

Lesbian Mother Appeals Custody Denial

By Ric Sullivan

NASHVILLE--A Lesbian mother who lost custody of her 5-year-old son to his father in February has filed an appeal.

The parents, separated since July of 1980, were divorced in December and the mother was granted uncontested custody of the child. The father filed a petition for custody 41 days later.

Attorney Abby Rubinfeld of Justice for Parents Defense Fund said that although the petition for custody did not cite Lesbianism as the reason for the action, "that was a clear implication." The mother has been living with her lover since October.

Both of the child's grandmothers, who supported the father, were termed "the driving force" behind the action. Both grandmothers are Christian fundamentalists.

Between the time of the filing and the serving of the petition to change custody, the mother reportedly fled Cleveland, TN, her home, because her former husband had physically abused her. She fled to Nashville and later returned to Cleveland. The Bradley County sheriff spotted her driving, stopped her and detained her at the sheriff's office to serve the papers. After releasing her under the threat of lawsuit, the sheriff rearrested her for contempt after giving her no time to comply with the papers.

the argument that this is the Bible Belt, not New York or California."

Bradley County Circuit Judge Murphy, in contrast to previous Tennessee custody cases, ruled that Lesbianism *per se* is not sufficient basis to change custody. Murphy granted custody to the father, however, because the child, who has cerebral palsy, "needs the love of family, not just the help of specialists in Nashville."

The mother had already enrolled the child in school in Nashville that provides speech and occupational therapy for CP children.

Rubinfeld noted that the attorney for the child's father had asked questions of the mother such as what she did in bed and what "devices" she used.

"The shame of the whole thing," said Rubinfeld, "is that the child was set to go to a school with a handicapped program. Now he is in a private Christian school that's not handicapped accessible. He goes to costly specialists."

The appeal will be heard this fall. "I have pretty high hopes," Rubinfeld said, "but given the t end in the country, who knows?"

Rubinfeld hopes to win in appeals court on procedural grounds. Custody change, though always open, must be the result of a material change in circumstance that adversely affects the child. The father was aware of the situation at the time of the divorce and did not make an issue of it at that time.

Although the father paid no child support during the time the mother held custody, he has appealed now on the issue of child support, which the mother is not in a position to pay.

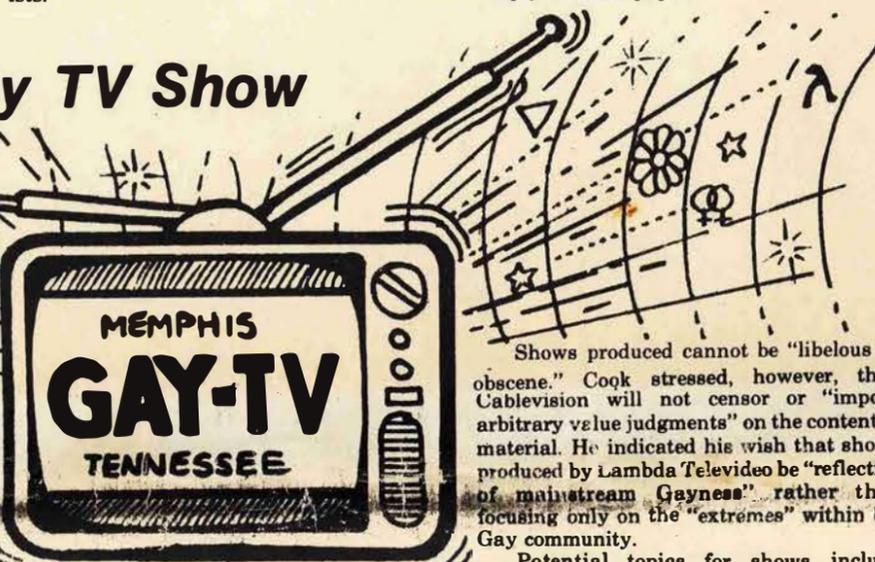
The appeal of the custody reversal could reverse the current trend of anti-Gay custody decisions in the state. "I think it's a case that's important for all Tennesseans," Rubinfeld added. "If the appeals judge upholds Murphy's comment that Lesbianism is not sufficient cause for custody denial, it could set a precedent."

Money is needed for the expensive legal proceedings, and donations are welcomed. Funds may be sent to the Justice for Parents Defense Fund, c/o Abby Rubinfeld, 43 Music Square West, Nashville, TN 37203.

Group Plans Gay TV Show

MEMPHIS--A group of Gay men and women from the Memphis Gay community, meeting with a representative of Cablevision June 4, began planning the Memphis area's first Gay television programs.

Lambda Televideo could have its first show on the air by November on Cablevision's public access channels for educational programming. Alan Cook, Production Coordinator with Cablevision, emphasized that taking advantage of the public channel airtime can serve as a vital communication device for the Gay community.



Shows produced cannot be "libelous or obscene." Cook stressed, however, that Cablevision will not censor or "impose arbitrary value judgments" on the content of material. He indicated his wish that shows produced by Lambda Televideo be "reflective of mainstream Gayness" rather than focusing only on the "extremes" within the Gay community.

Potential topics for shows include interviews with local and national Gay leaders, services available within the Gay community, Gays in literature, national Gay news features, a study of transvestitism, and a historical perspective of the Gay rights movement.

Crew members will begin filming various activities during Gay Pride Week for possible inclusion in the series. Lambda Televideo emphasized that no candid shots that identify people who may not wish to be identified will be aired on the series.

Persons interested in any aspect of the production may call the Gay Switchboard (726-GAYY) for specific information.

"In court, Lesbianism was clearly the issue," Rubinfeld said. "The prosecution used

New GSU Looks To Brighter Future

First MSU Group Chartered '76

By Jennifer Taft

MEMPHIS--A Gay Student Association was chartered in September, 1976, on the campus of Memphis State University

QUOTATION MARKS...

"With regard to your request of designating a week in the city [Gay Pride Week], I deny that request and will not introduce such designation in any way, shape or form. Let New Orleans, St. Louis, Birmingham or any other city do so; it will not be done while I am serving as Mayor of this city."

-Memphis Mayor Wyeth Chandler

"My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be a f---er."

-John F. Fensom

"The reason some people don't like who I am or what I am is that they aren't capable of being who they would like to be."

-George Washington Carver

"If my existence is a problem for them, they need help with their problem. I have spent half my life trying to help them by telling them truths that they ignore because their problem won't let them listen to me."

-Anna Maria Eichoff

according to MSU records of chartered organizations. The record of the existence and official recognition of the Gay Student Association contradicts recent reports that the new MSU Gay Student Union is the first Gay group to be recognized by the university.

The Gay Student Association was declared inactive in July, 1979. The group listed as purposes a wide range of goals including enhancing students' loyalties to the university and lobbying state legislators to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The newly formed Gay Student Union met on June 7 to discuss the group's plans for the summer and fall semesters. Because of reduced participation during the summer session, the group decided not to march under its own banner in the Gay and Lesbian Pride March June 28.

The GSU announced plans to include an informational pamphlet in the fall semester orientation packets and to staff a GSU booth during registration. GSU is exploring the possibility of sharing the booth with the Memphis Gay Coalition.

"To a closeted, scared Gay student, just seeing the word 'Gay,' just knowing that there are other Gays around, can be very reassuring," said a GSU member.

The GSU will meet again in mid-July. The Gay Switchboard (726-GAYY) will provide information about GSU meeting dates and locations until a permanent meeting location can be obtained on campus.

GSU hopes to attract new members during fall registration and build a viable coalition of Gay and Lesbian students on the campus of 22,000.

WLVS Sends Bruce Puce Packing

By Regina Russell

MEMPHIS--Controversial disc jockey Ron Jordan, whose "Bruce Puce" character was an anathema to many area Gays, has been "let go" by station WLVS after failing to report to work for more than a week.

"Bruce Puce" was a problem for Gays who saw the stereotypical character as a negative portrayal of Gay men. Originally introduced on station WMC-FM 100 more than a year ago, "Puce" was cast in the role of an effeminate "mamma's boy" whose antics included putting razor blades in Halloween apples, wearing pink cowboy boots, and talking with a lisp.

Though Jordan denied that the character had anti-Gay undertones, "Puce" originally appeared in conjunction with anti-Gay jokes which Jordan admitted had been "a mistake." The Memphis Gay Coalition refuted "Puce" on WMC last year and waged a successful call-in campaign against the characterization.

After being fired from WMC for "disagreement with management decisions,"

Jordan took "Puce" to a Boston station and experienced similar complaints about the character from Boston Gays.

Late last year "Puce" reappeared in Memphis on WLVS and was subsequently targeted again by local Gays. Protests were made to the station's advertisers as well as to the station manager, but protesters were unable to have the character removed from Jordan's lineup. A Memphis Gay Coalition member blamed the continuing "Puce" on "management homophobia," but noted that "Puce" had been "toned down" and was "looking for a 'girlfriend.'"

In January, Jordan falsely accused *Gaze* of filing a court injunction to stop "Puce" and urged his listeners to write letters of complaint to the paper. *Gaze* received only one letter. In an interview resulting from the accusation, Jordan offered to donate to *Gaze* a portion of his profits from the sale of "I hate Bruce Puce" t-shirts in exchange for advertising the shirts. *Gaze* declined the offer.

Because, Because, Because, Because, Because....

Faggots And Fairies And Dykes, Oh My!

By Bill Johnson

Because 16% of all Gay people experience job discrimination because they are Gay.

Because 9% of all Gay people are fired from jobs solely because they are Gay.

Because the vast majority of Lesbian mothers and Gay fathers are denied custody of their children in custody cases solely because the parent is Gay. Frequently, the parent is denied overnight visitation privileges and sometimes any visitation privileges.

Because Gay people are increasingly the victims of murder and beatings solely because they are Gay.

Because societal pressures have created a much higher incidence of suicide among Gays than among non-Gays.

Because those same pressures have resulted in an alcoholism rate among Gays that is more than three times that of non-Gays.

Because numerous politically-inclined individuals, many of them ministers, have advocated execution of Gays.

Because I am denied access to programs and services that my tax dollars support.

Because Gay bars, meetings and conferences are the targets of bomb threats and harassment.

Because Gay people are the targets of police entrapment, harassment and illegal arrests.

Because I have lied to family, friends and employers.

Because most courts and judges are homophobic.

Because most lawmakers are equally homophobic.

Because I have heard too many fagg jokes.

Because biblical translators have injected into the Bible anti-Gay translations that do not exist in the original texts.

Because a friend just said to me that he "admitted" to his parents that he is Gay.

Because Dan White is serving only 7 years for manslaughter after cold-bloodedly murdering S.F. Mayor George Moscone and Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Because Gay aliens are denied entry into the United States.

Because I restrained myself from hugging a same-sex friend "goodbye" at the airport.

Because the man and woman in front of me are walking hand in hand and the man beside me walks a safe foot away.

Because a couple, I know, both women, lived together as lovers for 17 years, and when one died, her family took all possessions and kicked the other woman into the street. The family contested the will and won, an easy victory for "blopd relatives" when the deceased is "unmarried."

Because most Gays are forbidden the show of emotion at a lover's funeral and are denied the needed support and strength of family at the time of a lover's death.

Because I am falsely accused of corrupting and molesting children.

Because I was once afraid to buy *The Advocate* at a local bookstore.

Because Gay people are evicted from or denied housing solely because they are Gay.

Because self-oppressed Gays are unable to cast off the guilt our society has demanded of them.

Because racism, sexism and classism, kissing cousins of Gay oppression, are passed



along to us with our self-oppression.

Because upbringing, and the "Bible Belt," which may explain it, do not excuse heterosexism and homophobia.

Because Emily Dickinson died unfulfilled.

Because my worth in society is determined by the sex of my lover.

Because my brother-in-law thinks I am sick.

Because any crime committed by a homosexual is a "homosexual" crime.

Because CBS got away with "Gay Power, Gay Politics."

Because a march of 200,000 Gays becomes a march of "50,000 Gays" when reported in the non-Gay media.

Because being Gay is considered "too political." (Vote in bed tonight.)

Because if I printed that Robert Redford is Gay I could be sued for slander, but not if I printed that Billie Jean King is straight.

Because books or records with Gay themes cannot be found in most book and record stores.

Because I have spent far too many lonely holidays with an ununderstanding family while I longed to be with Gay friends.

Because I spent 20 years hating myself.

Because I overheard a man say that the only things in Court Square are the squirrels and the queers.

Because Gay-owned business frequently won't advertise in Gay publications.

Because Gay-owned business frequently won't play for an openly Gay dance for fear of "incrimination."

Because known homosexuals are forbidden serving in the military.

And because there are 10,000 other reasons that I haven't mentioned, I will march in Memphis' first Gay march. The Gay

Pride March will fall on Sunday, June 28, 1981, National Gay Pride Day commemorating the 12th anniversary of the Stonewall riots of June 27 and 28, 1969. Marchers will assemble between 1:30 and 2 p.m. in Peabody Park, Cooper Street at Higbee, and proceed north on Cooper to Overton Park. Lea Hopkins will lead the march and speak at a rally following the march.

Some people will march in disguise. Some will march with paper bags over their heads. Some will march proudly and openly. Some people will simply stand on the sidelines offering moral support. Some people will attend the rally even if they cannot march.

The ACLU of Tennessee and the National Organization for Women, Memphis Chapter, will march under their own banners. The Memphis Committee will march under its banner. The Mississippi Gay Alliance will march under its banner. The Memphis Gay Coalition will march under its banner. Hopefully, other organizations which support equality for all Americans will march under their banners.

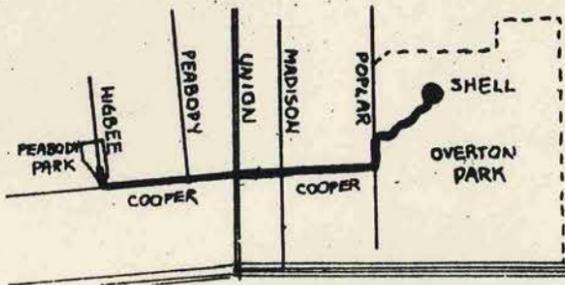
Because my presence is a statement that I am willing to fight the injustice of the risks I am taking, I will join a minority by Marching in Memphis' first Gay and Lesbian Pride March. If I were to use the "risk" factor as a reason for not marching, I would submit to the fact that I am a victim of the ultimate oppression of our society—I am denied the freedom of expression and assembly.

If, after I exercise my rights of freedom of speech, expression and assembly supposedly guaranteed me by the U.S. Constitution, I should suffer devastating consequences that a non-Gay citizen would not suffer, will someone march for me?

GAY PRIDE WEEK '81

MARCH and RALLY

Featuring Lea Hopkins



Marchers will assemble in Peabody Park at 1:30 p.m. and proceed North on Cooper Street, cross Union Avenue, Madison Avenue through Overton Square and continue to Overton Park, ending at Overton Park Shell for rally. Lea Hopkins will speak at the Shell.

Sunday, June 27

March begins at 1:30 p.m. at Peabody Park

A Rally at the Overton Park Shell will follow March

Boycott Peaches

Peaches Files Bankruptcy

While Peaches Records and Tapes continues to refuse to distribute *Gaze*, the parent corporation of Peaches nationwide has filed bankruptcy proceedings in Los Angeles.

Mike Shepard, local Peaches manager, told *Gaze* that no policy statements had arrived from the home office in Los Angeles. "They're too busy right now with this bankruptcy thing," Shepard said.

Peaches has filed under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, which is a reorganization and composition with creditors. The local Peaches store will not close, in spite of the company's unstable financial condition.

By Mike Bush

Gaze was distributed at Peaches Records and Tapes in Memphis for 14 months before Peaches manager Mike Shepard took it off the shelf in April. Though the initial reaction was quite different (see *Gaze*, Vol. 2, No. 6), Shepard now says, "*Gaze* has nothing to do with entertainment. I stopped distributing it because I see it as very political. Too political."

How did the editorial content of *Gaze* manage to escape the attention of Peaches for 14 months? "I just started here," said Shepard.

Fifteen months ago, *Gaze* received permission from the local Peaches store to distribute the publication you are now reading. *Gaze* was indeed distributed at Peaches for at least one year. Many

Memphians picked up their first copy of this newspaper at 3899 Park Avenue. Many of those same Memphians must now be wondering, whatever happened to *Gaze*? If we could reach them, which now we cannot, our message would be "*Gaze* is alive and well, and available monthly at 30 locations."

The 1981 March, April and May issues of *Gaze* which were entrusted to the staff of Peaches ended up in the Peaches trash can. The papers were trashed apparently soon after *Gaze*'s distribution agent left the store. This went on for three months before the manager of Peaches, Mike Shepard, informed *Gaze* that the paper would not be allowed in the store again. In addition, salespersons were rude to *Gaze* staffers on more than one occasion.

The message from Peaches was crystal clear; Gays are not welcome at Peaches Records and Tapes.

We have a message for Peaches, too. We'll make our paper and our business elsewhere in the future. *Gaze* calls on all Gay people and straight friends to boycott Peaches.

Let this be regarded as an idle threat, perhaps a few facts would clarify the issue. Gays have a higher discretionary income. This means that, as a group, we spend more on things like records and movies. Petitions are now being distributed in the Gay community calling for Peaches to change their policy regarding this newspaper. Peaches had a duty, when they gave the original permission, to notify *Gaze* promptly of any change in policy. This they did not do. Because they breached this duty, and because they continue to regard *Gaze* and the Gay community with contempt, we feel a boycott is in order.

COUNTERPOINT

By Clifton St. John

Scapegoat Annie

In answering a distressed reader's recent letter Ann Landers showed poor judgment and bigoted ignorance, resulting in scapegoating of the most pernicious variety.

The reader, a woman who wrote that she had been "dumped for another man...after 15 years of what I thought was a good marriage," claimed that "totally accepted homosexuality" had ruined her life.

Ann's reply was a both-feet-in-mouth revelation. She first assured the reader that homosexuality is fine, especially when they cause problems for straight people. It should logically follow that hating heterosexuals and heterosexuality is fine too when they are the source of problems for Gay people.

Adding injury to insult in her often vitriolic style, Ann proclaimed that the reader's life was ruined, not by homosexuality, but "was ruined by a husband who turned out to be bisexual." The point seems to be "don't blame a nebulous entity called homosexuality when you can target an individual and vent all your homophobic hatred on an assured stereotype."

This subtle form of scapegoating, which comes easily to many heterosexuals, helps keep homophobia alive and thriving.

Would Ann's answer have been similar if the reader's husband had been heterosexual? There probably would have been no answer at all.

Was the reader's life ruined? Hardly. Many marriages end after 15 years, without a homosexual or bisexual scapegoat, and lives continue — rearranged — but certainly not ruined. The facts are that the reader's marriage had ended and that she was feeling frustrated and angry. That her life was

ruined was only opinion, not fact. Blundering Scapegoat Annie, however, reinforced the reader's mistaken opinion by agreeing with it.

Such misguided counseling is a mark of those who indulge in scapegoating, for they cannot readily see the difference between fact and opinion.

Lefever Inoculated!

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a 13 to 4 ballot, rejected Ronald Reagan's nomination of Ernest W. Lefever as chief American spokesman on human rights.

Lefever, one of the founding members of the Committee on the Present Danger, has presented overly strong views on military defense and upholds American Corporate sales of baby formula to Third World nations. He has allegedly spoken sympathetically of certain white supremacy views, and was quoted in a *Time* editorial as saying, "I don't

give a damn about *habeas corpus* in certain countries."

Blaming Senator Charles Percy and "gutter tactics" of the press for his defeat, Lefever privately described some of his opposition as being Communist inspired.

"Lefever was not a very good witness in his own behalf," said Senator Howard Baker.

America and the world should be thankful for not having been infected with Lefever.

Honest, John!

Elton John, interviewed by Tom Snyder recently on the Tomorrow Show, openly discussed his sexuality with no apologies and much sympathy for oppressed Gays.

"I hate these raving faggots in our business [show business] who go around saying that they hate Gays," Elton said. "I don't flaunt my sexuality, but I felt I needed to get this out into the open. It [being closeted] was a part of the me I didn't like." His statement brought scattered applause from the small audience.

Snyder asked if this open admission would put some people off. "Probably," Elton replied, "but I'll possibly gain some, too... those Gay people and bisexuals who are living in secret, in small towns. They need someone to identify with. It's hard to be Gay in a small town. And if they hear my records, maybe that will be some positive reinforcement. If it puts some people off, well let it. I have an obligation to myself — to be me."

When Tom asked him if all this had hurt his opportunities back home in England, Elton said, "No. And it hasn't hurt my record sales, either. That's where my success is measured."

Snyder said that he had not really wanted to bring up the sexuality question, fearing that it would embarrass John. "I thought you would give a short answer," Snyder said, "but I'm glad you gave the answer you did."

Elton John simply shrugged and grinned.

BOX 3038

Charges Discrimination Against Blacks

On Saturday, April 26, a group of friends and myself decided to go to the new bar for the evening. Upon arriving at the new bar, we were confronted by a man asking for three specific ID's. Not having taken our mothers and fathers with us, our ID's were deemed insufficient and we were refused admittance.

Oh! In case I hadn't already mentioned it, I am 31 years old and, of course, I'm Black.

Which, if my calculations are correct is more than 1 1/2 times the legal age. Don't get me wrong, I do appreciate the compliment that I look like a teenager—but not so.

To further aggravate the situation, my roommate went to the same bar and without showing or being asked to show any ID was admitted with no problem. Not that I'm jealous or anything, but my roommate happens to be white. Also the group of people that I was supposed to be meeting, who are all white and younger than myself, were all admitted with no problems. Whites who

choose to attend predominantly Black bars are not confronted with reverse racism.

Not that I am that much into the bar scene, but the bars offer a social environment where you can be free to express yourself as a Gay individual, unless of course you are Black. Is it not enough that we as Blacks have to contend with suppressions from the white world? Is it not enough that we as Gays have to contend with suppressions from the straight world? Is it not enough that we as Black Gays have to contend with suppression from the white Gay world?

I am tired of hearing the excuse that it is the law, it's club policy, or that whites get in without showing ID's because they are known. It is a plain and simple example of racism, only next week if they will post the sign "NO BLACKS ALLOWED" on the "barracks" door like in the good old days, we will know where we are not wanted.

Y.J. Calhoun
Memphis

Thanks For Gay Pride Aid

The Gay Pride Week '81 Committee thanks those whose creativity, time and energy helped to raise over \$2,500 for Gay Pride Week activities. The Memphis Gay community, including members of Aphrodite, Apollo, GOPS, Memphis Gay Coalition, Tsarus and Unicorn, brought us, close to our annual celebration of pride in who we are and enjoyment in how we feel about ourselves. The remainder of the \$5,000 cost of GPW '81 is expected to be raised by ticket sales to Robin Tyler and the Showboat.

Special thanks go to the owners and staff of 10 N. Cleveland, the Pendulum, J-Wag's, the Fruit Jar Saloon and Shavens, for their support, both financially and in spirit.

Gay Pride Week '81 Committee
Memphis

No Political Issue

Bravo for speaking out against the heteros who insist on making Gays a "political" issue. Every time a hetero wants to excuse him or her self from blatant homophobia, they simply say "that's too political."

I wish I could count the times I have been asked whether I was "for or against" homosexuality. I retorted, "are you for or against trees?" One question is about as sensible as the other.

Forcing people to hide is forcing people to live in a prison. This is not a political issue, but a social one. It is time the heteros learned to deal with it.

Jean Chandler
Germantown

An Open Letter To Heterosexuals

(The following letter appeared in the June 1, 1981, issue of *The Wheel*, a publication of the Women's Resources Center of Memphis and is reprinted here by permission. The author is anonymous.)

I am a Lesbian. I live a life that most people do not understand or accept. Yet I am here. Your misunderstanding and non-acceptance of me makes my life difficult, painful and at times agonizing. You are wondering why I don't change if I'm so miserable. I wonder why you don't change, after all you are the cause of much of my misery.

I want you to imagine what it is to be a Lesbian, an outsider in a world of heterosexuals. I would like for you to stop for a brief period and try to step into my shoes. Leave behind who you are and look through my eyes and feel what I feel.

I work in an office with heterosexuals. They talk freely about their husbands, or about dates with boyfriends. But in other conversations I have heard references to "queers" so I know I cannot share my life. I cannot share how good I feel about my 13-year relationship with my lover. If pushed about what I did Saturday night I change her gender or I say I'm not really a sociable person. I stay at home a lot.

Because of my fear of losing my job (no laws protect me from discrimination due to sexual preference) and my not wanting to encounter hostility or disgust from my co-workers, I hide my life.

A co-worker's mate calls; their conversation is superficial, but the tone expresses love, concern, warmth. My lover calls (not too often) and I am impersonal, guarded. She gets no reassurance from me. I want to reach out, but I can't.

After work we meet for dinner. We are surrounded by female/male couples. They are quietly talking, exchanging glances,

touching hands. Their laughter conveys the warmth they feel for one another.

I once, only once, tried to hold my lover's hand in a restaurant. We were met with stares, whispered conversation and muttered obscenities. I consider myself a strong woman. But that clear message was intimidating.

Can you imagine you and your mate in a restaurant. You reach out to touch her/his hand. Everyone near your table turns and stares. "How disgusting!"

Blacks know what it is like to go into a restaurant and hear the word "nigger." They know what it is to feel hostility and hatred. I have heard the word "queer" directed at me... and those I love. Why have you been able to learn to understand the pain of Black people and those to ignore my pain?

The holidays are over now. There was the usual round of parties. I remember the night a heterosexual friend of my lover called to invite her to a party. My lover asked if I could also come. The reply: Well...I guess so. The tone is clear. Bring her if you must. The message is clearer. I like you as long as you don't flaunt it. We can be friends, but your sexuality, your lifestyle makes me uncomfortable. Our history, our struggles, our sharing, our lives as a couple are denied.

Imagine someone calling you. You're married or living with an opposite sex friend. "Hey, want to come to a party? I'm having a few friends in... Well, if you must, go ahead and bring him." Yet you know there will be other couples there. How would you feel? What would you turn to your mate and say?

I have shared with you three small incidents. There are hundreds more, a lifetime of them. Imagine a lifetime of meeting disgust, hostility, rejection and sometimes physical attack.

I ask you to question your attitudes and feelings about Lesbians. You are willing to do this much for Black people. Racism attempts to destroy Black people. Homophobia attempts to destroy me.

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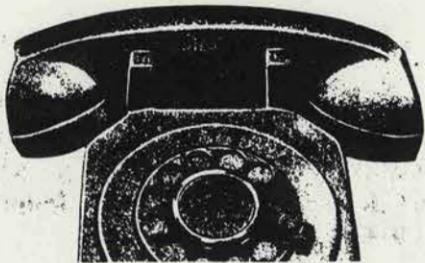
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Gay Rights Advocates Names Jean O'Leary



Don Knutson and Jean O'Leary of GRA.

SAN FRANCISCO--Gay Rights Advocates, the national Gay public interest law firm, has hired activist Jean O'Leary as its Executive Director.

O'Leary has been a leader in the Gay rights movement since the early 1970's. She was the Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force from 1975 until 1979 and helped to establish NGTF as the largest Gay organization in the country.

Perhaps the most visible Lesbian in national politics, O'Leary was elected a delegate to the 1976 Democratic convention and an alternate delegate to the 1980 Democratic convention. While co-executive director of NGTF she worked on Gay issues with several government commissions and organized the first meetings between Gay and White House leaders. She was appointed by President Carter to the Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, and she was instrumental in making Lesbianism a feminist issue at the IWY Houston conference.

O'Leary will be supported in her efforts to strengthen GRA by GRA founder Don Knutson, who has resigned as Legal Director to become Legal Counsel. He will continue to be the guiding force in the organization's litigation efforts.

"With the current climate in the White House and Congress," Knutson said, "any Gay rights advancements during the next few years will most likely be achieved in the courts."

GRA, which has won major decisions in the areas of federal immigration policy and employment discrimination and currently has a Petition with the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case of discharged Naval weatherman Dennis Beller, is a non-profit foundation dedicated to expanding the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men across the country. GRA cannot accept fees for its service, so relies on membership fees and tax-deductible contributions for support.

Norway Passes Gay Rights Laws

OSLO, NORWAY--Norway passed legislation May 8 prohibiting public statements that threaten or condemn a person or group of persons or expose anyone to hatred, persecution or contempt because of their sexual orientation, and prohibiting businesses to refuse service or goods to persons because they are homosexual.

A Norwegian Gay organization first proposed the laws two years after homosexual acts were decriminalized in Norway in 1972. The proposed laws, which were referred to the Penal Code Committee, remained in discussion by the committee for almost five years.

The proposed laws were debated extensively and received support from the Center Party, the Labor Party, the Socialist Leftists and some members of the

Conservative Party. The Christian People's Party and other members of the Conservative Party opposed the bills. Parliament passed the legislation by a vote of 61 to 22 in the Lower House and by 23 to 4 in the Upper House. King Olav V signed the bills on May 8, a day already celebrated in Norway signifying the anniversary of the end of the nation's occupation by Germany during World War II.

Only one other country in the history of the world has ever passed national anti-Gay discrimination legislation. Russia, under the Bolshevik government, legalized homosexuality and provided for taking down "the walls which separate homosexuals from the remainder of society." The Russian law was reversed in 1934 under the rule of Stalin.

NGTF Campaigns To Improve Media Coverage Of Gay Issues

NEW YORK--The National Gay Task Force mailed last month letters and copies of "Media Guide to Gay Issues" to 500 editors and news directors of the major print and electronic media in all 50 states.

Aimed at heightening editorial sensitivity to the appropriate handling of news stories containing homosexual subject matter, the letter cites five recent examples of national stories in which homosexuality was an issue-Gay Democrats at the National Convention, the Bauman and Hinson stories, the Las Vegas hotel arsonist, Atlanta child murders, and Reagan's assassin.

"Let us be candid," wrote Co-Director Charles F. Brydon in the cover letter. "The first story, a positive one, was largely overlooked except by a few political columnists. The others were handled in a fashion that either oversimplified the issues, allowed the homosexual angle to overshadow the real news or played to myth and stereotype about Gay people for sensational or speculative value."

News editors were offered five quick *do's* and *don'ts*. *Do* report stories of interest to the 10% of your market who are Gay. The Gay market exists in your community--don't be fooled by its relative invisibility. It's there.

Do reflect the concerns and activities of the Gay community on a par with your coverage of other minorities.

Don't use "homosexual" in a laundry list of social evils like "drugs, homosexuality, and prostitution." That debases and dehumanizes an entire class of largely law abiding and contributing citizens.

Don't use "homosexual" as an adjective such as "homosexual murderer" and "homosexual rape." There is nothing "homosexual" or "heterosexual" about murder, rape or other crimes.

Do support openly Gay reporters on your staff. Adopt a firm non-discrimination policy that nobody will be fired for being openly Gay. You will open the door to in-house suggestions for stories and features for which you have an interested market.

Gay Man Deported After INS Officials Read Diary

NEW YORK — A Gay man attempting to enter the U.S. from London to visit a friend in Washington, D.C. was deported May 5 after Immigration officials searched his luggage and read his diary.

Philip Fatheringham, a 23-year-old British and Canadian citizen, was detained at Kennedy Airport and underwent what he described as "three hours of absolute hell and harassment." Immigration officials read personal letters and his diary to find "evidence" that the man was Gay. Under current U.S. law, Lesbians and Gay men are not permitted to enter the country.

Fatheringham has filed a formal complaint against the Immigration and Naturalization Service and has filed suit against Trans World Airlines for assisting in the deportation process.

The incident prompted the first international demonstration by Gays. Protests took place on May 29 in London and Stockholm and in six U.S. cities. A protest took place in Amsterdam on June 23.

A demonstration at Minneapolis' Hubert H. Humphrey International Airport resulted in six arrests for "bannering," a misdemeanor.

Thirty people gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in London to deliver a petition calling for an end to "this discriminatory U.S. law which classifies homosexual men and women as undesirable aliens." A U.S. citizen attempting to deliver the petition was forced to leave under threat of arrest.

Protests also took place in San Francisco, Boston, Los Angeles, Washington and Indianapolis.

Reps. Introduce Bill To End Immigration Bias

WASHINGTON — Reps. Julian Dixon and Anthony Beilenson (D-CA) introduced

legislation last month to repeal the section's immigration laws which exclude Gay aliens from entry into the United States.

The bill, H.R. 3524, would eliminate "sexual deviation" as grounds for exclusion under Section 212 (a) (4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. Twenty-two representatives joined Dixon and Beilenson in introducing the measure.

In remarks before the House, Dixon said that the present exclusion is "offensive to the basic American standards of justice and fair play. 'Unless violent or criminal, one's sexual conduct should not be used as a criterion for determining one's fitness to enter this country.'"

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), meanwhile, created a special Task Force on Immigration to work on the proposed legislation and appointed Tom Bastow, former Co-Director of the National Convention Project, to head the task force. Bastow said, "I view this as both an exciting chance to enhance coalition building and as an opportunity to expand our movement's credibility as a political force."

Housing Court Judge Evicts Lesbian Couple

NEW YORK — Housing Court Judge Ferdinand Pellegrino ordered May 27 the eviction of a Lesbian couple on the basis that only one of the women was a named tenant in the apartment lease.

The tenants, represented by Michael J. Lavery of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, argued that the eviction proceeding violated the provisions of the NYC and state Human Rights Laws prohibiting discrimination based on marital status. Lavery argued, also, that the women constituted a family unit. In rejecting the arguments, Judge Pellegrino stated, "To hold otherwise, this or any other court would lend itself to the ultimate destruction of the family unit, the foundation of society."

Marlene R., the tenant named in the lease, had lived in the apartment since July 1973. Her lover moved into the apartment in July 1979 and they had continued to occupy the apartment together since that time.

Churches Write In Support Of Gay Rights

WASHINGTON — Despite much press attention of Moral Majority's efforts against Gays and the growing perception of some Gay people that religion is their enemy, numerous religious bodies and denominations have sent letters to Members of Congress urging support of H.R. 1454, the Lesbian/Gay civil rights bill in the House.

Among the religious bodies who have written, according to the Gay Rights National Lobby, are the National Council of Churches of Christ, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Church of Christ, the Lutheran Council, the Presbyterians in the United States, and the United Presbyterians.

Most of the letters stressed the immorality of discrimination. Rev. William Sheek, Director of Family Ministries and Human Sexuality for the National Council of Churches, wrote: "Indeed, we are at a loss to understand how such civil rights legislation would endanger families as some in opposition to H.R. 1454 claim... Our position is that we deeply believe that discrimination against any person is dehumanizing and immoral."

Supreme Court Refuses To Rule On NY Sodomy Law

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court refused on May 18 to review the New York Court of Appeals decision striking the New York State Consensual Sodomy Law (*People vs. Onofre*), indicating that the

Supreme Court will not overturn state-level sodomy repeal.

The decision contrasted previous Supreme Court decisions upholding a lower court ruling that Virginia's sodomy law was constitutional and dismissing an appeal to have North Carolina's law abolished.

Illinois Votes "No" On Gay Rights

SPRINGFIELD, IL (*Gaylife*) — The Illinois House voted down a bill May 14 that would have prohibited anti-Gay discrimination in public university and community college employment.

The defeat of H.B. 357 by a vote of 115 to 32 put an end to hopes by Gay and Lesbian activists for the passage of statewide pro-Gay legislation in Illinois this year. Backers of the legislation, however, saw signs of encouragement in the vote totals, which showed an increase over vote totals on proposed Gay rights legislation in 1977.

Assemblyman Says Bill's Failure Due To Lack Of Gay Support

SACRAMENTO, CA — Assemblyman Art Agnos, author of a bill which would have prohibited employment discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men, has attributed the bill's defeat to a lack of Gay support for the measure, according to *Mom... Guess What!*, Sacramento's Lesbian/Gay newspaper.

"After successfully guiding AB1 to the Assembly floor last year," Agnos said, "I would attribute its early defeat this year to three factors: 1) the conservative political climate; 2) the collapse of the general Gay community lobby effort; and 3) the delay in

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"Discrimination against declared homosexuals may not be considered an 'unlawful employment practice...'"

Absurd? Right. Unlikely? Wrong.

The above statement is a provision of the Family Protection Act, proposed by Senator Paul Laxalt, Reagan's national campaign manager in last year's election.

The Family Protection Act also states that Legal Services funds may not be used for Gay rights litigation and that Federal money will be denied any "organization that presents homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle." And this is only the tip of the iceberg. The Family Protection Act contains other provisions that are anti-Gay, racist and sexist.

New Right conservative groups nationwide have organized tremendous letter-writing campaigns in favor of the Family Protection Act and against H.R. 1454 (amending the Civil Rights Act to include the words "sexual orientation") and against H.R. 3524 (eliminating "sexual deviation" as grounds for exclusion of Gay aliens from the United States).

We cannot allow ourselves the luxury of silence. We must let our lawmakers know our views. Please write today and: 1) oppose the Family Protection Act, 2) support H.R. 1454 and 3) support H.R. 3524.

U.S. Representatives can be reached by writing to Rep. (name), House of Representatives Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. Senators may be reached by writing Sen. (name), Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

Tennessee Senators are Howard Baker and Jim Sasser.

Memphis is represented by 3 U.S. Representatives. Robin Beard serves East Memphis east of I-240, Germantown, Fox Meadows and Parkway Village areas and most of Whitehaven. Harold Ford serves most of the central city within the perimeter freeway and westward to the river. Ed Jones serves Frayser, Millington and most of North Shelby County.

Preprinted postcards for mailing to Senators and Representatives may be obtained by writing Memphis Gay Coalition Political Concerns, Box 3038, Memphis, 38103.

A History They Didn't Teach You In School

When Gays Fought Back...

By Bill Stevenson

On Friday, June 27, 1969, the modern Gay liberation movement began at a popular New York bar called the Stonewall Inn. "Remember Stonewall!" became a common chant in the early Gay liberation marches in the larger cities in America, and the remembrance of that stormy weekend in Greenwich Village has become the basis for Gay Pride Week celebrations in at least 45 cities in the U.S. Twenty-eight cities hold Gay Pride marches or parades to commemorate Stonewall. Memphis and Phoenix will hold their first marches this year.

On that hot June night in 1969, the patrons of Stonewall, accustomed to routine police harassment and illegal arrests, rebelled. The police were forced to barricade themselves inside the bar until help arrived. The incident was violent and brutal. Beer bottles and rocks were thrown at the police. An uprooted parking meter crashed through the front door. Police reinforcements arrived and cleared the streets. The scene was repeated the following night. The revolt had started, and cries of "no more!" were heard across the country.

Thus, Gay pride has come to mean "no more!"

WALT WHITMAN: Poet whose love for men was the subject of much of his work.

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON: British author and poet who spent 10 years lamenting the death of his lover, Arthur Hallam.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT: The conquering King who conquered and married the Persian boy Bagoas.

MARCEL PROUST: Novelist who wrote of upper class Gays in Paris.

MALCOLM BOYD: Pacifist religious and civil rights leader who eventually championed the cause of Gay rights.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER: You never read it in history books, but this great agricultural scientist was openly Gay.

EMILY DICKINSON: Poet, recluse, who held a lifelong love for a neighbor woman.

NOEL COWARD: Author.

ANDRE GIDE: Came out in his autobiographical novel, *If It Die* (English translation).

ALLEN GINSBERG: Poet, openly Gay.

CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD: Also openly Gay.

W.H. AUDEN: Poet, not open, but Gay.

VIRGINIA WOOLF: Not open, but Gay.

HORATIO ALGER, JR: American folk hero.

KAROLY BENKERT: Hungarian writer who coined the term "homosexual."

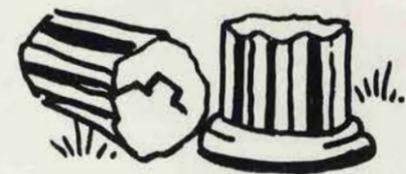
In Good Company

By Emily Rochman

So often reminded by homophobes that I am a worthless degenerate, I need examples (without seeming too conceited and pointing to myself) of people who were and are both outstanding and Gay. Setting out to find Lesbian and Gay notables, however, is no easy task. Historians and biographers have not only generally deleted references to homosexuality, but in many cases have gone to great lengths to cover up the Gayness of some of history's most blatant Gays.

A few of the more famous among us--past and present--are listed here in no particular order. This list is by no means complete. The research leading to the discovery of homosexual orientation in most cases went far deeper than the traditional biographies, but the evidence, once found, was indisputable. Some may surprise you.

SOCRATES: A teacher who wouldn't be allowed to teach in Memphis schools.



PLATO: Another teacher who wouldn't be allowed to teach in Memphis schools.

JANIS IAN: Entertainer who recorded the controversial "Society's Child" several years ago and came out in a national magazine article in the late 70's.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN: Honest Abe was not so honest. He married on the advice of his political advisors because "rumors" of his bedpartner, storekeeper Josuah Speed, were damaging his political career.

EDVARD GRIEG: The great Norwegian composer whose love of Scandinavian music was nurtured by the composer of the Norwegian National Anthem.

RIKARD NORDRAAK: Composer of the Norwegian National Anthem.

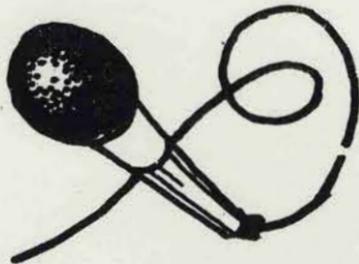
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: Author of over 3,000 love letters to reporter Lorena Hickok.

LORENA HICKOK: Recipient of over 3,000 love letters from Eleanor Roosevelt.

JOAN BAEZ: Openly bisexual singer and champion of civil liberties.

JANIS JOPLIN: Read Peggy Caserta's biography.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS: Playwright who makes no bones about it.



ELTON JOHN: Singer who says he is tired of "queenie" musicians who make fun of "fags."

THORNTON WILDER: *Our Town* author and notorious man's man.

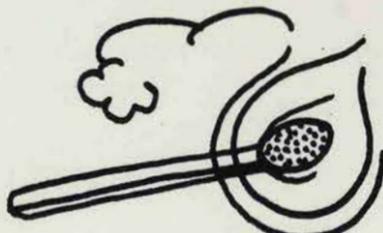
GERTRUDE "MA" RAINEY: Famous blues singer whose "Prove It On Me Blues" appears on Olivia Records *Lesbian Concentrate* album.

BESSIE SMITH: Another famous blues singer who studied with Ma Rainey. She apparently studied more than the biographers want to acknowledge.

MONTGOMERY CLIFT: Actor (in many ways) who never learned to deal with his homosexuality.

SYLVIA PLATH: Author and poet whose unhappy affair with life ended in suicide.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON: Poet and author whose fables symbolized society's rejection of Gays.

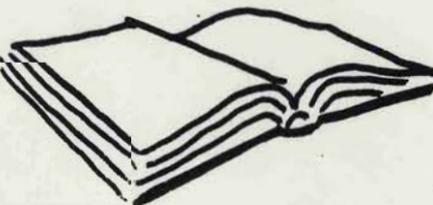


JOAN OF ARC: Dressed in male drag most of her life, Joan claimed to be a saint. For both these reasons she was burned at the stake by the church.

CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN: Famous Lesbian Queen (no pun intended) who crowned herself "King" in 1644.

DESCARTES: Noted philosopher and scholar who found something in common with his friend, Christina of Sweden.

GEORGE SAND: Novelist whose relationship with Marie Dorval was openly affectionate.



OSCAR WILDE: Author and playwright whose name has become almost synonymous with Gay bookstores.

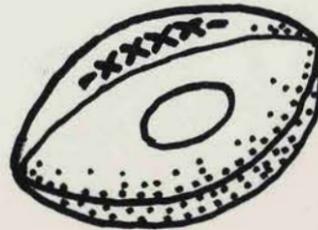
HENRY DAVID THOREAU: Waldenbooks, are you listening?

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT: *Little Women* came before *Little Men*.



LEONARD MATLOVICH: Famed for fighting his expulsion from the Air Force.

DAVID AND JONATHAN: Read your Bible.



DAVID KOPAY: Football player who proved that the field is not for straights only.

SOMERSET MAUGHAM: Author of *Of Human Bondage*.

LEONARDO DA VINCI: Artist, architect, inventor, etc., who was openly Gay.

MICHELANGELO: Artist whose intimate paintings of nude males were often censored.

HELEN KELLER: Her half-century relationship with teacher Anne Sullivan was not entirely professional.

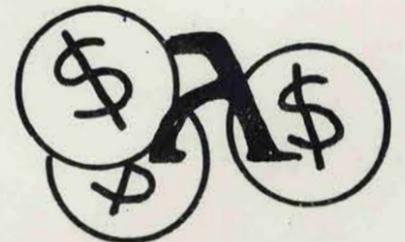
GERTRUDE STEIN: Noted author who escaped to Paris for a "warmer" climate.

ALICE B. TOKLAS: Escaped with Gertrude Stein.

COLE PORTER: Composer. Read his lyrics.

TCHAIKOVSKY: Composer of the 1812 Overture who may have committed suicide because he was about to become the subject of a "scandal."

TALLULAH BANKHEAD: Legendary Lesbian actress.



SUSAN B. ANTHONY: More than a face on a dollar, a leader of the Women's Suffrage movement and a Lesbian.

AMELIA EARHART: Pilot and woman-lover.

NAPOLEON: Introduced Gay rights laws to Europe.

WILLIAM TILDEN: Preceded Billie Jean in tennis circles.

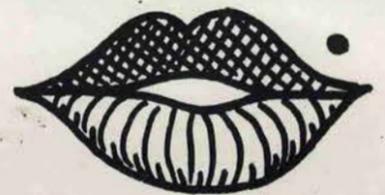
SAPPHO: Hopefully, no explanation is necessary here.

CARSON McCOLLERS: Author of *The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter*.

FRANZ SCHUBERT: Classical composer.

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL: Composer of *The Messiah*.

TYRONE POWER: Yes, him too.

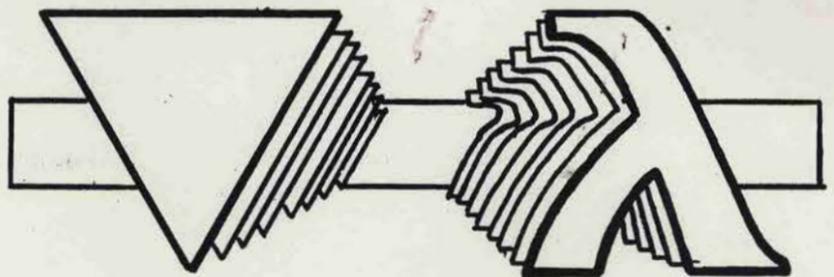


MARILYN MONROE: Found solace in an affair with a female drama coach.

STEPHEN FOSTER: American composer who loved George Cooper, also a composer.

MAURICE CHEVALIER: Covered his tracks, but not well.

Symbols Of A Heritage...



By Regina Russell

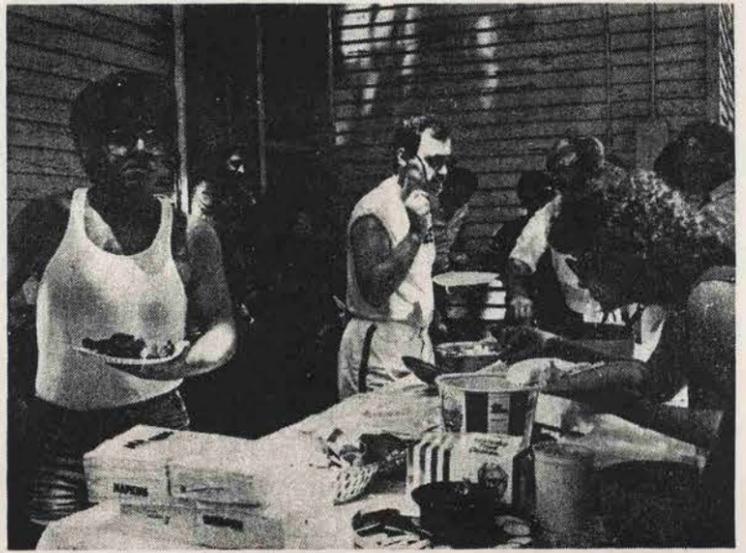
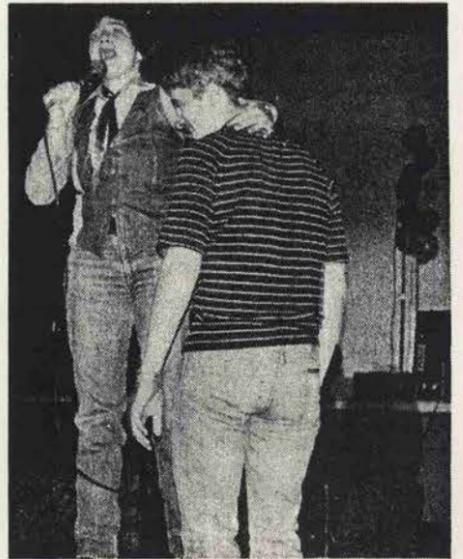
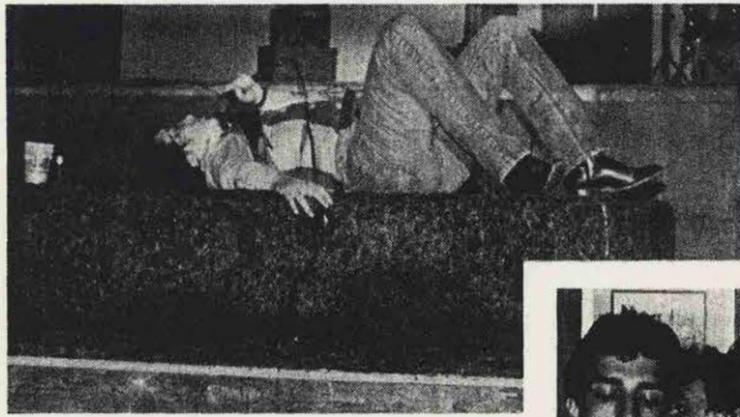
As common as we sometimes think our symbols have become, we still hear Gays ask what the pink triangle or the lambda stands for. Because much of our heritage and culture is represented by these symbols, we should certainly know what they mean.

THE LAMBDA: The eleventh lower-case letter of the Greek alphabet, a symbol of justice, balance, freedom, equality and unity, the lambda was adopted by the post-Stonewall Gay liberation movement as an international Gay rights symbol.

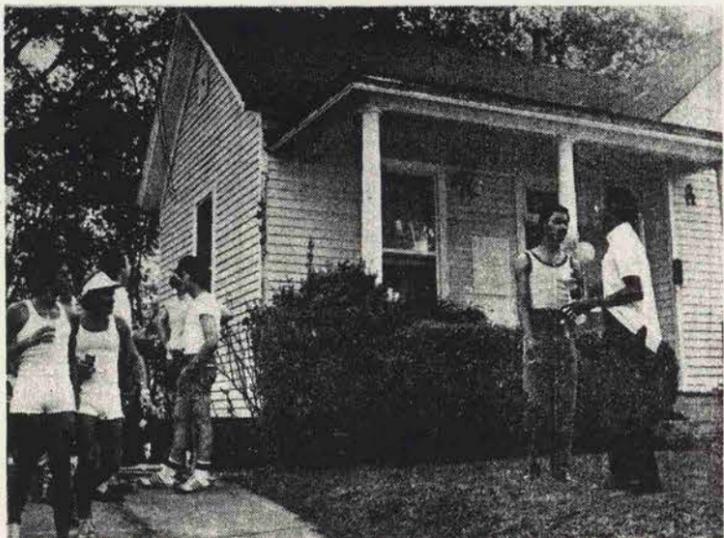
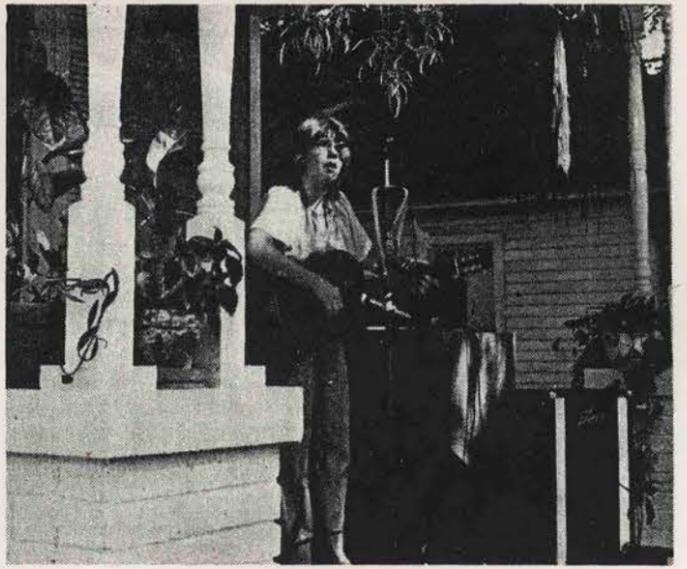
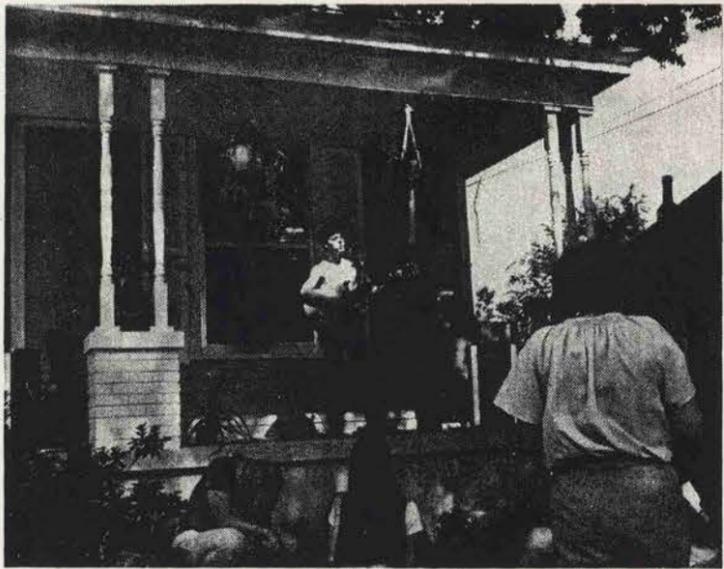
THE PINK TRIANGLE: A symbol sewn to the uniforms of Gays in Nazi Germany's

concentration camps, the pink triangle was similar to the Star of David worn by Jews. The number of Gays executed in Nazi Germany is unknown, but estimates range from 10,000 to 250,000. The pink triangle has since become an international symbol of the oppression of Gay and Lesbian people.

In addition to the geometric symbols, the color lavender has become a universally identifying symbol of what has come to be known as the "lavender culture." A mixture of blue and pink, the traditional "baby colors" of male and female, lavender represents the rejection by Gays of society's demands that we accept their role models.



Gay Pride Week 1981



LOCAL

Attorney General Reduces Charges Against Clarksville Men

CLARKSVILLE--Twelve men here facing crime against nature charges have had their charges reduced to lewdness, a city misdemeanor that carries a \$50 fine. Tennessee's State Attorney General indicated that evidence was insufficient to sustain the felony charges.

The men were arrested in late April and charged with "crimes against nature," a felony in Tennessee.

Don Frazier, a defendant who lost his job initially as a result of the publicity surrounding his arrest, told ACLU of Tennessee Executive Director Julie Steiner that he has been reinstated by his employer after obtaining a required determination from a psychologist that he presents no danger to society.

Poll Indicates Pro-Choice On Abortion

MEMPHIS--A poll conducted by Yacoubian and Associates on behalf of Memphis Planned Parenthood indicated that Tennesseans support the right of women to make their own decisions regarding abortion.

The poll, covering 26 counties in the state, indicated that an overwhelming 90% favor availability of abortion in all or some circumstances. Eighty-seven per cent supported the view that if abortions were made illegal, women would continue to have them in illegal and unsafe conditions. The poll also revealed that 77% oppose giving government the power to force women to continue an unwanted pregnancy and that 69% feel that the best way to reduce unwanted pregnancies is through sex education, birth control, and legalized, safe abortions.

ACLU To Give Away Free Weekend At The Peabody

MEMPHIS--The West Tennessee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is raffling a weekend for two at the Peabody Hotel. Tickets are \$5 each.

The weekend in the grand hotel includes lodging for Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast in bed Saturday morning, dinner Saturday evening, four drinks, and Sunday brunch. The winners may select an available weekend after the first week in August, when the Peabody is scheduled to open. The winning ticket will be selected at a pool party on Saturday, July 25. The winner need not be present.

Funds raised will be used to support the local chapter's varied litigation efforts and educational programs. The ACLU is actively involved in Gay rights issues in Tennessee.

To purchase a raffle ticket, contact an ACLU Board of Directors member or call 521-9875 or 274-0431.

Thousands and Thousands of Post Cards

MEMPHIS--The political committee of the Memphis Gay Coalition is conducting a post card campaign addressed to Tennessee's congresspersons. The cards ask representatives to vote against the Family Protection Act, which contains anti-Black, anti-Gay and anti-woman provisions.

The cards ask also that the representatives support H.R. 1454, which would amend the existing Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination based on "affectional preferences or sexual orientation."

Cards and further information can be obtained by calling the Gay Switchboard at

726-GAY or by writing Memphis Gay Coalition Political Concerns, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

Lambdi Wins Costume Prize, Marches In Grand Parade

MEMPHIS--The Krewe of Lambdi, which participated for the first time this year in the Carnival Krewe Parade, won 2nd prize for costumes. Lambdi was one of 8 krewes participating in the parade. Winning the prize allowed Lambdi to march in the Grand Krewe Parade May 30.

Lambdi's purpose of organization is "to provide an outlet for participation by persons with common interests." Its bylaws state that "membership is limited to those individuals in agreement with our views and special interests."

MCRH Sponsors Compulsive Eating Workshops

MEMPHIS--The Memphis Center for Reproductive Health has begun a series of Weight/Self-Image groups for women. The goal of the Weight/Self-Image groups is "to help each participant break her addictive relationship to food, and to free herself to experience greater self-acceptance and good health."

Each workshop will be limited to about 12 women who share the common problem of compulsive eating. Group facilitators will guide each participant to better understanding of her particular food habits and perceptions of "fatness" and "thinness" through self-awareness and self-exploration exercises.

Workshops will meet one evening per week at MCRH, 1462 Poplar Avenue at

McNeil. Groups are free and open to women in the Memphis area. For more information, call MCRH at (901) 274-3550.

NOW Begins New CR Groups

MEMPHIS--The Memphis chapter of the National Organization for Women has started a new series of consciousness-raising groups for women. Interest has been expressed, also, in starting a men's group.

For the first time, a Memphis NOW CR group will focus specifically on motherhood. The group is intended for women who are mothers, are involved in a relationship in which they are responsible for a parental role or are simply interested in the topic.

Memphis NOW is also trying to address the issue of minority women and feminism in a new Minority Women Task Force. Information about the Minority Women Task Force and other CR groups can be obtained by calling NOW at 458-1661.

Gays Needed For Health Seminar

NASHVILLE--A statewide Public Health Seminar set for Nashville sometime in October will address the issues of experiences with and effectiveness of Tennessee public health departments. A group of 6 or 7 Gay men and women are needed to participate in a consciousness raising effort in the 1½-hour panel discussion, primarily to discuss experiences with public health services. Exact date for the seminar has not been decided by organizers.

Anyone interested in participating may call or write Corky Garner, 1423 Porter Road, Nashville, TN 37206, (601) 227-5668 after 11 p.m.

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If you would like your event or meeting listed on our Calendar, call 275-0431 or write Box 3038, Memphis, TN. 38103.							

BOOKS

Late In The Season By Felice Picano



Reviewed By Mike Bush

Summer novels are either so long that they are carried around to be digested piecemeal at the park or by the pool, or else they are short and filtered through the leisure mind like a breath of fresh air. Felice Picano has wisely chosen the latter form for this modern love triangle about a famous composer, his famous director lover, and the teenage nymphet who invades their lovenest. But rather than fresh air, the wind blowing across Long Island Sound reeks of hash and rehash.

Late in the Season is a Gay, and I use the term loosely, *Summer of '42* without the war, without the depth of character, and with a twist. The adolescent is female, and her love object is an attached Gay man. While lover Dan is in London directing a special series for the BBC, composer Jonathan diverts himself with the randy girl next door. The flirtation scenes are ludicrous. Picano conveys Jonathan's thoughts lucidly enough, but little Stevie comes across like one of the Brady Bunch.

One expects lyrical prose in the idealized love story. Perhaps that is why Picano's flatness is especially disappointing — from the first page's morning "so clear and sunny, so absolutely cloudless" (where I went to school this was called being redundant) to such gems as "one buttock uncovered, soft as a newly molded scoop of peach sherbet." The sherbet left me cold.

Feminists will be interested to hear of the "odd-side effect" which making love to the famous composer has on the impressionable youngster—namely, "a sudden cessation of tension, as though all she'd really needed was to get laid." The marketplace for such ideas is Fraternity Row.

The book touches on serious subjects — ambisexuality, male menopause and the midlife crisis, growing up, coupling — but adds nothing to our understanding of any of them. Shelve this one next to *The Front Runner*. Felice Picano has turned the tables on Pat Warren.

Late in the Season is available from Delacorte Press, 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017, hardcover, \$12.95.

Something Not Yet Ended By Jane Gapen

Reviewed By Kathleen Murphy

The island is entire, survived great gashes of cove. The tide washes the kelp, the kelp scours the scars and wind keeps combed the fir and balsam. All is clean as the newborn or an island off the coast of Maine.

It is the story of island life, sparkling with the charm of New England quaintness. There are hootanennies, bouillabaisse dinners and the exciting flow of summer

visitors. But it is the story of a woman caught in a world created by others where she has become a stranger to those around her and to herself as well. The island is intense, sometimes lonely and demanding in its own quiet way. She seems caught by it but she does find a way out. Courageously and unabashedly she travels through the love she feels for another woman. She begins a journal through her new life and through her awakening mind, leaving behind an alien world and delivering herself to her own world and being. She loves the new woman of her life as naturally as she enjoys the other aspects of her island life.

Her love sets her free, generating tremendous self insight and exciting internal discoveries. It is not just a love of one woman but grows into a love for all women. The reader has the pleasure of being drawn

instantly into the two worlds of the author. There is the everyday world of living with visitors, children and picnics and her own interior world which grows and struggles throughout the book. While exhibiting tremendous self honesty she carries the reader into a flow of gentle rhythms embroidered with sensitivity, color and insight. All this is enhanced by a series of moving poems. When the author nears the end of her book with the statement "Honey — don't ask me how or why, but I'm beginning to fall in love with myself again" the reader wants to cheer for the well earned, openly shared return to self. It is a witness to growth one does not wish to miss.

Something Not Yet Ended Pagoda Publications, is available from The Naiad Press, P.O. Box 15043, Tallahassee, FL 32302, \$6.50 plus 15% postage.

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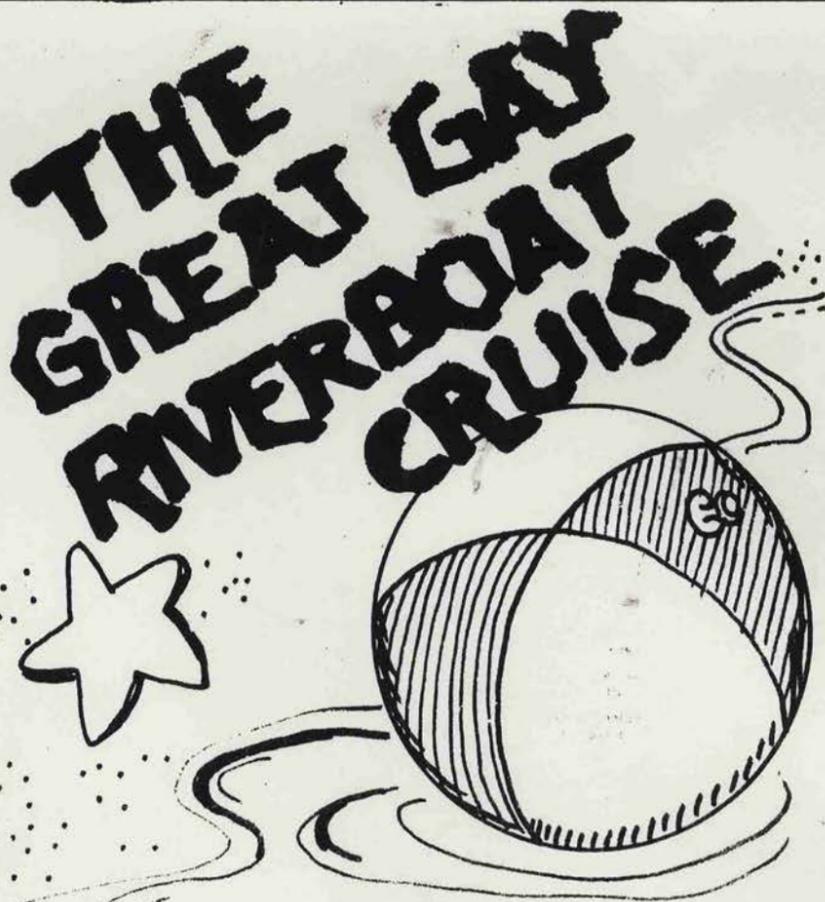
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LESBIAN HEALTH

Demystifying The Body — Basic Self-Exam Techniques

By Audrey J. May

Last month's column focused on basic gynecological care from your physician or health care worker. The purpose of this column is provide information concerning basic gynecological care you can provide for yourself.

For many women the thought of touching themselves "down there" is considered certainly taboo if not downright disgusting. The only person given permission to investigate the vaginal area was perhaps the doctor and occasionally, a sexual partner—but never the woman herself.

Becoming acquainted with your body, however, is a challenging, fascinating, sometimes scary process. Knowing and practicing the basics of self-help does not replace the care and expertise of trained health care professionals. Being familiar with your own body can give you a greater sense of control over and connectedness to your body, and some women find that the process of being examined by a health care worker is a less frightening prospect after they have learned to examine themselves.

You can do basic self-exam alone, or if you are not shy, with friends. It is helpful to have a friend hold the flashlight, and it is amazing to note the uniqueness of each woman's genitalia.

For basic self-exam you will need a flashlight, a speculum (you may want to buy your own plastic re-usable speculum, available at some women's health clinics, or you may be able to persuade your health worker to give you one), K-Y jelly (or other sterile lubricant), and a mirror.

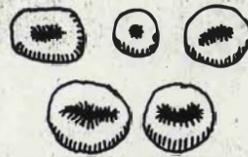
Find a time and place you can relax. Find a place that is comfortable for you—a couch or

bed, long table, or the floor. You may want to prop yourself up with pillows. Take the phone off the hook. Get your tools beforehand; make sure the flashlight works, play with the speculum until you are comfortable using it.

Carefully examine the outer vulva. Examine the lips (labia) of the vagina. The color and texture of the labia and pubic hairs varies widely from woman to woman. The



outer lips (labia majora) are covered with hair; the inner lips (labia minora) are hairless. The labia extended from below the vagina to the pubic bone where they form a hood over the clitoris. If you pull back the hood you can see the clitoris. The clitoris is an



Cervices with some variations of os

extremely sensitive sexual organ which, during arousal, fills with blood and becomes erect. The shape and size of the hood and clitoris vary with each woman, but these variances have nothing to do with a woman's ability to respond sexually.

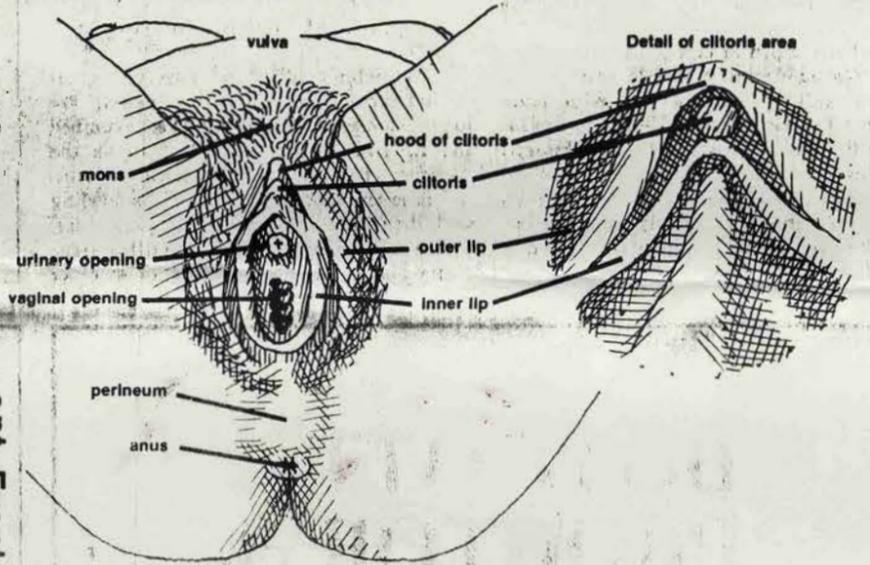
Below the clitoris is a smooth area and a small hole. This hole is the urinary opening, or meatus. Below the urinary opening is the vaginal opening surrounded by rings of tissue. One of the tissue rings is the hymen, which is unique in every woman. The hymen usually has openings and it is not unusual even for a virgin for the hymen to be "broken" or stretched. Below the vagina is a smooth area called the perineum, followed by another opening, the anus. Once you are familiar with how your genitalia look normally, you can easily detect any rashes, bumps, swellings or soreness that might indicate a problem.

apart; 5) Push down the outside section of the speculum while holding the part nearest your pubic hair steady—when the speculum clicks, it is locked open; and 6) Hold the mirror so that you can see easily into the vagina and shine the flashlight onto the mirror—you may have to move the flashlight and mirror around a little before you can see easily.

You should be able to see inside the vaginal walls, which will look like the walls of your throat. At the end of the tunnel you should see a pinkish bulbous area that looks like a doughnut with a pucker in the middle; that is your cervix, the opening to the uterus. Every woman's cervix is different.

Usually the cervix will be centered, but it is not abnormal for it to be off to one side. The little hole in the center of the cervix is called the os or "mouth." The cervix is usually pink although if you have scraped it with the speculum or are menstruating, you may see some blood. Before the beginning of your period and very early in pregnancy the cervix becomes bluish due to hormonal changes and blood build-up.

If you have everything positioned correctly and still have trouble finding your cervix, pull the speculum out slightly and push down with your stomach muscles. Your cervix should then pop into view. To remove the speculum, keep it open and slowly pull it straight out.



After examining yourself on the outside, you can begin internal examination, which consists of the following steps: 1) Sit or prop yourself up on pillows on the floor, bed or couch with your knees bent and feet apart; 2) Lubricate the speculum with a small amount of K-Y jelly or other lubricant and, holding the speculum closed, insert it sideways into the vagina, tiring slightly upward toward the small of your back as you would a tampon; 3) When the speculum is in all the way, lubricate it so the handle points upward; 4) Grasp the handle of the speculum and firmly pull the shorter handle toward you, opening the speculum, and holding the vaginal walls

The Memphis Center for Reproductive Health hopes to begin groups for women interested in self-help this summer. The clinic has a slide show and presentation on self-help. For information, call the clinic at 271-3550.

Other sources of information on self-exam are *Use Your Body, Own It* by the Boston Women's Health Book Group, *Lesbian Health Matters*, and *Self-Exam*, by L. Dotti, New York, NY, 1979. Also see the Gay Women's Health Center.

Next month's column will be on breast and how to care for them.

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RESEARCH

Are Gay Teachers Better Role Models?

By Emily Coleman

In the last several years graduate students in psychology and social work have produced a number of non-sexist and non-heterosexist dissertation studies dealing with issues relevant to Lesbians and Gay men. One such study is a dissertation by Suzanne Nickerson of the University of Florida, whose purpose was to provide more sophisticated data on Gay teachers than the currently available anecdotal information. Ms. Nickerson notes that there have always been Gay teachers and it is likely that there will always be. Particularly since the crusade against Gays began in 1977 with Anita Bryant's activities, many persons have become concerned about the effects Gay teachers may have on children's emotional and sexual development. This study provides demographic, educational and psychological data collected from a sample of 30 Gay teachers in Florida (grades K-12) and from a comparison sample of 30 heterosexual teachers. The two groups of teachers were similar in age, grade level taught and number of years working as a teacher.

The BEM Sex Role Inventory (BSRI), the Teacher Characteristics Schedule (TCS) and a personal interview were the instruments used to obtain information. The BSRI yields independent scores of femininity and masculinity based on endorsement of stereotypic attributes. The TCS yields scores on six scales: attitudes toward people and school personnel, religion and religion associated morality, openness to change/liberal attitudes, social/personal interview provided information on demographic variables, sexuality as a classroom topic, and perceptions of various aspects of teacher influence on students' sexual identity. Both teacher groups were also compared to normative data from national samples on two standardized instruments (the BSRI and the TCS).

Variables controlled for in the statistical analysis were sexual orientation (Gay or heterosexual), grade level taught (elementary or secondary) and gender. The level of significance was $p=.05$ for all tests (meaning that there were only five chances in a 100 that the results would be due to extraneous factors.)

Results from the BSRI indicated that the Gay women scored significantly higher on the masculine scale than did the heterosexual women with no differences on the feminine scale. Gay men scored significantly higher on the feminine scale than did heterosexual men with no differences on the masculine scale. When compared to the national sample, the Gay teacher group scored significantly higher on both the feminine and masculine scales. No differences were found between the national sample and the heterosexual teacher sample. These results concur with the results of other studies. Both Lesbians and Gay men are more likely than heterosexuals to behave in ways considered appropriate to the opposite sex by cultural standards. It is important to note that Lesbians and Gay men do not necessarily exhibit fewer qualities of their own sex, they simply have incorporated other role models as well. One explanation for this is that Gay people are free from the usual sex role constraints.

Results from the TCS indicated no significant differences between the Gay and heterosexual teachers on any of the scales. Since the two groups were so similar, it may be concluded that sexual orientation was not a distinguishing factor on these dimensions for these teachers. However, when compared to the normative national sample, Gay teachers were found to be more open to change, less religious, more socially personally adjusted and less dedicated to teaching. Heterosexual teachers compared to the national normative sample were found to be less religious, less dedicated to teaching and more prone to give valid responses.

For the interviewing data, questions with quantifiable responses were reported including descriptive comments by the teachers. Interestingly, only one interview question produced a significantly different answer for Gay and heterosexual teachers. Significantly more Gay teachers replied "no" to the question "Do you think that you can influence the development of sexual identity in your students?" From the teachers' comments on this question, it appears that Gay teachers may have thought more about such development. The fact that significantly more Gays do not believe that teachers can influence sexual identity in students may be a result of their greater sensitivity to and knowledge of what does (and what does not) effect a Gay orientation. Another explanation for the difference in scores is that Gay teachers may believe they can influence a child's sexual orientation but they do not wish to admit it out of concern for the image of Gay persons or concern for their own protection.

More than two-thirds of all the teachers in the present study do not discuss the topic of sexual preference in their classes. Ms. Nickerson notes the current improbability of Gay teachers coming out given society's widespread disapproval. This cycle of negative societal attitudes and concealed Gay identities cannot be changed easily. However, Ms. Nickerson lists several advantages to having Gay teachers be public about their sexual orientation in spite of the current unreceptive environment. She feels that the most obvious benefit would be to the Gay teachers themselves. They could live without the constant fear of losing their jobs because of their sexual orientation. Self-disclosed Gay teachers could also be more relaxed and natural in their relationships with students. Several Gay teachers said they

were regrettably aware of withholding affection and other physical contact from young children because such behavior could be construed as molestation should their Gay orientation be discovered. The presence of openly Gay teachers would also help dispel the myths about all homosexuals. People associated with the school would have personal experience in seeing and learning that Gays and non-Gays are pretty much the same.

The presence of self-disclosed Gay teachers offers potential advantages to the children. As this study demonstrates, Gay men and women have been found to be more flexible than heterosexuals in their sex role behaviors. Insofar as a wider range of possible behaviors is a positive improvement on traditional roles, Gay teachers offer a different sort of role model to young children. Children would have the opportunity to learn it is possible and may be rewarding to resist narrow sex role socialization. Those young people who are already sensing that they are attracted to members of their own sex would especially benefit from the coming out of Gay teachers. These students currently have no information about the Gay lifestyle from which to learn about their feelings and explore who they are. The presence of recognized Gay teachers in their school would give validity to a minority lifestyle in which they may later be a part. Finally, Ms. Nickerson states that keeping homosexuality out of the curriculum and Gay teachers silent about their sexual orientation fails to serve society at large. A re-evaluation of cultural condemnation of Lesbians and Gay men would help promote better relationships between all citizens. The society would become enriched by accommodating sexual pluralism.

The Final Push For ERA

By David Alexander

How could 24 words generate such loud resistance from citizens of a nation born to practice the equal rights this amendment seeks to further?

To understand the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), we must consider what it is, its history, and where it now stands.

Not until 1920 were women allowed to vote in America. In 1923, the ERA was first submitted to Congress. It was presented every year thereafter but remained unsupported by most feminists because it nullified the "protective laws," which gave factory working women decent working conditions, limits on weights lifted, hours she could work and a minimum wage.

By the 1960's, however, women found the "protective laws" were keeping them from promotions to better paying jobs and limiting their chance for overtime pay. In 1967, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act nullified these restrictions and provided an impetus for ERA.

The 91st Congress considered the amendment in 1970 but was unable to decide what the word "equal" meant and declined to pass ERA. In 1972, the 92nd Congress passed ERA. At present, 35 states have ratified the amendment, 3 short of the required 38. The deadline for passage of ERA, unless Congress grants a second extension, is June 30, 1982.

ERA faces opposition at the highest governmental level. President Reagan believes discriminatory laws can be corrected on a state level. Reagan's stand, however, is complicated by two facts. First, every time a woman is discriminated against by a state law, she would be forced to attempt to legislate it out of existence. This might have to be done 50 times for each law. Second, the U.S. Commission for Civil Rights notes that there are 800 federal laws that differentiate between the rights of women and men solely on the basis of sex.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is currently heading a massive

campaign for ratification by 3 more states before June 30, 1982. Among the numerous events planned will be a National Public Prayer Vigil in Washington June 30, consisting of a service in which supporters holding candles will literally encircle the White House. Candles will symbolize the Pillar of Fire. This action was inspired by religious supporters of ERA in North Carolina who held a candlelight vigil every Monday evening at the capital in Raleigh this year.

Also planned for the 30th are High Noon Countdown Rallies for state capitals, major cities and small towns nationwide.

On August 22 and 23, the last ERA Walkathon will be held by local chapters of NOW, timed to coincide with the 26th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment.

A primary focus of the final push is the national ERA Message Brigade and Petition Campaign, which will seek one million persons who can be available at a moment's notice to send messages to political leaders who can affect ratification. Several million petitioners are being sought to impress the Reagan Administration and the Republican Party that the viability of the Party could be destroyed by their present position on ERA.

NOW has launched a major media campaign to give ERA something NOW President Eleanor Smeal says it has never had—"a fair hearing in the court of public opinion." The media drive will include national speaking tours, television and radio spot announcements, editorial statements, billboards, print ads, and special feature announcements highlighting the need for passage of the amendment.

The passage of ERA will be a major step forward for the cause of human rights, and a step forward for one oppressed group of people is a step forward for all oppressed people.

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Gay Switchboard Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Whenever you have problems, it's always good to know you can turn to a friend and that friend can be the Memphis Gay Switchboard. No, it's not Wyeth Chandler's answering service or a covey of cheerful hotel operators! For the past five years volunteers have staffed the phone lines at 726-GAYY providing an informational, counseling and referral service. From calls about which bars in town are the hottest, or a friendly rap with someone Gay to help during a crucial emotional crisis, the Memphis Gay Switchboard has been there.

The history of the Switchboard is a little obscure but phone company records indicate it was installed June 10, 1976. At that time it was sponsored by the Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force of the National Organization for Women and operated successfully for a while until funding cuts forced the organization to end their sponsorship.

The Switchboard service was picked up by a handful of individuals who believed in this worthwhile project. For several years, the staff varied from 6 to 15 people. Funding for this operation came from the volunteers themselves. With so few people, though, it was hard to keep the phone staffed every night of the week. Many nights, callers would find no answer and no one to talk to.

The Switchboard hopped to and from many locations. Usually it was operated out of private individuals' homes but at one time was housed in the offices of the MCC. Today it is operated out of individuals' homes and "call forwarded" to different locations.

The Memphis Gay Coalition, known at that time as the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights, brought the Switchboard under its wing in October of 1979. The Coalition has sponsored the phone service ever since and continues to do so today.

Today, as throughout its five year history, the Switchboard is staffed 7 nights a week from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. It is operated as primarily an information, counseling, and referral service. Volunteers are adamant that it in no way is a dating service although they



Some of the volunteers who attended fifth anniversary party

can direct an out-of-towner to the bars or cruising areas where it is easy to meet people.

Twenty dedicated volunteers make up the staff. Each person works the switchboard one or two nights a month. According to Ric Sullivan, spokesperson for the Switchboard, the people who staff the phone are people who "realize responsibility, are able to deal with people openly, and are comfortable with themselves and their own sexuality." Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is invited to call 726-GAYY for more information.

volunteers are "committed enough to the ideals (of the Switchboard) to keep it going," according to Ric. Although some benefits are held at some of the local bars, it's "amazing bar owners don't donate money to the Switchboard" Ric exclaims, "since they are the primary benefactors of the service."

And it's true. According to records kept by volunteers during the past year, two-thirds of all calls received were from people asking



One of the most difficult things about running a Gay Switchboard, or any public service for that matter, is money, and the lack of it. It costs approximately \$50.00 a month to keep the lines open and that cost at times has almost shut the service down. Funds are about the bars and cruising areas. It is benefits at local bars, and even from switchboard volunteers themselves. The

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funding the Governor's Commission on Personal Privacy, which would have cleared us some of the stalemates about issues such as child molestation and whether or not discrimination against Gays actually exists.

"Only one of these factors, the second, is in the control of the Gay community, I was deeply disappointed in that general collapse which resulted in virtually no contact with legislators."

Letters from the community ran 10 to one against the measure.

Judge Says California Gays Not Protected By Housing Law

LONG BEACH, CA (San Diego Update)-Municipal Court Judge William H. Winston,

about the bars and cruising areas. It is estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 calls are received a year on the switchboard.

The Memphis Gay Switchboard's five year history is an accomplishment considering the obstacles it has had to deal with. This phone service is one of only fifty around the country and the only one in Tennessee. To give you an idea, the nearest city which operates a switchboard is Birmingham, Alabama, so it actually serves a large area.

In honor of this history-making fifth anniversary a few celebrations were planned. On Tuesday, June 16, a potluck dinner was held at one of the staff members' home. The celebration will continue into July with a free beer bust at the Schlitz Belle on July 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

Along with celebrations, the staff volunteers take this fifth anniversary to look toward the coming five years and beyond. It is the consensus of the group that the switchboard should continue to grow, becoming more professional in terms of the quality of service. But with that goal in mind, they remind us of their need for our monetary and moral support for survival. Donations are most welcomed by mailing to P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

Jr. ruled in May that a male quadriplegic who was evicted from his apartment in 1979 because his live-in female attendant was a Lesbian is not entitled to collect damages under California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Winston ruled that homosexuality was a matter of choice and was not intended to be covered under the Unruh Act, which prohibits discrimination in business and housing, and enumerates sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, and national origin as examples.

The decision stems from a suit brought in December of 1979, by William R. Hubert, a quadriplegic, and his former live-in attendant, Cindy Kelly.

The two claimed the eviction was unlawful because it was based on Kelly's sexual orientation and Hubert's refusal to either fire her or vacate his apartment.

To all of you who have contributed in any way to flowers and memorials for James, who have shown sympathy, offered assistance, telephoned, came by the funeral home, offered your prayers and have given me your love, friendship, concern and support, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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