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## Making the Condom Companies Rich

Fear of sexually transmitted diseases and declining options for birth control have sent condom sales through the roof, according to *USA Today*.

A company spokesman for Carter-Wallace, maker of Trojans, said the 1986 increase in sales is projected to be about 10%, while next years increase may be 20% above that. 1986 sales may reach \$338 million.

The reason for the four-fold increase since 1980 is two-fold: Condoms are recommended as a protection against AIDS and fewer women are using the pill and intrauterine devices for birth control. Women apparently have become big customers composing 40% of all purchasers.

## Playgirl Loses Frontal Nudes

Los Angeles -- The editors of *Playgirl* magazine have concluded that sex doesn't sell and will discontinue their frontal male nudes with the February issue. *Playgirl* was recently purchased by Carl Ruderman who currently owns *High Society* and *Cheri*. *The Weekly News* (Miami) reports Ruderman as saying that the change is an attempt to make the mag "more sensual" and "less blatant." We wonder how many of those "first initial" subscriptions are going to be going by the wayside.

## A Third Story is Number Two

A *Third Story*, by Memphian Carole Taylor has come in at number 2 in a survey of Denver, CO Gay bookstores. In the category of women's books, *A Third Story* was beat out by *Travels with Diana Hunter* by Regine Sands. Taylor's book was published by Lace Press in June.

## Pope John Paul Says "Gays Are Disordered, Cause of AIDS" in Letter to Churches

In perhaps the most strongly worded document from the Roman Catholic Church on the subject of homosexuality, the Vatican has condemned all forms of homosexuality as "disordered," and blames AIDS on Gays and "careless" Gay people. The letter urges churches to withdraw any support from pro-Gay organizations and opposes civil liberties for Gay men and women.

The letter, written in English, was aimed at the North American Church and Gay Catholic activist groups. It was issued by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doc-

trine of Faith (known in earlier times as the Inquisition) and was reportedly approved by Pope John Paul II personally.

According to an article by Ray O'Loughlin in San Francisco's *Bay Area Reporter*, the letter condemned not only homosexual acts, but also Gay sexual orientation as "intrinsic moral evil." It labeled homosexuality as an "objective disorder" which is "essentially self-indulgent."

The letter urged that church officials refuse to support pro-Gay organizations, including the use of churches for services or

meetings. "No authentic pastoral program will include organizations in which homosexual persons associate with each other without clearly stating that homosexual activity is immoral," the letter stated.

The Vatican blamed anti-Gay violence on the demand for protection of civil liberties. The letter says, "when civil legislation is introduced to protect behavior to which no one has any conceivable right," it's not surprising that "other disordered notions" lead to "irrational and violent reactions." The letter

referred to pro-Gay statements as "deceitful propaganda."

Dignity-USA, with 4,500 members, protested the Vatican statements as "un-Christian, unconscionable, and an abomination." The organization has asked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to repudiate the document on the grounds that it is contradictory to "medical and psychological findings as well as its refutation of scriptural and theological teaching of love and the goodness of God's creations."

## NGRA Denounces New Immigration Law

San Francisco -- National Gay Rights Advocates has denounced the newly-passed federal immigration law as "draconian." The bill gives amnesty to aliens living in the United States since 1982 and provides new penalties for employers who hire aliens without proper visas. However, the section of the previous immigration law barring Gays from entering the country remains fully in effect.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said, "This old McCarthy-era law is an affront to the dignity of every American citizen. The government has no business inquiring into the sex lives of tourists and immigrants. Congress should have repealed this repressive legislation long ago; its failure to do it now is unpardonable."

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said "Gay people who came over in the Cuban boat lift of 1980 as well as all other Gay immigrants are deliberately excluded from the amnesty pro-

visions of the Act. It's a gross miscarriage of justice to allow the Immigration and Naturalization Service the authority to deport these people simply because they are Gay."

Under current law all Gay men and women can be excluded from the United States on the basis of being afflicted with a "psychopathic personality." This exclusion applies to all people who visit the U.S., do business here, or who intend to immigrate.

Beginning with the *Carl Hill* case in 1982, NGRA has had several successes in blocking the enforcement of the law in the Western states. Nevertheless, the INS continues to assert its duty to bar Gay people from the country.

The new legislation is commonly referred to as the "Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986" and the "Simpson-Rodino Immigration Bill." It was signed into law by President Reagan on November 6, 1986.

## AIDS Ed. Coordinator Hired for Tennessee

Nashville -- The Communicable Disease Control Section has announced that Matt Nelson, M.S.W., has been hired as the AIDS Education Coordinator for Tennessee. Nelson will be working in the CDC office in Nashville as the coordinator of a wide variety of AIDS-related educational and training workshops throughout the state. During the next few months he will concentrate on providing workshops to train health educators and other health professionals in the techniques of performing AIDS educational programs in their respective communities. Nelson also will help community AIDS organizations develop risk reduction programs directed at high-risk individuals, assist in "networking" with local community service organizations to

meet the needs of persons with AIDS, ARC, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, and conduct some educational presentations for the general public.

Prior to coming to Nashville, Nelson was the Social Work Coordinator for Georgia's first out-patient AIDS clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. He has counseled many individuals with AIDS and was instrumental in the establishment of a strong network of religious and social service organizations to address the needs of individuals with AIDS in the Atlanta area. Nelson also has participated in numerous professional training seminars and conferences on the medical, psychological, and social aspects of AIDS and HIV infection.

### Inside:

Notes from West Hollywood  
Vive La Revolution  
Skin Inhabitants We Share With Pets

# Gazing

## Perpetuating Gay Stereotypes

by John Stilwell

Do you remember when the Dire Straits' record, "Money for Nothing," started getting played? One verse contained the word faggot several times. Naturally, we called the radio stations and objected and, lo and behold, the radio stations started playing an edited version with a musical bridge where the offensive verse used to be. It seems as though they were expecting trouble, (hence the edited version all ready to go) but thought they'd see if they could get by with it any way. Well, they didn't.

As Gay people we tend to watch any movie, play, or TV program that purports to "look at" a Gay issue; "explore" a Gay subject; or "present" a Gay theme, with a suspicious eye. We don't seem to be afraid or

unwilling to complain when someone else perpetuates a stereotype. Yet we, the Gay community, are the ones most at fault for doing just that.

We've become a part of a vicious circle and a self-fulfilling prophecy. Some of it is conscious and some of it, I'm sure, is subconscious.

For example, straight people look at us and try to figure out which is the man and which is the woman in the relationship. Rationally, we explain that there is no male/female or dominant/submissive role playing in our relationships. Subconsciously, though, those are the only relationship patterns we know, so we mimic them. We start interchanging pronouns and masculine and feminine terms, and perpetuate that stereotype through our actions.

And speaking of using certain words, how are we ever going to stop the use of certain words like faggot, queer, and dyke if we keep those words in circulation by using them. Yeah, I know, I've heard the argument that we can use them without the meanness and hatred that our detractors use. But think about it. When is the last time you used any of those terms to say something nice to or about someone?

I've also heard the argument that they are a rich part of our history, and we keep reminding ourselves of our repression and the discrimination against us by keeping those words in use. BS! If they are truly of historical value, let's write them down in books along with a discussion of how much we hate them and how much they hurt. People can refer to those books if they want to know about our history. Let's get those words out of circulation.

And speaking of how we talk - How many times have you said he/she is late because he/she is on "Gaylight Savings Time?" Have you ever heard "he/she can't be depended on. What do you expect from a dizzy queen?"

Here are two prime examples of how we "do ourselves in". We

hear, we even say, that being Gay is an excuse for being late and being undependable. In fact, being late is a result of poor planning or a disregard for other people. Only occasionally is it the result of circumstances beyond our control. Being undependable or unreliable is the result of immaturity and an inability to accept responsibility, as well as a disregard for others. So we get trapped in a circle. We are told that Gays are late and unreliable, we start joking about being late and unreliable because we're Gay, and we continue being late and unreliable thinking being Gay is an excuse for that. And the stereotype is reinforced.

Perhaps the cruelest joke we've ever played on ourselves is perpetuating the stereotype of Gay promiscuousness. Before we get out into the Gay world, we hear about how promiscuous Gay people are. When we hit the "Gay World" (the bars for many of us), that idea is reinforced by people who are just looking for a trick for tonight, lovers (either separately or together) looking for someone different for a change, or those folks who won't even talk to you unless you're prepared to make a lifetime commitment. What ever happened to meeting people and making friends? Is the beginning and end of all things

really in the groin?

Sure, we've cleaned up our act to some degree. Most forms of STD didn't scare us because you could go to the Health Department and get a shot or some pills and get back into action. Now there's an STD that's a lot more scary and causing some people to stop and think about our behavior. But there are still a bunch of folks who'll go out with a dozen condoms and screw their heads off with little or no regard for tomorrow or the realities of life. And what happens when you are no longer young.

I know it's difficult, but we've got to get away from the subconscious belief that all the negative things people say about us might be true. Before we are anything else, we are individuals with a free will, capacity to reason, and the ability to make choices. We can break the circle. Instead of acting and talking like people expect Gays to act and talk, we can act and talk like mature, responsible, thinking people who also happen to be Gay. Just talking down the stereotypes isn't enough. We need to get our mouths and our actions together and headed towards a more positive image for all of us.

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### Non-Smokers' Bar

Not so very long ago I was in a local bar chatting with a woman who sat across the table from me, several chairs down.

"So," I screamed over the jukebox. "Come here often?"

She leaned across to yell in my ear, putting one elbow in a spilled beer and the other in an ashtray as she did so.

"Yes, do you?"

"Not really," I said. The jukebox went off then so we were able to speak normally. I waved my hand to clear a path through the smoke so I could get a good look at her face.

"I come here a lot," she said, then coughed for several minutes. I pounded her on the back until she stopped.

"Thanks," she said, gasping. "It's the smoke. Gets to me, you know?"

It seems like someone would open a smokeless bar," I said. "I practically never go out

just because of all this smoke. Every time I do my clothes and hair stink the next morning and my throat is raw for 2 days."

"Someone did open a non-smokers' bar here in Memphis once," said my friend.

"Oh? What happened?"

"Well," she said, "it was pretty successful. It was called the 'Mata Hari' and was really fancy. The decore was like the Berlin nightclubs back in the thirties and forties. The owner, Lula Ella Mae, put up pictures of Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich and Lauren Bacall all over the walls. Lots of other actresses too. The bar was huge, made of oak, and fully stocked. Since they served liquor, they had to serve food because of the liquor laws, you know? It was really good. And the waitresses?" She rolled her eyes. "Oh, honey."

I took a swig of my wine cooler to soothe my sore throat.

"What sorts of stuff did it have?" I asked. "I mean, what

could you do there?"

"Well," she said, "at the far end of the room was a huge dance floor with a glass DJ booth. There was a walled-in little garden area that opened off the dance floor so if you just had to have a cigarette you could go outside. Or you could just chat there or whatever. Lula had tables and chairs set up." She paused to cough for several minutes. I obligingly pounded her back again and got ashes on my elbow.

"Then," she continued, "There was an area across from the bar with pool tables and video games. This was when video games were really the thing. At the far end of the room from the dance floor were tables, where you could sit and eat or just drink. It was far enough from the dance floor so you could talk, no problem."

"That must have been great," I said.

"Oh, it was. We had some good times there. Sometimes someone

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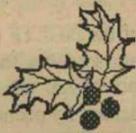
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# National News

## Candidates Supporting Gays Win Big in 86 Elections

The nation's Gay community celebrated last month's election as an endorsement of their civil rights protection, as all 69 co-sponsors of the U.S. House and Senate bills guaranteeing those rights who were on the ballot won re-election. It was the third consecutive election year in which all such co-sponsors were victorious.

"Active support for Gay and Lesbian civil rights is clearly not a negative as far as the majority of voters are concerned," said Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "In fact, outside of the Gay and Lesbian community, it wasn't even an issue this year."

The Campaign Fund, which contributed more than \$250,000 to Republicans and Democrats running for both houses of Congress this year, is the national political action committee for the Gay community. Beyond making financial contributions to 102 races this year, the Fund was also active in holding fundraising events, loaning staff, and generally increasing the level of campaign involvement by members of the community.

In the Senate, where six current members have co-sponsored the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill the election should result in several additional co-sponsors.

Their election, coupled with the defeat of several Senators opposed to Gay and Lesbian civil rights, also heartened the community with its implications for future confirmations.

In the House, all 67 co-sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill who were running for re-election were victorious. Their support of the legislation created little or no controversy in virtually any of those races.

Additionally, several new members of the House and Senate can be expected to co-sponsor the bill next term, and the lack of controversy surrounding co-sponsorship should increase the number of incumbent co-sponsors as well.

In California, the 71-29% defeat of the LaRouche Initiative was also seen as a victory for the Gay community, as the Initiative would have imposed severe civil rights restrictions upon persons with AIDS and persons carrying the virus.

"The Gay and Lesbian community led the fight against

the LaRouche Initiative," said Basile, "along with an impressive coalition of medical and political leaders. The absence of virtually any credible support for the Initiative demonstrates how effectively the community educated the public in California about the facts surrounding AIDS and the dangers of that kind of reactionary response."

With \$261,676 in total contributions, the Human Rights Campaign Fund is in the top 1-2% of all national independent PAC's. Its tremendous growth over the past six years is evidence of both the community's increasing level of political involvement and the growing level of acceptance that involvement enjoys in the national political arena.

"We've gone from being targets to being players," said Basile. "And we've done it by supporting high-caliber people, both Republican and Democrat, and by advocating responsible public policy consistent with the best interests of all society. That's why we're being listened to, and that's why we've been so successful."

Besides the defeat of the LaRouche Initiative, other key victories for the community included the following:

-- Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), a long-time supporter of the Gay community and recipient of the maximum allowable contribution by the Campaign Fund (\$10000), won re-election;

-- Brock Adams (D-WA), who actively courted the support of the Gay community in Washington state, defeated incumbent Senator Slade Gorton;

-- In Colorado, David Skaggs and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, both Democrats, won election to the House in open seats, with strong support from the Campaign Fund and Gays in their districts;

-- In Connecticut, Rep. Stewart McKinney, a Republican and strong supporter of Gay civil rights, defeated a tough challenger who had voted against a Gay civil rights bill in the Connecticut legislature;

-- In Massachusetts, Rep. Gerry Studds, a Democrat and the only openly-Gay member of Congress, again won easy re-election;

-- In Ohio, Tom Sawyer, Mayor of Akron, and in Mississippi, Mike Espy, were both elected to open seats with Campaign Fund contributions and staff support. Espy is the first Black elected to the House from Mississippi since reconstruction and received \$7000 in Campaign funds.

The community suffered a

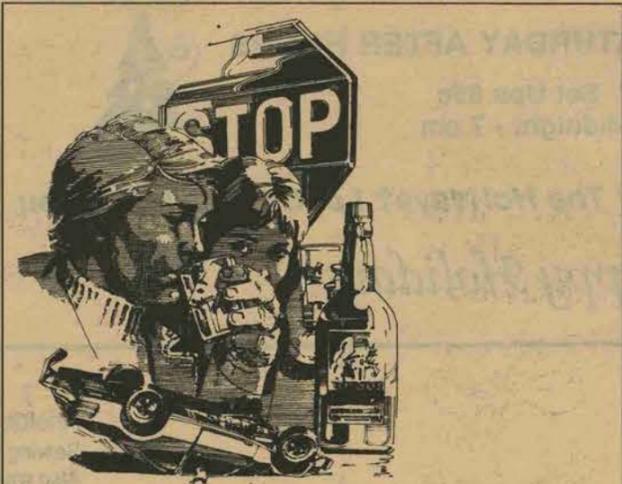
few disappointments, however, with the defeat of long-time human rights supporter Bella Abzug in her attempt to return to the House of Representatives. Other disappointments included

the defeat of Rep. Bob Edgar, a co-sponsor of the civil rights bill, in his bid to win election to the Senate, and Faye Williams, who lost her bid for an open House seat in Louisiana.

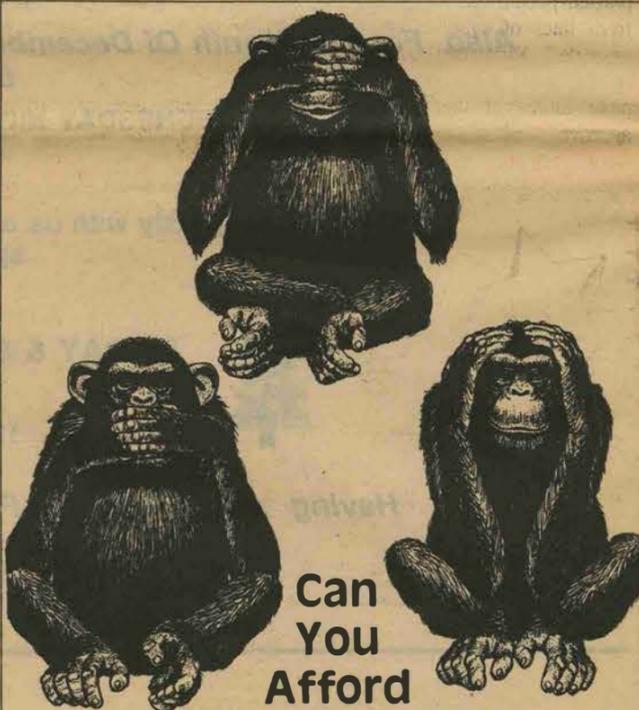
### Task Force Protests Bryant Award

New York -- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has formally protested the decision of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation to award Anita Bryant a special Medal of Honor. The foundation announced on Oct. 15 that 80 Americans of various national origins had been chosen to receive the honor. Ms. Bryant was the only "native American" listed. The awards were presented on October 27.

The text of the NGLTF telegram to the foundation reads: "The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force strongly protests the award of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor to Anita Bryant -- who has distinguished herself by promoting prejudice and intolerance against Gay men and Lesbians. Ms. Bryant's infamous crusade against homosexuality in 1977 was a dangerous attempt to deprive millions of Americans of the right to live free from bigotry and discrimination. To honor one who has so blatantly opposed freedom for a large section of the American and world-wide community mocks the ideals represented by the Statue of Liberty. NGLTF calls upon the Foundation to reconsider its decision. The medal of Honor should praise those whose life-work has expanded the American dream of liberty and justice for all."



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# National News

## Military Witchhunt

West Point -- The U.S. Military Academy has given less-than-honorable discharges to eight military police officers charged with homosexuality. The women contend that they were threatened with dishonorable discharges or imprisonment during the investigations. Six of the eight have acknowledged they are Gay; two denied it. One of the women, a 31-year-old mother of two, attempted suicide after her discharge. When questioned whether the women's homosexuality would interfere

with their work, Col. John P. Yeagley, a public affairs officer for the Academy said, "That's not the question. The question is you may not practice homosexuality and be in the Army." According to Bart Steichman, a lawyer for a Vietnam Veterans group, said, "The courts have ruled that you can't give a less-than-honorable discharge unless the homosexuality interfered with the performance of their duty." He said the Army is ignoring that.

## Sodomy Cases Mounting Up

Since last summer's Supreme Court decision in the Hardwick case, the nation's courts have been piling up with sodomy cases, including heterosexual sodomy.

The Supreme Court ruled that "the right to privacy...includes the right to select consensual adult sex partners," for heterosexuals only. In a heterosexual sodomy case in Oklahoma, a man who was charged with several counts of rape and sodomy of a woman, had the sodomy counts ruled unconstitutional by the court, further reinforcing the court's selective freedom allowances towards Gay and Lesbians.

In Nevada, two Gay men and two Gay women who have been challenging the state's sodomy laws were recently denied the right to challenge those laws. Since the quartet had not been charged with anything, the judge disallowed the hearing of the case.

In Georgia, there has been an upsurge of sodomy cases. An Albany police officer and a Spaulding County deputy sheriff were recently released on bond after being indicted on sodomy charges involving a 14 year-old-

boy. In Alabama, a 77 year-old-man from Montgomery was charged with eight counts of sodomy.

insurance discrimination. In particular, NGRA is urging all state commissioners to forbid discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and ban use of the HIV antibody test by insurers. Dan Kane, a second year student at Hastings Law School, is assisting NGRA on this project.

## Keeping the Pressure on State Insurance Regulators

Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, continues to work with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the nation's body of government insurance regulators. Ben, along with NGLTF Executive Director Jeff Levi, has been serving on the NAIC's AIDS Advisory Committee. NGRA was instrumental in developing a detailed proposal, later approved unanimously by the committee to forbid anti-Gay insurance discrimination by the insurance industry. NGRA will be present when the proposal is voted on by the NAIC during its winter meeting in Orlando, FL.

In preparation for this meeting, NGRA is conducting a state-by-state survey of the nation's insurance regulators. Accompanying this survey is a detailed NGRA position paper on

## Reagan Staffer: Grass Causes Gayness

According to a recent interview in *Newsweek*, Carlton Turner, drug advisor to the White House, says that marijuana use may lead to (gasp!) homosexuality.

Turner, who teaches at Ole Miss, offered no scientific proof of his claim but said that in visiting drug treatment centers for patients under 18, he finds that roughly 40% of them have engaged in homosexual activity.

"It seems to be something that follows along from their marijuana use," he says. "My concern is how is the biological system affected by heavy marijuana use? The public needs to be thinking about how drugs alter people's lifestyles."

## Coretta King Affirms Gay Rights

New York City -- Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has reaffirmed her support for rights for Gay people. Mrs. King was a speaker at the annual Human Rights Campaign Fund banquet in New York.

Mrs. King urged Gays to "stand together united," and praised people for being "on the front lines of every civil rights struggle." King told the 1,000 people gathered at the \$200-a-plate fundraiser that she didn't approve of the Supreme Court's recent decision in the

*Hardwick* case. That ruling denied that Gay sexual activities are protected under a federal privacy law. "If sexual relations between consenting adults are not part of the right to privacy guaranteed by the Constitution, then American democracy is in trouble," she said.

Comedienne Anne Meara presented the Arthur Bell Award for outstanding contribution to Gay culture to playwright Harvey Fierstein, songwriter Jerry Herman, and director Arthur Laurents for their work on *La Cage Aux Folles*.



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### NGRA Acts Against Insurers in 11 States

#### Nationwide Challenge to Stop Questioning About HIV Antibody Test Results

San Francisco -- In an unprecedented move, National Gay Rights Advocates has simultaneously filed complaints with Insurance Departments in eleven states against two insurance companies. The two companies, Kentucky Central Life Insurance Co. and Protective Life Insurance Co., require applicants to say whether they have tested positive for HIV/HTLV-III antibodies. The eleven jurisdictions in which complaints are being filed -

Arizona, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin -- all forbid insurance companies to ask applicants about prior HIV antibody results. Many of these states banned questions about prior testing as a result of pressure by NGRA.

"This is not just an attack against two insurance companies - it's an assault on the ability of the entire insurance industry to ask applicants whether they have

taken the HIV antibody test," explained Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project. "Once insurance companies realize how many states forbid the question, we expect that many will be forced to abandon it everywhere," he added.

"This is not just a civil rights issue, it is a public health issue," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "If insurance companies are allowed to ask applicants whether they have taken the HIV antibody test, people who wish to take the test voluntarily will inevitably be deterred from doing so. The test must not be misused as a tool for discrimination by insurers, employers, or others."

Four jurisdictions - California, Maine, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin -- presently have specific laws which forbid insurance companies to ask applicants about prior HIV antibody testing. Insurance Departments in seven other states -

Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, and South Dakota -- have indicated to NGRA that they too prohibit such questioning. NGRA is presently corresponding with insurance departments in all fifty states and hopes to convince others to follow suit.

### Atlanta Reaffirms Gay Rights

Atlanta - The city council of Atlanta has reaffirmed its belief that Gays have the right to be free of discrimination. Passed without much fanfare in March, two ordinances amended the city charter and the city code to prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the city.

No one was surprised when the outcry of "special favors" for "those kind of people" went out.

However, the city council has stuck to its guns and reaffirmed its position on the

issue. The 19-member council, voted 13-3 (two abstentions) to support Gay rights.

Of course, this doesn't mean that Georgia is becoming liberal. There are unconfirmed reports that two men were arrested and convicted in Hall County for having sex in a public rest area, and a woman was arrested for performing. Under normal circumstances, these charges would be reduced to misdemeanors or disturbing the peace violations. Both cases are being pursued by the state as felonies.



### High Court to Rule on Gay "Olympics"

The U.S. Supreme Court on October 20th agreed to decide whether the United States Olympic Committee can prohibit San Francisco Arts and Athletics, Inc. from using the word "Olympic" in connection with an event originally known as the Gay Olympic Games.

Represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and private counsel, the organizers of Gay Games (as it was renamed), had asked the Supreme Court to reverse a lower court decision which ordered the Gay group not to use the word "Olympic."

The Gay Games were "designed to combat homophobia and to work for the health and tolerance of Gay and Lesbian persons," according to the organizers.

In her response to the Supreme Court's grant of review, attorney Mary C. Dunlap observed: "The Amateur Sports Act, on the face of it, does not give away the word 'Olympic' to the U.S. Olympic Committee. If the law could be read that way, then the law violates the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. The U.S. Olympic Committee has gone further in invading the First Amendment by

its position that only popular olympics that it likes or approves can use the cherished word. I am pleased that the Court has recognized the importance of not permitting the censorship and discrimination that the U.S.O.C. has used this law to accomplish." She pointed out that the record in the case establishes widespread use of the word "olympic" by groups including the police, Armenians, and the NAACP, and that there are olympics for canines, rats, and crab-catchers.

Susan McGrievy, a lawyer with the ACLU of Southern California, declared: "This case, without a doubt, involves the single most egregious abuse of civil liberties law that I've seen."

"I'm extremely pleased that the Supreme Court granted our petition for review in this case," said Nan Hunter, Director of the ACLU Foundation's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project in New York. "We hope to use this case to further establish the principle that speech which is affirming and positive about homosexuality is entitled to the fullest protection under the First Amendment."

The legal battle between the Gay group and the official U.S. Olympic Committee began in

August, 1982, when the Committee got an injunction prohibiting use of the word "Olympic" in connection with an event in which amateur athletes, most of them homosexual, were scheduled to compete.

In May, 1986, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the Olympic Committee's claim to copyright control of the word, ruling that it was "essentially property" and that Congress had given the Committee control over it.

In a forceful dissent from the appeals court decision in favor of the U.S. Olympics Committee, Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, joined by two other judges, said that the majority had failed to acknowledge "the difficult first amendment issues presented." He continued: "Troublesome as would be a total withdrawal of the term from public discourse, an exclusion that is invoked pursuant to a subjective assessment of the wholesomeness of the proposed speaker or propriety of the proposed message is more troublesome still."

In August 1986, Gay Games II drew some 3,000 amateur athletes from 18 countries to compete in San Francisco.

### KY Sodomy Law Ruled Unconstitutional

A county judge in Lexington, Kentucky, has ruled that Kentucky's criminal sodomy statute is unconstitutional. Fayette District Judge Lewis Paisley held that the statute, which makes it illegal for individuals of the same sex to engage in either oral or anal sex, violated Kentuckians' right to privacy under the state's constitution.

Ernesto Scorsone, ACLU cooperating attorney and lead counsel for defendant Jeffrey Wasson, stated that the successful constitutional challenge to the sodomy statute was a victory for all Kentucky citizens. "Judge Paisley's ruling recognized Kentucky's rich tradition of protecting individuals' right to privacy. Kentucky's court system has steadfastly defended an individual's rights and protections within the home," Scorsone said.

"This is the first state court ruling striking down a sodomy law since the Supreme Court's regressive decision in the Georgia case," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the national ACLU

Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We appreciate the courage that was required for a Kentucky state judge to apply the law of privacy in such a principled way."

The charges against Wasson were the result of an undercover investigation in downtown Lexington, conducted by police detectives who were wired for sound. The undercover detectives positioned themselves in a parking lot and engaged in conversation with people in the area. After extended conversations, some officers were invited home by unsuspecting Gay men. In Jeffrey Wasson's case, as in the other cases, there was never an attempt or suggestion to commit a sex act in public. All individuals involved were adults and there were no offers or requests for money. All invitations were to take the undercover officers home.

In declaring the Kentucky statute invalid, Judge Paisley considered the June, 1986 decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Bowers v. Hardwick*. Judge Paisley noted

that in *Bowers*, the Supreme Court scrutinized a Georgia sodomy law in the light of the U.S. Constitutional protections of a right to privacy. As the Kentucky judge correctly pointed out, "Judicial construction of the Federal Constitution in no way limits the rights and protections of the State Constitution." The judge went on to state that, "The authority cited by the Defendant indicates that the right to privacy under the Kentucky Constitution is broader than that provided by the Federal Constitution."

As a result of this ruling, the charge against Jeffrey Wasson was dismissed, along with the charges against four other individuals charged under the same law.

It is unlikely that the matter will end at the District Court level. The prosecutors have indicated their desire to appeal the new ruling. A District Court's ruling does not bind the entire judicial system in Kentucky. An appeal ruling by the higher court would, however, be binding statewide.

# Spectrum

## Who Are Newman's Own?

New York -- It's not often that we suggest you go out and buy a particular product, but then it's not often that those products help the Gay community.

Paul Newman, the long-time liberal actor who formed a food company with author A.E. Hotchner, is donating all of its profits to charities. Newman recently gave \$1.7 million dollars to the arts and to charities, including the American Foundation for AIDS Research. According to a company spokesperson, that donation makes \$8.7 million the amount contributed. In addition to "Newman's Own Salad Dressings," the company makes "Old-style Picture Show Popcorn," and "Industrial Strength Spaghetti Sauce."

## Newsletter For Couples Started

Seattle, WA -- *Partners*, a new eight-page monthly newsletter for Gay and Lesbian couples, will focus on such issues as buying a house together, spousal rights of hospital visitation, and sex outside of a primary relationship. To subscribe write: *Partners*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. Subscriptions are \$36 a year.

## "Fortune 1000" Employers AIDS Survey

NGRA is in the process of surveying the nation's leading employers in order to encourage them to develop policies on AIDS and related issues. Personnel Directors of these companies have been asked to indicate whether their company had adopted a policy prohibiting AIDS-related employment discrimination. They also asked if they require testing of workers for HIV antibodies, and whether they provide medical and insurance benefits for employees with AIDS or ARC.

NGRA's letter encourages corporations to adopt policies of non-discrimination, reasonable accommodations, and education of their employees about AIDS. The survey is being coordinated by NGRA law clerk Carol Moor.

**Give Gaze for Christmas!**

## Lawyers Guild Adopts Gay Rights Resolution

San Francisco -- The National Legal Aid and Defender Association has adopted three important resolutions supporting Gay civil rights. The NLADA is now on record as advocating legislation barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, strong legal protections against AIDS related discrimination, and repeal of state sodomy laws. The resolutions were submitted by National Gay Rights Advocates, the California-based public interest law firm.

"It is particularly significant that these resolutions were approved in Georgia, a state that imposes a 20 year prison sentence on all relationships not involved in procreation," said Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director. "It is of critical importance to have legal associations supporting policies which embrace fundamental liberties."

The NLADA is comprised of over 1100 organizations representing more than 15,000 lawyers.

## Coming Out To Your Parents

*Coming Out to Your Parents* is a 16-page booklet published for Gay women and men who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their Gay child's sexual orientation.

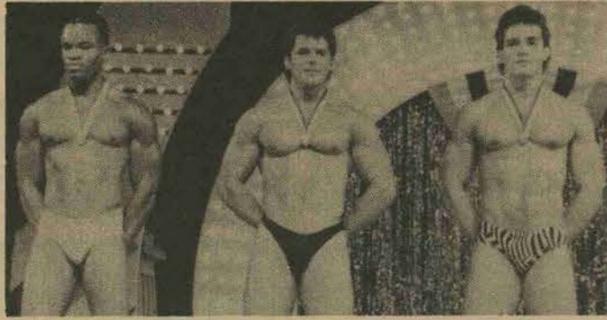
The stages (shock, denial, guilt, anger, personal decision-making, and true acceptance) are described, along with specific

ways young adults can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a Gay son, relates his personal experience and that of hundreds of other parents who have come to Parents FLAG meetings.

The booklet (in its third printing of over 100,000 copies) begins by raising 12 questions that need to be considered before one comes out to parents.

For a free single copy send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to Parents Flag, PO Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish.)

## "Supermen '87" Contest Filmed



Active Home Video captured the excitement of the "Supermen '87" contest at the Hollywood Palladium September 6, 1986, where a host of men competed for more than \$15,000 while being judged on personality, handsomeness, and physique.

Pictured (left to right) are winners Anthony Randall, best physique; Larry Mann, 2nd runner up; and Rick Acosta, winner.

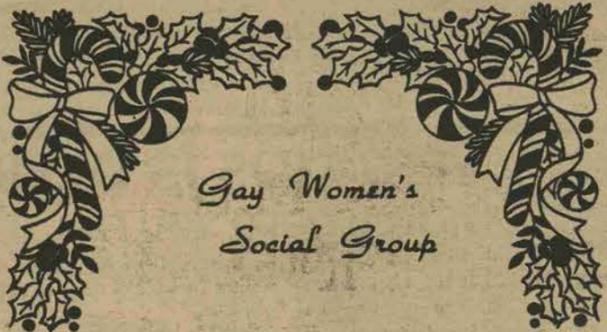
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# Health/AIDS

Fleas, Ticks, Bacteria, Mites, and Fungus

## Skin Inhabitants Shared by Man, Dog, and Cat

by Harvey Thompson, MD

Man has long had a close association with dogs and cats. This attachment is reflected in the estimated \$5 billion spent on dog and cat food each year by Americans: \$169 per dog and \$136 per cat.

Twenty-three percent of the adult population is single. Dogs and cats sometimes become the "significant other." Pets are even used in the therapy of some mental and emotional disorders of the young and elderly. In the Gay community, the household pet is often referred to as "our child."

But this companionship can lead to the sharing of infections. These can range in severity from flea bites at the least to rabies at the worst.

Zoonosis is a term used to describe the transmissible infections and infestations among man and animal. The entire topic is too large to cover, and here we will confine ourselves to those skin conditions that might be problems.

### Fleas

Generally fleas prefer a furry coat. But when an animal is not around, they will go for human skin and blood.

Part of their sucking involves salivary injections to keep the blood from clotting. This foreign juice is very antigenic,

and that is what leads to the itching and scratching.

Fleas spend most of their time off the animal in the rug, the furniture, or sleeping area. Unfortunately, their life span can be as long as two years!

The treatment, of course, must be aimed at the pet and his environment. You could choose from powders, sprays, mists, dips, and foggers.

### Ticks

They come in two forms: hard and soft. Only the hard ticks cause disease in humans. These illnesses include Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), tick-borne encephalitis, and "Lyme disease."

Ticks hang out in vegetation and jump onto their hosts that walk through. There they engorge themselves on host blood and in the process can transmit the serious microbial infections mentioned above.

The head of the tick should be removed. Your friends will tell you any of a number of favorite techniques. Recently, an expert tested these folk remedies using the match heads, alcohol, Vaseline, etc.; none of them worked. Many times the tick part has to be excised.

### Bacteria

Most physicians do not realize that pets can be a source of recurring staphylococcal and streptococcal infection. A person with a skin condition

like eczema could acquire these bacteria from pets and develop impetigo. Or, if a household member has repeated strep-throats, the family pet could be the carrier.

### Fungus

The most well-known of these is ringworm. It is not a worm and does not have to be a ring. The resemblance is there many times because the lesion's border is the advancing edge of nourishment for the fungus. That rim is where the inflammation and the pustules will be.

Fungal skin infections are more common among farm animals than pets. Direct contact with man implants the fungus on his face, neck, scalp, or arms.

The infecting animal may have had no signs of the infection but still be the source. This is especially true of cats; they still have to be treated to avoid reinfection of the owner.

### Mites And Lice

Both man and animal suffer from lice (three pairs of legs). But they are strictly host specific and stay with their chosen species. In man, they are even anatomic specific; hence head, body, and pubic lice (crabs).

Mites (four pairs of legs) can be a shared infection. If household scabies persists after lindane treatment, pets should be checked. There is one

variety of scabies in dogs that can burrow into the human skin. It presents with the same manifestations as scabies: intense itching. It is unknown if the mite is then capable of reproduction, however.

The human treatment for scabies usually is lindane (Kwell). Pets are more sensitive to the possible neurotoxicity of lindane, so a spray like R & C should be used instead.

### Dr. Thompson Ill

The article above will be the final column by Dr. Thompson. His office in Sacramento, CA has informed us that Dr. Thompson is ill with some neurological problems. We would like Dr. Thompson to know how much we, as a community, have appreciated his efforts in educating us over the past several years. If you would like to express your appreciation personally, you may write him at 912 A 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

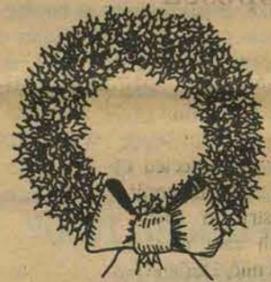
### AIDS Doubling Among Hets

New York -- The rate of increase of AIDS cases among heterosexuals in the U.S. is nearly twice that of their homosexual counterparts, according to new evidence from a study reported in *The Weekly News* (Miami).

Although the number of heterosexually transmitted AIDS cases is still small, the number has doubled within the last six months, mirroring the escalation of AIDS cases in Gays. Barring unforeseen vaccines or cures, it is estimated that the number of heterosexually transmitted cases of AIDS in five years will exceed

the total number of AIDS cases today.

The study was conducted by the RTD Corp. of Lexington, Ga, and is one of nearly a dozen studies that suggest that AIDS is easily transmitted heterosexually.



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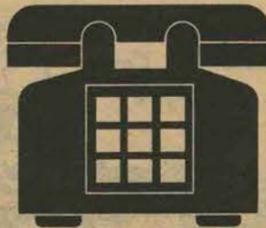
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## FDA: "Poppers Not A Drug"

Washington, D.C. -- The FDA has refused to back up a claim by a group of U.S. Representatives that poppers should be classified as drugs. The group attempted to pass a drug abuse bill which would make poppers a controlled substance.

Claiming that poppers could lead to more widespread drug abuse and might possibly lead to AIDS, several legislators attempted to pass the bill through Congress. The Food and Drug Administration, however, stated that the substance, labeled as a room deoderizer, is not a drug based on its labeled use. The legislators have since given up the movement. We wonder if they might try to outlaw glue next.

## HIV Screening By Insurance Companies Opposed

Washington State Insurance Commissioner Marquardt has issued new rulings which would allow for blood screening for persons suspected of HIV virus infection and permit the insurance industry to shield itself from health care costs in the AIDS epidemic. Dorian Group President Jim Holm condemns the proposal. "Marquardt is setting a precedent in approving the use of this 'marker test'. This HIV test is not a diagnostic tool. It does not tell you if you have AIDS. It says you might someday in the future develop some symptoms or come down with AIDS. If we let this one go by, we will set a precedent that will cause many healthy adults to be uninsurable."

The medical profession is developing a wide range of non-diagnostic marker tests. These tests purport to have varying degrees of predictive capability.

"This discriminatory action could cost taxpayers millions of dollars in public assistance, Medicaid, and Medicare as those uninsurables are left to the public dole. The balance of public and the private sector financing of the AIDS health crisis has been shifted to the state and federal government with the adoption of these rules," continued Holm.

"The Commissioner authorizes another invasion of our privacy through this blood testing. The Washington State

Department of Social and Health Services has called the test non-actuarial and not predictive of disease," Holm continued. "So why authorize its use? We see injudicious haste to accommodate the insurance industry, and we see probable homophobia behind these actions."

## Plan Has Secret Policy to Reject San Franciscans

San Francisco -- National Gay Rights Advocates filed a \$500,000 consumer fraud complaint with the California Department of Corporations against HealthAmerica, a local health maintenance organization. HealthAmerica is charged with secretly redlining the city of San Francisco in an attempt to avoid AIDS-related medical expenses. According to former HealthAmerica employee Joanna Baugh, company supervisors told her to take all San Francisco applications and hide them in a desk drawer. These applicants were then sent rejection letters indicating that they had been turned down for medical reasons.

"HealthAmerica's crude policy of redlining is not only illegal and unethical -- it is medically absurd," declared Benjamin Schatz, Director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of National Gay Rights Advocates. "AIDS is neither a 'Gay disease' nor a 'San Francisco disease' -- it is a national problem which affects men, women, and children of all races and sexual orientations."

"It is time for the health care industry to realize that it can't avoid the costs of AIDS by resorting to scapegoating and stereotyping," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary.

In its complaint against HealthAmerica, NGRA seeks the maximum penalty allowed by law - \$2,500 for each violation. Since the number of people defrauded by the company is at least two hundred, NGRA is calling for a fine of more than \$500,000. In addition, NGRA urges the Department of Corporations to require HealthAmerica to admit all San Francisco applicants who were unfairly rejected and to pay them for any increased costs which they incurred. If HealthAmerica fails to comply with these measures, NGRA will demand that the company's license be revoked.

## AIDS 1 Day Walkout

Needham, MA -- Twenty-nine telephone linemen who staged a one day walkout after finding out a co-worker had AIDS are back to work.

Paul Cronan returned to work

recently after winning a settlement from the phone company for breach of privacy when it leaked to the workforce the reason for his leave of absence. The New England Telephone Co. linemen returned to work after being assured they will not contract AIDS through working with

Cronan.

Cronan received many anonymous death threats and had therefore included in the settlement a firm promise that the company would educate his co-workers about AIDS and how it is transmitted to make sure that he is not harassed on the job.



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# Reviews

## Vive La Revolution!

(*No Turning Back* by Gerre Goodman, George Lakey, Judy Lashof, and Erika Thorne. New Society Publishers.)

Review by E. C.

And I thought I'd heard the last gasps of the revolution. In 1978, I think it was. It wasn't that we quit struggling after the late 70's. It's just that we fought with a grim determination, marching in our marches and bringing our court cases with dressed-for-success resolution. No one poked flowers in gun barrels anymore. No one sat in coffee houses with guitars, singing songs about peace and love anymore. *No Turning Back: Lesbian and Gay Liberation for the 80's*, put out by New Society Publishers, brings back the fire and adurance that was evident in the early to mid-seventies as the Gay rights and women's movements exploded into being -- the inevitable next step in the civil rights agenda.

*No Turning Back* dares to be grand, ambitious, visionary - things incompatible with what I call the "cost-effectiveness attitude" of 80's conservatism.

The authors state, "We admit to a certain uppityness. We propose, as one might expect of Gays, an outrageous revolution. We think our optimism is more than pretension; the social changes we are proposing are for a movement in which the political is personal, the personal, political."

The authors' premise for the need of such a book is that the current far right movement, which they state is very well-organized, wishes to erase the rights Gay men and Lesbians have thus far gained and force us back into the closet. They believe that invisibility is an essential part of the oppression of Gayness. They state that even as invisibility has never satisfied those who truly desired to persecute Gay people in the past, it will not satisfy them in the future.

In chapter one, the authors discuss some of the many ways Gay men and Lesbians continue to be persecuted and coin the term, "heterosexism," which means the "suppression and denial of homosexuality with the assumption that everyone is or should be hetero and, second, a

belief in the inherent superiority of the dominant-male/passive-female role pattern."

One example given by the authors of an on-going form of oppression is that of queer-bashing, specifically, the incident at Philadelphia City Hall in 1975. Lesbians protesting in favor of Gay rights legislation were beaten, kicked, and thrown down 2 flights of stairs by a civil disobedience squad called in to evict them.

Chapter two is an analysis of the nature of oppression. A multitude of premises are laid out and discussed. For example, the authors state that "capitalism needs a part of the labor force that can be hired and fired at will." They show how this need supports heterosexism with this observation. "Women are ideal for filling this economic niche. Since a woman's work in the home is unpaid and she is supposedly attached to and supported by a man, she can be hired cheaply and laid off easily." and, of course, by emphasizing the need for every male to support a female, men, Gay men in particular, are oppressed by being forced into a role which may or may not suit them.

Chapter three is entitled "Breaking Free: A Vision of Sexual Liberation." It envisions the sort of society necessary to liberate Gay people. Though

many readers tend to think only of women in terms of sexual liberation, this is not the authors' intent at all. They discuss the ways in which both men and women need to be sexually liberated. To the extent that women are sexually oppressed, so are men. (This has been feminism's guiding premise all along.) The authors opine that some changes we can expect to see in a sexually liberated society are:

1. Sexuality will be independent of the biological function of reproduction.
2. Sex will be regarded as clean and wholesome.
3. Androgyny will replace the polarized concepts of masculine and feminine.

Chapter four sets out five stages of Gay liberation. One past successful strategy in the liberation struggle is that of mass noncooperation. The authors give the example of the Gay boycott against Florida orange juice in reaction to Anita Bryant's anti-Gay campaign. Ms. Bryant, who made her living advertising Florida citrus products, lost her job with the Citrus Commission, most likely due to the boycott and the Gay uproar against her.

The idea that most excited me in this chapter was the plan for a protest which may very likely be necessary for many Gay people in the future. It is a

possible strategy to combat discriminatory legislation such as the California Briggs Initiative.

In California, the Briggs Initiative was proposed, which would have made it possible for teachers signing a statement defending the rights of Lesbians and Gay men to legally be fired. The authors' facsimile solution goes as follows:

One school district quietly collects large numbers of signatures to such a statement. In the middle of the school term, it publicly releases the documents and challenges the school district to fire the signers. School Districts are not likely to do so - to fire a large number of teachers and hire replacements in the middle of a school year would greatly disrupt the "educational process" and the bureaucratic process. Large numbers of firings might outrage parents and other citizens who might be mobilized to give mass support to the teachers.

This strategy could be effective for city, state, or federal government employees in some situations. One of the problems in the past has been finding a way to protest without jeopardizing jobs. This, and other methods discussed by the authors, seem reasonable and workable.

Chapter five is entitled "Lesbian Culture and Strategy,"

*continued on page 13*



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# Quick Clips

by Allen Cook

All Right. Enough is enough! A word to the wise: Whoever is going around town trashing all the rest rooms in Gay bars had better stop it. It getting ridiculous. At least four bars that I know of had their restrooms vandalized in a single night. I won't point fingers but, it IS interesting whose bars were NOT trashed.

★★★★

But, all in all, the Memphis bars are doing a lot of redecorating. The Aristocrat Club is doing well with a class act. Danny Ray's new dance floor is now open at Another Bar. J-Wag's is undergoing yet another major renovation. They've already added a new sound system, dance floor with light show, and are redoing the "quiet area" by putting in tables.

★★★★

We don't know too much about the new bar opening in the old Eighth Day space, except that it will be men's bar. That leaves The Rich and Famous and The Pendulum as the two primarily women's bars. Speaking of The Pen, it is now

open through the week and is attracting a pretty good business. I always knew that women wanted to dance more than just on Friday and Saturday.

★★★★

Word is that former P.W. Bumps co-owner, Bill Goodman, is opening another bar "out east." I understand that it will be in the Park-Highland area near Memphis State. Bumps will bow to the Kroger bulldozers soon.

★★★★

They were winners all, but the official winner of the Miss Gay Southern Belle contest held Nov. 21 was Miss Kelly Greene. First Alternate was Miss Serena Turner and Second Alternate was Miss Raquel Collins. Congrats to all.

★★★★

The holidays are traditional times to pig out and there will be plenty of chances this year. The Memphis Gay Coalition is sponsoring its annual Gay Community Christmas Potluck on Monday, Dec. 15 at 7:30. This year the event will be held at The French Connection and

will feature "entertainment" and Christmas caroling. Admission will be a covered side dish and some canned goods for the needy. Over at The Aristocrat Club, there will be a free Christmas Dinner to AC card holders on Christmas Day.

★★★★

The Gay Women's Social Group is up and going strong with movie nights, wine and cheese parties, and a Christmas Potluck. Planned for the Spring are some camping trips.

★★★★

Billie Jo Casino has joined the cast of George's. Even though she's now a regular, she's planning a special show Dec. 11. We're glad to see Billy Jo back on stage regularly.

★★★★

Now that safe sex has taken a foothold, we find that porno is getting into the act. Several new "safe sex videos" are on the market and some are available for rent. If you don't think safe can be hot, I suggest you buy or rent one. My two favorites are Inevitable Love, produced by Intelligence in Video, and All

Hands On Dick produced by the Exodus Trust.

★★★★

By the way, if you know of anyone who needs a gift basket of food and/or paper goods, let Aphrodite know. Every year they prepare baskets for the needy in the Gay community. If you hurry you can still make it. See their ad on page 10. Speaking of Aphrodite, their show on Nov. 16 at The Pendulum was one of the best ever. I wasn't able to attend personally, so I'm sending them a check for \$25. This group of women work really hard for our community, and we should all support them.

★★★★

Look for a real night to remember in January, Frank Cooper is allowing the Aid To End AIDS Committee to use George's one night. Organizers say that dance music from the mid-70's til early 80's will be featured (What ever happened to Donna Summer??). In addition to the music, there will be an auction, so bring your wad or checkbook. Proceeds go to ATEAC.

★★★★

Finally, be aware that New Year's Eve can be a dangerous time. It's the time of year when all the amateur drunks get out on the road. I'm really looking forward to seeing those folks I never see except on New Years. Have fun and play safe!

## NOW Setting Gay Parenting Support Group

The Memphis Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) says there is interest in forming and Lesbian and Gay parenting support group. If you are interested in meeting with other Gay parents to discuss the problems and joys of parenting, call NOW at 452-6983. According to the NOW Newsletter, "There are may Lesbian and Gay parents in the Memphis area and we could all benefit by sharing experiences."

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# Features

## Notes From West Hollywood

by Bob Reynolds

11 November 1986

The Santa Ana winds are blowing in Los Angeles this week. That means warm temperatures and clear skies. The

smog which normally blankets the city like a dirty orange bedspread is pushed out to sea, and fresh air and bright sun bring out surfers, sun-worshippers, and guppies of all descriptions.

It is 9 am on Veteran's Day -

- the real Veteran's Day -- not the convenient Monday, but the official Tuesday. In an hour I'll go to the gym to get ready for a strenuous brunch at an outdoor cafe. But now is the perfect time to wake up over a cup of coffee

and tell you about Sunday's festivities.

I had forgotten that West Hollywood was to host a Gay Veteran's Day Parade. Sunday morning I went to visit a friend near the beach. When I tried to get home the streets were blocked by traffic cones and bottom-heavy policewoman (oops, policepersons). After about 10 minutes of fighting traffic on little side streets, I got within 2 blocks of my apartment. I was required to show my driver's license to get any further, and slowly threaded my way past the gaily attired Great American Yankee Freedom Band (think acronyms). My neighborhood had apparently been selected for the honor of being the staging area for the parade. Goodie.

By the time I got into the apartment, I heard the band start up, and dashed out the door with my camera. I am only about 500 yards from Santa Monica Boulevard, the parade route, but by the time I got there, the police cars and firetruck that headed the parade were already passing by. The street was fairly empty, except for hopeful balloon and candy vendors with pushcarts and a few disinterested-looking Sheriff's deputies. A Renault convertible followed the firetruck. From the back seat two unrecognizable dignitaries waved at the scattered bystanders. A color guard marched behind them. The Marine was cute. There were three camouflaged 'Rat Patrol' jeeps with camouflaged soldiers lounged on top. Next a contingent of WWI & WWII

veterans and one lone man with a MIA/POW banner.

Suddenly there was the flash of trumpets, the roar of tympani, and the smell of hair spray, and the baton twirlers and band marched by. I think they were playing "American Patrol."

That was the end of the parade. The vendors pushed their carts to the middle of the street to confer, then chased the poor impotent parade down towards San Vicente Boulevard, where the band would be playing a concert. I turned and started back up the hill to the apartment. Late arrivals, a girl and three boys dressed in loose black slacks, leather, and hardware drifted down toward the parade route. I didn't tell them they had missed it.

Someone told me that the Christopher Street West parade, our annual Gay Pride Week extravaganza, was once a poor little affair like this one. It's hard to believe, because it is now one of the largest parades in Southern California, second only to the Rose Parade. Somehow I don't expect the Gay Veteran's Day Parade to catch on in the same way. Gay Pride is a good excuse for a party. A separate Gay Veteran's Day Parade is too great a reminder of the estrangement of Gays from straight society in general, and the military in particular.

Maybe someday Gay and straight veterans will march together down Santa Monica Boulevard. What a Veteran's Day Parade that would make. I'd like to see it. We could have one hell of a party.



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### Any Way To Make A Buck

TV Guide has issued a weekly "jeer" to Wall Street Week panelist Martin Zweig. On PBS's October 3 telecast, he asked a guest expert who predicted a devastating epidemic of AIDS to recommend some stocks that might go up as a result. You might say he wanted to be bullish on AIDS.

### KTP's New Meeting Place

Knoxville's 10% has announced that their meeting place has been moved to the Laurel Theatre, located in the Fort Sanders neighborhood, at the corner of Laurel Avenue and 16th Street. Meeting time is still 8 pm. Since the heat has not been turned on in the facility, everyone is cautioned to dress warmly.

### What Goes Around Comes Around

Vancouver, B.C. -- In what started out as a typical fag bashing story, one of the bashers ended up dead. On August 17, three local homophobes decided to go out and bash some queers. They ventured off to a nearby Gay park, taking a length of two-by-four along with them with which to bash some fags. There they waited patiently in the bushes for some unsuspecting man to pass by. When one did, the assailant lashed out with deadly force. The would-be victim quickly ducked out of the way; and the two-by-four struck the assailant's accomplice, killing him.

## Ernestine the Fundamentalist

On Friday, November 6, the Reverend Jerry Sloan wanted to call the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C. But, he didn't have the telephone number. So, he did what anyone would do. He dialed Washington, D.C. information 1-202-555-1212.

The following conversation occurred:

SLOAN: I'd like the number of the National Gay Task Force, Please.

OPERATOR: That's gross.

SLOAN: What's gross?

OPERATOR: It's gross that you want the number of the National Gay Task Force. Don't you know what the Bible says about homosexuality?

SLOAN: What is your operator number?

The operator then proceeded to regale Sloan about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah and other choice quotes about homosexuals.

Sloan continued to repeat his request for the operator's number.

The operator refused to give him his/her number. Sloan then asked several times to speak to a supervisor as the operator continued his/her harangue.

He was finally switched to a supervisor to whom he explained what had happened and that he wanted to file a complaint about the conduct of the operator.

The supervisor apologized for the operator's conduct and took Sloan's complaint.

Sloan then said, "I still need the number of the National Gay Task Force."

A voice interjected saying, "You don't deserve it." And the phone went dead.

Sloan then called D.C. information again and asked for the number of the corporate office. He was told they didn't have that number but would

switch him through to the front office.

He was connected to the supervisor from whom he had been cut off. He asked to speak to another supervisor and was immediately connected to one.

Sloan again told what had happened to him, that he wanted to file a complaint and a follow-up on his complaint.

The supervisor apologized, assured Sloan there would be a follow-up on his complaint, and finally gave him the number of the NG/LTF.

Sloan then called the NG/LTF and told them what had happened.

Later in the afternoon, a representative of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. called Sloan to apologize for the "bad service" he had received. The representative also explained there was nothing the company could do to find out who the fundamentalist operator was as they did not have the proper equipment to trace the call. The representative said the real difficulty in tracing the call was that Washington, D.C. information calls were handled in Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia.

Sloan is filing a complaint with the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Commission alleging the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and its agents discriminate against its customers on the basis of sexual orientation which is illegal in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Sloan operates the Lambda Community Center in Sacramento. He recently collected an \$8982 judgement from the Rev. Jerry Falwell. He said, "I intend to pursue this case in every legal manner I can. Such a vicious attack by an agent of a telephone company cannot be tolerated."

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chapter six, "Gay Men: Culture and Strategy." Each chapter is a comprehensive look at the status of its subject group in today's society and contains suggestions for facilitating further growth.

Chapter seven, entitled "We Can Make the Changes," talks

about the problems we face; but, it is evident that the authors face the future with hope. The chapter offers suggestions for steps that non-Gays can take and steps for Lesbians and Gay men themselves to take.

*No Turning Back* is not the same ol', same old revolutionary rhetoric rehash warmed up and

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*Happy Holidays*

## Box 3038

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would try to smoke and an alarm would go off -- Lula Ella Mae had all these sensitive detectors - only instead of a regular alarm, it would play 'Redneck Mother.' The dance music would stop and red lights would flash and everything. Everyone would pound their fists or their beer bottles on the tables and sing along, 'So it's up against the wall, redneck mother.' The person with the cigarette would just about crawl under the table."

"That's pretty funny," I said. "But what ever happened? Is it closed?"

"Oh, yes, years ago," she said and shook her head back and forth, sighing. I could tell, because the smoke swirled in front of her face.

"You see," she said. "Lula Ella Mae had...well...problems. She got this funny idea to outlaw hard liquor. She said from now on she'd sell non-alcoholic mixed drinks with prune juice as a base instead of liquor."

"What did everyone say?" I asked.

"Well, the bar was still a popular place. It was the best bar in town, you know. People even bought the new drinks. Lula had to put in 4 new bathrooms. But, with no hard booze, she didn't have any reason to keep the food, so she cut that out. Then she started only serving non-alcoholic beer and she didn't allow brown-bagging. People finally got fed up, I guess. Anyway, Lula had to close down. Some contractor bought the place and turned it into apartments -- all those bathrooms you know -- and Lula joined the Peace Corps. I hear she's vaccinating goats in

Samoa."

"That's really interesting," I said. Just then a large woman walked up, parting the smoke before her.

"Meet my lover, Butchie," said my new friend.

"Hello," I said. Butchie gave me a very dirty look. Seeing as how she outweighed my compact car, even with its optional hood ornament, I decided to leave. The juke-box came on at that moment, rattling the glasses on the table. I waved goodbye and left, feeling my way out. Luckily, I could see the exit light over the door, glowing ahead like a lighthouse through fog.

Even though I had to fumigate my clothes and apartment the next day, I was glad I had gone out, for all night I dreamed of dancing with Meryl Streep in the non-smokers' bar. E.C. Memphis

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**East TN Alternative Lifestyles (ETAL)** support, educational, and social organization for Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual people in the Tri-Cities, TN and surrounding areas. Meetings are weekly and open to all interested. For information, call (615) 753-6237 or write ETAL, Box 23063, Johnson City TN 37614.

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The Memphis Gay Coalition provides *Gaze* newspaper, the Gay Switchboard, GayRap, and the annual River Ride. Support MGC. December's business meeting will be on Dec. 1 in Meeting Room B of the main Library at Peabody & MClean. The GayRap Session on 12/15 has been cancelled in favor of the MGC Christmas Party Potluck at The French Connection. See ad elsewhere in this issue for details. **OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**THE DOUBLE ANONYMITY GROUP** for Gays with substance abuse problems meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM. For more information, please call Dale at 926-3562 or Sue at 926-7704.

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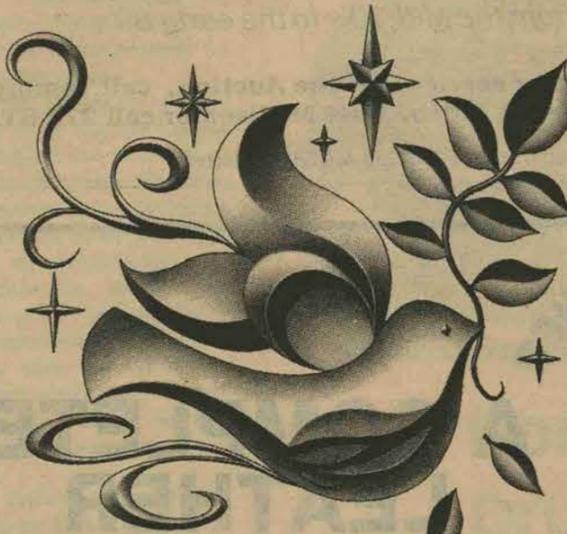
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American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): 85 Union, Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.

Black & White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-1461.

Frontrunners of Memphis: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.

GALA: Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness: Room 425, University Center, Memphis State University, Memphis 38152.

Gay Women's Social Group: 324-6949

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.

Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.

M-PAC: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104.

Parents Together: 274-6262.

Phoenix (Gay AA): 274-0152 or 278-0475. If no answer, dial 454-1414

Tsarus: Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

Wings: Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

### MEDIA

Ganymede: Computer Bulletin Board, 300 Baud, Free, Available 24 hrs, 278-0167, Password - Ganymede.

Gay Alternative: Radio Program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL, FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.

Gaze: Newspaper - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - (901) 454-1411.

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### HELPLINES

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The French Connection: 598 Marshall - 526-1038.

George's: 600 Marshall - 526-1038.

The Inferno: 616 Marshall - 526-1038.

J-Wags: 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

Jackie's: 1474 Madison - 272-1104.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

Getwell Adult Book Store: 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.

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Mid-Town Adult Theatre: 1360 Poplar - 725-4306.

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Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.

Veteran's Cab Co: 525-6681.

## NASHVILLE ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): Box 120160, Nashville 37212.

Conductors: Box 40261, Nashville 37212.

Metropolitan Community Church: 131 15th Ave N., Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.

Nashville CARES: Box 25107, Nashville 37202-5107 - (615) 321-0118.

Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: Box 24181, Nashville 37202.

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Cabaret: 1711 Hayes - (615) 320-7082.

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Crazy Cowboy: 2611 Franklin Rd - (615) 383-9493.

Juanita's: 1700 4th Ave. S. - (615) 256-9681.

The Jungle: 300 4th Ave. S. - (615) 256-9411.

Ralph's Rutledge Tavern: 515 2nd Ave. S. - (615) 256-9682.

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Contemporary Classics: 2104 Eastwood, (615) 292-1958.

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## CHATTANOOGA ORGANIZATIONS

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Go-Go: 1077 Duncan - (615) 698-1023.

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Parkview: 8614 Harrison Bay, Harrison, TN 37341 - TN 1-800-821-2914 - Outside TN 1-800-233-3737.

Riverside Adult: 1009 Riverside Dr. - (615) 622-9335.

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Double Anonymity Group: (615) 926-3562 or (615) 926-7704.

East Tennessee Alternative Lifestyles (ETAL): Box 23063, Johnson City, TN 37614 - (615) 753-6237.

Metropolitan Community Church of the Tri-Cities: Box 1612, Johnson City, TN 37601 - (615) 926-3562.

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American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): 528 North State St., Jackson, MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464.

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### MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: Newspaper - 236 1/2 W. Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 353-7611.

### HELPLINE

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Bill's Disco & Show Bar: 200 W. Amite - (601) 969-9765.

Cha Cha's Bar: 236 W. Capitol - (601) 352-9728.

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## LITTLE ROCK, AR ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Arkansas: Box 2832, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force: Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.

Arkansas Gay Rights: Box 3115, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock, AR 72205 - (501) 663-6455.

Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, AR - (501) 378-7851.

Great Men/BWMT: Box 3123, Little Rock, AR 72203 - (501) 374-3217.

Metropolitan Community Church: Box 1964, Little Rock, AR 72203 - (501) 666-2404.

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 662, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Parents & Friends of Gays: Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

### MEDIA

Arkansas Advisor: Newspaper - Universal Publisher, Box 4397, Little Rock, AR 72214 - (501) 225-1300.

Gay Daze: Newspaper - B-P Publishers, Box 3541, Little Rock, AR 72203-3541 - (501) 663-8682.

### HELPLINES

Crisis Center: 664-8834 (Toll Free 1-800-482-8886).

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard: (501) 3745503.

### RESTAURANTS & BARS

The Branding Iron Saloon: 1701 University - (501) 663-8682.

Calamity's: 5922 S. University - (501) 562-9041.

Discovery II: 1021 Jessie Rd. - (501) 664-4784.

The 5th Gear: 3519 Old Cantrell Rd. - (501) 666-1948.

Preston's: 5618 Asher Ave. - (501) 562-7531.

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