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why we're still around
and growing.
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about you,
and we put everything
we've got into making
our place
special enough to be

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SEA IN SAN DIEGO

San Diego, CA—Almost 14,000 San Diegans are receiving a letter from fundamentalist minister Ivan Sisk asking them to donate \$50 or \$100 in order "to fight gay rights", according to **San Diego Update**. The San Diego Evangelical Association (SEA), of which Sisk is the Executive Director, claims to have spent almost \$6,000 on the fund appeal, which is supposed to spearhead a "statewide campaign for moral decency".

Sisk's letter claims that gays want "abolition" of the nuclear family, "abolish the existing judicial system", "an immediate end

COST CHARGES

Baltimore, MD—The Committee of Singled-Out Taxpayers (COST) charges that millions of Americans are presently discriminated against by the Internal Revenue laws. According to COST, two bills currently before the House Ways and Means Committee could bring some relief.

HR. 108 would lower tax rates for single taxpayers to the same rates as those currently paid by married persons. It would also eliminate the "marriage penalty" from married couples who both have incomes, thus removing tax-rate discrimination from both singles and working couples.

HR. 871 would permit tenants to take a deduction for that portion of their rent which goes to pay property taxes and interest on their rental unit (either house or apartment).

COST claims that "these particular bills are of special interest to the gay community, since the overwhelming majority of gays are single and are renters." The organization is urging gay citizens to write their legislators in Washington to support the bills. For further information, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to COST, Box 1797, Baltimore, MD 21203.

to the fascist police force", and an "end to institutional religions". Sisk goes on to claim that gays "want to make our children fair game for degenerates", and blames "the philosophy of permissiveness" for spreading child molestation "throughout other levels of our society". Sisk is the first believer to date to suggest that gays are teaching nongays to molest children, and he is also the first

MBA AID PROGRAM

Chicago, IL—A technical assistance program to aid gay groups and businesses in meeting government regulatory requirements has been inaugurated by Chicago's Metropolitan Business Association. The program was begun in response to suggestions that the MBA undertake to check on businesses' compliance with fire and health code standards and also to assist them with technical advice on other matters.

MBA President Chuck Renslow noted, "If approached by an organization or business, the MBA is now prepared to aid the group or business in meeting government requirements that may apply to it in areas of fire safety, sanitation, liquor regulation, taxes, and some other areas." Assistance will be offered by MBA members who have special knowledge and by outside experts from government and the private sector who will consult on an informal basis. "We think this will be an appropriate and feasible program for the MBA to conduct in order to help meet real community needs," Renslow added. "It should help organizations to avoid running afoul of liquor regulations, for instance, while carrying out their activities. At the same time, it avoids placing the MBA in a position of trying to "police" member or nonmember businesses, which would not be within the Association's purposes."

fundamentalist to have the honesty to advocate "the fascist police force".

Following a bitter attack on nude beaches, the letter closes by advising that "Your contribution will help the SEA inform others about California's statewide campaign for moral decency". This closing line is designed to confuse the reader as to whether the money is being collected for an educational campaign or a political campaign. That question should not be asked in any case, since nowhere does Sisk promise or even suggest that there will be an open accounting of how the money is spent or where it goes.

NAIAD PRESS

Weatherby Lake, MO—The women at Naiad Press have begun work on the third edition of **The Lesbian in Literature**, a bibliography whose second edition was published in 1975. Naiad needs two women to work as research assistants, and hopes to publish the new edition in 1980. For more information contact the Naiad Press, 7800 Westside Drive, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152; or phone (816) 741-2283.

DISCO-MANIA

New York, NY—Associated Press writer Jay Sharbutt recently did an article on the disco scene, which included his impressions of New York's Studio 54, the famous disco for the elite.

Sharbutt reports: "Millions of people are dancing now, waving their arms and legs to this boom-chack-a-boom music. Lots of young guys who apparently can't get dates have resorted to dancing with other young guys."

Come on, now, Jay: it just might be possible that the other young guys are their dates.

CV MAIL CAMPAIGN

Washington, DC—"Christian Voice", a newly formed lobby focusing on so-called "moral issues" has begun a vigorous direct-mail campaign aimed at expansion of membership base from the presently claimed 100,000. Their aim is to generate letters to Congress on the gay rights issue, and reach five million "christians" before year's end.

In two separate mailings, CV cites "godless militant gays" as a major and serious threat. In their first mailing they address the issue of gay teachers. "I am rushing you this urgent letter because the children in your neighborhood are in danger. How would you feel tomorrow if your child. . . was taught by a practicing homosexual? Homosexuals recently won a major victory in California and Seattle, and this means that now **homosexual teachers are allowed to openly advocate their 'lifestyle' to these children.** . . I'm sure you can see the danger".

Their second letter focuses on their efforts to lobby legislation which will outlaw "immoral programs" on public television. "I'm mad, outraged, and disgusted. . . and I know you feel the same way about the sex, godlessness, homosexuality, drugs, and violence shown on television". They cite several television episodes which positively portray gays, including the made-for-television movie, "A Question of Love," which was sympathetic to lesbian mothers.

Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Steve Endean said, "CV's extensive direct mail campaign demonstrates that their previous statements about their funding and their intention to reach out to millions was no idle threat. While many may be able to dismiss them as "righteous kooks", their ability to generate letters must be taken seriously. Too often people who are committed to civil rights and social justice depend on the

fact that they have 'truth and justice' on their side while reactionaries know how to get to their people in the district. Members of Congress pay a great deal of attention to the views of their constituents."

Endean added: "While CV is busily reaching out to people that share their views from all over the country, identifying supporters in every Congressional district, and raising the funding necessary to

ABA MEETING

Los Angeles, CA—A strong effort to inject gay rights into the publishing industry was made at the annual convention of the American Booksellers Association at the end of May. A gay caucus established itself as an ongoing force, giving as its primary functions: To combat homophobia among ABA members and in the publishing industry, to foster an awareness of gay books and their market, and to encourage gay publishing.

The first project, introduced by the Steering Committee, is an anti-discrimination resolution to be put before the general membership and the Board of Directors in 1980. Other projects include a booth at ABA's next convention in Chicago, explaining gay books to general booksellers, a consortium of gay booksellers enabling them to purchase remaindered books from publishers, and a source to which publishers may come for answers to gay-related questions.

Priorities for these and other projects will be determined by vote this summer, and work will begin immediately thereafter.

Charles Gilman of the Walt Whitman Bookshop in San Francisco heads the Steering Committee. Nancy Stockwell of Lambda Rising in Washington, D.C. is Caucus Treasurer (Annual dues have been set at 10% of ABA dues), and Paul O'M. Welles, Lambda Books, Inc. of Belvidere, NJ is Corresponding

Secretary. Other members are: Hugo Hamilton of Los Lianos Gallery/Bookstore in Santa Fe, NM, Gordon Montador of the Glad Day Bookstores in Toronto and Boston, and Meg Gourand of the Book Corral in Canon City, CO.

Those persons who wish to contribute should send contributions to: GRNL, 1606 17th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

SELF-SURGERY

Chicago, IL—A 22-year-old man suffering from a history of mental disorders performed surgery in his own abdomen for eight hours in a college dormitory room with a precision that astonished even skilled surgeons. The man spent months preparing for the operation to "denervate his adrenal glands" by studying surgical texts and acquiring the necessary instruments and medication, said Dr. Ned Kalin of the University of Wisconsin Clinical Services Center in Madison.

Just a few months earlier, the man had also successfully removed both of his testicles in order to prevent himself from masturbating. Kalin wrote about the surgery in an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and concluded: "There is a tragic paradox in this patient's dilemma. He has mastered the concepts and techniques of medicine in an attempt to cure himself, when, in reality, we have little to offer him that would result in effective treatment."

POLICE CHIEF APOLOGIZES

Toronto, Ontario—Meetings held here in April climaxed several weeks of public outrage at the March issue of the official police magazine, **News and Views**. The gay community took the brunt of the abuse in an article by Staff Sergeant Tom Moclair entitled "The Homosexual Fad," but the issue contained other articles assaulting blacks, Jews, Italians, and Catholics. One article noted: "If you want to laugh, drive over to Glencair and Bathurst and see the Jews."

The April meeting was sponsored by the Right to Privacy Committee. The gay community's official submission, "Our Police Force Too", included ten demands ranging from the ouster of Sgt. Gary Donovan (who informed school boards of teachers in their employ who had been detained in the earlier raid on the Barracks) to the appointment of a permanent gay liaison by the police department. The Police Commission, without committing itself, declared that the demands would be "taken under advisement."

Police Chief Harold Adamson and Police Association President Mal Connolly had already issued statements apologizing, somewhat defensively, for the Moclair article.

SF MURDERER SLAIN

San Francisco, CA—Police here are looking for shallow graves across the west coast in secluded areas which harbor bodies of murdered gays. When a soldier killed Larry Hendricks, a 23-year-old sex offender, the story began to unfold.

Hendricks was slain by a soldier he had abducted outside of Tacoma (WA). Ballistics tests reveal that Hendricks' gun is the one that killed Tom Gloster, 31, and Richard Niemeier, 32, whose slayings were reported in the May issue of GPU NEWS. Discovered at the site of the Hendricks killing was a shallow

grave where lay the corpse of another victim—Michael Zahnie, 23.

Toivo Reddit, 21, was hitchhiking in the Tacoma area when Hendricks, dressed in full leather, picked him up. Hendricks then drew a .38-caliber Colt revolver, handcuffed the soldier, and placed a hood over his head. Once outside of Tacoma, Hendricks drove to a wooded area where he showed the soldier the open grave site with Zahnie's body. When the captured victim said that he would cooperate, Hendricks began to remove his leg shackles.



Fuzz busting: Community spokesperson Peter Maloney addresses police commission.

"Bigotry has no place in our society," Adamson noted, "and remarks of the nature expressed by Staff Sgt. Moclair have an adverse effect on the ability of the police to do their jobs." Statements condemning the police were also issued by the Attorney General, Toronto City Council, and even the more conservative Metro Council.

Police in Canada constitute a powerful political and lobbying force for the laws which they consider will "keep society in order." During the May election campaign police organizations lobbied heavily for a return to capital punishment, "and the lash if necessary." Project "P" (for pornography), the

group which raided the offices of **The Body Politic**, is a group of police agents also lobbying in Ottawa for stronger anti-pornography laws, and has laid over 125 charges for alleged obscenity offences already. The Metro police budget is also one of the highest per capita cost forces in the province.

Civil rights attorney Clayton Ruby insisted that Chief Adamson should have charged Sgt. Moclair with breaking the Police Act. Adamson said that he had checked with police counsel, and was told that "there were no grounds to lay charges." An excerpt from Moclair's article appears as part of this month's editorial.

"At this point," Reddick says, "I knew it was my last chance. So I kicked him in the face and hit him with everything. Then I grabbed his gun and shot him." Hendricks died at once, and the soldier drove the abductor's van to the sheriff's department to report the killing.

Sheriff and police departments in California, Washington, and Oregon have been questioning Tacoma authorities extensively about similar slayings in the past months. Hendricks worked as a sex counselor at Washington State Hospital in Tacoma.

TOURIST DETAINED IN SF

San Francisco, CA—Carl Hill and Michael Mason, a gay couple who arrived in San Francisco in June from London to celebrate their eighth anniversary and to cover the Gay Freedom Day Parade there, were taken into custody by immigration officials. Carl Hill was wearing a gay pride button; and, under interrogation, he admitted that they were gay.

Hill, a restorer of antiques, was not "legally admitted" into the United States, but was placed under arrest and then paroled. Immigration officials insisted that he must either undergo psychiatric examination or leave the country. Don Knutson, Hill's attorney and the executive director of Gay Rights Advocates, will be challenging the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in the courts. Knutson stated that presently there is an interbureaucratic dispute between the U.S. Public Health Service and the Surgeon General's Office. "The Health Service says that Immigration is asking them to do something they cannot do—to make a medical judgement based on 19th century science."

Ironically, Hill had no trouble obtaining a visa from the U.S. Embassy in London, while Mason, who enclosed a cover letter stating that he was gay with his visa application, was denied one. On the bottom of the form letter which Mason received from the U.S. Embassy appeared the handwritten notice: "sexual deviate." Mason spoke to Lord Nicholas Bethall, a member of the House of Lords, who then interceded on his behalf with the U.S. Ambassador.

GPU NEWS has reported on several occasions the difficulties which gay British tourists have had with the U.S. Embassy. In some cases it has been difficult to determine whether the Embassy's actions have been due to anti-gay policies or the simple bureaucratic bungling for which the Embassy in



Carl Hill, Gay English tourist wears the button which caused him to be detained at the San Francisco International Airport. (Photo by John Gieske)

London has acquired a reputation.

Monica Bell, deputy district director of the U.S. Office of Immigration and Naturalization in San Francisco, telephoned Hill, who then gave her message to his attorney rather than returning her call. When Knutson phoned Bell, she denied ever having called Hill.

The office of Representative Phil

Burton (D-SF), together with a number of backing organizations, is preparing legislation to change the immigration laws. Pending introduction of this legislation, Knutson has announced that he is going to take advantage of every legal avenue which is open in the suit which is being prepared on behalf of his clients.

INTEGRITY CONVENTION

Denver, CO—The annual convention of Integrity, the organization for gay Episcopalians and their friends, will be held at the St. Thomas Church here from September 6-9. It is to precede the 66th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church, during which gay issues are to be explored and debated.

The keynote Integrity speaker will be Rev. Carter Heyward, one of the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal priesthood. Other speakers include Rev. Richard Kirker, a deacon in the Church of England and administrative secretary of the Gay Christian Movement in the UK; William Stringfellow, lawyer, author, and activist associated with the work of the

Episcopal Peace Fellowship; and Rev. Stacy Cusulos, one of the first open lesbians to be ordained in the United Church of Christ.

A special feature will be an address by Dr. Louie Crew, founder of Integrity and former Professor of English at Fort Valley State College in Georgia. Professor Crew moved to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in August, and will be assuming a position in the English Department of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this fall.

Additional information about the convention is available from its president: John Lawrence, Integrity, Inc., 10 Mercier Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124. The telephone number of the Integrity National Office is (617) 825-3368.

FBI FIRES GAY MAN

Arlington, VA—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has fired John Calzada, who was employed as a file clerk at the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington, D.C. until May of this year, because of his "homosexuality" and because he allegedly made "admitted false statements" during a 1976 internal FBI investigation whose aim was to identify other gay employees.

The FBI action is in violation of a U.S. Justice Department policy. According to Terrance Adamson, director of the Justice Department's Office of Public Information, there is "no rule or policy that disqualifies a person. . . because he or she may be a homosexual." A statement issued to Washington's **Blade** by an official of the FBI's press office said: "The FBI doesn't knowingly hire homosexuals. The official, Tom Harrington, claimed that the statement was authorized for release by FBI Director William Webster; but neither he nor the FBI will now comment on the matter.

Calzada has appealed his dismissal to FBI Director Webster, and has vowed to take the matter to court if the appeal is rejected. Calzada is being represented by Dr. Franklin Kameny, a longtime activist who has successfully challenged the federal government in the past over employment issues which deal with gays.

The dismissal notice which the FBI sent to Calzada said: "This action is being taken in view of your homosexuality, which in turn has led to your commission of homosexual acts in Virginia, where such acts are considered a felony."

Calzada was summoned to a three-hour interrogation earlier by two special FBI agents, when he was informed that he had the option of resigning or being fired. The agents said that they knew he was gay, and that officials "upstairs" viewed homosexuality as incompatible with FBI service.

During the interrogation, Calzada was asked for intimate details of his sex life, including descriptions of whether he acted as "dominant" or "passive" partner in sexual encounters.

Dr. Kameny called the action by the FBI "deplorable and un-American," and said that the issue is to be brought before the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, on whose board of directors Kameny also serves. Calzada's decision to fight the dismissal is believed to be the first time that an FBI employee has contested disciplinary action based upon sexual orientation. At least one other FBI employee is fighting to be reinstated after leaving on grounds of homosexuality, though that employee had been persuaded to resign first.

GAYS ON TV

New York, NY—Gay lifestyles in America will be receiving some upbeat and positive treatments on news and documentary programs currently being prepared by ABC and CBS television networks. The programs, which are being prepared with the assistance of local gay organizations nationwide, are supposed to break new ground.

ABC has announced an hour-long documentary which permits gays to present their own feelings on "liberation." CBS plans a segment on the success of gay youth organizations, which will be broadcast as part of its new program, "30 Minutes," which is designed as a newsmagazine for young people. CBS is currently filming gay youth groups and parents of gays in an effort to present the "supportive relations that develop as people come to terms with gay life."

The ABC documentary, to be aired in October, is presently being filmed in New York City, New Orleans, and San Francisco. "It's a program without narration," Pam

Hill, assistant producer told **The Blade**, (Washington, DC) in a recently published interview. "We are exploring it totally through gays themselves, looking at it as liberation. Gays will do all the talking. It will be a look at the problems and opportunities for gays as they see them."

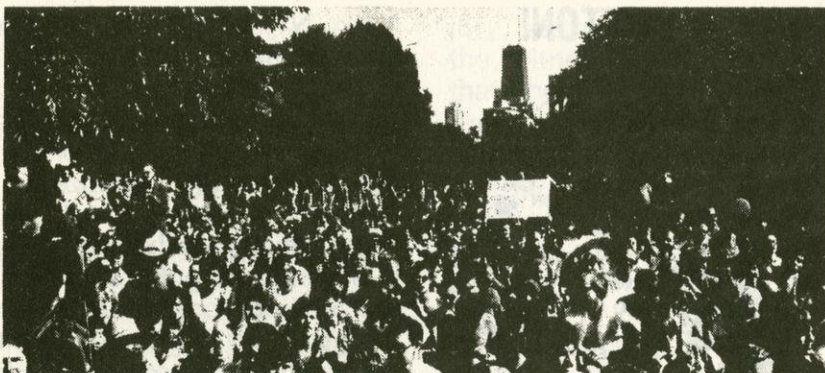
FALL IN LOVE!

Philadelphia, PA—The largest magazine of any religious denomination in the U.S. has published an article advising gays to express their sexuality in long-term relationships of love and fidelity. This is the conclusion of Dr. LeRoy Aden, a psychologist and professor of pastoral care at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. His article appeared in the May issue of **The Lutheran**, biweekly magazine of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). Several U.S. sects are larger than the 3-million LCA, but no church magazine has a larger circulation than **The Lutheran's** 600,000.

Though Aden views heterosexuality as "God's intention for all humankind", he concludes: "The church cannot expect the homosexual to change. . . If homosexuals find abstinence unnatural, they should live in an enduring relationship of love and commitment with one other person. . . For whether we are male of female, homosexual of heterosexual, we need to regain the ability to give ourselves to a person in a relationship of lifelong fidelity. It is only in that kind of context that human sexuality can move toward its fullest realization and can achieve its deepest meaning. . ."

Aden is one of a growing number of theologians in many U.S. religions who are willing to tolerate, if not accept, homosexuality on the proviso that gay relationships be the mirror-images of heterosexual mating practices.

GAY PRIDE WEEK - CHICAGO



Chicago, IL—About 8,000 marchers participated in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade this year—the biggest parade of its kind in the city's history. The mile-long procession was led by the Gay Pride Band, also appearing for the first time this year. The parade ended in Lincoln Park, where a post-parade rally drew an estimated 6,000 persons. Featured speaker at the rally was William B. Kelley, co-chairperson of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force.



An equally enthusiastic but smaller crowd gathered on June 22 in the Daley Plaza for the annual Loop rally. William Kelley again presided, and there were five additional speakers: Alderman Cliff Kelley, Alderman Martin Oberman, Alderman Bruce Young, popular gay leader Chris Riddiough, and lesbian activist Marie Kuda.

Laura LoChirco, a member of the Gay Pride Planning Committee, announced that the cooperation from all segments of the gay community had been the best to date, and attributed the march and rally success to the unity of all organizations and segments of the com-



munity. Other events during GPW-79 here included a Wednesday evening inter-faith service, a celebration of the Summer Solstice by the Warlocks, discussion meetings at Town Hall sponsored by Gays and Lesbians for Action, a GPW picnic,



and an earlier picnic on June 3 sponsored by the Fox Valley Gay Association.

The Gay Pride Planning Committee announced that their target attendance for 1980 is 10,000 participants. Photos accompanying are compliments of **Gaylife** (Chicago). for a summary of GPW-79 activities in other cities, see the update and photo essay which appears elsewhere in this issue of GPU NEWS.

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

Milwaukee, WI—Following his apprehension by police in Tacoma (WA), Robert Fuchs has been returned to Wisconsin to face charges of first degree murder and armed robbery in the slaying of James "Tiny" Kallas, whose body was discovered in a sewer on May the eighth.

Fuchs was one of two persons seen leaving the Factory bar with Kallas on the night of April 27-28. Gerald L. Beougher, age 25, was previously charged with the same crimes, but those charges were dropped in late May when a pathologist testified that Kallas had been dead no longer than two days when the body was found, which contradicted the state's case.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Donohoo said that the state had found a pathologist who disagrees with the original death report, and that enough evidence was presently on hand to bind Fuchs over for trial.

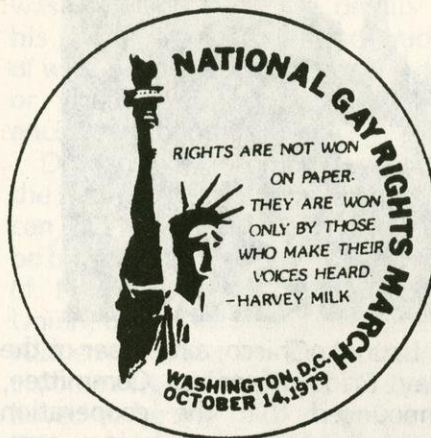
In the Beougher case, Donohoo also announced that a crucial witness has not yet been located, and that the state must find the witness before taking any new action. Beougher is being held at Wisconsin Correctional Institute at Waupun. He was arrested on May 1 for parole violation and forgery.

MARCH UPDATE

New York, NY—The National March on Washington Committee has announced that a logistics office will be open in Washington, D.C., soon. The Committee plans call for a 24-hour toll-free information line, with a support staff which will monitor march transportation arrangements in over fifty U.S. LOCALES. Additionally, a computerized system will assist in arranging rides for those who wish to participate in the march, but who prefer carpools to train, air, and bus carriers.

Agencies and other persons interested in information or in assisting the organizers should write to: National March on Washington, 156 Fifth Avenue, Room 505, New

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332A SANCHEZ STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114

York, NY 10010. The New York phone number is (212) 924-2970.

The National March on Washington Committee is not associated with a so-called "National Gay March Buttons" organization located in San Francisco. Ads for this organization, which have appeared in several gay publications, claim that 50% of proceeds are to benefit the March on Washington. Neither the organization nor the advertised button are in any way affiliated with the National March on Washington Committee. Individuals or organizations wishing to purchase genuine buttons (all proceeds of which go to the march) should contact the NYC office of NMW. **The fraudulent ad is pictured here.**

PROM DATE

Sioux Falls, SD—An unidentified high school senior in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was permitted by Lincoln High School administrators to take his boyfriend to the June prom. This was in marked contrast to the incident in Rhode Island in May, where 17-year-old Paul Guilbert was told that he could not attend the prom accompanied by a male companion.

Fred Stephens, Lincoln High School Principal, explained: "The rules say one (prom-goer) has to be a senior. They could take their mother if they wanted to. . . My belief is that people need their rights protected. Homosexuals have rights—you have to accept that. My concern is to guarantee their safety, if we can handle it without blowing it."

Sioux Falls, with a population of 100,000, is located in the southeast corner of the state, and has exactly one gay bar. The prom date went off without violence. Local newspapers, which covered the story, did not give the name of the male student or his male date. Said one reporter, "In a town this size, it could be unpleasant if more people than necessary knew who he was."

PARENTS

Chicago, IL—Male and female homosexuals do not differ from heterosexuals in their ability to be good parents, according to two more researchers. In cases where the parents can be open about their homosexuality, researchers claim, they may have an even better relationship with their children.

Brian Miller, a counselor in West Hollywood (CA), has presented a three-year study of 50 gay fathers done for a Ph. D. dissertation in sociology at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Gay fathers, he said, find that their children accept their homosexuality. "Children feel that their gay father's openness and honesty about his life bring them closer together," Miller, himself a gay father, said.

Miller presented his study during a symposium at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Chicago on May 17. Dr. Martha Kilpatrick, a psychiatrist now teaching at the University of California at Los Angeles, reported on the study which compared twenty lesbian mothers and their children with a group of divorced heterosexual mothers and their children.

HODGES

Chula Vista, CA—A Montgomery High School teacher, Danny J. Hodges, who was charged in 1977 with committing illegal sex acts with male students, has filed a \$1.75 million lawsuit against the Sweetwater High School District. Also named as defendants in the suit are Sweetwater High School, the cities of National City and Chula Vista, three teachers, one parent, and three former students. Hodges claims that the defendants conspired in slander, libel, and in the attempt to falsely prosecute him. He also claims that, because of their actions, he was exposed to hate, contempt, and ridicule.

Hodges, age 33, was arrested and suspended as a teacher in December of 1977 when two students charged that he had homosexually assaulted them two years earlier. Both charges of oral copulation were dismissed last March for lack of evidence.

Last year, the school board sent Hodges a letter of intent to dismiss him because of the charges. The Commission for Professional Competency overrode the board, which was then forced to hire him back as a driver education teacher.

THORPE ACQUITTED

London, UK—The foreman of the jury rose as the clerk of the court at London's Old Bailey asked, "How do you find the defendant, John Jeremy Thorpe, guilty or not guilty." The soft-spoken reply was "Not guilty," and what the British press had called the trial of the century was over. Thorpe, age 50, the former leader of the Liberal Party, had been acquitted of the charges of conspiring to murder his former gay lover. Tossing three pillows into the air, Thorpe declared that the trial was "a complete vindication."

Justice Sir Joseph Cantley, in presenting his summation to the

LESBIAN LABEL

London, UK—Deviant Wreckords, a new gay-feminist record label, has launched its first disc: a single of Noel Greig's "Stand Together" and Jill Posener's "A Dyke's Gotta Do", music for the latter song written by Tom Robinson. One thousand copies were pressed, and with the sales from these Deviant plans to forge ahead with additional releases this fall. Their plans include several LPs, among them an album of women's theater music (including the Sadista, Clapperclaw, and Sweatshop's Women's productions) and an album of disco music by the Nighthawks.

A donor who prefers to remain anonymous provided funding for the first pressing. Tom Robinson and other gay male artists also provided some of the back-up instrumentals, and Danny Kustow appears as an offensive drunk harassing lesbians on "A Dyke's Gotta Do." The album is available at many women's and gay outlets throughout London, as well as directly from the producers: Deviant Wreckords, 50 Trafalgar Avenue, London SE15 [Telephone (01) 70-14-343].

jury, assaulted the characters of the witnesses who had testified that Thorpe wanted Scott killed to prevent disclosure of the love affair. Thorpe's attorney, earlier in the trial, had conceded that Thorpe had had homosexual encounters. Thorpe's own refusal to testify in his own defense caused an additional furor in the British press. The judge said that Scott (the alleged former lover) was "a fraud, a sponger, a whiner, and a para-

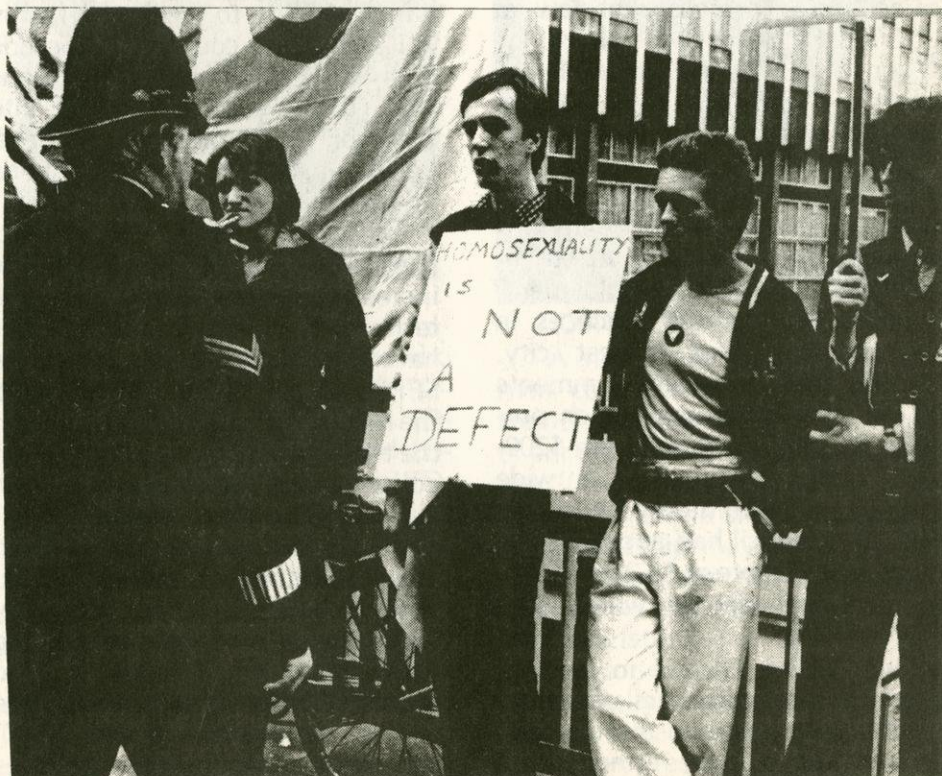


site. He is a spineless neurotic character, addicted to hysteria and self-advertisement." Cantley was equally harsh in his judgement of ex-M.P. Peter Bessell, the star prosecution witness who had testified that he was present when

Thorpe had suggested murdering Scott.

Gay activists picketed the Old Bailey as the trial approached its end, protesting the negative image of homosexuality which was being put forward by both the prosecution and the defense. "Homosexuality is not a defect," the placards announced. The police warned protesters that they could remain before the court provided that they did not chant their slogans, and the protest was a peaceful one.

Although the verdict cleared Thorpe of all charges, his political career appears to be in complete ruins. In last May's election, voters in his Barnstaple constituency, which he had represented for twenty years, turned him out of office. Defense counsel's admission of Thorpe's "homosexual tendencies" may rule out any comeback. "A political life and a political future is now irrevocably and irreversibly denied to Mr. Thorpe," his lawyer told the court. "We learn, do we not, that idols sometimes have feet of clay."



GAY RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, CA—The California Supreme Court has ruled that public utilities may not discriminate against gays in employment by a 4-3 vote. The decision culminated several years of litigation between San Francisco gays and Pacific Telephone Company, in a suit originally filed by gay activist attorney Richard Gayer against the telephone company and the state Fair Employment Practices Commission. The San Francisco Superior Court dismissed the suit, which was then taken up by the Supreme Court for review in May of 1977.

The ruling was somewhat narrower than had been hoped, but the court did agree that plaintiffs could pursue claims against the telephone company in court. At the same time, the Supreme Court refused plaintiffs' request that it rule the Fair Employment Practices Act against discrimination on the basis of sex also include sexual orientation.

The original lawsuit will now be returned to Superior Court for trial. Don Knutson of Gay Rights Advocates and a professor of law at USC's Law School will share the action with attorney Gayer. Knutson is confident that gays will prevail in the suit.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Tom Bradley signed in June a "gay rights ordinance" which bans discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual preference for employment, housing, or business practices in the nation's third largest city. Bradley made no special comments on the new ordinance, which provides for civil damages from \$200-\$400 upon conviction of a wide range of discriminatory practices. The City Council had approved the measure by a vote of 13-2 in a highly emotional debate which took place in May.

During the debates in Los Angeles, several members of fundamentalist churches in the city expressed opposition, often citing



The protest against Pacific Telephone began in the spring of 1974. Demonstrators staged a Good Friday mock crucifixion, the "victim" carried across from the Tenderloin to phone company offices at Market & 2nd Streets. (Photo by Rink)

Biblical passages. One pastor claimed that "the gay movement has the ability to erode the family unit, and our country will erode with it." The only exemptions which the new bill, which went into effect on July 1, provides are for religious institutions and for bona fide occupational requirements.

Litigation against police practices in San Francisco is also on the increase. Shirley Wilson, a hospital technician, and Sue Davis, a nurse, have filed a civil suit against the SFPD for \$400,000. The claim is the result of an altercation between the two women and Mission Station police outside of Amelia's Bar on Valencia Street last January.

During an argument, the women allege that they were verbally and physically abused by police as they were leaving the bar. Following their arrest, they were taken to Mission Station, where they were beaten, denied both a phone call and information about the charges

against them, and strip-searched by both male and female officers. Also named in the complaint are the Sheriff's Department and the City and County of San Francisco.



Sue Davis

Sue Davis was, until June, the 1979 co-chair of the Gay Freedom Day Parade. Donations for the legal battle of the two women are being sought. Contributions should be made payable to the Sue and Shirley Legal Fund, and mailed to: Box 14512, San Francisco, CA 94114.

FEDERAL BILL UPDATE

Washington, DC—Breaking with tradition, this year's federal gay rights legislation has not one but two chief sponsors. They are Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles) and Congressman Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.). The joint sponsorship marks the first time that someone outside of New York City has played a key leadership role, and it also permits the utilization of two congressional staffs on the issue. The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) reports that the bill's sponsors are both highly regarded progressives.

In a letter to congressional colleagues to secure additional sponsors, Weiss and Waxman noted: "We are introducing legislation that will remedy one of the most pervasive forms of discrimination to be found in our nation. . . We believe most Americans oppose this form of bias just as strongly as they



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reject discrimination directed against racial and religious minorities. Indeed, Californians voted overwhelmingly—by a 1.1 million margin—in November to reject Proposition 6, a measure to bar homosexuals from teaching in public schools. Liberals and conservatives, from Tom Hayden to Ronald Reagan, opposed Proposition 6."

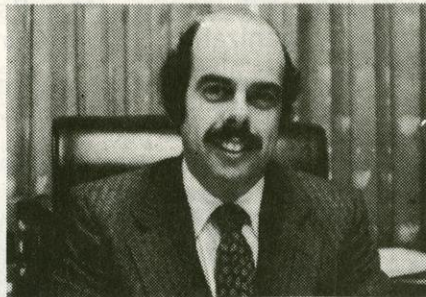
GRNL Executive Director Steve Endean said, "Both Congressmen deserve the deep appreciation of the lesbian and gay communities. Their leadership and energy on behalf of the legislation will signifi-



GRNL Executive Director Steve Endean

cantly advance the cause of basic justice to the gay community."

Members of the Freshmen class of the House of Representatives are also among the co-sponsors of the gay civil rights legislation (H.R. 2974). Endean attributes the large number of freshmen co-sponsors to a variety of factors, including assertive efforts by local activ-



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ists. Among the first-termers co-sponsoring the bill are Martin Sabo (D-Minnesota), Mike Lowry (D-Washington), William Gray (D-Pennsylvania), Mickey Leland (D-Texas), and James Shannon (D-Massachusetts). A number of other first-termers have promised to give serious attention to adding their names to the list, and they include: Mike Barnes (D-Maryland), Julian Dixon (D-California), Robert Matsui (D-California), and Howard Wolpe (D-Michigan).

Three veteran members who had

not previously been co-sponsors have now joined the growing list also. They are William Broadhead (D-Michigan), Tony Beilenson (D-California), and Bob Edgar (D-Pennsylvania).



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"A significant number of freshmen co-sponsors will be an extremely positive sign for the future of our efforts," Endean noted, adding: "The work of the Lobby is **not** glamorous and a slight increase in co-sponsorship may not seem like major progress to some, but in my discussions with other public interest lobbyists, I find that they are amazed to see any increase in what is generally understood to be a time of retrenchment and decline for any progressive cause."

MA BILL DEFEATED

Boston, MA—Following its narrow approval of H.2650 in May, the Massachusetts House of Representatives reversed itself and killed the bill, which would have prohibited public employment discrimination against gays, by a vote of 75-78. This defeat marks the seventh year that this legislature has acted to kill gay anti-discrimination legislation.

The measure had been approved by a voice vote earlier. When it appeared on the House Calendar for its required second reading, Representative James Miceli referred to it as "a piece of junk" and "disgusting." Representative Royall Switzler asked, "Where does any application ask a person's sexual preference?" When Representative Barney Frank pointed out that the bill affects public employment only, and that Switzler himself had voted for the bill in 1974, Switzler responded that "Consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds."

Representative William Flynn called the bill a "foot-in-the-door" approach and predicted dire consequences "for the children of the Commonwealth" if the bill were passed. In the ensuing and heated debate, Switzler used the word "queer" several times and referred to certain places as being "infested" with homosexuals. Representative Joseph DeNucci, a burly ex-prizefighter, was one of the surprise votes in favor of the bill. "I'm a good Catholic," he noted, "I'm a good father, and I resent it when anybody suggests I would do anything against my children." DeNucci went on to note that his vote did not mean that he condoned homosexuality, but only that he supports individual rights.

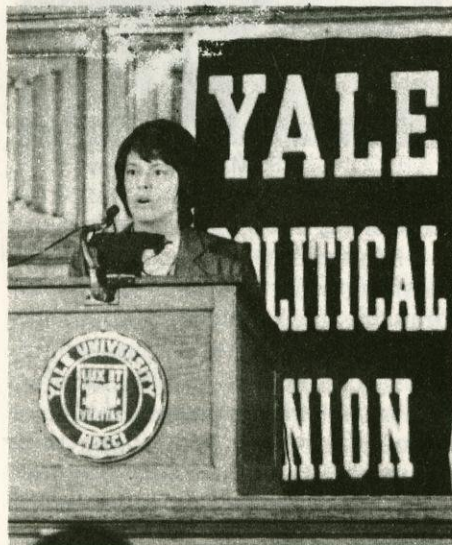
One surprising contribution to the lobbying effort for the bill was made by Attorney General Francis Bellotti, who telephoned key legislators to support the legislation. There was some criticism of the role played by former Represent-

ative Elaine Noble in the lobbying process, because neither of the two legislators to whom she was close voted for it. One (Rep. McGee) abstained, and the other (Rep. MacLean), whom Noble had described as solidly in favor of the bill, voted against it.

Ann Maguire, a member of the Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation (MCGL), said that there were few surprises in the voting, and added, "We'll be back."

OLEARY WINS DEBATE

New Haven, CT—NGTF co-executive director Jean O'Leary was overwhelmingly the victor in a gay-rights debate sponsored by the Yale Political Union on the Yale University campus here. Ms. O'Leary's opponent in the debate was Robert Brake, a Coral Gables (FL) Commissioner and attorney associated with Anita Bryant's anti-gay organization, Save Our Children. He is also director of the Right-To-Life Crusade which opposes abortions for the poor.



An audience of nearly 300 heard O'Leary and Brake present opposing viewpoints on the following res-

olution: "Resolved: The government should guarantee homosexual equal opportunity in housing and employment."



O'Leary, who presented detailed evidence and arguments supporting the claims that gays do experience extensive discrimination today in jobs and housing, said that as taxpaying citizens gays are entitled to have basic human rights protected by legislation. She had gained a clear victory in the debate when, at the conclusion the audience supported the affirmative by a voting margin of 4 to 1.

BRYANT SPECIAL

Zanesville, OH—Singer Anita Bryant says that her new television special will provide an entertaining alternative to the current fare of sex and violence. Bryant was in Zanesville for three days of filming, and said that she believed the show, which has been in the works for a year, "will be able to compete with the best".

The special, which is expected to be aired in the fall, is to be filmed in Ohio, Sun Valley (ID), West Point (NY), and Valley Forge (PA). Money for production of the special was raised by Bryant with contributions from persons "sympathetic to my views", she added.

EDITORIAL

This issue of GPU NEWS presents some special analyses of recent news within the gay community, and included among these is a summary of Gay Pride Week activities which took place at the end of June. We are pleased to present this summary as one more historical landmark in the history of the gay liberation movement. We also apologize for any cities or areas left out. News and correspondence concerning GPW-79 reached us throughout July; and, even as this issue goes to press, we are still receiving reports from correspondents nationwide. It is a tribute to the growth and health of the movement that news summaries and articles of this kind can never be fully up to date or even partially complete.

On July 6 the United States Postal Service raised postal rates for Second Class Mail and fourth-class book rates. Second class rates have risen almost 500% in the past five years—the only prices in the U.S. which have kept up with and are even taking a lead on OPEC oil.

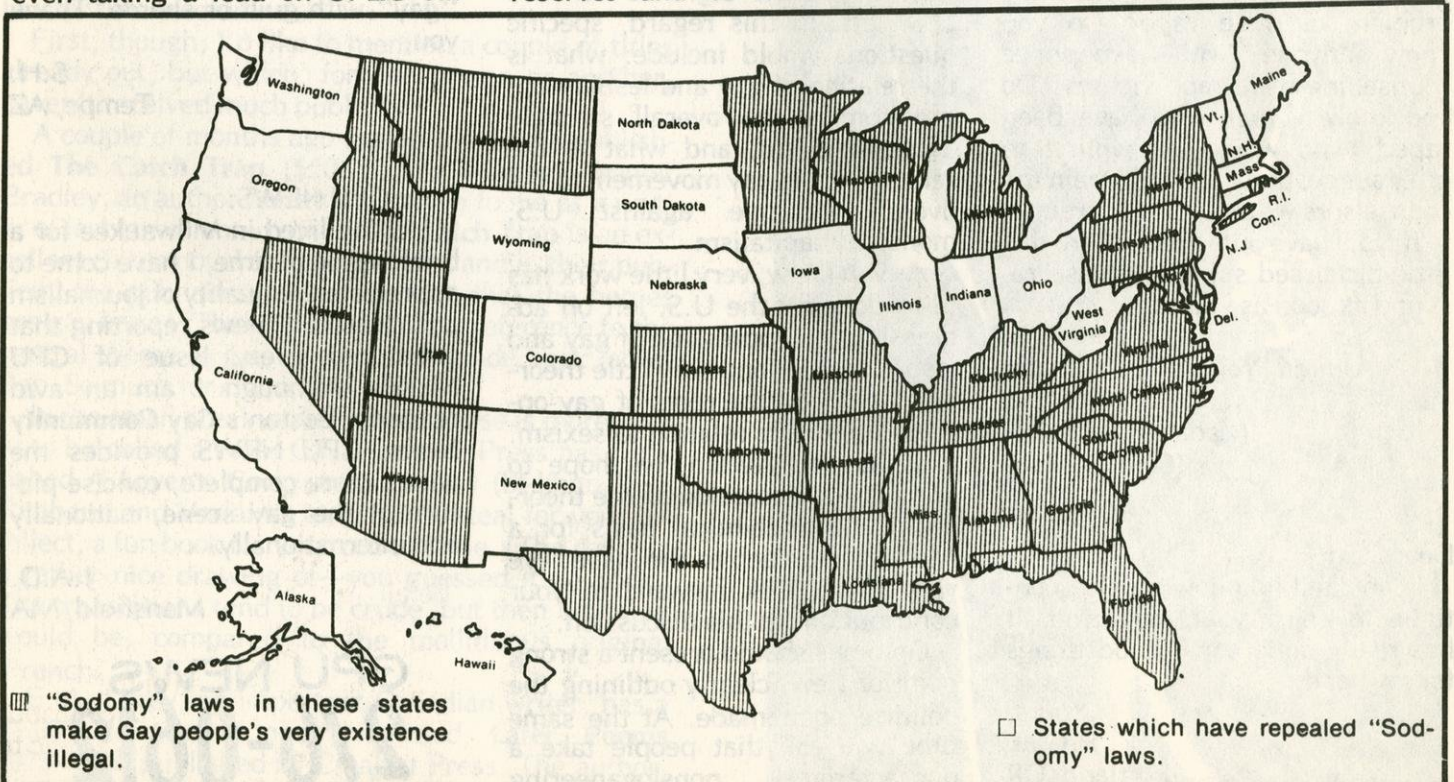
Since second class mail represents the standard routing for magazines you have probably already heard predictions of disaster from major magazine publishers in the nongay media. How much more difficult such sharp increases are for small-press publications like GPU NEWS (and the majority of gay publications) I leave the reader to imagine. GPU NEWS has decided to hold the line (or perhaps "bite the bullet" would be a better description) on subscription rates. To increase rates at this time would be simply to victimize readers many of whom are already being victimized by inflation.

A modest advertising rate increase, which will cover about 50% of the additional postage costs, has been passed on to advertisers: the first such rate increase in five years. The additional 50% postage increase we hope to absorb; and, if we fail to do so, we'll solicit donations from those in the gay community who are able and willing to assist. That will be the last recourse, however, and we believe that it can be avoided. Being non-profit, GPU NEWS carries no cash reserves and unlike the federal

government we can't just print more money as needed; so increased costs have to be accommodated somewhere in our monthly budget.

The aftermath of Gay Pride Week offers good time for reflection on the challenge of gay liberation. The map accompanying this editorial (reprinted by permission from **San Diego Update**) shows (in white) what has been accomplished from one perspective; while the grey (more than 50% of the United States) indicates where we had better be going in terms of projects. Last month's editorial emphasized the importance of the Gay Rights National Lobby at the national level. This month we simply point out that much work remains to be done at local levels, even the states which have repealed the sodomy laws are far from treating gays as equal in citizenship or even personhood. Gay Pride Week provided ample demonstration of the fact that there has never been more solidarity in the movement, nor have there ever been greater numbers of gay persons willing to testify to the pride and dignity of being gay.

Enjoy GPU NEWS.



FEEDBACK

Friends:

Recently, a Madison man was gang-raped and knifed. In his confusion and fear, he reported only the knifing to the police, and not the rape. He experienced the same trauma a woman faces when raped: guilt, nightmares, a feeling of uncleanness, complete lack of legal information. This rape victim has decided not to remain silent. He is helping other men in our community to speak out about the sexual harassment and violence they have experienced.

The United has always supported the work of organizations which are combatting rape and street violence against women. We find, however, that there are **no** groups in this area prepared to counsel men who have been raped, **no** statistics on the incidence of male rape, **no** real understanding on the part of the police. We are seeking the information which is necessary to broaden the fight against rape and to make assistance available to rape victims.

Has your group dealt with the problem of male rape? Do you know anyone with experience counselling male rape victims? Do you know of men who have been raped, who would be willing to offer suggestions and help train the counsellors we are going to train?

If you have information on this little-discussed subject, please respond as soon as you can.

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Dear Staff:

I can't tell you how much I continue to enjoy your magazine. It has really done some good things for my head.

Yours,
R.G.H.
Portland, OR

Dear Friends,

Thanks for a great magazine. It's the only one, of the many that come into my home, that I read from cover to cover. I especially appreciate Here and There and your book reviews.

The Lambda Book Club is great too! I joined through an ad in GPU, and it provides a great service to anyone who doesn't have gay literature readily available. Lambda offers quality material that is both informative and entertaining.

Sincerely,

H.R.

Boswell, PA

Dear Friends,

The 10th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York has just passed. On this occasion we are soliciting a number of opinions around the theme: Stonewall 10 years later.

In particular, we would like the opinions to address the political direction of the gay and lesbian movement and what the growth of this movement signifies for the U.S. left. In this regard, specific questions would include: what is the relation of gay and lesbian oppression to the overall struggle against sexism, and what is the relation of the gay movement to the overall struggle against U.S. monopoly capitalism.

As you know, very little work has been done by the U.S. left on addressing the oppression of gay and lesbian people and very little theoretical work on the roots of gay oppression and its relation to sexism. It is for this reason, we hope to stimulate a discussion on the theoretical and analytical basis for a Marxist approach to the issue. We very much look forward to your contributions to this discussion.

Opinions should present a strong point of view, clearly outlining the political point made. At the same time, we ask that people take a nonsectarian, nonsloganeering

approach that attempts to convince the unconvinced rather than attack those who may disagree. We ask that the opinions be typed, triple-spaced, approximately 6-7 pages (1200 words) in length. If you have any questions, be sure and get in touch.

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Dear GPU NEWS:

Enclosed is my check for renewal to your excellent magazine. Although I live far away from Milwaukee, I have found your articles very relevant to myself. As a person struggling with my own identity, it is very encouraging to read of people having their own battles, and often overcoming them. You present me a picture of gays as positive human beings with a culture and pride unique unto themselves. No longer will I equate "gay" with guilt or shame. Thank you.

S.H.
Tempe, AZ

Dear GPU NEWS:

Having lived in Milwaukee for a brief period of time, I have come to appreciate the quality of journalism and "careful" news reporting that goes into every issue of GPU NEWS. Although I am an avid reader of Boston's **Gay Community News**, GPU NEWS provides me with a more complete, concise picture of the gay scene, nationally and internationally.

J.A.D.
Mansfield, MA

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READING WRITING

BY PAUL O'M. WELLES

This column is about forthcoming books. I hope a best-seller will soon be written about junk food diets as a mitigating defense in cases of premeditated murder. Until that book comes along we have a surfeit of titles on the horizon which will, for the most part, keep us entertained, amused, titillated, and properly mollified so that we will do nothing to frighten the horses.

I've just counted 32 titles on my forthcoming-book list (which is partial, i.e., incomplete and opinionated, and runs through next February). I have neither the space nor stamina to tell you about all of them here; you should be pleased to learn, but will save a few for future columns.

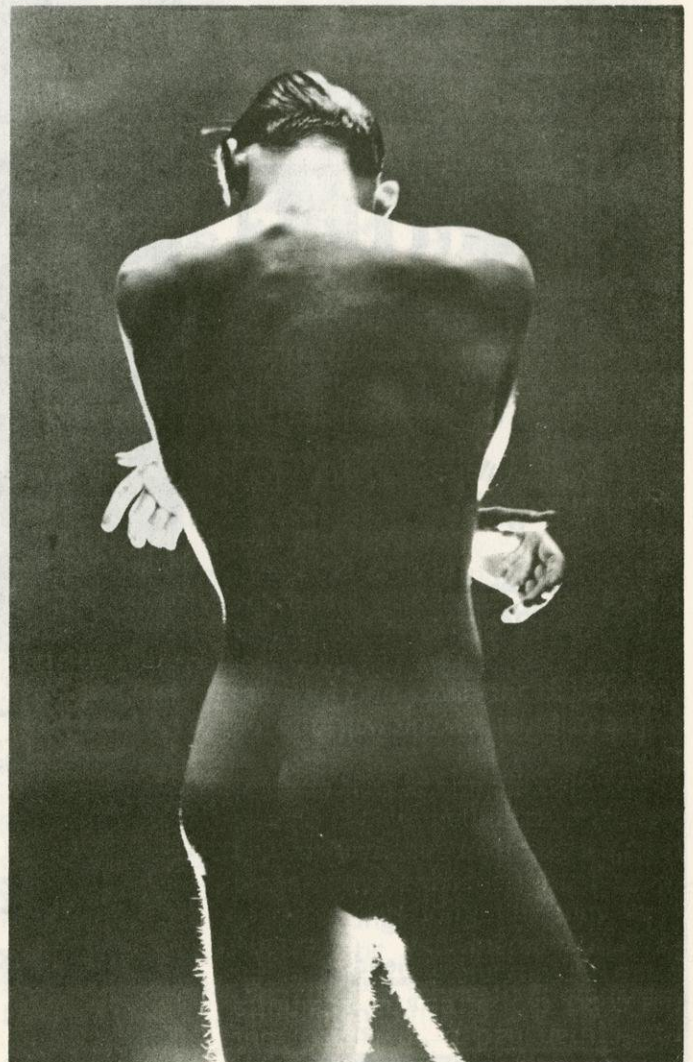
First, though, I'd like to mention a couple of titles already out, but which, for one reason or another, haven't received much publicity.

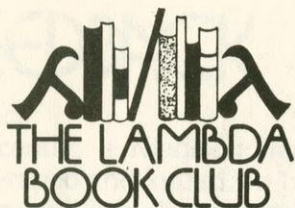
A couple of months ago Ballantine Books published **The Catch Trap** (\$10.95), by Marion Zimmer Bradley, an author heretofore known to me as a writer of lesbian-oriented sci-fi. **The Catch Trap** is an excellent circus novel about aerialists, and in their publicity the publishers never mention that the heroes are gay lovers. There is a subliminal reference to the central theme of gay love on the inside back jacket flap. So much for closet publishing.

In the small press world, where a rose is more likely to be called a rose, Gay Sunshine Press has published **A Lover's Cock**, erotic poetry (bi-lingual) of Rimbaud and Verlaine, at \$3.95. A steal for your intellect, a fun book for your coffee table. (The cover is a rather nice drawing of—you guessed it—a cock.) The translations tend to be crude, but then anything would be, compared to the mellifluous original French.

E. A. Lacey, an important Canadian writer, has a \$5.00 collection of poems entitled, **Later, Poems 1973-1978**, published by Catalyst Press. The author,

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a major contemporary poet by any standards is, by gay standards, superb, and he eminently deserves to be read and re-read.

Green Eagle Press has come up with a thin book called **The Queer Dutchman**, by Peter Agnos, \$4.50. It is the story of a sailor, accused of unnatural acts aboard ship, who was forcibly marooned on a dry, deserted South Atlantic island in 1725. Some interesting drawings and a few short chapters on related topics flesh out this true, but very small, sad tale which proves, only, that homophobia is nothing new.

Jason Is Love is the title of a novel by Christopher Scott, sub-titled, *A Story to Remember*, which has been published at \$12.95 by a new West Coast house, Federated Publishers Guild. This is a powerful coming-out novel (I suspect, autobiographical), but with a curious twist: the hero goes on to make a considerable dent in homophobic society by establishing a same-sex religion (without, mercifully, cloaking himself as prophet) which legally earns the Constitutional protection of all religions. At first it sounds far-fetched, but the more you think of it. . .

Jason suffers from some first-time stylistic flaws (which should have been edited out), but on the whole it presents some positive gay thinking at its unfettered best. If the author is the person I think he is, his "Society for Human Awareness" may well evolve full-blown from his novel's pages, making **Jason Is Love**, indeed, a story to remember.

July brings us, from Ramparts Press, **The New Gay Liberation Book**, edited by Len Richmond with Gary Noguera, at \$14.00, cloth, \$5.95 paper. You do not deserve to be called "gay" if you fail to buy and read this collection of first class essays by a whole galaxy of first rate champions of gay rights. This is not just for you literary types, but for every last loving gay male alive today: in, out, young, old, on the farm, on Castro Street, whatever your condition. Buy it, read it, (an effortless pleasure), think about it, talk it up. You will not regret it, I promise you. It will make you fuckin' proud to be gay.

Also for July, from Vermont Crossroads Press at \$7.95, comes **The Male Nude in Photography**, with an introduction by Marcuse Pfeifer. A handsome historical collection, designed to set your brain in motion, rather than your balls.

Sasha Gregory Lewis' **Sunday's Women** is due in July from Beacon Press. Subtitled, *A Report on Lesbian Life Today*, this \$9.95 overview volume takes a look at the lesbian lifestyle from three basic angles: personal, sociological, and political, and explores their implications for personal growth and for society as a whole.

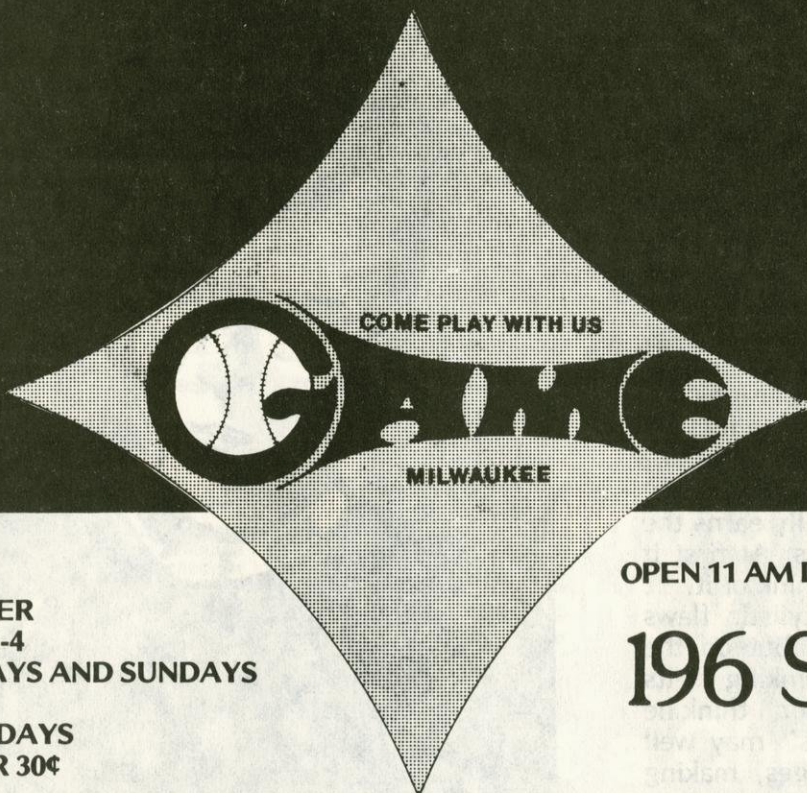
Living Gay is the title of Don Clark's \$9.95 August release from Celestial Arts. Author of **Loving Someone Gay**, Clark here examines, in his refreshingly clear-headed style, the entire realm of an individual's gay life from kindergarten to the final curtain.



Poems 1973 - 1978 By E. A. Lacey

As was his earlier book, this one is enlightening and positive, written with an easy-to-take smile, based on his own up-front experiences as a gay man and a clinical psychologist working constructively for over ten years with gay people and their families.

Finally, let's forget about books. In London now, at the Royal Court, a play, entitled **Bent**, by the American playwright, Martin Sherman, has captured both critics and audiences, perhaps in spite of its dealing explicitly with the nazi persecution of homosexuals. A homosexual love scene, within Dachau, is nightly being given, according to one, we may presume, reserved British critic, John Barber in the **Daily Telegraph**, a "particularly warm reception." In case you are going to England this summer will you please see it and write it up for GPU NEWS?



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DAY OF JUDGMENT - THE SAN FRANCISCO RIOTS

by John Rowberry

The gay population of San Francisco is one of the easiest mobilized in the country. Thousands of gays poured into the main section of San Francisco in protest within hours of the results of the Dade County, Florida election which repealed a gay rights ordinance. The act was repeated when other gay rights laws fell in other cities.

The night California's Briggs Initiative (which would have made it illegal for a gay person to teach school) was defeated, a solid eight thousand gays marched in victory. When Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were slain last fall ten thousand mourners created a sea of candles that, as they burned to a transparant splattering on the ground around City Hall, marked a cohesive and deeply felt tribute to the lost leaders.

No one, then, was alarmed, surprised or anxious when a march was announced on May 21 to protest the light sentence of Dan White, who had murdered Moscone and Milk. It would follow the same familiar route from the Castro district to City Hall. When the march was announced, a local television station sent reporters into the Castro, asking the question: "Will this decision bring violence from the gay community?" The answer seemed obvious. Almost everyone answered, "No." After all, peaceful marches were commonplace in San Francisco. The gay community had a heritage of over a decade of non-violent demonstrations. Besides, said some, homosexuals are not physically capable of violence. Those who relied on that stereotype image of the homosexual seemed to have forgotten that the modern gay rights movement began with the Stonewall riots in New York City almost a decade ago.

When the march began in the Castro in the early evening of May 21, it was still light. There were maybe three hundred gay people walking down the divided eight lane Market Street. By the time the group reached City Hall, it had swelled to perhaps

five thousand. The sound of police whistles filled the twilight; whistles carried by gays and usually used to signal for help when being attacked by knots of "queer-bashers."

Spectators say that it was the line of uniformed policemen standing inside the granite and marble City Hall building (Dan White was a former policeman) that drew out the bottled up anger of the mob. There were rumors that the crowd became unruly at the sight of Dan White's brother at the scene. Some speculate that some singular, unnoticed incident, some confrontation, caused the anger to erupt into open acts of civil disobedience.

The truth is, that for whatever reason, the demonstrators turned into rioters. Parking meters were ripped out of their concrete berths and used as battering rams against the ornate bronze and glass doors of the building. Pebble-covered concrete trash cans, part of the Market Street redevelopment project, were smashed into missile-sized fragments and hurled through the windows on the ground and second floors of City Hall.

Cries filled the air: "We want justice! Dump Dianne! We want Dan White! Kill Dan White! Kill Dan White! Kill Dan White!" Observers say it was difficult to determine exactly how many people actually took part in the trashing of City Hall. Some will testify, at upcoming court hearings, that only a small group—and not all of them gay—were actually involved.

The police, under direct orders from Police Chief Charles Gain, were not to attack the crowd; were to maintain their positions; were to prevent the rioters from entering the building; were to try to prevent the destruction from spreading beyond the immediate area. The next day the police would denounce Gain's order, saying that the massive destruction that occurred came as a result of their inability to stop the demonstrators.

However, any number of gays who were there will tell you that more was involved. There were perhaps 200 policemen and about 5,000 rioters. Considering the mood of the crowd, they say, if the police had moved against the crowd, the city might now be minus 200 policemen.

The news media would stay involved through the night. Breaking into evening programming, on-the-scene reports would show the blazing of over a dozen police cars by the rioters. Police motorcycles would be seen overturned and torched. The shattering of exposed basement windows and the hurling of flaming masses into those windows would be documented. One newsman, Van Amberg, would, in the studio, verbally deride Harry Britt, the gay man who was selected to replace Harvey Milk on the Board of Supervisors. According to Amberg, Britt admonished the crowd, saying, "Don't act like heterosexuals!" Britt, amazingly, appeared in the television studio before the broadcast was over, countering Amberg's remarks; explaining to the TV viewers that the violence unleashed was inevitable, considering the absolute lack of value the Dan White jury had placed on the lives of Milk and Moscone. He would remind nongay viewers that they, too, in the person of Moscone, had been victimized by White. He also reminded them that if the tables had been turned—had Harvey Milk killed Dan White—the gas chamber would have been inevitable.

The battle of City Hall would rage for over five hours before the police were allowed by their chief to try to move the rioters away. By this time, after midnight, the area of Market Street in the two blocks on either side of City Hall would have felt the blunt emotion of the demonstrators also. Store windows would be smashed, cars overturned, trees stripped of their branches. Into the tenderloin area north of City Hall the violence would spread to include stores, buildings. . . anything that caught the savage fury of the crowd. By 1 a.m. the flaming policecars were themselves more intense than the demonstrators, many of whom had left. Now, faced by less staggering statistics, the police began to move against the remaining rioters, swinging nightsticks, spraying mace and tear gas at random. News reporters would be equally smashed to the ground, expensive television equipment destroyed by the unleashed passion of the police.

Later, when questioned, a cameraman would explain how he had tried to tell the police he was from the press, only to be greeted with, "I don't give a fuck who you are!" and defeated with a rain of blows from a nightstick.

ASSAULT ON CASTRO

Meanwhile, about two miles away in the Castro,

many gays who did not march on City Hall were ending their evenings in their usual way, in the various bars and restaurants and gathering places of the neighborhood.

When the policecars arrived in the Castro, each filled to overflowing with policemen, the people who had not been near the riots were taken by surprise. Protesting innocence was useless. Police came smashing through plate glass windows and door, shouting the standards so long associated with homophobia ("queer, cocksucker, fag") and recreating a surrealistic image of the sixties. No effort was spared to break as many heads as possible.

The next day, ironically, the police chief would be quoted in the morning newspapers as saying, "We had lost the battle at City hall; we weren't going to lose this one!"

Amazingly, Harry Britt appeared again, amid the melee, with Police Chief Gain at his side.

"The police have no right to be on the streets of the Castro," Britt would plead, reiterating that these gays were obviously removed and uninvolved with the war downtown.

"I want him arrested for inciting a riot," the same boastful officer, intent on not losing this war, demanded.

"Get the police out of here. They are going to cause a disturbance by their presence."

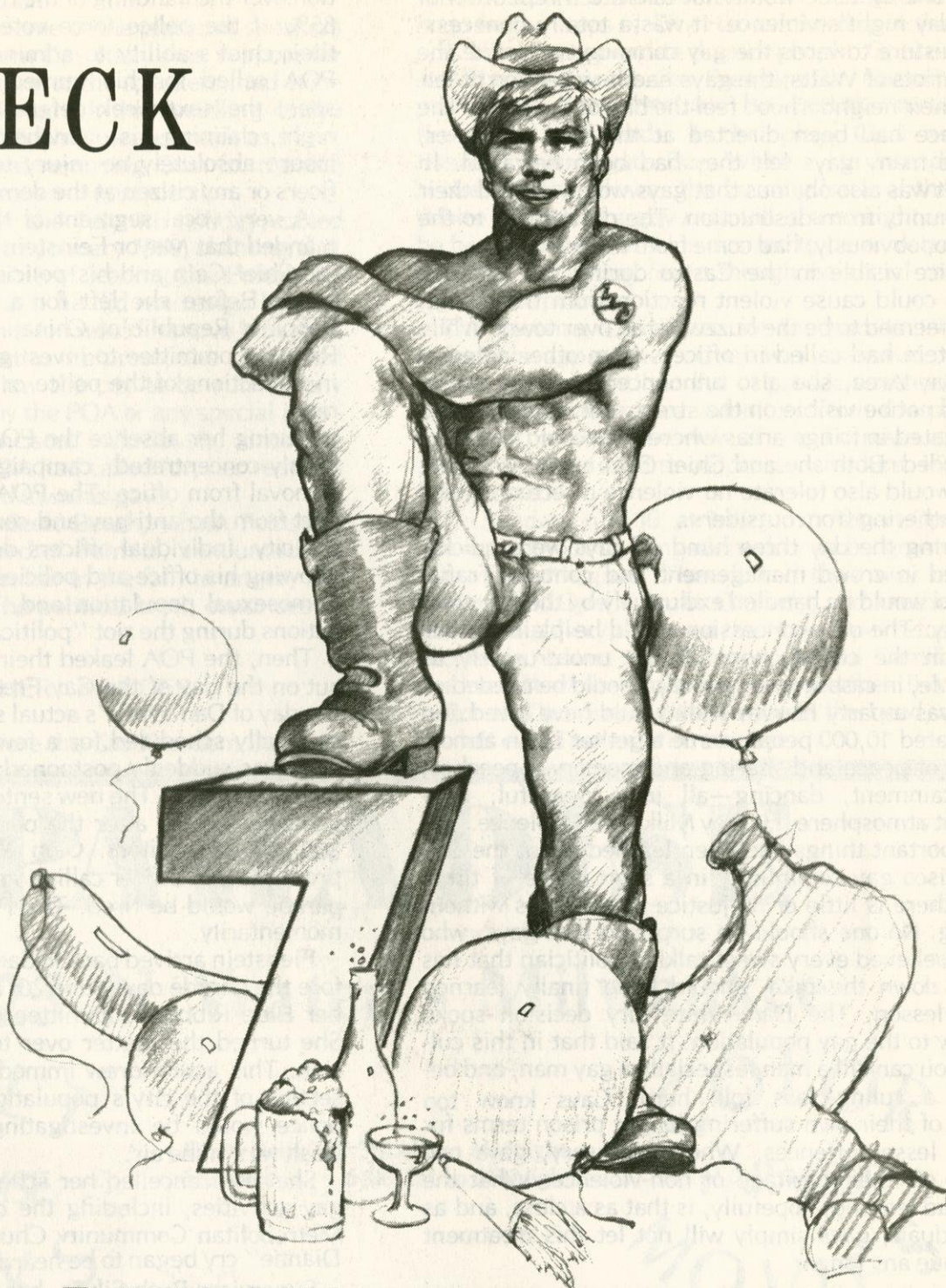
But by this time the gays in the Castro had recovered from their moment of surprise. Quickly the crowd swelled to a blockade of human bodies marching towards the also large group of uniformed officers. Steady, angry, defiant, they advanced and watched the officers begin to retreat. At one point it was head to head, angry gays facing booted, club-wielding men with guns. The shouts rang out: "Get out! Get Out! Get out!" Slowly the gays advanced and slowly, but inevitably, the police retreated. As had happened only weeks before, when a smaller confrontation erupted, gays began pushing empty police cars towards the Market and Castro Street intersection, as if to remove any vestige of the police establishment. Ultimately, the police backed down and disappeared into the night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, the day after the now infamous White jury decision, the riots at City Hall, and the police retaliation in the Castro, would have been Harvey Milk's 49th birthday had he lived. A giant street party in the Castro had been planned for months. Now, could it take place without more rioting?

Statements and advice came from and to anybody who would listen. Governor Brown, still somewhat shaky in the eyes of a lot of gays, called Mayor Dianne Feinstein to ask if she needed any help. The

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Mayor, posturing necessarily to save face, reminded everyone that she would not tolerate a repetition of Monday night's violence. It was a totally unnecessary gesture towards the gay community. Unlike the black riots of Watts, the gays had no intention of letting their neighborhood feel the bite of the torch. The violence had been directed at the seat of power, where many gays felt they had been betrayed. In fact, it was also obvious that gays would defend their community from destruction. The destruction to the Castro, obviously, had come from the police.

Police visible in the Castro during the birthday event could cause violent reaction from the crowd. That seemed to be the buzzword all over town. While Feinstein had called in officers from other cities in the Bay Area, she also announced that the police would **not** be visible on the street, but instead would be located in fringe areas where they could be called if needed. Both she and Chief Gain announced that they would also tolerate no violence directed toward the gathering from outsiders.

During the day three hundred gays were quickly trained in crowd management and control. Traffic control would be handled exclusively by the gay community. The only concession would be plain clothes cops in the crowd, hopefully as unobtrusively as possible, in case any sort of help should be needed.

It was a party Harvey Milk would have loved. An estimated 10,000 people came together in an atmosphere of peace and sharing and memory. Speeches, entertainment, dancing—all in a peaceful, non-violent atmosphere. Harvey Milk hated violence.

Important things had been learned about the San Francisco gay community in a short space of time. That there is little or no justice almost goes without saying. No one should be surprised that gays, who have believed every sweet-talking politician that has come down the pike, should have finally learned their lesson. The Dan White jury decision spoke clearly to the gay population. It said that in this culture you can kill a man, especially a gay man, and become a ruling-class folk hero. Gays know too many of their own suffering longer prison terms for much lesser offences. When necessary, gays can shake off their heritage of non-violence. What the city had learned, hopefully, is that as a class, and as individuals, gays simply will not let this treatment continue any longer.

AFTERMATH

It does not end here, with a peaceful birthday party for Harvey Milk. Gay people and gay leaders are not apologizing for the violence. San Francisco, in the days following these events, was to experience the slaying of still another gay leader and a period of political maneuvering and unrest was to follow.

The powerful Police Officers Association (POA), a

quasi-labor union of the SFPD called a special election over the handling of the riot by Chief Gain. A full 85% of the police force voted "no confidence" in their chief's ability to administer his position. The POA called for his immediate resignation. Gain spent the next week defending his actions on riot night, claiming his overwhelming concern was "to insure absolutely no injury to either my police officers or any citizen at the demonstration."

A very vocal segment of the gay population demanded that Mayor Feinstein announce her support for Chief Gain and his policies. The support never came. Before she left for a two-week tour of the People's Republic of China, she appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee to investigate any potential guilt in the actions of the police or the public during the riots.

During her absence the POA began working on a highly-concentrated campaign to insure Gain's removal from office. The POA was drawing its support from the anti-gay and conservative elements in the city. Individual officers declared that Gain was allowing his office and policies to be dictated by the homosexual population and, ironically, termed his actions during the riot "political."

Then, the POA leaked their plans to stage a sick-out on the day of the Gay Freedom Day Parade **and** the day of Dan White's actual sentencing. The latter, originally scheduled for a few days before the parade, was suddenly postponed; the judge pleading a personal illness. The new sentencing day would fall a good two weeks after the parade and the expected 300,000 gay visitors. Gain was adamant when he promised any officer calling in sick on the day of the parade would be fired. The POA retreated, if only momentarily.

Feinstein arrived back in San Francisco a week before the parade day (June 26) and promptly dissolved her Blue Ribbon Committee investigating the riot. She turned the matter over to the Police Commission. This action drew immediate fire from a large section of the city's population. It meant that the police would be investigating themselves—white-wash was in the air.

She also cancelled her scheduled appearances at gay activities, including the dedication of the new Metropolitan Community Church. Now the "Dump Dianne" cry began to be heard from all sides.

Supervisor Ruth Silver, her district a mix of third world people and gays, broke into the news with her announcement that she intends to run for Mayor or District Attorney; clearly laying the blame for the weak Dan White verdict on the poor prosecution by the D.A. District Attorney Frietas, himself a liberal friend of the gay community (or so it had seemed), was clearly outraged by Silver's announcement. Suddenly political affiliations among the city administrators became realigned. A coalition sprang up be-

tween supporters of Feinstein and Frietas—another sided with Silver and Gain.

Ironically, a major theme of the platform speakers during the Gay Freedom Day Rally was support for Chief Gain, who according to the speakers, had exercised incredible forethought in his handling of the riot. Flo Kennedy and Robin Tyler as much as warned Mayor Feinstein that removing Gain from office would insure her own removal next election.

Feinstein, right after the July 4th holiday, called for Gain's resignation by January 1980, claiming that he was no longer capable of leading the Police Department. She said that if he did not resign by that time, the Police Commission would remove him from office. In her statement to the press, she contended that she would not allow the city to be run by any single element, "not by the POA or any special interest group in San Francisco." Obviously, since she was doing what the POA had called for, her remarks were primarily directed towards gays.

A gay newscaster, Scott Beach, whom Feinstein had named to the Board of Permits, announced his intention to run against her in the fall. In anger, she promptly fired him. The political broth continues to thicken.

ANOTHER MURDER

In the final week before the Gay Freedom Day par-

ade, Robert Opel announced his theatre piece, "The Assassination of Dan White," to be staged at high noon on the steps of City Hall on the day of the parade. Like most guerrilla theatre people, Opel did not seek the city's or the Gay Freedom Day Committee's permission. He advertised his pseudo-murder on flyers and billboards. In his play, Opel was to "shoot" a surrogate Dan White. He intended to probe what he felt was the burning issue of the Dan White verdict: If a gay man killed a straight, would he be allowed to live? He desired to be arrested and tried for the killing (even though no actual murder would take place).

The Steering Committee for the parade tried to forbid his appearance. Opel was unmoved. As it turned out, a scant handful of parade-watchers saw the actual performance. Monitors from the parade attempted to block the view of the TV newscasters. The city also refused to cooperate with him. He was not arrested.

On Sunday, July 10, at 9:45 p.m., Robert Opel answered a knock at his gallery door to be greeted by two men with guns. They forced their way inside, commanded Opel, Camile O'Grady, and another visitor to the gallery, to lay on the floor. Opel refused to cooperate. Later, the police would tell Camile and her friend that their cooperation saved their lives.

Robert Opel was shot one time in the head, above the left eye. There are no suspects.

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THEATER - MINNEAPOLIS



The War Widow, a play originally produced on PBS Television, is currently in production at the Out-and-About Theatre of Minneapolis. It opened July 12 at the Playwright's Center (2301 Franklin Ave. East), and is running Thursdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. through August 4.

The War Widow is a sensitive portrayal of the frustrations of a middle-class housewife (Andrea Herschler) whose husband has gone off to fight World War I, and whose mother (Susan M. Graves) tries to persuade her to live her life as "befits a matron of 1917." Her relationship with a woman photographer (Elizabeth Makever) causes her to discover a new image of herself. The cast includes Marjorie Bly, Alison Hinderlie-Hong, and Ruth Lassila. **The War Widow** is directed by Sheila Reiser, with sets and costumes by Arnold Wong.

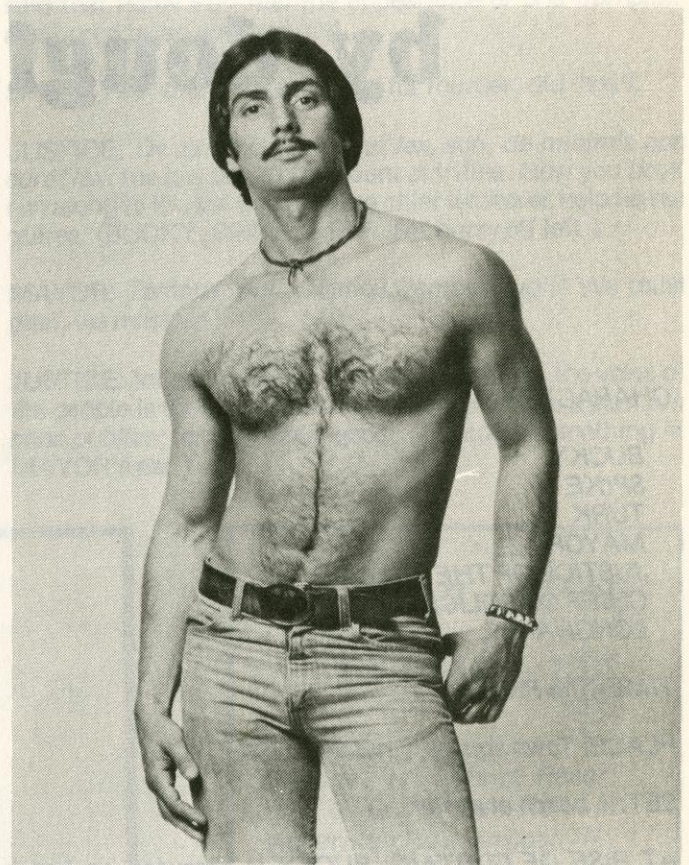


THEATER - NEW YORK



Doric Wilson's two comedies **A Perfect Relationship** and **The West Street Gang** played to standing room only for all performances during their run in the Festival of Gay Plays produced by the Glines at the Spike.

And the critics raved. So, The Glines reopened both plays on July 20. **A Perfect Relationship** is playing on Fridays through August 31, with Michael O'Brien taking over the lead role of Ward, and Lawrence Lane taking over as his vis-a-



vis Greg. **The West Street Gang** plays on Saturdays and Sundays through September 2, Labor Day weekend, with Billy Blackwell (pictured left) continuing as Shanghai Lil and Erick Kornfeld (pictured right) continuing as the bartender Flex. (photos by Ken Howard).

Directed by Michael O'Brien, the Wilson comedies will again play at The Spike, 11th Avenue and 20th Street. All curtains are at 9:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5. For reservations call (212) 869-3530.

THE NECESSITY OF PERCY PUFF

by douglas derek roome

CHARACTERS:

BUCKY
SPIKE
TURK
MAYOR
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
CHIEF OF POLICE
LONGHAIR

TIME: *The Present.*

PLACE: *Town square. Anytown, USA.*

SET: *A bench at center.*

AT RISE OF CURTAIN: BUCKY is sprawled on bench reading a crime magazine, perhaps *True Detective*; SPIKE is to left of bench playing mumblety-peg in mime; TURK is to right of bench picking up stones and throwing them off right in mime. They are high school or junior college jocks. Each wears either a varsity sweater or a football jersey.

BUCKY: We're only favored by three 'cause some asshole at the paper don't think we can get to that little dink quarterback.

SPIKE: (Grins with malicious glee): Guess he didn't hear what we did to that flaky tailback last week! (BUCKY and TURK grin.)

TURK: I heard the pussy's still in traction!

BUCKY (Smugly): He sure came unraveled when the

three of us nailed his ass on that screen pass.

TURK: Yeah, that was great! Maybe Coach'll let us look at the game films again?

BUCKY (Shrugs): Maybe. But tomorrow's more important. We gotta blitz that little dink quarterback and kick his balls off!

SPIKE: Yeah, really stick it to him!

TURK (A beat): Hey, what film's Coach showing tomorrow morning to psych us up for the game?

BUCKY: *Gutted*, which is just about my favorite Hunk Butcher flick.

SPIKE: Yeah!

TURK: Is that the one where Hunk's got these fifty bad guys cornered in the Mohave Desert? And instead of rushing them, he picks them off two and three at a time—just for the fun of it?

BUCKY (Nodding and grinning): Right! I really get off on the part where he kicks that skinny creep in the head and the guy's eyes fall out!

TURK (Nodding and grinning): Yeah, yeah, right! And the guy's running around screaming like a sissy and trying to push 'em back in the sockets!

SPIKE: (Nodding and grinning): Another beautiful part's when Hunk cuts open that fat slob's gut and then hangs the bastard with his own intestines!

MAYOR enters from left during SPIKE's speech. He's at least 40. His badge of office, worn on a cord or chain, is dried elephant testes.

MAYOR (Grimly): Bad news, boys. (BUCKY, SPIKE, and TURK gather around him.) Some time during the night Percy Puff escaped.

BUCKY: Which way'd he go?!

SPIKE: Yeah, we'll get the rotten bastard back!

MAYOR: Not a trace, boys. Only clue we've got's that he's been going for walks near the marsh.

TURK: Shit! If he tried it across the marsh he's a goner!

SPIKE: What about the sheriff's bloodhounds?

MAYOR: They're on the mountain tracking Studd Gunn.

TURK: Again? (MAYOR nods) Heck, he's just out after doing ninety days for raping them five stewardesses!

MAYOR: I know, I know! (Smiles in spite of himself) But you know Studd!

BUCKY (Grins): Who'd he screw this time?

MAYOR: Three college girls who picked him up hitch-hiking.

SPIKE (With obvious admiration and envy): Wow, that makes a hundred and eighteen *we know about!* Talk about over-sexed!

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE enters from left during SPIKE's speech. He's at least 50. He wears a black judge's robe with a crimson noose embroidered on it.

MAYOR: Any news?

JUSTICE (Solemnly): The worst possible: Our *lusus naturae*, our freak of nature is dead. *fata viam invenient*: the Fates will find a way. He tried to escape over the mountain and crossed paths with Studd Gunn. The sheriff said that Percy Puff had the appearance of one trampled and gored by an enraged bull.

SPIKE: They didn't arrest Studd for murder, did they?

JUSTICE: *De minimis non curat lex*, son, *de minimis non curat lex*: the law takes no account of trifles. Now you boys run along to the jail and give the chief whatever help he requires. (BUCKY, SPIKE, and TURK hurry off left.)

MAYOR: *Tempus fugit*, Justice, *tempus fugit!* We must plan, we must act!

JUSTICE: Indeed, indeed! *Vox populi vox Dei*: the voice of the people is the voice of God! And the chief has a plan *pro bono publico*: for the public good. (Whispers something in MAYOR's ear.)



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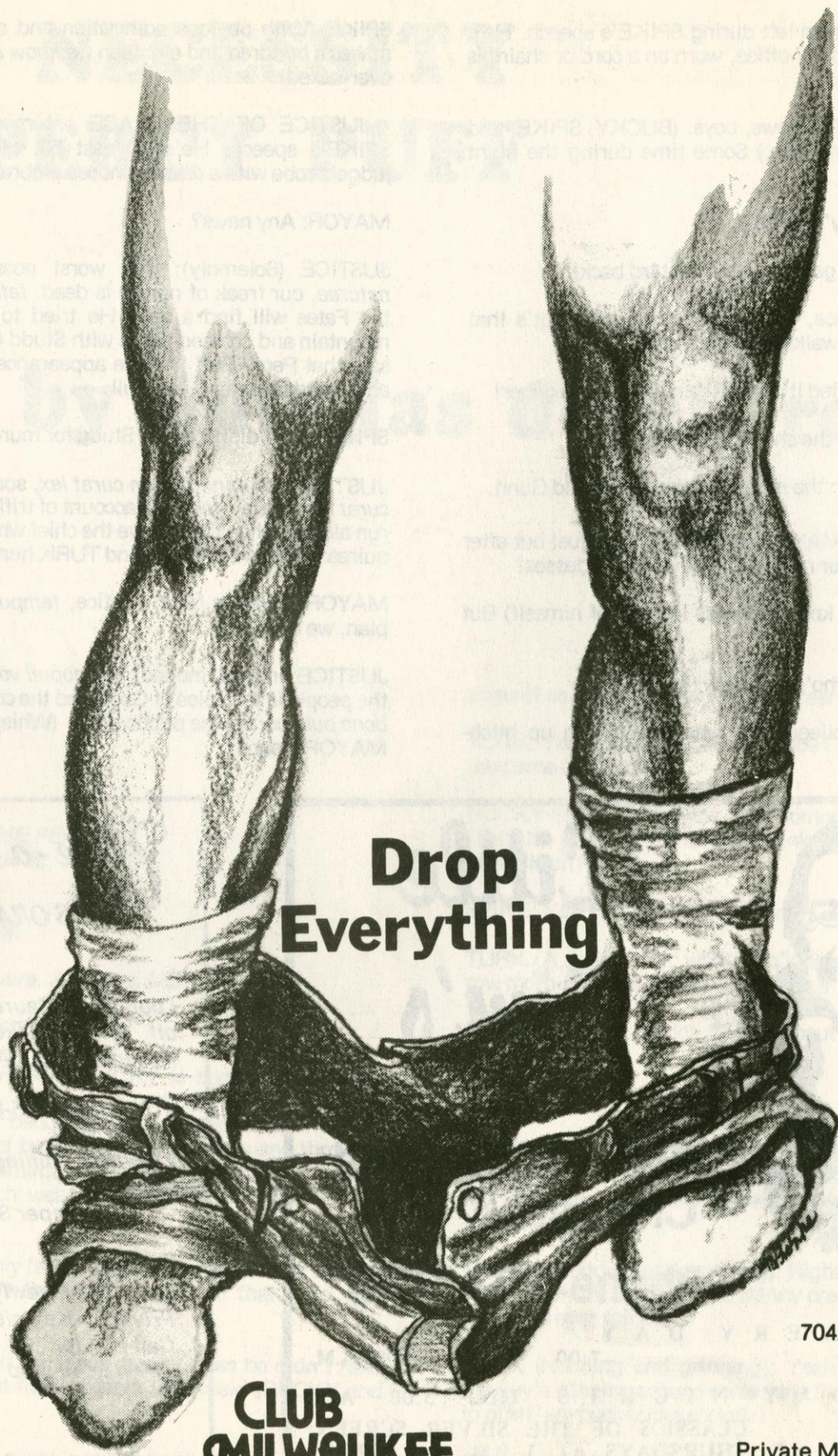
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MAYOR (Enthusiastically): Perfect! Folks'll believe anything about a longhair, especially if he's a complete stranger! (A beat. Frowns) But will he do it?

JUSTICE: *Me judice*, in my judgement, yes. For littering and loitering I could sentence him to a year on the county farm.

MAYOR: But even if he does agree, it's only temporary. What we need is another Percy Puff.

JUSTICE (Nodding): Indeed, indeed. *Inter nos*, between ourselves, I dread the prospect of this fine, wholesome, patriotic town without the benefits of an example of unmanliness. But, *dum spiro, spero*: while I breathe, I hope!

MAYOR (Grimly): Without an example this town will've seen its last championship team, its last drunken Saturday night brawl in the bowling alley parking lot, its last unwed mother, and its last midnight drag race thru the cemetery! Words don't help much. Only actions impress boys! Damn, he was the lowest kind of filth, but that Percy Puff was worth his weight in gold!

JUSTICE: *Fortes fortuna juvat*, Mayor, fortune favors the brave!

CHIEF OF POLICE enters from left during JUSTICE's speech, followed closely by LONGHAIR and his escort, BUCKY, SPIKE, and TURK. LONGHAIR is handcuffed. He has a full beard and is under 30. CHIEF is 40. He wears a large badge and a steel helmet with a phallic device and carries a truncheon of similar design. BUCKY carries a backpack.

MAYOR: Well?!

CHIEF: He's still thinking it over.

JUSTICE: *Ex necessitate rei*. From the necessity of the case, young man, we're prepared to compromise. After all, *humanum est errare*, to err is human. So all will be forgiven and forgotten and the record of your arrest will be expunged.

CHIEF: (To BUCKY, indicating a point off right): Put his backpack over there by the oak tree. (BUCKY obeys.)

MAYOR (Hopefully): Listen, it's okay with us if you're one of *them*.

CHIEF: More than okay! Hell, we'll set you up with a job and find you a place to live.

LONGHAIR: Thanks anyway, man, but that jus' ain't my life style.

MAYOR (Obviously disappointed, as are CHIEF and JUSTICE): All right, all right! Now, how about it? You gonna help us out? (BUCKY returns.)

CHIEF (Indicating off right): That tree's the goal line. Once you're past that you're free.

LONGHAIR (Nodding slowly): Sure, man. I jus' hope you guys's bein' straight with me. (Sincerely) It's like this, man: I hate them fuckin' nowhere shits as much as you guys!

CHIEF: We're being straight with you, count on it!

They're all pleased with LONGHAIR. CHIEF removes the handcuffs.

MAYOR (Indicating a point off left): Start over there—and try to make us believe you are one!

LONGHAIR exits left. The others are visibly excited. They arrange themselves on and around the bench and try to look casual. After a moment, LONGHAIR enters from left mincing and gesturing. When he speaks, it is with a lisp. The performance should be pure charade, pure stereotype. BUCKY advances to meet him.

BUCKY: Looky here! Percy Puff's sister!

LONGHAIR: Ain't you got no respect for a lady? (Others laugh raucously.) I'm very delicate.

SPIKE and TURK join BUCKY. The three loosely en-



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circle LONGHAIR without impeding him.

TURK: How do ya like it, queeny, with spit or Vaseline?
(Others laugh.)

LONGHAIR: Let's not get personal.

CHIEF: Maybe he likes it in his ear better! Or up the nose!
(Others laugh.)

SPIKE (Hand on his crotch): Hungry, sucker?

MAYOR: Just don't forget to wipe off the lipstick after he's done or your girl friend'll get jealous! (Others laugh.)

LONGHAIR: How uncouth! Just no manners.

TURK: Bet my nine-year old kid brother's got more between his legs than you, ya dumb fruit!

JUSTICE: Queers call themselves oversexed if they have more than three inches! (Others laugh.)

BUCKY: Bet you got calluses up your asshole—and even bigger ones on your knees!

LONGHAIR: Well, man, what do you expect? I need lovin' too.

Others laugh, but not as much as before. From this point onward the mood shifts away from ridicule and toward hostility and open menace.

BUCKY (Goosing LONGHAIR): Like that?!

LONGHAIR (Giggles): Stop that or I'll scream!

SPIKE (Goosing LONGHAIR) Go ahead and scream, sissy!

LONGHAIR (Beginning to feel the active menace and slip out of character): Now, fellas, no rough stuff! After all, I'm a lady.

TURK: No you ain't! You're a cocksucker and a punk!

CHIEF: Want us to fuck you with a Coke bottle, faggot? Or do you like Pepsi better?

LONGHAIR: Live and let live I always say. . .

BUCKY (Pushes LONGHAIR): Want some piss to drink, queer-boy?!

TURK (Pushes LONGHAIR): Yeah, fruit, how about some shit to eat?!

SPIKE (Pushes LONGHAIR): How much you willing to pay to lick the cheese off my cock?!

LONGHAIR (Completely out of character and beginning to panic): Hey, cool it you guys! This's jus' a game, remember? I'm jus' pretendin'—

BUCKY (Pushes LONGHAIR even harder): Dirty queer!

TURK (Pushes LONGHAIR even harder): Chickenshit fag!

SPIKE (Pushes LONGHAIR even harder): Cockeating pansy!

LONGHAIR (Frantically trying to break out of circle): Hey, you dudes are unreal! Fuckin' bunch a crazies!

BUCKY tries to punch LONGHAIR, but misses. LONGHAIR pushes past BUCKY and bolts toward right. BUCKY, SPIKE, and TURK give chase, wildly excited.

CHIEF: Kick the sonofabitch in the balls for me!

MAYOR (Hand on his crotch): That was great!

JUSTICE (Hand on his crotch): If you boys don't mind, I'll pass on playing poker tonight.

CHIEF (Hand on his crotch): Same here! (Grins) Got something to show the wife.

JUSTICE (As above): *Verbum sat sapienti est*, boys: a word to the wise is sufficient!

MAYOR (As above): Come on, boys, let's get home before it melts!!

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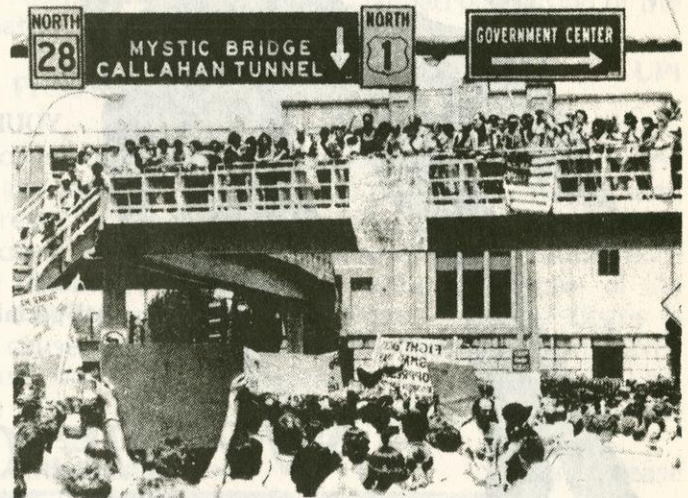
GAY PRIDE WEEK 1979

Gay Pride Week, while perhaps not marked with the drama and excitement of some past years, was commemorated nationwide and worldwide. As is always the case, news from the larger metropolitan areas reaches us first and in greater detail; and news from other regions arrives only long after the fact. A healthy mark of GPW 1979 was the announced plans in many cities outside "the big ten" and in more and more nonurban areas for gay organizations to do something to mark their presence within their respective communities. So our summary below, while far from complete and brutally summarical for the larger cities, provides some perspective on the health and growth of the gay liberation movement.

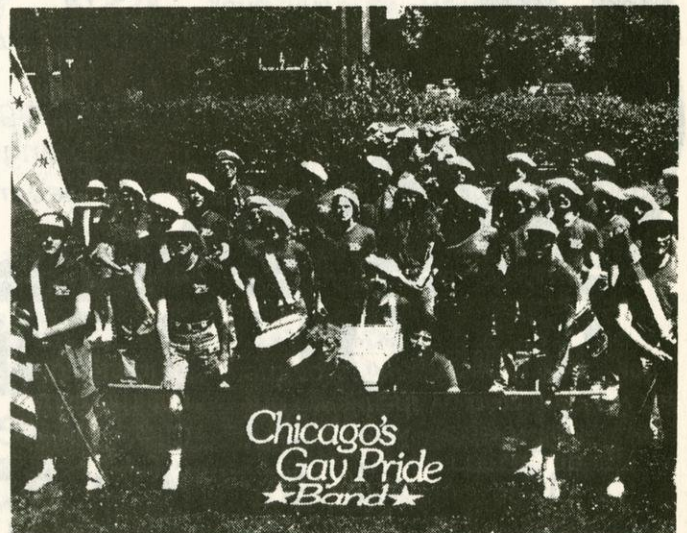
Anchorage, AK—GPW-1979 was held from June 17-24, and included a series of speeches, panels, and discussions. The Alaska Gay Community Center, in conjunction with the Student Political Awareness Committee of the Anchorage Campus of the University of Alaska, sponsored a series of events around the topic, "Anatomy Is Not Destiny." A historical retrospective on gays and the continuing struggle for liberation, "Young, Gay, and Proud," was held at the end of the week.

Atlanta, GA—The GPW-Parade was held on June 24, originating from the Civic Center and began at 2 p.m.. Many bars and organizations provided floats and decorated cars for the parade, which ended at Piedmont Park shortly past 4 p.m., when the Lendar Anniversary Celebration began. This included movies, entertainment, arts and crafts demonstrations, games, booths, and several invited speakers. Observers indicated well over a thousand persons in attendance.

Boston, MA—Amid chants of "2-4-6-8-, How Do You Know Your Wife Is Straight?" over 5,000 gays and their friends paraded through the streets of Boston on June 16. The march began at Copley Square in the heart of the largely gay Back Bay section and moved through the downtown area to the Boston Common for a rally. Former State Representative Elaine Noble marched with her mother, Ruth; and Robin MacCormack, Special Assistant to Mayor



Kevin White, and State Representative Mel King (D-South End) were also among those participating. The closing rally included speakers and entertainment, and most of the marchers remained through the event despite the hot sun.



Chicago, IL—See article elsewhere in this issue.

Dallas, TX—GPW-79 ran from June 23 through July 1. Events included a gay book fair and crafts show featuring voter registration, poetry and prose

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HERE & THERE

Amherst, MA—The Annual Meeting of Delegates to the Massachusetts Teachers Association has adopted a resolution against discrimination based, in part, on sexual orientation.

Gay Community News

Syracuse, NY—The Syracuse gay community celebrated "Ten Years of Gay Liberation" with a June 16 rally at the Federal Building. The keynote speaker was Dr. Franklin Kameny.

Gay Community News

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

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA—The Gay Community Services Center of Hollywood and the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California are distributing a brochure entitled "Upgrading Gay & Lesbian Veteran Discharges." The amnesty for upgrading dishonorable discharges lasts only until the end of 1979. The pamphlet is available at special bulk rates to gay organizations, and at a cost of \$0.20 to individuals, from: ACLU of Southern California, 633 S. Shatto Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Press Release

Alexandria, VA—Conservationists here complain that gay men don't seem to be too interested in bird-watching at a Federal Wildlife Sanctuary along the Potomac. Nature lovers complain that the influx of gay tricksters has caused trampling of vegetation and compacting of earth. The name of the bushy trysting place? Dyke marsh.

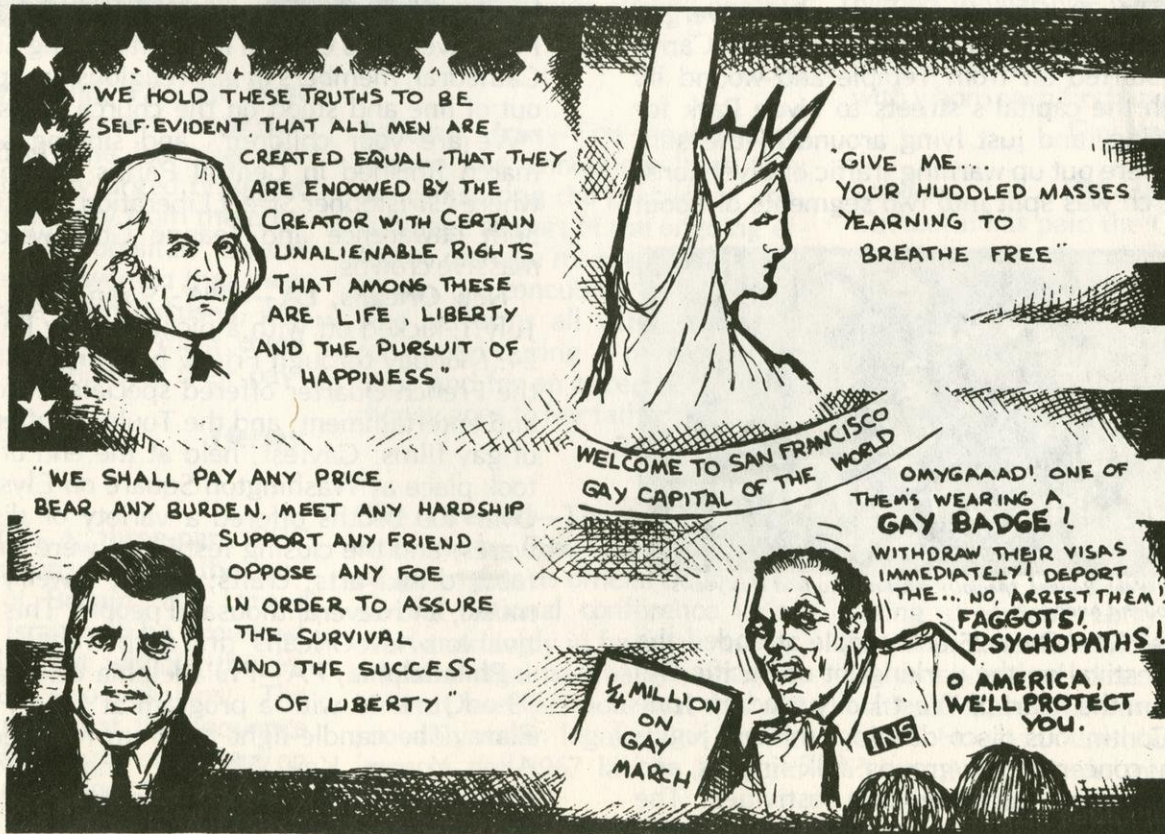
Fifth Freedom

New York, NY—A New York City Housing Court judge has ruled that two gay persons living together "do not legally constitute an immediate family", no matter how close their relationship. Judge Ferdinand Pellegrino made the decision in a suit filed by the estate of Phillip Perl, who died last September after living for ten years in a cooperative apartment with Stanley Saul. After Perl's death, Saul had claimed possession of the apartment.

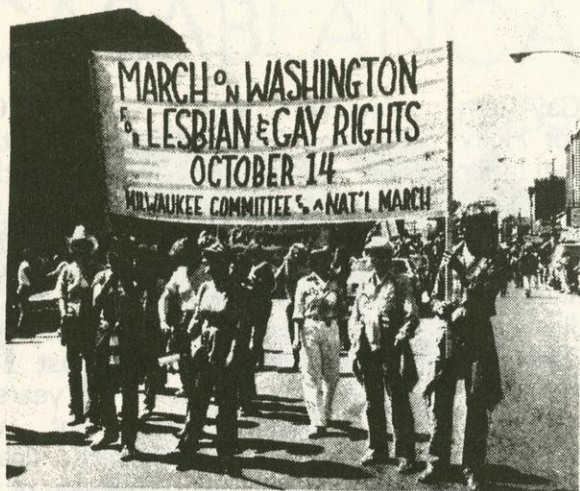
UPI

Inglewood, CA—W.I.M. Publications announces that it will review books of poetry by mainstream, gay, and black poets. They will review and send the submitting publisher or writer two copies of the review. Editor S. Diane Bogus is opening the house to submissions. Inquiries should be sent to: W.I.M. Publications, Box 5037, Inglewood, CA 90310.

Press Release

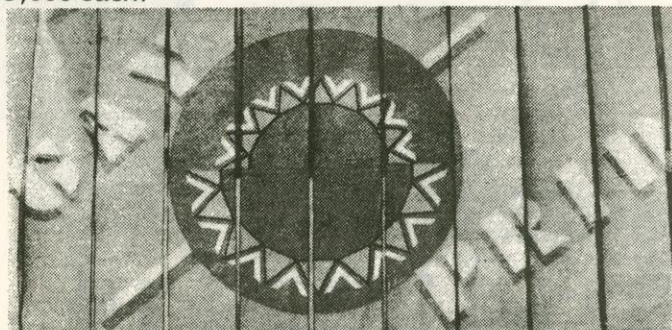


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recitals; a co-sexual coffeehouse sponsored by the Lesbian Rights Task Force of the National Organization for Women; a disco party sponsored by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus; comedian Pat Bond performing "An Evening with Gertrude Stein"; a barbecue, films, and a closing candle-light march. Gary Decker, coordinator of the Dallas Gay Pride Committee, noted that this was "the first real Gay Pride Week in Dallas' history." Turnouts estimated in the neighborhood of two thousand exceeded expectations of the planning committee.

London, UK—Chart-topping disco star Sylvester was there, and so were Tom Robinson, Polly Perkins, and upwards of 12,000 others—some famous, some notorious, and most just plain ordinary and happy to celebrate GPW-79. Gay women and men converged on London on Saturday, June 30, for the GPW Carnival, which started off from Temple and wound its way through the capital's streets to Hyde Park for music, dancing, and just lying around in the sun. Road signs were put up warning traffic of diversions; and the march was split into two segments of about 5,000 each.



The Gay Pride Week Banner, specially produced to lead this year's gay march through London

Los Angeles, CA—Over 25,000 people attended the Gay Pride Festival on the parking lot of Pacific Design Center in the heart of West Hollywood on June 30-July 1. Continuous disco dancing, mimes, juggler, acrobats, concerts, rock groups, folk singers, and other entertainment enlivened the festivities. The 140-unit parade on July 1, down Santa Monica Boule-

vard and near the festival, attracted a record 5,000 marchers and participants, with spectators estimated at over 25,000—another record. Terry Luton, president of the Christopher Street West Association, the non-profit organization which has sponsored GPW observances in Los Angeles since 1970, estimates net proceeds of the festival at \$25,000.

New York, NY—Over 100,000 gays and supporters marched in the largest demonstration to date of gay pride here on Sunday, June 24. Marching behind a banner proclaiming "A Decade of Lesbian and Gay Pride," the parade was led by a group of 13 people arrested in the original Stonewall riots. The march began in Sheridan Square at the center of Greenwich Village, moved to Washington Square and then up



Fifth Avenue to Central Park. In passing St. Patrick's Cathedral, members of gay religious groups dropped out of line and stood on the church steps shouting, "We are your children" and singing songs. The march finished in Central Park's Sheep Meadow, where Christopher Street Liberation Day chairperson Seth Lawrence and Jeanne Gray welcomed the massive crowds.

New Orleans, LA—GPW-79 ran from June 24 to July 1, kicked off with a picnic in City Park on June 24. Monday through Friday bars and restaurants in the French Quarter offered specials on food, drink, and entertainment; and the Toulouse offered a week of gay films. Gayfest, held at the end of the week, took place at Washington Square on Elysian Fields. Over 100 booths offered a variety of displays and wares; and the closing festivities were marked with food, drink, arts, crafts, books, jewelry, balloons, music, and several thousand people. This year's festival was New Orleans' first such event.

Philadelphia, PA—Philadelphia celebrated GPW-79 on June 16 with a program at John F. Kennedy Plaza. The candle-light program featured speakers Allen Young, Kay Whitlock, and Tony Silvestre, entertainment by the theater group Culture Shock, music by Hank Baron, Dot Jennings, and Julia

HERE & THERE

San Francisco, CA—The Board of Permit Appeals, in response to complaints against the spread of gay bars in the Haight-Ashbury District, has voted to take away a permit for pinball and pool tables at the gay bar, **S.F. Boy**, most recently opened.

San Francisco Chronicle

New York, NY—Composer Walter Carlos, 39, who created the 1960's largest-selling classical album, "Switched-on Bach," but dropped out of sight in the 70's, has revealed that he is now Wendy Carlos. He underwent a sex change operation in 1972.

Playboy

San Francisco, CA—"Dave Kopay has joined a new team"—so claims the ad for San Francisco's Geary Ford, which is engaged in an extensive advertising promotion which notes that the gay ex-football-player has moved "to the Better Idea sales team."

San Francisco Examiner

Three Mile Island, PA—At least two pregnant women employed here stayed off the job after the Governor strongly urged pregnant women to stay away from the crippled plant. Metropolitan Edison has informed the women that their absences have been excused, but that the missed days must come out of their vacations or their paychecks.

Hersay

London, UK—A three-part BBC documentary on women in the armed forces of Britain, the United States and Israel will be broadcast here shortly—but without the interview with two lesbians. The BBC confirmed that the sequence had been shot, but "ended up on the cutting room floor."

Gay News (London)

Washington, DC—The Lesbian Health and Counseling Center (LHCC) is open every Thursday from 7-10 p.m. at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1606 17th St. N.W. Information about health or counseling services can be had by phoning (202) 332-5295 from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays, or (202) 547-3356 at other times.

Press Release

San Francisco, CA—Supervisor Harry Britt has denounced a new reign of terror which he claims is being visited upon gay men by roving bands of terrorists. Britt cited a series of vicious street crimes in the Eureka Valley area which has left the "community in a state of great fear."

San Francisco Chronicle

Chicago, IL—The home of suspected mass murderer John Wayne Gacy has been leveled, and the property graded in the hope that neighbors will eventually forget the crimes which occurred there

UPI

Teheran, Iran—The new Islamic regime has announced that they are reinstating the practice of concubinage as part of the ongoing effort to reshape marriage law to the Koran. A concubine is a woman who performs all wifely functions for a man during a period agreed upon and for an agreed price. The money goes to her father.

Big Mama Rag

Eire, Ireland—The major opposition party, Fine Gael, has adopted gay rights as official policy. The party's national conference voted overwhelmingly in favor of reviewing laws against (male) homosexuality. Observers note that this will probably mean legalization on the lines of the 1967 law in England and Wales.

Gay News (London)

New York, NY—Gay and Lesbian Blind (GALB) is a group formed last year to open channels of communication between blind and sighted gays. The group, the only one of its kind in the country, has a permanent home in the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. GALB meetings are held every Sunday from 4—6 p.m. at the Center, Suite 502, 110 E. 23rd Street. GALB also staffs a hotline for those unable to attend meetings, every Friday and Sunday from 6—9 p.m.: the number is (212) 777-7697. For more information write GALB, c/o Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 110 E. 23rd St., Suite 502, New York, NY 10010

Press Release

St Albans, UK—Two teenage lovers formed a partnership which turned them to blackmail, ST. Albans Crown Court was told. The two, Mark Lucas (18) and an unnamed 16-year-old, have been sent to Borstal Training after admitting to blackmailing a 56-year-old man with whom each first had sex.

Gay News(London)

London, UK—Westminster Cathedral has paid the Gay Christian Movement almost \$500 to compensate for its cancellation of GCM's annual meeting on Cathedral premises. This met in full GCM's cost in reconvening its annual meeting to Notting Hill Methodist Church.

Gay News (London)

Houston, TX—Gay Political Caucus, acting president Larry Bagneris has been selected to hold a position on the board of directors of the National Gay Task Force. Bagneris joins Houston Lesbian/feminist Pokey Anderson in representing this area of the country.

Houston Star

Blackwoman, a mime performance by Gale Russo, and dancing to the music of Rubyfruit Begonia. Participation was estimated at about 2,000 persons.

Phoenix, AZ—GPW-79 began in Phoenix four days later than the Tucson celebration to enable Arizona gays who so desired to participate in both cities. It ran from June 28 through July 2. The week began with a memorial service at Casa de Cristo MCC to commemorate the many gays who have given their lives because of their gayness. The same evening Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) sponsored "An Evening in the Park" with picnic and speeches at North Mountain Park Ramada. The balance of the week was marked by speeches, scheduled discussion groups, and many special events at Phoenix's new Gay Community Center. Activities wound up on Monday, July 2, with a Sunday's Child event: pizza night for gays, with organ concert and fellowship at the Organ Stop Pizza.

San Francisco, CA—GPW-79 was celebrated here on Sunday, June 23, by over 200,000 persons. Attendance was lower than expected because of inclement weather. Over 30,000 people marched through the downtown area waving banners and chanting, picking up more people enroute. The crowd had reached over 200,000 by the time the march arrived at Civic Center Plaza, scene of the earlier riots in connection with the Dan White Trial. Speakers at the rally included City Supervisors Carol R. Silver and Harry Britt, author Sally Gearhart, and Cleve Jones, former aide to Supervisor Harvey Milk. The greatest crowd response came to comments made by lesbian satirist Robin Tyler, who during her performance pointed to the Mayor's balcony in City Hall and said, "If Gain goes, you go too, Diane."

The SF police force, angry at Chief Gain and at what some officers considered an over-lenient attitude towards gays, had threatened a "sick-out" for



the day of the rally, but called it off at the last moment. Rally attendance fell below the record 350,000 attendance set for GPW-77.

San Diego, CA—This city's fifth annual GPW march was held on June 23, beginning at noon in downtown San Diego and proceeding to the Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park. The participants, numbering about 1,300, were mostly individuals without organization affiliations. Seventeen organizations did participate, but the parade was blackballed by Black and Chicano organizations. The mayor's office also refused to participate in any way, and turned down a request for proclamation of Gay Pride Week.

Powerful KPFB Radio (90.7 FM) agreed to mark GPW-79 with an entire day of gay programming on June 27. The broadcasts included interviews with Christopher Isherwood and Dr. Evelyn Hooker, and were backed up with open phone lines for listener participation.

Stockholm, Sweden—Sweden celebrates GPW-79 from August 25 through September 1. The Swedish Federation for Sexual Equality (RSFL) has announced extensive plans for the entire week, leading up to a demonstration in Stockholm on September 1. One reason the Swedes celebrate GPW later than most other countries is that their celebration usually draws many foreign participants. Foreigners seeking accommodation should write to: RSFL Accomodation Group, Box 151 48, S-104 65, Stockholm. GPU NEWS will report Sweden's GPW-79 in a forthcoming issue.

Tucson, AZ—The three-day festivities (June 24-27) began with a mammoth picnic at Himmel Park. An inter-faith memorial service for martyred gays was sponsored on June 27 by MCC Truth Chapel, Dignity, and Holy Trinity Church of the Desert, and was followed by a fellowship hour. To end GPW-79, the Gay Students Organization (GSO) of the University of Arizona presented an after-hours



HERE & THERE

San Francisco, CA—Vice Squad officers here, armed with a search warrant, arrested the owner of a gay escort service on two counts of pimping. Richard Almon, 55, owner of Almon's Escort Service, was booked into city prison.

San Francisco Chronicle

Washington, DC—The CIA and the State Department still regard homosexuality as grounds for refusing employment because of the blackmail risks involved. Robert Cambino, director of the CIA's office of security, and Karl Ackerman, his State Department counterpart, so testified before a House Intelligence Oversight committee which is looking into pre-employment security clearance procedures

UPI

San Francisco, CA—The Third World Gay Day, featuring brunch and workshops, was held on June 16 at the San Francisco Women's Center. The event was sponsored by the Gay Latino Alliance and the Third World Gay Caucus.

Bay Area Reporter

Jackson, MS—The state of Mississippi again has defeated a resolution which would have ratified the 19th Amendment and given women the right to vote, despite the fact that such a ratification would merely have been a formality. And, not surprisingly, the ERA was again defeated in the Senate Constitutional Committee on the same day.

National NOW Times

San Francisco, CA—Two veteran Tenderloin police officers, Gary Dixon and Robbie Corley, have been suspended for four months after the police commission ruled that they had beaten a 22-year-old gay suspect last October and lied to their superiors to cover up the incident.

San Francisco Examiner

Sacramento, CA—Senator John Briggs now wants to ban nude beaches because he thinks that the human body should not be seen. He has also proposed raising the speed limit to 65 mph on California highways. Apparently increased traffic fatalities and further shortages in gasoline do not constitute the same religious problems as an uncovered groin.

San Francisco Chronicle

Zurich, Switzerland—This country's all-male government has refused to support passage of regulations enforcing equal rights for women. Employers argued that such regulations would compel them to pay higher wages to women, putting too large a dent in their profits.

Hersay

Washington, DC—A coalition of 300 independent colleges has raised \$100,000 and hired a consulting firm to organize a lobbying effort to exempt athletics from Title IX, the federal law barring sex discrimination in schools. They want all revenue-producing sports to be exempt from the regulation that equal provisions must be expended for women.

New Women's Times

Washington, DC—In an article: "It's Hard to Have a Good Time in a Non-Gay Disco", disco singer Sylvester told **Jet**: "Gay audiences are the most supportive we've ever had. . . Straight discos are tired; gay discos are fabulous."

Jet

New York, NY—Singer Michael Jackson ("Jackson Five") has rejected the role of the gay dancer in the movie version of "Chorus Line" because "some people already think I'm that way—homo."

UPI

San Francisco, CA—Members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav here have appointed Allen Bennett to serve as their rabbi. Bennett, who is the first rabbi to publicly acknowledge that he is gay, was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

San Francisco Sentinel

New York, NY—A judge here has found a man guilty of rape when he refused to pay a prostitute and pulled out a revolver instead. Had the man merely refused to pay, but not pulled out a gun, the court would not have ruled in favor of the prostitute.

Coyote Howls

Rochester, NY—The Rochester Gay Task Force has announced a spring and summer membership drive, together with the formation of a task force to assemble a reference list of individuals who can be called upon for political and social action. RGTF's major project for the fall will be voter registration and making the impact of the gay vote felt in the area. For more information write to EC Press, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14607

The Empty Closet

Binghamton, NY—"Lesbian Reality", the fifth annual New York State Lesbian Conference, took place here at the end of April. Work-shops were held on the Binghamton SUNY campus and social gatherings at Herizon, a lesbian/feminist private club. Attendance was over 300.

The Empty Closet

London, UK—Ms. Mary Whitehouse, the self-appointed defender of all that is good and holy in Great Britain, has complained to the BBC about its screening of the play, **Coming Out**.

Gay News (London)

disco-skating party at Skate County North.

Washington, DC—GPW-79 took place on June 24, and was marked by a gay fair which drew attendance in the thousands. There were almost 50 booths offering display items, handcrafts, books, and information. City Hall was represented by Mayor Barry, Councilmen John Ray and Dev Clarke, and Councilwoman-at-large Betty Anne Kane. Organizers estimate that the fair drew the largest participation in Washington history.




Mayor Barry posed as a Kinsey 6, while a real Kinsey 6 smiled approvingly.

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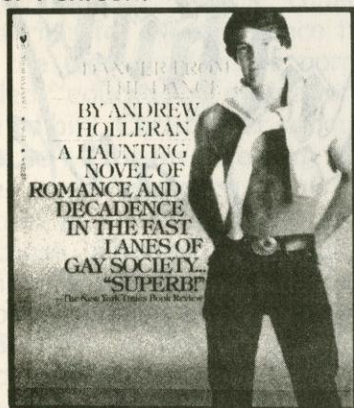
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REVIEW

Dancer From The Dance by Andrew Holleran, Bantam Books, New York, Paperback Edition, 1979 \$2.50.

The Morrow hardcover edition of **Dancer** was published in September of 1978, and was in its fourth printing by November. **Harper's Magazine** described it as "an astonishingly beautiful book. The best gay novel written by anyone of our generation," and **Record World** dubbed it "the disco novel of the year. . . **Dancer** captures the feeling and flow of the disco life of New York's Serious Dancers." The Bantam paperback edition was released in August of this year.

GPU NEWS offered a review of the original edition of **Dancer** in the issue of last September, complete with an interview of the author by Peter Pehrson.



The novel's title comes from Yeat's "Among School Children," and details the rights of passage of Malone, who is in search of love in the gay world. Malone is beautiful and adored, the object of dreams and gossip in this exotic world. Remaining unapproachable and detached, he pursues his quest through myriad encounters, from the romantic to the brutally lustful. Malone's friend and dancing partner, Sutherland, is an aging and outrageous drag queen with tireless vivacity and cutting wit.

As the novel ends in the aftermath of a wild bacchanalian party on Fire Island, Malone has become

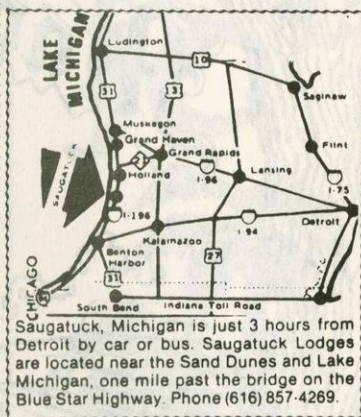
an almost mythic figure, personifying the elusive love which the Dancers perpetually seek, but never find. As Pehrson noted, the novel celebrates despair, and at times tends to a righteous, anti-drug, anti-promiscuity, even anti-gay moral. In this respect, it is a supremely immoral novel. The fact that the author is both a lapsed catholic and an inveterate romantic is virtually forced upon the reader, who is absorbed by the symbolism of misanthropy and self-hate. Literature, however, should make no

pretense to morality or moralizing; and, however immoral or self-stultifying self-hatred is, it remains a real part of the gay cultural soul—within the purview of the author and poet.

Holleran's tortured characters emerge before us larger than life. Obsessed by physical beauty, by clothes, by gossip, and by style, they do succeed in capturing and re-presenting the light and the dark within the Dionysian part of the gay soul. The overall effect of the novel is one of great beauty.

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REVIEW

Straight Cut Ditch by Richard Andersen. Ashley Books, Port Washington, New York, 1979. \$8.95.

Reviewed by Thomas Vinew

Straight Cut Ditch is a humorous look at the inside of a hypothetical religious-oriented single-sex high school, and the psychological dramas which such a situation creates. The author takes his title from the words of Henry David Thoreau: "What does education often do? It makes a straight cut ditch out of a freely meandering brook." Andersen, a native of New York, now teaches humanities at Boston University. He is also the author of **William Goldman**, a critical study of the popular writer's ten novels.

"Don't smile until Christmas" is only one of the pieces of advice which are given to new teachers at Bleeding Martyr High School. Christopher Newland, just beginning his own teaching career, finds this odd counsel only the first of many in the mad, mad world of Catholic secondary education. **Straight Cut Ditch** traces the course of Christopher's first teaching year at a school run by gay brothers, staffed by illiterate teachers, and populated by average students. Having been educated in the Catholic system, Newland believes himself prepared for the highly charged atmosphere created by jealous priests, repressed nuns, and officious administrators. But he is not prepared for Brother Patrick (the treacherous priest-principal), nor for Brother Ept (the busy-body assistant principal known as "Brother Inept" behind his back), nor for Brother Callistus (Brother Patrick's former lover, known to break the jaws of recalcitrant students).

Brother Patrick hired Christopher because he wanted him for his new lover, and as a spy as well. Christopher is soon asked to keep a diary of the goings-on at the

school: dissension among the teachers, their incompetence and inability to relate to the students, and the general atmosphere of jealousy and suspicion which pervades Bleeding Martyr. But Christopher meets Bryan, a senior and ex-lover of Brother Patrick. Though Bryan is also a spy, he and Christopher are soon drawn to one another by more than their common occupations: they become lovers.

Brother Patrick then enlists Bryan to spy on Christopher, in an

engaging conversation which admirably summarizes the academic life of the school. Bryan asks the brother how to approach the new teacher:

"That's your problem, but seeing how he's your English teacher I don't see how he could be adverse to recommending a couple of books for you to read in your spare time. And one more thing. I want you to report to me from time to time and let me know what he's doing and what you think of him. Okay?"

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"Good. Now, let me blow you."
 "I thought you said this had to be short, Brother."

"I was talking about the conversation, Bryan."

Brother Patrick soon learns that the relation between Bryan and the new teacher is a bit more than that of spy to subject, and becomes inflamed with jealousy.

In a comic misdirection of his own energies as a new teacher, Christopher unknowingly becomes the center of a reform movement within the younger faculty and staff. In alliance with Mary Walsh, a sympathetic and attractive (is Christopher bi??) ex-nun, and with temporary assistance from a visiting Miss California Beauty Contest Winner, Christopher exposes Bryan and other students to a sensibility untainted by the way things are in the world about them.

Things go from bad to worse for the new teacher. When the school administration begins collecting materials for "performance files" on the teachers (this is normally called "educational evaluation" in the ed biz), Christopher announces that he will begin collecting similar files on administrators. This is not known as anything in the ed biz, because administrators are traditionally above evaluation, especially if they are religious.

Straight Cut Ditch is a humorous and incisive critique of religious-oriented education. The gay themes in it are virtually peripheral to the overriding satire on this sort of education and the repressions and hostilities which it includes.

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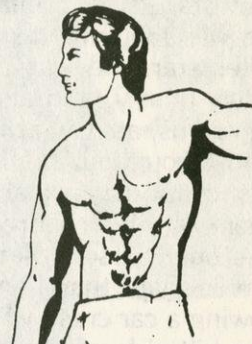
On the negative side, it should also be noted that character development is almost nonexistent. Christopher, Bryan, Brother Patrick, and the rest of the motley crew at Bleeding Martyr remain more caricature than flesh and blood. We are told in literature classes, by people who are supposed to know about these things, that situational development and overstatement in comedy are more important than character development; but I cannot help but think that the comedy would not have been marred had the reader been given a more intimate glimpse of the people behind the masks.

Or is it the academic setting, with all of its induced artificialities, which belies getting to know the characters? One is tempted to make such a generalization. The main character in Daniel Curzon's **Among the Carnivores**, also gay and also a teacher (also of English), also tends to be more surface than underlying reality.

[Editor's note: **Straight Cut Ditch** is available from GPU NEWS

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REVIEW

Montgomery Clift by Patricia Bosworth, Bantam Books, New York, 1979, paper, \$2.75.

At twelve he burst onto the Broadway stage with brilliance, at thirty he was Hollywood's most sought-after star. He was a loner: arrogant, quirky, and aloof. He threw tantrums, ate caviar by the pound, and throughout his life he fought his continual sexual attraction to men. Marilyn Monroe said, "He's the only person I know who is in worse shape than I am." Then, following a car crash which paralyzed the left side of his face, he began the longest suicide in Hollywood history, mangling both life and career with an avalanche of pills, alcohol, and anguish.

A national bestseller in its hardcover edition (Harcourt Brace, 1978), Bosworth's **Montgomery Clift** was selected by the **New York Times Book Review** as one of the best books of 1978, and was an alternate selection of the Literary Guild. **Newsweek** referred to it as "one of the best film-star biographies in years."

An actress for ten years, Patricia Bosworth began writing on the cinema for **New York Magazine** in 1966. She met Clift for the first time fifteen years before his death, knew him and his family well, and writes with a vividness and intimacy which makes the biography even more gripping.



PATRICIA BOSWORTH



Under Bosworth's analysis, Clift's Hollywood successes were not the causes of his anguish and ultimate suicide, but rather only intensified the problems which arose out of his stormy personal life as a child. Riddled by continuous self-doubts as to his abilities, Clift was tormented by his bisexuality as well as addiction to both drugs and liquor. Bosworth does not see in the sexual torments anything more than an occasion (not a cause) of Clift's tragic life and death. She happily abstains from psychiatric theorizing, preferring to place Clift's sexuality in perspective alongside the other problems and facets of his life. Her biography is not just a set of personal memoirs, however; since, though it is inspired by her own conviction of his talent and genius, it was five years in the researching and writing. She has also provided, as appendices, chronologies of plays and films in which Clift figured, and a detailed index of names. The family of Clift allowed her full access to his papers as well; so what we have is a definitive biography, well written, gripping, and fully intimate in its detail.

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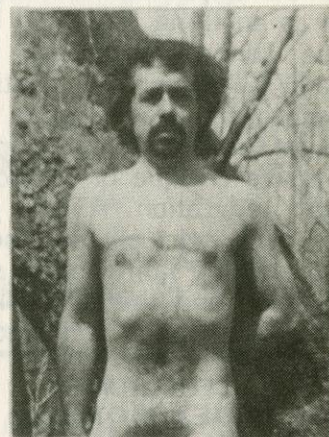
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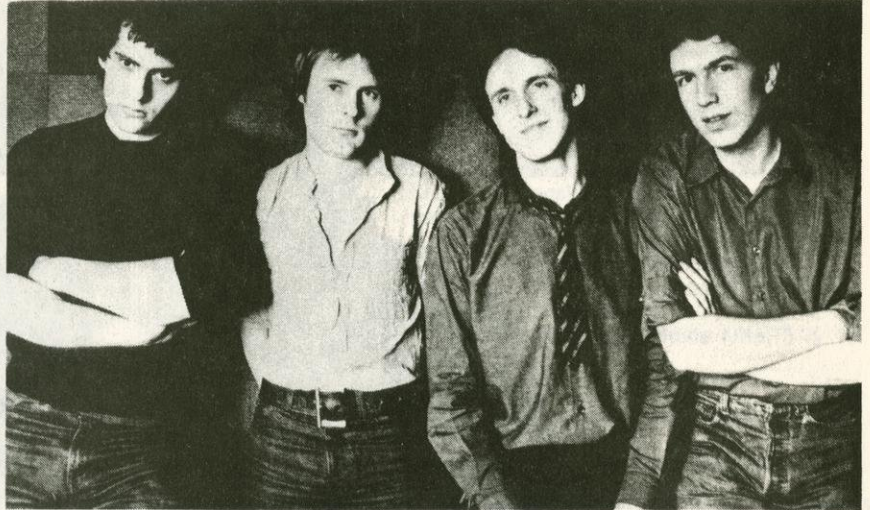
OFF THE RECORD

Tom Robinson Band: TRB Two. Todd Rundgren, producer. Harvest ST 11930, Stereo LP. (Available in Milwaukee at Jack's Record Rack).

Has success and respectability domesticated Tom Robinson? One would almost think so on listening to the TRB's second release. There is high energy music here, to be sure, but it never seems to exceed the boundaries of the tried and true, and occasionally even verges on the routine. The chorus of "Bully For You" (B2) runs, "We don't need no aggravation"; but aggravation, tension, and conflict is just what great rock music demands—and it's in shorter supply in this new album.

TRB has assuredly found a good keyboard artist in Ian "Quince" Parker, and perhaps the greatest musical pleasure which the album offers is the smooth and well-knit solos which Parker produces here, there, and everywhere. Parker is in the mainline tradition of British rock; and, though what he does here can hardly be considered novel, he does it very, very well.

On the social-message side the new album goes whole hog. Whereas the first album relegated social commentary to about half the numbers, virtually every one in the new album has something to say. "Let My People Be" (A4) is dedicated to Amnesty International, and deals with world governments' violations of basic human rights. Police harassment and violation of human rights is taken up in "Sorry Mr. Harris" (B3), "Law & Order" (B4), and "Days of Rage" (B5). Gay themes are everywhere also. The sing-along, "Blue Murder" (A5), is intended to be an echo of "Glad To Be Gay"; and, while it is



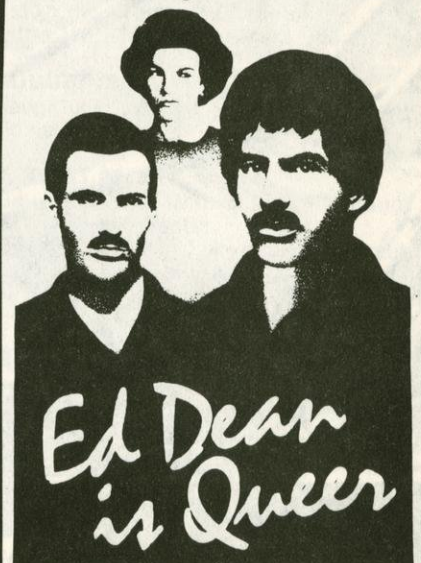
TRB: Kustow, Parker, Morqan, Robinson

an engaging tune and a well-wrought message, it simply fails to seize the listener in the way that its predecessor did. As if to emphasize the social significance of the album, the record sleeve contains addresses of national organizations: black, Hispanic, Indian, prison, environmental, feminist, and gay.

Don't get me wrong about this album. From a lesser group, I'd even be willing to say that it's great; but I also know that TRB can do better. I suspect that some of the blandness of it can be chalked up to producer Todd Rundgren, who has made something of a career of taming eccentric artists. If so, then let's all hope that TRB can find a new producer for their next offering. In the meantime this album is certainly solid stuff; and, for those of us who are already sold on TRB, it's a must.

(Editor's note: The TRB completed its first American tour last month, and is now back in England, where they have just released a new single containing "Never Gonna Fall in Love... (Again)" and "Getting Tighter". News of the band's return to England will appear in the September issue of GPU NEWS.)

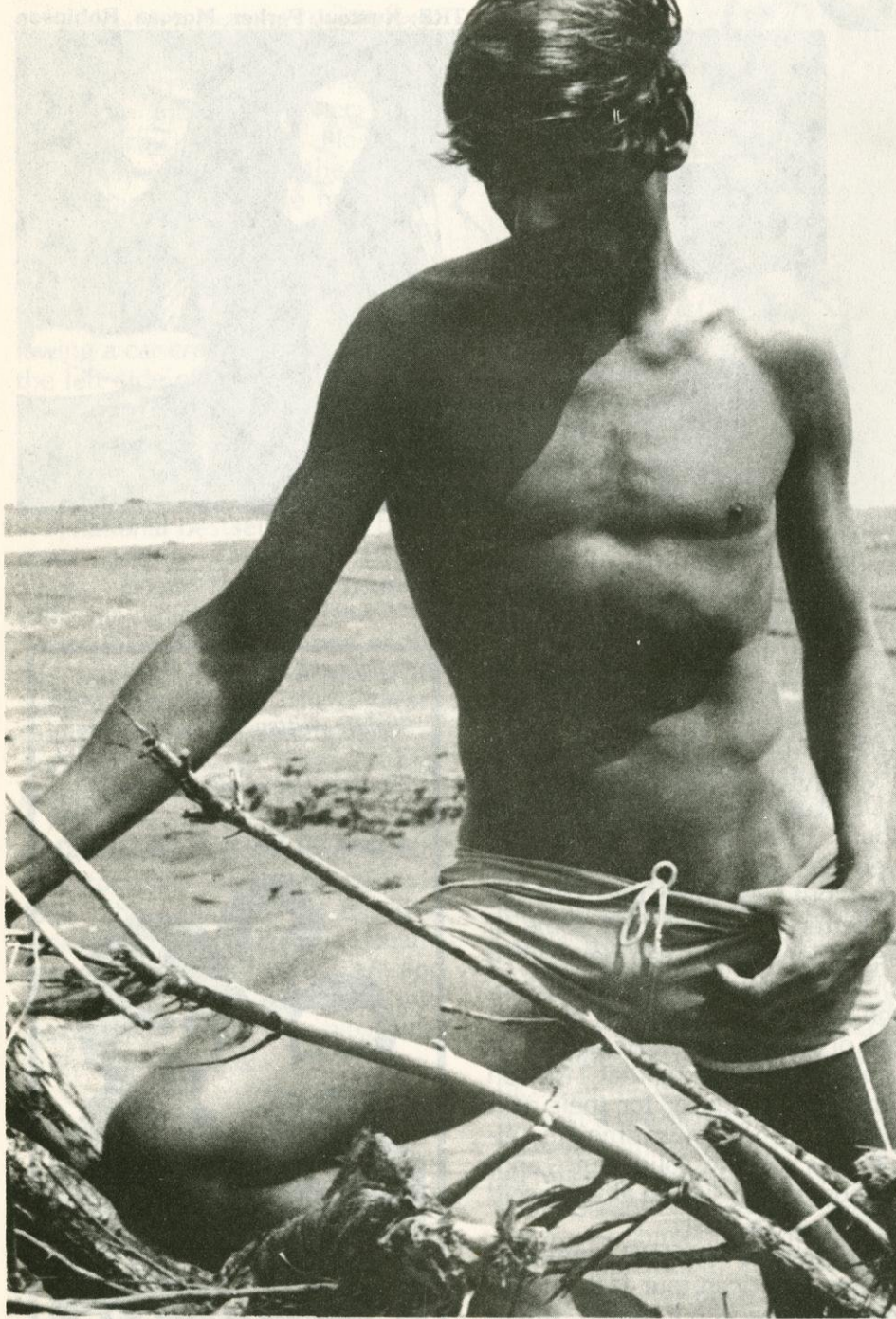
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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
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7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.



PHOTOS — REVOLT

Any person, group or business who wishes to have a free announcement of an upcoming event should send copy before the 20th of any month for the next issue.

AUGUST 1

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

AUGUST 2

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

AUGUST 4

Mattachine Midwest/Fox Valley (Chicago) Picnic (Members and Guests), Lincoln Park Lagoon. BYO. Meet at Alexander Hamilton Statue, Sheridan & Diversey, 11 a.m.
Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Christmas in August Party.

AUGUST 5

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m. Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
SIGHT (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.
Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison), 3rd Floor Gym, 425 Henry Mall, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
GLAD TO BE GAY (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.
Softball League (Milwaukee) Rummage Sale, M and M's

August 6

Softball League (Milwaukee) Benefit Show "\$1.69 Pageant", M and M's, \$2 Donation
Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

AUGUST 7

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring St.
Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Movie, "The Driver", 9 p.m. and Midnight.

AUGUST 8

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Chicago), 6:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

AUGUST 9

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

AUGUST 11

Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Polynesian Night with Buffet.

AUGUST 12

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m. Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.

Wreck Room (Milwaukee) Seventh Anniversary Celebration, 3 to 7 p.m., Food and Beer.

SIGHT (Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave.

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.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Monthly Brunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 1830 N. Lincoln Pk/West, \$2.50 members, \$3.00 guests.

AUGUST 13

Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.

Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

AUGUST 14

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

Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Movie, "Silver Streak", 9 p.m. and Midnight.

AUGUST 15

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Chicago), 6:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

Softball League (Milwaukee) Benefit Show, The Factory, 8:30 p.m., \$2 Donation.

AUGUST 16

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

AUGUST 18

Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Go-Go Boy Contest.

AUGUST 19

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

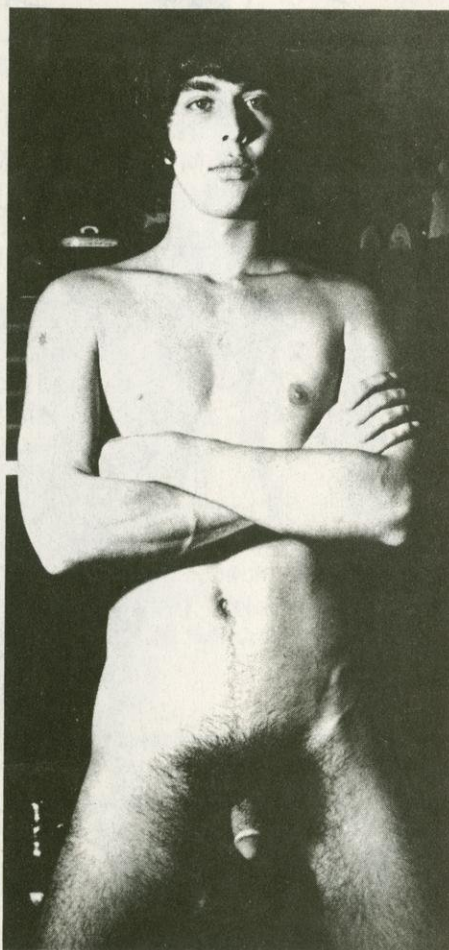
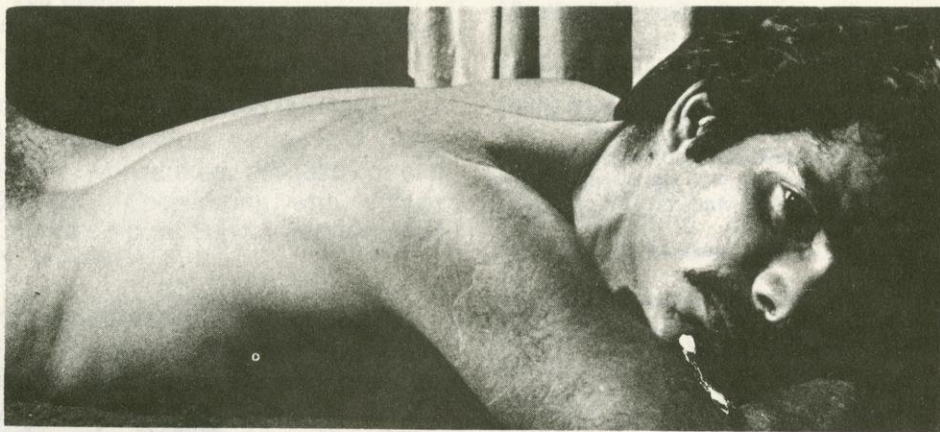
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

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

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

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Benefit Picnic, Area 5, Estabrook Park, 12 noon.

Softball League (Milwaukee) Benefit Picnic and Booze Raffle, Estabrook Park, Area 6, 12 noon. (Tickets for raffle in advance only, \$1 each from players.)



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

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.

AUGUST 20

Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.

Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

AUGUST 21

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

Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Movie, "World's Greatest Lover", 9 p.m. and Midnight.

AUGUST 22

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Chicago), 6:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

AUGUST 23

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

AUGUST 25

Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Summer Follies Preview.

AUGUST 26

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

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Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
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 SIGHT (Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave.
 Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Gym, 425 Henry Mall.
 GLAD TO BE GAY (Madison) TV program, Cable Channel 4.
 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.
 Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Trip to Marriott's Great America, Phone (312) 337-2424 for information.

AUGUST 27

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

AUGUST 28

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

AUGUST 29

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Chicago), 6:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
 Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
 Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St., Guest Speaker, Paul Van Wyk, Sexual therapist; everyone welcome.

AUGUST 30

Opening Games Gay World Series III, Slo-pitch Softball, (Milwaukee) Mitchell Park, 4 p.m.—9 p.m.
 Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

August 31

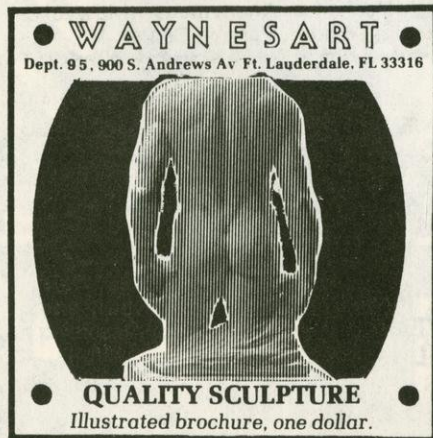
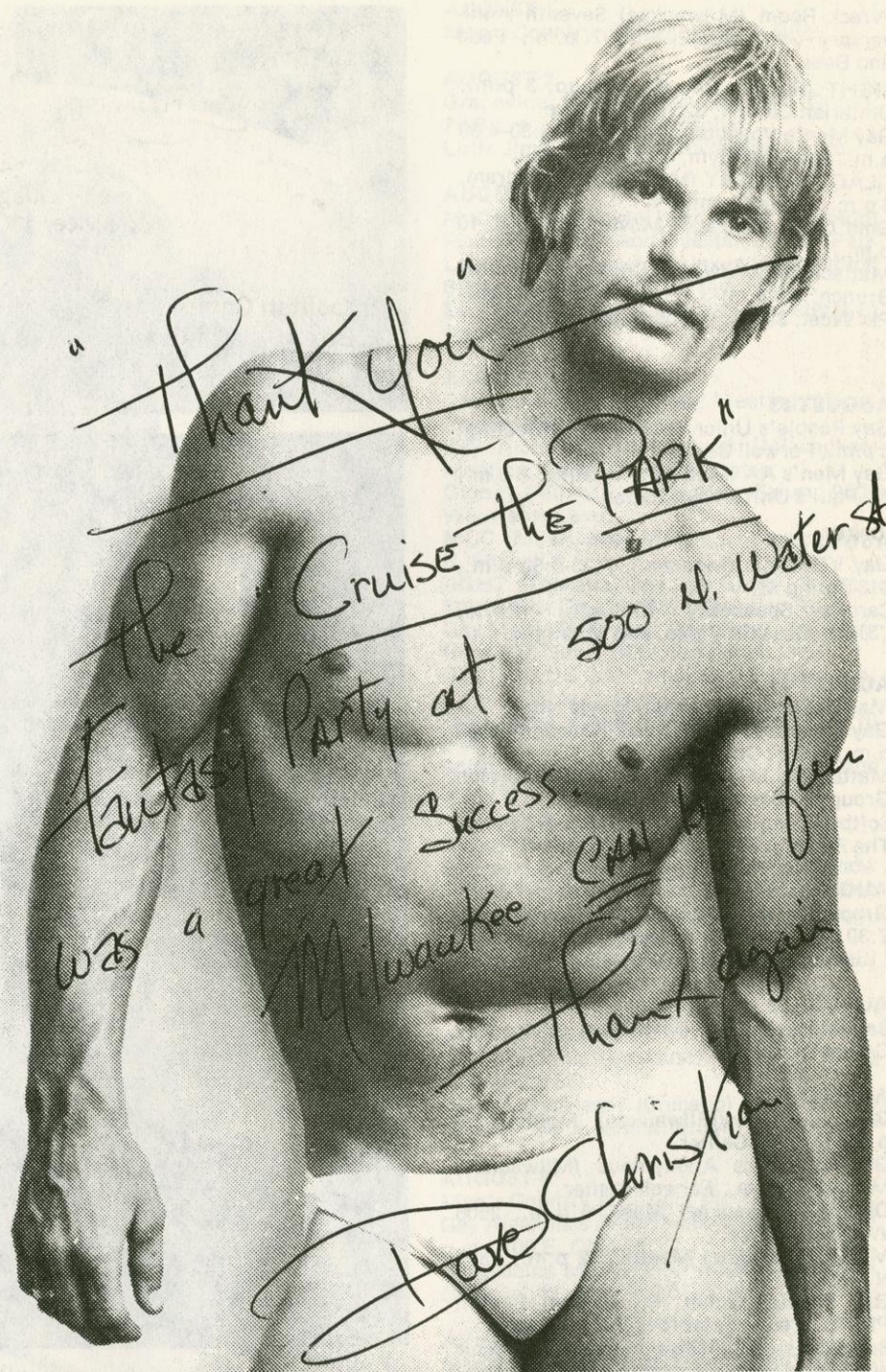
Gay World Series, Mitchell Park, noon to 9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1

Gay World Series, Mitchell Park, noon to 8 p.m.
 Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Second Annual Mr. Nude Midwest Contest.

SEPTEMBER 2

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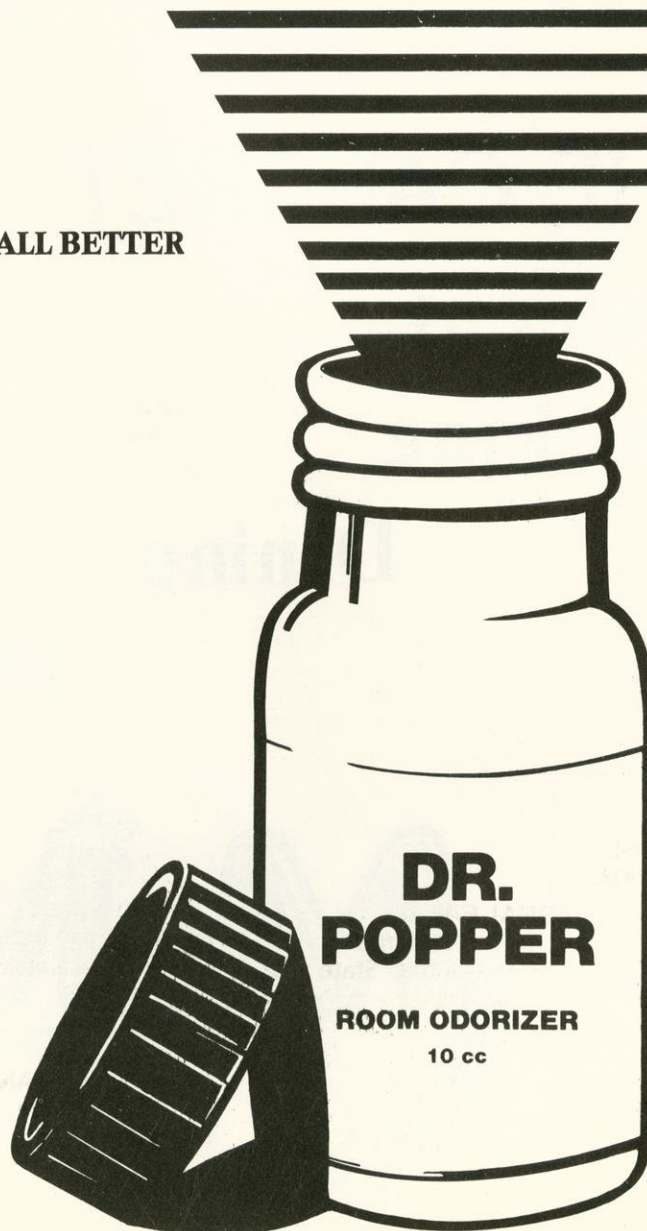
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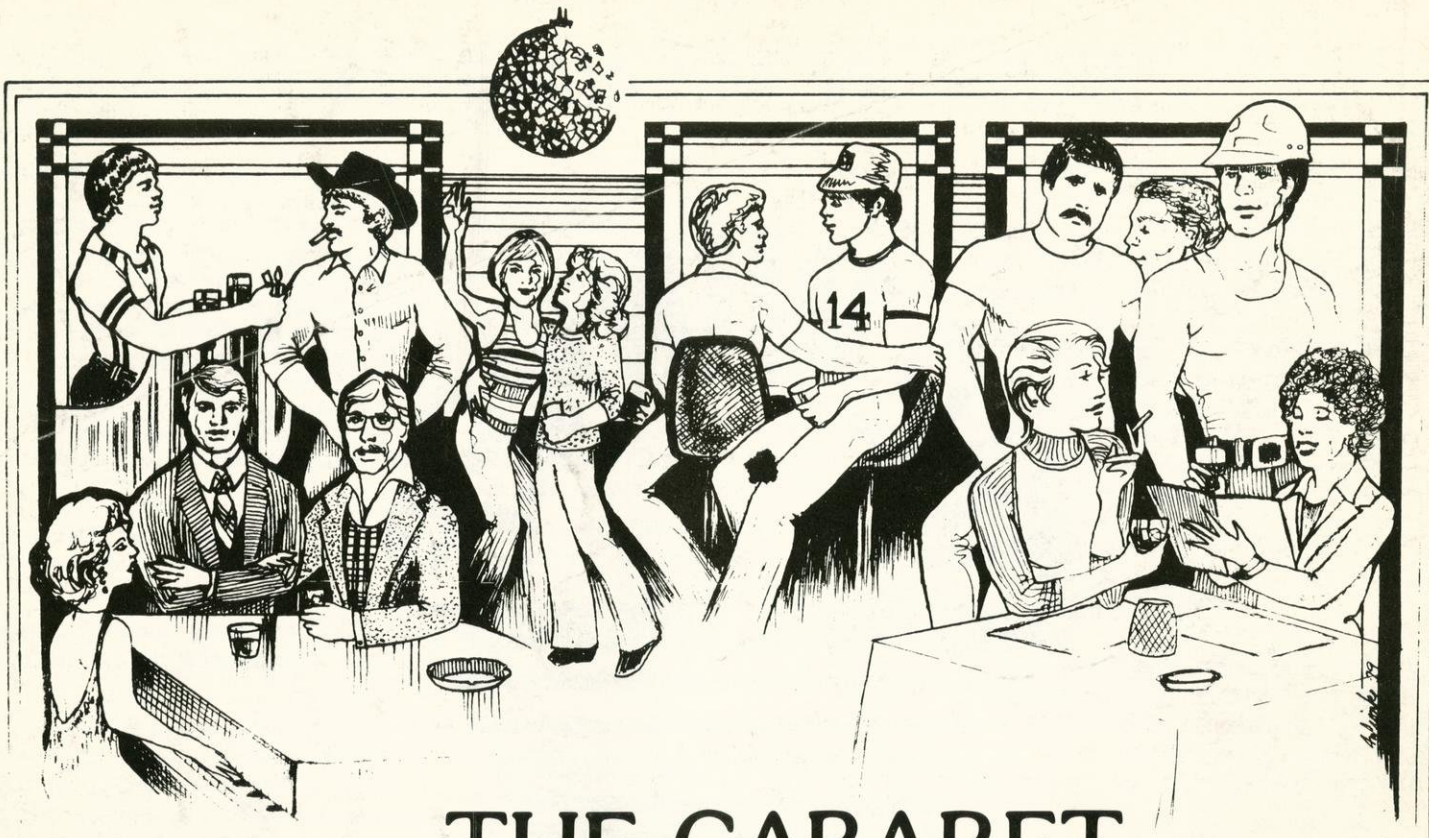
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