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# Lesbian Mother Suing To Regain Visitation Privileges

By Ric Sullivan

MEMPHIS — Lesbian mother Kathleen Park is preparing to go to court to regain visitation privileges for her three children for whom she pays child support. Ms. Park contends that her ex-husband, Michael Park, an air traffic controller, has prevented her from seeing the children at agreed-upon times by changing the visitation rules without court approval and by leaving home with the children when she is scheduled to pick them up.

When divorced in 1978, Mr. Park was granted full custody of the children and Ms. Park was granted full visitation privileges. During those 3 years, she told *Gaze*. Mr. Park and his present wife have harassed her and her lover, Sandy, and have attempted to alienate her children from her through negative comments regarding their mother's sexual orientation. Her visitations with the children have been reduced from having them at her home every other weekend and for 6 weeks during the summer (with weekend privileges granted to the father) to only the weekend of every month that begins with the first Friday of the month.

The situation was complicated in April of this year when the father had the oldest child,



Kathleen Park (center) and lover Sandy Tharnish talk with *Gaze* reporter Ric Sullivan.

10, admitted to Lakeside Hospital. Ms. Park's visitation privileges with him have also been changed by her ex-husband without her consent and knowledge, she claims, from every Thursday and one 8-hour weekend period per month to every other Tuesday for one hour. The father also cancelled Ms. Park's phone conversations with her son.

"They say things aren't 'stable' in our

home, but with these changes, how can the children feel stable?" she asks.

As evidence of the apparent capriciousness with which the visitation rules have been changed, Ms. Park described a recent incident in which she had been granted permission to take her son home for a weekend visit only to learn it had been cancelled "at the last minute." On another occasion, Mr. Park had left home with the two younger children when Ms. Park was scheduled to take them for her regular visit. She stated that it was especially hard for her son at Lakeside to accept these frequent changes. She also feels that she is entitled to the same visitation privileges for all three children because separate rules have not been established in court for the hospitalized child. Mr. Park could not be reached for comment.

Ms. Park also charges that she has been purposely left out of her son's treatment program at Lakeside, and that her husband and her son's psychiatrist "are doing everything they can to make (his hospitalization) seem like my fault." Both Ms. Park and her attorney, Linda Clements,

indicate that the psychiatrist had agreed to include her in family therapy. Ms. Park states she felt badgered by her husband and the psychiatrist during several counseling sessions they participated in at the hospital, with the focus of the sessions on her sexual orientation rather than on her son's diagnosed problems of hyperactivity and learning disabilities, which she indicates were recognized and under treatment before his hospitalization.

Concerned that her ex-husband might be alienating the children from their natural mother, Mr. Park reports that they have begun to ask questions and make comments such as "why don't you like men?" and "Daddy says you're bad." "The kids are getting closer and closer to me and that's why (her ex-husband and his wife) are pulling them away from me," she states.

Ms. Park firmly notes that, while she has always been hesitant to "go public" with her problems, she is now at the point where "I've had it...I've already lost my children — what more can I lose?" Referring to what she sees as an open, honest relationship with her children, she says, "as long as we've got that love and understanding with the kids, that's the most important thing to me...We've got a right to have a family, too."

She indicates she is receiving much needed support from friends and co-workers. "We all ought to stick together. I have heterosexual friends who can't understand why I have to go through this. A lot of Gays and Lesbians are in this situation in Memphis."

Pledges for donations to cover initial filing fees and court reporter fees have been received from the Nashville-based Justice for Parents Defense Fund and from members of the Memphis Gay Coalition. Additional funds, however, will be needed. Checks may be made payable to the MGC Kathleen Park Fund, and mailed to Box 3038, Memphis, TN. 38103-0038.

## Chapman Apologizes For Officer's "Unfortunate Choice of Words"



### CITY OF MEMPHIS INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Uniform Patrol-East Precinct DATE: July 17, 1981

FROM: Sergeant E. P. Gilles General Investigation Squad East Precinct SUBJECT: Sexual Criminal Assaults on young boys, ages 8 to 12 years old.

General profile of the suspect:

Suspect is a loner, even people who know him, will not know what he is doing. Suspect is not the type to hang around queer joints. Suspect will attempt to escape, will fight, will use his pistol or knife to make his escape. Suspect does not want to be exposed for what he is doing.

By Regina Russell

MEMPHIS — Police Director Buddy Chapman apologized for what he called an officer's "horribly unfortunate choice of words" in a meeting with members of the Memphis Gay Coalition's Political Concerns Committee. The meeting resulted from a memorandum issued by Sergeant E. P. Gilles to East Precinct Uniform Patrol describing a man suspected of sexual criminal assaults on young boys as "not the type to hang around queer joints."

Members of the MGC Political Committee had raised strong objections to the use of the term "queer joints" and to the implications that the suspect's "sexual criminal assaults" were the result of his sexual orientation.

"As if the term 'queer' wasn't enough of an insult to the Gay community," said a member of the committee. "I doubt that if the man were sexually assaulting young girls that any reference would be made to the fact

that he wasn't the type to hang around singles bars. This sort of tie-in with child molestation is typical of the bigoted attitude that labels Gays as child molesters."

The memorandum described the suspect as a white male, 20-25 years old, 5'10" to 6', 190 to 200 pounds, shoulder-length brown hair, slightly wavy, bush moustache, long sideburns, sometimes dirty in appearance, and a heavy tan indicating outside work.

The Political Committee noted that "such references to sexual orientation only serve to heighten general biases within the community that such actions as child rape are a reflection of the Gay community. The fact is that 92% of all child molestations are committed by heterosexuals, but no heterosexual ever has to fear that some man raping little girls will cause people to attack heterosexuals simply because they are heterosexual."

Police Director Chapman said he was "sorry the whole thing happened," and he assured the Political Committee that Sergeant Gilles would be reprimanded.

## Charges Filed Against Gay Man After Alleged Beating

By Bill Johnson

MEMPHIS—Disorderly conduct charges against Rusty Broxterman were dismissed in court August 12 but charges of disorderly conduct, public drunkenness and assault and battery were filed against Broxterman the following day by Roy Taylor, a security guard at the Barracks. Charges stemmed from an incident on July 25 in which Taylor allegedly used abusive force to remove Broxterman from the Gay club at 616 Marshall Avenue.

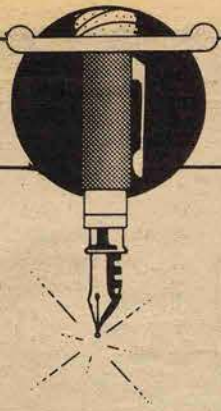
Broxterman, before the dismissal of his original disorderly conduct charge, had filed for an aggravated assault warrant on Taylor accusing Taylor of beating him with a nightstick. A court date for the charges against Taylor had not been set at presstime. Taylor, a former police officer, was fired from the Memphis Police Department last year for three counts of unnecessarily drawing his pistol on persons. The Civil Service Commission upheld his firing last January.

According to Broxterman, "I was sitting in the Barracks on the bleachers by the dance floor at approximately 3 a.m. on July 25. I had dozed momentarily and leaned against a pole. Taylor awakened me and asked me to leave. I replied 'not right now, I'm waiting for some friends.' He grabbed me behind the head by the hair and said, 'You are leaving now.' I said, 'No, I'm not.' He then said, 'Don't be here when I get back' and went to get the manager.

"I sat there and he returned with Gene Craig, the manager on duty, who also asked me to leave. I asked him if I could stay if I stood up because I thought the main problem was that I was dozing. He said, 'No, you'd better leave.' I said, 'Alright, I'm going to stand down here (on the floor) and talk to a friend of mine and finish this cigarette. I'll leave when I finish this cigarette.' Gene Craig said, 'Alright.'

"I stood there talking to some friends, one of which I asked if he could give me a ride

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# Gazing

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## The Practicing Homosexual

By Bill Johnson

Nothing disturbs me more, of the many stupid terms applied to Lesbians and Gay men by ignorant Radical Right fanatics, than "practicing homosexuals."

My favorite response, common in the local community, is, "But, my dear, I don't have to practice. I'm quite good already."

The term, seriously, implies that we are worse, perhaps, than non-practicing homosexuals. How can this be? Either way, we're still homosexuals. The difference is only a degree of happiness. Would it make Jerry Falwell happy if I were to wear a button saying, "I'm Gay, celibate and proud?"

No? Then maybe the real subject here is advertising. Advertising--you know--flaunting, marching in the streets, telling people (who might find it "distasteful") that we are Gay, throwing it up to the children (they have a right to know).

It is sometimes more controversial within the Gay community than without to take a stand in favor of "advertising." The defense mechanisms jump into action because few of us consider ourselves out enough to be clear of explaining why we're not.

It is difficult and even more controversial to categorize these levels of defense. Obviously, a small percentage of us are completely out and are advocates of advertising, though just what forms this advertisement should take are subject to dispute.

A clear middle-ground community advocates openness among Lesbians and

Gay men but cites numerous reasons--job and family foremost--for not being in a position to come out of the closet.

A third category, including many still-married (opposite sex) homosexuals and deeply closeted singles, is simply terrified by the openness exhibited by activist Gays. The fear of the "redneck" element and the Bible-thumping sector is overwhelming.

The fourth group, probably the most difficult for an activist to comprehend or to reach, is comprised of those who shun advertising as an unnecessary evil. Oddly enough, this category includes both those who have experienced no harassment or discrimination and those who have suffered the worst (job loss, family rejection or bodily harm).

This fourth puzzling group merits a study I wish someone would conduct (but not me, of course). This group contains those who scoff at activism, saying they've better things to do than to run around broadcasting to the world that they are Gay. They generally add the footnote that those Gays who advertise are stirring up trouble and flaunting to society something that society doesn't care to look at.

Both of those astute observations are, like as not, true. Certainly a society which has defined how dissimilar groups should conduct themselves will not care to observe one of these groups defying their rather rigid rules. Advertising is taboo for homosexuals, especially practicing homosexuals. The problem is that most Lesbians and Gay men, despite the apparent magnitude of this fourth category of Gays, are not particularly

delighted with being swept under the carpet by someone else's rules. Activist Gays advertise to make this point.

Activist Gays do stir up trouble. But they do not cause it. The trouble is already there. As long as it is allowed to fester unchallenged, it will always be there.

If a police officer who beats up a man because he comes out of a Gay bar remains unchallenged in his homophobic action, that officer will continue to beat up on guys coming out of Gay bars. Certainly it is easy enough to get the charges dropped after the officer arrests the guy on some phony charge, but what does this do for the next person who gets arrested for leaving a Gay bar?

The trouble is there. It is still illegal to practice homosexuality in Tennessee (whatever that means) and in 26 other states, though, the number of states with such a law is rapidly declining. Why is the number declining? Advertising. Without advertising it is impossible to challenge such laws and reveal their senselessness.

Playing a starring role in this fictitious account of homosexuality that non-Gay society has written, is the issue of children. The fourth-category Gays frequently acknowledge this adopted fear that the children should not be exposed to homosexuals. (Does this reek of Gays who have subconsciously accepted the societal rule that being Gay is wrong?) If we have accepted ourselves and deny--as fourth-category Gays usually do--that being Gay is wrong, how can we legitimately say that it

must be hidden from the children? If so, then there must be something wrong with it.

We owe it to the children to ensure that they learn about Gay people. Some of them are, after all, Gay. We owe it to these children, particularly, to ensure that they learn about Gay people as Gay people really are--not as heterosexuals might perceive us to be. It is because of heterosexist teachings about Gays that fourth-category Gays exist: they are simply unable to cast off the self-hatred and misgivings about themselves that have been subtly or blatantly taught them throughout their lives. If something is bad, you don't advertise it.

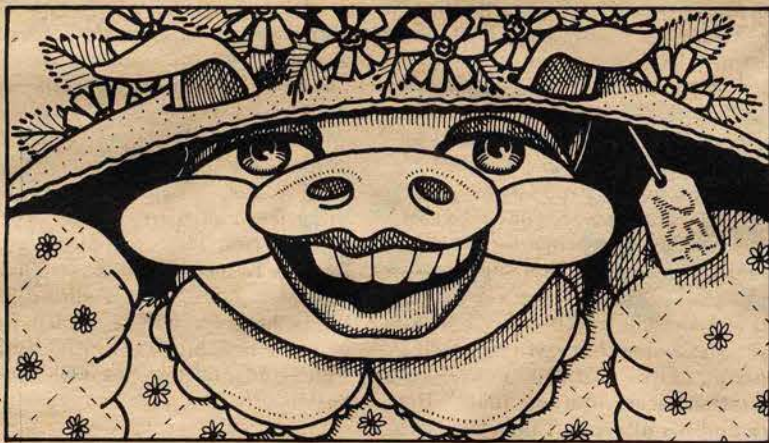
With all the stupid lies circulating, thanks largely to the Moral Majority, we really should be angered into telling the truth. Homosexuality is not a practice. It is not an avocation. It is not something that can be considered bad, wrong, evil or a sin. It is a simple fact of life that homosexual people do and always will exist. Only through advertising will we ever make this point.

If you don't feel you can advertise, then don't. But watch how you view the advertisers (the tee-shirt and button wearers, the marchers, the lobbyists, the activists). You might not be where you are if it weren't for them. Remember, too, that people will harass you and discriminate against you only if they feel they can get away with it. It is the activist who is telling them they can't.

For all the practicing and non-practicing homosexuals, it pays to advertise. Heterosexuals do not have a right to dictate how we must live simply because they consider us "distasteful." As long as we continue to respect (a cover word for fear) their outspoken homophobia, we will subject our fellows to continued victimization. We all know that their views of us are based on ignorance and misinformation, but few of us are willing to advertise this fact. We must, now more than ever.

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# Counterpoint

By Clifton St. John

## Froggin' Dogma

Arkansas recently legislated the teaching of "scientific creationism" in its public schools. Now, Louisiana seems bent on following a similar course. But the similarity seems to end there.

Arkansas legislators objected to the notion that "ape evolved into man." While that notion does not adhere to the theory of

evolution, it is a bit closer than the form of evolution theory that we presume is being taught in Louisiana schools — at least the schools attended by one Louisiana legislator. For, according to Louisiana Senator Bill Keith who sponsored the state's creationist bill, "Evolution is nothing more than a fairy tale about a frog that turned into a prince."

Symptoms of Kaposi's sarcoma are erroneous, it does lend itself to some interesting prospects.

The movie possibilities are fantastic. A "Keithian" styled TARZAN THE FROGMAN could portray Jane as a prince and Cheetah as a tadpole. KING KROAK would afford grand opportunities for

Hollywood technical directors. Instead of a gargantuan ape hand, envision a giant frog tongue angrily licking airplanes out of the sky. And in the "Keithian" version of PLANET OF THE FROGS, Charleton Heston would cunningly outwit a society of intellectual English-speaking croakers.

Jane Goodall could live among and study the habits of a tribe of wild frogs, gaining insight into the peculiar behavior of modern-day princes.

This Senator Bill Keith is a "prince" of a fellow. He does not want Louisiana public school teachers frogging around with his religious dogma.

## Undelcared War

The Reagan administration recently released its blueprint for a new war on crime, which is extensive and frightening.

Among the blueprint's scary points are plans to "ease the habeas corpus rules," "relaxing the freedom of information act," and "modifying the exclusionary rule."

But the most frightening part of Reagan's war on crime is "establishing a

computerized national index of criminals."

Be reminded that Lesbians and Gay men are thought of as "criminal" by many law enforcement officials.

Here's wishing you a happy 1984!

## Penthouse Profits

Significant change has almost always been effected by small groups or minorities, seldom by any majority. However, one exception stands unequalled: Jerry Falwell, who is the moral majority, significantly changed the profit picture for *Penthouse* magazine. In his battle to keep the March issue, and his interview, off the newsstands, Falwell boosted the magazine's sales enough to generate \$500,000 in extra revenue.

And speaking of Falwell...

Jerry says, "You can't be a good Christian and a liberal at the same time."

Correction, Jerry. You can't be a good "Christian" and a liberal at the same time — nor can you be a good "Christian" and a good Christian at the same time.

Falwell is not a Christian. He is a "Christian," a code word for single-issue politics, or facism.

Heil, Jerry.

## Toward The Church State

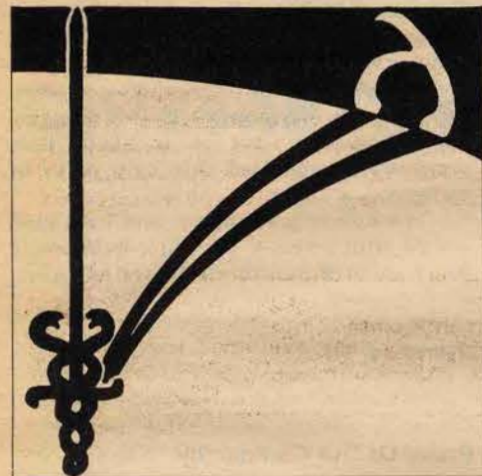
The Reagan budget and tax cut bills have essentially subsidized churches. While allowing the so-called standard deduction taxpayers to claim additional credit for charitable contributions, Reagan's plan cuts the funding to volunteer agencies such as United Way and Legal Services Corporation.

How much more PR lip service (BS) will we hear about the separation of church and state?

Read on.

Now, the "Christian fundamentalist" schools have an official "voice" in the Federal Education Department. That agency now has a "Christian school liaison officer." Bernard Hite, whose salary is \$26,950 per year. No counterpart exists, however, for other religious schools such as those affiliated with the Jewish faith.

Onward, "Christian" soldiers!



Dickey Stafford

## The Gay Disease Scare: Researchers Theorize On Causes Of "Gay" Cancer, Pneumonia

By Bill Stevenson

Forty-one cases of Kaposi's sarcoma, a rare and often fatal type of cancer, have been documented among Gay men in the last 36 months causing great concern and speculation within the Gay and medical communities of causes ranging from substance abuse of butyl nitrite (poppers) to immunity differences between Gay and non-Gay men.

The announcement of the high incidence of the cancer, which normally occurs at a rate of 2 cases per 3 million people, followed the recent scare of a rare type of pneumonia that strikes Gay men.

According to a physician with the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, who prefers to remain unidentified, even though cases of both diseases have been relatively isolated to the East and West coasts, this does not mean that cases have not occurred elsewhere. Cases could be undiagnosed or misdiagnosed or not correlated with the Gay community.

In a report issued by *The Advocate*, DR. Alvin Friedman-Kien of the New York University Medical Center, said, "The disease (cancer) happens to be occurring in the Gay community, but what is really relevant is whatever conditions are causing Kaposi's. We are very concerned to head off a panic."

Researchers are puzzled about the occurrence of Kaposi's in Gay men and are hesitant to name a single cause. "One constant," says Scott Anderson in *The Advocate*, "is the presence of the cytomegalo virus, a close cousin to the organism that causes herpes. Scientists have long believed that cancer is caused by viruses, but until now no specific organism has been implicated."

One theory is that urban Gay men, who tend to have a high incidence of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases, may have a "suppressed immunity" caused by both sexually transmitted infections and the antibiotics used to treat them (antibiotics lower the body's resistance or immunity level). A possible dysfunction of the immunity system might activate potential tumor cells present in all humans.

Another theory suggests that the use of drugs such as amyl and butyl nitrite in conjunction with extended sexual activity may render the body's defense mechanisms vulnerable to certain diseases.

A third theory, which received some attention in the major media but has little evidence to support it, suggests a basic

chemical or genetic difference between homosexual and heterosexual men. The genetic differences between men and women would explain the non-incidence of both the cancer and the pneumonia in Lesbians. The implications of such a theory are phenomenal. It could lead to scientific proof that homosexuality is a "given" rather than a "chosen" lifestyle. It could also lead to genetic engineering to "control" sexual orientation in the fetus.

Though none of the theories have substantial proof to back them up, there is a general feeling among medical researchers that "poppers" may play a significant role in both diseases. It seems to be a common factor among victims.

Symptoms of Kaposi's sarcoma are inconspicuous reddish or purple bumps less than an inch to two inches in diameter that may appear anywhere on the body, particularly around the feet and ankles. The lesions may be flat. Kaposi's can attack the lymph glands and spread rapidly throughout the body. As with any cancer, early diagnosis is the key to cure.

Researchers agree that the study of Kaposi's in Gay men in relation to the immunity system could lead to major breakthroughs in cancer research. It was recently discovered that kidney transplant patients and other persons whose immunity


systems are weakened are particularly susceptible to Kaposi's sarcoma.

"The pneumonia that strikes Gay males" is pneumocystis carinii. Cases have been reported in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Toronto, and Florida. Again, this does not mean that cases have not occurred elsewhere.

The infection is caused by a protozoan parasite known as pneumocytic carinii which until now had occurred in transplant and cancer patients whose immunity system was impaired by their afflictions and by cancer treatment drugs. The disease can be fatal — and has in several cases — if not detected early.

Again the culprit seems to be the weakened immunity system, and again no one really seems to know why the disease is attacking Gay men.

Meanwhile a group of 25 physicians plan a meeting in San Diego September 12-13 to form the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. The group will collect information about these and other diseases that attack Gay people and will lobby for improved health care for Gays. The group says it is forming as a result of sensationalized media coverage of pneumocystis carinii pneumoni and Kaposi's sarcoma.



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# Box 3038

## Bad Manners?

To my Lesbian Sisters:

For most of my life I have believed that Southerners are more polite and have better manners than those who live and work north of the Mason-Dixon line. Of late, however, I have begun to question that belief. I am writing to you of what I regretfully perceive to be a developing trend within the Lesbian community of Memphis. Specifically, I am referring to what appears to be a growing lack of simple social courtesies.

For example, Sisters telephoned in a business context do not return their calls. This may seem to be a minor problem but I do not have any difficulty getting straight business people to return my calls. Are all the professional Lesbians in the city doing so well that they don't need any more business, i.e. they can afford to be rude? I think not. Perhaps the business and professional Lesbians of Memphis need to be reminded that one cannot buy from, sell to, or perform a service for a customer if there is no contact.

In the social context, I find it appalling that we appear to lack even a modicum of the social graces. Overtures of friendship (and I do mean *strictly* friendship) are ignored or blatantly rebuffed. There are very few "thank yous" for favors done or help given. There are even fewer offers of help. Correspondence goes unacknowledged and "I'll call you" seems to be the most recent euphemism for "Get lost." In short, interest and caring are not even returned, let alone extended. It would appear that the majority of Memphis Lesbians are not "into" returning anything

to anyone except themselves. I find this self-centered and selfish attitude very disappointing. As individuals, are we so self-sufficient that we do not need the friendship and comfort of our sisters? Again, I think not.

Within this community, I feel that our inability to extend even a minimum of social courtesy to our Sisters is symptomatic of our apathy and lack of community consciousness. Sisterhood is not going to exist simply because we mouth the words; it requires work. Part of that work is extending to each other the basic courtesies we have a right to expect from anyone. No one ever said it was going to be easy, but we can and *must* make it less hard for each other, for ourselves, and for those who come after. Finally, if we cannot yet bring ourselves to the point of kindness and caring, can we please at least be polite?

Marthe Cumming  
Memphis

## Getting It Somewhere Else

The fact that you can't get a Gay paper in a Gay bar is ridiculous. The apparent reason for this is even more ridiculous. I witnessed the shredding of the July issue by a barowner. Strangely enough the July issue had a letter to the editor in it that accused a certain bar of racial discrimination. Queer, isn't it?

When I found out that the August issue wasn't being distributed in this bar, I was outraged. I thought of the old expression, "a bit dog always hollers."

At any rate, I plan to pick up my September issue somewhere else.

Name Withheld By Request  
Memphis

## Why Isn't Gaze Inside?

An open letter to George and Don:  
Why can't *Gaze* be distributed inside your bars?

All you two *seem* to care about in the Gay community is money. As long as we spend money in your bars, you are content. But if people show up trying to share something with other Gays that is for everyone, of us, they get stopped at the door.

The people who put *Gaze* together are nothing more than concerned Gays. This paper is put together purely as a labor of love, and best of all it's free.

Oh, I forgot. That won't send you to Europe, will it? But saturating us with those tired drag shows will, right? So why should you care if there are Gays in this town who are actually concerned about the well-being of others? Their concern won't put gas in your Cadillacs, will it?

You two puzzle me. It's bad enough that certain merchants back down on their agreements to distribute *Gaze*. That is

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because of their fears of losing business and of losing their reputation (non-Gay merchants). But *y'all*? Y'all, more than anybody else, should be making every effort to make *Gaze* available to as large an audience as possible. Everybody already thinks you rip us off on prices and beer. They (we) need to see some sort of indication that you care about your clientele.

Be fair to us. Do yourself a favor.  
See if it's possible for you to do something for the Gay community besides take our money and bore us with drag shows.

Name Withheld By Request  
Memphis

## Racism Is Alive And Well

Is it possible that a Gay bar would discriminate against people because of their skin color? Surely not. Gay people don't do those kinds of things, do they?

Gay people sure do. I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and found that racism is alive and well, even thriving in some places. And racism is the stupidest thing around. Instead of learning about differences in people and learning to respect and admire these differences, we Americans are intent upon learning to hate each other's differences. When will we Gays learn that our own fight is to remove the hatred of people's differences?

Jean Jones  
Germantown

## Sharing The Feeling

I have been reading *Gaze* for over a year now. I think it's beautiful. Time comes when one must take their place in society.

I'd also like to comment on "Goodby To Friends" by Marty Katz in your free August edition. I agree 100%. To say "I love you" is easy. To say "Goodby" is hard. I'm sharing the feeling.

Laura M. Piguee  
Sharon, TN

## Not A Chosen Lifestyle

I would like to comment on the Research study "Effects of Rape on Lesbian and Heterosexual Women" in last month's issue. I am quite concerned that many people, especially the straight moral majority type might feel from reading this article that all or many Lesbians choose their lifestyle from traumatic experiences that have happened to them.

I feel very strongly that this is not the case and that there are many of us who know that we have been Lesbians since day one. We might not want to admit it, but we were born Lesbian, not converted to Lesbianism, nor did we choose it, for it chose us.

I also feel the sample group of Lesbians that Gundlach chose, being members of the Daughter of Bilitis, is a very narrow sampling to base his research study upon. I wonder if questioned further any of the women in the study might not have had homosexual tendencies before they were raped or abused and might not have been aware of them or remember them due to their trauma. I hope that readers did focus on the fact that Lesbians direct their anger at the sexual violence of the *men* rather than laying

the blame upon themselves, which frequently happens when women are raped. And this is usually reinforced by our judicial system.

Again, I would like to reiterate that I feel strongly that many people are born Gay and are not converted to homosexuality by anyone; however, some may choose this lifestyle due to certain circumstances.

Name Withheld by Request  
Memphis

## Touching A Sensitive Nerve

My hat is off to *Gaze* for reporting the efforts of the Memphis Committee in challenging unfair I.D. policies at Memphis' Gay bars. I have few Black friends who can say they have not experienced discrimination and few white friends who can say they have not seen Blacks being discriminated against.

I may be touching a sensitive nerve by applauding this, but it is about time somebody desensitized this ugly nerve of racism.

You have a great paper, and I am glad you do print letters to the editor from people who want to express themselves on any issue.

Len Thomas  
Dyersburg, TN

## Proud Of Our Community

I feel funny writing a letter to the editor because I never have before. However, I'm writing because I believe very strongly about the issue of Gay rights. I recently found out that my brother is Gay. I dearly love him and feel that he has the right to live his life in the manner that is natural for him.

I recently stated this belief by coming to Memphis and participating in the Gay and Lesbian rights march and rally following the march. I was very proud to be able to participate in this historic event. I want the Memphis Gay Community to know that I am proud of them and support them in their fight for Gay rights.

Now is the time for us all to unite, straight and Gay, Black and white, to fight for what we believe in. Be proud and continue fighting for your freedom. I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Stand tall and be counted. Maybe I will see you next year during the march and rally.

Leana Johnson  
Dresden, TN

(Ed. note: Thanks, little sister. I dearly love you, too.)

## Common Bonds

The bars in Memphis have always discriminated against Blacks. That is unfair, and it could be very damaging to the unity of Gays in this town.

If Memphis Gays could just realize that we are all the same because of our common bonds, we could be proud and unafraid to stand up for ourselves. As unstable as the world is, why can't we learn to support each other?

I have lived in Memphis for 18 of the 21 years I've been around, and I love this town. But somebody's attitude has to change. Either I'm gonna have to become more pessimistic (which I have no intention of doing) or somebody out there besides me has to BELIEVE in our need for support in our common dilemma. It's hard enough to confront the world every day; why should we make it harder on each other?

If only one person reads this and re-examines his or her feelings and convictions, this wasn't in vain.

Thanks for allowing me to express myself.

Ted Fox  
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# Local

## In Memphis... Compiled By Staff

### Memphis Committee Reports No Problems At Barracks

The Memphis Committee, which picketed the Barracks last month for an alleged I.D. discrimination policy against Blacks, reports no known violations of a new I.D. policy agreement reached with one of the bar's owners.

The Barracks, 616 Marshall Avenue, had been accused of asking 3 or 4 I.D.'s from Black patrons while rarely asking any from whites. Although Don Rosignoll, part owner of the Barracks, denied any racist policy, he promised members of the Committee that one I.D. (an accurate driver's license) would be asked of all patrons of the club.

"As far as we know," said Y.J. Calhoun of the Memphis Committee, "they have stuck to this policy." Calhoun added that he had received several calls from Blacks since new policy was initiated who remarked that they were being treated "very fairly and nicely" when patronizing the bar.

### M.D. Benefit Set For Sept. 2

The annual benefit variety show for muscular dystrophy will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at George's, 600 Marshall Avenue. Sponsored by GOPS, the show will be produced by Leslie Carter and choreographed and directed by Rich Roberts. Showtime is 10:30 p.m. and the cover charge is \$3.

### Moral Majority Pressuring D.A.?

According to a Memphis police officer, "The City of Memphis, Tennessee or the Memphis Police Department would not touch

the Gay bars." The officer was responding to questions about the recent crackdowns of adult movie houses in the city. "The police," he continued, "would not, without significant complaints, single out Gay bars for harassment."

The officer indicated, however, that pressure from "Moral Majority types" led to the crackdown of the adult theaters and that the district attorney may be under pressure from the Moral Majority. Some barowners have expressed concerns recently that continued pressures from Radical Right groups could lead to harassment of their bars.

### Chapman To Speak At Memphis Gay Coalition

Police Director E. Winslow "Buddy" Chapman is scheduled to address the Sept. 8 meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition. He will discuss relations between the MPD and the Gay and Lesbian community, including formal policy, attitudes of individual officers, and training procedures.

The public is invited. MGC encourages the community to take advantage of this opportunity to question Director Chapman concerning entrapment, arrests, and harassment of Gays.

### Meeting Change

The meeting date of MGC for the first Monday in September has been changed to Tuesday, Sept. 8 because of Labor Day. The meeting will be held in meeting room B at the Main Library, Peabody at McLean at 7:00 p.m.

## In Little Rock...

From Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc.

### Proud Gay Pride Week

The city's first ever Gay Pride Week celebration was "a success" according to

## Putting Memphis On The "Bike Map"

# Tsarus Sets First Annual "Trash Day"

Tsarus has scheduled its first motorcycle event for the Memphis community September 13. Plans are for the event, billed as "Trash Day," to be held annually in mid-September.

Activities will be identical to those customary at official Mid-America Conference bike runs, in which Tsarus is active, except that this event will be a one-day (all day) program rather than a full weekend. It has been dubbed a "bike-run matinee." Tsarus says the event will provide an opportunity for those who have never been to a run to see what goes on and to join in the general revelry at a small fraction of the cost of going to a run.

"Trash Day" will start with eye-openers at 10 a.m. with coffee, pastries and screwdrivers. At 11 a.m. there will be competitive games, sports and bike events. Those without bikes may take part as buddy riders or may compete in the no-bike People Events. Although the activities may be ridiculous, Tsarus says, they will all be safe and, in any event, optional. A lunch will be served at 1 p.m. accompanied by video tape training films, slides and other diversions. At 1 p.m. there will be Veranda Events, which are non-strenuous competitions for those who prefer them. At 3 p.m. awards will be presented to all winners of events and the liquor and beer which have been provided throughout will continue until 5 p.m., at which time the condition of the various participants will determine their fate.

Much of the event will be centered at Sharon's, 1474 Madison, but obviously some

parts of it (bikes, etc.) will be arranged outside, and liquor before noon will be arranged on private property nearby. The function will be a private party for those registered in advance; the door will be closed to all others.

Anyone interested may apply through any member of Tsarus motorcycle club. The \$10 registration fee includes all food and beverages for the day, activities, entertainments, awards, you-name-its, and a commemorative memorabilium such as a button or poster made for the event. The provisions will be unpretentious in keeping with the overall theme, but they will be festive.

Tsarus has sponsored numerous events for their brothers in the bike clubs throughout Mid-America, but this is the first event sponsored for Memphis except for bar club nights; Tsarus "Trash Day" I (TTI) is an important step for the group. If it receives the cordial and enthusiastic response indicated by past events, Tsarus declares that Memphis will find itself on the "bike map" by a vigorous schedule of activities that will appeal to men from anywhere. An extensive program of events is being drawn up for the coming year and much of the attraction to out-of-town clubs will depend upon the interest and support of local fun-seeking men. Out-of-town applicants for Trash Day can contact Tsarus, c/o Sharon's.

*Arkansas Gay Writes (AGW).* A picnic drew 150 people. Workshops provided free professional advice on matters ranging from Gay health to law to personal growth and development. Other events included a benefit dinner and memorial service. The week's events were culminated by a press conference on the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol.

members of Lesbians and Gay men to become involved with PFG. To contact, write PFG, P.O. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

## In Nashville...

Compiled By Abby Rubenfeld

### UPI Award Given For Gay Interview

Ann Kelley of KSSN radio has received United Press International Broadcasters Association's highest award for her interview "Comments to Kissin: Arkansas Gay Rights." The interview, first aired in October of 1980, swept state and national awards in the "Best Public Affairs" category. UPI judges said of the interview, "A very controversial and, in some areas, a very inflammatory issue, handled with professionalism. A very open and frank discussion of a subject growing in national importance."

### Arkansas PFG Young But Growing

Parents and Friends of Gays in Arkansas is "still in its early stages but is rapidly growing," says *AGW*. Founded by Rev. Dr. Jeff Bishop of the United Church of the Living Hope, PFG is currently administered by Paulette Arnold of Batesville. The group is looking for supportive friends and family

### TGCHR Reorganizes

The Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights here, which has suffered declining membership in recent months, has reorganized and adopted new bylaws. A renewed vitality has swept the group, whose active members had dwindled to 4 or 5 people, and the renewed interest has boosted meeting attendance to 30 to 35. The TGCHR meets at the Metropolitan Community Church of Nashville.

### Poor Turnout Blamed On Rumor Of TV Cameras

Poor turnout at a recent Teresa Trull concert was blamed, in part, by organizers on a widely circulated rumor that tv cameras would cover the concert. Media attention 2 days prior to the event had focused on a lawsuit involving a Lesbian teacher and created fears of major media exposure for Gay happenings in Nashville. The rumors were totally unfounded.

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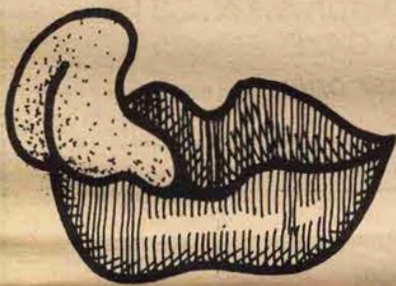
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A Personal Testimony

# Death—The Final Discrimination

By Vicki Curlin Roberson

## Too Painful Not To Talk About...

"Death - The Final Discrimination" was sent to us as a letter, but we feel the subject is too important to go unnoticed. Grim and painful as the subject may be, the death of a lover can lead to far more pain than most of us would anticipate. We have heard far too many stories of a lover who was forbidden to attend a dead lover's funeral, far too many stories of lovers losing homes and property to the "biological family" when the home and property was jointly owned by both lovers, and far too many stories of lovers being denied the needed rituals that surround the death of a loved one.

Extraordinary precautions must be taken by Gay and Lesbian couples to insure the rights of a surviving lover. A lawyer should be chosen who is knowledgeable in the special circumstances faced by Gay and Lesbians couples. There are few guarantees to insure the rights of the surviving lover, but every effort should be made to prevent the right of the "biological family" from overriding the rights of someone closer.

The subject is too painful *not* to talk about. What you and your lover do now could help to ease the pain if one of you should outlive the other.

Recently my lover and I attended a funeral for one of our "brothers" who had quite suddenly passed away. At the memorial service we became acutely aware of how harsh the inequities can be that Gays are dealt by straights. Our friend left a lover with whom he had shared many years of his life. They were, as many of us are, a couple...a family.



**"Surely throughout history and continuing through today, there are lovers who have watched their lovers be buried from a distance or who perhaps were prohibited from or afraid to even attend the funeral."**

Illustration by Dickey L. Stafford

Some 80 to 100 of us were there at the services to lend support and love to our friend who was so unexpectedly and tragically without his lover. Before the service could begin the "family limousine" had to arrive. The family had seats reserved for them. We did not see *one* of them look at our friend, offer him condolences or acknowledge our existence except with irritated and hostile glances. The sadness of our friend's loss was surely magnified by the coldness of his lover's family.

When my lover's mother died last year, our children and I were discouraged from sitting with her in the "family's box" during the funeral. One member of my lover's family, a cousin, made it obvious she didn't approve of our visibility and presence during the long and painful ritual of the visitation before and funeral proceedings that followed. It was "inappropriate" for us to be there.

It is not difficult to imagine situations where one member of a couple is in an accident and becomes the victim of a "living death" with a respirator and a lover is unable to make the decision to "pull the plug" because the lover "is not family." Surely throughout history and continuing through today, there are lovers who have watched

their lovers be buried from a distance or who perhaps were prohibited from or afraid to even attend the funeral.

What can we do about it? My lover and I have taken several precautions to try to insure that we will not have to suffer this kind of painful exclusion when one of us dies. Perhaps these steps will be helpful guides for some of our "sisters and brothers".

The first step was coming out to our biological families and straight friends. If they know of our love and grow to respect and accept our relationship while we are living our love, perhaps they will be more understanding and sensitive to our lover's feelings when we are gone.

Secondly, we can write out *explicit* instructions regarding how and where we want to be buried, who is to officiate, how the service is to be carried out and how we want our lover to be treated. These instructions should be kept with our wills.

Wills and notarized powers of attorney can give us legal documents with which we can affirm that we are, in our minds, as close as any straight married couple can be, regardless of our inability to be legally wed. If there are children, as is the case with us, the custodian of our children can be named in our wills.

Perhaps even these precautions can be contested by straights who refuse to see us as "equal before the law", but at least we have made some attempt to protect each other.

Finally, we suggest that instead of sending flowers or a donation to a charity, we send a memorial to *Gaze* in honor of the brother or sister who has passed away with acknowledgement sent to the deceased's lover.

Death is difficult for us to think about or discuss. But we must find ways to combat the cruel displays of discrimination straights can inflict upon us when one of us dies. We don't *have* to be their victims.

## 69 Myths About Homosexuality

# Myth #5: Homosexuals Are Child Molesters

By Clifton St. John

On this myth hang most of the laws against Gay men and Lesbians. Its influence is wide-spread in our culture and in our judicial and legal systems, based on the erroneous assumption that Lesbians and Gay men pose a real and present danger to children.

In some states adults convicted of "homosexual offenses" and those who are merely "suspected" of being homosexual are prevented by law from teaching school. In many cases these "offenders" are prevented from coming in contact with children in any endeavor, including their own offspring. The homophobic supposition is that any child can and will be influenced negatively by these "child molesters."

Little thought is given to the equally credible danger of exposing young children to the evil influences of heterosexual teachers, scout masters, parents, etc. The presumption is that heterosexuals are better able to control their sexual attractions to children, in spite of research to the contrary.

The vast majority of Gay men and Lesbians have no more sexual interest in children than do the majority of straight men and women. There is an accent on youth and youthfulness in the Gay world, but it certainly does not amount to pedophilia any more than the exaggerated accent on youth in the non-Gay culture.

Those men and women who prefer sex with children constitute a *very* small segment of the adult population, and they cannot be classified as exclusively homosexual or heterosexual. They seem to be attracted equally to both sexes, according to a study by Alfred Kinsey which showed that adult males who have sexual relations with boys under 12 also exhibit a marked predisposition toward heterosexual offenses with girls under 16. "In brief," says Kinsey, "most of them are interested sexually in young people, but not necessarily male, and their minimum age limit is quite elastic and can be stretched to suit the circumstances."

Dr. Evelyn Hooker also disposes of the myth that Gays are child molesters. In an interview with *Psychology Today*, Dr. Hooker was asked if it is true that homosexual men seduce little boys. Dr. Hooker replied, "Not nearly as often as heterosexual men seduce little girls."

Dr. Martin Hoffman, social psychiatrist, writes: "The exclusive male homosexual is *not* the characteristic sex offender against children. The average adult male homosexual who goes to Gay bars or the baths is no more likely to molest little boys than is the average male heterosexual likely to molest small girls. Hence, the strong suggestion, made by police officials, that the consenting adult homosexual who is arrested is a potential danger to children, or is prone to violence, is simply not true." Dr. Hoffman writes further, "While I do not wish to deny that there are indeed child molesters, it must be made clear that they are a separate class of persons...and are not the men about whom I have written."

The facts should dispel the homophobia, but society does not want to be confused by the facts. Ignorance enhances the mysticism of sex. And since sexual mysticism is an institution in western societies, so is sexual ignorance.

Armed with vast ignorance and appealing to the homophobia of the masses, our legislators attempt to legalize their own brand of morality. These keepers of the social trust would have us believe that social attitude is established by law, when the opposite is true — law is a result of social attitude.

When ignorance abounds in any social system, its laws cannot be enlightened, and its law enforcement cannot be sensitive or just. Sexual ignorance definitely abounds in American culture. Consequently, our elected officials continue to write legislation or retain laws which are oppressive to Lesbians and Gay men, using the political ruse that homosexuals are a threat to our children.

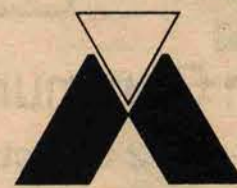
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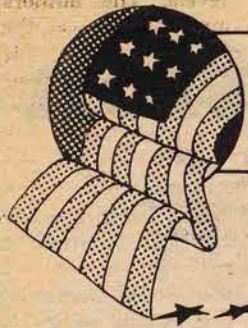
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# National

## Joan Baez, Pete McCloskey Honored By Business Association

SAN FRANCISCO--Humanitarian singer Joan Baez is to be honored by the National Association of Business Councils during the first national Lesbian and Gay business and professional convention here Nov. 6-8. Baez will appear at the Plenary Luncheon of the convention. Honorable Paul McCloskey, co-sponsor of the Gay civil rights bill in Congress, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

For convention information, write NABC Convention, P.O. Box 15054, San Francisco, CA 94115.

### NEWS BULLETIN

Gaze has learned that Kinsey Institute for Sexual Research plans to release in November a definitive study of homosexuality which concludes that the "ideology of homosexuality" is biological rather than environmental or psychological.

See next month's Gaze for a feature story on the possible ramifications of this important study.

## Media Raps Gays in Fire Coverage

SAN FRANCISCO(The Advocate)--A \$6 million blaze in this city July 10 led to sensationalized, inaccurate reporting by homophobic city and national media.

Local newspapers and television stations falsely reported that a former bathhouse was still a bathhouse and insinuated that the fire was somehow related to homosexual use of amyl nitrite or the manufacture of Rush.

The fact that the area houses several leather bars and leathermen reside there was also exploited. Fire Chief Andrew Casper said, "It was reported to me that there was an S/M slave quarters at the back of the alley. We can't write this off as a lifeless fire. There may have been people chained to beds."

An S/M playroom was discovered by firefighters and photos of it were widely circulated. Mark Chester, owner of the playroom, says, "My apartment was not damaged by the fire, but it has been ransacked in the aftermath." Police kept him out of his apartment while allowing photographers and reporters in, and looters have made away with many of his belongings.

## Send These To Your Boss!

NEW YORK--The National Gay Task Force has published the first 2 of 4 educational pamphlets focusing on Lesbians and Gay men in the work place. The NGTF Corporate Survey reports on NGTF's survey of 850 major corporations, soliciting non-discrimination statements. This project, begun in 1976, yielded 238 statements indicating to varying degrees that sexual orientation is a private matter and unrelated to job performance.

Are There Gay People In My Business? Answers to Employers' Question addresses such questions as "What kind of problems do Gay people have on the job?" and "How can I make it clear that my firm does not discriminate against Gay people?"

Copies of The NGTF Corporate Survey (75¢) and Are There Gay People In My Business? (\$2) may be ordered from NGTF, 80 5th Ave., Room 1601, New York, NY 10011.

## Texas Gay Conference Set For Labor Day

HOUSTON--The 8th Texas Gay Conference will be held Sept. 4-6 in Houston featuring Patricia Nell Warren, Jack Nichols and Houston's "Disco Grandma" Thelma Hansen. Conference activities will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Advance registration is \$15, at door, \$20. Write Texas Gay Conference VIII, P.O. Box 3942, Houston, TX 77001.

## Parents Launch National Federation

LOS ANGELES--Hoisting the acronym Parents FLAG as their banner, parents from 7 states created a national federation Aug. 1 to build support for their Gay sons and daughters.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will provide support and referrals for local parents' groups in 30 cities in the U.S. and Canada and "contact parents" who provide peer counseling in 24 other cities.

The central office address of Parents FLAG is Box 24565, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

## Gay Stamp Collectors Unite!

SAN FRANCISCO--The Gertrude Stein Philatelic Society was formed here in April for stamp buffs. The Society's first official act was to issue a Special Event Cover to commemorate the international theme of the 1981 SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration, June 28.

GSPS was formed to promote Gay interest in philately and to work towards recognition of famous Gays on U.S. stamps. The Society will soon launch a nationwide drive to have its namesake, Gertrude Stein, honored on a commemorative stamp.

For information, write GSPS, Box 14551, San Francisco, CA 94114.

## Boston Police Arrest 30 In Bar Raid

BOSTON (Gay Community News)--Thirty men were arrested July 26 and charged with "open and gross lewdness" in an early-morning vice squad raid on the Quagmire bar basement.

Robert O'Toole of the Boston Police Department Information Services said that vice officers staged the raid in response to citizens' complaints.

One customer arrested in the raid told Gay Community News that police entered the basement of the bar at approximately 1:45 a.m., closed all exits and began making arrests.

The customer said that there were marked discrepancies between police testimony at the arraignment and the circumstances surrounding the arrests.

## Immigration Appeals Board Orders Exclusion Of British Gay

SAN FRANCISCO--The Board of Immigration Appeals July 9 ordered the exclusion of Carl Hill on the grounds that he is a homosexual. The ruling overturned the decision of Immigration Judge Bernard Hornbach which held that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) did not have the authority to exclude Hill without a Public Health Service medical certificate.

The U.S. Surgeon General announced August 2, 1979, that the PHS would no longer certify homosexuals as having mental disease or defect and that INS should not refer aliens to the PHS for certification. Since that time, INS has continued to exclude Gay aliens without a PHS medical certificate.

Hill, a British citizen, attempted to enter the U.S. through San Francisco Airport on November 5, 1980. Upon arrival he made an unsolicited statement to the immigration inspector that he was Gay and INS attempted to exclude him from the U.S. on that basis. A lawsuit was filed challenging INS authority to exclude Hill in the absence of a PHS medical certificate. The Board of Immigration Appeals rejected this argument, holding that INS does have authority regardless of the actions of the Public Health Service.

## Poll Says 48% Favor Gay Rights Law

NEW YORK--A recent survey conducted by the Associated Press and NBC News shows that 48% of the population favor extending laws protecting Lesbians and Gay men in a housing and employment while 38% are opposed.

Another recent survey conducted by the Washington Post and ABC News found that only half of the population knows of the Moral Majority and only about 10% agree with them that Gays should be excluded from teaching or that homosexuals acts should be illegal.

## Law Will Erase Capitol's Sodomy Statute

WASHINGTON (The Washington Blade)--A broad sex-law reform measure has passed its second reading in the Washington City Council and has been signed by Mayor Marion Barry but will not become law until after a 30-day waiting period in which either the House or Congress may veto it. The measure would repeal most sections of the D.C. criminal code outlawing consensual sex between adults and would invalidate the present "sodomy laws."

The federal legislative oversight committees concerned with D.C. law usually

disapprove proposed changes only when they violate the federal interest of the home-rule charter. No difficulties are anticipated for the sex-law reform measure.

## Sidney Shorr Becomes Asexual

NEW YORK--NBC-TV has decided that the character of Sidney Shorr, played by Tony Randall in an upcoming series, will be asexual rather than Gay. Sidney Shorr was to have been a low-key, middle-aged Gay man who opened his home to a struggling actress and her daughter, supposedly to take the place of the family he never had.

Fred Rothenberg, Associated Press television writer, wrote, "NBC lost a chance to be courageous. It could have raised the public consciousness on a sensitive issue while helping erase a stereotype. NBC could have kept Tony Randall's character homosexual."

## NGTF Launches Women's Lobby Effort

NEW YORK--The National Gay Task Force has initiated a women's program effort aimed at promoting Lesbian visibility and building coalitions with the women's movement. Well-known Lesbian feminist Charlotte Bunch has been hired by NGTF to develop and execute the program.

A principal aim of the effort will be to strengthen ties between the Gay movement and the feminist movement. The effort will focus also on development of educational materials about Lesbians, similar to the educational materials NGTF now publishes dealing with the media, with employers, with parents of Gay people, etc. The ultimate goal is to influence policy makers and educate the general public about the lives of Lesbians.

## Police Sue B.A.R. For \$20 Million

SAN FRANCISCO--Police here have filed a \$20 million libel suit against the Bay Area Reporter, seeking \$5 million in general damages as a result of the paper's coverage of a meeting in which several persons alleged they were victims of police brutality.

B.A.R. erred in the date of the incident in its original story but printed a correction of the date in subsequent issue. Police have charged that the officers named in the brutality incident could not have been involved because they were not in the vicinity of the incident of the date mentioned in B.A.R.'s original story.

The meeting in which the alleged incidents occurred was, ironically, a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club to hear public testimony of victims of police brutality and plan responses to the allegations of police brutality.

Because B.A.R. failed to print the date correction within the required period of time given newspapers to make corrections, Stephen Bley, attorney for the San Francisco Police Officers Association, says that he regards the story as untrue.

## Gay-killer Found "Not Responsible"

NEW YORK (Gaylife, Chicago)--Ronald Crumpley has been found "not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect" for the murders of two Gay men and the attempted murder of seven others last fall. Crumpley opened fire outside the Ramrod bar in Greenwich Village on the evening of Nov. 19, 1980.

A defense psychiatrist testified in the trial that Crumpley believed "demons in the guise of homosexuals" were stalking him and "he was merely protecting the nation and himself" by shooting the Gay men. Crumpley now faces 30 days of tests to determine his actual mental state.

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# Research

## Coming Out And Anxiety Among Lesbians

By Emily Coleman

Are Lesbians who are open about their sexuality more or less anxious? Are Lesbians with higher paying, more prestigious careers more anxious about their lifestyles? Do any of these three factors (anxiety, degree of overtness and occupational status) vary with the amount of involvement in a same sex lifestyle? These interesting and complicated questions were the subject of a study by Ferguson and Finkler in a 1978 *Archives of Sexual Behavior* article.

The authors point out that traditionally, psychological research on Gay persons has focused on differences between straight and Gay persons. The majority of the literature indicates neither developmental nor personality differences between the groups and occasionally finds better adjustment among Lesbians. A more fruitful approach to acquiring valid information may lie in exploring differences among Gay persons rather than comparing Gays with straights as though each group is a discreet population. There are many differences (i.e. varying

degrees of commitment to and/or acceptance of a Lesbian lifestyle) within the Lesbian community and understanding of homosexuality may be better served by focusing upon these within-group differences. This was the approach taken by Ferguson and Finkler.

The 63 Lesbians in the study were contacted through a Lesbian organization with a Gay church, through a Gay bar and through friendship networks. Any woman who identified herself as a Lesbian was invited to participate in the research. (This study population is obviously an improvement upon past studies which generalized from sample populations of homosexuals in prisons or mental institutions.) One hundred questionnaires were distributed and 63 were returned, a very respectable response rate.

Participants ranged in age from 19 to 52 years old with a mean age of 30. The subjects represented the full range of socioeconomic status as indicated by the Hollingshead Index of Social Position, the standard index used in research to determine social position. Based upon the Hollingshead Index, subjects were then categorized for data analysis as either "high status" or "low status".

The subjects completed three measures: the Manifest Anxiety and Defensiveness Scale (MAD) (Millimet, 1970), the Degree of Involvement and Overtness Scale (DIOS), and a biographical data sheet. The MAD scale measures the degree of anxiety and defensiveness against a real or potential threat to self-esteem. The DIOS is a questionnaire developed and standardized by Ferguson and Finkler in a previous study. Subjects rate their comfort level on several items on a 10 point scale. For example, one item used to identify amount of involvement asks how comfortable you would feel kissing a woman on the lips. A sample item identifying overtness asks how comfortable you would feel having Lesbian literature sent to your home. Subjects also report if they have actually done each item on the DIOS.

The mean anxiety score for the Lesbians was significantly lower than the normative means for women in introductory psychology courses and for eighth grade females. Covert (those who tried to hide their sexuality) and overt (those who were "out") Lesbians were

similar in anxiety levels. The authors speculate that this may be due to the restricted range of the subjects' anxiety scores. In other words, all scores were so low among the Lesbians that it was difficult to identify change due to coming out. However, when the authors investigated the relationship between occupational status, overtness and anxiety, a difference did appear; low status overt Lesbians were more anxious than low status covert Lesbians, while high status overt and covert Lesbians were similar in anxiety levels. Furthermore, high status Lesbians were generally less anxious than low status Lesbians, regardless of degree of overtness. This interaction of status and degree of overtness clarifies the lack of a simple relationship between degree of overtness and anxiety. Lesbians vary in social status, but anxiety varies with degree of overtness only for those in the lower strata. The authors speculate that occupational prestige may lend credibility and protection from social assault to a person whose sexual orientation is considered deviant. Lack of occupational prestige may result in a more direct confrontation with hostility and ensuing anxiety. Low levels of occupational achievement may make one more vulnerable to hostile societal assault.

Degree of involvement did not differ for subjects with less or more than five years experience. However, those women who became involved in their first same sex experience during the last five years, in which the social zeitgeist has been increasingly tolerant of homosexuality, were significantly more open regarding their sexuality. It therefore appears that while social support may not affect the degree of same sex involvement, it does affect the degree of openness shown by Lesbians.

Ferguson and Finkler interpret the low anxiety scores among Lesbians in their study not as artifacts of age or social desirability but as further support for the emerging view of Lesbians as equally well and some cases better adjusted than heterosexual women. The authors theorize that "personal confrontations with deviancy and all of its ramifications, if resolved without succumbing to institutionalization, may result in a more well-defined sense of identity and greater self-acceptance."

## Citizens Respond To Library Censorship

By Donna Jones

Even before Reagan's inauguration many libraries were being pressured by the various tenacles of the immoral minority to remove books such as *Our Bodies, Ourselves* and magazines such as *Ms.* from their shelves. Censorship was and is definitely on the rise.

The following letter, a recommendation of a book about homosexuality (to the director of a local area library), defends the book which was recently vehemently attacked by a right wing group. Letters such as this can act as a citizen's response to censorship.

*A way of love, a way of life* is a book eminently suitable for any library collection serving young adults. It does not attempt to lure the reader into a homosexual existence - rather it is a rational guide for the individual who feels that he might be Gay and is bewildered or frightened by the fact. The work is valuable in that it assures such a person that he's not a social outcast, that there are as many other people who have experienced similar feelings, doubts and fears.

The work is also valuable in that it is suitable for heterosexual youngsters who are curious about Gay life. It is appropriate for such people because it does not attempt to proselytize or convert them. It simply shows them that people with this kind of sexual orientation exist and that they are not so terribly different from people considered normal. The following quotation is proof that the book does not attempt to pressure young readers into becoming homosexuals: "Our experiences will reflect our own situations and personalities. You must find what is best for you. This may mean an early commitment to exclusive heterosexuality or homosexuality...On the other hand you may choose to incorporate many kinds of sexual experiences

into your life. And no matter what you decide now, you may change your mind later...Most men and women have many changes in their sexual styles as they grow." (page 103)

There is in this book one chapter in particular which should prove especially helpful to all young people. Entitled "Sex isn't all good news," it is a no nonsense list and description of sexually transmitted diseases. Another chapter, "How to meet Gay people", contains sound counsel for teenagers both Gay and straight: "Be careful around strangers is good advice, even if it does sound old fashioned. It should be unnecessary to say that it is extremely unwise to invite a complete stranger home, let alone engage in sex with someone about whom you know nothing. Don't abandon good common sense if you decide to explore the bars." (page 48)

Finally, one might mention as evidence of the book's suitability for the public library collection the fact that several professional reviewers of juvenile literature have written critiques approving it.

The only reservation about the book that this reviewer might bring forth is one as to the frankness used in discussion of sexual techniques in the chapter entitled "Intimate Relationships". Young children do not need graphic descriptions of such techniques, and it is for this reason that the book might be more useful recatalogued for the general collection with the stipulation that it is appropriate for young adults.

*This letter is a sample of the types of letters that need to be written to counteract the "bookburning" attitudes of the New Right. We would all do well to visit our libraries and check on various titles to make certain they are not being removed from the shelves. Letters of recommendation such as the one above can help to counteract the unnecessary removal of important books from our public libraries.*

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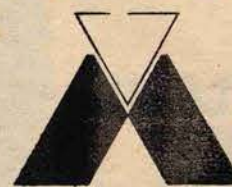
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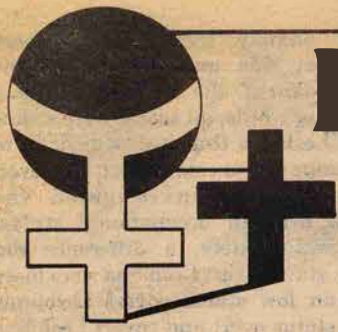
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# Lesbian Health

## Breasts: Part II

By Audrey J. May

(Audrey J. May is Community Outreach Coordinator for the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health.)

Breasts are composed of four different types of tissues: 1) glands - thousands of tiny cells which produce milk, 2) ducts - a network of vessels which carries the milk, 3) fibrous tissue - tissue which supports and attaches the breast to the chest wall and 4) fat.

Breasts, like other parts of the body, change monthly as a result of normal hormonal cycles in the female body. Increased amounts of the hormone estrogen during the early part of the menstrual cycle stimulate the production of new cells and heavier blood flow in the breasts. Ovulation

(release of the egg) triggers the creation of fluid by the breast glands. It is this fluid buildup, coupled with the increased tissue and blood flow, that accounts for the tender, swollen feeling many women experience with menstruation. Afterwards, the fluid and blood flow diminish and the excess cells are simply absorbed into the breast tissue.

Occasionally some of the extra material prepared by the body during the menstrual cycle remains in the breasts. A protective lining grows around the material and a cyst is formed. Also, sometimes the breast tissue does not shrink back to its normal size; this is called a fibroadenoma. Most such lumps—cysts and fibroadenoma—are benign (non cancerous).

These changes in the breast occur most often in women of reproductive age. One out of five women will probably experience some form of cystic change in her breast, but the great majority of those cysts will disappear without treatment. In addition to hormonal changes, fibrocystic changes in the breast are aggravated by caffeine, salt, chocolate and nicotine. Vitamin B6 and Vitamin E seem to

be helpful in relieving breast pain and tenderness.

And now for the scary part: breast cancer. For many women, particularly those who have seen a female relative disfigured by the loss of a breast, the ominous shadow of breast cancer seems to hover over them like a ghoul. However, while cancer of any sort is still a serious disease, new statistics should relieve some of the unnecessary fear.

While the chances of any woman developing breast cancer are 1 in 15, the cure rate for early, small cancers is a strong 85%. Many physicians now use less drastic surgery to remove a breast cancer than previously and are more successful at reconstructive surgery to build new breasts. In addition, there are now more accurate cancer screening techniques to detect the disease.

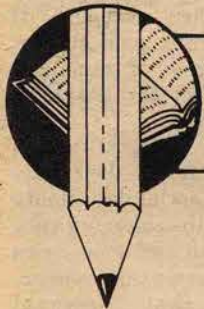
It is true that women with a family history of breast cancer have a somewhat higher risk of getting the disease themselves. However, the improved screening methods also mean that those cancers that do occur are often detected in the very early stages when they are more easily cured. American women also seem to be getting malignancies earlier in life than previous generations; this could be due to changes in diet and lifestyle.

The great majority of breast abnormalities are discovered by a simple breast exam done by the woman herself (see last month's column for information on breast self-exam). Other screening devices include x-ray mammography and thermography, a technique which measures heat radiating from the breast tissue.

How do you tell a benign lump from one that is malignant (cancerous)? A benign lump is usually easy to move around. It does not seem attached to the skin or wall of the breast. It is also fairly evenly shaped. Cancerous lumps tend to have little tentacles that cling to other body tissues; they are also less regular in shape. Early breast cancer rarely hurts; if areas of the breast seem to ache, the likelihood is great that it is not cancer.

If you are suspicious about a breast lump or any other unusual change in your breasts, see a health care professional immediately. Many forms of breast disease, including cancer, can be effectively treated if detected early. And even if it turns out that there was no need for alarm, wouldn't you be glad you did have that strange lump checked out, just to be sure?

(We need to know if the topics addressed in this column are of interest to you. So please drop us a line c/o Gaze to let us know if you find the column helpful or boring, too hard or too elementary or if there are any particular topics you'd like to see covered. Remember, it's your body and your health, so take an active part in it.)



# Books

## Best Bet Of The Gay Guides

Places of Interest, Ferrari Publications, Box 16054, Phoenix, Arizona 85011. \$7.50.

Reviewed By O.C. Walker

Catering to the myth of Goodbar, Ferrari Publications capitalizes on the compulsive search for something (or somebody) for nothing. Accepting that and still wanting to dance alot, drink alot, and maybe get laid along the way somewhere you've never been before, *Places of Interest* will be of interest to you.

The guide does exactly what its publisher, Marianne Ferrari, says in her intro it'll do; but, "methinks she doth protest..." etc.

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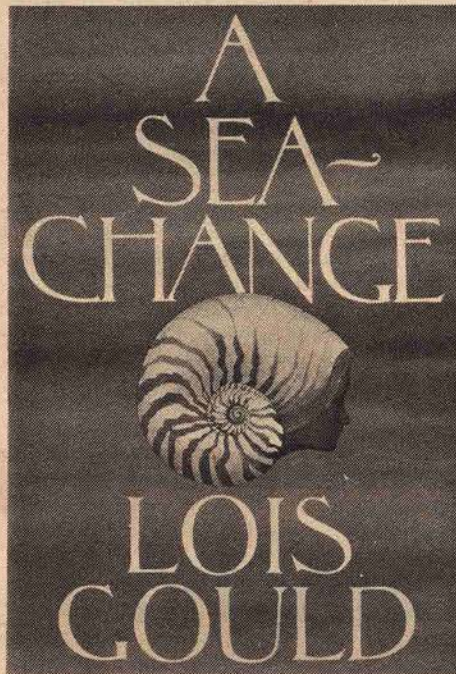
PLACES OF INTEREST

The info is up-to-date, mostly meaning that the bars are where the guide says they are and, please god(dess), they are still open. It's interesting that most of those listed are for men only unless otherwise stated. Thank you, Marianne. To help a real connoisseur, Ms. Ferrari *et al.* have designed a set of "international symbols". These indicate things like mode of dress (and I don't mean which dress to wear), the kind of booze you get, and whether to expect backroom action in drag or out. Some of the symbols, Gay international or not, are a bit too cutesy for

me. But maybe that's okay since I find it hard to take seriously a road map to flesh. But wait. Before I'm castigated for being an asexual snob, I must say that *Places of Interest* does include listings for each city of alternative activities that occur with any regularity in the communities. So one can choose to go to political debates, lectures, block parties, boat rides, and fiestas, and still get to church on time. The avowed places of interest are all there. It's just that most of the ads, not to mention the spirit of the guide, tend to peddle sex.

So, if your travels (with your aunt or otherwise) are taking you to a strange city in the U.S. or Canada and you think you will find who you're looking for there, if only you can find the bar, buy one of these guides. It'll set you back only \$7.00.

## Something Rich And Strange



*A Sea Change*, Lois Gould; Simon & Schuster, 650 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10020; \$6.95 hardback.

Reviewed by O. C. Walker

*A Sea Change* explores the lives of four women directly; in other words, the reader is brought to their world without the intervention of the male of the species. The basic setting is Andrea Island the year hurricane Minerva decimated it. On the less populated end of the island live Jessie and Roy Waterman and their two daughters, Diane and Robin. During the hurricane only the three women of the family are there, with

Jessie's colleg roommate, Kate Saville. This all sounds ordinary enough, and that is the tone of Gould's writing. But the sea looks ordinary on the surface, too; just water. It is what goes on beneath the waves that intrigues us. By the end of the book the women have survived the brutal storm on their own. A Coastguardsman, Leo Bailey, is inadequate for the situation when he finally discovers himself. In fact, Leo realizes what the reader is coming to and leaves in confusion. That's where I was left in the end, too.

Lois Gould has created an elaborate conceit, the label for which is the name of the book. Jessie, Kate, and Diane go through physical changes that take them from being man-objects to human beings, women alone without men, not needing men. Robin, the youngest, follows the others in a metaphorical change that is not clearly described.

The entire book is bursting with controversial confusion. The opening scene is a rape. Jessie refers to her assailant as B. G., black gunman. He becomes a sexual, really a trans-sexual, referent whom Jessie summons in fantasies. He reappears in the midst of the hurricane, or does he? Is that person B. G., or is it Jessie dressed and armed as a man? Either way, she is violated again with the barrel of the gun. Sound trashy? Well, no, it is appropriate in the context, and unnerving in its implications.

As the women prepare for and survive the hurricane, each becomes "something rich and strange." Robin leaves childhood; Diane, girlhood; Kate finds her center self; and Jessie finds a whole new sexual identity. We might perceive her as a man. In fact, she acts a bit too much like one for me. I think Lois Gould is "on to something here." I think she is right in showing us that women can live truly independently of men in every way. I also think she has co-opted her intention of liberating the female human. The recurrence of rape with a gun as the offending member is exactly the metaphor for the way men have perceived and abused women historically. The fact that Jessie is empowered and sexually defined in the same way is brutal and verges on the chauvinism they, and we, hate.

The novel has something for everyone, again a questionable feature for the message it conveys. There is lots of sex—more than I'm used to—violent sex, perverse sex. There's adventure, real and exciting; Diane actually

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Thanks to the participants and performers at the Evering of "Alternative Moods and Music" held at the Pendulum last Saturday August 22.

-Gaze Staff

## If you're gay, the joke in this scene is on you.

Jeff Bridges in drag in *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot* is just another example of the homophobia Hollywood has peddled over the years, from the "sissy" jokes of the silents to the paranoia and brutality of *Cruising*. In his brilliant new book, *THE CELLULOID CLOSET: Homosexuality in the Movies*, Vito Russo explains how Hollywood has adapted to prevailing attitudes, both in its veiled references to homosexuality (e.g., "buddy films," like *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*) and in explicit ones, like *The Boys in the Band*. 120 photographic stills.

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## CHARGES FILED...

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home. As I finished the cigarette, I turned to leave. I noticed that Taylor was standing behind me so I turned to him and told him that I was leaving. He followed us to the door. As I went through the door to the foyer, Taylor pushed me or shoved me—whatever—and I turned to face him and said, "I'm leaving now. Don't touch me again. I was a security guard once and I know what you can do and what you can't do." At this point Taylor proceeded to beat me with a nightstick around the upper body, back and legs—all the way out the main door and down the street to the next building toward Union Avenue.

"When I noticed we were off the property I told him, 'I'm off the property; leave me alone.' He said, 'Hell no; I'm arresting you on disorderly conduct.'"

"He dragged me by the hair back to the Barracks and handcuffed me and called transport (squad car). During this time my ride (friend) was outside watching the events and when Taylor noticed him he ordered him to leave immediately. While awaiting transport, I asked Taylor why he hit me. He stated to me it was because I scratched his arm.

"Other comments made were, 'Maybe next time you'll leave the first time I ask you,' and, 'You'd better be glad you've got your teeth left in your head.'"

Broxterman was in jail until 5 a.m. when his mother posted the \$50 bond to release him. Broxterman said that bruises appeared on his body and required medical treatment. Members of the Memphis Gay Coalition witnessed the bruises on his arms, legs and upper body.

Charges against Broxterman were

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dismissed August 12 "without prejudice" (meaning he did not incur court costs), but the new charges were brought against him by Taylor shortly thereafter. The prosecutor in the case indicated to Broxterman's attorney, Mark Francis, that there was more involved in the case than disorderly conduct.

Taylor's original report indicated that Broxterman had scratched him and grabbed his thumb, refusing to let go until Taylor struck him repeatedly with the nightstick. Broxterman denies this.

The subsequent report filed by Taylor in regard to the new charges against Broxterman state that Taylor "approached the defendant and advised him to leave 616 Marshall. After having to argue with defendant to get him to leave, the defendant did strike the offiant (Taylor) and threatened the offiant with bodily harm using abusive and profane language. The defendant was in an obviously unstable condition."

Broxterman denies both the original and the subsequently altered reports filed by Taylor and seeks witnesses to the incident. The friend who offered Broxterman a ride home for the Barracks left two days later for a year's study in Israel. Another friend, a school teacher from Forrest City, Arkansas, witnessed the incident but would not testify for fear of losing his position as a teacher.

Broxterman added that both the manager on duty, Gene Craig, and the doorkeeper, Tim Martin, were "going along with Taylor's testimony." When Broxterman asked another employee of the Barracks if he had witnessed the incident, he replied that he had been instructed not to discuss it.

"I know there are people who saw what really happened," Broxterman said, "but they are afraid to come forward because the Gay issue might cause them problems."

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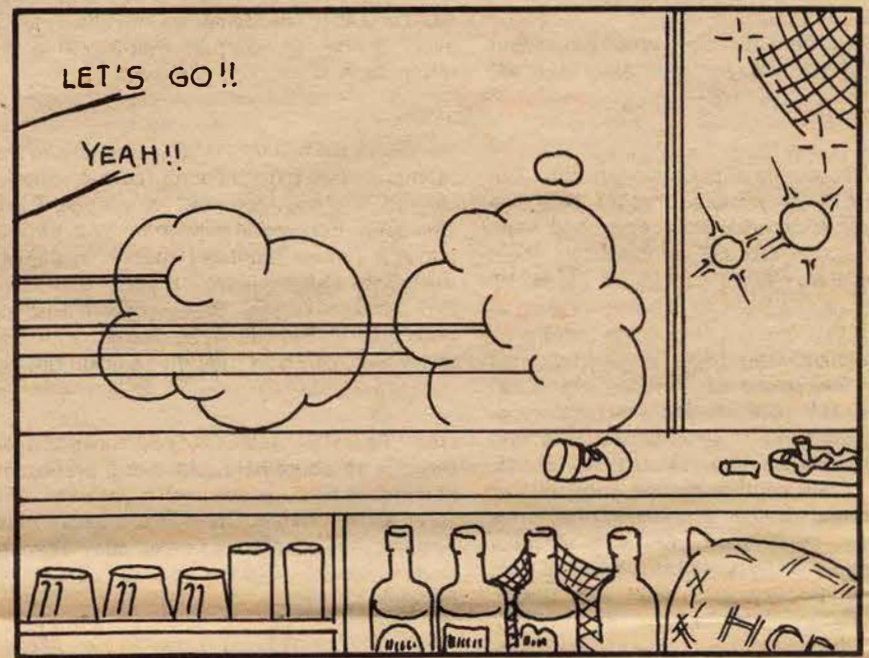
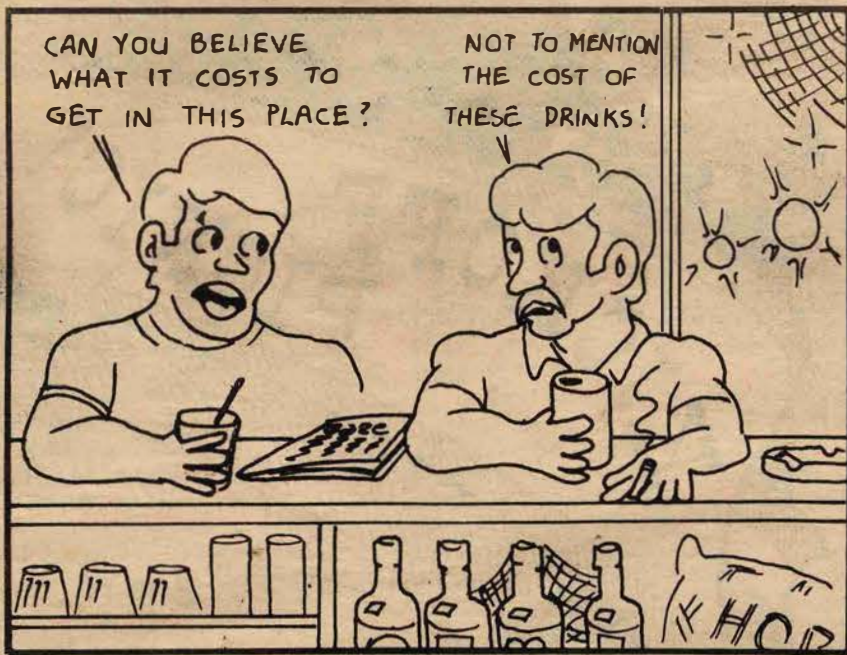
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gets lost in the hurricane and we survive it with her. We experience her change firsthand. There is a political angle. There are no good men; and I believe it. I am confused, but happy when Jessie changes her name to B. G. Kilroy (her husband's name is Roy, remember?), dresses like a man, and lives with Kate and the kids,—ever after. You will have to tell me how. (And I will not even pursue the meaning of Robin's massive collection of dolls, including the Charlotte

Corday she repeatedly beheads.) Did I say something for everyone? Well, maybe not for the men. But somebody ought to read it to them. Or at least the quotation after the title page: "Males of *labroides dimidiatus* control the process of sex reversal within social groups. Each group consists of a male with a harem of females, among which larger individuals dominate smaller ones. The male in each harem suppresses the tendency of the females to change sex, by actively dominating them. Death of the male releases this suppression and the dominant female of the harem changes sex immediately."

# Calendar

- 1-Tues:** Gaze staff meeting, 274-0431, 8 p.m.
- 2-Wed:** Muscular Dystrophy Benefit (GOPS), George's, 600 Marshall, 10:30 p.m., \$3.
- 6-Sun:** Country-Western "Gay-Ho" benefit for Gay Switchboard, 10 N. Cleveland, 8 p.m., \$2. MCC, 11 a.m., 672 S. McLean "Gay Alternative" 3 p.m., WEVL-FM 90.3. Mass for Dignity, 5 p.m., St. Peter Village Chapel. Memphis Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., 396-6146.
- 8-Tues:** Memphis Gay Coalition meeting, 7:00 p.m., Main Library, Peabody & McLean, room A, open to public: Police Director Buddy Chapman, speaker.
- 11-Fri:** Gaze staff copy deadline.
- 13-Sun:** MGC Campaign, '82 Kickoff Picnic, 981 Meda, potluck (free beer), 2 p.m. Tsarus "Trash Day" 10 a.m., contact Sharon's for info., 278-9021. MCC, 11 a.m., 672 S. McLean "Gay Alternative" 3 p.m., WEVL-FM 90.3. Mass for Dignity, 5 p.m., St. Peter Village Chapel. Memphis Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., 396-6146.
- 14-Mon:** Gaze ad deadline, 274-0431. Parents & Friends of Gays, 274-0653.
- 15-Tues:** Gaze staff meeting, 274-0431, 8 p.m.
- 20-Sun:** J-Wag's Cookout for Gaze (benefit), \$6.50 for 14 oz. steak, steak fries, salad, 2 drinks: J-Wag's, 1268 Madison (on the patio), tickets must be purchased from J-Wag's no later than Fri., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. MCC, 11 a.m., 672 S. McLean. "Gay Alternative" 3 p.m., WEVL-FM 90.3. Mass for Dignity, 5 p.m., St. Peter Village Chapel. Memphis Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., 396-6146.
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- 22-Tues:** Gaze staff meeting, 274-0431, 8 p.m.
- 25-Fri:** October Gaze out, Vol. 2, No. 10.
- 26-Sat:** "Moonlight Madness" costume cruise on the Memphis Queen II, boards 8 p.m., cruise 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at gate, foot of Monroe at Riverside, 274-0431 for advance tickets.
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