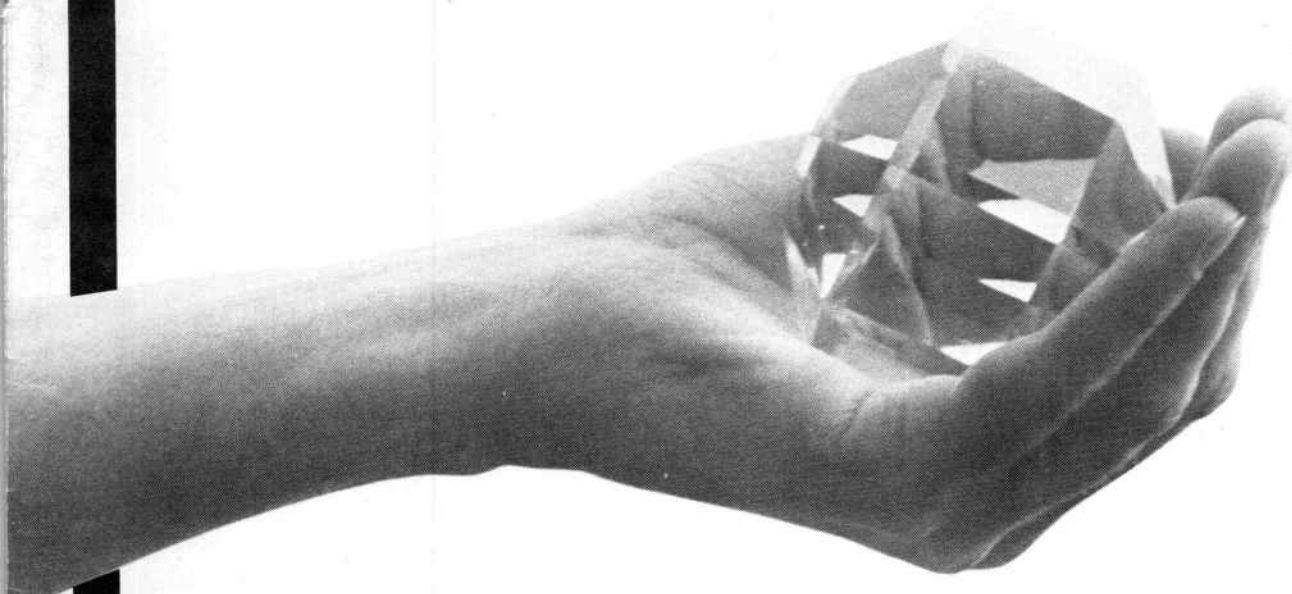


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KHOMEINI SPEAKS

New York, NY—The *New York Times Magazine* has published an interview between an Italian journalist, Oriana Fallaci, and the Ayatollah Khomeini in which the religious potentate makes clear his stand on gays, women, and human rights. Citing Islam (the word literally means "submission"), the Ayatollah says that homosexuals have no human rights whatever.

The journalist asked the Ayatollah if he thought it right to shoot prostitutes, women who were unfaithful to their husbands, or men who loved other men. The leader replied: "If your finger suffers from gangrene, what do you do? Do you let the whole hand, and then the body, become filled with

NEW CURE?

Port of Spain, West Indies—A Trinidad psychiatrist, Dr. Ibrahim Hosein, has claimed that almost 12% of the male population of this West Indian republic is gay. His estimation that more than 80,000 of his countrymen have "shared sexual relationships with another man for at least three years" sparked front-page headlines in the Trinidad press. The doctor also revealed that he and many other psychiatrists are "treating" gay men with aversion therapy, and realizing a 30% rate of "cure." The doctor is presently working to see if electrical shock devices and other aversive techniques are "as successful" with lesbians, and hopes to report before year's end.

Opposition to psychiatric exploitation has come from unexpected quarters. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bridgetown and Kingstown in Barbados has told islanders that gays have the right to love and to be accepted by Caribbean society. Speaking during his monthly radio broadcast, Bishop Anthony Dixon declared that "Homosexuals who have been the victims of prejudice and discrimination have a right to be integrated into society."

gangrene, or do you cut the finger off? What brings corruption to an entire country and its people must be pulled up like weeds that infect a field of wheat. I know there are societies where women are permitted to give themselves to satisfy the desire of men who are not their husbands and where men are permitted to give themselves to satisfy other men's desires. But the society that we want to build does not permit such things. . . In Islam we want to purify society, and in order to achieve this aim we must punish those who bring evil to our youth."

When Fallaci asked about the boy whom the Ayatollah's assassins shot for sodomy, he responded, "We have to eliminate corruption."

UPI reports that the total number of persons executed by the Ayatollah's "revolutionary firing squads" as of the end of October since the start of the "revolution" is 638. An undetermined number of these have been murdered because of sexual offenses.

MARIPOSA FOUNDED

New York, NY—A new organization has been formed to conduct research on human sexuality, particularly on homosexuality, and to produce factual reports and educational materials for the general public. The Mariposa Education and Research Foundation is comprised of civil rights leaders and sex researchers. Among its founders are Dr. Bruce Voeller, former Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force; Karen DeCrow, past president of the National Organization for Women; Midge Constanza, former White House staffer; Wardell Pomeroy, co-author of the *Kinsey Studies*, and C.A. Tripp.

The Mariposa group has opened offices at 186 Spring St., New York, NY 10012, and 3821 Fourth Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

PAPAL SPEECH

Chicago, IL—Pope John Paul's meeting on October 5 with bishops from every U.S. diocese firmly restated Roman Catholic positions on birth control, abortion, divorce, and homosexuality. The pontiff, however, stressed "love for each other" as a way of dealing with the many Catholic laymen and clergy who disagree with the official church line. Though there were no harsh words for dissidents, the Pope did continue to stress "submission" and "obedience" as the foundation of Catholic spirituality.

Earlier this year a Gallup Poll found that 73% of U.S. Catholics think that birth control is a morally good practice, while 69% feel that divorce or dissolution with a right to remarry should be restored to the Roman Church. 20% believed that abortion should be wholly a matter of personal choice, while another 44% thought that it should be permitted.

The Pope also reaffirmed the earlier statements by U.S. bishops that "homosexuality, as distinguished from homosexual orientation, is wrong."

Numerous Catholic organizations protested the pontiff's stand on most of these points. Ellie Smeal, spokesperson for the National Organization for Women, and a Roman Catholic, said that the Pope's position on these issues "is setting the church's hierarchy away from the people of the church." Meanwhile, FUORI, the Italian gay rights organization, has filed defamation suits against Pope John Paul II for his October 5 statement that homosexual behavior is sinful. About 50 chapters of FUORI have filed suit against him throughout Italy. FUORI spokespersons noted that his statements "cause social, economic, and cultural harm to gays worldwide." An earlier and similar suit filed three years ago by FUORI never reached the courts.

MORE TORONTO RAIDS

Toronto, ONT—Toronto police were raiding another gay bath on October 11, but this time around a defiant crowd gathered outside to jeer and to chant support for the men being arrested inside. "Bawdy house" charges were what the police were after, and they got them by raiding not only the Hot Tub Club, but also four private homes.

The day after the raid Toronto newspapers revealed that the raids had culminated a five-month investigation headed by Division Inspector James Majury. Newspaper reports of sex, drugs, and pornographic films ignored the fact that charges ranged from keeping (or being in) a common bawdy house to stealing a bicycle. Of 60 charges laid, more than 40 were related to bawdy house activity. Police used high-power infra-red cameras from across the street from the bath, photographs were taken of men entering and leaving the club, and follow-up spying at homes of the men was then undertaken.

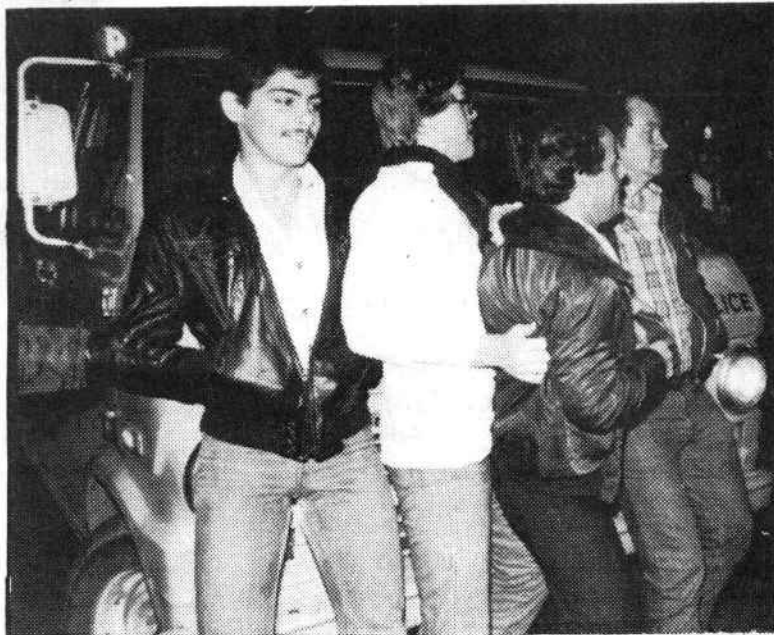
One man taken in the bath raid was charged with **permitting** premises to be used as a bawdy house, **being** an inmate at a bawdy house, and **keeping** a bawdy house) three charges for the same activity. Said Peter Maloney, a member of the city's Right to Privacy Committee (RTPC), "This is the grossest example I've ever seen of double-charging to get deals and quick convictions."

Local activist Tom Warner linked the raids with the sexual orientation legislation which may come before the provincial legislature this session. "It's just too coincidental that the raids should occur the day Parliament opens," he added. Maloney also added that police prosecutors may also be hoping for quick convictions under the ambiguous "bawdy house" statutes in order to use these as precedents in prosecuting those persons arrested in the earlier raid on the Barracks. That case is still

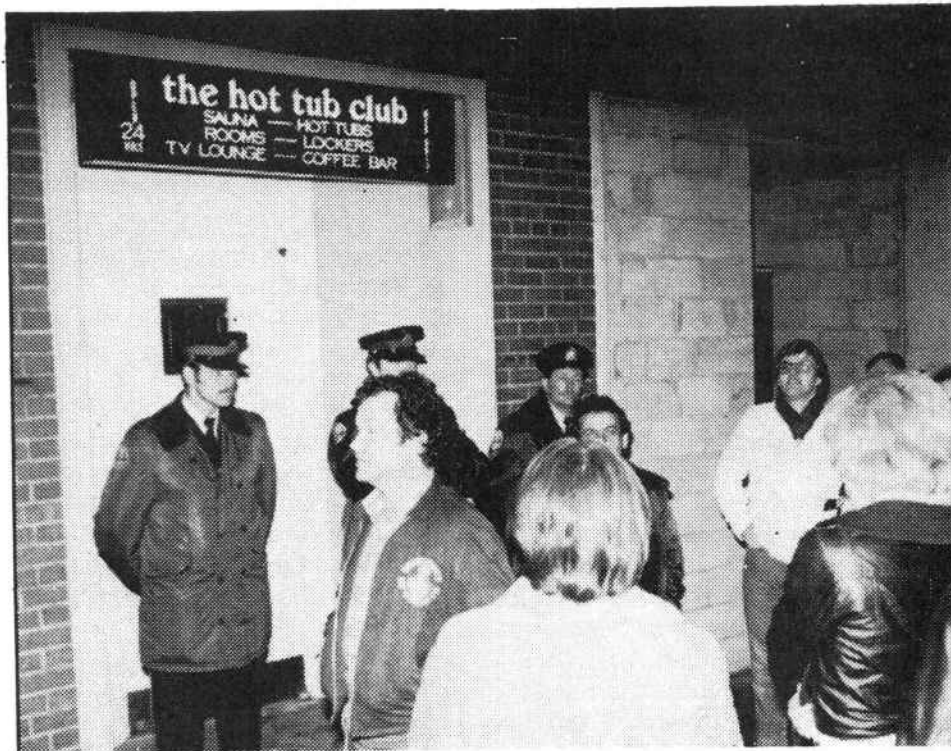
pending.

The crowds of gays jeering and protesting the police actions were joined by Toronto Aldermen Dan Heap and Allan Sparrow. Both men have spoken out in recent months against police harassment of gays. Both subsequently issued state-

ments deploring the raids. At a press conference held later, Sparrow noted: "Unless substantial charges, **other** than bawdy house charges, are laid against the Hot Tub Club found-ins, this raid can only be seen as a provocative move against the gay community."



As police block entry to the Hot Tub Club, gay men assemble outside to jeer (below), and to immobilize the paddywagon that was intended to carry off Club customers.



PSYCHIATRISTS PINCHED

San Francisco, CA—Three nongay psychiatrists described how they were pinched and propositioned during an excursion into the San Francisco gay bar scene, but claimed that the experience was a valuable part of a learning process that has made them more sensitive to the problems of gay males. They were students in a program offered by the medical center at the University of California in San Francisco, whose aim was to assist heterosexual therapists who are working with gays, specifically gay couples and families.

"I have feeling now for the experience of a gay couple, and see that gay couples have problems similar to straight couples," said Dr. Joseph Lemle, age 28, one of the students. "I also have an awareness of specific gay problems as well," he added. "There is a long history of what it means to be a successful straight couple or family, but there are few models or norms about successful gay couples."

Begun as an experimental class three years ago, the series of seminars on gay relationships is now a fixed part of the curriculum in family therapy training. To gain their experience, students form same-sex pairs, eat at a gay restaurant,



DR. JOSEPH LEMLE

and then go drinking and dancing at night spots in the Castro area. They meet later in the evening to discuss their experiences.

"I was dancing with a man for about twenty minutes before he suggested that we have sex," said Lemle, who is a post-doctoral fellow at UC's Langley Porter Institute. "It was the first real exper-

ience that I had being the recipient of a sexual invitation. . . I had some feelings of guilt that I didn't want to have sex, that I was there to dance."

SAUDI DEPORTED

Norfolk, VA—A Saudi Arabian naval chief has been deported to face punishment at home after he allegedly abducted and sexually assaulted a U.S. sailor. Mohammad Anwar Al-Ageeli was put on an airplane in October after a Norfolk General District Court Judge dropped three felony charges against him at the request of the U.S. Navy and the Saudi Government.

Al-Ageeli has been charged with sodomy, abduction, and felonious assault on a Navy enlisted man who claimed that the Saudi had threatened him with a knife and forced

him to submit to sexual acts. When he refused, the sailor claimed, Al-Ageeli slashed him across the face, chest, and wrist. Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Lawrence C. Lawless, at whose request charges against Al-Ageeli were dropped, said: "I have been assured by the Saudi Government that the gentleman will be punished equally or as severely in Saudi Arabia than he would in our criminal justice system." Under Saudi law, the offenses would result, under conviction, in the amputation of certain parts of the offender's anatomy.

TAVERN LISTS

Norfolk, VA—Police have been notifying tavern owners in downtown Norfolk that they could lose their liquor licenses for serving alcohol to "undesirable persons." These "undesirables" include those whom police believe to be gays, prostitutes, or pimps, according to a woman bartender on Granby Street. Other bar owners in the area complained that police had presented them with lists of names and warnings that serving persons on the lists could result in loss of their licenses.

State Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations include a provision that a tavern owner can be fined or lose the license if the bar should become a "meeting place or rendezvous for users of narcotics, drunks, homosexuals, prostitutes, pimps, panderers, gamblers, or habitual law violators."

Many tavern owners complained to the ABC that the regulation, and the "black-lists" being circulated by police, were impossible to enforce.

An official with the state ABC Board in Richmond said that the "undesirable" regulation had not been enforced before, and would not be enforced by the Board unless serious violations of liquor laws had been found. Charles Davis, ABC public information director, said that it was contrary to the agency's policy to challenge liquor licenses on the basis of the sexual preferences of a tavern's customers. The "undesirable" regulation, he added, "was put on the books in a different era. The times have changed."

Vice squad and police officials had no comment.

DISCHARGE FOUGHT

Fort Lewis, WA—Pfc. Roger Cutsinger has announced that he will fight any attempt by the U.S. Army to discharge him because of his admitted gayness. Two of the three members of an Army board recommended that Cutsinger be honorably discharged because of his homosexuality. "It's only the beginning," Cutsinger remarked following the board's recommendation, adding that he planned a federal court appeal and a lawsuit in the event that his commanding officer attempts to discharge him, even honorably.

The third member of the panel recommended that Cutsinger remain in the service. "I'm very proud of that one vote," Cutsinger announced. "I think they might stop and think from now on for someone like me." Cutsinger, age 21, of Battle Creek, (MI), said that he believed the hearing was a fair one, adding, "I think they should have given it more thought."

Cutsinger's defense attorney, Captain John Beasley, said that later cases of acknowledged gays in the service might be handled differently. "Maybe it's too early for the Army and society," he added. "We got one vote, and that's the first step."

The board's report goes to Cutsinger's commander, Col. Arch H. Ely, Jr., for final determination. A



discharge could be appealed to federal court. In the meantime, Cutsinger will remain with his unit as a clerk-typist in the 9th Adjutant General Company, where he has served for two years.

The Army initiated the discharge procedures after Cutsinger proclaimed that he was an example of a gay who can be a good soldier.

FBI REVISIONS

Washington, DC—FBI Director William H. Webster has announced the liberalization of the bureau's long-standing tradition of harsh punishment for agents who engage in sexual relationships outside of marriage. The shift means that agents engaging in premarital or extramarital relationships will no longer face automatic dismissal.

In two other areas of personal conduct—homosexuality and marijuana use—Webster is bending the old rules slightly as he develops the bureau's first written policies on such matters. Though he continues to ban practicing homosexuals from bureau jobs, Webster has asked for the latest scientific data on homosexuality, and announced that he is willing to consider a relaxation of the rules in the future.

As for drug use, Webster says that it still will not be tolerated in the bureau. In one recent instance, however, he chose not to fire an agent who smoked marijuana in college several years before joining the bureau.

In an interview, Webster said, "We are still revising a very extensive overhaul of our discipline procedures to build in more due process and put more emphasis on honesty and integrity rather than on private lifestyles."

UK REVIEWS BAN

London, UK—In the wake of international protests against the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's harassment of foreign gays attempting to enter the United States, it has been revealed that the United Kingdom has had a similar policy for 25 years. But the UK policy has been kept secret, and only came to light when a physician working with British immigration officials lodged a complaint.

Guidelines to immigration doctors say that they should report on any visitor suffering from "conduct

disorder": "alcoholism, drug addiction, abnormal sexuality, etc."

The regulation had been introduced in 1954, when Iain McLeod was Churchill's Minister of Health, before all consensual sexual activity between adults was decriminalized in England. Protests against the newly discovered policy by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality brought assurances from the Government that the policy has not been used to bar homosexuals from entry into the United Kingdom.

Several doctors protested the

policy despite Government clarification, and the British Medical Association's ethical committee has been asked to consider whether the policy, whether enforced or not, is contrary to medical ethics. Meanwhile, British immigration officials say that the policy statement is under review by the Home Office. The review, which will result in a revised policy statement, will cover the entire range of present immigration regulations, and not just those concerned with conduct disorder.

PORN PROTEST

New York, NY—An estimated 10,000 persons marched through Times Square at the end of October "to protest against the proliferation, accessibility, and violence of pornography," as stated by Women Against Pornography (WAP), the organization sponsoring the march.

WAP is a newly formed feminist organization working to alert people to the dangers inherent in pornography and the link between pornography and acts of violence against women. They are speaking out against a \$4 billion industry which, they contend, exploits women and threatens their physical and emotional health by promoting imagery of rape, wife-beating, and child molestation. An earlier effort by the organization by picketing successfully led to the halting of ticket sales for the movie "Snuff," which depicts the murder of women and the gross mutilation of their bodies.

WAP's anti-pornography movement is careful to distinguish between "erotica" and "pornography," defining the latter as "imagery which eroticizes the victimization of women." WAP explicitly declares that it is not condemning homosexuality, sex education, erotic art, or erotic literature. Gloria Steinem, one of WAP's organizers, noted: "Pornography gives instructions to those criminals who attack women, girls, and small boys. . .erotica is what we are trying to protect; erotica is what we do not have."

The organization is also sensitive to charges that the anti-pornography movement may lead to censorship and endangering of the freedom of speech. WAP does not advocate censorship, but rather is actively working to educate people to the dangers of pornography, and to eliminate the masks of normality and legitimacy which the porn industry now wears. One of WAP's primary goals is the establishment



of a presidential commission on pornography and violence against

women. (Photo courtesy of Gay Community News)

RAMBLE ATTACKS

New York, NY—Prison sentences ranging from 3 to 15 years have been given to three men convicted of the 1978 attacks in the Central Park Ramble, attacks which left six men seriously injured. In the State Supreme Court in Manhattan, Justice Thomas B. Galligan sentenced Kenneth Straw, 19, to a maximum sentence of 5-15 years. Straw had 19 prior arrests on charges ranging from forcible sodomy to armed robbery. Two co-defendants, Nicholas Perri, 18, and David Hyman, 20, received prison sentences of 3-9 years. The maximum sentence for all three had been sought by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Dreyfuss.

A fourth defendant, Michael Riley, 16, was granted immunity for his testimony against the other men. David Hotchkiss, a fifth de-

fendant, faces a maximum sentence of 2-6 years after having pleaded guilty to assault and robbery charges.

Straw, Hyman, and Perri were convicted on July 26 of conspiracy, assault, and attempted assault with weapons which included baseball bats and a couch leg. Testimony revealed that the three were in Central Park on July 5, and that Straw claimed that he had been "bitten on the face" by a homosexual. This, according to Dreyfuss, provided a "pretext of revenge" against gays; and the three men returned to the cruising area of the park later that evening and began to attack men at random. Police also noted that, because of the random nature of the assaults, there was no reason to believe that the victims of the assaults were gay.

MICHIGAN DISMISSALS

Kalamazoo, MI—Gross indecency charges against a dozen men, out of more than 42 arrested last October in connection with activities at the U.S. 131 rest stop near D Avenue here, have been dismissed by Kalamazoo Circuit Court Judge C.H. Mullen. Mullen said that, if the facts were the same in future rest stop cases, they too would be dismissed. The basis of the dismissals was Mullen's ruling that television monitoring by police in restrooms "creates a Big Brother atmosphere."

Kalamazoo County District Court Judge Peter Westra has also dismissed five additional gross indecency cases. Charges against two of the men were dropped because they allegedly engaged in mutual masturbation, which Judge Westra refused to consider an "act of gross indecency." The three

other cases were dismissed when he ruled that search warrant laws do not cover the gathering of evi-



Westra

dence with the use of hidden TV cameras and videotape recorders. "I personally have very strong doubts about the propriety of this kind of surveillance activity," Judge Westra remarked following the dismissals.

The arrests of the 42 men at the rest stop followed a lengthy police investigation during which thousands of dollars worth of surveillance equipment was installed at the rest stop. The men arrested ranged in age from 18 to 66, all but two married. They included a clergyman, two school teachers, laborers, businessmen, and several professionals.



Mullen

Assistant County Prosecutor Robert Pangle expressed criticism with the dismissals and has vowed to appeal all of them to the Michigan Supreme Court. Defense attorneys for some of those against whom charges were already dis-

COURT CHALLENGE IN OK

Oklahoma City, OK—A federal district judge here has denied motions by the Oklahoma Attorney's General office to dismiss a suit which challenges Oklahoma's anti-gay-teacher law. That law, dubbed the Helm act for its original sponsor, is almost identical to last year's Briggs Initiative in California. It threatens gay teachers and those who advocate civil rights for gays with loss of their jobs.

At the request of gay students at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahomans for Human Rights, Gay Rights Advocates of San Francisco, and Oklahoma City co-counsel Michael Gassaway, a suit was filed against the law in August. The case, entitled "Moe vs Oklahoma State Board of Education," is brought on behalf of seven present and prospective teachers who claim that the law inhibits their Constitutional rights of free speech and association. All of the plaintiffs use fictitious names for fear of loss of jobs and physical harassment.

The Oklahoma Attorney's Gen-

eral office sought to compel disclosure of the plaintiffs' names, to have the case sent back to a state court, or to dismiss the action entirely. Judge Eubanks denied all three motions. He did grant a motion by the State to dismiss the action against the State Board of Education, but allowed plaintiffs to refile immediately substituting local school boards.

Attorney Jerel McCrary of Gay Rights Advocates commented: "The decision is significant because it indicates the Court takes this matter very seriously. The Judge could have avoided taking on a controversial issue by remanding the case to a state court. His decision also indicates a growing sensitivity on the part of the judiciary. Judge Eubanks did not force the plaintiffs to choose between their privacy, as anonymous plaintiffs, and possible loss of their jobs." Plaintiffs are now seeking a preliminary injunction to prohibit any enforcement of the statute pending the outcome of the case.



Pangle

missed estimated that an appeal of this kind would cost Michigan taxpayers over \$100,000 in legal costs alone. While Pangle referred to this estimate as an "exaggeration," he declined to estimate what the actual costs of the lengthy procedure would be.

GOTBAUM BACKS DOWN

New York, NY—Victor Gotbaum, Executive Director of District Council 37, New York City's largest union, has refused to support the rights of gay CETA worker Jimmy Flowers. At public hearings in November of 1978, Gotbaum spoke in support of Intro #384, a bill which would have banned discrimination against gays in housing, jobs, and public accommodations; but, for the past three months, Gotbaum has refused to support Flowers in a case of on-the-job discrimination.

Flowers, a city worker with the Arterial Highways Division, Local 1505, remains the victim of a hate campaign waged by his supervisor, James Colbert. Colbert submitted a report claiming that Flowers had "performed unsatisfactorily" on the job. The primary charge, that of insubordination, is levelled at Flowers because he told the supervisor to stop calling him "fag", "queer", "queenie", and "cock-

sucker" on the job and in front of other workers. The "unsatisfactory" assessment could cost Flowers his job under terms of the CETA employment when his own term comes up for renewal.

Supervisor Colbert is also charged with encouraging and condoning harassment by other workers of Flowers. David Love, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation, Colbert's immediate superior, has also refused to enforce Mayor Koch's Executive order number 4, which bans anti-gay discrimination in city jobs. Flowers and his attorneys have demanded a hearing on the job-threatening report; and, in addition to refusing to grant the hearing, Gotbaum and Love had also refused to allow Flowers or his attorneys to see what is written about him in a note appended to the report.

Flowers has also been directed by Mr. John Caidrillo, Blue Collar Division Representative of Gotbaum's District Council 37, to keep

away from union meetings and CETA demonstrations. At a recent CETA workers' demonstration, Flowers was physically attacked, and had a sign reading "Gay CETA workers, Unite" forcibly taken from him and destroyed.

In light of the blatant on-the-job harassment, the job-threatening report, and the barring of Flowers from meetings of the union of which he is a dues-paying member, Flowers has gone for assistance to the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The Coalition, which is an umbrella organization of over fifty gay and nongay groups formed to protect civil rights for gays, is assisting Flowers and his attorneys in filing their complaint against Love and the New York City Department of Transportation with the Human Rights Commission. For more information on the organization and the present battle, write CLGR, 29 West 21st St., New York, NY 10010 or phone (212) 924-2970.

COURT REFUSES APPEAL

Washington, DC—The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of three Virginia men convicted of sodomy after state troopers had spied on them through ceiling vents over toilet stalls in a restroom along an interstate highway in Virginia. The ruling was issued without comment, leaving intact the 1978 conviction of the men, whose attorney had argued that police surveillance conducted without warrants violated Fourth Amendment protections from unreasonable searches.

All three men had been convicted and given five-year suspended sentences following the refusal of a circuit court judge to suppress the evidence against them on the grounds that it was illegally obtained. The Virginia Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal last December.

BLADE BIRTHDAY

Washington, DC—The Blade, this city's gay newspaper, celebrated its tenth anniversary with the issue of October 25, 1979. Founded in 1969, the publication, which adopted a magazine size format in 1973-74 and went into its present tabloid format in November of that year, was originally entitled **The Gay Blade**. In 1975, Blade Communications, Inc., a nonprofit corporation registered in the District of Columbia, became the official publisher of the paper, and the name was changed to **The Blade**.

The publication's circulation continued to increase, stimulated prominently by the Bryant anti-gay campaign in 1977.

With its tenth anniversary issue, **The Blade** becomes one of the oldest gay liberation tabloids in the United States. Subscription and other information on the publication is available from Blade Publi-



GAY SIT-IN AT POLICE CHIEF'S OFFICE: 3 ARRESTED

After reading a vigorous public statement and talking with reporters all afternoon, three gay men were arrested April 3 as the Gay Activists Alliance staged a sit-in in Metropolitan Police Chief Jerry Wilson's office to protest police harassment of male homosexuals in Washington.

Wilson was in Chicago at the time, attending a conference on prostitution and public relations.

On February 28th, a four-to-five hour sit-in with Wilson after a year-and-a-half's harassment of Wilson's subordinates failed to produce visible improvements. Wilson had refused a meeting after repeated requests and despite public urging by DC Delegate Walter Fauntroy.

The 23 demonstrators said they would sit in Wilson's office until an appointment was set. At closing time, with no date forthcoming, a pre-arranged arrest team was taken to the Mayor's office and charged with unlawful entry.

Arrested were GAA President Bill Walker, 39, GAA VP Wade Ware, 37, and Larry "Duck" Succubini, 38, proprietor of the Washington headshop. The arrest was reported in both city newspapers.

During a meeting with some of Wilson's division chiefs last July, GAA demanded an end to harassment and the destruction of the card file system. A fair employment policy for gays in the police department, and a positive community relations program directed toward the gay community. None of these proposals has been heard from again.

"GAA is interested in a range of issues much wider than police harassment alone," said GAA President Bill Walker after his release from custody. "We are working for fair employment rights for gays. For a better public understanding of gay problems. For all the developments which will create a better gay community and a better life for gay people. But we feel we have no alternative but to protest this recent police use of force."

"This was the purpose of our demonstration and upon its success we will be able to speak to the public and the public the fact that Wilson will not open his mind to the needs of the gay minority in this city."

"I feel we accomplished this. And I think that next month, when GAA is testifying before the City Council on fair employment for gays, fair housing rights for gays, and the need for the Human Rights Office to have power in police misconduct cases, the City Council will pay closer attention to our needs because of this demonstration. At least, I sincerely hope so."

On March 8, Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy wrote to Wilson, urging him to end the harassment of gays in the police department. He had previously written to Wilson several times and found their presentations "quite convincing."

"April 5 Defense Fund"

The arrests were released on bond at the opening of the arrests and a jury trial has been set for April 23. Immediate bail for "voluntary entry after a year 11 jail" or a \$500 Fine-a-Fund is being raised for all arrested and held in jail.

"The financial help of DC gays is desperately needed," Walker says.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "April 5 Defense Fund," a special account, and mailed to GAA at P.O. Box 2184, Washington, DC 20037.

CARDWARE

MCDONALD SUIT

Montreal, PQ—A McDonald's restaurant has been granted a temporary injunction against the opening of a gay disco above its Peel Street location here. "We don't want any kind of disco above our restaurant," Al Gregory, Assistant Vice President of McDonald's in Quebec told the Montreal daily, **La Presse**. Gregory claimed that the action had nothing to do with the fact that

OFFENSIVE CHECK

San Diego, CA- On July 14, Margaret Fulton, an active member of this city's gay community, cashed a check at the Foodbasket Sotre on Washington Street in Mission Hills. It was processed through Foodbasket's bank, the Bank of America. The check was stamped with the phrase "Support Gay Rights", as all of Ms Fulton's checks are.

When she received her cancelled checks back from the bank, she found it covered with insults and derogatory remarks. During the time that the check was being processed, someone (or ones) had defaced it with comments such as "Butch," "You Fag," "cock-sucker," "dike," etc.

San Diego's gay community has sent a number of letters of protest to the manager of the Foodbasket. Check photo compliments of **San Diego Update** and Ms Fulton.

the disco is gay.

The disco's promoters allege discrimination. "There has been a disco here for at least 20 years," Dario Crispino, Enzo Crispino, and Gilles Lafleur told **La Presse**. "McDonald's allowed us to undertake very expensive renovations over the past six months. And now, at the eleventh hour, McDonald's reacts. . . There's only one explanation for the sudden move—they read our promotional material indicating that L'Aeroporto du Studio 87 was a new gay disco. That's the reason, and that's called discrimination."

GRNL PROJECT

Washington, DC—In an attempt to gain inclusion of a gay rights plank in the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic parties during the 1980 presidential elections, the Gay Rights National Lobby has launched a National Convention Project. Initial budgeting for the project is about \$120,000; and two coordinators, Mary Spotswood Pou and Tom Bastow, have been hired.

In a bylined interview in Boston's **Gay Community News**, Bastow expressed the feeling that there must be a consensus among local gay organizations as to the wording of such a gay rights platform in order for the national

project to focus attention on it. Bastow, who is president of Washington's Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, suggested three things which local organizations could do in support of the project: (1) Invite presidential candidates to speak at local forums and show their presence in the local political process, (2) Lobby the platform-writing processes of both parties so that candidates will be aware that gay rights is one of the bases on which gay people will cast their own votes, and (3) Encourage gay women and men to run for positions as delegates to the two national conventions.

"I think we have a reasonable chance of success this year," Bastow added, "but it won't happen if we don't work."

STOP PRESS

Milwaukee, WI- The television series, **The Baxters**, will be featuring a discussion of homosexual teachers on February 2. The program will be broadcast on Channel 6, and broadcast time was not available when this issue of **GPU News** went to press.

Milwaukee readers are urged to watch the program, which will feature discussants from the local gay community, and to send their comments to the local television station, with copies to **GPU News**.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Janice Irvine

Boston, MA—Fourteen women work-study students at the University of Massachusetts in Boston have charged the university administration of sexual harassment in the wake of their being fired following their charges that a male administrator had sexually harassed them.

Last July the women, with the support of their former supervisor, Janice Irvine, submitted to the administration letters of complaint alleging sexual harassment by HEC Director James Hoopes. One month later, the students found themselves fired. Supervisor Irvine was also fired, then rehired, and transferred from the Health-Education-Center to one job after another for which she was not qualified. The Director of University Counseling, where she has now been placed, has threatened to fire her again if she complains to supervisors, and has also refused to hear any grievances.

Loren King, author of an article in the student newspaper, **Mass Media**, noted that the university administration had tried to "kill the story" dealing with the harass-

ment. The chancellor of the university phoned the editor in an attempt to prevent the story from being printed; and, when that failed, university administrators asked that the story be "toned down," leaving out "the sexual harassment thing."

The article was printed with only

minor changes, but King, a three-year veteran of the paper, resigned, stating that the university censorship efforts were "an important factor in my leaving." Heinz Bondy, Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, was named by King as someone involved in the attempted "cover-up."

On the advice of their attorney, the fourteen women will not disclose at this time specific details of their sexual harassment charges. They allege, however, that Hoopes has been harassing some of them for as long as two years, but that the incident which they believe precipitated Irvine's transfer took place in mid-July when, following a meeting with David Stockton (Director of Health Services, HEC's parent group), they were assured that the harassment would be stopped, and that there would be no repercussions upon their jobs as a result of their complaints. At the end of July, Hoopes was placed on administrative leave, and then resigned. The promised investigation of the harassment charges never took place. (Photo courtesy of **Gay Community News**)



GAU CONFERENCE

Los Angeles, CA—More than 600 gay academics, professionals, and students attended the 6th annual conference of the Gay Academic Union, held November 23 and 24 on the UCLA campus. Some 83 workshops were included during the two day event, ranging from purely academic discussions to panels on gay and lesbian power in the 1980 elections.

Gay Episcopal priest and author Malcom Boyd and Charlotte Bunch, feminist theorist and editor of **Quest: A Feminist Quarterly**, were keynote speakers for the conference, whose major theme was "The Challenge of the 80's: Our Changing Gay and Lesbian Culture." Other speakers included NGTF Co-Directors Charles Bry-

don and Lucia Valeska, former presidential aide Midge Constantza, Dr. Jane Patterson of Southern California Physicians for Human Rights, drama critic Kevin Thomas, and campaign advisors to Governor Brown, David Mixner and Peter Scott.

Co-sponsor of the conference was the Whitman-Brooks Foundation. GAU was founded in 1974 in New York City for the dissemination of scholarly information concerning gays, the teaching of gay studies, and to oppose discrimination against gay women and men in academia and the professions. GAU also sponsors a scholarship program for gay students undertaking projects of potential benefit to the gay community.

NGTF CRISIS

New York, NY—The National Gay Task Force, begun in 1975 by Dr. Howard Brown, has announced that it faces a financial crisis which threatens the future of the organi-



Charles F. Brydon

zation. Co-Executive Directors Charles Brydon and Lucia Valeska have announced that, at its present rate of expenditures, NGTF will be insolvent early in 1980 unless drastic steps are taken.

The two Co-Executive Directors have announced a variety of freezes on controllable expenditures, and the 1980 fiscal year bud-

get has been rewritten to reduce expenditures by about 20%. Implementation of these cutbacks has meant loss of the Media Director, Director of Administration and Finance, as well as several part-time workers.



Lucia Valeska

The present financial crunch, according to a press release from NGTF, arose from an overly optimistic projection of 1979 income. A surplus had been generated in 1977, when the membership income soared in response to the Anita Bryant/Dade County campaign. The surplus has now been "burned up," and that period of

unusual growth had a distorting influence upon the organization's financial planning for subsequent years.

NGTF's major source of revenue continues to be membership income. Brydon and Valeska have issued urgent appeals to all NGTF members to sign up three individuals as \$20 members within the next six months. According to the Co-Executive Directors, this task is an attainable personal goal which would have an "incredible impact" on NGTF's financial position.

Membership information may be obtained by writing NGTF at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

RUSH BANNED

Boston, MA—A bill signed into law by Massachusetts Governor Edward King places on the list of "controlled substances" all products consisting of the chemical isobutyl nitrate. Most gay men are familiar with the product under a variety of names such as Rush, Locker Room, Discorama, and Hardware. These products are now outlawed for sale in Massachusetts.

According to Representative Lynch, who introduced the legislation, research shows that isobutyl nitrate "has been linked with various heart diseases, liver diseases, and various diseases associated with abnormal use of the drug." There was also concern on the part of legislators that some retailers were selling the products to minors. The Department of Public Health presented evidence in support of the new law, including testimony that the effect of isobutyl nitrate on blood pressure leads to heart attack and the risk of cerebral hemorrhage.

In 1978 California passed a similar law banning certain nitrate compounds. Similar legislation is also being considered in at least four other states.

SACRAMENTO MARCH

San Diego, CA—California Human Rights Advocates (CHRA) has officially announced that it will sponsor a state march on Sacramento for lesbian/gay rights. Alan Robertson of CHRA said that he fully expects at least 15,000 persons to be present on Saturday, January 12, in support of the California Gay Rights Bill, AB-1, which is now before the state legislature.

Robertson concedes that the decision to sponsor a march was taken on short notice, but claims that the announced date is tied to CHRA's annual January 12-14 lobbying effort with the state legislature; and that, he believes will be the most effective time for such a march. Moreover, participants from California in the national

march on Washington in October numbered between 5,000 and 10,000—many of whom were contacted in Washington about a possible march on Sacramento.

Robertson hopes that gay organizations statewide will link up to endorse the march and to stimulate grassroots support. After such grassroots structure takes place, he says that CHRA will take a backseat in the planning and executions, and allow local groups to coordinate their own efforts, as was done for the march on Washington. Californians seeking information on the march, and on organizations in their local communities which are engaged in planning for it, are urged to telephone CHRA in Sacramento at (916) 448-6666.

FEEDBACK

Dear GPU NEWS:

This was my very first issue of your magazine, and I'm genuinely impressed by the seemingly close knit of the gay community in the Milwaukee area. Hopefully some day in this area gays will have the things going for them as they do there. Especially impressed by the "Here & There" and the "Directory" overwhelmed me.

I've never visited the Milwaukee area, but offer Tennessee hospitality to visitors here. Glad I subscribed, and keep up the good work.

Jim Gipson
Box 105
Sewanee, TN 37375

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a two-year renewal. I never renew mags for 2 years. This is a small expression of faith in your efforts at fairness and quality of news. Good luck.

B.B.
New York, NY

GPU NEWS staff,

Your efforts are appreciated. And your work is interesting and often creative; maybe the lack of salary brings out the best in you. Recent photography has been more creative and is beginning to match the quality of the rest of the magazine. I hope that you continue to "edit" this aspect of the publication.

Art Stoeberl
Austin, MN

Dear Staff:

Throughout this year I have looked forward to each month of stimulating reading in GPU News. With the enclosed renewal, I can now sit back and look forward to another year of quality journalism. Please see to it that I don't miss the next issue.

To the Future,
Ed Jett
Chattanooga, TN

Dear Friends:

Your description of, and protest against, the police raid on the Club Baths in Milwaukee was much to the point. The attitude that tax dollars and police efforts are being wasted on such futile activities is a healthy sign. I presume that this is the same logic which finally turned the tide from gay repression to gay acceptance, to varying degrees, in the more enlightened capitals of Europe some twenty years ago. I can remember hearing that in the early sixties certain baths even in Stockholm were patrolled, and that business dropped so dramatically that the inevitable occurred. Gays and gay activity became tolerated at least in the Sturebadet by the time that I arrived to live there in 1965. I fear that this is the only logic which the straight world really understands and takes to heart: or rather to purse. And I recall hearing that in Montreal a judge once brutally told off vice squad cops on the same matter, in 1967, that they were wasting time and money running after gays in the parks, when the truly serious crimes were being committed elsewhere. What tolerance can't achieve, economy or money may.

Cheers,
Gordon Cantrelle
Zurich, Switzerland

Greeting to you from Kalamazoo,

I've just recently become a subscriber to your publication and I must say that I am very impressed. It's very refreshing to find a gay magazine with more emphasis on intellectual content than on fuckin' and suckin'. You have found a good balance; I hope you can keep it.

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed clippings from the; Kalamazoo **Gazette** regarding the "gross indecency" cases of 42 men arrested in October of last year. I had hoped to be able to send information about more of the cases,

but nothing has appeared in the paper lately.

Seems that the Kalamazoo County Attorney is on an anti-sin campaign and that whores, homos, and porno places are getting more than their share of busts (no pun intended), raids, and general harassment. As more information becomes available I can forward it to you if you think it would be useful.

R.H.
Kalamazoo, MI

(Editor's Note: One of our rich resources of news is clippings sent by readers from their local newspapers. The cases R.H. mentions are reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the report in your November issue on the delay in passage of Chicago's gay rights ordinance.

Actually, the ordinance was not "postponed" by the City Council. Rather, its sponsors postponed it after it became clear that an anti-gay scare campaign organized by fundamentalist religious groups had made it temporarily impossible to obtain the 26 votes needed for passage.

Sponsors can bring it up for vote whenever the 26 votes seem available. Meanwhile, we are working steadily to win those votes, picking up community endorsements while the anti-gay forces have begun to simmer down. As for our opponents' proposed ordinance to hold a citywide referendum on the question, it is a measure of their competence that there is no statutory means for holding such a referendum, and their own ordinance would be void if passed.

Sincerely,
William B. Kelley
Co-Chairperson
Ill. Gay Rights Task Force
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EDITORIAL

Our cover for this issue, an original piece of photographic art by Joel Wojciechowski, symbolizes the uncertainties with which the gay community enters the new decade. Future analysts within our community will probably judge the decade of the 1970's as a period of overall advance for the cause of gay and human liberation, at least in western societies. There have of course been setbacks, and a simple tallying may probably show that these were equal to the gains; but the numbers game is misleading. The gains which gays have made by educating ourselves and others about who we are will have become part of the overall pattern of social growth and awareness, whereas I suspect that the setbacks represent random pockets of backlash and reaction which will not, in the long run, effect the overall movement of society toward freedom and human liberation.

No one can deny that the next decade holds uncertainties for the gay movement. But where there is uncertainty there is also challenge, and it is that thought which we should keep before our minds. While every effort must be made to stabilize gains made in the areas of legal reform and public education, we should also be aware that much remains to be done, especially in the education of our society. Political and legal reforms imposed upon an unwilling public are reforms in name only. The real challenge of the eighties is that of bringing others, gay and nongay alike, to an awareness of the reality and dignity of gay lifestyles. While legal reform may best be accomplished by massive lobbying and group efforts, I suspect that gains made in public awareness are best, or perhaps only, made in smaller increments, and at the most personal level. If each gay person in our country were to resolve to come out to just one friend or associate in the months

ahead, the cumulative effect of these actions would be a social revolution of maximal impact.

Coming out to others is, of course, only half the job: coming out to oneself is the other half. This means getting to know the gay culture, its literature and its heritage, of which we are a part. Without this self-education, our potential for growth is lost, and an important component of our own gayness remains closeted even to ourselves. If New Year's resolutions are in order, consider these two: (1) Resolve to read one piece of gay literature each month, and (2) If you are not already a member of some local gay organization, join and attend meetings regularly. And, please, don't say that there is no time for reading: make time. And, please, don't say that your local gay organization isn't doing anything worthwhile. That's a cop-out. If you don't like what they're doing, then lend your talents and lend yourself to help them do more and better works.

In this issue of GPU News, we are pleased to present two studies by local Milwaukee authors, Alyn Hess and Donna Martin, both active in Gay People's Union and both actively engaged in the task of reflection and analysis which is so important for our movement. Our February issue will be a special issue devoted to shorter works of gay fiction. Instead of a single piece of fiction, we shall be offering a number of shorter works of quality fiction.

Gay People's Union, Inc., has also initiated a monthly newsletter, **Milwaukee Update**, containing news and views similar in scope to our own **Update** series (and written by many of the same people). GPU members will receive **MU** regularly, and it will be available at no charge at many local bars and businesses. Milwaukee has long needed a local newsletter offering encapsulized local news and calendar items; and we are pleased that it is now available for the first time. Local items sent to

us for the monthly GPU News Calendar will also be supplied to the **MU** staff, who will in turn supply their information to us. In this way both publications can provide information which is timely and accurate. Out-of-town subscribers to GPU News who plan on a visit to Milwaukee may write us telling us the date of their planned visit, and we'll be happy to send a copy of **MU** prior to your arrival. This offer is for **subscribers** who wish to receive a **single copy only**, since postal regulations prohibit the enclosure of **MU** with your subscription copy of GPU News. You may write us at P.O. Box 92203, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. If you would like to receive **MU** regularly, write to Gay People's Union at the following address: GPU, Box 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. Remember that Gay People's Union is not affiliated with GPU News, and that our own subscription list remains confidential. **Have a happy and liberated New Year!**



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UPDATE MILWAUKEE

At the December business meeting of Gay People's Union, elections were held to fill two vacancies on the G.P.U. Board of Directors. Of the five persons nominated at the November business meeting, three declined the nomination; so an acclamation vote was moved, and the two positions will be filled by Bruce Davies and Pat McIlquham. Mr. Davies previously served on the Board, having been elected to complete the term of a resigning member. He has also been active in G.P.U. since his return from Florida in June of 1979.

Nominations for officers of G.P.U. for 1980 were also accepted. For President Miriam ben Shalom and Paul DeMarco, for Vice-President Miriam ben Shalom, Paul DeMarco, and Miki Doxtator, for Secretary Tamara McIlquham; and, because the nominees for Treasurer were not present to accept or decline, their nominations were held over to the January business meeting. The current Treasurer, Bob Moore, has agreed to continue in that position until election of his successor. Election of officers will be held at the business meeting of January 7, 1980.

A special committee has been appointed by G.P.U. President Miki Doxtator for the purpose of meeting with the management of several adult bookstores in the city to determine measures to be taken to prevent the indiscriminate arrest of their patrons by undercover Milwaukee vice squad operatives. Informed sources indicate that as many as 15 arrests are occurring nightly in some bookstores. G.P.U. is operating a 24-hour helpline(276-0246) with the cooperation of the management of the local Club Bath Chain affiliate. The helpline is designed to assist arrestees in getting bailed

out, and to provide further help, information, and financial assistance where required.

The G.P.U. membership has also voted to endorse and support the ad-hoc committee for a Gay Pride and/or Gay Awareness Week to be held during the last week of June, 1980. The committee's next meeting will be Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Finale Lounge(808 E. Center St.). Volunteers are urgently invited to attend and to offer their talents to the committee in its important work for the community.

The Business Association of Milwaukee(BAM) is planning a bus trip to Chicago bars on Feb. 12, 1980. Watch for further details in the February issue of GPU News, and at your favorite BAM-affiliated

business.

As we move into a new decade, we should all take the time to reflect upon the many advances we have made in the 1970's, and re-dedicate ourselves to the causes of gay liberation. Let us continue to reject intolerance, bigotry, and hatred by embracing the challenge of change by design; and let us move forward to implement that challenge with personal and political action. Why not attend a meeting of G.P.U.(see the Calendar in this and every issue for our Monday programs), become a member, and support the programs which we offer by sending your tax-deductible donation to: G.P.U., Box 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

Paul DeMarco



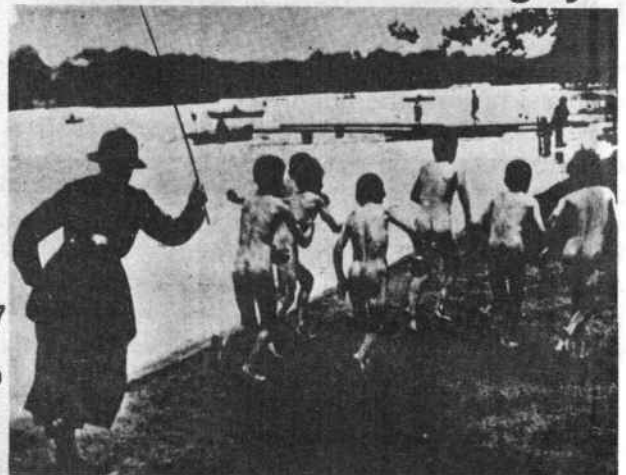
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GAYS AND URBAN RENEWAL

by Alyn Hess



Is the success of gay people in revitalizing old San Francisco neighborhoods the source of some of the discrimination against them? According to information in the July issue of **Preservation News**, published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in advance of its annual meeting in October, that may well be the case.

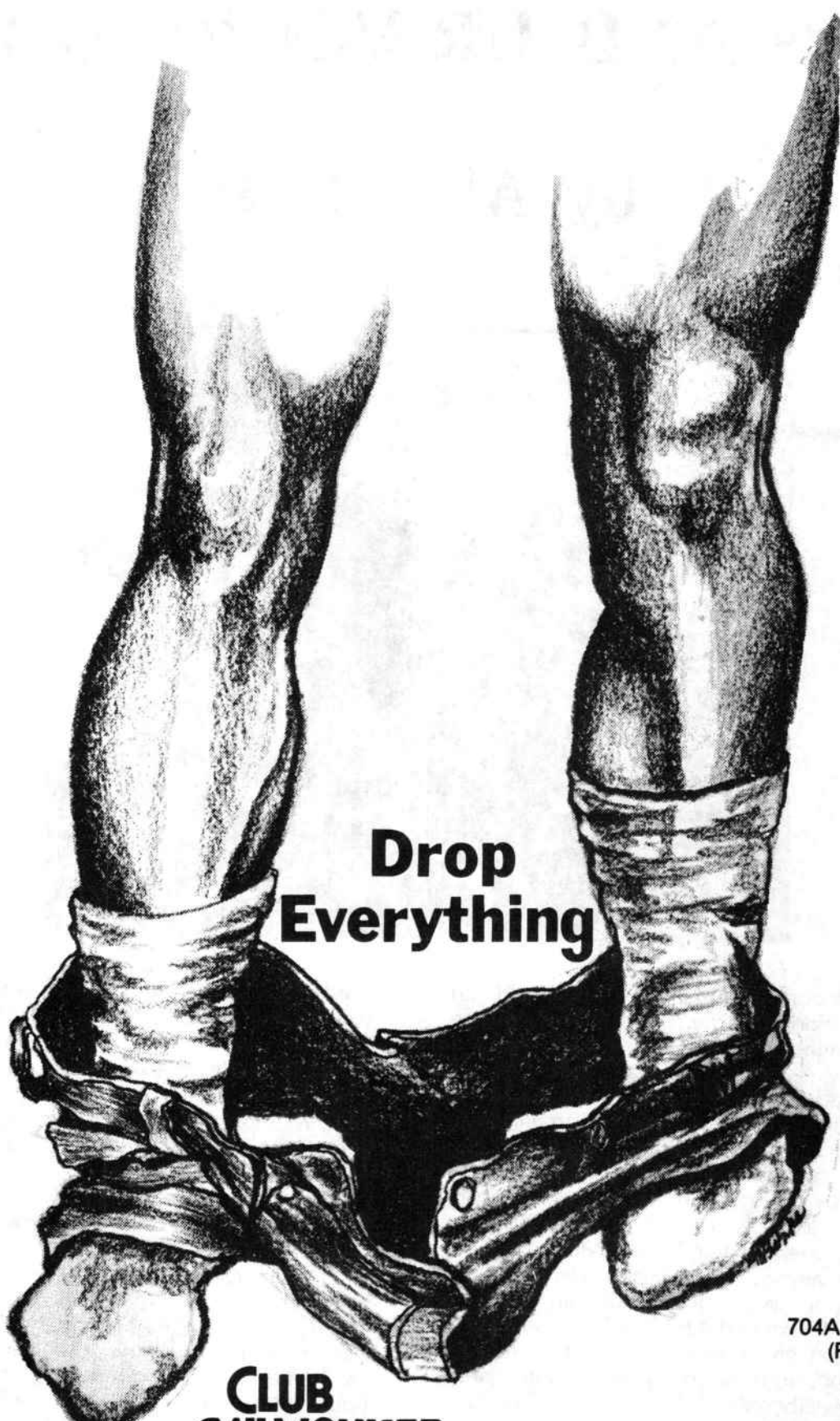
"The neighborhoods that blacks were made scapegoats for destroying, gays are now the scapegoats for fixing up," says Supervisor Harry Britt, who holds the seat of assassinated Harvey Milk.

Why would anyone be accused of (instead of praised for) fixing up delapidated buildings? Well, few people like to live in the mess, plaster, and sawdust, or the inconvenience of remodeling or restoration construction. So those living in the delapidated building are usually moved out, and feel that they were evicted. They must then move elsewhere; and, if they are black or some other minority group subjected to discrimination, there are few neighbor-

hoods where they will be welcomed. White flight could well occur in any neighborhood.

Supervisor Britt, however, believes that gays are not causing displacement. "No. People are being forced to move out of St. Louis, Detroit, Philadelphia, Memphis, or every other urban center in the United States, and it's not because of gay people. The gay community, for fairly complicated historical reasons, is perhaps more able to adapt to a difficult urban economy than some other minority groups."

"The alternative to gay people moving in is not necessarily nongay people staying there. It's urban blight," concluded Britt. Since many gay households have two males earning full male wages, or even two female wages (often lower), this means a total household income, for even middle class workers, bordering on that of the wealthy. Since most gay households do not have to support children, one can see that there is a greater percentage of the gay in-



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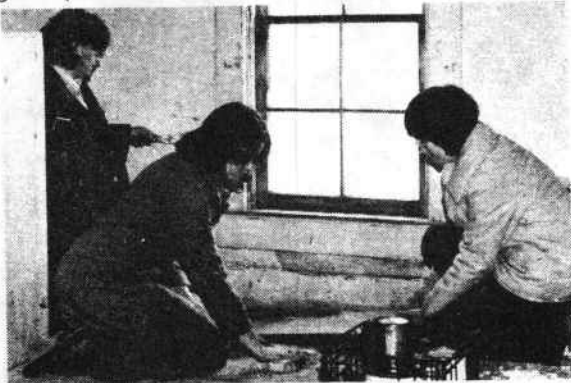
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come which can be spent on things other than the bare essentials. Some enterprising gays choose to expend their disposable income renovating old building. If you add to this the fact that there are up-



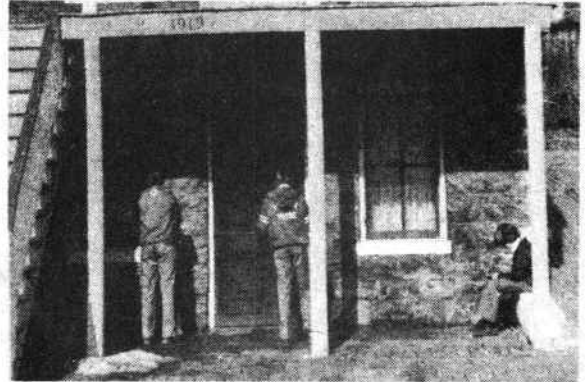
wards of 175,000 gays living in San Francisco, even a small percentage of that number can be a significant force in revitalizing the urban neighborhoods.

Allan Temko, architectural critic for the **San Francisco Chronicle**, thinks that an "unspoken resentment" against gays is growing. Many nongay persons are envious of the seeming affluence of gay people generally. "Some gay people have become entrepreneurs, in the same way that some Jewish people have become entrepreneurs, as a result of discrimination against Jews," adds Supervisor Britt. When nongays refuse to deal with gay people, then other gays have stepped into the void to serve their own people's needs. "Some of these entrepreneurs are very visible, giving rise to the stereotype of the rich, gay, real estate speculator. It's a false stereotype," warns Britt, "but the fact that the word 'gay' can be prefaced to the word 'speculator' indicates that it's still okay, even in San Francisco, to generalize negatively about gay people in a way that it's not okay to talk about black people or Italians or some other group."

There is another aspect of neighborhood change which feeds upon anti-gay feeling. "Does Castro Street really need a 25th bar?" asks David Scott of the Permit Appeals Board. As Castro Street became a gay-dominated area, it changed from the small "mom-and-pop" businesses such as food markets, cleaners, shoe repair shops until now it is full of art galleries, trendy boutiques, and 24 gay bars. What used to be a well-rounded range of conveniences within the area has now been reduced; and, as one might expect, some of those displaced business owners are resentful for having been driven out. The remaining original residents are outside the appeal of the new gay-oriented shops, and miss the convenience shops which they replaced. In addition, the presence of large numbers of open gays represents a sudden, and often drastic, change; so that it can be psychologically disturbing. Architect Herbert McLaughlin, however, contends that com-

mercialization is often not the problem which it is made out to be. Those who were bought out sold willingly - **and profitably**. "The real thing the neighbors are upset about is the fact that they can't find a parking space."

"The gay community is committed to San Francisco in a very special way because we do not really have the option of fleeing to the suburbs. The



suburbs don't want us," notes Supervisor Britt. He might expand that comment to say that whole towns and cities, not to mention states, are so openly hostile towards gays elsewhere in the U.S.A. that they drive out those gays who are too visible, or can't hide, or who refuse to hide. Many of the displaced migrate to larger urban centers where they are hidden by the general urban anonymity of the masses. But the "City by the Bay" has held a special attraction for gay people for years now, and their accumulation there surprises few knowledgeable observers these days. Another fact which might be added is that, with the present fuel crisis looming large, the suburbs cease to hold the attraction which they once did - for any persons, whether gay or nongay.



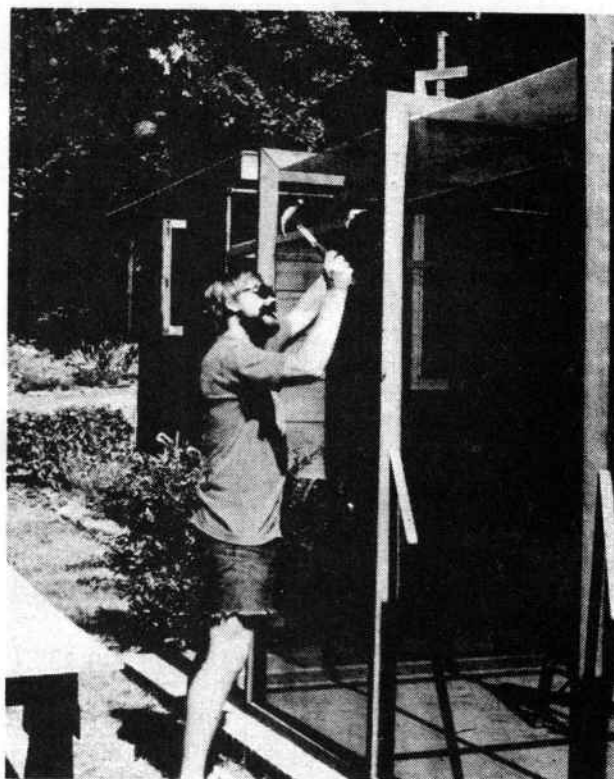
"Gays are even bolder about urban pioneering," adds architect McLaughlin, "because most of them are male and are willing to go into a neighborhood where a man and his wife or a man and his live-in girlfriend might not be willing to go." The gay adult men are not afraid to walk the night streets. They don't care if the schools are bad, since they have no children to send to them. Add to this the fact that

landlords often prefer the childless couple, since they will not tear property apart with destructive children. Further, some smart landlords also trust gay tastes, and will permit the gay couple to redecorate by covering cost of materials, thereby taking advantage of free labor which adds to the value of their own property.

When gays own a building, they do not want to see their hard work at rehabilitating destroyed by uncaring tenants or undisciplined children running wild. So gay landlords will often rent to just those persons or couples who share their own values, i.e. other gays. Thus former residents of the now-rehabilitated structures may not even be given the opportunity to move back into their former apartments. And, where they are given a chance, the rent has often been raised because of the rehabilitation costs and appreciation of the building. Once again, the extra income in the gay couples' households wins out.

Despite the negative reactions of some people, John Jacobs, Executive Director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, thinks that the revitalization trend is going to continue. He believes that "gays have been more responsible for the improvement of old neighborhoods than any other group in the city."

In summary, then, gay people have chosen or been compelled to choose the cities as a focus of their



lives. This can develop a ghetto-izing effect which encourages their own business people to serve the needs of gays exclusively. Because of the natural economic advantages of single people, who have a

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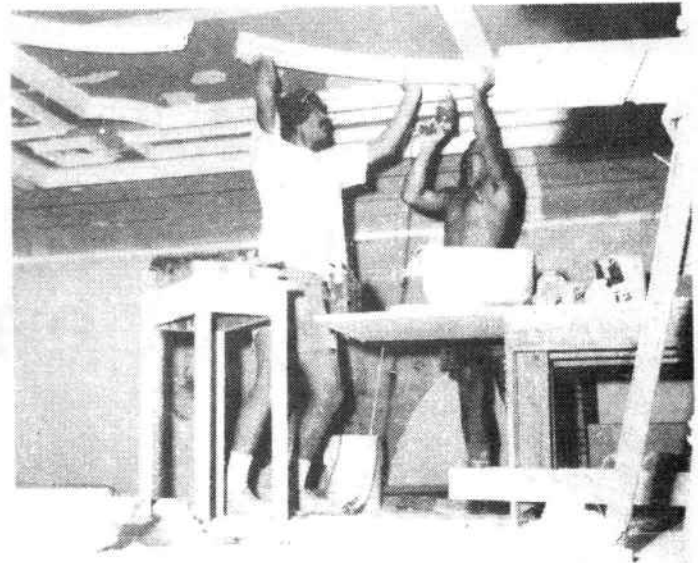
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greater percentage of disposable income for the nonessentials, as well as the added advantage of two-income couplings, gays often have both the money and the incentive to rehabilitate old and run-down buildings.

Given their lack of children and their responsibilities primarily to themselves, they have also been willing to venture into poorer, crime ridden, deteriorating areas in order to take advantage of the real estate bargains. With the aid of a real community spirit, a large enough area can be purchased and rehabed so that it can be made safe once again. Once having made the extra money from one such successful rehab venture, gays can then shelter their gains by reinvesting in another building either in the same



their own rights to even garner a backlash. It is a sad commentary on the Milwaukee gay community that many of its members are willing to sacrifice spontaneous comments, displays of affection, or other open expressions of their lifestyles for the lies or deceptions which they feel to be a guarantee of safe-

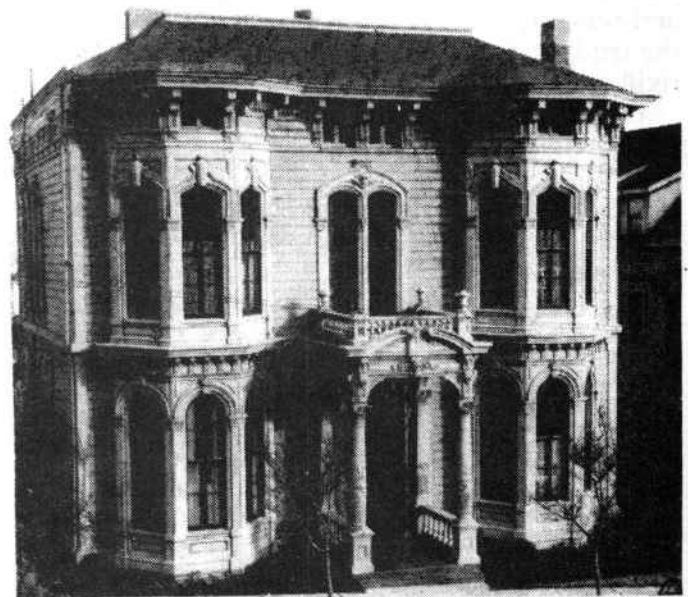


ty in their homes and security in their neighborhoods. Perhaps neither Milwaukee nor San Francisco is unique in the problems which their gay residents face, but their respective situations are surely as different as night and day.

area, or even in another neighborhood, thus initiating a new wave of revitalization, and a new wave of urban displacement. Those who are displaced, or envious of success, or hurt by these changes, then join the present and ongoing anti-gay backlash. Thus, in San Francisco at least, it seems that nothing fails like success. Too much success, far from changing the general public's homophobia, may even be fueling it.

How does Milwaukee compare to San Francisco in terms of the effect of gays rehabilitating neighborhoods? Since here there is only a small amount of effective gay community, there is no one area which has attracted a concentrated effort at urban rehabilitation on the part of gays. While I know gay homeowners in the Milwaukee suburbs, they are seldom identifiably gay to their neighbors. For some of these gay suburbanites, not only is gay activism too time-consuming, but they also view it as a threat to their personal comfort and suburban anonymity.

In a sense, the anti-gay attitudes which are prevalent in Milwaukee should not even be called a backlash. Here there has been too little push by gays for



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SADO-MASOCHISM -

LESBIAN STYLE

by donna martin

Human beings, it must be admitted by anyone at all reflective, are very strange creatures indeed. Unlike all others, for example, we - all of us - whether consciously aware of it or not, hold to some sort of system of morality. It's probably not very consistent, and, more often than not, rests on the shaky sands of emotion and the formative experience when family and religion(perhaps) were our chief influence; but the truth is that we all have very definite notions of right and wrong.

That these standards differ between people is something that most of us, and especially those in urban and media-saturated societies, are only too aware of. "Fine - **vive la difference**," say the sophisticated; but for those of us who are homosexual, the impact of the standards of the majority becomes, all too often, a painful barrier to the full expression of our minority orientation. For the fact is that most people draw the line somewhere: no matter how "worldly" they see themselves, there are usually some behaviors engaged in by others that they instinctively react against, that they see as being beyond their definition of what it means to be "human". And homosexuality is one of those categories of behavior or lifestyle which many of even the best-intentioned, most humane of the heterosexual majority find difficult, not simply to tolerate(that's relatively easy), but to feel comfortable, at ease, with.

I'm not about to speculate on the deep, subterranean origins of this situation, but for those brave enough to venture forth just a bit into this foggy

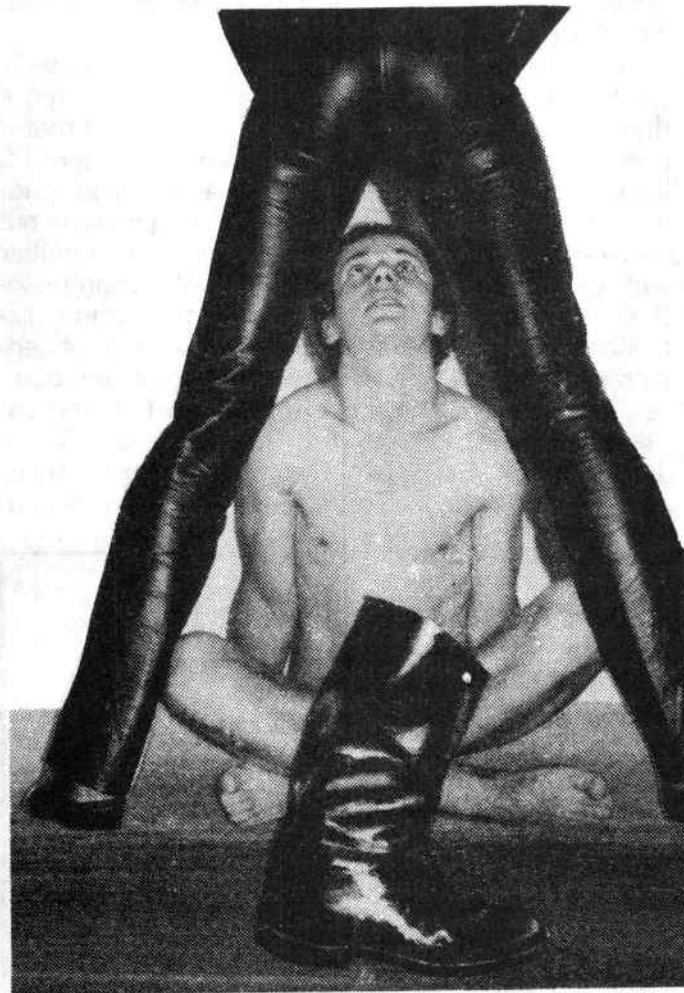
swamp, I would simply note that homophobia is but one of the many responses growing out of the highly charged area of sexual conduct. For whether subsumed under a religious perspective or not, the fact is that for all peoples this is a subject that provokes some of the strongest passions - be they of approval or condemnation. And, though as a group they have, through the ages, been variously segregated, slandered, and slaughtered, homosexuals, I've learned, are no less subject to sexual prejudices themselves than the population at large.

What recently and vividly reminded me of this once again was a visit with an old friend - settled in San Francisco for the past four years. Through a gradual process beginning with a lover here in Wisconsin, she came to realize that she really got off on the S and M scene. In her adopted city she found, over the years, others who share her minority/minority inclination. One thing that especially caught my attention was a recurring comment about some sexual experience that she was recounting, namely, that it was really wonderful-exciting, ecstatic.

Now, what am I, an ordinary garden variety "straight" lesbian to make of all this? Actually(as I see myself), I'm in fact not really just your typical lesbian, because although I behave that way, intellectually and sympathetically I'm a lot like(though not a clone of) one of Tennessee Williams' female characters. In the play, "Night of the Iguana," Hannah Jelkes asserts that she finds nothing that humans do to be categorically repulsive. At one point she remarks to Shannon, the failed priest, "Nothing

human disgusts me unless it's unkind, violent."

For me, the initial emotional reaction to some unusual behavior is generally much modified by a sympathetic emotional curiosity- ultimately motivated, I think, by a strong sense of wonder. Thus in response to my friend's revelation, I discovered myself saying to myself, "How is it that someone pretty much like me (raised in my very own culture) should feel comfortable with the kind of experience so incredibly different from anything I've known, and which most people consider abnormal?" I want to try to understand, so I press with questions, and get



answers- some answers. And though I don't feel that all the pieces are there, nor that they make for a coherent whole, I would like to share some of my friend's experiences, along with a few observations.

One useful approach for viewing lesbian S-M sex, a relatively new phenomenon, is to compare it to older and traditional types. The most widely known model, of course, is the heterosexual one. That it flourishes today is evident from an interview which I saw on Tom Snyder's "Tomorrow" show of some professional mistresses, as well as by a recent book, **A Sexual Profile of Men in Power**, which attests to the indulgence in S-M sex by some very powerful gentlemen at commercial establishments. The

actual scenario is known to anyone with even the most casual acquaintance with pornographic material. The male, de facto dominant in the real world, is here submissive, begging for humiliation and punishment; while the female, dominant as she rarely is in real life, is here the master and costumed in the invariable boots, whip, and scanty pants and bra (with perhaps mask and other accoutrements) - all generally in black and all intended to create an exciting syncretism of sex and cruelty.

The other major type is the gay male variety; its variations are many, and I have neither the space nor expertise to elaborate. As a reader of English culture and literature, however, I have been made aware of one rather strong bias among the gays of that country. It is epitomized by T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia), who elected to have himself regularly flogged by a lower-class male. Incidentally, this would seem in turn to be a variant of the more general pattern among British upper class and middle class men who seek out "rough trade" (i.e., lower class partners). This was, for instance, a common practice for Oscar Wilde. It is of interest to note the approximation of this practice with the heterosexual S-M scene where real-life roles are completely reversed. Role identities seem to be fixed at an early stage, and remain fixed; and accompanying these identities are the regalia of identification necessary for cruising. Though they differ to some extent from one place to another, they remain quite rigid within a given locale.

And now to my friend's experience. I'll refer to her as Chris. While still in Wisconsin, she was partially initiated by a lover considerably younger than herself. This young woman began by asking Chris whether certain acts with S-M flavor had any appeal for her. On reflection she had to admit that they did, and so they engaged in some mild experimentation. But after relocating to San Francisco, Chris reverted to "normal" lesbian activity which, for her, meant a great deal of emotional upheaval.

Perhaps partly out of disenchantment with these romantically high but also tumultuous affairs, Chris was drawn at different times to two S-M support groups, one exclusively lesbian, the other part of a larger heterosexual organization. Finally she found not just one, but a fair number of lesbians who shared her uncommon sexual interests. Subsequently she became involved in a number of S-M experiences. From her general remarks about her fellow enthusiasts, I learned two things of special interest. One was that many of these women were accomplished, educated, and hardworking. The second was that most appeared keenly sensitive to the real or potential opprobrium of their "straight" lesbian sisters because of their sexual preferences.

The general features of Chris' S-M experience emerged during my visit. None of her partners was

picked up in a bar(in fact, they do not much enjoy drinking at bars): Chris met them primarily through the support groups, through friends, or sometimes through group sex events. San Francisco has at least one bath-club which features an all-women's day. In short, there was generally some period of friendship preceding the sexual encounter. What also preceded it was a contract(oral) as to the general features to be included in the planned event: what each did and did not like, and who would assume which roles. Interestingly, not only are these roles **not** considered rigid, but the traditional terms are not even used: instead of "S"(or master) or "M"(or slave), the rather quaint and slightly humorous childlike phrases "tops" and "bottoms" are used, at least among these women. What also seems to modify the deadly seriousness of the traditional S-M scenes is the way Chris referred to her involvements as "playing".

As far as I could determine, much of the actual psychological dynamic and basic mechanics of the lesbian S-M scenario approximates the more traditional ones. The "top" is the director of the drama: it is she who ties up the "bottom", who wields the whip, who gradually tightens nipple clamps, etc.—who, in brief, watches and controls(with the permission of her partner) all the action.

The words "trust" and "power" were key motifs in Chris' attempt to explain/justify this behavior

which she knew was quite foreign to me. What I suspect is that she doesn't really have a well thought-out, coherent picture of why it appeals to her, why she finds it congenial—why, in short, an accentuation of the power plays of real life (distorted though they may be) should operate for her and her friends as an erotic stimulant. At one point she suggested that it was merely a learned response, which implies that it could be learned by anyone. Well. . .possibly. . .But obviously there's more to it than that, since when asked by her younger guide to the mysteries of S-M sex whether she'd ever had fantasies about it, Chris responded in the affirmative—while, I, for one, would certainly have not.

What seems from my perspective to be obvious is that one of the major features of any S-M experience that makes it so compelling for some people is that it is drama—indeed, that it is melodrama. And here I'll have to admit to being on somewhat shaky ground, for not only am I not a drama critic, I'm generally not much of a fan. Yet like everyone else, I'm familiar with the archtypical elements of the Victorian melodrama. Most notable is the concentration and distortion of character that begets a limited cast of very stereotypical types: sweet, innocent, imperiled damsel; mustachioed, hard-hearted villain (landlord or predatory male); kindhearted, but ineffectual family and friends. What is expected of the properly naive audience is reaction of strong, simple emotion;

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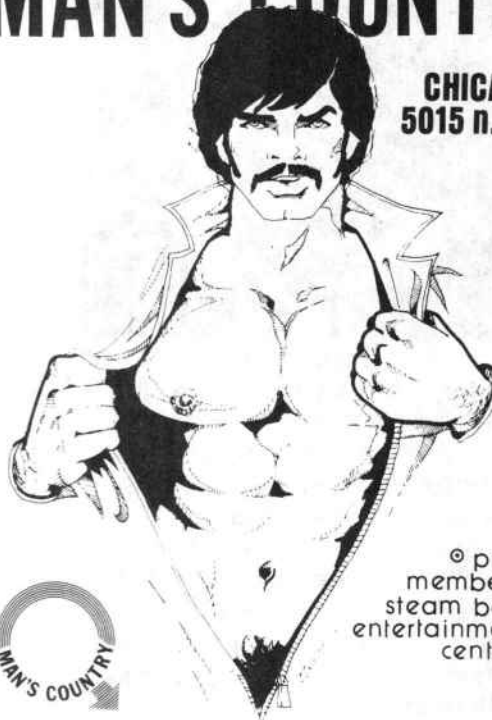
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Likewise, any S-M scenario is an evocation, but at the same time, a distortion of reality. What is important for its actors is not so much the degree of that relation (though they often attempt to win sympathizers by stressing just such a connection), but rather its high drama. The participants are no longer Mary and Jane, or Jack and Bill, or Claire and Richard—rather they have become beings representing/ embodying powers and forces that are, to use a hackneyed phrase, larger than life. In truth, these devotees are largely lifted out of themselves and their humdrum lives, while at the same time remaining in touch with some very profound and strongly compelling parts of their nature. The result of this "rarefied" drama are emotions of great intensity and purity.

Now I won't pretend to speak to the effect that the mix of eroticism and pain has on heightening physiological pleasure—my guess is that there is a mysterious kind of synergism. What I do feel more confident about are the psychological effects that this specialized application of a type of popular drama seems to have in escalating sexual pleasure.

The bare-bones drama of the S-M scenario functions, as we have seen, to filter out pretty effectively, not only the real world out there, but also the real world of complex human actuality; the resultant narrowed focus together with the inclusion of ritual, pain and potential danger is clearly conducive to increased emotional response. (One notes that there are other activities whose danger quotient must account for much of their attraction: dueling, car racing, hang gliding; jumping canyons and barrels on a motorcycle, etc.)

The other important factor that plays a role here, I believe, is that which Tripp in his book, **The Homosexual Matrix**, identifies as the necessary condition for intense sexual excitement—namely, sexual distancing. Where sexual partners are no longer relating to one another as real people, but rather as stereotyped roles, they have in effect created one another as strangers. With some hesitation I borrow the famous phrase from Coleridge to describe the mind set necessary for creating this island of unreality: "the suspension of disbelief." The point, however, is that, though it is a deliberate fabrication, it does work for some people: they are able to fashion a fantasy, place themselves in the starring roles, and, for a time, allow themselves to be caught up in a fiction predicated on their momentary assumption of foreignness, both to themselves and to each other.

In his book, **The Social Contract**, Robert Adrey has posited for the human creature three basic psychological necessities: identity, security, and excitement, the latter two often in conflict with one another.

It does seem to me that, until the diminished energies of ageing dampen us down, this quest for excitement strongly motivates the human race.

As we know, all sorts of stimuli are capable of triggering the state of greater joy in life (from gambling to hang gliding on the highly stimulative side, to stamp collecting and crocheting on the mildly stimulative side). But, in our culture, sexual activity has become not simply one of the more popular modes, but practically a prescriptive one, i.e. a necessary ingredient of the good life. Since the period near the end of the middle ages when romantic love came into its own through the invention of chivalry, in western cultures this has become the major method for inducing a particularly heady brand of sexual excitement.

As all of us who've done a little living know, none of the gifts of life comes unalloyed, each one exacting its price. My friend Chris was aware of this in opting for S-M sex. She had survived, intact, a series of trying "love" relationships, but came out of these feeling both debilitated and discouraged. So much hope and energy invested, as much misunderstanding and unhappiness the payoff.

Guessing that there might be a connection between her experienced erosion of the romantic ideal and her quest for the S-M experience, I tendered Chris an exploratory question. Could she, I wondered aloud, possibly have been in search of a substitute for the ecstasies of romantic/sexual love through this highly structured sort of sex? After a brief pause, she answered that, yes, such a subliminal rationale was probably important - that the quest for excitement, frustrated in one direction, had found an alternative avenue of satisfaction.

Chris, however, also admitted to continual discontent. What she would really like, as she remarked at one point, is a partner, a love-mate, who would be a clone of herself, i.e. one who would share her pleasures in the S-M scene, but also her other interests and delights. Speaking as a lesbian who keeps her ears open to what her sisters are saying, I can only add, "Welcome to the club."

For many, perhaps for a majority of those who prefer and seek out this often maligned offering of the sexual spectrum, early psychological trauma may be in fact the overriding cause. For some, however, and indeed for all not so handicapped, sado-masochism may simply offer a reasonable option among the other available possibilities.

What S-M offers is planned, predictable ecstasy. What it lacks is any necessary engagement of the heart, and thus also any necessary commitment to continuance. When the pleasure dissipates, what else is there? As I noted earlier, however, none of life's pleasures comes in the absence of a price tag. And Chris, I suggest, has it figured in pretty much the same way.

WAITING IN THE BAR

You've been waiting in the place all night,
And you suddenly think of all the bars you've been in,
All the nights you've waited, waited, waited,
All the faces, faces, faces you've inspected.

Earlier in the evening you had some laughs with a
Bunch of demented queens in from Frisco.
You've danced so much your body aches,
Aches the way your heart aches.
You had a joint in the boys room and it got
You high for a bit, a little bit.
You stepped into the back room for awhile
But you couldn't keep your erection;
It was all so absurd, like a Marx Brothers movie or Ionesco.
Some guy in a three-piece suit bought you a drink,
Patted your behind, told you you were cute.
You considered going home with him, but
Finally decided not to. What in God's name
Would you have to say to the good man in the morning?
You're horny, but not that horny;
You can always do what you do alone so many nights.
You might make it again with your ex-lover.
He just broke up with his latest lover
And he poured out his soul to you.
You held each other for a few moments and something
Passed between you both, some of the old fire.
Maybe you and he could pick up where you left off.
But, no, that was all so long ago. You were a baby then;
He was a baby; neither of you knew anything.
You're no longer the guy he once loved.
You're someone different, much different.
It's much too late to start over.



You decide to leave.
You blow a kiss to the witty old professor in the corner
Who never gives up trying to seduce you.
You look fondly one last time at the pretty bartender
You have a mild crush on. You walk towards the check room.
You don't want to come to this bar again, or any other bar.
You don't want to see the same old faces.
You don't want to hear the same old lines.

And then he walks in.

Walks in as proud as an oil-rich sheik.
And your heart stops.
You suddenly come back from the cold graveyard,
Come back to this smelly, obscene, warm wonderful earth.

He's got golden curly hair and you've always died for
Golden curly hair. He's got the body of a gymnast.
Eyes that are open and unfazed by the crueler complexities.
As you move toward this charmed lad
You know in your heart you
Will return to this bar on another night or to a
Bar like it for you are gay
And part of being gay
Means dreams, hope, faith, romanticism, the end of the
Troubled voyage, means lying in the arms of a beautiful boy,
Waking in the morning and looking into
His innocent, trusting face,
Which makes you young again,
Which makes you want to go on living, go on loving.



— Michael Swift



THE CLUB: A Women's Dance Bar

—Jae M. Latham

I

We are each other's weapon. . .
The eyes have it—
the damned stretch of night
leans elbow to elbow
on the bar with each of us,
whispers our fancies
into our ears and teases
our hopes, urges them to
one desperate catch of any roving eye
and one night, just this one,
not alone.

II

We are each other's weapon,
each other's victim. . .
I come to you
only a hot pick-up
from the mid-town
gay bar; still music
pumps my ear,
still your eyes
belong to anyone
across the room.
Mouth eyes and breasts
and going down
is a propriety,
politeness learned
in many beds
under tutelage
of many hands.
We are but lessons
one to the other
of graceful moves
in loveless passion.

III

We are each other's weapon,
each other's victim.
We are simply slain. . .
The glass sweats on the bar—
little wet ring of presence.
Her finger finds it, pauses
and then slowly smears
the circle into nothingness.
The pale light drinks it:
her eyes glint, then fade.
Her smile is smeared
across the night, weakly.
I grab my drink and
search the length of the bar
for just one woman, just one
small wet ring of presence.

IV

We are each other's weapon,
each other's victim.
We are simply slain,
die many little deaths. . .
The lady's plugged-in hips will seduce anyone.
Her teasing grind of promise courts
and she is frankly staring, luring
me into dim nights she claims to own.
I follow bone to bone, I sway, listen
through the music for excitement
in her presence, for sublime enticements
richer than the hips and grinds, reasons
to dance into her claiming night,
to longly stretch upon her bone to bone
and feel her fingers, lips and tongue so light,
so promising, that I may come to love
this lady of the bar, this dancing lady
teasing my heart to be always ready.

V

We are each other's weapon,
each other's victim.
We are simply slain
die many little deaths—
the pulse of our living.
The drained drink,
smooth-edged cubes,
quarrel in the corner,
thud of the bass,
twitch in the lights,
heel of my hand,
hollow of my throat. . .
The cloud of smoke,
flare of the match,
buzz of the phone,
eye of the monitor,
eye of the bartender,
the full glass. . .





COWARDS

IN A BRAVE NEW WORLD

by paul o'm. welles

I might as well tell you right off the bat that I knew from the very start something weird was going on, and so did my wife, Nancy. In fact, she noticed it before I did. No sooner had we gotten on the boat to go over to Mirabella, she said to me, "George," she said, "I think something's funny around here." I asked her what she meant, and she told me it was her woman's intuition. Of course, I poo-pooed her. I've been all over, even to Germany in the army, and I've never known any woman's intuition to be worth a damn. I have to admit now she was right. But it wasn't funny, no siree-bob. It was scary.

I'll give you a little background first. My wife and I, that's Nancy, live up near Saginaw where we run this country motel, mostly for quiet folk on summer vacations. Now, Nancy's interested in art and antiques and stuff like that, and we always had a lot of them homos come and stay. But, mind you, they were always polite and quiet and they spent money, so I never gave them much thought, just took their money with a nice smile and never said nothing.

Well, it gets mighty cold up there winters, you know, and last year we figured we had enough salted away we could get us a little place down around Florida for the winters. Not retire, a small motel, maybe, where we could do the same thing in the winters we do in the summers in Michigan. Nancy had heard a lot about Mirabella Island—seems it was just called plain Mirabella—from some of our guests, and we thought that if this Mirabella had the same

kind of people we were used to—you know, not a lot of those New York people, though I'm not prejudiced against any religion—we'd probably get along just fine in Mirabella.

So that's where we headed for, and that's where we were going when Nancy told me she thought something was funny. No so you'd notice, but after what Nancy said I realized the other people on the boat were all giving us fishy looks, as if we were foreigners or something. But Mirabella was only about a half hour by boat from shore; it had to be in the good old U.S. of A.

As soon as I started thinking about it I saw that most of the other people on the boat were men together or women together and there weren't too many kids. We didn't mind there not being many kids because on vacation they can get pretty rowdy like they do in Fort Lauderdale at Easter. But seeing the men, young ones, old ones, every kind sitting together, some even holding hands, and the women the same, made me wonder what we were getting in to. I should have smelled something when the man selling the boat tickets asked me if I was sure it was Mirabella we wanted to go to. And I should have known when he looked at my Nancy and me and smiled that odd smile and I saw his eyebrows go up and he said, "O.K., Mister" in that sarcastic voice.

Well, anyway, it was too late now to go back. The boat that took us over about four in the afternoon wouldn't come back until eight the next morning.

That was it: one round trip a day. I smiled at Nancy and told her not to worry, patted her hand, and gave her one of my confident looks. Then I leaned over and kissed her. You should have seen the heads swivel around to stare at us then, just like I'd farted in the sixth grade.

The rest of the trip over nothing happened. We decided to go up on deck and look at the scenery, watch the island come into view. I said nothing happened, but something had happened.



While we were sitting downstairs the crew had changed their clothes. There were only three of them, plus the captain who was driving in a little platform up front, but now, instead of blue-jeans and tee-shirts like they'd had on before, they wore only the skimpiest of bathing suits, like the bottom half of a gal's bikini.

Nancy, of course, pretended not to notice, but I sure did, and I also noticed two of the young men standing by the rail with their arms around each other's waists. I quickly steered Nancy to the other side of the boat, and for the rest of the trip we watched the water. When the island came in to view I must say it was the most beautiful sight I'd ever seen, exactly like a picture of some South Pacific island in a back issue of the National Geographic. As the boat got closer it became even better, lots of color like some Mediterranean sea-front in the movies, with nice, clean streets and buildings, a big white beach off to one side, and very attractive homes nestled up in the rolling hills above the main town.

It was really so beautiful in the late afternoon sun,

the town gleaming clean like a bunch of pearls on a green velvet cloth, that until the boat edged into the wharf I'd forgotten all about our problem on board the boat. But then it smacked us in the eyes. The boys on the boat were yelling to boys on the dock, waving, blowing kisses, and even the gals were waving back and forth between girl friends. You could tell from the names they called out, like a boy would yell, "Hey, Johnnie!" and a girl would yell, "Hey, Angela!"

And when the boat docked and the gangplank was tied down you wouldn't believe the hugs and kisses, boy to boy and girl to girl. They carried on something fierce, with lots of laughter and even a few tears of joy in their eyes here and there, like they were husbands and wives, for crissakes, who'd been apart for a couple of months or years overseas or something.

I grabbed our suitcases and said something to Nancy about getting the hell out of here and going to our hotel, and we went down the gangplank as if nothing unusual was happening around us at all. Then, at the bottom of the gangplank, there was this man who stopped us. He wore blue jeans and a matching shirt with the sleeves rolled up and a small badge over the pocket. He wore a baseball cap, too, with some kind of insignia pinned on it. I guess you'd have to call it a uniform, but he certainly didn't look like any cop I'd ever seen.

I'll say this for him; he was very courteous, and he kept calling me "Sir," but he acted sort of, you know, swishy, with one hand on his hip all the time and being very impatient with us as if we were stupid or something. What he wanted, first, was our I.D. This was O.K., but then he wanted to know why we had come to Mirabella, if we had a son or daughter living there, if we knew anybody.

I was getting pretty hot under the collar and Nancy, she didn't say one word. I explained that we were thinking of buying a motel or small lodge in Mirabella—I thought this would indicate we had money, plenty of it. —and at that the young man smiled and told us to wait right there.

He blew a whistle, and in a minute two more young men dressed exactly like him appeared and asked him if there was any trouble.

"I've got two heterosexuals," he said.

"Damn right," I snapped. "But it's none of your goddam business." I didn't like the way he said that word. The others looked very serious, staring at us as if we were bugs.

"I'm sorry, sir," one said, "you'll have to come with me." And they led us off to a shed at the land end of the dock.

I was good and mad by this time, and when they asked me to open our bags for inspection I refused, flat out. I was told I had no choice but to abide by the Customs regulations of Mirabella, that I would open our bags for inspection or have them confiscated under Customs seal until our departure. There was no arguing at that point, though let me tell you, I was just about ready to call Washington, D.C.

To make a long story short, they confiscated a copy

of Reader's Digest Nancy had and some prophylactics I had hidden in my shaving kit. They took away our wedding rings, promising to give them back when we left, advised us to register separately at the hotel, and cautioned us against any public display of affection, which they told us was severely frowned upon under the laws of Mirabella. At this point they offered to arrange for each of us to have a guide of our own sex who would stay with us during our visit, but we said no thank you, naturally.

When we finally got out of there our heads were reeling. Neither one of us had ever been treated that way, although I still say they were very polite, and we both felt like we were in some foreign country, or maybe like Alice in Wonderland where everything is upside down and backwards. I had enough sense to ask about a boat back to the mainland, just to be sure there wasn't one before morning. I even offered to charter one from a pair of boys who were washing down their Chris-Craft, but they only looked at us and laughed, saying something like, "We don't take hets."

Nancy and I had a little conference then and decided, once again, that we'd better make the best of it, although by then I think we both had already decided we would no longer consider buying a motel on Mirabella. Nancy said she was hungry, and we decided to check into the hotel which was just across sort of a plaza with palm trees, and then get something to eat.

The girl at the reception desk at the hotel certainly didn't seem very happy to see us. She disappeared right away and came back some minutes later with

another girl who looked like some snooty model on a magazine cover. She treated us snooty, I can vouch for that; in fact, at first she told us they didn't have any room for people like us, we could go sleep on the beach as far as she was concerned.

Fortunately, the first girl intervened and reminded her they had two singles left, one on the second, the other on the fourth floor, and without a word I had my greenbacks out on the counter where they could see my money was every bit as good as theirs. I signed in, "Mr. & Mrs. George Goodbody, Saginaw, Mich." and shoved the card to the gals. They both read it and broke out laughing like it was some big joke and then one of them, the snooty one, carefully tore it into little pieces and dropped them in a wastebasket.

She gave me another card and made me register as George Goodbody. She gave Nancy a card and made her register as Ms. Nancy Goodbody. And then, when I'd paid for both of us—again the funny look exchanged—they gave us our keys. I asked them if there was a good restaurant around, and they told me there was one a couple of blocks away that they thought might take people like us.

By now, Nancy was incensed, and I knew it would be a long time before I heard the end of this one. A girl took our bags up, and we trailed along behind, like in a regular hotel, but when we got to Nancy's room, she asked which suitcase stayed there and which one went up to the fourth floor. Our stuff was mostly mixed up, of course, so I just took out my shaving kit and told Nancy to keep both suitcases; she could get my pajamas out later and give them to

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me when we got back from dinner. The girl kept looking at Nancy, and I figured out she was waiting for a tip, so I told her I'd take care of it when we got up to my room.

I tried to make small talk with the girl bell-hop on the way up to my room, but she wouldn't even reply one single word. I gave her her tip which she took with a snort like I was a cheapskate, and then I went into the bathroom to get washed up. I must say the room was elegant, beautifully furnished and decorated, and the bathroom was like a movie star's, all mirrors and chrome with lots of big fat towels. It had a sun lamp to dry off under when you got out of the shower, lights around the mirror that made you look younger, and one of those flexible shower heads that pulsates all over you. It was a far cry from our place in Saginaw.

As I was going back down to Nancy's floor there were three young men in the elevator who looked very nice and we even exchanged friendly smiles and a pleasant "Good evening." No sooner had the doors closed, though, than one of them had his hand on the front of my pants, and he said something like "Hey, I dig mature types, I really do. How about it? Any plans for the night?" I admit I was too shocked to answer and too busy shoving his hand away, making a fist to smash his face in with my right. He got the point before I had to hit him, lucky for him.

"What are you, anyway," he asked, "some fucking het?"

In the nick of time the elevator stopped and the

doors opened on Nancy's floor. To be sure, I didn't tell Nancy what had happened in the elevator. As if nothing out of the ordinary were going on, I picked Nancy up and we went down for dinner. In the lobby I noticed the boy on the elevator off to one side with some friends, pointing at me and Nancy, and I could hear them snickering at us. I asked the desk clerk, not the snooty one, for the name of the restaurant, and she went away, letting us cool our heels under the scrutiny of the guy on the elevator and his friends. Finally she returned and very reluctantly told me the name of the restaurant, L'Escargot, and how to get there.

The walk to the restaurant was, if I'd been able to appreciate it, one of the nicest three or four blocks anywhere. The street was immaculately clean and well lighted, and the store windows were full of beautiful clothes and things. Nancy was so taken by the store windows, we dawdled along until I realized there were some young men coming up behind us. Now I'm not afraid of one living soul, but I know when there is a nasty situation developing it's not very smart to hang around. I grabbed Nancy's arm and shoved her along. Lucky, L'Escargot was only a few doors farther.

Again, when we came in, everybody turned to stare at us, and I thought the maitre d' was frostier than most, but he was polite and showed us to a table off to one side. This place, too, was what I'd call ritzy, and when the menu finally came I was surprised the prices were so reasonable. We ordered cock-

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tails—I always take a manhattan or two, and Nancy one daiquiri—and then we began what turned out to be a very long wait.

Have you ever tried to catch a waiter's eye when he didn't want to see you? Well, this was twice as bad, and when the drinks came they had even started to get warm. I ordered the lamb chops, and Nancy ordered the chicken casserole, and when these finally came they had started to get cold. Worse, someone in the kitchen had obviously spilled salt on the plates, right on our food, and if we hadn't been so hungry it would have been inedible. We wanted to send it back, but we couldn't get the waiter's attention, I decided I was damned if I'd give him a good tip.

We thought we'd go someplace else for coffee. Nancy had noticed a nice cafe along the beach somewhere, and when we got the check and paid it, we took off, arm in arm, determined not to let this miserable treatment we were getting get us down. Nancy pointed out that it was a beautiful night with a moon nearly full, and the breeze off the ocean was like being touched all over your face by the softest, warmest fur imaginable. I don't much care for moons or furs, but I realized my responsibility to Nancy. I even told her that after we went back to our rooms not to worry, that I'd sneak back down to hers and we'd be together.

Right then there was a loud whistle, and another man, dressed like the customs men, came over to us.

"Just what do you two think you're doing?" he asked, and then we remembered we weren't supposed to be walking arm in arm. I took my arm away from Nancy, but I guess this fellow had frightened her and she hung on to me. "You hets think you own the world, don't you?" he asked. This man wasn't as polite as the others. In fact, he was exactly like a cop I saw in Detroit once threatening some negroes who'd been bopping along the sidewalk like they owned it.

I knew what the negroes' mistake had been, and I called the man "Officer" and apologized, assuring him we wouldn't let it happen again. He made all the usual threats about running us in, but I knew that by being nice to him he'd let us off. He did, but when he

left he told us to go straight back to the hotel and not to let him catch us out on the streets again.

Nobody pushes me, George Goodbody, around like that, and I was damned if I'd go back to the hotel right away, but Nancy pointed out that we were both tired, and we agreed to call it a night. I got off the elevator with Nancy, figuring I had every right to, and we walked down the hall, past two boys who were standing there in front of God and everybody, kissing and fondling each other. They didn't even stop when we walked by, ignoring them. That was bad, but the worst was yet to come. We went around the corner of the hall to Nancy's room and there, scrawled on her dorr in dripping white paint, were the words, "HETS GO HOME!"

Then and there I said to hell with my shaving kit, I'd stay with Nancy. We went into her room, and shut the door with those filthy words behind us. Nancy's room was even better than mine. It was equipped with a dimmer switch for the lights and had a balcony overlooking the small harbor. The moon was coming in, and before long we'd forgotten our troubles and Nancy was making what I call romantic movements towards me, talking quietly, letting her lips brush along my face.

What happened next was perfectly natural, and we were soon down to our underwear, me in my boxers and Nancy in her bra and panties. We kissed a couple of times, and then Nancy suggested we move out onto the balcony, that no one could see us.

But they did. We weren't out there two minutes before a flood light came on in the street below, there were more police whistles, sounds of people running, and in another few seconds loud pounding on the door. We barely had time to get dressed.

They had to drag me out of there fighting. One of them knew judo or karate or something, and although I put up one hell of a fight, I had to admit when I was licked. In fact, they never landed a punch, but I got in a couple of good swift kicks before it was over.

And I wound up in jail. It was the nicest jail I'd ever seen, though, of course, the only ones I'd seen were on TV. It had a good bunk with clean sheets and a blanket and a pillow, a can with some privacy



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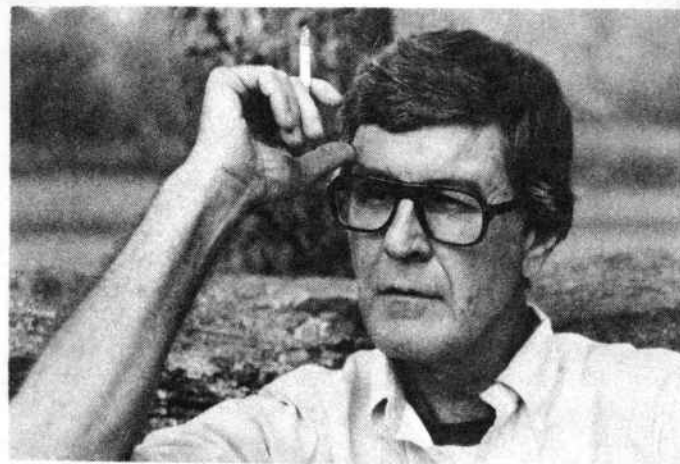
behind a bright-colored shower curtain, a desk, a lamp, a chair, magazines, books, and some writing paper and a pen. I got to keep my clothes, and since I always carry the 14 carat gold Papermate Nancy gave me I didn't need their pen. The sink had hot water, but I noticed none of the books was a Gideon, and that kind of surprised me.

As far as I could tell there wasn't anybody else in the whole jail, even though it wasn't very big. They told me if I was considering suicide they'd send someone in to talk with me, but if not, sweet dreams. I spent most of the night writing a letter to the President of the United States, at least until I fell asleep.

They woke me up in the morning to tell me Nancy was there with our suitcases and we had five minutes to catch the boat. I was so happy to see Nancy safe and sound I almost forgot to ask her if she had my shaving kit. They gave us back our wedding rings, and, as if we'd ever think of it, they asked us not to come back to Mirabella again.

Everybody on the boat ignored us until we got in sight of the mainland. By then the captain and crew had gotten back into proper clothing and the necking had stopped, and people were shaping up once again, acting like decent human beings. It seemed, then, like we were fitting back in, as if we were waking up from some queer dream. As we got off the boat some of those people even had the nerve to smile and wave good-bye to us.

Nancy and me, we'll never forget Mirabella. It was so beautiful and clean; proves you can't tell a book by its cover, or something.



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HERE & THERE

San Diego, CA—Sue Kirk & Laurie MacKenzie of the Feminist Counseling Component of San Diego's Center for Women's Studies and Services feel that it is essential to the continued delivery of their services that they attend a conference of the American Othopsychiatric association this spring in Toronto. But neither they nor the CWSS have money for the fare. Contributions in any denomination are welcome, and may be sent to: CWSS, 908 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Contributions are tax-deductible, and should be made payable to CWSS and marked "for conference." For further information contact CWSS at (714) 233-8984.

Press Release

Philadelphia, PA—Gay authors and researchers are seeking materials for a forthcoming book on ethnicity and gayness. Persons interested in submitting an essay, or in being interviewed for the book are asked to send name, address, and phone number to J.R. DeMarco, Box 15784, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Press Release

San Francisco, CA—A new journal has been launched here, and its primary focus is on lesbian and gay hotel, restaurant, and bar employees. Its name is **Dishrag**, and its first issue was distributed during the October 14 National March on Washington. For information, write: **Dishrag**, Box 11735, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Press Release

Chicago, IL—Lambda Resource Center for the Blind has formed. Among the services are cassette and braille materials and a quarterly cassette magazine. For details contact by letter, braille, or tape LRCB, Box 1319, Chicago, IL 60690 or phone (312) 274-0511 or (312) 929-4357.

Press Release

Somerset, UK—Former magistrate Cyril Waldron committed suicide rather than face trial for a homosexual offense. Waldron, who was dead in his car with a length of hose running from the exhaust, had been accused of "indecent assault" on a minor.

Gay News (London)

Wales, UK—"It was a sight not to be missed," observed the **Methodist Reporter**, "ministers and laymen leaving the Cardiff and Swansea District Synod with complimentary copies of **Gay News** tucked under their arms (or partly concealed under their coats)."

Gay News (London)

London, UK—Gay Switchboard's flatshare service is in trouble because too few persons are offering to share their homes through Switchboard, while about 400 new people wanting to share an apartment are registering each month.

Gay News (London)

Knoxville, TN—The Tennessee Court of Appeals has issued a ruling stating that gay parents should not be granted custody of their children. The ruling, issued in a Roane County divorce case by Judge James Parrott, has been hailed as the first and most absolute of its kind in the nation.

Gay Community News

San Francisco, CA—**Mother Jones** magazine reports that rape victims in Washington are routinely given lie detector tests. At least 60% of the women forced to take the test fail it, and at least one woman has been charged with giving false information as the result of a polygraph test. When the woman requested that the suspect charged with the rape be given the test, she was told that this would violate his constitutional rights.

Mother Jones

Charlestown, WV—Police officials here have charged that officials at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley (WV) refused for three hours to examine a ten-year-old boy who had been sexually assaulted. They explained that doctors refused to even examine the boy "because he was a male and they didn't want to get involved in court proceedings." A Mullens resident, Richard Cain, 26, is in jail, charged with assault in the incident.

Gay Community News

New York, NY—Don Imus, a WNBC radio personality, has been fired. The reason for his termination is that he announced that Speedy Alka-Seltzer and the Pillsbury Doughboy had come out of the closet and admitted that they were lovers.

These Times

Sacramento, CA—The Fair Political Practices Commission is investigating Proposition 6 again. This time contributions to either "California Defend Our Children" or "Citizens for Decency and Morality", both anti-gay groups, are being investigated for possible mishandling of funds.

San Diego Update

Pope Air Force Base, NC—The U.S. Air Force has dismissed Captain Robert Coronado, 32, from the service because of his homosexuality. Announcement of his dismissal came after a jury of five fellow officers found him guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer for engaging in sexual activity with another man.

The Blade

Philadelphia, PA—The Gay Community Center of Philadelphia entered its fifth year in October with a pot-luck supper and celebration. The center is located at 326 Kater Street. Its mailing address is Box 15748, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Kater Street

GIRL TALK

by robert patrick

Most Women's Lib writing about men falls into the category of masochistic wishful thinking.

Like most movements that can't find any one unifying thing to be *for*, Lib has found something to be *against*: men.

Only it's not *real* men but some dumb abstraction called MAN!

This MAN is a murderous cannibalistic rapist stalking the Earth (and now Space) performing sublimated sexual acts with guns, spears, rockets, and factory smokestacks. Occasionally, in desperation, he will even use his phallus on another human being for sex.

He *sounds* like something out of a Ken Russell movie, a berserk patriarchal psychopath scourging his way through a smoking landscape having Freudian encounters with hallucinations.

In fact, he's just the old Hemingway/Heathcliffe/James Bond stereotype which frightened men have always had as their nightmare/ideal: the great gross guy Everyman fears finding on the other side, and/or wishes/fears he might-be/might-not-be/is.

In other words, these wailing women are projecting and encouraging the same role-model for men that their mothers and grandmothers did when reading and writing romantic novels.

Every man is terribly flattered by this image of himself and dreams of living up to it (or living *with* it).

In order to blame this mad Man for all humanity's hassles, Woman must cast *herself* diametrically opposite: if He is aggressive, She is passive; if He seeks power, She wants none; if He is sexual, She is chaste.

This leaves *Her* back in the same old role, too: a blues-singer in a pismire. That's hardly a *productive* stance.

If women *really* want to see something of Man's nature, they might come down to Man's Country and check out the all-male environments of the bars and baths.

Hundreds of guys standing in their playclothes around the edges of bars, each hoping somebody else will make the first move, *hardly* suggest uncontrollable aggression.

Thousands of guys in backrooms and baths having orgiastic sex *hardly* constitutes Freudian sublimation.

Millions of gays failing to march or vote for their rights *hardly* suggests power-madness.

Billions of guys rushing as fast as they can into alcohol or cocaine for escape from workaday existence *hardly* shows that they are otherwise living in throbbing fantasies.

And the shrieking, fashion-mastered mobs of disco-clones *hardly* resemble an army of marching Heathcliffes.

Of *course* men kill and rape people and the environment and the economy, but they *don't* do it for sexual fulfillment.

They do it for *actual* money and *actual* safety out of fear and ignorance and greed, and the attempt to sex-up such sad and sick activity can only make it more attractive and prolong it.

Study after study of rape concludes that rapists are not after sex but a show of power—but those are sick degraded outcast men with nothing else to show them they exist. It's *sick* sex.

The fact is women don't *have* to rape men because men's sexual triggers are simpler and more obvious. Women only have to cinch their waists, paint their lips red, point their breasts and spread their cheeks and they have men—provided they stay away from gay men.

That's rape, too, but it's not against the law, and little girls are doing it from twelve or younger nowadays.

The claim that men hate women because they want to sleep with them is nothing but good old Judaeo-Christian sex-hatred projected onto the male of a species which is almost unique in having a year-round sex drive. Other animals have it only periodically. Male human beings walk around in a 365-day erotic daze. All things considered, they are proportionately *less* murderous, *less* rapacious, and *less* possessive than other mammalian males.

Many Women's Lib writers will in one article make the bold statement that men are *by nature* ravaging robots and should all be extinguished, and then turn right around and *chastise* men for being like that, saying they could change if they only would.

Well, one or the other, kids, one or the other.

The fact is that most of these writers

reveal *themselves* to be power-mad, insane, murderous man-hating, sex-obsessed robots. Most men, *and* most women, aren't.

But these women *know* this, or they'd never dare print these unending insults, slanders, and challenges under their own names.

Most men never rape, rob, or kill anyone in their lives. Those who do, do it mostly in the raging paranoid cycles of war (when women send their sons off smiling) or out of the depths of poverty. Women tend to prostitute themselves instead of committing robbery.

People, male or female, who rape, kill, or rob when they *do not* have to are a problem to *everyone*. Even with democratic modern bombardment, still more men are killed in war than women, and probably as many men are raped (even by men) as are women, in prisons by physical force or in bars and baths by social force.

Here's a difference between men and women: I think men are more game-oriented than women and will often fall into murderous, brutal, rapacious, destructive patterns just to compete with other guys for some prize, even if the prize seems valueless to those outside the game. How's that for a starting-point?

Maybe men could be—until their consciousnesses can be raised above the automatic level—talked into competing to see who can be most moral and positive.

This game-playing, automatic-pilot aspect of men is what I find most depressing—it's what I think makes even the most intelligent and talented men into dishonest, destructive, negligent zombies (which I admit we mostly are).

But if the only game you give a guilt-ridden guy to play is Attila the Hun, he'll do it, babe. Oh, yes he will. In bars, battlefields, boardrooms and (you should be so lucky) bedrooms. Of course, I'm willing to take Him off your hands. Attila? *Hon?*

Robert Patrick is the author of many gay plays, including **Mercy Drop and Other Plays**, which is available from Calamus Press, 121 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10003.

HERE & THERE

Bridgeport, CT—Mary Collins, a 13-year veteran of the police force, returned to duty in September following a sex-change operation. The former Chester Collins spent most of her years in the police patrol division. The new Mary Collins will be assigned to central records. Police Supt. Joseph Walsh said: "Walsh has been an excellent officer and he (sic) is entitled to return to duty if he (sic) wishes."

Gay Community News

Stockholm, Sweden—The World Health Organization still lists homosexuality as a sickness, but gays in Sweden are doing something about it. Special days of action have been organized, when gays throughout Sweden are urged to telephone their places of work to report that they are sick and to request "sick-pay."

Gay News (London)

Philadelphia, PA—Giovanni's Room, this city's nonsexist gay and feminist bookstore, held an autograph party and wine-and-cheese reception on November 10 for Sally Gearhart, feminist author of **The Wanderground**. On November 17, the bookstore sponsored an autograph party for Joan E. Biren, self-published photographer of **Eye to Eye: Portraits of Lesbians**. Following the autograph party there was an exhibit of her photographs and a reception with wine and cheese. Giovanni's Room is located at 12th and Pine Streets.

Kater Street

Madison, NJ—Amazon Autumn III, the third annual New Jersey Lesbian Fall Festival, was held on November 10 at Fairleigh-Dickinson University in Madison. The conference featured a variety of workshops on social, political, and economic aspects of lesbian lifestyles, and ended with an evening dance.

Press Release

Washington, DC—The D.C. Human Rights Commission, in a preliminary decision, has ruled that Mr. Henry's Restaurant violated the city's anti-discrimination law in 1975 when it refused to serve a gay male couple because the two men were holding hands. The decision ends a case which has caused much division in the local gay community over how gays should conduct themselves in public. The restaurant is patronized overwhelmingly by gays.

The Blade

Las Vegas, NV—A \$2.3 million gay resort is rising in the desert on a 7½ acre site behind the Tropicana in Las Vegas. Called The Galliard, it will open sometime in January. A membership system has been established through a Bank Trust Department, and, before the end of 1980, ground will be broken on its second phase, a 250-room hotel and casino.

San Diego Update

FT Lauderdale, FL—Friends of Dorothy, a new gay company, has just "come out" with a line of gay greeting cards. The series includes holiday cards and gay pride messages. The cards retail for \$6.00 per box of 10 assorted cards, and are available to gay organizations at substantial discounts for fund-raising projects. For information write: Friends of Dorothy, Box 11618, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339.

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA—Mayor Bradley, addressing a recent NOW convention, told delegates that he had been invited to visit the Pope that day. Instead, he chose to meet with the women's rights group. "I want you to know that I have my priorities straight," he announced at the meeting.

San Diego Update

Los Angeles, CA—The premiere issue of **TenPercent**, America's first university-funded gay news-magazine, was published in November at the University of California-Los Angeles. The magazine's initial funding comes from the UCLA associated students' Communications Board. For subscription and advertising information write **TenPercent**, 112 Kerckhoff Hall, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024 or phone (213) 825-2787.

Press Release

Manchester, NH—A Hillsborough County jury has found Joseph Lister guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the murder of a gay man five years ago. But authorities will have to find Lister first. He escaped from police custody last September.

Gay Community News

Birmingham, UK—Money has been steadily flowing in since the Birmingham Gay Community Centre launched its financial appeal to purchase new premises. The donations have already broken the \$20,000 barrier. Facilities for disco and other entertainment, as well as social services, are planned for the new facility.

Gay News (London)

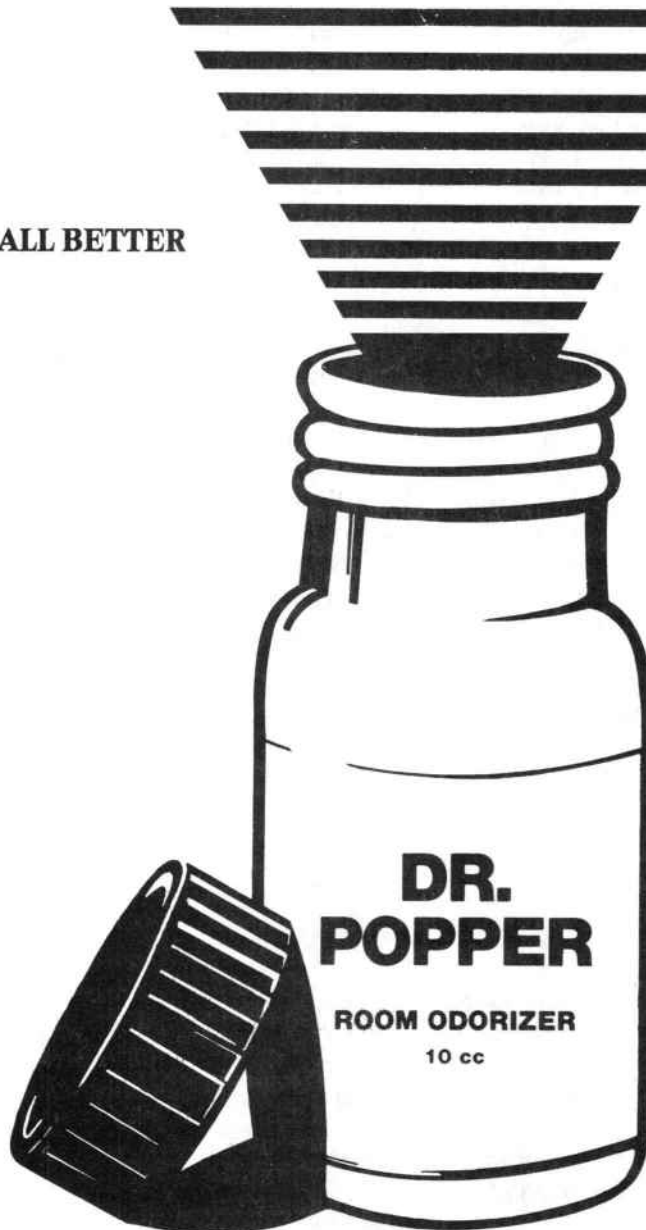
Washington, DC—Five popular DC nightclubs have been charged with racial discrimination by the DC Office of Human Rights. The clubs named are The Elan, the Apple-tree, the Plum Discotheque, the Phase One, and the predominately gay Lost and Found. "If conciliation fails," said OHR Director Anita Shelton, "and there is still probable cause to believe they are discriminating, the cases will be sent to the Commission on Human Rights for immediate adjudication."

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HERE & THERE

Boston, MA—As part of a programming effort at raising funds, WGBH-TV (Channel 2) aired three programs of interest to gays in August. One was the docu-drama, **The Naked Civil Servant**, on the life of Quentin Crisp; the second the film, **Word Is Out**; and the third an interview of Crisp by Dick Cavett.

Gay Community News

Washington, DC—Washington Police Chief Burtell M. Jefferson has announced the appointment of First District Police Capt. Gary L. Albrecht as police liaison to the gay community. The decision was reached after Jefferson held a series of meetings with representatives of the Gay Activists Alliance.

Press Release

Nashua, NH—A federal judge has ruled that a New Hampshire school board violated the First Amendment when it banned **Ms** magazine from the Nashua High School Library. Judge Shane Divine has ordered the school board to replace back issues and to resubscribe to the magazine. The school board had contended that **Ms** was "obscene" because it contained information on birth control, sex, and lesbian relationships.

Big Mama Rag

Cincinnati, OH—A gay swimming party, the final event in the city's Gay Pride Week celebration, came to an abrupt end when a group of about 40 gay swimmers was attacked by a larger crowd of hecklers. The attack came only minutes after a police officer assigned to the scene had departed because his shift had ended.

Gaylife

Toronto, ONT—More than 600 feminists and male supporters gathered here in September for the founding meeting of the Feminist Party of Canada.

Body Politic

Miami, FL—**Time** magazine, which has featured gay life in America on the covers of three of its issues in the past several years, has refused a conservative ad for **Alive** magazine, published in Miami. A letter signed by the secretary of the "Copy Acceptance Committee" to the editor of **Alive** notes that "Your advertisement... has been reviewed, and we regret to tell you that it will not be accepted for publication."

Gay Community News

San Diego, CA—The first issue of **Androgyny Review**, a quarterly magazine devoted to "androgyny and left/right brain studies," appeared in September. Interested persons may contact the publication at P.O. Box 7429, San Diego, CA 92107.

Press Release

Boston, MA—Prominent gay businessperson Dick Greenleaf, owner of the Green Leaf Florists in Boston's South End, won the \$1 million Massachusetts State Lottery in September. Greenleaf announced that he did not intend to stop working.

Gay Community News

Orlando, CA—Gay Social Services (GSS), a new nonprofit tax-exempt group, has initiated a series of programs to support gay Floridians and to foster communications and understanding with the heterosexual community. For additional information, write GSS, Box 4355, Winter Park, FL 32793 or call (305) 843-2750.

Press Release

Windsor, ONT—The Human Rights Committee of Local 195 of the United Auto Workers has urged the Ontario Ministry of Labour to add "sexual orientation" and "political beliefs" as prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Body Politic

San Diego, CA—Faculty members from the prestigious Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco have opened a clinic in San Diego called the Clinical Institute for Human Relationships. The CIHR staff will offer a wide range of counseling services specializing in human sexuality.

San Diego Update

Croydon, UK—Ronald Leighton, jailed in 1972 at the age of 15 for strangling a gay man in a fit of homophobia, is back in jail. He was sentenced to 14 months for causing "grievous bodily harm" to his own children, three-month-old twins.

Gay News (London)

Salem, OR—A survey conducted by the state of Oregon has found that 65% of those responding would have no objections to working on the job for a gay manager. Only 7% were certain that they would feel uncomfortable working for a gay person.

San Diego Update

San Jose, CA—The Executive Board of the California State Democratic Central Committee, which held its convention here in July, has issued a statement in support of gay caucuses and of affirmative action programs for minorities.

Mom, Guess What

Eire, Ireland—Professor Louis Smith, a leading Irish political economist, has warned that married women who go out to work run the risk of "developing lesbian tendencies." Irish feminists and lesbians greeted the professor's admonition with a mixture of scorn, outrage, and genuine amusement.

Gay News (London)

Sunderland, UK—John Ward, who acted as a lure for a gang which preyed on gays in a popular cruising area, has been jailed for three years.

Gay News (London)

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REVIEW

Male Model: The World Behind the Camera by Charles Hix with Michael Taylor, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1979, \$12.95.

Reviewed by Thomas Vinew

In the seventies, male modeling became a multi-million dollar business. As more and more men stared down at us from billboards and magazine layouts, it became more and more obvious that our images of maleness were changing. As in the world of fashion, so also in the world of modeling, gays and their tastes certainly had a lot to do with this shift.



Charles Hix, author of the best-selling **Looking Good: A Guide for Men and Dressing Right**, has written a weekly newspaper column on men's fashion syndicated by United Features. Michael Taylor, a professional model in New York and Los Angeles, has appeared in scores of magazines; and, as an actor, has appeared in **Bewitched, Cannon, Phyllis, and Welcome Back, Kotter**. The two men have here combined forces to offer a full perspective of the modeling career.



What makes a man want to be a model? What steps are necessary in planning such a career? Ending with the inexorable spectre of aging and forced retirement, Hix lets the two-dimensional images of the printed page spring to live as real persons.

The book's eight chapters deal with "sizing up" (reflecting on a possible career), breaking in, start-



ing out, catching on, breezing along, basic black (use of black models), dream lovers (nude shooting), and a summary chapter followed by an index of names and subjects.

This book is not a sensationalized expose, but a serious and candid study. In its refusal to offer any full frontal nudes, it may strike the reader as a bit overly prudent; but it does succeed in surveying the career of one model, and in summarizing career opportunities within the profession.

There is a brief interview with Jack Wrangler in the next-to-last chapter, where we learn (if we did not already know) that most nude



models in the gay slicks are not themselves gay. Wrangler quite honestly advises the serious model to avoid any of these slicks. "There are a lot of companies, film companies as well, especially when commercials are involved, that won't hire you if you have done nude modeling, whether it was for **Playgirl** or **Playboy** or whatever."

How male modeling will develop in the future is anyone's guess. For those interested, for whatever reasons, in its present, this well written study is a must.

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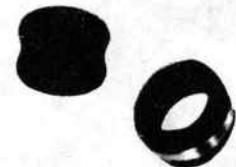
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REVIEW

Gay Talk by Bruce Rodgers. Paragon Books, New York, (G.P. Putnam's Sons), 1979. Paper, \$4.95.

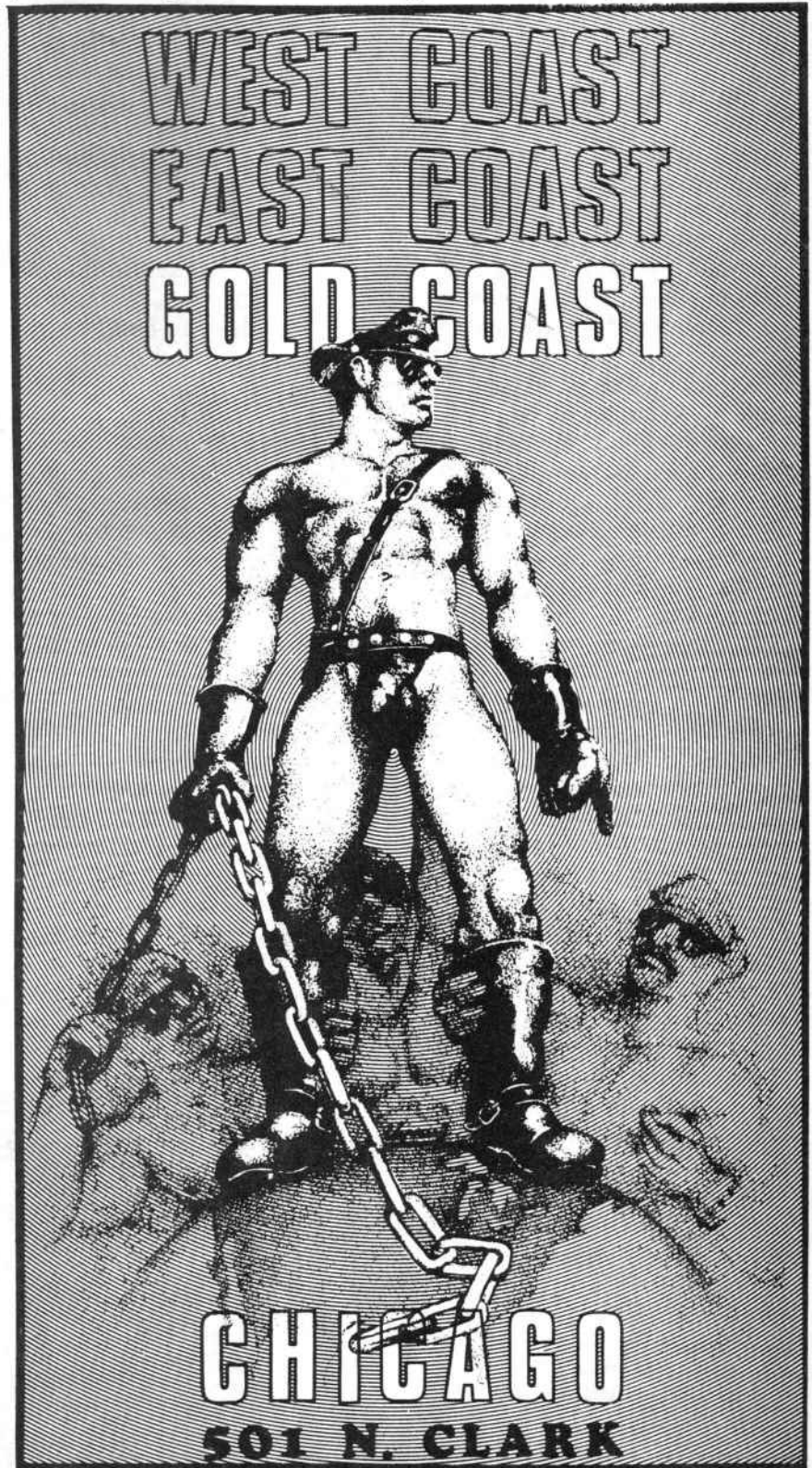
This is an unaltered reprint of **The Queen's Vernacular**, originally published in 1972 by Straight Arrow Books. Its over 12,000 entries provide pronunciation keys, derivations, etymologies, and regional paraphrases and slang—not to mention thousands of examples intended to clarify gay slang. Its reappearance is a welcome one, as it is an important historical document. One may rightly question the publisher's marketing strategies. The title (new) **Gay Talk** appears on the cover in boldest of bold, followed (in type so small that one needs a magnifying glass to read it) by "Formerly entitled **The Queen's Vernacular**." Those with the necessary magnifying glass who are able to discern the original title may then be curious to know whether this is a new edition or a simple reprint: that it is the latter will be learned by looking at the single sentence which so identified it, which is found in small type facing the frontispiece. One may well want to know how misleading packaging can become before we reach the line separating crafty marketing from misrepresentation, but that question is best left here to the reader.

Two other points in the debit column. First, the slang usages were collected by the author through the early sixties; so many are now dated, and new slang expressions are of course not represented. Secondly, the etymologies in the book are sometimes highly speculative. The author was at his best (in the sixties) documenting (then) contemporary usage, at his worst tracing lineage and etymology.

On the positive side, **The**

Queen's Vernacular is plain fun: a thesaurus of campy and cutting witticisms, sometimes outrageous but always enjoyable. If you don't already own the original, then this

re-issue is surely worth the cost; and, since the original is now out of print, it is certainly good to have it in a new printing—shady packaging notwithstanding.



REVIEW

Now That You Know—What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, New York and London, 1979. \$8.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice

The authors have written extensively for journals about being a parent of a gay child. Betty Fairchild, whose son is gay and who is one of the founders of the Parents of Gays organizations which have many chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, lives in Denver. Nancy Hayward, whose daughter is gay, lives in Baltimore.

Now That You Know is an upbeat guide for parents who will learn that they are not alone, but are among 20 to 40 million such parents throughout the United States. The book summarizes how contemporary experts define and understand homosexuality, why it develops, and what it means to the parents of a gay person. The authors advise on how to respond to one's children when they first confide their homosexuality, how to assist them, whom to turn to for help, how to reconcile homosexuality with religious persuasions, and in what ways homosexuality can affect the child's career.

Since both authors have been active in founding and working with Parents of Gays chapters, the book is more than a set of sympathetic prescriptions, and contains many stories about and letters from real people with whom they have dealt. Many of these have consented to have their real names used; and, in other cases, first names only are cited, but in all cases the authors assure us that the materials are genuine.

The information on homosexuality which is provided contains nothing which is startling or new. It is a simple summary of the present state-of-the-art in sex research,

clearly and concisely written and directed to parents less interested in scientific niceties but urgently in need of reliable general information on which to base their own quest for knowledge and understanding. Coming out, as the auth-



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ors note, has a twofold aspect. First, the gay child must face the pain and indecision in making his/her "secret" known to the parents. It is at this time when parental support and understanding is most needed by the child. Secondly, once parents and child(ren) have attained some measure of a liveable and workable self understanding, there is the matter of **coming out as a family unit** to relative and close familial friends. This is an aspect of the family dynamics that is rarely treated, but it is of equal importance, since this is the point where support and understanding from the child(ren) are most needed by the parents. Here is also where the Parents of Gays organizations (dealt with in some detail in the closing chapter) can provide much-needed support and personal information.

One the issue of gay children "making their way in the world" (Chapter 5), the authors reach a

compromise between optimism and pessimism. They counsel parents that, notwithstanding the great advances made by and for gay liberation in the political and social arenas, their children may none the less expect, and should be prepared for, discrimination, intolerance, and bigotry. The problems will vary depending on their professions, lifestyles, where and how they choose to live, and their own self-expectations. For some the going will be rough indeed, whereas for others it will be much less so. A similar compromise is reached in the matter of gay couplings. The authors lean toward the claim that most gays (especially women) would be happier with a permanent lover, and this claim is based on their own experiences with gays, but they do not make this generalization normative. The problem, being intimately connected to lifestyle, is best left in the hands of the gay child himself/herself.

There is one hiatus in the book, which in my opinion, is serious enough to merit some attention. An underlying assumption, though one which does not surface often, is that the parents will be gaining understanding and insight which, to some degree or another, is already possessed by their gay child(ren). This assumes both that the gay child(ren) will be active in their gayness and that s/he-they will be in touch to some degree with current trends in gay liberation. It is an optimistic assumption about contemporary gays and their own self-liberation, too optimistic

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perhaps. How many gay persons have I met at bars and baths who are endowed with a deadly ignorance of who and what they are, and who are virtually untouched by the gay liberation movement itself. Sexual contacts aside, many gays, I suspect, are about as much in contact with their gayness as Anita Bryant is with gayness in general.

The upshot of this, I suspect, is that, after a parent has gained insight and understanding about what it means to be gay, in at least some instances the next task at hand is to pass some of this information on to the child(ren). One just cannot assume that the major task is that of the parents getting to understand the child. Often enough the child must get to know him/herself, and the parent(s) can assist in this self-knowledge greatly. One might argue, I suppose, that, if the child were not already somewhat "liberated", s/he would not have come out to the parents in any case. Perhaps this is so, perhaps not; but whether it should be so is another question. Moreover, despite the assumptions that many gays make about their parents being "out of touch", I suspect that in many instances parents are called upon to come to grips with their children's homosexuality long before the children come out, if they ever do. A situation where the parent knows that the child is gay, but where the child does not know that the parent knows, is one where both parties are in need of liberating knowledge and sympathetic understanding.

The above point has little to do with the book itself, but rather questions to whom its advice and information should be directed. In many instances, I suspect, there ought to be two copies of the book in the household—one for the child(ren) no one for the parent(s). This is too bad in a way: that many gays themselves can profit much from the advice and information about which the authors provide is a testimony both to the richness of the book, and to the extent to which

gay liberation itself has failed to reach the gay community at large. It comes down to the important insight that, in the family situation, gay liberation is everybody's business: parents and children, gays and nongays.



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Ms. Fairchild and Ms. Hayward have produced a book which can only be described as "beautiful." Above all it is a readable sounding board for the dozens of gays and their parents whom the authors have interviewed and known. Their stories cover the gamut of experiences, from the deepest despair to the unexpected joys which parents have found in coping with their children's gayness.

[Editor's note: **Now That You Know** is a principal selection of the Lambda Book Club. See ad elsewhere in this issue.]

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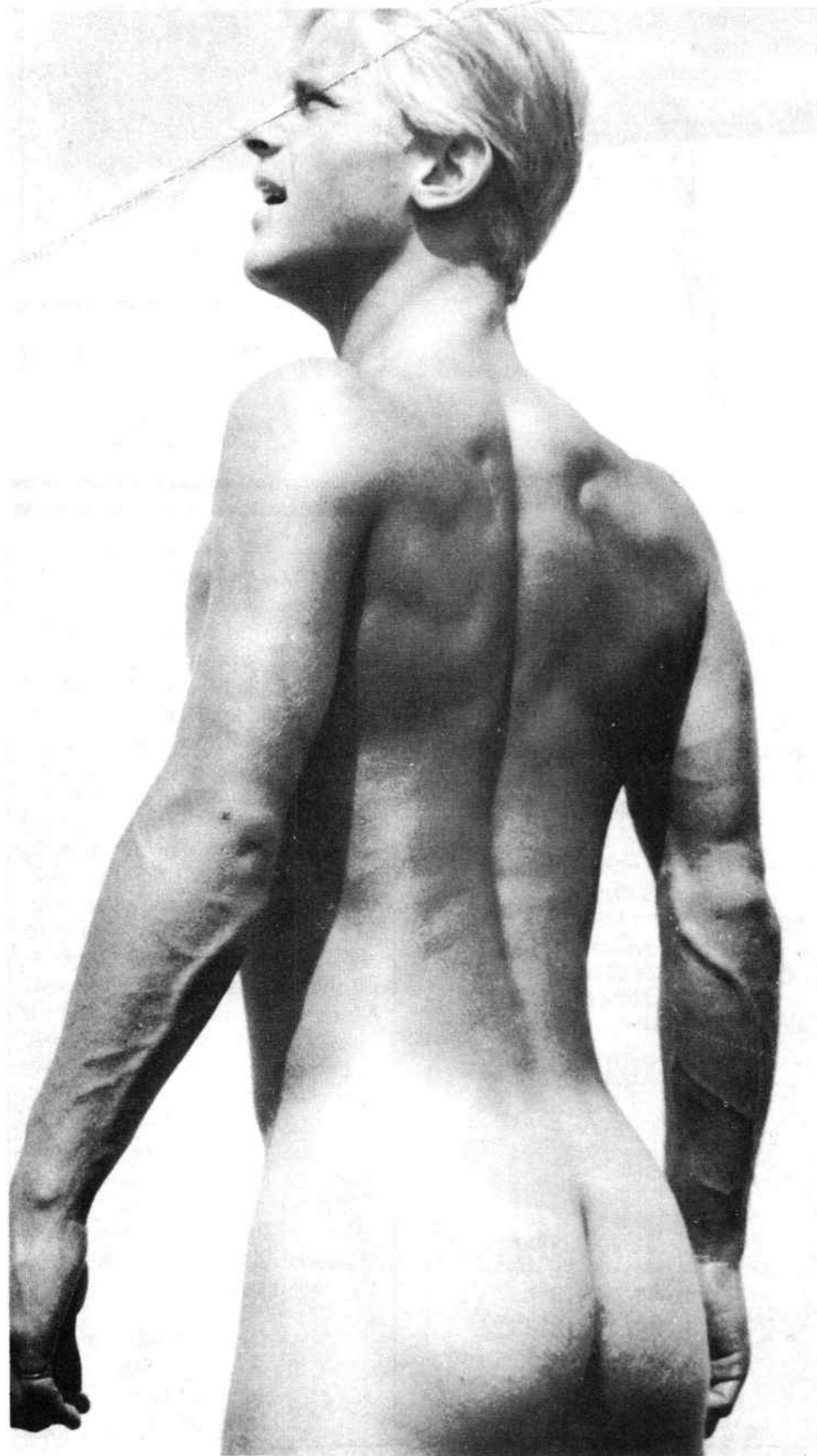
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December 25

Merry Christmas!

Mattachine(Chicago) Christmas Dinner at Don Shaw's and Jerry Pence's, Phone (312) 337-2424 for information.



December 26

Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.

December 27

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.
Mattachine(Chicago) Annual Holiday Party, 100 E. Ohio St., 7:30 until ???
Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

December 29

SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College Avenue.

December 30

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay AA(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.

December 31

New Year's Eve

Ball Game(Milwaukee) New Year's Eve Party.
Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(Elgin, IL) New Year's Eve Party, 5628 Santa Cruz, Hanover Park, \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, RSVP only, See Directory for FVGA listing.

Most Milwaukee bars will be having New Year's Eve festivities. Calendar listings were not available at press time.

January 1

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January 2

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.
Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.

January 3

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

January 5

Gay Teens(Milwaukee) Meeting, 1-3 p.m., UWM Union E-301.
 SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College Avenue.

January 6

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
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 Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
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 Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
 GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in "Top Hat."

January 7

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Business Meeting and Election of Officers, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, See Update article in this issue.
 Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

January 8

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

January 9

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.
 Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
 Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

January 10

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Coalition(Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

January 12

Dignity(Milwaukee) Gay Roller Skating Party, 7:30 p.m., St. Pius, North 74th and Wright Streets, \$4 admission fee includes skate rental, Tickets may be purchased at the door, OPEN TO ALL.
 SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College Avenue.

January 13

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
 MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
 Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell

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 Gay AA(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., Christopher Reeves in "Superman."

January 14

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

January 15

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

January 16

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.

Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
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 Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

January 17

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Coalition(Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.
 United(Madison) Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Location to be announced, Contact the United(see Directory) for information.

January 19

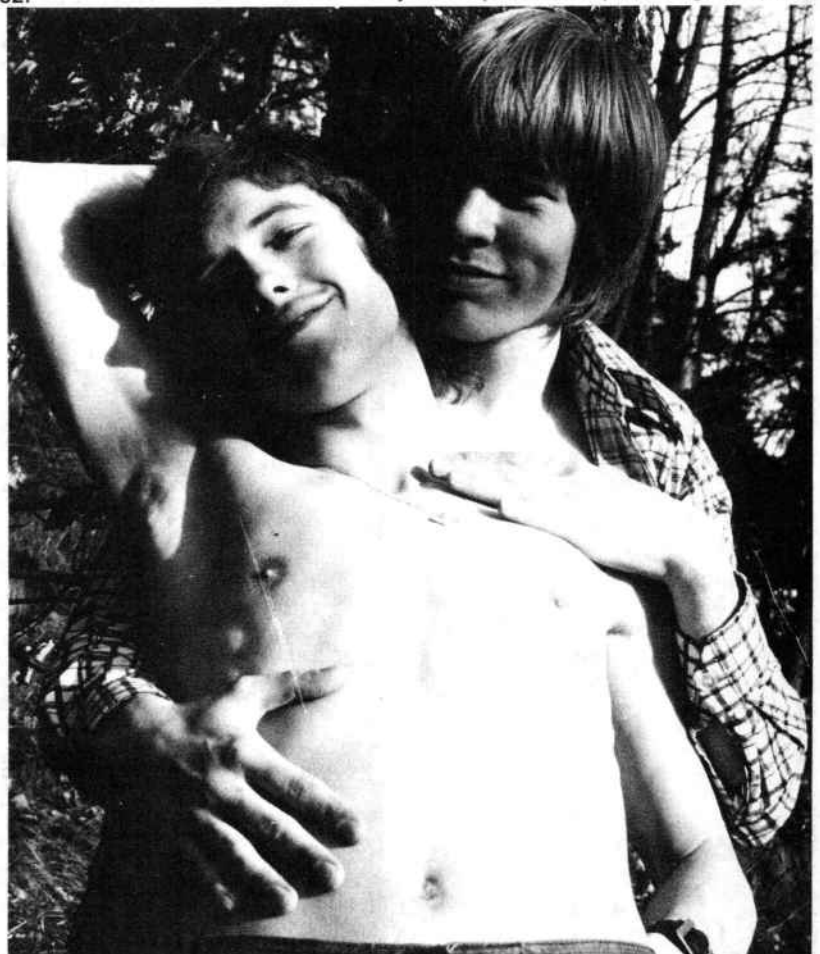
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 Coalition(Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m.,
 Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape vic-
 tims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Avenue.

January 26

SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 7 p.m.,
 Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College
 Avenue.
 United(Madison) Cocktail Benefit and Art
 Show, Reservations required, Phone (608)
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Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506

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 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10
 p.m., Walt Disney's "Pinocchio."

January 28

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Lesbian Support Groups

Group discussions for lesbians, lesbian facilitators, Phone 271-4610.

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 North Jackson.

Metropolitan Community Church

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Milwaukee Health Department

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841 N. Broadway, Room 110

Phone: 278-3631

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Silver Star Motorcycle Club

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UWM Gay Community

Phone: (414) 963-6555.

Office: Student Union E-364.

Service, support, & friendship. Write Union Box 251, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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Clergy for Community Dialogue

Box 229, Madison, WI 53701. For information phone (608) 255-8093.

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Renaissance of Madison, Inc.

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Gay Students Assn./Oshkosh

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Gays United of the Quad Cities

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VD Testing & Treatment for Gays

Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, 2205 North Halsted Street, Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Phone (312) 871-5777 for information.

IOWA

Gays United of the Quad Cities

See GUQC listing for Illinois.

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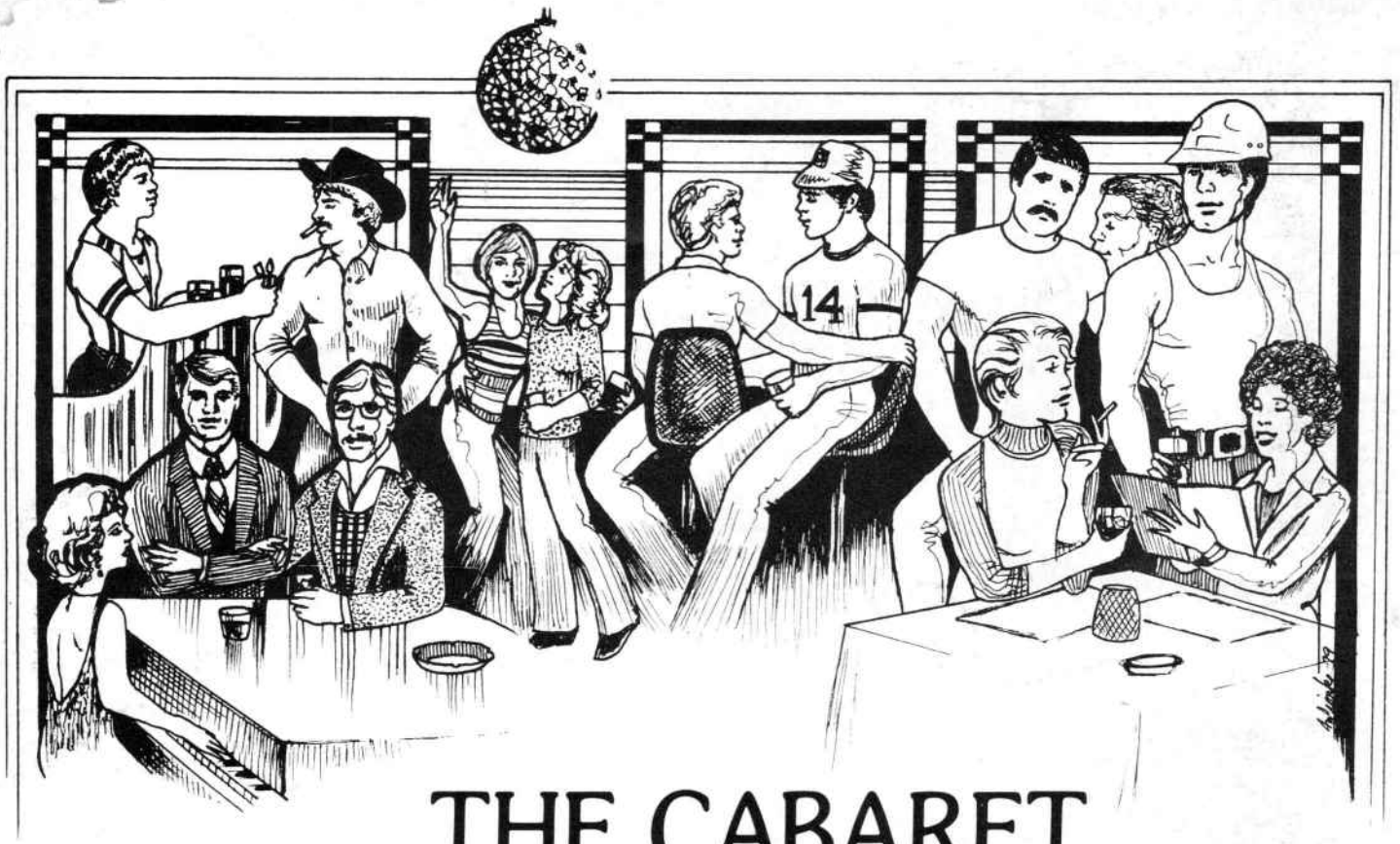
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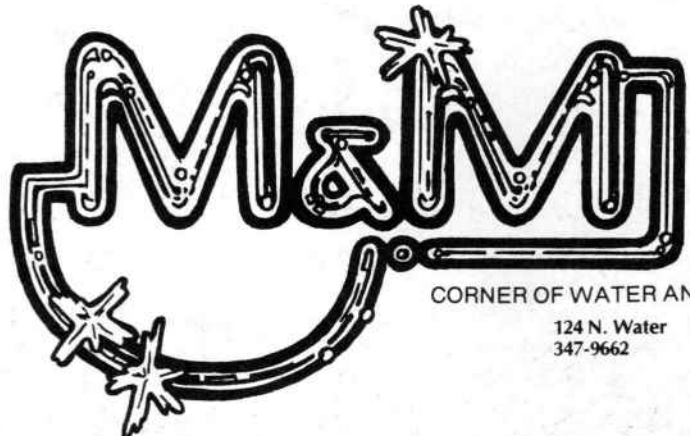
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