. Why not enjoy this God-given life and its diversity, instead of breaking it down into smaller and smaller pieces?

I think that many of us believe a lie. The lie is that our true identity

The Church Where God Does Not Discriminate — MCC

by Joy Peace

As a newcomer to MCC and, in particular, to MCC of Memphis, I am especially appreciative of a place to worship God openly as a Gay person. I felt as though I was dreaming--not only to find a church whose motto pledged not to discriminate but a church that lived up to that pledge. Being Gay does not have to mean that you can't be an active member of the body of Christ.

Though MCC of Memphis is small, we are here for any and all who wish to join us in worship, spiritual growth, and Christian fellowship. However, if it is comforting to you to know there is a church where you can feel comfortable, a church where you can come if you are troubled or in need--beware!-- without more support and participation from the community we will no longer be here. In order to appreciate the beauty and marvelous aroma of the rose, it must first be nurtured and tended to patiently and consistently, or it will become bug-infested and die. Such is OUR church. If MCC of Memphis is left to only a few hands for nurturance and care, it, too, will wither and die.

Many exciting things have been happening in January and February. Our interim pastor, Rev. Steve Quesnel, has certainly been inspiring to each person on our church. He has been leading Sunday wor-

ship, Wednesday night prayer group, and Saturday night AGAPE potluck and Bible study.

At Sunday worship, we have recently had a deacon installed, Ms. Donna Pickett, as well as a new student clergy, Ms. Kriste Elrod. Also two women of our church renewed their holy union vows on February 12, and another couple will exchange their vows in March.

At Saturday Bible Study, we just finished Colossians and are just beginning Ephesians as the next in our series of the Pauline letters. These books of the Bible are centering on the meaning of Christ.

Lenten program will begin in March at our Wednesday night meeting time. It will be led by our new Student Clergy, and promises to be a perfect series of Christian growth and enrichment.

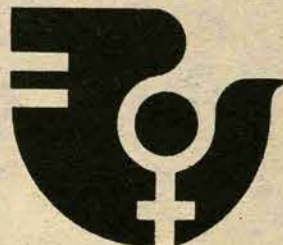
At our last board meeting, we discussed possibly securing a new meeting place. Please keep in touch in succeeding Gaze papers as to our whereabouts. Until March 1, 1984, we will definitely be meeting at our present location at 2224 Central.

Church activity times are: Worship service at 1pm on Sunday, Christian growth at 7:30pm on Wednesday, AGAPE potluck and Bible Study at 7pm on Saturday.

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USOC Wins — 'Gay Games' It Is!

A federal judge has ruled that the U.S. Olympic Committee has exclusive claim to the word "olympic" for the third time. On February 2, U.S. District Judge John P. Vukasinski issued a permanent injunction against Gay Games from using "olympic" in their athletic promotions.

Mary Dunlap, attorney for the Gay Games, said that she would appeal the ruling. She argued that "somehow, the plain applicability of First Amendment protections of free speech and association to our essentially noncommercial political and symbolic use of an ancient word, and the obvious discrimination against us, are motivated by homophobia and perhaps megalomania on the part of the USOC." Judge Vukasinski disagreed.



In August of 1982, three weeks before the opening of the 1st Gay Olympics, the USOC won its first victory when Judge Samuel Conti issued a temporary restraining order in anticipation of a permanent restraining order.

The ruling came as a complete surprise to organizers. Dr. Tom Waddell, president of the non-profit

group, said at the time he had "no idea it was coming." He complained that knowing some of the people on the USOC he understood why they would wait until the last possible moment "when it could hurt the most."

Vaughn Taylor, a San Francisco attorney who obtained the first injunction, maintained there was no homophobia involved in the suit. He said in 1982 it was merely a legal action to protect the trademark status of words the federal government had granted to his clients.



In 1978, the U.S. Congress passes the Amateur Sports Act which granted the USOC sole authorization to use the words "Olympic" and "Olympiad." Since then, the only other uses of the words specifically authorized by Congress are the Special Olympics which were organized for physically and mentally impaired people.

Waddell feels the Gays' use of the word was challenged when others' use was not. He complained that there were numerous examples of other sporting and entertainment events which use the term Olympics. These were conducted without the USOC's interference.

According to San Francisco's Bay Area Reporter, official displeasure with the term Gay Olympics first surfaced in a letter in late December 1981 from F. Don Miller, executive director of the USOC. In the letter, Miller asked Waddell to stop using the word Olympic and warned him that his commit-

tee was entitled "to recover any and all funds which were solicited and acquired by virtue of the usage of Olympic terminology." Miller insisted on a response within ten days.

Waddell wrote back that he was only aware of the olympic as a "generic" term referring to an event which pre-dated Christ," but requested the permission be granted the Armchair Olympics, Special Olympics and Police Olympics as examples of precedents.

Miller answered in January 1982 with the original request to cease and desist, adding that the committee's position had nothing to do with the issue of homosexuality. Waddell later wrote Miller that the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and association are of higher priority than trespassing on privileged words.



"We also have been advised by legal counsel that there appears to be a violation of the guarantee of equal protection under the law," wrote Waddell. "There is a discriminatory action on the part of the USOC which has sanctioned the Junion Olympics and Special Olympics, but has looked the other way on the Armenian Olympics, Xerox Olympics, Crab Cooking Olympics, Diaper Olympics, Rat Olympics, and Dog Olympics, while at the same time takes exception to the term Gay Olympic Games."



Waddell also wrote that his group was willing to take the issue to court if it couldn't be settled amicably between the two groups. He requested an answer from Miller by February 1. No other word was heard until Monday, August 9, 1982. With that court action, the battle was on, and has been ever since.

At this point, the USOC has won every round.

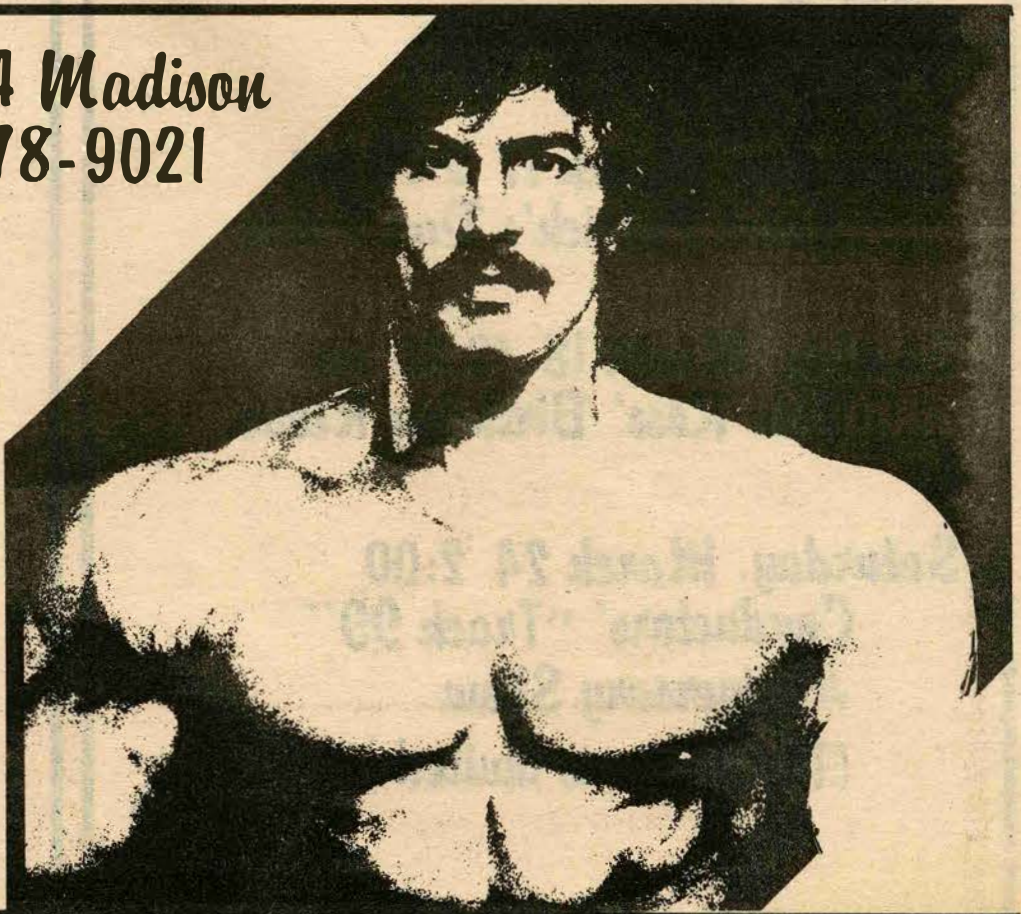


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WSJ Says Gay Political Force to be '84's Main One

by Paul Lorch
Editor, *Bay Area Reporter*

In USA folk myth it is said that being mentioned in *Time Magazine* is making it in America. That's only the beginning. Making it in the *Wall Street Journal* means not only that one is not only here — but here to stay. Once again Gays have found major space in the latter.

The article was part of the WSJ's "Politics '84" coverage and was entitled in typical WSJ low-key language, "Gays See Election as Chance for Gains, May Be Main Political Force This Year."

The dateline was Washington, DC, and the story was written by WSJ staff reporter Ellen Hume. Her theme is that Gays may be the most important new force in American politics this year."

Hume details the furor that resulted when candidate Senator John Glenn disavowed Gay rights. She notes that both Mondale and Cranston have solicited Gay support (and out of the closet support, at that).

Hume reports that national Gay activists this year are trying to get the nation's 20 million Gays to vote as a bloc. The Democratic Party has thus far been the most receptive. Last year their National Committee elevated Gays to the

same "special status as Blacks, Women, Hispanics and Asian-Americans."

Hume makes mention of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay PAC that in money raised was the 55th largest out of 3,371 PAC's nationwide.

The political success of Gays in local politics from San Francisco to Houston is another sign of the growing Gay clout. The article reports there are some 100 openly Gay elected officials around the country, 110 Gay Democratic Clubs. Hume says that even some Republicans are seeking Gay support.

"The Gay agenda is much broader and more controversial than a decade ago," writes Hume, "when homosexuals said they wanted to be left alone. The platform is now Gays seek legitimacy as a full-fledged minority group with an innate sexual orientation."

The Gay agenda nationally is a three part one: a bill extending Title 7 of the Civil Rights act to include Gays; more federal health money to combat AIDS, and elimination of bans against Gays in immigration and the US military.

Others carry the agenda even further, some seeking to win pension and spousal rights for Gay couples. Others that homosexuality be a part of sex education in the

schools.

There are those who say not all the news is good news, though. The Gay agenda could be a bombshell say some political whiz kids.

"The fact that Gays are behaving like an ethnic group doesn't mean that the rest of the public will accept them as one. The public doesn't want to discriminate against homosexuals, but it doesn't want to deal with them on a personal basis either," say William Schneider of the American Enterprise Institute.

Some conservative groups already are capitalizing on the backlash against Gay rights gains. "I believe Gay rights will become the Democrat's Achilles' heel," says Gary Jarmin, chairman of the Christian Voice Moral Government Fund, a PAC dedicated to opposing politicians who support Gay rights.

Still Gays are much more visibly active in American politics than ever before. "What we have here is a classic example of how the American system works," says Ann Lewis, political director of the Democratic Party. "They're working to achieve goals through the political process. They are supporting victorious candidates and, in response, they are receiving support for their goals."

Hume makes one observation that has startled Gay progressives.

Gays aren't necessarily Democratic or liberal, as the stereotype might suggest. As many don't have children, they can be very conservative on such economic issues as aid to education."

Hume concludes with Gays and their relations with Ronald Reagan and organized labor. She writes, "In the past, even President Reagan has shown some sympathy for Gay rights. Gays note that in 1978 Mr. Reagan spoke out strongly against an initiative that would have barred homosexuals from teaching in schools. 'We're even in the upper echelons of the Reagan administration,' says Vic Basile, president of the Gay National Human Rights Campaign lobbying group. 'What we don't have is openly Gay people in those areas.'

"Perhaps the most marked symbol of the nation's changed attitude about Gays is the AFL-CIO, which for years has been a hotbed of anti-Gay sentiment. At its national convention in Miami last October, the labor federation approved by voice vote a resolution backing the national Gay civil rights bill."

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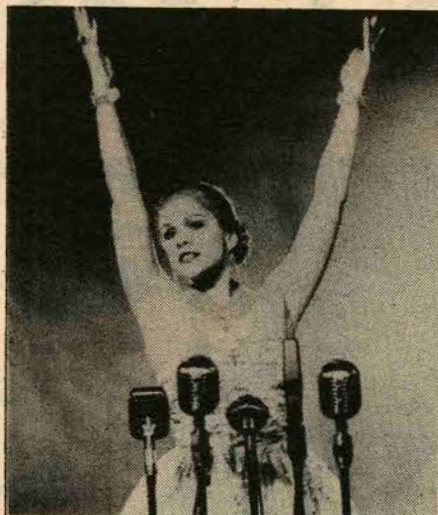
Evita Coming to Orpheum

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Florence Lacey, Tim Bowman, and John Leslie Wolfe head the cast of 34 in the internationally-acclaimed musical hit. *Evita*, based in the life of Eva Peron and her rise to power and wealth in Argentina in the late 1940's and early 1950's, has direction by Harold Prince and score and lyrics by the remarkable team of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, whose credits include such outstanding successes as *Jesus Christ, Superstar* and *Cats*.

In addition to having swept the Tony Awards, *Evita* has been honored by six Drama Desk Awards, including Best Musical, The New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Musical and the 1981 Grammy Award for Best Original Cast Album, which includes the hauntingly beautiful "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina."

Florence Lacey has received critical acclaim for her role as Eva Peron both on Broadway and with two national companies of *Evita* for the past two and a




Florence Lacey as Eva Peron

half years. Ms. Lacey won a Theatre World Award for her Broadway debut as Irene Malloy in Carol Channing's revival of *Hello, Dolly!* That show's composer-lyricist, Jerry Herman, then had her star opposite Joel Gray in his Broadway musical *The Grand Tour*.



Performances will run from Thursday, March 8 through Mondays, March 12 at 8 pm. Matinees will be performed on Saturday, and Sunday at 2 pm.

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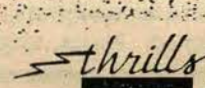




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Daughters of a Coral Dawn

By Katherine V. Forrest

The idea to smuggle mother off Verna III came to father when Jed Peterman fell down a hill of keteraw and proceeded to smother in a pile of mutherac, managing to do this in spite of all his training and thorough briefings on the planet's topography. Father, his crew chief, found him, and in disgust kicked him further down the hill, starting an avalanche which buried poor Peterman forever.

Why would Father risk years of severe punishment to bring an alien to Earth? Mother looked like one of the Sirens of Earth legend. Glossy dark silken hair reached to her voluptuous hips and covered cantaloupe-sized breasts. As if that wasn't enough to capture a young Earthman there were her extraordinarily beautiful eyes — the color of pure emerald. And Mother, an inexperienced Verman child of only forty-five, was enthralled with Father's virility and willing to go with him anywhere.

Father cut Mother's hair to collar length and concealed her remarkable eyes in gray infra-protect lenses. Judicial application of plastisculpt coarsened her nose and chin and ears. The barest touch of a surgiscope knife added temporary lines around her eyes and mouth. Still, his plan would never have worked except for the flappy tents the space crews wear which hid Mother's cantaloupes.

Exercising his authority as crew chief, Father accused "Peterman" of violating Earthcode MCLVIII — sexually harassing a female alien, a misdemeanor — and imposed a sentence of solitary confinement for the duration of the return trip to Earth. Of course, only Mother's days were solitary.

Upon arrival on Earth, poor "Peterman" vanished, AWOL from e Service. And Father took Mother to the pleasure capital of Vega where he married her. So long as she did not have to be fingerprinted or have her blood tested she could easily pass as an Earth female, albeit spectacularly endowned; and given her extreme youth it was unlikely that she would face exposure through medical discovery for many years. Perhaps by then, Father reasoned, the laws would have changed. And so Mother and Father set up housekeeping in Calivada.

Mother did have her idiosyncracies. She made noises at night — sometimes like the klaxon warning of a flourcarbon alert, sometimes reminiscent of nineteenth century war-whooping Indians. She was by now pregnant and since Verman babies become conscious in the womb after the first month, the first words I heard were from Father, grumbling during one of her spectacular effusions: "Great Calvin Coolidge, can't you hold that down a little? Everyone in the neighborhood knows what we're doing."

"A Payungasmad curse on the neighbors. Can you do that again, dear?"

Father was furious when he learned of

her pregnancy. "Great James Garfield, how could you let that happen!" he bellowed. "We've been married only six weeks! You said you'd take ovavoid!"

"No I didn't, you just gave me the pills," Mother informed him coolly. "I did what all Verman females do when their males leave it up to them. Each time before we made love I concentrated hard and thought negative thoughts." She struggled. "Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't."

For a while Father screamed incoherently, then asked in a hoarse voice, "Why didn't you take the pills? Why why why?"

"Those things have never been perfected in three hundred years! Imagine what they'd do to a Verman. At least we don't have to worry about birth control for a while, dear," she said seductively. "Isn't that good?"

Father, who was accustomed to adjusting swiftly to emergencies in space, had calmed down somewhat. But he said plaintively, "What do we do now? How can I take you to a med station to have our baby? I'll have to find someone, pay a huge bribe. Then worry about blackmail. Maybe I can think of a way to smuggle you back to Verna-Three."

"Don't worry," Mother said. "I'll manage."

Meanwhile, reports of Mother's foible had spread throughout the district, especially after she daily emptied tea leaves from the vacuum tubes and explained to a curious neighbor that she always sprinkled tea leaves on her floors, tannic acid being wonderful for the disposition. And when another astonished neighbor watched Mother pluck choice leafy tidbits from the front hedge and eat them for her lunch, Father realized that even in Calivada Mother was a bit too outre. So he hustled her off to an isolated but fully mechanized farmhouse near the border. She did not mind in the least; pregnant Verman women crave solitude. She spent much of her time telescanning Earth's history and culture and learning agronomy and hydroponics, which she realized we would soon need.

Vermans do not require an interminable nine months for gestation; mother and baby work together to make things much more efficient. And so five months later, Mother gave birth. It took about an hour for us to be born, one by one.

"Great Ulysses Grant!" Father screamed, tearing at his hair. "It's a goddamn litter!"

"It's all your doing," Mother retorted, more than a little miffed. "The male determines the number. That's how it is on Verna. The more sperm, the more chance for more eggs to be fertilized. And Geezerak knows you're a regular sperm factory."

"Great Woodrow Wilson, how could I know that," Father said shakily as Vesta



We will all marry. We will all have as many births as our individual situations will allow. And pass the word onto our daughters.

Isis has shown that if we have multiple births, and succeeding generations continue at that rate, exponentially there will soon be a female population explosion.

And we are perfectly concealed. Men will continue to notice us only for their sexual and nesting needs — which is what we want them to do. And by the time they observe that there has been an astonishing number of births of baby girls, it will be much too late.

I am Minerva the historian, and this is the first chapter of our saga . . .

and I were born, the last two, bringing the grand total to nine, all of us girls.

"One Y chromosome," Mother grumbled at him. "You couldn't spare even one Y chromosome."

"Never again!" hollered Father. "No ovavoid pills, no more you know what!"

"Suit yourself. You could take them yourself, you know. I'll be sore for a day or two, anyway. And lower your voice," Mother said as we all began to wail, "you're disturbing the girls."

In a voice shaking with horror Father said, "Clothes! Great Herbert Hoover, clothes for nine girls!"

"I'll manage," Mother said.

"How will you ever take care of them?"

"I'll manage," Mother said.

"Even choosing names for nine girls!"

Mother said distractedly, fastening liquiblots to each of us, "The girls and I settled all that before they were born."

"What!" Father shrieked.

Frightened by him, I began to cry. "There there, Minerva," Mother cooed, picking me up. "Dear," she said to Father, "it's a . . . strong communication. It's gone, now that they're born. I can't really explain. Anyway, males never understand how it is between mothers and babies."

"What have I wrought," Father

whispered, tiptoeing away.

Little did he know.

Isis was the first of us to indicate special gifts. When she was eight, Mother discovered that she had full comprehension of a teleclass in spacial calculus. I had already chosen my specialty — history — and was able to explain to my family that mathematical genius usually manifests itself quite early. It was then that Mother warned us all to be careful, that our family could not afford the bright light of publicity. Isis, soon bored with calculus, entertained herself by plotting stock market curves.

Thanks to Mother's agronomy and hydroponics expertise, the farm had become virtually self-sufficient, and Father and Mother managed to conceal our existence for quite a while. After that, although the nine of us drew attention, we had grown at very different rates and were physically dissimilar. To our chagrin, we had inherited more of Father's build than Mother's; but fortunately, we had also acquired fingerprints.

Father spent more and more time away, volunteering for missions of six months and longer duration, coming home for a few weeks of loving attention from Mother, then blasting off again. It was hard to blame him. During his time home nine squealing little girls climbing all over him, but he was frustrated in his

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attempts to enjoy us; he was unable to win so much as a game of gin rummy or any other game of skill by the time we were six. Hera knew more about the space ships he flew than he did by the time she was eleven. He was less and less able to participate even in dinner table discussions of any kind.

As we turned sixteen, Father had gone for more than a year. A beribboned representative from the Service visited, gazed at us in astonishment, then broke the news that Father had been last seen pursuing a fellow crewman in a shuttle craft and had vanished near a black hole.

"He was a hero," said the representative.

Hera, by now an expert in astrophysics, said through her tears, "If he'd just known how to set coordinates for —"

Mother sobbed loudly and stamped on Hera's foot.

The representative went on to explain Mother's survivor benefits. "Rough going, supporting such a big family," he said sympathetically. "Even with generous benefits."

Mother dried her tears. "I'll manage."

The stock prognostications of Isis were now invaluable. Mother's investments financed travel and advanced educations for us all.

Once we completed our home-based education and ventured out into the world we thought it would be more difficult to hide our gifts, especially when we all performed spectacularly well scholastically, and later, professionally. But we had one overwhelming advantage: We were women. Scant significance was attached to any of our accomplishments.

It was Diana, now a geneticist, and Demeter, a meditech, who made the first great contribution to our future. They discovered through experimentation that most Verman genes are dominant and consequently mutation-resistant.

"It's why you had girls," Diana explained to Mother. "You couldn't have had a male no matter what."

Venus, our biologist, joined in further research. Additional experiment showed that our life expectancy was thirty years



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longer than Earth male's; that unlike Mother who was pure Verman, we were more likely to bear only two or three babies at most at one time, all girls; and that they would inherit the intellectual capacity of their mothers.

Selene the poet and Olympia the philosopher made the final valuable contributions, documenting and forecasting the continuing irrationality of Earth beliefs, customs, and mores, and clearly demonstrating the need for concern — and change.

We have just completed a week-long meeting of extraordinary scope, and have made our plans.

We will all marry. We will all have as many births as our individual situations allow. And pass the word onto our daughters.

Isis has shown that if we have multiple births, and succeeding generations continue at that rate, exponentially there will soon be a female population explosion.

And we are perfectly concealed. Men will continue to notice us only for their sexual and nesting needs — which is what we want them to do. And by the time they observe that there has been an astonishing number of births of baby girls, it will be much too late.

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Baskin, meanwhile, has been transferred to the Washington area and has been admitted to the Bethesda Hospital.

"They are bent on punishment out of some sort of misguided judgment and not really trying to ensure his departure from the service," Friedman said.

Friedman said he was particularly disturbed by what appeared to be a violation of confidentiality on the part of Baskin's physician in Jacksonville.

However, Admiral (ret.) Melvin Museles, executive director of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, said the physician-patient confidentiality code does not apply in the military when a physician learns that a military regulation has been violated.

In the case of alleged homosexuality, Museles said, a physician is required to report such allegations to a commanding officer, since homosexual conduct is forbidden under military rules.

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He also said, "I have yet to reach a decision concerning the extension of [a] ban [to] uniformed personnel...[or] to the security agencies," such as the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency or FBI.

Mondale stopped short of saying he would remove restrictions on granting security clearances for Gays. "Traditionally, the security field has sought to minimize the vulnerability of its members to blackmail," he stated. "On occasion, it's attempts to do so come into conflict with the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men who apply for positions in this field. He promised to establish a commission to investigate the merits of the current policy and to work toward minimizing any civil rights conflicts with it.

Mondale indicated he would work through "appropriate legislation" to eliminate "invidious" im-

migration law provision that are used to exclude Gays from entering the U.S., but he would not go so far as promising to direct the Justice Dept. not to contest court challenges to such provisions.

NGTF Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo said in a news release that Mondale's statements appear to be a "backtracking from earlier commitments to deal with military exclusion at the executive level." She also faulted his reference to blackmail and his comments about security clearances. "This response indicates a serious insensitivity to Gay men and Lesbians who have loyally served and continue to serve their country. The blackmail charge is a red herring that most thinking people have long since dismissed," Apuzzo said.

NGTF was also dismayed that, in light of the AIDS crisis, Mondale said he had no specific proposals

in mind to ensure that the nation's health care system is more responsive in the future to health emergencies. Mondale did say, however, that the AIDS situation "was a national health tragedy, and nothing like it should ever be permitted to occur again."

Among the other groups involved in preparing the question-

aire for the candidates are the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, the National Coalition of Black Gays, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and the Gay Rights National Lobby. The coalition is still awaiting replies from President Reagan, Sen. John Glenn, Jesse Jackson, and Reuben Askew.

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Gay Advocacy Project: movement, ACLU & MGC; 521-9875 or 726-4299.

Gay Catholics: Call 725-1698 for recommended Sunday Mass.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-hetero-sexist; 1462 Poplar Ave. Memphis 38104, 274-3550.

Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public, Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of month in Meeting Room B of Library at Peabody & McLean; Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Memphis Gay Speakers Bureau : Movement, general education Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103-0038.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 2224 Central Ave., 274-8355.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; P.O. Box 41822, Memphis, 38104.

Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing.

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminists ; Box 40982, Memphis, 38104 452-6983.

The Queen's Men (TQM): social, private membership; no address listing

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Helplines

Gay Switchboard : information, crisis, referrals, counseling 726-GAYY.

Media

"Gay Alternative": radio, weekly, Sundays 3 p.m. WEVL-FM 90.3, Box 41773, Memphis 38104.

GAZE: newspaper, monthly; Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038. (901) 454-1411.

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Conductors: Levi-leather Club; Box 40261, Nashville 37204.

Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STDs: 1727 Church St., Nashville 37203 (615) 329-1478.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 131 15th Ave., N., Nashville, (615) 320-0288.

Nashville Committee: social/movement, Box 23321, Nashville, TN 37202

Tennessee Coalition for Human Rights(TGCHR): movement, Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202.

Womankind Health Service: confidential clinic, feminist. 1727 Church Street, Nashville 37203 (615) 329-1478.

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MCC-Little Rock: Box 1964, Little Rock 72203 (501) 666-2404

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 662, Little Rock 72203

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Media

Arkansas Gay Writes: AGR, Inc., newsletter; Box 3115, Little Rock 72203

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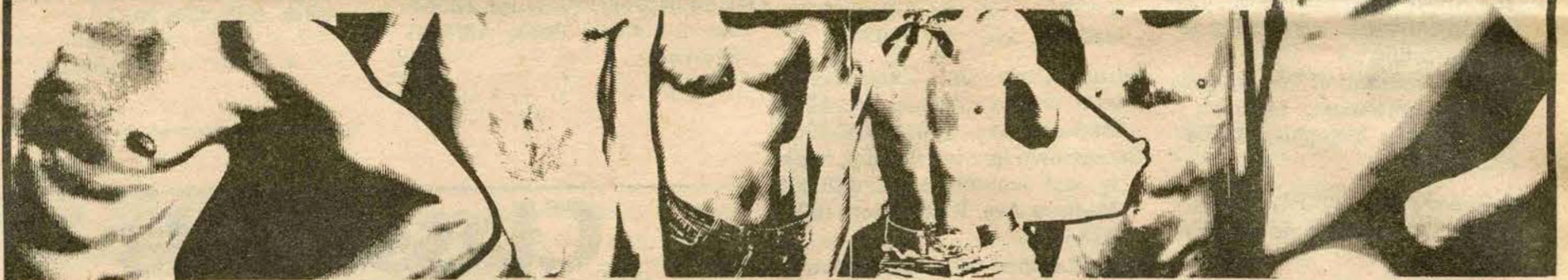
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