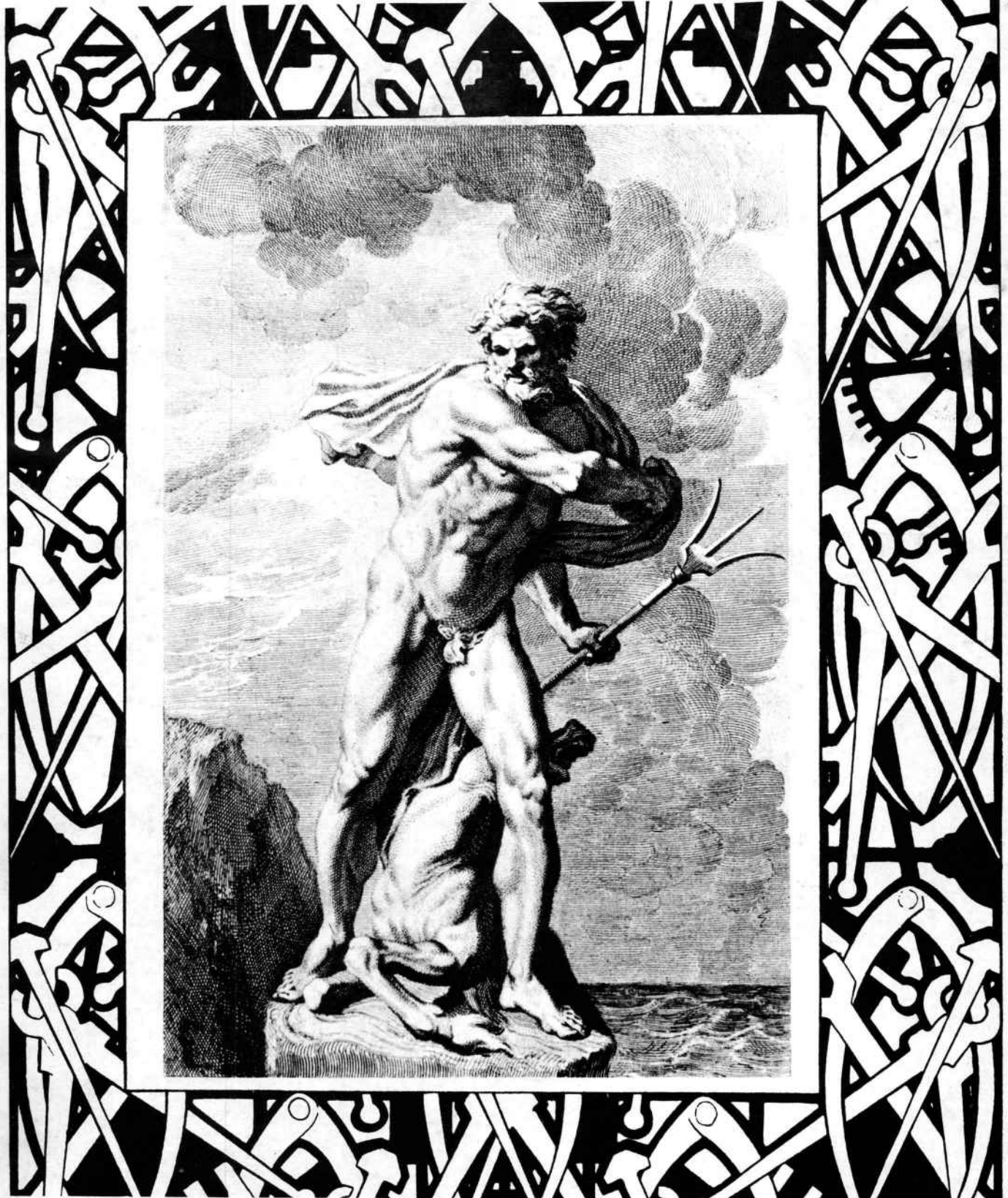




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BERNER SUIT

Healdsburg, CA—Teacher Larry Berner, who became a target of attacks by State Senator John Briggs and his group, Defend Our Children, during their campaign for the Briggs anti-gay Proposition 6, has announced plans to sue that group. Healdsburg School Board president Lee Lee, and television station KNBC in Los Angeles. Although Berner was subjected to a series of attacks throughout the media, according to his attorney Jerel McCray, the suit will be directed mainly at a television commercial for the Yes on 6 campaign.

In the ad, said Berner, "Mrs. Lee Lee said that in her school district there was a second grade teacher who uses his status as a teacher to promote homosexuality. Then an announcer comes on and says, 'What they do in private is their own business, but when, like this teacher, they bring it into the classroom, it becomes everybody's business.'" Although Berner was not specifically mentioned or pictured in the ad, he claims that his identity was obvious because "I'm the only male second grade teacher in Healdsburg, and they used the male pronoun."

McCray explained: "It's conceivable that we might bring these suits separately, because there are many things that Lee Lee and Defend Our Children did, aside from what the television commercial ran. So we might end up with three different damage figures in three different suits." After Berner published an article opposing Proposition 6 in a small community newspaper, Briggs used some of the space in his own promotional handbook to claim that Healdsburg parents and school officials were attempting to have a "second grade teacher who has openly admitted his homosexuality" removed, but were unable to do so until Proposition 6 passed.

The Briggs statement in the



pamphlet also turned out to be an untruth. Of 21 school officials in Healdsburg, 19 opposed Proposition 6 and supported Berner. The only parents group active in the city, many of whose children were taught by Berner, was strongly opposed to Proposition 6 also. A bunch of mothers in Healdsburg actually got together and had T-shirts printed: "Ask a Healdsburg parent — No on 6."

The fact that Briggs' allegations were also demonstrably false will also figure in the suits, since they are alleging *per se* slander against all parties. According to McCray, this means that "if you're talking about an individual in his or her profession, and specifically indicate that they have done something unprofessional, then it's a different animal altogether from regular slander. You don't have to prove actual damages, because it's presumed that if you slander a person in their profession that's damage enough."

GACY COVERAGE IRKS IGTF

Chicago, IL—The Illinois Gay Task Force, upset over earlier coverage of the John Wayne Gacy, Jr. case, has won some concessions from the local news media here. The IGTF began a campaign to get rid of the words and phrases appearing in news accounts about Gacy which it considers prejudicial to gays.

In response to the phrase "homosexual murders", William B. Kelley, a leader of IGTF, asked local newspapers how many recent murders by heterosexuals had been headlined as "heterosexual murders" in their pages. According to Kelley, the letter-writing strategy by IGTF members and their sympathizers did provide some results.

After meetings and/or phone calls to the newspapers' top editors, the **Chicago Sun Times** and the **Chicago Tribune** agreed to drop the phrase "admitted homosexual" from news stories after the IGTF members convinced them that the word "admitted" implied some sort of guilt. Gacy, 36, has been charged with the murders of seven males ranging from 15 to 20 years of age. Authorities said that Gacy confessed to slaying 32 young men and teens after having sexual relations with them.

As IGTF members were carrying on their campaign and meetings, Gacy was standing silently in court as his attorney entered innocent pleas to charges of murder. Subsequently the judge ordered that he undergo psychiatric examination. The hearings, before Judge Richard J. Fitzgerald, have been held at the Cook County jail complex, where Gacy has been held without bail since his arrest. Throughout his appearances, Gacy has continuously been flanked by four sheriff's deputies.

GERMAN CENSORSHIP

by Barry Mehler

The international jury of the Third Russell Tribunal has condemned the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) for anti-gay censorship. In its final judgement given on January 10, the jury concluded "that forms of direct and indirect censorship were proven to exist in the Federal Republic" and that "the right to freedom of speech" has been seriously impaired.

According to the Workgroup on Repression Against Gays, (NARGS) an organization established to gather evidence for the Tribunal, the testimony centered around a 1976 ruling of the State Supreme Court of Northern Westphalia which upheld the right of city officials to forbid "modes of behavior and openly voiced opinions deviating from the norm," whenever these appear 'obtusively' in public. Since the Federal Supreme Court refused to review the case, the ruling stands and can be applied throughout Germany. The case stemmed from the refusal of city officials in Aachen to allow a gay organization to set up an information and literature table in the downtown area of the city.

The judgement on the Aachen information stand "is phrased in such vague terms that the road is clear for future censorship," declared the NARGS representative before the Tribunal, "and this would mean that not only the new gay movement, but also other groups could be banned from the public." The testimony was one of ten cases on the subject of censorship which the Russell Tribunal dealt with January 2nd, in Cologne. Oskar Negt, professor of sociology at the Free University of Berlin, whom the jury heard as an expert witness on censorship, discussed the gay case in some detail. Afterwards, a NARGS representative was called to testify. This testi-

mony will become part of the final report of the Tribunal on political repression in West Germany which ended January 10.

The Tribunal was established by the Bertram Russell Peace Foundation in London. The first Tribunal was an investigation of American Crimes in Vietnam. The second Tribunal was on torture in South America. The third Tribunal met to investigate political repression in West Germany. The first meeting was held in Berlin in March of 1978. The Berlin hearings investigated the workings of the infamous **Berufsverbot**, a law passed in 1972, which established the "Office for the Protection of the Constitution." This McCarthy-like arm of the se-

curity police has the power to investigate civil service workers political affiliations and can declare a worker "unfit for employment by the State." Thus far over 4,000 individuals have been thus declared.

The Russell Tribunal has received a good deal of publicity in Europe, although the German press has reported very little about the Tribunal proceedings. Unfortunately, even where reports of the Tribunal proceedings have appeared, the gay case has fallen prey to internal censorship of straight editors. Thus, for example, the liberal **Frankfurter Rundschau** published a detailed report of nine of the ten censorship cases. Guess which one they left out!

ANTI-GAY JOBS BILL

Harrisburg, PA—Pennsylvania State Senator Clarence Bell has re-introduced a bill intending to ban the employment of gays in certain professions. Entitled "Senate Bill 6", the proposal is identical to a bill introduced in last year's session.

If passed, the bill would prohibit "admitted homosexuals" from being employed as a state police officer, state correctional guard or staff member, counselor, or as personnel who come in contact with patients at any state institution dealing with mental illness, mental retardation, the physically handicapped, juveniles, or orphans. The same restrictions would apply to those convicted of any sex crime. "Unadmitted homosexuals" are, one presumes, still OK with Senator Bell.

Any employer knowingly hiring an "admitted homosexual" in any of the proscribed fields may be fired or fined \$300, and/or imprisoned for not more than 90 days. The bill, which has been referred to the Senate Labor and Industry Committee, has no co-sponsors.

Tony Silvestre, chair of the



Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, explained: "This bill is basically like the others introduced during last year's legislative session." He went on to note that the bill would be in direct contradiction with several union contracts presently in force in Pennsylvania, and which bar discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Silvestre urges Pennsylvania residents to send letters of opposition either to their own Senators or to: Senator Clarence Bell, Senate Capitol, Room 281, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

POLICE UNDER ATTACK

London, UK—Police powers of prosecution are under attack here. Massive discrimination against minority groups such as gays and blacks has been alleged in evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. The National Association of Probation Officers, in written evidence to the Commission, noted that instead of police initiating procedures and prosecutions in England and Wales, "the Scottish system of having a procurator fiscal would help to remove some elements of the discriminatory prosecutions."

Clearly worried about possibilities of abuse, the probation officers say: "In those communities with which we are most involved decisions frequently appear discriminatory, operating to the disadvantage of the young, the black, and the unemployed. . . We know of examples where a local police directive leads to the harassment of a group such as . . . homosexual males or the concentration on the particular type of offence as a result of the personal prejudices of a high-ranking officer, for example soliciting."

NAPO went on to note: "We are documenting cases where we believe this has happened, including examples affecting gay people. . .

MINI-BRIGGS CAMPAIGN

Edmonton, Alberta—The Alberta School Trustees' Association has passed a resolution asking the provincial government not to introduce legislation which would restrict local school boards "from dealing with proven instances of homosexuality among any of its paid employees, elected officials, or student enrollment." The motion was put forward by Willard Brooks, a Mormon member of the Association, and Herb Jamieson, a speaker at the April Anita Bryant rally in Edmonton.

Brooks asserted that, unless the resolution were passed, homosex-

These will be available to amplify our statements to the Royal Commission when we give our oral evidence later. At the moment the police have almost total discretion in deciding about prosecutions, except perhaps in very serious cases when the papers are sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions. . . But in fairness, it should be said that perhaps we expect too much from the police, imposing too many burdens on them."

In its evidence the association states: "Many difficulties arise from confusion about the various roles which we expect police officers to fill. They are responsible for law enforcement, detection of crimes, decisions to prosecute and, in many cases, the actual prosecution."

BRIGGS PROJECTS

Los Angeles, CA—State Senator John Briggs of Fullerton, whose proposition to facilitate school boards' firing of gay public school teachers went down to a lopsided defeat in November (3.9—2.8 million), has announced his intention to put the measure on the ballot again in 1980. In an interview pub-

lished in the **Los Angeles Times**, Briggs noted: "Three million people agreed with me, and that's pretty good. . . We now have in place an organization that we didn't have at the beginning of the campaign. We will do better in 1980."

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Briggs also noted that he was optimistic about paying off the huge debts—he estimated a deficit of \$800,000—from both his abortive bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination and the Proposition 6 campaign. "We're going to use the initiative process again and again," he promised. "The battle is not over. This is only Round 1."

Perhaps the most significant factor in shaping public opinion on the measure was the opposition of elected officials, including President Carter, Governor Brown, former President Gerald Ford, and former Governor Ronald Reagan.

Briggs' campaign also failed to match its opponents' success in raising money for television and radio advertising. Briggs said that he spent less than \$40,000 on television. Spokespersons from No on 6 said that they had spent more than \$200,000. "If we had funded up to \$300,000 as I expected, we would have won," Briggs claimed.

ranted." The editorial added that "If the morally righteous are to decide who should be allowed to enjoy the personal freedoms our laws guarantee, soon only the morally righteous would qualify."

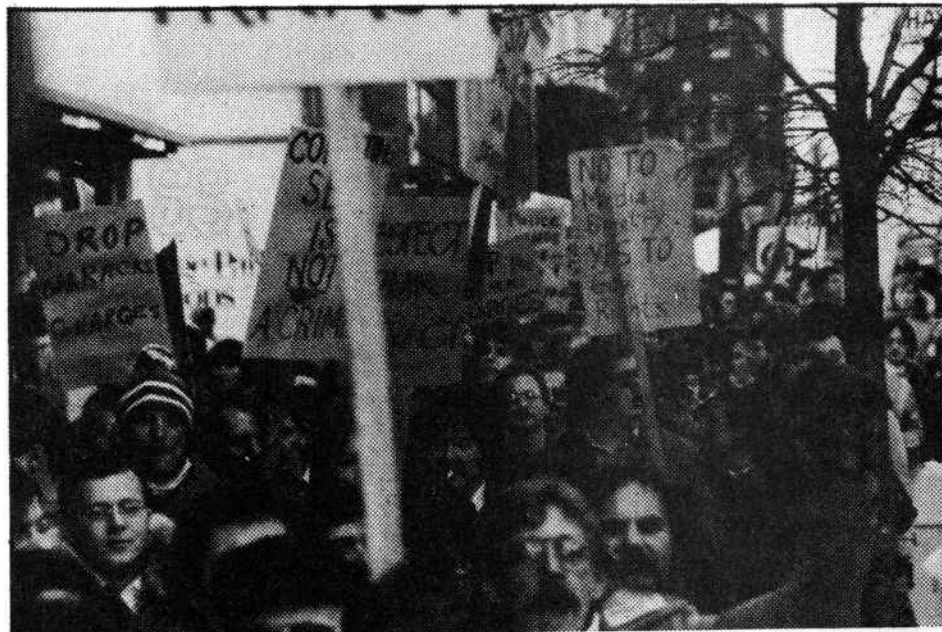
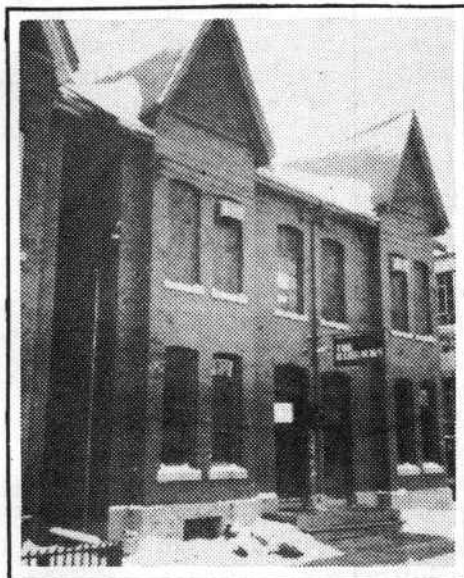
An additional hundred resolutions were passed at the Alberta School Trustees' convention. These were presented to the Minister of Education on December 20. Stan Maertz, executive director of the Trustees' Association, stated that the resolution dealing with homosexuality was presented "without commentary," because it was passed by such a narrow margin.

BATH RAIDS: TORONTO & SAN DIEGO

Toronto, ONT—In December twenty police officers refused management's offer of keys to doors and lockers in the Barracks steam bath, and chose to use hammers and crowbars to do as much damage as possible. They ripped ashtrays from walls, kicked in partitions, and forcibly gained entrance to rooms and lockers.

Charges of "being in a bawdy house" were made against all 28 persons in the bath at the time, many of whom reported that they were brutalized and humiliated by arresting officers. Some of those arrested were forced to parade in front of female officers while being ridiculed at the police station, and have subsequently filed formal complaints. The members list was confiscated, and many government officials and some police officers who were members of the Barracks are reportedly in panic. Those being charged had to take compulsory VD tests and answer questions about their religious backgrounds.

Four hundred gays held a public meeting to protest the raid and the manner in which it was conducted. They marched through the city to City Hall. Allegedly the Barracks was raided because some of the rooms contained S/M paraphernalia, which was also confiscated by



police. The December 9th Defense Fund was founded shortly following the raid and protests. Donations can be made to the Fund at 59 Austin Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4M 1V7. Most of the cases are not expected to reach trial before December 1979.

"There is an overall police crackdown on all kinds of sexual activity. It is an insane resurrection of puritanism." This was the conclusion of Attorney George Haverstick, who is representing a number of gay men arrested in a bath raid on the Fourth Avenue Club in San Diego on February 1. The midnight police raid followed a host of police arrests in gay bars for such minor conduct as kissing.

In the San Diego raid, there are no allegations of participating in sexual activity. The principal offenses seem to have been "flirting and cruising," and the major police objection was to the bath's "common room." Haverstick said that the arrests would probably not hold up in any case because police identifications were uniformly inaccurate. Haverstick added that the busts were primarily harassment, noting that two bath employees were arrested also.

The attorney added that last year

officers making arrests for public sex often told gays, "Why don't you go to the baths where you are safe?" "Now they are arresting in a bath," he said. "This creates a Catch-22 situation."



GEORGE RAYA

Local gay organizations in San Diego have had several meetings with American Civil Liberties Union officials over the recent harassment. The ACLU is considering funding a joint-action suit against both the Police Department and the D.A.'s Office.

According to former gay lobbyist George Raya, some gays are asking whether it will be safe to have Gay Freedom Day activities in June as is customary, fearful that police will not be deterred by minor considerations such as legality.

EX-MARINE SUES CORPS

San Diego, CA—A former marine officer whose photo was used on a recruiting poster, but who later faced a court-martial on charges that he was gay, has charged that he was maliciously prosecuted and filed a suit requesting \$12 million in damages. The suit, filed on behalf of Alan E. Davis, 30, of Ocean-side, claims that Davis' officer at Camp Pendleton had asked for the court-martial because Davis had caught the officer cheating on physical fitness test scores. The court-martial found him not guilty of the homosexual charge.

David L. McKenzie, who served as Davis' attorney during the court-martial, will also be representing him in the civil suit. McKenzie noted that one of the marines who was to testify that Davis was gay later admitted, in a sworn statement, that he fabricated the statement after being induced by the promise of being given illegal

EROTIC FANTASIES

Salt Lake City, UT—A University of Utah study of 102 women has found that 99% of them regularly engage in sexual fantasies. The year-and-a-half study, by doctors Jerri Brown and Darrell Hart, concludes that the typical woman in the survey day-dreams about sex at least four times monthly. Brown and Hart note that most of the women reported having about twenty different varieties of sexual fantasies—including being overpowered, seducing a man, or petting with another woman.

The subjects in the study ranged from 19 to 45 in age, but the researchers learned that those between 21 and 35 were those with the most active sexual fantasies. The survey also notes that the more liberated, or feminist-inclined, women report experiencing the greatest number and variety of erotic fantasies.

drugs. Even though that witness' confession that he had lied was entered into evidence before the court-martial, Davis was none the less prosecuted.

A claim for \$3.5 million made last year against the federal government went unanswered. The new lawsuit asks for \$10 million in damages from the federal government and \$2 million in damages from Col. R.E. Stoffey, Davis' commanding officer. Davis was decorated for his service in Vietnam, and was the top student in his Officers Candidate School class. A victim of polio as a youth, he later overcame the handicap to become a long-distance runner. This is the role in which he was pictured for the Marine Corps' recruiting poster, which noted that "The Marines are looking for a few good men."

MORRIS NOMINATION

Washington, DC—President Carter's nominee to head the Law Enforcement Administration said at Senate hearings that he would not impose his views that drug abuse, homosexuality, and consensual sex acts should not be treated as crimes. Under questioning at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Norval Morris noted that, "My task is to help in the reorganization of it [LEAA], and I wouldn't be good at imposing my views on it."

Morris, 55, is dean of the University of Chicago Law School, and co-author of a pamphlet entitled "The Honest Politician's Guide to Crime Control." It recommends removing criminal sanctions from public drunkenness, use of any drug, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and abortion by qualified physicians. Under an ideal criminal system, he and co-author Gordon Hawkes said, "Sexual activities between consenting adults in private will not be subject to criminal

law." They go on to note that this includes homosexuality, pornography, adultery, statutory rape, bigamy, incest, bestiality, and prostitution.

The Nixon administration established LEAA in order to assist states in development of crime control projects. It has been accused of squandering federal money on exotic police hardware, and of establishing few projects aimed at the causes of crime.

Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), who is not a member of the confirming panel, asked Carter to withdraw the nomination because Morris' outlook "flies in the face of centuries of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence and standards of moral conduct."

PA LICENSES

Philadelphia, PA—Gays who seek employment in the 22 professions which are licensed by the state will no longer lose or be denied a license because of their sexual preference. In a letter to commonwealth secretary Barton Fields dated December 28, Attorney General Gerald Gornish said: "It is both the legal opinion of the Justice Department and the policy of this administration that an otherwise qualified individual may not be denied licensure in a professional occupation merely because of his or her admission of homosexuality."

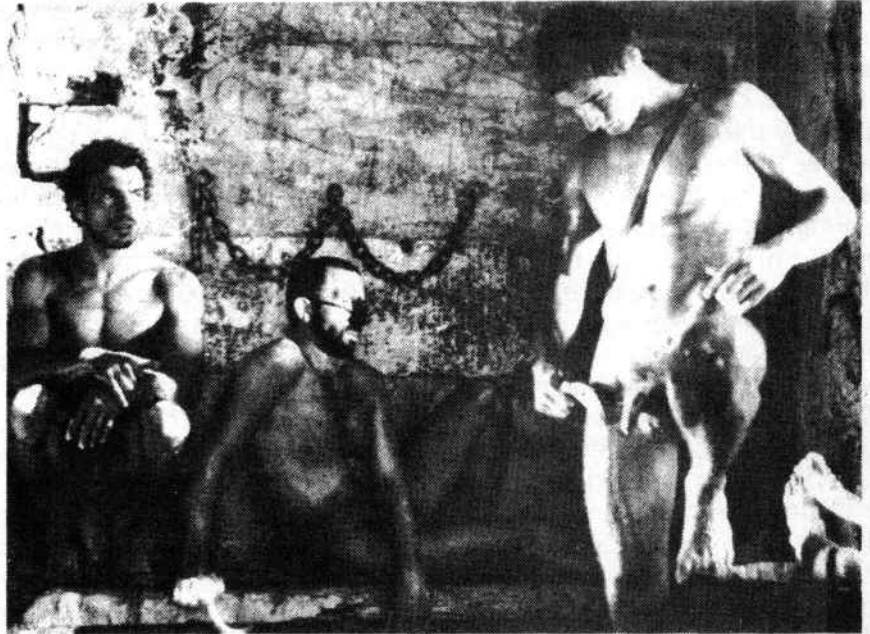
Gornish cited Governor Shapp's Executive Order of 1975, as amended in September of 1978, to support the opinion. The commonwealth secretary oversees the 22 state licensing boards. Tony Silvestre, chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, commented: "I see this decision as another benchmark for the movement. Gays with a state license need no longer be fearful of losing it because 'moral turpitude' cannot be interpreted to mean homosexuality."

GAY SEX FILMS

San Francisco, CA—A group of San Francisco Mental Health workers has lodged a protest of a new regulation here which requires that all mental health workers watch three films depicting homosexual sex acts. The films comprise part of a program which is geared towards increasing the sensitivity of about 400 mental health workers who are most likely to be treating gay patients in the Bay Area.

Vince Courtney, a spokesperson for the Service Employees Union Local 400, explained that the protest was **not** aimed at the presence of the films in the program, but only at the broad requirement. "We're not knocking the program. We have members of our gay task force who proposed it. But we have an interest in seeing that people don't have to take the course if it isn't related to their jobs." Courtney, noting that many members of clerical staffs were being required to watch the films, indicated that he felt that their participation was unnecessary.

The three 20-minute films, put together by the National Sex Forum, depict lovemaking among



Films depicting sexual activity between males, like this scene from *Sebastiano*, upset some city mental health workers.

male and female gays and bisexuals. They are part of a 16-hour series of discussions and workshops organized by the National Science Foundation.

Phyllis Lyon, a co-director of the sex forum, explained: "We tell people that they can close their eyes if they might be upset by the

films. . . They [gays and bisexuals] don't do anything significantly different from heterosexuals." Ron Lee, director of the Center for Special Problems and overseer of the City Health Department program, indicated that the only clerical workers required to view the films were receptionists.

PRIDE VS PARADE

San Francisco, CA—Three of the 1978 Gay Freedom Day officials have been named in a lawsuit filed by the Pride Foundation, one of several warring gay organizations in the Bay Area. Pride contends that officials are withholding information which it needs to document its tax-exempt status. Pride acted as fiscal agents for the parade in 1978 so that the parade committee could be tax-exempt, and also obtained \$10,000 in city funds to support the parade.

Stimulus for the suits, according to Pride's many critics, has been the decision to establish a Parade Committee independent of any other organization for future parades. Committee officials have

agreed to turn over all financial records to Pride if the foundation would place the funds collected for the parade to date into a separate account for use in future parades. Pride has to date refused to do this, or to drop the suits.

The current 1979 Parade Committee has voted support of the three persons named in the suit, and also urged the new Gay Freedom Corporation to become a co-defendant in the Pride suit. In a press release issued by the **Bay Area Reporter**, gay representatives noted: "We will do all in our power to protect our individual reputations, and to insure the democracy and independence of the Parade Committee."

SOURCE BOOK FUND

Chicago, IL—The Source Bookshop's book sale to benefit the Frank M. Rodde III Memorial Building Fund (for a gay community center) raised over \$235. The Source Bookshop, located in the Knight Out, has announced that it will continue to collect used books and sponsor book sales to benefit other nonprofit gay organizations in the city.

Any persons wishing to donate used books or gay magazines and newspapers may drop them off at the Knight Out, or mail them to: Source Bookshop, 2936 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60657.

CETA FUNDS FOR GAGV

Rochester, NY—Following a stormy meeting of the City Council, a renewal of CETA funding in 1979 for the peer counseling service organized by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley (GAGV), Inc., was approved. The hearings saw the presentation of pro-GAGV statements by many community representatives, and an organized effort by fundamentalist groups to block all funding renewals.

Among the speakers supportive of GAGV were one mother and citizen of Rochester, Sister Mary Claude, who has worked for Dignity during the past three years, and the Rev. Walt Syzmanski. Syzmanski spoke about his concerns for the peer counseling provided by GAGV for the entire community, and countered the usual chestnuts about child molestation and "proselytizing." Councilper-

son Schiano, one of those actively supporting the fundamentalist opposition, shouted after the minister as he went back to his seat.

Schiano went on to claim that 25% of white homosexual males have had sexual relations with boys 17 and under, but was unable to cite any source for this claim under questioning. He objected to "peer counseling" as a form of "homosexuals counseling other homosexuals." Janet Foy, from the independent Pastoral Counseling, explained that the GAGV did preventive and peer counseling, and distinguished this program from the rehabilitative counseling offered by her own group. She pointed out that GAGV's service was unique in Rochester, and that her own organization had both referred persons to GAGV and received references from GAGV.

BROWN STATEMENT

Sacramento, CA—Governor Jerry Brown has again urged the state legislature to pass any gay rights measures which are presented to it. In his recent inaugural address he expressed active support of those measures "which would add 'sexual orientation' as an area in which discrimination should be banned."

"I will support the necessary changes in our Fair Employment Act," he said, "to include prohibitions against discrimination based on sexual preference. . . . The diversity of our people can be a cause of hatred and anxiety or the source of strength and continued advancement. The choice is ours."

There are two major bills before the California legislature which deal with anti-discrimination efforts. The first, introduced by Assembly member Art Agnos (D—San Francisco) would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or the refusal to grant sexual favors. The other measure would authorize the Fair Employment

Practices Commission to take action against any employer or employment agency which refuses to hire a person based solely on that person's sexual orientation.

The bills have been heavily lobbied in Sacramento by a number of gay rights organizations, and are given a good chance of passing this session. Support has also come from the Speaker of the State Assembly, Leo McCarthy, who told delegates to the State Democratic Party convention that he strongly supported legislation which assured the rights of people based on "sexual preference."



Several fundamentalist sects produced two busloads of speakers for the hearing. Among their claims were the following: gay liberation increases V.D., homosexuals are not "honest red-blooded citizens", and funding would constitute a "promulgation of homosexuality." Bob Ross, a Fletcher Brothers assistant, claimed that the City Council was obliged to "learn the lesson of Sodom and Gomorrah": "Blood will be on the street, and it will be at your door." Several gay representatives suggested following the hearing that the fundamentalist rhetoric had done more for GAGV than against it. GAGV has been incorporated since 1975. Its three full-time staff people are funded through the CETA program. Scores of volunteers also operate within the group, and through its affiliated groups, which include Lesbian Resource Center, The Gay Brotherhood, Empty Closet Press, and the Rochester Gay Task Force. The Empty Closet Press is publisher of **The Empty Closet**, New York State's oldest gay newspaper, which is published monthly. The peer counseling program is one of approximately a dozen community outreach programs which are administered by GAGV. Two projects stressed during 1978 were the GAGV Library (now housing over 1,000 volumes, with special emphasis last year on acquiring books by and for women), the Speaker's Bureau, and a special program for gays with impaired hearing.

The last speaker at the City Council meeting was Virginia Davidson, head of the National Presbyterian Task Force on Homosexuality. The actual vote count was 7-2 in favor of funding the GAGV proposals. Following the meeting and vote announcement GAGV sponsored a victory party. The two busloads of people from the fundamentalist churches boarded their buses for the long ride home.

GAIN MEETS GAYS

San Francisco, CA—Representatives of the gay community, including newly appointed Supervisor Harry Britt and representatives of the **San Francisco Sentinel**, have concluded a series of meetings with Police Chief Gain to discuss the question of police harassment. Britt's recent charges of police harassment were reported in the March issue of GPU NEWS.

In response to some of the allegations, Captain George Jeffery of the Mission Station (which includes Castro Street) urged any persons with complaints about officer's behavior to contact him directly. Indicating that he is always available to respond to complaints, Jeffery also noted that no punitive action can be taken against officers unless citizens get badge numbers and can cite the time and location of the incident.

The function of the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) of the Department was also discussed. Police members and gay community representatives at the meetings agreed that, if the IAB were opened up to more of the community,

people would feel less intimidated about reporting police misconduct. Chief Gain has agreed to add a non-police member to the IAB board as a liaison to complainants. This appointee will function as a volunteer to avoid being acculturated into the police bureaucracy.

Gay representatives have also made plans to publicize the IAD's complaint procedures through press conferences and talk shows as an outreach to the community. Additional projects under consideration include the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Police Training designed especially to improve community sensitivity aspects of police training programs.

Supervisor Britt has also announced introduction of an ordinance which, if passed, would establish a two-year moratorium on the opening of new businesses on Castro Street. At the end of the moratorium, the city would investigate the possibility of substantial changes in business and parking regulations throughout the Castro area. Britt claims that he has received many complaints from resi-

dents of the area, who claim that they are being pushed out of their homes by new businesses. Many of the complaints against police harassment refer to incidents in the same area. Nearly all of the twenty bars and restaurants in the six-square-block area are gay owned and gay-patronized.

In an unprecedented action, Police Chief Gain has also charged fifteen police officers with improper conduct. Two of these have already resigned from the force because they could not handle their alcohol problems. Lt. Willie Frazier, Secretary to the Police Commission, said that the large number of persons charged establishes clearly that "Chief Gain means business when he says that any police officers guilty of improper conduct or the use of excessive force will be dealt with, but justly."

It is not known whether the accused include Sgt. Edward Foley, who has already been charged in a complaint for threatening the life of gay activist Hank Wilson, and other improper conduct, in the Tenderloin area.



The new board of directors of the Gay Alliance for 1979, from left to right, Peter Hoff, Joan Giuffre, Don Ziegler, George Mohr, Bob, Sue Cowell, Andy Hersh, Debbie Messmer, Mike Wennin, Valerie V., Rick Dixon, Patti Evans, at Annual Meeting.

THORPE TO STAND TRIAL

London, UK—Jeremy Thorpe, a Member of Parliament and former leader of the Liberal Party, is to stand trial on charges of conspiring to murder Norman Scott. Thorpe, together with three co-defendants, is charged with the conspiracy to kill Scott, who had alleged that Thorpe and he were lovers. Following 16 days of testimony, three magistrates ruled that Thorpe had not only conspired to commit murder, but also that he incited David Holmes to commit the murder. John LeMesurier and George Deakin are the other men charged.

Though no specific date has been set, the trial is expected to begin sometime after Easter. The four men, each of whom could be sentenced to life imprisonment, are presently free on bail. At the end of the hearing, which received full coverage from the London press, Thorpe declared: "I plead not guilty, and will vigorously defend this matter."



Jeremy Thorpe

According to the prosecution, Thorpe seduced Scott in the early 1960's while the erstwhile model was working as a stable hand. It is alleged that Thorpe, fearing exposure of the affair and the ruin of his political career, hired Andrew Newton to kill Scott. Newton, who called himself a "hit-man", told the court that he had pretended his gun jammed when he went to kill Scott in 1975, and killed Scott's dog

instead. He has served two years in jail for this act. The prosecution also alleges that Thorpe, who remains in Parliament and also is privy councillor to the Queen, attempted to keep witnesses from testifying against him. It is charged that Thorpe enlisted co-defendant Holmes in the attempt to pay one witness to stay away from the hearing which led to the order to stand trial on conspiracy charges.

Thorpe has repeatedly denied having any relationship with Scott. Published reports, however, have noted that, on advice of counsel, Thorpe has not denied having had a homosexual relationship before.

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Anchorage, AK—On February 3, the Alaska State-Wide Human Rights Conference on Sexual Orientation was held at the University of Alaska in the Lucy Cuddy Center. The conference was sponsored by the Alaska Gay Community Center, Alaska Women's Resource Center, Anchorage Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Gay Information Services, Anchorage Open Door Clinic, and the UAA Student Political Awareness Committee.

The major focus of the conference was an educational forum on the discussion of sexual orientation within the Alaskan community. There were three panels presented in which individuals discussed discrimination based on sexual orientation, legal questions revolving about sexual orientation discrimination, and various religious dimensions (discussed by a multi-denominational panel).

The religious question was one of the major issues of discussion at the conference. The keynote address was delivered by Reverend Freda Smith from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in Sacramento (CA).

MORMONS BOUNCE MINISTER

Boise, ID—The Rev. Ken Storer, pastor of the gay Metropolitan Community Church of Boise, was tried recently by a high council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and subsequently excommunicated from the Mormon Church on charges of apostasy. Storer is openly gay, and was reared in the Mormon Church and remained within its records. According to a letter which was hand-delivered to his home, a high council court of the Boise, Idaho South Stake "thoroughly examined all the evidence" and decided to excommunicate him.

The letter, signed by President Grant R. Ispen, also said the court had wanted to speak with Storer, but that he had refused to appear. Storer countered that he had tried to appear in court, but that he was turned away. "I went down, but they refused to allow witnesses

from my church to go in with me." Storer and the two witnesses were first asked to sit in the anteroom, but then all three were asked to leave the building.

It is unknown whether storer will attempt to contest his excommunication. It is also unknown whether this is the first Mormon excommunication due to gayness. Nor is it known, because of present American attitudes toward the Mormon sect, whether their present action will have any effect upon gay rights campaigns in the area.

Boise Mayor Dick Eardly announced in February that the city does not have the \$50,000 which it has been ordered to pay six women for their illegal dismissals because of lesbianism. This has precipitated further legal action on the part of the women, whose case was reported in the February issue of GPU NEWS.

DALY THREATENED BY COLLEGE

Boston, MA—Mary Daly—a feminist author, theologian, and philosopher at Boston College—has been the object of harassment by college administrators: and, during the past month, harassment efforts have apparently been stepped up. The administration now threatens to suspend Daly without pay, and has assigned faculty members and administrators to “monitor” all of her classes.

The harassment, according to Daly, fits into a ten-year pattern. Following the publication of her **The Church and The Second Sex** (1968), she was given a “terminal contract”, good for one year and not renewable. When 1500 students demonstrated she was reinstated. In 1974, Daly was denied promotion to full professor because, according to university administrators, her second book “was not scholarly enough.”

Daly holds three doctorates in theology and philosophy, and recently was granted a scholarly fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation to write **Gyn/Ecology**. While on leave and writing the book, Boston College faculty members were told to block calls to her office and falsely allege that she had moved out of town. When she returned to B.C., the administration began a campaign of discouraging students from taking her courses, and sending faculty “monitors” to class meetings.

Boston's **Gay Community News** contacted Professor William Storey, a prominent theologian at Notre Dame University, for comments on the Catholic institution's harassment of Daly. “The question is,” said Storey, “do they want people to repeat traditional women's thinking, or, at a university, do they want to encourage the kind of serious questioning that Mary Daly is doing? . . . When you're running a serious institution of higher learning, you've got to take risks. [It is important to separate out] the



ranters and ravers from the serious scholars. . . Mary Daly is so serious . . . Her book betrays this on every page.”

In response to students inquiring why monitors were in Daly's classes, all the monitors claimed to be ignorant of the reason: “I was asked to come because Professor Daly had been told that there would be monitors.” **GCN** was present in one of Daly's classes in February when one monitor disclosed that she was there “to report to Margaret Dwyer, Assistant Vice President.”

Speaking to the press and students, Daly expressed profound regrets at the “. . . extremely draining harassment. . . As with physical rape, this harassment inhibits creativity. . . I'm a philosopher. I'm interested in sparking ideas. . . The presence of monitors in my class is disrupting. . . this is a totally intolerable and draining situation.”

Prior to the press conference and coverage, the monitoring and harassment had been conducted in relative secrecy, little known even to B.C. students. The administrators involved in the campaign are college president J. Donal Monan, S.J.; Dean of Faculty and Senior Vice President Charles Donovan, S.J.; Dean of the Graduate School Donald White; and Margaret Dwyer, Vice President and Assist-

ant to the President. All have been unavailable or refused to comment on their actions against Professor Daly.

Boston College is the second Jesuit institution to come under scrutiny for violations of normal standards of academic freedom in the past two years. In the spring of 1976, Marquette University (Milwaukee) was placed under censure by the American Association of University Professors for violation of tenure and academic freedom provisions.

TASMANIA REFORMS

Tasmania—The parliament of this Australian island state has voted to bring to the floor legislation which will legalize homosexual acts between consenting adults. The parliamentary caucus of the Labour Party decided to allow a free vote on the issue in the next session of Parliament.

The decision follows a report by The Select Committee into Victimless Crime, which recommended the decriminalization of homosexual acts between consenting adults in September of 1978. Homosexual acts between females were not previously illegal in any case. Political observers claim that the legislation will probably pass, though not without some obstruction from the conservative Legislative Council.

In a surprise move which angered many gay activists, the State of Victoria had introduced legislation enacting new and harsher penalties for homosexual street offences, including loitering and solicitation. The amendments to the Summary Offences Act were brought in through the back door as part of a crackdown on prostitution. The amendments would also violate government promises to reform all state laws which still regard homosexual acts between consenting males as illegal.

FRASER NAMED TO CHURCH UNIT

Minneapolis, MN—A gay Minnesota farm woman has been appointed to a statewide Lutheran task force on human sexuality here. Diane Fraser, 35, was named by Dr. Herbert Chilstrom, president; of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, which has 284,000 members in 390 congregations throughout the state. The 3-million-member LCA is the largest of North America's three major Lutheran bodies.

Fraser, who farms at Montgomery, is a former sociology instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College, an LCA school in St. Peter (MN). In 1974 she was one of the founders, and currently is a national coordinator of Lutherans Concerned, the caucus of gay and nongay women and men from all major Lutheran churches, with 20 chapters in the U.S. In that role she led a team of ten LC members at the National LCA Convention in Chicago during July, 1978. In April she joined LC coordinator Howard Erickson and 23 Lutheran sex researchers in a national consultation on sexuality called by the 2.4-million-member American Lutheran Church. After the two-day consultation, which was held in Minneapolis, an ALC board withdrew a negative proposed statement on homosexuality, and asked that it be rewritten.

Dr. Chilstrom, who appointed Fraser, was also outspoken in his defense of the St. Paul gay-rights ordinance before its repeal in a city election last April. In June he explained his stand at the Minnesota Synod convention, which itself endorsed gay-rights laws and ordered the task force appointed. Fraser noted that the appointment of a gay person to the board was largely due to the sustained efforts of Leo Treadway of St. Paul, a member of LC's Twin Cities Chapter, who had originally recommended her.

Fraser is the only woman and

the only gay person on the eight-member board, but not the only Minnesotan to be tapped for such service. James Chalgren (Mankato, (MN) was named to a similar Episcopal task force several months ago by Episcopal Bishop Robert Anderson of Minneapolis.

Lutherans Concerned can be reached at Box 19114A, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

GAYSWEEK

New York, NY—Newsweek, Inc. has notified New York's weekly **Gaysweek** that it will oppose the newspaper's application to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for registration of the "Gaysweek" trademark. In a letter to Gaysweek corporate counsel Michael Lavery, attorneys for **Newsweek** claimed that there was a similarity, "both phonetically and in appearance" between **Newsweek** and **Gaysweek**; and that, unless **Gaysweek** modified the trademark, they would not only oppose the registration, but also "take the necessary steps to restrain the further use of the mark 'Gaysweek' by your client as well as for damages, court costs, and counsel fees."

Gaysweek's original application for registration was rejected last year by the Patent and Trademark Office on the grounds that the word "gay" was "immoral or scandalous." Apparently the newspaper answered this objection to the satisfaction of the bureaucrats, since the office approved the application in its official **Gazette** of October 10, 1978, and informed interested parties that they had 30 days in which to notify the office of their objection to the application.

Newsweek sent an expression of objection on November 7, just three days before the deadline. there were no other objections received by the government office.

ABZUG RESPONDS

Washington, DC—Longtime feminist and gay rights fighter Bella Abzug has focused national attention on President Carter's position on women's rights. Her dismissal as co-chair of the National Advisory Committee for Women has been followed by 26 resignations from the 40-person group.

Abzug was the first person to introduce a bill into Congress which would place "sexual preference" under the protective clauses of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. She has frequently campaigned for lesbian and gay men's rights in housing, jobs, and accommodations.



The controversial spokeswoman called Carter "naive" in his knowledge of women's concerns, and stressed that she preferred dismissal to being a "yes-person" for his administration. She also emphasized that she did not want to cut off communication completely with the President. Abzug urged that perhaps Carter had had a bad day with brother Billy, causing him problems. She commented: "Instead of kicking Billy, he kicked me."

Lesbians are rightly concerned over the future of the advisory group, as it was the outgrowth of the National Women's Year Conference at Houston. The advisors had a mandate to push for human rights at home, including lesbian rights.

GAY ADOPTION THOUGHT FIRST

San Francisco, CA—Two gay men who are openly living as lovers have been granted the legal adoption of a two-year-old boy. The adoption of Robert David Dykes by pediatrician Dr. Aubert Dykes and San Francisco MCC pastor Jim Dykes is believed to be the first adoption of an infant by an openly gay couple in the United States. The adoption was finally approved by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Huey Shepherd in January.

California law does not recognize gay couples, so Dr. Aubert Dykes is officially listed as parent in a single-parent adoption, and Rev. Dykes (who legally took his lover's surname several years ago) has been named as the child's guardian. During the adoption process, no objections were raised to their open gayness. The social worker told them: "You are making us make a policy decision, you put it right on the line: what can we say about a minister and a physician raising a child? You're the stereotyped epitome of our society."

The adoption was arranged by direct contact with Robert's natural parents, who, according to Rev. Dykes, "financially could not afford to raise Robert, and felt that they emotionally were not at the point that they, at this time in their lives, wanted to be parents." This direct arrangement is possible under California law's option for an independent adoption (similar to laws in force in other states), which eliminates the adoption agency as the means of linking prospective parents and children.

The two parents would like to adopt another child—"our dream is that the next child will be a girl," says the pastor. Because he feels that sexual preference is inborn, he does not believe that Robert's home life will influence his sexuality. "We hope that Robert learns

that relationships are important, that bonding is important, and that the other person is not a sexual object—that, if he grows up and is a heterosexual person, he learns the importance of caring and loving in a relationship, and that if he's a gay person, or if he's a bisexual person, he learns the same thing."

"Our overriding principle with Robbie," explained Rev. Dykes, "is always to respond to him with honesty and truth, and say that here we are, and we love each other, and that we chose him to live with us because we love him. Then we just have to fight the other battles as they come along, if they come along."

Rev. Dykes added: "We believe very strongly that you should try to change the [adoption] system, and we're trying to do that in MCC. But as long as the system's set up, you try to use it as best you can. . . I think it's homophobia to think that we [gays] can't raise children if we want to."

BELL TO SPEAK

Milwaukee, WI—Psychologist Alan P. Bell will be delivering a paper at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at 7:30 p.m., April 19 in Room 180 of the Engineering-Math-Science Building. Bell is presently a researcher at the Indiana Institute for Sex Research, founded by Kinsey. He is the author of many articles dealing with gay lifestyles, and has testified in favor of gay rights legislation at many hearings. He co-authored, with Calvin Hall, *Personality Of A Child Molester: An Analysis Of Dreams* (Chicago, Aldine, 1971). More recently his study *Homosexualities*, co-authored with Martin Weinberg, has received extensive and favorable reviews.

PARTY FOR PRINCE

Newcastle, UK—Buckingham Palace has sent appropriate regrets that Prince Andrew would not be able to attend a birthday party in his honor given by Tyneside Campaign for Homosexual Equality. It seemed only appropriate to invite the Prince, according to CHE Secretary Rychard Apps.

Apps did not have to wait long for royal response: "Prince Andrew has asked me to thank you for your kind letter and for inviting him to a party to be given in honour of His Royal Highness's nineteenth birthday," responded the Prince's aide.

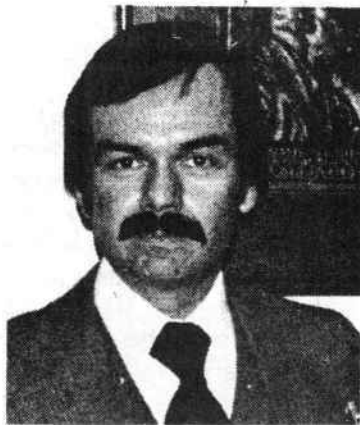


"I am afraid that Prince Andrew must refuse your kind invitation: he is still concentrating on his education and, as I am sure you will realize, will not be available on that date. His Royal Highness was grateful for your thought of organizing a party for him and is sorry that he is unable to attend it."

BRYDON NAMED

New York, NY—The Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force has announced that Charles F. Brydon, 40, a Seattle insurance executive and gay movement leader, has been appointed to the position of Co-Executive Director. Brydon will assume the post on April 9, replacing Dr. Bruce Voeller, who resigned in January.

Brydon became active in Seattle's gay movement in 1974, when he founded the Dorian Group, one of the city's largest gay organizations. In 1976 he joined NGTF'S Board of Directors, and served later on its Executive Committee. Brydon also served on the Seattle Women's Commission, and the Seattle Municipal Election Com-



Charles Brydon, new NGTF co-director.

mittee for Gays (SEAMEC). He is a native of New Jersey, and served as Army Captain in the Adjutant General Corps until the time of his honorable discharge in 1970.

BP SUES

Toronto, ONT—About a month after the **Body Politic's** acquittal of obscenity charges [see story elsewhere in this issue], the paper announced that it was filing a libel suit against the Toronto Star Newspapers, Ltd., and its Editor-in-Chief Denis Harvey. The suit charges that the paper "inflamed and prejudiced public opinion" of the BP and its publishers, Pink Triangle Press.



Gerald Hannon

The charges came after the **Toronto Star's** Feb. 15 issue ran a banner in red ink, stating "Now Give Us Wintario Cash." The Story alleged that the BP was asking for money from the government in the form of a Wintario Grant. BP collective member Gerald Hannon noted that, while he did not know where the **Star** had obtained this information, it was simply false.

LESBIAN AID

Detroit, MI—In early February the Policy Council of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights met at the Metropolitan Community Church here. Delegates from twenty-four groups across Michigan attended. Besides business sessions and committee meetings, there were two workshops on "Affirmation, not Denial" and "Legislative Initiatives", and a public forum on victimless crimes and sexual minorities by Rick Stokes, known from the film "Word is Out."

the most substantive of MOHR's resolutions took up the issue of artificial insemination by donors (AID) for lesbians. Under Records Officer Peggy Nelson, a Task Force on Investigating Discrimination Against Lesbians Seeking AID was established. The project has grown out of frequent complaints received by the MOHR office that some Michigan physicians who routinely perform AID, particularly in the Detroit area, have refused to accept clients who were not heterosexually married. One doctor is reported to have told a lesbian caller, "If you want to get pregnant so bad, just go stand on a street corner." The Task Force will investigate to learn how extensive this discrimination is, and to determine whether Detroit's new omnibus Human Rights Ordinance (reported earlier in GPU NEWS) can be utilized as a means of enforcing non-discrimination for lesbians and single women.

A second resolution established a Human Services Task Force charged with the publication of a comprehensive directory of services to lesbians and gay men in Michigan to include legal, medical, counselling, V.D. screening, substance abuse services, and support groups. The directory will be on sale by late 1979.

The MOHR Policy Council meets quarterly around the state. The next meeting, in April, will take place either in Kalamazoo or Flint.

BU LAW STUDENTS

Boston, MA—The Boston University Gay Lesbian Legal Association (BUGALLA) was recently founded to help make law school a less alienating experience for prospective gay attorneys.

BUGALLA is interested in exchanging information with other gay law groups throughout the country. For more information, write BUGALLA c/o Stewart Mittler, 14 Grove Street, Boston, MA 02114

GAY S & L

Santa Monica, CA—A group of gay businessmen has received a charter to open the first openly gay-owned savings and loan office within California. According to **Los Angeles Magazine**, the gay-operated Unity Savings will open later this year in Santa Monica. The savings and loan association will not cater exclusively to gays, but hopes to be able to cut through the many legal and administrative problems which face gay couples who are seeking home mortgages and other financial assistance.

EDITORIAL

As promised last month, this issue contains a feature report on the outcome of **The Body Politic's** trial. Its importance, and the importance of providing a detailed report on it, encouraged us to present it as an article rather than as a regular news column. These feature articles, which provide longer in-depth analysis of important events, are new to this publication. Reader response to the similarly inspired Oregon Report in the last issue was quite favorable, so we hope to make this kind of article part of our regular offerings on at least an occasional basis.

We can only be thankful that the **BP** trial took place in Canada. Given the U.S. Supreme Court's present crusade against any form of freedom of the press, such a trial would surely have had a different outcome in the United States. The April issue of **Playboy** carries a detailed article on the Court's recent decisions and nondecisions. It is a frightening article in many respects; and, for those of us who had hoped to put Richard Nixon out of sight and out of mind, it should also serve as a reminder that his legacy will live on to haunt the American people in the Court for years to come.

It is a paradox of the present social and political scene that today's self-styled conservatives such as those who sit(or squat) on the Court, feel constrained to whittle away at those very constitutional liberties which the founding fathers deemed so central in writing our Constitution: freedom of choice and freedom of the press. We owe a great deal to the staff of the **BP** and the many supporters who worked for its appeal for showing that these values are still alive at the judicial level elsewhere in the world. A free press, and the unrestrained flow of information which it encourages, is the backbone of the entire democratic system. It

is also the only means by which gay liberation can hope to make its message an effective one. If we once concede victory against the press to the moguls of oppression, the war for human dignity and freedom will have been all but lost.

Paul Welles' "Fairy Tails" were also favorably received by many readers in their comments on the last issue. With this editorial we publicly encourage this very talented writer to give us all further opportunities to smile at (and therefore better understand) our weaknesses. Welles is not only the author of **Project Lambda**, but one of the directors of the Lambda Book Club, whose motto is "Literature, a Key to Liberation". He reappears

this month as the author of "Reading Writing", an overview of recent books of special interest to gay women and men; and his work at **LBC** surely places him in an ideal posture for developing such an important overview.

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FEEDBACK

Dear Circulation Dept.:

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Sincerely,
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With best wishes,
Allen Young
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Gentlemen:

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The second reason is the delay involved in the printing and delivery of the periodical. I realize that such delays are inevitable with a monthly publication, but often they appear excessive to me. Many of the news articles report events of two or even three months ago.

You do have a quality publication with good fiction, well-written articles, and a generally neat appearance. I will look forward to subscribing to it again in the future.

J.K.
New York, NY

[Note: We can't compete with the daily newspaper or even weekly publications. Often, however, news items of special concern to gays receive back-page treatment, or even no treatment at all, in nongay publications, and even in a few gay ones. Where an event has not been treated extensively, or where we feel that it is of interest to document it even where our report is a month or two after the fact, we do report it.]

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Most sincerely,
M.T.
Helena, Montana

THE BODY POLITIC ON TRIAL

by thomas vinew

The obscenity trial of **The Body Politic** and the collective press which publishes the magazine (Pink Triangle Press) began in Toronto on January 2 with the presentation of the prosecution in **Her Majesty Vs. Pink Triangle Press**.

The collective was charged under Section 164 of the Criminal Code with making "use of the mails for the purpose of transmitting or delivering anything that is obscene, indecent, immoral, or scurrilous matter, to wit: the December 1977/January 1978 issue of **The Body Politic**." That issue contained an article entitled, "Men Loving Boys Loving Men," written by Gerald Hannon. Hannon and two other individuals were charged with two separate charges under the Canadian Criminal Code. Along with the alleged obscenity of printing the Hannon piece, the three were charged with possession (by the Pink Triangle Book Service) of the gay sex manual, **Loving Man**.

The second set of charges stem from a section of the Criminal Code which states: "Every one commits an offence who . . . has in his possession for the purpose of . . . distribution . . . any obscene written matter, picture . . . or other written thing whatsoever." According to the Code "obscene" is defined as ". . . any publication dominant characteristic of which is the undue exploitation of sex, as of sex and any one or more of the following subjects, namely, crime, horror, cruelty and violence. . ."

On the first day of the trial before Judge Sid Harris, in a courtroom at Toronto's Old City Hall, the prosecution began to present its witnesses. Rev. Ken Campbell, who formed the anti-gay Renaissance International, warned the packed courtroom of the "evils of homosexuality." It was Campbell who invited Anita Bryant to Canada in 1978; and it was Campbell who, under attorney Clayton Rube's cross-examination, voiced anti-gay sentiments so extreme that Clayton was able to argue persuasively before the court that his entire testimony should be dismissed.

The second prosecution witness was psychiatrist Jerry Cooper, who stated that "this behavior [boy-love] constitutes child-abuse." Ruby succeeded in discrediting Cooper as a witness by pointing out that, in two previous trials where Cooper had appeared as a witness on the so-called "bounds of public toler-

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ance," the jury verdicts handed down were in direct opposition to Cooper's stated views.

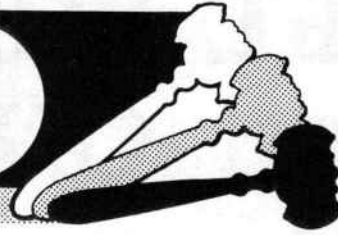
The trial's second day began with the testimony of Toronto **Sun** columnist Claire Hoy, who repeatedly admitted a "strong personal anti-homosexual bias." In a vigorous cross-examination, defense counsel Ruby accused Hoy of "exhorting the public to hatred and bigotry against gay people, writing in language suitable to the gutter." In response to Hoy's claim of alleged significant public support, Ruby retorted: "You bring those crazies out of the woodwork with your articles."

Subsequent cross-examination of Rev. Campbell and of Jerry Cooper by Ruby also unearthed damag-

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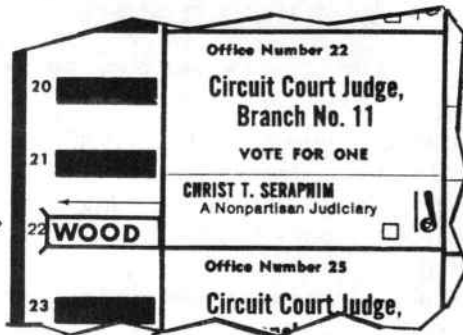
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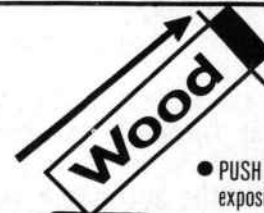
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ing insights against the Crown's case. The minister admitted that, though he was engaged in another project to remove Margaret Laurence's book, **The Diviners**, from Ontario high schools, he had never read the book. Cooper (the psychiatrist), who had been called upon to testify to the dangers of child-abuse, was forced under cross-examination to admit that he had treated only two children during his entire twelve years of practice. Cooper also admitted that the descriptions of adult-child relations in the **TBP** article were "not distorted or prurient," and went on to concede that "there is great disagreement over child sexuality among professionals." Ruby had brilliantly succeeded in turning the prosecution witnesses' testimony around.

The third day of the trial saw the final Crown witness, Watt Rowsell, another psychiatrist, who drew angry murmurs and general laughter from the packed courtroom when he declared that "there's only one place to put a penis—and that's in a vagina." Under cross, Rowsell admitted that his position was opposed by most psychiatrists, and was contrary to the position taken by the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. John Money, from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, was the first defense witness. He testified that the article published in **TBP** was "non-judgmental and impartial, and an accurate scientific account." Following a brief historical analysis of paedophilia and its literature, Money stated that it "bears no relation to cruel, violent or sadistic sexual practices"; and went on to point out that the notion of "sexual degeneracy" is simply the discredited remnant of an 18th century theory which medical science then used "to explain everything mystifying to it."

The other defense witnesses, June Callwood (a Toronto journalist) and Reverend Eilert Frerichs (a United Church minister involved in family counseling), testified to the literary and human worth of the article. Frerichs went on to say that he found the article particularly valuable "as the beginning of a very important public debate about child-adult rela-



The Body Politic's Edward Jackson, Gerald Hannon, and Ken Popert

tionships and the sexual components of these relationships." He also suggested that it was an important fact about the gay community that it "has matured enough about its own sexuality that it can deal with an issue like that, particularly given the political climate in Toronto when the article was published."

York University Professor Thelma McCormack, an expert on communication and censorship, testified that, in the light of "Anita Bryant and her attempt to paint all homosexuals as child molesters," she was pleased to see an article debunking these falsehoods and appearing in **TBP**, since "they are the people most qualified to write about it. . . they were the victims of the stereotyping."

During their own cross-examination of defense witnesses, Crown prosecutors also succeeded in further weakening their charges. Judge Harris reminded the prosecution at several points that it was not homosexuality which was on trial, but the question of whether sending an article through the mail constituted a violation of the obscenity provisions. During his cross-examination of Dr. Leonard Goldsmith, Crown attorney Jerome Wylie stunned the crowded courtroom by completely misinterpreting a passage appearing in the article. Goldsmith corrected his poor reading; and, when Wylie continued to pursue his own interpretation, Judge Harris finally stepped in to explain to him that he had misread the entire

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passage.

The final defense witnesses appeared on January 8. David Garmaise, 31, a Post Office supervisor in Ottawa, testified that the **TBP** article on paedophiles had appeared at a time when all gay men were being imagined as child molesters thanks to the campaign of intentional deceit introduced into Canada by Anita Bryant's crusaders. Given the atmosphere at the time, Garmaise said, it was "important" for **TBP** to publish the article in question. Anti-gay hysteria in connection not only with Bryant's crusade, but also with the Emmanuel Jaques trial in Toronto in 1978, were thus introduced as important social events to which the **TBP** article responded. Doctor Frank Sommers, a practicing psychiatrist specializing in sexual functions, emphasized the importance of "countering the mythology that surrounds paedophilia."

Sommers agreed with other witnesses that the article was valuable because it broke down stereotyped images of the men involved in adult-child sexual relationships. In other testimony, two professional writers spoke in support of **TBP** and its journalistic reputation. Paul Ogden, a board member of the Canadian Periodical Publishers Association, called **TBP** "a highly respected responsible member of the Association." Bill Dempier, a director and secretary of the Periodical Writers Association of Canada, described "Men Loving Boys Loving Men" as a "well-written piece of journalism, well-edited." Rev. James Reed, an Anglican priest and pastoral counselor, testified that the article "represents clearly and accurately interpersonal relationships, and is not immoral."

Outside the courtroom and its rounds of testimony and counter-testimony, other dramas were also being played out. Rallies in support of **TBP** were held in Toronto and London, as well as major cities in both Canada and the United States. Press Releases in support of **TBP** and freedom of the press were issued by the major press organizations in Canada, and by prominent media personalities in the United States and Europe. The Body Politic Free the Press Fund

drew support from major gay organizations throughout Canada and the United States, and contributions from individuals who wished to assist **TBP** in its battle came also from dozens of countries in Europe and Asia.

TBP itself held a rally on January 3; and, when Toronto Mayor John Sewell sprang onto the stage as one of the speakers, everyone knew that it was an event. Two weeks later the Toronto Mayor was to be unable to leave his office except under heavy police guard—the result of "believable and detailed" threats on his life. The hate mail poured into his office for days after his address. The irony of the situation was that Sewell had agreed to appear at the rally in order "to try to help calm the political atmosphere so that the issues can be clarified." Immediately after Sewell's appearance, Evangelist Ken Campbell appeared on a Toronto religious program carried by many TV networks, related the assault on his "integrity" made by Ruby in cross-examination, denigrated the Mayor's appearance at the rally, and then proceeded to break into tears before the viewers.

The rally, which also featured speeches by two leading gay activists and performances by several groups of local artists, also collected an additional \$1,200 for the legal costs of the trial. At the end of the rally, about 150 people marched along Bloor Street to the Hudson's Bay Center at Yonge, chanting and jumping up and down in order to keep warm in the sub-zero midnight.

On January 19, Clayton Ruby concluded his summation arguments, urging Judge Harris "to acquit and to impose costs against the informant as in section 744 of the Criminal Code." Ruby praised **TBP** as a "socially valuable document" which could not be shown to be immoral or indecent, even allowing for the confusions inherent in the legal definitions of those terms. He led the court through the magazine page by page, arguing that the particular article was "appropriate to the time, place, and circumstances; it is clearly part of a debate that is of great impor-



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Sewell speaks at TBP rally (left)

and gets reprimanded (above).

"being repressed and suppressed and confined to the closet."

After Harris delivered his ruling, Ruby stated: "Not only the gay community, but all Canadians as well, should be encouraged by this bold move to curtail selective censorship by the state." He hailed the decision as "a landmark... in the protection of freedom of the press in Canada."

Two paradoxical outcomes grew out of the testimony and trial. Though **TBP** is a recognized press in Canada, the police had succeeded in denying a place in the courtroom to **TBP** reporters. This made **TBP's** coverage of its own trial more difficult, and delayed the transmission of transcripts to other gay publications such as GPU NEWS. As a result, however, of the publicity and public interest which the trial drew world-wide, **TBP** has been flooded with requests for reprints of the very article which the police had tried to suppress. Following the trial, Gerald Hannon announced that interest in the article had become so widespread that the **TBP** will now reprint it in a forthcoming issue, "so that the discussion which has been repressed now for more than a year may continue."

The trial of **TBP** constitutes an important event in gay history, and one which should remain a part of that history for years to come. At question ultimately was the right of gay men and women to establish a forum of their own in which to discuss among themselves issues of particular concern. While **TBP** is a gay liberation journal, it is also a journal of sexual liberation. It has a consistent record of addressing issues of sexuality openly, honestly, and sensitively. The police and prosecution had in effect claimed that there are some issues deemed so offensive as to be beyond any public discussion. Under such an assumption, how could gays defend themselves against the big lie of "child molester," if the issue could not even be discussed?

It is a further paradox that Anita Bryant's campaign, created and marketed so heavily in the United States by the purveyors of hatred and bigotry, should have found its most complacent customers in the police and Crown attorneys of Canada. That campaign has two strategies: the dissemination of falsehood and deceit, and the suppression of truth. While gays can perhaps do little against the first of these, while the machinery of deception is being so well oiled by fundamentalist money, **TBP** has demonstrated to all the world that we can and ought to counter the second strategy. The war is hardly over, and the forces of oppression will surely be seen again, re-armed but (let us hope) slightly weakened from the wounds of the present battle. The gay community and the free press jointly owe a mammoth debt of gratitude to the staff and supporters of **The Body Politic**. Their victory belongs to all of us.

tance in view of the assault on the gay community at large."

While Ruby used the Canadian Bill of Rights' guarantee of freedom of the press to argue that wider standards of public tolerance should be accorded to the press than to private citizens, he also reminded the court that all defense witnesses had testified that the article met all ordinary public standards of tolerance. "This has been a long, grueling and expensive trial of the most innocuous, fair minded discussion of this topic ever to appear in any Canadian newspaper. Charging the magazine is itself a crime. You [Judge Harris] have no power to relieve against the consequences—the expense and the indignity—the magazine has suffered. This charge ought never to have been brought. There is not the slightest shred of evidence of criminality."

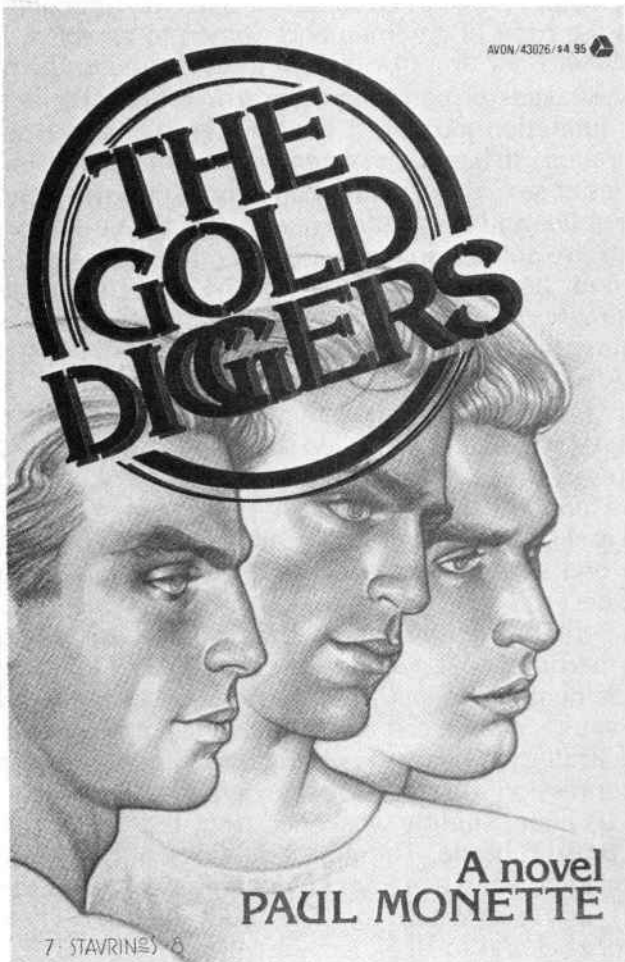
Following Ruby's eloquent presentation, Crown attorney Jerome Wylie presented the summation for the prosecution. In contrast to Ruby's full presentation of relevant case law, Wylie was able to cite only a few cases, and repeated his earlier argument that, since the acts described are considered immoral by "contemporary Judaeo-Christian standards", the article itself was guilty of immorality.

Judge Harris released the complete text of his decision at the end of February. Harris ruled that the article "Men Loving Men Loving Boys" was neither "obscene, indecent, immoral, nor scurrilous," as had been charged by the prosecution. In the text of his ruling, Harris went on to say that he supported the news journal in its efforts to free gay people from

READING WRITING

by

paul o'm. welles



The shelves of my office are cluttered with Xeroxed manuscripts, bound and unbound galleys, and pre-publication copies of virtually every gay-oriented book waiting to explode upon America's crowded literary scene.

By contrast, the tiny shelf by our bed holds less than twenty volumes.

A sane man or woman probably shelves between these extremes of wanton inclusiveness and fastidious choice, and it will be my purpose here to expose you to the worst and the mediocre, as well as the best (which last you will hear a lot about anyway).

On the theory that some people prefer to collect garbage, others stamps and baseball cards and beer cans, and only a few others fine art, I'll try to tell you what's on tap at all levels. You pays your gay dollars and takes your pick, of course, but with books you don't have to tell anyone but the salespersons, and they really don't care beyond a snicker.

Thank God we don't have to eat what we read, though most books will affect your appetite one way or another. We have on this spring's menu one feast, two treats, lots of bland, if substantial dishes, and a couple of real stomach-turners.

I'll deal with the duds first. (Duds, as you know, are bombs that don't even go off.) The absolute worst is **Terrorist Chic**, by Michael Selzer (Hawthorne) which links together S&M, haute couture, Christopher St. (the St., not the magazine), discos, punk rock, and a couple of 3rd rate novels to prove his point that it's all dying out. Would that **Terrorist Chic** were at least tacky camp.

The second place horror in the pits is the sexploitive **The Pied Piper**, by Robert Paier, (McGraw-Hill) based superficially on the Houston teen murders. As far as I'm concerned, murder, mass or other, has nothing at all to do with homosexuality. But in Paier's stupidly facile book that's what it's all about. The nut loved his victims to death, so the jacket tells us. The novel tells little more, just makes up some gruesome details you could (if you really wanted to) find in old newspaper files. The book is not worth dwelling on, but the bio on Mr. Paier is interesting. Seems in Viet Nam he interrogated prisoners of war and after worked as a lobster fisherman, a college English instructor, and a probation officer. I'd choose to be a lobster and get it over with.

Though a terrific book in comparison with the above absurdities, **Special Teachers/Special Boys** by Peter Fisher and Marc Rubin (St. Martin's) is not so much a dud as a cherry bomb. It's a gay remake of **Blackboard Jungle**, and if you like lots of foul language, a few crude laughs, a goody-goody gay lib hero, and hardly any plot at all you might dig it. I would have thought that Fisher (**Gay Mistique**) and Rubin had better things to do.

St. Martin's has a much better entry in Wallace

Hamilton's **David At Olivet**. The author of **Christopher and Gay** and **Coming Out** has here recreated the biblical story of Jonathan and David (and Saul) in almost poetic terms with a grace and style rivalling the Psalms themselves. Neither long nor over-blown, it is a simple story of personal passion and political struggle which brings to full, colorful life a hallowed portion of our gay heritage heretofore only sketched in a few Biblical sentences.

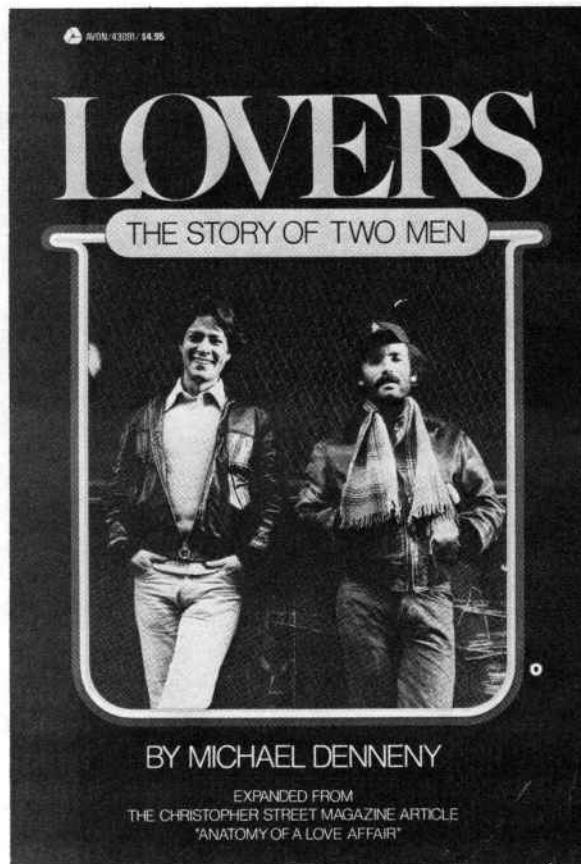
There is a wealth of non-fiction scheduled for spring, notably Celestial Arts' **Positively Gay**, edited by Betty Berzon and Robert Leighton, subtitled "Gays Present New Approaches to: Family Relationships, Mental Health, Religion, Parenting, Coupling, Aging, Job Security and Careers, Estate Planning and Insurance, Political Organizing And More." Also coming is James Spada's **The Spada Report** (New American Library) to which you may have contributed, filling out a questionnaire a while back.

Due, as well, is Michael Denny's **Lovers, The Story of Two Men** (Avon) an expanded—and, one would hope, with less self-proclaimed profundity—version of the cover story in the February, 1978, issue of **That Other Magazine**.

The Gay Report by Carla Jay and Allen Young is coming from Summit (Simon & Schuster) this spring, and **Lavender Culture** by Allen Young & Carla Jay (Aren't they the busy ones?) is on the Harcourt Brace Jovanovich list. You may have answered their questionnaires, too. Beacon Press has scheduled **Sunday's Women**, Sasha Gregory Lewis' definitive study of lesbianism today for April, and Harper & Row is offering **Gay Men, The Sociology of Male Homosexuality**, by Martin P. Levine in the same month, all of which would seem to cover us pretty damn exhaustively. But, wait, what will Masters & Johnson have to say? Their **Homosexuality in Perspective** (originally **Human Sexual Response: Homosexuality**) will be published then, too, by Little, Brown & Co., but for now its contents are a well-guarded secret.

You will be hearing plenty about the very best of our Spring Listings, but let me urge you now to be on the watch for three particular titles. The first is **Now That You Know**, subtitled, "What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality", by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) both of whom have been instrumental in the formation of Parents of Gays. It is well thought-out and organized. It is well-written. It is warm and full of understanding, not at all trite, nor patronizing, nor evasive. I sincerely wish my own parents were alive to read it. It will be hardbound, probably at \$8.95.

The second is Paul Monette's (Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll) second novel, **The Gold Diggers** (Avon), a mystery, a comedy, a love story, and a biting commentary on some gay and most California lifestyles.



It will be paperbound at \$4.95.

Third is an offering of the new Skywalk Press, a rich, handsome volume of full color photographs, entitled **Weekends: Fire Island Pines**. This will be offered in both hardback and paper, at what would seem to be high prices, but which definitely are not, such is its quality, both in content and production. More on this exquisite volume as it readies itself for late spring launch.

Finally, Now The Volcano, an anthology of Latin American gay literature, and a chapbook of Verlaine/Rimbaud erotic poems (in a bilingual edition), titled **A Lover's Cock and Other Gay Poems**, are due from Gay Sunshine Press before summer. I haven't seen either, but I assume the prices will be fair and the contents considerably better than that. Gay Sunshine is the best (if the only) gay male press we have, and the level of their offerings is generally quite good although the tenor of their list is somewhat pedantic. In any case, they deserve our support.

I haven't heard a squeak out of the lesbian presses (Diana, Naiad, Daughters, et al) so I assume they are still enjoying their hibernal rest.

We invite our readers to share with us their news of forthcoming books, especially those of small presses and those privately printed.



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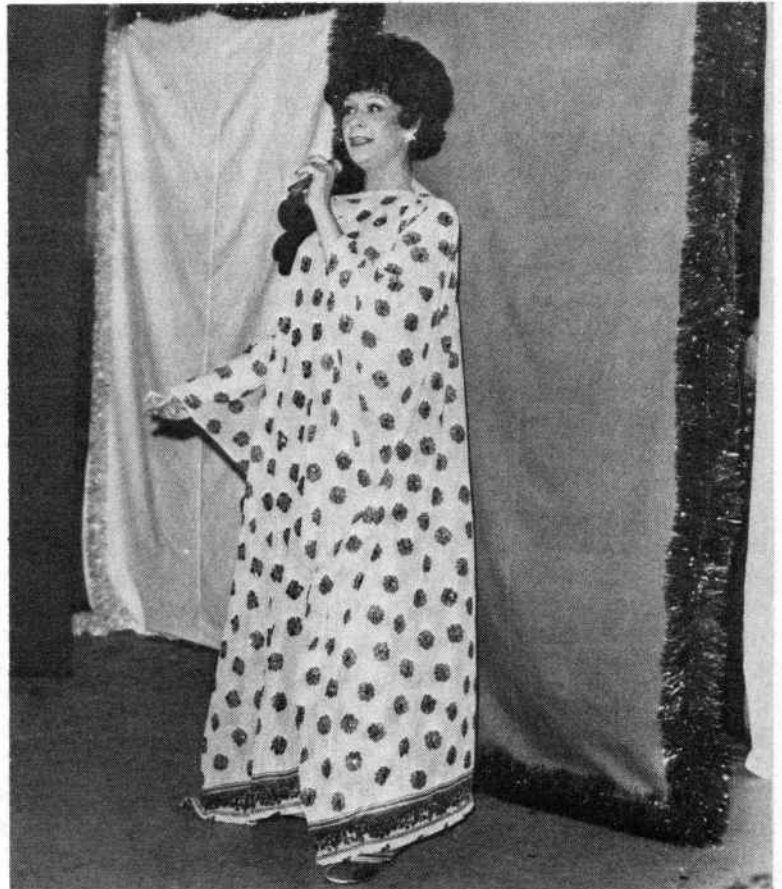
GPU NEWS photos taken at The Phoenix by Bob Stocki, March 3, 1979.





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GPU NEWS photos taken at The Ball Game by Alyn Hess, March 17, 1979.



THIS CHRISTMAS, SAN FRANCISCO

BY SCOTT JONES

Tomorrow begins this winter's vacation. I remember the colors of summer as I rush to the bus. In San Francisco, in a museum, were eight tubes of gas. I pressed buttons and watched them light: orange, blue, pale violet. There was a wheel in black and white that spun and blurred into colors. If I rush around fast enough I'll get back there tonight. I've just finished an exam. There is only one bus that'll get me to the plane, and it leaves in five minutes. Write an essay on the social function of clothes, the professor said. I had twenty-five minutes. I don't know what I wrote but it was blue and it flew and I'll catch the bus early; this term the grades get thrown into the air and on Christmas they'll fall like cards, but I'll be gone. "Rushing?" the professor said when I handed it in, and I said, "Yes, thanks for everything," and ran out of the building and across the ice so fast I'll still be spinning next Sunday.

I shortcut through the Union. Suddenly, in the speed of it all, I have an erection. There are black puddles in the concrete doorways, up to my soles. My socks get wet, a sensation I hate. It fixes the erection. Where was Brian, why couldn't I get ahold of him, what's the town he's going home to called? I walk faster, bag flailing, arguing at myself: The day I first saw him sunning himself with his books, I knew he was straight, or gay but didn't see it that way, or he'd been out five years and I wasn't his type. It didn't used to matter how closely I passed these large amber men; they always shone at a distance. One meaning of clothes is that this summer I changed mine, and then I changed a lot of other things, and last Sunday morning I awoke with Brian an eighth of an inch away. We held there for half a minute, the only time I've ever held onto the approach for long enough, more than enough. I can't be this close to my happiness: The details are almost coming in. Impossible.

At the bus station I try calling again.

I don't want San Francisco yet or the plane. I want this bus. I've saved going to the john for it—for this cruddy overheated cubicle with its too-clean blue-citrus smell, no light and a floor that's bucking like a

horse. Red, green and yellow are flashing like pin-wheels above the ringing of piss. It's when I'm going somewhere that I'm in color, when I'm at the edge of a place or memory, or catching on to something. On Saturday night, at the bar, Brian said, "Do you want to get out of here? Do you want to come home?" and I said, "Yes, wait," and used the freezing bathroom, pissing a mile to draw out the wonder of landing him, till the steam rolled up like clouds off the bay. Those frigid clouds are one good reason for going from Indiana to San Francisco in December. Then I went back. I looked him in the eye. "What am I waiting for?" I asked him, buttoning him up for the drive.

Back in my seat, I'm jolted by a memory. On one vacation, not so long ago, I met my father the stranger while we sat under his reading light, on a bus just like this one. "We didn't have close friends," he told the window in answer to some question of mine. "Good friends, some for years, just no close ones." It kept me awake all night and the next night was July 4, 1976, and we'd gotten to New York. I sat with my father, precariously, on a wall on South Street beneath the Trade Center towers, watching the most beautiful fireworks of my life. I don't know how many thousands of men passed within twenty yards of us holding helium balloons, and don't remember what the words for gayness were on the balloons, only that the mob seemed brilliant and miles away. And I can't forget the red of the smoke that cloaked the statue on the island. I stared until it cleared, that night. This weekend, as we lay awake talking, I told Brian I didn't want another Christmas with my father, that that was why I was going to California.

The bus is too slow. This morning I ran while a teacher timed it with her stopwatch. I pushed myself ahead of the edge of my body, then tore out the gym to the store so I could get back in time to stop my essay on a dime. "Clothes come from inside and outside the body—they signal both personality and social identity," was the last sentence I wrote, or something like that. Sunday morning Brian and I left his house and walked downtown past a window containing a flannel shirt plaid with stripes that went

off like traffic lights. "Nice shirt," I said. He said, "Maybe a little faggy." I said I was a fag and I was going home to take a nap. "Give me your phone number and I'll give you mine," he said. We wrote our names and numbers down on matchbook covers and I went home. The nap was dark and heavy and cold, lumber in a river, and even when I'd waked up and the burner was blazing under some coffee I still felt the tow, still saw the lumberjack shirt glowing in my mind's night. After years of saying clothes didn't matter I decided today that the shirt was more important than anything, so I went out and bought it. There wasn't any dressing room, just another cold bathroom, but the mirror was strung with blinking stars, and I took a long time with the pins and tissue. I couldn't tell what was happening to me, why after so many grey weeks the mere smell of a new shirt could be moving me practically to tears. I raised my eyes slowly to the mirror, worried about the fit. I never thought I'd see this man staring back, bright and exercised, this frightening shape with the troubled face of my father.

I get off the bus and head for another, to get to the airport. The shirt's warm for inside but cold for the streets of Indianapolis. I slog through stuff that's the texture of applesauce, half-smashed brown popsicle. The worst thing about winter here is the guck you

have to walk through. It'll snow six inches, then in the dark the temperature will go up and you get soup. Then they dump sand and salt on it. In the light, the temperature dives and everything freezes—sparkling thirteen degree frozen muck under the spanking blue.

The last clear day was this Sunday. For thirty seconds I wanted to stay. Brian, impatient to have me awake, rolled over on top of me and lay still. I was in a gold cave and outside, across the room on a chair, was his thin shirt in some sun. I thought: I've waited years to be exactly here and didn't know it. But I rolled him off because I wouldn't wait, and there was one day left to study and pack, and I had to practice for my running test. He wanted to go have a sauna. I wanted to see him in the shirt. It's no good keeping still—you lose the colors if you stay too long. I didn't know any better way to say it. I want on the plane. I want to be in this shirt in the San Francisco bars, whose colors come out of motion, like the colors in the museum. For Christmas this year, I want the traffic lights at Castro and Market. This summer, San Francisco, you gave me colors after twenty-two years of showing myself in greys. This Christmas, I'm giving you this shirt. I'll step out and see how long it takes you to recognize me now that I've changed into a mustache and my twenty-third year.

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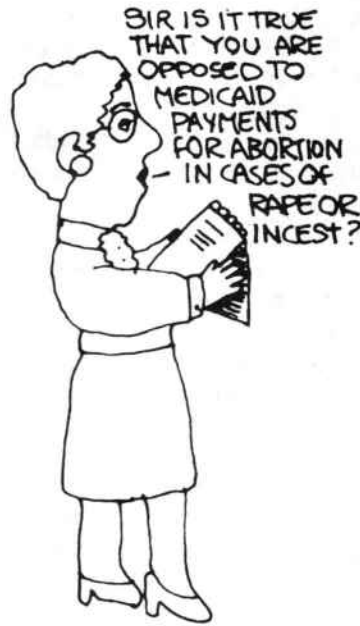
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REVIEW

I'm Training to be Tall and Blonde by Nicole Hollander. NY: St. Martin's Press, 1979. \$ 3.95.

I'm Training to be Tall and Blonde is a book of cartoons about the many areas in which women and men perceive life differently. It's an ironic look at the foibles of men and women as they encounter each other in the wake of changing roles and expectations. Most of us will recognize the little confrontations in Hollander's genuinely funny cartoons.



Among the topics covered are: role models in TV and film, self-image and the beauty market, troubles with doctors, women and work, sex and marriage, court cases and legislative decisions, equality and the ERA, using women, and "gender-related disorders".



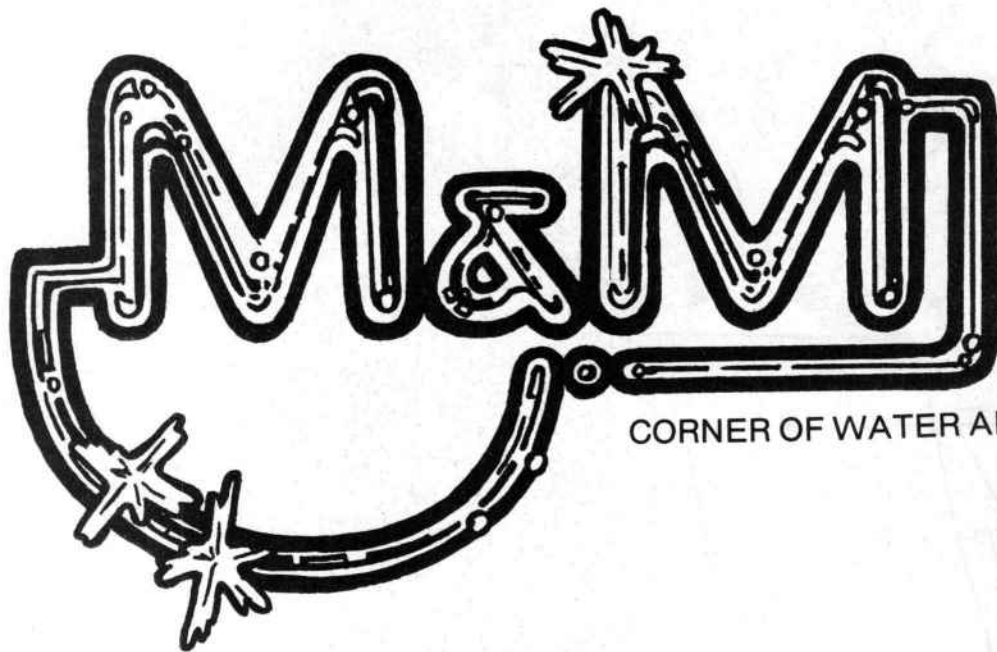
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY JUST RELEASED A STUDY SHOWING THAT WOMEN ARE UNFIT FOR LINEMEN'S JOBS BECAUSE THEIR BREASTS GET IN THE WAY AND THEIR BEHINDS THROW THEM OFF BALANCE. WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?



Abortion and the Supreme Court are naturally favorite topics. "The Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that General Electric was not practising illegal sex discrimination when it decided to exclude coverage for pregnancy and childbirth from its disability insurance plan. The plan, which pays employees for absences due to attempted suicide, elective cosmetic surgery, hair transplants, prostate disease, vasectomy, and injuries incurred while committing a crime, does not discriminate against women, the Justices said, just against pregnant persons. After all they argued, if a man working at GE got pregnant, he wouldn't be covered either..." Given the present makeup of the Court, one supposes that the choice is between laughter and tears.



Nicole Hollander is a free lance designer and illustrator whose work has appeared in the **Chicago Sun Times Magazine**, **Chicago Magazine**, and **The Spokeswoman**. She is also the illustrator of several books. Her present work is incisive and to the point, and the frequent commentaries are nothing short of hilarious.



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HERE & THERE

N.S.W., Australia—After months of grass roots organizing, a federation of New South Wales gay organizations has been formed. The federation has 18 member groups, and held its first meeting at the University of NSW, South Kensington. For further information, write to: Concerned Homosexual Uniting Group (CHUG), Box 261, NSW, Australia, 2011.

Campaign

Rockledge, FL—You'll have to "X-rate" your dictionary if a Florida teacher has his way. Jackie Marshall wants the **Random House College Dictionary** banned from the classroom because he claims that it contains exactly 23 "dirty words." No word as yet on which words those are.

ZNS

New York, NY—A sociologist, Dr. Martin Ruse, has told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that human homosexuality may be transmitted in part by "gay genes." Ruse says that a study of 85 twins, at least one of which was gay, indicated that gayness could be inherited.

Philadelphia Gay News

Houston, TX—A judge has imposed a six-year sentence on a 32-year-old man who impersonated a physician and then obtained sex from women by telling them that he could cure cancer by making love to them.

ZNS

Corpus Christi, TX—Elmer Wayne Henley, convicted in 1974 of torturing and slaying 22 gay victims, will be retried here in June. The retrial was granted after an appeals court overturned his first conviction, saying that the trial judge erred by refusing to hear motions for a change in venue.

Milwaukee Journal

Wellington, New Zealand—The government here has just passed a new law permitting police to bug priest's confessionals, doctor's operating rooms, and lawyer's offices as a means of gathering information in drug-related cases.

Philadelphia Gay News

San Francisco, CA—BART Director Wil Ussery has persuaded the San Francisco Black Leadership Forum (BLF) to broaden its investigation into the reasons black people are in a housing crunch in the city's Western Addition. A BLF workshop had originally announced only one topic: "Gay Speculation."

Bay Area Reporter

Boston, MA—Carrier Pigeon, a small distributor of feminist and socialist publications, is preparing an anthology on "Socialist Perspectives on Gay Liberation." Original articles and previously published materials are welcome. Potential contributors should write to Carrier Pigeon, 88 Fisher Ave., Boston, MA 02120; or phone (617) 445-9380.

Press Release

Singapore—Announcement on a notice board in the lobby of the Singapore Hotel: "Medical Conference on VD and Physically Transferable Diseases. Official Carrier, Singapore Airlines."

Arizona Republic

Philadelphia, PA—The second annual Philadelphia Gay Cultural Festival opened on March 10 with performances by Pat Bond, who appeared in the film **Word Is Out** and whose album, **Gay Name Game**, was recently released by Aboveground Records. Last summer the festival became a subject of controversy when it received a \$1,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Gay Community News

Madison, WI—Madison's first regular gay television program, a series entitled "Glad to be Gay", is broadcast every Sunday on Cable 4, the public access channel for the city. The program is sponsored by Madison Community United, an educational organization of gays and their friends.

Press Release

Chapel Hill, NC—Gays from throughout the Southeast will meet here for the fourth annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be the setting for the conference to be held on April 6-8. For more information write the Carolina Gay Association, Box 39 Carolina Union, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Press Release

Washington, DC—**Quest**, the feminist quarterly, is looking for a fundraiser who can work on a commission basis. **Quest** is an independent feminist journal publishing theory and political analysis. Contributions are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. For more information, or to apply, write to: Alexa Freeman, P.O. Box 8843, Washington, DC 20003; or phone (202) 293-1347.

NSW, Australia—A New South Wales Lesbian Mothers Group is currently gathering data on child custody and access cases involving lesbians. Information should be sent to: Lesbian Mothers Group, Box 6, Balmain, Australia 2041.

Press Release

New York, NY—Police here continue their investigation of a murder which took place on January 8 in the Anvil, a backroom gay bar. Persons with information about the incident should call Detective Luther Barnes at (212) 477-7444.

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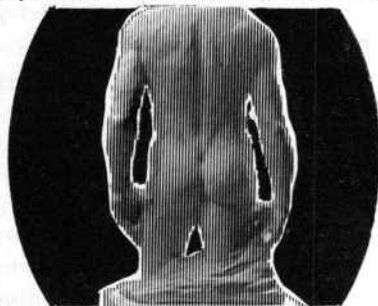
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HERE & THERE

Detroit, MI—"Project Remember" is a research project which will document the experiences of being gay in and around the Detroit area during the decades of 1940 and 1950. David W. Brewer and Hal Lawson are co-directors of the project, which will present the collected material for use as a radio interview and subsequently as a scholarly monograph. Responses are being sought from all gay persons who lived in the Detroit area during the two decades, and complete anonymity is assured. Letters, documents, and reports should be sent, anonymously if preferred, to: Project Remember, Box 7113, Flint, MI 48507.

Press Release

Mexico City, Mexico—The Fourth World Congress of Sociology will be held here on December 16-21, 1979. Scientific papers are invited, and both male and female homosexuality are among the official topics. Deadline for receipt of a titled 200-word summary, which must be accompanied by a paid registration form, is June 20. For information booklet and registration forms, write to: IV Congreso Mundial de Sexologie, apdo Postal 61-057, Mexico City, Republic of Mexico.

Press Release

Brighton, UK—Local Conservative MPs here have pledged their support for gay rights measures after being lobbied by CHE members.

Gay News (London)

Birmingham, UK—The Gay Activists Alliance groups have been holding regular meetings here to lay plans for their projected campaign against police harassment, and in support of law reform. Demonstrations will probably be held later in the spring.

Gay News (London)

Philadelphia, PA—Chief U.S. District Judge Joseph Lord has ordered a series of nude paintings banished from the courthouse here. He felt that paintings of nude men and women could prove offensive, especially those which expressed a "lesbian theme."

Gay Community News

Binghamton, NY—The Binghamton Lesbian Community will host the Fifth Annual New York State Lesbian Conference from April 20-22. For further information or programs contact Lesbian Reality at (607) 722-3629 or (607) 724-8840, evenings.

Press Release

San Antonio, TX—The Tenth Annual Conference on Women and the Law was held at the University of Texas from March 29 through April 1. The conference was sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law. Over 100 workshops were held, in addition to keynote speakers and entertainment.

Press Release

San Francisco, CA—Margo St. James has announced her candidacy for President of the United States. St. James, founder of the prostitutes group Coyote, announced her "favorite daughter" candidacy on the Republican ticket at the Fifth Annual Hookers Ball here.

San Francisco Sentinel

Whitehall, UK—Top civil servants at the Ministry of Overseas Development have urged their union executives to take further steps to protect the jobs of gay civil servants. The Ministry branch of the First Division Association has already submitted a motion to the FDA's forthcoming Annual Delegates' Conference endorsing the stands already taken by the union and requesting stronger statements and enforcement.

Gay News (London)

London, UK—According to Mr. Charles Dodd, a Senior Probation Officer, probation officers and social workers generally find it more difficult to deal with gay colleagues than with gay clients. Sympathizing with his gay colleagues, he went on to suggest a motto for them: "Homo soit qui mal y ponce."

Social Work Today

Funchal, Maderia—Gay tourists here are reporting an upsurge of muggings in the main park of Funchal, the island's capital. One man, stripped of all his belongings, was discovered naked in a public lavatory.

Alternative

Birmingham, UK—Gay civil servants have asked for a full-scale debate on homosexuality at their union conferences, to be held later this year; and they have also asked their unions to fight for full gay rights in employment. Members of the Civil and Public Services Gay Group have submitted a detailed list of issues which they wish all civil service unions to tackle.

Gay News (London)

Chicago, IL—Newborn baby boys should not be routinely circumcized according to a Boston pediatrician, Dr. Sydney E. Gellis of the New England Medical Center. In the December issue of the **American Journal of Diseases of Children**, published by the A.M.A., Gellis' statement accompanies two separate reports of severe complications resulting from the procedure. Circumcision of male infants is the most common surgical procedure in the U.S., though the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended against the practice. Gellis notes that the practice continues more because of religious beliefs than for any medical reason.

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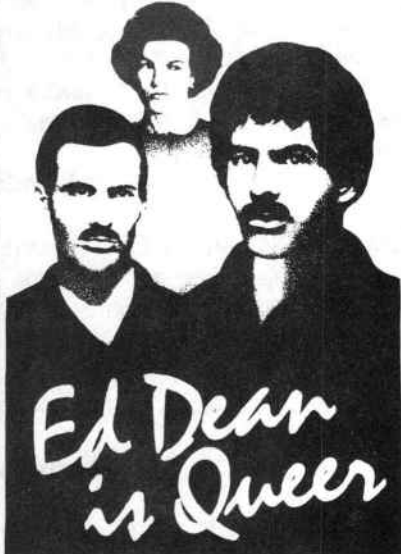
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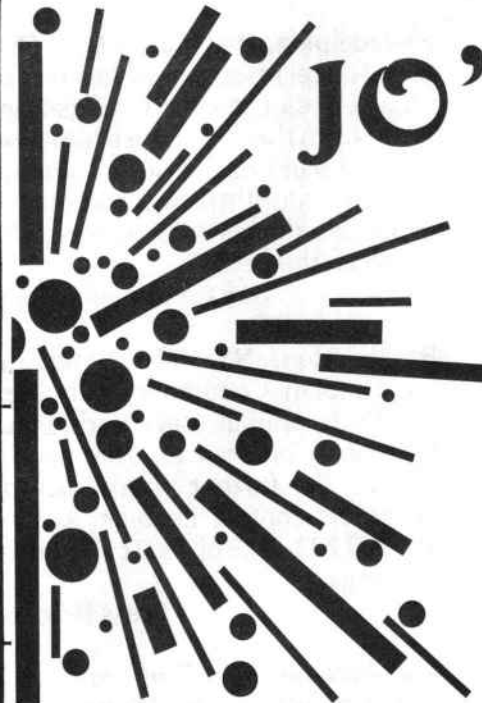
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HERE & THERE

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Press Release

Washington, DC—The AFL-CIO has moved its 1979 convention from Miami Beach to Washington. The union said it made the move because of Florida's failure to approve the Equal Rights Amendment. The transfer was made at the request of the Coalition of Trade Union Women.

Gay Community News

New York, NY—The Gay and Lesbian Blind organization here is developing a lending library of gay books and cassettes for those persons who cannot see to read themselves. For further information write to: Paul Lugo, Gay and Lesbian Blind, 110 East 23rd, #502, New York, NY 10010.

Press Release

Northern Ireland—A Liberal Party delegation visiting here said it was disturbed by the continued delay by the government in introducing homosexual law reform in the province. Liberal Party President Michael Steed said that he would be asking the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to specify when he planned to take action.

Gay News (London)

San Francisco, CA—Police here have broken up a ring of juveniles they believe to have been responsible for a string of robberies of gay men in the Dolores Park area. Four of the gang members were arrested in late February.

San Francisco Sentinel

San Francisco, CA—The Harvey Milk Democratic Club amended its by-laws in February in order to accept members who are not registered Democrats.

Bay Area Reporter

San Francisco, CA—A minor fire confined to one cubicle at the Club San Francisco (formerly Ritch Street Baths) was confined because of a modern sprinkler system installed by the new owners in 1978.

Bay Area Reporter

Philadelphia, PA—The Gay Community Month benefit drive here has raised in excess of \$6,000 for the debt-ridden Gay Community Center. Said David Brokars, one of the Center's coordinators: "We are totally debt-free; we have no moral or any other encumbrances. This is the first time since the Center's inception three years ago that anyone can say this."

Philadelphia Gay News

Houston, TX—Gary Van Ooteghem, gay rights advocate fired from his job in the Harris County treasurer's office for advocating gay rights, has won another round in his battle with the county. A federal circuit court of appeals has denied the county's motion for a stay pending its appeal of a lower court ruling which ordered that Van Ooteghem be reinstated to his job with over \$56,000 in back pay.

Associated Press

Washington, DC—A coalition of women's, minority, and public interest groups is charging that the newly signed Omnibus Judgeship Act of 1978, which created 152 new judicial positions, still favors white males, despite presidential promises to the contrary. There are presently only 29 black or hispanic judges, and 9 women judges, out of a total of 525 active judgeships in the federal judiciary.

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Phoenix, AZ—A bill has been introduced into the State House Rules Committee on pre-adoption certification that has had an amendment tacked on to it which reads: "A homosexual shall not be certified by the court as acceptable to adopt a child."

Arizona Gay News

Tucson, AZ—The first regularly scheduled gay radio program in the Southwest was premiered on March 11 on Tucson radio station KRQ. Regular weekly broadcasts will continue. The first program sponsored a discussion entitled, "Can You Be Gay and Christian Too?"

Arizona Gay News

Springfield, IL—Gay rights legislation, defeated last year in the Illinois General Assembly, has been given another chance. Four separate bills prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, public accommodations, general employment and employment in state colleges and universities have been introduced to the 81st General Assembly. House sponsors are Elroy Sandquist (R), Susan Catania (R), and Bill Marovitz (D). The Illinois Gay Task Force (IGTF) has held several lobbying meetings, and plans to send representatives to testify in favor of the bills.

Gaylife

Genoa, Italy—A 20-year-old woman has been acquitted of the charge of sunbathing in the nude, but the deciding judge convicted her three male companions of committing obscene acts in public, and fined each \$10. Female nudity is not obscene, said the judge, but "the male anatomical conformation can become obscene, even unconsciously."

San Francisco Sentinel



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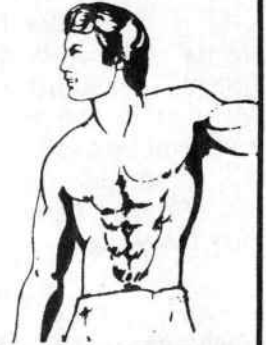
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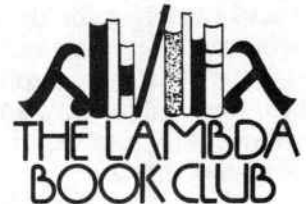
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REVIEW

Gay Readers Fiction Program. Under the general editorship of Michael Denny. NY: St. Martin's Press, 1979. \$4.95 per volume in paperback, \$10.00 in hardcover.

As the publisher of such diverse books as the critically acclaimed **Nocturnes for the King of Naples** by Edmund White and the set of cartoons from **Christopher Street**, St. Martin's Press has already established itself as an innovative pioneer in gay literature. Now, in a major publishing venture, the press has announced plans to re-release regularly, in both paper and hardcover editions, outstanding fiction with gay themes and settings.

The three novels which have been selected to inaugurate the program are the following:

David at Olivet, by Wallace Hamilton. Hamilton, the author of **Coming Out** and **Gay and Christopher**, turns to the second book of Samuel to retell the story of David, King of Israel. In a controversial and moving reinterpretation of the biblical tale, David recalls his days as the favorite of Saul.

Special Teachers, Special Boys, by Peter Fisher and Marc Rubin, will examine the shock waves which hit the Lennox School (a special school for street toughs) when both a teacher and a student reveal their gayness. Fisher is the author of the award-winning **Gay Mystique**.

A Queer Kind of Death, by George Baxt. This novel, which first appeared in 1966, marked the debut of Pharaoh Love, the black and gay detective hero, who solves a gay murder in pre-liberation days. Baxt is the author of several other mysteries, one of which (**A Parade of Cockeyed Creatures**) won a special Edgar from the Mystery Writers' Association.

Although the primary appeal of these works will surely be to the

gay market, by issuing them in hardcover editions as well St. Martin's Press attests to not just its conviction that the series will be of solid literary worth, but also that the gay market will continue to grow. As the novels are released or re-released, **GPU News** will provide reviews of each on an individual basis.

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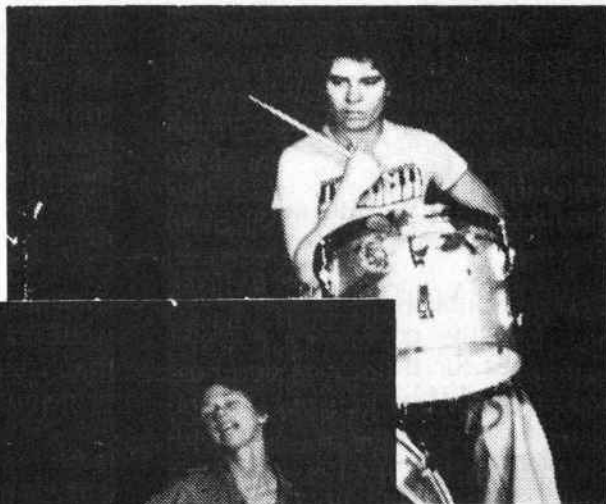
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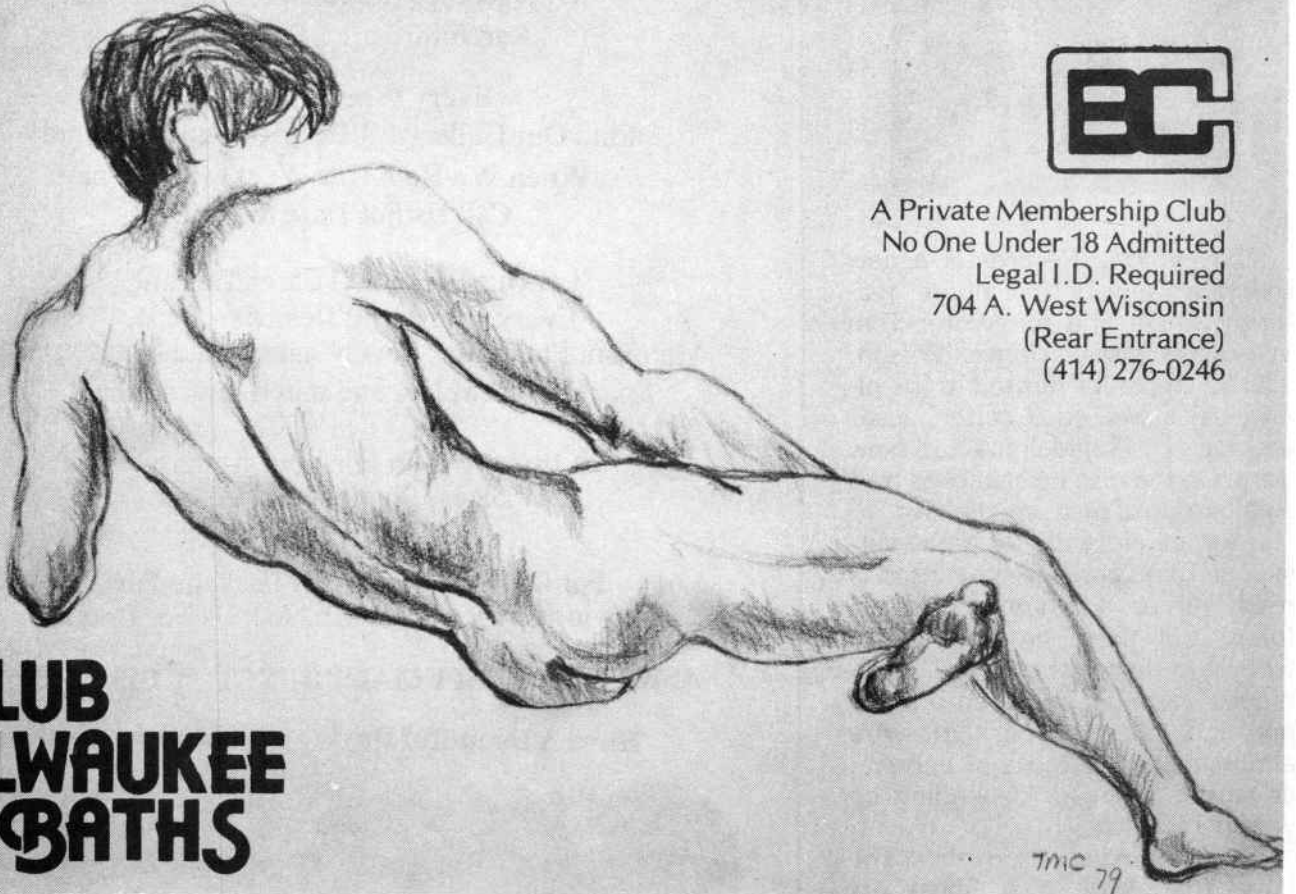
The Berkeley Women's Music Collective is Bonnie Lockhart, Debbie Lempke, Nancy Vogl, and Susann Shanbaum. Bonnie plays piano with feeling and style. Nancy is a guitarist known for offbeat rhythms, who has already recorded

with Woody Simmons and Trish Nugent. Susann handles the electric guitar, and the percussion backing is by Debbie. All the women sing, and sing well.

This is BWMC's second album, and the listener may recognize

some of their materials here as on the first. Each member has produced some of the most widely used tunes in the recent women's music movement. From picket lines to concert halls their songs have been performed by rock and jazz bands alike. For those who do not already know them from their first album (who have my sympathy), their music is a fusion from a variety of sources, blending Latin, jazz, and country with blues and rock. The vocals merge together to give the band a unique sound. The paradox of their music is that, while each contributing strain is without novelty, the resultant mix breathes novelty from beginning to end; and it is a mix without the rough edges.

This new album offers us ten vocals: "Nicole", "Seawoman", "Thorazine", "Takes More Than Time", "California", "Back to Boston", "Class Mobility", "Darling Companion", and "People", together with the title song. The music rises to energetic heights without being hectic. What is perhaps most impressive of all is the general level of the personal vibes. Each performer takes supreme enjoyment in what she is doing, and



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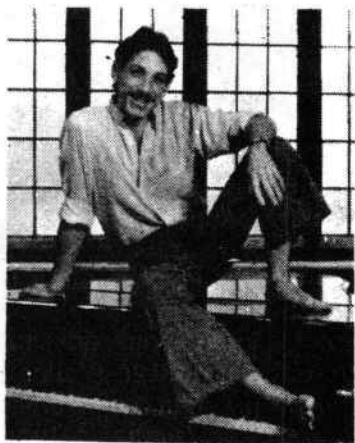
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there is an overall unity of direction and feeling throughout.

The BWMC's second tour brought them to Milwaukee and to Chicago, where they received rave reviews. Their third national tour will take place during April and May, and will once again find them in the midwest. Look for them.

There's not a bad song in the second album. Give a listen and become a fan.

Gay Name Game by Tom Wilson. Aboveground Records #AR 101. Stereo LP. [May be ordered for \$7.00 plus \$0.50 post from: Aboveground Records, Box 2131, Philadelphia, PA 19103.]



Aboveground Records is a new company; and its first album, featuring singer and songwriter Tom Wilson, is a real winner. Wilson, who accompanies himself at the piano, has appeared at coffeehouses and bars in Philadelphia and New York. On the disc he is backed by a small group of instrumentalists.

If we are all ready for a gay version of Tom Lehrer, then Wilson is ready for us. His genre is show-tunes, but these he commingles with jazz idioms, classical techniques, ragtime, and even a bit of pop and folk-rock. His lyrics are almost as bad as those of Lehrer - or almost as good, depending on your persuasion.

The album opens with "The Love that Dare Not Speak its

Name", which mocks puritanical attitudes of parents and educators toward sexuality. "My Leviticus" is a 'consenting-adults' version of the old Hebrew Law - "Man shall lie with man, if they both want to/ Woman shall lie with woman if they want to", and so on. "You Go Your Way and I'll Go Mine" is a scenario for promiscuous lovers, and "1:00 A.M." provides a setting for the ritual bar pickup. "Lesbian Seagull" is a melodic ballad of lesbian love.

On the second side, "Shrink Song" is a mocking satire portraying the psychiatrist as a mad doctor. "Day After Dade" is a collection of post-Miami letdowns. "Save Our Children/Recruiters Fight Song" will probably be a classic. It interplays gospel-like fundamentalist slogans with a gay recruiting march tune a bit reminiscent of Lehrer's own "Boyscouts' Marching Song". "The Ballad of Plain Jane" returns to a more romantic lesbian theme. "Three-



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some" is a naughty(i.e., lovely) celebration of three-way-sex, and the "Gay Name Game"(a celebration of gay notables" tops off a fine and fun album.

I've saved the best cut for last. "Second Runner-Up" is a memorable and catchy number which brilliantly lampoons Anita Bryant in her pomposity and ignorance. It does what no anti-Anita song to date has been able to do - it makes us see how truly ridiculous is the Queen of Oranges.

I for one am tired of gay albums filled with gushy love ballads and introspective tours of oppressed underlings, and I am equally happy to report that these ditties are wholly absent here. This is the gay party album **par excellence**. And it is fitting that Aboveground Records is also a gay company. Like many small recording companies, it is presently wanting distributors. Ordering direct will also probably get you announcements of future releases, a worthwhile bonus indeed.

Not only the lyrical style, but the nasal structure of Wilson's delivery commands comparison with Lehrer; so a few capsule comments are in order. Wilson is less raunchy than Lehrer at his best(worst?), but that's probably all for the best given the topics. He is missing the Lehrer talent for just the right(or wrong?) phrase at the opportune juncture; and, as would be expected of any gay artist, there's a bit more social commentary in his comedy than one can discern in that of Lehrer. All this comes down to the truism that there is at once both more and less than one finds in Lehrer - but who wants a carbon copy anyway??

This record is a beauty pure and simple. It belongs in every gay's record collection. And do keep it within reach on those shelves. You'll want to play it again and again for guests, whether they are gay or not. It is funny without being offensive, and pure enjoyment without being superficially deep.

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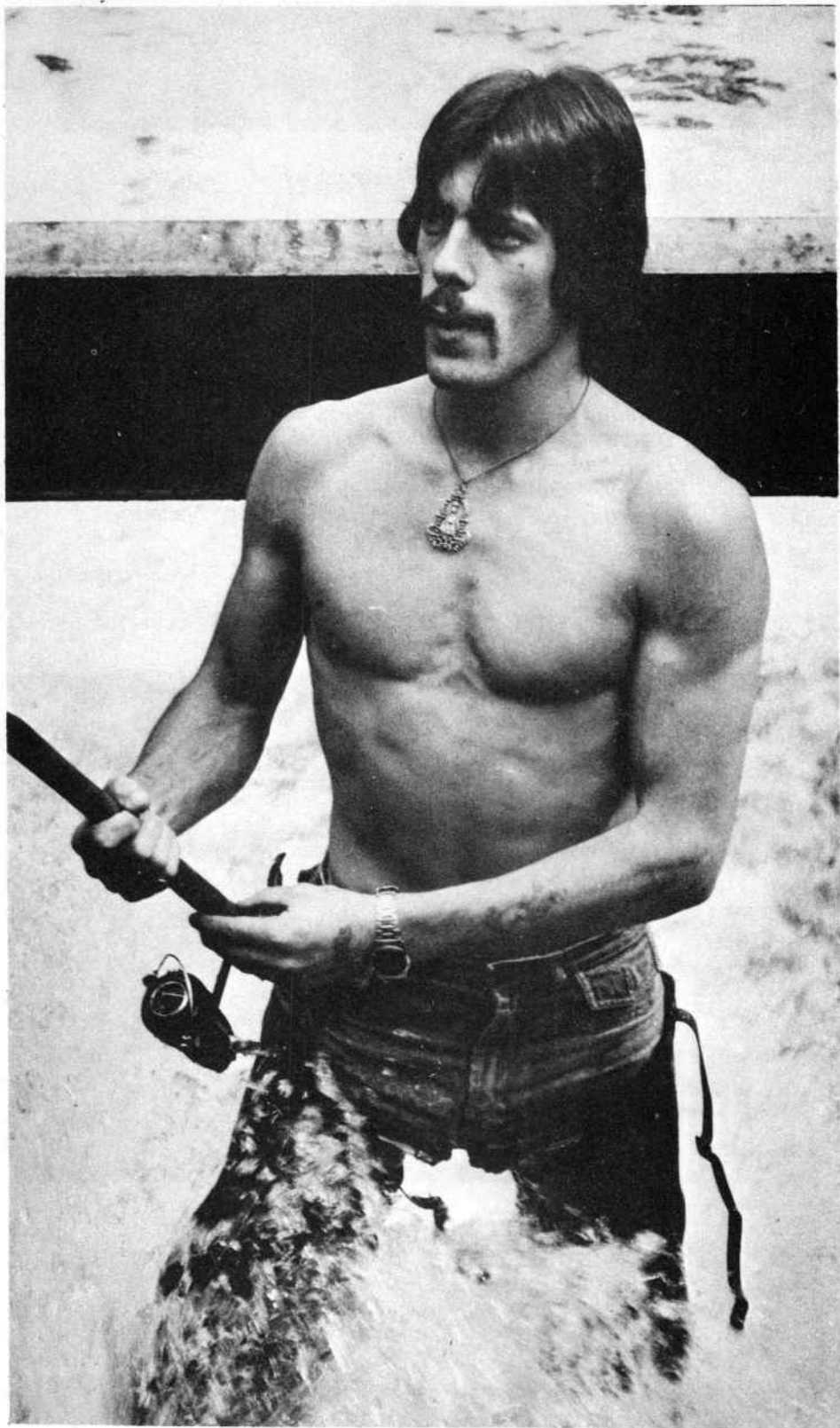
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April 1

Knight Out/Source Bookshop (Chicago) Used book sale for benefit of Howard Brown Memorial Clinic/Gay VD Clinic.

Integrity (Indianapolis) Consciousness Raising Group, "Women's Oppression in Church and Society" Phone (317) 637-8368 for info.

Gays United of Quad Cities (Davenport) Election of officers, 2 p.m., 3707 Eastern Avenue.

Village Church (Milwaukee) Service, Speaker Sr. Rita Martin, "Love for One Another: Social Injustice," 5 p.m., 1108 N. Jackson.

Gay Al Anon (Milwaukee), 6 P.M., The Farwell Center.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.

MCC (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.

SIGHT (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.

Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

April 2

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Business Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

April 4

The United (Madison) Meeting, 7-9 p.m., 306 N. Brooks, Speakers Rep. David Clarenbach & Prof. Harvey Goldberg, "Gay Oppression", Phone (608) 255-8582 for information.

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

April 5

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie, 9 pm. Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

April 6

One of Chicago Meeting, 8 p.m., Wellington Ave. Church, 615 W. Wellington, Showing of Leonard Matlovich Movie.

April 7

Sistermoon Art Gallery (Milwaukee), 1625 N. Irving, 8 p.m., Allx Dobkin In Concert, \$3.75 in advance, \$4.50 at the door.

April 8 — Palm Sunday

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
 Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
 Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
 MCC (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
 SIGHT (Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave. Racine.
 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

April 9

Integrity (Indianapolis) Eucharist, 7:30. All Saints Church, Discussion group 8 p.m.
 Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

April 11

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies

April 12 — Passover

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.
 Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

April 15 — Easter Sunday

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
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 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

April 16

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

April 18

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

April 19

Univ. of Wis.-Milwaukee, Lecture by Dr. Alan P. Bell, 7:30 p.m., EMS Building 180. Open to the public. See news article this issue.



Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 pm
 Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

April 22

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
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 Gold Coast (Chicago), Movie Nite, 6 & 10 p.m.

April 23

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

April 25

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

April 26

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.
 Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group meeting, 7:30 p.m., The Women's Coalition.

April 29

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
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 MCC (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

April 30

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

May 5

Women in Music (Chicago), Wallflower Order Concert, 1034 W. Barry, 8 p.m., \$4.50 advance, \$5.50 at door. For info phone (312) 761-8765.

May 6

Tiger's Birthday Show (Milwaukee), 8:30 p.m., The Factory on Broadway, 158 N. Broadway.

May 19

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Gay Alcoholics Anonymous

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Gay Peoples Union, Inc.

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Free Space

A discussion group for lesbians. Call 964-6117.

Lutherans Concerned for Gays

For information write P.O. Box 92872, Milwaukee, WI 53202 or call 963-9833. Cooperating with Village Church's 5 p.m. Sunday Service, 1108 N. Jackson.

Metropolitan Community Church

P.O. Box 1612, Milwaukee, 53201. Meets each Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Church at 2647 N. Stowell.

Milwaukee Health Department Social Hygiene Clinic

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Silver Star Motorcycle Club

Business meeting ever 2nd Sunday of the month. Write PO Box 1176, Milwaukee 53201. Club night every 2nd Friday at the Wreck Room.

UWM Gay Community

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Rap group meets ever Sun., 3 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun at Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan, Kenosha and 2nd & 4th Sun at Unitarian Church, 625 College, Racine. Discussion, friendship.

Lesbian Switchboard

306 N. Brooks (UYMCA)
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 257-7378 - 7-10 p.m.

Madison Committee for Gay Rights
PO Box 324, Madison, WI 53701

Madison Gay Center

1001 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 257-7575

Renaissance of Madison, Inc.

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Fox Valley Gay Association

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615 W. Wellington, 1st Fridays. Call 372-8616 for information.

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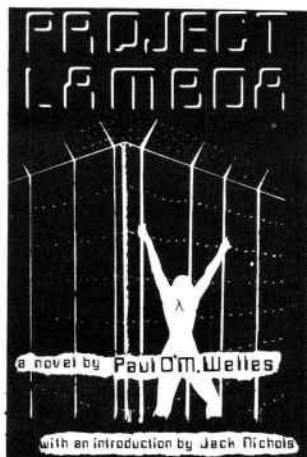
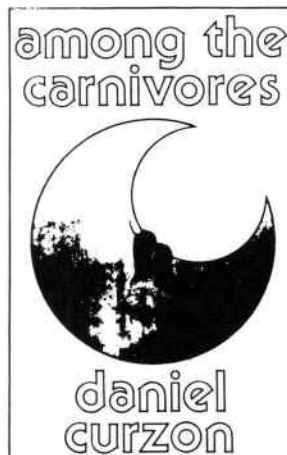
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