

Censorship Controversy Continues

## Norfolk Gay Paper Sues City Of Virginia Beach

NORFOLK, VA--A continuing dispute between the city of Virginia Beach and the Tidewater area Gay newspaper, *Our Own Community Press*, has resulted in a lawsuit filed by the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Community (UUGC), in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, against the city of Virginia Beach and its City Manager, George L. Hanbury. The dispute began several months ago with the banning of *Our Own* from Virginia Beach's public libraries.

The UUGC, plaintiff in the suit, alleges that the recent actions of the City Council, in effect banning distribution of *Our Own* in the Virginia Beach Public Libraries, violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. The UUGC, publisher of *Our Own*, seeks to have the monthly paper openly displayed and distributed in the libraries as it had been for 18 months prior to its removal last March.

Complaints registered in March by two city council members and area religious fundamentalists prompted the City Manager to order suspension of display and distribution in the libraries. The Library Board then recommended to City Council that it withdraw the distribution rights of the newspaper that had been granted in September of 1978.

The Board also recommended that one file copy be kept in each library. This recommendation was not enacted, however, until after a June 16 heated debate between spokespersons for *Our Own* and its opponents at a Council

meeting. The single copy is not on public display with other newspapers currently, nor is it indexed in the library catalogue. The paper is, instead, filed in boxes containing newsletters.

In May the ACLU wrote to the City Manager asking the Council to resolve the matter satisfactorily by July 1. If this were not done, the ACLU promised

to initiate legal action. In that letter Len Rubenstein, President of the ACLU of Virginia, wrote, "a city should have no interest in keeping the paper, *Our Own*, closed from a forum in which it so clearly belongs, though members of the community and of the city government may object to the subject matter and the theme of the paper..."

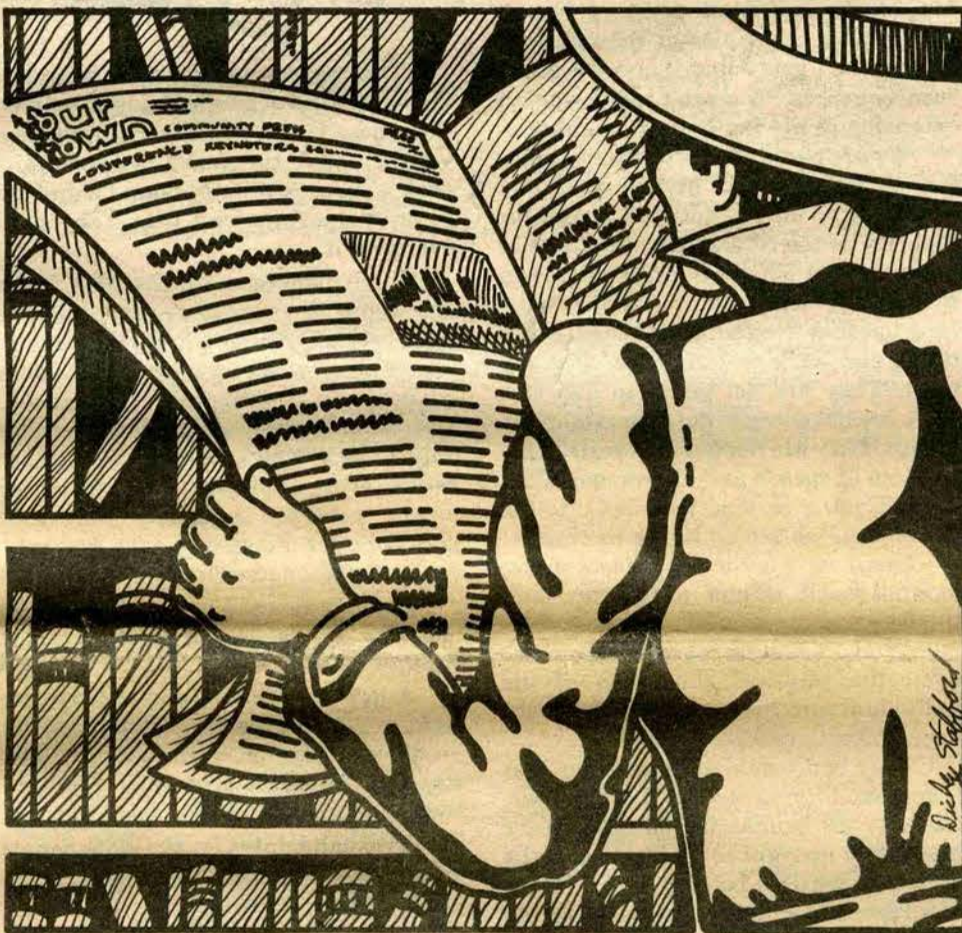
One fundamentalist leader who has been vocal in his opposition to the Gay newspaper is the Rev. Rodney Bell of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Virginia Beach. He and a group calling themselves "Citizens for the Family" have been circulating a petition calling for an advisory referendum on the question, "Shall a publication whose primary purpose is to depict or advocate, through picture or word, homosexual acts, be displayed, distributed, or received into the libraries of Virginia Beach?"

Sufficient voters' signatures to the petition have been received by the City Council to cause the issue to be brought to public referendum on the November 4 ballot.

Should the Rev. Bell's call for censorship be supported by the city's voters, the Mayor, Dr. Henry McCoy, has indicated that he believes the Council should adopt a city ordinance to impose such censorship, although he concedes that the courts would very likely declare the ordinance unconstitutional.

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Library, and the Chicago-based, Freedom to Read Foundation, have promised to file a suit against the Council in hopes of having the referendum question removed from the November ballot altogether.

The attorneys acting on behalf of the UUGC and the ACLU are William Macali of Waldo, Macali and Tilhou of Virginia Beach, and Bob Roach of Halifax, Virginia.



## S.F. Democrats Endorse Anderson-- D.C.'s Remain Uncommitted

San Francisco's Stonewall Democratic Club has officially endorsed Independent presidential candidate John Anderson, says the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The organization, composed of Gay Democrats, became the first S.F. group to officially endorse any candidate for the presidency. Other sources report that Gay support for Anderson has steadily increased during the past two months as a result of his open stand in support of the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

Anderson has gained widespread support nationwide in recent weeks among both Republicans and Democrats. National media sources reported that the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men held in Memphis on August 1 became the first Gay group to endorse the candidate although officials connected with that conference denied that the group endorsed any particular candidate. Conference officials admitted, however, that there was "obvious support" among many of the persons in attendance.

In Washington, meanwhile, that city's Gay paper, the *Blade* reports that the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club voted by a margin of nearly two to one to

abstain from endorsing a candidate for the presidency.

A special meeting of the club on September 11 brought "heated debate" over whether to endorse Carter or Anderson. The final vote was 48 for no endorsement at all, 26 for Carter and 7 for Anderson.

With the obvious indecision among political organizations nationwide, many groups are pointing out the importance of the "margin of vote." If Gay supportive candidates, they say, are defeated by a wide margin in November, such upsets could help to determine the decisions made on legislative levels by lawmakers who use voter margins to determine the "mood" of the people.

The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club has issued a letter to Gay/Lesbian organizations nationwide saying that the Carter administration has either "ignored or assigned a low priority to the rights of Lesbians and Gay men during the past three-and-one-half years" and "has now begun to court the various Gay organizations and communities, seeking our political endorsement, our volunteer workers, and our votes."

The letter asks that Gays lobby the White House through organization-sponsored or individual letters and

phone calls "indicating that Gay support for the Carter campaign will be difficult to muster in the absence of some positive, firm, and public commitment to Gay rights from the President himself."

Correspondence or calls may be addressed to Anne Wexler, Assistant to the President, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20500, phone (202) 395-3000 extension 284.

Anderson campaign workers within the Gay community have referred to the Stonewall Democratic Club's endorsement as a "major victory" in gaining a wide margin of Gay support in the November election. Although

disappointed that Washington's Gertrude Stein Democratic Club failed to endorse Anderson, campaign workers generally feel that their failure to endorse Carter is a positive statement of the President's failure to live up to his 4-year-old campaign promise to issue an executive order banning discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men in all forms of Federal employment.

Additional support for Anderson came recently in Nashville when that city's Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights officially endorsed the candidate.

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## Are We Sleeping, Brother John?

By Bill Johnson

"If the homosexuals would keep their sin at home and not try to burden us with it--in our schools and in our communities--we Christians would not have anything to protest."

"Where Gay people live and work, to my knowledge, is not the issue, but rather how they conduct themselves in public places, such as schools, etc."

These two quotes appeared in letters to the editor in local newspapers. Let us substitute "Fundamentalist Christians" in these quotes for "homosexuals" and "Gay people." Of course this becomes a little ridiculous--the very idea that we might advocate the denial of an individual's or group of individuals' right to freedom of expression!

But how many of us clearly see how very much our society has denied us that basic right, which is "guaranteed" by the Constitution, since our country began?

How many times have we said to another Gay person, "don't flaunt it in public?" That's fine. We do this out of fear, a very justified fear. I certainly don't advocate that anyone come out of the closet until or unless that person is prepared to face the consequences.

What I am really talking about, though, are the consequences. These "consequences" reflect our oppression, our lack of rights that the Constitution supposedly guarantees us. We certainly don't need the fundamentalist Christians coming along and informing us that the schools and communities of this country belong to them alone. Frankly I get a little tired of paying taxes to send their kids to school and to pave their sidewalks.

I get a little tired of being told that they don't like the way that we conduct ourselves in public places. I don't care for the way they conduct themselves in public either. I don't want these people teaching my children in public schools, proclaiming their perverted beliefs on street corners or setting role models for young Americans.

But I cannot and will not advocate the denial of their right to conduct themselves in the manner they see fit. There is a very well-known name for this kind of dangerous advocacy that seeks that all people act, believe and think the same. It is fascism.

The beliefs about homosexuality of the fundamentalist New Right is every bit as "perverted" to me as my Gayness is to them. They have no right, however, to attempt to legislate that perversion on me. They are attempting it, though, and because we are not yet awakening ourselves to the danger of it, they are gradually succeeding.

Let's face the facts. The New Right movement is born from bigotry. The New Right leaders in interview after interview emphasize that their involvement in government became necessary after the government said to them that they must accept Blacks into their private schools. Well, the wrath of God has hit the church ceiling over that little matter. The New Right movement is a white racist movement. Not a Baptist church in Memphis (of any size) sits solitary on its manicured lawn. There is always a private school standing there in the afterbirth of integration of the public schools.

This other matter, now, has created a whole new closet full of "isms." They deny their hatred of Gays in the same way they deny their racism--by turning the nation "back to God." Their religion

is alien to me. Am I to be forced to live by its doctrines?

I have every right to walk down public streets (public is everybody, honey) holding hands with my lover. I have every right to flaunt in public.

I remember several years ago an incident involving a friend who visited me regularly and carried one of those then-new smart shoulder bags for men. One day I asked him to leave his "purse" in his car so my neighbors wouldn't see him carrying it into my house.

"Bill," he said, "you're no better than they are." And he was right.

It took a long time for me to realize that I was asking my friend not to be himself on my front porch. I wasn't doing it for principles or reasons that were mine. I was doing it because of the "consequences." I wasn't me, I was an extension of my fag-hating neighbors.

We are part of society. We pay taxes for public schools. Memphis is my community; it is not the exclusive property of the New Right Christians or anybody else. They can preach to me on the streetcorners until they're blue in the face, but they are going to have to realize that I can walk on that street with my lover. They are not going to hide me. They are not going to put a muzzle on my mouth. They are not going to restrict my freedom of speech and expression. They are not going to send me back into the closet until we are all living in closets.

Our laws, whether they like it or not, against such things as murder and thievery are based--or are supposed to be based, according to our Constitution--upon the physical protection of the individual and her or his property, not upon the teachings of their bible.

They can teach their children that homosexuality is wrong (Lord knows, we were all taught it), but they have absolutely no right to blot me out of the society to which I belong.

Their newer tactics are based on the spreading of lies. (I thought they preached against this little sin--maybe they're only "little white lies"). Rev. Charles Britt, for example, said on his Marge Thrasher TV debut, that a person "becomes" homosexual either by being seduced, or by reading "sodomite" literature. You cannot tell me that even someone so ignorant as Britt could actually believe that this is even remotely true.

And what I've been waiting for finally happened to me recently. As I was walking to the bus stop on Central Avenue, a man in a Ma Bell van drove past yelling "fag" at me. Mary, Mary, quite contrary. I had practiced my reaction to such nonsense over and over again. I would simply chalk the incident up to ignorance and blissfully walk on. Wrong.

I boiled. I am still boiling. Little non-violent, pacifist me, if I'd had a gun, would have blown his (excuse me, I'm deleting the work I have in mind here because I don't want *GAZE* taken out of the library for "obscene" language--but you all know the word I have in mind, ha, ha) head off (both of them).

A recent editorial in *The Commercial Appeal* (bless that paper's dear little thumping pump) ended with a wonderfully appropriate paragraph. It said, "NO ONE HAS a monopoly on God or righteousness or morality or the political issues which question the survival of this country. At least not so long as we are free."

But we, Gay women and men of America, have never been free. Now they are trying to restrict us even further. Are we sleeping, Brother John?



This nation was founded to escape the same kind of single-thought religion that these people are advocating today, yet they have the audacity to proclaim their advocacy of repression behind the folds of the American flag. They have every right.

If we disagree with the New Right Christians, they say we are violating their rights. Being what we are and expressing what we are far from advocates a "be like me" philosophy. The New Rights seeks, however, not only a "be like me" philosophy, they are using every political and financial means possible to ensure that that philosophy is dictated by law. And they are gradually succeeding.

((I don't mean to be sexist by this; it just fits the song) are we sleeping, Brother John?

A new Federal law denies Gays the right to vote. Impossible? That "law" is on the back burner, waiting for the New Right to finish cooking their God and country on the front one.

Two candidates for the state Senate from our (excuse me, the New Right's) slice of the Tennessee pie are Moral Majority candidates. Do you know who they are? Will you walk into a voting booth next month and pull the lever of a candidate who philosophically would deny you the right to pull that lever?

Those two candidates are Joe Crawford (opposing Sen. Edgar Gillock in District 28) and Sam Gentry (opposing Sen. James White in District 30). We at *GAZE*, though realizing that the incumbents are not the most liberal individuals we've ever encountered, encouraged you to vote for incumbent Senators Gillock and White.

It is time we awakened. The New Right is very organized--frighteningly so--both politically and financially. It is time we realized, though we don't notice it as we live day to day sitting in our comfortable living rooms or socializing in our bars and parties, that our rug is being pulled out from under us.

In the state race for Representatives, a sad case indeed, we can encourage only the opposition of one candidate. He is Republican Andy Strickland. Do NOT vote for him, or you may not be voting at all in the next election. We will not mention the name of his opponent. She is far more open-minded than he, but it seems that she does not want us to endorse her because she fears that it might hurt her chances. Because she wishes to shield our visibility (keep us in the closet), we intend to honor her likewise. We hesitate to endorse this unnamed individual, but due to the nature of her opposition, we

nevertheless encourage that you vote against Strickland.

For President, we can do no better than to endorse John Anderson. Even

our staff disagrees on this endorsement out of fear of the possibility of Reagan being elected. But with the platform of Anderson, our conscience dictates. We feel strongly that the margin of the win or loss is far more important now than the outcome of the election. We do not believe that Anderson will win, but we do believe that the true majority of the voting public would rather elect him than Reagan or Carter. We won't elect Anderson, because we are betting on a winner rather than voting our choice.

Are we sleeping, Brother John? James Robinson, political evangelist and a vice-president of the so-called "Religious Roundtable," opened his "crusade" in Memphis early this month with 11,000 people in the Coliseum. He didn't fill it to capacity--my God, Memphis, are we slipping? Are we not living up to our reputation as the "buckle of the Bible Belt?" What will distinguish us now?

But those 11,000 people contributed \$22,000 to his fascist campaign. That is the kind of power we are dealing with. Much of that, of course, will fund Robinson's new swimming pool. Jerry Falwell, in an interview with *Newsweek* recently said that material wealth was "God's way" of rewarding those who "put him first."

Thank you, Jerry. *U.S. News and World Report* reports that the average Gay household has an income more than twice that of the average non-Gay household.

But their money and their bigotry is a marriage made in heaven. It is working. We are not.

As Gay people, as people who have suffered under the bigoted hands of our oppressors, we are generally by nature pacifists and diplomats. The ideals of peace and diplomacy are ideals that I cherish. We all should. Our gentleness, though, may be our downfall. If we do not awaken and fight for our own rights as human beings, our ideals are meaningless.

Gentle though we may wish to be, the next bigot who yells "fag" at me may not live to yell anything at anybody ever again. And that is what they have done to my gentle ideals.

I don't hate these bigots; I feel sorry for them. My sorrow is like that felt by German Jews in the 1930's.

How great is our fear that someone might see our shadow from a crack under that closet door! But how little we notice that creeping, giant lurking between those coat hangers, waiting to slay us in our sleep.

The warning bells are ringing. Brother John, Sister Mary, are we listening?





Oscar Fingall O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born in 1856 in Dublin, Ireland; he was the son of a distinguished surgeon and his mother was a writer by the penname of "Speranza." Oscar received an excellent education; he excelled in classical and modern literature.

By the age of 40, Oscar was married and the father of two sons; his novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, had been acclaimed and two of his plays were running successfully in London. He had indeed become a well-known public figure, notorious for his wit.

Although married, Oscar had for several years indulged secretly in homosexual liaisons, one being an affair with young Lord Alfred Douglas, better known as "Bosie," and the handsome son of Marquess of Queensbury, who is now noted mainly for his boxing rules but in his day noted as a brawling whoremonger. Wilde enjoyed the flattery and devotion of this handsome young man, but Douglas refused to personally satisfy the newly aroused sexual demands of Oscar. Instead, Douglas satisfied them indirectly by introducing Wilde into the underworld of male prostitution in London, and soon Wilde's connections in this underworld became widespread.

Queensberry tried for several years to break the relationship between his son and Wilde. In February, 1895, a few days after "The Importance of Being Earnest" had opened triumphantly, Queensberry left for Wilde at their club, The Albemarle Club, his card with the notation, "To Oscar Wilde, Posing as a Somdomite!" with the key word being misspelled. Douglas, obsessed with hatred for his father and the desire to destroy him, encouraged Wilde to sue Queensberry for criminal libel. Oscar did so even after being advised against it by such friends as Frank Harris and George Bernard Shaw.

Three trials followed. *Regina v. Queensbury*, the first trial, produced so much evidence of the justification for the libel that Wilde was persuaded on April 5, 2 days after the trial opened, to withdraw his suit. Wilde was advised to flee England but refused, and, as anticipated, Wilde was arrested that same night along with Taylor, his chief procurer, and denied bail.

The second trial, *Regina v. Wilder and Taylor*, opened on April 26. This trial produced a vast amount of evidence involving male prostitutes whom Wilde had had. At this trial Wilde gave a definition of "the love that dare not speak its name," citing Plato and other

writers on ennobling, chaste affection between men. The trial ended after 5 days; the jury was in disagreement on several counts and the case was dismissed.

Again Wilde refused the advice to flee England. The third trial, in which Wilde was tried separately from Taylor, began on May 21, 1895. Taylor was found guilty on all counts but one, and on May 25, Wilde was found guilty on all counts except one. Both men received the maximum sentence of 2 years at hard labor.

While in prison at Reading Gaol, Wilde wrote *De Profundis*, a sort of confessional essay in the form of a long letter to Lord Alfred Douglas. In this work he stated, "I don't defend my conduct, I explain it."

Three years after his release from prison, Wilde died, impoverished, in a hotel room in Paris. Not long before his death he said, "I never came across anyone in whom the moral sense was dominant who was not heartless, cruel, vindictive, log-stupid and entirely lacking in the smallest sense of humanity. Moral people, as they are termed, are simple beasts. I would sooner have 50 unnatural vices than one unnatural virtue."

There was only one social benefit in the whole catastrophe. Until now homosexuality, when spoken of at all, was "the unspeakable vice," a bizarre and mysterious bogey. Now it was daily fare in newspapers; the unmentionable was in everyone's conversation, and some people began to realize that, as editor W.T. Stead wrote, "If all persons guilty of Oscar Wilde's offences were to be clapped into gaol, there would be a very surprising exodus from Eton and Harrow, Rugby and Winchester, to Pentonsville and Halloway."

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### An Editorial

## The Un-Christian Christian Right

By Sherri Meyers

In 1979, I testified at the White House Conference on the Family here in Memphis regarding the plight of battered women. This was to be the first time for me to witness the Christian Right and in action. They were out in mass to tell the United States government, in the guise of being "pro-family," that they were against the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion, welfare, homosexuality, illegitimate children, communism, a national day care program for working women with children, and were in favor of God. Since my first horrifying experience with the organized Christian Right, I have watched their movement grow with increasing strength and speed.

What impressed me most about the Christian right, and what still impresses me most, is the movement's utter hypocrisy. The Christian Right and Moral Majority have taken a stand against abortion because it takes the life of a fetus. However, those who espouse the political ideology of the Christian Right support capital punishment. It is clear that the Christian Right picks and chooses whom it is right to kill. The political ideology of the movement is fiercely militaristic and aggressive. The problem with American foreign policy according to them is that we are not tough enough on Communism. It is not surprising, therefore, that they were silent during the anti-war movement against the government's brutal and illegal war in Vietnam.

The problem with American defense programs according to the Right is that we do not spend enough on more military hardware. Onward Christian soldiers! If killing is wrong, it is wrong.

The Christian Right and Moral Majority say they are against abortion because it deprives the fetus of a right—the right to life. But these same right-to-

lifers oppose the ERA which would ensure women equally of rights under the law. They oppose with equal veracity the rights of homosexuals and other minorities.

The Christian right movement is vocal in its contempt of welfare cheats, and they advocate a reduction in welfare and social service programs. The real persons they oppose are women with children and the elderly. The welfare cheats to which they refer are persons receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The vast majority of those families are headed by women. The Christian Right fosters this image of women who have children, illegitimate children at that, for the sole purpose of collecting a government paycheck. This is ludicrous. A mother with one child receives only \$97 in the state of Tennessee.

The Right has refused to attack the real welfare cheats in this country. Most

government subsidies do not go to mothers with children or to the elderly and needy. The vast majority of the taxpayers' subsidy programs go to the rich. They go to the large corporations either directly or in the form of loans, contracts, tax deductions and so forth. I find it appalling when a mother and child receive benefits from the government that it is called welfare, but when the rich receive benefits it is called a tax write-off, an incentive, an investment. This is the real threat to the American economic system, not women with children.

It is clear that the Christian Right movement is anti-people. It is most clearly anti-women, anti-minorities, anti-working people, and anti-Christ.

If Christ were alive today he would be ostracised. I can just see Christ sitting beside Jerry Falwell's swimming

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# I'm Free

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"My House shall be a House of Prayer for all people."



## From One Mean Queer To Another...

I couldn't agree more with "Nice Queers" (September *GAZE*). I am sick and tired of hearing even my Gay friends tell me that we are somehow obligated to show the heterosexuals how good we are.

I say let's put the shoe on the foot it fits. They're the ones who have committed vile and evil acts against us. Let the heterosexuals show us how good they are.

Mark Wilder  
Joplin, MO

## And More Mean Queers...

Buying responsibility has never been effective. I was glad to see some coverage of the problem, but I'm sorry to be thrust into the realization that we are still suffering from this hangover of the 60's tired-old-queen era. Will it ever end?

Sue Tanner  
Jackson, TN

## Trying To Prove Our Self-Worth?

This ridiculous idea that we must prove our worth to heterosexual society is nothing more than a vain attempt for some of us to prove our own worth to ourselves. When Mom and Dad told us that to be queer was to be bad, we believed it (after all, *they* couldn't lie). I have lost all patience with these unthinking homos who refuse to get over themselves (am I too unfeeling--I was once that way myself?).

It is almost unbelievable that these nasty queers can't see beyond the filth of their existence, poor things. Or could it simply be that they are too evil to learn to accept themselves? To hell with them (that's where they're going anyway, right?). Is this 1980?

Pat McDonald  
Little Rock

## Where Are The Bar Ads?

I've been reading *GAZE* since it's inception. Considering how "hidden" our Gay community has been, *GAZE* has gone a long way toward providing the communication necessary to develop a more active and cohesive community. The quality of the paper is commendable.

However, it is obvious that the paper receives less than full and consistent support from Gay-oriented and Gay-owned businesses. Several businesses have ads that appear fairly regularly. Yet 2 of the entertainment centers most frequented by Gay women and men are rarely advertised.

Papers in smaller cities receive obvious support from those businesses that depend on Gay dollars for existence. Either *GAZE* is not reaching out to the more obvious centers of Gay financial activity, or certain Memphis bars are not supporting (by advertising) a primary tool for reaching throughout our diverse community and beyond.

Ken Hagenback  
Memphis,

## More Timely Topics

The report on artificial insemination in September *GAZE* was a timely piece on a method of child conception

that has great possibilities for Gays wanting children. I would like to see more on this and on other topics that are helpful to our lifestyles.

Karen Clarkson  
Paducah, KY

## Switchboard Was There When Needed

How does one express a debt of thanks for a public service?

The Memphis Gay Switchboard has saved many lives and given encouragement in various frustrating situations. Being Gay is not always easy and it is a comfort to know there is someone who cares, only a phone call away.

When my lover and I first moved to Memphis, almost two years ago, it was through the switchboard we were able to locate the local Gay bars. Shortly after that I became quite ill and my lover left me. I found myself in life or death situations with no one to turn to. Toward the end of my second month of hospitalization I was told I owed 128 pints of blood to the hospital blood bank. Once again I called upon the switchboard for help.

Within an hour after my call, the person I spoke with was walking through my hospital room door. I was astonished that a total stranger would take the time and interest to show me his friendship at a time when it was most needed.

Through the switchboard I was assured of the cooperation and support of the Memphis Gay community. The encouragement given me from many members of the switchboard has been a big part in the difficult situations I have faced during my recovery.

To the Memphis Gay Switchboard, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and support your continued work with all sincerity.

Name Withheld  
Memphis

## Reader Says Gay Lifestyle Not A Pretty Picture

Sadly, but widely, the Gay population is destroying the whole meaning of "unity," a word we Gays commonly use as a significant meaning for our lifestyle. We ask for rights, yet many misuse them.

I sometimes wonder if the Gay population has not misinterpreted the word "Gay" to mean "sex." It seems sex is the only thing a Gay person has on his or her mind. Furthermore it has even reached the point that the word sex is being commonly exchanged for the word cruise.

Being Gay is a way of life in which two people of the same sex share a mutual love for one another. Like in the heterosexual world, a relationship can not be based on sex alone. A relationship between two people, whether heterosexual or Gay, is a continual process of growing love and trust, given one to another. An intimate relationship between two people cannot be discovered in the bushes of the parks or the mutual sexual release and a total sexual satisfaction. Sex between two strangers cannot be intimate and fulfilling.

Many Gay people say they do not want a relationship, possible because of fear that it will not last. But the only reason for a relationship not to last is that one doesn't give 100%. Each partner in a relationship must be willing to give as well as receive.

Another reason a relationship doesn't work is jealousy (a vicious narcotic). However, this only happens when one of the two people allows it to.

Many involved people continue in the bar scene, which can cause friction and temptation. Too many promises, as well as believable lies, will be told just to get into a person's pants for sexual release. Then after the sexual act is completed, the promises are forgotten and the lies become realities.

I am startled at the fact that so many Gay people, especially the young, have no moral means of support. It seems that many of the younger Gays are living day to day off whoever they can in order to survive. Many go home with just anyone so that they can have a place to lay their heads for the night. They continue night after night to flock into the bars, often becoming alcoholics.

Heterosexuals spit out names at us by the dozens, but these names are names we have given to ourselves. Just because people are Gay, it doesn't mean that they have to live in a closet or keep their mouths shut the rest of their lives. But by being Gay we have a task on earth to prove ourselves worthy of the rights we seek. Hiding out in dark dingy bars by night and sleeping in dark rooms by day is the same as staying in a closet. We have to live in this world. Why not make it our world, too? We can be respectable U.S. citizens with good jobs and morals, and still have the person we love, sharing life and standing beside us.

What's more important, tonight's trick and tomorrow's loneliness or a continued, growing life with a person of your choosing and future of mutual success? It's your choice.

Name Withheld  
Memphis

## Falwell's Antics

Are we to believe everything we read? Jerry Falwell's recent statement that he "could be" for Gay rights is an obvious attempt to soften the facist views of the political Christian right and convince us, the Gay voters, that Moral Majority is not as bad as we perhaps thought it was. If we buy this, it's only a matter of time before we will be trying to build on that swampland in Florida.

Jay Chandler  
Memphis

## Print Their Names

I am delighted every time you print incidents involving discrimination, specifically last month's "Homophobic Printers In Little Rock." A striking omission, however, was your failure to print the names of the printers. It would be tragic if some of your readers in Little Rock were spending their money with these people.

Incidentally, I travel a great deal and traditionally stay in Holiday Inns. My tradition has changed.

Greg Goodman  
Memphis

## Hinson Is Perfectly Normal

Mississippi Rep. Jon Hinson, no matter how many straight nightclubs he has been to or how many straight movies he has seen or how many times he has parked with sexy young women at the Jackson Sky-Vu Drive-in Theatre, is still perfectly normal. Oh yes, he has been a very good Congressman, and despite the fact that he has gone through

those periods of "personal stress," his homosexuality remains untainted. After all, he has no reason to lie to us. And no self-respecting heterosexual would spell his name "Jon."

All jesting aside, perhaps when dear Jon is tired of playing Queen for a Day, he'll settle down with some self-respecting young ballet dancer and live happily ever after, male ballet dancer, of course. All will be forgiven.

Bob Lewis  
Gulfport, MS

## No Room In The Inn?

I voice my support for the Holiday Inn boycott! One point you did not mention in your coverage of the Holiday Inn--Rivermont vs. Conference '80 situation was the denial of rooms to conference participants who had not made prior reservations. One could expect this when no rooms are available, but according to statements made by Holiday Inns after the conference, they had received numerous room cancellations that weekend because of the conference. If this was indeed true, then why would they refuse to rent them to us?

We have seen enough of Holiday Inns' dirty linen. We certainly do not need to sleep on it.

The fact that Holiday Inns felt it necessary for reasons unknown to not put "Welcome Conference '80" on their notorious "great sign" left me with a vulgar taste in my mouth similar to the one I get after eating (I used to--but no more) in their restaurants. It was not pleasant.

Lou Eckstein  
Nashville

## Developing A Power Base

Having recently bought and sold property in Midtown, I read with interest "The Gaying Of Midtown" in the September issue.

Lesbians and homosexuals must develop a power base in order to secure a supportive and viable community response to their needs. I feel that the foundation of all economic and political power is land ownership. In Midtown a viable Gay community is developing and with it the political power of the Gay voting block. While I find unfortunate the use of the word "ghettoization" to describe the developing Gay community in Midtown, I feel that the Gay people of greater Memphis must report to the tactic of blockbusting which can be used effectively by any minority to achieve a political and economic power base. Blockbusting can be accomplished rapidly by making second mortgage money available to Gay people qualified for 80% financing through a lending institution.

I strongly urge wealthier Lesbians and homosexuals to make second mortgage money available to their brothers and sisters thereby aiding in the acquisition by Gays of property in Midtown. Only the formation of a viable and supportive community with the political and economic power to affect changes in law and attitude will assure the achievement of Gay civil rights in Memphis.

M. Cumming  
Midtown Memphis



## Legal Services Bill Passes-- Minus Anti-Gay Clause

WASHINGTON--The controversial Legal Services Bill, HR 7584 passed the U.S. Senate September 25 without the expected anti-Gay amendment. The U.S. House passed in July by a vote of 290-113 the McDonald Amendment to the bill prohibiting Legal Services funding in cases "promoting, defending or protecting homosexuality," but the Senate Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary of the Appropriations Committee struck down the amendment by a voice vote on September 4.

It had been speculated by Gay Rights National Lobby director Steve Endean and other Gay political activists that the Senate would reintroduce the anti-Gay proviso before the bill came to a vote before the Senate.

The reintroduction was expected to come from either Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nevada) or Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah), both of whom voted against deletion of the amendment in the Senate Subcommittee. Neither, however, went further with the issue.

GRNL director Endean commented that "for the first time the Lesbian and

Gay community generated massive constituent support all over the country," and that an effort to oppose any anti-Gay amendments to the bill in the Senate had been "lighting up switchboards just all over the place." A large volume of anti-amendment mail had been received in senators' offices.

Endean told *Gay Community News* that "That lobbying effort sure made a hell of a big difference."

"I feel incredibly good," Endean said. "It's a tremendously exciting, glorious victory."

The failure of the anti-Gay amendment to surface came as a complete surprise not only to Gay Rights National Lobby but also to other lobbies which had supported the pro-justice position, including the ACLU, the National Women's Political Caucus, Americans for Democratic Action, and others. Also surprised at the lack of action were supportive Senators, such as Senators Cranston (D-CA) and Packwood (R-OR), as well as representatives of the Legal Services Corporation itself.

## News Council Criticizes CBS For Upholding Stereotypes

DES MOINES (IGNA)--The National News Council has criticized CBS News for its "unfair" portrayal of Gays in the April 26 documentary "Gay Power, Gay Politics."

The Council stated that "by concentrating on certain flamboyant examples of homosexual behavior, the program tended to reinforce stereotypes. The program also exaggerated the political concessions to Gays and made those concessions appear as threats to public morals and decency."

The 18-member Council of media executives, which has no mechanism nor authority to enact corrective measures, exerts influence only through the media coverage given its decisions. CBS will likely air the Council's complaint on an upcoming CBS Reports program.

The Council said, also, that a portion of the show dealing with a children's Halloween party on Castro Street was "both confusing and misleading" and the "abrupt transition" from the discussion of decadence to the annual drag charity ball was "troublesome." Implications that sado-masochism is distinctively homosexual were particularly

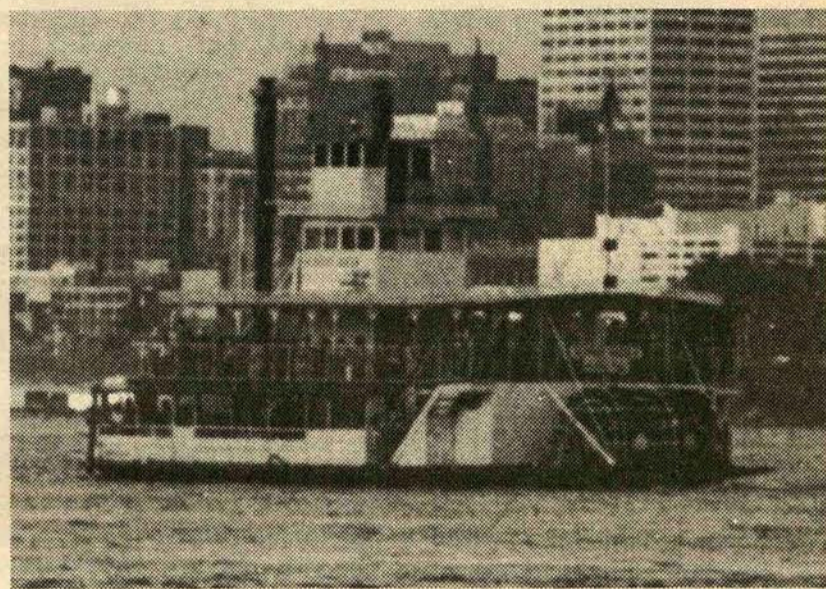
disturbing to the Council, especially in light of the fact that an S & M parlor portrayed on the show as Gay is actually one catering primarily to heterosexuals.

The Council contradicted host Harry Reasoner's statement that Gays demand "absolute sexual freedom," saying, "The reality is that homosexuals are not monolithic in their behavior or their political objectives. Many abhor public sex; their principal objective is a climate of tolerance that permits them to operate in the mainstream of their communities."

CBS violated network standards by inserting recorded applause during a speech by Mayor Dianne Feinstein to Gays when there had been none, the Council reported. On other issues, however, CBS's general editorial fairness was upheld.

Randy Alfred, the freelance reporter who submitted the major documentation against CBS, was quoted as saying that he wished the Council had gone further but that he was in general satisfied with the decision. Tom Burrows of the National Gay Task Force said that NGTF was "basically pleased, but not entirely satisfied" with the National News Council's report.

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# NATIONAL

## Actress Threatens Suit Over Role-Playing

NEW YORK (IGNA)--An actress who played a Lesbian in a production of a play has obtained an injunction to prevent distribution of a brochure advertising the play, because her picture appears in the brochure.

Madelyn Albert performed in a production of *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* by Jane Chambers that was put on by The Glines in New York about 7 months ago. But she objected to her picture being used to publicize the First American Gay Arts Festival.

Ms. Albert raised the ire of two groups, Lesbians Rising and Gay Men's Alliance, who picketed the woman's apartment building.

The groups were furious that Albert even toyed with the idea of filing for "defamation of character" as a result of her own appearance in a previous production of the Lesbian play. "The very idea of 'defamation' is pure bigotry and bigotry reveals any person's character as already self-defamed," a spokesperson said.

A member of the Gay Men's Alliance said that one of the theaters where the Gay Arts festival scheduled events received a telephone call threatening court action if the brochure was distributed at the theater.

Ms. Albert is not appearing in the production of the play that is still running in New York. The picture according to the leaflet put out by the Gay Men's Alliance, "is a standard production shot, taken expressly for publicity and archive purposes which any publication would feel free to print without getting a release from anyone. Madelyn Albert willingly and knowingly posed for the publicity shot, as she would be expected to do in any play she was lucky enough to be cast in."

The protesters did not catch a glimpse of Ms. Albert, however. She was unavailable for interview.

One Lesbian, calling the actress an "unknown," read out loud from a leaflet: "If this is an attempt by Albert to gain publicity, we will help make sure she gets the attention she deserves!"

## Study Reveals Psychologists' Bias

SAN DIEGO (IGNA)--In a recently completed study at the California School of Professional Psychology, 106 practicing psychologists were shown a 20-minute videotape of a therapy session in which the subject was viewing differently depending on whether she was viewed as a Lesbian or a heterosexual woman.

The interns were told that the woman client had just ended a relationship. Instructions to the interns were identical, except that one group was told that the woman had broken up with a man while the other half was told she had broken up with a woman and considered herself a Lesbian.

Interns who thought the client was heterosexual "found her way above normal" in all characteristics, according to Levy, the examiner. He added that the interns were impressed by the way the heterosexual client handled the stress of breaking up.

Interns who were told the client was a Lesbian, on the other hand, gave her an overwhelmingly negative rating and saw her as having a low personal adjustment, negative personality traits and poor self-control.

## Falwell Gets Egg In The Face

MADISON, WI--A group of demonstrators, most of them Gays, confronted Rev. Jerry Falwell's "I Love America" rally last month in Wisconsin's capital city with shouts of "fascist" and throwing of eggs. "At least one egg" did not hit Falwell or his followers, but his obvious angry reaction left somewhat less than a Christian impression.

Falwell, founder of the Christian New Right's anti-Gay Moral Majority, responded. "Christ loves all kinds of people, even obnoxious people."

One of the six "liberal" Senators on Falwell's "hit list" for defeat in November's election is Wisconsin Democrat Gaylord Nelson.

## Court Won't Hear Case Against NOW Boycott

WASHINGTON--The Supreme Court has refused to hear a case against the national boycott called for by the National Organization for Women of those states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment as convention sites.

NOW points out that even though polls indicate that the majority of Americans are in favor of the ERA, not enough of the states have ratified it primarily due to the influence and pressure of New Right groups which are well-organized and well-funded.

The Court's decision resulted from a lawsuit filed against the boycott by the state of Missouri, which has not ratified ERA.

## No Choice In Montana

MISSOULA (IGNA)--The two candidates running for Congress have both given conservative replies to a

survey conducted by *Out In Montana* as to their support for Gay civil rights.

Jack McDonald, the candidate for the Western Montana seat who has been campaigning for a "better moral environment," answered the survey with "NO" for each question and promptly mailed it back.

Eastern Montana candidate Tom Monahan responded more openly, but did not answer specific questions. He replied:

"Rather than answer your questionnaire, I am going to quote my answer to the questionnaire of a group called Moral Majority which dealt with homosexuality. I am sure you will get a clearer look at me as a person from that than from my answers to questions about bills I have not seen."

"I favor equal rights for everybody. Again, I must refer you to the Constitution. That is why I support ERA. How can we deny equal rights to someone because he is crippled in body, spirit or mind? I do not believe we should try to pretend homosexuality is simply a matter of choice. I think it should be considered a violation of nature's and God's plan for procreation and we should attempt to cure it. However, let us try to cure it with a little more of Christ's pity than Jove's anger."

## Jones Advocates Death Penalty For Gays

GREENVILLE, SC (IGNA)--Bob Jones III, the president of Bob Jones University, has written that he thinks homosexuals should be killed.

"I feel it would be good to make homosexuality a capital offense," Jones said. "God said in the Old Testament that homosexuals should be put to death. When He said that, He gave man the authority to carry out the sentence."

## D.C. Marines Still Causing Problems

WASHINGTON--Employees of the Follies, an adult movie theatre catering to Gay men, told the *Blade* that a platoon of marine joggers have been shouting anti-Gay slogans as they jog past the theatre.

Marines last month attacked a Gay bar here in August, breaking windows and shouting anti-Gay slogans. At a press conference on August 22, members of the D.C. City Council and a representative of the Mayor condemned the bar attack.

Employees of the Follies, meanwhile, have said that they will retaliate in some way if the marines attempt to disrupt the theatre. Though marines have occasionally jogged near the theatre in the past, employees say that it is unusual to see a full, 14-member platoon jogging by the theatre.

## Singer Acknowledges Lesbian Following

HOLLYWOOD (IGNA)--Anne Murray, the Canadian ballad singer, whose record hits include "You Needed Me" and "Brokenhearted Me," has welcomed her Lesbian following, according to an interview in *The Los Angeles Times*.

Murray speculated why she, a "straight-laced mother of two who is happily married and not very exciting," should attract Lesbian fans. It may have something to do with her reputa-

tion as a passionate sports fan. "I'm a real hockey fan. I love to scream and yell and all that."

It's also possible that Murray's athlete's build and gait and the fact that she's an ex-physical education teacher have made her have special appeal to Gay women fans.

"Who really knows why?" she asked. "The Lesbians have been there since the beginning of my career. and they've been staunch supporters. I'm not complaining. I appreciate the support. It's just a little strange, that's all."

## Youth Shot For Name-Calling

OAKLAND, CA (IGNA)--A 19-year-old was recently shot to death here near his home by two women who surrendered to police saying they shot the youth because he had called them homosexuals.

Cedric Daniel died at Highland Hospital in Oakland two hours before the two women, who lived near the victim, went to a police station to accept responsibility for the shooting. Virginia Vega, 23, and Renita Ann Lee, 18, who live at the same address, are being held for investigation of murder. Police said that witnesses to the shooting said the taunter was shot at least three times by Ms. Lee, who used a gun handed her by her friend.

Although apparently there were no words exchanged at the time of the shooting, it is reported that Denard and the two women had been feuding for some time. Neighbors said that the women were incensed because the youth had repeatedly called them homosexuals.

## Gay Savings And Loan To Open In (Where Else) S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO--The nation's first Gay savings and loan association plans to open here in the near future. To be known as Atlas Savings and Loan, the association must raise \$1 million in pledged savings before it will be permitted to open.

One of the reasons for planning the association, according to board chairman John Schmidt, is the discrimination in banking that Gays often face, particularly Gay couples seeking home loans. Schmidt added that the bank will not discriminate in hiring practices. Straights and Gays will be hired "if they're fully qualified."

## Blade Forced To Change Name Due To Registration Conflict

WASHINGTON--The *Blade*, one of the country's oldest continuous Gay newspapers after 11 years of publication, has been forced to change its name due to a conflict with a Toledo, Ohio daily also called the *Blade*. The paper will now be known as *The Washington Blade*.

The conflict was brought to the attention of the Toledo paper following a June 22 article on Washington's *Blade* printed in the *Washington Post*. The Toledo *Blade* had registered the trademark in 1965.

After informing the Toledo paper of its intentions to change the *Blade's* name (Washington) to *The Washington Blade*, Toledo responded that such a change was just not good enough. *The Washington Blade's* attorney, however, maintained that the change was legally sufficient and that Toledo would have to be satisfied.

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# BOOKS

## Libby

Reviewed By Daniel Curzon (IGNA)

One man's tragedy is another man's trash, and yet we never outgrow our need for trash...I guess.

*Libby* is a biography of Libby Holman, the torch singer of the 1920's and 30's who has achieved new fame recently by being included in the biographies of Montgomery Clift. Now at last someone has written about Libby's life in a book devoted to this part-time Lesbian alone.

And what a life it was, beset with tragedy after tragedy. Her first husband committed suicide under mysterious circumstances; her second husband committed suicide; her son was killed in a mountain-climbing accident. Even her lover/friend Montgomery Clift died of alcohol and drug excess.

Milt Machlin, the biographer, sort of has it both ways in this book. He details all the journalistic trash and the prying, slandering, sensationalistic interest in the woman's misfortunes as they occurred in her lifetime, and yet he tries to place them in a historical, somewhat intellectual, context. *Libby* is a step above *The National Enquirer* approach to celebrities. Certainly Machlin is basically sympathetic to the subject. Yet I had the feeling from time to time that the book wasn't too far removed from yellow fan journalism itself.

What remains in the reader's mind the most is the author's contention that Libby Holman suffered persecution after the death of her first husband (was actually suspected of his murder) because of anti-Semitism in the South.

The sheriff who pursued the case did so, according to the biographer, because Libby was a New York "Jewess."

The whole biography rankles with anger because the Jewish author is incensed at the anti-Jewish sentiment that prevailed in those times.

The irony to a Gay reader is that Machlin is somewhat prejudiced himself—against Gay life—even when he tries to be modern. He is liberal, but in the background there are always the old ideas. There is one notable sentence that captures what I mean: "Not all of the visitors were unintellectual, but a very high percentage were Gay..." (p. 328) Come on now, Mr. Biographer! At least queers are *intellectual!* What a strange way of making a distinction. I think it shows Machlin's way of thinking when he isn't trying to be "liberal."

I think those with minority backgrounds have some accounting to do for the way they have accepted the condemnation of Gays and treated them as eccentric and ugly.

In another place the author refers to "bizarre sexual appetites" because Libby and Monty Clift and Tallulah Bankhead were not content to have sex under genteel blankets. The problem, Dear Sir, is not with those who don't fit into the narrow "norms" set by *The National Enquirer*; the problem is that the "norms" do not fit what most people really are.

It's also pretty clear that the biographer wouldn't have any subject to write about at all if Libby and the rest

weren't so interesting in their "bizarre sexual appetites." I must say I resent the attitude that exploits how awful and unfortunate some lives are and at the same time is sanctimonious: how terrible that those people were doing all that, and yet what a treat to read about it!

I don't mean to imply that *Libby* isn't worth reading. It surely is. I read every word. Only I think it's time both biographers and readers admitted their fascination with what they take to be

Gay sleaze (for example, Libby's drugged, boozy affair with actress Jeanne Eagles) at the same time they're trying to imply that "normal" is better. It's just duller.

We should all be grateful to those who live lives of noisy desperation. We all love other people's misfortunes. Let's face it. The pious denial that we do is just so much hypocritical hogwash.

(*Libby* is available from Tower Books, 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016 at \$2.95, or from local bookstores.)



## HOMOSEXUALS:

"They should be killed through governmental means."

The "Christian" preacher who made this statement is going to vote this November.

How about you?

People who know politics will tell you, even though you may vote for a candidate who loses the election, your vote is still important. You see, the margin of win or loss is how elected officials read the "mood" of the people. If only our enemies go to the polls this November, we could be in for a real rough time when the law-making process begins! Please... if you care about your future... take the time to vote this November!

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# LOCAL

## TGCHR Becomes Memphis Gay Coalition

MEMPHIS--In a surprise move the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights voted in a September 27 meeting to incorporate as an independent organization focusing more on Memphis area issues and concerns. "We are agreeable," a spokesperson said, "to remaining a part of the TGCHR umbrella and network with other groups in the state. We just don't see the practicality, though, of being a chapter of such a group. There are too many possible restrictions and financial obligations that could drain us locally."

The group, which has functioned more or less independently since its founding in Memphis over a year ago, will remain basically the same in structure but will now be known as the Memphis Gay Coalition. A new emphasis will be placed on groups affiliated with the Coalition, such as the Gay Switchboard, *GAZE*, the Gay Speakers Bureau, a Gay community center task force, the political caucus and media, outreach and Gay Pride Week committees.

Meetings will continue to be held on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Main library, Peabody at McLean, Meeting Room B at 7:30 pm. and are open to all interested persons.

## It's Poetic Justice, Ron

MEMPHIS--According to the manager of the Pendulum, a bar catering to Gay men and women, DJ Ron Jordon who was fired last May from

local radio station FM-100 after complaints of his offensive anti-Gay characterizations, applied for a position as disc jockey here.

Jordan responded to an ad the Pendulum had placed in a local newspaper announcing the job opening and was apparently unaware that the bar was Gay.

Jordan, who was unable to be reached for comment, did not get the job.

## Trouble Continues In Overton Park

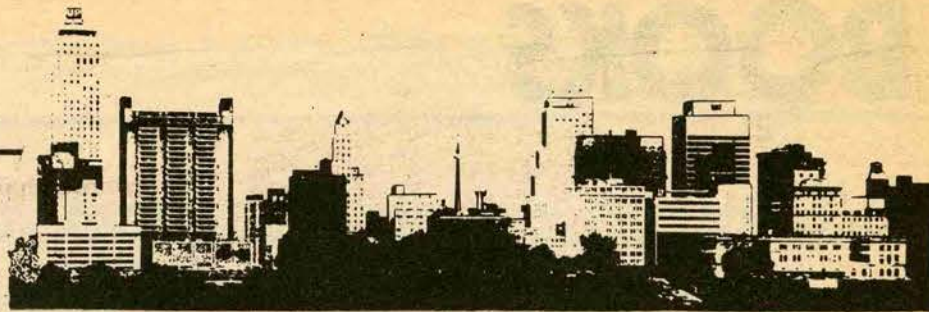
MEMPHIS--Continuing arrests in Overton Park, several based on entrapment situations, are causing complaints by local Gays.

A "crackdown" in the park occurred last month shortly after an article about Gays in the park appeared in the *Commercial Appeal*. The article, which was decidedly biased in content, was titled, "Solitary Vigils In Overton Park Symbolize Homosexual Drive." One man, who prefers to remain unidentified, said, "Homosexual Drive? What is that? It sounds like either a charity for homosexuals or the name of a street in Midtown."

He stated further that the arrests in the park may be due, also, to the fact that this is an election year. "We all know how that is," he added.

## "Hate Mail" Source Traced To Goldsmith's

MEMPHIS--*GAZE* editor, Bill Johnson, recently received an anti-Gay "hate letter" that he attributes to a



letter-to-the-editor he wrote to the *Memphis Press Scimitar* last month and promptly traced the unsigned letter's origin to Goldsmith's Department Store (downtown location). The anti-Gay letter had been stamped by a Pitney-Bowes postage meter.

Johnson traced the letter's origin by requesting the name of the holder of the Pitney-Bowes machine. A code number appears with the stamp when it is metered, and the post office is required under the Freedom of Information Act to provide the name of the holder upon request.

The matter has been referred to Goldsmith's for investigation. Johnson said that he felt the store should be made aware that such mail-or any kind of personal correspondence-was being paid for by Goldsmith's.

## NOTICE:

The Alive! concert, originally scheduled for the U.T. Center for the Health Sciences, has been moved to Southwestern University's Hardie Auditorium. Parking will be available off North Parkway and University.

## AGR Won't Give Names Of Homophobic Printers

LITTLE ROCK--Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc., whose newsletter was refused by 5 different printers last month, has declined to name the printers involved for reasons unstated. AGR President, Jim Norris, has said, however, that one of the printers in question is himself Gay. Norris said, "his employees do not know" and the refusal to print anything of a Gay nature results from his apparent fear of his employees.

Norris added that AGR has found an agreeable printer and is satisfied with him.

## Upcoming Events In Memphis

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Memphis Gay Switchboard meeting for present and interested volunteers. Call 726-GAYY for information.

Friday, Oct. 24: Gay River Cruise "Moonlight Madness On The Mississippi" sponsored by *GAZE*. Tickets available from My Place, 238 N. Cleveland or by calling 726-GAYY or 274-0431. \$8 per person, 8 pm.-midnight.

Saturday, Oct. 25: State meeting of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights and the Memphis Gay Coalition, 1 pm. For further information, call 726-GAYY.

Sunday, Oct. 26: Dignity-Memphis will celebrate Mass at St. Peters Village Chapel, 11 am., Poplar at McLean. Members will participate in liturgy, singing, reading, etc. Lunch and meeting to follow. All (even fundamentalists) are invited. Call Vincent at 278-5677 for further information.

Friday, Oct. 31: "Alive!" will appear in concert at Southwestern University's Hardie Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at door. For advance tickets, call 276-7625. Sponsored by Alternative Productions, Box 63065, Memphis 38163.

Monday, Nov. 17: "Financial Awareness for Gays" workshop by professional financial advisor, 7:30 pm., Main library, Peabody at McLean, Meeting Room B. Open to public.

## NOW Sponsors Sexual Harassment Workshops

MEMPHIS--The National Organization for Women has begun workshops dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace. The Sexual Harassment Project will deal with the problem of harassment of women, stopping it before it gets started, establishing support from other women, grievance procedures and getting helpful legal advice.

Memphis NOW will provide speakers for group meetings on the topic of sexual harassment upon request. Printed brochures entitled "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" are also available. For speaker requests and additional information, call Memphis NOW at 458-1661, or write P.O. Box 40982, Memphis, TN 38104.

## Thomas Coleman To Speak In Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK--Thomas F. Coleman, Esq., founder of the Gay Law Students Association and co-founder of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, will visit Arkansas October 24-28. Coleman is the publisher of the *Sexual Law Reporter*, a legal periodical, and is considered by many to be one of the most prominent Gay rights attorneys in the nation.

While in Arkansas, Coleman will conduct a workshop for local civil rights attorneys to share with them ideas and information on Gay rights litigation. Coleman will also tour the refugee camp at Ft. Chaffee where hundreds of Gay Cubans are currently being held. Coleman will also give a public lecture on Gay rights in Little Rock.

Coleman's visit is being sponsored by Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc. in cooperation with the Arkansas American Civil Liberties Union. For further information, write AGR, Inc., P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock, AR 72203.



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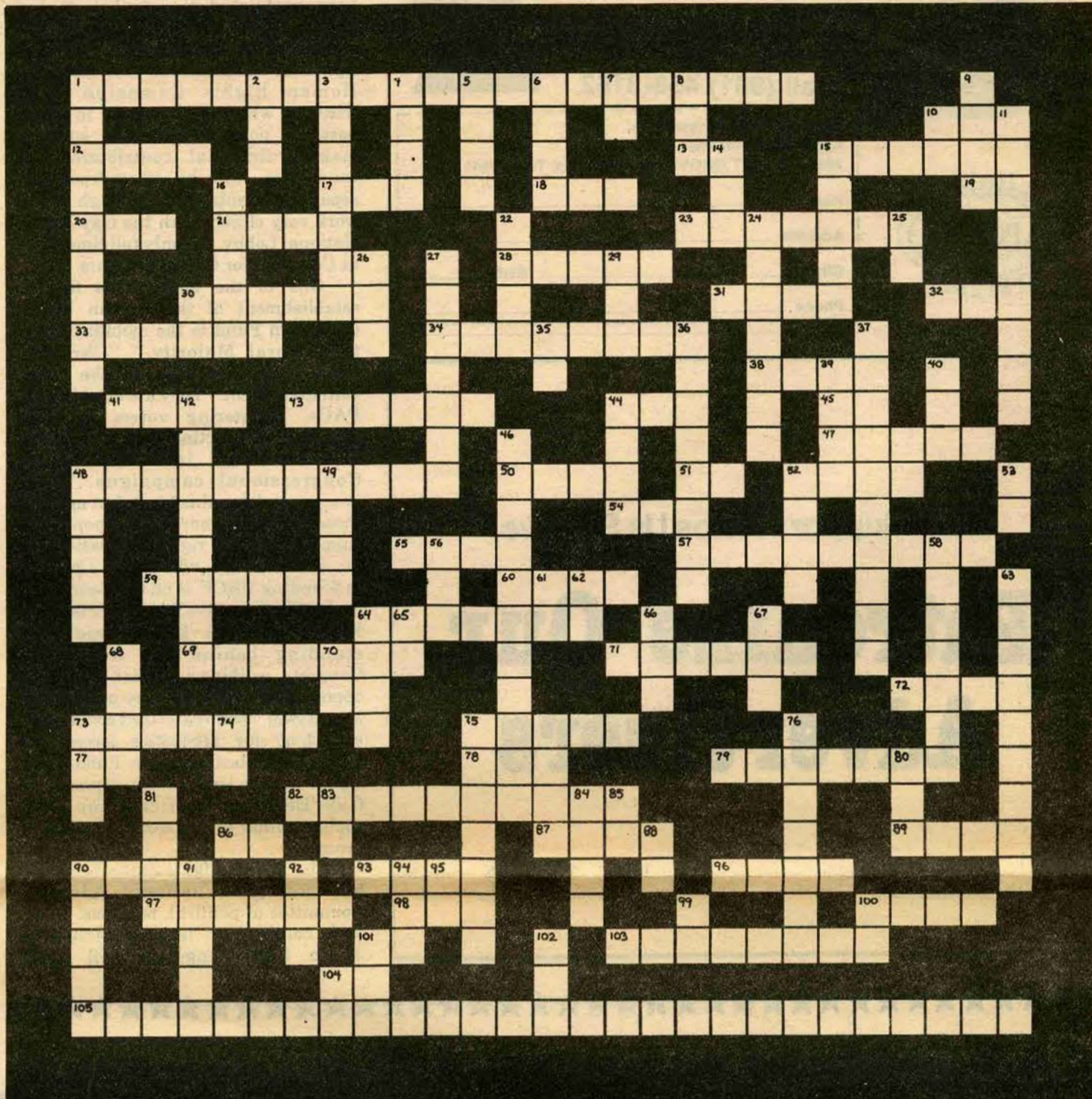
# MOSTLY MEMPHIS

by Tom Marshall

Mail your completed puzzle to GAZe, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103. Correct entries received will be entered into a random drawing, the winner of which will receive \$25 and a free subscription to GAZe for one year. Entries must be postmarked by November 5, 1980.

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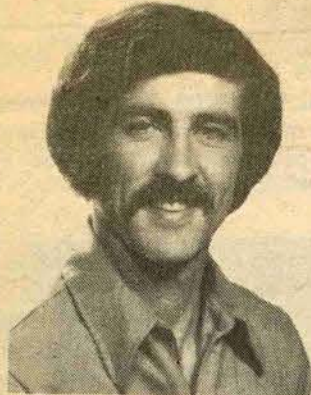
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10. Abbr. for #105 across
12. Most gay people are not Phony, they are \_\_\_\_\_
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15. Fashion store in Overton Square \_\_\_\_\_ ONE
17. Get involved with "\_\_\_\_\_" Community
18. Don't say NO, say \_\_\_\_\_ and we will go over to my house.
19. Morning
20. electroencephalogram (abbr.)
21. "Tell me you \_\_\_\_\_ me tonight, tomorrow we may be sober".
23. Guest speaker at Conference 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Matlovich
28. "Friend"??? of Gay people from Florida
30. Symbol used by Gay people
31. Assist
32. Guest Speaker at Conference '80 \_\_\_\_\_ Christian
33. It's time that Gay people stood up for their \_\_\_\_\_.
34. Bar at 76 N. Cleveland (two words)
38. "\_\_\_\_\_" Party, also known as a Caftan Party
41. Gays off Poplar Street (abbr)
43. Other cross-street where #1 across meets
44. Handkerchief color for SCAT (abbr)
45. Used to indicate position, location or state
47. Large cabin for meetings/sleeping
48. Total hundreds of dollars raised at #3 down during benefit (two words)
50. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr)
51. "What a put-\_\_\_\_\_"
52. "Start your morning out with a \_\_\_\_\_, sleep with a guy with a big gun"
54. "If you blow in my \_\_\_\_\_, I'll follow you home"
55. Our state's abbr.
57. Bar and Restaurant located at 603 Monroe
59. Place where many Gays stay--In the \_\_\_\_\_
60. "I don't love you, but I \_\_\_\_\_ you a lot."
64. Gay religious group in Memphis
69. Our City
71. Handkerchief color for Golden Shower
72. What you put on letters long ago meaning love & kisses
73. Word Analogy: Gay is to men as \_\_\_\_\_ is to women
75. Gay people do things right, especially when they throw a \_\_\_\_\_
77. Comb. form: The recipient of an action
78. Conference 80 met here because Tennessee ratified this amendment.
79. Bar located at 600 Marshall
82. Hotel chain hdqrs causing problems for Conference 80 (two words)
86. "\_\_\_\_\_ not today, I have a headache."
87. Opposite of FAR
89. You get warts when you kiss this
90. "Even though it hurts, don't \_\_\_\_\_, I love it, and it's great"
93. "He arrived in class--he arrived in a \_\_\_\_\_."
96. Handkerchief color for Master or Slave.
97. Terri's Bar is on this street.



## DOWN

1. Post Office Box of #4 down \_\_\_\_\_ three eight.
2. What fundamentalists felt that we were living in by being Gay.
3. Location of Muscular Dystrophy Benefit \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom.
4. Name of Memphis Gay/Lesbian Newspaper.
5. If in trouble, don't scream but \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Group of people having sex.
7. State of 1981 Conference (abbr)
8. Gratuity
9. National Council on Indian Affairs (abbr)
11. Hardest part of being Gay (two words)
14. Guest speaker at Conference 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Corinne.
15. You can have sex when you sit or when you \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Ability to stay above water.
22. Switchboard Phone Number 726-\_\_\_\_\_.
24. "The" park
25. Twelve items (abbr)
26. Used in a boat.
27. Newly renovated bar with 12 noon beer busts on Sat. & Sunday located at 238 N. Cleveland (two words)
29. Technical knock out (abbr)
30. Initials of #73 down
35. 110 (roman numerals)
36. Bar on Cleveland with the street part of the name (two words)
37. City of 1981 Conference in April
39. Festive event
40. Derogatory term for Gay
42. Bar at 92 N. Avalon
44. Handkerchief color for Greek or 69'er
46. Location of #1 across meeting (two words)
48. Initials for #1 across
49. "He's not over sexed, he's in \_\_\_\_\_."
52. Savings institution
53. Mister (abbr)
56. Electrocardiogram (abbr)
58. Bar at 1474 Madison
61. "Sit on \_\_\_\_\_"
62. Neighboring state (abbr)
63. Important item if you're into handkerchiefs in pockets
64. With questions on Gay Memphis, the Switchboard is only a \_\_\_\_\_ away.
65. "I can't believe it, \_\_\_\_\_ that you in drag?"
66. Handkerchief color for FF'ers or FFA
67. "It's not what you got that counts, it's \_\_\_\_\_ you use it."
68. Cost for VD screening by the Public Health Department.
70. Opposite of SHE
73. Guest speaker at Conference 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins.
74. Opposite of OUT
75. Cross street where #1 across meets
76. #1 across meets the 1st and 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ of each month.
80. Eastern Daylight Time (abbr)
81. As a senior at High School, you probably faked having a good time at this event.
83. During sex you don't say "AH" you say \_\_\_\_\_
84. Newest addition to #79 across lighted dance floor
85. Slang for NO
88. Railroad (abbr)
90. In a bath house, this room is very popular
91. Controversial movie "Gay \_\_\_\_\_, Gay Politics"
92. National Organization of Women (abbr)
94. How you feel the next morning after drinking a lot
95. 1001 (roman numerals)
99. Disease Gay people may have and not know it
100. Down (abbr)
102. To have any kind of good sex you should have at least \_\_\_\_\_ people
104. 1050 (roman numerals)

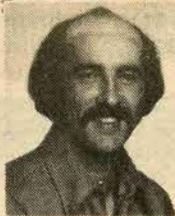




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## New PAC To Assist Gay Political Cause

WASHINGTON--A newly created national political action committee, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, has been established to contribute to and assist those federal candidates committed to equal justice and civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men. The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), which will engage in direct partisan political activities such as making financial contributions to candidates, will be an independent, separate organization although it will work very closely with the Gay Rights National Lobby, the only full-time lobby at Congress for Gay civil rights.

One of the motivations for the establishment of the Human Rights Campaign Fund is the mobilization of the "Moral Majority," "Christian Voice," and the rest of the "New Christian Right." They are establishing PACs, registering voters in their churches, interjecting their own brand of "morality" into this year's Congressional campaigns. These groups are determined to defeat many of those with the courage to sponsor or support Gay civil rights legislation.

Steve Endean, who played a key role in founding HRCF, is on the Board, and is also the Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, said, "By standing behind our friends in Congress, working to defeat those that oppose civil rights for Gay people, and identifying 'open seats' that could mark a pick-up for pro-justice forces, the Human Rights Campaign Fund could signal a new level of development of Gay/Lesbian participation and sophistication in the electoral political process.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has created a national Advisory Committee of political, religious, labor, and community leaders including: Julian Bond, long-time civil rights

leader; Mayor Donald Fraser, Minneapolis; Gloria Steinem, leading feminist; Bishop Otis Charles, Episcopal Diocese of Utah; Mayor Diane Feinstein, San Francisco; Rabbi Richard Sternberger, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Iris Mitgang, National Chair of National Women's Political Caucus; Dr. John Spiegel, former President of the American Psychiatric Association; Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, D.C.; Bella Abzug, leading feminist and former Congressperson; Michael Harrington, author of "The Other America" (which was basis of "Great Society"); Patsy Mink, national President of Americans for Democratic Action; Joseph Rauh, legal Counsel of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and Bishop Wesley Frensdorff, Episcopal Diocese of Nevada (partial list).

Responding to the argument that the Gay and Lesbian movement should not become "political" and contribute to candidates, Endean said, "For better or worse, politics and elected officials will play a role in deciding the outcome of our fight. Elected officials will decide whether or not to repeal antiquated immigration laws against Gays. And, of course, elected officials will decide on anti-Gay amendments."

Endean urged that contributions and monthly pledges be sent to the Human Rights Campaign Fund: H.R.C.F., Post Office Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Because the Human Rights Campaign Fund is a political action committee, individuals may take an income tax credit for contributions. They may claim a tax credit of 50% of the amount given up to \$100 (\$200 for a joint return). So a \$50 contribution costs only \$25.



- John Anderson voted against the recent anti-Gay legal services amendment.
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- Anderson's stand is clear: civil rights must be extended to all Americans, Gay and straight.

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# Welcome Mat Out To Closet Gays

WASHINGTON (IGNA)-The U.S. Justice Department announced on September 10 that Gays will no longer be barred from entering the United States unless they indicate that they are Gay.

Immigration officers at border points have been instructed *not* to question entering immigrants or visitors about their sexual orientations.

Acting Immigration Commissioner David Crosland said that his department is required by a 27-year-old law to enforce the still-existing ban on homosexuals. But under the new policy immigration officials will no longer consider it their duty to seek out an entrant's sexual orientation.

The Justice Department says that it now agrees with Gay rights organizations that the legislation forbidding homosexuals from entering the country should be changed. Senator Alan Cranston of California has introduced such a bill into Congress.

The Immigration Department's decision followed a series of meetings in Washington with Gay-rights lawyers,

who have been negotiating with the Justice Department for more than a year to change the policy.

Donald Knutson, head of Gay Rights Advocates, said, "I'm disappointed that we've been unable to convince the Justice Department to abandon enforcement of this obnoxious law altogether. As a practical matter, however, today's decision is very close to total victory."

He added that as part of the agreement the State Department will stop withholding visas from "suspected homosexuals" and issue visas without questioning applicants about sexual orientation. If a third party, however, tells an immigration authority that an entrant is Gay or if the entrant volunteers this information, a special investigation will have to take place. Physical examinations, however, will no longer be required.

If at the special investigation, which would be in private, the entrant denies being a homosexual, she or he will be admitted to the country.

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pool. Jesus was from a minority. He was a common laborer, a carpenter. He was a revolutionary who advocated a redistribution of wealth, and a reform of social values. He was a convicted felon charged with the crime of sedition. Finally, he was a victim of capital punishment.

Christians are admonished to "put on the whole armour of Christ." The teaching of Christ is the armour by which we must oppose the Christian Right's movement toward political, personal and religious oppression. Christ's teachings are important for us to know.

On the subject of hypocrisy Christ had the following to say:

*Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and then you shall see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye. (Matthew 7:5).*

*Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom*

*of heaven: but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

*Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful things?*

*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23).*

*He answered and said unto them, well, hat Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites as it is written. These people honor me with their lips but their heart is far from me. In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. (Mark 7:6).*

The Jerry Falwells and Jim Robisons of this world are false prophets and Christ warned us against them.

*Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (Matthew 7:15).*

How do we know the leadership of the Christian Right are wolves? *Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. (Matthew 7:16).*

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# Both Wins And Losses Reported In Primaries

WASHINGTON—Congressional elections, at this point, have brought mixed results for the Lesbian and Gay communities, according to the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL).

Among the notable victories by justice candidates are those of Congressman Jim Shannon (D-MA-5) and Barney Frank, who is seeking the seat of retiring Father Drinian. Both defeated conservative challengers in Democratic primaries, withstanding an attack (based on abortion) by Boston's Catholic Cardinal Humberto Medeiros.

Congressman Shannon is a first term member and a co-sponsor of H.R. 2074, the national Gay civil rights bill in the House. Although his co-sponsorship was used against him, it didn't play a major role in his race in a blue-collar district.

Barney Frank has a long record of support for Gay and Lesbian civil rights, serving as chief sponsor of the Massachusetts' state legislation for several years. Although his support for Gay rights was used against him, Gay leaders were quick to point out the substantial help they gave Frank's campaign. Frank, like Congressman Shannon, is considered relatively safe in the general election.

GRNL Lobbyist Steve Endean described Frank's victory as one of the most important electoral advances of this election year. "We are certain that Barney Frank will not only be a co-sponsor of H.R. 2074, but that he will make justice for all Americans a high legislative priority."

On a less positive note, the anti-Gay Moral Majority is receiving substantial credit for two primary upsets. In the Alabama GOP primary, former Vietnam POW Jeremiah Denton upset (by an overwhelming margin) Armistead Seldon, the hand-picked candidate of the GOP establishment. The "born-again vote" was described as the key factor in the upset. Denton is now given a fair chance of defeating incumbent Senator Donald Steward (D).

In another Alabama primary, Congressman John Buchanan (a Southern Baptist minister) (R) was upset by Moral Majority-backed Albert Smith. Buchanan, who had *not* supported Gay rights, nevertheless offended Moral Majority by his support for Black civil rights and women's rights and by initially opposing prayer in schools legislation.

The significance of these races was not in the possible gaining or losing a vote for Gay rights, but in the increasing perception of Moral Majority's political "clout." This perception of clout could well intimidate other elected officials into opposing Gay rights.

This fall's general election could find two of the co-sponsors of the national Gay rights bill, H.R. 2074, in extremely close fights for re-election. Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, said that the outcomes of these races could play a major role in the future support Gay civil rights gets at Congress. "If these two members of Congress are defeated and their sponsorship plays a role in their defeat, it could have a chilling effect on our ability to secure future sponsors."

In Eugene, Oregon, Congressman Jim Weaver co-sponsored H.R. 2074 this session despite the repeal of Eugene's Gay rights ordinance and the fact that his district includes many rural conservative areas, because he simply felt "it was the right thing to do." His New Right opponent, who has a huge campaign war chest, is using the issue against Weaver constantly. Although Congressman Weaver is receiving

substantial volunteer help from the Gay community, adequate funds are a serious concern. Local activists indicated that Weaver's re-election would be a major priority. (Weaver for Congress, c/o Terry Bean, 2015 Willamette, Eugene, OR 97405).

Congressman Bob Edgar from suburban Philadelphia, also faces an extremely close race. Although the extent to which the Gay rights issue is being used is unknown, it is known that Edgar's (who is a Methodist minister)

low "Christian Voice" rating is being used against him in this close race. (The Edgar for Congress Committee, 20 North Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050).

It has been revealed that Governor Ronald Reagan, the Republican Presidential Nominee, has hired Robert Billings, the former Executive Director of the anti-Gay Moral Majority, to play a major role in his campaign.

Billings is believed to have played a major role in getting Reagan to attend

the well-publicized Religious Roundtable meeting in Dallas. At that meeting Reagan told the large crowd, which was meeting to plan the mobilization of the conservative, "born-again" vote, that he knew they could not endorse him, but he wanted them to know that he endorsed them.

Billings is expected to return to the Moral Majority following the election unless he accepts a post in the Reagan administration.

## Gay Rights May Die Here This November



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**HERE'S WHY:** This margin of vote helps lawmakers read the "mood" of the people. And it has a big effect on the laws that get passed. If all the candidates who support gay rights are defeated by wide margins this November, we could be in for a rough time for many years to come. So your vote, even for a candidate who loses, is still very important!

**THE FORCES OF HATE ARE HARD AT WORK.** The so-called "Christian Vote" campaign has registered over a million new voters this year. One of their prime objectives is to defeat candidates who support gay rights. They may succeed. . . but every one of *our* votes can cancel out one of theirs! The bottom line is this: if you give a damn about your future, **register today** and **vote in November**. Even a vote for a losing candidate can be important to the future of our battle for basic human rights.



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